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24th Annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala was the Biggest Yet

By Segayle Foster
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY - The 24th Annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala was held Saturday March 23, 2019 at the Unity Center. The night was filled with socializing, laughter, dancing and once again BREAKING RECORDS as far as money raised to be used for the operating costs of the Unity Center that we are so blessed to have in Floyd County. The building is used for many different events such as meetings, receptions, weddings, family gatherings, 4-H events and so much more. Not only did we sell out of tickets instantly with 600 tickets, but we netted \$65,500 which is an increase of \$4,200 from last year's gala. We are so thankful for all the support to make it a RECORD BREAKING year for the 4th year in a row!

The gala started at 6:30 p.m. with a Welcome and Invocation by the President of the Floyd County Friends Board of Directors, Marty Lucke. Our caterer for the second year in a row was Jean's Feedbag catering, and she was absolutely fan-

tastic! As our guests were enjoying their steak dinner, we were blessed to have Jason Nutt and Highway 70 as the opening band. He did such a fantastic job entertaining the crowd. The guests also enjoyed the Coffee Bar provided by Gold Stripped Coffee sponsored by Happy State Bank.

The \$1,000 giveaway sponsored by Therdyn, Inc. was very entertaining as every ticket holder was eligible to win and every table had a representative. Rusty Forbes was the winner and walked out with \$1,000 cash in hand. One of the most exciting events of the night was the raffle. This year we gave out \$20,000 in cash to six lucky winners. All six winners walked out with a check in the amount that they won. The big winner of the night who won \$10,000 dollars was Jeffery Johnson of Floydada. Kirk Wilson of Lockney won \$3,000, Double B Crop Insurance of Silverton won \$2,500, Kollier Williams of Lockney won \$2,000, Bernie Ford of Lockney won \$1,500, and Guy Henson Jr. of Ropesville won the final prize of \$1,000.

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Cory Morrow was the main entertainment at the Floyd County Friends Gala held Saturday, March 23.

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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.

FLOYD COUNTY BURN BAN IN EFFECT

LOCKNEY CHAMBER BANQUET

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Saturday, April 6th at 5 p.m. in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. We will be showcasing talent from past and present Lockney citizens. Meal will be catered by Shawn Hill. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. There will be great door prizes! Make plans to join us for a fun night!

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS FUNDRAISER

The Floydada Senior Citizen's Center will be having a Sunday meal on April 7 featuring their famous chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, drink, dessert. Doors will open at 11:15 a.m. Minimum donation is \$8.00. Dine in or take out. Delivery available, call 806-983-2032

LHS CHEERLEADERS FUNDRAISER

The Lockney High School cheerleaders will have a fundraiser on Sunday, April 7th at the Lockney Senior Citizens building. Brisket meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Generous donations welcomed.

FLOYD COUNTY PIONEER ASSN.

The Floyd County Pioneer Association (Old Settler's) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the First National Bank's Community Room. Discussion will be held about the Old Settler's Reunion 2019. Everyone is welcome.

FHS LADY WINDS SOFTBALL GAMES

The Floydada Lady Winds softball games vs Crosbyton on Saturday.

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Corrections

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C of C Business of the Month Quality Body Shop

Congratulations to Quality Body Shop for being awarded April's Business of the Month winner! We voted again this month on Facebook and they won by a landslide! They are a wonderful, local, family run business that always greets you with a smile! A body shop is never somewhere you hope to need to go but if you do, call these guys! You can reach them at (806)983-5032 and don't forget to listen for their interview with Chamber of Commerce Manager, Kortney DeBock on KFLP.

Texas Tech University Programs to host summer camps

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK, Texas (NEWS RELEASE, TTU) - Multiple departments at Texas Tech University offer summer camps for students to learn

about various subjects. These camps also give campers the opportunity to explore and discover what a college campus has to offer.

Available camps include:
 The Institute for the

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Crews begin work, again, on Annie Taylor Baseball Park

By Deon Fincher
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The City of Floydada has been working hard to get the Annie Taylor Park ready for this season's play; however, that continued development of the Baseball Park field came to a halt during March.

A narrow 60-ft by 660-ft strip of land was the culprit. The additional 60-foot width would accommodate the requirements for a regulation-sized baseball field and provide for additional improvements to the area.

City Manager Gooch stated that there was some question regarding the ownership of the slip of land; he approached the County asking for information. The County Commissioners voted in 2017 "...that if the plotted roadway is owned by the County, the County would deed it to the City for use with the park."

A legal investigation was made by Karen Houchin, City Attorney. Title searches did not reveal county ownership of the property.

Infrastructure improvements to the park, specifically to the 0.87-acre tract of land, began in earnest last summer as everyone involved was intent on completing the project to allow for community-league



Deon Fincher/Hesperian-Beacon

play this spring. Believing that goal to be reachable, the City hired Jimmie Garcia as the softball field coordinator for the 2019 season, during the February City Council meeting.

After eight months of construction on-site, an adjacent landowner, David Martinez, halted the crews stating that the narrow strip, although not fenced, was part of his property; not an abandoned roadway as believed by those involved in bringing this park to reality. Martinez, together with his wife Oralia, approached the City asking for compensation for the 0.87-acre tract. That was the first of March.

Shortly thereafter, when asked to comment on the work halt, City Manager Gooch stated, "Although this 'road' is not very large, it is vital to the planned project. Without those few feet, the fields cannot be recognized as 'regulation' size ballfields, which will affect the usefulness of the park. We want

to be completely transparent with our citizens and assure them that we are doing everything we can to rectify the situation so we can move forward with the development of the park." Gooch added that the softball season brings in sales-tax dollars to our community through fuel, food, and hotel/motel rooms purchased by visiting family members supporting their teams.

David Martinez had no comment when approached.

Several weeks in March went by as the parties' offers went back and forth, with no resolution. Producers Co-op offered to purchase the strip of land from Martinez for \$2,500. Manager Seth Stephens stated, "Our plan is to purchase the land and turn around and donate it to the City. All we ask is our name be attached to the fields." Stephens applauded development of the park, and, whether or not Martinez accept the proposal, Stephens felt that

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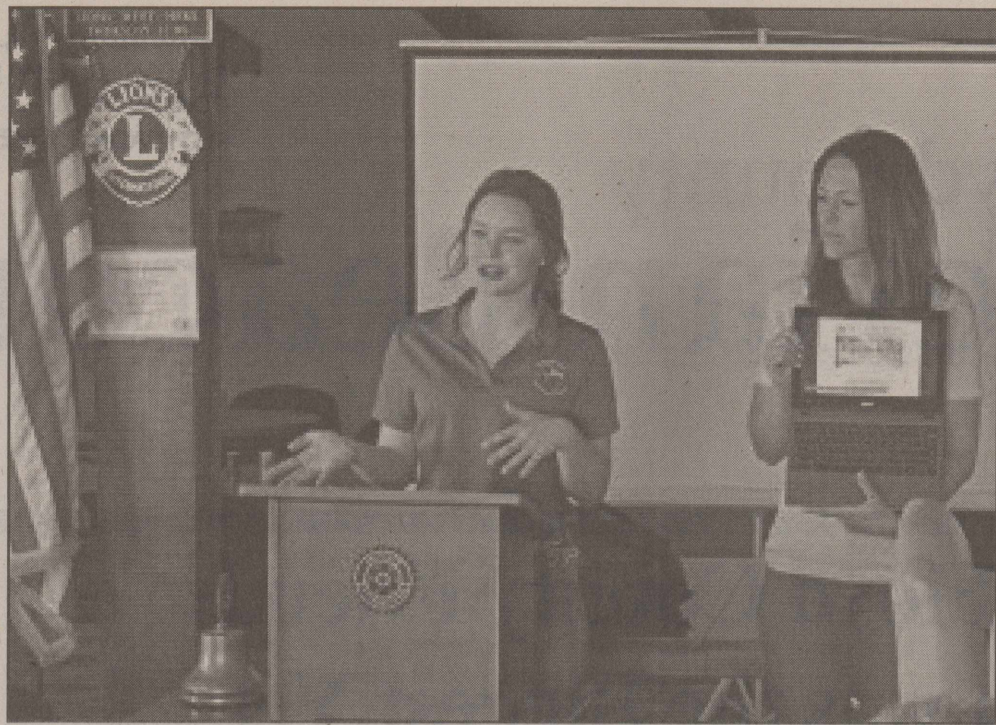
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FLOYDADA ROTARY - Tyann Phillips, Texas 4-H Water Ambassador, and Cristen Brooks, Floyd County Extension Agent, spoke about the 4-H Water Ambassador Program in Texas.

Property Tax Reform Bills Debated in Legislature

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN, May 29, 2019 - Property tax reform plans in the Texas Legislature showed their first flickers of life in more than a month, but that doesn't necessarily mean lawmakers have resolved major hurdles in their push to give homeowners a break from ever-increasing tax bills.

One complication came up just after 1:30 a.m. Thursday, when a Texas House committee completely rewrote a property tax relief plan, creating a wide divide between the House and Texas Senate.

Both the House and Senate plans still call for preventing cities and counties from increasing property tax revenues more than 2.5 percent per year without a vote of the people — a measure vehemently opposed by most cities and counties. Both plans also include measures for softening the impact on small municipalities and districts. But from there, the bills diverge. The Senate has wanted the limit to also apply to school districts, while the House bill now excludes them. Instead, the House wants to use a separate bill on school finance reform to send \$2.7 billion to schools to reduce property tax bills but without the cap.

House leaders have argued that sending the \$2.7 billion to schools to cut property taxes will save taxpayers more — about \$80 a year on a \$200,000 home — than the 2.5-percent cap on future property tax increases for schools.

"This actually provides real property tax relief," State Rep Dan Huberty, a Houston Republican who leads the House Public Education Committee, said in defending the House plan.

The Senate on Thursday morning also indicated it is prepared to send \$2.7 billion to schools to cut property taxes now, keep the 2.5 percent cap on future school tax increases. State Sen. Larry Taylor, a Friendswood Republican who leads the Senate Education Committee, said Thursday that other than that change, the Senate budget plan mirrors that of the House, with an addi-

tional \$6.3 billion for increased school spending.

The flurry of activity on property taxes over 24 hours marked a dramatic change from the last month at the State Capitol. Since late February, neither the House nor Senate has touched the property tax reform discussion publicly.

Currently, cities and counties can raise taxes by as much as 8 percent before the public can petition for an election to rollback those taxes. Since 2015 the Texas Senate has been pushing to cut that rollback rate to 4 percent, though the House has mostly refused to go that low. This year, at the behest of Gov. Greg Abbott, the chambers have both tried to push for an even more aggressive 2.5 percent cap even though proposals for caps that are less strict have failed to pass in previous years.

While setting a lower-rollback rate doesn't reduce property tax bills, it does slow the escalation that homeowners in high growth communities have been having to deal with, said state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, a Houston Republican leading the Senate's effort to reduce taxes.

He said he's still reviewing the newest House plan, but said taking schools out from the 2.5 percent rollback rate is "huge" in the debate over property taxes. He's argued previously that including schools in the cap is a necessity given that schools represent a large portion of property tax bills — about 54 percent a year statewide, according to a 2018 report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

"The growth of school taxes has to be addressed in a meaningful way," Bettencourt said.

House and Senate leaders, plus Abbott have declared property tax reform a priority item in the Legislature this year. At the start of the session, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who leads the Senate, stressed how unified they were in working on the issue.

In order for a bill to become law, both chambers must agree to identical bills by May 27.

SPC to offer License to Carry Class

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LEVELLAND — South Plains College will offer the Texas License to Carry a Handgun class on April 6 (Saturday) in Room 109C of the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a one-hour lunch break.

The cost of the course is \$75 for students getting their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license; this does not include the \$40 fee for the Department of Public Safety and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint and background checks.

The classroom portion covers firearm safety, the use of force, non-violent conflict resolution, lawful concealed or open carry, storage with children in the home, and contacts with law enforcement personnel. The class runs for six hours and will focus on covers holsters for concealed and open carry.

The range portion covers range safety rules and commands, and the shooting portion of the class at distances ranging from three to 15 yards, using the indoor pistol range in the Law Enforcement building. Inexperienced shooters might want to take a NRA Basic Pistol course before tak-

ing the L.T.C. course. The number of students will determine how long the range portion requires.

Students will need to bring either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol, any caliber, and 50 rounds of ammunition to match. Eye and hearing protection are provided for students who do not have their own.

The instructor is Dr. Mike Felker, a retired SPC professor, NRA Advanced Pistol Instructor, DPS certified LTC and School Safety Certification Instructor, and U.S. Concealed Carry Association Affiliate Instructor.

Although renewals are now handled strictly online, the changes in Texas firearms law since 2015 make a refresher course a good investment. Students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited. To sign up, email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu or call (806) 716-2341.

About Town

I included an article on the Property Tax Reform battle that is taking place in the Texas Legislature at this time because we, as citizens of a rural county, need to know how these reformations will affect us and, if passed, be prepared for what happens in the future.

There has been a very loud call to reduce property taxes. Hey-I get it! And, yet, I really like nice roads, state-of-the-art voting mechanisms, and having my county offices using working, compatible computer systems.

"Seems like a few strange things just pulled from the sky," you might say. That may be so, but these things—roads, Sheriff's department, computer systems, voting systems that are accurate, are only available because the county has tax revenue. Oh sure! Some of these things are paid for with grants, but the majority of our county services are tax-based. These 'reforms' to the property tax laws will be making those things harder to obtain for rural counties. It's just another example of how we get penalized because the city folks only see their needs.

I was in a conversation with a young adult a while back. She was vehemently ranting about taxes. "Taxes are unfair...they are too high...we don't know what they are used for...when I get old, I'm just not going to pay them," and on and on. Interestingly enough, a few days later we had stopped at a State Park. This same girl came back to the van fuming about how run-down the restroom facilities were, about the lack of maintenance on the trail, etc. Seeing a teaching opportunity, I brought up her earlier discussion on taxes and went on to explain that services such as these are only provided through taxes. Although the maintenance was lacking at this particular site, at least there was a site!

It is often easy to sit in our homes and get tunnel-vision—choosing to see only what effects our pocketbooks directly. Hopefully, those of us that choose to live in a small town...in a rural community, for their numerous advantages and qualities, understand that we all have to pitch in—no one person, organization, or governmental entity can take care of all of the services we use on a regular basis.

Do I want property taxes to rise? Not necessarily; but I live in this quaint county where my taxes aren't exorbitant. Hey! Just one more advantage to not being one of those city-dwellers!

The 501: Doing cheap right

Is it OK to go to Goodwill to buy a present for a grandchild? Yes and no. Mostly no.

But I've figured out a way to do it right.

In the first place, you don't go to Goodwill to shop for the child. You go to shop for yourself. Easy.

Then you just happen to notice the perfect gift for the little one — in our case, Emily, who's almost 3.

INTERRUPTION.

Robocall. The definition of an optimist is someone who's happy to get robocalls because they don't have to be answered. I'm happy.

Back to shopping for grandchildren.

It was a little electronic toy guitar that caught my eye. Once I started playing it, I couldn't put it down. I played it all the way to the shoe section and down the clothing aisles. The music sounded almost like Western Swing. Good little tunes. I discovered which button to push to switch songs. And how to add twangy flourishes. "I could take this to a gig and mic it," I said to myself.

Sometimes it takes a toy to spark imaginary thoughts. I've never had a gig and never will.

Bottom line, I got the guitar for \$2.99.

RESEARCH.

I looked through hundreds of online plastic guitar images. I found our vintage Wiggles model but not a single guitar like the one I'd just bought. Not one!

If you buy something used that has no match online, then you know you've found a rare object. If you find multiple listings for your item on Ebay and elsewhere, then you know you've got a classic on your hands. Either way you win. (Optimist speaking.)

Once the acceptability of any secondhand gift has been established, you still have to figure out how not to look cheap.

Two ways:

First, you buy a really nice card. (I found a terrific official Mickey Mouse card that cost almost twice the price of the guitar. It'll do.)

Second, you make sure the packaging is special. Maybe you pay a pro to wrap it lavishly. Except you've already splurged on the card, and weren't you trying to save money in the first place? And where do you go to get a package professionally wrapped anyway? I wouldn't know.

Life is complicated.

To upgrade the guitar, my husband suggested we add a special strap. I agreed and envisioned one with Emily's name on it. But there was no good way to attach a strap. So I decided instead to handcraft a case for the guitar.

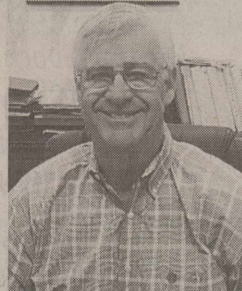
The plan:

Sturdy cardboard should work. The closures will be Velcro. A faux alligator look for the exterior can be achieved with masking tape and shoe polish. Some sort of foam should work for cushioning on the inside — maybe split a swim noodle for the sides. Or not. The lining can be crushed velvet. Maybe quality duct tape will work to bind the exterior seams. Maybe not.


Years from now Emily will ask which grandmother crafted the little guitar case.

The cheap one.


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SOCIETY

1956 Study Club



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The 1956 Study Club met Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Floyd County Public Library. The program was presented by Joey Martinez of "Paint the Town". Using an example, we painted our own cactus scene with supplies and guidance provided. The finished products varied in color and style. Refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches and cookies were provided by Janet Lloyd and Teri Bush. There were ten members in attendance with one guest, Peggy Nicholson of Nebraska. Shown (left to right) Sheree Cannon, Snow Payne, Sherri Hacker, Glenda Marrs, Peggy Nicholson, Judy Schacht, Teri Bush and Terry Jackson.

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!
APRIL CALENDAR:
5th - Fish Fry
7th - LHS Cheerleaders brisket lunch
15th - Bingo night
28th - Sunday Lunch
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 April 8 - April 12

Monday - Frito pie
Tuesday - Taco salad
Wednesday - Brisket
Thursday - Salmon patties
Friday - Fried chicken
(Menu subject to change without notice)

Floydada Senior Citizen's News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Easter is fast approaching, and we will have cascarones (confetti eggs) for sale by Thursday, April 5-19. They are priced \$2.00 a dozen or \$3.00 for the 18 count. Come by the Center between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to purchase. We will be hosting a Sunday meal, April 7, featuring our famous Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, drink, dessert. Doors will open at 11:15 a.m. Minimum donation is \$8.00. Dine in or take out. Delivery available, call 806-983-2032
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. April bingo night is April 9. We start play at 5:30 p.m. and play un-

til 7:30 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 \$141.00. 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. Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11:00 am. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

MENU April 8 - April 12

Monday - Beef stew
Tuesday - Hamburgers - \$4.00
Wednesday - Chicken strips
Thursday - Chicken fried steak
Friday - Fish fry
(Menu subject to change without notice)

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

LAFAYETTE BUTLER MAXEY

Born at Tompkinsville, Kentucky, 21 March, 1867, Lafayette Butler Maxey was the son of Emily and Pennington Gee Maxey.

Leaving Tompkinsville while a young man, he lived in Oklahoma and Texas, first going to Indian Territory where a half brother, Americus had already settled. Americus had a horse ranch along the Red River and a saloon across the river on the Texas side near Gainesville. Whiskey was sold from a barrel and the customer brought his own jug. It was after L.B. Maxey learned that Frank James of the notorious outlaw gang was one of his customers that he looked for a safer way to earn his living. He became a freighter hauling with a wagon and team of oxen.

Then came the great Oklahoma land rush of 1893. The Federal Government announced 40,000 acres of land to be given to settlers in homesteads of 160 acres each at high noon 16 September, 1893.

L.B. Maxey filed on a strip of land, living in a half dug-out to prove his claim, which he later traded for a horse and saddle. He became a building contractor in the towns of Roff and Hastings, Indian Territory, where he met his future wife Ella May Little, who lived with her older sister Mollie and husband Dr. Frank Sturdevant.

Lafayette and Ella were married in 1894, she was 16 and he was 27 years old. They attended the World Fair in St. Louis in 1906. In 1907, L.B. moved his wife and four children, -Maggie, age 12, Ruby, 10, Lottie 8, (Sherman

Irwin's mother), and son Lafayette, age 2 to Texas. They made the trip by rail to Plainview, bringing with them a well drilling machine and a herd of horses. They bought a 300-acre farm at \$10.00 per acre in Floyd County, four miles north and two miles east of Floydada. By 1911 they had built a two story house, a barn, installed a windmill and planted some each trees. Also he ran a wagon freight business from Plainview to Floydada.

With two other farm owners, Tackett and Hammonds, Maxey organized the community and built the first one-room, red brick school at Center. They were later reimbursed by the state.

L.B. Maxey served on the Floyd County School Board and was one of the county commissioners. Lockney and Floydada were rivals for the county seat. When the brick courthouse was built in Floydada, residents of nearby Lockney hanged two of the commissioners in effigy. One was L.B. Maxey.

Ella May Maxey, his wife, was a victim of the terrible flu epidemic in the winter of 1918-19. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Christian Church. The family later moved to Floydada and sold the farm.

L.B. Maxey was an active member of the Masons, Floydada Lodge No. 712, a freighter and general building contractor who smoked a pipe and read westerns. On any given Saturday afternoon he filled his car with children of the neighborhood and along with his own grandchildren, took them to the picture show.

To My Valued and Faithful Patients, Friends and Colleagues,

I have come to a very difficult and emotional decision to announce my retirement from my dental practice in Floydada, Texas. I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of my patients for helping to create such a satisfying and pleasant work profession for me and my family over the last 31 years. An extra special thank you goes to my unfaltering and committed assistants and receptionists that made my job such a delight. I had the greatest team to work with me and beside me through the years. It would be virtually impossible to sum up the 34 years of my professional career because it seems like it was only yesterday when my wife, Gayla, and I moved to Floydada in July 1988, with our 18-month old daughter, Rachel. My practice began in the Dental Office located in the little house on the corner of California Street and 2nd Street in Floydada. Following in the footsteps of renowned Doctors Andrew McCulley and Charles Craig, it was my passion to continue the heritage of fine dental care this community and surrounding counties had come to know and deserve. As life moved along, we welcomed the addition of two more daughters, Emily and Hannah, to our family. Our girls were proudly raised and educated in Floydada and have gone on to become successful young women in their careers as a Pharmacist, a News Anchor/Producer and a Radiologic Technologist. When that patriotic spirit in me was reignited after September 11, 2001, I was overwhelmed with the show of support in the stunning Highway 70 send-off organized by a teenage high school boy. That beautifully displayed highway lined with American flags and the faces of those I love gave me the power and sustenance to proudly serve another 5 years with the United States Air Force as a Lt. Colonel and Commander of the Medical Squadron. That was an unforgettable image on a very emotional day as I peered into my rearview mirror seeing the Lubbock News teams collect their last interviews for their evening newscasts. Upon returning back home in 2009, I believed it was time to give back to Floydada and the steadfast clientele and build a new dental facility that the area residents would be proud to visit. And we did. There again, I was greeted with such welcoming warmth and enthusiasm, and for that I thank you. From within the little house dental office to the new modern dental office, there have been countless moments and memories to last a full life time. Some of you may know that at times I had been known to be a prankster and execute some comical antics to some very close friends/patients/co-workers, but in the end, they all teased me back, in grand form I might add. So, let's just call it good as I bid farewell to my most fulfilling life as your dentist.

My last day in the office will be April 12, 2019. Those that are currently appointed up to that date can keep their regular scheduled time. If your appointment is after that date and you want to move it up before April 12, please call my office at 983-2100 to make arrangements. If you need information for any immediate dental issues, please call 790-9730 to obtain referral information or necessary directives pertaining to your case.

Together with Gayla, Rachel, Emily and Hannah, I am forever grateful to you for the opportunity to serve. I am honored you have shared your stories and your lives with me. Rewarding beyond words.

Appreciatively,
Dr. Randall G. Griffin

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and family who sent cards and flowers, brought food, made donations, and for your prayers during the loss of our Wife, Mother and Nana, Ferne Anderson.

We would also like to thank Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada, First Baptist Church of Floydada, Interim Hospice and the Hickory House for all the special care of our loved one.

Our special thanks to Pastor Mike Holster for his kind words and to Penny Giesecke for the beautiful music during the service. Both were a great comfort to all of us.

During a time like this, we realize how much our friends and family really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

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AGRICULTURE

Texas farmers, ranchers talk trade on Capitol Hill

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Proponents of international trade are making a push in Washington, D.C., and nearly 200 Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) members last week added their voices in calling on Congress to support the U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA).

The Texas farmers and ranchers were in the nation's Capital as part of the TFB National Affairs Awards Trip March 25-28. Trade led the list of issues and policy positions promoted by attendees. Other national legislative priorities the group advocated for included the 2018 Farm Bill, farm labor, cattle fever ticks, transportation, taxes, regulatory reform and meat substitutes.

"We know we have a big job to do on USMCA, but I hear good things from both sides of the aisle," TFB President Russell Boening said. "We know it's going to be a heavy lift, but trade is important, and I think people understand that."

Farm Bureau leaders met with members

of the Texas congressional delegation or their staff, as well as heard from representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR).

Congressional approval of USMCA must be accomplished before August, if possible, in order to avoid 2020 election-year politics, according to elected officials.

"I think the most important thing is let's get this out of the House. Obviously, we've got divided government. We don't want this to be a victim of some of the political wrangling back and forth," U.S. Sen. John Cornyn said. "This needs to be a win for everybody and not a zero-sum gain."

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz also addressed trade with the Texas group.

"This is a debate, and it's really right now at a fork in the road as far as to which direction it goes," U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz said. "The biggest thing for farmers and ranchers is to let those voices be heard. We win when we open up foreign markets, and we can export our goods, our crops, our services and our livestock."

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar said "jobs, jobs, jobs in the rural areas" are key words to earn favor by members of the Texas congressional delegation toward USMCA.

"I'm supportive of the new trade agreement. I'm working trying to get Democrats to support it, and I feel at the end of the day, we are going to do it," Cuellar said.

The consideration of a trade agreement will be a new experience for a significant number of members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Since we did the Korea Free Trade Agreement in 2012, we counted 248 new members of the House, out of 435, who have never taken a trade vote on anything," Gregg Doud, chief agricultural negotiator in the office of the USTR, said. "So there's a lot of shoe leather that needs to be burned up there this summer on Capitol Hill to help educate folks, particularly from urban America, about the importance of trade in agriculture."

Doud said U.S. agriculture today exports \$145 billion worth of products, and it could do a lot better than that, if it just had access.



Our gardening objectives are in full-gear these days! My little lettuce, kale, and collard seedlings weathered that arctic cold-front this past week--although, I haven't been able to get warm yet. Yes, my winter garden is still providing plenty of greens; and although these plants do fine in the cold weather, they sure perk up with a few days of this Texas sunshine.

Terry and I are diligently working to create some beautiful, and yet productive, garden beds all around our yard. It's time to plant corn and we've got some delicious Bodacious Sweet Corn bursting out of its package as well as some truly stunning Indian Corn varieties that we can't wait to get into the ground. Corn needs corn to pollinate, so we are working to keep varieties separated and yet bunched enough to be effective.

The next things we will be planting are our brassica vegetables--broccoli, cabbage, and some more brussels sprouts. I've yet to get a full head of broccoli since I've been in Floydada, so I will continue to plant those until I succeed. I think I will try putting them in our front garden patch--the only place we have that is not in direct sunlight all of the time. Perhaps, together with several varieties of kale, they will flourish. As I commented last week, we are just about to harvest our brussels sprouts that have been growing this winter. They have been a blessing--providing yummy leaves for our bunnies, and now delicious mini-cabbages for our suppers. In my opinion, cut them in half, sauté in olive oil, toss in some diced garlic and let simmer until tender. Plate with a generous sprinkle of Parmesan Cheese and a bit of salt and pepper to taste!

One of my most anticipated plants that I will be sowing this year is amaranth. Amaranth is a grain, much like quinoa, that is one of those 'complete-protein' seeds. This ancient grain is heat and drought tolerant and provide spectacular splashes of green, lime green, red and golden orange plumes. We'll see how well they do this year. I've learned that gardeners must not be afraid to be persistent.

I'd love to hear from you about your garden and what you are growing this year! Send any comments to deon.floyd-countynews@gmail.com. Until next time, enjoy your gardens!



Courtesy Photo

Outside Investments for Small Towns

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, DC Thousands of communities throughout the U.S. could soon see an influx of capital and investment, thanks to a new federal tax incentive program included in the 2017 tax reform law. The Opportunity Zones initiative targets more than 8,700 communities--the vast majority of which are low-income--in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories. The thinking behind the program is to drive investment capital into communities that need it by allowing taxpayers to invest

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'Just' a farm kid is a job prospect extraordinaire

By Rudy Taylor

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

While attending a job fair last week where Taylor Newspapers manned a booth, I met lots of job seekers.

Some brought resumes. Others just moseyed by, picked up the free stuff on our table and asked a few questions.

But one young woman created a memory for me.

She was a senior in high school, seeking summer employment before starting to a community college in the fall.

"Are you hiring?" she asked.

We said probably not, but we're always looking for good resources, such as part-time photographers and writers.

"We'd be happy to take your resume," I told her.

Then she said something that stuck with me. "I'm afraid my resume wouldn't be too impressive," she said. "I've spent all my life working on my parents' farm. I go to school in the daytime and do chores morning and night."

Whoa.

I told her to go home and create a resume, and write down exactly

what she had told me.

As a farm girl, one who has driven a tractor since she was 12, one who has cleaned out barns, scooped grain until her back ached, fed chickens, pigs, cattle and goats--this girl knows the meaning of work.

She knows about dependability and getting jobs done on time. The morning school bus won't wait until a farm kid finishes those chores. They'll be done on time or the young student will miss that all-important ride.

A young person who has put up hay, helped her dad and mother in the farrowing house or candled eggs has something more than words to jot on a resume.

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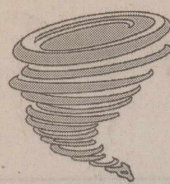
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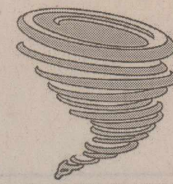
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Floydada Whirlwinds



Floydada finishes 3rd overall at District Academic UIL Meet

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

POST - Floydada finished 3rd overall at the District Academic UIL meet in Post on Wednesday March 27, 2019. Numerous students achieved success and qualified for regionals. The results of placings are as follows:

Computer Applications

- 1) ALLISON ORR (REGIONAL QUALIFIER) - 1ST
- 2) LUKE HOLCOMBE (REGIONAL QUALIFIER) - 2ND
- 3) JODY BRIONES (REGIONAL QUALIFIER) - 3RD

Prose & Poetry

- 1) KAYLEA BRITT - PROSE (REGIONAL ALTERNATE) - 4th place

Ready Writing

- 1) EMILY CISNEROS - 6th Place

Spelling & Vocabulary

- 1) MIKE DELAFUENTE - 6th Place

Mathematics - 1st Place team

- 1) ANGELA VEGA (REGIONAL QUALIFIER) - 4th place

- 2) KYLE BRUINGTON (REGIONAL QUALIFIER) - 1st Place

- 3) JACOB JOHNSTON - (REGIONAL QUALIFIER)

- 4) ERIN TREVINO - (REGIONAL QUALIFIER)

Journalism Team - 2nd place team

- 1) HANNAH MORALES - (REGIONAL QUALIFIER)

- 3rd Headline Writing, 6th place Feature

- 2) ALLISON ORR - (REGIONAL QUALIFIER) 1st Place Editorial, 1st Place News Writing, 6th Place Copy & Editing

- 3) AMBER MORALES - (REGIONAL ALTERNATE) 4TH Place Copy & Editing

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Whirlwinds hold off Lions to claim win

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

NEW DEAL - Floydada took a four-run lead into the seventh inning and held off the late rally by the New Deal Lions to take a 5-2 victory in District 3-2A Baseball action on Tuesday, Mar. 26.

Angel Cervera drew a two-out walk for the Whirlwinds in the top of the first but was left stranded. For the Lions in the bottom of the inning, Tanner Seeley singled to lead off but was caught trying to steal third for the final out with the score tied 0-0.

In the top of the second, Luke Holcombe and Eric Johnston each singled with one out but were left stranded. For New Deal, in the bottom of the inning, Kyler Reed drew a lead off walk then Jorge Juarez singled. Jordan Aubrey came in to run for Juarez. Arric Mares singled to load the bases then Gordy Carrasco singled to drive in Reed but the Whirlwinds turned a double play and forced a ground out to get out of the inning but the Lions took the 1-0 lead after two innings.

Jose Lira led off the top of the third for Floydada with a single then Gabe DeLaFuente came in to run but was caught stealing. Cervera doubled with two

outs but was left stranded after a ground out. For New Deal, Jett Whitfield singled with two outs but was left standing at first but the Lions still held the 1-0 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, the Whirlwinds scored two runs to take the lead. With one out, Holcombe singled then stole second. Hermilio Martinez singled with two outs to drive in Holcombe. Alexyz Alvarado came in to run for Holcombe. Andres Suarez singled then Lira singled to drive in Alvarado as the Whirlwinds took a 2-1 lead. New Deal's Mares singled with one out but a double play ended the inning with Floydada leading 2-1.

Emanuel Torres walked to lead off the top of the fifth for the Whirlwinds then Cervera drilled a two-run home run to center field, giving Floydada a 3-1 lead. Colby Henderson drew a one-out walk for the Lions but was left on base as the Whirlwinds held onto a 3-1 lead after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, Holcombe led off with a solo home run to center field. Johnston singled then Martinez walked. With one out Lira was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Torres drew a walk to force in Johnston as the Whirlwinds stretched their lead to 5-1. New Deal could not score in the bottom of

the inning as the Whirlwinds to a four-run lead to the seventh.

For Floydada in the top of the seventh, Holcombe drew a one-out walk then Johnston singled but neither runner crossed home as Floydada held a 5-1 lead. The Lions pushed one run across in the bottom of the inning behind a one-out single by Harley Patterson and a double by Henderson, to drive Patterson. After Seeley walked, a double play ended the game with the Whirlwinds taking home the 5-2 victory.

For Floydada, Martinez pitched seven innings, allowing two runs on nine hits and three walks while striking out one. At the plate, Holcombe went 3-3 with two runs scored and one RBI, Johnston went 3-4 with one run scored, Cervera went 2-3 with one run scored and one RBI and Lira went 2-3 with one RBI.

For New Deal, Juarez pitched four and one-third innings, allowing three runs on nine hits and two walks while striking out three and Layton Reed pitched two and two-third innings, allowing two runs on five hits and three walks while striking out two. At the plate, Patterson went 1-3 with a run scored, Henderson went 1-2 with one RBI and Carrasco went 1-3 with one RBI.

Lady Winds Pound Lady Owls in district play, 10-2

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada scored five run innings in the second and fourth as they defeated the Hale Center Lady Owls, 10-2, in District 2-2A Softball action on Saturday, Mar. 30.

Neither team scored in the first inning. Hale

Center went three up and three down in the top of the second. Angela Vega led off the bottom of the second with a single for the Lady Winds. Emily Cisneros singled then Kailee Sanchez singled to load the bases. With one out, Denise Riojas grounded into a fielder's choice as Vega scored and Sanchez was forced out at second. Clarissa DeLaFuente singled to drive in Cisneros then

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Floydada Track Teams Impress at Mean Green Relays

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

NEW DEAL - Floydada track teams made an impressive showing at the 2019 Mean Green Relays on Friday, Mar. 29, collecting a total of 12 medals in the meet.

James Gibbons led the Winds with a gold in the mile with a time of 4:55.68, bronze in the 800 (time 2:09.73), and a fourth-place finish in the 2-mile (11:07.39).

Luke Holcombe claimed gold in the shot put with a throw of 45-07.50 and silver in the discus (140-00.50).

The Winds also got a good effort from Andres Suarez, picking up bronze in the 300m hurdles with a time of 43.41 and fifth in the pole vault (10-06.00).

Kiana Brown and Kylie Ricketts led the Lady Winds, combining for 44 of the teams 53 points. Brown took gold in the 100 with a time of 12.11, silver in the pole vault (9-00.00) and bronze in the 200 with a time of 26.87.

Ricketts claimed gold in the 400 with a time of 1:02.58 and bronze in the high jump (5-02.00).

Ali Gonzales also added a bronze in the girls' discus with a throw of 100-09.

Lady Winds win big over Lady Lions, 16-7

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

NEW DEAL - Floydada used a six-run second inning to propel the Lady Winds to a 16-7 victory over the New Deal Lady Lions in District 2-2A softball action on Tuesday, Mar. 26.

Floydada jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first innings. With one out, Hannah Morales singled. Alyssa Gipson came in as a courtesy runner. Erin Trevino followed with another single but an error on the play allowed Gipson and Trevino move up to third and second. Kylie Ricketts singled to drive in Gipson and Trevino. Ricketts moved to second on the throw then advanced to third on a passed ball. Angela Vega hit into a fielder's choice that allowed Ricketts to score, making it 3-0 for Floydada. New Deal tied the game in the bottom of the third. Taylor Gonzales singled to lead off for the Lady Lions and moved to second on an error. Gonzales stole third then scored on another error. With one out, Marisa Romero was hit by a pitch, then Ashlyn Houston singled as Romero moved to third. A single by Gabbi Mendez scored Romero and Houston as the Lady Lions tied the score, 3-3 after one inning.

In the top of the second, the Lady Winds added six more runs. Alyssa Obregon walked to lead off the inning. Emily Cisneros singled and moved to second on the throw as Obregon moved to third. Denise Riojas singled to drive in Obregon and Cisneros. With one out, Morales blasted a two-run home run to left field, scoring Riojas. With two outs, Ricketts doubled then scored on a single by Vega. Vega stole second then scored on a single by Alexis Hernandez, giving the Lady Winds a 9-3 lead. New Deal failed to score in the bottom of the second.

With two outs in the top of the third, Morales doubled to right then outran the throw to score on the play, giving Floydada a 10-3 lead. The Lady Lions went down in order in the bottom of the inning.

Floydada failed to score in the top of the fourth. For New Deal, J Rodriguez walked with two outs

then with two outs, Reymie Monostano doubled to drive in Jaiden Rodriguez. Gonzales singled to drive in Monostano. A double by Jasmine Valdez drove in Gonzales, but the Lady Lions still trailed Floydada, 10-6 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, the Lady Winds added two more runs. Cisneros singled to lead off then Riojas grounded into a fielder's choice as Cisneros was forced out at second. With two outs, Morales singled as Riojas moved to third. Trevino singled to drive in Riojas and Morales as the Floydada took a 12-6 lead. New Deal did not score in the bottom of the fifth.

Floydada failed to score in the top of the sixth but the Lady Lions added a run in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Monostano tripled to center then scored on a single by Gonzales. At the end of six, Floydada held a 12-7 lead.

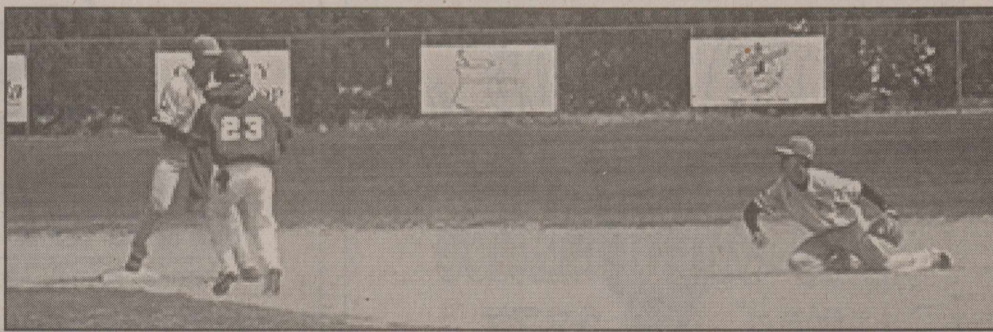
In the top of the seventh, Floydada added four more runs. Cisneros led off with a singled then Riojas singled. With two outs, Trevino doubled to drive in Cisneros and Riojas. Ricketts followed with another double to drive in Trevino and Vega hit the third straight double to drive in Ricketts. New Deal failed to score in their final at-bat and the Floydada Lady Winds claimed the 16-7 victory.

For Floydada, Morales pitched seven innings, allowing seven runs on 11 hits and two walks while striking out four. At the plate, Morales went 4-5 with three runs scored and two RBIs, Trevino went 4-5 with two runs scored and four RBIs, Ricketts went 3-5 with three runs scored and three RBIs, Vega went 2-5 with one run scored and three RBIs and Riojas went 2-4 with three runs scored and two RBIs.

For New Deal, Valdez pitched seven innings, allowing 16 runs on 19 hits and three walks while striking out 10. At the plate, Gonzales went 4-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs, Mendez went 2-4 with two RBIs and Monostano went 2-3 with two runs scored and one RBI.

The Lady Winds claim sole possession of first place in district with this win over the Lady Lions.

Owls Topple Whirlwinds in district



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By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Hale Center scored three runs in the top of the first inning and limited Floydada to five hits as they defeated the Whirlwinds, 4-2 in District 3-2A Baseball action on Saturday, Mar. 30.

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Lockney Longhorns

LHS Runner-Up at District UIL Meet



The Lockney High School UIL academic teams travelled to Post on March 27th and brought back numerous of trophies. District Runner-up (behind Post) and were District Team Champs in Accounting, Literary Criticism, and Number Sense. Congratulations to the coaches and kids!!

POST - Lockney High School took the Runner-up position overall at the District Academic UIL meet in Post on Wednesday March 27th. Numerous students achieved success and qualified for regionals. The results of placings are as follows:

Accounting Team - 1ST PLACE TEAM (ADV TO REGIONAL)

- 1) KAYLEE BERUMEN - 1st Place
- 2) SIERRA LANDEROS - 3rd Place
- 3) TJ BLACKLEDGE - 4th Place
- 4) NEHEMIAH MONTOYA - 5th Place

Number Sense Team - 1ST PLACE TEAM (ADV TO REGIONAL)

- 1) DIEGO AZUA - 2nd Place
- 2) NEHEMIAH MONTOYO - 3rd Place
- 3) FERNANDO VALDEZ - 1st Place
- 4) HUNTER FLICK
- 5) KAYLEE MCINVALE

Current Issues Team - 2ND PLACE TEAM

- 1) TONY SALAZAR
 - 2) YANELIE BERNAL
 - 3) AUDREY REXRODE
 - 4) JESSICA HERNANDEZ
- Calculator - 2ND PLACE TEAM**
- 1) DAMION GONZALES - 1st Place (ADV TO REGIONAL)
 - 2) NATHAN CENICEROS
 - 3) PABLO MORALES
 - 4) MAYKALA HERNANDEZ
 - 5) JERIMIAH CHAVIRA
 - 6) JESUS GOZALES

Math Team - 2ND PLACE TEAM

- 1) MAYKALA HERNANDEZ - 3rd Place (ADV TO REGIONAL)

- 2) DAMION GONZALES
- 3) DIEGO AZUA
- 4) PABLO MORALES
- 5) NATHAN CENICEROS

Science Team - 2ND PLACE TEAM

- 1) HUNTER LEFEVRE - 2nd Place
- 2) MIGUEL LARA
- 3) CRISTIAN GONZALES
- 4) MADAI CHAVIRA

Social Studies Team - 2ND PLACE TEAM

- 1) BRETT MOORE - 3rd Place (ADV TO REGIONAL)
- 2) DYLAN MORGAN - 6th Place
- 3) TYRELL EGNEW

Writing/Journalism

- 1) MIA RODRIGUEZ - 5th Place Headline Writing, 5th Place Feature Writing, 6th Place News Writing, 6th Place Editorial Writing
- 2) ALEXA POOLE - 3rd Place Ready Writing (ADV TO REGIONAL)

Prose

- 1) LYNDEE SETLIFF - 1st Place (ADV TO REGIONAL)
- 2) ALEXA POOLE - 2nd Place (ADV TO REGIONAL)

Spelling & Vocabulary

- 1) MAYKALA HERNANDEZ - 5th Place
- 2) DIEGO AZUA

Literary Criticism - (ADV TO REGIONAL)

- 1) LYNDEE SETLIFF - 1st Place
- 2) FERNANDO VALDEZ - 3rd Place
- 3) KAYLEE MCINVALE - 4th Place
- 4) MADISON CHANCE - 5th Place
- 5) GISSEL SAN MARTIN



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Longhorns takeout Hale Center

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

HALE CENTER - Lockney used an eight-run fifth inning as the Longhorns defeated the Hale Center Owls 14-6 in District 3-2A Baseball action on Tuesday, Mar. 23.

In the top of the first for Lockney, Clay Moore reached after being hit by a pitch but was left stranded. Hale Center scored three runs in the bottom of the inning behind two walks, a double and a single to take a 3-0 lead after one inning. Lockney went down in order in the top of the second. The Owls added another run in the bottom of the inning thanks to a lead-off triple and a sacrifice fly, giving the Owls a 4-0 lead after two innings.

The Longhorns tied the game in the top of the third. Pedro Morales singled with one out then moved to second on a single by Ashton Urrutia. C Moore singled to load the bases. With two outs, Devin DeLeon doubled, driving in Morales and A Urrutia. Anson Rendon entered as a courtesy runner for DeLeon. Bryce Reese singled to right, driving in C Moore and Rendon to tie the game at 4-4. Hale Center failed to score in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the fourth for Lockney, Silas Urrutia walked to lead off the inning. Morales walked then S Urrutia moved to third as the Owls turned a double play. With two outs, C Moore singled to drive in S Urrutia, giving Lockney a 5-4 lead after four innings. The Owls failed to score in the bottom of the inning.

Lockney extended their lead with eight runs in the top of the fifth inning. DeLeon led off with a walk and Rendon entered to run for DeLeon. Reese doubled to drive in Rendon. Nathan Cenicerros came in as a courtesy runner for Reese. With one out, Cristian Gonzales walked but was replaced by Damion Gonzales. S Urrutia walked to load the bases. With two outs, A Urrutia singled to drive in Nathan Cenicerros and D Gonzales. C Moore walked to load the bases again then Noel Cenicerros walked to drive in S Urrutia. DeLeon walked, forcing in A Urrutia. With Rendon running for DeLeon, C Moore stole home as Noel Cenicerros and Rendon moved up on the bases. Reese walked and Nathan Cenicerros entered as a courtesy runner. Brett Moore doubled to left, driving in Noel Cenicerros and Rendon, making it 13-4 for the Longhorns. Hale

Center added a run in the bottom of the inning using a single, a stolen base and another single, but the Owls trailed 13-5 after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, Lockney added a run. With two outs, A Urrutia walked then scored on a triple by C Moore to make it 14-5. Hale Center did not score in the bottom of the inning.

Lockney failed to score in the top of the seventh. Hale Center added one run in the bottom of the inning. Three singles led to the one run, but it wasn't enough as the Lockney Longhorns took home the 14-6 victory.

For Lockney, Reese pitched six and one-third innings, allowing six runs on 13 hits and two walks while striking out six and C Moore pitched two-thirds of an inning, allowing one hit and striking out one. At the plate, DeLeon went 2-3 with three RBIs, Reese went 2-4 with three RBIs, A Urrutia went 2-4 with three run scored and two RBIs and C Moore went 3-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs.

No names were reported for Hale Center.

In other District action on Tuesday, Mar. 26, Crosbyton beat Springlake-Earth 14-3, Ralls beat Olton 20-9 and Floydada beat New Deal 5-2.

Lady Horns thump Hale Center

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

HALE CENTER - Lockney pounded out 17 hits as the Lady Horns defeated the Hale Center Lady Owls 19-7 in District 2-2A Softball action on Tuesday, Mar. 26.

Lockney jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first. With one out, Townlei Hernandez walked the stole second. Reagan Nuncio singled to drive in Hernandez. Madai Chavira was hit by a pitch then Gabby Cervantes reached on an error to load the bases. Gissel San Martin entered as a courtesy runner for Cervantes. Tatyanna Cienfuegos reached on another error as Nuncio and Chavira scored. San Martin moved to third then Cienfuegos stole second. Elida Mendez walked to load the bases then Yanelie Bernal reached on an error as San Martin scored, giving the Lady Horns a 4-0 lead. Hale Center

answered in the bottom of the first with a two-run home run, making it 4-2 in favor of Lockney after one inning.

In the top of the second, RyAnn Castillo was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning for Lockney. With one out, Nuncio singled then Chavira doubled to drive in Castillo and Nuncio. Cervantes doubled to drive in Chavira. San Martin came in to run for Cervantes and scored on a two-out single by Mendez as the Lady Horns extended their lead to 8-2. Hale Center failed to score in the bottom of the second.

Lockney did not score in the top of the third but the Lady Owls were able to add a run in the bottom half of the inning behind a walk, a steal, passed ball and a fielder's choice, but the Lady Horns still led, 8-3.

In the top of the fourth, the Lady Horns added three runs. Nuncio led off with a triple then scored on an error. Chavira

walked then with one out, Cienfuegos singled, an error on the play allowed Chavira to score. Cienfuegos stole second then scored on a single by Mendez, giving Lockney an 11-3 lead after four innings.

Lockney added two more runs in the top of the fifth. Castillo led off with a single the Hernandez singled and both players moved up on the throw. Nuncio was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Chavira singled to drive in Castillo. Cervantes followed with a single to drive in Hernandez, giving Lockney a 13-3 lead. Hale Center kept the game going with two runs in the bottom of the inning. An error and two singles scored the first run then another error scored the Lady Owls second run, making it 13-5 after five innings.

In the top of the sixth, the Lady Horns added a single run. Mendez led off with a walk, See **LADY HORNS**, Page 8

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Apr. 8-12

Monday, Apr. 1
Breakfast - Pancakes & Sausage or Cereal & Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk

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Breakfast - Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Nachos Grande, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Tomato Cup & Cucumbers, Peaches, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Apr. 3
Breakfast - Power Breakfast or Cereal & Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Veggie Cup, Garnish, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

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Breakfast - Breakfast Bread or Cereal Bar, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk
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With one out, Josh Castillo and Branson singled for the Owls. Then with two outs, Justin Castillo singled to drive in Josh Castillo. An unnamed player came in to run for Justin Castillo. Branson stole home then Esai Flores tripled to drive in the unnamed player, giving the Owls a 3-0 lead. For Floydada in the bottom of the inning, Emanuel Torres singled with one out but was left stranded as Hale Center held a 3-0 lead after one inning.

Neither team threatened to score in the second or third innings.

In the top of the fourth, Flores singled with one out but was left stranded. Floydada managed to score one run in the bottom of the inning. Angel Cervera hit a two-out double then Mike DeLaFuenta singled. Luke Holcombe hit a two-out single to drive in Cervera but the Whirlwinds still trailed the Owls, 3-1 after four innings.

Neither team scored in the fifth inning.

In the top of the sixth, the Owls added another run. Jacob Hill walked with one out, then stole second and third. Justin Castillo singled to drive in Hill, giving Hale Center a 4-1 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Floydada's Cervera walked with one out, stole second and moved to third on an error. M DeLaFuenta singled to drive in Cervera but a double play ended the inning with Floydada still trailing 4-2.

Michael Negrete led off with a single for the Owls but was left stranded as the next three batters went down in order. In the bottom of the inning,

Gabe DeLaFuenta walked with two outs but was left stranded as the Hale Center Owls took home the 4-2 victory.

For Floydada, Holcombe pitched seven innings, allowing four runs on four hits and two walks while striking out seven. At the plate, M DeLaFuenta went 2-3 with one RBI, Holcombe went 1-3 with one RBI and Cervera went 1-2 with two runs scored.

For Hale Center, Justin Castillo pitched seven innings, allowing two runs on five hits and two walks while striking out three. At the plate, Josh Castillo went 1-4 with one run scored, Branson went 1-3 with one run scored, Hill went 0-2 but scored one run, Justin Castillo went 2-3 with two RBIs and Flores went 2-3 with an RBI.

In other District action, Lockney defeated Springlake-Earth 12-4, Olton defeated Crosbyton 15-3 and New Deal defeated Ralls 9-2.

Current District standings are New Deal 4-1, Hale Center, Ralls and Floydada all at 3-2, Lockney 2-3 and Olton 0-5 in 1A District standings, Crosbyton is 1-0 and Springlake-Earth is 0-1.

On Apr. 2, Floydada hosted Lockney, Springlake-Earth went to Olton, New Deal went to Crosbyton and Hale Center went to Ralls. On Saturday, Apr. 6, Floydada is at Springlake-Earth, Olton is at New Deal, Ralls is at Lockney and Crosbyton is at Hale Center. On Tuesday, Apr. 9, New Deal is at Springlake-Earth, Floydada is at Ralls, Hale Center is at Olton and Lockney is at Crosbyton.

LADY WINDS

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Hannah Morales walked to load the bases again. A Cruz entered as a courtesy runner for Morales. Riojas stole home as DeLaFuenta and Cruz stole third and second. Erin Trevino singled to drive in DeLaFuenta and Cruz, giving Floydada a 5-0 lead after two innings.

For Hale Center in the top of the third, Harman doubled to lead off but then next three batters went down in order. Sanchez singled to lead off for Floydada and Alyssa Obregon walked, but the Lady Winds could not score. Floydada still led 5-0 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Hale Center scored two runs. Ariel Ramon reached on an error to lead off for the Lady Owls. Shania Lopez then reached on an error that moved Ramon to third and Lopez ended up at second. J Rodriguez came into run for Ramon. Johanna Ortiz grounded into a fielder's choice, driving in Rodriguez and moving Lopez to third. Then with two outs, Karlea Lopez singled to drive in S Lopez, making it 5-2 in favor of Floydada. The Lady Winds answered with five runs in the bottom of the fifth. Morales singled to lead off for the Lady Winds and Alexis Cruz came in to run for Morales. Trevino was hit by a pitch then Kylie Ricketts singled to drive in Cruz. Trevino and Ricketts executed a double steal then Vega beat out a bunt to load the bases. Trevino scored on a passed ball as Ricketts moved to third and Vega moved to second. After a pop out, Sanchez grounded into a fielder's



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choice that scored Ricketts and moved Vega to third. Obregon singled, driving in Vega then Obregon stole second. Celese Wickware came in as a courtesy runner for Obregon. Riojas doubled to drive in Wickware and giving the Lady Winds a 10-2 lead after four innings.

Neither team managed to score in the fifth, sixth or the top of the seventh, as the Lady Winds claimed the 10-2 victory.

For Floydada, Morales pitched seven innings, allowing two runs on five hits while striking out 11. At the plate, Trevino went 2-3 with one run scored and two RBIs, Vega went 2-3 with two runs scored and Riojas went 1-3 with one run scored and two RBIs.

For Hale Center, S Lopez pitched six innings, allowing 10

runs on 12 hits and four walks while striking out five. At the plate, Harman went 2-3 and K Lopez went 1-3 with one RBI.

In other District action, Crosbyton defeated Sundown 16-15, New Deal defeated Ralls 13-4 and Lockney was open.

In current District standings, Floydada leads with a 6-1 record, New Deal is 5-2, Ralls is 4-3, Sundown and Lockney are 2-4 and Hale Center is 1-6.

On Tuesday, Apr. 2, Hale Center was at Ralls, New Deal was at Crosbyton, Lockney was at Floydada and Sundown was open. On Saturday, Apr. 6, Crosbyton is at Hale Center, Ralls is at Lockney, Sundown is at New Deal and Floydada is open. On Tuesday, Apr. 9, Hale Center is at Sundown, Lockney is at Crosbyton, Floydada is at Ralls and New Deal is open.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

April 8 - April 11

Monday

Breakfast - Apple Cinnamon Cheerio, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Beef enchilada w/Spanish rice, chicken corn dog, spiced charro beans, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Chicken biscuit sandwich, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Breaded beef fingers w/roll, turkey & cheese sub, steamed baby carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Blueberry muffins, string cheese, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Fajita chicken wrap, popcorn chicken w/roll, crispy potato wedges, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Pig in a blanket, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Beefy Rotini w/breadstick, pepperoni pizza, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Apple Jacks cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Layered chicken tostada, Spanish rice, country fried steak w/roll, spiced charro beans, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LADY HORNS

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moved to second on a one-out single by Miranda Sarinana. Castillo singled to drive in Mendez, making it 14-5 after six innings.

Chavira led off the top of the seventh for Lockney by drawing a walk. With one out, Cienfuegos was hit by a pitch then San Martin singled to drive in Chavira. Bernal walked to load the bases. With two outs, Castillo smacked a three-run double to left field, scoring Cienfuegos, San Martin and Bernal. Maria Casares was hit by a pitch then an error on a flyball hit by Nuncio allowed Castillo to score, making it 19-5 for the Lady Horns. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Owls added one run as the lead off batter doubled, stole third then scored on a fielder's choice but it wasn't enough and the Lockney Lady Horns came home with the 19-6 victory.

For Lockney, Chavira pitched seven innings, allowing six runs on eight hits and one walk while striking out six. At the plate, Castillo went 3-5 with three runs and four RBIs, Nuncio went 3-5 with three runs and one RBI, Chavira went 2-3

with four runs and three RBIs and Mendez went 3-3 with one run and three RBIs.

Hale Center players were not identified.

In other District action on Mar. 26, Ralls beat Sundown 15-5, Floydada beat New Deal 16-7 and Crosbyton was open.

In other District action on Mar. 30, Crosbyton defeated Sundown 16-15, New Deal defeated Ralls 13-4, Floydada beat Hale Center 10-2 and Lockney was open.

In current District standings, Floydada leads with a 6-1 record, New Deal is 5-2, Ralls is 4-3, Sundown and Lockney are 2-4 and Hale Center is 1-6.

On Tuesday, Apr. 2, Hale Center was at Ralls, New Deal was at Crosbyton, Lockney was at Floydada and Sundown was open. On Saturday, Apr. 6, Crosbyton is at Hale Center, Ralls is at Lockney, Sundown is at New Deal and Floydada is open. On Tuesday, Apr. 9, Hale Center is at Sundown, Lockney is at Crosbyton, Floydada is at Ralls and New Deal is open.

Longhorns defeat Wolverines

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney was outit by the Springlake-Earth Wolverines but the Longhorns owned the scoreboard with a 12-4 victory on Saturday, Mar. 30.

Springlake took the early lead in the top of the first, scoring one run. Jr Vargas singled to lead off the game, stole second then moved to third on a fielder's choice.

Vargas then stole home, giving the Wolverines a 1-0 lead. Lockney tied the game in the bottom half of the inning. Nathan Cenicerros was hit by a pitch then stole second, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a wild pitch to tie the game at 1-1 after the first inning.

Neither team scored in the second inning.

In the top of the third, the Wolverines added a run. With one out, Devin Jones singled then Matthew Martinez singled. Jones was caught stealing then Robert Mendoza was hit by a pitch. Rolando Arenas singled to load the bases with two outs, then Martinez stole home to make it 2-1. Lockney could not score in the bottom of the second.

After Springlake failed to score in the top of the fourth, Lockney added three runs. With one out, Bryce Reese doubled then Devin DeLeon was hit by a pitch. Clay Moore singled to drive in Reese and move DeLeon to third. A wild pitch allowed DeLeon to score and C Moore to move to third. Brett Moore singled then a fielder's choice allowed C Moore to score and B Moore to move to second. Silas Urrutia was hit by a pitch then Kalebh Cook walked to load the bases but the Longhorns failed to score anymore but still led, 4-2 after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Springlake added another run. With one out, Martinez singled, Mendoza singled and then Arenas singled to drive in Martinez but Lockney still led 4-3. In the bot-



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tom half, the Longhorns scored eight runs. Noel Cenicerros walked to lead off then moved to third on an error and scored on a wild pitch. Reese walked then moved to second on an error and stole third. DeLeon singled to drive in Reese. DeLeon stole second and third then C Moore walked. After DeLeon stole home and C Moore stole second, B Moore beat out a bunt as C Moore moved to third. With one out, S Urrutia hit into a fielder's choice, driving in C Moore. Cook was hit by a pitch then Austin Rendon walked to load the bases. Noel Cenicerros tripled to drive in three runs, as B Moore, Cook and Rendon scored. Noel Cenicerros stole home then Reese walked. DeLeon singled and C Moore was hit by a pitch to load the bases but a fielder's choice ended the inning with Lockney leading 12-3.

Neither team scored in the sixth inning.

Springlake added one more run in the top of the seventh. Mendoza was hit by a pitch then Josh Sammaron came in to run then Arenas singled and stole second. Sanchez singled as Arenas moved to third. Kelsey Henson hit into a fielder's choice as Arenas scored but that was all the Wolverines could score as the Lockney Longhorns claimed the 12-4 victory.

For Lockney, B Moore pitched seven innings, allowing four runs on 15 hits while striking out five. At the plate, Noel Cenicerros went 1-3 with two runs scored

and three RBIs, Reese went 1-2 with two runs scored, DeLeon went 2-2 with two runs scored and one RBI, B Moore went 3-4 with one run scored and C Moore went 1-2 with two runs scored and one RBI.

For Springlake-Earth, Diego Sanchez pitched three and two-third innings, allowing four runs on three hits while striking out five, Evan DeLeon pitched one inning, allowing eight runs on three hits and six walks and Arenas pitched one and one-third innings giving up two hits. At the plate, Vargas went 2-4 with one run, Martinez went 2-3 with two runs and Arenas went 3-4 with one run and one RBI.

In other District action, Olton beat Crosbyton 15-3, Hale Center beat Floydada 4-2 and New Deal beat Ralls 9-2.

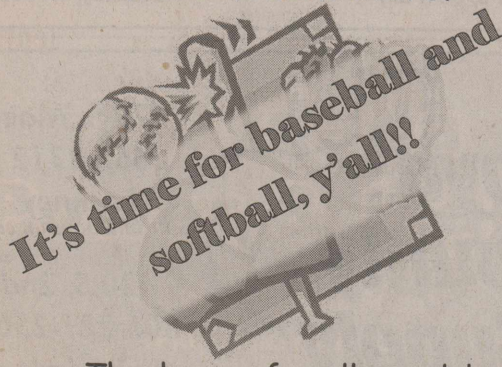
In the current District standings, New Deal is 4-1, Hale Center, Ralls and Floydada are all at 3-2, Lockney is 2-3 and Olton is 0-5. In the 1A standings, Crosbyton is 1-0 and Springlake-Earth is 0-1.

On Tuesday, Apr. 2, Springlake-Earth traveled to Olton, Lockney traveled to Floydada, New Deal traveled to Crosbyton and Hale Center traveled to Ralls. On Saturday, Apr. 6, Floydada is at Springlake-Earth, Olton is at New Deal, Ralls is at Lockney and Crosbyton is at Hale Center. On Tuesday, Apr. 9, New Deal is at Springlake-Earth, Floydada is at Ralls, Hale Center is at Olton and Lockney is at Crosbyton.

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Lockney 19, Hale Center 6
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MARCH 30 RESULTS
Floydada 10, Hale Center 2
Crosbyton 16, Sundown 15
New Deal 13, Ralls 4
Lockney - OPEN

2-2A	W	L
Floydada	6	1
New Deal	5	2
Ralls	4	3
Sundown	2	4
Lockney	2	4
Hale Center	1	6
Crosbyton*	0	0

*Crosbyton is in Class 1A, games with 2-2A schools do not count towards District Standings

APRIL 2 SCHEDULE
Hale Center at Ralls
New Deal at Crosbyton
Lockney at Floydada
Sundown - OPEN

APRIL 6 SCHEDULE
Crosbyton at Hale Center
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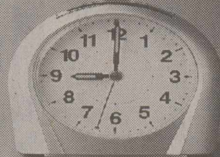
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Ginger Morgan
 Ginger Morgan, Election Official

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Ginger Morgan
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c/o: **LARRY WAYNE BRAMLET**
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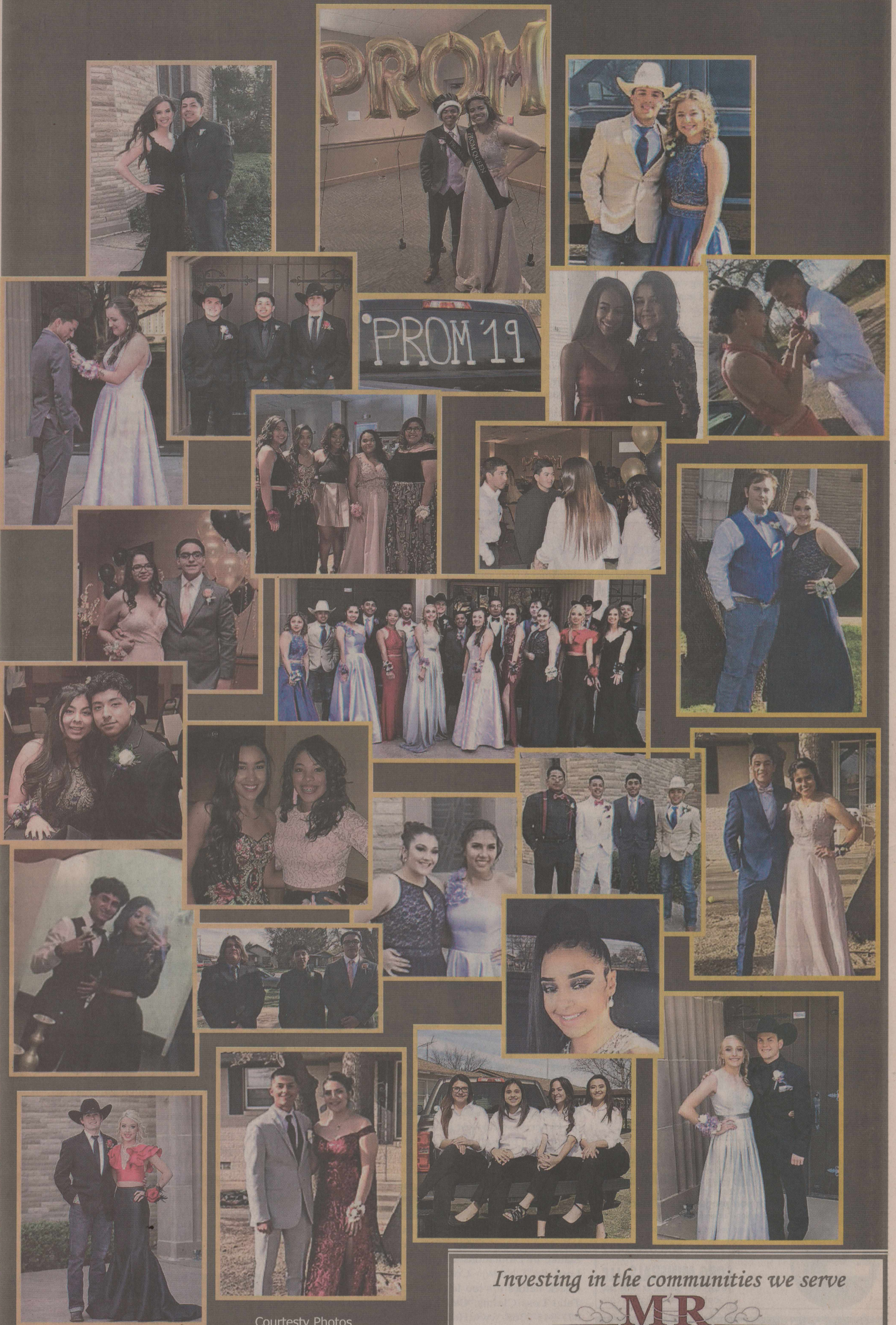
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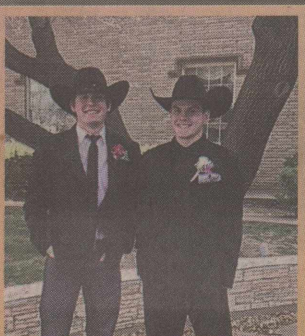
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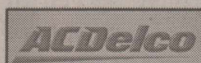
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