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Eco-Drip Irrigation started in Watermelon Patch

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Eco-Drip and its family of visionaries, innovators, and designers turned 35 years old this summer, and the company's journey is no less than inspiring.

Based out of West Texas, Eco-Drip is a full-service drip irrigation company specializing in design, installation and support with solutions for irrigation and fertigation. Since its beginning in 1984, Eco-Drip's goal has been to help growers be profitable by giving them the tools they need to get the most out of their irrigation, fertilizer and the technological manage-

ment systems attached thereto.

The company's patriarch, Hurbert Frerich, took time to sit down with me to talk about the company.

When asked how it all started, Frerich chuckled and stated, "Well...it all started in a watermelon patch!" The 13-acre plot of land was located just outside Garden City, Tx. That was in 1979.

"We sold watermelons and cantaloupes on the side of the highway, and my kids had to help out."

With the crop rotation system, Frerich planted cotton on that 13-acre patch the next year. "When See **ECO-DRIP**, Page 8

FUMC Lockney Fall Festival welcomes "The Master's" Master Storyteller Wesley Putnam

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Wesley Putnam, widely acclaimed evangelist, singer, and composer, will be in Lockney at FUMC Lockney, 102 West Poplar St, from September 8-11, at 7 p.m. He delivers a clear call to commitment through both word and song that has impacted the lives of people of all ages from all walks of life. His ministry includes preaching, storytelling, and music woven together to create a fresh approach to renewal. In addition, his ministry offers BibleQuest, a fast-paced program designed to make learning Bible facts and truths exciting for elementary-aged children to be held at 6:00 each evening.

Rev. Putnam holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Northeast Louisiana University and the Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. An ordained United Methodist clergyman, he pastored local churches for over 8 years before turning his attention to full-time evangelism in the summer of 1981. The storytelling started as a



Courtesy Photo

Wesley Putnam, "The Master's Storyteller", is the guest speaker for Lockney's FUMC Fall Festival scheduled September 8-11. Services begin at 6 pm for children, kindergarten through 5th Grade, with Putnam presenting nightly at 7 p.m.

teaching tool for children, but he soon realized that it allowed him to reach adults as well and combined easily with his music ministry.

Putnam is a prolific songwriter whose compositions touch on virtually every aspect of Christian living, from temptation and suffering to forgiveness and praise. He has cut many albums, and songs from his albums have had airplay on Christian radio stations nationwide and See **STORYTELLER**, Page 9

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.

BURN BAN for Floyd County

FLOYDADA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library will have an Open Meeting at 4 p.m., September 4th in the Community Room of the Library in Floydada. Volunteers are desperately needed.

FLOYD CO. BUYERS CLUB - PRE-GAME MEAL

Floyd County Buyers Club will have a Pre-Game meal, Friday, September 6 from 5 - 7 p.m. at A.B. Duncan Cafeteria. Cost \$10. Before Floydada vs Tutia game.

HESPERIAN-BEACON FOOTBALL CONTEST

The Hesperian-Beacon's annual football contest starts in this issue and will go for 10 weeks. Be sure to play each week in order to win the cash prizes. Don't forget to buy your Hesperian-Beacon.

FLOYD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Floyd County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be at 6 p.m., September 10th at the Unity Center. 2nd Annual Dessert Competition. RSVP by Sept. 4 to 806.983.3777.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LOCKNEY

The First United Methodist Church in Lockney (102 W. Poplar Street) will be hosting Wesley Putnam, widely acclaimed evangelist, singer, and composer, at 7 p.m., Sunday, September 8 thru Wednesday, September 11. He delivers a clear call to commitment through both word and song that has impacted the lives of people of all ages from all walks of life. His ministry includes See **UPCOMING**, Page 9

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

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Around an electric cooperative you plan how to do the job safely, then you perform the work safely.

In May, the Lighthouse Board of Directors passed a resolution to join the Commitment to Zero Contacts initiative. Lighthouse has joined more than 500 electric cooperatives from 41 states in pledging to take steps to help eliminate serious injuries and fatalities due to See **LIGHTHOUSE**, Page 9

Hesperian-Beacon's annual football contest begins this week

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon's annual football contest begins today and will last for the next 10 weeks.

Any subscriber or purchaser, age 7 or older, is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week, per person. There is no cost to play in the contest

The contest rules will be the same as last year. There will be no weekly prizes given out to weekly winners but grand prizes will be given out at the conclusion of the 10-week contest to the entrants with the top three overall records. First prize is \$100, second place will receive \$75 and the third place winner will receive \$50. In the event of ties, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those that tied.

In addition, the other seven top 10 finishers will receive a free one-year subscription to the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. If you are a winner of the one-year subscription, you will need to come by or call the Hesperian-Beacon in Floydada to give them your information in order to get the subscription started.

To win any of the final prizes entrants must fill out a contest form found in the newspaper each week of the contest. Entrants who do not enter the contest each week will not be eligible for the See **CONTEST**, Page 9



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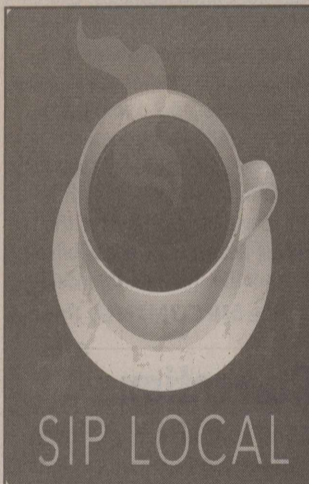
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Condemnations key items in August's council meeting

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The City Council met in Council Chambers August 20th. The agenda was heavy with condemnation recommendations or demolition reports.

Two properties recommended for condemnation by the Planning and Zoning Committee were 127 JB Avenue and 224 W. Marivena. Owners of both properties have been contacted numerous times with no response. Taxes are due on both properties and have been left unpaid. Councilmen approved to move forward on condemnation proceedings for properties.

Demolition of the structure located on 119 W. Jeffie St. was discussed by the council. Chief Ramon stated that there are confirmed water and sewer leaks within the property and that neighbors have called on to complain about strong odor coming from the property. Motion was made to begin demolition and the council voted unanimously in favor of the proceedings.

City Manager Darrell Gooch reported that the Interim City Secretary's probation is almost completed and that the council

has the option to perform a formal evaluation to determine the future course of action. Discussion was made regarding an evaluation. Councilors agreed that Interim City Secretary Patti Lowrance was doing an "excellent" job. Motion was made to remove the remaining portion of probation and to give Lowrance the full title of City Secretary effective immediately. Councilors voted unanimously in favor of the action. Patti Lowrance was installed as City Secretary by Mayor Gilliland.

Minutes of the last regular meeting, the special meeting of August 6, 2019 and the special meeting of August 15, 2019 were reviewed and unanimously approved by council members.

Councilmembers reviewed cash balances and investments. It was motioned that the bills be paid; Councilmembers voted unanimously in favor of the action.

Councilmembers present: Bettye King, Steve Lloyd, Dana Crossland, Gail DuBois, and Member-at-Large Bryan Martin. Also present were City Manager Darrell Gooch, City Secretary Karen Houchin, City Secretary Patti Lowrance, and Mayor Bobby Gilliland.

Council acts on tax rates, water, property, and software leases

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY –The Lockney City Council met at City Hall last Tuesday, August 27th for several public hearings as well as the regularly scheduled meeting.

The first Public Hearing was scheduled to receive public input regarding the proposed budget for the City of Lockney for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. There were no public comments.

The second Public Hearing was scheduled to receive public input regarding the proposed tax rate (rollback rate) of 0.45350 per \$100.00. There were no public comments.

The regular August meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael DeLeon.

Minutes for the Regular meeting of July 22nd and the meeting of August 12th were presented and reviewed. Councilmembers voted unanimously to approve those meeting minutes.

Representatives from the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority were in attendance to present the MMWA Budget for the 2019-2020 year. After discussion, councilmembers voted unanimously to approve the budget as presented. Mackenzie Lake levels continue to drop daily, according to representatives.

Consent Items were presented to councilmembers for review. Motion was made for approval and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Individuals were present for the council's discussion regarding a variance and issuance

of permit to place a modular home at Lots 1, 2, & 3, Block 1 Southside Addition, the property located at the corner of SW 3rd St. and W. Boice Ave, Lockney, TX. Owners of the property had previously moved the modular home into place before requesting permit information from the City of Lockney. After discussion, Councilmembers required property owners to install a full foundation as if the home were being constructed on-site. Members also added that the home would be required to adhere to any and all permit and license requirements as if constructed on-site. Owners agreed to the council's mandates. City Attorney Lanny Voss recommended the council evaluate and revise the city's current policies regarding permitting and code requirements for all types of mobile, modular, or pre-fabricated homes.

Councilmembers were presented Xcel Energy's application to change rates based on a rate increase. City Manager Poling explained that denying the application for a rate hike is the standard and expected response. Councilmembers approved denial of the application unanimously.

The last item presented was the Lease Purchase agreement of Tyler Technology Incode Software. After discussion, Councilmembers voted in favor of exercising the agreement as Manager Poling sees fit based on additional information to be gathered.

Councilmembers present: David Cole, Tyler Duniwen, Aaron Wilson, and Dart Carthel. Also in attendance was City Manager Buster Poling, city Attorney Lanny Voss and Mayor Michael DeLeon.

About Town

Much like the changes that come with the seasons, we are seeing changes in both of our communities in Floyd County in the way of new businesses—and new business means opportunity for everyone!

During this past year Lockney has seen several "local doors" open with new businesses.

Roxi's Attic provides re-furnished furniture and good ol' country-home décor. Owners Jim and Roxanne Martin, together with Madison and Grant, offer stunning furniture makeovers. Go in and browse or request a custom piece—they are always happy to fill your need. Keep an eye open for their workshops and classes.

Oh, Charlie offers beautiful wardrobe choices from their homey, chock-full boutique. Jeans, shoes, sweaters, blouses, pull-overs, even hats and gloves for every fashionista. Currently, the boutique is in the middle of relocating to 112 N. Main Street; but when their doors re-open, get ready for some stunning football and fall selections not found anywhere else.

Joyfulea Creations just opened last month in Lockney in the old Raceway Fuel Building. Part second-hand shop, part handmade shop, there is no end to the browsing one can do in this shop. Tailgate benches, wooden signs, wreaths, re-furnished furniture, glassware—if you need it, look no further than this quirky, quaint warehouse of treasures.

The Longhorn Shake Shop in Lockney will quench your thirst while adding a bounce to your step! Providing nutritious shakes (OMG!!! You've got to try them) and teas, this refresh-station will get you hooked. Remember, these drinks are nutritious and good for you—and can be delivered. Talk about service!

La Cocina Martinez located at the corner of E. Locust and the Lonestar Hwy (E. 8th Street) provides breakfast and lunch items for young and old! I especially love the kids' menu where everything is named after a child—creativity at work! La Cocina Martinez also cooks up that authentic Menudo every Saturday and Sunday, just perfect for September's cooler days to come.

R & E's Taco Trailer, parked on West Locust can fill your breakfast needs with a variety of ingredients, they will customize your breakfast burritos to your order. And those breakfast bowls—Yum! Again, made to order, you can choose from an extensive list of ingredients to get just the right bowl to start you on your day.

The Nutthouse, located on West California St. in Floydada, stays busy cranking out unique screen-printed t-shirts and hoodies from a diverse selection of products. If it is hand-lettered signs you are looking for, these girls are specialists and can build your signs out of wood, glass, mirrors, chalkboard or canvas. Vinyl designs can be put on just about anything from shirts, baby clothes or decals for your vehicles to match your Yeti! Bring in your own design or let them create one for you—you'll not leave this shop empty-handed.

Social Fly, Floydada's chic-est Tea, Coffee and Pastry stop has just expanded, both in square feet and in offerings! Again, fresh-baked pastries daily—can't go wrong with that, plus coffees and teas! And now, this place has a few unique pieces of clothing, a whole "baby-corner" with to-die-for gifts and sets, farmhouse home décor, a "game-day" supplies for that after-game social, hand-made jewelry, canvas totes and bags, and...wait for it...Corkicle drinkware!! (Whew! There are so many things in this shop, I ran out of breath!) Corkicle drinkware is what I call Yeti for girls—gorgeous colors, designs, sizes and styles. The selection changes quickly and will not be available again, so if you see something you like, get it now—before someone else does! These 'bottles' can be customized with any vinyl you choose—just don't wait!

Family dentistry is a luxury for many rural communities. Floydada is rich in that Dr. Kevin Shively, DDS and Dr. Xochitl Anderton, DDS both have practices here. If you need cleanings, dental repairs, crowns, or even inline braces, our dentists can serve and provide you with state-of-the-art care. Athletes, don't discount those custom mouthpieces—a bit of prevention is better than a whole lot of regret. Support our local dentists—they are jewels for our community.

If you haven't had a chance to stop by Texas Donuts at the 'Y' in Floydada, you really need to make a conscious effort to get that done. Donuts (that melt in your mouth), Kolaches, breakfast sandwiches, Cinnamon Twists, Fritters... need I say more? This shop just opened last week, and our communities have been hugely supportive so if you haven't wanted to wait in line, that is understandable; however, the offerings are worth the time and effort it takes to get to the front!

Remember friends, make a point to shop local. These businesses depend on your support!

Letter to the editor policy

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon welcomes letters from readers on topics of local, state, national and international importance. Email letters are preferred to: fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), town, and daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to 201 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

The 501: the wrinkled generation

Riddle: Which generation has the most wrinkles? PAUSE TO THINK.

Millennials. They don't iron. If it weren't for motel room irons, they'd never see one.

Yes, I'm generalizing and exaggerating a little. (Is it possible to exaggerate a little? Sounds like an oxymoron.)

But when's the last time you saw an advertisement on television for an iron? People who iron clothes already have one. Millennials aren't interested. Starch? Creases? Foreign words.

In fairness to the younger set, they mostly wear synthetics that don't wrinkle much. So do some of the rest of us.

Millennials also have their own ideas about food. For example, they don't buy mayonnaise. When I was a kid, I sometimes ate mayonnaise sandwiches – unhealthy white bread spread with mayonnaise. Really.

Now I'm more likely to drizzle baguette slices with olive oil and make toast. What has happened to me? Just using the word "drizzle" makes me feel disloyal to my own generation. When I learned the definition of "drizzle," it was a weather term. Not that it often drizzled. We digress.

Anyway, the Millennial destruction of life as we know it is currently a hot topic. Lists are online. I haven't peeked yet.

But even as the Millennial Generation is yanking the rug out from under some aspects of our culture, they create others. Consider wedding venues, a relatively new phenomenon. Time was when someone with marriage plans would

start going back to church in order to feel better about asking to use the church for the wedding. And the minister to officiate. Now you simply book a trendy venue – one with an altareque spot for the vows. Handy.

That said, my husband and I specifically chose the Parker County Courthouse. I'd say why, but I don't want to abuse my digression privileges.

Time to look online (Millennials look online for everything, no doubt) to see the complete lists of things Millennials are eschewing. (You're welcome to find a better word.) RESEARCH PAUSE.

Starter houses. That's no surprise. Everybody knows college-educated Millennials move back home after college because they can't afford to do otherwise. After all, they have those huge college debts. Not their fault. Poor Millennials.

But here's one you may not know. Millennials don't golf. Again, cost is the issue. They can't afford golf. Me either. The last time I played was that college course I took.

Millennials don't eat cereal either. It's too much trouble to clean the bowl. Good reason.

They don't buy paper napkins. They use paper towels. M's may eventually figure out that paper towels cost money whereas surplus fast-food napkins are free. Some Millennials are probably already on board with that strategy. I am. Save the trees.

Also, Millennials don't ring doorbells. They text: "Hey, I'm at the door." Hmmm. I do that too.

The Millennial on the other side of the door doesn't like the sound of the doorbell. I don't either.

Could it be I'm really a Millennial at heart? I've just got the wrong kind of wrinkles.



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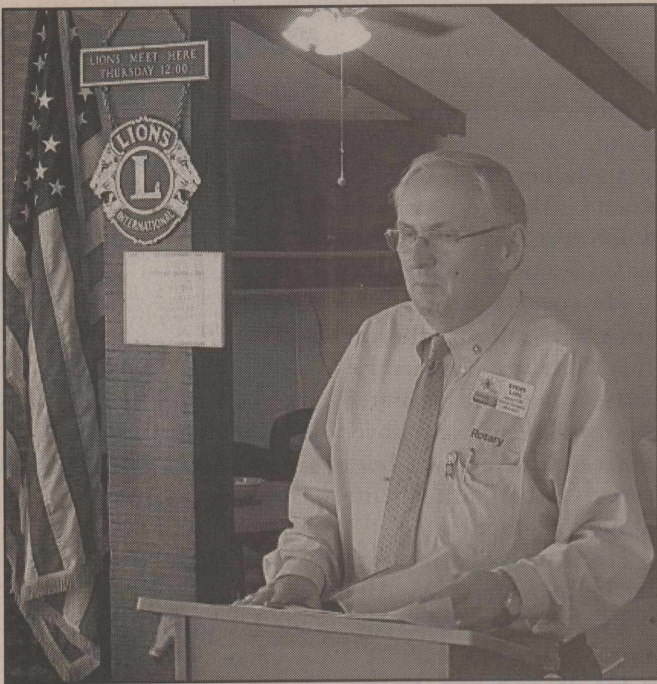
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SOCIETY

Wayland Baptist University's Homecoming Weekend packed with activity for everyone



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FLOYDADA ROTARY – District Rotary Governor Steve visited Floydada's Rotary meeting last week. He shared the organization's goals, specifically for small clubs. Energetically, he encouraged hosting new guests to meetings, utilizing the local newspapers, completing a service project and making a new contribution to Rotary Foundation. The 'Kick-Start' campaign is being shared by the District Governor in person as he visits large and small Rotary clubs all over the District.



Courtesy Photo

"HC Royalty:" Wayland Baptist University Homecoming king, Marc Wallace and queen, Dakota Schmig are presented with President Dr. Bobby Hall after being crowned at Wayland's homecoming game in 2018.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

JEROME WATSON FAMILY

Jerome Watson was born at Courtney Flats, Indian Territory, Oklahoma on April 16, 1879. His parents were John B. Watson and Armanda Jackson Watson. He spent his childhood and early manhood living and working on the open range in the Choctaw Indian Territory.

Dovie Baily was born Dec. 20, 1885 at Marlin, Texas. Her father was a Campbellite preacher who moved to the Indian Territory in 1896.

Jerome Watson and Dovie Bailey were married at Healdton, Indian Territory, January 11, 1903. Their first home was a two-room house near Healdton. After three years farming with his father, he purchased land from the federal government for \$6.25 an acre. The land had to be closed in Fort Smith, Arkansas, as that was the nearest Federal Land Office at that time. There were three children; namely, Audrey Emma, Jake B. and Celestia Bessie. The two oldest were born in Indian Territory and the youngest after the territory became a state on November 10, 1907. The first school was in Healdton which was three miles north and was for a term of six months. Attendance was poor as everyone walked to school.

In the spring of 1917, Jerome came to Texas for the purpose of purchasing a farm in Lubbock County as he had heard a lot about Lubbock County. He had a good friend and farmer neighbor who had moved to Floyd County in 1915. On the way to Lubbock County he visited his friend who wanted him to buy land in Floyd County. However, he wanted to see what Lubbock County had to offer. He carried the Floyd County friend with him. The day they visited Lubbock County, the wind was blowing a gale and it was so dusty they could not see across the street. After four hours stay in Lubbock spent mostly trying to put side curtains on a 1917 model Dodge touring car, he returned to Floyd county and purchased 480 acres four miles south of Lockney, Texas. He returned to Oklahoma and in the fall of 1917 moved to Floyd County.

Due to the Texas livestock law about crossing the State Line, he decided to drive his stock across the line and then ship by rail from the Texas Side. After he See **MEMORIES**, Page 9

PLAINVIEW – College is often a second home for many young people, and Wayland has been home to some 58,000 over the years. This year, Wayland is inviting alumni to come back "home" and celebrate a place and the people that have impacted them greatly.

Homecoming 2019 is slated for Nov. 1-2 on the Plainview campus, with some of the traditional favorites and a few new offerings. Honor classes are those ending in 9, with the Class of 1969 celebrating its 50th reunion this year. Other classes being featured are 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009.

"While our honor classes may be celebrating milestones, homecoming is really for everyone. If you graduated near these classes, you probably know some of them and would love to catch up during this fun-filled weekend on campus," says Teresa Young, director of alumni relations. "Whether your class is honored or not, you're still part of the family and all the activities will still be meaningful to anyone who attended this campus. It's a great time to reminisce, see familiar places and some new ones and experience the buzz of college life once more, even if only for a few days."

Homecoming chapel will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, featuring recognition of honor classes, a panel of alumni sharing their memories and the International Choir performing. The afternoon is ideal for taking campus tours, meeting with classmates in honor class reunions or in popular hangouts, or taking in campus art exhibits or the Jimmy Dean Museum. There will also be a guest lecture by Dr. Vaughn Ross, professor emeritus of biology, in the School

of Math and Sciences that afternoon at 1:30. The evening's Blue and Gold Banquet will be a chance to recognize honor classes again and hand out the school's Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Pioneers of Promise Awards for current students.

The weekend will include theatre performances of the comedy *Sylvia*, the Athletic Hall of Honor Induction, International Choir reunion and mini-concert, men's basketball games for the McDonald's Pioneer Classic and the Saturday football game vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State. The stadium lot will be abuzz with Pioneer Palooza before the game, featuring food, entertainment, inflatables for the kids and other free activities. Then we'll crown the homecoming queen and king at halftime.

Last year's addition of the Homecoming Headquarters in Gates Hall will return, offering a hub for information, directions, tours and more for weekend guests. A new offering of a Saturday morning "Coffee and Convo" time for young alumni will be held at the popular Broadway Brew. And the traditional homecoming bonfire and pep rally will be back with a twist, followed by S'moresfest in the Moody Marsh.

"The college years are unlike any other time in our lives, and they evoke such strong memories and nostalgia. Homecoming is a great way to ignite that again, catch up with friends and enjoy it all over again," Young says. "We hope you'll make plans now to join us in November!"

The full homecoming schedule is online at www.wbua-lumni.com/homecoming, along with links to register your attendance. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (806) 291-3600.

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! Please mark your calendars with the upcoming events.

SEPTEMBER:

September 6- Family Night Fish Fry

September 13- Chamber of Commerce Pancake supper. Prior to the Lockney/Floydada football game. Details will follow as we receive them.

20th- Family Night Fish Fry

29th – Sunday Lunch

NOVEMBER:

November 2- Annual Fundraiser and Auction. More details will be coming as they become available.

November 9- Fall Bazaar

The Lockney Senior Citizens is a non-profit organization 501 C 3. We receive no government funding and rely on the kindness of our community. Your donations are welcomed and

greatly appreciated.

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 potluck is from 5-9 p.m. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards.

MENU

September 9 – September 13

Monday – Patty melt
Tuesday – Frito pie/chili dogs

Wednesday – Smoked sausage

Thursday – Spaghetti

Friday – Pulled pork
(Menu subject to change without notice)

Thanks for Reading

Floydada Senior Citizen's News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The Center will be serving a Sunday meal in September, October and November. Our date for September is the 8th. We will be serving fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and a drink. Minimum donation is \$8.00 but we appreciate any extra money donated. We will open our doors at 11:15 a.m. Our ice maker is still rebelling and refusing to make ice! Any donations you can make toward a new one would be welcome. Please remember we will be closed Monday September 9, 2019.

Our next 2nd Tuesday Bingo Night will be September 10. Doors open at 5:15 and we begin play at 5:30. The Progressive Bingo payout will start at \$70.00. 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. Door prizes, cash prizes, fun and fellowship. Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4.00 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11:00 a.m. 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

September 2 – September 9

Monday – CLOSED

Tuesday – Hamburger or Hot dog - \$4

Wednesday – Chicken fried steak

Thursday – Meatloaf

Friday – Pork chops & baked beans
(Menu subject to change without notice)

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Abel Aleman

Abel Aleman, at the age of 54, ended his time on Earth, Saturday, August 31, 2019.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Visitation was open Wednesday, September 4, 2019, in the morning, with a procession to Mass starting at 2:00 p.m.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Abel was a loving husband, a giving father, grandfather and a good friend. Abel was born in Lubbock, Texas and graduated from Tulia, Texas.

He spent a majority of his career in Law enforcement totaling 18 years. He also owned and operated his own DJ service for over a decade. He enjoyed both careers. Abel built his life around his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Abel Aleman and Christina Aleman.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Aleman; his brother, Adan Aleman; his children, Ricky and his wife, Celeste Aleman, Cory and his wife, Juanita Aleman, and Missy and her husband, Rafael Gra-



ABEL ALEMAN

nados. Also, Martin Duran and Marissa Silvas; and his grandchildren, Ava Aleman, Brianna Aleman, Brayden Aleman, Liam Granados, Lily Ana Granados, Amaris Hernandez, Layla Silvas and Martin Duran.

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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.

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Lockney
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Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
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Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

- San Jose Catholic Church**
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10 a.m. - Mass
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AGRICULTURE



It's been a little while since I've been able to slip this article in the paper—we've had a lot of news that needed to be included and in those cases I am more than happy to step aside and let the newspaper function as a newspaper. But I've missed sharing my garden happenings. So, let's get started!

I grew a sweet potato! Actually, I grew several sweet potatoes and should have a few more in and around the place. In all honesty, I got true sweet potato roots for the greenery—my sister has some growing in her kitchen window, and I loved their vining and twining and green all through the winter months; however, in the summer, everything I own goes outside and these babies have certainly provided some gorgeous greenery. So gorgeous that I thought I would dig one up and move it inside. Yeah—that didn't work out so well, but through that process, I harvested my very first 4-inch yam!

I just have to say, a young, tender sweet potato slathered with real butter and sprinkled with brown sugar is one of my FAVORITE sweets—and it was for today's lunch.

I can't believe it is September but am so thrilled with that fact. In gardening, this is a busy month as beds are being harvested, worked, and planted for the winter bounty! As is being done in my own gardens. Last week when it was cool, I took an afternoon and attacked my front flower bed that had rebelliously gone to grass. I pulled handfuls—no, I pulled mounds of grass and decaying flower stems for hours, carefully guarding against yanking out those plants that are established and will bloom beautifully again this spring. Seriously though, I pulled a pick-up load of 'unwants' out of that garden—Terry can attest to that! Now, I have some lovely zinnias and marigolds that are blooming and all of those bare spots are dutifully seeded with ornamental kale, purple kale and vigorous long-

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Urge Congress to support Broadband Data Improvement Act

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

TEXAS - Farmers and ranchers have an opportunity to show lawmakers the importance of accurate rural broadband maps.

The bipartisan Broadband Data Improvement Act would improve the accuracy of broadband coverage maps and better direct federal funds for broadband buildout.

"Broadband is a critical pathway to help farmers and ranchers achieve many of the essential modern agricultural needs," Cody Lyons, American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) managing director of Advocacy and Political Affairs, said. "Having appropriate and adequate access to broadband helps them be more efficient, helps them be more economical, helps them be more responsible to the environment, just helps them be better at their job."

He noted the bill would change the mapping of rural areas to more adequately show the lack of rural broadband.

"It helps with the mapping of where broadband is needed. It helps make sure that that critical infrastructure is in place to help farmers and ranchers," he said. "It's essential to make

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School grant program takes learning outside



Courtesy Photo

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

TEXAS - In a technology-driven society, many schools are looking for avenues to incorporate hands-on activities or outside learning opportunities. Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Learning from the Ground Up program can help.

"Each student learns differently, but research shows hands-on activities help them better understand classroom concepts," Whit Weems, TFB director of Organization, said. "Through this program, teachers and students can take classroom learning outside and dive deeper into science and agriculture."

Students go outside, get their hands dirty and make connections from the garden to agriculture. They see how it applies to the food they eat, the clothes they wear, and the fuel used in their family's vehicles.

Through Learning from the Ground Up, teachers or administrators of a Texas public or private school can apply for a grant of up to \$500.

Every year, three \$500 grants are awarded in each of

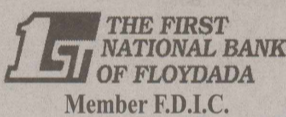
TFB's 13 districts.

The program is open to schools across the state and offers grants to help establish or improve school gardens, greenhouses, raised beds or hydroponic and aquaponic projects that provide students with hands-on, experiential learning about agriculture and food production.

"We want teachers to take learning outside the classroom to provide students with real-world experiences," Weems said. "Learning from the Ground Up is just one of several programs offered by

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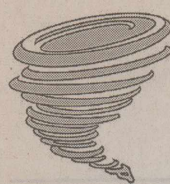
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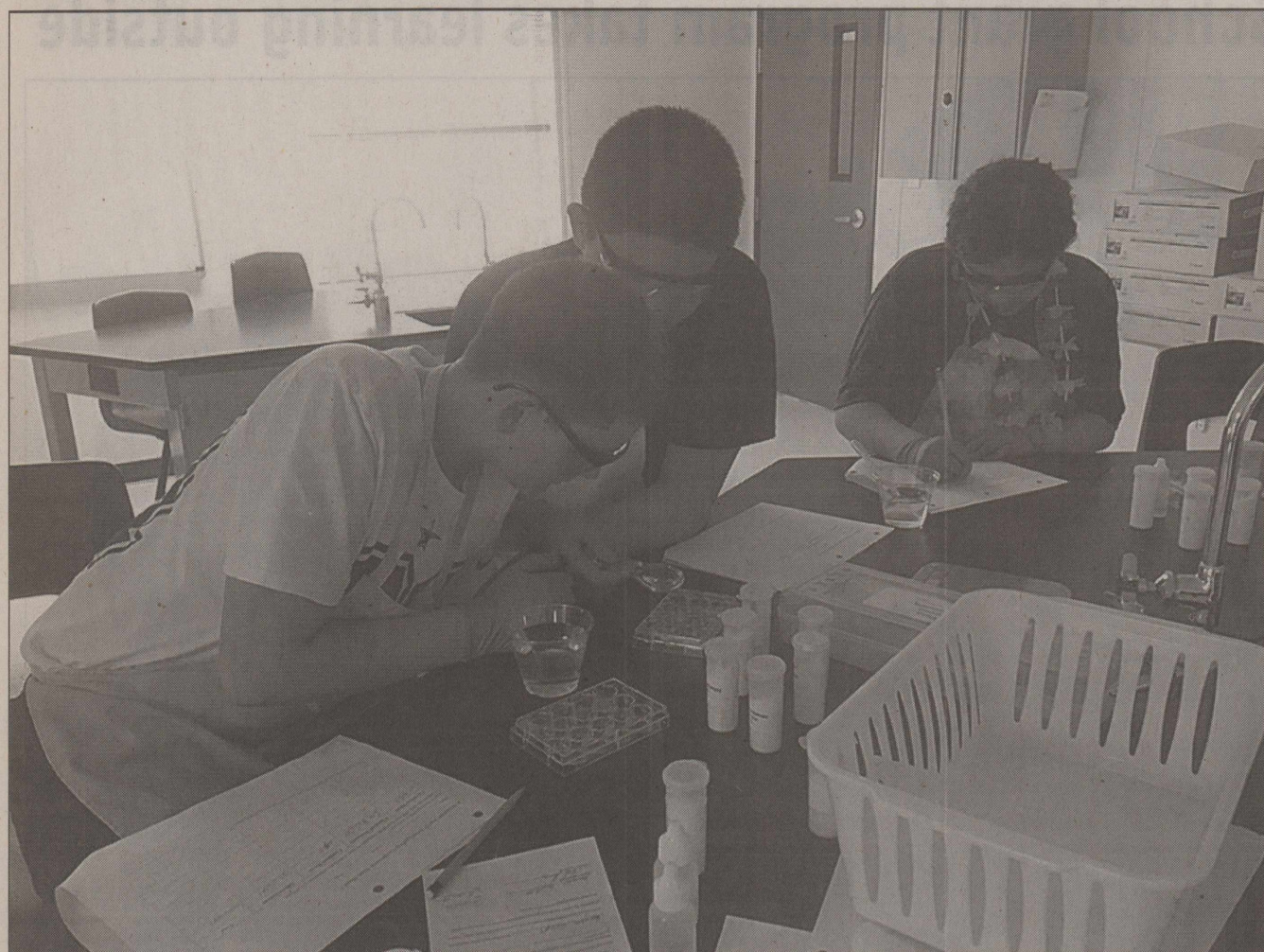
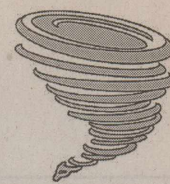
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Floydada Whirlwinds



FLOYDADA JUNIOR HIGH Science classes put on their safety goggles and pulled out their pipettes as they put the Scientific Method to work—ask questions, research, hypothesize, experiment, analyze the data and accept or reject the hypothesis. The students were experimenting and recording data in relation to chemical reactions.



THE FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS were pitted against Seagraves last Friday night. Pictured above, QB Mike DeLaFuente #12 steps out of the pocket as Ryder Glass #50 holds back Seagraves' defensive line, Marcus Perez #20 hightails it down the line, and Davian Ramos #52 loses his grip on his Seagraves opponent. The Winds took home the victory with a score of 24-Floydada to Seagraves' 7 points.



THE JV WHIRLWIND team swarms the Seagraves ball carrier last Thursday evening in the first game of the season. Pictured: #67-Eric Silva, #70-Marcus Collins and #1 Phillip Rodriguez make the tackle

Coach's Talk-FHS Coach Bruington Wednesday, August 28th

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada scrimmaged Ralls on August 22nd. Coach Bruington felt like the team got tired—especially in the last quarter "...because we have so many kids that play offense and defense and they rarely get to come off the field." He stated that the kids worked on that during the week, but "you can't get in shape overnight—it's a process!" Monday's practice, in the heat, was productive, "but then on Tuesday, I think they lost their minds in the 76-degree weather, because we didn't really have a real good one. But the kids realize that, and they know they can't do that and still get positive results."

Coach Bruington's Winds face Seagraves this week (Friday, August 30th). This is what he had to say about the upcoming game. "Looking at the films of their scrimmages, they made some adjustments and made some improvements. We're going to have a handful with them. They lost a lot of games last year, probably due to the fact that they haven't had a JV team in a few years and it's catching up with them, but with the tradition in Seagraves I don't anticipate them being down long. I believe that we're going to be okay, but we're going to have to be very strategic in our time-outs—we have to give our kids breaks. On the other hand, I think our speed is going to overwhelm them a little bit." In the end, his kids are going to play hard—they did all last year. He added, "I look for big things from my kids. We'll go down to Seagraves and play hard."

Play hard they did! Coming out with the 24-7 victory, the Whirlwinds open their season 1-0.

Floydada will be playing host to Tulia, Friday, September 6th, for the Winds' first home game of the season. That game will begin at 7:30 p.m. The JV teams will be playing Thursday, September 5th, at Tulia starting at 6:00 p.m. The Pre-game meal for this home game (Sept 6 against Tulia) is being prepared by the Floyd County Buyer's Club. Tickets for the meal are \$10 and can be bought from any football player or purchased at the door. The Pre-game meal is held at AB Duncan cafeteria.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU September 9 - September 13

Monday

Breakfast – BIC Chicken biscuit sandwich, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch –Chicken & chili Crispito, cheese pizza, tater tots, spiced charro beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Breakfast on a stick, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch –Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, ham & cheese sub, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast- Cinnamon Toast Crunch, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch – Gooey mac & cheese, spicy chicken sandwich, New England Style baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast –Egg, sausage, & cheese biscuit, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch – Chicken nuggets, roll, grilled cheeseburger, Green peas, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast –Cinnamon French toast, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch – Mini chicken comdog, breaded chicken sandwich, yellow corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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Lockney Longhorns

Coach's Talk-LHS Coach Ward Wednesday, August 28th

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Longhorns were on the road, Thursday night, August 22nd for the second of their pre-season scrimmages—this time, they were at Spring Lake/Earth. Coach Ward was happy that the kids came out healthy. "They had a little adversity—they turned the ball over three times, but they didn't get down and didn't lose their heads, so I was pleased with that." Reminding us that scrimmages "are just another practice," he reiterated that he was thrilled that everyone managed to stay healthy during the contest.

Looking to the game with Clarendon on Friday, Coach Ward stated, "It will be a good test for us. Clarendon

has an established program—they've won 27 ball games in the last two years." When asked how comparable the teams were, he commented, "They have about 27 on varsity—right close to us, and they have no JV. So, as far as 'numbers' the teams are equal." Coach Ward will have to wait 48 hours before he will know how equal the teams are on the field of play.

The Lockney Longhorns struggled against Clarendon, putting 7 points on the board to Clarendon's 35 points. Mistakes were made, but it's still early in the season. Anson Rendon and Elias Alvarez came off the field with injuries.

The Longhorns will be battling Seagraves at home for the first home-game of the new season. That game will begin at 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 6th.



THE LOCKNEY LONGHORNS traveled to Clarendon, Friday evening for their first game of the season. Clarendon controlled the field, winning the game 35 points to Lockney's 7 points.



THE JV WHIRLWIND was out in pads beginning drills this past week. The 7th & 8th Grade team will travel to Floydada, Thursday, September 12th for their first games of the season. The 7th Grade game will start at 5 p.m. with the 8th Grade game following directly at 6:15 p.m. Their first home games will be September 26th against Olton.



THE LOCKNEY BUILDING TRADES CLASSES are popular with students. Mr. Lemmons assisted students last week in "active learning" as they each tried their hand at lighting the cutting torch and adjusting the cone.

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Pre-Game Pancake Supper, September 13, before the Lockney/Floydada football game. The supper will be held at the Lockney Sr. Citizen's Center, and will begin serving at 5 p.m. and continue through 7 p.m. All plates will cost \$7 and will include 3 pancakes, 2 sausage patties, and a choice of drink. The football game will be at Wester Field in Floydada and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

September 9 - September 13

Monday
Breakfast - Pancakes, bacon or cereal & toast, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Breaded drumstick or pig in blanket, sweet potatoes, corn, grapes, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, hash browns or PBJ, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Crispy tacos, veggie cup, beans, lettuce & tomato, oranges, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuit, gravy, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Lasagna or Ravioli, steamed veggies, fresh broccoli, roll, fruit cup, milk

Thursday
Breakfast - Sausage kolache, yogurt, or graham crackers & cheese stick, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Hamburger, fries, carrots, snowball salad, milk

Friday
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Lunch - Chicken parmesan, breadstick, green beans, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, cookie, milk

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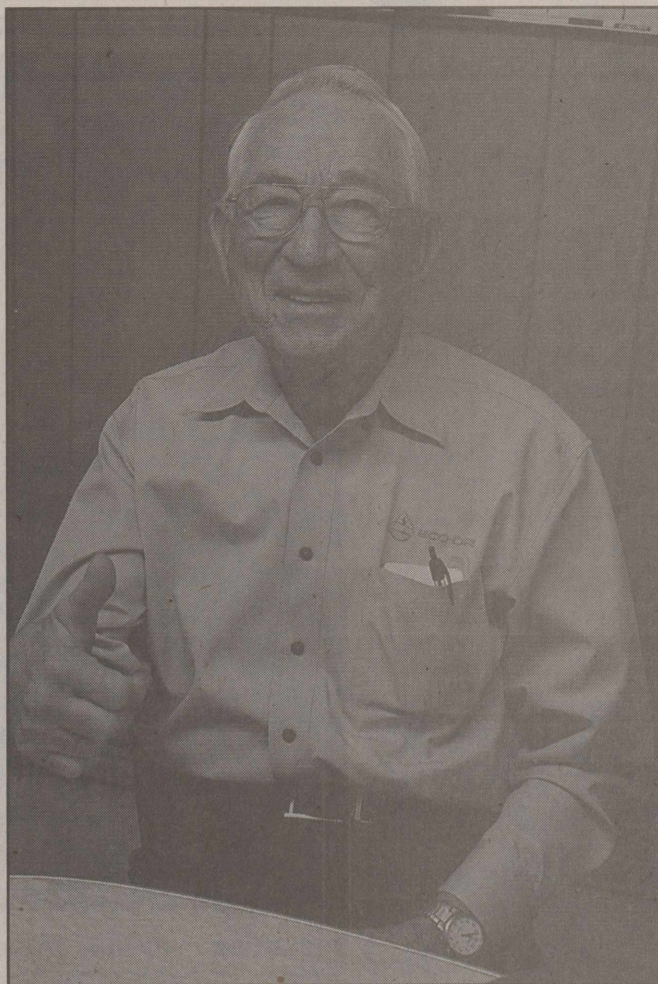
I saw what it did to production!" He made twice as much cotton with half the water. "Oh, Boy! I thought, 'This is okay!' and I started pushing it and putting it in wherever I could." Initially, there were a lot of 12- to 15-acre plots where Frerich installed the drip systems. "With each plot, I'd do things a little different and I'd customize the system to the needs of the farmer, and then, after the installation, we would stick around making sure the entire system was working the way it was supposed to. It was all trial and error in those early days; we were learning with each install and people appreciated that we were there, even after the system was put in the ground."

"The first big system I put in was for my father-in-law," said Frerich. "Of course, he'd been hearing and watching my fields those first growing seasons. It was convincing enough that he asked me to put it in his 65-acres. No sooner than that one was up and running, another of his neighbors wanted systems put into their fields." The year was 1983.

Needless to say, people were beginning to take notice. One such person was a banker from Big Spring. He had watched and listened to his customers talk about this new watering technology using drip irrigation rather than row irrigation. Those customers that were struggling with a lack of water before, were suddenly producing crops with drip irrigation, and paying off their farm loans. There had to be a connection. So, he made a trip to Garden City to visit with this Hubert Frerich.

"Things really got going after the banker came out. He proposed sending us clients, knowing that we would put in a good system and stick with the farmer to make it work for his needs. You see, we had a good reputation with working even after the system had been installed," stated Frerich. "That banker told us that those farmers with drip were paying off their loans in a shorter time than those farmers that were still using row irrigation or pivot water systems. He wanted all of his customers on drip."

"Initially, it was a family enterprise," added daughter, Andrea Hillger, CFO, Gar-



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ECO-DRIP IRRIGATION Founder, Hubert Frerich, Garden City, TX.

den City branch. "Dad was out in the field working with the farmers, then he'd come home and design projects, and mom did all the book-keeping, invoicing, and purchasing. They did it all!"

"It sure does help to marry the right woman!" Hubert said of his wife, Annette, chuckling.

"I'd be on the phone talking to people, then I'd eat supper around 7 o'clock, then I'd go in and start designing, and go well into the morning hours," Herbert chuckles. "A few times I stayed up all night working on a specific issue. Every system is different—the one common factor is that you have to design for the water that is available. There were so many factors that went into the drip systems. It was amazing, when you got it all hooked up and going, that the thing would work...and it would be real close to what we were wanting."

In the 1980s, there were no drip-irrigation controllers on the market—the technology hadn't been developed as of yet. Initially, Hubert adapted lawn-sprinkler-timing mechanisms into the farm drip systems. "I would buy a lawn-sprinkler-timer system and tinker with it until I had it doing what I needed." He had taken the design so far as to tricking the system into run-

ning multiple zones at a time. And, as to parts—everything was put underground to decrease the degradation of the solenoids, wiring and valves. All of this was the type of forward-thinking that Hubert brought to the table, but he is quick to give the credit to those farmers with which he was working. "Ninety percent of it was common sense. I just listened to our customers and tried to make the system work for them."

Interestingly, Hubert, with just a high school degree, did all the designs on paper and drafting table.

The business kept growing, "...and we hired people that were smarter than we were. Ones that shared our vision of 'drip' and could make the enterprise successful, not just then, but in the future," stated Frerich. Two sons, Brian and David, ended up joining the company, as well as their sister, Andrea and each one brought with them their specialty. Brian, one of the youngest sons, saw the vision of 'drip' and upon finishing college, worked side by side with Hubert. Another son, David, saw the future incorporating computer technology into the design-side of the business, implementing the CAD-based systems.

Business continued to grow in the 1990s, now with state-

of-the-art CAD designs and computer technology providing more and more information for design and management. The company continued to look for really good people—not just for the design segment of the company, but for the installation as well as the full-service segments that assisted the customers in keeping their systems maintained and worry-free. "Anybody can put down drip, but we took pride in hiring people that wanted the system to be successful in the long-run," stated Andrea.

In 1999, a young A&M student interned with the company. Craig Hoelscher's dad and grandpa were instrumental in figuring out how drip systems could work, but Craig had always seen the future. At that time, the formal education system didn't have degree plans in "Farm Irrigation" and there was a true battle between what Frerich was doing on farms all over the South Plains and what the college professors and the extension service advocated. To the academics, pivots were the order of business for the day and they vehemently opposed drip irrigation systems; even so far as to print wide-spread publications stating that the theory was not practical or feasible as the expense only added to farmers' debt cycle. "I never understood this. We were seeing systems that paid for themselves the first year in production gains—we saw this first-hand," stated Frerich.

At this point, someone else was taking notice of the trend toward drip irrigation, primarily from the 'parts' side of the industry. "The manufacturers that we were buying from saw an opportunity for sales. They saw how much their company was shipping out to Eco-Drip, and the Nebraska salesmen wanted the same opportunities that the Texas salesmen were having," explained Andrea.

The intern, Craig Hoelscher, had been hired as soon as he graduated from A&M. With expansion on the minds of management, all agreed that Craig would be the best one for the job. With a 3-year window, and the backing and support of the Texas group, Craig went to work introducing the Eco-Drip systems to Nebraska farmers.

According to Hoelscher,

western Nebraska is a lot like West Texas, but every area has its own challenges. The key issue, much like the Texas and Oklahoma service area, is that the Nebraska water table is dropping. Additionally, the state has a narrow growing window—crops may only need the system for a month, but if there is no water, those crops burn to a crisp.

"When I got there, a lot of people in Nebraska were selling drip systems out of the back of their pickups. When they finished with the installation, they were gone!" explained Craig. "That's when the knowledge and experience really come into play, because if the system fails initially, it takes know-how to get it up and running...I saw huge design flaws!" What was needed was tried-and-true mechanics and a knowledgeable person there that could get the system rolling. Craig filled that role and Nebraska is now reaping the benefits of Eco-Drip systems.

Forty years have passed since Hubert Frerich put in that very first subsurface watering system, and the company that grew from that seed of thought has been incorporated for 35 years. With 8 locations in West Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska, and with 80-plus employees, the company has no thoughts of slowing down. Three generations of the Frerich family work within the company, and there is hope that members of the fourth generation will soon be joining the group. Those from outside the family that have become employees tend to stay. Andrea counted on her fingers, "We've probably got 20 people that have been with us for 10 years or more...We've just got good people!"

The Floydada Eco-Drip location has long been one of the foundation stones of the company. With Lance Soles starting as a service technician and moving his way up to Branch Manager, as well as serving as the company's Warehouse Manager, Soles has been around for almost fifteen years. He comments, "I had a brain for both sides of the company." Which has worked out well, because Andrea admits that when the home office runs into a question about a part, a controller, or a design, she can snap a photo with her phone and

send it to Lance for an immediate solution.

Riding out to the field with Lance was a history lesson on drip irrigation in Floyd County. "We put in the first system in the county out at Les Nixon's farm. The second was Randy Henderson's farm here, west of town," commented Soles. "That was in 1992." And since then, Eco-Drip has been busy taking care of the sub-surface irrigation needs of Floyd County's farmers.

Records indicate that well over 250,000 acres of drip has been installed by the company, and many of those first systems are still running. How long does a drip system last? "We really, honestly don't know yet," stated Hoelscher. He added, "Systems have stopped running or been abandoned—mostly due to lack of maintenance, or lack of water. But as far as failures of the system design, we haven't had enough fail to produce enough data to show up as a statistical percentage." If the system is run every year, maintenance is performed, the farmer watches the system flows, then the systems can easily run 30, and hopefully, 40 years.

Hubert Frerich chuckled as he sat with his hands laying on the table, listening to his valued employees talk about this company that he started in the prime of his life. "There were many times that I thought I needed to go one direction—but I would get a shove from The-Man-Upstairs to go another direction," he stated. "And there were times when I would be stubborn and not listen—God had different ideas." Everyone in the room was silent as the impact of what Mr. Frerich said had to sink in. He looked up, raised his hands and simply stated, "And here we are now!"

Eco-Drip has a dedicated team of members to serve growers in every aspect of drip irrigation with a proven history of taking care of their customers. With a committed and focused ownership team, Eco-Drip has continued to serve growers as competitors have come and gone.

For more information, contact our local Eco-Drip location in Floydada at (806)686-2183 or go to their website at www.eco-drip.com.



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UPCOMING STORYTELLER

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preaching, storytelling, and music woven together to create a fresh approach to renewal. In addition, his ministry offers BibleQuest, a fast-paced program designed to make learning Bible facts and truths exciting for elementary-aged children to be held at 6 p.m. each evening.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS

The Floydada Senior Center will be serving a "Sunday Meal" in September, October and November. Our date for September is the 8th. We will be serving fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and a drink. Minimum donation is \$8 but we appreciate any extra money donated. We will open our doors at 11:15 a.m.

LOCKNEY CHAMBER PRE-GAME SUPPER

Lockney Chamber will host a Pre-Game Pancake Supper on Friday, Sept. 13 at the Lockney Senior Citizens building. Serving time - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Cost \$7. Before Lockney vs Floydada game.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS

The Lockney Senior Citizens will have their "Sunday Lunch" on September 29. More details on the menu will follow soon. All donations are appreciated.

CONTEST

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final prizes. Contest leaders will be published in the Hesperian-Beacon each week during the contest.

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon would also like to thank all our sponsors of the annual contest. Be sure and frequent these businesses and tell them how much you enjoy playing the yearly pick 'em. Stapp Paint & Body Shop, Providence Farm Supply, Muncy Elevator, Lighthouse Electric Coop, Wright's Auto Service, First National Bank of Floydada, Adams Well Service, Quality Body Shop, KFLP, McCoy Gin, Helena, D&J Gin, Floydada Power & Light, Payne Pharmacy, Mangold Memorial Hospital/Cogdell Clinic, Floydada Coop Gin, Lockney Coop Gin, Assiter Ag Risk/Assiter Puntkin Ranch, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Davis Lumber Company, Pumpkin Pyle, Robin's Nest Photography and Gracie Cervantes Photography.

Official contest entry forms found in the newspaper will be graded each week. No photocopies or mail-in entries will be accepted.

You may drop off your entries at the Hesperian-Beacon office located at 201 W. California, Floydada (drop off slot is in front of building on edge of square glass pane windows) or you may drop them off at the Lockney Senior Citizens building in Lockney. Drop off hours at Lockney are Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. or Fridays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All entries must be at the Hesperian-Beacon office or Lockney Senior Citizens building no later than 5 p.m. on Fridays. NO LATE entries will be accepted.

MEMORIES

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crossed the state line, he was unable to obtain box cars, so ten days from the time he started his move, he arrived at the farm in Floyd County. The reason he could not obtain box cars was due to World War I.

He built a home in 1918 in the Pleasant Valley Community and lived there until 1924 when he moved to Canyon, Texas so the children could attend West Texas State Teacher's College. He always wanted the children to get an education if they wanted one as he did not have the opportunity to get one. He moved back to the farm in 1932 and lived in Floyd County until the death of his wife in 1954. He spent his last 20 years living in Canyon, Texas and one of his greatest joys was seeing his five grand-children receive their degrees from West Texas State University.

He and his wife are buried in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon, Texas.

are available on iTunes. Five of the songs from his Heal Our Land album have been published as choral anthems by Lorenz Music. His newest CD,

O Come, O Come, has had one song hit No. 2 and two songs stay in the top ten on Christian Radio Chart.com during the 2016 Christmas season.

Part of the uniqueness of Rev. Putnam's ministry is his dramatizations of Bible stories told through biblical characters who he brings to life using costumes and dialects as though they were living today. His Bible story videos are available for viewing on YouTube simply by typing in Wesley Putnam.

Rev. Putnam is in great demand for revivals and children's camps. He has appeared as worship leader and soloist for many national gatherings. He has previously served as president and executive evangelist of the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists and as a member of the executive committee of the

Council on Evangelism for the United Methodist Church.

He and his wife Felicia, who is heavily involved in the Bible-Quest portion of the ministry, live in Bedford, TX. They have three grown sons and nineteen grandchildren.

LIGHTHOUSE

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to electric contacts. A new job planning app has been created as a part of the safety initiative. The purpose of this app is to slow work down and direct line personnel's attention to "life-saving" rules to help build and reinforce safe habits. The app delivers a job briefing process that emphasizes engaging analytical thinking and reasoning in safety procedures.

Under the direction of Albert Daniel, general manager, Lighthouse started a safety committee in 2019, the committee met for the first time in January. The safety committee is made up of employees who work in the office and linemen who work outside the office. Any employee who has an idea or a way to improve safety can bring it to the committee. The committee meets once a month and makes recommendations to the general manager. The safety committee recommended purchasing AEDs for the cooperative. Lighthouse is purchasing two AEDs this fall, one AED for the Floydada office and one for the office in Memphis. In 2020, Lighthouse plans to purchase two more AEDs.

The electric cooperatives in Texas are blessed to have a good safety program. The Loss Control division of Texas Electric Cooperatives have safety specialist that conduct safety meetings regularly at cooperatives across the state. Phil Henricks is the safety specialist for Lighthouse and has 27 years of experience in electrical line work and 10 years in safety training. When Phil meets with the linemen, they discuss safety practices and procedures that are in place. Accidents from other electric utilities are evaluated and discussed by Phil and the line crews. Why did the accident happen? Could the accident have been prevented? This discussion helps linemen recognize hazards they might encounter in a similar situation and work safely getting the job completed.

Under the direction of the general manager and directors, Lighthouse is committed to safety training for employees. Apprentice linemen and linemen attend regular safety meetings. Apprentice linemen are sent to training classes on pole climbing and basic electricity. Linemen are sent to classes about transformers and troubleshooting. The construction crew has embraced the safety app and uses it on a regular basis. By continuing a culture of safety, Lighthouse will ensure its employees have safe and long careers with the cooperative.

WHAT'S UP

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standing kale.

Why kale? Because it continues to grow and produce through the winter months with very little need for protection; and, our bunnies LOVE the greens during the cool winter months. I'd much rather pick a bunch of greens for their supper than to simply pour in a bowl of grain...plus, my bunnies are spoiled, and I plan to keep them that way!

Interestingly, my summer squash plants are just now starting to produce. This morning I picked 8 yellow and zucchini fruits—the best picking I've had since last summer, I guess. I'm fine with lots of squash because its easy to fry up for dinner and what's not eaten can be frozen for winter eating.

Actually, my arms were full of produce this morning from my garden walk-tomatoes, black-eyed peas, squash, cucumbers, a couple of peppers and some stunning flowers. My three soccer-ball-sized cantaloupes are getting sweeter by the day and I'm pretty sure that my second honeydew will make me a delicious breakfast this week.

As Terry and I sat in the garden last night, we were talking about the arrival of September and what this autumn holds in store for us. This morning, however, the garden seemed to say, "Don't count us out, yet! We still have a lot of production left in us!" And, so...I'll honor that wish—at least for this last month! Happy picking, y'all!

SCHOOL GRANT

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Texas Farm Bureau to help with youth education."

Hands-on learning in a garden, greenhouse, hydroponics or aquaponics facility can help students better understand situations that farmers and ranchers face.

"A plan has to be made regarding what crops will be planted or what fish they will raise," Weems said. "Students and teachers have to care for the project throughout the year. That can include treating for weeds, applying fertilizer, watering the plants and harvesting the fruits and vegetables of their labor—just like farmers do at the end of a growing season."

The program is a win-win, Weems said, for students and teachers.

"Through the process, they're able to see what farmers and ranchers face while growing our food. They experience weather challenges, weeds, pests and more. Small-scale gardening and large-scale farming have several similarities and Learning from the Ground Up helps students make that connection," Weems said. "They're not just learning about a theory or a process. Those students are actually getting outside and doing it."

Applications can be submitted either by mail or email and should be received by Oct. 18.

Applications must include a timeline and detailed budget with estimated expenses. One grant application per school may be submitted each year, and students must be directly involved throughout the project. Grants are payable to the school or organization.

Program details and applications are available online at www.texasfarmbureau.org/aitec.

For answers to questions about the grant program, contact edoutreach@txfb.org or call 254-399-5030.

SUPPORT

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sure rural America has access to tools that help the businesses of farming and ranching, but also helps the community of which farmers and ranchers live."

Farmers and ranchers can tell lawmakers how critical improved broadband coverage is at fb.org/advocacy.

"Farmers and ranchers can send a message to their representative by going to the fb.org website under the advocacy tab," he said. "It's also key right now while members of Congress are back in the district that farmers and ranchers have conversations with them about the importance and need for broadband in rural areas. Members of Congress are going to listen. They want to be able to help, and this is a good issue in which members of Congress can have a key impact on rural Americans."

Xcel Energy Achieves "We Hire Vets" designation in Texas

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO – Xcel Energy has been recognized as a leading Texas company for veteran hiring.

The Texas Workforce Commission, in partnership with the Texas Veterans Commission, has awarded Xcel Energy with the "We Hire Vets" designation, recognizing Texas employers for their commitment to hiring veterans.

Texas employers whose workforce is made up of at least 10% military veterans are eligible for the designation. Xcel Energy is committed to a 10 percent annual veteran hiring goal, and veterans currently make up more than 11 percent of its regional workforce.

Xcel Energy employs a full-time recruiter who works with veterans on career coaching and resume assistance. The company engages in military-specific marketing and communications efforts and participates in more than 35 job fairs that specifically target military veterans and active reservists throughout its New Mexico and Texas service territory.

Additionally, veterans who come on as apprentices in Xcel Energy's substation and line departments can use G.I. Bill benefits to help them purchase tools and equipment for their job, as well as supplement their income up to the journeyman level, Hudson said.

Veteran support at Xcel Energy extends to the company's retention efforts. Employees volunteer with a group called MOVE, or Military Ombudsmen for Veterans and Employees that provides opportunities for veteran employees to get involved in the community.

More information on Xcel Energy's veteran hiring can be found at xcelenergy.com by selecting the "Careers" link at the bottom of the homepage.

Texas Transportation Commission approves State's 10 year Transportation Plan

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The Texas Transportation Commission approved TxDOT's 10-year transportation plan that includes more than \$77 billion dedicated to improving safety, addressing congestion and connectivity, and preserving roadways for Texas drivers.

The 10-year plan, called the 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), contains more than \$4 billion for safety improvements, including an extra \$600 million for the next two years to help accelerate even more safety measures in an effort to reduce crashes and eliminate fatalities from our roadways by 2050. Many of these improvements will widen roads; improve median barriers and bridges; upgrade guardrails; provide intersection improvements, such as upgraded traffic signals and signage; and make safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

More than \$600 million committed to fund transportation improvements in the state's bustling Permian Basin energy sector is included in the plan to add to other funding in the energy sector. Projects focus on safety, connectivity, congestion relief, as well as improving mobility at high-volume intersections. Funding also will pay for pavement strengthening for roadways with high truck volumes and weights.


"TxDOT is committed to reducing congestion and improving mobility and safety in Texas as evidenced by the agency's largest 10-year plan to date," said J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. Commission Chairman. "Additionally, we keep making progress in addressing congestion in our busiest parts of the state through our Texas Clear Lanes initiative, which addresses congestion in top chokepoints in our largest metro areas."

Many of the projects in this plan are roadway segments identified on Texas' 100 Most Congested Roadways list. The projects will be delivered with funding from legislative and voter-approved initiatives that allocate portions of oil and gas taxes, sales taxes and other money to the state highway fund.

Projects are selected based on how effective the projects are in addressing areas such as pavement condition, safety, capacity and rural connectivity. Projects are chosen collaboratively by TxDOT and local transportation leaders with ultimate approval by the Texas Transportation Commission with input from the public. The UTP authorizes highway projects for planning activities, development and construction. In addition to highway projects, the UTP address public transportation, maritime, aviation and rail.

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Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of a tie, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and deposing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

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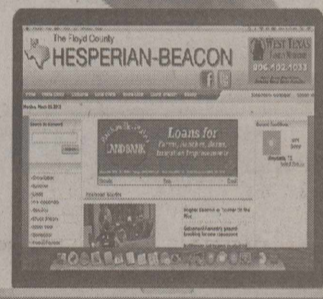
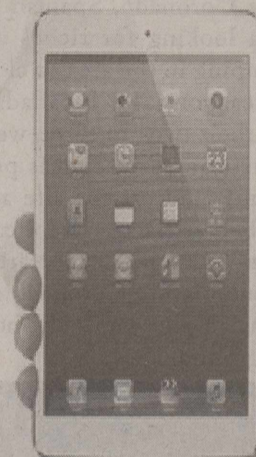
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THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF FLOYD COUNTY'S PAST COME ALIVE AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

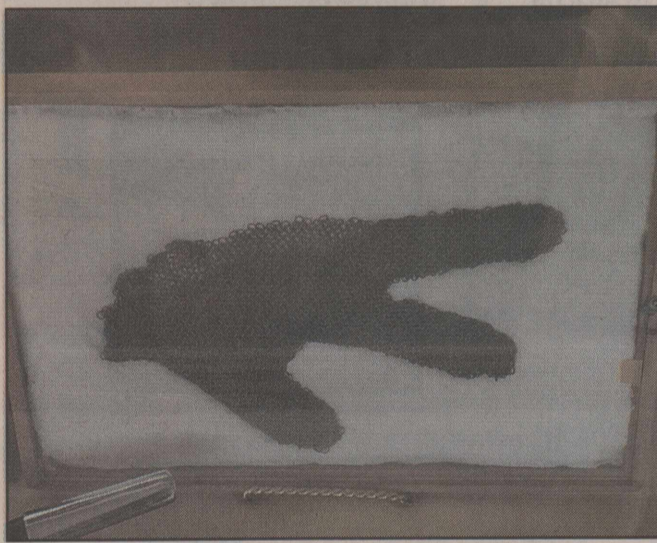
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Vazquez de Coronado, Spanish Explorer.

FLOYDADA - Long before there was a USA, even before there was Texas, there was Blanco Canyon, located near the edge of the caprock on Llano Estacado, just seven miles south of Floydada, TX. In May of 1541, Vazquez de Coronado, Spanish Explorer, passed through this area looking for riches and fountains of youth. While camping in the area so close to the current day park in the canyon, and Floydada Country Club, they left signs of their two- to three-week encampment. Floyd County Historical Museum is proud to display a Chain Mail Gauntlet left at the site along with Spanish coins and other artifacts. Replicas of 16th Century swords, cross bows, and armor are also on display. Close your eyes and picture Coronado and his explorers hunched around a campfire while the horses browsed for grass in the background.



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Chain Mail Gauntlet found at Coronado's Encampment uncovered in Blanco Canyon seven miles south of Floydada. Located in Floyd County Historical Museum.



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Thomas Montgomery TM Bar Ranch House, original photo.

The Native American Indians, and the early settlers to the areas around Floydada often lived in dugouts or adobe homes built into the side of a hill for protection. In 1887, William Thomas Montgomery made his way to this area to try his hand at ranching. He lived in an adobe house that had a second wood-story added shortly after he arrived in Blanco Canyon. A three-quarters scale replica of this Thomas Montgomery TM



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Three-quarters-scale replica of the Thomas Montgomery TM Bar Ranch House in museum.

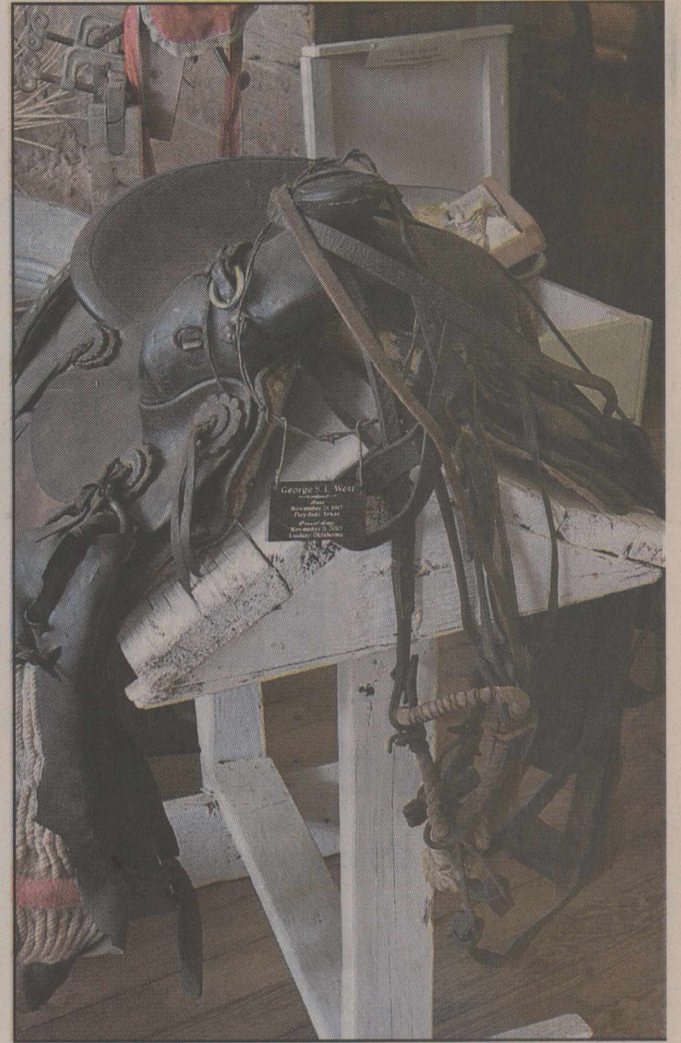


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Interior of replica of the Thomas Montgomery TM Bar Ranch House located in museum.

Bar Ranch House is built inside the museum. It features furniture common to the ranchers. The family lived upstairs where the living room, kitchen, and bedroom was located. The ranch hands lived downstairs in the adobe part in a large bunkhouse type bedroom,

located to the left of the storage room. Conjure up the bygone sounds of the ranch hands trying to move the cattle up out of the canyon to better grassland.



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The Saddle Rig belonging to George S.L West, one cowboy that lived in the Thomas Montgomery TM Bar Ranch House while working as a "hand" on the TM Bar Ranch, sits next to the door that led to the hands' rooms in the lower, adobe area of the house.

A plaque attached to the upstairs deck honors Thomas Eli Neff for his dedicated service to the building and supervision of the Montgomery Ranch House which he built to scale for the Floyd County Historical Museum.

The museum has many features, including over fifty-five works of art in various mediums. The largest piece



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"Lantern at Old Emma", Carl J. Smith, 2016.

is a beautiful 60" x 48" oil painting by Carl J. Smith, renowned Western Artist, entitled "Lantern at Old Emma".

It features a pioneer woman and her two children at night, possibly heading to a well for water. Completed about 2016, Mr. Smith generously donated the painting to the museum. Emma was a small community settlement located in Crosby County. Also proudly displayed, is another painting by Carl Smith entitled "C. W. Smith Home in Floyd County. SW of Sandhill and built in 1907". Take time to step back and visualize the sights and sounds of the early ranchers as they struggled against nature to carve a home for themselves.

The Floyd County Historical Museum contains many more interesting displays ranging from doll houses, to farm equipment, to military memorabilia. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 1-5 PM and other times through special appointments. Call 806-983-2415 to book a group tour.



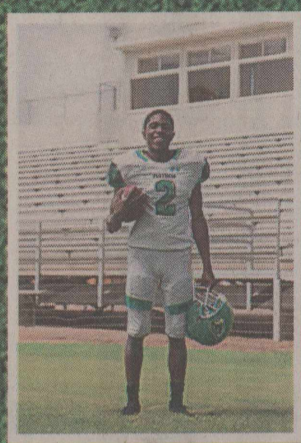
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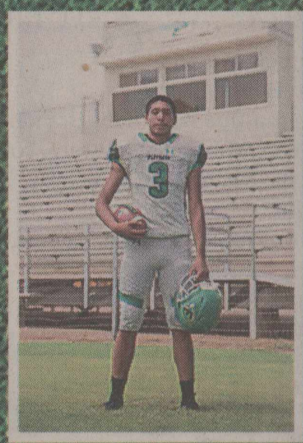
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#2 JOSH COOPER
Senior - RB/DB



#3 QUINCY GONZALES
Junior - REC/DB



#4 KALEB CRONE
Junior - REC/DB



#9 DYLAN RAMOS
Junior - REC/DB



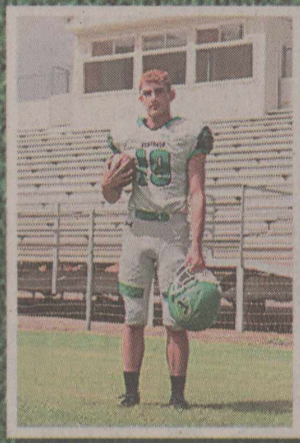
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Senior - QB/DB



#11 ALEXYZ ALVARADO
Junior - RB/OLB



#12 MIKE DELAFUENTE
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#19 KYLE BRINGTON
Junior - REC/DB



#20 MARCUS PEREZ
Senior - RB/DB



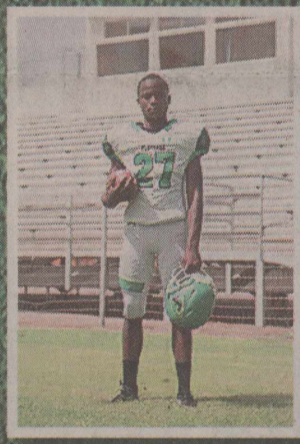
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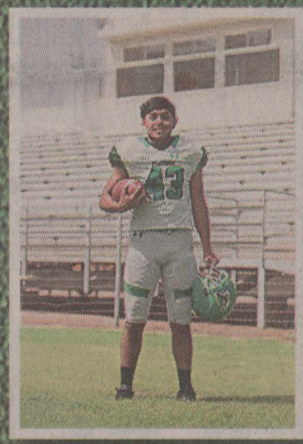
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Junior - RB/LB



#26 JOSE LIRA
Senior - RB/LB



#27 MALIKI HARDAWAY
Sophomore - RB/LB



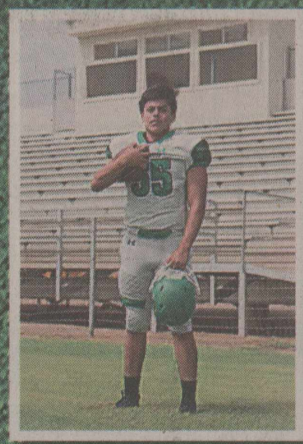
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Senior - RB/DB



#50 RYDER GLASS
Junior - OL/DL



#52 DAVIAN RAMOS
Sophomore - OL/DL



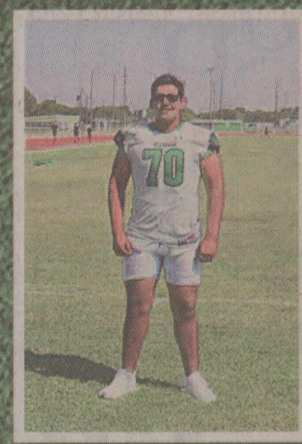
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Junior - OL/LB



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Sophomore - OL/DL



#66 ALEX CARMONA
Junior - OL/DL



#70 JEFFREY CASTRO
Senior - OL/DL



#71 DAVID ARREOLA
Senior - OL/DL



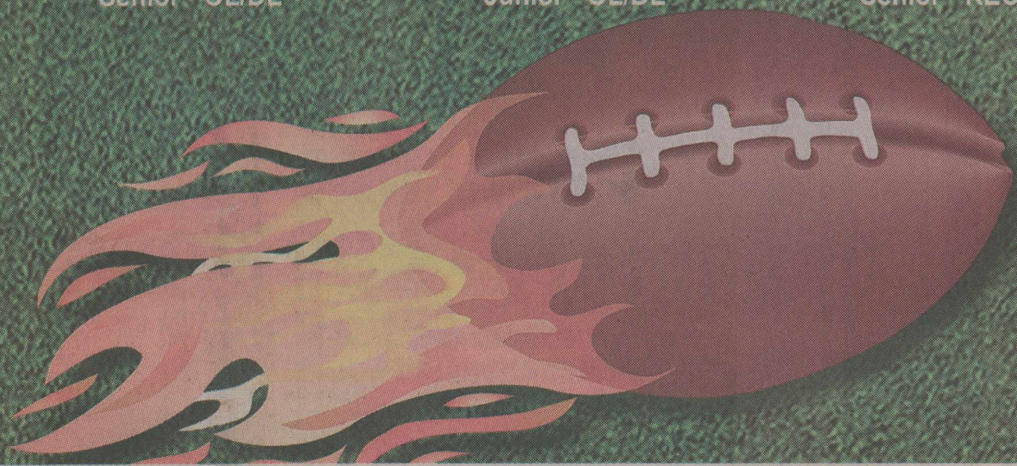
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Junior - OL/DL



#85 PABLO MENDOZA
Senior - REC/DB



2019-2020 FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND COACHES - (L to R)
Cody Dean, Joe Alvarado, Jonathan Ramirez, Brandon Wickware,
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2019 Floydada Whirlwinds Varsity Football



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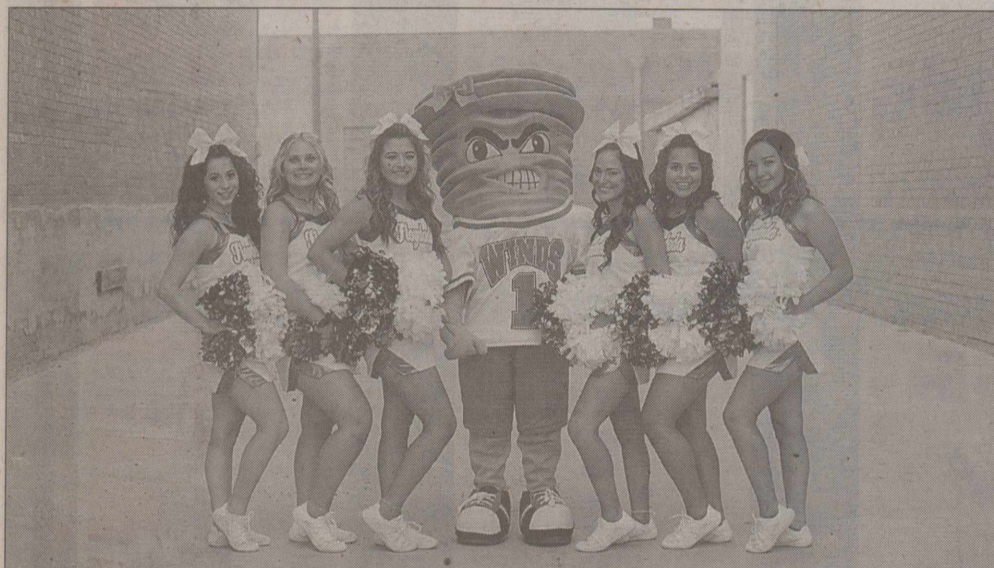


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(L to R) Azalea Garza, Angel Fipps, Aliana Gonzales, Mascot-Madison Fipps, Audrie Strange, Natalee Romero, and Ruth Ramirez

NO.	NAME	POSITION		HT./WT.	CLASS
		OFF.	DEF.		
#2	JOSH COOPER	RB/DB		5'7" 140	12
#3	QUINCY GONZALES	REC/DB		6'2" 170	11
#4	KALEB CRONE	REC/DB		5'10" 150	11
#9	DYLAN RAMOS	REC/DB		5'8" 145	11
#10	ANDREZ SUAREZ	QB/DB		5'8" 140	12
#11	ALEXYZ ALVARADO	RB/OLB		5'9" 145	11
#12	MIKE DELAFUENTE	QB/LB		5'8" 185	12
#19	KYLE BRUINGTON	REC/DB		5'10" 150	11
#20	MARCUS PEREZ	RB/DB		5'7" 150	12
#22	MATTHEW MORALES	RB/OLB		5'10" 175	11
#25	HERMILIO MARTINEZ	RB/LB		5'9" 165	11
#26	JOSE LIRA	RB/LB		5'7" 155	12
#27	MALIKI HARDAWAY	RB/LB		5'9" 155	10
#43	ERIC JOHNSTON	RB/DB		5'8" 135	12
#50	RYDER GLASS	OL/DL		5'8" 210	11
#52	DAVIAN RAMOS	OL/DL		5'7" 175	10
#55	ALONZO ASCENCIO	OL/LB		5'8" 180	11
#63	ANDREW SUAREZ	OL/DL		5'9" 185	10
#66	ALEX CARMONA	OL/DL		5'10" 190	11
#70	JEFFREY CASTRO	OL/DL		5'10" 195	12
#71	DAVID ARREOLA	OL/DL		6' 240	12
#72	GEORGE ROSA	OL/DL		5'10" 230	11
#85	PABLO MENDOZA	REC/DB		5'8" 140	12

Superintendent: Dr. Gilbert Trevino
 Athletic Director: Todd Bandy
 Coaches: Scotty Bruington, Joe Alvarado, Brandon Wickware, Andrew Shores, Adam Zepeda, Cody Dean, Michael Wickware, Jonathan Ramirez
 Ball Boys: James Zepeda, Manny DeLaFuente
 Trainer: Josh Woolbright
 Student Trainers: Denise Mendoza, Lexie Ramos, Kaitlyn Vega, Jazmine Pacheco
 Filmer's: Ava Gonzales, Madison Garcia
 Principal: Wayne Morren
 Asst. Principal: Dara Ware, Robin Nixon

2019 Floydada Whirlwinds Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
AUG. 30	SEAGRAVES	SEAGRAVES	7:30
SEP. 6	TULIA	FLOYDADA	7:30
SEP. 13	LOCKNEY	LOCKNEY	7:30
SEP. 20	RIVER ROAD	FLOYDADA	7:30
SEP. 27	ROOSEVELT	ROOSEVELT	7:30
OCT. 4	OPEN		
OCT. 11	*SUNDOWN	FLOYDADA	7:30
OCT. 18	*NEW DEAL	NEW DEAL	7:30
OCT. 25	*OLTON	FLOYDADA	7:30
NOV. 1	**HALE CENTER	FLOYDADA	7:30
NOV. 8	*POST	POST	7:30

* District
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 AUG. 16 1ST - QUANAH
 AUG. 22 2ND - RALLS

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2019 Floydada Junior Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
AUG. 29	SEAGRAVES	FLOYDADA	6:00
SEP. 5	TULIA	TULIA	6:00
SEP. 12	LOCKNEY	FLOYDADA	6:00
SEP. 19	RIVER ROAD	RIVER ROAD	6:00
SEP. 26	ROOSEVELT	FLOYDADA	6:00
OCT. 3	OPEN		
OCT. 10	*SUNDOWN	SUNDOWN	6:00
OCT. 17	*NEW DEAL	FLOYDADA	6:30
OCT. 24	*OLTON	OLTON	6:00
OCT. 31	*HALE CENTER	HALE CENTER	6:00
NOV. 7	*POST	FLOYDADA	6:00

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 AUG. 22ND - RALLS FLOYDADA- MEET THE WHIRLWINDS

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2019 Floydada Whirlwinds Junior Varsity Football

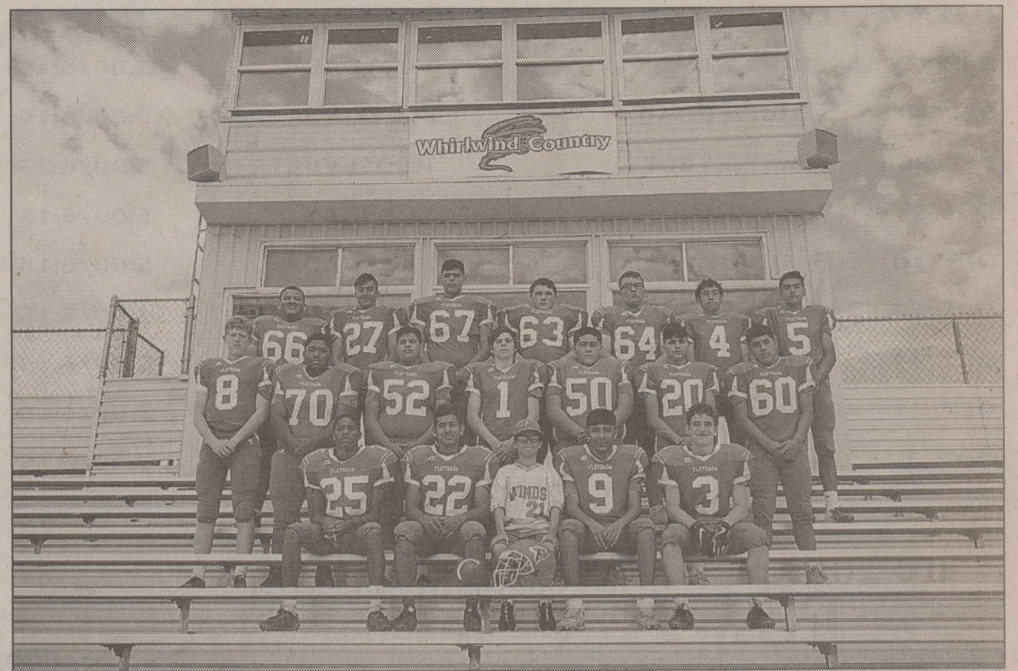


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 (L to R): #66 Anthony Garcia, #27 Andres Mendoza, #67 Eric Silva, #63 Damon Monroe, #64 Martin Garcia, #4 Mark Segura, #5 Isaih Alvarado; Center Row (L to R): #8 Trace Glasscock, #70 Marcus Collins, #52 Gabe Silva, #1 Phillip Rodriguez, #50 Adam Delgado, #20 Saul Reyes, #60 Charlie Contreras; Front Row (L to R): #25 Jason Cooper, #22 Javier Santos, Manager, #9 Donovan Rocha, and #3 Dillon Bruington.

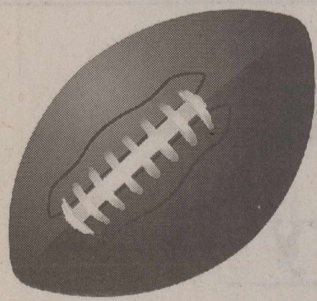
2019-2020 Floydada Junior Varsity Cheerleaders



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 (L to R) Kimberlee Ramirez, Katelyn Lechwar, Mascot- Madison Fipps, Madison Garcia, Clarissa De La Fuente

2019 FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS JV TEAM	
1	PHILLIP RODRIGUEZ
3	DILLON BRUINGTON
4	MARK SEGUURA
5	ISAIH ALVARDO
8	TRACE GLASSCOCK
9	DONOVAN ROCHA
20	SAUL REYES
22	JAVIER SANTOS
25	JASON COOPER
27	ANDRES MENDOZA
50	ADAM DELGADO
52	GABE SILVA
60	CHARLIE CONTRERAS
63	DAMON MONROE
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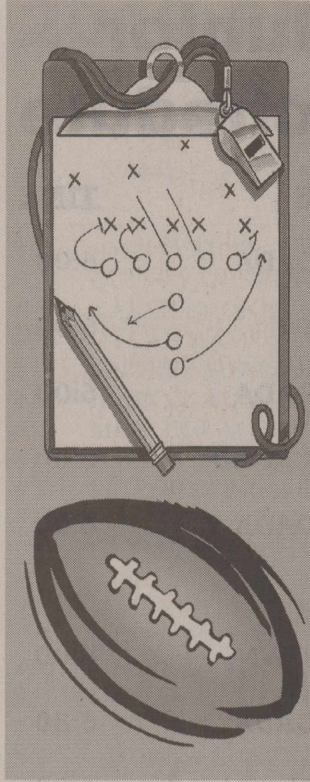
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2019 Floydada 7th & 8th Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEP. 12	LOCKNEY	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
SEP. 19	RIVER ROAD	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
SEP. 26	ROOSEVELT	ROOSEVELT	5:00/6:15
OCT. 3	LOCKNEY	LOCKNEY	5:00/6:15
OCT. 10	*SUNDOWN	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
OCT. 17	*NEW DEAL	FLOYDADA	4:00/5:15
OCT. 24	*OLTON	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
OCT. 31	*HALE CENTER	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
NOV. 2	*POST	POST	5:00/6:15

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Whirlwind Varsity Football Pre-Game Meals

DATE	GAME	ORGANIZATION
Sept 6	Tulia	Buyer's Club
Sept 20	River Road	FHS Varsity Basketball
Oct 11	*Sundown	Diamond Dusters Softball
Oct 25	Olton	Junior Class
Nov 1	**Hale Center	Band Boosters

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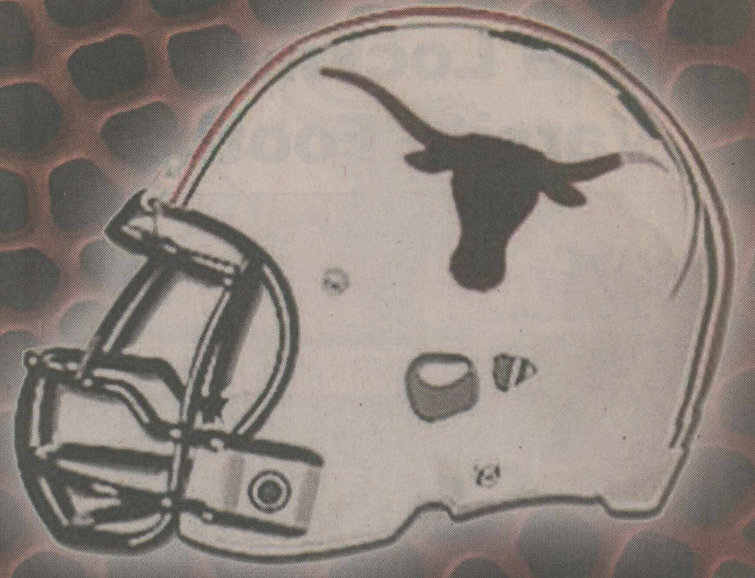
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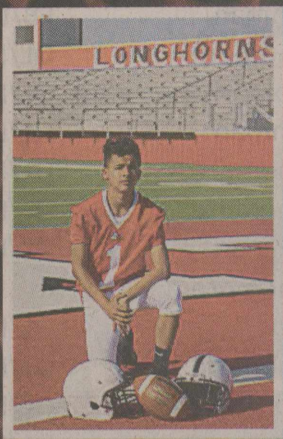
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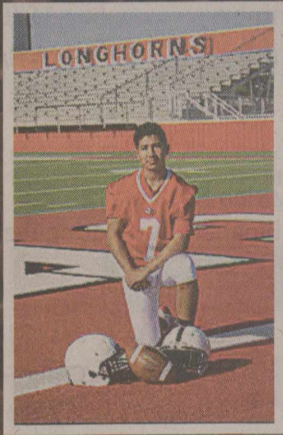
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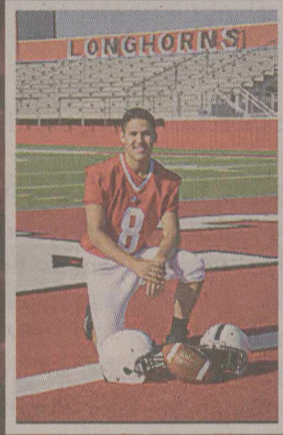
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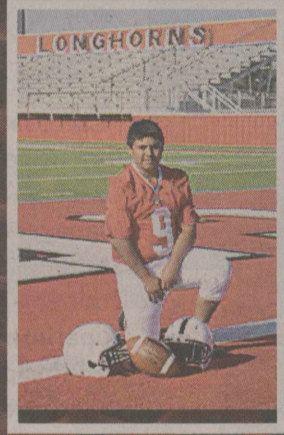
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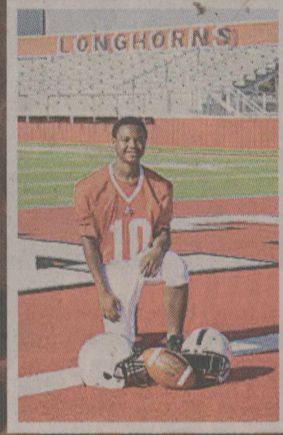
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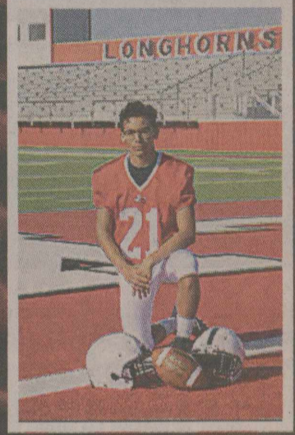
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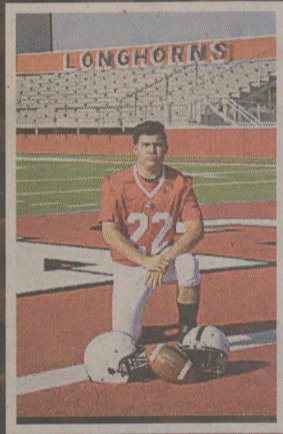
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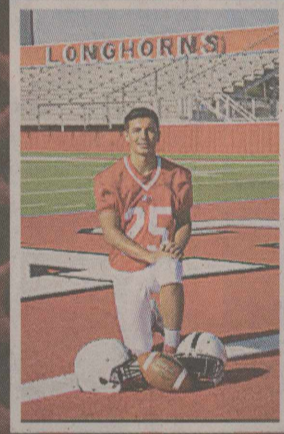
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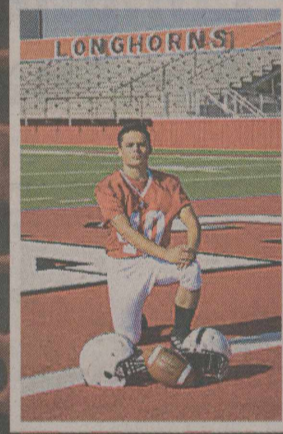
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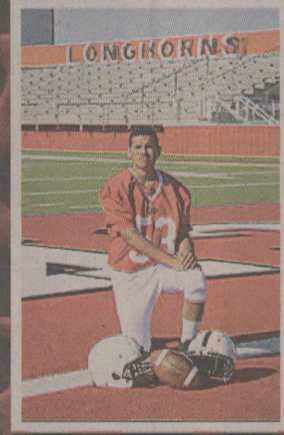
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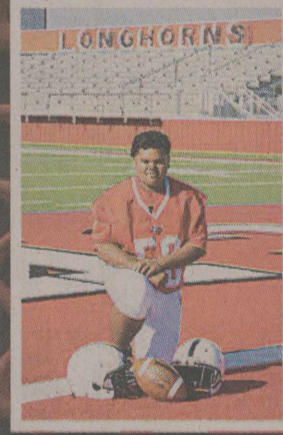
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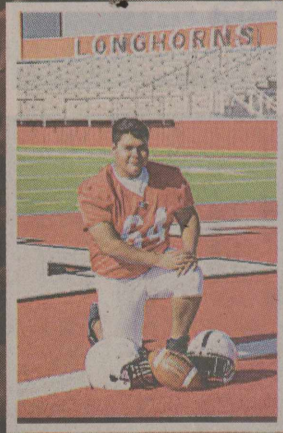
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Sophomore - OL/DL



#58 Elizar Alvarez
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Junior - OL/DL



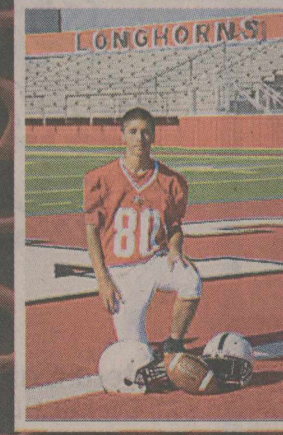
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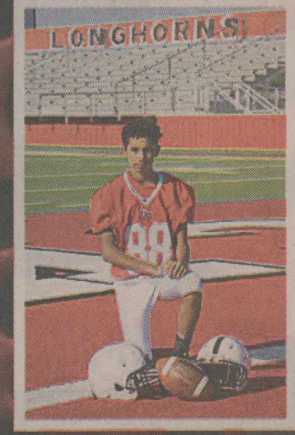
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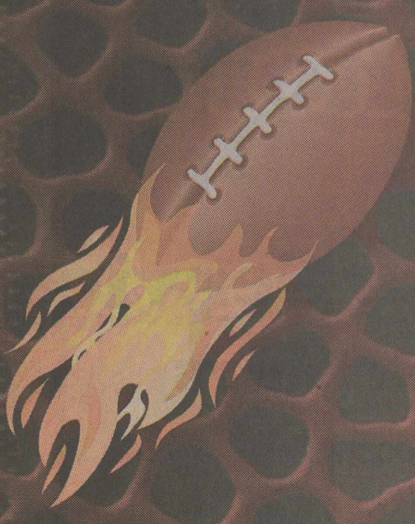
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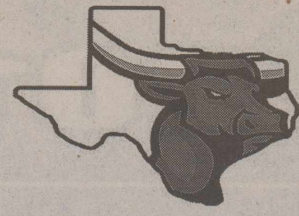


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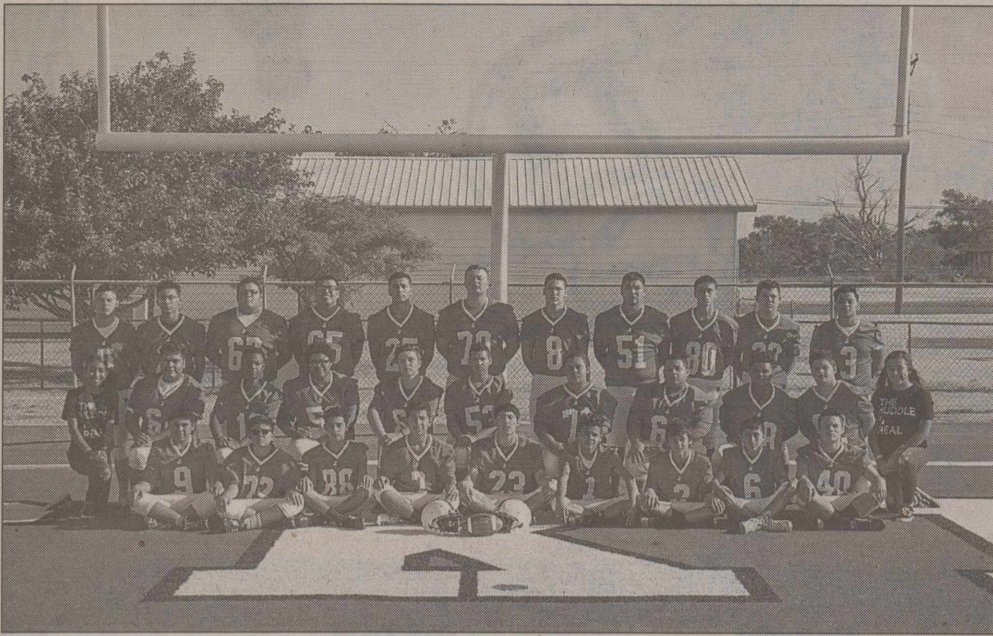


#88 Andrew Bustillos
Freshman - WR/SEC





2019 Lockney Longhorn Varsity Football Team



Managers: Jayda Rosales and Yanelle Bernal.

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2019-20 Lockney Longhorn Varsity Cheerleaders



(Center Back) Madison Johnson; (Middle, L to R) Karen Trenado, Mascot-Hailee Widener, Adriana Villarreal; (Front, L to R) Brianna Rodriguez, Madai Chavira, Anahi Ascencio, and Eddeny Chavira.

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Lockney Longhorns Varsity Roster 2019

Number	Name	Grade	Position
1	Ernest Alvarez	Sophomore	WR/SEC
2	Jesus Gonzales	Sophomore	WR/SEC
3	Silas Urrutia	Senior	FB/LB
5	Ashton Urrutia	Junior	WR/OLB
6	Max Ramirez	Freshman	WR/SEC
7	Pablo Morales	Sophomore	QB/SEC
8	Nehemiah Montoya	Senior	TE/OLB
9	Jeremiah Hernandez	Freshman	OL/DL
10	Shi Cochran	Freshman	RB/SEC
21	Elias Alvarez	Sophomore	RB/LB
22	Caleb Pritchard	Sophomore	TE/OLB
23	Anson Rendon	Junior	RB/SEC
25	Josh Cienfuegos	Junior	WR/SEC
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50	Christopher Moreno	Sophomore	OL/DL
51	Cristian Gonzalez	Junior	OL/DL
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53	Aidan Bustillos	Sophomore	OL/DL
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64	Josh Jimenez	Sophomore	K
65	Andrew Sanchez	Senior	OL/DL
66	Quinten Johnson	Sophomore	OL/DL
67	Miguel Lara	Junior	OL/DL
70	Kalebh Cook	Junior	OL/DL
71	Anna Hernandez	Freshman	OL/DL
72	Jose Martinez	Freshman	OL/DL
80	Jonathan Cienfuegos	Freshman	TE/OLB
88	Andrew Bustillos	Freshman	WR/SEC

Head Coach/Athletic Director – Stacy Ward

Defensive Coordinator – Stephen Young

Coaches – Anthony Garza, Trey Bale, Chris Pritchard, Adrian Rosales

Managers--Caden Pritchard/Adrian Hernandez/Wyatt Bingham/Ian Rodriguez

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2019 Lockney Longhorn Varsity Football Schedule

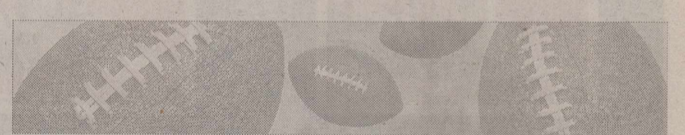
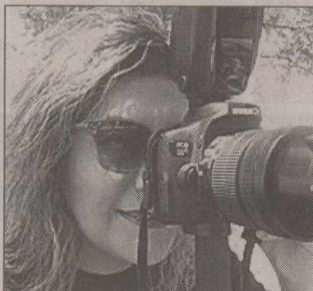
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DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
8/16	Highland Park	Home	TBD
8/22	Spring Lake	Away	TBD
8/30	Clarendon	Away	7:00
9/6	Seagraves	Home	7:00
9/13	Floydada	Away	7:00
9/20	Hale Center	Away	7:00
9/27	Olton	Home	7:00
10/4	Open		
10/11	Ralls	Home	7:00
10/18	New Home	Home	7:00
10/25	Smyer	Away	7:00
11/1	Tahoka	Home	7:00
11/8	Crosbyton	Away	7:00

2019-2020 Lockney Longhorn Coaches



Back Row (L to R): Anthony Garza, Head Coach Stacy Ward, Chris Pritchard; Front Row (L to R): Adrian Rosales, Trey Bale and Stephen Young.

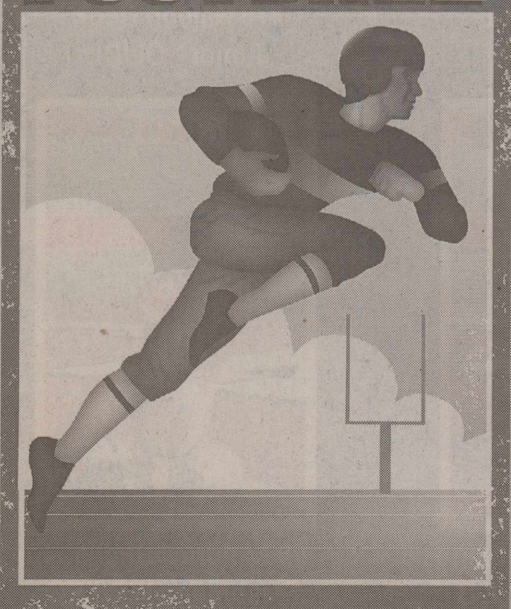
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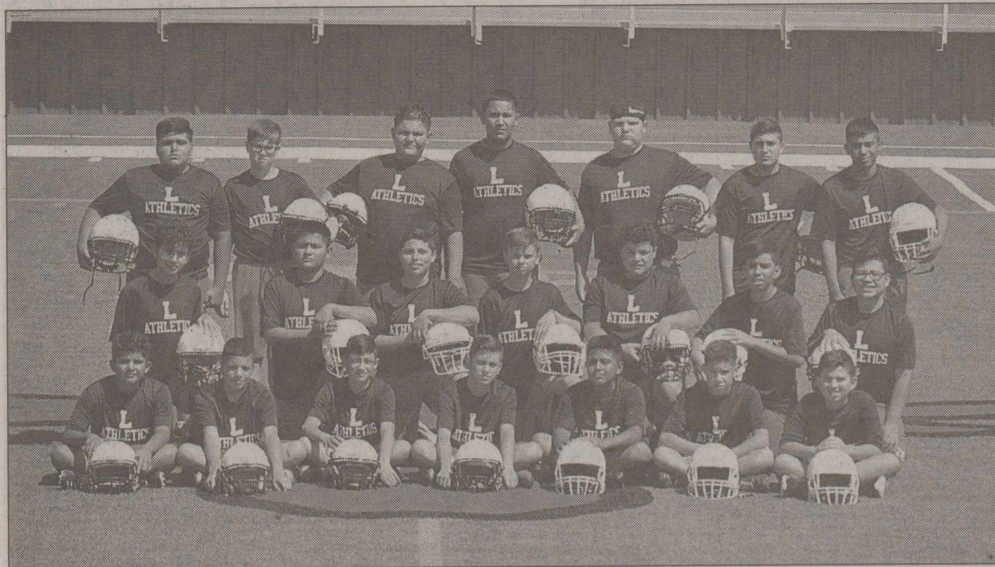
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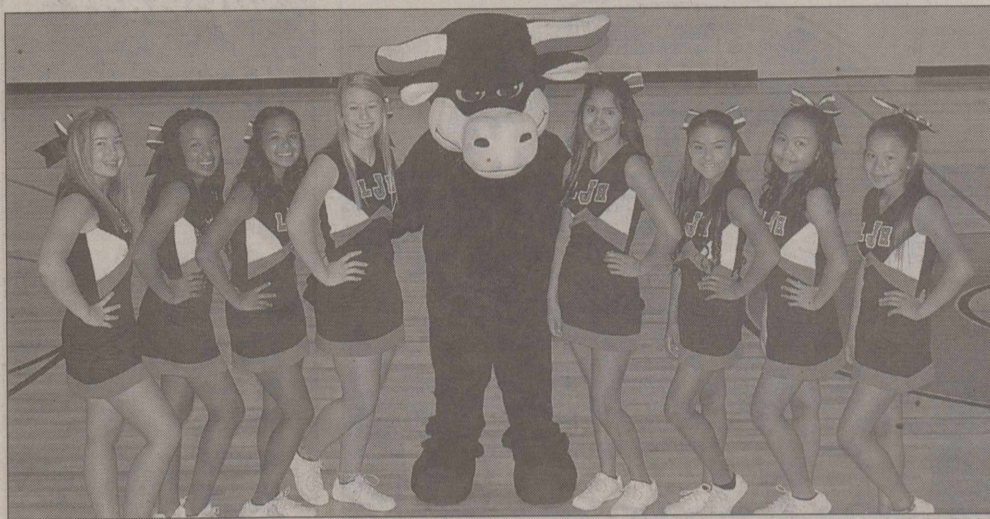
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2019 Lockney Junior High Football Team



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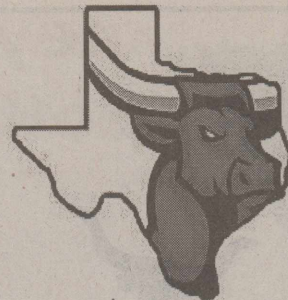
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(L to R) Saylee Diepenhorst, Analys Jones, Adaliyah Jones, Brailey Kidd, Mianette Rubio-Mascot, Jailee Zavala, Monique Lara, Bryanna Acedillo, and Allison Torres.

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8th Grade and 7th Grade

8th Grade			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
9/12	Floydada	Away	6:15
9/19	Hale Center	Away	6:15
9/26	Olton	Home	6:15
10/3	Floydada	Home	6:15
10/10	Ralls	Home	6:15
10/17	New Home	Home	6:15
10/24	Smyer	Away	6:15
10/31	Tahoka	Home	6:15
11/7	Crosbyton	Away	6:15

7th Grade			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
9/12	Floydada	Away	5:00
9/19	Hale Center	Away	5:00
9/26	Olton	Home	5:00
10/3	Floydada	Home	5:00
10/10	Ralls	Home	5:00
10/17	New Home	Home	5:00
10/24	Smyer	Away	5:00
10/31	Tahoka	Home	5:00
11/7	Crosbyton	Away	5:00

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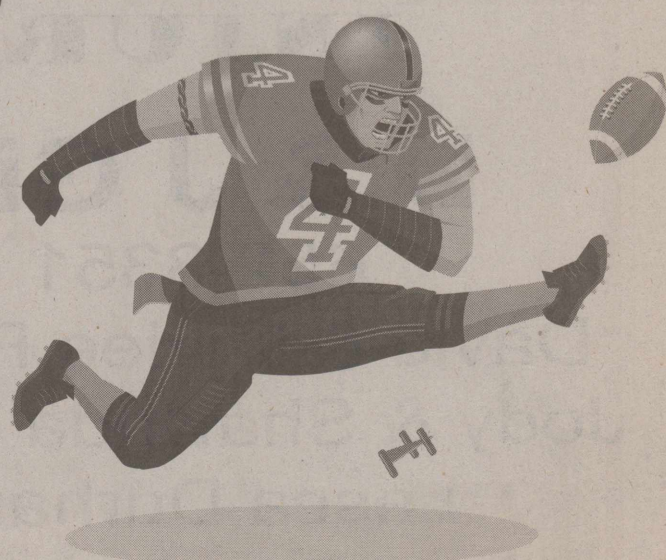
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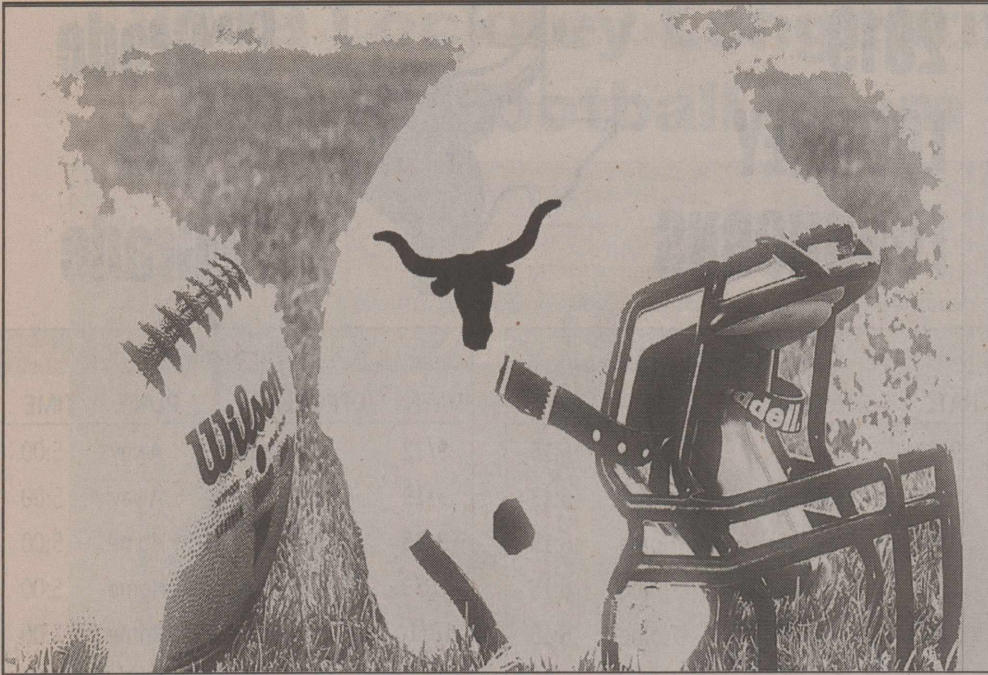
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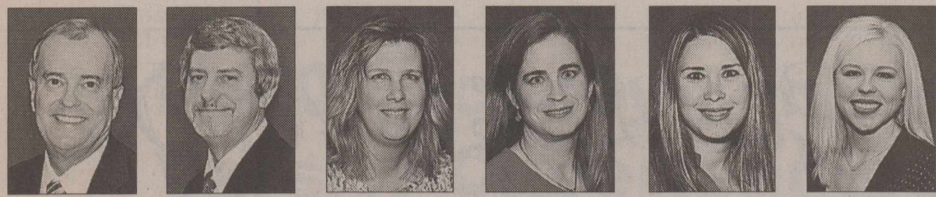
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