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UIL announces new districts for Texas schools

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – Realignment is the biennial exercise by the University Interscholastic League to adjust classifications, divisions and districts for over 1200 schools across the state of Texas. On Thursday, Feb. 1, the new district assignments were released for football, basketball and volleyball. Other sports and academic districts will be re-release around spring break.

For Floydada in football, nothing much changed except that Abernathy moved up to 3A-Division 2 which allowed the UIL to move Post back to play with South Plains schools by replacing Abernathy in District 2-2A-D1. District 2-2A-D1 will consist of Floydada, New Deal, Hale Center, Olton, Sundown and Post.

“Football realignment went as we thought with Abernathy leaving and Post coming in to take their place,” Coach Todd Bandy said. “There was some speculation that Post might go south again and leave us with a five-team district but that didn’t happen. The football district will again be very competitive each week.”

For Lockney in football, it was a surprise realignment as Lockney moves back south, away from Clarendon, Memphis and Wellington. Lockney, along with Crosbyton and Ralls, have been assigned to District 4-2A-D1 along with Smyer, Tahoka and New Home.

“It was a total shock as far as football,” Athletic Director Malcom Moerbe said.

Floydada will have non-district games against Seagraves, Tulia, Lockney, River Road and Roosevelt. Lockney will have non-district games against Clarendon, Seagraves, Floydada, Hale Center and Olton. Football schedules will not be official until the appeals process for the UIL is complete on Feb. 20 then on Feb. 21, schools can officially sign non-district contracts.

As for basketball, Lockney and Floydada will be in the same district, District 4-2A along with Hale Center, New Deal, Post and Ralls.

Around the area, there will be many new opponents in district play. In Class 5A, the UIL pre-split the divisions just like 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Plainview was assigned to District 3-5A-2 along with Abilene Wylie, Canyon Randall, Lubbock Cooper, Wichita Falls High and Wichita Falls Rider. In basketball, Plainview will be with Amarillo, Caprock, See **UIL**, Page 10

Darty, McCoy Gins hit records for this year’s cotton



By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Many of Floyd County’s gins have finished with the 2017 cotton crop.

Two of them—Darty Gin of Dougherty and McCoy Gin of Floydada—report record ginning.

According to Denise Purcell of Darty Gin, they hit an all-time this year with 30,626 bales, their first time ever to surpass the 30,000 mark.

McCoy Gin set a record this year as well. According to Patti

Lowrance, McCoy ginned 28,393 bales and a typical year for them would be 26,000.

Lockney Co-op ginned 39,179 bales which they described as a good year. Barwise said their 17,117 was a normal year for them.

D&J Gin in Lockney appeared to be finished at press time Monday afternoon, but no one was available for a comment.

Floydada Co-op Gin still has about a week’s worth of ginning left, and so far, they have ginned 119,480 bales.



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney area gins have finished the 2017 cotton crop. Floydada Co-Op reports having about a week’s worth of cotton still to be ginned on the yard. Two area gins reported a record year.

FLOYD COUNTY BURN BAN

Floyd County Burn Ban in effect

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney’s incumbent mayor Archie Jones has a challenger in the May 5 election. Joe Smith of Lockney has registered as a candidate for the position. The deadline to file for Lockney city council candidates is February 16.

Other candidates for city council include David Cole who has signed up to run for District 4. The incumbent for District 4 is George Villareal who has not yet filed for re-

election.

District 5 is also on the ballot, but no one, including incumbent Tyler Duniwen, has filed for this position at press time Monday afternoon.

In Floydada, the Floydada City Council will have four positions on the ballot—At Large, currently held by Sam Green; At Large Corey Speed; District 1 Bettye King; and District 4 Gail DuBois.

Last week, Tanner Battley with the Floydada Co-Op Gin filed to run for an at-large position.

City council races attract new candidates

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On January 22, in a specially called meeting for the annual audit, Floyd County Commissioners Court also approved a burn ban effective February 1.

Actions prohibited by the burn ban include the burning of any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, and that enclosure should be enclosed on all sides and have a cover. The cover should be of construction to prevent most debris from escaping it.

A person violates this order if while burning they do not possess a means for extinguishing a fire, including a fire extinguisher or an amount of water to extinguish a fire that is a foreseeable result of the intended burning.

The order does not apply to outdoor burning

activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or for 1) firefighter training; 2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; 3) planting or harvesting of crops; 4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn or 5) or with prior approval of the Floyd County judge.

Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning in violation of the ban, the local fire department shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain/extinguish the fire.

An offense based on a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$500.

The fire ban order will end 90 days from the day after it goes into effect, depending upon fire risk conditions at the time.

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.

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LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

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Correction

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

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THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

GEORGE THOMAS ASSITER

By Mrs. Darlene Fulton

George Thomas Assiter was a native of Lee County, Texas. His father, John Assiter, came to America in 1855 from England when he was twelve years old. His mother, Mary Lowry, was born in Alabama. He married Miss Dulon Gresham in Thorndale, Texas, on February 28, 1894. Miss Gresham's father, G. W. Gresham, was born November 12, 1846, and died August 11, 1894. Her mother, Ira A. Gresham, was born November 24, 1851, and died February 17, 1901. George Thomas's parents, John and Mary Assiter, lived in the Starkey Community until their deaths.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas Assiter came to Floyd County in September of 1907 from Jones County. Traveling with them were their four children, Ellwood, 12; twin daughters Mamie and Myrtle, 9; Harvey, 7. Mr. Assiter's brother Henry; and his parents, John and Mary. They came in three wagons and a hack, bringing

everything they owned, including a herd of cattle and horses. Mr. Assiter would not travel on Sunday, so they would rest wherever they were on Sunday. They settled 12 miles south of Floydada near the Crosby County line. Their daughter, Georgia Lee, and son L. V. were born there. Mr. Assiter was one of the first exponents of cotton as a crop suited to the land and climate of the south plains. He built the first cotton gin at McCoy. He also operated a gin at Estacado in Crosby County. The Assiters were charter members of the Cone Methodist Church. They moved to Floydada in 1921. When G. T. died in 1950, and Dulon in 1951, they had 15 grandchildren.

Their son, Elwood and his wife Annie George, lived on the home place. Mamie, and her husband, John R. Gray, operated the McCoy Gin, and later Scott Gin in Floydada. Myrtle, and her husband, Luke Sargent, farmed a few miles north. Their son, Harvey was a cotton buyer, married Mildred Alford and lived in Lubbock.

Georgia Lee married Olin Bryant, and they farmed several miles west of the home place in the Starkey Community. Their youngest son, L. V. married Addie A. Barker. He is an architect and lives near Chicago, Illinois. Grandchildren are George Elwood Assiter of Lubbock, Tommy Ray Assiter of Floydada, Teddy Earl Assiter of El Paso, Mrs. L. T. Hickerson (Wanda) of Floydada, Mrs. Leiad (Almeda) Woodward of Graham, Miss Dulan Sargent of Clearlake Highlands, California, Mrs. Dick (Jona) Thornton of Lubbock, Mrs. E. C. (Myrtis) Cope of Sobol, Oklahoma, Mrs. Bill (Darlene) Fulton of Floydada, Mrs. Ronnie (Amy) Russell of Plano, Mrs. Alice Gaither of Fort Worth, Stephen H. Assiter of Weatherford, Mrs. Tommy (Sandra) Shaw of McKinney and Stephen L. Assiter of Libertyville, Illinois. One granddaughter, Frances Nell Gray died at birth. There are now 22 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren. Of the two things I value most that belonged to my grandparents, one is a small calendar dated 1894 on which my grandmother had written "given to me by Tommie before we were married" and their family Bible which both read faithfully.

School board races uncontested so far

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

At press time (Monday) no incumbent had drawn a challenger in the elections for Floydada and Lockney school board races.

Candidates wishing to file for positions on their

respective school boards in Floyd County can file at their school district offices until Friday, Feb. 16 for the election that will be held Saturday, May 5.

The Lockney Independent School District will have two three-year positions up for election this year—place

2, occupied by Mike Glass, and Place 2, occupied by Charles Keaton.

For the Floydada Independent School District the District 1 position currently held by Roger Hughes and the District 2 position currently held by Dr. William Dean will be on the ballot.

Lockney Senior Citizens board to hold Board member election

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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.



About Town . . .

By: Deon Fincher

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The flu moved into our house last week, much as it has to so many families in our community. Needless to say, I've lost a little weight, and Terry is thinking twice about eating pork chops for a while.

After four days in quarantine—primarily, to keep my germs to myself—I emerged from my house to run a few errands. I needed to check-in with my employer, drop some things off at the post office, and get some fuel. I headed downtown.

Approaching the light at Main and California, my eyes were drawn to Payne's window, brightly decorated with All-Things Val-

entine's Day. OMG!! It's already February 2018!

As I pressed the accelerator and moved through the light, I looked around at my surroundings. California Street seems to have gotten busy these days. No doubt, most of you have driven by to see the on-going construction in the Hale Building. Double B Design Build Construction is getting framed in, and as soon as that company gets a bit more settled, Route 66 Pizza construction will begin in earnest.

I would love to see some more businesses coming to downtown. A few of the buildings are empty, all of them need some repairs... and yet, there are immense opportunities in those "Downtown

Square" properties. What has changed in this new year from past years?

Support. Yes—support. Whether you want to see it or not, there is a buzz of activity going on in the heart of Floydada. If you are an entrepreneur considering making your dream come true, the downtown area is calling to you. Understand, you are not alone. There are individuals eager and willing to help you get into a property, start your business, and become a driving force in our community.

Take action. Tell others. Make your dream known. Accept guidance. Welcome help. Plant your future, here, and be an active part of this stronger Floydada.

One more thought...Denise Payne, you are to be commended. Payne Pharmacy always looks meticulous. From the paint outside, to the timely holiday decorations in the windows, the upkeep

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dewey reached up to straighten his tie and stuck a finger up a nostril by mistake. Here he was, on the most

momentous evening of his life and he couldn't do one little thing right. Tie a tie. Every 9-year-old boy getting ready for church could do it, but not Dewey.

He cursed his awkwardness and inability to do anything short of causing a disaster. How many guys are there who could actually put a black baldy cow in a treetop? Just him. No... Dewey, our pharaoh of fertilizer because he could shovel it into a pickup without killing himself, was uniquely qualified in the clumsy department.

But he smiled as he thought of how he and Emily first shared a kiss because Dewey had tripped on a tree root and fell on her, and how they had been fastened together on the ground by a fishing fly Marvin had tied for him to aid in his pursuit of the lady with the lovely cheekbones. Stonefly nymph on a number six.

Dewey had taken two showers this evening to expunge any lingering "product" and had a corsage all ready. Tonight's the night. Yes, tonight he was going to pop the question. Tonight. Over dinner at the Italian place, where they'd had their first date.

Emily was radiantly beauti-

The 501: Door Hanging for Spouses

If the word scares you, consider yourself diagnosed. If a marriage can survive hanging a door, that's about as good as it gets.

That's not to mention the two-spouse vehicle towing exercise (no matter who drives and who gets towed) and laying out a straight line for a fence per disagreeing pairs of eyeballs.

Back to the hanging.

If you and your spouse plan to hang a door, get a pre-hung door. Then, when the project doesn't go smoothly, you blame the manufacturer. That's what we did.

The aluminum threshold protruded farther on one side than the other. Hugh fixed it. The frame was a sixteenth-inch narrower at the top than the bottom. He didn't fix it. The workmanship was careless top to bottom, jamb to jamb, unless you overlook crooked screws and misguided staples. We moaned.

I was prepared to slam (unintentional pun) the work ethic of an entire race or country, both my own included. But the door and frame carried no label proclaiming the place of origin. I looked online and learned from the company website that everything started in Iowa and now the operation is worldwide.

Before I had time to zero in on which plant produces the sorry doorframes, my husband beckoned me to put down my phone and help him steady the one we'd bought.

Sometimes it's time to quit griping.

Ultimately we got the troublesome thing installed, and—surprise—it worked pretty well. The door swings. It shuts. Everything's plumb. I was almost disappointed.

In a storage box labeled "DOOR HARDWARE" we found a deadbolt to install in the pre-cut hole.

If there's a key to a happy marriage, may I say that nothing beats finding one that fits an old lock you just installed in a door you just hung, unless it's finding two. I found two.

We stood back and admired our door, but the thrill was gone. No common struggle animated our togetherness. We shared a Gatorade. I don't like Gatorade.

There was nothing left to do but celebrate by eating out, especially since the cupboard was bare.

If the farm pickup hadn't been almost out of diesel (the fault of the carpenter's helper), the 13-mile journey to the nearest hamburger joint-service station would have been routine. But when the main spouse (that's Hugh) doesn't like to run low on fuel, running low on fuel adds an element of tension to travel. I prefer to think of it as excitement.

The first thing we noticed when we wheeled into the station was plastic bags on all fuel pump handles. Oops. No diesel. More tension. More excitement.

We drove on, galvanized, at one with the truck as if willing it to make it the next ten miles to true civilization. Nope, my husband just doesn't savvy driving with that little fuel light on. Life on the edge.

We made it. We got diesel and food, hooray.

Before we left town, Hugh bought one of those double Snicker bars. He gave me half.

That's not just a door-hanging marriage. That's love.

ful in her yellow dress, which set off her outstanding cheekbones better than a Hollywood camera. They took a small table off to one side and ordered a bottle of wine.

"Emily," he said, "I have to ask you something."

"Yes, Honey?"

"Will you..."

As he leaned forward, so

did his glass of wine, and her glass of wine, and the table. He helped her up and saw the damage to her dress and she asked to go home and change.

What right would he have to ask her to stomach a lifetime of his little fatalities?

He'd have to think about that.

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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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 12 – 16

Monday – Chili & cornbread
Tuesday – Chicken gumbo

Wednesday – BBQ on bun
Thursday – Roast beef w/ gravy

Friday – Fish fry

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
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Friday – Pulled pork

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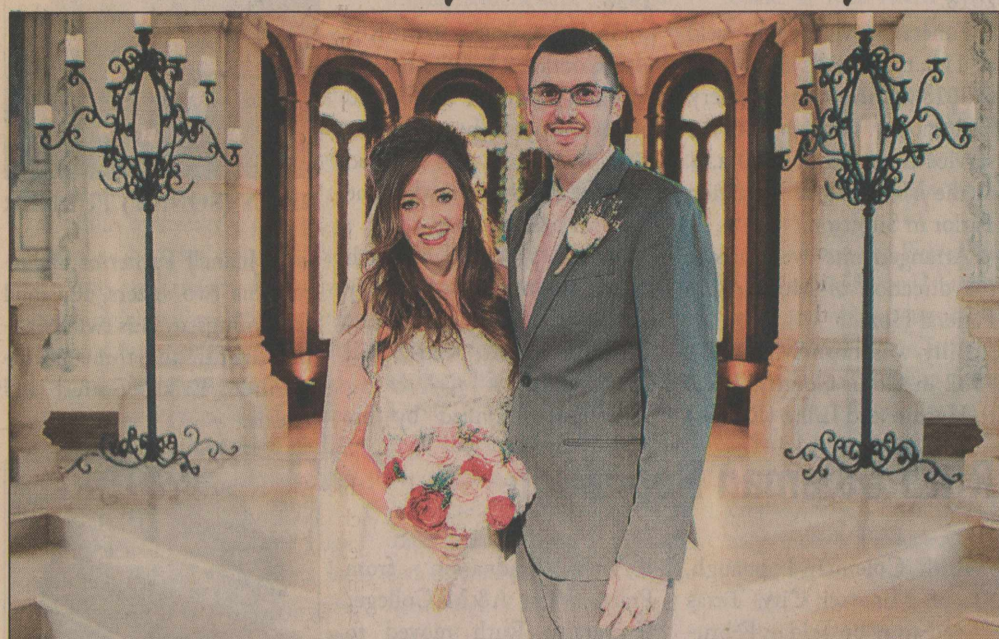


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Griffin and Howard United in Picturesque Ceremony



MR. AND MRS. JACK HAMILTON HOWARD
(nee Emily Ruth Griffin)

The romantic setting of the Bella Donna Chapel, situated on its own small island in McKinney, Texas, was the site of vows exchanged between Emily Ruth Griffin and Jack Hamilton Howard, both formerly of Wichita, Kansas. The wedding ceremony took place on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon, September 17, 2017, at 4:30.

Emily is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Randall Griffin of Floydada, Texas. She is a 2008 graduate of Floydada High School and went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications, specializing in Radio and Television from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Jack, formerly of Lenoir, North Carolina, is the son of William and Denise Howard of Bluffton, South Carolina. Jack earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Peace, War and Defense from UNC-Chapel Hill and a Master of Science degree in Applied Intelligence from Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Accessed only by a footbridge, the wedding guests entered the chapel through castle-like doors to the sound of ethereal music being played by harpist Cindy Horstman and guitarist Michael Medina. The classical music selections added to the holy and serene atmosphere under the perfectly acoustic domed ancient fresco painted ceiling and walls. Drew Burnham and Joshua Oden, cousins of the bride, served as doormen and ushers to seat the guests on the antique wooden pews imported from Italy. As the bridal party was preparing for their entrance, the guests were entranced with the mesmerizing view of the reflective sunlight peering through the large chapel windows from the water surrounding the island. The bride was sweetly attended by her bridesmaids, Jennifer Leatherman Emert, a lifelong friend, and other dear friends, Viri Diaz and Devon Fasbinder. Emily's devoted sisters, Rachel Griffin Brown and Hannah Griffin served as her Matron of Honor and Maid of Honor. The bride's party wore light gray floor length dresses each of a different design and carried matching bouquets with ivory colored flowers with lace wrapped stems.

Standing beside the groom as best man was Jack's brother, Ross Howard. Jack's groomsmen were his close friends Alex Haney, Bryan Tuttle, Jon Easton and Frazer Hinman. Jack and his attendants wore light gray tailored suits with small ivory flowered boutonnières with dried greenery accents.

The groom escorted his mother, Jackie Reynolds, into the chapel, and Gayla Griffin, Mother of the Bride, was escorted by her father, the bride's grandfather, Dr. Ray Burnham.

Emily's gown was designed by Tony Bowles for Mon Cheri Bridals and featured a strapless neckline, corset style bodice and a slim pencil skirt with a slight

mermaid flair. The applique fabric was embroidered and beaded tulle with Chantilly lace on the bodice and hem, which was accented by beaded organza petals throughout the bodice and skirt. The chapel train was accented with Chantilly lace and beaded organza petals to add drama to her stunning and one-of-a-kind original gown. To complement the gown, the bride wore a fingertip length sheer veil with a scattered design of Austrian crystals on the bordering edges of the veil. She carried a bouquet made of ivory flowers lightly accented with colors of burgundy and soft gray tones uniquely designed using repurposed paper and wood products. Her bridal bouquet was draped with a lace wrap and a handkerchief belonging to her late maternal great, great grandmother.

Emily was escorted through the Italian deeply carved wooden doors and down the aisle by her father, Dr. Randall Griffin, toward her awaiting groom at the altar.

The service was officiated by the bride's former family pastor, Bro. Tim Franks of Iowa Park, Texas. The ceremony was highlighted with an acapella duet of "The Lord's Prayer" from the balcony high above the travertine floors, stone walls and columns of the sanctuary down below. Vocalists, Sydney Rieff and Andra Shugart, family friends of the bride, added their rich yet tender harmonies to the quiet and profoundly moving service.

As Emily and Jack were reciting their vows to each other, and as if queued by God, two gray doves quietly came and rested in a small beveled stained glass window above the altar where the couple stood. It was a sight to behold as these calm and curious birds were witnesses as well to this glorious occasion. After exchanging vows and rings and after the pronouncement, the bride and groom were joined by their guests on the terrace to announce their happy union by ringing the wedding bell together by pulling the rope that was attached to the large heavy bell situated high in the steeple tower. The sounding of the bell is an age-old tradition and is a sign to the nearby Adriatica villagers that a new couple had been joined in holy matrimony.

Following the ceremony, a wedding reception was held at the Historic Grand Hotel Ballroom in nearby downtown McKinney. Round tables were dressed with white linens and silver charger plates and the table centerpieces were crystal candelabras and lighted crystal vases of ivory colored flower arrangements of similar design as the bridal and attendants' bouquets. Guests were seated in the multi-chandeliered ballroom and were served hors d'oeuvres of chilled shrimp with cocktail sauce in mini cordial glasses, twice baked miniature red potatoes, specialty deviled eggs topped with Texas pecans, caramelized onion/pickled red onion and chives. A multi coursed plated dinner

was served that included Caesar salad, romaine wedges with buttered bread crumbs and parmesan reggiano. Pan seared Tuscan chicken with prosciutto butter caper sauce, or pan seared salmon with roasted tomato vinaigrette were entrée choices, all served with garlic green beans and garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables. One of the groom's favorite desserts - homemade miniature pecan pies drizzled with fine chocolate - were served, and before cutting and serving the delectable four-tiered wedding cake of white and chocolate flavors, Emily and Jack were treated to special speeches given by the Best Man and the Maid and Matron of Honor. The loving sisters of the bride began their speech when it was suddenly interrupted by a "Breaking News" report via video. Since their sister, Emily, had been a news anchor in the Amarillo, Texas, and Wichita, Kansas, areas, they surprised her and delivered their "speech" (a pre-recorded video) in the form of a news story reporting at a news desk, that also included a "Whether" map segment. Since Emily and Jack grew up in different states and met in yet another state, the "Whether" girl indicated with her pointer stick on the U.S. map that "whether" they were in Texas, Kansas or North Carolina, their love would endure no matter where they lived. And, as Emily's sisters concluded the news report, they wished the newlyweds much happiness in their lives but were not hesitant to mention they hoped they would find their way back to Texas one day.

As the dreamlike and celebratory evening was coming to an end, and as Emily and Jack hurried away to change clothes and gather their personal belongings, the guests gathered outside lining the street and sidewalk. Emily exited wearing a white fitted mini dress with a long flowing lace cape attached at the shoulders. Jack sported a crisp white shirt and khaki trousers as he escorted his new bride outside. To the jubilant crowd waving flashing fiber optic wands in the dark to light the path, Jack gave Emily a large romantic dip and went in for the kiss. Hand in hand they made their dash through the crowd who were waving and shouting one last goodbye to the happy couple. The mothers got one final hug before their children entered the stretch limousine waiting to whisk them away, and those proud mothers, with the best of friends by their side, watched that limo until it was out of sight.

Presently, the new Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howard reside in Huntersville, North Carolina after enjoying an exciting and wonderful honeymoon at Maroma Beach in Mexico. Emily is currently employed as a Digital Content Producer in the Communications Department at the corporate headquarters of Lowe's (Home Improvement) Companies, Inc. Jack is a Corporate Security Intelligence Analyst with Wells Fargo.

Griffin and Kirk to marry

It is with great pleasure that Randall and Gayla Griffin of Floydada announce the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Griffin to Taylor Kirk, son of Terry and Martha Kirk of Crosbyton, Texas. Hannah, a 2012 graduate of Floydada High School, received an Associates Degree in Radiologic Technology from Covenant School of Radiology. She is currently employed by University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas, as an Interventional Radiologic Technologist.

Taylor graduated from Idalou High School in 2011 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech in 2015. Taylor has been and is currently involved in the family farming operation in Crosby County.

The wedding will be May 5, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Floydada.



HANNAH GRIFFIN AND TAYLOR KIRK

Business of the Month



Courtesy photo
The Floydada Chamber of Commerce congratulates Cathy's Floral & Gifts as the February Business of the Month. Shown are: Cathy Gramham and Cal Rodgers

Lockney's Rotary newest member gives program on Pet Partners

By Joseph Tillery
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Alyssa McCarter, CFO at WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital, presented to Rotary of Lockney, her dog Rumour. Rumour is a 5 year old St. Bernard and together, he and Alyssa are a Pet Partners Therapy Team.

At Rotary, she explained that Pet Therapy has many benefits including physiological such as reduced blood pressure, lower heart rates, and even decreased anxiety, lowered pain levels, and decreased stress. She also explained the difference in service animals versus therapy dogs. Therapy dogs are not automatically granted public access and can benefit many people. Service animals do have public access and focus on one person.

Alyssa originally moved to Lockney (from Corpus Christi) to work for Cargill and after becoming engaged to her now husband, she ended up working for WJ. Mangold Memorial Hospital where she is now the CFO.

She and her husband, Dahlen McCarter, have two young sons and enjoy



the small town feel. Alyssa has been a Therapy Dog handler for over 8 years with two different companies. She has donated over 500 hours of her time to Therapy work and currently has two reg-

istered Therapy Dogs. In those years, she has seen the many benefits Pet Therapy brings to not only patients, but also to the staff of the facilities she has visited.
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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Vera Jo Rogers Bybee

Vera Jo Rogers Bybee passed away February 2, 2018 at the age of 87.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m., Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2018 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements are under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Vera Jo was born November 10, 1930 to Joe Rogers and Vera Thomas Rogers and graduated from Lockney High School in 1948 with honors. She attended Texas Tech in Lubbock and Lipscomb Business College in Plainview.

On January 20, 1950, Vera Jo married Donnie Gene Bybee at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney, Texas and she was a lifelong member of that church. Some of Vera Jo's favorite past time were square dancing, dancing the two step and waltzing with husband Donnie. She also enjoyed playing Bridge and 42 and writing a news column in the Lockney

Beacon. In fact, she wrote this obituary and made sure her children had it along with the photo she wanted used.

Another love of Vera Jo's was doing family research. She was a member of Mary McBain's Genealogy Society in Plainview and Buffalo Grass Society in Floyd County. Vera Jo was proud of her 18 Revolutionary ancestors.

Some of her most treasured memories were when she watched her children and grandchildren in their activities.

Vera Jo was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Vera Rogers, her husband, Donnie Bybee and a sister, Oddie Probasco and a son in law, Gary Faries.

She is survived by daughter, Dara Faries of Decatur, son, Louie Bybee and wife, Cynthia of Plainview, and daughter, Becky McPherson and husband, Steve of Lockney, six grandchildren, Kara Faries Womble and husband, Robert, Clint Faries and wife, Millie, Bryan Bybee, Tyler Bybee and wife, Amy, Matt McPherson and wife, Megan and JW McPherson and



VERA JO ROGERS BYBEE

wife, Stephanie, and nine great-grandchildren, Kitson and Kalla Womble, Irelyn and Whitton Faries, Jay Bybee, Payce, Elle, Kennedy and Erin McPherson. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Our mom was full of life and never made anyone guess about what she was thinking. She has thrown that hated walker away and is dancing all over heaven with our dad. We thank the Lord for allowing us to have her as a mother and grandmother and great grandmother. She was so ready to be reunited with her beloved husband, Donnie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lockney Senior Citizen or a charity of your choice.

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

Billy (Sonny) Turner

Billy (Sonny) Turner, age 85, of Silverton, passed from this life on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Silverton Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the service from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at the Moore-Rose Visitation Parlor in Silverton.

Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

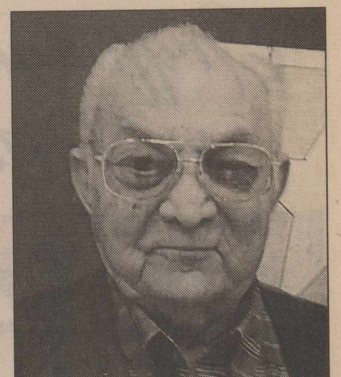
Billy was born March 14, 1932 in Colin County, Texas to Hardin and Lillie (Riddle)

Turner. Billy attended school in Lockney. He married Juanell Russell on June 26, 1958.

He was in combat in the Korean Conflict where he honorably served the in the United States Army. Billy worked as a welder and he was a proud resident of Silverton where he lived for over 57 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Gary Turner and his five brothers, Clifford, W.A., Carl, Bill and C.L.

Billy is survived by his



BILLY (SONNY) TURNER

wife, Juanell Turner of Silverton, his two sisters, Ravanell Cumings and his twin Maxine Griffith and three grandchildren, Erika, Garrett and Alexis.

Ruth Coleman Popnaugh

Ruth Coleman Popnaugh, 91, of Missouri City, Texas passed away on Friday, February 3, 2018.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 11 a.m., at Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church, 1801 North Hughes Street, Amarillo, Texas, followed by a Home Going Celebration of Mrs. Popnaugh's life at 1 p.m., Reverend Steven R. Martin, Officiating Minister.

Arrangements are entrusted to McCoy and Harrison Funeral Home of Houston, Texas and Warford-Walker Mortuary, 509 North Hughes Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Popnaugh was born on February 12, 1926, in Oakwood, Freestone County, Texas to Bearie Rauls Coleman and T. J. Coleman, Senior. Her parents moved to Floyd County, Texas, where she attended and graduated from high school in Floydada, Texas.

After graduation from Prairie View A&M College/University, Ruth moved to Amarillo, Texas, where she met and married Claude Popnaugh (Army Sergeant First Class), on March 7, 1949.

Both Ruth and Claude were members of Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church, in Amarillo, Texas. His parents were the late Reverend and Mrs. J. W. Wade, pastor of Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church. Having strong ties to military families, Ruth and Claude worshipped at military-based chapels, including the Kirtland Air Force Base Chapel, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

After completing first duty and several United States Army deployments, Ruth and her husband boarded the USNS General Alexander M. Patch (T-AP1221), on August 25, 1953, sailing from New York bound for the port of Bremerhaven, Germany. This was the beginning



RUTH COLEMAN POPNAUGH

of their overseas deployment that consisted of three years in Germany and six years in France. She travelled extensively throughout major cities of interest in Europe, and especially France, immersing herself in its cultures and languages. She learned to communicate fluently in French.

After 23 years of military service, her husband retired; and they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ruth remained in Albuquerque after her husband's passing for over 53 years.

Ruth earned a Bachelor of Science **OBITS**, Page 10

Jerry Allen Cawley

Jerry Allen Cawley, 77, of Lockney, passed from this life on Friday, February 2, 2018.

Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Visitation was held from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2018 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose

Funeral Home of Lockney.

Jerry was born November 23, 1940 to John and Ivy Ella Cawley in Plainview, Texas. They moved late to Lubbock and he graduated from Lubbock High.

Jerry married Barbara Foster on January 26, 1963 and moved to Lone Star Community where he was engaged in farming. After he retired, he worked for the U.S. Postal service in Lockney. He

served in the U.S. Army and was also a Mason.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Lane and one sister, Sarah Rogers.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, son Gary, granddaughters, Jordan Fisher (Zach), Sierra Cawley, Zoe Cawley and Kelly Cawley; half-sisters, Latrell Rozell and Mary Alice; four step-brothers; and nieces and nephews

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Great Commission

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. —Mark 16:15 (NIV)

My wife and I sit in our sunroom every morning and watch the birds feed at our strategically placed birdfeeders. One day I noticed a blackbird that had the brightest red color on his body, but most of the red was covered by his wings. You could see the bright red feathers only when he spread his wings to fly. When he sat still, he looked like just another blackbird.

That made me think. When I, as a Christian, stand still and do not follow God's call, I am just another person living

in a sinful world. By not inviting others to join my church family, I fail to show the world the beautiful fellowship that God inspires in believers. In today's reading, Jesus told his disciples to go and proclaim the gospel throughout all the world. This same commandment applies to all of us. God created birds to fly and us to glorify God and spread the good news. Living in this way brings out the beauty and the best in each of us. —Charles "Greg" Eary (West Virginia)

Prayer for the day: Dear Father, help us to glorify you and spread your good news to the world. Amen.

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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. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.</p> | <p>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 - 10 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 St. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada 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 Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor</p> | <p>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 Fr. Arockia Dhass Jeganathan Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study 10 a.m. - Mass Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation - CYO to follow Thurs. - 6:30 pm - Evening Mass</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.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 Floydada Rev. Ruban Selvaraj 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.</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 Kari & Justin Brown, 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.</p> |
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AGRICULTURE

High Plains Dairy Conference returns to Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO — The High Plains Dairy Conference, hosted by the Texas Animal Nutrition Council, will be March 6-7 at Embassy Suites, 550 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo.

"This conference is expected to bring in about 300 dairy and allied industry representatives from a five-state region to hear updates from national experts that can help them improve their management and address industry issues," said Dr. Ellen Jordan, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state dairy specialist in Dallas.

Jordan said because the High Plains region is unique within the dairy industry, due to dairy size, locations and complexities, the conference is held every two years to address specific issues such as animal welfare, adoption of new technologies and labor and management. The conference was held in Lubbock in 2014 and 2016, but returns to Amarillo this year.

Conference registration is \$250

for the first registrant from a dairy and \$200 for each additional participant from the same dairy. March 7 participation only is \$100. All registrations must be postmarked by Feb. 8, or the fee increases to \$275 per person. The fee includes two lunches, an evening reception March 6 and a copy of the conference proceedings.

Online registration and other conference information is available at <http://highplainsdairy.org/>. Registration forms should be mailed to: High Plains Dairy Conference, TANC C/O FASS, 1800 S. Oak St., Suite 100, Champaign, IL 61820. For questions, call (575) 693-8238.

Check-in and registration for the conference will begin at 6:30 a.m. each day, and the seminar will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 6 and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 7.

The following speakers and topics are scheduled:

Aga Dobrowolska Perry, RaboResearch Food & Agriculture senior dairy analyst, St. Louis, Mo. — World Dairy Outlook, Markets and Trade.

Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension

economist and co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University, College Station — Update on Farm Bill Progress.

Dr. Kevin Dhuyvetter, Elanco technical consultant, Manhattan, Kan. — Surviving or Thriving? Key Profitability Drivers in the Dairy Industry.

Dr. Norm St-Pierre, Perdue AgriBusiness Animal Nutrition research and technical services director, Salisbury, Md. — Technologies for Rating and Ranking Feedstuffs by Economic Value.

Dr. Chris Ashworth, Zinpro Corp. ruminant veterinarian, Fort Smith, Ark. — A Producer's Quandary: How to Produce More with Fewer Modern Technologies.

Dr. Gustavo Schuenemann, Ohio State University Extension dairy veterinarian, Columbus, Ohio — Optimizing Personnel Management with Emphasis on Dairy Cattle Welfare.

Dr. Ric Grummer, University of Wisconsin-Madison professor — Update on Transition Cow Management.

Dr. Geoffrey Dahl, University of Florida animal sciences department chair, Gainesville, Fla. — Effects of Dry Period Heat Stress on Dam and Daughter.

Dr. Luis Mendonca, Kansas State University Extension dairy herd management specialist, Manhattan, Kan. — Managing Reproduction of Lactating Dairy Cows with Limited Use of Timed AI Programs.

Dr. Barbara Jones, Tarleton State University Southwest Regional Dairy Center director, Tarleton — Evaluation of Heat Stress Abatement on High Plains Dairy Farms.

Dr. Joe Harner, Kansas State University biological and agricultural engineering department head, Do Cows Have the Right Amount of Water When and Where They Want It?

Panel discussion moderators and topics scheduled throughout the two days will be:

Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo — Navigating the Dairy Workforce Crisis.

Dr. Robert Hagevoort, New

Parts of the state enter wildfire season earlier than usual

By Adam Russell
Texas A&M AgriLife

COLLEGE STATION — Wildfire season has arrived earlier than usual due to high fuel availability, drought and other environmental conditions, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director for emergency management at Texas A&M University, College Station, said the Energy Release Component, which measures how hot and long available fuel can burn if sparked, is at critical levels in some areas of the state.

Conditions for wildfires are high when coupled with high winds, low relative humidity and other environmental factors. Vestal said most of the state west of the Interstate 35 corridor is at a critical point as existing fuel, arid conditions and wind contribute to fire potential and threats. "Grasslands that have not been regularly grazed or managed have enough fuel to create high ERCs, and that is the threat," he said. "You add high winds like we've been seeing into the equation and you have the threat of a serious fire that could be extremely difficult to control."

Wildfire season typically starts around March and lasts through spring green-up in April and May, Vestal said, as dead grasses, warm, dry conditions and spring winds increase fire potential.

This year, wetter conditions early in 2017 provided conditions for grasses to grow but were followed by drought. "Be cognizant and aware of the potential threat from welding and cutting metal at work sites," he said. "Environmental conditions at this point of the winter could make for a long fire season. These conditions arrived about a month ahead of schedule and could mean the wildfire season

could extend to 90, possibly 100, days before the typical green-up."

All it takes is a single spark to cause a wildfire, Vestal said. A fire in 2016 in Hamilton County was traced to a vehicle that was accidentally dragging a chain. The chain sparked fires along the roadside for 2 to 3 miles. Vestal said it was lucky conditions were not windy when the ignition of that fire occurred. The National Weather Service issued Red Flag Warnings, which indicate threatening wildfire conditions to more than 60 Texas counties Jan. 30.

Vestal said conditions, especially precipitation, are not expected to improve over the next week. Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, AgriLife Extension state climatologist, College Station, said the U.S. Drought Monitor continues to show worsening drought around Texas as La Nina conditions — which typically bring warmer, drier weather patterns to much of the state — continue.

The drought monitor shows 85.5 percent of the state is "abnormally dry" compared to less than 20 percent three months ago. Almost 20 percent of the state is experiencing severe or extreme drought, especially in the Panhandle and a pocket in Central Texas.

"The long-term outlook continues to call for below-normal precipitation and above-normal temperatures," he said. Vestal said a recent fire in Motley County burned almost 6,000 acres. "It's amazing to think we have a season named after such potentially devastating events, but we have historical data that tells us it happens," he said.

"This year, it's happening earlier than usual, and our producers and the public need to be mindful about the dangers and take precautions to prevent catastrophe."

Fishing Report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Foss: Elevation .75 ft. below normal with gates closed, water mid-50s and clear. Striped bass hybrids are slow on live bait and slabs in deep water. Crappie are fair around fishing docks. Catfish are slow. Walleye are fair near the marina.

Waurika: Elevation below normal, water murky. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait in the main lake, around points and along shorelines. Crappie are slow on hair jigs and jigs around brush structure and standing timber.

Alan Henry: Water clear main lake, stained upriver; 52-57 degrees; 5.76 ft. low. Black bass are slow on crankbaits and spoons. Crappie and bass are slow on minnows. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

Arrowhead: Water fairly clear; 51-59 degrees; 2.55 ft. low. Black

bass are slow. Crappie are slow to fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

Coleman: Water stained; 55-59 degrees; 2.63 ft. low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait, nightcrawlers and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

Colorado City: 15.48 ft. low. After a period of drought, this lake caught water and boating is now allowed. However, it is not currently recommended for fishing due to severe golden alga blooms.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water off color; 52-58 degrees; 2.2 ft. low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

Greenbelt: Water off color; 38-45 degrees; 32.32 ft. low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are

slow. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 54-59 degrees; 3.24 ft. low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are good on live and cut bait.

Mackenzie: 74.26 ft. low. Black bass are slow. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers. No reports on crappie.

Meredith: Water fairly clear; 39-45 degrees; 47.57 ft. low. No reports on black bass. No reports of smallmouth bass or walleye. Bream and channel catfish are being caught in limited numbers.

Nasworthy: 53-58 degrees; 1 ft. low. No reports on black bass. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 51-59 degrees; 38.13 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and crankbaits. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 51-57 degrees; 10.93 ft. low. Black bass slow on Texas rigs. Crappie

are slow on live minnows. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

Possum Kingdom: Water off color; 51-58 degrees; 1.59 ft. low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are slow to fair on live minnow. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on live and cut bait.

Spence: 51.34 low. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

Stamford: Water stained to muddy; 52-60 degrees; 0.78 ft. low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. White bass are fair on live bait. Blue catfish are good on cut and live bait.

Sweetwater: Water off color; 50-58 degrees; 24.49 ft. low. This lake is currently experiencing a fish kill due to golden alga. Biologists are monitoring the situation and will post updates as they become available.

White River: Water stained; 44-56 degrees; 21.76 ft. low. Black bass are fair on soft plastics. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on cheese bait.

Perdue unveils farmers.gov interactive website for agricultural producers

By the USDA
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue last week unveiled Farmers.gov, the new interactive one-stop website for producers maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Farmers.gov is now live but will have multiple features added over the coming months to allow agricultural producers to make appointments with USDA offices, file forms, and apply for USDA programs. The website, launched at a breakfast hosted by the Michigan Farm Bureau, gathers together the three agencies that comprise USDA's Farm Production and Conservation mission area: the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Risk Management Agency.

"Many farmers are out in their fields using equipment that is connected to satellite and GPS technology, yet when they need to interact with USDA, they have to stop, fill out a paper form, and fax or carry it to their local office. That is a real digital divide," Perdue said. "Our staff is friendly, and

they love to see farmers in person, but they know that time is valuable. Producers are working hard to make their farms profitable, so these tools will help get the paperwork done without taking a big chunk out of the day to fill out forms."

Farmers.gov is mobile device-friendly and can identify for farmers the most convenient USDA office locations. New functions will be added shortly, including an interactive calendar, farming success stories, an online appointment feature, digital forms, and a business data dashboard. Additionally, when the 2018 Farm Bill is signed into law, there will be plain language program descriptions and a tool to determine eligibility.

"As I've traveled to 32 states in my first nine months as Secretary of Agriculture, I have consistently heard people express a desire for greater use of technology in the way we deliver programs at USDA," Perdue said. "It's my goal to make USDA the most effective, most efficient, most customer-focused department in the entire federal government, and Farmers.gov is a big step in that direction."

Mandatory Auxin-Specific herbicide trainings scheduled for Dicamba applicators

By Plains Cotton Growers
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Texas Department of Agriculture requires special training in 2018 for new auxin herbicides applied under a Section 3 approval on dicamba-tolerant cotton.

February 9 — Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo. 8:30-9:30 a.m.

February 12 — Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, 1102 E. FM 1294, Lubbock. 10-11 a.m.

February 13 — Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Lubbock County, 916 Main Street, Suite 401, Lubbock. 10-11 a.m.

February 20 — Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Terry County, 209 S. 5th St., Brownfield,

Noon-1 p.m.
There is no registration fee on any of these training programs and each class will provide one TDA continuing education unit in laws and regulations. A complete list is available at <http://www.plainscotton.org/agconferences.html>.

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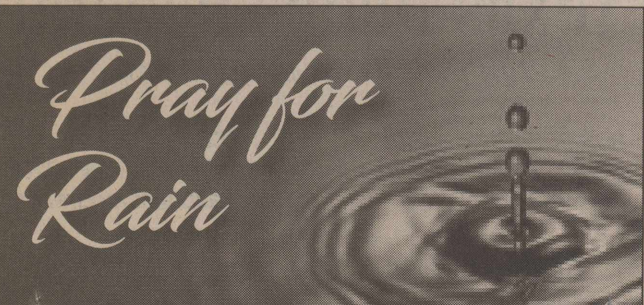
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Girl Scout Cookies Available in Floyd County until Feb. 25

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Girl Scout Troop 6210 of Floydada is ready for sales. They have all your favorites - Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Thanks-A-Lots, Lemonades and back again this year, S'mores.

Natalie Snowden is the Cookie Coordinator for Troop 6210, and you can place direct orders for cookies with her and the numbers are 601-604-0067 cell and 806-983-3749 home.

And it all goes for a good cause.

"The girls have voted to spend a portion of their money earned from cookies on a service project. They decided they want to support the Idalou No Kill Shelter by donating needed supplies," Snowden said.

She noted that the older girls are researching possible fun activities to do with the remainder of their earnings.

"This is a way the cookie sale helps the girls grow that most customers don't even realize. These are 5th-7th grade girls researching activities, lodging, dining and travel expenses. The girls will then present their finding to the troop and the troop will vote on how they want to spend their money. This is helping to build great money management skills for the girls," she added.

The annual girl scout cookie sale is the largest girl-led business in the world and this year, it started January

13 and will run through February 25. More than 1,400 Lubbock-area Girl Scouts are conducting their cookie business through booth sales, individual sales and order-taking.

The Floydada troop is a member of the Girl Scouts of the Texas-Oklahoma Plains.

"The Girl Scout Cookie Program is so much more than a cookie sale," stated GS-TOP CEO, Becky Burton. "Girls learn the essential skills they need to become effective leaders, manage finances, and gain self-sufficiency and confidence in handling money," she said. Girls use money earned from their cookie business to fund community service projects and learning experiences, such as field trips and travel opportunities. All net revenue raised by cookies sold - 100 percent of it - stays with the local council and troops. Today, nearly 1 million Girl Scouts nationwide participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, generating nearly \$800 million cookie sales during the average season.

Back in January approximately 600 Lubbock-area girls, ages 5-18, along with their parents, picked up more than 85,000 packages of Girl Scout cookies to start their 2018 cookie business. Six 18-wheelers delivered 7,000 cases of cookies to supply Lubbock-area girls with their initial stock of cookies.

Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains covers 81 counties. Offices and service centers are located in Lubbock, Plainview, Amarillo, Abilene,



Courtesy Photo

Floydada's Girl Scouts at all levels participate in the cookie sales. Left to right, Mia Snowden (Junior, grades 4-5), Sierra Snowden (Cadette, grades 6-8) and Taniah Hawthorne (Brownie, grades 2-3).

Amarillo, Fort Worth, Southlake and Wichita Falls. Council headquarters is located in Fort Worth.

To learn more about the Girl Scout Cookie Program, volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, call 800-582-7272 or visit www.gs-top.org.



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Girl Scouts troop has nine girls this year including Cindy Rodriguez. Cindy is a Brownie. In Girl Scouts of America, Brownies are in grades 2 to 3.



Courtesy photo

Mia Snowden, Ella Snowden and Sierra Snowden are encouraging Floyd County residents to stock up on their Girl Scout cookies. The cookies will only be available until February 25.



Courtesy Photo

Ella Snowden shows that you're never too young to be a girl scout. Ella is a Daisy. In Girl Scouts Daisies are in kindergarten through first grade, and she's already on the job selling Girl Scout cookies.

| 2018 Whirlwind Baseball | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| DATE | DAY | TIME | TEAM | SITE | Var./JV |
| Jan. 26 | Fri. | | First Practice | | |
| Feb. 5 | Mon. | 4:00 | Childress/Clarendon | Childress | Var./JV |
| Feb. 10 | Sat. | 12:00 | Slaton | Slaton | Var./JV |
| Feb. 12 | Mon. | 4:00 | Idalou | Floydada | Var./JV |
| Feb. 17 | Sat. | 2:00 | Alumni Game | Floydada | Var. |
| Feb. 19 | Mon. | 4:00 | Tahoka | Floydada | Var./JV |
| Feb. 22-24 | Thur.-Sat. | | Post Tourn. | | Var. |
| Feb. 26 | Mon. | 6:00 | Levelland Freshmen | Levelland | JV-DH |
| FEB. 26 | Mon. | 6:30 | Sundown | Sundown | Var. |
| Mar. 18-3 | Thur.-Sat. | | Childress Tourn. | | Var. |
| Mar. 6 | Tue. | 4:00 | Roosevelt | Floydada | Var./JV |
| Mar. 8-10 | Thur.-Sat. | | Abernathy JV Tourn. | Abernathy | JV |
| Mar. 13 | Tue. | 12:00 | New Deal | New Deal | Var./JV |
| Mar. 17 | Sat. | 12:00 | Lockney | Floydada | Var./JV |
| Mar. 20 | Tue. | 4:00 | Crosbyton | Crosbyton | Var./JV |
| Mar. 24 | Sat. | 11:00 | Abernathy | Floydada(DH) | Var./Var./JV |
| Mar. 27 | Fri. | 5:00 | SpringLake Earth | Floydada | Var./JV |
| Mar. 30 | Fri. | 11:00 | Hale Center | Hale Center(DH) | Var./Var./JV |
| Apr. 3 | Tue. | 5:00 | New Deal | Floydada | Var./JV |
| Apr. 7 | Sat. | 11:00 | Olton | Floydada(DH) | Var./Var. |
| Apr. 7 | Sat. | 4:00 | Levelland Fresh. | Floydada | JV |
| Apr. 10 | Tue. | 5:00 | Lockney | Lockney | Var./JV |
| Apr. 14 | Sat. | 11:00 | Ralls | Ralls(DH) | Var./Var./JV |
| Apr. 17 | Tue. | 5:00 | Crosbyton | Floydada | Var./JV |
| Apr. 21 | Sat. | 11:00 | Lubbock Trinity | Lubbock | Var./JV |
| Apr. 24 | Tue. | 5:00 | SpringLake Earth | SpringLake Earth | Var./JV |

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BOLD DENOTES DISTRICT GAMES
Italicized Denotes Scrimmages

| Floydada Lady Winds Softball UNSHAKABLE | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| DATE | DAY | OPPONENT | TEAM | PLACE | TIME |
| Feb. 1 | Thursday | Littlefield (scrimmage) | Varsity | Littlefield | 5:00 |
| Feb. 3 | Saturday | Muleshoe/Brownfield (sc) | Varsity | Muleshoe | 10:30am/12:00 |
| Feb. 5 | Monday | Tula, Fitch (scrimmage) | Varsity | Tula | 5:00 |
| Feb. 9 | Friday | Tula (scrimmage) | Var/JV | Floydada | 5:00/7:00 |
| Feb. 10 | Saturday | TBA | | | |
| Feb. 13 | Tuesday | Brownfield | Var/JV | Brownfield | 5:00/7:00 |
| Feb. 15 | Friday | Littlefield | Var/JV | Floydada | 5:00/7:00 |
| Feb. 17 | Saturday | ALUMNI GAME | Varsity | Floydada | 12:00 |
| Feb. 20 | Tuesday | Slaton | Var/JV | Floydada | 5:00/7:00 |
| Feb. 22-24 | Thu-Sat | Slaton Tournament | Varsity | Slaton | TBA |
| *Feb. 27 | Tuesday | @ Crosbyton | Var/JV | Crosbyton | 5:00/7:00 |
| March 1 | Thursday | Ralls Tournament | Varsity | Crosbyton | TBA |
| March 3 | Saturday | Ralls Tournament | Varsity | Ralls | TBA |
| *DISTRICT | | | | | |
| *March 6 | Tuesday | Ralls | Var/JV | Floydada | 5:00/7:00 |
| *March 10 | Saturday | OPEN | | | |
| *March 13 | Tuesday | @ Lockney | Var/JV | Lockney | 5:00/7:00 |
| *March 17 | Saturday | Hale Center | Var/JV | Floydada | 11:00/1:00 |
| *March 20 | Tuesday | @Abernathy | Var/JV | Abernathy | 5:00/7:00 |
| *March 24 | Saturday | New Deal | Var/JV | Floydada | 11:00/1:00 |
| *March 27 | Tuesday | Crosbyton | Var/JV | Floydada | 4:00/6:00 |
| *March 31 | Saturday | @Ralls | Var/JV | Ralls | 11:00/1:00 |
| April 3 | Tuesday | OPEN | | | |
| *April 7 | Saturday | Lockney | Var/JV | Floydada | 11:00/1:00 |
| April 10 | Tuesday | @ Hale Center | Var/JV | Hale Center | 5:00/7:00 |
| April 14 | Saturday | Abernathy | Var/JV | Floydada | 11:00/1:00 |
| April 17 | Tuesday | @ New Deal | Var/JV | New Deal | 5:00/7:00 |
| FINISH STRONG | | | | | |
| April 27-28 Bi-district | | | May 18-19 Regional semi-final | | |
| May 4-5 Area | | | May 25-26 Regional final | | |
| May 11-12 Regional quarterfinal | | | June 1-2 State Tournament | | |
| Superintendent: | Dr. Gilbert Trevino | | | Head Coach: | Armando Morales |
| Principal: | Wayne Morren | | | Assistant Coach: | Erica Perez |
| Athletic Director: | Todd Bandy | | | | |

Whirlwinds secure playoff spot

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada went 1-1 this past week but managed to clinch a playoff spot out of District 4-2A. On Jan. 30, Floydada defeated Crosbyton 71-61 then on Feb. 2, New Deal defeated Floydada 75-56.

JAN. 30 - FLOYDADA 71, CROSBYTON 61

No stats provided for this game.

Other district games: Post 76, Ralls 29 and New Deal 52, Abernathy 45

FEB. 2 - NEW DEAL 75, FLOYDADA 56

The Lions took an early lead, outscoring the Whirlwinds 18-14 in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the two team were even, scoring 13 points each but New Deal held a 31-27 halftime lead. In the third quarter, the Lions stretched their lead to 51-39 but outpacing Floydada 20-12 in the quarter. New Deal finished up the game with a 24-17 fourth quarter to give the Lions the 75-56 victory.

For Floydada, Quincy Gonzales led the Winds with 15

points, Caden Britt and Garrett Hobbs added 14 points each, Marcos Reyes scored four, Andrew Vega, Noah Mendez and Marcus Perez each had three.

For New Deal, DK Blaylock had 25 points, Layton Reed had 22, Michael Brazell had 14, Hayden Caudill had six, Dylan Jerden and Tanner Seeley had three each and Kendall Dunn had two.

Other district games: Post 57, Crosbyton 25 and Abernathy 75, Ralls 39.

District standings: Post 7-0, New Deal 5-2, Floydada 4-3, Abernathy 4-3, Crosbyton 1-6 and Ralls 0-7. Post, New Deal and Floydada have clinched playoff spots.

FEB. 6 SCHEDULE

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

FEB. 9 SCHEDULE

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

FEB. 13 SCHEDULE (Final regular season games)

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

FEB. 19-20 BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

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ate hours.

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The Floydada student named to the President's List was Heston Cole Graves, sophomore - undeclared/no major.

The Floydada student named to the Dean's List was Selena Marie Espinoza, freshman - Pre-Nursing.

| Floydada Tennis Schedule 2018 | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Feb. 22 | SPCHEA | Levelland |
| Feb. 26 | Canadian (Girls) | Canadian |
| Feb. 28 | Canadian (Boys & Mixed) | Canadian |
| March 1 | SPCHEA | Levelland |
| March 5 | Floydada | Plainview |
| March 19 | Floydada | Plainview |
| March 27 | Amarillo | Amarillo |
| April 2 & 4 | District | Plainview |
| April 18 -19 | Regionals | Odessa |
| May 17-18 | State | TBA |

| FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU | |
|--|--|
| February 19 - 23 | |
| Monday | |
| Breakfast - PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL | |
| Tuesday | |
| Breakfast - Cinnamon Toast Crunch, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk | |
| Lunch - Spaghetti w/meatballs & breadsticks, cheese pizza, seasoned peas & carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk | |
| Wednesday | |
| Breakfast - Banana muffin, cereal, fresh fruit, milk | |
| Lunch - Chicken nuggets potato bowl w/roll, corn dog, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk | |
| Thursday | |
| Breakfast - Mini cinnamon waffles, cereal, fresh fruit, milk | |
| Lunch - Cheesy beef Penne w/breadstick, pepperoni pizza, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk | |
| Friday | |
| Breakfast - Sausage breakfast pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk | |
| Lunch - Cream of Broccoli Cheddar soup w/crackers, ham & cheese sub, crinkle cut fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk | |

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Horns split two games Rexrode captures win at Ft Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Having already clinched a playoff spot, the Lockney Lady Horns tried to improve their seeding during the week. They defeated Hale Center 51-40 but lost to Farwell 50-42. The Lady Horns, as of deadline, were sitting in third place with one game left against second place Sudan.

JAN. 30 – LOCKNEY 51, HALE CENTER 40

In the first quarter, the Lady Horns held a 5-4 lead but in the second quarter, the Lady Owls outscored Lockney 14-11 to take a 18-16 halftime lead. In the third quarter, Lockney outscored Hale Center 20-11 to take a 36-29 lead. In the fourth quarter, the Lady Horns claimed the victory, outscoring the Lady Owls 15-11 to take the 51-40 victory.

For Lockney, Madai Chavira scored 18, Alyssa Barretero scored 12, Reagan Nuncio added 10, Nimsi Perez added six,

Ryann Castillo scored two and Townlei Hernandez and Alma Mendez scored one each.

For Hale Center, Ariel Ramon scored 23 points, Avery Aleman scored five, Marissa Rodriguez and Kaytee Huffins scored four points each, Jessica Rodriguez scored two points, Kaylee Hendricks and Madelyn Naranjo scored one point each.

Other district games: Farwell 45, Sudan 32 and Bovina defeated Olton.

FEB. 2 – FARWELL 50, LOCKNEY 42

Farwell jumped out to a 12-5 lead after the first quarter before Lockney outscored Farwell, 22-10 to take a 27-22 lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Farwell retook the lead, outscoring the Lady Horns 15-7 giving Farwell a 37-34 lead. In the fourth quarter, Farwell outscored Lockney 13-8 to claim the 50-42 victory.

For Lockney, Reagan Nuncio scored 15, Madai Chavira and Yanelle Bernal scored sev-

en each, Destiny Salazar scored five points and Alyssa Barretero and Nemsy Perez scored four each.

For Farwell, Maria Maldonado scored 21 points, Presley Agee scored 11, Karson Bovines added eight and Kaley White had seven.

Other district games: Hale Center 46, Olton 31 and Sudan 46, Bovina 38.

District standings: Farwell 9-0, Sudan 7-2, Lockney 6-3, Bovina 3-6, Hale Center 2-7 and Olton 0-9. Farwell, Sudan, Lockney and Bovina have claimed the four playoff spots.

FEB. 6 SCHEDULE (End of regular season)

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

FEB. 12 and 13 – BI-DISTRICT TENATIVE BI-DISTRICT OPPONENTS:

Farwell vs Floydada, Sudan vs New Deal, Lockney vs Post and Bovina vs Abernathy.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, January 21, 2018 – Austen Rexrode, a FFA member from Lockney, Texas, captured Champion Intermediate Heifer in the Junior Hereford Breeding Heifer Show at the 2018 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on January 21. The 2018 Show is hosting junior cattle exhibitors from across Texas competing for awards and \$36,210 in premiums.

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Mcinvale captures win at Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

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Mcinvale also captured First Place in Showmanship in the Junior Simmental Beef Heifer Show at the 2018 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

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Kidd and Rea Receive Diplomas from WTAMU

CANYON, Texas—Degrees were officially conferred on 858 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises December 16, 2017 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 585 baccalaureate degrees and 273 master's degrees.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as

honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2017 included 50 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 45 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 97 with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented 37 states, eight countries and more than 100 Texas cities and towns.

Lockney students receiving diplomas were:

Landon Wallace Kidd – Bachelor of Science – Engineering Tech.

Candelaria M. Rea – Bachelor of Science – Political Science.

Basketball Standings for Lockney and Floydada

Girls District 3-2A

| Teams | W | L |
|-------------|---|---|
| P=Farwell | 9 | 0 |
| P=Sudan | 7 | 2 |
| P=Lockney | 6 | 3 |
| P=Bovina | 3 | 6 |
| Hale Center | 2 | 7 |
| Olton | 0 | 9 |

Bovina 72, Sudan 53

Feb. 6 Schedule
Lockney at Sudan
Olton at Farwell
Bovina at Hale Center

Feb. 9 Schedule
Lockney at Olton
Sudan at Hale Center
Farwell at Bovina

P=Playoff Spot

Jan. 30 Results
Lockney 51, Hale Center 40
Bovina defeats Olton
Farwell 45, Sudan 32

Feb. 2 Results
Farwell 50, Lockney 42
Hale Center 46, Olton 31
Sudan 46, Bovina 38

Feb. 6 Schedule
Lockney at Sudan
Olton at Farwell
Bovina at Hale Center
END OF REGULAR SEASON

Feb. 12-13 Bi-District TENATIVE MATCHUPS (Subject to change)
Farwell vs Floydada
Sudan vs New Deal
Lockney vs Post
Bovina vs Abernathy

Boys District 3-2A

| Teams | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| Farwell | 5 | 2 |
| P=Hale Center | 5 | 2 |
| Lockney | 5 | 2 |
| Bovina | 4 | 3 |
| Olton | 2 | 5 |
| Sudan | 0 | 7 |

Girls District 4-2A

| Teams | W | L |
|-------------|---|---|
| P=Abernathy | 9 | 0 |
| P=Post | 7 | 2 |
| P=New Deal | 6 | 3 |
| P=Floydada | 3 | 6 |
| Ralls | 1 | 8 |
| Crosbyton | 1 | 8 |

P=Playoff Spot

Jan. 30 Results
Floydada defeats Crosbyton
Post 50, Ralls 26
Abernathy 42, New Deal 28

Feb. 2 Results
New Deal 52, Floydada 34
Post 69, Crosbyton 36
Abernathy 63, Ralls 23

Feb. 6 Schedule
Floydada at Ralls
Abernathy at Post
Crosbyton at New Deal

Feb. 12-13 Bi-District TENATIVE MATCHUPS (Subject to change)
Farwell vs Floydada
Sudan vs New Deal
Lockney vs Post
Bovina vs Abernathy

Boys District 4-2A

| Teams | W | L |
|------------|---|---|
| P=Post | 7 | 0 |
| P=New Deal | 5 | 2 |
| P=Floydada | 4 | 3 |
| Abernathy | 4 | 3 |
| Crosbyton | 1 | 6 |
| Ralls | 0 | 7 |

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Floydada 71, Crosbyton 61
Post 76, Ralls 29
New Deal 52, Abernathy 45

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New Deal 75, Floydada 56
Post 57, Crosbyton 25
Abernathy 75, Ralls 39

Feb. 6 Schedule
Floydada at Ralls
Abernathy at Post
Crosbyton at New Deal

Feb. 9 Schedule
Floydada at Abernathy
Post at New Deal
Crosbyton at Ralls

Lockney Longhorn 2018 Baseball Schedule

| Day | Date | Opponent | Time | Location |
|----------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Monday | 2/12/2018 | Tulia - Scrimmage | 4:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Saturday | 2/17/2018 | Clarendon - Scrimmage | 1:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Monday | 2/19/2018 | Opening Day - Hale Center | 4:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Friday | 2/20/2018 | Plainview JV | 4:00 PM | JV Home |
| Tuesday | 2/27/2018 | Kress | 4:00 PM | V Home |
| Tuesday | 2/27/2018 | Plainview JV | 4:00 PM | JV Away |
| Thur-Sat | 3-1 thru 3-3 | Tulia Tournament | TBA | V Away |
| Monday | 3/5/2018 | Sundown | 4:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Thur-Sat | 3-8 thru 3-9 | Rotan Tournament | TBA | V Away |
| Saturday | 3/10/2018 | Lockney Alumni Game | 12:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Tuesday | 3/13/2018 | Ralls* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Saturday | 3/17/2018 | Floydada* | 12:00 PM | V/JV Away |
| Tuesday | 3/20/2018 | New Deal* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Saturday | 3/24/2018 | Crosbyton* (DH) | 12:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Tuesday | 3/27/2018 | BYE | | |
| Saturday | 3/31/2018 | Springlake-Earth* (DH) | 12:00 PM | V/JV Away |
| Tuesday | 4/3/2018 | Ralls* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Away |
| Saturday | 4/7/2018 | Abernathy* (DH) | 12:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Tuesday | 4/10/2018 | Floydada* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Saturday | 4/14/2018 | Hale Center* (DH) | 12:00 AM | V/JV Away |
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| Saturday | 4/21/2018 | Olton* (DH) | 12:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| Tuesday | 4/24/2018 | BYE | | |
| Saturday | 4/28/2018 | OPEN | | |

Lockney Lady Horns 2018 Softball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time | Location |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| 2/17/2018 | Dimmitt | 11:00 AM | V/JV Home |
| 2/20/2018 | Muleshoe | 4:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| 2-22 thru 2-24 | Lockney Tournament | TBA | V Home |
| 2/26/2018 | Idalou | 4:00 PM | V/JV Away |
| 3/3/2018 | New Deal* | 11:00 AM | V/JV Away |
| 3/6/2018 | Crosbyton* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| 3/10/2018 | Ralls* | 11:00 AM | V/JV Away |
| 3/16/2018 | Floydada* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| 3/17/2018 | OPEN | | |
| 3/20/2018 | Hale Center* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Away |
| 3/24/2018 | Abernathy* | 11:00 AM | V/JV Home |
| 3/27/2018 | New Deal* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| 3/31/2018 | Crosbyton* | 11:00 AM | V/JV Away |
| 4/3/2018 | Ralls* | 5:00 PM | V/JV Home |
| 4/7/2018 | Floydada* | 11:00 AM | V/JV Away |
| 4/10/2018 | OPEN | | |
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The Lockney student named to the President's List was Tanae Samone Ramos, junior – Sport/Exercise Science.

The Lockney students named to the Dean's List were Sarah D'ann Carstensen, junior – Interdisciplinary Studies; Shelby Kate Dunbar, freshman – Animal Science; Nicholas Ike Sherman, junior – Sports/Exercise Science.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU February 12-16

Monday, Feb. 12
Breakfast – Pancakes, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch – Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chop, Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 13
Breakfast – Cheesy Toast or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Spaghetti Bowl, Breadstick or Pizza and Marinara Sauce, Salad, Steamed Veggies, Fruit Cup, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 14
Breakfast – French Toast, Sausage or Muffin, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Chicken Wings or Texas Chili, Cornbread, Celery Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Orange Smiles, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 15
Breakfast – Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast or Breakfast Crackers, Cheese, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Mexican Combo or Chicken Quesadilla, Mexicali Corn, Refried Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Peaches, Milk

Friday, Feb. 16
Breakfast – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Popcorn Chicken, Roll or Sloppy Joe, Broccoli Bites, Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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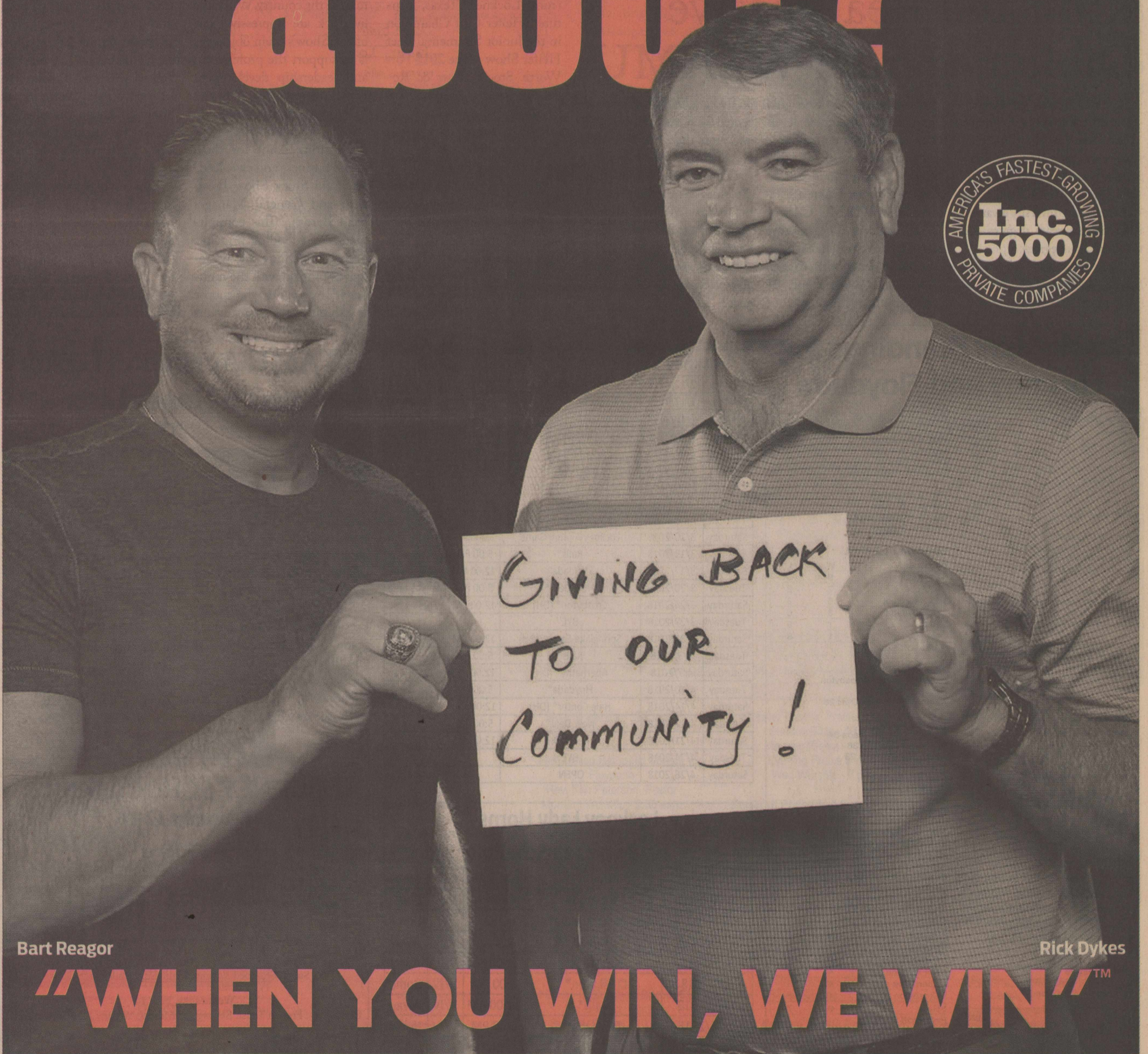


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Farm, trade policy experts refute critics in House Ag Committee briefings

By Farm Policy Facts
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Approximately 100 Hill staffers attended a pair of briefings last week that closely examined and debunked a number of farm policy criticisms leveled by the Heritage Foundation and other anti-farmer organizations.

The briefings, hosted by the House Agriculture Committee, featured policy experts, John Gilliland, an international trade consultant at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, and Brandon Willis, the former head of the USDA's Risk Management Agency.

Both experts shared find-

ings from their individual rebuttals to the Heritage Foundation's report, "Farms and Free Enterprise: A Blueprint for Agricultural Policy." In that report, Heritage argued that America should unilaterally eliminate its farm safety net, including crop insurance.

"The critics' conclusions are flawed, and the prescriptions are even worse," Gilliland told attendees.

From a trade perspective, Gilliland said that a repeal of U.S. farm policies would be disastrous, as it would not only devastate the U.S. agricultural economy, but it would fail to convince our trading partners to open their markets and eliminate

their subsidies and predatory trading practices.

He pointed out that the United States is already an open market with low tariffs on imported agricultural products. The simple average U.S. bound tariff rate is only 4.8%.

Meanwhile, tariffs and subsidies in other countries are much higher. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) estimates U.S. support in 2015 to be 60% lower than Europe and 87% lower than China.

"They are spending more just as we are scaling down," Gilliland said.

Gilliland also noted that over the past two decades, Congress has enacted four

Farm Bills, each taking steps toward more market-oriented policies.

"If you can find a way to distort a market you will see it in agriculture," Gilliland concluded. "Our farmers are having to deal with that. The best way to deal with it is at the negotiating table."

He noted the hypocrisy of critics who oppose multilateral approaches to bringing down trade barriers like Congressman Ted Yoho's (R-FL) "zero-for-zero" sugar policy, which seeks elimination of global sugar subsidies.

"It must be puzzling for U.S. sugar farmers that proponents of free trade would deride a zero-for-zero proposal that targets the elimination of domestic subsidies and tariffs," he said. "Is this not essentially what the Heritage Foundation proposes as the desirable outcome for all U.S. commodities?"

Willis was likewise puzzled by the attacks on America's farmers and ranchers.

In his presentation, Willis zeroed in on Heritage's cherry picked agriculture statistics — the same figures other anti-farm groups often highlight — which he says fail to capture the real challenges that American farmers and ranchers face.

For example, 60% of "farms" included in Heritage's estimate of farm income are retirees and individuals whose primary occupation is not farming. As a result, Heritage is grossly overstating farm income and the stability of that income, while grossly understating farm risk and the need that real "dirt-under-the-fingernail" farmers have for farm policy.

The tight margins that farmers face year in and year out was also discussed.

According to a hand-out distributed during the briefing, "[Farmers] make a profit less than 30% of the time." It also noted that nearly 50% of mid-sized farms, and nearly 40% of large family farms, were deemed "high

risk" by the USDA because of low profit margins.

Managing the economic pressures and unpredictable weather that farmers face requires risk management tools like crop insurance. And when it comes to crop insurance, Heritage, and other farm critics, fail to tell the whole story in their attempts to unilaterally disarm America's farmers and ranchers, Willis says.

He pointed out, for example, that critics were quick to complain about the cost of the 2012 drought, but ignored the fact that the disaster would have cost taxpayers \$3 billion more than crop insurance under an old-style disaster program.

"For midsize farmers, crop insurance is the difference between staying in business and going out of business," Willis concluded.

To view Gilliland's report, click here (<http://bit.ly/GillilandReport>). For Willis' report, click here (<http://bit.ly/WillisReport>).

OBITS

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Arts (Business and Economics) Degree from Prairie View A&M College/University, and completed graduate courses at the Trinity State University in Trenton, New Jersey, the Albuquerque University of New Mexico and the Albuquerque New Mexico Highland University.

Her professional portfolio includes teaching at Manheim AM Elementary School in Germany, Croix Chapeau American School and

Ingrandes American Military School in France. Ruth worked for over 25 years in the United States Federal Government, notably at the Department of Army (Pentagon), in Washington, D.C. and Albuquerque Kirtland AFB Personnel.

Ruth was past Matron of Mount Everest Chapter No. 3 Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, past State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of New Mexico, past Loyal Lady Ruler of San Hedrin Assembly No. 69 Order of the Golden Circle Southern Jurisdiction and member of the Lila Dotson Phyllis Chapter

of the Phylaxis Society PHA (Prince Hall Affiliated).

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters, and three brothers. Ruth's life will be forever remembered and cherished by those who survive her, including her sisters, Pearl Cooper-Thompson, Betty King and Evelyn Marie Jones; her brothers, Joe Coleman, Chester Coleman, Paul Coleman and Quinn Coleman; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Please sign the On-Line Guest Book at www.warford-walkermortuary.com.

UIL

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Palo Duro, Randall, Lubbock, Coronado, Monterey and Lubbock Cooper.

In Class 1A Division 1, Valley moves up and will be in District 1-1A-1 along

with McLean, Miami and White Deer. Petersburg and Lorenzo will in District 2-1A-1 along with Happy, Hart and Nazareth. In Division 2, Silvertown, Motley County and Patton Springs will be in District 2-1A-2 along with Kress. In basketball, Silvertown and Valley will be with An-

ton, Cotton Center, Hart and Kress in District 4-1A. Lorenzo and Petersburg will be in District 6-1A along with Crosbyton, New Home, Southland and Wilson. Motley County and Patton Springs will be in District 15-1A along with Guthrie, Jayton, Paducah and Spur.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES Election held on MARCH 6, 2018

will be tested on FEBRUARY 13, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. at FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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ROOM 208 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Dingus Morgan
Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección Las primarias de los partidos demócrata y republicano que se llevará a cabo el 6 de marzo de 2018 se probará el 13 de marzo de 2018 (fecha)

a las 10:30 A.M. en FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
(hora) (sitio)

Habitación 208 para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Dingus Morgan
Firma del Jefe Oficial

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Vehicle Description list (to be sold at auction)

2005 Chevrolet Impala #509-1 (K9 unit): Mileage reads 104,358. Vehicle is parked and considered "non-running". Evaluation shows to have transmission issues. Other problems consist of, but are not limited to chipping or damaged paint and some small dents.

1997 Ford Pick-up truck #505-1 (maintenance/animal control): Mileage reads undetermined. Vehicle is parked and considered "non-running". Truck could not be turned on or started to check mileage or running condition. Truck was running prior to being parked. Evaluation shows a damaged steering column.

1997 Ford Pick-up #505-2 (maintenance). Mileage reads 135,695. Vehicle starts, runs and drives. Vehicle has a shake when idling and at speeds over 50 mph. Other issues consist of but are not limited to missing head liner, and some body/paint damage.

2001 GMC van: #505-3 Mileage reads 34,088 miles. Appears to run and drive. Vehicle has a thumping noise from the motor department when running. Other issues consist of, but are not limited to several medium to large dents and a window that will not close.

(Unknown year) #505-4 Athey Mobil Sweeper (street sweeper): Unknown mileage. Vehicle does not run and is completely inoperable.

1976 Chevrolet C-65 #505-5 (grain Truck): Mileage 173,105. Parked. Truck currently does not run and has a bad transmission, and bad breaks. Tires are in decent shape.

Bids are due by February 6th, 2018. Send sealed bids to: Floydada City Hall, Attn: Tali Jackson, 114 W Virginia, Floydada, Tx 79235. There is no minimum, and bids are required to have vehicle #, bidders full name, address, and a number they can be reached at, and the amount of their bid. The city reserves the right to reject any bids submitted.

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ELECTRIC LINEMAN

JOB DESCRIPTION Incumbents in this position have entry level responsibility for work

in constructing and maintaining the electrical distribution system. Works under close supervision

Of superintendent until some experience is gained; then works under general supervision and guidance.

Work has an element of danger involved. Responsible to Electric Superintendent for performance of responsibilities. On-call and/or overtime may be required. Tasks performed include but not limited to: (1) install lines to buildings, structures; (2) changes out poles and cross arms; (3) installs transformers; (4) repairs lines, appurtenances; (5) reads meters and inputs on electrical handheld device; (6) maintains warehouse, equipment and vehicles; (7) climbs ladders, poles; (8) drives and operates various vehicles and equipment; (9) turns service on/off; (10) trims trees; (11) performs other tasks as assigned. On-call is for all utilities.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

- 1. EDUCATION** High school diploma or equivalent; instruction in electrical equipment and dangers. Possess valid driver's license.
- 2. EXPERIENCE** On-the-job training.
- 3. KNOWLEDGE** Methods, materials, tools, and practices used in electrical systems operations.
- 4. SKILLS** Safely operate vehicles, equipment necessary to construct, maintain electrical distribution system.
- 5. ABILITY** Understands and execute oral and written instructions. Talking, seeing, hearing, standing, walking, climbing, driving requires hand-eye-foot coordination on a continuous basis; bending, kneeling, stooping, reaching at and above shoulder level required frequently; lift 100 pounds and carry 50 pounds objects regularly. Use variety of hand and power tools. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the public.
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