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Weather Makes Pumpkin Harvest 'Wait and See'



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

This photo taken on September 19 in Floyd County showed pumpkins ready to be harvested. This week, however, heavy rains have put the success of the pumpkin harvest in a wait-and-see mode.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Moisture from Tropical Storm Pilar interacting with a stalled thunderstorm system has created a week or two of uncertainty for Floyd County pumpkin growers as the harvest is far from over.

"We're very concerned about the weather," said Lindsey Pyle with Pumpkin Pyle growers.

Weather predictions were for multiple days of rain this week with multiple inches.

"At this point it's just a waiting game," Pyle said. "Up until now, things had

been running smoothly." She said that half the crop was still in the field.

Pyle said that if the weather cooperates and they're able to harvest the pumpkins, it looks like a comparable crop to previous years.

Tim Assiter at Assiter Punkin Ranch said last

week that his crop didn't appear to be too damaged by the huge wind storm in the Cone and Petersburg areas, but that it was still too wet to be sure.

Assiter indicated that up until the weather events that began September 18 that this year's pumpkin crop looked to be in line

with previous years.

Both growers emphasized that at this point, it's still wait and see.

According to the local branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in 2016, 708 acres of pumpkins were grown in Floyd County.

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.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

The Lockney Senior Citizens Center will be having FLU SHOTS available Wednesday, October 5 at 5 p.m. Bring your Medicare card.

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.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

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!

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

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Lighthouse Repairs 48 Poles in Cone-area Storm



Courtesy Photo

Lighthouse Electric Co-op had to repair 42 poles last Monday in the Cone and Petersburg areas. According to the National Weather Service the damage came from a rare 'wet macroburst' with 80-100 mph winds.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

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pair damage caused by the high winds.

"Thanks to the hard work of Lighthouse linemen and contractors, electric service was restored to all residential members by 4 p.m. on Monday," said spokesperson Mike Green.

The storm is being called a rare 'wet macroburst' by the National Weather Ser-

vice. Winds reached up to 100 mph during the storm.

Other related damage from the storm included a roof being torn off the Allsup's in Petersburg, residences showing significant roof and wind damage in Cone, and the brick fascia of the Harmony Plains Singing School being torn apart.

Floydada City Council Approves New Budget

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All Region Jazz Band



Courtesy photo

Emanuel Torres and Destiny Marmolejo auditioned for the All-Region Jazz Band. In this process they prepared three songs and performed them for a panel of judges. Emanuel was selected as the First Chair trumpet, and Destiny was selected as the Fifth Chair trumpet. This is a huge honor, and the first time in recent years that FHS has had a student qualify for All-Region Jazz.

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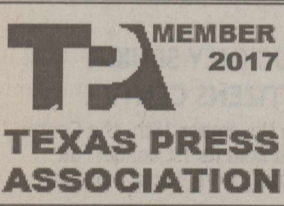
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Fall Lawn Care: 6 Steps to Take Right Now

By: Joseph Truini

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.

The Paperboy

Take a step back and a deep breath

I have seen a lot of ridiculous things in my life just like you. Now among these things is a full blown war of words between the entertainment industry (including Hollywood and the NFL) and the White House.

Two observations:
1. President Trump is going to say and do what he wants without a thought to feelings.

He's a stubborn person who despises political correctness.

2. Those players taking a knee in protest not only have the right to do so, they believe they have a reason to do so.

So, regardless of which side of the issue you may fall on, I'm sure you have a point.

Personally, I've always thought the National Anthem was a common thread to unite us all. Hard to believe it's now the opposite.

The flag that flies over this country is the same flag which won the Civil War and liberated the world. So I don't really get how it can be seen as a sign of oppression. Then again, I'm not from an inner-city war zone who was lucky to escape and only did so because of my God-given athletic ability.

I guess what I'm trying to say is it maybe more wise to withhold judgement on those kneeling unless you've been in their shoes or know what's in their heart.

I'm not a big NFL fan and I haven't been for a long time. My reason is time. I'm not a gambler and I don't play fantasy football so I don't have a personal stake in a game. When

I have the time, I might watch a game, especially a playoff game.

Now if you want to talk college football, I keep up more with that, but I don't watch that as much as I used to either.

The way I see it, I've gotten to a place in my life and in my heart where I'd rather focus on myself and family and not waste time or energy beyond my control. Of course I get angry at some of the silly stuff I see regarding the conduct of my fellow Americans, but I've found on a personal level, I can get along with anyone. I like it like that.

It would probably shock you to know that some of my closest family members are as liberal as it gets. Granted, we don't talk politics much, but we do talk about a lot of things. Ironically, there's not very much that sets us apart. It's certainly not enough for me to consider for one second to pull my love and support from them.

It's probably way past time for us to take a step back, take a deep breath, and worry about ourselves and the things we can control. Perhaps then, we can all be adult enough to show our youth that we are sane adults who can roll with anything as a people.

So that is my prayer. Let cooler heads prevail and let's start loving our neighbor all of the time, not just in times of tragedy.

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The 501

The Vicarious Bed and Breakfast

A bed and breakfast with chickens is hardly a dude ranch, but I've decided it'll do. I'm acquiring no horses. I've quit collecting claw-footed bathtubs for the yet-to-be-built bunkhouse.

You didn't know I had chickens? I don't. The chickens are in Arkansas and belong to my friend Beverly. So does the bed and breakfast, still in the works. For me, it's a vicarious experience.

I learned the word "vicarious" when it made the list of vocabulary words our high school English teacher handed out weekly. I then supposed "vicarious" was for non-farm people who didn't really get to do stuff, like maybe armchair globetrotters stuck in New York City apartments. Now it's my word.

Advice:
If you're thinking about any sort of risky undertaking, convince a friend to try it first. Sit back and offer suggestions. Be sure the friend is at least one state away. Brace yourself for the ride. Live vicariously!

In the case of Beverly's bed and breakfast, it wasn't hard to talk her into it. She was wondering what to do with her parents' house after they died. The setting is picturesque hillside acreage at the edge of town. She'd built herself a beautiful two-story Victorian mansion about 40 yards from her folks' 1960s ranch-style house. That means the older house is too close for comfort to rent. She might get

bad renters. There they'd be, almost under her nose. She first considered bulldozing the house. Sometimes she still does, but now it's too late — now that it has new hardwood floors, a remodeled living area (minus the original wall between the kitchen and the living room), renovated bathrooms, new doors, new wall and window treatments, a leak-proofed basement (fingers crossed), a spruced-up garage, new shutters and a lawn freshly landscaped to end all drainage problems (more fingers crossed). Whew! And we're still not through.

So far the whole experience hasn't cost me a dime. I almost bought Beverly a big colorful imported-from-Mexico metal rooster for a yard ornament. I decided to wait till her grand opening.

But I've invested my time and talents in the project by phone and email, offering advice on color choices and such — even Photoshopping in those shutters. After all, when Beverly and I were schoolmates, I was the art and French major, and she was the music student — a dramatic coloratura soprano with operatic tendencies. She stayed on track, became a teacher of music and even earned a PhD.

Now she's selling eggs. Moi, I'm happy to draw on my memories from color theory class to be her absentee B&B interior designer.

Retirement. It's a time to use talents and realize dreams, one way or another.

Meanwhile, I think I'm getting a little bored with vicarious. Here's hoping Beverly will ask me and my retired architect husband to play saxophone and guitar, respectively, at her grand opening. It would be our first gig. She'll go for it if we let her sing.

Sopranos are like that, even in retire-

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization, and at present very few people have reached this level.

—Bertrand Russell

Acquire inner peace and a multitude will find their salvation near you.

—Catherine de Hueck Doherty

Nothing is permanent in this wicked world — not even our troubles.

—Charlie Chaplin

Sometimes the cure for restlessness is rest.

—Colleen Wainwright

Put duties aside at least an hour before bed and perform soothing, quiet activities that will help you relax.

—Dianne Hales

There is no need to go to India or anywhere else to find peace. You will find that deep place of silence right in your room, your garden or even your bathtub.

—Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

We have to fight them daily, like fleas, those many small worries about the morrow, for they sap our energies.

—Etty Hillesum

When we are unable to find tranquility within ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

—Francois de La Rochefoucauld

He enjoys true leisure who has time to improve his soul's estate.

—Henry David Thoreau

To sit in the shade on a fine day, and look upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment.

—Jane Austen

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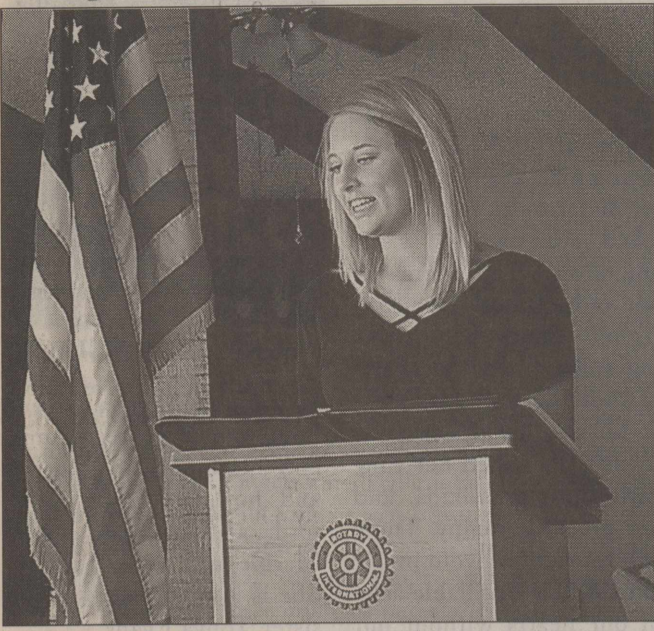


Photo Courtesy of Karen Houchin

Rotarian Ken Peterson brought Kortney Campbell as the Rotary Club Program today. Kortney represented our club at Rotary Youth Leadership Program this summer at Plains Baptist Assembly Camp. Kortney spent a week in leadership training. The club will look for two more students, either sophomores or juniors to attend next summer's camp. Anyone interested in attending should contact President Clar Schacht.



Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

By Deon Fincher
Chamber Manager

Terry and I are building a chicken coop. It's not a cookie-cutter chicken home. We decided to make it unique—and inexpensive. Utilizing, mostly, reclaimed materials for this building project is the plan. We got our four pallet-walls up, and late last week got the roof attached. Standing back to evaluate our work, we both kind-of shuffled our feet in discontent; it looked like pallets stacked on each other.

The solution: cover the pallets with reclaimed wooden fence pickets placed horizontally across the pallet wood.

(Terry came up with that brilliance!) We had already collected numerous fence panels, so we began disassembling them in preparation for our chicken-coop transformation.

As the sun set behind the horizon, with raindrops spattering on our heads, we called it a night feeling quite accomplished. We have four walls up. The roof stayed attached through the wind and the rain storms. There is a nice pile of 'outside decoration' supplies waiting to be affixed. It was a good day!

I looked out at our little hut this morning—he was standing proudly in the backyard, waiting for us to dress him so he can start his job. Punkin Days

planning activities and volunteers drifted into my thoughts. Our little coop is a fine representation of all of the individuals that come together to plan and put into place an activity. There are some individuals that stand as the four corner posts. They appear a little ragged and time-worn, but have been through this before and are strong and stable. Other groups work on different activities—the 5K run/walk, the Lions' Pancake Breakfast, the Park & Ride service, the Car Show—these are the pallets that join together comprising the frame. All the while, there are those humming and buzzing around holding everything together

into one structure—the screws and nails. Then, there are those creative individuals that put on the finishing touches—the decoration. Hopefully, everyone is seeing some of those projects around town: the billboards, the 'Punkin Days' signs at the 'Y', and even the colorful posters of the different events.

This is the 30th Annual Punkin Days, and it's going to be a good one! The cooperation within Floydada is astounding! I know, without a doubt, that once this festival has concluded and all of the activities are put away for another year, that as a community, we can look at all we accomplished together and say, "It was a good day!"

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

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Towns in Floyd County

Since a short time prior to the organization Floyd County has not lacked for the presence of towns and for the competition between towns. If competition be the life of towns, this county has certainly not been wanting in this life-giving force to its towns. Even hostility between towns of the past has existed. The rivalries and the hostilities of the past were, at times, serious and intense; but they are at present, regarded as trivial and grotesque. Times change. It is well that they do.

God made the country; man, the town. The country was here as the handiwork of God long before it was known to man. When man came here and beheld in sublime amazement this the fairest and most promising of lands, he was at once infatuated with the notion of founding towns, of amassing wealth, of doing the country a noble service, and of covering his name with imperishable fame.

The location of embryo county seats was apparently a calling among some who came as pioneers in the settlement of the country. There were many sections suitable for the establishment of towns. It was an easy

matter for a man to become possessed with the town-building hallucination. Conditions here had their psychic influence over him. He could see, and could see clearly, as with prophetic vision, a star of hope, a reward of wealth, a halo of power and glory. He had only to put forth the effort, and these would be his recompense. In his hand he held the magic wand. He had nothing to do but to strike, whereupon the El Dorado of his most optimistic dreams would be realized.

Floyd County has produced four towns. Two of them are extinct, and the remaining two, living. The former two are Della Plain and Mayshaw; the latter two, Lockney and Floydada. The history of these four towns is fully presented herein under the proper captions.

Della Plain

During the years of 1886 and 1887 a long protracted drought prevailed over Western Texas. It brought about a great scarcity of water, grass, and stock feed. Great losses were sustained by stockmen. Cattle, horses, and sheep died from thirst and hunger by thousands. Full-handed men lost much of what they had. The empty-handed were

confronted with poverty in many instances. As a natural consequence, something of an exodus took place. Many who lost heavily went elsewhere to begin life anew. Some sought relief in the agricultural regions

But during all the time the drought prevailed the Staked Plains Country was not perceptibly affected. Its peculiar situation rendered it more seasonable than was true of other section of the West. Besides, the wells were never-failing, the inhabitants were not numerous and the range was not crowded. The people of the Plains were scarcely aware of the drought and calamities of the Breaks Country. Emerson knew of the existence of evil in the human race thru hearsay only. In this way only did the people of the Plains know of the disasters of the West. They were comparatively prosperous, contented, hopeful.

Mr. Braidfoot Comes.

It was the ??????? of these perilous times for the West that T. J. Braidfoot, of the Seymour Country, brought his cattle to the Plains. Here better range conditions prevailed than in the country whence he came. This was during the early part of the summer of 1886. He passed the following winter with his stock in the vicinity where S. C. Sluder resides at present.

The tide of immigration to the Plains Country was beginning to flow. Crosby County organized that year.

People abroad were getting an inkling of the great Llano Estacado and its resources. They had begun to think and to look westward. Thinking and seeing auger? decision and action. A man did not need to have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries to foretell the immediate future of the Plains Country. As the scene of a great settlement, it was already in its inception. That Floyd County would be sufficiently populous to organize in a few years was manifest to all who were conversant with the conditions in the Panhandle. Hale County was then the center of a marked settlement and was preparing for the ordeal of an early organization.

Mr. Braidfoot conceived the notion that it was an opportune time to found a town to become the seat of government upon Floyd County's organization. He located a school section in what was thought to be the center of the County. It was imperfectly surveyed. Robert Linn and a Mr. Roberts of Crosby County drilled a well on it. It was intended to be put in the center of the section, but a later survey by District Surveyor H. C. Knight, of Crosby County, showed the well to be on the west border of the section. In this well no water was obtained. It was in a strip of country that has never been known to produce subterranean water.

Partnerships Formed.

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.

There will be the Friday Night Fish Fry held on Friday, October 6.

We will hold our 2nd Sunday lunch on October 8th. Menu served will include fried steak.

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, re-

tail 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.

MENU

October 2 - October 6
Monday - Meatloaf
Tuesday - Tacos
Wednesday - Pork chops
Thursday - Soup & cornbread
Friday - Fajitas
(Menus subject to change without notice)

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - 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

October 2 - October 6
Monday - Hot beef sandwich w/gravy
Tuesday - Crispy chicken salad
Wednesday - Spaghetti or Ravioli
Thursday - Beef stew
Friday - Salmon croquettes
(Menus subject to change without notice)

Where did towns get names?

According to the Mrs. Blanche Scott Rutherford, in her enthralling book, "One Corner of Heaven", the name Della Plain, comes from the daughter of J. S. McLain, named Della. Combine that with the type of topography in which Floyd County is located, and you come out with "Della Plain."

Perhaps it will never be settled to the satisfaction of everyone, but "Floydada" might be the combination of the name of the county with that of a girl living here. Where did "Floydalia" as a proposed name in the Post Office Department at Washington come from? Was it an error in writing from this area? Or was it a mistake in reading in our nation's capital? Whatever the truth, it didn't stick, anyway!

Two hybrid names for towns, one in our area, the other in the upper Panhandle, came to mind. "Dalhart" is a good-sized town, much larger than Hartley as a town, or for that matter Hart, a few counties further south. It comes from a combination of two counties, Hartley and Dallam. And so we come to Flomot, which very often is printed with an "n" after the second "o". Actually located in Motley county, its surrounding area takes in much of Floyd county; thus "Flomot" indicates the two county area. By the way, in 1940 it had 500 inhabitants.

The recent purchase from the Federal government of two five-room teacherages, together with the irrigation farming which makes it such a fine agricultural region, should serve to keep it on the map for many years.

It began about 1902 with the establishment of a small general store, the usual blacksmith shop, another store, a gin, school house, and two churches. Later there were added service stations, garages, drug store, tourist camp, a second gin, not all of which it has been able to keep. Perhaps the advent of irrigated farming came later than the

See TOWNS, Page 9



The City of Lockney will host a retirement reception for "Richard 'Dickie' McCarty" honoring 33 years of service.

Please join us at city hall on October 6, 2017 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Come and go

OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Hattie Elizabeth Johnson

Hattie Elizabeth Johnson, age 91, of Floydada, passed away Thursday, September 21, 2017. Funeral services were held at 2:45 p.m., Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada. Darwin Robinson officiated.

Family will have a private burial at a later time. Visitation was held prior to the service from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., at Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

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

Hattie Elizabeth Johnson

was born November 22, 1925 to J.M. and Willie Pierce in Hill Co, Texas. She moved to Floyd County when she was a young girl and lived there for most of her 91 plus years. She married Otis Johnson on August 27, 1948.

She took pride in her years as "a good ole' farm girl" working in the fields with her family on the farm. She continued to work in the fields with her husband through their farming years. When she retired, she "farmed" her yard-something she loved to do. She enjoyed quilting and putting together puzzles. She loved visiting with guest

and playing games, but most of all she loved Otis and her cats. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Floydada.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Otis Johnson, her parents, J.M. and Willie Pierce, brother, Tom Pierce, and sisters, Thelma Johnson and Dorothy Smalley.

Elizabeth is survived by a brother, Neil Pierce and wife, Mary of Crosbyton, and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews and great-great-great nieces and nephews.

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

Vickie Lynn Melton

Vickie Lynn Melton passed away Friday, September 22, 2017.

Family and friends celebrated her life of 65 years on Monday, September 26, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel.

A tribute of Vickie's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for her family.

Vickie Lynn was born on December 12, 1951 in Slaton, Texas. She was the daughter of Robert Lee Daniels and Maxine Cooper. She graduated from Lockney High School. On October 28, 1991, Vickie married Jerry Melton in Abilene, Texas. She worked at Grace Clinic in Lubbock, Texas.

She spent her entire life enjoying time with her

family and friends. If she were meeting you for the first time or had known you for life, Vickie always made a new friend. Vickie was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, friend. She loved everyone the same and always had room for one more friend. Her contagious laugh and striking smile filled the hearts of those around her. Most of all she loved her family and cherished her time with kids, grandkids, and her precious Benny. There will forever be a void in our lives and an unfillable ache in our hearts without our Vickie.

Survivors include her son, Max Green and wife, Monica; daughters, Aimee Hancock, and Charla Adamic and husband, Rich; son, Todd Melton; grandchildren, Seth Hancock,



VICKIE LYNN MELTON

Jaxson and Adyson Green; Ryan and Madison Adamic; niece, Micah Marble and husband, Jason Gafford; and nephew, Justin Marble and wife, Tamara. She is also survived by her sister, Tonya Evans.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Lee "Red" Daniels and Maxine Daniels Cooper; and husband, Jerry Donald Melton. She is also preceded death by her nephew, Hunter Hagood.

Wendelle J. Sims

Wendelle J. Sims, 81, passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017 at the Atlanta Inpatient Hospice in Atlanta, Georgia.

Wendell was born on November 13, 1935 in Aiken, Texas to George Lee and Mammie Helen Kidd Sims. He graduated from Lockney High School in 1954. Shortly after he joined the United States Air Force where he served honorably for 4 years. He attended Wayland Baptist University in the fall of 1958.

He married Anna Catherine Secrest of Del Rio in Plainview, Texas in 1958.

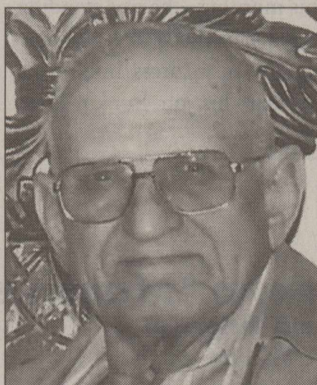
He pursued the love of his

life, ranching - raising horses and going to rodeos with his girls who were accomplished barrel racers in Cortez, Colorado.

He retired from Mobil Oil after 30 years to Grand Junction, Colorado.

Wendelle was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

He is survived by his son, Tracy Sims of Austin, Texas; daughters, Dr. Julie Jones and husband, Phil of Roswell, Georgia and Jodie Clopton of Katy, Texas; grandchildren, Kaitlyn Schmitt of New York, New York, Andersyn Jones of Roswell, Georgia, Austin Sims



WENDELLE J. SIMS

of Austin, Texas, and Kayla and Kourtney Clopton of Katy, Texas; and two sisters, Jerry Johnston of Plainview, Texas and Millie Reeves of Ojai, California.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Plainview, Texas.

Lofflin "LF" Irwin

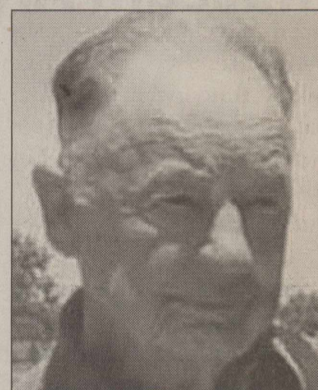
We gathered for fellowship and remembrance from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, September 25, 2017, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. Family and friends gathered to celebrate his life of 91 years on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel.

A tribute of Lofflin's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for

his family.

Lofflin Fern was born on December 25, 1925, to Felix and Lottie Irwin in Floyd County, Texas. On December 30, 1948, Lofflin married the love of his life, Doris Murdock in Plainview, Texas.

LF was a family man, businessman, farmer, rancher, and friend. He did the work of three men every day of his life. Resting was for loafers. He knew a lot about every-



LOFFLIN "LF" IRWIN

thing and everything about most things. His grandchildren See **OBITS**, Page 9

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Choices

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
—Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

When I see a person on the side of the road asking for food or money, it is easy to find an excuse not to stop. It might not be safe to stop. I don't know if I can spare the money. What if this person is part of a scam? It's far easier and safer, we think, to say a prayer in these situations. But sometimes we fail even to do that.

Today's reading describes a widow who had only enough flour and oil to make a last meal for herself and her son. From out of nowhere came a man who asked her to make a small loaf of bread for him. The widow did as he asked. How many of us would do the same? I'm sure

we'd like to think we would, but we should ask ourselves, How many times a week am I asked to do something much easier, and I decline?

The woman was blessed immeasurably for her generosity; she was kept alive by God in a time of famine. Later, the man repaid her by asking God to restore her son's life, which God did. God gives us choices every day. May we choose wisely.

—Jim Weems (Mississippi, USA)

Thought for the Day:

When I help others, I am helping Christ.

Prayer: Dear God, give us eyes to see those in need and the courage to help them. In the name of the compassionate Christ. Amen.

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

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.</p> | <p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. -
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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 - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi</p> | <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>*****
St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
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Rev. Ruban Selvaraj
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.
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AGRICULTURE

PCCA Announces Year-End Cash Distribution of \$37.34 Million to its Grower-Owners

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
LUBBOCK, TX – (Sept. 20, 2017) – Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) today announced fiscal year-end further cash distribution to its grower-owners totaling \$37.34 million. The distribution, to be completed this month, consists of \$21.83 million in cash dividends and stock retirements totaling \$15.51 million. The announcement was made during PCCA's 64th Annual Meeting of grower-owners. "We had very strong net margins of \$45.23 million,

and our Warehouse Division received a record 1.74 million bales," PCCA President and CEO Kevin Brinkley reported. "One thing this past year demonstrated was the power of volume which added value to the cotton we sold to merchandisers and mills and lowered our per-bale cost of operations. All of this contributed to our profit margin." Brinkley also commented further about PCCA's warehouse operations. "Warehousing is a critical market function as we have the ability to make cotton

more valuable while providing an important service to the merchandising segment of the industry," he said. "In addition to the solid performance of our friends at Farmers Cooperative Compress, our Warehouse Division continues to handle large volumes of bales and generates income for our grower-owners."

In other business during the annual meeting, the following directors were re-elected: Billy Eggemeyer, District 9; Frank DeStefano, District 10; and Steve Bauer, District 11. Steve

Moore was elected to represent District 8.

Founded in 1953, PCCA today is owned by approximately 15,000 cotton producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico and is one of the largest originators of U.S. cotton to merchants and textile mills worldwide. The cooperative also owns warehouse facilities in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas with combined capacity to store more than one million bales and provides software services to its grower-owners and their co-op gins.

SPC to offer License to Carry class in early October

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LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer the Texas License to Carry a Handgun class on Oct. 7 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a one-hour lunch break.

The classroom portion covers firearm safety, the use of force, non-violent conflict resolution, lawful concealed or open carry, storage with children in the home, and contacts with law enforcement personnel. It also covers holsters for concealed and open carry, and runs about six hours.

The range portion covers range safety rules and commands, and the shooting portion of the class at distances ranging from three to fifteen yards, using the indoor pistol range in the Law Enforcement building. The number of students will determine how long the range portion requires. Inexperienced shooters might want to take an Introduction to Handguns course before taking the L.T.C. course.

Students will need to bring either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol, any caliber, and fifty rounds of ammunition to match. Eye and hearing protection are provided for students who do not have their own.

The instructor is Dr. Mike Felker, a retired SPC professor, NRA Advanced Pistol Instructor, D.P.S. certified LTC Instructor and U.S. Concealed Carry Association Affiliate Instructor.

The cost of the course is \$75 for students getting their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license; this does not include the fee for the D.P.S. and F.B.I. fingerprint and background checks (reduced from \$140 to \$40 on Sept. 1). Although renewals are now handled strictly online, the changes in Texas firearms law since 2013 make a refresher course a good investment.

Students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited. To sign up, call Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or email mfelker@southplainscollege.edu, or kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

Americot Adds New Floyd Co. Rep

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK— Cotton seed developer and marketer Americot, Inc., this week announced the addition of three new people working in the field – in the Southwest, Midsouth and Southeast.

Abby Taylor was named a sales representative covering southwest Alabama. Raised in Yazoo City, Mississippi, he moved into agricultural sales in 1990 when he joined Terra in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. In 1999, he went to work for Helena Chemical in the same area, and then relocated to south Alabama where he started

working for Bertolla Farm Supply. When CPS bought out Bertolla in 2011, he became the location manager based in Baldwin County, Alabama. Taylor resides in Fairhope, Alabama.

Bruce West was brought on board as a representative covering Mississippi and the Midsouth. He graduated from Mississippi State University with a BS in Agronomy and Seed Technology. His career began with Hollandale Seed and Delinting Co., establishing a lab and quality control program. In 1993, he joined Jimmy Sanders, Inc. (JSI), where he spent 6 years as a field agronomist and then 15 years as

a location manager in Rolling Fork, Mississippi. West continued for another 4 years with Pinnacle Ag, after their purchase of JSI. Prior to joining Americot, he was employed by Crop Production Services as a crop consultant. West currently resides in Hollandale where he is a sales representative, supporting our customers and growers in Mississippi and the Midsouth region.

Garry Burson has been hired as a sales representative in Texas, covering Floyd County. He graduated from Texas A&M with a BS in Agronomy and a Masters in Plant Protection. For the last 39 years,

Garry has been a crop consultant in Floyd County, Texas. In addition, he has spent the last 15 years with Wilbur Ellis in Lockney, serving as location manager as well as a sales rep. Burson lives in Lockney.

"All have significant agricultural experience in their respective regions, and we are fortunate to now have them on our team," said Chiree Fields, Americot General Manager. "Adding talented, ag industry veterans like Abby, Bruce and Garry further demonstrates our commitment to our customers, and cotton growers throughout the country."

Sixth Annual "Celebrate Cotton" Event Highlights Region's Major Industry

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

Cotton once again took a national stage on Saturday, Sept. 16, as Texas Tech partnered with the Texas High Plains cotton industry for the sixth annual Celebrate Cotton game.

Those attending or watching the game not only were treated to a 52-45 Red Raider win over the Arizona State Sun Devils, but also enjoyed several cotton-themed elements that highlighted the relationship between Texas Tech and one of the region's largest economic drivers.

Sixty cotton bales were placed around the stadium and in the stadium club areas, wrapped with banners that either had a logo or a fun fact about cotton. Farmers' Cooperative Compress was instrumental in that effort.

Hurst Farm Supply and Wylie Implement and Spray Centers brought several large pieces of equipment, including cotton harvesters, sprayers and tractors, displayed with signage describing how each is used on the farm, and how much of an investment growers must make when purchasing them.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, more than 50 models took the runway in cotton-rich clothing at South Plains Mall at the third annual Celebrate Cotton Runway Show, coordinated by Susan Everett with the National Cotton Council; Valerie Hlavaty and students in the Texas Tech Retail Management Program; Lynette Wilson with ARMtech; and Ashley Knox with South Plains Mall. Sponsors of the show were South Plains Mall, ARMtech, Plains Cotton

Growers, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, and Cotton Incorporated. Retail partners included Buckle, Dillard's, Eddie Bauer, Hot Topic, PINK, and Victoria's Secret.

Additional events during the week included meetings of the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute, Texas Ag Industries Association, and the Texas Cotton Association. The Lubbock Cotton Exchange, TCA and the Texas Independent Ginners Association also hosted a golf tournament.

"We would like to thank Texas Tech Athletics and everyone who had a hand in the success of the entire Celebrate Cotton event, and there are many," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "The runway show continues to grow in popularity, and the game day, as always, was an

excellent opportunity to showcase the importance of the cotton industry in this region."

Partners for Celebrate Cotton include AgTexas Farm Credit Services, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Cavender's, City Bank, Crop Production Services, Deltapine, Netafim, NexGen, Plains Cotton Growers, Scarborough Specialties, Hurst Farm Supply, and Wylie Implement and Spray Centers.

Photos of the week, along with video from the runway show, are available on PCG's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/plainscottongrowers>.

Texas Oil and Gas Production Statistics for July 2017

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — Production for July 2017 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) is 75,312,470 barrels of crude oil and 534,777,620 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells. These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received. Production reported to the Commission for July 2016, was: 75,496,802 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 84,501,250 barrels; and 611,028,291 mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 695,522,864 mcf.

The Commission reports that from August 2016 to July 2017, total Texas reported production was 994,000 million barrels of crude oil and 7.6 trillion cubic feet of

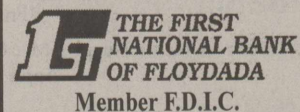
total gas. Crude oil production reported by the Commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the Commission.

Texas preliminary July 2017 crude oil production averaged 2,429,435 barrels daily, compared to the 2,435,381 barrels daily average of July 2016.

Texas preliminary July 2017 total gas production averaged 17,250,891 mcf a day, compared to the 19,710,590 mcf daily average of July 2016.

Texas production in July 2017 came from 178,470 oil wells and 92,748 gas wells.

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/production-data/texas-monthly-oil-gas-production/>.

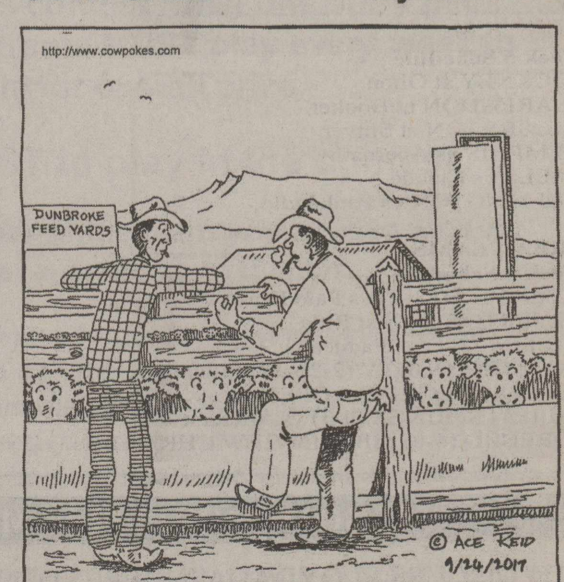
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SCHOOL NEWS

Book Fair



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Readers and book lovers come in all sizes at A.B. Duncan! Please help celebrate **READING** and your child's success! Support the school by attending the **BOOK FAIR** through September 29. You may shop Wednesday - Thursday from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Hale Center dominates Longhorns 47-14

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney could not shut down the Hale Center Owls offensive attack, falling to the Owls 47-14 in non-district action on Friday, Sept. 22. The Owls amassed nearly 600 yards of total offense while limiting the Longhorns to less than 250 total yards.

Hale Center jumped out to an early lead when Brandon Castillo hit Jet Cannon for a 50-yard touchdown pass, giving the Owls a 6-0 lead with 8:35 left in the first quarter. Lockney took their only lead of the game when Ruben Marmolejo scored on a one-yard run and Diego Tranadoc added the extra point to make 7-6, Lockney with 4:15 left in the first quarter. The Owls added another first quarter touchdown on a two-yard run by

Josh Castillo, giving the Owls a 12-7 lead with 31 seconds left in the quarter.

In the second quarter, Ayden Rogers scored on a two-yard run for Hale Center and after the two-point conversion, the Owls led 20-7 with 8:04 left in the half. Neither team scored the rest of the half.

With 6:43 left in the third quarter, B. Castillo scored on a two-yard run to give the Owls a 27-7 lead. With 3:54 left in the third quarter, Lockney's Marmolejo hit Bryson Walker with an eight-yard touchdown pass to make it 27-14 in favor of Hale Center. B. Castillo found the end zone on a one-yard run with 1:28 left in the third quarter to give the Owls a 33-14 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Hale Center added two more scores. Jesse Hinojosa scored on a six-yard run with 9:21 left in the

game to make it 40-14. With 5:49 left in the game, Garrett Johnson scored from one yard out to give the Owls the final margin of victory at 47-14.

Offensively, Lockney had 245 total yards including 132 rushing and 113 passing. Hale Center had 593 total yards including 324 rushing and 269 passing.

Individually for Lockney, Marmolejo was 10-23 passing for 113 yards and a touchdown. Kevin Lopez had nine carries for 85 yards and Marmolejo had 10 carries for 27 yards and a touchdown. Israel Cuellar had five catches for 69 yards, Chris Emert had four catches for 36 yards and Walker had one catch for eight yards and a touchdown.

Individually for Hale Center, B. Castillo was 10-18 passing for 269 yards and one touchdown. Hinojosa had

26 carries for 140 yards and a touchdown, Rogers had 11 carries for 109 yards and a touchdown, Brandon Flores had four carries for 24 yards, J. Castillo had four carries for 21 yards and a touchdown, B. Castillo had four carries for 14 yards and two touchdowns, Cannon had one carry for seven yards, Ricardo Ortega had one carry for six yards and Garrett Johnson had two carries for three yards.

Lockney falls to 1-3 on the year and travels to Olton Friday to take on the 2-2 Mustangs who lost 14-12 to Bovina. Hale Center improves to 4-0 and will host 3-1 Bovina. Both teams will be open on Oct. 6 before starting district play. On Oct. 13, Lockney opens District 2-2A-2 play on the road at Clarendon while Hale Center will travel to Floydada to start District 2-2A-1 play.

Whirlwinds stumble against Friona 35-22

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada and Friona played neck-and-neck for three quarters but the Chieftains scored three times in the fourth quarter to take home the 35-22 victory in non-district action on Sept. 22. The Chieftains held the Whirlwinds to less than 200 total yards while piling on over 500 total yards.

Friona jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead when Marco Monreal found Jonathon Hernandez for a 20-yard touchdown pass with 11:23 left in the first quarter. Floydada tied the game with 2:37 left in the first quarter on an Andrew Vega to Caden Britt 15-yard touchdown pass, making it 7-7.

In the second quarter, Monreal found Hernandez for another 20-yard

touchdown pass to give Friona a 15-7 lead with 10:54 left in the half. Floydada tied the game again when Vega hit Marcus Perez for a seven-yard touchdown pass with 5:20 left in the half. The teams went to the locker room knotted at 15-15.

Neither team scored in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Monreal scored on a nine-yard run with 11:55 left in the game, giving the Chieftains a 21-15 lead. With 8:04 left in the game, Sergio Flores scored on a 19-yard run, for Friona, to make it 29-15. Floydada added a touchdown, with 5:05 left, when Vega hit Gerry Reyes for a nine-yard touchdown pass to make it 29-22. Friona scored the final points of the night when Julius Orozco scored on a five-yard run with 3:14 left in the game to make it

35-22.

Offensively, Floydada had 191 total yards including 134 yards passing and 57 yards rushing. Friona had 506 total yards including 231 yards passing and 275 yards rushing.

Individually for Floydada, Vega was 8-25 for 134 yards and four touchdowns. Rosendo Reyna had 29 carries for 47 yards, Michael Delafuente carried two times for 17 yards and Perez had three carries for four yards. Perez had five catches for 105 yards and a touchdown Britt had two catches for 20 yards and a touchdown and Reyes had one catch for nine yards and a touchdown.

Individually for Friona, Monreal was 13-25 for 231 yards and two touchdowns. Flores had 19 carries for 104 yards and a touchdown, Monreal had 23 carries for 69 yards and a touchdown,

Rodrigo Munoz had two carries for 55 yards and Orozco had seven carries for 53 yards and a touchdown.

"The turning point in the game was when we pulled within seven points in the fourth quarter but failed to get a stop," Head Coach Todd Bandy said.

Floydada falls to 1-3 on the year and travels to 0-4 Roosevelt on Friday for the final non-district game. Floydada will be open on Oct. 5 before opening district play hosting Hale Center. Friona improves to 4-0 and travels to Dalhart on Friday for their final non-district game. After an open date Oct. 5, Friona will open district play at Amarillo River Road.

"We have to score more points, run the ball better and continue to play good on defense and special teams," Coach Bandy said.

AREA TEAMS WRAPUP & SCHEDULES

DISTRICT 2-2A-1

Week 4 Results
Friona 35, FLOYDADA 22
HALE CENTER 47, Lockney 14
NEW DEAL 40, Sunray 21
Bovina 14, OLTON 12
SUNDOWN 40, Farwell 36
ABERNATHY - OPEN

District 2-2A-1	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	W	L	W	L
Abernathy	3	0	0	0
Hale Center	4	0	0	0
New Deal	4	0	0	0
Sundown	4	0	0	0
Olton	2	2	0	0
Floydada	1	3	0	0

Week 5 Schedule

FLOYDADA at Lubbock Roosevelt
ABERNATHY at Memphis
HALE CENTER vs Bovina
NEW DEAL vs Tulia
OLTON vs Lockney
SUNDOWN vs Tahoka

AREA TEAMS

Week 4 Results
PLAINVIEW (1-2) 30, Borger 0
SILVERTON (4-0) 46, Loop 0
VALLEY (2-1) - OPEN
MOTLEY COUNTY (2-2) 76, Miami 0
PETERSBURG (1-3) 1, Guthrie 0 (Forfeit Win)
Wilson 62, PATTON SPRGS (0-3) 13
LORENZO (4-0) 71, Hart 30
Wellman-Union 73, PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (1-3) 22

DISTRICT 2-2A-2

Week 4 Results
Hale Center 47, LOCKNEY 14
CLARENDON 32, Gruver 14
CROSBYTON 43, Springlake-Earth 12
MEMPHIS 14, Quanah 10
RALLS 58, Morton 15
WELLINGTON 43, Tulia 21

District 2-2A-2	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	W	L	W	L
Clarendon	4	0	0	0
Memphis	3	1	0	0
Wellington	3	1	0	0
Crosbyton	2	2	0	0
Ralls	2	2	0	0
Lockney	1	3	0	0

Week 5 Schedule

LOCKNEY at Olton
CLARENDON at Booker
CROSBYTON at Smyer
MEMPHIS vs Abernathy
RALLS vs Claude
WELLINGTON vs Panhandle

AREA TEAMS

Week 5 Schedule
PLAINVIEW (1-2) vs Palo Duro
SILVERTON (4-0) at Rule
VALLEY (2-1) vs Paducah
MOTLEY COUNTY (2-2) at Chillicothe
PETERSBURG (1-3) - OPEN
PATTON SPRINGS (0-3) vs Amherst JV
LORENZO (4-0) at PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (1-3)

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Eighteen of the top 21 were built before 1980. Of the top 50,

only 14 were built since 2000.

Of course, the newest stadium hosting Friday Night Lights is Legacy Stadium in Katy, which cost \$72 million. It only seats 12,000.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

October 2-6

Monday, Oct. 2

Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Enchiladas or Taquito with Queso, Beans, Corn, Salsa, Fruit Crisp, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Breakfast - Chicken-n-Biscuit or PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Meatball Sub with Tots or Chili Cheese Tots, Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Breakfast - Biscuit, Gravy, Eggs and Bacon or Cereal and Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 5

Breakfast - Pancake Wrap or Cereal Bar, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Pizza Choice or Fiesta Bowl, Red Bell Pepper Strips or Tomato Cup and Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Oct. 6

Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Hamburger or Frito Pie, Baby Carrots, Cucumbers, Applesauce, Cookie, Milk

Lockney School Board approves financial rating

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Members of the Lockney School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, Sept. 19 to consider a 12-item agenda.

The Board approved the payment of bills and the financial reports of \$6,156,433.43. Following discussion of options, the Board members agreed to allow John Quebe to continue to serve on the Floyd County Appraisal Board through his term.

Board members also approved the results of the Financial Integrity Rating System. Lockney received a superior rating with a score of 100. A passing score is 60.

Following discussion, the Board approved the authorization of Superintendent Jim Baum to enter into negotiations for the purchase of real property to be utilized for the new ag facility.

Baum reported 461 students enrolled including 218 in Elementary, 103 in Junior High and 140 in High School. Baum announced that Chris Ascencio has been hired to assist with maintenance, grounds and transportation.

The Board set Monday, Oct. 23 at 7:00 P.M. for their next meeting. Following adjournment of the meeting, Board members received a legislative update from Region 17.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO DISCUSS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating

Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:45 p.m., October 17, 2017 in the Board Conference Room 226 W. California, Floydada, TX

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Floydada Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Floydada Independent School District is soliciting proposals for ASBESTOS ABATEMENT at the RC Andrews Elementary School. Sealed proposals will be received in the office of Gilbert Trevino, Superintendent, 226 West California Street; Floydada, Texas 79235, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2017. Proposals must be clearly marked ASBESTOS ABATEMENT/RC ANDREWS. Any proposals received after the deadline will be returned to the sender unopened. Faxed proposals are not acceptable. Floydada ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

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.

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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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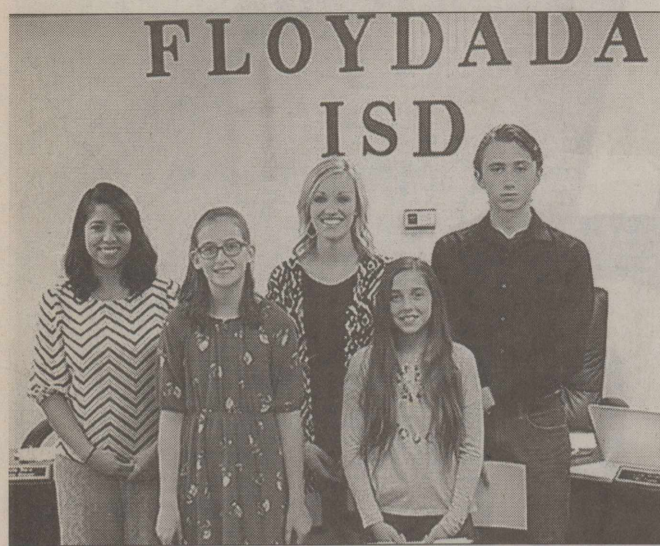
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The Floydada Independent School District Board met on Tuesday, Sept. 19 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly school board meeting. The elementary students recognized were Noel Corona and Sierra Snowden, both 6th graders at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The Junior High student of the month was Elektra Monroe who is in the 7th grade at Floydada Junior High. James Gibbens, a sophomore, was the Floydada High School student recognized. The elementary educator selected this month was Teysha Cornelius who teaches 1st grade at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary employee of the month was Tania Pesina, who teaches Geometry at Floydada High School. Congratulations to each of these students and employees and thank you for your hard work.

USDA will assist hurricane victims

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced special procedures to assist producers who lost crops or livestock or had other damage to their farms or ranches as a result of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Also, because of the severe and widespread damage caused by the hurricanes, USDA will provide additional flexibility to assist farm loan borrowers. "The impact is shocking and will be felt for many months," said Secretary Perdue. "In addition to efforts being made on the ground to assist producers, we have taken a hard look at our regular reporting requirements and adjusted them so producers can take care of press-

ing needs first and mostly deal with documentation and claims later. President Trump's directive is to help people first and deal with paperwork second. And that's what USDA is doing." USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), is authorizing emergency procedures on a case-by-case basis to assist impacted borrowers, livestock owners, contract growers, and other producers. The measures apply only to counties impacted by a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-determined tropical storm, typhoon, or hurricane, including Harvey and Irma that have received a primary Presidential Disaster Declaration and those counties contiguous to such designated counties.

Football Contest Standings

Week 3

THIS WEEKS

Lanny Barnett	16/25	53/75
Brent Sanders	16/25	53/75
Coy LaBaume	16/25	52/75
Pam Fulton	17/25	51/75
Diego Ascencio	15/25	50/75
Roel Cisneros	14/25	49/75
Ricky Ascencio	18/25	49/75
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SPC Natatorium seeks participants for community classes

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LEVELLAND – South Plains College Natatorium provides Community Classes through Dec. 8. Although classes have started, interested patrons can still register at the Natatorium prior to the start of the classes. The cost for the Community Classes is \$70.

- **Early Bird Swim** (Lap Swimming only) will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30-7:15 a.m.
- **Shallow and Deep Water Aerobics** (non-instructional) will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

from 7:15-8 a.m.

- **Arthritis** (instructional) will be offered from 8-8:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Water Aerobics** (instructional) is a cardiovascular program that helps to improve strength and flexibility. The classes will be offered from 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Depending on the number of total participants, this class could move to 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Lap Swim only is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Recreational and lap swimming is set for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays; and 4-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Membership prices for SPC Staff, Students, Hockley County Senior Citizens and Fitness Center members (ID required) are admitted at no charge; full time SPC Staff family is \$75 yearly; a couple (husband/wife only) costs \$100 semester or \$200 yearly; family (mom/dad/two children) \$150 per semester/\$300 yearly - \$25/\$50 each additional child; and the guest fee is \$5- limit 2 and must be with a member.

The SPC Natatorium rents for \$150 for pool parties. The

fee includes lifeguards for a two-hour party for 1 to 50 people. The balcony or outdoor patio may be used for refreshments. Clean up is the responsibility of the person who schedules the party. Parties must be scheduled during open swim time and a \$50 deposit is required at least one week prior to the party.

The fall session goes through Dec. 14. The pool will be closed on Oct. 13 (Fall Break) and Nov. 22-23 (Thanksgiving).

For more information, contact Mike Harrison, Natatorium Director, at (806) 716-2228.

Sports magazines will join forces

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SAM MARCOS—The teams behind the two oldest and most prestigious sports publications in Texas are joining forces to increase coverage of high school sports in Texas. The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) has published Texas Coach magazine since 1958 and currently boast over 22,000 annual subscribers. Sports In Action LLC owns

the Dave Campbell's Texas Football brand that has been published since 1960. Starting with the November 2017 edition of Texas Coach, THSCA will partner with the team behind Dave Campbell's Texas Football to publish a newly designed and expanded version of Texas Coach magazine. "We think the team that publishes Dave Campbell's Texas Football will be a great partner with our magazine, THSCA Executive Director D.W. Rut-

ledge said, "I cannot think of a group that knows and supports High School Coaches more than them." "Frankly, this is the most exciting publishing project we have undertaken,"

Sports In Action President Adam Hochfelder said, "The things we can do together with our great partners at THSCA and their brand, Texas Coach, are without limit."

OBITS

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dren and great-grandchildren loved working with him, playing with him, hunting with him, laughing with him, eating apples and oranges peeled by him, getting knots on their noggins by him, and getting squeezed by him. They lovingly called him by his favorite name of all, Grandy.

Survivors include his children, Nancy Griffith and husband, Garry; Linda Irwin; James Irwin and wife, Lee; Frances Schroeder and husband, Lyman; Carol Womble and husband, Chuck; David Irwin and wife, Kathi; and Randy Irwin and wife, Lisa; grandchildren, Daniel Tsung and wife Gwendolyn; Andrew Lesuer, Cameron Lesuer, Jena Irwin Nora Irwin, Logan Irwin, Bryan Irwin and wife, Jennifer Amy Brothers and husband, Jason; Jessica Battaglia and husband, Ron; Mandy Gfeller and husband, Matt; Chris Davis and wife, Angie; Ashley Townsend and husband, Jared Michelle Eckert and husband, Brandon; Chelsea Rickett and husband, Ryan; Stevanie Huff and husband, Brad; Matthew Womble, Keith Irwin and wife, Tangi; Steven Irwin and wife, Lauren; Heather Frausto and husband, Jason; Kelly Irwin and wife, Angel; Missy Myers and husband, Stephen and Michael Irwin; great-grandchildren, Jaynessa Tsung Lane Irwin, Maddison Irwin, Peyton Ellis, Jordan Brothers, Jayden Brothers, Jaylynn Zlotkowski, Rilee Battaglia Mavrik Gfeller, Maddie Gfeller, Jason Davis, Shelby Davis Kason Townsend, Bradley Townsend, Austin Eckert, Haley Eckert, Rylee Latzel, Cole Rickett, Bradley Rickett, Parker Cade, and Reed Frausto; Ava Irwin, Charlie, Thor, Samuel and Tynlee Irwin; Gabe, Hank, and Truett Irwin; Ryder and Roddy Meyers; brothers, Sherman Irwin and wife, Auden and Herbert Irwin and wife, Sue; sister, Luella Slack; and sister-in-law, Jane Irwin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Lottie Irwin; wife, Doris Alene Irwin; great-grandsons, Jackson Paige and Waylon Irwin; siblings, Randal Irwin and wife Shannon; Shirley Irwin, Hershel Irwin and wife, Bobbi; and sister, Leola Irwin.

Dr. Keith Lynn Teague

Dr. Keith Lynn Teague of McKinney and formally of Floydada, Texas, passed away on September 18, 2017, at the age of 70.

He was born on February 10, 1947, to Riley Heflin and Lula (Bishop) Teague in Floydada, Texas. Keith graduated from Floydada High School.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 22, 2017, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in McKinney Texas.

Memorial donations may be made in Keith's honor to the charity of your choice.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Floydada EMS is currently accepting bids for a metal building. If you are interested in bidding please email floydadaems@att.net or call 806-983-3004 for a packet with a detailed sketch. We would appreciate your quotation on or before 3 p.m. on Wednesday November 1, 2017.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to section 59 of the Texas Property Code, NSS Management will hold a public auction in order to satisfy a landlord's lien of personal property for Floydada Storage Station.

110 N. 5th St Floydada, Tx. 79235

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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Covenant Health Plainview teams with YMCA on new Cardio Kids program

By Homer Marquez
Covenant Health Plainview

According to the Center of Disease Control, 1 in 6 children are considered obese, and 1 in 3 are considered overweight.

As an unfortunate result, overweight children face a greater risk for many chronic health problems, including diabetes and high-blood pressure.

However, for nearly a decade Covenant Health Plainview's hk2020 program has been committed to fighting that trend by teaching kids and their families how to make healthier choices at the table and in their lifestyles.

On the same token, Plainview's YMCA has been on an identical mission, offering family-friendly exercise and sports opportunities to our area for decades.

Now the two organizations are joining forces in the fight against childhood obesity as the YMCA

and hk2020 are partnering together in a number of healthy initiatives.

Their first venture will be the re-vamping of the "Cardio Kids" exercise program.

The program will offer a fun and exciting workout program every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. for kids, 5 years old and older.

Cardio Kids will now be offered free to families enrolled in the hk2020 program or to families who have YMCA memberships.

As always, hk2020 is a free program which features monthly activities as well as healthy lifestyle education.

"We're so excited about our partnership with the hk2020 program," said YMCA Associate Executive Director Ashley Mayberry. "The YMCA is really pushing childhood obesity awareness and hk2020 is already doing a lot in that aspect as well."

The Cardio Kids program is led by Nila Ball, who is

also a nurse at Covenant Health Plainview.

"Nila is great and is really good at changing up the workouts and keeping things fresh," said Mayberry.

And that is the key to keeping kids engaged with healthy activity, making it fun.

"This is a cardio workout disguised in fun activities," said Ball with a laugh.

Ball said her workout can be adapted to any age and promotes team work and other social skills.

And with her background in the medical field, Ball said she enjoys adding in extra education, including teaching how the body works and how exactly cardiovascular activities benefit a person.

"We also like to invite the parents to work out if they want to. But if they want to use that time for a little quiet time for themselves, or if they want to work out separately that is perfectly fine," said Mayberry.

The Cardio Kid classes will last about 45 minutes.

Mayberry said programs like Cardio Kids teach families to stay active. "Every little bit counts. We just want people to keep moving and get in the habit of making healthy choices." Mayberry said.

"If we can get kids at an early age to just learn to do something every day, that's going to really reduce some of the problems they'll have later on if they stay inactive and overweight."

Other healthy activities on tap for the hk2020 and YMCA partnership include the "Choose Better To Live Longer" challenge.

The challenge will be similar to past "Pounds off Plainview" events, however Covenant Health Plainview will help in adding new dynamics to the challenge.

In the new format, teams of two will be measured, weighed and now screened for more exact measurements. Screenings will include pre and post measurements and fat percentage, as



well as cholesterol and blood pressure checks.

The 6-week program will also offer more health and fitness handouts, "Couch to 5K" training and sample workouts. Deadline to register for the challenge will be Sept. 27 with a \$10 cost per participant. Various prizes will be given for Greatest Change, Most Food logs turned in, Most Logged Exercise, Total Inches Lost and Total Fat Percentage Lost.

Other events between the two include the 2017 Main Street Turkey Trot on Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. Participants can choose either the 1 or 3 mile walk or run event.

Registration and more info about the events can be picked up at the Plainview YMCA or by visiting their website.

HK2020 registration can be done every Monday after school between 4-5:30 p.m. at the hk2020 Headquarters in Room 409 at the hospital.

Registration includes getting a picture identification card, recording weight and height and receiving a calendar of events and a newsletter.

At most monthly meetings, active participants receive incentives or prizes for their good behavior. For more information, contact Rodriguez at 806-296-4256.

SPC introduces new Lubbock Center administrator

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College has announced the hiring of Kevin McConic as the Executive Director for the SPC Lubbock Center.

Prior to coming to SPC, McConic worked as the manager of education and community relations with United Supermarkets, a position he held since 2016. He was responsible for identifying partnership opportunities and building key relationships with independent school districts, community colleges and culinary arts schools. He also partnered with the Texas Workforce Commission on initiatives to support filling positions within United.

McConic also worked as a learning and development specialist at United Supermarkets from 2006 to 2010. He worked as a loan operations specialist for one year with State National Bank.

McConic said the success of the SPC Lubbock Center will rely on meeting the needs of the community.

"Our vision here is simple, South Plains College improves each student's life," said McConic. "If we can do the little things that help us make that vision a reality, we will make a major positive

impact in our community. My team and I are all about that."

McConic said his affiliations with local agencies will enable him to bridge opportunities for workforce development. He added that in his previous job, he was able to help secure some of the funding for the culinary arts program which SPC Lubbock Center will launch in fall 2018.

"In my former job with United Supermarkets, what we were doing in our education partnership is like what we're doing here with workforce development," he said. "We were reaching out to the schools and saying 'We need culinary people who have skills' and that was one of the big drivers for the culinary program we're going to have here beginning in fall 2018. We want to be able to help many business segments in that same way. As a community college we want to engage the community and do things to make it better."

"Dr. (Robin) Satterwhite and I are excited to welcome Kevin McConic to the South Plains College family," said Dr. Ryan Gibbs, vice president for academic affairs. "Kevin is a well-established and respected member of the Lubbock Community who

brings a wealth of knowledge and professional contacts to the new SPC Lubbock Center. Kevin has recently spent 10 years as an executive at United Supermarkets and we are overjoyed to put his talents to work for SPC."

McConic said he is looking forward to his time at the SPC Lubbock Center.

"I think I'm just learning the college culture and how things work and getting up to speed on who to talk to and where to go," he said. "I think the workforce part of my job is going to be a challenge but I think it's a natural fit for me to go out and meet people."

"There is a little pressure and definitely a bit nervousness but also an excitement about being in this new role," he said. "We have been given an excellent facility and we're proud of the way it looks. I have a great team of staff and instructors. And, we're going to be centered around student experience because that's important to us and that's the main goal here."

McConic received his bachelor of applied science degree in business in 2015 and recently completed his master of arts in management in organizational development in August 2017, both from

Wayland Baptist University.

The Lubbock native is active in the Lubbock community where he currently serves on the United Way Board of Directors, Leadership Giving Chair, the Lubbock Independent School District 2020 Long Range Planning Committee, the LISD Bond Oversight Committee, the LISD Career and Technical Education Advisory Council, the LISD Foundation for Excellence Board, president of the Estacado High School Athletic Booster Club and as a board member for the American Diabetes Association. He was a member of the Leadership Lubbock Class of 2015 where he was elected to serve on the steering committee in 2016. He served on the Fourth on Broadway Board of Directors for 2015-16 and served as the Event Chair for Fourth on Broadway in 2016.

McConic and his wife, Tawnya, are the parents of Kiasia, 20; Deon, 18; and Tori, 16. Kiasia and Deon are graduates of Estacado High School and Tori attends Estacado.

For more information, contact Dane Dewbre, associate dean of Marketing and Recruitment, at (806) 716-2210.

Pet Talk: Mobile veterinarians provide care at home

Special to The Sun

Whether you are taking your animal in for its regular check-up or making an emergency visit, being evaluated by a veterinarian is a critical part in your pet's health. What if an animal is too sick or injured to be transported to the clinic? Some animals, such as livestock, may even require a trailer for transport. Luckily for pet and livestock owners, mobile veterinarians are there to help.

Leslie Easterwood, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained the important role mobile veterinarians play in animal health.

"The most common reason for an owner to use a mobile veterinarian is so that they do not have to transport their animal to a hospital," Easterwood said. "There could be a variety of reasons why having the veterinarian come to the farm or home is better, such as situations where there are several animals to be treated or the owner does not have access to a livestock trailer."

Though mobile veterinarians are available for home-visits, they may also see patients in a clinic. With each day being different than the last, mobile veterinarians are kept on their feet.

"A typical day for a mobile veterinarian may include appointments in the office with a few farm calls and even surgeries," Easterwood said. "Some days a mobile veterinarian may not leave the office, and other days they may leave early in the morning and not return until after dark."

Despite mobile veterinarians' busy schedules, they are prepared to perform an array of procedures and surgeries for different species. Though some procedures and surgeries are best performed in the hospital setting, most routine work can be performed on the farm as well as in the hospital.

Mobile veterinarians care mostly for large animals, but there are still small animal veterinarians who will make house calls. Easterwood added that there are also an increasing number of small animal veterinarians who are willing to make house calls for physical therapy and perform an at-home euthanasia.

Before you call a mobile veterinarian, ask about any additional charges, such as travel fees. Otherwise, Easterwood said the costs are generally the same.

No matter the species or condition of health, a mobile veterinarian can provide excellent care in the comfort of your animal's home.

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