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Live and Silent AUCTION!

Lockney Senior Citizens' announce annual fundraiser meal



The Silver Thimble Quilters donated the quilt, "Wholly Scrap" that will be one of the items auctioned at the Lockney Senior Citizens' Annual Fundraiser dinner. Pictured L to R: Johnnie Quisenberry, Juanita Chappell, Dorothy Stapp, Wanda Smith and Annabel Bramlet.

By Deon Fincher The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Senior Citizens' Center Annual Fundraiser will kick-off at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, September 16th, and will wind down about 2:00 p.m. This will be the 31st celebration of the Center's origins in 1987.

"This fundraiser is done to assist with the meal costs of the center," stated Renee Armstrong, Lockney Senior Citizens' Center manager. "We serve three meals a day, Center," stated Armstrong. all year except for six holi-

Farm House Quilt donated by June Sherman, Roaster donated by Davis Lumber, Wooden Christmas Tree and Wooden Patio Trash Can donated by Nini & Papa's What Knot Shop, a gift donated by Joyfulea Creations, and a much-coveted Mystery Box of various items of cash, gift cards, decorative items, etc. donated by various members of the Senior Citizens' Center.

"Both Lockney and Floydada residents support this "We don't get any Federal funding, so this fundraiser is key to our continuation of services."

Farm Bureau awards scholarships

FFA students scored on round-table discussion



Texas Farm Bureau members and officers administered the Agricultural-Topic roundtable contest. Pictured L to R: R.N. Hopper (Farm Bureau member), Garrett Mathis (Pres. Farm Bureau), Kelsey Ware, Cutter Smith, Ethan Smith, Jose Lira, Eric Smith (Farm Bureau member) and Tanner Smith (Farm Bureau member).

By Allison Orr FHS Journalism

Saturday, September 8th, four Floydada FFA students competed in the annual Floyd County Texas Farm Bureau Discussion Meet.

In the contest, participants are given complex agriculture topics and are expected to use their problem solving and analysis skills to come up with a solution. All contestants come together for a 25-minute roundtable discussion surrounding the topic they are given while judges listen in.

This year's participants

were Cutter Smith, Ethan Smith, Kelsey Ware, and Jose Lira. All four of the contestants received scholarships. Cutter Smith was the first place winner, earning a prize of \$1,500. Jose Lira followed and won \$1,000. Ethan Smith and Kelsey Ware both received \$500.

"Muffins" benefits CWJC **By Deon Fincher** The Hesperian Beacon Join in the Journey

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Upcoming

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DIAMOND DUSTER'S PRE-GAME MEAL

Floydada's Diamond Dusters softball team will have a "Pre-Game Meal" fundraiser before the County Championship game on Friday, Sept. 14 at A.B. Duncan Elementary from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Brisket sandwich, chips, dessert, drink - \$6.00. Tickets can be purchased from any team member and at the door. Please support their 12U and 14U teams!

LOCKNEY SENIOR **CITIZENS CENTER**

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER On Sunday, Sept. 16, the Center's 31st Annual Fundraiser will have auction, silent auction and fajita lunch. Lunch will be served from 11:30-2:30 p.m. John Robison will be here again and will bring his famous pecan pie for auction. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to donate an auction item, please notify Renee at the Center.

HESPERIAN-BEACON FOOTBALL CONTEST IMPORTANT: Photocopied,

days." That math calculates to 1077 meals provided to our senior folks in Floyd County.

This year, the fundraiser meal will consist of fajitas.

Funds come from the Live and Silent auctions that take place during the meal. The live auction will begin at 12:19 p.m. The last bid of the Silent Auction will be taken at 1:33 p.m.

One of the most popular auction items comes from special guest, John Robison of KLBK-TV. Robison has been donating his "famous pecan pie" the last four years, and it's a money-maker. His pie alone, over the years, has brought in over \$5,000 for the Center's needs.

Additional auction items already donated: "Wholly Scrap" quilt donated by the Silver Thimble Quilters, zel Johnson-Treasurer.

The Lockney Senior Citizens organization started with 50 people gathering at the old Legion Hall in a covered-dish meeting. Claude Brown was instrumental in the formation of the organization in Lockney. In May/ June of 1987, the present building was purchased with a \$500 down payment. The Open House took place in October 1987, with Mayor Dan Smith presenting the Board of Directors a flag that had been flown atop the State Capitol. Original Officers of the Board of Directors were O.C Allison-President, Laverne Carthel-Vice President, Virginia Sissney and Dottie Stansell-Secretaries, and Ha-

the community to "Muffins in the Morning," a devotional program meant to benefit and shed light on the work that is being done through the Christian Women's Job Corps. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Join in the Journey invites

The Christian Women's Job Corps exists to empower and equip women for life and employment. Floyd County's ministry, supported in part by the First Baptist Church of Floydada, involves "women mentoring women with a hand up, not a hand-out."

Kathy and Nathan Mulder run the Christian Women's Job Corps in Floydada. The program offers training and direction in basic computer skills, resume writing and



the electronic application process, dressing for business interviews and daily work, structuring budgets, and setting and standing strong on lifestyle boundaries. Classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the Fall 2018 session started earlier this week on September 11th and will continue for the next 10 weeks.

The Muffins in the Morning message will be given by Atha Sue. Fellowship, music and good tidings with door prizes will dominate the morning.

A silent auction of baked goods will take place throughout the conference. All proceeds from the auction will go to the Christian Women's Job Corps program. Anyone wanting to donate baked goods, please contact Kathy Mulder at (806)983-1244. Any cash donations to the CWJC can be made by contacting Mrs. Mulder.

faxed, emailed or mailed entries WILL NOT be accepted. Entries may be dropped off at the Hesperian Office or placed in the drop box located outside the office or can be dropped off at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center in Lockney. You must play each week in order to be eligible to win the cash prizes. Don't forget to buy your Hesperian-Beacon. Good luck!!!

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Girl Scouts place 9-11 Memorial

Deon Fincher/Hesperian-Beacon

Members of the Girl Scout Troop 6210 placed a wave of flags on the 'Y' in Floydada in memorial to those lost on September 11, 2001. Each youngster that helps with this activity will get their annual dues paid by 1st National Bank, Floydada. Funding for the flags was donated by 1st National Bank, Happy State Bank and Prosperity Bank.





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The Girls 8U Softball G8TRZ team is still playing their hearts out. The team competed in the "Best of the West" tournament in Levelland this past weekend. A loss in their first game landed them in the loser's bracket. The start to the next game wasn't very clean, but the girls fought back and ended up playing four back-to-back games, making it to the Championship game. The G8TRZ came up short against that undefeated team but gave it all they had. Well-done to a hard-earned second place! Team MVP: Bailey McHam. The last tournament of the season will take place in Amarillo, October 26-28th. Pictured L to R (back row): Malori Havens, Bailey McHam, Jenna Martinez, Madison Pyle, Bella Perez, and Karenn Torrez. L to R (front row): Karah Cavazos, Abigail Reyes, Brooklyn Pyle, and **Kylee Luna**

Floyd County Sheriff's Office Crime Report

July 1st

the 600 blk of SW 7th in the City of Lockney, about an as-City of Lockney, about crimi- sault against a family member. nal mischief. The victim advised The suspect has been identified, someone had thrown eggs at and the case has been turned the front door of their home over to the District Attorney's and their vehicle.

July 4th

The Sheriff's Office was contacted about an aggravated the 700 blk of SW 3rd in the assault that occurred the night City of Lockney, about Asbefore in the Community of sault. The suspect has been Dougherty. The female suf- identified, and the case has fered a broken jaw, the suspect been turned over to the Dishas been identified. The case has trict Attorney's Office. been turned over to the District July 18th Attorney's Office.

July 4th

ney, was arrested in the 500 blk aged property. The Complainof SW 2nd in the City of Lock- ant stated someone had broken ney for Possession of Marijuana out the back window of her veunder 20z. July 12th

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July 17th

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Deputy was dispatched to the 700 blk of SW 2nd in the Greg Gonzales 29, of Lock- City of Lockney, about damhicle with a BB Gun.

July 21st Deputy was dispatched to was arrested in the 100 blk of CR 93 SW of McCoy about a SW 2nd in the City of Lockney theft. The Complainant stated len off a Chevy pickup.

Deputy was dispatched to warrant out of Moore County for Theft of property. August 12th

Carmen-Jo Tamayo 26, of Dougherty, was arrested on U.S. Highway 70 for Public Intoxication.

August 16th

Guadalupe Ramirez Jr 53, of Aiken was arrested in the 1500 Block of CR 43 for an active warrant out of Floyd County for Sexual Assault. August 16th

Andrew Castro 38, of Lockney, was arrested in the 200 blk W Poplar in the City of Lockney for obstructing highway or passageway and reckless driving.

August 17th

Deputy was dispatched to 1051 FM 784 about a Theft. The complainant stated that a 1998 Chevy Silverado 2500 and a homemade single axle trailer was taken. Complainant also informed the Deputy that a storage building had been burglarized and that several semitruck tires had been stolen. The 1998 Chevy pick-up and trailer were later located in the City of Floydada.

About town

took the rare opportunity to sit down and stitch for a few minutes with the Silver Thimble Quilters in Lockney this morning. I say 'rare' because I often tell myself that I don't have time on Monday mornings to break away from my newspaper duties. I just happened to be a few doors down this morning--yes, I was gathering information for a story that had to get into this edition--



and I was, actually, escorted to the back room of the Lockney Library where the quilters were busy working away on a stunning quilt.

As I accepted a chair and scooted up to the quilt frame, I kept saying to myself, "I don't have time for this. I don't have time for this. I don't have time for this." These beautiful, creative ladies had invited me DEON to visit months ago, but, I had told myself FINCHER that I couldn't fit it into my schedule.

I was offered a needle and a "start," but declined because in my mind, I was still trying to convince myself that I didn't have time to break away from my newspaper duties. You see, my print deadline had been moved up to 4:00 p.m. today (Monday).

Initially, the group just talked, and I added my own quilting experiences to the conversation. We discussed right and left-hand quilting, different tools used in the quilting processes, designs that come about because the patterns "are just in their heads," and hoop/frame preferences. Some of us quilt as driving passengers, and others stated that it would just make them car-sick. Consensus was, that quilting and travel do not make good bed-partners.

As the chat moved easily along, we branched off quilting and into the diverse topics of grandmas that chewed tobacco and/or quilted or pieced quilt-tops, cabbage recipes, driving habits of others, reading and writing, and, interestingly enough, the group's plan to become cat burglars once they stop quilting. (???) You see, they claim to have stabbed their finger-tips enough that they no longer have fingerprints--an advantage to cat-burglar-ing!

Yes, I did finally pick up a needle and join the group, fully. Prick. Prick. Prick. But, Oh! How nice it was. I could feel the stress gently flowing out of my body with each teeny-tiny stitch placed along the fabric line.

The ladies invited me to join them "over at the Senior Center" because lunch was upon us and "you've got to get in line before the food runs out!" I needed to get back to my work, so I said my goodbyes.

Why is it that we fight against those needs that are, not only, good for the soul but good for the body? My lesson learned today: Slow down, Deon. Take those golden opportunities that are fleeting in today's fast-paced world. Breathe in...breathe out. Surround oneself with hobbies and treasured friends. Good conversation can melt away mountains of stress.

Ladies...I thank you for changing the course of my day.

Johnnie Quisenberry, Juanita Chappell, Dorothy Stapp, Wanda Smith and Annabel Bramlet make up the Silver Thimble Quilters. They meet on Monday mornings in the room behind the Lockney Library.

The 501



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for a warrant out of Hale Coun- that all four tires had been stoty for Reckless Driving. July 12th

Deputy was dispatched to Mangold Memorial ER about ney, was arrested at 700 E US a dog bite that occurred in the Highway 70 in the City of 300 Block of West Washington Street. July 12th

Yesway and Dr Pepper to Offer Free College Tuition Grants!

Special to the Hesperian Beacon

(Des Moines, IA) - September 6, 2018 - It's "Back to School" season and in celebration, Yesway, the fast growing and innovative convenience store chain, and Dr Pepper are teaming up to offer \$500 college tuition reimbursement grants to 10 lucky students!

From August 29 through November 6, 2018, there are two easy ways to enter to win:

- Use the Yesway App or Rewards Card and purchase any Dr Pepper 12 pack to receive a free Dr Pepper fountain drink and one (1) entry
- Print your name, residential address, phone and date of birth on a 3x5 card & mail to:
- 2018 Dr Pepper/Yesway College Tuition Giveaway
- PO Box 6136, Dept. Y
- Clear Lake, MN 55319
- (Entrants must be a legal U.S. resident residing in IA, KS, MO, OK or TX, age 18 or older, in order to enter. Please visit www. yesway.com/sweepstakes for the Official Rules.)

The Yesway and Dr Pepper tuition reimbursement grants can be applied to cover college or postsecondary vocational institution tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, related educational expenses

and on-campus room and board, or to pay off student loans for the above expenses. The prize-winning checks will be sent directly to the college/university or vocational school of the individual winners (or their designee).

"We're thrilled to be partnering with Dr Pepper to offer our customers the chance to win college tuition," said Derek Gaskins, Yesway's Senior Vice President of Merchandising and Procurement. "At Yesway, learning is very important to us as an organization, and we are excited to help hardworking college students achieve their goals. Good luck to everyone who enters!"

July 29th

Ricky Garcia Jr 30, of Lock-Lockney for Violation of a Protective Order and Criminal Mischief.

July 31st

Patricia Sanchez 57, of Floydada, was arrested at 400 W Lee in the City of Floydada for a warrant out of Hale County for Theft of Property \$100<\$750. July 31st

Miguel Alaniz 55, of Floydada, was arrested at 400 W Lee in the City of Floydada for a warrant out of Hale County for Theft of Property \$100<\$750. August 1st

Sheriff Raissez was dispatched to the 400 Block of Bailey St in the community of Dougherty, about a suicidal subject. Sheriff Raissez was assisted by Deputies and Floydada Police. Upon further investigation, Arnulfo Morales 61, of Dougherty was arrested for Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and Family Violence.

August 5th

Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of SW 4th in the City of Lockney, in referance to three male juveniles on top of the High School. This case was referred over to the Parent-Adolescent Center for prosecution.

August 7th

Deputy responded to the 200 Block of NE 3rd in the City of Lockney, about a burglary of a vehicle. The complainant stated that someone had taken numerous tools from the bed of the pick-up. Estimated loss valued at \$940.00 August 11th

Mark Steven Green 42, of Plainview, was arrested in the 200 Block of E Locust in the City of Lockney for an active

August 20th

Ismael Echavarria 35, of Lockney, was arrested in the 700 blk of SE 3rd in the City of Lockney for assault causes bodily injury family violence. August 23rd

Sheriff's Office received a 911 call about a Hispanic male that had forced the 911 caller to stop in the middle of the roadway and would not let the caller pass. Sheriff Raissez was dispatched to the 800 Block of North FM 378. The Hispanic Male was detained on an Emergency Detention and transported to Lubbock Covenant Health for a mental health evaluation. A report has been turned in to the County Attorney for Obstructing a highway or passageway for the suspect.

August 25th

Joshua Joe Molina 21, of Lockney, was arrested in the 100 blk of W Guest in the City of Lockney for a warrant out of Hale County for Aggravated Robbery and was charged for Evading Detention out of Floyd County.

August 26th

Sheriff Raissez responded to a call about a damaged electrical fence that someone had run through sometime during the night. While at that location two trailers with Miller welder's were located South of the property. Both trailers were towed to the Sheriff's Office where photos of the trailers were posted on Facebook and claimed by the Owners. One trailer had been stolen the night before West of Petersburg and the other one South of Lockney

Initiative, initiative

id you hear about the two Asian guys who noticed their ethnicity wasn't represented in the people pictures decorating their local McDonald's? They could've complained.

Instead they took action. They had their picture made together, McDonald's snacks in hand – a professional shot made to match the other pictures. Next they somehow surreptitiously hung their

big portrait on the wall. (I sort of missed how they did that.) It took 52 days (if I heard it right) for someone to notice. I'm guessing they often sat close to their picture when they ate at that McDonald's.

Not only did they fix the problem. They also ended up making themselves rather famous. Over-achieving Asians.

You've gotta wonder where all that gumption came from. Upbringing? Genetics? Both? Either way, I'm impressed.

For most of my life I've been trying to get a good grade on "shows initiative" - specifically since fourth grade. That's when initiative became an item in the deportment section

of our report cards. We asked our teacher, Mrs. Conrad, to define "shows initiative." If we were going to be graded on whether we showed any, we wanted to know what it was.

Mrs. Conrad said people who didn't show initiative were like wheelbarrows. Who wants to be a wheelbarrow? None of us.

That said, I think she wanted us to be wheelbarrows most of the time, taking direction from her rather than going off on our own. In the fourth grade, you're supposed to stay in line and not do stuff like hang your picture somewhere or, even worse, carve your initials into your desk.

But when it rained and someone thought we should dam the roadside ditch during recess, we all jumped on board. Call it group initiative, although the idea initially sprang from just one brain.

Our teachers always stood outside and supposedly monitored our recess play, but really they just visited and let us be ourselves unless David B. and David D. got into a fight. Softball games were another exception. Mrs. Conrad umpired. Mrs. Jantzen liked to pitch.

Anyway, when it came to the rainy day mud dam, they looked the other way. Eventually the principal or superintendent noticed, and that was the end of our dam. I can't remember if they made us deconstruct it.

If one of us had opted out of working on the dam project and had reported the undertaking to the teachers, what then? Somehow, initiative be dammed, I don't think they would have admired the tattling spoilsport. I could be wrong.

All in all, life is complicated. Leadership is admired, but do the math. You end up needing even more followers. "Works well with others" is a good attribute, but that very person may go along with "group think" rather than swim against the tide when it needs to be swum against.

Ah life. When to rebel? When to be a team player? When to worry about that deportment grade? When not?

It's a tight-wire act. Those two Asians got it right.



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This Weeks' Person of Interest

By Deon Fincher The Hesperian-Beacon

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Day in and day out I come across individuals that have gone above and beyond in their service to our communities, whether adults or youngsters, I believe these amazing people need to get a 'virtual' pat on the back. This Person of Interest section of the newspaper will allow just that. Join with me as I tip my hat to this week's Person of Interest.

Jon LaBaume

Jon LaBaume brought his family to the city of Floydada in 1968, by way of Silverton, then Wellington, all the while employed by the Soil and Conservation District of Texas. By the way, Jon worked for that same employer over 35 years before his retirement January 1,1998.

At the time that they settled into this community, he and his wife, Elaine, had one child--a little boy named Coy.

Tending to the concerns of the landowners within the 635,000 acres of Floyd County was his primary concern. Things were different in the early 1970s than they are today, and Jon played witness to a host of changes within the organization, as well as on the land, itself.

The advent of the center-pivot watering system is just one of those changes. He was directly involved in the CRP programs that started out targeting soil erosion, crop diversity and crop



reduction. Changes occur, and with time the program's focus became the environment and its wildlife. Efficient irrigation system needs brought about the well-testing service offered by the Soil Conservation Service

Thirty-plus years of involvement results in ups and downs. In an interview in 1998, Jon stated, "We started out with 1,500 employees in the State of Texas, now it is down to 650 and is supposed to go lower." At the time of the interview, the Floyd County office held two employees.

Even with a small staff, Jon was able to volunteer his time to the community.

He became involved with the Stock Show Association, even before his children became active, taking on the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer duties, where he served for over 10 years.

Jon's efforts with the community's youth earned him the 1986 Floydada Honorary Chapter Farmer Award; the 1989 Floyd County 4-H Silver Spur Award; and he and Elaine sociation. For that, we heartily were awarded the 1995 Floyd

County Friend of 4-H Service Award.

4-H was not the only organization that benefitted from Jon's dedication. He was active in the Cub Scouts, Little League Baseball, and City Park Church of Christ over the vears.

Jon served as a Chamber of Commerce Director, and through his work, he was an active member of the National Association of Conservation Districts as well as a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America. In that organization he worked his way up the ranks from Secretary to President.

His retirement wasn't taken sitting down. Jon continued his work within the community, gaining the 1999 Extra-Mile Award presented by Floydada's Chamber of Commerce.

One of Jon's proudest achievements came while serving five years on the Floyd County Friends board of Directors and then being selected at the first Unity Center manager in the year 2000.

Jon has finally settled down a bit, but he can still be seen out and about visiting with friends, mowing his lawn, or just walking down the street with Elaine by his side. The LaBaumes raised their two children, Coy and Kelly, in Floydada-both of which keep "Dad and Mom" close--even if just in their hearts across the miles.

The community of Floydada was changed due to Jon LaBaume's interaction and asgive him a salute.

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THE DUNCAN HOLLUMS

by Edwina Hollums

I have one brother, Harry Greer Shop. World War II came and Christian whose family con- with it a period of separation

Lockney Rotary

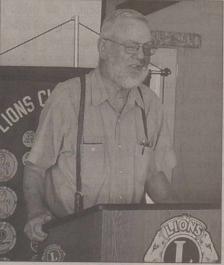
Coach Stacy Ward, Lockney Head Football Coach, spoke to the Lockney Rotary Club.

Ward is challenging the team to set a goal of, "being better tomorrow than today."

Our team is a young team but they are working hard. In addition to football we are teaching life lessons.



Floydada Lions Club



Deon Fincher/ Hesperian Beacon

The Floydada Lions' Club welcomed presenter Gary Brown to the podium last week. Mr. Brown talked about his history with the 45th **Annual World Champion BBQ Goat Cookoff** held in Brady, TX. Mr. Brown was on the committee that started contest in 1973. That first contest had nine entries and 3 judges. The 2018 Cook-off welcomed 210 cookers and had 40 judges. The weekend activity sees future growth for the community of 5,000 residents

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters September 6,2018

By Mary M. Carter Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters of Floyd County met September 6, 2018 at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas. We met at 11:30 A. M. for lunch.

Prayer was said for our meal. It was Chicken Spaghetti, a salad, which included tomatoes, avocados, and etc. I haven't had avocados in a good while. They were light and creamy tasting. The ones I buy usually have a black part in them. Ick! So a special treat for me. Good crisp bread sticks and drinks. Dessert was iced Rabbit cookies. The whole meal was excellent and plenty to go back for seconds.

Our Queen Mother, Virginia Taylor, called the meeting to order. She asked our prayers for the sick. Some going in for tests and others have had surgery over the summer. Please keep them in your prayers too. She let us know that the Fall

to browse. October 5, 2018 is the deadline to get your reservation to them. Let Virginia know you want to attend.

Virginia introduced our guest, Leah Barker, her granddaughter. She is selling Plunder (P) Design Jewelry. She and her sister, Trinity Nevins are doing this together. That would be fun to do with your sister. Leah had two tables full of beautiful jewelry. The ladies enjoyed looking and buying some lovely items. Sandy Fuston decided to wear all her jewelry right then. She makes us laugh and we all need to smile and laugh more!!

Our hostess was Virginia Taylor with Barbara Edwards and Rise Ford, Virginia's daughter, as co-workers with her. The theme was "Chasing Rabbits". The tables were pretty and fun. We all received hostess gifts from Virginia. Thank you. Thank you ladies for all your work.

Those attending were Virginia Taylor, Barbara Edwards, Sue Daniels, Mary Lou Zinck,

Duncan's mother, Maud Duncan, was born in 1886 and has the historical distinction of being the first white girl born in Floyd County. Her father was the first County Judge in Floyd County. Maud married John A. Hollums and their first child, Duncan was born on June 5, 1908. The other children born to Maud and John were a daughter who died at an early age and one other son, Douglas William, born July 12, 1912, died February, 1958. Duncan's brother Doug, left a daughter Sarah and a wife Evelyn (Fields) Hollums.

Duncan's teenage years were spent helping his mother in the florist business. His favorite teacher was Daltis Rae who once told him if he would just look at his books he could be an honor student, however, books were not his favorite way to spend his time. He did enjoy football, dating, and fishing. His grandmother Sarah Kizzie was one of his favorite fishing partners. Duncan did finish high school in 1930 as did his wife-to-be, Edwina Christian.

I was the daughter of Harry and Georgia (Greer) Christian.

sists of his wife, Ruth Margaret (Troutman) and 4 children-Robert, Charles, Joe and Billie Sue. Duncan and I married on July 16,1938 at Plainview, Texas in a double ceremony with W.L.Orman and Glenna Mae Shurbet with Brother Britton performing the ceremony. The ring, the preacher, and the Honeymoon cost \$100.00 because that's all we had. The car we planned to use was to be borrowed from Duncan's Dad, and, at the last minute, it was used to carry Walter Hollums to an operation in Lubbock, however, the car was returned soon. The few days of honevmoon were spent in Carlsbad. We returned to Floydada to make our permanent home. An interesting "left over" from the honeymoon was an itch that Dr. George Smith finally decided Duncan had gotten on his honeymoon. Duncan spent some of his happily married nights in long handles with stinky itch medicine to get rid of his much unwanted honeymoon result.

Duncan worked for Pioneer Gas Company and I worked as a beautician at Vogue Beauty

for Duncan, me, and our new son, John Randolph, who was born on April 15, 1943. The war ended with Duncan safely back home and our immediate family was happily completed with the birth of Harryette Eudora on May 15, 1946. The school years with Randy and Harryette had an addition for a few years of Duncan's niece, Sarah, when her father died and her mother became ill. Sarah did finish high school in Floydada. Duncan went into the real estate business and I had my own beauty shop in my home. The years with the children were pleasantly filled with happy everydays and trips to the Rocky Ranch and one main trip to Disneyland.

After college, Harryette became a teacher and Randy a lawyer . Both married (Randy married Teresa Gay and Harryette married Clois Purvis). 1970 started out with our lives renewing in our grandchildren-Christy from Harryette and Jay from Randy and Becky from Sarah. Finally, Duncan Grady was born November 20, 1976 to Randy and was named in honor of his granddaddy, Duncan.

Fling is coming up. It will be at the American Wind Power Museum in Lubbock, Texas on October 27, 2018. The cost will be \$25.00 and will start at 11:30 A. M. Lunch will be at Noon. Venders will be there and you know women like

Ethelyn Vernon, Gloria Fannon, Margie Sue, Sandy Fuston, Joy Turner, Betty Jean Williams, Mary Quattlebaum, and Mary M. Carter. Our guests were Rise Ford, Wilda Fuston, and Leah Barker.

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By LuAnn Collins Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Our next Bingo night will be the second Tuesday which is October 9. We open the doors at 5:30 p.m. 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 progressive blackout bingo is up to \$50.00. We also play for a cash prize each time. Mark your calendars and join us.

Accolade Home Health is planning on a blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar clinic once a month on the first Wednesday of the month. As we gather more information, it will be announced.

Freida Dunn, BSN, ET, is present the 4th Thursday of the month for a blood pressure clinic, beginning at 11:30, weather permitting. Next clinic is September 27.

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. Please try to call before 10:45 so that we can prepare for delivery.

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.

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

September 17 – 21 Monday - Chicken strips w/gravy Tuesday – Christy's enchiladas Wednesday - Smothered burrito Thursday – Chicken fried steak Friday – Fish fry (Menu subject to change without notice)

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY-**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:**

*16th- 31st Annual Fundraiser with auction, silent auction and Fajita Lunch serving from 11:30-2:30 p.m. Also John Robison will be here again and will bring his famous pecan pie for auction. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to donate an auction item please notify Renee at the Center.

17th-Bingo Night - 5:30-8:00 p.m. 24th - Board of Directors meeting - 6 p.m. (*Please note the second Sunday lunch has been replaced with the fundraiser.)

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

September 17 – 21 Monday - Quesadillas Tuesday - Club sandwiches Wednesday - Loaded baked potatoes Thursday - Hamburgers Friday - Manager's special (Menu subject to change without notice)

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OBITUARY/CHURCH

Obituary **Bonnie Graham**

Bonnie Graham, age 87, of Floydada, passed away Monday, September 3, 2018.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church of Floydada. Rance Young and Ken Peterson officiated.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Bonnie was born April 4, 1931 to Lando Newman and Emma Hertenberger in Old Glory, Texas. Bonnie was part of the Red Hat Society and a member of the First United Methodist Church. Bonnie loved to shop, go antiquing and she loved her family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Herman Graham, her parents, two sisters, Nelta Bartos and Sally Alene Short.

She is survived by her chil-

BONNIE GRAHAM

dren, Linda Carol Calahan and husband Jerry of Canyon, Kathy Ross and husband, Dennis of Floydada, and Ronnie Graham and wife, Jill of Floydada; grandchildren, Brandi Flippin, Paul Ross, Michael Calahan, Mallory Graham, Jacob Graham, and Rachael Graham; great-grandchildren, Abigail, Jay, Hannah, Austin, Caleb, Chase, and Mary Grace; siblings, Mary Cook, T.L. Newman and wife, Carolyn and Gracie Graves.

One more thing about mom's funeral...please honor her by wearing bright colored clothing and/or something with bling. She was a very classy and snappy dresser.

Online condolences may

Wayland Unveils Impact 2020 Capital Campaign

By Jonathan Petty Director of Communications Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University has embarked on its most ambitious capital campaign in school history. Impact 2020 will raise \$30 million for student scholarships and campus improvements. The university has been working on the silent portion of the campaign and has already raised more than \$15 million toward the total goal.

On Sept. 3, the public portion of the campaign rolled out with a digital road trip online, stopping in various locations across the country. The digital tour encourages alumni, friends and donors in a number of cities to log onto a website where they can watch a short video about the campaign efforts, register their information, make a donation and receive a breakfast coupon. The virtual road trip will continue throughout the month of September. The final leg of the tour will be live in Plainview on Sept. 28.

There are four primary goals for the campaign: Promoting Wayland across the nation, increas-

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significant updates to Gates Hall

and the math and science build-

ing, and building a new athletic

training facility to accommodate

Wayland's 13 campus loca-

tions across the nation. As a

private, Christian university,

Wayland does not receive state

funding. Through campaign ef-

forts, Wayland will strengthen

relationships with donors and

alumni of the various campuses.

Donations to this portion of the

campaign will directly affect

specific campus locations, help-

ing with operational costs and

areas that each campus specifies

campaign deals directly with in-

creasing scholarships through-

out the Wayland system. Impact

2020 will add an additional \$4

million in scholarships that will

benefit students on the Plain-

view campus, as well as the ex-

The second objective of the

as its greatest need.

WBU's student athletes.

ing scholarship support, making ternal locations.

The third objective will focus on two areas of need for the Plainview campus by restoring parts of Gates Hall and renovating the Moody Science Building. As the The first objective of the oldest building on the Wayland campaign deals directly with campus, Gates Hall has seen a lot of wear in the 107 years since its opening in 1911. A portion of the money raised will restore it in preparation for another 100 years. Math and science students at Wayland are doing amazing things in their fields of study, and need an equally amazing space in which to work. Wayland has already received a \$2 million pledge toward the \$5 million renovation

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PIONEER MEMORIAL MUSEUM

"They Are Real" Conference will be held on October 1-2, 2018. Pioneer Memorial Museum, 101 W. Main Street, Crosbyton, Texas. 806-675-2421 www.mtblanco.com

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION FARM MEETING

There will be a Farm Bill Meeting on Wednesday, September 19th at 9 a.m. at the Unity

goal for the math and science building.

The final objective is to build a new, state-of-the-art athletic training facility for student athletes. In 2017-18, Wayland had its most successful year in school history. Athletes won national titles in men's and women's track and field, men's soccer and women's wrestling. The new, 10,000 square foot facility will include new strength and conditioning equipment, an indoor sprint track and locker room facilities. The \$2.5 million facility will directly impact more than 500 student athletes each year as they prepare to compete on the national stage.

To find out more about upcoming Impact 2020 events in your area, contact Amber Mc-Cloud at amber.mccloud@wbu. edu, or log onto www.Impact-Wayland.com.

Center. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Farm Service Agency, and Shawn Wade (Plains Cotton Growers) will all be there to speak and answer questions regarding ARC, PLC and any other sign up or Farm Bill questions people may have. There is no cost to attend.

FLOYD COUNTY

4-H FAMILY AUCTION The Floyd County 4-H will be hold their annual "4-H Family Auction" on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd at the Unity Center in Muncy. Complimentary meal will be at 5:28 p.m. and Auction will being at 6:02 p.m. For more info see the 4-H Auction article in this week's issue on the Floydada School page.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

from God's Word

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. -Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

When my Bible study group began a series on Daniel, the leader suggested that each week we memorize a portion of the passage from today's reading. I groaned inwardly, thinking, Memorizing is for younger people. My brain doesn't work that way anymore. I read scripture daily, and I still remember some verses I learned decades ago, but as for memorizing new ones - well, I wasn't optimistic. Still, having nothing to lose, I gave it my best shot. If I couldn't memorize it, I reasoned, I would still benefit from meditating on it. For the next weeks I began my devotional times by reading each week's section several times, emphasizing different words.

foliage. And in the same verse, "He deposes kings and raises up others" gave me comfort during the latest upheaval in the Middle East. The week when I asked God for wisdom in making an important decision, I was encouraged while repeating, "You have given me wisdom and power'

(v. 23). After five weeks, I was surprised to find that I had memorized





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I began to notice parallels with my daily life. I meditated on "He changes times and seasons" (v. 21) in the midst of the glorious autumn

Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship..11 a.m. *****

Bible Baptist Church 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School....10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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 Ludustia 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 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m. *****

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m.

> **Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**

the verses.

That was several months ago, and I still begin time with the Lord by repeating this passage. It not only helps me focus on God, but it also reminds me how much God's word speaks to our lives.

—Lisa Stackpole (Wisconsin)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for your word, which lights our path each day. Amen.

310 Mississippi Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m. **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 Lockney 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 Lockney Fr. Arockia Dhass Jeganathan Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study 10 a.m. - Mass Wed. - 6 p.m.- Faith Formation -CYO to follow Thurs. - 6:30 pm- Evening Mass

South Plains Baptist Church Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m. English - 11 a.m.

Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada Rev. Ruban Selvaraj 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. ***** **Templo Bautista Salem** Lockney **Rev. Joe Hernandez** Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m. ***** **Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God** Washington And 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Wed Service - 7 p.m. ***** **Templo Nueva Vida** Rev. Herman Martinez **Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores** 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M. Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M ***** **Trinity Assembly** 500 W. Houston Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. ***** **Trinity Luthern Church** Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m.

***** West Side Church of Christ Flovdada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

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AGRICULTURE

Grape Growers harvest in Floyd County

By Deon Fincher The Hesperian Beacon

Texas is the site of the first vineyard established in North America by Franciscan priests circa 1662. As European settlers followed the development of mission outposts, they brought more grapevine cuttings, further developing the industry through the 1880s. Today, Texas has over 4,500 acres of producing vineyard farmland, and although it is conditions of the High Plains common knowledge that the are both positive factors for Hill Country is home to numerous wineries, 85% of the help keep moisture from clinggrapes grown in Texas come ing to the vines long enough to from the Brownfield, Texas cause mildew and fungal disarea vineyards, known as the eases, which is a very positive High Plains AVA (American part of successful growing. Viticulture Area).

Warm summers and early fall quality wines. days with lots of sunshine are the key to ripening grapes. The are also a key factor in grow- yards. The land is generally much water."



grape growers. The dry winds

The hot days and general What makes West Texas cool-down to early morning such a grape-growers' para- temperatures give the plant's dise? The climate and the soil. natural chemistry a chance to At an elevation of 3,300 to rebalance, enhancing sugar and 3,700 feet, winters are typi- flavor in the grapes. This large cally cold with numerous days' temperature difference also below freezing temperatures. helps grapes to maintain their This sets the grapes up for their own natural acidity which is burst of growth in the spring. necessary in the production of

sandy, dry soil and the windy ing great grapes. Much of the void of native trees with large See VINEYARD, Page 10

topsoil is either sandy-loam or expanses of flat elevations. loamy-sand. Below those top- It is possible to farm larger soil layers, limestone or caliche vineyards more efficiently are often found. The rusty-red and economically than can dirt is due to the high iron con- be done in many other parts tent. These loosely structured, of Texas or the world. low vigor soils allow for good root development and better together with Bart and Jenfruit productions. Grapes re- nifer Greer are pioneers in quire less water than most crops grape growing in the Floyd commonly grown in the plains County area. "We were just area--so much so, that the 4-6 trying to think of alternaweek waterings are attractive tives," stated Brenda as we to farmers looking to diversify drove to one of their vinetheir water-gulping crop acres.

uality wines. pography is helpful in estab- the water is getting used up. Texas High Plains soil-types lishing and managing vine- Grapes don't take near as

What's Up? by Deon Fincher

As I regaled two weeks ago, our puppy, Mazie, decided that our winter-garden box needed some more cultivating ... and she did an extremely thorough job! After brooding about it for a week, Terry and I cleaned everything up and I planted,

It's a cliche but when it comes to gardening, timing is everything. Temps dropped just a little for early September in anticipation of a last week's front. Continuing, cool-ish, cloudy weather for a few days coupled with decreased day-length and even some rain, made for perfect conditions for all those fall crop seeds to germinate and get a head-start.

Temps may go back up but at least those little seedlings will have rooted themselves in relatively cooler weather. As a result, kale up in two days, arugula sprouted overnight, and I found a few little brussels sprouts poking their heads out of the soil. Once again, my winter garden is underway.

While visiting at the Senior Citizen's center, I found that my cucumbers weren't the only ones giving up the ghost--their well-tended gardens showed the same result.

The next step will be pulling up the squash plants which are winding down their production. Terry and I already have the virgin soil, sand, moldy hay, and potting soil gathered to re-fill that garden box. Re-fill because as last year's fillers decompose, the soil level drops. You gotta fill 'em up with each season!

Once this box is ready for replanting, we will sow some mustard greens, spinach, green onions and cabbage.

The two remaining boxes won't be completely cleaned out. We will simply add our 'dirt-mixture' around the plants that are still producing heavily and plant in and amongst those greens already established. Those boxes will contain carrots, more onions, more kale (we, and our bunnies, LOVE kale), a couple varieties of turnips and some broccoli.

My sister, Valency, believes that fall and winter gardens are much more enjoyable than summer ones. I don't know about that, but the winter-garden strategies and anticipation of sprouting seeds certainly have their pull. If you are interested, most of these crops need to be planted before late October--the seeds need the daytime temps to germinate. I invite you to make this journey with me!

Oh, yeah... I spent a few hours cleaning up my front flower bed yesterday. If you happen to drive by our house in the next few months, look for the ornamental kale I will be planting in the front flower garden. It's purple and cream 'blooms' should brighten up the neutral winter garden-scapes.

Cotton Harvest-Aid Use

By Dr. Seth Byrd, Dr. Wayne Keeling, **Dr. Gaylon Morgan**

Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Application of harvest-aids in cotton are utilized to remove foliage, prevent regrowth, and open bolls to allow for timely harvest operations to occur so that yield and quality losses due to weathering can be minimized. Defoliation and boll opening are natural processes governed by plant hormones, so harvest-aids are used to speed up these naturally occurring processes. The timing of harvest-aid applications is primarily governed by crop maturity, but environmental conditions also play a role in timing of application, the products used, as well as rates. Recommendations regarding the timing of applications are based off crop maturity status and there are various methods or crop growth maturity characteristics utilized. The most common recommendations are timing applications at: 1. Four nodes from the uppermost first position cracked boll to the uppermost first position harvestable boll (4 NACB) and; 2. 60-70% of the harvestable bolls on the plant are open (60-70% open

bolls). However, these two A wide array of harvest-aid methods are often not correlated to the same time, in other words 4 NACB doesn't necessarily equate to 60-70% open bolls so a combination of the two may be used, and timing of harvest-aid applications should be made on a field by field basis.

Boll distribution, variety maturity, and management practices can impact both of these measurements, and infield variability of NACB and % open bolls can be high, so taking into account the status of the majority of the plants in the field is recommended. Both of these measurements should be based on the amount of harvestable bolls on the plants, so only mature bolls should be taken into account. While harvest-aids can hasten the natural process of defoliation and boll opening, they do not influence boll maturity. Boll maturity can be determined by slicing the boll horizontally to expose the developing lint and seeds. A mature boll should be firm and difficult to slice, with mature seeds (fully developed cotyledons with little liquid or "jelly" in the seeds) with a dark seed coat, with the lint stringing-out when

the two halves are separated.

products are available for use in cotton. These products typically fall into one of four general categories, boll openers, defoliants, regrowth control, and desiccants, although some products may serve multiple purposes. For example, boll openers (active ingredient - ethephon) will provide some defoliation, especially in warm sunny conditions. Product selection and use rates are dependent upon environmental conditions at application and in the shortthe full harvest aid guide. As always, follow the label regarding use rates and adjuvants/surfactants. Many product labels will also include information on rates base on environmental conditions (mainly temperature and humidity).





Rick and Brenda Heflin,

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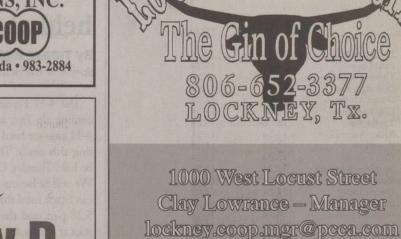
For tables that provide harvest aid recommendations, and general information on the function of the different active ingredients, use rates, and some common names of products please contact Cristen Brooks at the Floyd County Extension Office for

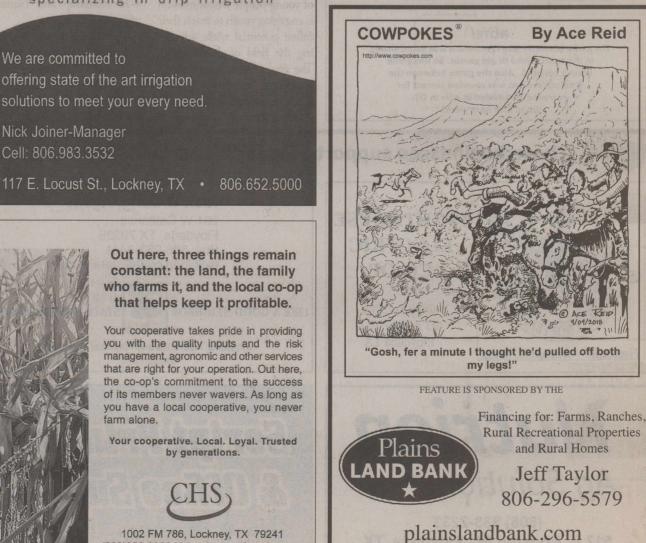
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Floydada Whirlwinds

Whirlwinds take down Hornets

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

TULIA – Floydada scored twice in the second quarter and held off the Tulia Hornets, 20-6, in nondistrict contest on Sept. 7. The Whirlwinds improved to 2-0 on the season while the Hornets fell to 0-2.

Neither team managed to score in the first quarter but with 6:04 left in the half, Andrew Vega connected with Caden Britt for a 29yard touchdown pass as the Whirlwinds took a 7-0 lead. Tulia answered when Shawn Kelly scored on a seven-yard run but the twopoint try failed, leaving the Hornets trailing 7-6. With 28 seconds left in the half, Vega found Emanuel Torres open for a 15-yard touchdown pass, giving Floydada a 14-6 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Jerry Reyes scored on a four-yard run with 1:40 left in the quarter to give Floydada a 20-6 lead.

Neither team was able to score in the final quarter and the Floydada Whirlwinds headed home with a 20-6 victory.

Offensively, Floydada had 328 total yards including 225 yards on the ground and 103 in the air. Tulia had 363 total yards with 168 on the ground and 195 through the air.

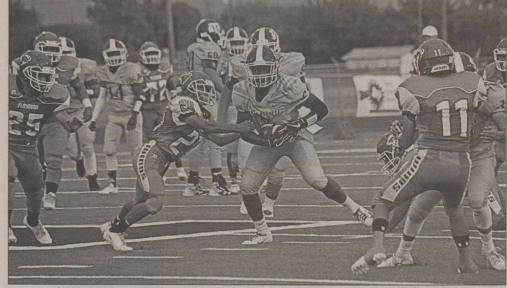
Individually for Floydada, Mike Delafuente had four carries for 49 yards, Reyes had six carries for 69 yards and a touchdown, Marcus Perez had six carries for 53 yards and two receptions for 52 yards, Vega had four carries for 33 yards and was 5-10 passing for 103 yards and two touchdowns, Jose Lira had three carries for 17 yards and one catch for seven yards, Cutter Smith had four carries for nine yards, Torres had one catch for 15 yards and a touchdown and

Britt had one catch for 29 yards and a touchdown.

Individually for Tulia, Kelly had 19 carries for 117 yards and a score and was 15-24 passing for 195 yards, Basaldua had 12 carries for 53 yards and three catches for 72 yards, Yarbrough had five receptions for 48 yards, Pacheco had four catches for 47 yards and Barrientez had three catches for 26 yards.

"The touchdown pass to Britt in the second quarter gave us the lead and proved to be a key play in the game," Head Coach Scotty Bruington said. "The turning point was being able to answer their second quarter score with one of our own just before halftime."

Bruington listed Vega Friday, Sept. 14. Tulia (0-2) as the key offensive player, travels to Sanford-Fritch Perez as the key defensive player with 13 tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception and Lira as the key special team player.



Floydada (2-0) will host county rival, Lockney (0-2) in the annual Floyd County Championship game on

"We will need to control the ball offensively and score when we get in the red zone to defeat Lockney,"

(0-2).

Bruington said. "Defensively, we have to keep flying to the ball and make tackles in the open field when we get those chances."

Around the district, Hale Center (1-1) lost to Lubbock Christian 52-18, New Deal (2-0) defeated Muleshoe 40-14, Olton (1-1) defeated Dimmitt 33-8, Post

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(1-1) defeated Forsan 29-12 and Sundown (1-1) lost to Abernathy 48-28.

This week, Hale Center travels to Boys Ranch, New Deal hosts Slaton, Olton travels to Farwell, Post travels to Roosevelt and Sundown hosts Lubbock Christian.

Floydada "ALL IN" for Education

By Hannah Morales FHS Journalism

As the summer wound down and all students began to get ready for the 2018-2019 school year, each staff member and student from Floydada ISD adopted a school wide theme entitled "All In." The theme was adopted after the football team decided to use it for their program.

The theme has made a cultural change within the school and has impacted the students' perspective on how effort is

The phrase "All In" has multiple meanings, and for most students and staff members involved within the school, they have taken the theme into consideration to have its own personal meaning.

Senior Football Captain, Cutter Smith stated that he likes the "All In" theme, simply because it reminds him to stay on top of his classwork and helps him be a leader on the football field. When asked what the "All In" theme means to him he replied, "Being 'All applied in and out of the class- In' means showing up to practice, putting the team before yourself, and being an example to the younger ones."

After speaking to Principal Morren about the "All In" theme he shared, that being "All In" doesn't mean being perfect but a mentality of commitment that students and teachers make to be the best and always give their best efforts.

The school-wide theme is influencing how student and teachers are motivated to apply themselves throughout the year to be transcendent and ef-

Cross Country Team racking up miles

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Cross Country Team competed in their second meet on September 1, in Plainview. There were 197 varsity girls running. Clarissa Delefuente's two-mile time, 14:32; Kimberlee Ramirez, 17:13. In the Varsity Boys' contest, 129 runners left the starting line together. James Gibbons' three-mile time was 17:52; Kaleb Crone, 19:04; Andrez Suarez, 20:52; Kyle Bruington, 21:59; and Avery Silva, 31:55. The JV Girls group had 141 runners competing. Audrie Strange's twomile time, 18:22. Payton Anderson competed in the JV Boys threemile contest, in which 104 runners competed. Anderson's time for the race was 28:58. The Cross Country



Football Contest Standings Week 1

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Brent Sanders	19/24	19/24
Paul Lopez	19/24	19/24
Thomas Patton	19/24	19/24
Domingo Faz	17/24	17/24
Diego Ascencio	16/24	16/24
Coy LaBaume	16/24	16/24
Taylor Sue	.16/24	16/24
Ricky Ascencio	15/24	15/24
Boyd Lee	15/24	15/24
Pam Fulton	15/24	15/24
Nicholas Ramirez	15/24	15/24
Ryan Ramirez	15/24	15/24
Daniel Diaz	14/24	14/24
RJ McHam	14/24	14/24
Franklin Harris	14/24	14/24
Mac Sherman	13/24	13/24
Steve Stringer	13/24	13/24
Vicki Terrell	12/24	12/24
Renee Armstrong	11/24	11/24
Lanny Barnett	11/24	11/24

NOTE:

The game between Spur/Whiteface was listed wrong in the source used to get games. So this game wasn't counted. Also the game between the Steelers/Browns was counted correct for everyone as it ended in a tie in OT. Good luck next week!

meets are scheduled on Saturdays. Lockney ISD hosts the meet this Saturday, September 15.

4-H Family Auction to be held at the Unity Center

By Teresa Bigham

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 4-H Family Auction is coming up fast, and the local 4-H kids are hard at work getting this ready. The event will be held Tuesday, October 23rd. We will be having a free Mexican Stack meal that will start at 5:28 p.m. and the auction will start at 6:02 p.m.

In case you are wondering what 4-His, it's a global network of young people whose mission is engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of development. The goal of 4-H is to develop leadership, responsibility and life skill through learning programs and projects and the 4-H

name represents four personal development areas of focus for the organization: Head, heart, hands, and health.

The 4-H auction is held every other year and is our main fundraiser. If you'd like to donate please contact our local Extension office. The money raised at the auction is used to fund projects and activities, pay for awards and incentive programs. The money also helps 4-H'ers to attend camps, State 4-H Roundup and National trips.

Everyone is invited to come and join us for a wonderful meal and an evening of fun. Your support of the Floyd County 4-H youth is so greatly appreciated!

James Gibbons crosses the finish line at last week's Cross Country meet in Plainview. Gibbons' 3-mile time was clocked at 17:52. He placed 9th in the field of 129 other varsity boy runners.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU September 17-21

Monday

Breakfast- Morning sausage roll, fresh fruit selection, milk Lunch – Popcorn chicken w/roll, chicken corn dog, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Cocoa Puff cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk Lunch – Chicken Alfredo w/rotini, hamburger, spiced green beans, curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast –Sweet apple frudel, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Country fried steak w/roll, chicken salad sub w/cheese, seasoned mashed potaotes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Mini cinnamon waffles, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Seasoned beef nachos, breaded chicken sandwich, seasoned refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Whole grain chicken biscuit, fresh fruit, milk Lunch – Loaded meat lovers pizza, turkey & cheese sub, seasoned baby carrots, curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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Lockney Longhorns

Seagraves shuts out Longhorns

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

SEAGRAVES - Seagraves used a solid defensive performance to shut out the Lockney Longhorns, 31-0, in a non-district contest on Sept. 7. The Eagles defensive unit held the Longhorns to 188 total yards while the offensive unit rolled up 324 total yards on a damp, cool night.

Seagraves first touchdown came on a one-yard run with nine minutes left in the first quarter. The Eagles scored on another one-yard run with eight minutes left in the second quarter to take a 13-0 lead.

In the third quarter, the Eagles scored on a 24-yard run with one minute left in the third to stretch their lead

to 19-0 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, Seagraves scored on a 15-yard run with eight minutes left in the game to take a 25-0 lead. The Eagles scooped up a fumbled punt and scampered into the end zone with less than a minute left in the game to make it 31-0 and claimed their first victory of the year. Lockney falls to 0-2.

"Offensively, we could never get anything going," Head Coach Stacy Ward said. "It was a pretty, steady game. We had a punt blocked that led to a touchdown in the first half which was a turning point in the game."

Offensively, Lockney had 188 total yards including 142 on the ground and 46 passing. Seagraves had 324 total yards including 276 on the

ground and 48 passing.

Individually for Lockney, Noel Ceniceros rushed seven times for 40 yards, Alex Garcia had five carries for 28 yards, Anson Rendon had 11 carries for 45 yards and Bryce Reese was 4-9 passing for 46 yards.

Individual stats for Seagraves were not reported.

"We had a great goal line stand at the end of the first half that kept us in the game," Ward said. "Defensively, we came up with big plays when we needed big plays including forcing a couple of turnovers.'

Seagraves (1-1), travels to Ralls (2-0) this week while the Longhorns (0-2), travel the little things day-by-day," to county rival, Floydada (2-0) to battle the Whirl- ling, blocking and executing winds for the Floyd County our assignments." Championship.



"We have to get better at Ward said, "including tack-

Around District 4-2A-2,

Ralls (2-0) defeated Springlake-Earth 17-14, Smyer (0-2) fell to Plains 26-20, Tahoka (2-0) defeated Roosevelt 63-18, Crosbyton (0-2) fell to Farwell 47-7 and New Home

(0-2) lost to Sudan 40-0. This week Ralls hosts Seagraves, Smyer travels to Bovina, Tahoka takes on Brownfield, Crosbyton plays Sudan and New Home is at Plains.

Area Team Wrapup & Schedules

DISTRICT 2-2A-1 Week 2 Results FLOYDADA 20, Tulia 6 FLOYDADA 20, Tulia 6 Lubbock Christian 52, HALE CENTER 18 NEW DEAL 40, Muleshoe 14 Abernathy 48, SUNDOWN 28 OLTON 33, Dimmitt 8 POST 29, Forsan 12

District	OVE	RALL	DISTRICT			
2-2A-1	W	L	W	L		
Floydada	2	0	0	0		
New Deal	2	0	0	0		
Hale Center	1	1	0	0		
Sundown	1	1	0	0		
Olton	1	1	0	0		
Post	1	1	0	0		

Week 3 Schedule FLOYDADA vs Lockney HALE CENTER at Boys Ranch NEW DEAL vs Slator SUNDOWN at Lubbock Christian OLTON vs Farwell POST at Roosevelt

AREA TEAMS Week 2 Results Palo Duro 43, PLAINVIEW 7 Amherst 48, SILVERTON 30 Follett 38, VALLEY 30 MOTLEY COUNTY 54, Hart 6 PETERSBURG 65, Dell City 26 PATTON SPRINGS 35, Cotton Center 18 NZO 78. Kingd

Lockney ISD renovates for security



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LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU Sept. 17-21

Monday, September 10

Breakfast-Waffles & Bacon or Cereal & Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk Lunch - Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Okra, Roll, Strawberries, Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 18 Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll or Cheesy Toast, Sausage, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chalupas or Enchiladas, Cucumbers, Beans, Garnish, Applesauce Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 19 Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Strips, Biscuit, Gravy, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, Cereal Treat, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 20 Breakfast - Sausage, Egg, Cheese Sandwich or PBJ, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch - Chicken Spaghetti or Pizza, Garden Salad, Carrots, Apple Slices, Milk

Friday, Sept. 21

Breakfast - Longhorn Breakfast or Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch – Fish Sticks & Mac-n-Cheese or BBQ, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Oranges, Milk

All Saints 46, PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN 0

DISTRICT 4-2A-2 Week 2 Results Seagraves 31, LOCKNEY 0 RALLS 17, Springlake-Earth 14 Farwell 47, CROSBYTON 7 TAHOKA 63, Roosevelt 18 Plains 26, SMYER 20 Sudan 40, NEW HOME 0

District	OVE	RALL	DISTRICT			
4-2A-2	W	L	W	L		
Ralls	2	0	0	0		
Tahok a	2	0	0	0		
Lockn ey	0	2	0	0		
Smyer	0	2	0	0		
Crosb yton	0	2	0	0		
New Home	0	2	0	0		

Week 3 Schedule LOCKNEY at Floydada RALLS vs Seagraves CROSBYTON vs Sudan TAHOKA vs Brownfield SMYER at Bovina NEW HOME at Plains

AREA TEAMS Week 2 Schedule PLAINVIEW at Lubbock SILVERTON at Grady VALLEY vs Happy MOTLEY COUNTY vs Spur PETERSBURG vs Whitharral PATTON SPRINGS – Open LORENZO – Open PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN at All Saints ovation projects occurring at the elementary school, the junior high, and our ag facility. We have focused our efforts at the elementary and junior high on school safety and restroom facilities. Each campus will receive a safety vestibule that will help safeguard our students while they are at school. This will also give students and parents a single point of entry which will allow us to better monitor who is on campus. We are also closing in our elementary breezeways to provide new learning environments for our students. Each of the campuses is undergoing a restroom renovation to update accessibility and improve the plumbing infrastructure for years to come. In addition to these changes, the cafeteria has received updates in paint and a new audio/visual system, as well as a new walk-in freezer and refrigerator. The elementary gymnasium is receiving a safer surface rubber floor to correct some damage to the original

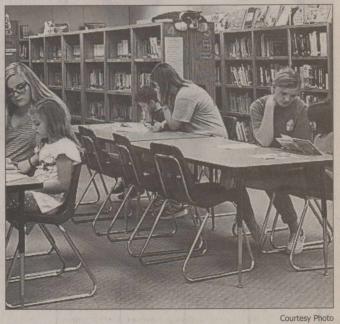
fices and accommodate moving the junior high offices to the west end of the school. This move was necessary to provide the safety vestibule for the junior high entryway. LISD will host an open house to allow the community to see the newly renovated campuses once the work is substantially completed.

We are also renovating a portion of the former Tye Manufacturing Facility to house our Animal Production Barn. This is a 60,000 sq. ft. facility will open with 36 indoor/outdoor animal pens, 15 indoor only pens, and an exercise arena for the animals. It will also accommodate eight cattle pens that have indoor/outdoor access. There will be two wash stations. One is designed specifically for cattle and one for swine and small animals. This facility will provide us the capacity to expand as our program needs grow. We plan to hold an open house for the Ag Facility in early October.

teams up with HS

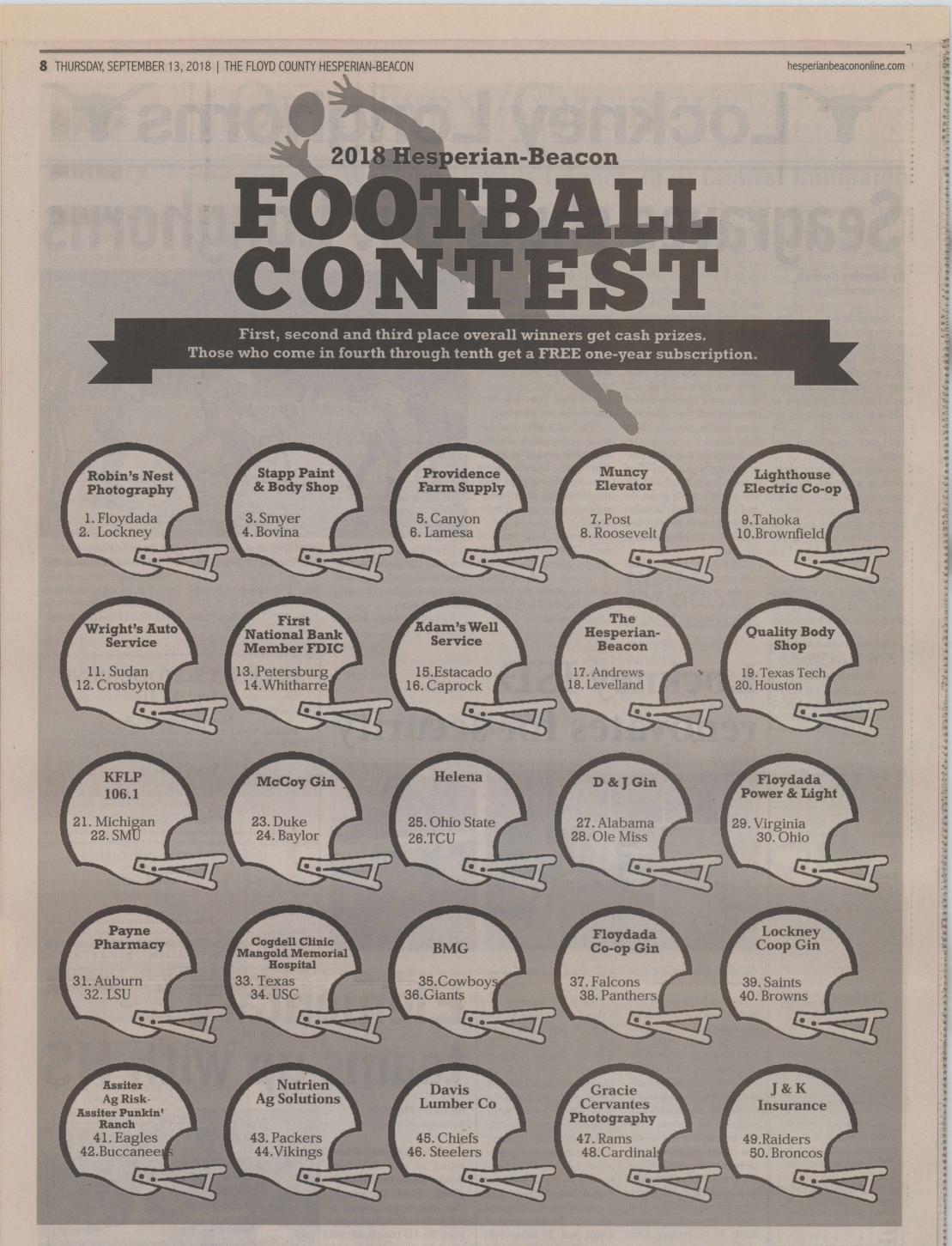
By Deon Fincher The Hesperian Beacon

Lockney elementary students teamed up with their Book Buddies this last week. The high school's Child Development class students are assigned to 2nd grade students for this program. The HS book buddy will spend 30 minutes every week mentoring the younger member in reading, comprehension and testing. This program benefits the 2nd graders by giving them students with which they can build a relationship and have a connection with the student in High School. The Child Development students learn processes by which they can teach, communicate, and guide a youngster through a learning challenge.



Lockney Book Buddies work together to accomplish reading and child development goals. Child Development class students are paired with 2nd graders for this program.

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OUTLAWS & ARMADILLOS:



VINEYARD From Page 5

Getting started with vineyards took time.

"We didn't have a clue," chuckles Branda, "We had no idea what we were doing--no clue." Bart Greer had a connection to "...a guy who was a vineyard manager in the Brownfield area." But, even with an "in," the multitude of decisions was a challenge. "Once we really decided we would do it, it took over a year of just planning and talking...and testing for what varieties would do well in our soil," added Brenda. "And, we had to decide how much to plant. We weren't in this for a hobby venture--that won't make even a dent in your farming income, we had to plant enough to pay off in the future." Brenda turns her truck into the one of the Heflin/Greer vineyards planted East of Floydada. "We have 32 acres spread across 3 vineyards with 11 different varieties growing."

As we step into the vineyard, I asked if West Texas' soil is comparable to, let's say, France or Italy.

"The soil isn't comparable, but the climate is," explains Brenda. "Our soil is, what they call, tight. That means that it holds a lot of moisture for a long period of time. The varieties that we grow are considered 'low vigor' plants. These varieties struggle in sandy soils, but they seem to really like this soil."

When the plants arrive, they are just cuttings that are planted with a 'collar' or 'grow tube' placed over them. For the Heflins, that was three years ago. "You train the plant's trunk to grow up and then spread out to make a 't' on these catch wires." Brenda tucks a branching vine into one of the catch-wires. "It takes years to get them to grow right, and we are not totally cordoned-

good." She smiles as she steps to the next trunk and begins tucking wayward branches into the wires, "There is always something to do. Wires down the dirt road. Out behind the house I need to be raised, plants need to be tucked under, weeds need to be pulled. Lordy! It takes so much work!" As she moves step by step down the row, tucking and guiding the vines, their bounty appears...bunches of grapes hanging from the trained branches. Harvest is still a month away.

"The goal of every grape grower is to get Vineyard Designation." Brenda shows me a label on a bottle of wine. "When the label names your vineyard, that is 'Vineyard Designation.' We got that on our first harvest, and with the condition of the vines so far this year, we should be up for it again."

A month later, I got a text on my phone: "We will be harvesting our grapes tomorrow at 5 a.m. if you want to come!"-Brenda Heflin. I plugged



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trained yet, but these guys are looking pretty in my camera battery to ensure it was fully charged in the morning.

> In the dark of night, I guided my vehicle could see several pickups and gators...and a huge harvester. Joining the group on the corner of the vineyard, Brenda explains, "We have to harvest while the grapes are still cool from the night. It ensures that they stay firm with little or no smashing, which gives the winemaker more choices for extracting the juices."

> The harvester's hydraulic legs stretched upward as the machine straddled the vineyard row. As the harvester moves over the row, mechanical 'fingers' brush the vines vibrating on 'high.' That vibration shakes the ripe grapes off the stems and the ripe fruit drop onto a conveyor belt. Long story short, the grape stems and leaves are let to drop out while the grapes are moved through the harvester, sorted over and over, and then dropped gently into a carrying bin. The two bins on the harvester can hold about a ton of grapes. The vineyard behind the house was completely harvested just over an hour later.

> The buyer of these grapes arrived to find his bins full of purple grapes ready to burst with their sugary-sweet nectar. This harvest will go to the Fly Gap Winery located in Mason, Tx. Owner, Brock Estes, was all smiles as he inspected the fruit--some of the bunches already turning to raisin-like consistency. "This is perfect!" he exclaimed as he shook hands with Rick and Brenda and then went back to peering into the bins as if they were full of gold.

> Bins full of grapes were weighed, calculators were punched, and agreements were sealed with a handshake...and a check. Mr. Estes, eased his truck and trailer, the bins full of grapes grown in Floyd County, around the barns and onto the highway. Fly Gap Wines had what they had hoped for.

> The harvester followed the line of pickups out of the home place and onto the pavement. Another vineyard was ripe for the picking.

> I tagged along for this vineyard harvest. It was daylight now, and I could capture the bounty of the vines before the harvester's fingers rendered the plants fruitless. The vines towered over my head, tucked into the cordon-wire frames.

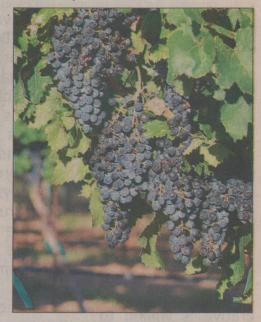
> Fat, blue bunches of grapes hung, heavy from the out-stretched arms of the plants. As my camera clicked and whizzed, I marveled at the beauty surrounding me, and for a brief moment, felt as though I had been transported out of Floyd County and into the vineyards of Napa.

> I could hear the harvester moving up and down the rows to the north of me, and I moved out of the vines and into the dividing row where the trailers had been pulled and readied for the 'dump' of fruit.

> Brenda waves at me and I head in that direction. "It's like not even being in West Texas

when you get deep in there!"

I asked what kind of comparison this harvest would be to last year's. "These vines are three years old. They really aren't in 'full production' until year five or six." Brenda smiles, "That is hard to imagine because this is so much more than we had last year, and every year the production should just continue to increase."



We stood nearby and watched as the harvester bins poured grapes and more grapes into the bins, until close to overflowing. This trailer and its harvest were headed to the Llano Estacado winery in Lubbock.

The Floyd County grape harvest has ended. Branded H Vineyards has a bright future as grape producers for various wineries all over Texas. Growing numerous varietals, Floyd County grapes will represent well in the 2018 vintages. For now, its time to take a play out of the Heflin's playbook: "We like to drive out here and just sit on the tailgate with a nice glass of our wine."

I couldn't imagine a more fitting scene.

Grapes from the Heflin and Greer vineyards can be found in wines made in recent years by Llano Estacado and Burklee Hill wineries. Look for the Branded H Vineyard or the One Way Vineyard on the back label. For more information on the Texas High Plains Winegrowers Association, visit their website www.txhighplains.com.



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