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## Arrington, Axne Introduce "No Budget, No Recess Act"

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON - Congressman Jodey Arrington (R-TX) and Congresswoman Cindy Axne (D-IA) introduced the No Budget, No Recess Act, legislation that would improve the congressional budget process by requiring Members of Congress to stay at work in Washington until they fulfill their budgetary duties for the year.

H.R. 1059, the No Budget, No Recess Act, would prevent Members of Congress from leaving town without passing a budget by April 15th each year and completing the appropriations process by the end of the fiscal year.

"Every year for the past twenty years, Congress has failed to meet its most basic responsibility to fund the government on time.

To add insult to injury, Members of Congress are allowed to go home on recess before finishing the job that they were hired to do" said Arrington. "There is not a single business, local government or family in our country that can operate this way, and Congress should be held to the same standards and play by the same set of rules as the American people.

"To prevent Congress from skipping town before passing a budget, I introduced the 'No Budget, No Recess Act.' This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would ensure that Members of Congress do their job before they are allowed to go home. I want to thank Representative Axne for joining me to introduce this common-sense legislation and I look forward to working with her in our shared

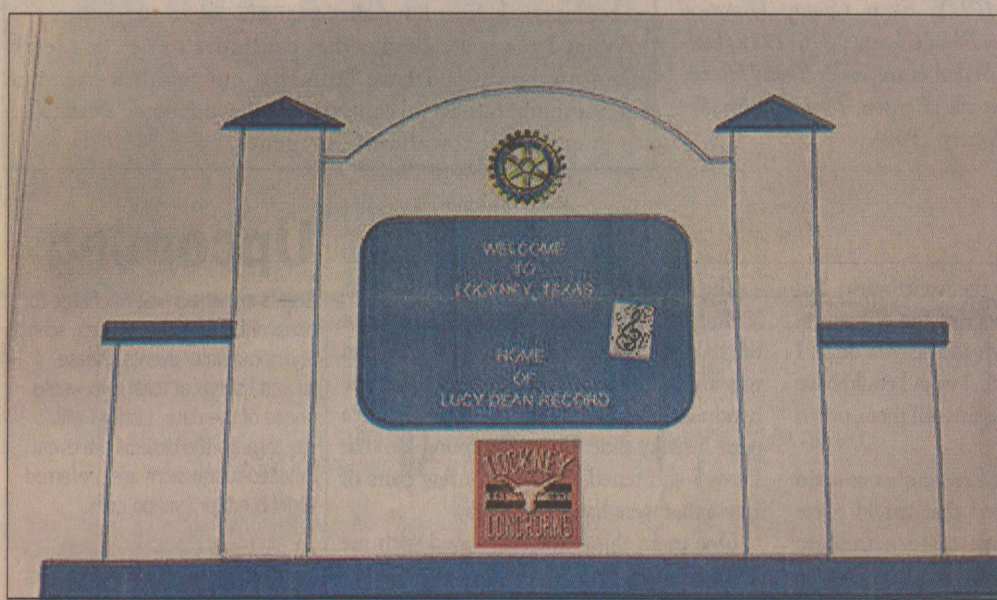
mission to fix the broken congressional budget process."

"In Iowa, if you don't finish the job, you don't go home" said Axne. "We are proud to work with Rep. Arrington on bipartisan legislation that prevents lawmakers from packing up and going home without passing a budget."

Congressman Jodey Arrington is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving the Nineteenth Congressional District of Texas. He serves as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Congresswoman Cindy Axne is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving the Third Congressional District of Iowa. She serves as a member of the House Agriculture Committee and the House Financial Services Committee.

## Lockney Rotary sells bricks to fund Welcome Sign



Courtesy Photo

Artist's rendition of the proposed 'Welcome to Lockney' sign.

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian-Beacon

"There are a lot of good things happening in Lockney," declared Rotary member, Brent Barker, "and we want to reflect that with this project."

Barker is referring to the Welcome Sign unveiled last week at Lockney's Rotary Club.

Barker added, "We feel like there are a lot of good things happening in Lockney-our new businesses: Roxi's Attic, Oh Charlie, Leal's Arena, Diversity D...the list goes on and on." And, opening in April, the newest addition, the Dollar General.

According to the Rotary members, they will be selling 'memorial bricks' to fund the sign. The bricks will be composing the back of the sign; the front will recognize Lucy Dean Record.

"It is important to us that this sign welcome people to our community, but that it also honors Ms. Dean," stated Barker. "Lucy has received so many western-swing Hall of Fame recognitions. She has represented Lockney at venues all over the United States, and we feel strongly that we honor her in this way."

Sales of the memorial bricks will begin March 1st and continue through the

end of the month, March 31st. Families, businesses and individuals are encouraged to join together with others in the community by purchasing their memorial bricks. Those interested can contact any one of the Rotary members: Keith Marble, Joseph Tillery, Brent Barker, or Brant Guthrie. Checks and orders for bricks may also be mailed to the Rotary: PO Box 94, Lockney, TX 79241. A mail-out will be sent to all city residents February 26th, to assist in order requests.

Rotary members plan to complete the Welcome Sign by the community's 2019 Old-Fashioned Saturday.



Photo Courtesy of Grade Cervantes

The Lockney Lady Horns defeated the Sudan Nettes 49-46 to claim the Bi-District Championship. Left-right top row: Coach Adrian Alfaro, Townlie Hernandez, Madai Chavira, Gabby Cervantes, Yanellie Bernal and Jayda Rosales. Left-right bottom row: RyAnn Castillo, Reagan Nuncio and Gissel SanMartin.

## Lady Horns defeat Sudan in Bi-District, lose to Gruver in Area

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

SLATON - Despite a 19-10 run by the Sudan Nettes in the fourth quarter, the Lockney Lady Horns held on to clinch the Bi-District Championship in the Class 2A playoffs at Slaton on Feb. 12. The Lady Horns advanced to play the Gruver Lady Hounds in the Area round.

Lockney jumped out to a 16-10 lead after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the teams played evenly, 9-9, while the Lady Horns hung on for a 25-19 lead at halftime.

Lockney extended their lead, outscoring the Nettes 14-8 in the third quarter. The Lady

Horns went into the final quarter leading 39-27.

In the fourth quarter, Sudan outscored Lockney 19-10 but in the end the Lockney Lady Horns held on for the 49-46 victory and claimed the Bi-District Championship.

For the Lady Horns, Reagan Nuncio led the way with 20 points, Madai Chavira scored 11, Townlie Hernandez and Ryann Castillo each scored six points, Gabby Cervantes scored four points and Yanellie Bernal scored two points.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, the Lockney Lady Horns fell to the Gruver Lady Hounds, 64-43 in the Area Championship at Amarillo High School to end the Lady Horns playoff run. No stats were available at press time.

## Embezzlement Plea in Floydada's Housing Authority

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK, Texas - Norma Cisneros McGowen accepted a federal plea deal on Thursday. She admitted to theft of public money - more specifically, \$133,243.

Court records said in 2006 McGowen was approved as a landlord under a federal program and leased out a house to her mother. Then in 2012 she began to receive additional government checks for properties she did not own.

Those checks were signed by Velma Sue Cochran who became the Executive Director of the Floydada Housing Authority in 2005. Cochran previously accepted a

plea deal for misprision of a felony and was sentenced in late January to probation and restitution.

Cochran admitted she knew McGowen was not entitled to the money but sent federal money via the housing authority to her anyway. McGowen embezzled more than \$170,000 according to federal court records but paid more than \$37,000 back.

Federal authorities confronted both women in 2014.

If her plea deal is accepted, McGowen will be sentenced at a later date to no more than 10 years in federal prison.

## Corrections

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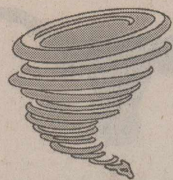
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# Floydada Whirlwinds



Courtesy Photo  
Floydada Lady Winds battled the Vega Lady Horns in a 2A Bi-District playoff contest in Littlefield on Monday, Feb. 11. The Lady Winds fell to the Lady Horns 51-22 to finish their season at 15-15.

## Floydada takes loss to Hale Center



Courtesy Photo  
Floydada's Andrew Vega (1) drains a three to bring the Whirlwinds within two points of Hale Center Tuesday night. Hale Center's Matt Valdivia (3) 8 fourth quarter points was too much in the Floydada loss.



Courtesy Photo  
Junior Garrett Hobbs (24) hits a big three in the final regular season game for Floydada. The Whirlwinds lost to Hale Center 84-77 but both teams still advance in the Bi-district round of the playoffs.

## Lady Winds playoff run ends against Vega

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LITTLEFIELD – Floydada could not overcome at 15-4 first quarter deficit as the Vega Lady Horns claimed the Bi-District Championship with a 51-22 victory over the Lady Winds on Monday, Feb. 11. Vega then lost to Panhandle, 62-39, in the Area round on Thursday, Feb. 14.

The Lady Horns jumped out to a 15-4 lead after the first quarter and never trailed in the game.

In the second quarter, the teams played evenly, at 6-6 but Vega went to the half with a 21-10 lead. Lady Wind Kylie Rickett hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to draw Floydada closer.

Vega, ranked #8 in the state in 2A, outscored Floydada 12-3 in

the third quarter to stretch their lead to 33-13.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Horns outscored Floydada 18-9 to claim the 51-22 victory and advance to the Area round of the playoffs.

Ricketts led the Lady Winds with 11 points, 13 rebounds and one blocked shot in the loss.

Vega juniors, Anita Knoll had 14 points and Lara Mason added 13 points and 6 boards. Senior Macy Walker knocked down 10 points and 9 rebounds to propel the Lady Horns to a 34-1 record and a trip to the Class 2A Area round this weekend.

Floydada ends the season at 15-15 and notches their first winning season in more than five years under new head coach, Tommy Simmons.

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Brownfield jumped out to a 7-0 lead and limited the Floydada Lady Winds to only four hits as the Lady Cubs won the first game of day two of the Caprock Tournament, 12-2.

The Lady Winds also committed six errors in their first loss of the year. The Lady Cubs scored one in the first inning, three in the second and third and five in the fourth while the Lady Winds scored one in the third and one in the fifth.

Kailee Sanchez scored both runs for the Lady Winds including an inside-the-park home run. Hannah Morales slapped a triple to drive in Sanchez for the second run. Clarissa De La Fuente and Kylie Ricketts picked up the other two hits for the Lady Winds.

Morales pitched two and one-third innings, allowing seven runs



Courtesy Photo  
Catcher Marissa Obregon throws out a Plainview JV base runner. Celeste Wickware applies the tag for an out on Friday at the Lubbock Caprock Classic Softball Tournament.

on seven hits while striking out one and Alyssa Obregon pitched two and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs on nine hits while striking out one and walking five.

In the second game of the day, Floydada pounded out 27 hits against the Plainview Lady Dogs JV 28-8 to pick up their third win

of the year. Floydada plated eight runs in the first, 12 in the second, three in the third and five in the fourth while Plainview scored three in the third and five in the fourth.

Kylie Ricketts and Angela Vega had four hits each while A Obregon, Erin Trevino and Lindsey Marquez each had three hits. In total, 14 Lady Winds scored at

least one run, 13 had at least one hit and one RBI. Marquez also drove in six runs. A Obregon led off the game with a home run to set the tone for the rest of the game. Morales pitched one inning, allowing one hit while striking out two and walking two. A Obregon pitched three innings, allowing eight runs on six hits and five walks while striking out one.

## Lady Winds Day 1 Caprock Softball Tournament

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Floydada opened the Caprock Softball Tournament with a 6-4 victory over the Slaton Tigerettes. Hannah Morales stole home and Alexis Hernandez drove in Clarissa De La Fuente to claim the come from behind victory.

Floydada had a 3-0 lead after three innings before the Tigerettes scored four runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead.

For the Lady Winds, Alyssa Obregon, De La Fuente, Kylie Ricketts and Hernandez each pounded out two hits in the victory. De La Fuente also drove in two runs. Morales pitched four innings, allowing four runs on five hits while striking out two and walking two.

In the second game of the

day, Morales and A. Obregon combined to no-hit the Muleshoe Lady Mules and took the three-inning victory, 19-1.

The Lady Winds scored eight in the first, three in the second and eight in the third inning while the Lady Mules only run came in the second inning.

Floydada pounded out 16 hits in the game. Morales led the way with three hits, including two doubles, and three RBIs. A. Obregon also had three hits and drove in two runs. Ricketts, Hernandez and Marissa Obregon each had two hits and Kailee Sanchez had three RBIs to help the Lady Winds move to 2-0 on the season. Morales pitched two innings, walking two, allowing one run and striking out five. Obregon pitched one inning, striking out two.

## Lady Winds Day 3 Caprock Softball Tournament

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Floydada jumped out to an early 1-0 lead behind a two-out walk and an RBI double by Kylie Ricketts, but it didn't last long as the Snyder Lady Tigers scored four runs in the bottom of the first and never looked back as the Lady Tigers defeated Floydada 11-3 in the first game of day three of the Caprock Softball Tournament.

The Lady Winds added a run in the second and a run in the fifth while the Lady Tigers scored three more in the second and four more in the fifth. Snyder had 12 hits in the victory.

Ricketts had two hits and two RBIs to lead the Lady Winds. Hannah Morales pitched one inning, allowing four runs on six hits and a walk and Alyssa Obregon pitched three and two-thirds innings, allowing seven runs on six hits and two walks.

In the second game of the day Saturday, Trinity defeated the Lady Winds 15-8 to drop Floydada to 3-3 on the year. The Lady Lions used 16 hits and a seven-run first inning to control the game. Trinity also scored one in the second and seven in the fourth while Floydada scored four in the first, three in the second and one in the fourth while slapping 10 hits.

Ricketts led the way with three hits and three RBIs including a home run. Clarissa De La Fuente and Erin Trevino each had two hits including a home run by Trevino. Morales pitched four innings, allowing 15 runs on 16 hits and two walks while striking out four.

The Lady Winds were scheduled to host Slaton on Feb. 19 and will participate in the Slaton Tournament Feb. 21-23 before hosting Muleshoe in the last non-district game.

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU February 25 – March 1

- Monday**  
Breakfast – Blueberry breakfast on a stick, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch – Creamy Mac & cheese, Beef Teriyaki & broccoli stir fry w/rice, 5-way mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast – Egg & cheese breakfast taco, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch – Pepperoni pizza, Chili dog w/crackers, broccoli & raisin salad, buttered green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast – Cinnamon buns, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch – Chicken nachos w/Spanish rice, turkey wrap, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Thursday**  
Breakfast – Chocolate chip muffin, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch – Chicken parmesan, turkey potato bowl, roll, seasoned baby carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Friday**  
Breakfast – Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch – Hamburger, baked Hawaiian calzones, steamed corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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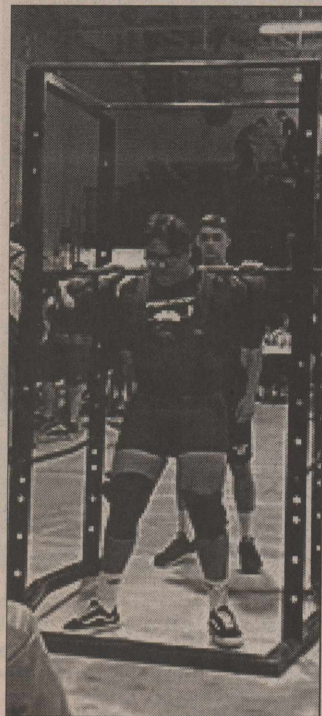
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# Lockney Longhorns

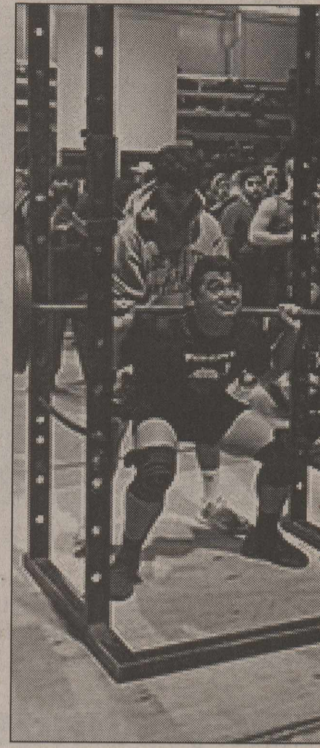
## Lockney Boys' and Girls' Powerlifting Raising the Bar!



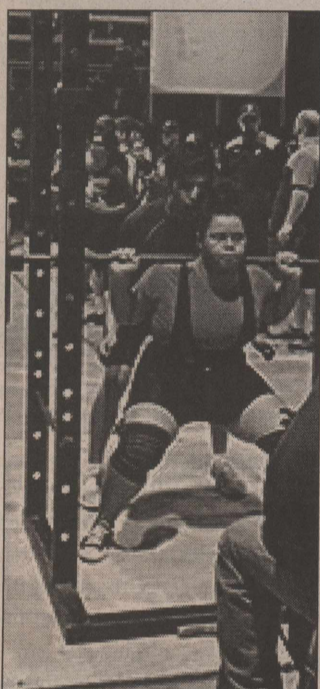
**LOCKNEY BOYS POWERLIFTING.** Miguel Lara-1st in 242 lb. weight class.



**LOCKNEY BOYS POWERLIFTING.** The Lockney Powerlifting team competed at the Dimmit meet, Saturday, February 16th. The boys took 7th Place in the meet, grabbing multiple individual medals. Pictured above Back Row (L to R): Coach Pritchard, Andrew Sanchez-3rd in 242 lb. weight class, Miguel Lara-1st in 242 lb. weight class, Francisco Hernandez, Diego Azua-2nd in 198 weight class, and Silas Urrutia-4th in 181 weight class.



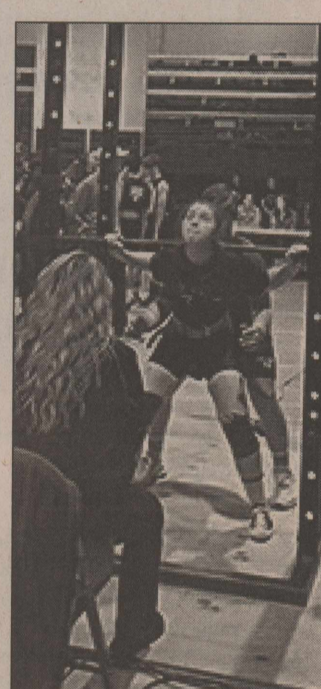
**LOCKNEY BOYS POWERLIFTING.** Keneau Villareal.



**LOCKNEY GIRLS POWERLIFTING.** Madison Chance-1st in 198 weight class.



**LOCKNEY GIRLS POWERLIFTING.** The Lockney Girls' Powerlifting team competed at the Dimmit meet, Saturday, February 16th. The girls took the Runner-Up place, racking up numerous individual awards. Pictured above Front Row (L to R): Jordyn Varner-1st in 123 lb. weight class, Madison Chance-1st in 198 weight class, Yamilette Martinez-2nd in 181 weight class, and Hailee Widener-3rd in the 259 lb. weight class. Back Row (L to R): Coach Pritchard and Francisco Hernandez.



**LOCKNEY GIRLS POWERLIFTING.** Jordyn Varner.

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Feb. 25 – Mar. 1

Monday, Feb. 25

Breakfast – Pancakes & Sausage or Cereal & Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Breakfast – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Nachos Grande w/ Beans, Salsa & Garnish or Taco Soup & Cornbread, Tomato Cup, Cucumber Cup, Peaches, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Breakfast – Power Breakfast or Muffin & Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Veggie Cup, Garnish, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 28

Breakfast – Kolache & Yogurt or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Asian Bowl, Egg Roll, Garden Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Mar. 1

Breakfast – NO MENU AVAILABLE  
Lunch – NO MENU AVAILABLE

### District 4-2A Basketball

#### GIRLS BI-DISTRICT RESULTS

Lockney	2	8
Ralls	1	9

Feb. 21-23

#### BOYS REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

Feb. 25-26

#### BOYS REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Mar. 1

#### BOYS REGIONAL FINALS

Mar. 2

#### BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT

Mar. 7-9

New Deal 73, Bovina 49

Lockney 49, Sudan 46

Farwell 48, Post 35

Vega 51, Floydada 22

#### GIRLS AREA RESULTS

Stratford 48, New Deal 34

Gruver 64, Lockney 43

BOYS	W	L
*New Deal	9	1
*Floydada	7	3
*Post	6	4
*Hale Center	5	5

Feb. 12

Hale Center 84, Floydada 77

Ralls 61, Lockney 55

New Deal 56, Post 45

#### BOYS BI-DISTRICT

New Deal vs Sudan

Floydada vs Olton

Post vs Vega

Hale Center vs Farwell

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