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Floydada places 3rd overall in UIL, advances 10 to regional

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Last week Floydada competed at UIL, won third place overall and will advance ten to regional UIL April 13-14.

Ready Writing - 1st place - Marissa Valdivia (Regional Qualifier), 6th place - Hannah Morales
Number Sense - 6th place - Arnoldo Martinez
Current Events - 2nd PLACE TEAM - 2nd place - Jonah Trevino (Regional Qualifier); 3rd place - Dusty Prisk (Regional Qualifier); 5th place - Javier Olivera
Computer Applications - 1st place - Allison Orr (Regional Qualifier); 2nd place - Kortney Campbell (Regional Qualifier); 6th place - Luke Holcombe
Persuasive Speaking - 3rd Place - Ryder Glass (Regional Qualifier)
Informative Speaking - 6th place - Remington Ricketts
New Writing - 6th place - Jacob Chavarria
Spelling - 6th place - Garrett Hobbs
Accounting - 3rd place - Allison Muniz (Regional Qualifier); 4th place - Monty Stambaugh (Regional Alternate)
Science - 2nd PLACE TEAM - 1st place - Audrie Strange (Regional Qualifier); 3rd place - Lexie Ramos (Regional Qualifier)
Feature Writing - 5th place - Emily Cisneros
Social Studies - 2nd PLACE TEAM - 1st place - Donald Gibbins (Regional Qualifier)
4th place - James Gibbins (Regional Alternate)
Headline Writing - 5th place - Remington Ricketts
Mathematics - 2nd place team- 5th place - Kyle Bruington
Literary Criticism - 6th place - Brandy Green

Lockney students advance to Regional UIL

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

By D'Lyn Morris
Special to the Hesperian

Eight Lockney students will advance to the Regional UIL competition April 13-14 in Odessa. Lockney hosted last week's UIL contest.

In Science: Hunter Lefevre placed 2nd and was Alternate Top Biology winner and will advance to the Regional meet.

Fernando Valdez placed 3rd and will advance to the Regional meet

Science team of Hunter, Fernando, Lyndee Setliff, Brett Moore, Bethany Salazar, and Diego Azua placed 2nd.

In Number Sense, Diego Azua placed 3rd and is a regional qualifier. The team placed 3rd.

Editorial Writing: T.J. Blackledge placed 4th.

Prose: Lyndee Setliff placed 1st and Alexa Poole placed 2nd. Both will advance to the regional meet.

Math: Maykala Hernandez placed 3rd and will advance to the regional meet. T.J. Blackledge placed 5th. Team placed 2nd.

Literary Criticism: Lyndee Setliff placed 2nd and is a regional qualifier, Karissa Petty placed 5th. Team placed 2nd.

Current Issues and Events: Hunter Lefevre placed 6th.

Setbacks, billboard, resignation at March Floydada City Council

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Setbacks, as in the distance that structures are set back from the street, brought more than 20 members of the public to last week's Floydada City Council meeting.

The council held a public hearing on a request for a variance in zoning ordinances

for a setback from the curb on Lots all, Block J, Andrews Addition, Lots all, Block 14, Western Addition, also known as 215 N. White Street, the owner is Floydada Independent School District.

The new Floydada school construction plans generated discussion between the council, a representative of FISD and the public. FISD has sub-

mitted three sets of plans to the city which the city is in process of reviewing. Some from the public and council expressed concern that the setback would not be adequate to deal with students rushing into their cars at release times.

Craig Wallace, school architect, spoke on behalf of FISD and said that the centralization

of the campus should reduce the amount of students rushing to other campuses, and that making White Street one way should eliminate most of those concerns.

City Manager Jeff Johnston noted that White Street could be made one way.

The council approved the FISD variance request by a 3 See **CITY COUNCIL**, Page 9

Floydada city manager leaving for new opportunity

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada city manager, Jeff Johnston, turned in his resignation letter at last week's city council meeting.

He has accepted a position to be the City of Plainview's Community Development Director where he'll oversee several functions including rolling out Plainview's new bond projects and supervising building inspections, codes, health department, animal control and library.

"This has been one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make," said Johnston. "My family and I have made some really good friends here, and the council and the staff has been so supportive."

Johnston has been the city manager for Floydada for almost five years. During that time, voters approved a bond to enhance the quality of life with recreational improvements, and the city built a new playground and a new swimming pool with water-park like features.

The city has applied and been approved for multiple grants under Johnston's tenure—including downtown sidewalk renovations, airport enhancements, street improvements, small business development and new housing construction.

struction.

The adult softball fields were approved for revitalization in the bond vote along with the playground and pool, and then, Johnston pursued and was awarded a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant to enhance that initiative even more. There are plans for two softball fields at Annie Taylor Park, and the city now awaits approval from TPWD to begin demo and construction.

In his resignation letter to council, Johnston said, "The finances of the city are in great shape. The four years I have managed the budget, we have always come out in good standing, and despite some unforeseen circumstances, we have managed to be in a very good financial position at the end of every fiscal year. I take pride in being very conservative but continuing to provide a high level of service to the community."

In talking about his time in Floydada, the city manager said, "I guess the biggest accomplishment is achieving the strategy and the plan that the city said it wanted to do when I was hired—to improve the quality of life, to focus on economic development, to get young people moving back here, and that is now happening. We're even starting to see downtown revitalization."



Courtesy photo

Jeff Johnston, Floydada city manager, shown here with his family in a 2018 photo, has resigned to accept a position with the city of Plainview.

Johnston's contract requires 60 days-notice, and the city and the city manager will be working out the exact timing

of his exit, but he said he will be available to assist the city in the transition in any way that he is needed.

Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY EASTER SUNDAY

Trinity Assembly in Floydada will have an Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 1. It's an "All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast" beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be outdoor Easter games beginning at 9:30 a.m. and Celebration Service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

All events are FREE for the community. Come and join us as we celebrate HOPE this Easter! 500 W. Houston Street (across from Dairy Queen), Floydada, Texas.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH HOLY WEEK SERVICES

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada will hold their "Holy Week Services" as follows: Thursday, March 29 - Holy Thursday - The Lord's Supper & Washing of Feet; Good Friday, March 30th - Passion of the Lord, Resurrection of the Lord; Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 31st; Sunday, April 1st - Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord - 11:30 a.m.

FLOYDADA COOPERATIVE GINS

The Floydada Cooperative

Gins will hold their Stockholders and Producers Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Floyd County Unity Center. Serving begins at 6:30 p.m.

LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRIC RETIREMENT PARTY

The retirement party for Bill Harbin will be held Friday, April 6 from 3-4 p.m. at Lighthouse Electric Coop, 703 A. Highway 70 East, Floydada. Everyone is cordially invited to join the celebration.

OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday, May 12th is Old Settlers!!!! Downtown Floydada - Lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy. Mark your calendars now!!!

Correction

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

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Lockney school board approves professional contracts

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Lockney School Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 22 to consider a 13-item agenda.

The Board approved contracts for 43 professional staff members as recommended by High School Principal Todd Hallmark, Junior High Principal Craig Setliff and Elementary Principal Jean Anne Williams.

In other action, the Board approved the payment of bills and financial report for \$5,675,273.15. The Board also approved the realloca-

tion of funding for migrant tutorials. In other action, the Board approved the removal of the dock policy for local sick leave. Superintendent Jim Baum recommend the removal which will cost the District about \$15,000.

The Board also approved the continuation of the Texas Kids First contract for student insurance. The Board approved Policy Update 110 from the Texas Association of School Boards.

The Board discussed the initial renovation plans for the Elementary and Junior High but decided not to take any action at this time, pending cost estimates for the renovations.

Board members also accepted the resignation of Athletic Director Malcom Moerbe. Baum informed the Board that approximately 50 applicants have applied for the Athletic Director/Head Football Coach position since it was announced. An athletic director advisor panel will review all the applicants then narrow it down to a select few for interviews. Baum assured the Board that the panel, which includes Board Member Tyler Kidd, will act as quickly as possible to bring a recommendation to the Board.

The Board set the next meeting for Thursday, April 19 at 8:00 PM.

4th Annual Cops and Kids Event to be held in Plainview

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The 4th Annual Cops and Kids Event, sponsored by the Plainview Police Department, will be held on Saturday, April 7 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Running Water Draw (Kidsville) Park.

There will be basketball goals and volleyball nets set up for games as well as an obstacle course, rope climbing, tug-of-war, kickball and baseball. Hot dogs, chips and other goodies will be available as well as a drawing for bicycles, sports balls and skateboards. Children of all communities are invited to attend.

"The event continues to grow thanks to our volunteers, sponsors and the community," said Julio De La Garza, Patrolman/School Resource Officer and event chair. "We are excited about this year's event. It is a great time for the community and the police force to not only get to know one another but just

to have some fun."

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They will also have the SWAT vehicle with equipment displayed, Mobile Command Unit and Aero Care is scheduled to make an appearance. The Sheriff's department and others will also be participating in the events.

This year's event will also include the Opening Ceremonies with a prayer, singing of the national anthem, words from Mayor Wendell Dunlap and a butterfly release and speech commemorating youth mental health.

Event sponsors include Cantu's Construction, Apex

Collison Center, Kornerstone Funeral Directors, Plainview/Hale County Crime Stoppers, Reagor Dykes, Bills Wells Chevrolet, Brandon & Diane Brownlee-Racing, TJ&D Auto Inc., Centennial Bank, Buddy's Home Furniture, Covenant Health Plainview, Big E's, Vista Bank, Lisa's Photography, Amigo's United, Culligan Ultrapure, Hale County Crisis Center.

"We are continuing to receive donations daily and are grateful to our sponsors for making this event happen," said DeLaGarza. "Because of their generous support, we are able to create relationships not only with the kids but with the whole community by encouraging cooperation between the cops and our citizens."

For more information about the Cops and Kids event, contact Julio De LaGarza at 806.729.6939 or jdelagarza@plainviewtx.org or copsand-kidsplainview@gmail.com.

The 501: Dangerous Toys for Sale

Two-story dollhouse for sale. Painted metal. Has sharp corners. Comes with accessories. Some are choking hazards.



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That's the story of all my toys. Dangerous.

Did you notice the "for sale" part? I've decided to sell out.

Yes, I've kept all my toys. It can happen with hoarder-type only children.

I'm not admitting to being a bona-fide hoarder – just a hoarder-type. It's like having the alcoholism gene and managing not to overimbibe. Does that ever happen? I like to think so.

Being childless myself, I'd like to give my beloved toys to my three grandchildren, acquired by marriage. Emily, nearly two, is the only one young enough for most of the toys. But I don't want to kill her. All the paint probably contains lead. The wood could splinter. A mouse might have walked on the cotton rope to the little wagon. The oilcloth Indian doll, "Oh Be Joyful," might burst at the seams and spill her stuffing. Is it kapok? What would

happen if a child should ingest kapok?

KAPOK RESEARCH PAUSE.

Word for the day: "decoction." It's the liquor you get when you boil stuff like bark. A kapok decoction is used to treat type II diabetes and headaches. You can also add it to certain psychedelic concoctions. Maybe we really did give that doll the right name.

Yes, yes, if you live along the Amazon you are probably thinking I'm leaving out the most important use for kapok. A blow dart gun wouldn't be an efficient weapon if not wrapped in kapok fibers. What's more, kapok is water-resistant. Little "Oh Be Joyful" just acquired some extra selling points. Unless she's full of horsehair.

Some of my toys were ordered from the Miles Kimball catalog. Case in point, a pair of strap-on shoe-size skis, meaning they're very short. They turned out to be not as dangerous as I had hoped. Even in the best of snows they were non-skid. The picture on the box makes them look like fun. Yes, I still have the box. Maybe I can sell them to somebody who didn't get a pair way back when. I know you're out there.

As for my roller skates, yes, I still have the key – somewhere. Skates are inherently dangerous. That's the whole idea. But can strap-on clamp-on skates be securely attached to shoes that don't have sturdy leather soles? Probably not. Have you seen any no-nonsense leather-soled children's shoes lately? Me neither. When a skater crashes, it should be for a good reason – not because of a skate that couldn't hang onto a shoe. My opinion.

What's left?

My circa-1950 wooden desk needs a fresh new child to put a bottle of paste in the inkwell (that's what inkwells were for in my day) and to lay a Big Chief table on the slanted hinged top for some serious scribbling. But what if that desktop should fall on a set of little fingers? Ouch.

Toys for sale. Child's desk for sale. Must show ID. No sales to minors.

The Paperboy Surprise! Social media is evil

For a long time I've discussed the negative elements of Facebook. Now, the company is underfire for making user data available to outside companies.

For those of you outraged about this, I've got bad news for you: Many companies you deal with online do the same thing. Facebook, Google, Twitter, Snapchat and on and on use your information to target you. Even if you decided to get off of social media, your information is still available and is sitting on servers across North America.

What can be done about your privacy? Well, unless the grid goes down, nothing. I am no longer on social media. I had a Facebook account for a short time in 2010 and I had a Twitter account for a couple of years. Personally, I feel that these platforms are very negative. They bring out the worst in most of us and can cause ill will in our communities.

I cannot even begin to guess the number of negative posts people have made in our small communities attacking school personnel, elected officials, restaurants and so on. Many times, the posts are flat out wrong. The information is incorrect. Sadly, when someone is informed that they are indeed wrong, the individual will double down on their stupidity and continue to post.

It would be laughable if not so sad.

In a day in which we have incredible technology which should make our lives better, we are too ignorant to harness this power for good.

For those of you who would like to get off of the platform but are afraid you'll miss out on something, I can testify that it is pretty awesome when you cut the cord. Enjoy the sunrise and sunset. Drink your coffee while listening to the birds chirp. Put the phone down and hang out with your family and friends.

Saying "no" to social media was a great decision for me and I do not regret it. I promise, you don't miss what you don't know and your days will be happier without seeing all of that poison.

We are no strangers to drought. I'm sure you can recall 2011-13 when we all thought we would dry up and blow away. It was the hottest and driest we've been in many of our lifetimes.

As it is trying to rain while I type this (thank God!), we've been very dry now for five months. I guess we can be thankful that the timing of the drought has been good, but that is only true if we get sufficient rain now.

Firefighters across the region have had their hands full for a couple of months. Just yesterday (Monday) I saw state firefighters mobilizing to fight fires. And as dry and windy as it has been, it doesn't take much for a fire to get started and it doesn't take long for the fire to spread with the wind.

I'm thankful to those firefighters who risk their lives and time to keep us safe. I pray that the rains continue and these individuals get bored from a lack of action.

Just so you know, the forecast for most of Texas and Western Oklahoma is for the drought to persist into June. I sincerely hope the prognosticators and computers are wrong. They've been wrong before and they'll be wrong again. Let's pray this is one of those times.

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Warmer temps means snakes are moving

By Keith Randall

Texas A&M Marketing and Communications

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 26, 2018 – It's almost springtime in Texas, which means snakes are beginning to slither away from their comfortable winter surroundings and are on the move.

Dr. Jill Heatley, associate professor of veterinary medicine at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), said active snakes could mean bad news for people and their pets. Heatley and veterinarians in the Small Animal Hospital at the CVM are expecting to see an increase in snakebite cases.

"If you believe your pet has been bitten by a snake, you need to seek veterinary care and the doctor can determine what kind of treatment is necessary," Heatley explains.

Adds Christine Rutter, a veterinarian in Small Animal Clinical Services, "We have already seen snakebites in dogs this year. One pet required significant care after being bitten by a coral snake, but is thankfully going to be fine. Coral snake bites (and rattlesnake bites) are thankfully uncommon, but are life-threatening when they occur. Copperhead and cottonmouth bites are extremely common during the summer, as are bites from grumpy non-venomous snakes."

A snakebite on a human can be painful — and also ex-

pensive. It is not uncommon for a person bit by a venomous snake to have hospital bills up to \$50,000. Hospital treatments can range from one day to several weeks, and include care for damaged tissues and antivenom treatments that can run into the thousands of dollars, according to Heatley.

Although snakes are found in most parts of the world — Ireland, Iceland and New Zealand are some of the few snake-free countries — only four types of snakes found in Texas are venomous: the coral snake, copperhead, rattlesnake and cottonmouth (also called water moccasin).

"The thing to remember about snakes is that they generally want to be left alone," Heatley says. "They are probably more afraid of you than you are of them."

"Of the four types of venomous snakes in Texas, the coral, copperhead, and rattlesnake are almost never aggressive unless they are provoked," Heatley adds. "The cottonmouth has been known to be a little on the aggressive side, so you should be a little more wary of it, especially if you are near a creek or lake where they are frequently seen."

Heatley says an inquisitive pet could also be a snakebite victim. If bitten, a dog usually suffers the bite on its face or nose, while cats tend to be nicked on their paws.

"The area that has been bitten See **SNAKES**, Page 9

SOCIETY

The South Plains Hobby Club

March 14, 2018

By Mary M. Carter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The South Plains Hobby Club visited the CrossView Christian Camp on March 14, 2018 in Dickens, Texas. We were to meet at the South Plains Baptist Church at 9 a.m. or Janis Julian's at 9:30 a.m.

Our program was a tour of CrossView Christian Camp. Our guest speaker is Jennifer Schmidt. It is a ministry that she along with her husband, P.J., have been doing for the last 15 years. Running a camp is a busy life but they love it. The purpose of CrossView Camp is to reach kids from low income households with the life-changing truth of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a summer camp program that gives the children a quality camping experience. It gives the camper's exposure to rural West Texas. Many children are from the city. There is swimming, high and low ropes courses, a climbing wall, art and crafts, concerts, fishing, canoeing, ball sports, hiking, trailer rides, and more.

The camp is for 2nd through 12th grades and is for one week. The campers develop different skills and participates in all kinds of ac-

tivities. They receive unconditional love, but most important change we hope for our Campers to experience is an eternal one. CrossView Camp is a smaller camp with only 36 campers per week. Individual attention and meticulous supervision are essential for safety, social development, and spiritual progress.

CrossView Camp was founded in 2000 by Greg & Dionne McCowen. They wanted top quality Christian camping with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jennifer also had a fun snack of graham crackers and peanut butter we enjoyed.

Things to know: The Camp receives no funding from a denomination. It is non-denominational and unaffiliated with any church. They do receive support from several local fellowships. This gives them the freedom to work with all churches, organizations, and ministries who profess Christ. It is non-profit so donations are tax-deductible. Their address is Box 288, Dickens, Texas 79229. The phone number is 806-294-5021. Helen Teeple said the program was a spectacular presentation and tour of the camp.

We had lunch at T.C.'s Ponderosa in Dickens, Texas.

We each bought our own. They serve delicious BBQ. We chose brisket or turkey breast sandwiches with chips and refreshing drinks. We always enjoy it there, plus some ladies bought some BBQ to take home.

Helen Teeple, our president, called our meeting to order. She took care of the business and announcements. Prayer was said for the sick. On April 11, 2018, our next meeting, we will eat at Leal's at noon and tour the Presidential Bed & Breakfast at 2:00 p.m. in Plainview, Texas. I really hope I can go! This is right up my alley.

Many thanks to Virginia Taylor for this program as she was the program planner.

Note: This is Mary and I was unable to attend the meeting. The snack sounded great. I'm always up for peanut butter. I want to thank Helen for her notes and the CrossView Camp pamphlet she sent me. They both were a great help. I appreciated it!

Those attending were Peggy Roberts, Helen Teeple, Virginia Taylor, Carolyn Marble, Margaret Kitchens, Neta Marble, Mary Lou Zinck, and Mary Quattlebaum. Our guest and new member was Janie Anderson. Welcome Janie. We are so glad to have you.



About Town . . .

By: Deon Fincher

Spring is definitely in the air! The massive cottonwood trees have gone from grey skeleton fingers to bright green painted nail tips; the daffodils around town wave a hearty "Hello" as one passes by; and, the many ornamental trees seem to be readying for a spring-time dance with their finest frocks of white, pink and purple frocks.

With spring comes fire, and our local areas have certainly had our fair share of flames: Mott Creek Ranch just west of Mador, Paducah, Roaring Springs Ranch, Campbell Ranch east of Dougherty, and a few CRP parcels have each flamed up and then been coaxed into control by the diligent, mostly volunteer, fire departments. Whether day or night, they unselfishly answer the call of the fire

alarm. Until you are close enough to be choking from the smoke, you can't accurately assess the value of our fire fighters. Be sure to show your appreciation when you meet them around town.

I have been remiss in welcoming a new-comer to the down-town area. Nutthouse Designs has been settling into their new location on West California. Nutthouse Designs is our local screen-print and embroidery enterprise. T-shirts, jackets, caps... whatever you need, Whitley Nutt and her team can work with you on your design, creating your individualized products. We applaud these hometown girls in their dedication and effort in getting their dream up and running in downtown Floydada.

Being situated on the square, I enjoy watching

the activities that go on from the Diamond B Design Build windows. Although our construction projects are increasing, (Mike Brown is Floydada's local general contractor available for new construction or remodels of existing structures) I still get a few days in the office. Leigh Smith, owner of Hair by Leigh, keeps the northern street of the square busy. Vehicles are parked at her place as I get to work, and as I loop around towards home in the evening, she still has patrons parked at her building. Well, done, Leigh! You and your team fill a much-needed service in our community, and we are thrilled that you share a little part of downtown Floydada.

To anyone else that has a spark of entrepreneurial initiative—join with us on the Square!

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY -DATES to mark on your calendar for April:

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
April 2 - April 6

Monday - Sausage casserole
Tuesday - Soup & cornbread
Wednesday - Meatloaf
Thursday - Spaghetti
Friday - Crunchy tacos

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Our Fundraiser was a success. Thank you to all who donated food items, cash, and ate with us on Friday, March 23. Thank you to our volunteers, LaLa Griggs, Laura Turner, and Butch Gilliland.

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 April 26.

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.

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

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April 2 - April 6

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Thursday - Hot chicken sandwich
Friday - Roast beef w/gravy

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Museum Archives

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

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FIRST CHAMBER FUNCTIONED IN 1908 AS CIVIC CLUB UNDER LEADERSHIP OF JUDGE GAITHER

To write a history of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce would be to tell a story of the unselfish activities of a good number of leading business and professional men of Floydada—men who wished to make their town a more profitable and pleasant place in which to rear their families to make a town which would attract other businessmen with business enterprises, to make it expand and grow in population as well as to develop its conveniences and beauty.

In searching the records of the activities of the Chamber of Commerce, one finds that away back in about 1908 or 1909 there was an organization functioning as a civic club or Chamber of Commerce. According to memories of some of Floydada's citizens, the late Judge J. C. Gaither acted as secretary of this club. Later it died, however, and other organizations were perfected and carried on for a while.

In November, 1915, a Floydada Chamber of Commerce was organized with J. D. Price as president, George A. Lider, secretary-treasurer, and with 65 members in the organization which expanded to over 100 members in a three weeks membership drive. This organization functioned a year or two, but the organization died. However, during its existence it did many things for the good of the community, such as working with the churches and school on clean-up campaigns, street improvements, and sidewalk building.

One of the many "big days" with this organization was its Turkey day. On certain trade days, in order

to get the crowds to town, many turkeys were taken to the tops of business houses, turned loose, and parties who could catch the turkeys would be the keepers. Tags were tied to the turkeys' legs to tell the donor of the said turkey. To make it even more interesting, a one dollar bill would be tied to some of the turkeys in addition to the name of the giver. This made a mad scramble for the turkeys. As many as 103 turkeys were given away on one occasion.

Some of the other undertakings of the Chamber around 1915-1916 included a Floydada Concert band, Star Mail Routes, Rural Route extensions, Road Tax for Precincts No. 1 and 4, electric lights for Floydada, the Ice Plant and prizes for school fairs. A. V. Haynes, N. W. McCleskey, C. H. Featherston, Glad Snodgrass, N. A. Armstrong, Homer Steen, G. A. Lider, F. P. Henry, W. C. McCoy, and W. M. Windsor were names prominent in the activities of those days.

During the years from 1916 to 1920 during the World War, the Red Cross and sales of Liberty Bonds took up all of the extra energy of the businessmen and the Chamber of Commerce dropped out of existence again. However, the same loyal citizens who usually carried on for the "Old Home Town" were busy with these activities.

In April, 1920, ten businessmen met to discuss the reorganization of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce. Several meetings were held with such men as Lee Montague, Homer Steen, Glad Snodgrass, R. E. Fry, W. H. Seale, G.

C. Tubbs, J. M. Willson, Roy Snodgrass, J. S. Collins, John A. Hollums, J. U. Borum, F. M. Butler, O. P. Rutledge, and N. W. McCleskey's names being listed in news items of the operations of the Chamber of Commerce.

Several meetings were held from April, 1920, to the latter part of that year with the result that in January, 1921, a number of men met in the rear office of the First National Bank building and decided to perfect a permanent organization. In that meeting F. M. Butler was elected president; O. R. Houston, vice-president; R. E. Fry, temporary secretary-treasurer and the directors were W. H. Seale, W. M. Massie, Homer Steen, and T. S. Stevenson.

This organization has never failed to carry on its active membership since that date up to the present time {1940} with either a part time or a full time paid secretary.

Maury Hopkins was hired as secretary full time during the latter part of 1921 or the early part of 1922 and the Floydada Chamber of Commerce was one of the most active organizations of its kind in the entire plains country. Much constructive work was done for the good of the town. Q. A. P. railroad construction during these days kept all Floydada businessmen very active. Glad Snodgrass, Frank M. Dougherty, and Maury Hopkins as well as many other of the local citizens, played a prominent part in getting the Q. A. & P. into Floydada.

Paving Floydada's streets, building Floydada's Public School buildings, assisting in the city's water works system, sewer system and

trying to get the A. and M. college located in Floydada (later developed into Texas Tech college) were some of the many activities of the group at that time.

Edd Bishop followed Maury Hopkins and made an outstanding secretary also. In fact as Floydada developed such secretaries as Maury and Edd, larger towns would come along and take them away for their activities. O. P. Rutledge followed Bishop as secretary, and, he in turn, was followed by S. W. Ross, each handling the job to the complete satisfaction of the entire citizenship, but they later entered their own line of businesses.

During Edd Bishop's time, there were many interesting elections trying to vote highway bonds to get paved roads through Floyd county. One election only

fell short of a two-thirds majority by 35 votes; two other elections were held and each time the bonds lost by a larger number. Finally the State Highway Department came into the picture and paved the road for the county.

Roy Snodgrass was a

prominent member of the Good Roads committee when the FFF highway organization was playing a big part in trying to get paved roads through the county, and George A. Lider's name is listed among those doing his bit in such

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Louise Middaugh

Louise Middaugh of Lubbock, formerly of San Angelo, passed away Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the age of 80.

She was born April 30, 1937 in Live Oak, Texas to Calvin and Mayme (Redd) Tomme.

Louise graduated from Lockney High School and later moved to San Angelo where she worked for Tom Green County for over 30 years.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son,

Jeffrey Bradford Middaugh of Leander and his three children, Caige Riley Middaugh, 19, of Leander, Genevieve Lateral Middaugh, 13, of Leander, and Chelsea Ann Middaugh, 27, of San Angelo who has Kenzie Rae Covert, 9, James Lewis Anthony Vivian, 5, Laila Rayne Vivian, 4, Jaxxon Chases Vivian, 2, and step-daughter, Ashlynn Kay Vivian, 10; nieces, Beverly Stinson and husband, John of Amarillo, Toni Barrett and husband, Randy of Winter Park, Colorado, and Linda



LOUISE MIDDAUGH

Jones and husband, Ron of Lubbock.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Doris Pinner Huffine.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2018 at The Message.

www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com

Connie Reves Sanders

Connie Reves Sanders, age 84, of South Plains, passed away on March 21, 2018.

A Memorial Service was held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2018 at First United Methodist Church. Pastors Kyle Brock and Ricky Carstensen officiated.

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

Connie was born on February 7, 1934 to George Elmo and Mable (Youngquist) Reves in Jones County, Texas.

She married Hansel M. Sanders on February 9, 1949 in Plainview, Texas. They were blessed with over 59 years of marriage. Hansel preceded her in death on July 31, 2008.

Connie enjoyed her time outside, where she loved to garden. Her favorite past time was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom she loved very much.

Connie liked to cook and bake, she was especially known for her German Chocolate cake. Connie always put her family first; but she had a special place in her heart for her church and church family. She was a proud member of the First United Methodist Church in Lockney.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband, Hansel Sanders, her parents, her brother, Doug Reves, and her sister, Shirley Eslinger.

Connie is survived by her sons, Mark Sanders and



CONNIE REVES SANDERS

wife, Dee, Gary Sanders and wife, Jeni; her beloved grandchildren, Shea Sanders, Kelli Simdon and husband, Chris, Dane Sanders and wife, Robin, Kylan Francis and husband, Matt, Kallan Sanders and wife, Michael Ann; and her ten great-grandchildren and many special nieces and nephews.

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

Purchasing bunnies, chicks and ducklings for Easter gifts

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Bunnies, chicks, and ducklings are often associated with spring and newness of life. Over the years they have also become much requested Easter gifts.

Despite their popularity many end up in animal shelters once children tire of their cute, little new pets. That's why many animal welfare advocates and humane societies advise sticking to chocolate, in the strongest possible terms; and others encourage educated, responsible rabbit and chicken adoption during the Easter holidays.

Parents need to think carefully

before purchasing any live animal as a gift for a child and about the commitment of ownership."

The same applies to ducks and chicks. People will get one or two and sometimes they only last a week of so if not properly cared for.

often parents buy chicks and, if they survive, try to raise them in the city. For parents who want to take on the responsibility of a live animal at Easter and although feed stores may carry a number of ducklings and chickens most businesses advise against gifting birds to children as pets, especially Easter gifts.

Chicks are living creatures are creatures that can live up to 10 years with proper care. Before purchasing chicks it is important to research ownership and the responsibility of raising chick carefully."

Information on raising chickens can also be found at www.backyardchickens.com and www.mypetchicken.com and at the local extension's website.

Advice for caring for rabbits includes:

Use the proper equipment. Only use all-wire cages. These are much less likely to cause urine stains on your rabbit than solid bottomed cages. They also keep your rabbit's

environment cleaner and reduce ammonia. If you plan to breed your rabbits, make sure you have a nest box ready at least a week before your doe is due to deliver.

Feed a healthy and consistent diet. People will spend a long time looking at feed bag labels trying to determine the healthiest diet for their rabbits. While that is admirable, sometimes the freshness of the feed and the consistency of the nutrition are more important than the brand of pellets. Ideally, show rabbits should have a diet low in protein and fat and high in fiber. Free-choice timothy hay is an excellent addition to any rabbit's

meal. Always make sure the feed is fresh; rabbits will not condition well on stale pellets. A healthy base diet is more effective at getting your rabbit in top condition than any supplements you could throw in.

Provide the proper environment. Proper housing doesn't stop at a well-made cage. The cage must be located in an area with excellent ventilation. The surrounding temperature should not get above 85 degrees at any time of the year, at least unless you take measures to keep your rabbit cool and hydrated in hot weather. The cage can be kept outside, but must be protected from predators and precipitation. It

must be kept in a quiet area so your rabbit will not be stressed.

All these factors, if the rabbit is not protected from them, can compromise your bunny's immune system. It's also very important to keep the cage clean. Not only will this help prevent disease such as coccidiosis, but it will keep your rabbit's coat from getting stained.

Even though live animals may be cute and desirable at Easter, parents and children need to remember the responsibility of caring for the pets. The only worry with chocolate bunnies and PEEP chicks are the unwanted calories.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Provision

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

—Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

The stretch of river near our home rarely freezes, even in the coldest weather. The running water attracts large numbers of migratory waterfowl during the cold season. Each day, my wife takes food to these ducks and geese. At first the birds were cautious and wary, but now these beautiful, graceful animals recognize my wife and her pail of food. They crowd around her to be fed.

This scene reminds me to give thanks for God's provision. All that we have — our talents, abilities, and knowledge — are gifts from God. When we use them to serve God, we may find that

our needs are met or exceeded. When we find ourselves with an abundance, we can share our abundance with others, recognizing God as the source of all good things.

God is present in our world and in our lives. Just as the birds flock to my wife for food, we can go to God in joyous expectation of the love and provision God has promised us.

—Gale A. Richards

(Iowa)

Prayer for the day:

Dear God, open our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us recognize you as the source of good in the world and in our lives. Guide us to use these good provisions to serve you in the world. Amen.

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Sunday School...10 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship

Floydada

Armando Morales, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Bible Study - 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

Carr's Chapel

Service Every Sunday

Morning Worship - 9 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ

West College & Third

Lockney

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ

Matthew Benfield, Minister

Floydada

Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Floydada

Mark Snowden, Pastor

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.

First Baptist Church

Lockney

Joseph Tillery, Pastor

Chad Cook, Youth Min.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Floydada

Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor

Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.

Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Lockney

Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Evening Service - 6 p.m.

Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.

Wed. High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ

Joe Bennett, Pastor

Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday - 8 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ

Lockney

James Blair, Minister

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Floydada

Rev. Timothy Askey

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Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

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Morning Worship -11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest

Pentecostal Church

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Rev David Ramos, Pastor

Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.

Morning Praise - 11 a.m.

Evening Praise 5 - p.m.

Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church

Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor

704 B Main, Lockney

Sunday Services - 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.

Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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Jesus Caballero, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Discipleship - 5 p.m.

Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Floyada

Rev. Toby Gonzales

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church

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Fr. Arockia Dhass Jegannathan

Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study

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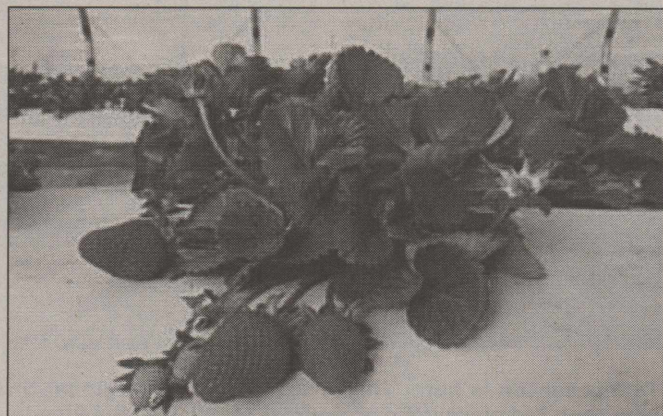
AgriLife Extension sets strawberry field day on April 21 in Lubbock

By Steve Byrns
Texas AgriLife

LUBBOCK — Those new to strawberry production and old pros alike can catch up on the latest developments in growing the fruit during the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Strawberry Field Day.

The field day will be from 9 a.m.-noon April 21 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock.

"We're inviting anyone with an interest in grow-



High tunnel strawberries at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock ready for harvest.

ing strawberries to attend this free program," said Dr. Russ Wallace,

AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist at Lubbock. "Come join us as we

tour while we learn about research on high and low tunnel production, bio-control of root and foliar diseases, strawberry planting and fertilization, new strawberry varieties and costs of production."

Wallace said the field day is sponsored in part by a grant (LS16-275) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program.

For more information, contact Wallace at 807-746-6101, rw Wallace@ag.tamu.edu.

Feedyards advised to begin pen surface cleaning now due to dry weather

By Kay Ledbetter
Texas AgriLife

AMARILLO — A Texas A&M AgriLife researcher is advising feedyard managers to begin their spring manure harvesting or dust mitigation practices sooner than later as 2018 is beginning to look like 2011.

"We are incredibly dry, and the upcoming dust season is going to be brutal if we don't get some rain or snow," said Dr. Brent Auvermann, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center director and air quality researcher in Amarillo.

As the dust season begins, Auvermann said the No. 1 strategy for feedyards, whether they are equipped with a sprinkler system or not, is to keep the uncompacted manure inventory at a practical minimum on the feedyard surface.

"Keep the manure from blowing, keep the neighbors happy and capture this valuable fertilizer before it is contaminated with water," Auvermann advised.

Feedyards typically harvest manure twice a year, once before any winter moisture falls and then Auvermann said he generally advises the second harvest be completed by May 1. But this year, it needs to occur earlier, he said.

"We want to remind feedyard managers that if they haven't already started harvesting manure, they should now. And, you want to do it before turning on sprinkler systems if you have them."

He said there's been no opportunity at all for the cattle to compact the pen surfaces because of the lack of moisture, leaving dried manure lying on top that has been pulverized by the hoof action.

The last significant moisture fell in Amarillo in mid-October, according to the National Weather Service.

Auvermann said the effort should include more than just "scraping pens."

"We're talking about collecting the dry, nearly pure manure that lies uncompacted on the pen surfaces," he said. "We're not talking about scalping the pens or peeling off a layer of the material that has already compacted in place. If it's already compacted in place, we want to leave it there."

"It's the dry, uncompacted stuff floating on top that turns into feedyard dust."

Uncompacted manure is collected at the back of the pen in a mound so that it can be watered for compaction or loaded out into manure trucks. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

Auvermann said collecting it now is less costly in diesel fuel and labor per pound of collected material, "if it is done right."

In pens where the uncompacted manure is deep, box blades will fill rapidly, and manure will quickly begin to spill out the front corners, he said. Plan the path to empty as the box blade fills, dropping it at the back of the pen in a



Due to the lack of rain, feedyards are advised to begin their spring manure harvesting or dust mitigation practices sooner than later.

mound that can be watered for compaction or loaded out into manure trucks.

"Even feedyards with watering capability will waste water and play catch up all summer long if they don't get the uncompacted manure cleaned off before any water falls on it," Auvermann said. "By the same logic, just building a pile at the back of the pens but not watering it and compacting it in place — or, alternatively, not loading it out to manure trucks — will waste a lot of diesel, equipment time and labor."

That material also happens to have the highest fertilizer value, which makes it a superb phosphorus source for irrigated crops, he said, adding "this manure matches up pretty nicely with cotton's nitrogen and phosphorus needs."

One plus, Auvermann said, is the drier the har-

vested manure is, the more nutrients per ton on the truck.

"Because manure hauling is paid for on the actual weight, including water and soil, hauling costs per acre are much lower with the pure, dry, nutrient-dense stuff," he said.

This year they won't be paying to haul water, he said. An example he gave is a 5-gallon bucket of powdery manure will weigh less than 30 pounds, compared to the same bucket filled with water, which weighs nearly 42 pounds.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service bulletin, Feedyard Dust Control in an Epic Panhandle Drought, 2010-2011, authored by Auvermann and Dr. Ken Casey, AgriLife Research air quality engineer in Amarillo, can be found at <http://agrilife.org/amarillo/files/2011/01/SP417.pdf>.

Perdue applauds 90-day extension of agriculture exemption from ELD mandate

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue on March 13 applauded Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao for her announcement of an additional 90-day extension of the agriculture exemption from the Electronic Logging Device mandate. Agricultural compliance with the mandate would have been problematic for the agriculture industry because the devices do not accurately account for the agricultural exemptions currently provided in the law.

The ELD rule went into effect in December 2017, with the U.S. Department of Transportation granting the agriculture industry an initial exemption that was set to expire on March 18, 2018. With the granting of another extension, the agriculture industry will now have additional time to comply.

Secretary Sonny Perdue issued the following statement:

"The ELD mandate imposes restrictions upon the agriculture industry that lack flexibility necessary for the unique realities of hauling agriculture commodities. If the agriculture industry had been forced to comply by the March 18 deadline, live agricultural commodities, including plants and animals, would have been at risk of perishing before they reached their destination. The 90-day extension is critical to give DOT additional time to issue guidance on hours-of-service and other ELD exemptions that are troubling for agriculture haulers."

"Current ELD technologies do not recognize the hours-of-service exemptions for agriculture that are in federal law, leaving drivers to do twice the work by requiring use of both the ELD and

traditional paper logs. This is a classic example of a one-size-fits-all federal regulation that ignores common sense to the detriment of sectors like agriculture."

"I applaud Secretary Chao for recognizing these obstacles and giving extra time for compliance while DOT issues guidance. While public safety is a critical concern for all of trucking, the safety of living agricultural commodities in transport must also be considered."

Agriculture haulers operating within 150 air miles of the source of their agriculture products or livestock do not have to comply with DOT's hours-of-service regulation, which limits driving hours to only 11 hours after being off duty for more than 10 consecutive hours. For more information on the hours-of-service exemption for agriculture shipments, visit <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/eld-hours-service-hos-and-agriculture-exemptions>.

For more information on agriculture commodities that are transported to domestic and foreign markets, visit <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/transportation-analysis>.

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Ranch Management University spring event set April 2-6 in College Station

By Kay Ledbetter
Texas AgriLife

COLLEGE STATION — Ranchers wanting to brush up on or learn the fundamentals of soils and soil fertility, forage establishment, pasture management and utilization by livestock can attend the spring Ranch Management University April 2-6 in College Station.

The Ranch Management University is an intensive five-day event targeting new ranchers and landowners, said Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences associate department head and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program leader, College Station.

Ranch Management Uni-

versity is held each spring and fall at the G. Rollie White Visitors' Center, 7707 Raymond Stotzer Parkway on the Texas A&M campus.

Registration is \$500 and attendance is limited to 40 people, Redmon said. To register online and for more information, go to <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> and enter "ranch management" in the search window.

All meals and snacks and a Ranch Management University workbook with all presentations, contact information, glossary and a flash drive containing hundreds of relevant publications are covered by the fee.

The course will begin at 12:20 p.m. April 2 and

conclude at noon April 6. Enrollment is limited to the first 50 individuals to ensure there is adequate opportunity for interaction with faculty, Redmon said.

"If you are interested in attending this special workshop, please contact us immediately," he said.

Some of the subject matter that will be covered during the event will be:

- Basic livestock management practices such as castrating and vaccinating calves.

- Grazing management, stocking rates and body-condition scoring.

- White-tailed deer, turkey, quail, feral hogs and farm ponds.

- Field demonstrations of various how-to methods

of soil sampling, planting, calibrating sprayers and inoculating legume seed.

- Various forage species, including Bermuda grass, small grains, annual ryegrass and clovers.

- Demonstrations covering deer necropsy and pond trap management and hog fisheries management.

Plenty of time will be allowed for interaction with Texas A&M University faculty with expertise and experience in all management facets of the soil-plant-animal interface and wildlife management, Redmon said.

For more information, contact Linda Francis in the Texas A&M soil and crop sciences department at 979-845-2425 or l-francis@tamu.edu.

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By Ace Reid



"Jake, I kept tellin' you all hell wuz breakin' loose outside. All you did wuz snore louder!"

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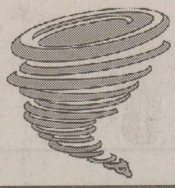
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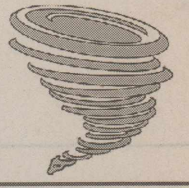
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Great Success from Teams and Individuals in Academic District Meet

By Jacob Chavarria
FHS Journalism Class

Floydada High School had students compete at the district 4-2A academic meet on Wednesday, March 21st, which was held at Post High School. In UIL, in order to advance to the regional meet individually you have to place in the top 3, fourth place goes as an alternate. To advance as a team the first place team advances while the Floydada High School placed third as a whole team with 226 points.

In Accounting Allison Muniz placed 3rd while Monty Stambaugh place fourth. The Calculator Applications team placed third this team consist of Jose Lira, Kiana Brown, Lindsey Marquez, and Stefanni Chavarria. Alison Orr-1st, Kortney Campbell-2nd and Luke Holcombe-6th placed in Computer Appli-

cations. The Current Issues team placed second as a team and Jonah Trevino-2nd place and Dusty Prisk- 3rd will compete at the regional meet. Javier Olvera placed 6th and Kennan Nixon are also on the team.

In Feature Writing Emily Cisneros placed 5th while Remington Ricketts who competed in Headline Writing also placed 5th. In Informative Speaking Remington Ricketts placed 6th. Brandy Green placed 6th in Literary Criticism. In Mathematics Kyle Bruington placed 5th. The Mathematics team, which also consists of Angela Vega, DJ Green, and Jacob Johnston, placed 2nd. We had two 6th placed finishes, Arnoldo Martinez in Number Sense, and in News Writing Jacob Chavarria. A 3rd place finish by Ryder Glass in Persuasive Speaking qualified him for

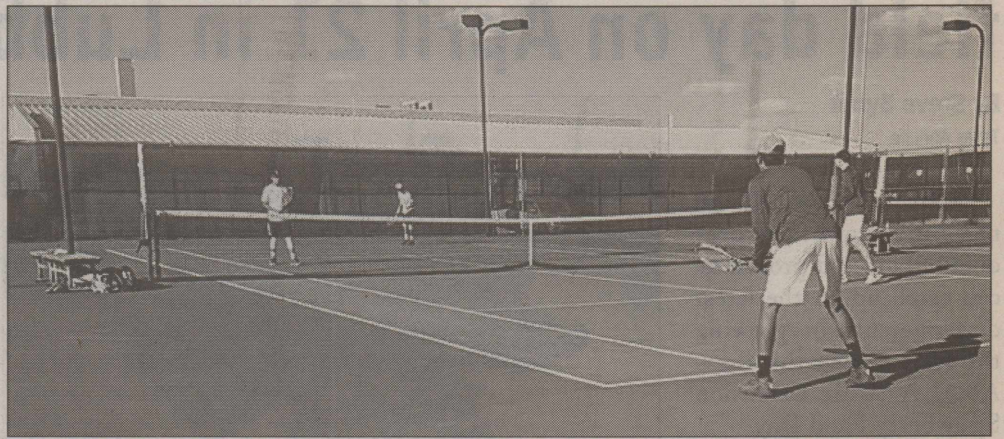
the regional meet.

Marissa Valdivia placed 1st in Ready Writing and Hannah Morales placed 6th. The Science team, which consisted of Audrie Strange, Lexie Ramos, Ethien Rodriguez, Donald Gibbens, Kyle Bruington and Xochie Padilla placed 2nd as a team. Individually Audrie Strange-1st, and Lexie Ramos-3rd both advance to compete at the regional meet.

Donald Gibbens placed 1st in Social Studies and James Gibbens placed 4th. As a team they placed 2nd, this team is consisted of Catherine Kemp, Cole Pitts, and Donald and James Gibbens. Garrett Hobbs in Spelling and Vocabulary placed 6th.

We are very proud of each student that competed and wish the regional qualifying students good luck. The regional meet will be held on April 14, at Odessa College.

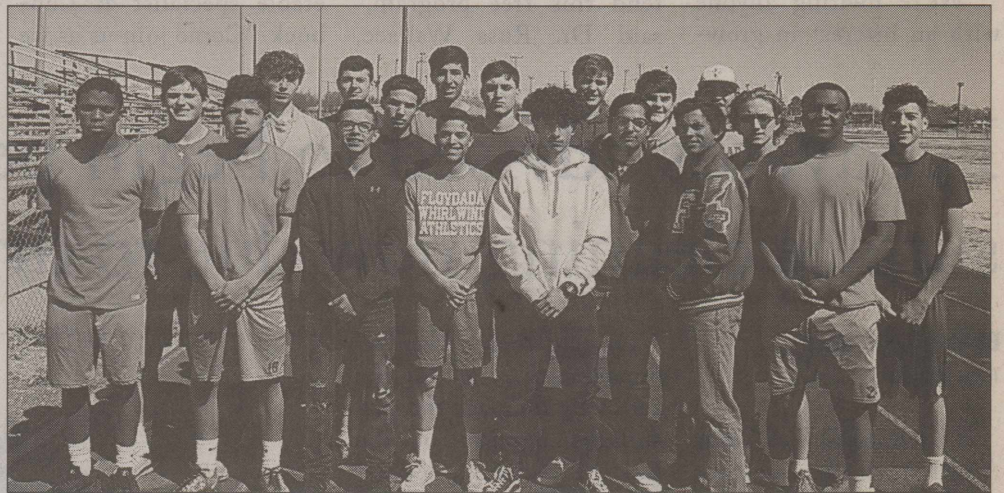
Tennis



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Tennis season is here. This is the 2017 FHS Regional finalist team of Piñon/Ricketts, who took 3rd place in boys' doubles Monday at the Floydada Invitational. Keenan Nixon and Jaden Blakey took 3rd in boys' singles while the mixed doubles team of Izel Pacheco and Ryder Glass were consolation runner-ups.

Floydada track team wins Tulia meet



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On March 17 the Floydada High School Boys track team won the Tulia track meet.

pillowcase project



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Students from Dana Crossland's sewing class are displaying pillowcases they have made. These pillowcases will be donated to the Bee Hive, Lockney Nursing Home, Ronald McDonald House, and Hope Lodge.



Whirlwinds hold off Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON – Floydada broke open a tied game in the top of the sixth then held on to defeat the Crosbyton Chieftains 8-5 in district baseball action.

Crosbyton jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Landon Clark singled to lead off for the Chiefs then Julian Rodriguez tripled to drive in Clark. Ashton Morales singled to drive in Rodriguez. A throwing error allowed Morales to move all the way to third. With one out, Manny Vega singled to drive in Vega, giving Crosbyton a 4-0 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, Jose Lira led off with a single but was picked off at first base. Mike Delafuente singled then Luke Holcombe reached on an error. Marcus Perez reached on a bunt single to load the bases. After a strike out, Delafuente scored on a passed ball to make it 4-1 in favor of Crosbyton. The Chiefs went three up and three down but held the 4-1 lead after two innings.

Floydada added two runs in the top of the third. With one out, Alex

Glass and Devan Perez singled. Lira doubled to drive in Glass and Perez. After Crosbyton failed to score in the bottom of the inning, the Chiefs still led 4-3.

The Whirlwinds tied the game in the top of the fourth. Holcombe led off with a walk then Jeremiah Johnston came in as a courtesy runner. Johnston stole second then after two outs, Jordan Mendoza singled to drive in Johnston with the tying run to make it 4-4 after four innings.

Neither team managed to score in the fifth inning as the game remained tied, 4-4.

In the top of the sixth, Floydada added two runs. Holcombe led off with a double and Johnston came in to run. Perez singled to put runners on the corners. Johnston stole home then with one out, Mendoza grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed Perez to score, making it 6-4 in favor of the Winds. In the bottom of the inning, Morales singled to lead off for Crosbyton but was after advancing to second on a balk, was caught trying to steal third. With two outs, Vega doubled, stole third then scored on an error to make it 6-5 after six innings.

Floydada added two more runs in the to top of the seventh. Glass led off with a single then Perez

singled. Lira hit a fly ball, but an error allowed Glass to score. Perez was thrown out trying to steal third and Lira was called out for interference. With two outs, Delafuente walked then E Ibarra walked. A single by Perez scored Delafuente and gave the Winds an 8-5 lead. In the bottom of the seventh, Crosbyton could not score, and Floydada claimed the 8-5 victory.

For Floydada, Lira went 2-4 with two RBIs, Mendoza went 1-4 with two RBIs, Glass went 2-2 with two runs scored, Delafuente went 1-3 with two runs scored and Perez went 3-4 with one RBI and one run. Holcombe pitched five innings allowing four runs on seven hits while striking out five and walking one, Perez pitched one inning allowing one run on one hit and Glass pitched one inning allowing one hit.

For Crosbyton, Rodriguez went 2-3 with one RBI and one run scored, Morales went 2-3 with one RBI and one run scored and Vega went 2-3 with one RBI and two runs scored. Morales pitched six innings allowing seven runs on 12 hits while striking out eight and walking five and Vega pitched one inning allowing one run on two hits while walking two.

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FLOYDADA – Floydada and Abernathy played a doubleheader on March 24 and split the games was the Antelopes won game one 7-2 and the Winds won game two 6-3 in district play.

GAME 1 – Abernathy 7, Floydada 2

The Antelopes jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Jake Ayers singled to lead off the game, then Brayden Daniel laid down a bunt and reached on an error as Ayers moved all the way to third. Daniel stole second then another error allowed Ayers to score and Daniel to move to third. Bryson Daily hit a sacrifice fly that allowed Daniel to score, giving the Antelopes a 2-0 lead. Floydada put two runners on base in the bottom of the inning but could not score as Abernathy held a 2-0 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, Abernathy added one more run. With one out, Parker Redwine walked, stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch. A Sylvester Torrez grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed Redwine to score. Ayers was hit by a pitch, but a ground out ended the top of the first with the Antelopes leading 3-0. In the bottom of the inning, Floydada score one run. With two outs, Jose Lira singled, stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch. Arnie Martinez walked then a sacrifice fly by Andres Suarez scored Lira to make it 3-1 in favor of Abernathy after two innings.

Abernathy added another run in the top of the third. Nathan Sullivan reached on an error to lead off the inning. With one out, Kole Carlisle walked then Malachi Loreda reached on an error that loaded the bases. A sacrifice fly by Nicholas DeAnda scored Sullivan and gave the Antelopes a 4-1 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Alex Glass led off with a walk then moved to second on a passed ball and third on another passed ball. Mike Delafuente grounded out but Glass was able to score to make it 4-2 for Abernathy after three innings.

Neither team scored in the fourth inning.

In the top of the fifth, Carlisle led off with a single then moved to second on an error and moved to third on a passed ball. Loreda walked then with one out, Carlisle stole home. Loreda stole second and third then scored on a sacrifice fly by Redwine to give the Antelopes a 6-2 lead after five innings.

Abernathy added another run in the top of the sixth when Daniel led off with a single then stole second. Sullivan singled then with one out, Sullivan stole second and Daniel stole home to give the Antelopes a 7-2 lead after six innings.

Neither team scored in the seventh inning as Abernathy took Game 1, 7-2.

For Floydada, Delafuente went 0-3 with one RBI, Glass went 1-3 with a run scored and Lira went 1-3 with a run scored. Glass pitched five innings allowing six runs on three hits while striking out four and walking three, Luke Holcombe pitched two innings while allowing one run on two hits while striking out one and walking one.

For Abernathy, Carlisle went 2-2 with one run scored, Daniel went 1-4 with two runs scored, Ayers went 1-3 with one run scored and Sullivan went 1-4 with one run scored. Dailey pitched seven innings allowing two runs on four hits while striking out eight and walking four.

GAME 2 – Floydada 6, Abernathy 3

Floydada used a four-run second inning to jump ahead of Abernathy as they claimed the second game of the doubleheader, 6-3.

After setting the Antelopes down in order in the top of the first, Floydada pushed across one run in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Angel Cervera reached on an error then Alex Glass was intentionally walked. With two outs, Cervera and Glass each moved up a base on a passed ball then a balk by the Abernathy pitcher allowed Cervera to cross the plate, giving the Whirlwinds a 1-0 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, Bryson Daily walked to lead off then stole second. Malachi Loreda singled as Daily moved third. Daily scored on an error when Loreda stole second then Nicholas DeAnda hit a sacrifice fly to drive in Loreda, giving the Antelopes a 2-1 lead. Devan Perez led off for the Whirlwinds, by drawing a walk then moved to second on a wild pitch. An error allowed Jose Lira to reach base. Gerry Reyes came in to run for Lira then D Perez scored on a passed ball. Arnie Martinez singled to drive in Reyes. A sacrifice bunt by Andres Suarez and an error on the throw allowed Martinez to move to second then Jordan Mendoza flied out, allowing Martinez to move to third. Cervera hit a sacrifice fly that allowed Martinez to score and

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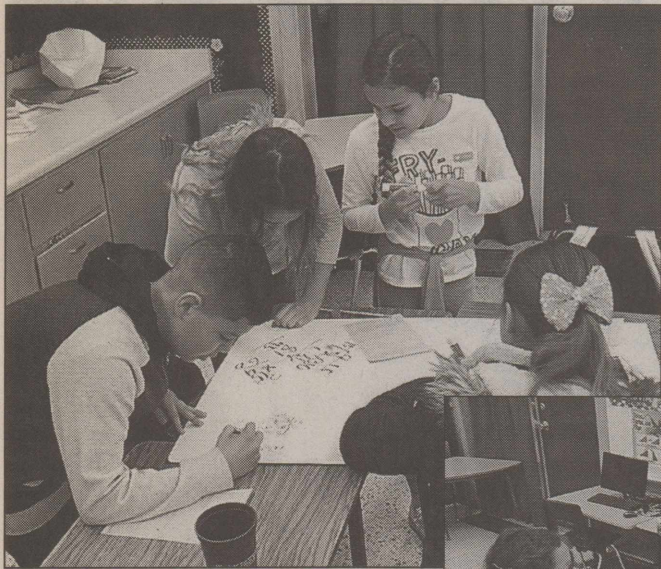
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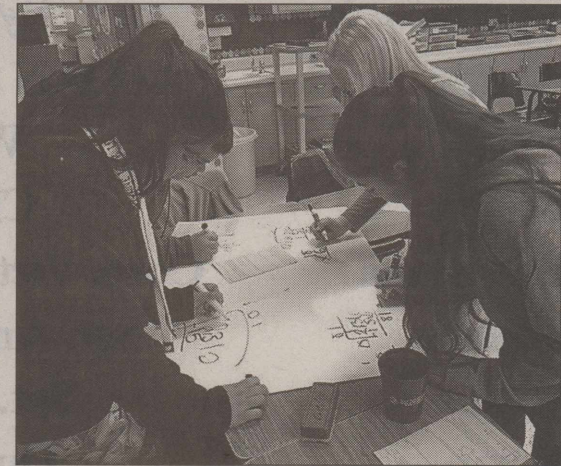
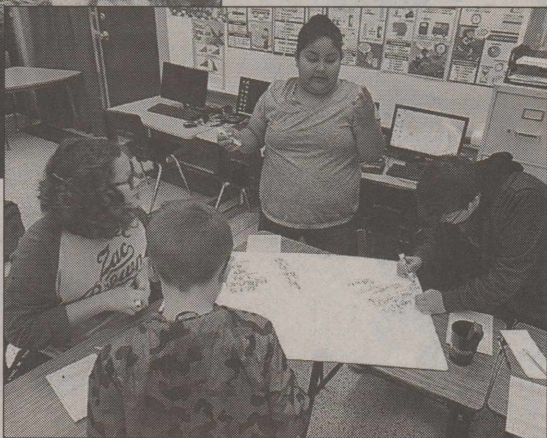
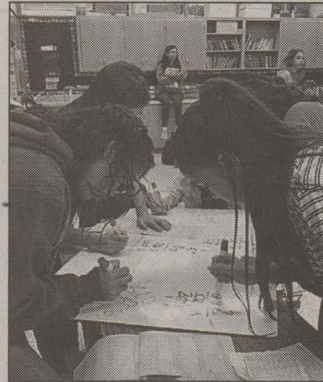
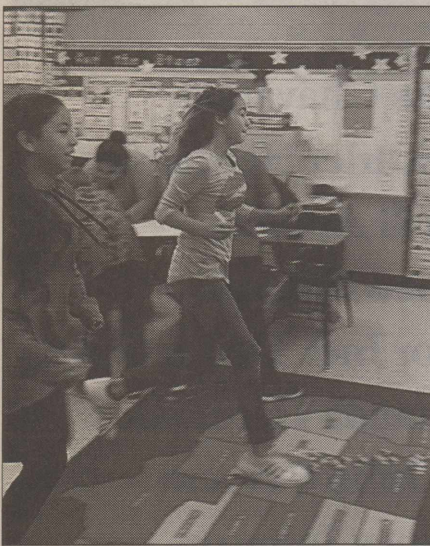
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Lockney Longhorns

Lockney STAAR boot camp



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Lockney Elementary 5th graders were hard at work last week with their STAAR boot camp, getting ready for testing.



Lady Horns fall to Abernathy

By Charles Keaton
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LOCKNEY – Abernathy limited the Lady Horns to five hits and one run as they claimed fifth district victory with an 11-1 victory over the Lockney Lady Horns on March 24. Abernathy jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first. Makayla Pierson led off with a walk then Jocelyn Alvarado doubled to drive in M Pierson. With one out, Jocelynn Aguirre singled to drive in Alvarado. Naomi Aguirre walked then Mikayla Williams grounded out, but J Aguirre scored on the fielder's choice to give the Lady Lopes a 3-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney put two runners on base but were unable to capitalize as Abernathy held a 3-0 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, the Lady Lopes added two more runs. Samantha Pierson walked to lead off then Arianna Martinez singled. M Pierson walked to load the bases then with one out, Ireland Caro singled to drive in S Pierson and A Martinez to take a 5-0 lead. Lockney was unable to score in the bottom of the inning as Ab-

ernathy held a 5-0 lead after two innings.

With two outs in the top of the third, S Pierson singled, moved to second on a passed ball then scored when A Martinez singled. M Pierson walked but Lockney got out of the inning as Abernathy stretched their lead to 6-0. Lockney got on the scoreboard with a run in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Alyssa Barretero doubled then scored on a two-out single by Madai Chavira, but Abernathy held a 6-1 lead after three innings.

Abernathy added five more runs in the top of the fourth. Caro singled to lead off the inning and moved to second on an error. Anaya Rodriguez came into run for Caro. J Aguirre doubled to score Rodriguez. With one out, Williams reached on a dropped third strike and on the throw, J Aguirre scored. Novi Martinez walked then S Pierson singled to drive in Williams. A Martinez double to drive in N Martinez and S Pierson, giving the Lady Lopes an 11-1 lead after four innings.

Neither team scored in the fifth inning as the Abernathy Lady Lopes took the

11-1 victory over the Lockney Lady Horns.

For Lockney, Barretero was 2-2 with one run scored and Chavira was 1-2 with one RBI. Karissa Petty pitched one inning allowing five runs on three hits while walking four and Reagan Nuncio pitched four innings allowing six runs on eight hits while striking out seven and walking two.

For Abernathy, J Aguirre went 3-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored, S Pierson went 2-2 with one RBI and three runs scored, A Martinez went 3-3 with three RBIs and one run scored and Caro went 2-4 with two RBIs. Caro pitched five innings allowing one run on five hits while striking out seven and walking two.

Lockney dropped to 3-3 in district while Abernathy improves to 5-1. Abernathy, Floydada and Ralls are tied at 5-1, Lockney is fourth at 3-3, New Deal is 2-4, Crosbyton is 1-5 and Hale Center is 0-6.

Abernathy played Hale Center on March 27 and will play New Deal on April 3. Lockney played New Deal on March 27 and will play Crosbyton on March 30 and Ralls on April 3.

Longhorns take two from Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton
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LOCKNEY – Lockney and Crosbyton squared off in a doubleheader on March 24. The Longhorns took game one 7-2 and game two 9-8.

Game One – Lockney 7, Crosbyton 2.

Lockney got things rolling with three runs in the bottom of the first. Israel Cuellar singled to lead off for the Longhorns. Cuellar stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch. Clay Moore singled to drive in Cuellar. With two outs, Shawn Marquez singled to drive in C Moore. Devin DeLeon walked the Noel Cenicerros singled to drive in Marquez and give the Longhorns a 3-0 lead after one inning.

Crosbyton was unable score in the top of the second. With one out in the bottom of the inning, Keanu Villarreal walked then Cuellar singled as Villarreal moved to third. C Moore grounded out but drove in Villarreal. Ruben Marmolejo doubled to drive in Cuellar then Nick Rendon doubled to drive in Marmolejo and give the Longhorns a 6-0 lead after two innings.

Neither team scored in the third or fourth innings.

After Crosbyton was unable to score in the top of the fifth, Lockney added a run in the bottom of the inning. DeLeon led off with a double then scored on a single by Cenicerros. Lockney held a 7-0 lead after five innings.

Crosbyton got on the board in the top of the sixth with two runs. J Rodriguez singled to lead off but

was picked off. M Vega doubled the A Morales singled. A single by E Guerrero scored Vega as Morales moved to second. A Salas singled to load the bases. B Garcia grounded out, but Morales scored on the play to make it 7-2 in favor of Lockney. Lockney did not score in the bottom of the inning.

Crosbyton failed to score in the top of the seventh as the Longhorns took the 7-2 victory.

For Lockney, Cuellar went 3-4 with two runs scored, C Moore went 1-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, Marmolejo went 1-4 with one RBI and one run scored and Cenicerros went 3-3 with two RBIs. Marquez pitched six and two-thirds innings allowing two runs on seven hits while striking out six and walking three and Cuellar pitched one-third of an inning.

For Crosbyton, Vega went 2-3 with one run scored. Vega pitched three innings allowing six runs on nine hits while striking out two and walking three and Rodriguez pitched three innings allowing one run on three hits while striking out four.

Game two – Lockney 9, Crosbyton 8.

Lockney came from behind in the bottom of the seventh to take game two from Crosbyton, 9-8.

Crosbyton struck first with two runs in the top of the first. With one out, Rodriguez singled then Vega hit into a fielder's choice that allowed Rodriguez to move to second. Morales doubled to drive in Vega then Guerrero reached on an error that allowed Morales to score as the Chieftains took a 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney took the lead with three runs.

Cuellar led off with a triple then C Moore and Marquez walked to load the bases. Marmolejo doubled to drive in Cuellar and C Moore then Marquez scored on a wild pitch. Rendon reached on a fielder's choice as Marmolejo was thrown out at third. Rendon was caught stealing and DeLeon struck out as the Longhorns took the 3-2 lead.

After shutting down Crosbyton in the top of the second, Lockney added two runs in the bottom of the inning. Cenicerros singled to lead off then moved to second on a sacrifice by Brett Moore. With two outs, Cuellar doubled to drive in Cenicerros then C Moore singled to drive in Cuellar, giving the Longhorns a 5-2 lead after two innings.

In the top of the third, Vega doubled for Crosbyton to lead off then scored on a single by Morales to make it 5-3 in favor of Lockney. Lockney went down in order in the bottom of the inning but held the 5-3 lead.

Crosbyton tied the score in the top of the fourth. Garcia led off reaching on an error. After a fly out, Aguoyo grounded into a fielder's choice that forced Garcia out at second. With two outs, Clark singled then Rodriguez walked to load the bases. Vega reached on an error as Aguoyo and Clark scored to make 5-5. Lockney failed to score in their half of the inning.

In the top of the fifth, Guerrero led off with a single for Crosbyton. Salas singled then Garcia walked to load the bases. With one out, Aguoyo walked to force in Guerrero. After a strike out, Rodriguez reached on an error that allowed Salas and Garcia to score, making

it 8-5 in favor of the Chieftains. Lockney did not score in the bottom of the fifth, trailing 8-5 after five innings.

Crosbyton did not score in the top of the sixth. For Lockney in the bottom of the inning, Marmolejo led off with a double then Rendon reached on an error that allowed Marmolejo to score as the Longhorns trailed 8-6 after six innings.

The Longhorns held Crosbyton scoreless in the top of the seventh. With one out in the bottom of the inning, Cuellar walked the C Moore singled as Cuellar moved to third. Marquez hit a sacrifice fly that scored Cuellar. With two outs, Marmolejo tripled to drive in C Moore as Lockney tied the score at 8-8. Rendon then hit a walk-off double to drive in Marmolejo and give the Longhorns the 9-8 victory.

For Lockney, Cuellar went 2-3 with one RBI and three runs scored, C Moore went 2-2 with one RBI and two runs scored and Marmolejo went 3-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Marmolejo pitched six innings allowing eight runs on nine hits while striking out six and walking five and C Moore pitched one inning allowing one hit.

For Crosbyton, Morales went 3-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, Vega went 1-4 with two runs scored and Aguoyo went 1-2 with one RBI and one run scored. Clark pitched six and one-third innings allowing seven runs on seven hits while striking out 10 and walking three and Rodriguez pitched one-third of an inning allowing two runs on three hits.

District standings are New Deal 4-0, Abernathy 3-1, Olton 2-1, Floydada, Ralls and Lockney 3-2, Hale Center 2-2 and Crosbyton and Springlake 0-5.

Lockney was open March 27 and will play Springlake in a doubleheader on March 30 and Ralls on April 3. Crosbyton played New Deal March 27 and will be open on March 30 then will play Olton on April 3.

Lady Horns pound Hale Center 19-2

By Charles Keaton
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HALE CENTER – Lockney held the Hale Center Lady Owls to two runs on five hits as they picked up their third district victory in a 19-2 win on March 20.

The Lady Horns jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Karissa Petty led off by drawing a walk, then Reagan Nuncio and Alyssa Barretero were hit by pitches to load the bases. Madai Chavira hit a sacrifice fly to center that allowed Petty to score. Jasmin Cuba walked to load the bases again then Aleah Jimenez doubled to drive in Nuncio and Barretero. Jessica Hernandez walked to load the bases again then Tatyana Cienfuegos walked to force in Cuba. RyAnn Castillo double to center to drive in Jimenez and Hernandez as the Lady Horns took a 6-0 lead. Hale Center went three up and three down in the bottom of the first.

In the top of the second, Chavira walked with one out then stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch. Cuba walked then Chavira scored on another wild pitch. Jimenez singled as Cuba advance to third.

With two outs, Cienfuegos walked to load the bases. Castillo walked to force in Cuba then Petty singled, driving in Jimenez and Cienfuegos. Nuncio singled to drive in Castillo then Barretero walked to load the bases. Chavira drew a walk that forced in Petty and gave Lockney a 12-0 lead. Hale Center put two runners on base in the bottom of the inning but were unable to score and the Lady Horns led 12-0 after two innings.

For Lockney in the top of the third, Cuba led off by reaching on an error. Jimenez singled but

Cuba was thrown out trying to advance to third. With Jimenez on third, Cienfuegos singled to drive in Jimenez, giving the Lady Horns a 13-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Hale Center put up two runs. Kailea Lopez, Marissa Rodriguez and Johanna Ortiz all singled to load the bases. Jaci Garcia ground into a fielder's choice that allowed Lopez to score. Ariel Ramon reached on an error that allowed Rodriguez to score making the score 13-2 in favor of Lockney after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Lockney added six more runs. With one out, Nuncio was hit by a pitch then Barretero walked. Chavira singled to drive in Nuncio then Cuba walked to load the bases. Hernandez walked to drive in Chavira. Cienfuegos was hit by a pitch that forced in Cuba. Jimenez scored on an error as Hernandez moved to third then scored on the same error. Castillo hit a pop fly and reached on an error that also allowed Cienfuegos to score to give the Lady Horns a 19-2 lead. Hale Center did not score in the bottom half of the inning.

Neither team scored in the fifth and the Lady Horns claimed the 19-2 victory.

For Lockney, Cienfuegos went 1-1 with three RBIs and two runs scored, Castillo went 1-3 with three RBIs and one run scored, Jimenez went 3-4 with two RBIs and four runs scored, Chavira went 1-1 with three RBIs and two runs scored and Petty went 1-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Petty pitched five innings allowing two runs on five hits while striking out two and walking two.

For Hale Center, Ramon went 1-3 with one RBI, Lopez went 1-1 with one run scored and Rodriguez went 1-3 with one run scored.

Longhorns fall to New Deal

By Charles Keaton
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LOCKNEY – New Deal limited the Lockney Longhorns to one run on six hits as the Lions took the district game on March 20, 8-1.

New Deal's Brandon Coronado reached on an error in the top of the first to lead off the game. Coronado stole second and moved to third on a balk. With two outs, Tyler Reed doubled to drive in Coronado and give the Lions a 1-0 lead. Israel

Cuellar led off for the Longhorns with a single but was left stranded as New Deal had the 1-0 lead after the first inning.

Neither team scored in the second or third innings.

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CITY COUNCIL

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to 2 decision with Gail DuBois and Steve Lloyd against and Dana Crossland, Sam Green and Bettye King for. Cory Speed was not at the meeting.

In other council action, they approved a variance to allow Tracy and Laura Turner to install a carport at 833 Mississippi Street.

Fred Thayer on behalf of the First United Methodist Church board appeared before the city council again to discuss their new fence and asked the city to reconsider making the church's fence be in compliance with code. No action was taken to change the council's previous decision.

Brad Tooley with Choice Media appeared before the council to discuss the installation of a billboard in Floydada. Tooley said he was beginning to install billboards in many small towns across West Texas, and that many of these towns found the billboards to be helpful to their economic development. He said the billboards can be used to promote the city and its businesses.

He noted that he had installed a billboard in Lockney.

Tooley said that he thought he had gone through all of the proper proce-

dures to get a billboard in Floydada. He had gotten clearance from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and that a representative of TxDOT had contacted Floydada City Hall and was told that Floydada did not have a billboard ordinance.

City manager Jeff Johnston, Mayor Bobby Gilliland and Mayor Pro Tem Sam Green all asked Tooley who TxDOT talked to at city hall. Tooley had no records of who TxDOT spoke with at city hall.

Green said that Floydada has a no billboard ordinance.

Tooley noted that he had invested in the billboard and thought he had complied with all regulating entities.

Green expressed regret that Tooley had spent funds, but emphasized that the city has a no billboards ordinance.

The council voted unanimously to decline the request of Choice Media for a variance to allow the installation of the billboard.

In final action, city manager Jeff Johnston submitted a letter of resignation at the council. He is leaving to take a position with the City of Plainview.

SNAKES

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will usually begin to swell almost immediately, which is a tell-tale sign of a snake bite," Heatley notes. Venom can spread quickly inside the animal, potentially resulting in kidney failure within 12 to 24 hours.

Notes Rutter, "I would add that weakness, collapse, blood clotting disorders and neurologic changes are also of immediate concern. In the emergency department, veterinarians will be immediately evaluating cardiovascular stability, neurologic status, pain level, blood cell counts, organ function and blood clotting before deciding on the best course of action."

It is important to know that not all snakebites are the same. "Sometimes an animal or person will get just a small amount of venom from a bite, and sometimes it's much more," Heatley says. "There is also such a thing as a 'dry bite' in which no venom is injected at all. Interestingly enough, larger snakes tend to have lesser amounts of venom than smaller ones."

Although many of us may be fearful of snakes, snakes do have a useful purpose — they control the rodent, lizard and even bug populations.

"One of the questions we often get in the veterinary hospital is, 'How can you tell a venomous snake from a harmless one?'" Heatley said.

NEW DEAL

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New Deal's Marino Ramirez walked with one out but was left on base in the top of the third. In the bottom of the inning, Nick Rendon was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Shawn Marquez reached on a fielder's choice as Rendon was forced out at second. Ruben Marmolejo singled then Devin DeLeon singled to drive in Marquez as the Longhorns tied the game at 1-1 after four innings.

New Deal scored four runs in the top of the fifth. With one out, Aaric

"The answer is that it is difficult because there are numerous types of snakes that are not venomous that look very similar to a venomous one." Heatley suggests looking for a triangular-shaped head in identifying poisonous snakes but does not encourage getting too close.

Another frequently asked question in the Small Animal Hospital is how to keep snakes away. Heatley explains that most chemicals tested to do this are also quite toxic to pets and people. "It is better to be mindful of our surroundings, especially in places with pets and children. Try to create an open habitat, which will be less attractive to snakes," she says.

"When cleaning up brush and leaf piles, it's a great idea to wear closed toed boots, heavy pants and garden gloves for protection against snake bites," Heatley adds.

Says Rutter, "While we don't want an owner to put themselves at any risk, having a photo of the offending snake is always helpful for the ER clinicians to help us determine the appropriate treatment and diagnostics for each patient. We rely heavily on Dr. Heatley and her team to help us be sure we can tell the venomous bites from the pretenders."

For more information, Heatley and Rutter suggests the Texas Parks and Wildlife website.

Mares reached on an error the Coronado walked. Mares and Coronado moved up on a wild pitch then Tyler Seeley grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed Mares to score while Seeley was thrown out trying advance. With two outs, Jett Whitfield was hit by a pitch. Tyler Reed singled to drive in Coronado. Ramirez reached on an error that allowed Whitfield to score and Reed to move to third. A balk allowed Reed to score and Ramirez to move to second. A fly out ended the at-bat as New Deal took a 5-1 lead. Lockney did not score in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the sixth, Deandre Rios led off with a walk then moved

ABERNATHY

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Suarez to move to third. Glass reached on a fielder's choice then moved to second on defensive indifference. Mike Delafuente singled to drive in Suarez, giving Floydada a 5-2 lead after two innings.

Neither team scored in the third inning.

Abernathy put one runner on in the top of the fourth but did not score. In the bottom of the inning, Floydada added a run. With one out, Cervera reached on an error and Glass was intentionally walked. With two outs, Marcus Perez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. D Perez singled to drive in Cervera. Floydada led 6-2 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Joe Villa reached on an error then courtesy runner Sylvester Torrez replaced Villa. Torrez was thrown out trying to steal. Ryan Sandoval walked then Jake Ayers singled. Brayden Daniel singled, and Sandoval scored on the throw as Daniel moved to second and Ayers moved to third. With two outs, Daily was intentionally walked to load the bases but Kole Carlisle struck out to end the at bat with Abernathy trailing 6-3. Floydada did not score in the bottom of the inning.

Neither team scored in the sixth inning as Floydada still had the 6-3 lead.

In the top of the seventh, Nathan Sullivan doubled with two outs but was left stranded as Daily popped out to end the game and Floydada took game two 6-3.

For Floydada, Martinez went 2-3 with one RBI and one run scored, Cervera was 0-2 but had one RBI and two runs scored and D Perez went 1-2 with one RBI and one run scored. D Perez pitched seven innings allowing three runs on seven hits while striking out three and walking four.

For Abernathy, Daniel went 1-3 with one RBI and Loreda went 1-3 with one run scored. Sandoval pitched two innings allowing five runs on two hits while striking out one and walking two and Villa pitched four innings allowing one run on three hits while striking out three and walking one.

District standings are New Deal 4-0, Abernathy 3-1, Olton 2-1, Floydada, Ralls and Lockney 3-2, Hale Center 2-2 and Crosbyton and Springlake 0-5.

Floydada was scheduled to play Springlake on March 27 and will play Hale Center in a doubleheader on March 30 and New Deal on April 3. Abernathy played Ralls on March 27 and will play New Deal in a doubleheader on March 30.

MUSEUM

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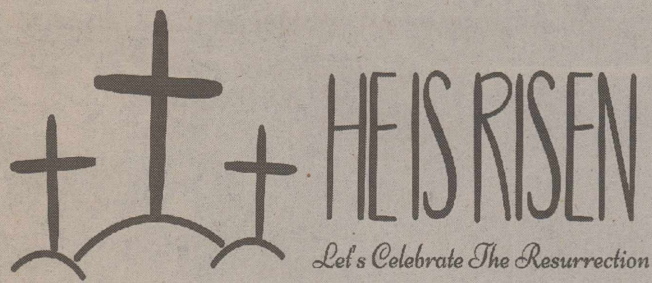
work. Too, the ladies of the town helped when they served about 500 persons at the famous FFF banquet where Floyd county citizens gave themselves pats on the back for the prominent part Floydada was to play in the future building of West Texas.

During the secretarial terms of O. P. Rutledge and S. W. Ross, the much talked of depression was across the country. Then Red Cross came to the assistance of the city and the Chamber of Commerce carried on for administering relief to the needy families of Floyd county. With J. B. Jenkins as president and W. Edd Brown working on the job, around \$25,000 in Red Cross and government relief funds was distributed through the offices of the Chamber of Commerce. Miss Ruth

Jenkins acted as part-time secretary, and Miss Selma Linder followed as secretary along about 1934 when Floyd county citizens were plowing up their cotton and killing their cattle and letting the government pay them for same. These were very disturbing days, but the old Floydada Chamber of Commerce carried on with a fair number of public spirited business men paying dues regularly so that they might keep the organization functioning.

R. W. Cothorn followed as secretary for some time then Claud Henderson, present secretary took office. Some of the projects pending before the Chamber at the present time include the building of a dam across Blanco canyon and getting a CCC camp located in Floyd county. Local men believe that these projects will be put over. The county commissioners court is working with the organization in those matters.

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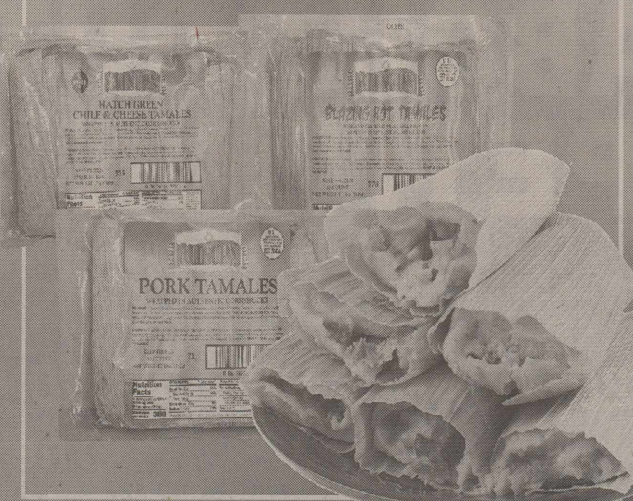
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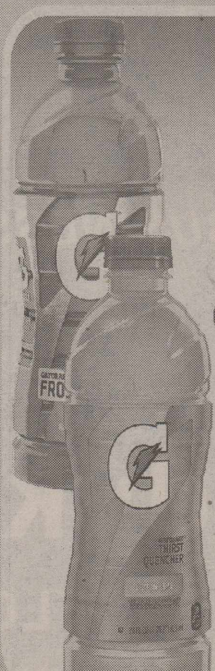
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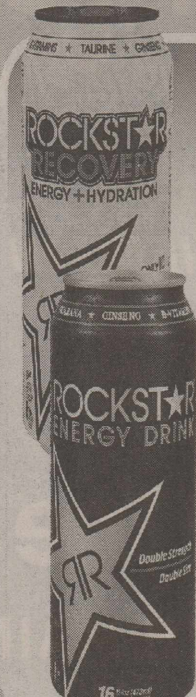
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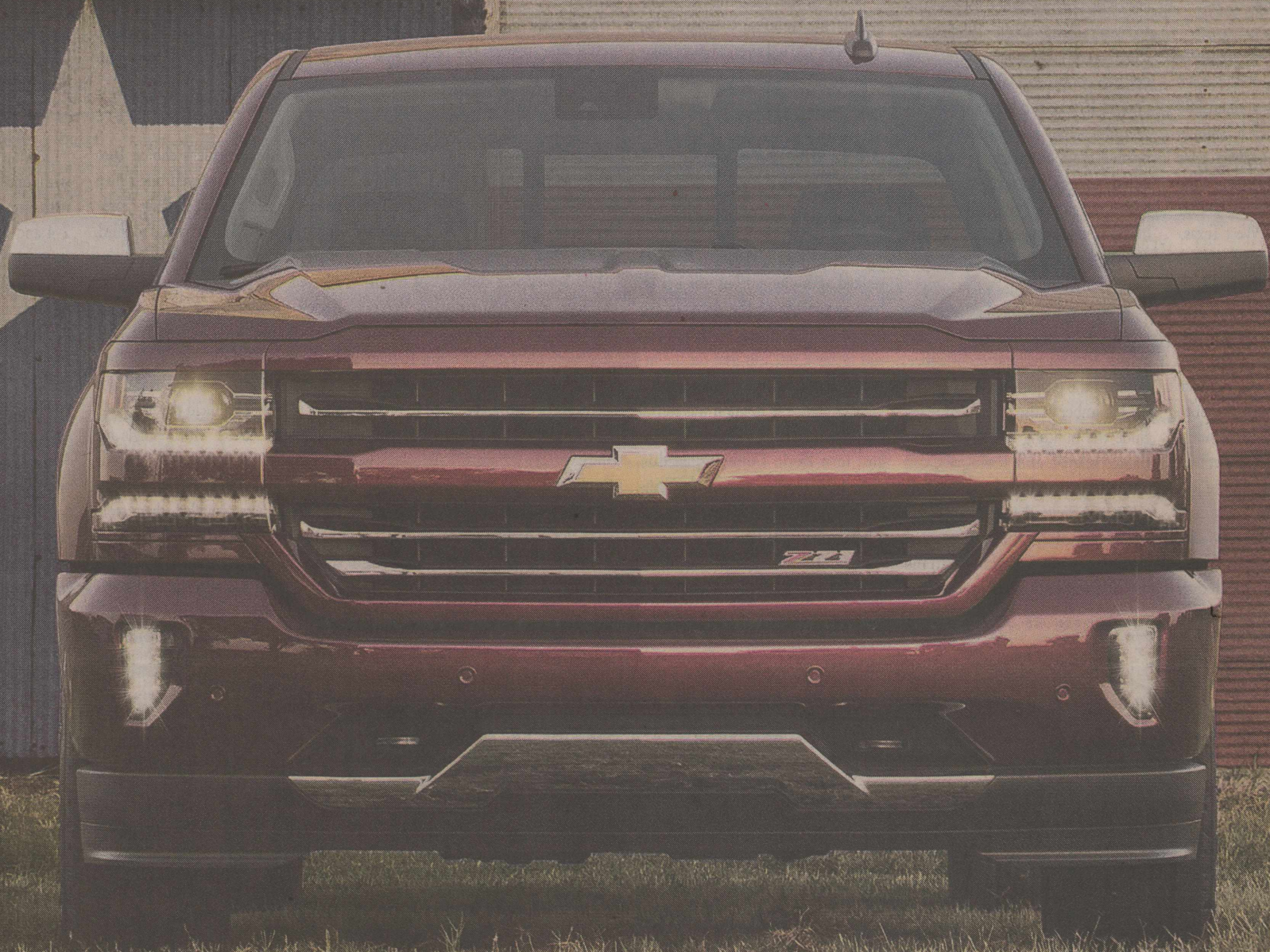


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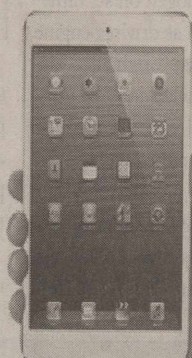
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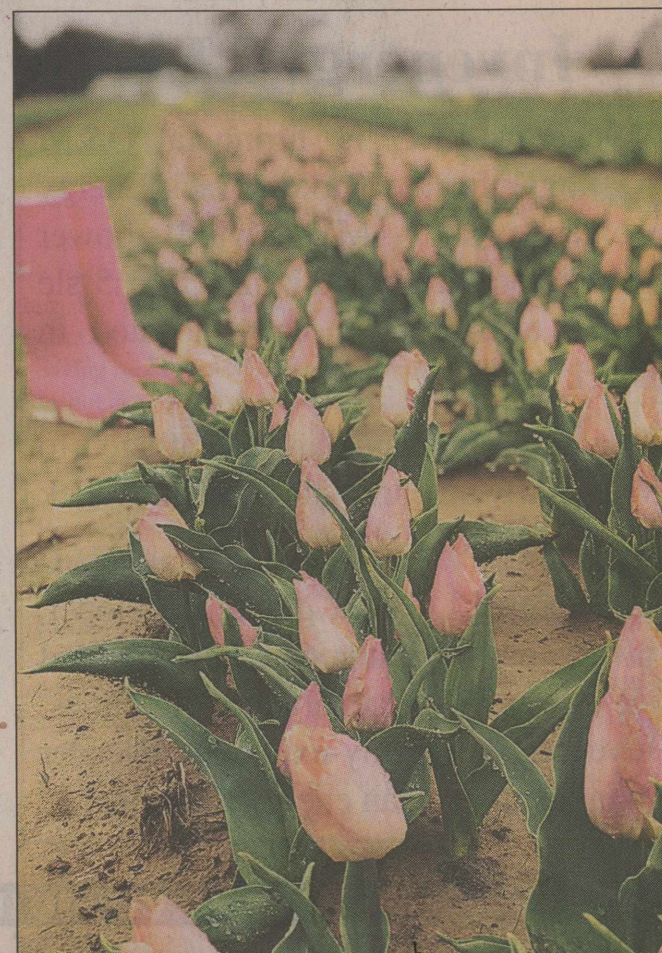
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