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## New Floydada school takes shape

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

In May voters approved the Floydada Independent School District bond issue.

FISD officials are in the process of finalizing the architectural designs, structural designs and engineering designs. Once they finish that, they will send out for bids on everything. The construction phase should begin in March. It will take two years to complete.

The demolition of R.C. Andrews started on Monday, Jan. 22 and should take about 6 weeks.

The need for the bond was driven by two facility assessments of Floydada High School—one performed by the Texas Association of School Boards in 2014 and one performed by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Architects

and Engineering in 2016 that showed the campus cannot be secured from uninvited individuals. The assessments said that the school campus could not be made safe from shootings because it is so spread out. In addition, the building—built in 1955 with a wing added in 1967—has issues with its foundation, plumbing and electrical.

Other key vulnerabilities included outdated fuse boxes and electrical wiring and plumbing that is continually backing up and not functioning. Assessments noted it would take \$15 to \$20 million to bring the current campus up to code.

FISD put together a bond election package to address these concerns and one that the wind farms will pay 73% of, and the local homeowners—under the age of 65—will pay 27% of.



Courtesy illustrations

FISD officials are in the process of finalizing architectural designs, structural designs and engineering designs of school system enhancements that voters approved in May's bond election. The construction phase should begin in March.

At the time the bond passed, FISD officials indicated that they would also attempt to pay off the 2007 bond that was used to construct A.B. Duncan Elementary.

**Here's how the FISD data breaks out:**

Longhorn Wind	\$57,132,000	EDF Renewable
Wake Wind	\$182,976,349	Invenergy
South Plains Wind	\$220,667,696	Apex
Cotton Plains Wind	\$64,125,000	Apex
Old Settler	\$194,400,000	Apex
Total values:	\$719,301,045	

Assumed base value of the district: \$272,303,562  
 \$719,604,607 Wind farms  
 \$991,604,607 Total values

**The construction in the school bond includes:**

- A new 6 to 12 grade campus
- Renovations to Wester Field
- New transportation/maintenance facility
- New softball field
- New baseball field
- New track
- New tennis courts

## Tina's Place: New owners, donuts, menu, hours



Courtesy photos

Tino Obregon, new co-owner of Tina's Place, makes the donuts. He starts at 5 a.m. cooking six days a week. A brightly painted new sign welcomes diners to the new Tina's Place.

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Four days before Thanksgiving Tino and Rachel Obregon became the new owners of Tina's Place at 208 E. Houston Street.

Open six days a week (they're only closed on Mondays), Tina's Place now offers a variety of glazed donuts including sprinkled, chocolate, cinnamon twists, Bavarian crème filled and cinnamon rolls. In addition,



they also have empanadas.

Open 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday through Friday; 6 to 12 on Saturday and 7 to 12 on Sunday, Tina's also has all kinds of choices for breakfast including: breakfast plates, biscuits and gravy; and all kinds of breakfast burritos with freshly made flour tortillas, stuffed with a variety of choices including chorizo, barbacoa, carne asada, papas and eggs, bacon and more. They also make their

own hot sauce.

The Obregons also take group and school orders. Be sure and call at least one day in advance to place a large order. Tino arrives at 5 a.m. every morning to make the donuts and breakfast food, and it's all made fresh. But when it's sold out, there's no more in the back.

Obregon talked about what running the new business has been like. "It's been See **TINA'S**, Page 10

## All 22 Floydada BPA contestants qualify for State



Courtesy photos

All 22 Floydada BPA students qualified for state at the Regional BPA contest Saturday, Jan. 27.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

All 22 Floydada BPA students qualified for state at the Regional BPA contest Saturday, Jan. 27 at Frenship High School in Wolforth, near Lubbock.

First place went to Monty Stambaugh, legal office; Allison Orr, integrated office; Kylie Ricketts, basic office; Allison Muniz, banking and finance; website team

Remington Ricketts, Marissa Valdivia, Kylie Ricketts; Remington Ricketts, interview; Luke Holcombe, word processing; and Hannah Morales, digital media.

Second place went to Cutter Smith, extemporaneous speaking; Azalea Garza, desktop publishing; Kortney Campbell, advanced office; Emily Cisneros, business law and ethics; Allison Orr, Hannah Morales, See **QUALIFY**, Page 10

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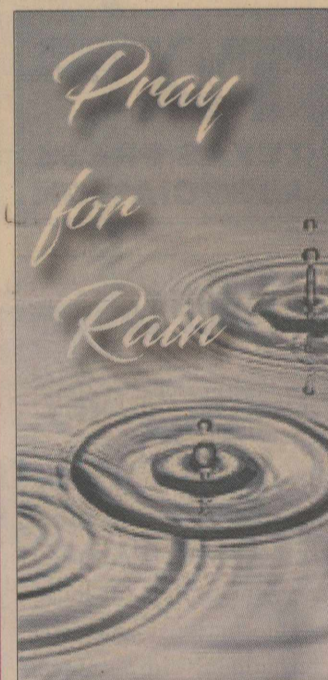
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### LOCKNEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Lockney Cemetery Association will hold a meeting on Monday, February 5th at 1:30 p.m. in the back room of the Lockney Senior Citizens.

### LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

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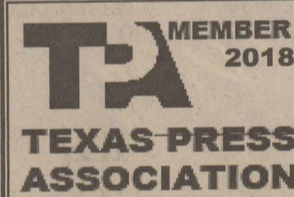
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# New Doucette novel takes on international intrigue



By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney author James Doucette has a new book out—The Last Assassination.

The novel transports readers into international intrigue when a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Aleppo is hit by an American drone strike, and the hero of the book, pilot Lt. Jesse Plotnick is immediately under suspicion by the government, and the only one who believes him is his father, lawyer Mark Plotnick, a former Mossad operative.

Author Doucette knows the U.S. military. A U.S. Navy veteran from Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, Doucette served in the military, then had a long career in business before turning his time to writing. He has been the president of a major cable television company, founded and op-

erated his own cable systems company, and owned the First National Bank of Lockney. Retired, he and his wife, Denise, raise cattle on their ranch.

We caught up with Jim Doucette to talk about his move to Texas and writing.

"With the business and the big city, life was just so noisy and hectic," he said. "So we came to Lockney, and it has been wonderful. I especially appreciate my church. They just accepted us and make his feel at home and welcome."

Doucette said his wife Denise was the first person to encourage him to write. "After I retired, she suggested that I get down on paper some of my memories, stories and experiences; so, I did. Then, I showed it to a few folks, and they said, 'you can write'. So, I've been writing ever since.

The Last Assassination is his third book. His

first book was The Not So Great American Novel, his memoir/biography. His second book, a novella, Stealing Fire, dealt with the Russians hacking Americans during the Y2K era. Reviews of the novella on Amazon note how this book was ahead of its time. It was written before anyone had ever heard of Russian hacking in the 2016 election.

As for his most recent book, The Last Assassination Doucette talked about the book's hero, Lt. Plotnick. "He's not really based on one person—he's a compilation," Doucette said. "I've known a lot of brave guys just like him," said the Navy veteran.

The Last Assassination is on sale at Hometown Pharmacy in Lockney and Nielsen's in Floydada and can be checked out of the libraries in Lockney and Floydada. It can also be purchased at Amazon.

# The Paperboy Quitting Twitter was a positive

I quit Twitter a month ago and I don't regret it for a second. Twitter has plenty of hate in it. It can be so bad, that it alters your mood. I finally realized this fact and in doing so, I decided that the negativity was not good for me.

There is nothing like being in a perfectly good mood and seeing it ruined by some dumb tweet.

I currently have just two Social Media accounts and they are LinkedIn and Pinterest. I was on Facebook for a short time 8 years ago and I don't know enough about the others to even worry with them. Frankly, I don't care to learn about them either.

I'm on LinkedIn for business purposes and I rarely use my Pinterest account.

I think some of us reach a time in our lives when we really don't feel like going through the motions to learn new stuff. I guess I'm like that. As this evolution into the digital age continues, I've opted to opt out.

In this space, I've written about the evils of Social Media. Most of us have seen how destructive Facebook can be and in my opinion, Twitter can be just as destructive. That's simply not something I want to be involved in any longer.

Incidentally, a week or so after quitting Twitter, I realized I had been a victim of Twitter censoring. Maybe you've heard about Twitter censoring conservatives. It's true. They do. And the fact they do is just one more reason I feel like I made the right decision.

This flu season has been horrible. Here in Childress, school officials, especially at the elementary, have really had their hands full. The school was actually closed for three days this week.

My family has been through it as well. Let's face it, if you're around other people, you'd better take precautions.

Detecting early symptoms of the flu can prevent the spread of the virus and could also help you treat the illness before it gets worse. Early symptoms can include:

- Fatigue
- Body aches and chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Gastrointestinal issues

From what I've heard and read about the ongoing outbreak, it is being spread in a variety of ways, including through the air. Since a person can cough or sneeze several feet, people need to make sure they keep their distance.

Another word of note: Just because you have had a flu shot, it doesn't mean you won't get the flu. It simply decreases the chance that you will.

Good luck to you and yours and I pray for the health of all.

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## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

This week I was trying to send a telephone message to a group of people who I thought would like to receive it. This new telephone has features I'm not familiar with. When I lost my last telephone, I purchased the same brand of telephone as my wife's and loaded her telephone numbers. I had no idea how messages are chained together. If I sent you a message in error I apologize.

Sincerely, James E. Doucette Lockney, Texas

## The 501: Name your phobia

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedalio-phobia. If the word scares you, consider yourself diagnosed. Hippopotomonstrosesquippedalio-phobia means "fear of long words." Really.

I myself stumbled onto the term (I'll refrain from repeating it out of respect for Hippopotomonstrosesquippedalio-phobiacs) when I was looking for a word for fear of the flu, like maybe fluphobia.

Note that the big long word seems to require capitalization. Let's not delve into why. I'm just hoping none of you Hippopotomonstrosesquippedalio-phobiacs have hoofdaphobia - fear of capital letters. Happily, hoofdaphobiacs don't have to capitalize their phobia. Sometimes things work out.

Back to the flu. Oddly enough, even though many of us are scared of the flu, our wannabe phobia isn't one. Otherwise it would have an official name. If not "fluphobia," maybe "influezaphobia." I'm thinking fear of the flu doesn't qualify because any fear that makes it to phobia status has to be irrational or overblown, whereas fear of catching the flu is neither.

Spoken like a true fluphobiac. Meanwhile, what to do? I'm staying home. It's a family tradition. It's how my father managed not to get the flu a hundred years ago. He was 13. The schools in McAlester, Okla., closed for something like a month. He spent his free time building a little wagon, thereby starting a lifelong sideline ca-

reer in carpentry. If Daddy hadn't enjoyed his wagon-building time, he might not eventually have spent one winter building a little travel trailer. Thanks to that plywood camper, our family went far, even to Canada. I should probably thank the flu epidemic of 1918 for those wonderful vacations, except it would sound too weird.

The summer before I started school, I didn't leave the farm. No trips to town. My parents didn't want me to get polio.

Joseph Salk's vaccine soon became available, and we first-graders got our polio shots as a class. They gave us each a bottle of Coke too. But if Mother hadn't kept me on the farm that pre-vaccine summer before, who knows what might have happened? Not that I wasn't always flirting with danger. I could easily have impaled myself on a pitchfork or fallen from the rafters and beams in the barn. But I didn't. I didn't get polio either. Thank you, Mother.

This winter I've got hay-oriented cows to thank for keeping me on the farm. So far it's working. I'm flu-free. I must confess I didn't get my supermarket shot this year. Should I risk rubbing elbows with the masses for a late-in-the-season shot of a vaccine that supposedly misses the mark anyway? I'm asking.

I think I'll stick with the cows, especially now that my husband has joined me here to build a farm shop. He too believes our chances of staying healthy are better here with the cows than among our own kind.

If either one of us gets gored by a longhorn, we may rethink the strategy.

Meanwhile, what do you call a fear of being gored when you're out in the wide-open spaces? PAUSE TO THINK. (Apologies to hoofdaphobiacs.)

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# SOCIETY

## Warren and Wheat exchange marriage vows

Mary Beth Warren of Canyon, Texas became the bride of Casey Wheat on Saturday January 6, 2018. The early evening wedding took place on the campus of West Texas A&M in the Legacy Hall Ballroom in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Hope Warren of Floydada. She is a senior English teacher and head cheer sponsor at Randall High School in Canyon. Mary is also the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warren of Floydada, the late Fern Hartsell of Floydada, the late Truitt Hartsell of Plainview, Texas and Myla Hartsell of Plainview, Texas.

The groom, who is originally from Parsons, Tennessee, is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force and is stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico. He is the son of the late Arvie Wheat and the late Claudia Wheat.

Guests entered the ballroom and were seated close to the stage area. There was a center staircase built for the ceremony by the bride's father and was flanked by two wooden lanterns at the top of the steps. The back drop for the stage was sheer cream curtains lit with strings of lights. Four candlesticks of different heights topped with cream flameless candles were on each side of a wooden arbor also built by the bride's father. The arbor was wrapped in burgundy tulle and adorned with two fresh swags made from seeded eucalyptus, David Austin garden roses, and cream dahlias. The minister, Curtis House, Senior Pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Amarillo and the bride and groom stood under the arch. A black table was also center stage and the couple shared in creating a sand shadowbox using the colors of burgundy to represent the bride, navy blue to represent the groom and gold to represent God.

The ceremony began with the grandmother of the bride, aunt of the groom, Phyllis Wills of New Jersey, honorary mother of the groom, Carolyn Davis of Savannah, Tennessee, and mother of the bride being escorted in by the four ushers. The minister and groom took their place on the stage. The groomsmen stood on the floor waiting for the bridesmaids to enter and be escorted onto the stage.

Serving as best man was James Davis of Savannah, Tennessee, honorary father of the groom. Groomsmen were Joe Nahas of Cannon Air Force Base, friend of the groom, Paul Anderson of Cannon Air Force Base, friend of the groom, Tyler Duke of Cannon Air Force Base, friend of the groom, Stephen Moscato of Clovis, New Mexico, friend of the groom, Wilson Avila of Cannon Air Force Base, friend of the groom, and Jimmy Boyte of Beaver Creek, Ohio, brother of the groom.

Serving as maid of honor



MRS. CASEY WHEAT  
(nee Mary Beth Warren)

was Becky Warren of Canyon, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Emily Decker of Mundy, Texas, friend of the bride, Hallie Bertrand of Lubbock, Texas, friend of the bride, Kelsi Peacock of Nazareth, Texas, friend of the bride, Jordan Dunlap of Plainview, Texas, friend of the bride, Jennifer Hanes, of Canyon, Texas, friend of the bride, and Elizabeth Bertrand of Lubbock, Texas, lifelong friend of the bride.

Flower girls were Mia Grimes and Brynlee Warren, both of Shallowater, Texas and cousins of the bride. Ring bearer was Josiah Duran of Lubbock, Texas, also a cousin of the bride.

Ushers for the evening were Chance Hanes of Canyon, James Godwin of Canyon, Dee Patillo of Nazareth, and Kobie Decker of Mundy, Texas, all friends of the couple.

The groom and groomsmen, who serve in the United States Air Force, were attired in their dress blue uniforms. The other gentlemen were dressed in navy blue suits with navy ties. Their boutonnieres were a simple, rustic design of Italian cuscus, seeded eucalyptus, and topped with silver sage.

The bridesmaids each chose the style of dress of their own choosing but matched in the color of burgundy. Their bouquets were made from seeded eucalyptus, silver dollar eucalyptus, and traditional leatherleaf. The greenery was softened by a touch of white astilbe and small cream daisy poms.

The bride chose an A-line dress of light cream. It was covered with lace and had a sweetheart neckline and cap straps and was sleeveless. It zipped up to a high waist and had a keyhole in the back with a ribbon that was fashioned into a bow that fell the length to the court train. Her veil was fingertip length. The bride's bouquet was oversized and hand tied featuring silver dollar and seeded eucalyptus. The shabby chic design was enhanced by the use of burgundy dahlias, David Austin garden roses in patience cream and softened with white astilbe.

In keeping with tradition, the bride's "something old and something blue" was a blue

brooch pinned on the inside of her dress that belonged to her late grandmother, Fern Hartsell. "Something new" was her jewelry, and "something borrowed" was pearl stud earrings from her mother. She also wore a blue garter. She wore a penny in her shoe given to her from her grandmother, Myla Hartsell.

Following the ceremony, the dance floor was cleared of the chairs and was moved to the tables that surrounded the dance floor. The tables were covered with navy blue satin tablecloths with gold satin table runners. Centerpieces for the tables were wood chargers with lanterns lit with flameless cream candles. Above the dance floor was a hoop of gossamer that draped to the corners of the room that was accented with several stands of lights. A dinner of chicken and beef fajitas was served.

The groom's table was decorated with a black tablecloth and held two silver bowls of banana pudding and featured several different sizes of "W". Above the table was a monitor highlighting the wedding of Mary and Casey.

The bride's table had a cream tablecloth with a gold table runner. The cake was a three-tiered red velvet polk cake with cream cheese icing and was accented with David Austin roses and burgundy dahlias. The table also held a large lantern with a cream flameless candle. Serving cake were Mary Sanders and Ludustria Prisk of Floydada, friends of the bride's mother.

DJ for the evening David Lister.

The bride and groom celebrated with a first dance followed by the groom and mother dance and then the father and daughter dance. They happy couple exited the evening with family and friends waving glow sticks.

The couple honeymooned for a week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The couple was honored before the wedding with a shower in Amarillo, Texas hosted by several of Mary's fellow teachers. Sharon Rainwater of Floydada also honored the couple with a shower in her home.

## Covington and Tallman to wed

Marty and Sherese Covington of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lexi Covington to Tyler Tallman, son of Brian and Sheri Tallman of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Lexi is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and is currently teaching schools in Jenks, Oklahoma.

Tyler is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and is currently in medical school at Oklahoma State University in Tulsa.

They plan to be wed on June 16, 2018 in Dallas, Texas.



LEXI COVINGTON AND TYLER TALLMAN

## Floydada Rotary



Photo by Karen Houchin

On Thursday, Jan. 25th, the Floydada Rotary Club program was presented by Rotarian Kyle Smith. Girl Scout Assistant Troop Leader Natalie Snowden presented information on the local troop and their community activities. Junior Scout Mia Snowden and Cadet Sierra Snowden presented this year's collection of cookie varieties. Sales last until February 24th. To purchase you can contact the troop on Facebook or by calling 601-604-0067 (cell)

## LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD TO HOLD BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

The Lockney Senior Citizen's Center wants to announce a meeting on Tuesday, February 13th at 6 p.m. at the Center. The purpose of the meeting is to get nominations for the board and elect new officers. If you would like to

become a member please contact John David Turner. We encourage all members to attend. Your opinion matters for the success of the Lockney Senior Citizen Center. Lockney needs this business.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Floydada Senior Citizen's "Second Tuesday Bingo" is canceled for the months of February and March. We will resume play on April 10.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen to eat with us or be a member. However, if you are a member, the meal will cost \$5.00 instead of the non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, \$25.00 is the yearly membership fee.

Most people eat with us at 12 noon each day. But if your lunch time starts at 11 a.m., our dining room is open to you. If you need a meal delivered to you, please call us by 10 a.m. There is no delivery charge. Call 983-2032

Jimmy Cervantes recently volunteered his time to help at the Center. He changed light bulbs, took out trash,

and cleaned our garden area. Thank you, Jimmy, we appreciate you.

Freida Dunn, BSN, ET, will be holding a blood pressure clinic every 4th Thursday of the month starting at 11:30 a. m., weather permitting. This month it will be Thursday, February 22.

The Senior Citizens Center is in need of volunteers. We need people to vacuum, sweep, deliver meals, and general cleaning. Please call us if you can help us. Our phone number is 983-2032.

Our Center is also in need of donations. Currently, we serve an average of 25 people per day, per month. We need to serve an average of 31 people, per day, per month in order to break even. That is approximately 6 more people per day or \$600.00 more per month. We would prefer that people would choose to eat with us, but we are happy to take donations.

If the community values

Senior Citizens, then we must have more support. We are a 501c3 non-profit, which gives us tax free status. However, we still have to make payroll for our two employees, and purchase food and supplies. We currently have four volunteers who are responsible for our accounting, ordering, and other various duties.

Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

Hope everyone has an awesome week!

MENU  
February 5 - February 9

Monday - Taco salad  
Tuesday - Meat loaf  
Wednesday - Chicken and dressing  
Thursday - Creamy mushroom chicken  
Friday - Beef stew

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Lockney Senior Citizen's board member elections will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at 6 p.m. at the Center.

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

February 5 - February 9

Monday - Frito pie or hot wings  
Tuesday - Chicken enchiladas  
Wednesday - Meat loaf  
Thursday - Goulash  
Friday - Chicken bacon ranch casserole with rice

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

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## Obituaries

### Iva Jewel Bonner

On Friday, January 26, 2018, Iva Jewel Bonner was graced into the open arms of the Lord.

She was born on October 30, 1928 in Floydada, Texas to Annie Marie Franklin Taylor and Charlie Taylor. She married J.P. Bonner on October 30, 1944 and they happily shared 56 years of marriage.

Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 3, 2018, at the First Baptist Church in Floydada, officiated by Reverend Timothy Askew and Minister Earnestine Pleasant.

Interment to follow at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Floydada.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Friday, February 2, 2018 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Services are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

She was baptized at an early age and served for years as an active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Floydada, Texas. She took pride in being the Program Coordinator for the annual church anniversary as well as serving in various other roles.

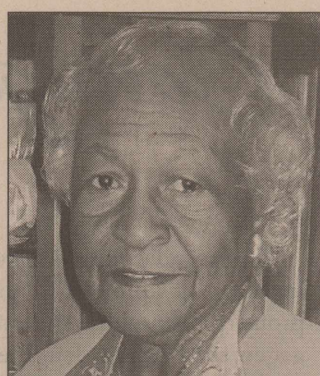
She took pride in being a lifelong homemaker and enjoyed cooking and baking for her family and friends. Iva

was known for her thoughtfulness as she always remembered loved ones birthdays and accomplishments with greeting cards and hand written notes. She was the consummate caregiver, having taken care of her mother and husband during their illnesses, as well as her son, Charles Keith, up until her last day.

She was affectionately known as "Jubie", "Big Mama" and "Mrs. Iva Jewel" by those who loved her.

Iva was preceded in death by her husband, J.P. Bonner; mother, Annie Taylor; father, Charlie Taylor; brothers, Jack Taylor and Bert Taylor; sister, Joyce Marie Taylor Jelks; daughter, Brenda Lynette Bonner and son, Reginald Lester Bonner.

She leaves to cherish her beautiful memory, four devoted children, Johnny B. (Patricia) Bonner of Indianapolis, Indiana, Wilmer (Anita) Bonner of Missouri City, Texas, Sandra (Randy) Sims of Houston, Texas, Charles Bonner of Floydada, Texas; grandchildren, Andrea Bonner of Missouri City, Texas, Keisha White of Indianapolis, Indiana, Vondra (Hillis) Roberson of Missouri City, Texas, Jordan Bonner of Jersey City, New Jersey, Regina (Corey) Mc-



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Call of Marrero, Louisiana, Angela Bonner of Oakland, California, Charles Bonner of Indianapolis, Indiana, Carlos Miller of San Francisco, California; sister, Espernola Fort of Wichita, Kansas; brother, Charles W. (Gracie) Taylor of Lubbock, Texas, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, cousins, and friends.

### Darlean Stovall

Darlean Stovall, age 77, of Floydada passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, January 26, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Visitation was held from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

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

Darlean was born March 31, 1940 in Floydada, Texas. She graduated Floydada High School in 1958. She married Robert Stovall on November

9, 1968 and enjoyed 49 years of marriage. Darlean enjoyed spending time with her lifelong friends and classmates playing bridge, bunko, and participating in the New Vision Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church where she was a long time member. Her greatest pleasure was raising two sons and spending time with her grandchildren. She loved attending her grandchildren's activities and sporting events and hosting sleepovers at her house. She will be remembered as a dedicated wife, mother and grandma and was loved by all.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mabel Laminack, her brother, Jim Laminack, and her sister, Betty Jar-



DARLEAN STOVALL

boe and brother-in-law, Tom Bob Jarboe.

Darlean is survived by her husband, Robert, her sons, Ty Stovall and Grant Stovall and his wife, Denise Stovall and her grandchildren Zac, Shaylee, Kassidee, and Kooper, all of Lubbock, Texas.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in Floydada or the American Cancer Society.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

When Steve and Dud got up to go get a paper, it left just Doc and Bert sitting at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop. Bert turned his head and smirked a little, being careful not to let Doc see him. Doc also didn't see Dud outside, punching in a number on his cell phone while Steve stood by as a cheerleader.

"Doc," said Loretta, filling the coffee cups, "phone call for you, Hon."

"Here? Okay..." Doc

walked over to the cash register and picked up the phone.

"This here Doc?" said the caller. "The Doc what lost his squirrel?"

"Uh..." Doc looked around for help. There was none. "Yes. Yes it is."

"Found your dang squirrel here, Doc. That reward thing still good?"

"Well... yes."

"Five dollars and a quarter, right? Now is that cash or check? I don't take no checks."

Doc is looking all around and looks wilderness-type lost.

"Cash I guess."

"Only thing is, Doc. Need to be sure this is your squirrel, right? So can you describe him for me?"

"He's... gray."

"All gray squirrels are gray, now, ain't that right? How about any distinguishing marks? Tattoos?"

"No tattoos."

"So far so good. Now you said in the ad his name is Chipper. Well, I called him Chipper and the son of a gun bit me."

"He did?"

"What I mean to ask here, Doc, is... did you and your squirrel get along? No squir-

rel problems? He looks like he needs a square meal to me. You feed him good?"

"What?"

"You know... like Squirrel Chow free choice, or did you put him on a nut ration? I mean, he ate like there was no tomorrow. Dang near ate up the whole five dollars and a quarter reward money in squirrel food."

Steve and Dud walked back into the café, then, with the cell phone still at Dud's ear, and the laughing began.

"You were right all along, Doc," said Bert. "In winter, everyone can use a good hoax." Doc bought the coffee.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Smooth Sailing

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. —Proverbs 30:5 (NIV)

Within hours of sailing, every cruise ship requires all travelers to report on deck for a muster drill. The crew instructs passengers about the location of the lifeboats, which ones to board, where life vests can be found, and how to put them on correctly. This knowledge is shared as a safeguard, in case of an emergency.

Through the years, I've become aware of other lifesavers that keep me afloat during daily crises. A network of fellow believers — church, family, and friends — lift me in prayer when I feel myself drowning in troubles. I trust a smaller circle of confidantes for thoughtful counsel when I need direction

(Prov. 27:9). And during desperate times, when my faith is lost in a fog of worries or depression, no life vest fits as securely as the eternal, unconditional support of God's word. Immersing myself in scripture keeps me from sinking. I can rejoice in the Bible's life-saving power and the wisdom held between its covers, knowing that I am prepared.

—Heidi Gaul (Oregon)

### Prayer for the day:

Dear God, lift us up with your word. Inspire us to reach out to others through prayer and loving service as we pray, "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation" (Luke 11:2-4, niv). Amen.

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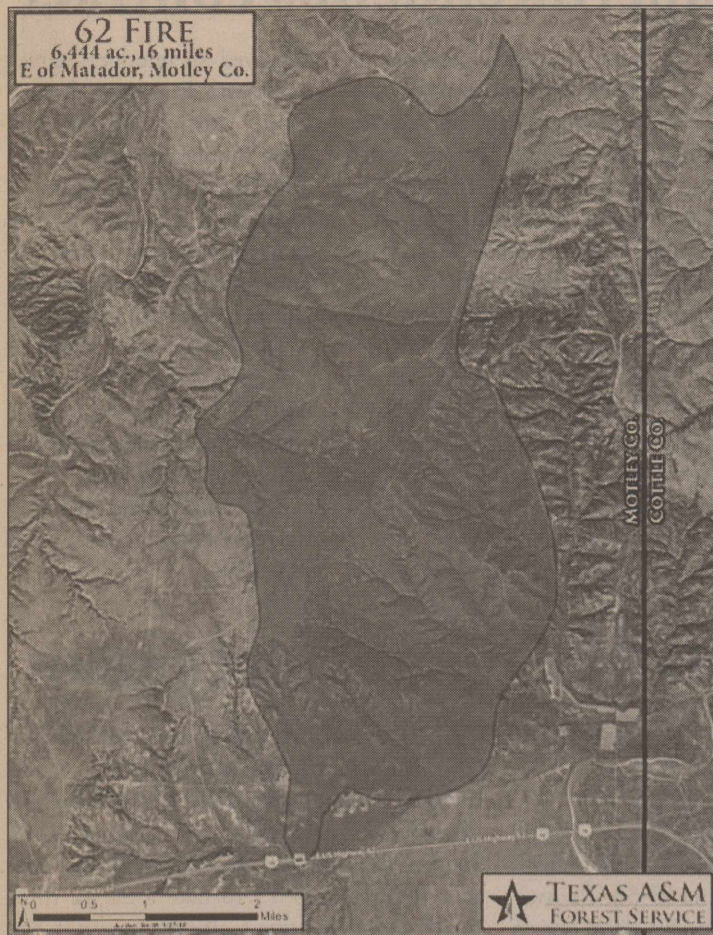
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<p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ruban Selvaraj 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer Service - 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><b>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God</b> 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><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> 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><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 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><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> 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><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>		

# AGRICULTURE

## Motley County grass fire



At press time a grass fire in Motley County affecting 6,444 acres had been 85% contained with the help of three different fire departments and Texas A&M Forest Services.



## Upcoming Area Ag Conferences

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

February 7 – High Plains Irrigation Conference, Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan, Amarillo. Registration at 8 a.m., \$30 fee. CEUs pending. Info: Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, <http://www.taia.org>, or Dr. Charles Hillyer, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, 806-677-5600.

February 13-14 – No-Till Texas' Inaugural Soil Health Symposium, Bayer Museum of Agriculture, Lubbock. \$50 fee, lunch included. Register by contacting Tamara Daniel, Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 254-778-8741 or email [tamaradaniel@thegateway.net](mailto:tamaradaniel@thegateway.net).

## Soil Health Symposium set for

### February 13-14 in Lubbock

By Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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No-Till Texas will host their inaugural Soil Health Symposium on February 13 and 14 at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock. This two-day event will focus on integrated cropping systems to improve soil health and profitability.

Speakers include Ray Archuleta, Darren Richardson, Dr. Kater Hake, Dr. John Zak, Dr. Katie Lewis, Dr. Jourdan Bell and farmers Kelly Kettner, Jeremy Brown, and R.N. Hopper.

Registration for the event is \$50 and is limited. Lunch, catered by Evie Mae's Barbecue and River Smith's, is included with registration. Register by phone or email through the Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts by contacting Tamara Daniel, Executive Director, at (254) 778-8741 or [tamaradaniel@thegateway.net](mailto:tamaradaniel@thegateway.net).

For more information, visit <http://www.atswcd.org/soil-health.html>.

## Fire at Abilene classing office forces temporary movement of samples to Lamesa

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
Plains Cotton Growers

A fire in the trench conveyor at the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene on Thursday forced the closure of the facility for a few days as crews make repairs.

According to news re-

ports, one firefighter was injured and transported to Hendrick Medical Center, but Abilene Fire Department officials said they expected the firefighter to be treated and released shortly. No other injuries were reported.

Kenny Day, Area Director for the Abilene class-

ing office, said they were hopeful the office would be back in operation by Sunday or Monday, depending on how cleanup and repairs progress. He said no unclassified samples were lost and that the Lamesa office is helping with classing in the near term until they're back up and running.

## PCG, others affirm commitment to Cotton Council International

From Cotton Council International  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Ten U.S. cotton organizations have pledged industry contributions in 2018 to support the demand-building activities of Cotton Council International, the National Cotton Council's export promotion arm, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

"Our growers believe that contributing to CCI is an investment in the future of our industry and ultimately is essential to our success," Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "The work they do is vital to helping ensure that the rest of the world knows why U.S. cotton is a superior product and worthy of sourcing. The fact that 80 percent of U.S. cotton is exported highlights the critical need for a healthy export market."

U.S. cotton industry contributions help CCI to build export markets for U.S. cotton fiber, yarn and other cotton products, and are an invaluable supplement to the funding from the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service's Market Access Program and Foreign Market Development program. CCI is the largest recipient of MAP and FMD funding to promote U.S. cotton overseas.

CCI's use of funds from USDA and U.S. cotton organizations has enabled it to build U.S. cotton export demand efficiently and to improve the economic returns of

## Dicamba drift concerns: how to protect yourself, report injury

By Shelley E. Huguley  
Southwest Farm Press

While dicamba is not a new pesticide, having been in use since the 1960s, what is new is the GMO seeds that allow growers to spray dicamba over the top of the modified cotton and soybeans plants. But with new technology often comes new challenges.

Nationwide, more than 2,700 claims have been filed related to dicamba in 2017—nearly 1,000 of those from Arkansas. Mid-season, some states even banned the over-the-top application of the pesticide. With new EPA label restrictions for 2018, how can applicators protect themselves, their neighbors and the product, whose registration is set to expire in November of this year?

"We've got lawsuits galore across the country; probably at least 10 of these are class action lawsuits filed in multiple states," says Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension law specialist. A class action lawsuit is where one person is the named plaintiff, but he sues not just for his own damage but he seeks to represent a class of similarly situated people. "For example, the one named plaintiff from Arkansas might seek to represent a class of everyone in Arkansas who is harmed by dicamba. Some of these cases seek to certify multi-state classes and do include Texas."

What has caused the dicamba issues? Lashmet credits a combination of four things. One is spraying older dicamba formulations off-label. "It's clear some of that has happened," she says. No. 2, not following the label on the new dicamba formulations, such as nozzles, boom height, buffer zones and wind. "Not following the rules, essentially," Lashmet explains.

Volatilization of various dicamba formulations has been another problem. "There are big questions and concerns about how volatile these new formulations are and how temperature inversions are affecting that. And, No. 4, there's true drift or misapplication, like applying on the wrong field or actual drift during application onto your neighbor."

Insurance is another area that may be problematic in the coming growing season for applicators. "They're predict-

ing an increase in insurance premiums for some carriers if you want coverage for dicamba," says Lashmet at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Seeking Solutions Managing Economic Risks at Lubbock, Texas. "This is if you want to apply dicamba and you want to be covered as the applicator; they are possibly going to increase your rates."

Because drift damage is not a covered loss by crop insurance, a grower on whose crop dicamba has drifted, might assume he is covered under the applicator's farm liability policy, but Lashmet says that's not always the case. "We've seen some situations where insurers are denying coverage. Sometimes, they say the injured farmer can't prove whose dicamba it was. In Arkansas, you've got so many producers spraying dicamba, and they're saying volatilization can cause damage 7 to 10 days after application up to a mile away. If I have drift on my field, how am I going to offer legal proof as to who sprayed it if two growers sprayed the same day?"

"So that leaves both farmers in a bad position because what is your option at that point if you've been damaged? You may have to sue your neighbor to recover your damages, and that neighbor's insurance may refuse coverage to pay for his defense costs or pay out a settlement."

The other problem Lashmet has seen is, "The insurance companies may say, 'Yes, our insured applied it, it was dicamba damage but he wasn't negligent. He did everything right, he followed the label, no violations, there's no evidence that he didn't do anything that wasn't reasonable and because of that, we are not going to pay.' He wasn't negligent. It was the product that was the problem. You can go sue Monsanto."

"It's a bad situation for the farmer damaged and for the neighbor," says Lashmet.

Changes in 2018

In November of 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency made changes to the dicamba label, making it a Restricted Use Pesticide, which means a grower or applicator is required by law to have taken certain training and be certified to apply. Additionally, for the new dicamba formulations, the applicator is required to

take an auxin specific training. Lashmet says the training requirement includes any applicator of dicamba, even those who may not have a pesticide certification who will be applying dicamba under the supervision of someone with a license.

Some of the changes EPA made were: lowering the maximum wind speed from 15 mph to 10 mph, while also reducing the times during the day when application might occur, trying to avoid the temperature inversion issue, Lashmet explains. There's also some new tank clean out language.

"The other thing to keep in mind is that these registrations for the first new dicamba formulation expire in November of 2018. So when they approved this in November 2016, they got a two-year approval from EPA. After that point, EPA can re-evaluate the label requirements and even the registration all together. I have to think that if we have another year like we did in 2017, with 2,700 complaints nationwide, EPA is likely going to be concerned. So we better be careful with what we're doing."

Individual states have implemented changes as well, such as Arkansas having an application cutoff date and Minnesota imposing a restriction if the temperature is expected to be above 85 degrees. "We have not seen anything different from the Texas Department of Agriculture from last year," Lashmet says.

Application tips

If applying pesticides, what can applicators do to protect themselves from drift claims? First, follow the label. "The label is the rule. It's as simple as that. The dumbest thing you can do is violate a label because that is going to get you caught by TDA with a fine and that's good evidence of negligence in court," says Lashmet.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Whirlwinds win exciting game over Abernathy

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada managed to split two close games this past week. On Jan. 23, the Whirlwinds came from behind to defeat Abernathy 52-49 in District 4-2A action. On Jan. 26, the Whirlwinds dropped a close one to district-leading Post, 59-55.

### JAN. 23 – FLOYDADA 52, ABERNATHY 49

Floydada jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter, taking a 16-14 lead. In the second quarter, Abernathy outscored the Winds 17-11 to take the halftime lead, 31-27. The Whirlwinds came out in the third quarter, outscoring the Lopes 10-7 but Abernathy still held the lead after three quarters 38-37. In the fourth quarter, the Winds outscored Abernathy 15-11 to claim the 52-49 victory.

For Floydada, Remington Ricketts and Garrett Hobbs led the Whirlwinds with 17 points each, Marcus Perez had 12 points, Jerry Reyes had four points and Quincy Gonzales added two points.

For Abernathy, Bryson Daily led all scorers with 22 points, Miles Keith had 12 points, Joseph Sanchez had eight, Kole Kurklin had three and Ryan Sandoval and Gus Driver each had two points.



Courtesy Photo by Tony Ricketts

**The Floydada Whirlwinds outlasted the Abernathy Antelopes to claim a 52-49 District 4-2A victory. The Whirlwinds currently are tied for second with Abernathy and New Deal with 3-2 records. Post is in first with a 5-0 victory.**

Other district games: Post 50, New Deal 39 and Crosbyton 68, Ralls 38

### JAN. 26 – POST 59, FLOYDADA 55

No stats were available for this game.

Other district games: Abernathy 50, Crosbyton 29 and New Deal 85, Ralls 47.

District standings: Post 5-0, Floydada, Abernathy and New Deal 3-2, Crosbyton 1-4 and Ralls 0-6.

### JAN. 30 SCHEDULE

Floydada at Crosbyton, Ralls at Post and Abernathy at New Deal

### FEB. 2 SCHEDULE

New Deal at Floydada, Post at Crosbyton and Ralls at Abernathy

### FEB. 6 SCHEDULE

Floydada at Ralls, Abernathy at Post and Crosbyton at New Deal

## Lockney School Board extends Superintendent's contract

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Lockney Board of Trustees met in regular session on Jan. 22. During the meeting, the Board voted to extend the contract of Superintendent Jim Baum for one year at the current salary.

The Board also approved Lee Lewis Construction for Construction Manager At-Risk for renovation projects related to the bond projects. The Board heard presentations

from Lee Lewis Construction Henthorn Commercial Construction, Pharr and Company General Contractors and Teinert Commercial Building Services before the final vote.

Also approved during the meeting was the financial report including bills, tax collection and investments for \$5,597,373.45. The Board approved Amendment No. 2 to Limitation on Appraised Value Agreement between LISD and South Plains Wind Energy.

In other action, the Board

approved an interlocal agreement with Education Service Center Region 17 for fiber optic Internet network access. The Board also approved a renovation plan for the new ag facilities and authorized the Superintendent to expend expenses in excess of \$50,000.

The Board also called for a School Board Election for May 5, 2018 for Precincts 1 and 2 currently held by Charles Keaton and Mike Lass.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Feb. 22 at 7:00 PM.

## Lady Horns take two district games

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney Lady Horns swept their opponents this past week, defeating Olton 65-37 and Bovina 65-56. The two victories helped the Lady Horns claim one of the four playoff spots out of District 3-2A.

### JAN. 23 – LOCKNEY 65, OLTON 37

The Lady Horns jumped out to a 16-8 lead after the first quarter over the Olton Fillies. In the second quarter, the Lady Horns extended their lead, outscoring Olton 14-9 to take a 30-17 halftime lead. In the third quarter, Lockney outscored Olton 20-7 to stretch their lead to 50-24 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, the Lady Horns outscored the Fillies 15-13 to claim the 65-37 victory.

For Lockney, Madai Chavira scored 22 points to lead all scorers, Alyssa Barretero had 12 points, Yanelle Bernal had nine, Reagan Nuncio had seven, Nimsi Perez had five, Alma Mendez had four, Ryann Castillo, Bethany Salazar and Townlei Hernandez each had two points.

For Olton, Dominique Molina, Mackenzie Olivarez and Angel Abenta each scored eight points, Carolyne Sullivan and Winter Jimenez had four points each, Aaliyah Washington had three points and Alaviz Garza had two points.

Other district games: Sudan 46, Hale Center 20 and Farwell 47, Bovina 15.

### JAN. 26 – LOCKNEY 65, BOVINA 56

The Lady Horns and Bovina battled to a 22-22 tie after the first quarter. In the second quarter, Lockney took a 36-29 halftime lead after outscoring Bovina 14-7 in the quarter. In the third quarter, the Lady Horns outscored Bovina 15-13 to take a 51-42 third quarter lead. The two teams were even in the fourth quarter, 14-14, but the Lockney Lady Horns prevailed with a 65-56 victory.

For Lockney, Alyssa Barretero led all scorers with 28 points, Reagan Nuncio had 17, Madai Chavira had 3, Townlei Hernandez had two points and Yanelle Bernal had one point.

For Bovina, Kelsey Marquez had 23 points, Natalie Olvera had 19, Annaelle Ramirez had five, Tiffany Guerra had four, Meriam Rocha and Ireland Vela had two points each and Natalie Garcia had one point.

Other district games: Farwell 60, Hale Center 26 and no score was reported for Olton-Sudan.

District standings: Farwell 7-0, Sudan 5-1, Lockney 5-2, Bovina 2-5, Hale Center 1-6 and Olton 0-6. (The Sudan-Olton game from Jan. 26 is missing.)

### JAN. 30 SCHEDULE

Lockney at Hale Center, Olton at Bovina and Farwell at Sudan

### FEB. 2 SCHEDULE

Farwell at Lockney, Hale Center at Olton and Sudan at Bovina

### FEB. 6 SCHEDULE

Lockney at Sudan, Olton at Farwell and Bovina at Hale Center

## FISD gets construction update in Jan. meeting

TAX STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 2017			
TAX	CURRENT TAX LEVY	CURRENT COLLECTED	PERCENT COLLECTED
M&O	\$2,836,358.44	\$1,720,191.72	60.648%
I&S	\$1,039,998.18	\$630,737.02	
M&O COLLECTED THIS TIME LAST YEAR			\$1,835,527.37
I&S COLLECTED THIS TIME LAST YEAR			\$318,875.80
M&O ON 313 AGREEMENTS			\$936,000.04
I&S ON 313 AGREEMENTS			\$2,793,287.75
			\$721,656.02
			\$2,180,753.79
			77.100%
			78.071%

Courtesy graphic

Business Manager, Alicia Bice, presented the Tax Report and Cash Flow statement at the January school board meeting.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

At the monthly Floydada Independent School District board meeting, Dr. Gilbert Trevino recognized each school board member in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

In other board action, members received a report from the Stiles, Wallace & Associates on construction projects.

Eric Smith made the motion to amend the 2017-2018 budget.

Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Kay Brotherton made the motion for Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value between the District and South Plains Wind Energy, as presented, thereby modifying the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value dated December 8, 2014 and authorizing the Board President to execute the Amendment No. 2 on behalf of the District and to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code

or the Comptroller's related rules. Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to approve the purchase of lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10) all in the block seventy (70), in the town of Floyd County, Texas, as shown by the plat of such town of record in vol. 2-F, page 294, deed of records of Floyd County, Texas. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Gracie Diaz made the motion to approve Robinson, Johnson and Patton to conduct the financial audit for 2018-2019. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Kay Brotherton made the motion to approve the Annual Performance Report for 2016-2017 as presented by Dr. Gilbert Trevino. Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board adjourned into executive session for discussion of the Superintendent's 2017 evaluation and contract for July 1, 2018- June 30, 2021. (Closed Meeting Texas Government Code, Chapter 551-074) The open meeting was closed at 7:44 p.m. The closed meeting opened at 7:45 p.m. The closed meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The public meeting reopened at 8:13 p.m. Eric Smith made the motion to extend Dr. Trevino's contract (July 1, 2018- June 30, 2021) for an additional year with a 5% increase. Kay Brotherton seconded motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

## Lady Winds vs Abernathy



Courtesy Photo by Tony Ricketts

**The Floydada Lady Winds battled the Abernathy Lady Lopes on Jan. 23 at Floydada. The Lady Lopes prevailed 74-32 in the District 4-2A contest. The Lady Winds are currently in fourth place with a 2-5 record and Abernathy has clinched a playoff spot with a 7-0 record. New Deal and Post also clinched a playoff spot this past week.**

THANKS FOR READING!

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### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 5-9

Monday

**Breakfast** – Apple cinnamon muffin, fresh fruit selection, milk  
**Lunch** – Breaded beef fingers w/roll, cheeseburger, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast** – Breakfast sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Cheesy enchiladas w/Spanish rice, turkey & cheese sub, seasoned refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast** – Turkey pancake on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken noodle soup w/biscuit, cheeseburger, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

**Breakfast** – Breakfast sausage pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Crispy beef tacos w/Spanish rice, cheese pizza, Mexican pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

**Breakfast** – Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** – Chili cheese baked potato & biscuit, chicken sandwich, Buttered green peas, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

February 5-9

Monday, Feb. 5

**Breakfast** – Early Bird Sandwich or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch** – Enchiladas or Taquito, Queso, Charro Beans, Seasoned Corn, Salsa, Fruit, Fruit Crisp, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 6

**Breakfast** – Chicken-n-Biscuit or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Meatball Sub, Potato Rounds or Chili Cheese Combo, Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 7

**Breakfast** – Biscuit, Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Muffin, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 8

**Breakfast** – Pancake Wrap, Yogurt or Breakfast Crackers, Cheese, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Pizza Choice, Seasoned Corn or Fiesta Bowl, Red Bell Peppers, Tomato Cup, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Feb. 9

**Breakfast** – Biscuit, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** – Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Frito Pie, Cucumbers, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Cookie, Milk

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Basketball Standings for Lockney and Floydada

### Girls District 3-2A

Teams	W	L
Farwell	7	0
Sudan*	5	1
Lockney	5	2
Bovina	2	5
Hale Center	1	6
Olton*	0	6

**\*=Missing games**  
**Jan. 23 Results**  
 Lockney 65, Olton 37  
 Sudan 46, Hale Center 20  
 Farwell 47, Bovina 15

**Jan. 26 Results**  
 Lockney 65, Bovina 56  
 Olton vs Sudan = No Score  
 Farwell 60, Hale Center 26

**Jan. 30 Schedule**  
 Lockney at Hale Center  
 Olton at Bovina  
 Farwell at Sudan

**Feb. 2 Schedule**  
 Lockney vs Farwell  
 Olton vs Hale Center  
 Bovina vs Sudan

### Boys District 3-2A

Teams	W	L
Farwell	4	1
Hale Center	4	1
Bovina*	2	2
Hale Center*	2	2
Olton*	1	3
Sudan*	0	4

**\*=Missing games**  
**Jan. 23 Results**  
 Olton 60, Lockney 53  
 Hale Center 73, Sudan 34  
 Farwell 65, Bovina 37

**Jan. 26 Results**  
 Lockney at Bovina = No Score  
 Olton vs Sudan = No Score  
 Hale Center 38, Farwell 37

**Jan. 30 Schedule**  
 Lockney at Hale Center  
 Olton at Bovina  
 Farwell at Sudan

**Feb. 2 Schedule**  
 Lockney vs Farwell  
 Olton vs Hale Center  
 Bovina vs Sudan

### Girls District 4-2A

Teams	W	L
P=Abernathy	7	0
P=New Deal	5	2
P=Post	5	2
Floydada	2	5
Ralls	1	6
Crosbyton	1	6

**P=Playoff Spot**  
**Jan. 23 Results**  
 Abernathy 74, Floydada 32  
 Post 50, New Deal 44  
 Crosbyton 60, Ralls 56

**Jan. 26 Results**  
 Post 38, Floydada 24  
 Abernathy 66, Crosbyton 20  
 New Deal 71, Ralls 23

**Jan. 30 Schedule**  
 Floydada at Crosbyton  
 Ralls at Post  
 Abernathy at New Deal

**Feb. 2 Schedule**  
 Floydada vs New Deal  
 Crosbyton vs Post  
 Abernathy vs Ralls

### Boys District 4-2A

Teams	W	L
Post	5	0
Abernathy	3	2
Floydada	3	2
New Deal	3	2
Crosbyton	1	4
Ralls	0	6

**Jan. 23 Results**  
 Floydada 52, Abernathy 49  
 Post 50, New Deal 39  
 Crosbyton 68, Ralls 38

**Jan. 26 Results**  
 Post 59, Floydada 52  
 Abernathy 50, Crosbyton 29  
 New Deal 85, Ralls 47

**Jan. 30 Schedule**  
 Floydada at Crosbyton  
 Ralls at Post  
 Abernathy at New Deal

**Feb. 2 Schedule**  
 Floydada vs New Deal  
 Crosbyton vs Post  
 Abernathy vs Ralls

## Lockney Junior High and High School Honor Rolls

### Lockney Junior High A Honor Roll

**6th Grade**  
 Colby Guerrero  
 Nathan Hernandez  
 Brailey Kidd  
 Anyaleigh Tambunga  
**7th Grade**  
 Cristian Ascencio  
 Thalia Ascencio  
 Hailey Aull  
 Madison Johnson  
 Lexi Morgan  
 Mijoy Pedroza  
 Arlen St Dennis  
 Bree'Anna Williams

### Lockney Junior High A/B Honor Roll

**6th Grade**  
 Josiah Ascencio  
 Samantha Blair  
 Saylee Diepenhorst  
 Adaliyah Jones  
 Jisiah Lara  
 Elayna Morales  
 Caden Pritchard  
 Ashley Reyes  
 Jennifer Sanchez

Aubree Urrutia  
 Eliana Vasquez  
**7th Grade**  
 Britney Ascencio  
 Senayda Bernal  
 Abran Castillo  
 Eddy Chavira  
 Johnathan Cienfuegos  
 Mikaela Galindo  
 Christian Gomez  
 Annalicia Hernandez  
 Shayla Martinez  
 Yasmin Naranjo  
 Elijah Sotogonzalez  
 Adriana Villareal  
 Deacon Widener  
**8th Grade**  
 Nathan Cenicerros  
 Gabriella Cervantes  
 Hunter Flick  
 Damion Gonzales  
 Quinten Johnson  
 Pablo Morales  
 J'Ann Pena  
 Caleb Pritchard  
 Austin Rodriguez  
 Brianna Rodriguez

### Lockney High School A Honor Roll

**9th Grade**  
 RyAnn Castillo  
 Kalebh Cook  
 Hunter Lefevre  
**10th Grade**  
 Anahi Ascencio  
 Felipe Azua  
**11th Grade**  
 Liborio Ascencio  
 Maykala Hernandez  
 Bryson Walker  
**12th Grade**  
 Alyssa Barretero  
 Ricky Cuellar  
 Jose Gonzales  
 Aleah Jimenez  
 Bethany Salazar

Cole Poole  
 Cristal Sanchez  
**10th Grade**  
 Madai Chavira  
 Tatyanna Cienfuegos  
 Jerry Franklin  
 Emily Longoria  
 Kaylee McInvale  
 Clay Moore  
 Brett Moore  
 Tyra Rosales  
 Jayden Sustaita  
 Mikayela Williams  
**11th grade**  
 Tyrell Egnew  
 Angel Felan  
 Sierra Landeros  
 Gissel San Martin  
**12th Grade**  
 Jasmine Cuba  
 Israel Cuellar  
 Shawn Marquez  
 Alma Mendez  
 Austen Rexrode  
 Nohelia Salazar  
 Karina Torres

### Lockney High School A/B Honor Roll

**9th Grade**  
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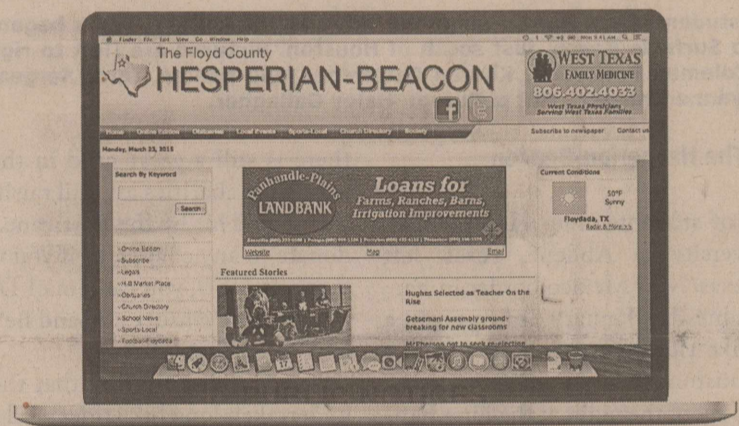
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# Demo of RC Andrews Elementary School



Photos by Deon Fincher

The demolition of RC Andrews Elementary began Monday, January 22. Garrett Demolition is the name on all of the equipment and trucks. Pictures shown were taken on Tuesday, Jan. 23 and are from the west side of the school. Building of the new high school, junior high school and football field should begin in March.



## Bicycling from Farwell to the Coast for Hurricane Harvey Relief



Courtesy Photo

A group of students from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas began a 700-mile bike ride to Surfside Beach, just south of Houston. Pictured are (left to right) Mitchell Wolf, Dr. Coleman Patterson, Kirsten Patterson, Kyle Keeter, Terry Sergeant, Jessyca Krueger, Ryanne Krueger. Not pictured: Haley Gallagher.

### Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

A group of students from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, left from the Texas/New Mexico border in Farwell on Wednesday, January 3rd to begin a 700-mile bike ride to Surfside Beach, just south of Houston.

The group spent the night at the First Baptist Church here in Lockney after their first day's ride. They were hosted by Terry and Zelda Ellison and Oliver and Lenda Clark. While in Lockney, they visited our school gym facility and the D&J cotton gin.

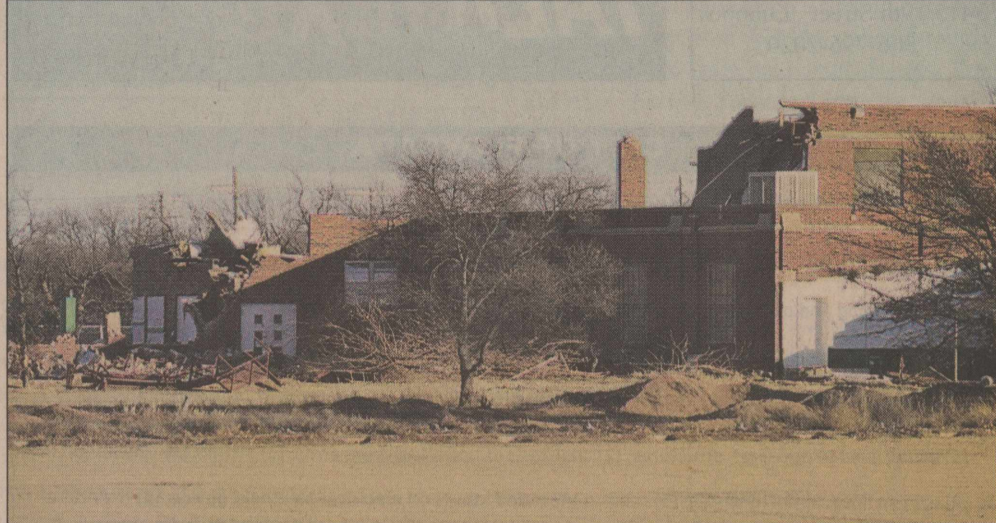
All the students on the ride are in the Leadership Studies Program at Hardin-Simmons University which is directed by Dr. Coleman Patterson. The group was accompanied by a couple of other riders as well. Patterson said the goal of the bike ride is to raise awareness and funds for ongoing Hurricane Harvey relief. He said that

there is still a great need in the gulf coast and many charities are still raising funds for the people hit by the hurricane. People can donate to any charity, or if you want to give through HSU, you can email Dr. Patterson at colemanP@hsutx.edu and he can tell you how to do that.

This is the sixth time that the group has undertaken long bike rides, and their fourth to ride across Texas. Several years ago they rode from Mexico to Canada by bike. Patterson said this is their first time to ride south across the state, and their first time to ride in the winter, which, he joked, sounded a lot better in September.

The group reached Surfside Beach on January 10th.

The students in the group with Dr. Patterson were Kirsten Patterson, Haley Gallagher, Jessyca Krueger, Ryanne Krueger, and Mitchell Wolf. Accompanying the group were Kyle Keeter and Terry Sergeant.



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a real opportunity for us," he said. He lost his leg in a workplace accident, and had had another job, but it involved too much walking. Being the owner of Tina's Place has been the perfect solution. Tino does the cooking and running of the shop, and Rachel handles the books and the business side in her spare time. Her regular job is at H&R Block.

"We've never run a business," Tino said, "but it's been awesome. We've learned a lot. We had to win some people

back, you know. Some customers were used to how it was, but I think they like the new things we're doing, too."

On the weekends, they offer menudo and barbacoa by the pound.

"We like to give back to the community," Tino said. "A lot of times when we have leftover food, I give to groups that need it."

As for what's next—you may have noticed the freshly painted building and signage—, Tino said, "I'm still thinking about how to expand out."

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Kiana Brown, eco team; Garrett Hobbs, Jose Lira, Azalea Garza and Gabe de la Fuente, small business mgt team.

Third place went to Kiarra Collins, advanced spreadsheet; Gabe de La Fuente, spreadsheet; Lexie Ramos, word processing; Yelena Serrato, pc servicing; Marissa Valdivia, digital publishing; Izel Pacheco, personal finance; and Alejandro Pinon, computer security.

Fourth place went to Kiana Brown, word processing; and Javier Olvera, database.

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