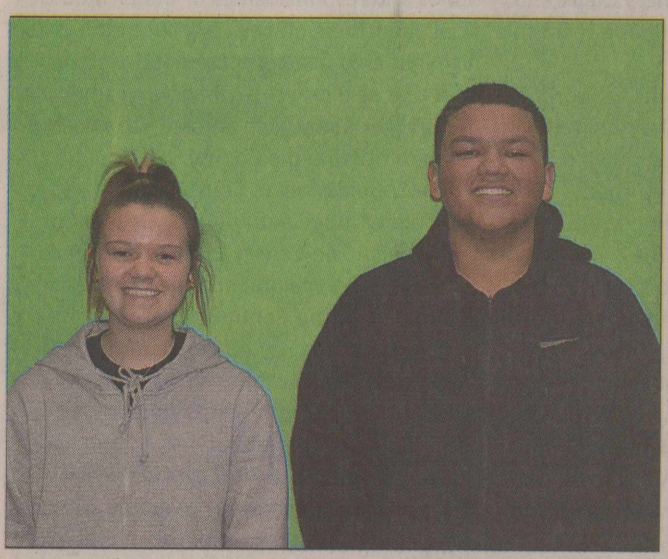


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Whataburger & Texas Tech Recognize Local Jr High Students

Tatum Glasscock (left) and Anthony Garcia (right) from Floydada Junior High School were recognized at the Texas Tech vs. Baylor game, Saturday, February 16, in the "Whataburger Winner's Circle." Whataburger and Texas Tech University have worked together to honor Texas Junior High Students for the past 15 years. They believe that it is important to recognize students for their contributions to their school, their relationships and their community in addition to their academic achievements. These are Junior High students who are hard-working and strive to do their best in and out of the classroom. The students were nominated by their teachers and received free game tickets for themselves and family members to attend Saturday's game, where they also received a special halftime moment of recognition. They were also sent home with coupons for free Whataburgers and a Winner's Circle certificate and T-shirt.

Lighthouse Electric Co-op Announces 2019 Winners



FLOYDADA - LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH TOUR WINNERS (L to R)-Zack Collie of Motley County High School won a \$1,000 scholarship. Cutter Smith of Floydada High School and Aynsley Byrd of Plainview Christian High School won a trip to Washington, D.C. and a \$1,500 scholarship. Sharon Thompson of Swisher Electric Co-op and Becky Wilson of South Plains Electric Co-op were judges for the contest.

By Deon Fincher
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Lighthouse Electric Cooperative announced its 2019 Scholarship winners: Zack Collie-Motley County High School, Cutter Smith-Floydada High School, and Aynsley Byrd-Plainview Christian High School. Students competing in the contest are required to give a 5- to 8-minute speech to an independent panel of judges. The topic for this year's speech was "In the future, how will electric farm tractors and electric farm trucks change agriculture in rural Texas? What changes will electric farm vehicles have on Lighthouse Electric?"

Aynsley Byrd and Cutter Smith were selected as the winners this year. Lighthouse Electric Cooperative will be sending Aynsley and Cutter to the Government-in-Action Youth Tour in June 2019 all-expenses paid!

The Youth Tour is sponsored in conjunction with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Texas Electric Cooperatives. Aynsley and Cutter will join over 150 youths from across Texas on this exciting trip June 12 through June 21, 2019. The 2019 Tour will kick off on Wednesday, June 12, in Austin, Texas. Thursday, June 13, this year's contest winners will learn about their Texas state government through tours of the Governor's Mansion, the Capitol, and the Bob Bullock Museum. Then, it's off to Washington, D.C. On Rural Youth Day, the Texas participants will meet participants from other states at the U.S. Capitol, where they will meet with their elected representatives. Nearly 1500 students will gather to learn about each other and what life is like in other parts of the U.S.

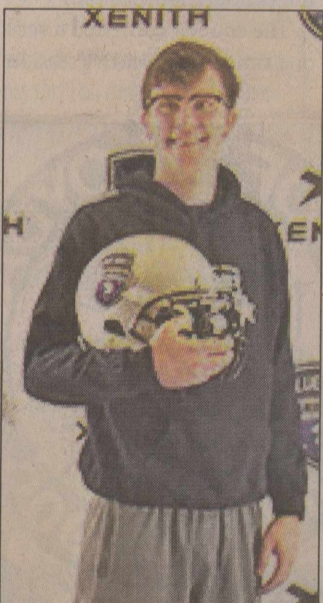
In addition, Aynsley and Cutter will each receive the \$1,500 Lighthouse Youth Tour Scholarship. Zack Collie of Motley County High School will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

For over 50 years, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative has sponsored area high school students on a trip to the nation's capital to see their government in action.

FHS Sr Caden Britt is paving the road to his Dreams

By Deon Fincher
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA, TX - Very few people, let alone high school football players, can say that they have played on the Dallas Cowboy's AT&T Field. But, one of Floydada's seniors has that fact on his resume. Caden Britt, Senior at FHS, has put in lots of miles in the recent months, all those miles culminating in his appearance at AT&T Stadium in January, in the All-American Blue-Grey Bowl game.



FHS Sr. Caden Britt-Blue and Grey All-American Bowl WR

together to select those elite athletes that they want showcased in the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl.

To be chosen for the Super Combine is quite the feat, but to be selected to play in the Bowl game is a huge deal for a senior athlete. A total of 6,750 athletes nationwide participate in the combines. Of these many top recruits, 630 prospects were invited to the Super Combine. Britt was selected to play

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Caden Britt (87) coming off the field of play during the Blue-Grey All American Bowl held at AT&T Stadium this past January.



Floydada Whirlwinds - 2019 Bi-District Champs

Floydada Whirlwinds Claim First Post-Season Victory in Ten Years

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - After trailing early by seven, the Floydada Whirlwinds opened the second quarter with a 12-0 run and never looked back, defeating Olton Tuesday, Feb. 19, 66-49 to bring home the Bi-District Championship.

Junior Garrett Hobbs led all scorers with 30 points and 6 rebounds as Floydada won their first post-season game in ten years, and the first under head coach Adam Zepeda. Sophomore

Quincy Gonzales finished the night with 14 points and 4 rebounds while Senior Jerry Reyes closed the book with 11 points and 4 steals in the win.

Olton struggled against the Whirlwind defense, turning the ball over 17 times. Seniors Jayden Leathers who finished with 11 points and Noah Garza who added 9 points and 5 boards led the Mustangs in the loss.

In other Bi-District action, New Deal defeated Sudan 62-44, Farwell defeated Hale Center 54-36 and Post defeated Vega 59-44.

Upcoming

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

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY ACE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

The ACE-Night Under the Stars at A.B. Duncan Elementary on Wednesday, March 6th from 6-8 p.m. Preparation games for students' STAAR test success. Parents and students welcome. For more information contact Chelsea Walker (806)983-2296 or Patrick Hart (806)553-3533.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION MEETING - OLD SETTLER'S

The Pioneer Association will meet Tuesday, March 12th at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the First National Bank of Floydada. Old Settler's Day is being planned so please make plans to be there. Everyone is welcome.

1956 STUDY CLUB CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

The 1956 Study Club is conducting a children's book drive. Books may be taken during office hours or on Sunday to The First Baptist Church of Floydada or The First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

SPIRIT OF SHARING

The Spirit of Sharing (SOS) in Floydada will be closed Monday, March 11 thru Friday, March 15 during Spring Break.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

The Floydada Senior Citizen's Center is continuing their \$4.00 Tuesday meals. Eat in, take out, or have a meal delivered to you at no extra charge. Also remember our 2nd Tuesday bingo each month from 6-8 p.m. Next Bingo night is March 12th. For more info see our article inside this week's issue.

COVENANT MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

The Covenant Mobile Mammography exam unit is scheduled to be at A.B. Duncan Elementary, 1011 S. 8th Street, Floydada, performing screening mammograms on March 25, 2019. Most medical insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. To schedule an appointment, please call: 877-494-4797 or 806-725-6579.

LIGHT THE CROSS

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Corrections

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About Town

Every week I scour multitudes of websites and Facebook pages



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getting background information for the stories we share. News, today, is not simply transcribing notes from an interview or two--it is a full-scale investigative process that takes hours of review before a word is ever written. And although our newspaper focuses on LOCAL news, there are national events relative to our rural area that need to be shared. Thus, today's topic of Rural Broadband Access.

From the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Report, at the request of President Trump, there is an exciting movement "From the beginning of your tenure in office, you have directed your policy tools to accelerate deployment and adoption of affordable, secure, reliable, modern high-speed broadband connectivity...emerging technologies are challenging pre-existing business models...yet due to costly regulatory barriers and cumbersome permitting processes, too many Americans are being excluded...because they lack access to broadband." The introductory letter goes on to say, "...without access to broadband, entire communities are increasingly left behind in today's information-driven economy...we must reconnect Americans. The American Broadband Initiative will strengthen our economy, make our country more competitive, and improve the quality of life for millions of newly connected American families--ultimately delivering the modern

broadband infrastructure that every American deserves." WOW!!

As I read this 62-page report my confidence in our nation's governments to realize, at least this one problem in rural America, increased. So often, our small businesses--and let's be clear, these 'mom & pop' businesses are the ones struggling to pay the exorbitant prices for what is basic connectivity required to carry-on their daily business--are brought to a dead-stop because the mainstream internet providers have technical difficulties. What to do? In Rural America, we rarely have any other provider options! So, our local businesses must 'shut-down' temporarily, losing the much-needed revenues for those hours, or possibly days. This is revenue that can't be 'made up.'

These are the highlights of the actions that are actively being implemented: 1) Launch and Effectively Execute \$600 million in New Federal Investment in Rural Broadband, Using Strategies to Spur Private-Sector Capital and Maximize the Value of Taxpayer Dollars; 2) Leverage the Dept. of the Interior Towers for Communications Use; 3) Provide Tools for Expedited Access to Federal Assets in Priority Markets; 4) Create One-Stop for Broadband Permitting Information; and 5) Revise Common Application Form and Quarterly Metrics for Permit Requests.

Granted, these steps are all directed at the business-level above the consumer level; but, just knowing that positive actions are currently in the works is reassuring. Contact your local congressmen and let them know that these measures for Rural America are desperately needed and ask that they support any initiatives that come across their desks.

cations. The EDC is joining in on this project by providing new playground equipment made specifically for children 2 years-old to kiddos 10 years-old.

Chief of Police Ramon presented to the council the 2018 Floydada Police Department Activity Report. He stated that there were 230 traffic stops, 13 accidents, 232 citations given. The Police Department received 3004 service calls for the community in 2018. This report was approved unanimously by councilmembers, and it will now be sent to state authorities.

The General Election for the City of Floydada, set for May 4, 2019 was approved by the council. Offices for election/re-election will be Mayor, District 2 Position, and District 3 Position.

City Manager Gooch presented the revisions to the updated Employee Policy Manual. He stated that the previous manuals contained a lot of 'copy & pasting' which failed

to adequately cover issues such as cell phone usage, software protection, sick-leave pools and hazmat policies. No action was taken on the revisions at this time, with the councilors wishing to review the material.

Councilmembers approved a severance agreement, part of the official job offer, for the City Manager position. To tie into the current manager's start date, the effective date was set at July 17, 2018.

Items of consent and previous meeting minutes were discussed and approved, unanimously by Council members.

Council Members present were Mayor Bobby Gilliland, Councilwoman Bettye King, Councilman Steve Lloyd, Councilman Gabe DelaFuente, Councilwoman Gail DuBois, and Councilman Tanner Battey. Also present were City Manager Darrell Gooch, City Attorney Karen Houchin and City Secretary Patti Lowrance.

Floydada City Council

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Floydada City Council convened in Chambers for their regularly schedule monthly meeting, February 12, 2019.

Mr. Jimmie (Jr.) Garcia addressed the council requesting appointment as coordinator of the Softball Program. He expressed excitement for the work that is ongoing at Andy Taylor Park. The project, funded by a \$75K grant from TX Parks & Wildlife, has been in the works for a few months. The park project will include two new softball fields, cinder block backstops, batting cages and practice area; new concession stands and restrooms--which require digging and installing a septic system, new lights, new bleachers and a parking lot. This park is also being raised up above ground-level to assist in proper drainage and to divert high water to other lo-

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ABOUT THE COUNTY

By: Marty Lucke, County Judge

At the February 11, 2019 Commissioners Court meeting, Mr. Rick Knapp presented the 2018 Floyd County audit. I am proud to report to the citizens of Floyd County that it was an exceptional audit. The County had no deficiencies to be reported. Mr. Knapp stated that if audits received grades, Floyd County would have gotten an A+. The County Treasurer, Ms. Lori Morales, and her Deputy, Ms. Linda Nichols, deserve a pat on the back for their hard work. All the other Elected Officials deserve a pat on the back, also. It takes the Commissioners Court and all the Elected Officials working as a team to accomplish a clean audit.

The Commissioners continue to work in their respective precincts. They have their road crews replacing culverts, grading roads, pulling ditches, and building up roads. The Elected Officials in the Courthouse are busy in their respective offices. They and their staffs are working every day to improve their offices to better serve the citizens in a more efficient manner. The Sheriff's Office continues to upgrade equipment and look for ways to improve their service to the citizens. The other various departments associated with the County continue to look for ways to better serve the citizens and provide better and more efficient service.

It is hard to believe that two months of 2019 are already gone. They say when you're busy that time flies and it is busy around the Courthouse and the County in general. It is even harder to believe that five months of the fiscal year have already passed. The challenges of a new budget are just around the corner and with that the planning for the future of the County. The County needs

to start planning for the upgrading of our Precinct barns, putting energy efficient windows in the Courthouse, and the upgrade or replacement of several software programs to increase the efficiency of the County. If we can increase our efficiency in our operational process, I believe that we can better serve the citizens.

I want to use this column to keep the citizens informed on what is happening in the County. I would also like to use this column to remind and educate citizens about the duties and responsibilities of the Elected Officials and their offices. My intention is to highlight an office per month and I intend to start that next month. This month I am going to highlight a group of offices that are combined to operate the County.

The Commissioners Court is composed of the County Judge and the four County Commissioners. The County Clerk is in charge of recording and maintaining all the business conducted by the Commissioners Court and is considered an ex officio member. The Commissioners Court has six basic duties (1) to adopt the County budget and set the tax rate, (2) to approve the budgeted purchases of the County, (3) to fill vacancies in elective and appointed offices, (4) to set all salaries and benefits, (5) they have the exclusive authority to approve contracts and (6) to provide and maintain all County buildings and facilities. The Commissioners Court also sets all County policy and procedures, conducts the general business of the County and authorizes and approves the financial audit of the County. The Commissioners Court is not given the authority to direct the way in which an Elected Official operates their office.

Lockney City Council

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Lockney City Council met Tuesday, February 19 at Lockney's City Hall. The agenda was short and sweet. There were no public comments to be made. Councilmembers reviewed the Items of Consent and unanimously approved all the items.

The Council had been approached by a resident concerning an issue with his monthly billing. After investi-

gation, it was found to be an accounting error. The Council voted to make a one-time payment to the resident due to the extenuating circumstances relating to the account set-up.

The council convened into executive session for the purpose of "...deliberation regarding real property..." as listed on the agenda. The council then reconvened into open session to take action on the deliberation session.

The council convened a second time into executive session

to discuss "...personnel matters..." as listed on the agenda. The council reconvened into open session to take action on the deliberation.

Council members present were Mayor Michael DeLeon, Commissioner Tyler Dunivan, Commissioner Aaron Kennedy, Commissioner Dart Carthel, and Commissioner Donny McLaughlin. City Manager Buster Poling, City Secretary Laurie Garcia and City Attorney Lanny Voss were also present.



WELCOMING Floydada's newest police officer, David Yocum. Pictured L to R: Chief of Police Reuben Ramon, Officer Marco Martinez, Officer Raul Garcia, and Officer David Yocum. Not pictured: Officer Joel Martinez and Officer Michael McLendon.

The 501: Old words for an old puzzle

Just learned a new word for kissing, "Osculating." It was the 5-down clue in a crossword puzzle from 1925.

When the word "kissing" emerged on the grid, I asked my husband if he knew about "osculating." He smiled as if the word brought back pleasant memories and said he'd almost forgotten the term. He's a couple of years older than I. Maybe that's why "osculating" is part of his vocabulary, albeit almost forgotten, but missing from mine. I'm adding it.



HANAB MUNN WELCH

DICTIONARY CHECK.

Yep. In mathematics it means to touch, but in the real world, formal or humorous, it indeed means to kiss. I'm going to remember "osculate" for Scrabble. Back to the Roaring Twenties. I printed the intriguing old puzzle from an online newspaper just to see if I could work it. Most words fell into place. Most. I've still got some blanks.

WARNING:

If you print a puzzle from an old online newspaper, you probably should also find and print the answers from a subsequent issue. I didn't. As you may know, today's crossword puzzles have themes and gimmicks. So do the oldies, sort of. My vintage puzzle has a name: "BLIND AUTHOR." Sounds a little offensive to me, as in politically incorrect. Why characterize an author by a handicap?

At the top of the puzzle, there's a mug shot of Helen Keller. Score one for the 1920s. Today's newspaper puzzles don't ever have images, do they? "Helen" and "Keller," of course, fill in 1-across and 5-across,

respectively. Then things get progressively harder. At least they did for me.

Do you know a seven-letter word for "family of bees" that is spelled BLANKndrBLANKna? Or an East Indian disease spelled BLANKgroBLANK? Wonder if it's been eradicated? I can't even come up with a French four-letter word for measure that ends in "ne," and I know French.

While we're at it, have you ever heard of a mooley apple? Me either. Shades of Stephen Foster's muley cow in "Camptown Races." And do you know a four-letter word for a giant toad? Stars with "a."

EXTENSIVE SURFING BREAK.

I've now learned enough useless outdated arcane information to start compiling a vintage crossword dictionary. The East Indian disease is "agrom," a medical term describing psoriasis of the tongue, common in Bengal. Wikipedia cites the 1913 edition of Webster's Dictionary. Other mentions of agrom can be found in medical books from the 1800s.

Good news. If you ever go to Bengal and get agrom, the remedies don't sound bad. Mint juice is mentioned. Or you can chew on black-seeded basilica.

Good luck finding some of that basilica, unless it's the same thing as black-seeded Simpson lettuce. I'm opting for the mint juice.

Yes, I finally worked the puzzle. I learned a lot. All toads are really frogs. Maybe you knew that. The largest toad, Bufo marinus, was once called an agua toad. They secrete a substance that can harm pets.

Advice:

If you ever run meet an agua toad frog, just don't osculate it.

SOCIETY

Children's Book Drive being conducted

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
FLOYDADA – The 1956 Study Club of Floydada is conducting a “gently used” children’s book drive. The Floyd County Child Welfare Board has indicated that children’s books are needed in situations when children are under stress due to difficulties in their family life.
 The books will also be shared with the “Rainbow Room” in Plainview. This room is a gathering place for collection of children’s

clothing, diapers, baby bottles, blankets, and other needs when children are taken in by Children’s Protective Services.
 The Child Welfare Board also provides funds for children’s birthdays and Christmas gifts. All money raised by the Board goes directly to the children in CPS care.
 Books may be taken during office hours and on Sundays to First Baptist Church of Floydada and First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

Lockney Senior Citizen's News

By Renee Armstrong
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
LOCKNEY – We hope you are all having a great week! Come and eat with us and enjoy the fellowship!
 Mark these events down on your calendar!
MARCH:
 March 1st - Family Night Fish Fry, 5-8 p.m.
 March 17th - Sunday Lunch - 1:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Fajitas
 March 18th - Bingo 6 - 8 p.m.
 March 25th - Board Meeting - 6 p.m.
 Breakfast is served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday only. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if

you would like to eat lunch at the Center. Our phone number is 806-652-2745.
 Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Our Thursday night pot luck is from 5-9 p.m. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards.

MENU
March 4 - March 8
Monday – Steak finger basket
Tuesday – Cracker burgers
Wednesday – Grilled chicken sandwich w/ salad
Thursday – Baked ziti
Friday – Fried chicken
 (Menu subject to change without notice)



Courtesy Photo
 Pictured (L to R): American Legion Post 141 Commander, Ed Marks presenting a patriotic quilt to Mr. and Mrs. Cleatus A. Lebow. Mr. Lebow is one of 14 living survivors of the USS Indianapolis tragedy.

Floydada Senior Citizen's News

By LuAnn Collins
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
FLOYDADA – We have monthly menus available at the center or we will deliver one to you. Call the Center at 806-983-2032 and ask for a menu to be delivered.
 We are continuing our \$4.00 Tuesday Meals. Eat in, take out, or have a meal delivered to you at no extra charge. Remember our 2nd Tuesday bingo each month. We start play at 6 p.m. and play until 8 p.m. We always have a progressive cash bingo game, which means that we play for a cash prize each week. If there is no winner, the cash “pot” grows until we do have a winner. Our cash prize is now at \$132.00. The cost to play is \$2.00 for 3 cards, or \$1.00 per card. We will also serve Texas Nachos, drink, and 2 cards for \$5.00. March bingo night will be the 12th. We are planning a Friday night meal or another Sunday noon meal, to raise extra funds. Our ice maker is currently working, but at times decides to not make ice! We also have people in the community that need

a meal delivered but have financial problems. We would like to deliver them a meal daily. If you can help us, please call and speak to Joyce, Lu Ann, or Margaret. Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11:00 am. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30.
 We have monthly menus available at the center or we will deliver one to you. Call the Center at 983-2032 and ask for a menu to be delivered. 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
March 4 - March 8
Monday –Ham
Tuesday – Crispy chicken salad - \$4.00
Wednesday – Fried chicken w/gravy
Thursday – Meatloaf
Friday – Fish fry
 (Menu subject to change without notice)

American Legion Post #141 gifts patriotic quilt

By Deon Fincher
 The Hesperian-Beacon
MEMPHIS – Members of the American Legion Post 141 travelled to Memphis, Texas on February 19th to present a goodie bag and a patriotic quilt to Mr. Cleatus A. Lebow and his wife Joan. Mr. Lebow is one of 14 living survivors, and the last Texas survivor, of the 1945 sinking of the USS Indianapolis in the Philippine Ocean. The catastrophe is said to have been the greatest single loss of life at sea in the history of the US Navy.
 Lebow and his wife continue to actively seek out ways to help veterans-by selling a book giving the account of that fateful week, the couple raise money, giving those funds to veterans wishing to attend reunions with their respective Military Companies.
 The American Legion Post 141 presents gift bags and patriotic quilts to veterans all over the South Plains. The Post’s goal is that no veteran be left behind alone. Veterans’ Service Officer, Tesha Gaither also assists with this project.

Wayland Recognizes Donors at Season Opener

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
PLAINVIEW – As the Wayland Pioneers baseball team took the field for its season opener Friday afternoon, the players, fans and WBU administration took some time to honor and recognize Delbert and Marc McDougal and their wives Carolyn and Pam. As part of their gift to Wayland’s Impact 2020 capital campaign, the McDougals were instrumental in the purchase and installment of a new scoreboard at Wilder Field.
 Wayland President Dr. Bobby Hall joined Delbert and Marc as they threw out the first pitch of the season. Dr. Hall then presented the McDougals with a commemorative bat signed by WBU dignitaries showing their gratitude for the McDougals’ support. Delbert and Marc also received baseballs autographed by the team.
 Delbert and Carolyn McDougal founded the McDougal Companies where Marc serves as Chief Executive Officer. The family has been a long-time supporter of

Floydada's EMT host BASIC EMT Class



Deon Fincher/Hesperian-Beacon
 -The Floydada EMS is currently hosting an EMT Basic Class. The 120-150 hour class is being funded by a grant from Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. Last week, the students were actively learning the process of taking one’s blood sugar and performing Primary Assessment for Trauma and Medical patients. The State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association of Texas selected Texas A&M University Engineering Extension Service as the site for a permanent firefighter training school in 1929 and it has led the way in cutting-edge firefighter training and emergency services throughout Texas.

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 Far and Away from Fern Michaels
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 The 18th Abduction by James Patterson
 The 13-Minute Murder by James Patterson
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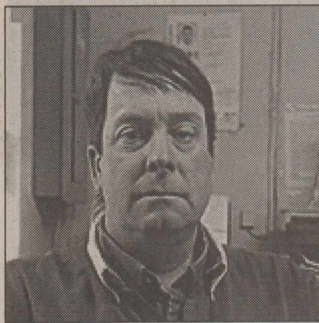
MEMORIES 1979

THE J.P. MOSS FAMILY

I was born at McLean, Gray County, Texas, in 1909. My parents returned to Motley County, when I was six weeks old, traveling in a buggy, in a snow storm.
 The family came to Floydada to the dentist and to shop. I must have been about six, the first time I remember. I played hooky from school and came to ride the humps or ocean waves that used to be south of Wester Field. In 1927, Johnnie and I came to Floydada to get our marriage license. Tom Dean was County Clerk. We got stuck in the big lake, just west of where the Hershel Greens’ house used to stand. We got married the next day at the Baptist parsonage in Spur.
 John P. Moss was born in 1902, near San Augustine, Texas. He came with his parents, as a small boy, to Grow, King County. Then just prior to World War I, his step father established a gin in Roaring Springs, Texas. Johnnie always said that he grew up in a cotton gin.
 About 1935 or 1936, Johnnie leased some land from Mr. W. M. Massie and put in a wheat crop. He later leased more land and bought some sheep. He commuted from Ralls, to look after the sheep, and operated a gin at the same. IN 1940 he sold the gin and we moved to Floydada in 1941.
 We moved into the house that stood where Gene Probasco’s house now stands. In November 1941, we moved to the Pat Felton farm. I enjoyed living in that big old house. We lived there until we bought our farm on the Ralls Highway, where we lived nearly thirty-three years. We moved to my present home in March 1976, where Johnnie got to live only three weeks. He died in April, 1976.
 Our children all finished high school in Floydada. Mary Avanelle married Lee Eugene Wilkinson; Barbara Anita married Jim Stanfield Dixon; John Cooper married Letress Simpson Monk; Judith Patricia married Arch Murphy March; Margaret Lois married Charles Franklin Aycock.
 Written by Jettie Moss

AGRICULTURE

Suspected Cattle Thief arrested after TSCRA Special Ranger investigation



CALBY CLAYTON HILL

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

DICKENS, Texas — A Roaring Springs man was indicted and arrested last week on seven second-degree felony theft of livestock charges. The indictments and arrest are the results of an investigation by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Dean Bohannon.

Bohannon initiated the investigation Dec. 5, 2018, after receiving a call from John Hindman, TSCRA's market inspector at the Floydada Livestock Auction.

TSCRA market inspectors are present at every livestock sale across the state to record information about the cattle passing through the market. That information is compiled into a database that is often used to trace missing and stolen cattle.

On this occasion, Hindman noticed something amiss with a load of cattle brought to the auction in Floydada. He advised Bohannon that Calby Clayton Hill, 46, of Roaring Springs, Texas, had brought 34 head of cattle to the sale, checking in 12 head in his name and 22 head into the name of his boss, a Roaring Springs rancher.

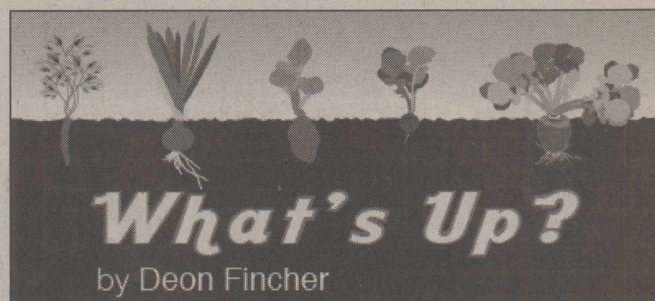
Bohannon and Hindman spoke to the rancher, who confirmed their suspicions.

Bohannon continued the investigation. Relying on TSCRA's market inspection database and information collected from other Special Rangers, Bohannon identified numerous other livestock auctions where Hill had sold cattle since he began working at the ranch in 2016.

Armed with three years of records, investigators interviewed Hill in December. He eventually confessed to selling or attempting to sell 84 head of cattle stolen from his employer, worth more than \$60,000.

Hill was indicted by a Motley County grand jury and arrested Feb. 13, 2019. He was booked into the Dickens County Jail and subsequently released on \$110,000 bond for all counts.

Each second-degree felony count See **THIEF**, Page 10



I agreed to speak at the Lockney Rotary Club this Friday--I've decided to take a few visual aids with me. In order to do that, I spent some time getting my hands dirty today...and it was so much fun!

A week or so ago, I tried out a new 'seed sprouting' method; yes, seeds all sprout the same way, but this 'method' utilizes the idea of a hot-house for starting those seeds, which is useful for growing your own transplants to set out after the frosty nights have disappeared, which should allow for earlier harvesting of your scrumptious veggies.

Honestly, I have not been a very good gardener this week, because I hadn't checked on my sprouts. To my surprise, they had not only sprouted, but grown a good two-inches in height! I had utilized two very different potting containers--one worked beautifully and the other one failed completely. Needless to say, I needed to spend some time with these newest little plants to ensure they continue to establish strong roots and grow into transplantable specimens.

I have learned, with transplants, to simply use plastic SOLO-type cups. When planting the seeds initially, just put about an inch of potting soil in them. Scatter a couple of seeds, cover with a sprinkle of dirt, and water. As the seeds sprout and grow, add more dirt

up to the leaves--this allows for several inches of root-sprouting stem-area; which in turn builds a strong foundation for your transplants. I spent about an hour filing up my cups today for several varieties of peppers, some tomatoes, a few cabbage plants and some dill. While I had my hands dirty, I also started a few more seeds--again, my hands were already dirty. If you are interested in seeing how these little ones are doing, I am sure that someone will welcome you to Friday's Rotary Club meeting at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

While in my 'planting zone' I needed to do a little maintenance on my worm farm. I had a couple of banana peels and some wilted lettuce and cilantro in my kitchen scraps, all of which make GREAT food for my worms. I chopped them up into little pieces and tossed them into my worm bin. With the added fuel, they needed some more shredded paper, dirt and water. After all these additions, the whole mess needed a good stirring! I have to say...I'm growing some HUGE worms... and from the looks of the little guys, the original crop is procreating quite nicely!

All in all, it was a productive hour which will lead to multitudes of transplants and a delectable (at least for my for plants), yummy fertilizer. Win-Win!!

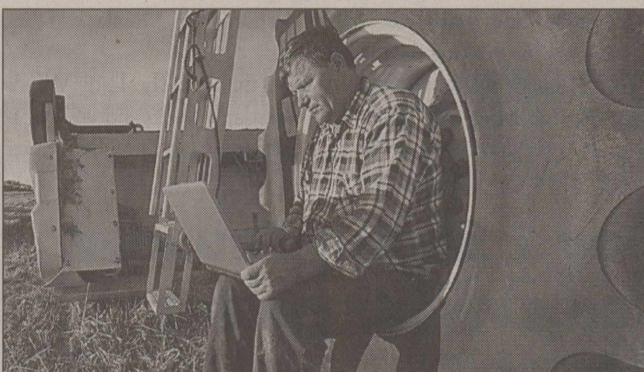
Farm Bill provides connectivity funding to Rural America

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In mid-December, Lawmakers passed the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, also known as the Farm Bill, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced how \$600 million in loans and grants will be distributed through the ReConnect Program.

"This is a significant moment for rural America," said Tom Ferree, Chairman & CEO, Connected Nation. "Through passage

of the Farm Bill and the launch of the USDA ReConnect Program, our leaders recognize that small towns and farming communities are being left further and further behind in an increasingly digital world. Families are unable to access educational opportunities for their children; small businesses are struggling to compete; and our nation's farmers are left with unreliable networks that they need for precision farming techniques. In the months and years ahead, more work will be



EARLIER THIS MONTH: Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett announced the launch of a new e-Connectivity toolkit that includes 27 USDA programs that support broadband deployment in rural communities. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2019/02/06>

have access to fixed and mobile broadband to be more efficient, economical and environmentally

In publishing the "American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report" earlier this month, the

group tasked with publishing a comprehensive report on actions federal agencies can take to support broadband deployment and adoption.

The report includes a recommendation for improved broadband availability data and supports a congressional directive to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to augment the national broadband map with additional information and broadband availability gathered by states and third parties.

Similarly, in comments on See **BROADBAND**, Page 10

Congress calls for more data to determine rural broadband access needs

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A recently released White House broadband access report echoes the American Farm Bureau Federation's call for use of more robust, detailed data when creating broadband maps.

Lack of access to broadband is a major problem in rural America, with 30 percent of rural Americans disconnected and only 2 percent of urban Americans are without broadband access.

This is a significant issue for farmers and ranchers, who must

responsible, AFBF has told the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other governmental entities.

White House was fulfilling a 2018 Farm Bill obligation that required the administration to create a 20-agency working



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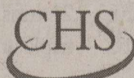


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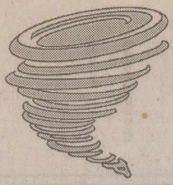
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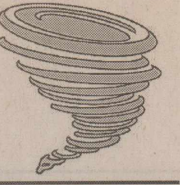
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Floydada Whirlwinds



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Floydada Lady Winds won the Slaton Tournament. Members of the team and coaches are: (Front Row, left to right): Luke Morales, Erin Trevino, Kailee Sanchez, Alyssa Obregon, Hannah Morales, Marissa Obregon, Clarissa de la Fuente and Nicole Rogers. (Back Row, left to right): Head Coach Armando Morales, Allison Orr, Celese Wickware, Angela Vega, Lindsey Marquez, Kiarra Collins, Alexis Hernandez, Kylie Ricketts, Emily Cisneros, Arianna Diaz, Denise Riojas and Coach Erica Perez.

Lady Winds capture championship of Slaton Tourney

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

SLATON – Floydada jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings then held on to defeat the Muleshoe Lady Mules, 7-2, in the Championship of the Slaton Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Lady Winds pitching limited Muleshoe to only two hits. Floydada scored one in the bottom of the first then added five more in the bottom of the second and one in the bottom of the fourth. The Lady Mules scored their only two runs in the top of the third.

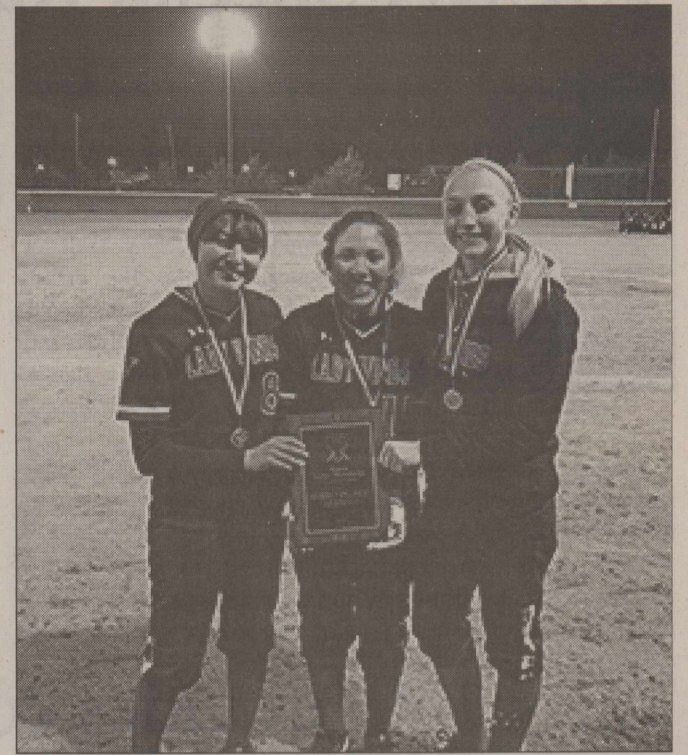
For Floydada, Hannah Morales pitched seven innings, allowing two runs on two hits while walking one and striking out nine. At the plate,

Kylie Ricketts had two hits, scored one run and had three RBIs to lead the Lady Winds. Clarissa DeLaFuenta had one hit, one run scored and two RBIs, Erin Trevino had one hit and scored one run and Emily Cisneros had one hit and had one RBI.

Lady Winds Morales, Ricketts and Trevino made the all-tournament team. Ricketts went 10-14 including one home run and 10 RBIs and Trevino had eight hits, six RBIs and a home run. Morales had four victories pitching during the tournament.

The Lady Winds improved to 7-5 on the year. The Lady Winds were scheduled to host Muleshoe on Tuesday, Feb. 26 and will begin district play by hosting New Deal on Saturday, Mar. 2 and then travel to Hale Center on Tuesday, Mar. 9.

Lady Winds to the All-Tourney Team



Courtesy Photo

Floydada Lady Winds won the Slaton Tournament and three Lady Winds made the All-Tourney team. (Left to right) Erin Trevino, Hannah Morales and Kylie Ricketts received All-Tournament honors.

Day 2 Slaton Tourney Lady Winds win 2

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

SLATON – Floydada managed to win two games on Friday, Feb. 22, day two of the Slaton Tourney, advancing the Lady Winds to the Championship on Saturday. In the early game, the Lady Winds defeated the Borden County Lady Coyotes, 10-3.

The Lady Winds jumped out to a 9-0 lead with six runs in the bottom of the first and three in the bottom of the second. Borden County finally got one run in the top of the third. Floydada added a run in the bottom of the third and the Lady Coyotes added two in the top of the fourth but it wasn't enough, as the Lady Winds claimed the 10-3 victory.

Floydada pitching limited Borden County to only four hits while the Lady Winds had seven hits.

For Floydada, Hannah Morales pitched four innings, allowing three runs on four hits while striking out three. At the plate, Alexis Hernandez had two hits, scored two runs and had one RBI, Alyssa Obregon had two hits and two RBIs, Ky-

lie Ricketts had one hit, scored two runs and had two RBIs and Morales had one hit and scored two runs.

In the second game on Friday, the Lady Winds defeated the Denver City Fillies, 13-3, limiting Denver City to only seven hits.

Floydada scored five in the bottom of the first, three in the bottom of the second and five in the bottom of the third before Denver City scored their three runs in the top of the fourth, but the Lady Winds claimed the 13-3 victory, sending them to the Championship game on Saturday.

For Floydada, Morales pitched four innings, allowing three runs on seven hits while walking one and striking out three. At the plate, Ricketts and Trevino each had a home run to lead the Lady Winds. Ricketts had three hits with three runs scored and four RBIs, Trevino had three hits, three runs scored and three RBIs, Morales had two hits and three runs scored, Clarissa DeLaFuenta had two hits, two runs scored and one RBI, Hernandez had two hits and one RBI and Denise Riojas had two hits and one run scored.

Whirlwinds participate in Bold Gold Tourney

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

POST – Floydada participated in the Bold Gold Tournament in Post, Feb. 21-23. Only results from Thursday, Feb. 21 were available prior to the deadline. The Whirlwinds opened the tournament against the O'Donnell Eagles. Gabe DeLaFuenta pitched a gem, no-hitting the Eagles as the Whirlwinds won, 15-0.

Floydada jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first inning, then added two more runs in the top of the second, six in the top of the third and three in the top of the fourth. The Whirlwinds accumulated 14 hits in the victory.

G. DeLaFuenta pitched four innings allowing no runs on no hits while walking one and striking out seven. Leading the way at the plate for the Whirlwinds, Luke Holcombe had three hits, including a home run, three runs scored and three RBIs. Also, Jose Lira had three hits and three runs scored, G. DeLaFuenta had two hits, one run scored and one RBI, and Devan Perez had two hits, four runs scored and two RBIs. The Whirlwinds also stole 20 bases.

In the second game on Thurs-

day, the Whirlwinds fell to the Coahoma Bulldogs, 16-4 as the Floydada pitchers gave up 13 walks to the Coahoma batters.

Coahoma scored four in the top of the first and six in the top of the second to take a 10-0 lead. Floydada finally pushed one run across in the bottom of the third before the Bulldogs added six in the top of the fourth. Floydada added three in the bottom of the fourth but it wasn't enough as the Bulldogs won 16-4.

Holcombe pitched one and one-third innings, allowing eight runs on three hits while walking seven and striking out four. Mike DeLaFuenta pitched two and two-thirds innings, allowing eight runs on six hits while walking six and striking out three. Leading the way at the plate for the Whirlwinds, G DeLaFuenta had three hits and one RBI and M DeLaFuenta had two hits.

The Whirlwinds played Colorado City on Friday and Tahoka on Saturday but results were not known at deadline time.

Floydada was scheduled to travel to Dimmitt on Monday, Feb. 25 and will participate in the Seminole Tournament. Feb. 28 thru Mar. 2. Idalou will visit on Monday, Mar. 4.

Day 1 Slaton Tourney Lady Winds go 1-1

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

SLATON – Floydada opened up day one of the Slaton Tournament with a 13-8 victory over the Roosevelt Lady Eagles.

Roosevelt jumped out to a 3-0 in the top of the first but the Lady Winds answered with seven runs in the bottom of the first. In the top of the second, Roosevelt tied it up with four runs before Floydada took the lead with two in the bottom of the second. The Lady Eagles added one in the top of the third but the Lady Winds closed it out with four in the bottom of the third to claim the 13-8 victory.

For Floydada, Hannah Morales pitched three innings, allowing eight runs on 10 hits while walking one and striking out one. Alexis Hernandez led the way at the plate with three hits, including a two-run home run, three runs scored and four RBIs. Angela Vega had three hits with one run scored and one RBI, Kylie

Ricketts had two hits and two runs scored, Morales had two hits with two runs scored and Clarissa DeLaFuenta had two hits with one run scored and one RBI. Floydada finished with 16 hits.

In game two of the day, the Lady Winds had 10 hits but could only push across four runs as the Monahans Lady Lobos took the game, 9-4.

Monahans scored four in the bottom of the second and the bottom of the third then a final run in the bottom of the fourth. Floydada scored one in the top of the fourth and three in the top of the fifth.

For Floydada, Morales pitched four innings, allowing nine runs on 10 hits, while walking three and striking out one. Four Lady Winds had two hits each including DeLaFuenta, Morales, Ricketts and Erin Trevino. Trevino had two RBIs and Ricketts had one RBI. Morales scored two runs, DeLaFuenta and Emily Cisneros scored one run each.

Floydada opens baseball season victorious over Tahoka

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

TAHOKA – Floydada opened the baseball season on Monday, Feb. 18 with a convincing 21-8 victory over the Tahoka Bulldogs. The Whirlwinds pounded out 25 hits while limiting the Bulldogs to only five hits.

Floydada got the fireworks started in the top of the first as they jumped out to an 11-0 lead.

Tahoka picked up one run in the bottom of the second before Floydada added 10 runs in the top of the third.

The Bulldogs added six runs in the bottom of the third but the Whirlwinds held a 21-7 lead. Tahoka added one more run in the bottom of the fifth but it wasn't enough as Floydada claimed the 21-8 victory.

For Floydada, Hermilio Martinez pitched five innings, allowing eight runs on five hits while walking four and striking out 10.

Leading the way for the Whirlwinds, Devan Perez had five hits, four runs scored and four RBIs, Mike DeLaFuenta had five hits, two runs scored and three RBIs, Jose Lira had four hits and four runs scored, Luke Holcombe had three hits and four runs scored and Ryder Glass had three hits, two runs scored and four RBIs.

The Whirlwinds combined for 25 hits, 21 runs, 14 RBIs, three walks, five doubles, a triple and 11 stolen bases.

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Erin Trevino - 3rd Place Freshman - Math
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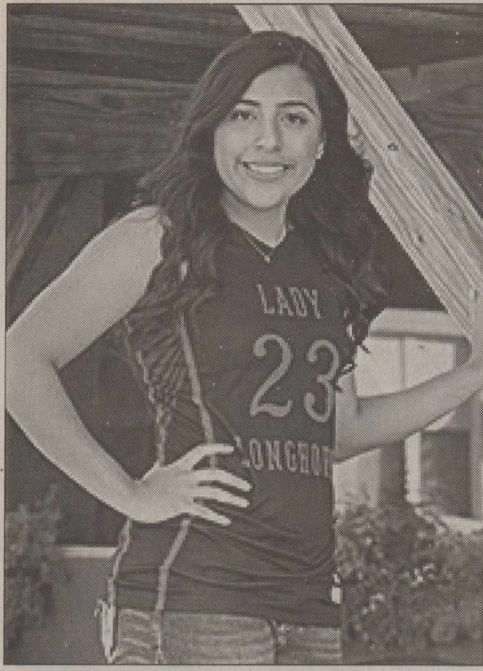
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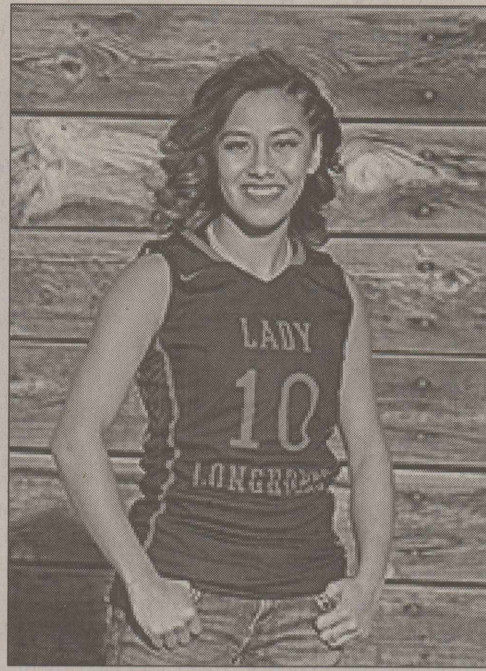
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Lockney Longhorns

Lady Horns receive All-District honors



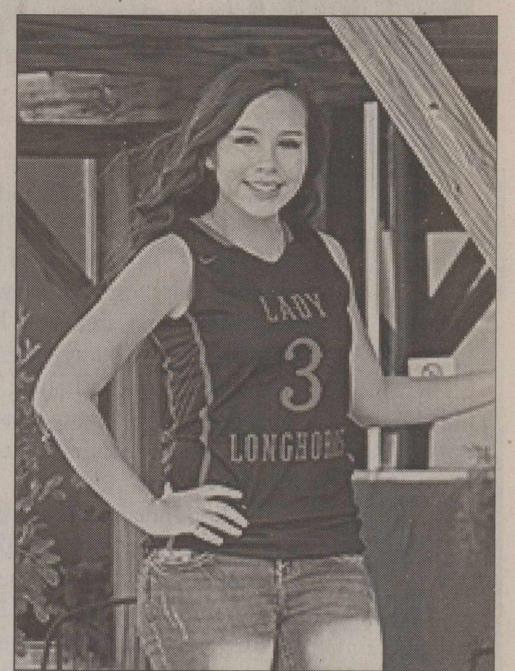
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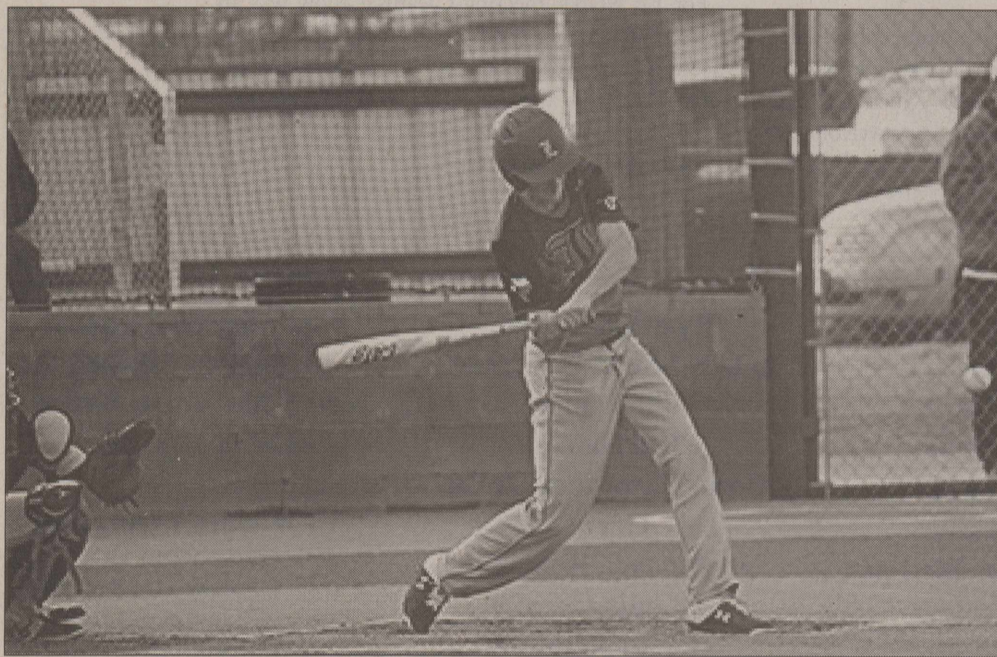
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Lockney's Field of Dreams Tournament



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LOCKNEY'S FIELD OF DREAMS TOURNAMENT - Lockney Baseball hosted area teams this past weekend for the Lockney Field of Dreams Tournament. Lockney pummeled Sanford Fritch 15-0 in the first game, Kress 10-3 in the second, but fell to Dimmitt in the Championship game 9-2.



Lady Horns go 1-2 in tournament action

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney defeated the Crosbyton Chieftettes 18-1 in Lockney Tournament action on Friday, Feb. 22. Lockney pitchers limited Crosbyton to only one hit and took advantage of 10 errors by Crosbyton.

Crosbyton jumped out to a 1-0 in the top of the first but that was the last time Crosbyton crossed the plate. The Lady Horns scored one in the bottom of the first, eight in the second and nine in the third to claim the 18-1 victory.

For Lockney, Madai Chavira pitched four innings, allowing one run on one hit while striking out four. At the plate, Chavira went 2-2 with two runs scored and two RBIs, Elida Mendez went 1-3 with one run scored and two RBIs, Miranda Sarinana went 1-1 with two runs scored and one RBI, Ryann Castillo scored two runs and had two RBIs, Townlei Hernandez scored two runs and had two RBIs, Reagan Nuncio scored three runs, Tatyanna Cienfuegos scored two runs and Yanellie Bernal scored two runs.

In the first game on Saturday, Feb. 23, the Abernathy Lady Lopes scored six runs in the top of the first and 12 runs in the second as they coasted to a 19-3 victory over the Lady Horns. Lady Lopes pitching limited Lockney

to only five hits.

For Lockney, Nuncio pitched one and two-thirds innings, allowing 14 runs on eight hits and three walks and Chavira pitched two and one-third innings, allowing five runs on three hits and one walk while striking out two. At the plate, Mendez went 1-2 with two RBIs, Hernandez, Nuncio and Chavira each scored a run for the Lady Horns.

In the second game on Saturday, the Brownfield Lady Cubs jumped out to a 9-0 lead before the Lockney Lady Horns could cross the plate as the Lady Cubs claimed the 11-4 victory.

Brownfield scored two in the first, three in the second, four in the third and two in the fourth. Lockney scored one in the third and three in the fourth.

For Lockney, Nuncio pitched three innings, allowing nine runs on four hits and five walks while striking out two and Chavira pitched two innings, allowing two runs on two hits while striking out one. At the plate, Castillo went 1-3 with one run scored and two RBIs, Chavira went 1-2 with one RBI and Sarinana went 1-1 with two runs scored to lead the Lady Horns.

The Lady Horns were scheduled to travel to Tulia on Tuesday, Feb. 26 then will open district play by hosting Hale Center on Mar. 2.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

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Heroes to a Grateful Nation's Heroes

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

The sinking of the USS Indianapolis in 1945 led to the greatest single loss of life at sea in the history of the US Navy. One of our area Veterans remembers that tragedy all too well. Ed Marks, Commander of American Legion Post 141, and Letesha Gaither, Floyd County Veteran's Services Officer, met with Cleatus A. Lebow, the only living Texas survivor, to get the story first-hand. Lebow served the ship as a fire control technician and a Petty Officer Third Class.

The USS Indianapolis was built in Camden, New Jersey with a cost of \$10 Million. Its launching in November of 1931 created quite a stir. Nicknamed "Indy," she was capable of 32.7 knots, designed to hold 95 officers and 857 enlisted men, but was shown to carry 1,269 sailors in wartime. She served as the commander of Scouting Force 1 for her eight

years prior to war, and commanded the Fifth Fleet in battles across the Central Pacific throughout World War II. In July 1945, Indianapolis completed a top-secret high-speed trip to deliver parts of Little Boy, the first nuclear weapon ever used in combat, to the United States Army Air Force Base on the island of Tinian, and subsequently departed for the Philippines on training duty.

Cleatus Lebow was in his third year of service that day. At 0015 on 30 July, the ship was torpedoed by the Imperial Japanese Navy submarine Out of the blue, the great USS Indianapolis was hit by a torpedo, launched from the Imperial Japanese Navy submarine I-58. "Indy" took twelve minutes to sink, taking with her approximately 300 of her crew.

The remaining crew of 900, left adrift with limited numbers of life-jackets and only a few lifeboats, faced exposure, dehydration, saltwater poisoning, and shark attacks. For the next five days, the servicemen fought for their lives in the center of the Philippine Sea. With all the odds against them, an additional 579 were lost at sea. The Navy failed to notice that Indianapolis was overdue at its next port of call; it never dispatched a search party. They learned of the sinking of the great ship only after the 317 survivors were spotted by the PV-1 Ventura on a routine patrol.

The living crew members have been reuniting together in Indianapolis every year since 1960. Much like that treacherous week, the survivors are diminishing--in 2015, only 14 of the

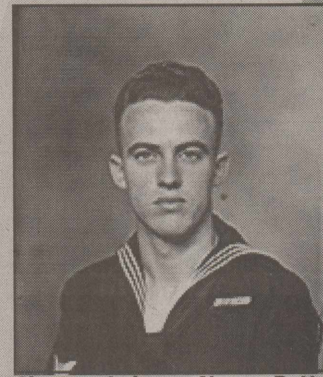
surviving 32 attended. In 2017 there were 20 survivors, and only 7 soldiers-in-arms were able to attend. And in 2018? There are only 14 crewmen left.

The survivors are being nominated by the US Congress for the Congressional Gold Medal, in honor of their bravery. They are being hailed as "Heroes to a nation's Heroes" because the generation of service men and women that came after them, remembered those dark days. The younger generation grew up hearing the stories of their harrowing days drifting at sea. And that younger generation grew up honoring those brave souls.

Throughout America's history, our soldiers have weathered many storms, both at home and abroad. Those heroes that lived through the fate of the USS Indianapolis survivors were inspirations to so many selfless men and women that came after them.

For Ed Marks, meeting Cleatus Lebow was an indescribable honor. To those that accompanied the meeting, it was described as "A hero meeting his hero." We honor these men, and every serviceman and woman that has come since.

Heroes! We salute you!



Cleatus Lebow, Navy, Petty Officer Third Class, Fire Control Technician.



The USS Indianapolis passing under the Golden Gate Bridge.

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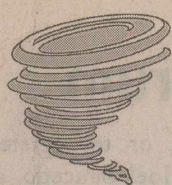
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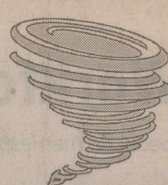
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Floydada Whirlwinds



Floydada's new school construction continues rapidly



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FLOYDADA - The concrete top of the basement at the new high school (left picture) has been completed and backfilling and compaction around the walls of the basement has been finished. Completion of the basement took much longer than anticipated because it became a major rainmaker when the excavation was done. Unseasonable and frequent

rains kept filling the hole with water, hindering its completion.

The CTE building (Career & Technology or building trades and vocational-ag building) is nearing completion with all the walls and roof in place. Trim work and doors remain to be installed for this building to be "dried in."

The walls of the educational building are progressing rapidly. On the north end of the complex the interior steel framework and roof trusses have been placed over the band hall

and auditorium.

The perimeter walls of the educational building (right picture) are nearing completion on all four sides of the complex. The walls on the southwest and west side of the building will be where the field house, weight room, and coach's offices will be located.

Once the walls of the athletic portion of the project are completed, construction of the football field and track will begin. The bases for the light standards are being installed now,

and the lights will soon go up. The district continues to make preparations to have the first home game in the new Whirlwind Stadium this fall.

Floydada ISD has also purchased the Brown's Implement building on the south side of town which will be used for the new transportation facility. This purchase will cut the cost that had been appropriated for a new facility in half, while gaining a much greater space to work with.

Whirlwinds fall to Gruver in 2nd round

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO - The Floydada Whirlwinds ran into a Greyhound bus from Gruver Friday, Feb. 22, falling in the Class 2A Area game 74-50.

Junior Jalin Conyers led the charge with 32 points, 16 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots and Hunter Haynes, also a junior, added 10 points on the night for the 1-2A District Champions.

Floydada started out strong but surrendered the lead on 11 first-half turnovers. They were led in scoring by Garrett Hobbs with 15 points and 4 rebounds,

Quincy Gonzales with 13 points and 9 boards and Marcus Perez with 10 points and 4 rebounds. Seniors Caden Britt, Jerry Reyes, and Andrew Vega played their final games for the Winds. Britt had 8 points and 6 rebounds, Reyes added 4 points and Vega inked 6 assists in the loss. The Greyhounds advance to the Regional Quarterfinals to face Wheeler, who upended Post 63-50.

In other Area action, New Deal defeated Clarendon 69-68 on a last second shot and played Wellington in the Regional Quarterfinals on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU March 4 - March 8

Monday

Breakfast - Sausage & cheese sandwich biscuit, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Loaded meatlovers pizza, grilled cheeseburger, curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sausage breakfast bagel, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Popcorn chicken w/roll, chicken pasta primavera, breadstick, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Stuffed strawberry cream cheese bagel, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Ham, turkey & cheese wrap w/crackers, fried steak w/roll, New England style baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Strawberry pancakes, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Down home chicken & waffles, seasoned beef Nachos, buttered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Blueberry muffin top, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Fish nuggets, pepperoni pizza, buttered green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Lady Winds fall to Tigerettes 17-3

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Slaton limited the Floydada Lady Winds to only eight hits and took advantage of six Floydada errors, as the Tigerettes claimed a 17-3 victory on Monday, Feb. 18.

Slaton scored five runs in the top of the first and never looked back. The Tigerettes added six more in the top of the second, four in the top of the third and two in the top of the fourth while the Lady Winds managed one run in the bottom of the second and two in the bot-

tom of the fourth.

For the Lady Winds, Hannah Morales pitched two innings, allowing 13 runs on 10 hits while walking two and Alyssa Obregon pitched three innings, allowing four runs on five hits while walking two and striking out three. Leading the way at the plate, Alexis Hernandez had two hits, Clarissa DeLaFuente had one hit, one run scored and one RBI, Angela Vega had one hit and one run scored and Marissa Obregon had one hit and one run scored.

The loss dropped Floydada to 3-4 on the year.

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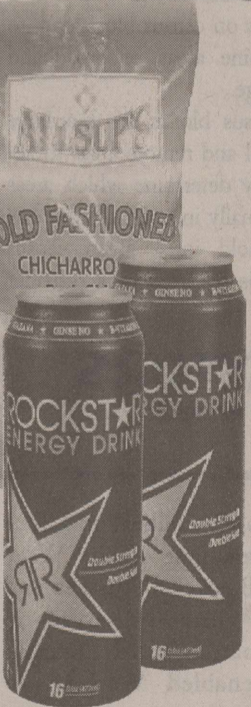
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A few of the topics include: Overview of Labor Standards in Agriculture including the Mi-

grant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA) LD Harper and Jimmy Duenes, Investigators, U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division Texas Department of Agriculture Overview Mark Bills, Region 1 Director, Texas Department of Agriculture Addressing Human Trafficking and Sexual Harassment in Farming Rodney Klein, Outreach and Training Manager, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission New Markets for Cotton Dr. Seshadri "Ram" Ramkumar, Professor, Texas Tech University, Nonwovens and Advanced Materials lab

Marketing Cotton in a Volatile World Angie Goodman, Owner and Consultant, ACG Cotton Marketing The Farm Labor Drought: Using H 2A Workers to Solve Your Workforce Woes Sabrina Houser-Amaya, The Bracero Group and Katy Jane Seaton - Farm House Vineyard, Executive Director, Texas Plains Winegrowers Don Hill, Workforce Division Director for Workforce Solutions South Plains, says, "Compliance, safety and health issues are some of the greatest obstacles facing the agriculture community today. The seminar is a concise and solution-oriented forum to help each attendee meet these challenges."

For more information, or to register, contact, Sharon Judd or Joel Saucedo, at (806) 765-5038; by fax at (806) 776-1715; or email, sharon.judd@spworkforce.org or joel.saucedo@spworkforce.org. Registration is free, space is limited to first 100 who RSVP.

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BRITT From Page 1

wide receiver for the Blue (West) team.

Britt got his first invitation to the Regional Combine when he was a junior. That combine took place in the summer of 2018. The junior Wide Receiver was selected from that combine and invited to the Super Combine. Britt chose to attend this one in Denver. His invitation to join the nation's elite athletes in the Blue-Grey Bowl came towards the end of this year's football season.

Caden and I got together at the end of one of his basketball practices to talk about his Blue-Grey journey. I asked Caden what was the most fun of the three major activities. He responded, "Mainly traveling and meeting new friends. I never thought I'd go to Denver—and then getting to meet so many other athletes from all over the country was unforgettable. Then, getting to play at Cowboy Stadium! That was unbelievable—another place I never thought I'd get to go to."

As far as the benefits to this entire program—the regional combine, the super combine, and the Bowl game, Caden explained, "These events showed me how to act around people I didn't know—I learned to get along with everyone. I also learned self-control. Being coached and directed by great NFL players—you have to see the value of this opportunity and control your emotions and listen to what they are saying."

Like most Seniors, Caden's life is full of school obligations, sports events, and upcoming graduation activities. On top of all this, these young men and women are having conversations with prospective colleges—dialogues that will, in fact, shape the lives of these young people. We wish Caden, and all our country's Seniors, the best that life has to offer.

The family would like to thank their friends and all of Caden's sponsors that helped with the registration fees and event expenses: Script, KFLP, Nutthouse Design, Quality Body Shop, Goen & Goen, State Farms, Assistants.

UPCOMING From Page 1

LIGHT THE CROSS MEMORIAL PRINTS

"Light the Cross" Memorial prints are available at Script Printing, Cathy's Floral or Karen Houchin Law, starting at \$20.00 each. Help keep the Cross lit in Blanco Canyon by making a donation or purchasing a print. They make great and unusual gifts. Donations may be made at First National Bank, Floydada.

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ANNABEL IRENE BRAMLET

Lockney.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations, in memory of Annabel, be made to Lockney Senior Citizens, West Texas A&M Bible Chair, Lubbock Children's Home, or to Main Street Church of Christ.

BOBBY GLENN RUSS

Bunce officiating burial followed at Sudan Cemetery, Sudan, Texas at 5:00 p.m. (C.S.T.). Casket bearers were include Eldon Russ Jr., Luke Russ, Dennis Ready, Bill Schade, Earl Vandiver, Robert Pennington, Dick Haynes, and Andrew Sosa.

Arrangements were under the direction of Chavez Funeral Home, 830 N. Fifth Street, Fort Sumner, New Mexico. (575) 355-2311. To place an online tribute or sign the guest book, go to www.chavezfuneralhome.com

BROADBAND From Page 5

USDA's e-Connectivity Pilot Program last year, AFBF recommended the agency's Rural Utility Service (RUS) go beyond the national broadband map because it doesn't accurately reflect the served, underserved and unserved areas across the country. Instead, the organization suggested, RUS should use an approach that increases the map's granularity and accuracy and uses a verification process that includes consumers.

The main problem with the national broadband map is that it relies on census block data to determine areas of broadband coverage.

Census blocks are too large in rural and remote areas to accurately determine which areas are actually in need. If even one household in a given census block is reported by a provider

of theft of livestock carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison, plus fines and restitution. That means Hill could be looking at 140 years in prison if convicted on all seven counts.

Bohannon reminded livestock producers to remain vigilant.

"We often see cases where ranchers are victimized by employees whom they trust to manage their herds," said Bohannon. "It's unfortunate, but that is why it's so important for cattle producers to keep detailed records and closely supervise their employees."

Bohannon also thanked all of those involved in the investigation, including fellow Special Rangers Jay Foster and Harold Dempsey, the Motley County Sheriff's Office, Dickens County Sheriff's Office and Game Warden Matt Cruse. He also thanked Wade Jackson, Motley County district attorney for his relentless prosecution of cattle thieves.

as being served, then the entire block is considered served.

With census blocks larger than 2 square miles comprising more than 64 percent of the U.S. land area, every rural area is impacted by this problem in some way. With limited funding available to fill an estimated \$45 billion-\$65 billion broadband void, it is critical for federal programs to use accurate broadband maps to target and distribute their funding.

The report also focuses on streamlining the federal permitting process to speed broadband deployment, leveraging federal assets to lower the cost of broadband buildouts and maximizing the impact of federal funding.

To review the American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report go to: <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

March is a month without mercy for rabid basketball fans. There is no such thing as a 'gentleman gambler' when the Big Dance rolls around. All sheep will be fleeced, all fools will be punished severely... There are no Rules when the deal goes down in the final weeks of March. Even your good friends will turn into monsters.

-Hunter S. Thompson

One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of March thaw, is the Spring.

-Aldo Leopold

Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour. We go forth austere, dedicated, believing in the iron links of Destiny, and will not turn on our heel to save our life: but a book, or a bust, or only the sound of a name, shoots a spark through the nerves, and we suddenly believe in will.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Despite March's windy reputation, winter isn't really blown away; it is washed away. It flows down all the hills, goes swirling down the valleys and spills out to sea. Like so many of this earth's elements, winter itself is soluble in water.... It is a wet world, winter's harsh grip beginning to relax.... An outcropping ledge on the hillside sheds its beard of icicles and be-

FARMBILL From Page 5

required to truly make the transformative change needed to level the playing field for the millions of rural Americans still in the Digital Divide, but this week's collective action starts a clear path towards rural prosperity."

"The opportunity that these actions collectively represent also serves to further highlight another national priority: getting better broadband maps to steer and plan these investments now," Ferree added. "Today's national maps and data sets are simply not up to the task and depending on them only cheats our rural communities from the full impact that Congress and the USDA contemplated through this week's achievements. Indeed, this is the time to improve the granularity of our country's maps so that we are spending these funds in the most effective way possible."

The Farm Bill does several key things to strengthen farming communities. Among those provisions, lawmakers have set aside an additional \$350 million for the Rural Utility Service's (RUS) broadband loan and grant programs. This is in addition to the \$600 million that falls under the ReConnect Program, which resulted from the Consolidated Appropriations Act that passed earlier this year.

"It's a critical time for America's rural communities," said Chris Pedersen, VP of Development and Planning, Connected Nation. "To be better connected makes it possible for young adults to access jobs and stay near their families. It means giving se-

nior citizens access to better healthcare; businesses and farmers access to the marketplace; and ultimately providing a sustainable path to keep America's small towns vibrant."

The USDA released details about the ReConnect Program during a press conference in Washington, D.C. According to officials, the funds will be divvied up in three increments—\$200 million in grants, \$200 million for loan and grant combinations, and \$200 million for low-interest loans—over three application periods. The first is due April 29; the last June 28. To learn more, head to <https://reconnect.usda.gov>.

Projects funded through this initiative must serve communities fewer than 20,000 people with no broadband service or where service is slower than ten megabits per second (mbps) download and one mbps upload, according to the USDA's press release. Priority will be given to those projects that "propose to deliver higher-capacity connections to rural homes, businesses, and farms."

"The important thing for those living in these communities to know is that you need to begin developing a plan now, because you will be competing against others who, like you, are finding themselves on the wrong side of the Digital Divide," said Eric Frederick, VP of Community Affairs, Connected Nation. "You need real data about where your community lacks service, the opportunities for expanding coverage, potential partnerships, and

comes a seep spring that drips into a shallow pool that feeds a growing runlet.

-"Washing Winter Away,"

March brings breezes loud and shrill, Stirs the dancing daffodil.

-Sara Coleridge

Missing springtime is like missing a woman. You never really noticed her and then she was gone, and all that she was returns and makes the separation even more painful. I think I read this somewhere. "Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."

-Lewis Grizzard

March, when days are getting long, Let thy growing hours be strong To set right some wintry wrong.

-Caroline May

Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year.

Ogden Nash

March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hang-over is like.

-Garrison Keillor

March is the month of expectation, the things we do not know, The persons of prognostication are coming now. We try to sham becoming firmness, But pompous joy betrays us, as his first betrothal betrays a boy.


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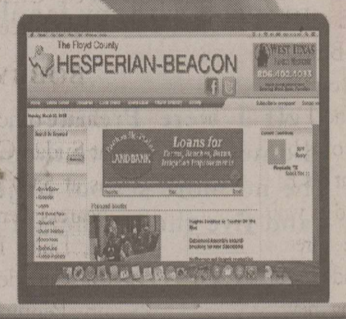
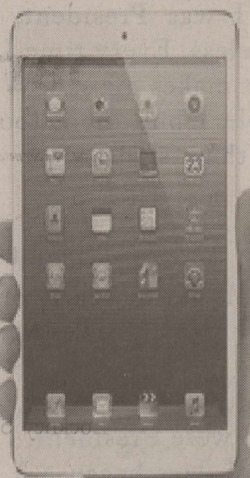
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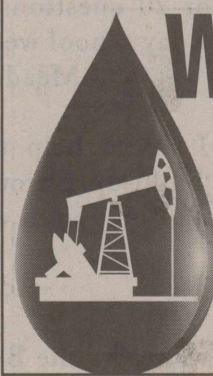
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If I were President...

Written by Lockney 5th
Grade students

If I was President, I would help the homeless. Every time I see homeless people it makes me sad. When I see homeless people I buy them food. I would like to give them shelter.

-Mireyah

If I were President, I would make all schools get out early on Fridays and make candy free and take the wall down.

-Daniel

If I were President, I would shorten the school days because 2 hours isn't enough to spend with my family.

-Nick

If I were President, I would help the homeless and give them food. There would be no more school or just make it shorter and give the teachers a raise.

-Rihanna

If I was President, I would help the poor get money. Jobs, clothes and shoes. I would help anybody that is poor.

-Roman

If I was President, I would change some rules and I would take the wall down. I would be good to my people.

-Payton

If I was President, I would fix roads and the farming and pay for new school buses. I would build a new nursing home and make it bigger and hire more nurses and chef.

-Parker

If I was President, I would let students and teachers have a break from school. If it snows there will be no school, but we have to come to school so we can learn. I would let the students teach for a day.

-Amryee

If I was President, I would make houses for homeless and give them food, because every time I see them I get sad. I would like to help and give them blankets. I would give them water. I would also get them shoes and clothing.

-Angela

If I were President, I would give the teachers a raise. If I were President, I would lower the school days instead of 5 I would make it 4. If I were President, I would give the schools money for supplies they need.

-Aatraya

I would break Donald Trumps contracts so he would not put his wall up in Texas so he wouldn't hurt anybody.

-Kdrian

If I were President, I would help the homeless and I would give them a shelter and food to eat. If they don't have clothes I would get them some. I would also shorten the test to 19 or 20 questions. I would make the week a 4 day school week.

-Meadow

If I were President, I would help the schools have charity to build up. I would help lower paying bills and help with everything.

-Aden

If I were President, I would be the Best President, in the whole wide world. I would not build a wall. I would do good things in this world.

-Dominie

If I were President, I would make the world a better place so everyone would be happy. I would help the people that need a home to stay and then I would make sure everyone has a big house with money.

-Dominic

If I were President, I would make the Star Test short. The math 20 questions, Reading 19 questions. I would also go give the poor people food every day at different places.

-Isabella

If I was President, I would cut off a day of school. I would not allow drinking, bad things, smoking, or robbery. I would let women with babies not work. I would want lots of parks.

-Becca

If I was the President, I would take down the boarder and help all the school and charities in the world.

-Danthony

If I were President, I would help others to read or write a story. Another think I would do is build 5 charities for stray cats and dogs, birds, homeless people, for poor families who can barely afford food and bills, and for kids who won't get adopted by other people. The last thing I would do is ban all bad drugs and beer and I would give some money to my family.

-Nayahlee

If I were President, I would help the homeless people get food and a house. I would also help the sick people. I would also get all animals out of the pound and help them. I would also get the wall down and let Mexico come to the United States. I would also get everyone a home. That's what I would do if I were President.

-Ciara

If I were President, I would set up more groups o help save endangered and threatened animal species in the wild. If I were President, I would help set up more career camps where there isn't very many so that people could have more of an opportunity to try out some different career paths and find the one hats right for them. If I were President, I would get rid of the Starr Test! If I were President, I would increase the pay of teachers and teacher assistants.

-Rebecca

If I were President, I would give to the people who have no place to live. To all the children go to school, for the ones that don't know English to go to school to learn. To study so that they can have a better future.

-Yael

If I was President, I would help make the laws and help make sure that my employees get paid and to their work right to make sure the country is working right and see if they are doing the right thing.

-Coltin

If I were President, I would raise money for charities for people who have a sickness, people who don't have homes, and stray animals. I would also ban drugs. People who have done bad things would be kicked out of the country.

-Aliyah

If I was President, I would not have built a wall or borders if I was President, I would break the borders and the great wall of China down.

-Johnny

If I were President, I would give toys to everyone and would give houses to the neighborhood and to the homeless people. They are cold outside. I would go to the store and get some food for them and I would get clothes.

-Rylee

If I was President, I would help the homeless. I would make the world good again. I would make commercials.

-Josiah

If I was President, I would knock down Trump's wall saying, "I came in like a wrecking ball." I would give blankets, clothes, or money, food to the homeless people. I would give little kids school supplies. I would give homeless people a house and enough money to stay at a hotel. I would give shoes and tv's and all kinds of stuff to everyone.

-Lillian

If I were President, would help the homeless people get a home, but them cars and I would visit everyone where I live. (Well I will try to.) I will help animals get their home together. I would help my hole family.

-Jayden

If I were President, I would make drugs illegal to the country and break the wall with a wrecking ball. Every body will be happy again.

-Jada

If I were President, I would tell people to stop doing drugs. I would tell people to stop smoking. I would tell people to stop drinking and driving.

-Madison

If I were President, I would put a desert table in every school. I would also buy supplies for every school in the United States.

-Kara

If I was President, I would not build a wall because people can easily knock it down. I would help homeless people and I would give people food stamps every 2 weeks and taxes every month. And not let any animals in the dog pound.

-Yadira

If I was President, my name would be Mr Edward and I would help the homeless with shelters.

-Edward

If I were President, I would give every one money so no one would be poor. I also would give them a house.

-Giovanni

If I were President, I would make America good again. And I would not put a wall up.

-Dominick

If I were President, I would help find a cure for cancer and help the homeless and give money to charity.

-Joseph

If I were President, I would help the homeless find a home. I would help schools be more safe. Most importantly I would give the army money.

-Adrian

Thank you to Mr. Moreno, and to his students at Lockney Elementary for writing from their hearts.