# The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon 



Deon Fincher
Fincher to begin as new editor of Hesperian-Beacon
The Hesperian-Beacon the editor of the FHS news The Floyd County Hesperi- $\begin{aligned} & \text { paper. Fincher also competed } \\ & \text { at the UIL State level, placing }\end{aligned}$ an-Beacon welcomes Floydada resident, Deon Fincher, onto the staff as Editor. She will be working directly with Editor Barbara Anderson.
Recently acting as Floydada's Chamber of Commerce Manager, Fincher is well-versed in
the pulse of the community. the pulse of the community.
"I honestly believe that Floy Tada and Lockney's revival and regeneration are within reach and just around the corner," stated Fincher when asked about her plans and contributions to the Hesperian-Beacon. "It will take some effort, however, by bonding closer together, the possibilities can be endless. Our local newspaper can be the
catalyst that acts as the glue." catalyst that acts as the glue."
Fincher is no stranger Floyd County. Her family Floyd County. Her family
moved here in the early 1980 s Perry and Zelda Zumwalt worked with the City Park Church of Christ for five years. Fincher, herself, graduated from Floydada High School in 1982. During the two years that she
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Compiled from media reports
Texas Governor Greg
Abbott has issued a State
Disaster Declaration due
to drought conditions across
the state. These drought
conditions pose an immi-
nent threat to public healalth,
property, and the economy.
Drought conditions can
lead to an increased threat
of wildfire. According to the
Office of Governor Greg
Abbott, Abbott has autho-
rized the use of all available
paper. Fincher also competed
at the ULL State level, placing and Feature Writing. "We are thrilled to have Deon on board," said Chris Blackburn, publisher. "She brings energy and ideas we need to improve the Hesperian-Beacon. I know she can build this newspaper Lockney. I'm very excited to see Lockney. Im ver
Initially attending Inon graduation, she trans ferred to Texas Tech to complete and obtain a degree in
accounting. Throughout her account life, Fincher has worked in Public Relations and Accounting in New Mexico, Texas and California.
Fincher cam Fincher came back to FloyFada in 2016 to marry Terry Fill grow. She has three children, ico, Texas and California. Her stepson, Brady Fincher, lives in New Mexico as well. WB and Mary Alice Aiken and Leroy and Betty Chowning are the inchers' great-grandparents

## City Crews begin demolition

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon
The walls of 112 East California Street shook with the pounding force of the excavator as the City crews began the demolition of the downtown
sidewalks in preparation for the sidewalks in preparation for the
framing and pouring of new framing and pouring of new
walkways courtesy of Texas Dewalkways courtesy of Texas De-
partment of Agriculture's Compartment of Agriculture's Com-
munity Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Program is funded to improve public areas for economic development and community development in rural areas. According to City
Manager Jeff Johnston, Manager Jeff Johnston, the
CDBG is a matching CDBG is a matching grant
up to $\$ 250,000$. The matchup to $\$ 250,000$. The match-
ing funds consist of "in-kind ing funds consist of "in-kind to the cost of the City's labo
during the demolition. during the demolition.
AAJ Concrete crew, AAJ Concrete crew, of
Lockney, are constructing Lockney, are constructing the new ADA Street Corner ramps located on the and Wall and East California and Wall as well as the nia and walkways. The concrete, supplied by Floydada Ready Mix, is being formed into installed, Johnston said the

## Construction of new

Floydada school to begin soon
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
Site work for new High
School/Junior High has begun.
The first step in the process
is to prepare the soil on the
site for all the different phases
that will follow.
Actal construction of the
educational buildings will
start in a few days and will
begin with the basement. This
phase will be largely "unseen"
because the basement will be
large enough for a storm shel ler that can accommodate 450 will not be ready for the 2018 ter tople ceason, mainly because there people. The floor of the base- will be no dressing rooms for ground lill be 18 feet below ground level so most of the initial work will not be visible. The shell of the career and
technology building will be one technology building will be one
of the first structures that will be of the first structures that will be erected. It will be on the northeast corner of the new complex.
The new football stadium players and officials cons ed during this phase.
Construction of the trans
portation and maintenance
building will also be started
it will be offsite where stu-
dent activity would not be problem.


## 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 FLOYDADA COOPERATIVE GINS The Floydada Cooperative The Floydada Cooper
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. OLD SETTLER'S ASSN. MEETING The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting on Monday,
April 30 th at $6: 30$ p.m. at the First National Bank of Floydada See UPCOMING, Page 10

## Correction

If you spot an error of fact,
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 smartphone to
scan the quick




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## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,
thing the Executive Director is working
Floydada is very fortunate to have an Economic Development Corporation.
The EDC is run by a seven member on to help the citizens and businesses of meetings is to give the community an update on the steps that are being taken in various projects. The EDC is funded from the community that are passionate by tax money derived from a percentage
about investing in the town to help local of the sales tax from goods sold in Floyabout investing in the town to help local of the sales tax from goods sold in Floy-
businesses grow and prosper. It is the dada. It was never intended for your tax businesses grow and prosper. It is the dada. It was never intended for your
Executive Director's job to implement money to be used behind a closed door. the vision of the Board and to man- I hope this sheds some light on why
age the assets and yearly budget. The Floydada needs and Economic Develage the assets and yearly budget. The Floydada needs and Economic Devel-
monthly Board meetings are open to opment Corporation. I may not live in the public and I encourage anyone that Floydada anymore, but I was born and wishes to know more about how and raised there and it will always be my why Floydada needs an Economic De- hometown. I will always want to see velopment Corporation to attend these meetings.

## organization meant to achieve it.

## Sincerely, Jesse Finley 103 Timberwolf \#3

## The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters <br> April 5, 2018

By Mary M. Carter
moist.
Sandy, Beety Jean, and Virgenina presenting a comical play for us. They got tickled and the more they laughed, the more we got tickled and laughed with them. It was fun!
Sandy Fuston introduced
Delma Ibarra. She and her husDelma lbarra. She and her hus-
band, Rudy, own the Bison Café. It is located on Main Street in Quitaque, Texas. It is beautifully decorated. It just makes you happy to be there. We were the first group to have lunch there. The Cafe will open sometime this summer. She open as a courtesy to our group. Delma was raised in Quitaque, but she was born in Lockney, Texas. She attended W.T. in Canyon, Texas
and received her Bachelor and and received her Bachelor and Assistant Principal and in the educational field for 20 years. Now she has decided to take another avenue in her life. Starting
has been an adventure with a lot of work and a lot of fun. She is very excited about the opening come. Delma wants to add-on to the building to open a gift shop in the future. I know I would like to look and eat too. Those who
helped Delma were her mother, helped Delma were her mother,
Maggie, and her daughter, AuMaggie, and her daughter, Au-
brey. It was a nice experience and we enjoyed it.
The hostesses were Sandy Fus-
ton, Virginia Coker, and Betty Jean Williams. Thank you for the good time and the play was the highlight!
Those in attendance were Virginia Taylor, Mary Quattlebaurn, Emma Pate, Donna Pernell, Barbara Edwards, Sandy Fuston,
Betty Jean Williams, Gloria Fan Betty Jean Williams, Gloria Fan-
non, Sue Daniels, Margie Sue Virginia Coker, Mary Lou Zinck, Joy Turner, Carolyn Cheek, Ethelyn Vermon, Karla Kindberg, and Mary M. Carter. Our guest was
Roberta Carson. Welcome RoRoberta Carson. Welcome Ro-
berta. Happy to have you with us. The Cajun Cake has fruit in it,

## such as pineapple, etc. It was very

ther avenue in her ilie. Starting
restaurant with her family. It

## The Myth of Multi-Tasking

## Obituary <br> policy

The Hesperian-Beacon
will post an obituary in the next possible issue for $\$ 65$. If a photo is wanted, Death notices are free, containing name,
date of death, date of seryice and survivors.

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## April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

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Multi-tasking is thought of as a useful skill, but it gets a lot of people in trouble behind the wheel. Most of us incorrectly multi-task and use our cellphone while we drive. After all, we can walk and chew gum at the same time, right? When we stop and think about those activities - chewing gum and
walking - we must admit that walking is one of those things we do that requires very little brain power. In fact, it's subconscious and nearly au-
tomatic. Unlike walking and chewing gum, both driving and using a cell phone requires higher cognitive thinking. Your brain simply cannot perform two higher cognitive tasks at the same time. Instead, it must switch between tasks. With technology at our fingertips, drivers are constantly faced with distractions, such as talking or texting, which places
their safety and that of others at serious risk.
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Celebrate National Arbor Dav
Celebrate Natio Receive 10 Free Shade rees by Joining the

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 27, this year, and the Arbor Day Foun-
dation is making it easy for anyone to celebrate the annual tree-planting holi-
by distracted driving, and the problem is getting worse. As part of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching its "Talk, Text, Crash" campaign to remind drivers
Last year, there were 108,962 distracted driving crashes in Texas - up 3 percent since 2015. Those crashes killed 452 people and seriously injured
another 3,068 . These crashes are highest among younger drivers ages 16 to 34 . According to TxDOT, 38 percent of Texas drivers say
they regularly or sometimes they regularly or sometimes
use a cell phone while driving Text messaging is particularly dangerous, as reaction times double when drivers read or send text messages. A driver texting at 55 mph will lose sight of the road for nearly five seconds, which is comparable to driving the length of a foot ball field while bindroled.
drift in and out of lanes as well as cross the center line. Although cell phone use is not the only distraction in the mon and is of the comdistracted driving traffic crash es and fatalities. Text ing is particularly dassag Research conducted by the Texas A\&M Transportation Institute (TTI) found that reaction times double when drivers are distracted by tex messaging. Driving require the use of our visual, manual and cognitive abilities - tex ting takes away all three of these at one time.
April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month:
A time to raise awareness of A time to raise awareness of
the dangers associated with the dangers associated with
distracted driving and to en courage Texans to put down their cell phones while driving. With more than 100,000 traffic crashes in Texas each year involving distracted driving, drivers are reminded that using a mobile phone when behind the wheel is a risky habit that
they should break.

Planting Trees trees, one person can make a difference in helping to beautiful planet for allof to enjoy." to enjoy.
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contribution to TEN FREE Contribution to TEN FREE Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 2018, visit arborday.org/april.

## Opinion

## Perdue: Trump has not forgotten rural America

## By Secretary Sonny Perdue

While Congress continues its work on the Farm Bill, rural prosperity, and many other agriculture priorities, this administration remains committed to being a voice In the 11 months since I was sworn in as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, I have traveled to 35 states, helping fulfill President Donald Trump's promise that the men and women of America, who once felt forgotten, never will again.
First, [President] Trump is committed to ensuring our economy grows and thrives. That is why he led the fight to pass historic tax cuts and reforms back in December, which are already benefiting the agriculture community. partners and allies, this administration is committed to sending the bounty of American harvest around the globe. Second, as we all know, our economy cannot suc
ceed without a capable and legal workforce. Trump understands we must have an equipped and competitive workforce. That is one reason why he signed an executive order establishing the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity, which I proudly chaired. Our task force also stressed the importance of as-
sisting our workforce through infrastructure reforms. Enacting Trump's infrastructure plan would create jobs for our rural workforce and unleash our economy's full potential. Infrastructure has been the core of American infromic success for more than two centuries. America's infrastructure needs attention; our nation's prosperity is
Finally, if we are going to encourage the next generation to step forward, we must first tackle the burdensome regulations facing today's industry. Throughout this tour, I have heard from farmers and ranchers who are hamstrung by medalesome rules. They know that Trump has riers to productivity eliminating 22 federal regulations for every new rule added. Trump's regulatory agend meets the needs of rural Americans who are held back by harmful decisions that came from Washington.

## The 501:

## Brain cells, fat cells

New brain cells aren't just for teenagers. Research rs have just discovered they're also available to the elderly. I think I'll take some
I heard the breaking story on morning television so it must be true.
Back when
Back when I was in graduate school, trying to keep
 all my thinking cells in shape, 1 hear then that drinking alcohol wipes them out by the thousands. Presumably that's
still true. (If it weren't, that would be an even bigger news story.) One of my neighbors was a physician. I asked him - when he was downing a cocktail o some sort - about alcohol-related brain ell destruction. He said he could affor to lose a few.
Then there
HANABA Then there was Russell, the mediMUNN cal student I met in the library. He was WELCH search. (Medical students learn facts; art - history students try to figure out how lot of disparate information fits with art. I could be wrong.) Seems like I needed a carrel and Russell gave me his. He said he was going over to the student center for a beer. "Won't that diminish your ability to study?" I asked. He gave me some sort of casual answer about relaxing his
brain to make it more receptive to all the information. brain to make it more receptive to all the information.
At the time I wondered if Russell would make it th At the time I wondered if Russell would make it through
medical school. A few years ago, still wondering, I looked him up. Thank you Internet. Sure enough, I found him listed as a physician. To be certain, I looked him up again just now. He's identified as an ophthalmologist - one who graduated with honors. To that I raise my morning cup of joe and say "Here's looking at you, Russell!" I guess the important thing is that he was actually studying that night. His colleagues who didn't make it though Tulane Med School were probably already well into their collegiate suds that night when he arrived. My theory.
Incidentally, in case you were thinking of enrolling hings have changed at Harvard on the Bayou. Alcohol is football game instead. That's where you can buy a Tulane Green Wave beer
Back to cells. Morning television aired more good news about cells, specifically, how you can destroy fat cells. No it's not alcohol. Instead you get your bad fat cells frozen. Television showed both a belly and a double chin getting zapped. Brrrrr.
If you've read this far and learned nothing you didn't know already, hang in. I'm about to share my red light double chin exercise, no alcohol o
DOUBLE CHIN EXERCISE:
DOUBLE CHIN EXERCISE: and point your chin up toward the sky. Way up. Then let it drop. Repeat, repeat, repeat. Whether it destroys under-chin flab or just whips it into shape, who knows?
On the cellular level, it'll keep you from texting. If you get a ticket, it'll be for aberrant behavior.

## Society

## Quilt Show to be held during Old Settler's Day

FLOYDADA - Old Set- es: Pieced Quilts, Mixed your quilt or quilted items tler's Day is Saturday, May 12, 2018. Something new has been added with the
Quilt Show. Along with
the quilt competition there will be antique Bonnet entries in the Barrow building west of the Floyd County Historical Museum.
The Quilt Show is for all those who like and appre-
ciate quilts. You may enter a quilt that you purchased a quilt that you purchased
and did not make; you may also enter quilts whether they are hand or machine quilted items are welcome.
This year we are having judged quilt show. There will be four judged class-
es: Pieced Quilts, Mixed
Technique (Appliqued,
Embellished Technique (Appliqued,
Embellished, Art or Em-
broidered), Youth Qilt broidered), Youth Quilts
for High School age and younger, and Miscellaneous (Wearable, Runners, etc.) The winners will receive ribbons and cash prizes. We will also have a Viewer's Choice and Antique Viewer's Choice category
The winner of these two The winner of these two
categories will be receivcategories will be receiv-
ing the most votes. There ing the most votes. There
will be a prize ribbon and will a prize ribbon and
money for the winners of these also.
For those For those who do no
want to enter the petition, you may bring

our quilt or quilted items Show" area. Quilts and bonnets will | and entry from 9 a.m. -5 |
| :--- | p.m. on Thursday, May- 10 . Please bring your quilt to the building on the west side of the museum where the quilts will be hung for our viewing pleasure.

It should be a fun It should be a fun time for all. Don't be bashful; quilts! Bring your prized quilts! Bring your prized quilts or quilted items and
share with the community. If you have questions you can contact Ethelyn non at 806-652-2525

## 1956 Study Club



## Museum Archives

From Floyd County Hesperian January 28, 1973 Floydada in the 20's... Milk Business

By Arthur E Gamble
Back in the 1920's, refrigeration was rudimen tary, roads were rough
trucks were slow-so milk was usually a local affair Ice cream could be shipped quickly via railway express but even at that certain isks were involved. Floydada had one small dairy at the time with a of us had cows out in the of us had cows out in the
lot behind the house. A corrugated iron drinking tub holding 250 to 300 gallons of water was filled from time to time and a rack to hold pummies, cotton burrs or cane bundles provided roughage that would keep a cow going pretty well. Most families fed a supplemental feeding meal and sometimes cot tonseed hulls. In the summer these cows were staked on a long chain on the vacant lots to graze but care had to be exercised to be sure they didn't reach blue weeds since these weeds would give a flavor to the milk that was called "blueweedy and made the milk
unfit for human consumption. ${ }_{\text {To }}^{\text {tion. }}$ become acquainted with the mammals of God's should start his study with milking a cow. One of the first facts you learn is that a cow does not "give milk-you have to take it away from her. Sometimes but persistence pays off but persistence pays off
and in time the milker even comes to take pride in his
rowess-showing that it doesn't take much to ome people proud.
Jersey and Guernse were usual with Holsteins being left to the dairies who were more interested in quantity than in quality. The choice of a cow was a matter for considerable discussion and different people had different ideas about how to choose. My dad favored the smooth, pretty Jersey whereas Uncle
Jake favored the big, ugly rough looking crossbreeds. Often Uncle Jake's cows gave more milk which was a matter for considerable "hurrahing" between the brothers.
John Hollums was a local real estate trader who had a cow that he traded to his can. He told Judge Duncan. He told the old Judge that the cow gave so much
milk they didn't know what to do with it. That night when he milked the cow, Judge got about half a cup. Upon calling John's hand on it, he was told-"that's what I said, she gives so much we don't know what to do with it-it's too nuch for the coffee but not enough for the cereal!
(Incidentally, this story was Incidentally, this story was grandson of the two principals involved).
Milking was one chore idered "men's work" which meant that it usually fell on the boys of the family-but the women did help out at times. I always considered
myself sort of sanitary bemyself sort of sanitary be-
cause I usually dusted off the area around the bag
milking. I didn't take much stock in the story that dair-
ies washed off the bag and es washed off the bag and tits (don't try to confuse me with something about teats-don't know what
those are) because any boy would know that in cold -weather the cow would
freeze.

## Being a sanitary type milker, I always dipped

 out the falling items that I could see with the naked eye. You learned quite early that lowering yourhead and butting it into the head and butting it into the
flank of the cow provided a flank of the cow provided a
measure of security because you could feel her muscles tighten if she started to raise her right hind leg to kick. You could often block her raising the leg but once it was raised to kicking position you only hope was
to dodge. Two rules you to dodge. Two rules you
learned early-you milk cow from the right sideyou mount a horse from you mount. All homes had "milk strainers" consisting of a tinned cone with a piece of brass screening across the
smaller open end. Since smaller open end. Since we were somewhat sanita-
tion minded, mother ally minded, mother usuand lined the strainer with it, thereby getting more of it, thereby getting more of
the foreign matter. A good milk cow "gave" from $3^{1 / 2}$ to four gallons per day of rich Jersey milk but the average was probably closer to $2-2$ . Less than $1 \frac{1}{2}$ gallons per day wasn't worth messing with and the cow was ture to await the arrival of the next calf.
The milk was strained into gallon crocks and let


## About Town

By: Deon Fincher


#### Abstract

I was flipping through the channels on our tv ear- lier this week and I stopped on The Andy Griffith Show (Yes, please!!) I had family coming in for a visit, so the I while I I went from noise-makto room straightening up but I caught a little of it as I crossed into other rooms. Mayberry is all so nice and tidy. An entire episode could be about a squeaky screen door that hung, crookedly, from an aban- doned house doned house down the street. Bea and some of would "go check it out", Then, Andy would end up Then, Andy would end up talking to the owner (who alking to the owner (who town), and he and Opie would go over and put in a few nails, squirt some oil on the hinges, and pledge to "keep an eye out" for future door mishe future door mishaps on the property. I imagine Andy would put a gentle hand on Opie's shoulder and say, " Y ' see son. The way our town looks is a reflection back on us. is a reflection back on us. Would you like it if someone mentioned that your one mentioned that your house shore looks a mess with that rickety door and old chipped paint?" "No, Pa." Opie would say. Then he would state, "But Pa, this ain't my house." With a chuckle, Andy would would agree, "No, son. This ain't your house, but our town is made up of all If one ain't dressed up like the rest, it sticks out like a sore thumb. Now, if that house happened to be yours, you'd be mighty now?" "But, Pa," Opie would ask with a tilt of his head What if the person that lives in that old squeaky house ain't able to get Andy would reply, "Well Son...we'd just need to b good neighbors and help out on occasion." I must be honest; I haven't offered to help haven't offered to help even one my neighbors this spring. Driving all around town, I see neighbors who could use a bit of assiscould use a bit of assis a simple offer to tighten simple offer to tighten some screws, or possibly, it could be a big offer to buy could be a big offer to buy some paint. Hmmmm.. perhaps that is the key to


## Floydada Senior Citizens News

## By LuAnn Collins

## pecial to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada Senior Citizens is our business name, but anyone of any age is welcome to "eat in or take out, or
have a meal delivered". Call us at $983-2032$ for delivery service at. no extra charge. We do have memberships available, at a
cost of $\$ 25.00$ per year. This membership cost of $\$ 25.00$ per year. This membership illows you to pur
Freida Dunn, BSN ET is present the 4 th
Thursday of the month for a blood pressure Thursday of the month for a blood pressure
clinic, beginning at 11:30 weather permitting. Next clinic will be April 26 . Our next Bingo night will be Tuesday May 8. We open the doors at $5: 30$ and play from 6 to 8 p.m. We will have sandwiches,
drinks and dessert available at that time.

We will also continue our progressive cash bingo game. Our "Money Pot" for the pro-
gressive blackout bingo is up to $\$ 28.00$. We gressive blackout bingo is up to $\$ 28.00$. Wark your calendars and join us. 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.

## MENU

April 23 - April 27
Monday - Chicken spaghetti

# Obituaries/Church 

## Obituaries

## Juanita Luna Espinoza

Juanita Luna Espinoza, age 74, of Floydada passed
away, Tuesday, April 10, away, Tuesday, April 10,
2018. Mass of Christian Burial urday, April 14, 2018 at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada. Father Dhass officiated. Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2018 at Moore-Rose Fune Home in Floydada
der the personal were under the personal care of
Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.
Juanita was born on May 6, 1943 in Hondo, Texas, to the late Presentacion and Maria Santos Luna.

She married Ignacio Espinoza on January 17, 1998, in Floydada, Texas. He preceded her in death
on June 23,2015 . She loved on June 23, 2015. She loved
listening to music, dancing listening to music, dancing,
crafting, and her dogs. She crafting, and her dogs. She
enjoyed having all her family around. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ignacio Espinoza, two brothers, Robert Luna, and Freddy Luna, and granddaughter, Crystal
Ann Jimenez. Ann Jimenez. children, Ruperto by he children, Ruperto JimeJimenez and fiancé, Edward Castillo, Pete Jimenez and Lina DeLeon, all of Floydada, Esmeralda Jimenez and Alfred Nunez of Lock-

Virginia N. "Jenny" Prichard
Virginia N. "Jenny"
Prichard, 84 , of Lubbock passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Virginia was born December 3, 1933 in Floy
dada, Texas. She ated from Floydada High ated from Floydada High Texas Tech where she was member of the Going Band from Raiderland.

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## The Alamo Announces Statewide Roadshow



## The Spirit's Voice



## Agriculture

## Texas, Oklahoma cotton growers honored for high-end harvests

Floydada growers recognized for their high yields

## By Southwest Farm Press

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon
High-end harvests do not
happen overnight- dryland
growers know this best.
To celebrate season-long
success, the FiberMaxe
Maximizer Club
honored recently 104 members, in-
cluding 75 new growers. To
qualify, growers produced
half-ton and higher yields
with FiberMax varieties on
dryland acres in 2017.
The Maximizer Club rec-
ognizes growers who take
on the challenge of dryland
production.
"Growers combine their
skill with high-quality Fi-
berMax varieties to achieve
exceptional yields," says
Kerry Grossweiler, South-

## Drought conditions affecting herd stocking rates in West Texas, Panhandle

## By Adam Russell

FORT STOCKTON - Drought conditions grip much of West Texas and the Paanhandle, driving many ing rates, while water and cool- and warm-season grasses are plentififu in easterm areas of the state, according to Texas A\&M Agriuite Extensio Service speciaists. Dr. Buce Carpenter, AgriLife Sxtension livestock specialist, Fort pastures west of the Pecos River havent received a meaningful rain since October. Most producers provide water for cattle via wells, but available forage is becoming scarce. Carpenter said drought conditions are forcing, or could soon force, pro-
ducers to make decisins ducers to make decisions regarding heir herds if a significant rain does reasonanable standing forage may be ble to wait for rain or cull lesser cows make pastures last longer, but the weather will determine how long. "Wheat hasnt had the moisture to get the growth producers need or normal stocking rates," he said Theyre having to rethink their plan. Some producers are culling Those who arent probably need to be looking at their pastures and decidwhether they might be able to make whether they might be ab
the next rain."
Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amafillo, said the cow/calf outlook was normal for the Panhandle aside from drier-than-normal conditions.
"There may be some instances where producers have had to adjust deirions, but Ive not heard anything utions, of the ordinery not heard any this time of year," he said.
McCollum said most producers appear to be faring well despite the lack of precipitation since October: Good conditions through late fall provided adequate stockpiles of forage on rangelands for winter grazing. But the lack of rain could mean a low start for warm-season grasses, he said. That may extend the time pro-
ducers rovide supplemental feed ducers provide supplemental feed. oming off pasture earlier than normal because of forage conditions, he said. Many calves never went out to graze, while others hav
earlier than normal.
There are still cattle grazing out mall-grain fieds in the region, McCollum said.
The flow of stockers on and off small grains this year is different than
normal and may influence some markets by the di
tributions and movement over the winter and spring," he said. The feeder cattle market has fated recently as the number of fed cattle marketed has drifted lower, he said. The light calf market has held better than that for heavier feeder
 Staon, beef cattle specialist, College Station, said ample rains and relativecreated good conditions for cow/calf created
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in ig, but most have calved out and are coning to work them," he said. "If good shape."
Cold fronts have slowed growth in warm-season grasses like Bermuda season forages like ryegrass and doorer remain prevalent in pastures. remain prevalentin pastures.
He said producers have begun to ferilize some warm-season pastures in the hopes of timing applications with rains, but that the e iming could be too early and benefit cool-season be too early and
grasses intead.
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"Producers want to take advantage of spring rains, but if it's applied too early, remaining winter/spring weeds, ents that were intended for Bermuda grass," he sid. - ${ }^{\text {rasss," }}$ Age sgid. Agitife Extension district maries:
ROLLING PLAINS: Recent HLANS. Recent was needed throughout the district
 ance shape as they tried to prepare felds for the possible freeze.
SOUTH PL AINS: SOUTH PLAINS: Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels remained very dry with high winds and no moisture. and prepare for planting season. A hard freeze affected area vineyards The extreme drought has drastically affected winter wheat conditions. Farmers were trying to decide if wheat field quality was good enough to make hay or prepare for early termination to make way for cotton. Any grain crop at this point would be very minimal. Corn planting be-
gan. Cows were being supplemented gan. Cows were being supplemented PANHANDL
were dry with high winds. Moisture
Soil moisture was very short. Fire condition with supplemental feeding The $\mathbf{1 2}$ AgriLife Districts continuing on a daily basis. Farmers
were preparing fields for cotton by putting out pre-emergence herbicides and bedding up fields. Temperatures
reached close to 80 degres, which reached close to 80 degress, which
put some residents in garden-plantput some residents in garden-plant-
ing mode. However, a freze in the forecast had local gardeners in panic mode trying to prevent freeze dammode trying to prevent freeze care
aget to crops. Vineyard owners were i Winter-bor Winter-born calves at
the Texas A\&M AgriLife Research and Extension
Center in Overton
danger was sill very high. Armstrong County battled a large fire with a total of 14,826 burned acres. Some horses sustained burns, but there were no reports of any livestock lost. Pas
ture conditions were very dry ture conditions were very dry. Lack
of moisture and high winds continued to hurt crops in Hall Country Wheat, rye and pasture needed rain to support summer growth. Whea continued to declin. I Irigated whea was being watered. Spring preplan activites continued at a slow pace Rangelands were dormant due to dry conditions. Most producers were forced to unt ant some type of planting on

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# Floydada Whirlwinds 


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Whirlwinds take Lady Winds take two from Olton

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon
FLOYDADA - Floydada took wo games from the Oiton MusOne, the Whirlwinds held Olton to four hits as they took the $3-0$ vic-
tory and in the second game, the tory and in the second game, the
Winds used two four-run innings to outlast the Mustangs 11-5. GAME ONE: FLOYDADA
OLONO
Although both teams had opand one-half innings, it wasn't unand one-half innings, it wasnt un-
til the bottom of the fourth that Floydada broke through with a run. With two outs, Jose Lira singled and moved to second on an error Courtesy runner Jeremiah Johnston,
came in to run for Lira. A single by came in to run for Lira. A single by Luke Holcombe scored Johnston,
giving the Whirlwinds a 1-0 lead. giving the Whirlwinds a 1-0 lead.
After a three up and three down Atter a three up and three dow
top of the fifth for Olton, the Winds added another run in the bottom o he inning. Angel Cervera reached one out, moved to second on an error. Cervera stole third then scored on an error by the catcher, giving the Winds a $2-01$ lead.
In the top of the sixth, Olton
went three up and three down. With went three up and three down. With two outs in the bottom of the inning, Floydada added another run.
Marcus Perez singled the moved to second and third on defensiviv indif
ference. Cervera singled to drive in Perez and give Floydada a 3 -0 lead. Olton got two men on in the top of
the seventh but were unable to score the seventh but were unable to score
as Floydad took the $3-0$ victory. For Floydada, Cervera went 1 with one RBI and one run scored and Holcombe went $1-2$ with one RBI. Devan Perez pitched seven innings allowing no runs on
while striking out eight.
For Olton, Zane Gunter went 2-3. Gunter pitched five innings alstriking out five and walking four and Aaron Corpus pitched one inning allowing one run on two hits.
GAME TWO: FLOYDADA GAME TV
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11, OLTON 5
In game two, Flogdada used two In game two, Floydada used two
four-run innings to hold off Olton four-run innings
in an $11-5$ victory.
In the top of the first, the Mustangs struck irrst. Corpus was hir by two outs, stole second. JC Pedroza walked then Corpus stole third and scored on a wild pitch to give Olton
the e arly 1-0 lead. In the bottom of the early $1-0$ lead. In the bottom of the inning, Alex Glass was hit by a pitch to lead off the Whirlwinds at-bat. Glass stole second then M Perez walked. Cervera singled to
drive in Glass. Perez stole third and Cervera stole second A A roundout Cervera stole second. A groundout as Cervera moved to third. D Perez reached on an error that allowed Cervera to score. D Perez stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Arnie Martinez walked then Jordan Mendoza grounded out as D Perez scored, giving the Win 4-1 lead after one inning. Olton went down in order in the second. Andrez Suarez walked
to lead off for Flovdada in the bottom of the second. A wild pitch allowed Suarez to move to second
 seventh but could not score as the

Whirlwinds took the $11-5$ victory. | hirlwinds took the $11-5$ victory. |
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scored, Blakey went $1-1$ with two scored, Blakey went $11-1$ with two
RBIs, Cervera went $1-4$ with one RBI and two runs scored and D Perez went 1-4 with one RBI and two runs scored. Holcombe pitched four and one-third innings allowing five runs on three hits while striking out four and walking five and M
Perez pitched two and two-thirds Perez pitched two and
innings striking out five.

## innings striking out five. For Olton, Corpus

with one RBI and two funs scored, Capen went $1-4$ with one RBI and one run scored and Gunter went 1-4 with one RBI. Capen pitched three innings allowing seven runs on three hits with four walks, Corpus pitched one-third of an in-
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In district, Abernathy is $8-2$, New Deal 6-2, Floydada 8-3, Lock-
ney 5-4, Ralls 4-4, Olton 4-5, Hale ney 5-4, Ralls $4-4$, Olton $4-5$, Hale
Center $3-4$, Springlake-Earth $2-8$ and Crosbyton 1-8.
Floydada played Lockney on April 10 and will play a doubleheader with Ralls on April 14 and Crosbyton on April 17. Olton
played Springlake-Earth on April played Springlake-Earth on April
10 and will play New Deal in a double-header on April 14 and Ab ernathy on April 17 .

## Barretero making it $6-4$ Fly scored

 In the bottom of the inning, Mo-rales led off with a walk, then with rales led off with a walk, then with
two outs, Hernandez drilled a two-
run home run to center field, drivrun home run to center field, driv-
ing in Morales and giving Floydad an 8 -4 lead.
In thead. top of the fifth, Tatyana
Cienfuegos pounded a home rur Cienfuegos pounded a home run to leff field as the Lady Horns cut
Filoydada's lead to $8-5$. With two Floydada's lead to $8-5$. With two
outs in the bottom of the innin D Cervera singled then stole second. A single by A Obregon drive
in Cervera, giving Floydada
lead.
Neither team scored in the
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the game in the top of the seventh as they went three up and three down and the Lady Winds claimed
the $9-5$ victory. the $9-5$ victory.
For Lockney, with two runs scored Jimenez went with two runs scored, Jimenez went went $2-4$ with one RBI and one run went 2 -4 with one RBI and one run
scored. Nuncio pitched six innings scored. Nuncio pitched six innings
allowing nine runs on 11 hits while striking out 11 and walking four. For Floydada, Hernandez wen $3-4$ with four RBIs and one run scored and Chavarria went 1-3 with one RBI and two runs scored. Floyddad played Hale Center on
April 10 and will play Abernathy April 10 and will play Abernathy
on Apriil 14 and New Deal on April on April 14 and New Deal on April Lockney was open on Aprill 10 and will play Hale Center on April 14 and Abernathy on April 17. They have a make up game with New Deal on April 21.
Abernathy and Ralls are 8-1 in district, Floydada is $7-2$, Lockney is ton and Hale Center are $1-9$ Crosby

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

April 26 - April 29


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District 2-2A Baseball Standings

| *2-2A BB | W | L |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| P2-Abernathy | 10 | 2 |
| New Deal | 8 | 2 |
| Floydada | 9 | 4 |
| Lockney | 4 | 5 |
| Ralls | 4 | 5 |
| Olton | 3 | 7 |
| Hale Center | 2 | 8 |
| Crosbyton | 1 | 8 |
| P1-Springlake | 0 | 0 |

P2-Clinched 2A Playoff Spot P1-Clinched 1A Playoff Spot *Games against Springlake do not count in district standings
Schedule for April 17
Abernathy vs Olton Floydada vs Crosbyton Lockney vs New Deal Ralls vs Springlake-Earth Hale Center - OPEN

## Schedule for April 21

Abernathy vs Springlake-Earth (2 games) Hale Center vs Crosbyton (2 games) Lockney vs Olton (2 games) Ralls vs New Deal (2 games) Floydada - OPEN for district

Schedule for April 24 (end of season)
Abernathy vs Ralls
New Deal vs Crosbyton Springlake-Earth vs Floydada Hale Center vs Olton
Lockney - OPEN
Make-Up Game To Be Announced
Lockney vs Ralls
Ralls vs Crosbyton
District 2-2A Softball Standings

| 2-2A SB | W | L |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SD- <br> Abernathy | 10 | 1 |
| P-Ralls | 9 | 2 |
| P-Floydada | 8 | 3 |
| Lockney | 5 | 5 |
| New Deal | 4 | 6 |
| Crosbyton | 1 | 10 |
| Hale Center | 1 | 11 |

SD - Share of District Title P - Playoff Spot
Schedule for April 17
(end of season) Lockney vs Abernathy Ralls vs Crosbyton Floydada vs New Deal Hale Center - OPEN

Lockney vs New Deal

## Lady Horns take down Hale Center

## By Charles Keaton

 The Hesperian-BeaconLOCKNEY - Lockney scored nine runs in the
bottom of the first then cruised to a 19-5 victory over the Hale Center Lady
Owls in district Owls in district action on
April 14 . April 1 After the Lady Owls the first, the Lady Horns scored nine runs. Reagan Nuncio led off by drawing a walk then moved to second on a wild pitch and to third on a passed ball. Karissa Petty walked then stole second. Aleah
Jimenez singled to drive Jimenez singled to drive
in Nuncio. Tatyana Cienfuegos reached on an erfuegos reached on an en-
ror that allowed Petty and Jimenez to score as Cienfuegos moved to second on the play. With one out, Cienfuegos moved to third on a passed ball then Alyssa Barretero walked. Isabel Cruz was hit by a pitch to
load the bases. Jessica Her-- load the bases. Jessica Her-
nandez singled, driving in nandez singled, driving in
Cienfuegos and Barretero. A single by Madai Chavira A single by Madai Chavira
scored Cruz and moved Hernandez to third. Nuncio singled to drive in Hernandez then Petty walked to load the bases. Jimenez singled to drive in Chavira and Nuncio as the Lady Horns took a 9-0 lead after one inning.

## LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

April 23-27
Breakfast-Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk Brealfast-Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, $\begin{gathered}\text { Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk } \\ \text { Lunch - Texas Basket or Hamburger, Fries, Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, } \\ \text { Milk }\end{gathered}$
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Tuesday, Apr. 24
Breakfast - Breakfast Combo or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Tex-Mex Stack or Chicken Fajitas, Beans, Salsa, Tomato Cup,
Cinnamon Apples, Milk
Cinnamon Apples, Milk
Wednesday, Apr. 25
Brealfast-Chicken \& Waffles or Muffin \& Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk Lunch - Chicken Alfredo or Calzone, Marinara, Salad, Tuscan

Veggies, Peaches, Cookies, Milk
Thursday, Apr 26
Brealfast- Sturfed Bagels or Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch - Grilled Cheese, Chips or Pot Pie, Brocoli Bites, Veggie Cup, Snowball Salad, Milk
Friday, Apr. 27
Breakfast - Dutch Waffle, Bacon or Cereal \& Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch - Chicken Bowl or Pulled Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Gravy Green Beans, Apples, Milk
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Hale Center failed to score moved up on the bases, three runs scored, Jimenez
in the top of the second. In in the top of the second. In Kailea Lopez singled to went 3 -3 with four RBIs
the bottom of the second drive in Huffhines then and one run scored, Cienwith botom of the second dive in Humes then Jaci Garcia grounded into a fielder's choice, allowing Hendricks to score, making it $15-4$ in favor of Lockney. In the botom of the inning, Nuncio led off by reachat second. Nuncio stole third then RyAnn Castillo was hit by a pitch. Castillo stole second then Petty walked to load the bases. Anhai Ascencio hit into a fielder's choice as Nuncio was forced out at home. Jasmin Cuba reached on an error that allowed Castillo to score. Barretero singled
to drive in Petty and Asto drive in Petty and As-
cencio as Cuba moved to second. Cuba moved to third on a fielder's choice then scored on a passed ball with two outs, giving
the Lady Horns a 19-4 lead the Lady Horns a 19-4 lead after four innings. In the top of the fifth, Ortiz led off reaching on an error but was forced out at second on a fielder's
choice by Garcia. Garcia choice by Garcia. Garcia
was forced out on a fielder's choice by Ariel Ramon. Quintero doubled to drive in Ramon. Hale Center failed to score again, and the Lockney Lady Horns took the run-rule 19-5 victory. For Lockney, Nuncio went 2-3 with one RBI and Ralls and Floydada have a


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interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of $8 \%$ per annum and the deferred interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8 per aunum and the deapraisal
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residential homestead. residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a
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Kirsten Pyle, age 11,
of Floydada, practices of Floydada, practices
outfield catcching during outfield catching during
the Chevrolet Youth
Instructional Instructional I Baseball
Clinic held in Floydada. Clinic held in Floydada. Tania Hawthorne, age 9,
shows off her "batting
stance" during the baseball
clinic sponsored by Reagor
Dykes Chevrolet. was sponsored by Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet. Miranda Reyes and Kirsten Pyle, both 11 years old, helped
me understand the "foreign lanme understand the "foreign lan-
guage of baseball." They should know--they both started playing softball at age 5 , and when asked how long they've been friends, they simultaneously chimed in,
"Our whole softball career!" "Our whole softball career!" "Keeplow to explode" helps the kids relate to the power behind
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fers to the bat. "Ka-BOOM!" fers to the bat. "Ka-BBOM.
is recited by the child during is recited by the child during
their swing at the ball to inspire their swing at the ball to inspire
follow-through. And, "BGE"? The girls explained that they are taught to line up the outfield catch, first with the ball, then the glove, then the eyes--BGE. The coach was giving us the "evil-eye"
for talking, so I said my goodbyes for talking, so I said my goodbyes to the girls and let them get back to the business at hand. As I walked across the grass, a youngster clad in hot-pink
couldn't help but catch my eye. Taniah Hawthorne, age 9 , of Floydada, has been playing soffball for "....about two years." When asked what she had learned in the clinic, she energetically stated, "Look. Bend your knees. Always keep your bat and your elbows up." Her favorite thing about the sport is, "...when you get to pitch
and run." She is already passing and run." She is already passing
on her knowledge to her $4-\mathrm{yr}$ on her knowledge to her $4-y \mathrm{yr}$
old sister- "I teach her how to swing and throw."
Parents were aplenty, watching the young ones go through ing the young ones go through running practice. Vance Stark
from Dougherty, brought h

son, Jacob, to the clinic. Jacob is 7 years old. "This is excellent for
the kids," stated Stark. Profesthe kids," stated Stark. Profes-
sionalism and mentorship highsionalism and mentorship hig lighted some of the advann This is the second year that Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet has sponsored the event. Brian Bruce, General Manager at the local Chevrolet dealership, stated that Reagor-Dykes provided all the hotdogs and apple pies one could need for an evening
at the baseball park. In addition, at the baseball park. In addition,
they were also donating $\$ 1,000$ they were also donating $\$ 1,000$
to the Floydada Baseball Association. And, Chevrolets? There was an abundance of new vehicles available for test drives. Each test drive taken by parents and community supporters became a $\$ 50$ donation- $\$ 25$ pledged by Chevrolet coupled with $\$ 25$ pledged by ReagorDykes Chevrolet. All monies donated above and beyond $\$ 1500$ will be allotted to the
Whirlwind Booster Club. Midway through the clinic, Bruce notified me, "We've made the $\$ 1500$ goal."
"Currently, we are the \#1 Chery store in Texas based on the Retail Sales Index," added Bruce, "Meaning, we sell more Chery's, per capita, than most other stores. A big part of our
success is directly related to our success is directly related to our
level of community involvelevel of community involve-
ment." That's the way they like it. Watch for support from Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet at the 2018 Old Settlers' Reunion, the upcoming Floydada Co-op Gin's 46th Annual Stockholders and Producers' meeting, as well
as Project Graduation.

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