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Local FFA Chapters Attend Texas FFA State Convention



FLOYDADA FFA 2019-2020 OFFICERS attended the Texas FFA State Convention this past week in Fort Worth. Officers pictured Back Row (L to R): Ryder Glass, Mike de la Fuente, Eric Johnston, Andrez Suarez and Jose Lira; Front Row (L to R): Ma'Kayla Garcia, Ruth Ramirez, Myra Garcia and Kaitlyn Vega.

By Deon Fincher The Hesperian-Beacon

FORT WORTH, TX -The 91st Texas FFA State Convention was held in Fort Worth Convention Center.

Our county is fortunate to have two FFA Chapters, Floydada and Lockney, both of which sent full officer teams as well as individual members to the State Convention.

Floydada's Allison Orr was officially presented and accepted the Richard Wallrath Educational Fund FFA Scholarship. In addition, the

in hand with other young men and

women leaders on projects promot-

Engaging youth and teens is a

cornerstone of prevention work.

Young Hearts Matter promotes and

supports the work of young leaders

alongside adult allies in creating a

state where healthy relationships

are the norm. Young Hearts Matter

is a Texas campaign that works to

prevent dating abuse and to support

young people and adult allies who

The Texas Council on Family

Violence (TCFV) is a membership

organization comprised of family

are working for change.

ing healthy relationships.

Additionally, Lockney FFA members Tuff and Gunner Araujo participated in the Worth, July 15-19, at the Fort State FFA Rodeo held in association with the state convention. Both FFA members competed in the bull-riding

> The state officer team opened the session on July 16th by sharing their darkest doubts and fears before introducing this year's theme—Illuminate. The session also featured messages from Congressman Roger Williams,

2018-2019 officers were pre- two Oklahoma FFA officers sented their Lone Star De- and a keynote address from speaker and drummer Clint

On Tuesday night, FFA members were treated to an exclusive performance by Casey Donahew-a veteran performer with multiple Texas music chart toppers. Donahew opened with crowdfavorite "Stockvards."

The Texas FFA Convention marked the 50th anniversary of women gaining full membership privileges. In the 50 years since the formal acceptance of female membership, women have become an integral part of the organization, achieving many significant milestones and continuing to shape the future of agricultural education and the industry of agriculture.



LOCKNEY FFA 2019-2020 OFFICERS attended the Texas FFA State Convention this past week in Fort Worth. Officers pictured (L to R): Jordyn Varner, Kalebh Cook, Keanu Villarreal, Edwin Martinez and Kaylee McInvale.



FLOYDADA'S OWN ALLISON ORR was officially presented and accepted the Richard Wallrath Education Fund FFA Scholarship

in the amount of \$10,000 this past week during the Scholarship Ceremonies of the Texas FFA State Convention.



Martinez to serve on campaign

Pablo Martinez, Region 1 Young Leadership

violence service providers. Supporting organizations include businesses, business professionals, communities of faith, concerned individuals, and, most importantly, survivors of domestic violence. Our members provide essential knowledge of what is needed in their communities and play a crucial role in the work of



LOCKNEY'S FIRST BAPTIST Church Panama mission team left July 20th for a seven-day mission endeavor with the International Mission Board. This is their third mission trip to the Latin American country. The team will return on the July 27th. Team members Back Row (L to R): Chad Cook, Katie Cook, Kalebh Cook, Kaleigh Cook, Justin Gage, Amber Gage, Robin Nixon, Cynthia Schlueter and Shad Schlueter; Front Row (L to R): Tucker Schlueter, Trinity Schlueter, Audrey Rexrode, Tasha Schlueter, Teresa Gonzales, Gage Graves, and Tye Graves.

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.

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING CLUB

Duncan Elementary Summer Reading Club will be held for completed grades PK-2nd grades. Monday and Tuesdays from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Dates are: July 29-30, August 5-6.

LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY LIBRARY PROGRAM

Lockney Elementary Library Program will be held from 12:30 p.m 4 p.m. on these dates: July 24th-Wednesday: Reading and Games; July 25th-Thursday: Mr Lemmons-LHS Ag teacher; July 30th-Tuesday: Reading and Games; July 31st-Wednesday: Yara Poole-Kid's Bank

WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL CAMP

The Whirlwind Football Camp hosted by the Floydada Coaching staff will be held July 29 - August 1. Cost is \$15 per camper which includes t-shirt and football. Times are: incoming 4th - 6th graders is 10-11:30 a.m.; incoming 7th - 9th graders is 1-3 p.m. Registration deadline to guarantee a t-shirt and football is July 28 but can register morning of camp on July 29. Pick up registration form at Floydada Field House on Monday - Thursday, 3-7 p.m. or call 806-983-2080 for more info.

FLOYDADA

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT The Floyd County Sheriff's Office and Floydada Police Department will hold the "National Night Out" on Sunday, August 4 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the swimming pool (601 W. Georgia Street)). Free meal and

COVENANT MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

The Covenant Mobile Mammography will be located at the West Texas Family Medicine in Floydada on Wednesday, August 1. For appointment call 1-877-494-4797 or 806-725-6579. Accepts Medicare, Medicaid and most medical insur-

FLOYDADA ISD 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

Floydada students will be headed off to school on Monday, August 19th. This will also be an early release day--be sure to pick up your kids at 1:30 p.m.

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Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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Xcel Energy celebrates completion of Hale **Wind Project in Texas**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

PLAINVIEW - Hale County landowners, civic leaders and elected officials are joined Xcel Energy on July 15th in celebrating the completion of the new Hale Wind Project near Plainview, Texas - a clean energy resource that is now serving Texas and New Mexico customers with low-cost energy as it strengthens the local economy.

The new wind facility started commercial operations on June 28.

"Hale Wind is the culmination of years of planning by local landowners who were determined to reap the benefits of wind energy for their home communities while providing a clean energy resource for electric customers across a wide region," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - New Mexico, Texas. "Xcel Energy has been privileged to play a key role in making this dream a reality.'

Xcel Energy invested more than \$700 million in building the Hale Wind Project, and opened it on time and under budget. More than 300 workers were involved in its construction, and close to 20 permanent maintenance and operations jobs have been created. The Hale Wind facility is the first wind farm Xcel Energy has built and owned in its Texas-New Mexico service area, even though the company has been purchasing large amounts of wind energy for its customers since 1999.

Hale, along with the planned Sagamore Wind Project in New Mexico, is part of a large expansion of Xcel Energy's wind energy capacity in its Texas-New Mexico service area. The company also has entered into new long-term contracts to purchase wind energy from NextEra Energy Resources wind facilities in Cochran and Crosby counties in Texas. The added wind resources are reducing fuel costs to customers in both Texas and New Mexico by using the area's abundant winds as a fuel source for power generators.

"These fuel cost savings are already flowing through to our customers," Hudson said. "Addition-

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of the screen.

Like click-bait,

those little one-

liners can be

ally, we are passing along 100% of the savings from the federal production tax credits that are being generated at the Hale Wind Project."

Efforts to develop wind energy in Hale County began in 2008 when 350 landowners and 120 investors pooled land resources and began to court wind developers. Xcel Energy became involved when it gained approval to build and own what became the Hale Wind Project, covering a portion of the original footprint mapped out in 2008.

In all, 239 Vestas wind turbines with a combined generating capacity of 478 megawatts were erected by Xcel Energy's builder, Wanzek, Inc. It is estimated the turbines will be capable of producing enough electricity to power 184,000 typical homes in the

The Hale Wind Project is impacting the local economy by boosting land values and providing more than \$1.9 million in annual royalty payments to landowners within the wind farm's footprint. Farmers and ranchers will continue to work their land as they have in the past, and don't give up valuable ground water because wind generators don't require water to operate. Additionally, Hale Wind will infuse the tax base with approximately \$22 million in property tax payments over 25 years, providing additional revenue to Hale County and the Petersburg Independent School District.

"The rural economy is greatly benefited by wind energy, which is why so many local landowners were eager to see this project come to life," Hudson said.

Xcel Energy will continue pursuing more renewable energy resources as it moves closer to its goal to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2030. By 2050, Xcel Energy aspires to serve customers with 100% carbon-free electricity. In 2018, 21% of the electricity supply for customers in Texas and New Mexico was derived from wind and solar. The company expects close to half of the region's electricity supply will come from renewable resources by 2023.

The 501: Major toupee failure

Did you hear about the man Ah Spain. Thoughts of Barcelona who got caught smuggling cocaine under his toupee?

That story caught my eye as I was ignoring the regular television news. It was one of the blurbs running across

the



HANABA

more intriguing than whatever the news MUNN commentator WELCH is slightly overemoting about.

If I asked you which direction those news items run, what would you say?

Think about it. But don't think too long. Life is short.

Back to the toupee. That bit of news sparked my imagination. I pictured a professional drug dog yanking off the smuggler's hair, thereby dumping white powder everywhere, including onto the shoulders of his dark pinstripe suit. Did the perceptive canine have to leap to snatch the fake

Then I saw the blurb again. Spanish police reported the story.

and Madrid and cork trees and heat to rival what's in today's forecast for Texas.

Then I read it again the next time it scrolled by. The cocaine was valued at \$34,000! Say what? Initially I had pictured flat hair with a patent leather look. But that's a lot of cocaine. Therefore the cocaine guy must have been wearing a soccer-style toupee, meaning a whole lot of hair atop his head.

thing I remember about those archetypically handsome Spanish men, it's that they all seem to go bald before their time, making it difficult to achieve the soccer look without an obvious toupee of great proportions. Or maybe the smuggler was Basque. Those guys probably have better hair. Under their de rigueur dark berets, it's hard to know. Hmm. Any selfrespecting nationalistic Basque smuggler would figure out a way

to stuff the beret. My opinion. At this point, it's time for the truth. Let's ferret out the facts of

the toupee story. INTERNET PAUSE.

I'm disappointed. I pretty much guessed right. I was hoping for something better. The mug shots

show both the smuggler's expansive toupee and his baldness underneath. He's Colombian instead of Spanish, but I'm guessing he was traveling to Spain to visit close relatives. He looks Spanish.

Apparently no dogs were involved. Otherwise some modest working dog would be getting a medal or at least an interview:

"How hard was it to detect the

"Rough. Rough."

Instead, the police themselves They also thought his hair was unusually abundant. If he hadn't looked too old for soccer, they might not have been so suspi-

My imagined scenario is a casualty of the plain old truth.

Yes, we still could theorize about untold aspects of the story, but if there's already no dog, why bother? I'd rather move on to a new blurb.

NEXT DAY.

The news item that sparked my imagination today was a teaser about an upcoming movie:

"... featuring extras and footage shot around Fort Belknap in Young County."

Whatever they paid those extras, it wasn't enough.

About Town

It was so encouraging to see the two new Lockney businesses featured in the paper last week! We all need to hunt down those owners and shake their hands in support of their 'jumping off' into the ocean of business ownership in small communities. AND...by all means, stop by La Cocina Martinez and Longhorn Shakehouse and purchase something...ANYTHING! You may not think it will make a difference, but our local businesses desperately need the communities' support.

ing a business owner is a frightening and overwhelming. Be certain, those individuals that have storefronts in our communities have never taken the decision to 'go

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into business' lightly. Not only does it cost money, but it takes time and tremendous effort to seeing through the initial open-DEON ing of the doors. If you've ever unpacked boxes of tshirts, shoes, caps, or ingredients, cups

and napkins that are individually inven-

Striking out on one's own and becom-

cory pieces for a new business, you understand that faith is a daily commodity that gets replenished by customers supporting the endeavor or negated as known residents walk past without stopping to shop.

In today's world in our small, rural communities, it is a truggle to provide enough support for our local businesses to succeed—but it is not impossible. Right now, in both Floydada and in Lockney, we as residents have a variety of new and long-standing businesses that need our support. And, there are some businesses that are trying to decide whether they will shut their doors or not.

Friends! We MUST be diligently shopping local, day-in and day-out! We should be shouting to each other, calling to one another, to support our local shops, skilled tradesmen and restaurants.

Both communities, Lockney and Floydada, have very active Economic Development Commissions that have funding opportunities available and are willing to assist businesses owners. Just a few weeks ago, Dan Smith of the Lockney EDC shared with me that organization's desire to ... provide some funding to some new local businesses..." and today I heard the same thing from Justin Brown of Floydada's EDC. He energetically stated, "There are many more funding opportunities out there than we can even begin to imagine...but with our education and networking, we can help folks now!"

If you have a dream—a dream to own your own business, to provide a service in our small communities, to become a business leader—do not think you are on your own! There are resources that are meant to help you—from business plan development to funding to setting up your account-

For information, contact your local Economic Development Commissions. In Lockney, call City Hall 806-652-2355. In Floydada, call 806-983-3318 or visit the Floydada EDC offices at 105 S. 5th Street, Floydada.

Floyd County Memorial Library -New and soon to be released Titles-**AUGUST 2019**

Beneath the Attic by V.C. Andrews The Bitterroots by C.J. Box Outfox by Sandra Brown

The Russia Account by Stephen Coonts Texas Forever Janet Dailey The Perfect Wife by J.P. Delaney Guinness World Records 2020 After Sundown by Linda Howard Cut and Run by Fern Michaels Rival's Break by Carla Neggers The Inn by James Patterson The Warning by James Patterson

Old Bones by Douglas Preston Ripley's Believe it or Not! Beyond the Bizarre The Dark Side by Danielle Steel

The Oysterville Sewing Circle by Susan Wiggs Contraband by Stuart Woods

Texas Tech \$999,999 grant to provide 4-year Network Auto Glass scholarships to 40 rural and underserved WE come to YOU with Auto Glass Repairs & Replacements Autos, Trucks, Tractors, Farm Equipment students pursuing Math and Science degrees Kent Marshall

LUBBOCK - A group of Texas Tech University faculty members has received a five-year, \$999,999 grant from the National Science Foundation to educate future scientists and mathematicians from rural and underserved regions in West Texas and the Pan-

Over its five-year duration, this project will fund four-year scholarships to 40 students who are pursuing Bachelor of Science degrees in biology, chemistry & biochemistry, geosciences, mathematics & statistics, or physics & astronomy. In supporting the retention and graduation of high-achieving, low-income students with demonstrated financial need at Texas Tech, the project will help fill the national need for well-educated scientists, mathematicians, engineers and technicians by providing models for student success that are transportable to other institutions serving rural communities.

"We are particularly interested in recruiting from high schools that are underrepresented in sending students to four-year-degree institutions,"Hetherington said. "We're interested in examining the reasons for that underrepresentation. Part of this is family connections, and family ties are very strong and hold people close to their communities. Then there's obviously the cost of a four-year education that has to be overcome.

"We think that having proximity to communities, proximity to families and being able to provide financial support will encourage these high-achieving students to come to Texas Tech without significantly disrupting a student's connection to their community."

According to its description, the project aims to improve retention of STEM students from rural areas by combining best practices for retention with the distinct features and strengths of the rural

community, such as resilience. It seeks to reshape understandings of the responsibilities of institutions of higher education with respect to rural communities. And because Texas Tech is a Hispanic-Serving Institution, this project has the potential to broaden participation and increase diversity in the STEM workforce.

"We are not building the project to bridge deficits, but seeking to maximize rural strengths," Hetherington said. "Members of tightknit, multi-generational communities have different outlooks and philosophies that must be woven into our institutional framework if we are to maximize the potential of our most important asset -

The project focuses on developing a community-based, crossdepartmental scholarship program that supports students from rural areas. It seeks to leverage the strengths of rural communities by infusing foundational courses in mathematics and research with examples drawn from rural experiences as well as creating and supporting research, service learning and internship opportunities that are responsive to rural issues. At the center of the project are case studies designed to capture nuances of identity - including ethnicity, rurality and attachment to place and community - to increase understanding and more effectively target the relatively neglected intersection of rurality and higher education.

"While rural schools in Texas educate 40 percent of the state's students, graduates from rural secondary schools have relatively low rates of college enrollment," said Joseph Heppert, vice president for research. "As a natural outgrowth of Texas Tech's commitment to serving rural West Texas, this NSF grant will address the needs of students who might not have the opportunity to, or otherwise choose to, attend college."

The award will run from March 1, 2020, through Feb. 28, 2025.



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Lockney students will be heading off to school on Wednesday, August 21st. School Supply lists can be found on Facebook:Lockney ISD. Please be aware when approaching congested areas near school facilities

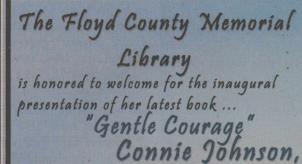
FLOYD COUNTY 4-H

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET The Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet will take place Sunday, August 25, at 1:00 p.m. at the Unity Center. Meal will be Mexican Stack. Please call the Extension Office to signup to bring a food item. 806-983-4912. No cost to attend.

LOCKNEY OLD **FASHIONED SATURDAY**

The Lockney Old Fashioned Saturday will be held Saturday, August 24. More info to follow.

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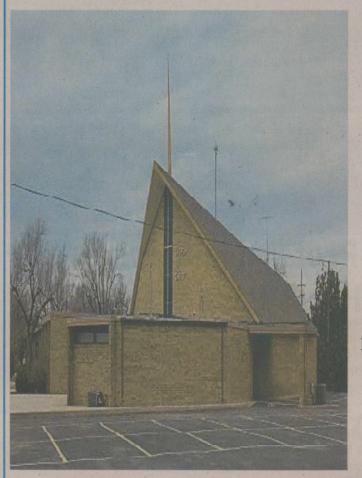
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Date: Thursday, August 1st Time: 1:30 pm Mrs. Johnson will have available, and will be signing, copies of "Gentle Courage"



Come Celebrate 100 Years of Service! West College and 3rd church of Christ in Lockney, Texas, would like to invite you to a weekend of praise and fellowship in celebration of our Centennial year.

Brother Steve McLean will conduct the weekend meeting, July 26-28, Friday thru Sunday 7:30 PM Friday & Saturday, 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM Sunday Visit our Facebook Page: fb.me/WestCollegeChurchofChrist



Friday Night

7:30 PM Services with Steve McLean Homemade Ice Cream after services

Saturday Night

5:30 PM until 6:45 PM

History and Remembrances

7:00 PM until 7:30 PM Singing 7:30 PM Services with Steve McLean

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THE LLOYD MURRY FAMILY

In the McCoy Community, October 15, 1914, twin boys were born to Otis E. and Clara Murry. They were named Lloyd and Floyd. In 1919 the family moved into Floydada and in 1922 the twins started to school. Their first school was about where the Coop Gin now stands. Lightning struck the building and burned it to the ground. Next, they attended East Ward, Andrews Ward, Floydada High School. In high school they were very active in all sports- baseball, basketball, track and football. They were

Mary Katherine Smith was born January 5, 1917, at Estacado, Texas. Her parents were Ham and Rebecca Smith. When she was two months old, they moved to the Blanco Community in Floyd County. Kay attended school at Blanco and Floydada

Since Lloyd and Floyd were always together, they decided to have a double wedding at the home of Kay's parents. Lloyd Murry and Kay Smith, Floyd Murry and Marie

Lloyd and Kay made their home in Floydada, where Lloyd owned a service station, wholesale and retail. In 1938 a daughter was born, named Rebecca Jo. In 1940 the family moved to California. Lloyd worked for a ship-building contractor. Then in 1945 they came back to Floydada to the farm. A son, Robert Dee was born in 1948.

Farming did not make enough, so they decided to travel to Loveland, Colorado where Lloyd worked on the Big Thompson Project, building canals and dams. When the project was finished in Colorado, they moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. While in Las Vegas, Rebecca Jo was married to Lou Nesci. They have four children, Mike, Dayana,

In 1963 the family returned to Floydada and operated a service station and welding

Robert Dee was married to Jan Wolff, June 1970, in Santa Ana, California. They are the parents of twin boys, Shannon and Shane, born July 1977.

Lloyd is retired. He lived with his mother until 1973. In August 1973 he and Imelda Ramsey were married and now live in the Harmony Community.

Women's Protective Services 20th **Annual Hurst Benefit Drawing**

Tickets are on sale for the Women's Protective Services 20th Annual Hurst Benefit Drawing "Planting the Seeds for

This year the Hurst benefit drawings will be held on August 3rd in the Banquet Hall at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Winners will be chosen for two John Deere Front Loading Tractors, a Gator, and a John Deere Riding Lawn Mower. Tickets to enter the drawing are \$100 and the price includes two passes to the event with a BBQ buffet, live music by Spur 327, fantastic Casino Games, and a wonderful Silent Auction.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 806-748-5292 or at any Hurst Farm Supply. All funds received will be used to support victims of Domestic Abuse in Lub-

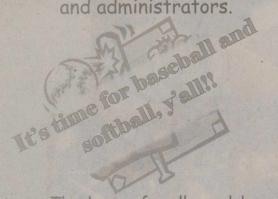
bock and the surrounding eleven counties. Please help WPS by purchasing a ticket, donating a silent auction item, or becoming a sponsor. Call 806-317-4727 for more information.

With a \$1,000 tax-deductible donation, you will receive 10 tickets into the drawing and 20 tickets to the event! We appreciate your help no matter how large or

Family Violence is the leading cause of injury to young females in West Texas. As the third-largest Domestic Violence shelter in Texas and one of the largest in the nation, Women's Protective Services plies-let's fill up those ISD lobbies! is committed to ending this atrocity. We pledge our faithful dedication to eliminating Domestic Abuse from Lubbock and our surrounding West Texas counties at all costs. Please help us reach out a hand of hope to families in crisis.

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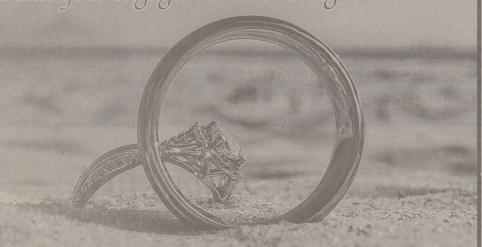
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Lockney Senior Citizen's News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - There will not be any BINGO NIGHTS for the month of July and August. Will resume in September.

We hope you are all having a great week! Come and eat with us and enjoy the fellow-

Be sure and mark your calendars with the important events coming up at the Center. 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.

Floydada Senior Citizen's News

By LuAnn Collins .

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Our next 2nd Tuesday Bingo Night will be August 13. Doors open at 5:15 and we begin play at 5:30. The Progressive Bingo payout will start at \$50.00. Our Bingo special includes meal, dessert, drink and 2 cards for \$5.00. Additional cards cost \$1.00 for one or \$2.00 for 3 cards. prizes, cash prizes, fun and fellowship. Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4.00 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11:00 am. Our delivery driv-

ers 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 memo-

> MENU July 29 – August 2

Monday - Chicken w/gravy over rice Tuesday -Frito pie - \$4 Wednesday - Fish fry Thursday -Ham Friday - BBQ chicken (Menu subject to change without no-

Local ISD Offices Accepting Donated School Supplies

By Deon Fincher

The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - With the start of the school year right around the corner (actually, just a month away!) families of kiddos are scurrying around trying to get the required school supplies on each child's list. For some families, this becomes a dreaded hardship—one that is easily overcome. Our communities have shown over and over again their generosity. At this time of the year, we can all pitch in again and make sure that each and every child has those pencils, crayons, glue sticks or nap pads. School supply lists can be found in this edition on each school page. The ISD offices in both Floydada and Lockney accept donated items. This is your call to pick up a few sup-



Karen Houchin **Attorney** 806-983-5556

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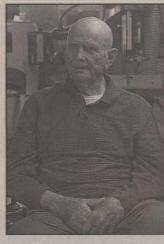
OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Calvin Wallace Applewhite

white was born March 3, 1924 in Stillwater, Oklahoma at home on Duck at Knoblock Street during the time his parents were taking classes at Oklahoma State University. Calvin grew up on the farm his grandfather, Calvin Applewhite, bought in 1903 in the Lone Star community 12 miles north of Lockney, Texas. Goree Calvin Applewhite, his father, was a farmer, teacher and itinerant Baptist Minister. Felicia Wallace Applewhite, his mother, was a Librarian and English teacher. He had two younger sisters, Myra Buryl Applewhite and Felicia Louise Applewhite. Cal found his love for woodworking from his instructor, John P. Gillis, in High School at the Teachers College in Canyon, Texas. In February of 1943 he signed up for the Army and after 2-1/2 years of fighting for our country in the Battle of the Bulge, Central Europe, Northern France and the Beach of Normandy. he returned in 1945 to pursue his education in Math at West Texas State University, now to his great delight, part of A&M University. He found his former woodworking instructor still teaching and continued shop classes.

Calvin Wallace Apple- In 1948 he met Patsy Ann Sutton at a school dance and they married three months later on January 28, 1949. They were married 66 years at the time of her death in 2015. They have a son, Jack Calvin Applewhite and daughter, Andis Eve Applewhite. Cal taught high school math two years in Canadian, Texas then went on to build Quonset Barns in West Texas and New Mexico. He was hired by Celanese Chemical at their new plant in Pampa, Texas and in 1960 transferred to help start up the new plant in Bay City.

> In 1965 he quit and moved to Pasadena, Texas where he eventually started his engineering firm Project Specialists, Inc. and after 24 years of business sold out to his partner in 1989. This freed him up to set up shop and pursue his love of woodworking which he did until his death. You can view his work at www.greymule.net. On March 17, 2017 he married Mercy Garcia and embraced her son, Bryan James Gloria and daughter, Katherine Aubrey Gloria and her daughters's son, Calvin Wallace Gloria into his new family. He loved being surrounded by them and loved playing "Indians" and "It" with little Calvin. He counted him-



CALVIN WALLACE APPLEWHITE

self the luckiest guy ever. Cal had a strong life force and interest in a number of things but at the foundation of his life was his great faith in and love for God and was ready to go on to be with Him.

Calvin passed away on July 6, 2019. He was buried July 12, 2019 in the Houston National CemInvesting in the communities we serve



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(The following are all quotes from Dr. Seuss)

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it hap-

I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities.

If you never did, you should. These things are fun and fun is good!

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A person's a person, no matter how small.

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

I am the Lorax, and I'll yell and I'll shout for the fine things on earth that are on their way out!

I meant what I said, and I said what I meant. An elephant's faithful, one hundred percent.

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The Lord says, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." - Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

In August 2016, south Louisiana experienced major flooding, causing widespread devastation. Many homes and businesses suffered major damage and people lost virtually all their possessions. The situation was stressful and depressing.

Yet all around us we also saw reminders of God's Spirit. It was common for people to pray together in driveways as they prepared for the difficult work ahead. Friends — and even people we didn't know - brought meals. We received relief packages from all over the country. Churches and relief organizations provided clothing and other essentials. People

came from near and far to help. A group from Los Angeles worked all day on my friend's house and gave her a new Bible. They then invited us to dinner at the church where they were lodging. These acts of kindness lifted our spirits and strengthened us.

Recovery is a long, slow process. But God worked through the actions of friends and strangers to sustain us materially and spiritually. It is hard to imagine that any of us could fully recover without the active work of God's Spirit. God brought many from far and wide to rescue us from the flood.

TODAY'S PRAYER

Thank you, loving God, for lifting us up when life is difficult.

Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Jeff Taylor Morning Worship..11 a.m. 806-296-5579

Bible Baptist Church 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578

Sunday School....10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship

Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m. ****

Carr's Chapel Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ West College & Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ Bob DuPont, Minister Floydada

Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. *****

First Baptist Church Floydada

Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship Ashley Adams, Minister of Music Ludustia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

> First Baptist Church Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor

Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Floydada Gary Boles, Pastor

Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Lockney

Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m. Wed High School - 6:30 p.m. ****

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ

Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday - 8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ Lockney

James Blair, Minister Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey

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

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada

Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m.

> **Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**

310 Mississippi Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor

704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista Floyada

Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church Lockney

Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial Vicar - Jacob Powell Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study 10 a.m. - Mass Wed. - 6 p.m.- Faith Formation -

CYO to follow Thurs. - 6:30 pm- Evening Mass South Plains Baptist Church Dan Beaty, Pastor

Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. **** Templo Getsemani Assembly of

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

Spanish - 9:30 a.m.

English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada

Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial Vicar - Jacob Powell 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

Templo Bautista Salem Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God Washington And 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Wed Service - 7 p.m. ****

Templo Nueva Vida Rev. Herman Martinez Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M. Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M. ****

Trinity Assembly 500 W. Houston Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

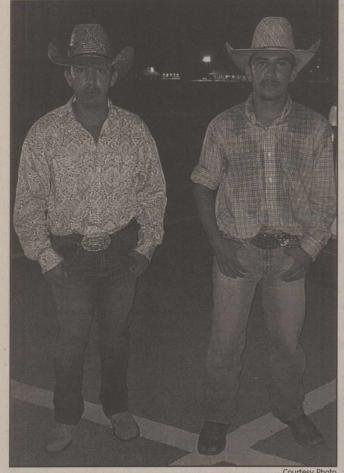
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Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m.

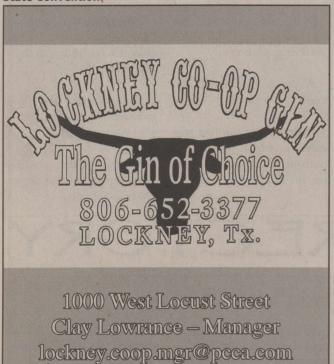
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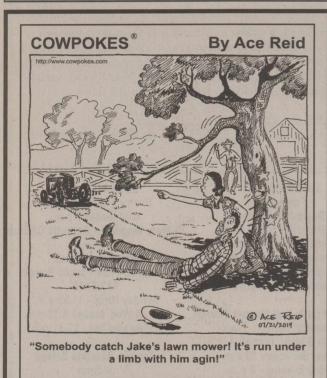
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE



TUFF AND GUNNER ARAUJO competed in the State FFA Rodeo last week representing the Lockney FFA Chapter. Both these young men competed in the competitive Bull-Riding event. The 2019 Texas FFA Rodeo, July 15th and 16th, is held every year in conjunction with the Texas FFA State Convention,





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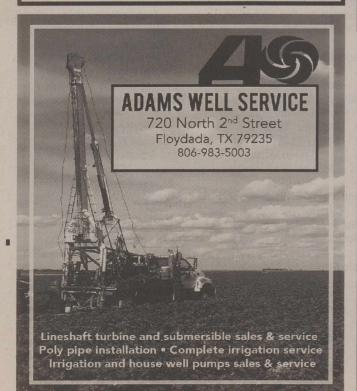


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Cotton Futures end week on a Positive Note

Cotton futures seemed to be changing their tune on Monday as prices rallied back to 64.09 cents per pound. Unfortunately, prices resumed the prior week's downward trend, reaching a new life-ofcontract low for the December 2019 contract at 61.66 cents. Thankfully, prices rallied on Friday and recouped the week's losses. December ended the week at 63.07 cents, up 39 points from last week. Daily trading volume was

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Special to the Hesperian-Beacon lower than last week, but open interest has continued to rise. At 195,421, open interest is up 5,786 contracts in the past five sessions and is at its highest in a month.

Improving crop conditions appear to be one of the factors emboldening sellers. Monday's Crop Progress and Condition Report showed a slightly improved share of the crop to be rated "Good or Excellent". However, the cotton crop is still pretty far behind schedule. Nationwide, only 60 percent of the crop was squaring versus the average pace of 69 percent, and versus the average pace of 25 percent setting bolls, only 20 percent is this year. Weather is largely expected to be conducive to mate for 2018/19. crop development over the still time for the crop to catch up. The Southwest is expected to have high levels of evaporation that will dry out the area over the next few days, but heat is expected to give way to more seasonable temperatures next week. South Texas and some timely rains.

Sale Report showed signs of life in the cotton market. New orders were not at record levels, but the reappearance of mill buying generated some relief. Cotton shippers booked new export orders of 54,000 Upland bales for shipment in the last few weeks of the 2018/19 marketing year (ending July 31) and 218,900 bales for shipment next marketing year. Shipments were still somewhat disappointing. Only 310,300 Upland bales and 11,400 Pima bales were reported as shipped, which is significantly less than the average that traders expected to see in order to hit the USDA's 14.5 million bales export esti-

There are still plenty of next several days, so there is major macroeconomic and political issues confounding traders' expectations lately. On one hand markets expect the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates at the end of the month, but on the other hand stock market indices have made record highs. Economic the Southeast should receive data has been mixed, but the current reshuffling of inter-

Last Thursday's Export national trade has removed meaning from the signals that traders once relied on. Even China-U.S. trade dispute news has become noise. There are rumors that Chinese firms have begun to make small purchases of U.S. agricultural goods, perhaps as good-faith gestures to keep negotiations going, but markets seem to have become numb to such information.

> For the most part, summer has settled onto the cotton market. International traders may be busy shepherding their existing higher-priced sales to completion and booking new commitments, but most U.S. cotton buyers have little to do but guess how big the crop will be. In the week ahead, traders will be doing their routine examination of Monday's Crop Progress and Condition Report and Thursday's Export Sales data. Until the August WASDE report in three weeks, these reports will be traders' central focus for figuring what to expect this https://www.pcca. season. com/publications/cottonmarket-weekly/







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Whirlwinds



DR. KEVIN SHIVELY, taking over for Dr. Dean, offered custom-made mouthpieces for our High School Whirlwinds as they begin this new school year. What a blessing to live in such a great community that always supports our athletes!! Back Row (L to R): Alex Carmona, Maliki Hardaway, Trace Glasscock, Dez Wickware, Quincy Gonzales, George Rosa; Front Row: Gracie Diaz, Dr. Kevin Shively, Marcus Perez and Head Coach Scotty Bruington.



INTEGRITY FLOYDADA'S GIRLS BASKETBALL team has been whipping back and forth across the courts this summer. The girls played in the Fuze Shootout in Plainview this past weekend. Initially, they lost the first game to the Lady Elite Team from Plainview and lost a close game to Lubbock Christian Eagles by 3 points. In the final game, Emily Cisneros and Erin Trevino led the scoring for Integrity, earning a 4-point win over Amarillo Redeemed. Team members are (Front Row L to R): Natalee Romero, Kailee Sanchez, Erin Trevino, Azalea Garza, Clarissa Delafuente; (Back Row L to R): Alexis Cruz, Celese Wickware, Emily Cisneros, Marquez, Angela Vega. The team is coached by Gilbert Trevino and Bethany Morales. Sponsors are Styles, Wallace, & Associates; Knox, Gailey, & Meador; FCS Credit Union; and The Floydada Police Department.



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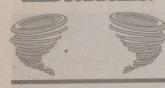
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1 - box of Kleenex

1-24 count box of crayons – (For 4 yr old PK students) 1 – 8 count box of large crayons – (For 3 yr old PK students)

2 – glue sticks/jumbo size

1- Pair of rounded tip scissors

1-spiral notebook (70 count) 1- Folder with pockets

Backpack (no wheels)

1 –10 count box of washable markers

1 – Set of Watercolors

1 – package of #2 pencils (10 or 12 count)

1 - box of colored pencils

1 - package/box of wipes

1 - quart size Ziploc baggies – girls

1 - gallon size Ziploc baggies - boys

Please label all items (in permanent marker) with child's name

KINDERGARTEN

1 box of crayons 1 plastic folder with pockets

1ST GRADE

1 School Box

1 box of pencils

1 pair of scissors

1 packs of Glue Sticks 1 boxes of crayons 24 count

1 large boxes of Kleenex

1 spiral

3. Plastic Folders

1 large pink eraser

1 composition notebook 1 pair of headphones – The

overhead ones are best suited for our 1st graders

1 Large tubs of Clorox wipes

BOYS- 1 box gallon size baggies GIRLS- 1 box quart size baggies

2ND GRADE (FIRST 6 WEEKS)

1 box crayons

1 package of pencils (12 pencils)

1 pair Fiskars Scissors

1 box Kleenex

1 zipper pouch or box

4 glue sticks

1 pink eraser 2 composition notebooks

1 pair headphones or earbuds

3 plastic folders with 3 rings or brads and pockets (red, blue, green)

3RD GRADE

4 composition notebooks (100 pages)

4 Glue sticks

24 count crayons or colored pencils

2 boxes of Tissues

Wipes

Highlighters-Yellow

PENCILS

Pink Erasers/eraser caps

4TH GRADE

4 composition notebooks (100 pages)

1 folder 4 Glue sticks

24 count crayons or colored pencils 2 boxes of Tissues

Wipes

Highlighters-Yellow **PENCILS**

Pink Erasers/eraser caps

5TH GRADE

3 Composition Notebooks (100 pages)

3 folders

1 package of Notebook paper 1 box of pencils

1 box of colored pencils

1 bottle of glue

1 pair of scissors

1 box of crayons 1 highlighter

1 box of Kleenex

6TH GRADE

3 – Composition Notebooks

1-2 inch 3-ring Binder

4 – Folders with Pockets and Brads

1 - Glue Stick

1 – box of #2 Pencils

1 – pair of scissors Headphones/earbuds

1 – box of Kleenex

1 – bottle of Glue

1 – roll of scotch tape 1 – package wide-rule notebook paper

1 – box colored pencils

Optional supplies for use at home on projects:

1 – box markers

1 – box of crayons

Lockney Longhorns

Lockney Elementary School Supply Lists 2019-2020

PPCD/PK

6 boxes 8 ct. Crayola brand crayons (NO JUMBO)

1 small school box

1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends)

6 glue sticks

3 large boxes Kleenex

2 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes (75 count)

4 pack of play-dough

1-12oz hand sanitizer

1 pkg 3x5 lined index cards

I kinder nap mat

I pillow & blanket (optional)

Girls- gallon zip lock baggies

Boys- quart zip lock baggies

NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES

KINDERGARTEN

15 glue sticks

2 boxes, 24 count crayons

1-4 oz. Elmer's washable school glue (black label, no gel)

1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends, not sharp)

1 #2 pencils, no jumbo

1 school box (small)

1 folder with pockets

3 boxes Kleenex (175 count)

2 container Clorox disinfecting wipes

1 box Ziploc bags (girls- freezer gallon size, boys-

freezer quart size)

1 single subject spiral notebook

1 bottle of germ-x (34 fl. oz)

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First Grade

6 glue sticks

3 large boxes Kleenex

1 box 24ct. #2 yellow pencils

1 Crayola water color paints

2 pocket folders with brads

I pair children's scissors 3-24ct. boxes Crayola crayons

3 containers Clorox Disinfecting Wipe

1 School box

1 spiral notebook

4 pack dry erase markers

Girls-1 box of gallon bags

Boys- I box quart zip lock bags

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Second Grade

8 glue sticks

3 large boxes Kleenex

3 pkgs. #2 pencils (plain yellow ones)

I pair children's Fiskar scissors

I folder with

4 fine tip dry erase markers-low odor

Pencil top erasers (1 dozen)

2 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

1- 16ct. boxes Crayola crayons

I supply box

Hand-held pencil sharpener

4 one subject spirals

I box map colors

10 ct. fine tip markers

I folder with pockets

Girls- quart ziploc bags

Boys-gallon ziploc bags

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LIBRARY program welcomed Mrs. Zavala this past week. Mrs. Zavala brought her trunk of costumes as she discussed and encouraged youngsters to become involved with theater programs. Everyone had a blast trying on costumes and pretending to be "someone" or "something" else. Library schedule is as follows: July 24-25 with Mr. Lemmons LHS Ag teacher, and July 30-31st with Yara Poole talking about Happy State Bank Kid's Bank. The library doors are open from 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

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Location of Estray(s) when found:

Location of Estray(s) while Impounded:

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Description of Estray(s):

Description of Estray(s):

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Kind of Animal: Horse

Sex:

DATE:

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FLOYD COUNTY NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Floyd County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 Floyd County Budget. The hearing will be held on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 8:30 AM. The hearing will be held in the Floyd County Courthouse Room 106 (County Courtroom) located at 105 South Main Street in Floydada, TX 79235.

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Fifty years ago, American roops first stepped foot into epped into unknown territo--Vietnam. A place far from ome, far from family and with very drastic difference in atosphere. Where they spent eir time in foxholes and fightig to survive the jungle warfare. heir courage shined bright as nev fought hard to serve their country and its people. Since then, many films and novels been published detailing the gruesome events of the Vietnam War. "But this book approaches the war in a uniquely personal way, focusing on individual stories of the men and women from every state and service who fulfilled their duty during the Vietnam War. Their day-to-day experiences are heartbreaking, raw, detailed--and sometimes even humorous. More than 58,000 troops lost their lives in Vietnam. The rest came home to bitterly diprotesters' hostility toward the war spilled over to the warriors.

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These individual stories give us a glimpse of what the war was like from a ground-level, personal perspective. Our effort here is to recognize and pay tribute to our Vietnam Veterans. It is well past time to welcome these men and women home, to remember their service, and to honor their sacrifices," as stated by one reviewer on the jacket-flap.

"Today and every day, we must honor the veterans and fallen heroes who bravely defended our freedoms on the battlefield," said Governor Abbott. "As our nation continues to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, this book is a symbol of a grateful

support they have earned. That is why I encourage veterans throughout Texas to apply for and claim the state and federal benefits and support available to them. On behalf of the state of Texas, I extend my deepest gratitude to our Vietnam veterans and to all those who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces."

Texas is home to 1.7 million veterans. Of that, a significant proportion is made up of over 500,000 men and women who served in Vietnam.

"As a veteran of the Vietnam War, I thank Governor Abbott for honoring our service and providing this book so that our duty and service to our country is not forgotten," said Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr., Chairman, Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) and U.S. Army retired. "I urge all Texas Vietnam veterans to

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The time to help our veterans begins now. The commemoration book is doing more than honoring our brave soldiers, it is encouraging all Vietnam veterans to apply for and claim their state and federal veteran benefits and entitlements. The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) advocates for and provides superior service to veterans that significantly improves the quality of life for all Texas veterans, their families and survivors. TVC assists veterans in receiving their state and federal benefits, awards grants to nonprofit organizations which provide direct services to veterans and administers the Hazlewood Act education benefits. When a veteran picks up their book, they will take part in a bigger initiative by having the opportunity to provide their information on-

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Yelena Serrato attends Floydada High School as an incoming Senior. She is active in BPA, Theater, NHS, Student Council and UIL competitions. Serrato will attending Princeton University Summer Journalism Program in early August. The Hesperian-Beacon appreciates Yelena's contributions to the newspaper.



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