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Lockney moving forward, facing new challenges

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

In May of 2016 Lockney voters approved a switch from a city secretary form of government to a city manager form of government.

The Hesperian-Beacon interviewed Lockney's inaugural city manager G.A. "Buster" Poling who has been on the job since June 15, 2017 to see how the transition has been coming.

"Lockney is making great strides towards meeting challenges of past years," Poling said. Prior to switching to the city manager form of government, the South Plains Association of Government oversaw the operation of the City

of Lockney for almost a year.

"One of the challenges for the City of Lockney is positioning for an audit," Poling said. The city manager indicated Lockney's next audit will be very expensive because of the time elapsed since the prior audit.

"Lockney's next audit may cost upwards to six to seven times the cost of a regular annual audit because of the lapse of time," he said. However, he expects the City to have a completed audit during the current calendar year.

The audit is not the only challenge that Lockney has faced.

Cold weather this past winter has taken its toll on Lock- See **FORWARD**, Page 12



The city of Lockney began a new era in management on June 15, 2017 when G.A. "Buster" Poling became their first city manager. Lockney citizens voted to switch from a city secretary to a city manager form of government in May 2016.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS FUNDRAISER

The Floydada Senior Citizens will hold their next fundraiser on Friday, March 23, 2018. It will be "All You Can Eat" Fish Fry. The menu will be fried fish, French fries, and coleslaw. Eat in or carry out. We will open our doors at 4:30 p.m. and serve until we have fed everyone. Minimum donation \$7 per plate. Call 806-983-2032 for delivery. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada will be having their Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 23rd. They will start serving at 11 a.m. until sold out. Cost is \$10 per plate. All plates include catfish, hushpuppies, French fries, coleslaw, tea. Dine-in, carry-out or have it delivered. For orders please call 806-983-5878 or 806-983-9639. 309 S. Wall, Floydada, Texas. "Stations of Cross" will be held every Friday at 6 p.m. with Mass held at 6:30 p.m.

County commissioners to acquire Thayer building

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

In Monday's monthly commissioners' meeting, the court voted 5-0 to purchase the building that formerly housed the Fred Thayer CPA firm at 122 E. California.

The county will be moving the Floyd County AgriLife offices there, and the Floyd County Sheriff's office will take over the AgriLife building.

According to County Judge Marty Lucke, he hopes to move AgriLife into its new location this summer. Lucke said the cost to acquire the property would be \$30,000, and additional costs to renovate the building would be minimal.

The sheriff's office will move the booking area into



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County commissioners voted in this month's meeting to purchase the building at 122 E. California. They plan to move AgriLife there this summer, and the sheriff's department will take over the AgriLife building.

the current AgriLife area to increase security and privacy for the public when dealing with the sheriff's department.

In other action commissioners approved an inter-local agreement with the

City of Lockney which gives the Floyd County sheriff the authority to enforce codes and an inter-local agreement with Lubbock County was approved which maintains the current jail agreement with Lubbock County.

Morales, Bigham prevail in primary



LORI MORALES



CLINT BIGHAM

By Kay Ellington
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County treasurer Lori Morales was re-elected by Floyd County voters in last week's Republican primary. She defeated former county treasurer Elva Martinez 443-414. Morales was originally appointed to the treasurer's position in March 2014 and ran in the November 2014 election unopposed. This was her first contested election.

Clint Bigham was elected to serve as the commissioner for Precinct 2. He defeated incumbent commissioner Linden Morris 213 to 144.

Also on the ballot in the Republican primary was David Martinez for commissioner for Precinct 2. He received 110 votes. He will be facing incumbent Amado Morales who received 16 votes in the Democratic primary. These are unofficial totals not yet reported to the Texas Secretary of State's office at press time Monday.

Since Morales and Bigham have no Democratic opponents, they have essentially won their elections.

In Floyd County there were no heavily contested races that required run-offs. However, that

was not the case across Texas.

For the governor's race on the Democratic side, former Dallas sheriff Lupe Valdez will be facing attorney Andrew White, son of former Texas governor Mark White, in a May 22 run-off. Early voting for the run-off will be May 14 through May 18.

There are no West Texas state house, state senate, or congressional races involved in a run-off. However, there are a dozen or so spots across the state in the Texas House that could go to either the Democrats or the Republicans. Those races will influence who becomes the speaker of the Texas House in 2019.

Texas Democratic voters turned out the most voters for a primary—more than 1 million—since 1994 when incumbent governor Ann Richards was on the ballot. Republican voters set an all-time high turn-out vote for a primary with 1.5 million voters. That beats the previous record of 1.48 million in 2010, during former President Barack Obama's first term.

In Floyd County, 851 Republicans and 48 Democrats voted in the primary, according to the Secretary of State's website on Monday.



Correction

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Primary election results

Here is the final vote total for Floyd County for the Republican Primary

Source: Texas Secretary of State office, March 12, 2018

US Senator	
Ted Cruz - Incumbent	737
Stefano de Stefano	13
Bruce Jacobson, Jr.	54
Mary Miller	28
Geraldine Sam	11
Governor	
Greg Abbott - Incumbent	750
Secede Kilgore	17
Barbara Krueger	65
Lieutenant Governor	
Dan Patrick - Incumbent	500
Scott Miller	351
Attorney General	750

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Here is the final vote total for Floyd County for the Democratic Primary

Source: Texas Secretary of State office, March 12, 2018

US Senator	
Beto O'Rourke	15
Sema Hernandez	19
Edward Kimbrough	9
Governor	
Lupe Valdez	19
Andrew White	10
James Jolly Clark	1
Cedric Davis, Jr.	2
Joe Mumbach	0
Adrian Ocegueda	2
Jeffrey Payne	3
Tom Wakely	2
Grady Yarbrough	3

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The 501: From the heart or for the money

Are schoolteachers underpaid? Yes. Of course. So are policemen. Both fall in the same category. They do what they do because it's their calling. If the salaries of either were upped to an attractive level, would the lure of money draw a less dedicated set of aspirants to those professions?



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I wouldn't be making the teacher-policeman comparison if I hadn't interviewed an entire police force, one by one, a few years ago. (The town was Childress; I think I talked to about five guys including the chief.) I was surprised to hear why they liked their jobs.

As for teachers, they're obviously following their hearts. Why else would anyone put up with students all day and grade papers into the night when they could make a living some other way? I guess they still have to grade papers.

Back to policemen. Not till I talked to all those guys in blue did I understand their main purpose in life is not to catch me running a red light. Nope, they're not out to get me or anyone else, per se. They seriously see themselves as the public servants they are, catching criminals and slowing us drivers down in the name of safety. At least that's how they all came across to me in those interviews, and I don't think they were putting me on. Each officer was different. One said he liked being a traffic cop best of all. Another

one liked nabbing drug dealers. And so on.

What they had in common was the reward they felt for doing their jobs, emphasis on "felt." They chose to be policemen not for the money but rather for how it makes them feel.

I should mention that a lawyer friend of mine said an underpaid sheriff once told him he did it for the adrenaline. That's not exactly a servant's attitude, but it's still a heart thing - not a money thing.

Back to teachers. Just yesterday I witnessed the waning moments of a band director's end-of-day session with a large discordant bunch of fifth-graders, not all of whom wanted to be there. They happened to be going slightly berserk when I walked in. I sidled up to a teacher who was standing there as a monitor, apparently on standby in case the director might need back-up, shades of law enforcement. But the director handled it all himself, standing firm behind his director's stand and not releasing the youngsters to go home until they got absolutely still and quiet. The monitor and I stood like statues. I held my breath. The kids finally settled down and got sober. Then he let them go. Whew!

In the aftermath of the mass exodus, a few aspiring musicians stayed around working on their music. There's nothing quite like a beginning trumpeter's version of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." It assails your ears; it pulls at your heartstrings.

Should teachers make more money? Yes. Should policemen? Yes.

Should newspaper columnists? Absolutely. Oh for a perfect world.

Floyd County Sheriff Issue Appeal to Citizens in Fight Against Crime

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Paul Raissez today announced that Floyd county citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership appeals go out in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$25, while businesses can show their support beginning at a \$100 contribution level. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

Contributions are tax-deductible, and unlike other organizations in our state, the Membership Program does not solicit membership by telephone.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Sheriff Raissez. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

The Program is committed to its "No Telemarketing" policy and only sends invitations to citizens to become members by mail. Individuals that do not receive a membership appeal and would like more information can do so by contacting the Sheriffs' Association of Texas; 1601

S. Interstate 35; Austin, Texas 78741-2503 Phone: 512-445-5888. Information is also available online, www.txsheriffs.org.

The membership program was formed to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to help local law enforcement officers protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Raissez. "I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in the future."

SPC Plainview Center to offer phlebotomy class

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PLAINVIEW - South Plains College Plainview Center will offer a basic phlebotomy course from March 30 through May 24. The class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 125 at the center, 1920 W. 24th St. A minimum of 10 participants is required for this course to be held, and a maximum of 12 will be accepted.

The tuition and fees cost \$565. Students will use the textbook "The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy" fifth edition which is not included in the tuition fees. Clinicals will be scheduled

during the day.

IMPORTANT: Students will not be allowed to register or pay for this class without all requirements being met. Criminal background checks will be performed for all students. **NO REFUND** will be given for the criminal background check. In order to take the certification test, a student must have either a high school diploma or GED.

Students will discuss theoretical and practical aspects of specimen collection (including professionalism, ethics, terminology, quality control and safety); use basic laboratory terminology; identify name

and function of laboratory equipment; and explain issues of quality control and safety. This course is designed to prepare students to take the NHA Certification Texas included in this program. The national test requires students to have a high school or GED.

Students must pre-register and provide proof of immunization which includes Hepatitis B Series, 2-MMRs, Tetanus not older than 10 years, Varicella (Chicken Pox) shot or proof of illness and a current negative TB test not older than six months prior to the first day of class. A flu shot will be required of all students enrolled between Oct. 1 and March 31.

For more information and to register, contact Vickie Rosales, administrative assistant to the Plainview Center, at (806) 296-9611, ext. 4301.

SPC Plainview Center to offer Certified Nurse Aide class

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PLAINVIEW - South Plains College Plainview Center will offer a Certified Nurse Aide course from March 19 through May 6 in Room 102 at the center, 1920 W. 24th St. The class will meet on Mondays through Thursdays. A maximum of 10 students will be accepted.

Tuition and fees are \$300. Students will have to purchase the textbook "Nursing Assistants - A Basic Guide" tenth edition. CPR certification is required and not included in the tuition fees. Other supplies include a blood pressure cuff and stethoscope, which is not included in the tuition fees.

Clinicals will be offered from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. off site. The times will be announced. The tuition and fees for clinicals cost \$200.

IMPORTANT: Students

Opinion

Trade warfare is already being waged against the U.S.

By Printus LeBlanc

Last week the Trump administration announced it would impose a 25 percent tariff on imported steel and a 10 percent tariff on imported aluminum. Many in the media and were quick to lose their mind as usual. Before judging President Donald Trump's actions, those criticizing should look at the real world instead of the utopian society they want to live in. In the real-world trade is used as a weapon and it is time the U.S. wake up to that reality.

A 2014 White Paper from U.S. Army Special Operations Command on Unconventional Warfare discusses different methods of warfare being used by various adversaries. With regards to China, it states, "China will use a host of methods, many of which lie out of the realm of conventional warfare. These methods include trade warfare, financial warfare, ecological warfare, psychological warfare, smuggling warfare, media warfare, drug warfare, network warfare, technological warfare, fabrication warfare, resources warfare, economic aid warfare, cultural warfare, and international law warfare."

This is more than abstract theory. There is actual recent historical evidence to prove nations use trade and economic warfare to accomplish a goal.

The U.S. and Saudi Arabia used the oil trade as a weapon against the U.S.S.R. in the 1980s. The Soviets, as the Russians are today, were wholly dependent upon revenue from the fossil fuel industry to fund the government. President Reagan's administration issued National Security Decision Directive 66 (NSDD-66) titled East-West Economic Relations & Poland-Related Sanctions. The actions targeted included:

- No new contracts to buy Soviet natural gas;
- Accelerate development of an alternate supply to Soviet gas for parts of Europe;
- A plan to substantially raise interest rates on credit to the U.S.S.R.; and
- The requirement of higher down payments and shorter maturities on Russian bonds.

Officials calculated that for every \$1/barrel drop in the price of oil, it would cost the Soviets between \$500 million and \$1 billion in lost revenue. At the time the price of oil was in the mid \$30s, and a drop below \$20/barrel would have a catastrophic impact on the Soviet economy. In 1986, the price of oil dropped down to \$12/barrel, and we know what happened to the Soviet Union after that. Oil would not get back above \$20/barrel until Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait.

Rare Earth Elements (REEs) are another example of trade being used as a weapon. The group of 17 elements with unusual properties is key to modern life. It is impossible to find technology that does not have one of these elements in them. Everything from light bulbs and windmills to LED screens and cell phones have REEs in them.

The U.S. military enjoys an immense technological advantage against any foe it goes up against, and that technology has an Achilles' heel, REEs. Writing for Breaking Defense, Richard Whittle noted the importance of REEs in the defense industrial base:

- Each nuclear-powered SSN-774 Virginia-class fast attack submarine requires about 9,200 pounds of REEs;
- Each DDG-51 Aegis destroyer needs about 5,200 pounds;
- Each F-35 Joint Strike fighter needs about 920 pounds; and
- REEs are also essential to precision-guided munitions, lasers, satellite communications, radar, sonar and other military equipment.

As important as these elements are, the production of REEs is controlled by one country and has been used as an economic weapon recently. China produces more than 90 percent of all REEs used today. In a dispute over uninhabited islands that resulted in Japanese detention of a Chinese fishing captain, China halted shipments of REEs to Japan. The action sent a shock wave around the world. Suddenly, China had the power to bring the economy of a foreign power to a grinding halt.

After years of disputes in the WTO over the actions, China decided to flood the market with REEs. Flooding the market with cheap REEs ensured no other mines in the world could compete with China, including a U.S. mine, Mountain Pass mine owned by MolyCorp, that would go bankrupt in June of 2015. China now controls the rare earth market.

China was able to turn an industry valued at \$4.3 billion in 2012, expected to reach \$10.9 billion in 2020, and turn it into the base for its technology manufacturing industry, valued at \$4.8 trillion. China was also able to demand the manufacture of products with REE components be relocated to China along with the transfer of Intellectual Property (IP). China did not get to be the second largest economy in the world by obeying the rules. China used trade warfare, and lawfare to rival the U.S. and the least policymakers can do is recognize that.

These are just two recent examples of trade warfare. It is a tactic that has been used since the beginning of time. Those complaining about what the administration did should study history. It is impossible to have a conversation about the issue if both sides cannot even admit that trade has been used as a weapon in the past. Obviously, no one wants a trade war, but how do you know the other side isn't in a trade war already?

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will not be allowed to register or pay for this class without all requirements being met. Criminal background checks will be performed for all students. **NO REFUND** will be given for the criminal background check. All fees and requirements have to be met two weeks prior to the start of class. Individuals who do not meet the requirements will be placed on a waiting list for the next upcoming class.

Students must pre-register and provide proof of immunization which includes Hepatitis B Series, 2-MMRs, Tetanus no older than 10 years, Varicella (Chicken Pox) shot or proof of illness and a current negative TB test not older than six months prior to the first day of class. A flu shot will be required of all students enrolled between Oct. 1 and March 31.

Students will learn the necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments. A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty.

The SPC faculty is responsible for on-site clinical instruction, supervision and evaluation. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. Students learn the necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital

environments. Upon completion of the 60 hours of classroom and 40 hours of clinical instruction, each student will be required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination with NACES.

Students now will submit their own application and testing fees directly to NACES after completion of the class. The national certification requires students to have a high school diploma or GED.

Clinicals is a health-related work-based learning experience that enables the students to apply specialized occupational therapy, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. At the end of the course, students will be able to apply the theory, concepts and skills involving specialized materials, tools, equipment, procedures, regulations, laws and interactions within and among political, economic, environmental, social and legal system associated with the occupations and the business/industry and will demonstrate legal and ethical behavior, safety practices, interpersonal and team work skills as well as appropriate written and verbal communication using the terminology of the occupation and the business/industry.

For more information and to register, contact Vickie Rosales, administrative assistant to the Plainview Center, at (806) 296-9611, ext. 4301.

SOCIETY

Floydada Rotary Club



Courtesy Photo

At last week's Rotary meeting in Floydada, Charles Starnes, Rotary District Governor, presents Fred Thayer and Clar Schacht with the Paul Harris Fellow certificate of recognition for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

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LOCKNEY SOLDIER BOYS RETURN HOME

Tuesday was a homecoming for a number of Lockney boys who sailed away nearly two years ago for far away France to fight for democracy and home. The train brought the largest bunch of boys that have returned at any one time since the homecoming started several months ago. Some fifteen of the boys from Lockney and the north half of Floyd county came in on this occasion, besides a goodly number that went to Floydada. It is said that twenty three in all belonging to Floyd county came in Tuesday. Those getting off at Lockney were: Jake Griffith, Jim

Sparks, Roscoe Moreland, Truman Meyers, Henry Ratjen, Henry and Orville Thompson, Harve Pace, Jim Herman Schacht, Ray Lee, Sidney Boswell Stanton Sims and Ivan Hess.

Well we remember the morning we all went to the train, this coming September will be two years, to bid these brave boys good by. There was not a dry eye in that vast crowd that morning. The boys went away cheerfully waving us a good bye. We were sending them to far away France amid danger on land and sea. We were sad that morning, for we did not know that we

would ever see them again, but they were spared to return to us, whole in limb and sound in mind, and we believe they are strong in their faith of the goodness of a kind providence that guided them hence and enabled them to return to their friends and loved ones. Those boys saw active service and many of them have interesting things to tell of their varied experiences while away. They met the Hun on the field of honor and aided materially in bringing victory to the allied armies. Of all the boys sent from this community only one so far failed to return. We speak of William Landrum who sleeps in the flowered covered valleys of France. He made the supreme sacrifice, gave all that you and I might forever live in peace and enjoy liberties of a free people. Some day his body will be returned to Lockney and entered among our own dead, and then Lockney and Floyd county will have an opportunity to pay their tribute to one as brave sons as ever marched under the stars and stripes.

The writer rejoices this morning in the thought that so many of our boys have been spared and that they are seen on our streets. Great was the joy of Lock-

ney parents yesterday when their soldier boys came marching home straight as an arrow, happy and as manly set of boys as we have ever seen any where. We are proud of you Lockney-Floyd county boys. You have made a name for yourselves and your heirs forever.

Let us rejoice and give praise to Him who guides the destinies of us all. While not all of our boys are home yet, but such a great number of them have returned that it seems like the old happy days before the war to see them again on our streets. There are left yet in France several of Lockney's favorite sons. We refer to Raborne Thompson, Cleve McGehee, Goldie Burns, Will Ratjen, Canfill Collier, Glen Hamilton, Earn Byars, and others whose names we can not recall to memory. They will doubtless be home within a few months, and then we will have occasion for other rejoicings. Watt Griffith, Earl Cheshier and others have landed and are still in American camps. They are expected home most any day.

Since writing the above we have learned that another Lockney boy died in France, Huber Sparks, cousin of Walter Sparks of the Irick community.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Doc was just getting up to leave the philosophy counter as Herb walked in. Herb was grinning and flexing muscles and had the look of eagles in his eyes. We stared.

"Herb," said Doc. "You know, you can overdo a good thing."

"Why Doc ... whatever do you mean?"
"I realize that getting more exercise is your resolution for the new year, but a man your age ... you need to pace yourself a little, that's all. Don't try to get in shape all at once."

"Why Doc, I've never felt better in my life. Hey, you were so right to get me on this exercise kick. I've been meaning to thank you. It's just what I've been needing. What would you think about my playing some football in the spring? I mean, it's just touch football, but I miss the ol' razzmatazz, you know?"

Doc shook his head sadly and walked out. Herb started laughing and sat down with us and flipped his cup over for his morning eye opener.

"What was that all about, Herb?" Dud asked.

"A little joke I'm playing on Doc, that's all," Herb said. "You remember how Doc has been on my case to get more exercise and slim down some? Well, there was only one way to shut him up, so I started running. I bought a sweat suit and started running. I run past his house each morning. Then, about an hour later, I run past his house the other direction, huffing and puffing and looking at my watch."

"An hour? You run for an hour each morning?"

"Of course not," Herb said, laughing. "I run past Doc's house then walk the block to the library. An hour later, I run past Doc's house and then walk two blocks home."

We stared at him.
"What?" he said. "You know Doc's going to worry about me one way or the other. I just thought I'd change it up a bit."

A Green Weenie works well in Delaware's rivers. Fly Fisherman's Bucket List, from LPDPpress.com.



About Town . . .

By: Deon Fincher

By Deon Fincher

This past week I was enjoying some time with a dear friend. They were recounting a conversation they had had earlier in the week. The statement was voiced that Floydada could be much like Fredricksburg, TX—quaint, active, busy, and flourishing.

Wouldn't that be nice?! There are a few distinct variables that make Fredricksburg what it is. The key variable is "location." As far as I can tell, we are not sitting within arm's reach of Austin, we do not have the abundance of hills, rivers, or trees that is distinctive to the Hill Country. And, as diverse as grapes are, our soil is more cohesive with cotton. Oh, yes! And...our highway doesn't run right through our downtown.

On the other hand, I believe that Floydada could build toward that goal. Our

square still has some properties that could be renovated into business locations. The city leaders, civic groups, and the residents would have to join together as one entity, with one goal, to push forward the intent to create a dynamic, tourist-centered, community. That focus would have to be the priority. Our community members would need to completely support each and every activity that takes place—if the town doesn't attend events, no one else will.

A re-structuring of sorts would have to take place. Paint—yes, paint, applied onto buildings, residences, even signs would certainly be a start. Storage areas would need to be let to businesses that could create interest, activity and revenue; Stores and museums would need to stay open to welcome visitors on their travel schedules, as opposed to our schedules; and

our residents would have to give of their time, efforts and talents even more than in the past. If you look closely, Fredricksburg is never closed... never!

Floydada can do this! I believe with my whole heart that there is a candy-maker here in town that just needs a small store-front to start selling the goodies. I have no doubt that there is an antique boutique just bursting to open its doors. We definitely could use a "working clothes"/farm supply store. Personally, I would love to be able to browse through a high-quality bath and bedroom linen shop, preferably set in an old structure filled with history. Coffee! Coffee would be nice, too.

It really is just a mind-set. Floydada is our town—we can make it whatever we'd like. The caveat is this: evolving a community is an "all-in" project.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY -DATES to mark on your calendar for March and April:

MARCH CALENDAR:
19th - BINGO Night 6-8 p.m.
26th - Pancake Supper 5-8 p.m.

APRIL CALENDAR:
6th - Family Night Fish Fry
8th - Sunday Lunch - Turkey & dressing
14th - Spring Bazaar
16th - BINGO Night

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

March 19 - March 23

Monday - Steak finger basket
Tuesday - Enchiladas
Wednesday - Pulled pork
Thursday - Club sandwich
Friday - Baked chicken

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada Senior Citizens is our business name, but anyone of any age is welcome to "eat in or take out, or have a meal delivered". Call us at 983-2032 for deliver service at no extra charge. We do have memberships available, at a cost of \$25.00 per year. This membership allows you to purchase the meal for \$5.00 instead of \$6.00.

Freida Dunn, BSN,ET, is present the 4th Thursday of the month for a blood pressure clinic, beginning at 11:30 a.m. weather permitting. Next clinic will be March 22.

The 2nd Tuesday Bingo, will resume on April 10 at 6:00 p.m. We will have sandwiches, drinks and dessert available at that time. We will also continue our progressive cash bingo game. Mark your calendars.

We will be hosting a Fundraiser on Friday, March 23. We will not serve a noon meal that day, instead we will open at 4:30 p.m. for an "all you can eat" Fish Fry. We will serve until

everyone has been fed. The menu will include home style corn meal breaded fried fish, cole slaw, French fries, dessert, and drink. Dine in, carry out or call 983-2032 for delivery. We are asking for a minimum donation of \$7.00 per person, but any extra you can include will be appreciated. Proceeds will be used to keep the Center open and serving meals 5 days a week.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 806-983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

MENU

March 19 - March 23

Monday - Sirloin pattie 2/natural gravy
Tuesday - Margaret's pork
Wednesday - Chicken strips w/gravy
Thursday - Tacos
Friday - CLOSED

(open at 4:30 p.m. for Fundraiser - Fish Fry)

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Richard M. Hale

Richard M. Hale, 78, died March 7, 2018 at his home in Borger.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, March 12, 2018 at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Borger. Pastor Ricky Griffin, Trinity Fellowship Church, officiated.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.

Arrangements were under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Richard was born April 20, 1939 in Phillips, Texas to Samuel Douglas Hale and Alma Charlotte Richardson Hale. He married Teresa Jackson on May 23, 1957 in Memphis, Texas. They have lived in Borger since 1984.

He was the son of a Major League baseball player and became a golf professional over fifty years ago. He was a class A Life Member of the Professional Golf Association starting in 1966. He won the Player of the Year award in the West Texas Chapter, averaging 69.2 in 14 Pro-Am events on different courses. His best score was 59, he has had 5 double eagles and a hole in one on number 15



RICHARD M. HALE

at Borger Country Club.

He loved to hunt and fish as well as playing golf and was well known for growing tomatoes and having a beautiful yard. Richard was well known for his teaching abilities as Pro at Borger Country Club Golf Course.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his granddaughter, Nesa Jan Nixon, his grandson, Jared Samuel Trengove, two brothers and two sisters.

Richard is survived by his wife of sixty years, Teresa; his two daughters, Mitzi Nixon and her husband, Danny of Floydada and Melissa Trengove and her husband, Steve of Lubbock; his four grandchildren, Scott Nixon and his wife, Leslie, Laci Nixon, Jennifer Trengove and Jacqueline Whisner and his five great-grandchildren, Camden, Keegan, Jaylee, Levi and Lauren Jaed.

The family requested memorials be made to the Opportunities Inc./Senior Citizens Center, P. O. Box 5032, Borger, TX 79008.

Brenda Lowe Carthel

Brenda Lowe Carthel, 76, of Buffalo Springs Lake, passed away on March 10, 2018.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the Buffalo Springs Community Church, with Silas (Marty) Lowe officiating.

Interment will follow at 2:15 p.m. at the Lockney Cemetery in Lockney.

Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Idalou.

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

Brenda Joyce Green was born June 3, 1941 to Samuel Gayland & Emagene Veech Green in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois and grew up on the family farm. Brenda graduated from Mt. Pulaski High School in 1959.

On November 26th, 1960 Brenda was united in marriage to Silas Marshall Lowe, Jr. at Copeland Christian Church. To this marriage two children were born, Silas Marshall Lowe, III and Valerie Rochelle Lowe. Brenda lived in Mt. Pulaski, balancing motherhood with bookkeeping for Stahl Brothers Furniture and Hardware Stores. In the summer time, Brenda would often be boating and water skiing with her family at Lincoln, Decatur, or Springfield Lake or cruising down the Illinois or Mississippi rivers.

In the spring of 1971, Brenda moved with her family to a farm in Shelby County, Missouri near the town of Shelbina. She could be found tending to baby pigs in the farrowing house, gardening, driving a tractor, or hauling seed to the planter. She also found time to work in Shelbina at Production Credit Association (PCA) keeping farmer's records and doing their taxes. On June 2, 1985, she lost her husband Silas to a 10-year battle with cancer.

For the next 7 years, Brenda focused on spending time with her granddaughters, Samantha and Danielle Lowe, and Haley Woutzke. She continued to keep farmer's records and prepare taxes. She loved to barbeque after work and would spoil the granddaughters on their many sleepovers.

Brenda found a Texan, Theodore Francis Carthel, in Illinois working for the same company (AGRO) as she at the time, and, lassoed him. Ted and Brenda were united in marriage on October 9, 1992 at a beautiful lakeside park in Dallas, Texas, with her minister son as the officiant, and their mothers, Emagene Green and Octavia Carthel, as the witnesses. This union brought an immediate family expansion, adding a son, Theodore Chester Carthel, and a daughter, Catherine Sue Adams, along with grandchildren Matt and Megan Carthel, and Morgan

and Kelsey Adams.

After residing in Denton and traveling the countryside for AFLAC for several years, Ted and Brenda moved to Buffalo Springs Lake near Lubbock in January of 2008. The house they built on the lake has seen its happiest times when filled with family and friends and hosting the annual Christmas Open House. Brenda was also known as a championship Rummikub player and jelly maker, and in these later years enjoyed many trips and cruises with Ted and other family members.

At Buffalo Springs Community Church, Brenda was involved in Buffalo Gals, Wednesday Night Youth, and working in the church kitchen fixing meals for Wednesday night youth. Brenda also served on the Board of Directors of Buffalo Springs Meals on Wheels. Service in the local church was not new to Buffalo Springs, as she did many of these same things (along with playing the piano for worship and teaching Sunday School) in every community and every church she was a part of her entire life.

Brenda battled cancer multiple times with dignity, strength and grace, finally tiring of the fight on a beautiful lake morning, March 10, 2018. Brenda packed much living into her 76 years of life. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.



BRENDA LOWE CARTHEL

Brenda was preceded in death by her first husband, Silas, her parents, her mother-in-law, and her middle sister, Sharon Maxheimer.

Brenda is survived by her husband Ted; her youngest sister Jacqueline (Bob) Kapper; her brother-in-law, Don (Janet) Maxheimer; her children, Silas (Paula) Lowe, Valerie (Walt) Gilbert, Ches (Laquita) Carthel, and Catherine Adams; her grandchildren, Samantha (Andy) Ratliff, Danielle (Will) Lamm, Haley (John Mark) Hatfield, Matt and Megan Carthel, Tiffany (Tommy) Mainord, Jayden (Ashley) Sessums, Kelsey (David) Zickefoose, and Maryam (Mustafa) Abdul-Jabbar, and great-grandchildren, Rylie and Houston Hatfield, Maecee and Davis Mainord, Allie, Kyler, and Jaxx Sessums, Jace and Barrett Zickefoose, Wali, Malik, and Amir Abdul-Jabbar, and many nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

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

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Don't Give Up

I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
—Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)

Because my husband works in another city, I have the responsibility of taking care of our two teenage sons and my elderly mother-in-law. Sometimes my life gets stressful as I try to manage everything alone.

Recently, I was driving my family to worship on Sunday morning. I wanted to reach the church at least ten minutes before the service began because I was to sing the praise song during the opening of worship. Halfway through our journey, the car had a flat tire. There was hardly any time to replace the tire, so my only option was to park the car in that spot and try to contact another member of the

worship team to say that I would not make it to church on time.

As I stood there with my family, a car stopped near us. What a surprise! It was a member of our church passing by. She was alone so we could all fit in her car and reach the church on time. As I sang the praise song, I was overwhelmed with gratitude to God for being mindful of our needs.

When difficult situations leave us desperate and ready to give up, God is still working! God knows our needs and will surely respond to our prayers for help. —Sahana Mathias (Bangalore, India)

Prayer for the day:

Heavenly Father, thank you for your unending love. In times of distress and weakness, strengthen and renew us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

from <http://devotionalupperroom.org/devotionals>

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship...11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Floydada
Mark Snowden, Pastor
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music
Ludustria Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
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</p> | <p>Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th 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</p> | <p>310 Mississippi
Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.
*****</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.</p> <p>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
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors
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

PCG Annual Meeting Scheduled for April 6

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

LUBBOCK - Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., will host their 61st Annual Meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018 in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. The meeting is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, April 5-6, 2018, in Lubbock. For more information on the TCGA Annual Meeting and Trade Show,

visit <http://www.tcgga.org/>.

Current PCG president Johnie Reed, who farms near Kress, Texas, will preside over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. An award recognizing the 2017 High Plains Cotton Agent of the Year also will be presented at the meeting.

Congressman Jodey Arrington is scheduled to speak to the group. Bruce Atherley, executive director of Cotton Council International, will report on CCT's export promotion activities. Tom Wedegaertner with Cotton Incorporated will

report on that organization's latest initiatives. The program will feature an update on the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. PAC and an announcement about the 2018 Celebrate Cotton Game.

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., sponsored by Monsanto/Deltapine. Lunch, sponsored by Bayer CropScience/FiberMax/Stoneville, will follow the meeting.

There is no charge to attend and no RSVP is necessary. Additional information about PCG and the Annual Meeting can be found at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

Pro Bass Fisherman Jason Reynolds at The Great Outdoors Expo

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Jason Reynolds, Professional Bass Fisherman will be at this year's Great Outdoor Expo in Lubbock. The Expo is scheduled for March 24-25 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Jason will be conducting his fishing seminar, "Bass Fishing Techniques" as well as his exciting & entertaining "High Flying Retriever Dog Show"

Throughout the show, Reynolds will be featuring his high-flying dogs that will be jumping into his 41-foot-long bass tub.

The Fetch-n-Fish Tub show invites audience participation, particularly from children who help mark the longest jumps (and might get wet in the process).

"Basically, what we do is a family fun program," Reynolds explained. "We talk a little about obedience, then a little about dog training, and I mix it with some fun games and dog tricks. And the ultimate of the show is when I have the dogs jump in the fish tank."

"This is not just dog training- this is entertainment. This is something the whole family can relate

to. The kids love it".

The Great Outdoors Expo will also feature Boats to ATV's, outfitters to gear and gadgets. There will also be lots of entertainment and activities for the kids and educational seminars for the adults. Something for the entire family. Admission is only \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors 62+ and \$5 for kids 5-15. Admission is good all weekend. Show hours are Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Go to www.goetx.com for more information.

Fishing Report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Alan Henry:

Elevation below normal, water 45 and clear. Channel catfish are slow on punch bait along flats.

Ellsworth: Elevation above normal, water murky. Blue and channel catfish are slow on cut bait, punch bait and shad in the main lake and around points. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure and docks.

Ft. Cobb:

Elevation normal, water 45 and clear. Largemouth bass are slow on PowerBait around points. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs around docks and points.

Foss:

Elevation .5 ft. below normal with gates closed, water 45 and clear. Striped bass hybrids are slow to fair on live bait. White bass are slow to fair. Walleye are slow. Crappie are fair on Bobby Garland jigs around the marina. Catfish are fair on stinkbait.

Lawtonka:

Elevation above normal, water clear. Crappie are good on jigs along the dam.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 42. Blue and channel catfish are slow on shad and stinkbait around points.

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

Alan Henry:

Water clear main lake, lightly stained up the river; 49 degrees; 6.21 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Alabama rigs, spinnerbaits, crankbaits and spoons. Crappie and bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are slow on live perch and live worms.

Arrowhead:

Water fairly clear; 51-59 degrees; 2.16 ft. low. Black bass are slow to fair on soft plastics. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

Coleman:

Water stained; 69-73 degrees; 2.73 ft. low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red soft plastics, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

Colorado City:

15.67 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 to fair on Texas rigs and chatterbaits. Crappie are fair on

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

Greenbelt:

Water off color; 52-59 degrees; 32.55 ft. low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs and shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

Hubbard Creek:

Water off color; 54-59 degrees; 3.18 ft. low. Black bass are slow to fair on crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are good on live and cut bait.

Mackenzie:

74.47 ft. low; 51-56. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

Meredith:

Water fairly clear; 49-56 degrees; 47.69 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; 1.09 ft. low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs and jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

O.H. Ivie:

Water stained; 51-59 degrees; 38.28 ft. low. Black bass are fair on shakysheads, Texas rigs and crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek:

Water stained; 51-57 degrees; 11.05 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, chatterbaits and jigs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Catfish are fair on live and cut bait.

Possum Kingdom:

Water off color; 51-58 degrees; 0.93 ft. high. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, shakysheads and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good 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:

51.64 ft. low. Catfish are fair to good on live and cut bait.

Stamford:

Water stained to muddy; 52-60 degrees; 0.9 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; 24.53 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; 22.07 ft. low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs and jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

PCG schedules information sessions about new seed cotton program

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

LUBBOCK - Plains Cotton Growers staff will present seven information sessions around the PCG service area to allow anyone interested in learning more about recently passed legislation that defines Seed Cotton as a covered commodity eligible for Title I ARC or PLC programs in the 2014 Farm Bill for the 2018 crop year.

Meetings will be as follows:

PCG Regional Information Session #3 - Lamesa

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Location: Forrest Park Community Center, 900 S. Houston Ave, Lamesa
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #4 - Plainview

Date: Monday, March 26, 2018

Location: Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia St., Plainview
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #5 - Muleshoe

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Location: Bailey County Electric Cooperative - Community Room, 610 E. American Blvd, Muleshoe
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #6 - Amarillo

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018

Location: AgTexas Farm Credit Services - Amarillo, 2001 S. Soney Road, Amarillo
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #7 - Dumas

Date: Friday, March 30, 2018

Location: 8th Street Event Center, 420 W. 8th Street, Dumas
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

For more information and resources, visit <http://www.plainscotton.org/18SeedCottonInfo.html> or call PCG at (806) 792-4904.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program Offers Opportunities

From High Plains Water District

Producers in the Panhandle-South Plains region are reminded that cost-share funding is still available for installation of irrigation system monitoring equipment, soil moisture probes, and other irrigation management equipment through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

Approximately \$600,000 is available for the remainder of the program, which ends in 2018.

Participation in RCPP is entirely voluntary. Interested producers can sign up for the program at their local USDA-NRCS service center. Additional information about RCPP is available at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

In addition, be sure to visit <http://www.hpwd.org/rcpp> for information about eligible equipment, estimated

payment rates, a contact list of USDA-NRCS Service Centers, and a map illustrating the 29 counties participating in RCPP.

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) in Lubbock serves as the lead RCPP partner. Supporting partners include Hemphill County UWCD in Canadian, Llano Estacado See **OPPORTUNITIES** Page 7

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8 questions you should answer before switching to cotton

By Ron Smith
Southwest Farm Press

Cotton may look like a better option for many farmers this year, but before jumping into — or back into — cotton production, prospective newcomers should take stock of what's necessary to raise cotton.

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Extension economist Aaron Smith says farmers looking to plant cotton for the first time or for the first time in several years, should do their homework before committing acreage to a new enterprise. Corn or soybean farmers may not see as good of a profit opportunity as they have in previous years, Smith said at the recent Cotton Focus seminar in Jackson, Tenn. Before making a switch, prospective cotton producers should ask themselves:

1. Where is the best profit opportunity?

Develop a cost versus price analysis, "not just for cotton but for all crops to

determine potential profit or loss," Smith says. UTIA budgets show cotton expenses at \$661 per acre, a cost that will vary from farmer to farmer but is a good reference. He says producers should consider annual costs as well as long term costs. "Annual costs, seed, fertilizer and fuel, for instance, can be altered." Capital investments are typically set for multiple years.

2. What are realistic yield and price estimates?

Assessing potential yield and price also offers an opportunity to estimate the prospects for cotton. "At 73 cents a pound, and if you can guarantee 1,000 pounds per acre, that's some black ink," Smith says. He suggests that if producers consider long-term cotton production, they should look out about eight years to estimate how prices and yields will flow.

3. What about ginning?

"Also consider ginning availability."

4. What are my best harvesting options?

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Floydada Whirlwinds



Floydada Diamond Dusters capture championship in softball tourney

By Coach Trevino
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Diamond Dusters 14U Team competed in the Swing into Springbreak Fastpitch Softball Tournament March 9-11 in Levelland. Play began on Friday night with 2 pool play games in which they defeated Texas Glory Montes by a score of 3-2 in game one and in game two defeated the Lubbock Sharks 7-3. Bracket play began on Saturday afternoon with a 10-2 victory over Texas Glory. Later Saturday night the Dusters defeated Rampage by a score of 9-5, earning a spot in the championship game on Sunday.

Rampage fought their way back through the losers bracket to face off once again against the Dusters on Sunday at noon. The Dusters fell behind early, battled back to tie the game at 8 before losing their only game of the tournament, 15-8.

Since it was their first loss, the two teams battled again. This time the Dusters would not be denied and led from start to finish, destroying team Rampage 19-2. They finished the tournament as champions at 5-1.

Players of the Diamond Dusters are (Back row, l-r) Levy Hernandez, Celeste Wickware, Kailea Lopez, Erin Trevino, Clarissa Delafuente; (Front row, l-r) Jazmine



Coronado, Kailee Sanchez, Danielle Zavala, Alyssa Obregon, and Marissa Obregon. Not pictured: Tatum Glasscock and Alyssa Gipson. The team is coached by Gilbert Trevino, Eddie Sanchez, and Tino Obregon.

Lady Winds hold on to defeat Ralls

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada had an 8-5 lead heading into the seventh inning against Ralls but limited the Lady Rabbits to two runs to claim their second district victory, 8-7 over Ralls.

The game was scoreless going into the bottom of the third when the Lady Winds scored three runs with two outs to take the early 3-0 lead. Emily Cisneros singled with one out then Hannah Morales doubled to drive in Cisneros. Denise Riojas followed with a double to drive in Morales then Kylie Ricketts doubled to drive in Riojas to give the Lady Winds the lead.

Ralls scored their first run of the game in the top of the fourth behind a two-out walk to Casarlz, a single by Lara and a run-scoring double by Yocom. Ralls added their second run in the top of the fifth when Castro singled to lead off the inning then Moreno walked. A ground-out advanced the runners then Torres hit a sacrifice fly to

drive in Castro.

In the bottom of the fifth, Floydada added three runs. Morales and Riojas hit back-to-back home runs with one out then with two outs, Ricketts hit the Lady Winds third home run of the inning to give Floydada a 6-2 lead after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, Lara reached on a one-out error followed by a Yocom reaching on an error that allowed Lara to score. With two outs and Yocom on third, Castro walked then Moreno doubled to drive in two runs to make it 6-5. In the bottom of the inning, Stefanni Chavarria and Angela Vega drew walks to lead off the inning then Cisneros singled but Jazzi Martinez, running for Chavarria was thrown out at third. Alyssa Obregon singled to load the bases then Morales doubled to drive in Vega and Cisneros and give Floydada an 8-5 lead.

In the top of the seventh, Ralls added two more runs. The first run came after singles by Torres, Palmer

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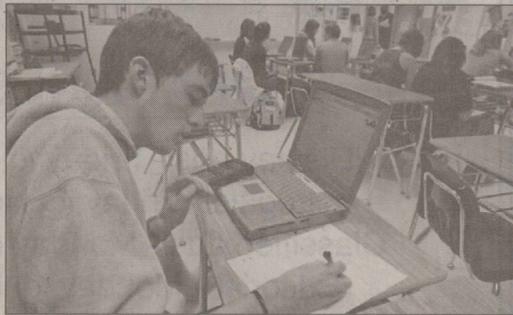
Why laptops in a high school classroom can have a huge impact?

By Jacob Chavarria
FHS Journalism Class

Laptops or technology in general is a very important component to our society today. Our whole world is controlled by technology today and one major contributor is laptops. Some schools have changed to where computers are put in classrooms or libraries for their students to use for projects. Smaller schools sometimes only have maybe three to four total computers while the bigger schools have multiple computers for students use. If a lot of schools invested in laptops for the students to carry around school and perhaps take them home it could enhance their learning ability. Having laptops in high school classrooms could allow the students to have many resources to use, the teachers would have programs to use, and the students would have a place to retain notes and communicate with their teachers.

Laptops take an extensive part in individual's lives that have an average daily work life. Giving high school students laptops cannot only prepare them for their future careers but by using them in school it can provide them with resources to use. In many classes teachers give projects to do and students will have to

spend time in libraries checking out books in order to acquire facts that they can use on their assignment. With laptops that students could have they would be able to use Internet sources to gather those pieces of information. Now



the students will be able to use multiple sources and could do it at home instead of taking up class time or having to be at school early or stay late to gather information for their project. Also if kids are having trouble learning a new topic in a specific class they could look up their topic using their laptops Internet source and use webpages to better their mind and maybe gain a better grasp on the topic that they are having a hard time understanding. Teachers will just have to make sure that when they give homework assignment that they are aware that students could use websites to cheat so that could become a problem. A good thing is there are different website programs that

teachers can use which will help the student when they are having problems understanding information.

Having laptops will not only benefit the students but will have an impact on the teachers as well. There are

many programs that can be used by teachers to better their students learning. Some programs like USATestPrep, MyAccess, StudyIsland and many others are beneficial in numerous ways. For example Study Island has different topics that are related to what teachers are having their students learn. So if the teacher wants their students to gain more knowledge on a specific topic they can use this resource or another similar Internet source to Study Island. It helps out all of the teachers even if you are an English, Math, and Science or teach another class subject. Now teachers can have a reference besides grades in order to show that students understand what is being taught by

showing that they students are showing improvement and knowledge by using another source.

If you look into an average students backpack you will see tons of paper that is being wasted on notes and homework assignments. But this way by using a laptop notes can be taken on word or a pages document and they will automatically be saved and stored into the computers system. Students will not be able to have an excuse as to why notes are missing or even assignments. And if the teachers want to see progress from their students they can have them turn them in to them. This leads to another advantage as you can allow students to communicate with the teachers by using email or another source. If a teacher needs to let students know of a test or assignment that could be due an email could be sent out and will notify the students about what it is the teacher is trying to let them know.

Getting laptops in a classroom can have an important affect to the school, teachers, and the students. It will have many advantages by allowing the students to be prepared for the future when they will have to use a computer or some sort of technology in a job. Many opportunities will also be opened to allow help for students struggling.

Lady Winds open district play by defeating Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON - Hannah Morales led the Floydada Lady Winds to their first district victory over Crosbyton, 16-2. Morales limited Crosbyton to seven hits and drove in five runs from the plate.

The Lady Winds took the early lead with one run in the top of the first then added three runs in the third, four in fourth, two in the fifth and six in the sixth. Crosbyton scored one in the third and one in the sixth.

Morales had a double, a triple and a home run to as she went 3-4 with five RBIs

and two runs scored. Alyssa Obregon went 4-5 including two doubles, drove in two runs and scored three times. Kylie Ricketts went 4-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored and two doubles. Allison Orr had two doubles as she went 3-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Morales pitched six innings, giving up two runs on seven hits while striking out five.

For Crosbyton, Guerrero was 2-3 with one RBI and Marquez was 3-3 with one RBI. Haynes pitched six innings allowing 16 runs on 17 hits while striking out six and walking six.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU March 19 - March 23

Monday	
Breakfast	Sausage breakfast pizza, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk
Lunch	Beef fingers w/roll, cheeseburger, seamed mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
TUESDAY	
Breakfast	Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, graham cracker, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch	Cheesy enchiladas w/Spanish rice, turkey & cheese sub, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
WEDNESDAY	
Breakfast	Banana muffin, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch	Chicken noodle soup w/biscuit, cheeseburger, Crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
THURSDAY	
Breakfast	Cinnamon waffles, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch	Beef tacos w/Spanish rice, cheese pizza, Mexican pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
FRIDAY	
Breakfast	Sausage breakfast pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch	Baked potato soup w/grilled cheese sandwich, Chicken sandwich, peppered broccoli florets, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wacky Day



Last week at A.B. Duncan Elementary School in Floydada, they celebrated Dr. Seuss Week. Some wacky things happened on Wacky Day of Dr. Seuss Week. Teachers and students celebrated with backwards, mismatched, and crazy clothes, a cookie cake, writing upside down under the tables, and more.

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Lockney Longhorns

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Courtesy photos

The Lockney One Act Play performed at the district meet in Sudan on March 6 and will be advancing to Bi-District at Post on March 22. Alexa Poole and Karissa Petty were named to the All-Star Cast and Lyndee Setliff received Honorable Mention.



LHS Alumni Game



Courtesy Photo/Lockney ISD Facebook

The Lockney Baseball team held their annual alumni game on Saturday, March 10. The current varsity won the game 11-10.

Lady Horns comeback to defeat Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to break open a tie game and claim a 9-6 victory over Crosbyton. This was Lockney's second district victory.

Crosbyton scored first in the top of the third inning on a two-run home run. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Horns scored their first run when Isabel Cruz reached on an error to lead off the inning then scored on a wild pitch three batters later. Crosbyton held a 2-1 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fifth, Crosbyton added two more runs on a two-run double with two outs to take a

4-1 lead. Lockney tied the game in the bottom half of the inning when RyAnn Castillo reached on an error, Alyssa Barretero singled then Reagan Nuncio walked to load the bases. The next two batters hit into fielder's choices where the lead runner was thrown out at home. With two outs, Aleah Jimenez tripled to drive in Nuncio, Chavira and Jasmin Cuba and tie the game at 4-4.

In the bottom of the sixth, Cruz reached on an error to lead off for the Lady Horns then Mika Williams singled. Cruz and Williams executed a double steal that allowed Cruz to score on an error. With Castillo at bat, Williams and Hernandez executed a double steal that scored Williams then Hernandez scored on a steal

of home. Castillo singled then moved all the way to third where she scored on a steal. Barretero tripled then executed another steal of home to give the Lady Horns a 9-4 lead after six innings.

Crosbyton added two more runs in the top of the seventh, but it wasn't enough as Lockney moved to 2-0 in district with the 9-6 victory.

For Lockney, Barretero went 2-2 with one run scored, Jimenez went 2-3 with three RBIs, Williams went 1-3 with one run scored and Castillo went 1-4 with one run scored. Nuncio pitched seven innings, allowing six runs on 11 hits while striking out four and walking one.

Players names were not recorded for Crosbyton.

Lady Horns defeat New Deal to start district play

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney scored six runs in the first four innings and Reagan Nuncio limited New Deal to one run on three hits as the Lady Horns claimed a 6-1 district opening victory.

In the bottom of the first, Karissa Petty led off with a single before eventually scoring on a single by Madai Chavira. In the bottom of the second, Tatyana Cienfuegos walked to lead off the inning then scored on a steal of home to make it 2-0 after two innings.

In the bottom of the

third, Nuncio walked to lead off then with two outs, scored on a single by Aleah Jimenez. Jimenez scored two batters later when RyAnn Castillo reached on an error and the Lady Horns had a 4-0 lead after three innings.

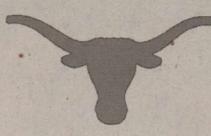
In the top of the fourth, Valdez singled with one out then scored New Deal's only run when Romero singled. In the bottom of the inning, Petty led off with a walk then scored when Chavira doubled with two outs. Jessica Hernandez reached on an error that allowed Chavira to score and make it 6-1 in favor of the Lady Horns. Neither team

threatened the rest of the game and the Lady Horns claimed the 6-1 victory.

For Lockney, Chavira went 2-4 with two RBIs and one runs scored, Jimenez went 2-3 with one RBI and one run scored and Petty went 1-3 with two runs scored. Nuncio pitched seven innings allowing one run on three hits while striking out 11 and walking three.

For New Deal, Valdez went 1-3 with one run scored and Romero went 1-3 with one RBI. Valdez pitched six innings allowing six runs on seven hits while striking out five and walking five.

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU March 19-23

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Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Toast Juice, Fruit, Milk
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Tuesday, Mar. 20

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Lunch – Meatball Sub or Chili Cheese Tots Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Mar. 21

Breakfast – Biscuit, Gravy, Eggs, Bacon or Parfait, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Chicken Nuggets, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Slices, Milk

Thursday, Mar. 22

Breakfast – Pancake Wrap, Yogurt or Crackers & Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch – Pizza Choice, Salad, Red Bell Peppers, Cherry Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk

Friday, Mar. 23

Breakfast – Cinnamon Roll, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch – Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Cucumbers, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Milk

Lady Horns stumble against Ralls

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

RALLS – Ralls scored three runs in the bottom of the third and fourth to pull away from the Lockney Lady Horns and hand the Lady Horns their first district loss of the year.

Ralls jumped out to a 1-0 lead after one inning behind a double by Castro and a sacrifice fly by Moreno.

With two outs in the top of the second, Lockney plated four runs. Mika Williams walked, Isabel Cruz reached on an error then Tatyana Cienfuegos was hit by a pitch to load the bases. RyAnn Castillo doubled to drive in Williams and Cruz. Al-

yssa Barretero reached on a fielder's choice that allowed Cienfuegos to score. Reagan Nuncio reached on an error that allowed Castillo to score and give the Lady Horns a 4-1 lead.

Ralls tied the game in the bottom of the third with three runs. Jones led off with a single then moved into scoring position on a wild pitch with one out. Moreno reached on an error that allowed Jones to score. With two outs, F Torres reached on an error that allowed Moreno and Torres to score and make it a 4-4 game after three innings.

In the bottom of the fourth, Ralls added three more runs. Yocom reached on an error to lead off then

Palmer drew a walk and R Torres came in as a courtesy runner. With one out, Castro doubled to drive in Yocom then Moreno singled to drive in Torres and Castro to give the Lady Rabbis a 7-4 lead.

Ralls added one more run in the bottom of the sixth, Castro singled with two outs then Moreno reached on an error that allowed Castro to score, giving Ralls an 8-4 lead. Lockney managed to load the bases in the top of the seventh with two outs but a groundout back to the pitcher end the threat and the game as Ralls picked up their first district victory.

For Lockney, Mika Williams went 1-3 with one run scored and Castillo

went 1-4 with two RBIs and one run scored. Nuncio pitched six innings, allowing eight runs on five hits while striking out five and walking one.

For Ralls, Castro went 3-4 with one RBI and three runs scored, Moreno went 1-4 with three RBIs and one run scored and Jones went 1-3 with one run scored. Yocom pitched seven innings allowing four runs on two hits while striking out eight and walking three.

Lockney is now 2-1 in district play and Ralls is 1-1. Lockney played Floydada on March 13 then will face Hale Center next Tuesday and Abernathy next Saturday.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Norman Muncy, Deceased, were issued on February 27, 2018, in Cause No. 6068 pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to:

EDITH FAYE MUNCY

The address of such person is:
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Persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are

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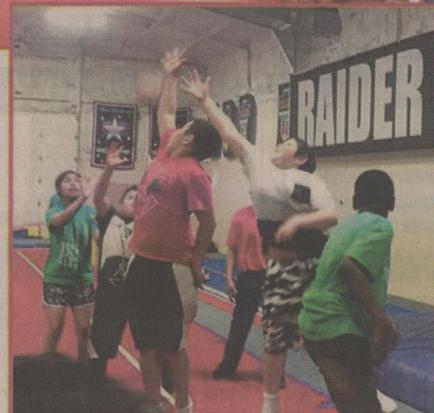
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Courtesy photos
Floydada 5th and 6th Graders took a field trip to Lubbock. They went to the Omnimax Theater and watched Mysteries of China, then to Cici's Pizza and finished the day at Raider Xtreme.



FORWARD

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ney's old and fragile water system causing numerous water line breaks and leaks, according to Poling.

"Two major water line breaks caused the necessity of calling in emergency crews with specialized equipment from Lubbock at a cost of over \$26,000," Poling said.

Other challenges for Lockney include

the old and aging infrastructure and aging equipment. This includes infrastructure where future replacement plans must be implemented such as a lift station replacement and systematic fire hydrant replacement or repair. Other equipment needs expensive repairs that can only be put off for a short time.

Poling said, "Worn out equipment needing to be replaced in the foreseeable future will cost around \$150,000."

The city manager said, however, that Lockney's City Council is forward-looking. "The Council is analyzing and calculating ways to meet these costly financial challenges head-on while keeping the City in a positive financial position. Lockney is making great strides in moving forward in a positive manner under the direction of its City Council," he added.

The city manager concluded, "Lockney is a great little town, a great place to raise a family, has a terrific hospital and has a great school system. Lockney is a great place to be!"

RALLS

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and Casarlz scored Torres. A ground out by Lara put runners at second and third then Yocum grounded out to drive in Palmer but a strikeout ended the game with Floydada taking the 8-7 victory.

For Floydada, Morales went 4-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored, Ricketts went 2-4 with two RBIs and one run scored and Obregon went 2-4 with one RBI and one run scored. Morales pitched seven innings allowing seven runs on seven hits while striking out five and walking three.

For Ralls, Moreno went 1-2 with two RBIs, Casarlz went 1-3 with one RBI and Yocom went 1-4 with two RBIs. Yocom pitched six innings, allowing eight runs on eight hits while striking out three and walking two.

Floydada improved to 2-0 in district while Ralls fell to 0-1.

The Lady Winds were scheduled to play Hale Center on March 12 and Lockney on March 13. Next week, they will play Abernathy on Tuesday and New Deal on Saturday.

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