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Floydada High School wins 2015 **District Tennis** Championship



Floydada tennis competed at district Wednesday, April 8, and won the tournament. Several players placed and are headed to regionals.

Tennis team members and winners include:

Varsity Girls

Girl's District Team Champions: 1st place Singles: Esmeralda Garza 2nd Place Doubles: Reagan Hughes and Elizabeth Morales 4th Place Doubles: Alyson Perez and McKenna Johnson

See TENNIS, Page 8

Floydada EDC to host meeting with Texas Tech Department of Landscape Architecture

By Sean Overeynder Executive Director, Floydada Economic Development Corporation

On April 23 at 6 p.m. we will host a meeting with John Billing and students from the Texas Tech Department of Landscape Architecture at the Massie Activity Center.

There, we will unveil the master plans that we have been working towards since September 2014.

We invite the citizens of Floydada to join us in this exciting moment that is another step towards improving our downtown

At this meeting the students will discuss the process, as well as, case study that was the basis for these drawings. I also look forward to see-

ing what ideas they have come up with for the prop-See EDC, Page 8

Lockney Water Restrictions L in Effect

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY -Stage three water rationing remains in effect for the city of Lockney. The water restrictions include: street addresses ending in odd numbers can water, wash cars or fill pools from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 8 p.m. to midnight on Tuesdays and Fridays and even numbers can water on Mondays

and Thursdays but outside use of water can only be done on the appropriate day when the wind is blowing less than 15 mph.

Other restrictions include using hose-end sprinklers and automatic irrigation systems but the automatic systems must be controlled manually. Vehicle washing is restricted to designated days and hours and a handheld bucket or a hand-held

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"20 Years From Denim to Diamonds"..... Gala is Biggest **Social Event in Floyd County**



By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY — From "20 Years From Denim to Diamonds" is the theme for the 20th Annual Floyd County Friends Unity Center Gala, set for April 18.

According to Elaine La-Baume, board secretary, "The gala's been called one of the biggest social events of the year in Floyd County."

Entertainment will be provided by the Jimmy Burson and the Texas In the Swing Band of Silverton and Lucy Dean Record of Lockney.

Record, 90, has been inducted into the Western Swing Society of the Southwest Hall of Fame and in 2012 was named a Hero in the Cowtown Guild. She was named the 2014 Instrumentalist of the Year at the Will Rodgers Awards at the Academy of Western Artists in Irving. Record plays the piano and recorded her first album, "I'll Fly Away" in 2014 at age 89.

Burson taught himself guitar and fiddle and began playing western swing with local musicians and later formed the band "Texas In The Swing." His music has taken him on tours of Russia and Austria, in addition to engagements across the United States. He has performed for 15 years at the Great American Music Festival at Silver Dollar City, Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, National Cowboy Symposium, San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Legends of Western Swing, West Texas Western Swing Music Festival and elsewhere.

A table can be reserved for \$300 or a single ticket is \$30. For more information, 983-3334.

contact Elaine LaBaume at

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.

FLOYDADA FIRE DEPT FUNDRAISER

Upcoming

Floyd County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a fundraiser on Sunday, April 19, 2015 for the Floydada Fire Department. BBQ sandwiches, chips, and a drink will be served for donations beginning at 11 a.m. at the fire hall located at 114 W. Virginia Street. All proceeds will benefit the Floydada Fire Department.

FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS ANNUAL GALA

Floyd County Friends "20th Annual Gala" is coming up on April 18th. Mark your calendars! You can purchase tickets from Nick Long at the State Farm office, Shawnda Foster at D & J Gin, or by calling Elaine LaBaume at 983-9153 or by contacting any of the board

OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting on Monday, April 20th at 6 p.m. at the Lockney Senior Citizen's building.

LOCKNEY ONE ACT PLAY

The One Act Play public performance will be Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. This public performance will be a fun opportunity for our kids to show off their amazing work. Please come out and support the Lockney One Act Play for their final performance this year!

See **UPCOMING** Page 8

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

Correction

News on the go



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Lockney woman in serious accident April 4



A Lockney woman was in a serious two-vehicle accident Saturday, April 4 on Highway 378, north of Lockney. She is currently hospitalized in Lubbock.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Rhonda Stewart of Lockney was involved in a serious two-vehicle accident Saturday, April 4 on Highway 378, north of

Lockney.

According to the church bulletin at First Baptist Church, Lockney, where she attends, Stewart was air lifted to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, and her medi-

cal condition is as follows: She has one lung collapsed, and the other is weakened; six broken ribs on one side and three on the other.

She remains in the hospital at press time.

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Deaths

Richard Lee Burton

Richard Lee Burton, age 66, of Floydada, passed away, Thursday, April 9, 2015.

Funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

Visitation was held prior to service from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Richard was born on September 12, 1948 to Lee Williams and Nina Theresa (Myrick) Burton in Lubbock. He grew up on the family farm north east of Floydada in the Fairview community.



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RICHARD LEE BURTON

Richard attended school in Floydada.

He was a gifted musician playing the piano at age 3 and played with various bands. Richard served his country in the U.S. Marines from March 1969 until August 1971. He returned to the family farm working there until the farm

entered the CRP program. After farming Richard then worked for Caprock Motor Parts and Hardware for over 23 years and retired due the health problems.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Nina Burton, two sisters, Carolyn and Phyllis Burton and his grandparents.

Richard is survived by his father, Lee Burton and step-mother, Margaret of Lubbock; sister, Sharon Pattillo and husband, Don of Lubbock; nephew, Ron Pattillo of Lubbock; one aunt, Marjorie Myrick of Plainview and several cousins and many friends.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.

Mildred Juanita (Williams) Keaton

Mildred Juanita (Williams) Keaton, 87, of Lockney, went to her Heavenly rest on Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the West College and Third Church of Christ with Earle McDonough officiating.

Interment followed at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock at 3:30 p.m.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mildred was the daughter of William R. "Tab" Williams and Irene (Putman) Williams. She was born December 17, 1927 in Dickens County and graduated from Patton Springs-High School



MILDRED JUANITA (WILLIAMS) KEATON

in-1945 then attended Texas Technological College in the spring of 1946.

She married the love of her life, Claude C. Keaton, April 20, 1946. They spent some time in California but settled in Lubbock in 1948. She worked for Farm Pac and Sears but most of her work was as a housewife, mother and grandmother. She was one of the founding members of the Women's Auxiliary for the Lubbock Police Department in the 1950s. Mildred was also involved in the PTA and as a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts.

Mildred and Claude enjoyed traveling with their trailer and attending arts and crafts shows. Mildred was a member of the West College and Third Church of Christ since moving to Lockney in 2007. While in Lubbock, she was a member of the Kings Ridge Church of Christ and the Third and Temple Church of Christ.

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Letter to the editor policy

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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. Califorma Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

The 501 Basil dilemma

o rabbits eat basil? Probably. If they a very famous manuscript created a already eaten two leaves.



Is it a sin to eat part of a plant before you even get it in the ground? I feel guilty. Somebody check the Talmud. It's gotta be wrong. That's what

distinguishes us humans from rabbits. Guilt. I'm convinced those innocent-looking little HANABA bunnies wouldn't look

MUNN so innocent if they had room in their little WELCH brains for some guilt.

They don't. If they like basil, they'll devour mine. I can see them now, twitching their cute little noses, munching away. Sociopaths.

Back to basil. Ocimum basilicum is the scientific name. Sounds like the holy name of an important old basilica somewhere, doesn't it? Gazing at my pretty little basil plant, I picture it as an illustration in a medieval treatise on botany. Imagine a scholarly monk, sitting by a window, dressed in a dark robe, roped at the waist, studying a little potted basil plant just like mine, except for the Wal-Mart barcode, dipping his pen in ink or his brush in colors as he records on vellum a basil text and illustration worthy of the British Museum.

RESEARCH PAUSE As usual, my Internet search got me more than I bargained for and not quite

what I sought. I looked for "medieval

basil manuscripts." Would you believe

do, I might as well eat my new basil thousand years ago is named for Basil II, plant myself instead of planting it. I've emperor of Byzantium? It's got pictures of saints instead of plants.

Serious thought for today:

When you share your name with an emperor, it's hard to pop up first when you get Googled.

Somewhere, probably on the 100th page of Google results, there surely exists a mention of a basil plant immortalized in an old manuscript. Don't scholarly monks have a longstanding reputation for botanical studies? Think of Mendel and his peas. Somewhere there's a fabulous centuries-old manuscript with a picture of a sweet basil plant like mine, one drawn by a Mendel predecessor with a penchant for plants. But all I'm finding is Basil II and other human Basils, probably the emperor's namesakes. No plant.

I know what it's like to be eclipsed on Google. Sweet basil has my sympathy. Search for my name. You get the mutant plant gene "hanaba taranu." That's worse than getting outdone by a Byzantine ruler. Misspellings of Habana -- Spanish for Havana -- also pop up ahead of me. I'm not sure which is the greater put-

Meanwhile, I added "plant" to my search and finally found sweet basil in a British Museum manuscript from 1300.

To determine if the text mentions rabbits, I Googled "medieval latin for rabbit." What popped up? A reference to "Monty Python's killer rabbit in Medieval Manuscripts" and all sorts of illustrations of crazy medieval hares, including two involved in a jousting competition and one with an axe.

It's enough to make me think about keeping my sweet basil in the house.

The Paperboy

One hit can end your life

How much damage has meth done to your family? How about to your community?

Meth may be the most destructive force to ever hit rural America. Unfortunately, it is still out there, as bad as ever. With it's addictive nature common knowledge, why would anyone try it?

This day in age, it should be more than evident that this poison can ruin you from the first try.

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Still, people continue to try it. And they continue to get addicted ... 97 percent to be

If someone set a glass in front of you and told you that 97 percent of the people who drink this substance drop dead, would you CHRIS drink it?

Somewhere along the line we've become BLACKBURN more tolerant of the drug. We all know

people on it, but we also know once someone is on it, they are trapped and our efforts are often futile.

Very few can kick the drug alone, but they tend to only associate with those that also do it.

Usually, once addicted, the road leads two places: prison or

It's imperative that our youth be protected from this drug. Thinking, "it can never happen to us," is the wrong mindset. Meth does not care what color you are or how much money you make. It doesn't care if you are a doctor or a dropout.

If you're a parent or grandparent, it's your job to teach your children and grandchildren right from wrong. In the instance of meth, there are plenty of examples out there to use as to why you should never try it.

Never be afraid to discuss such things with our youth. You never know, you may be saving their life.

What ever happened to #BringBackOurGirls? The First Lady herself tweeted it out. Everybody hopped on the

Remember last year when the terrorist group Boko Haram kidnapped 219 girls in Nigeria?

"We're going to do everything we can to provide assistance to them," said Obama last April.

"In the short term our goal is obviously is to help the international community, and the Nigerian government, as a team to do everything we can to recover these young ladies," he said "We're also going to have to deal with the broader problem of organizations like this that can causes such havoc in people's day-to-day lives."

A year later, what do you think has happened to the girls? Well, according to the BBC, a few escaped, some were likely killed, many were turned into sex slaves and the rest were forcefully converted to Islam and are, or will be, married off.

And what did we do after all of our promises?

There was zero followthrough with the White House. That's no shock to me. In fact, that's how this White House operates. Make a bid deal about something and look like you care and then drop the ball.

And will the media call Obama out for his lies? Of course not. He's officially exempt from any scrutiny from the mainstream media.

It's truly pathetic.

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Floydada Senior Citizen's News

By Lu Ann Collins

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada Sr. Citizens is working toward a re-opening date of Monday, April 20. There will be changes not only in our menu, but in membership and deliveries.

Membership will be open to all ages, not just senior citizens. The yearly dues are \$25.00. The privileges of membership include not only fellowship at meal time, but a reduced price on every meal. Members will pay \$5.00 per meal, nonmembers \$6.00.

We will also deliver a meal in town to anyone who requests. Is there a "catch" you ask? Yes! We will need for you to call in your order by 9:30 a.m., leaving your name and delivery address. You will also need to pay our delivery driver for your meal.

Because we are working toward April 20, opening date, be sure to call Monday to confirm that we were able to pull it all together. Please call 983-2032.

The serving time will still be the same -12 noon -1 p.m. Thank you to those of you who donated to our cause last Friday, April 10. It was a generous gesture.

For those who wish to give memorials and donations, our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

> **MENU** April 20 - April 24

Monday - Spaghetti Tuesday - Ham Wednesday - Chicken fried steak Thursday - Salisbury steak Friday - Crispy chicken salad

The City of Floydada would like to send out a special "Thank You" to the Citizens and Businesses who helped support our 1st Annual Eggs N' Flight Festival! Through your support this event was a huge success! There were over 600 eggs, approximately 200 kites and \$300 dollars in monetary donations! Thank You again to the following people and business for you donation: DOLLAR GENERAL, SCRIPT PRINTING, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PAYNE PHARMACY, KFLP RADIO, KIA BAKER, ADDIE & ALEX JOHNSTON, WALMART.

> Sincerely, Jeff Johnston, City Manager



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Early voting dates:

Monday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays Election day voting date:

Saturday, May 9, 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Early and Election day voting location: Lockney ISD Administration Office, 416 W. Willow Street

SOCIETY

Ray Lee Equipment donates Necklace to be Raffled Kenneth Wyatt painting to Floyd County Friends Gala

By Elaine LaBaume

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Roger Hughes, General Manager, of Ray Lee Equipment in Floydada is holding "The Tailin'" an original painting by Kenneth Wyatt they have donated to be in the live auction at the Floyd County Friends 20th Annual Gala this coming Saturday night, April 18th.

Roger moved to Floydada in 1992 to assume the position of General Manager and is in his 23rd year in Floydada. Ray Lee Equipment has been very supportive of the Unity Center from the beginning and besides buying a reserved table every year has donated more than can be listed. Thanks Roger Hughes and Ray Lee Equipment, Inc.!

A little about Dr. Kenneth Wyatt, D.F.A. He is one of the most well-known and prolific Western artist of today with a career spanning palette, style, storytelling over 40 years and monumental body of work exceeding spirituality that permeates over 9,000 originals.

the paint around" as he vis- stant favorite to all who see its with customers in his and own his work. unique museum-like Gallery/Studio in Tulia, Texas. one of his originals if your



ability and unmistakable his work is easily recogniz-Wyatt continues to "push able and make him an in-

You could be the owner of The combination of Wyatt's "bid" is high enough in the

> Kiser, Byron Ford, and Cindy Ford. Thank you for remember-

Remember exercise with Dor-

othy is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45- 9:15 a.m. Coffee

time is Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday Pot

luck is at 5 p.m. Bring a dish and

Family Night Fish Fry is Fri-

day nights from 5-8 p.m. It's all

you can eat. Come "Let us do the

enjoy games afterwards.

ing the Center.

"live auction" at the Floyd County Friends "20 Years From Denim to Diamonds" Gala at the Unity Center located half way between Lockney and Floydada on Hwy 70 in Muncy, Texas. The doors will open at 6 p.m., so don't be late as the fun will begin.



Shown is the diamond necklace that is on the Floyd County Friends "Raffle Ticket." is a \$3000 necklace sponsored by Floyd County Friends and Thacker's Jewelry. Tickets will available at the Gala. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

Hill wins big at the Heart of Oklahoma Youth Rodeo Association



Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Kelton Hill of Canadian, Texas is shown with his winnings from the Heart of Oklahoma Youth Rodeo Associa-

He is the 16 year old son of Wallace and Rhealene Brown Hill and grandson of Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada, and Frankie Hill of Canadian.

The 2015 finals were held on April 3rd and 4th in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Kelton was the season winner in breakaway roping, ribbon roping, steer facing and team roping header.

At the finals he was the average winner in breakaway roping, tie down roping, steer facing and team roping. He was also the All-Around Cowboy in his age division.

His awards included allaround saddle, breast collar, four saddle pads and 10 belt buckles.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

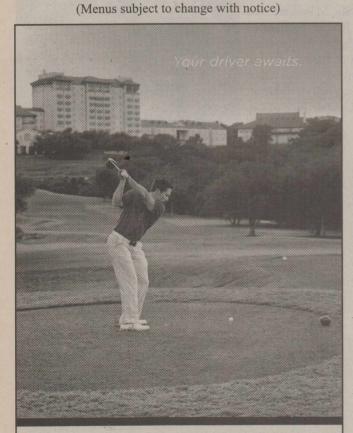
Thank You all who have been joining us for Family Night fish fry, it seems to be growing and everyone has enjoyed it. If you haven't come in a while we would like to invite you back to enjoy some great food, fun and fellowship.

Memorial donations have been presented to the Senior Citizens in honor of C.F. Barber, Mildred Keaton, Bettye Jo Jackson, Ruby

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Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

KELTON HILL

REV. H. M. "HORACE" REEVES

AUSTIN - The A700. This is to say I am Rev. H. M. Reeves, 85 years, 9 months old. I was born in Wise County, near Boyd, living there until I was 5 years old. We then moved to Jack Co. settling 10 miles north of Jacksboro, Texas. I went to school there until I finished the sixth grade. One teacher taught the entire school which was only three months a year. We boys played scuff (baseball) during recess. When not in school, our time was spent in the field where we raised corn and cotton. For a living my father went to the bank in the spring and borrowed \$50 for the year; with a family of seven we had to make every edge cut to get by.

By the time I was 18, I managed to get a pony and buggy. It was about this time I fell in love with a little blondheaded girl, Ludie Ann Dillard, the daughter of John D. and Margaret Love Dillard. We were married in 1911 by

where I went to school.

there evangelist style.

called Alcino.

Childress to the plains. Our group consisted of 4 families, my brother Bill and our friends Roy and Guy Shields.

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a minister out in the yard and Each of us had a wife and we stood on the front porch. a small child, so we had a My wife was a Christian; soon wagon and team each. The after we were married we at- morning we started, a bliztended a Methodist Revival, zard struck; it was so cold. We and I was converted. We be- were coming west so we had gan to attend prayer meetings to walk all day on the south which led to the beginning side of our teams for a wind of my ministry. I preached break. Our wives stayed in my first sermon in the house bed in the wagon most of the time to keep the babies warm. We made two crops in Jack At meal time we stopped, and Co. and that is where our first we men gathered sticks and child, Clarence, was born. We made a little fire to cook a moved to Childress and were little something-whatever we there for 2 years. In the mean- had. The wives still in bed, we time, I was preaching here and carried them whatever they ate. It took three days to make My wife's parents, the J. the trip. The blizzard never let D. Dillards, had moved to up on the three days. We had the plains and settled near a trailer on behind one wagon Lockney, at a place called Ce- with our chickens in it. Well, it dar Hill. They established a broke down about half way on grocery store and post office the trip. We took the chickens and put them in our covered We decided to move from wagons. They roosted there until we reached our destina-

tion. What a time we had! We were up the caprock and on the plains of Texas. The next thing was to get settled. So I bought 80 acres of land near Cedar Hill, paid 10 cents an acre and built a 10 x 12 boxcar-shaped house, boxed and stripped it. It was so cold in the winter we would almost freeze. Our fuel was cow chips and cedar limbs out of the breaks. I hauled water about three miles from a windmill, hi cold weather by the time I got home icicles were swinging under my wagon.

In the meantime, I was getting into my ministry more all the time. Guy Shields and I had a revival at Cedar Hill which developed into the chartering of the first Assembly of God Church on the plains of Texas. I drove back and forth in a wagon from where I lived, a distance of about 7 miles. I fi-

nally got a 1914 model Ford car. This is near the time I sold out and went into full time ministry. I pastored the first church in Amarillo located on Jackson Steed. I also evangelized some. After pastoring a number of churches, I was elected superintendent of West Texas and New Mexico District. I was elected Presbyter for a period of time, serving with the Assembly of God movement which was organized in 1914. I have pastored churches here and there. Cedar Hill Community, Floyd Co., Seagraves, Childress, Plainview, Littlefield, Amarillo, and Electra, Texas; Portales, Roswell, Carlsbad and Artesia, New Mexico.

When I first came to the plains there were no irrigation wells. There had been a few wells dug near Aiken, but they were closed down because of the expense and poor price for their product. There was no pavement except for a few streets laid with brick. I have lived to see Floydada grow to be a prosperous city with one of the finest farming districts on the Plains since I landed in Floyd County for my beginnings. I am a little partial to Floyd Co, now a nice place to live with beautiful surroundings. I ginned my first bale of cotton in Floydada. I borrowed a portion of the night and all day for the trip. I sold my cotton for 5 cents a pound. We live in a different world today.

My wife passed away just two months ago. We had lived together for 65 years and 10 months. She went suddenly with a stroke. All our children are alive; Clarence lives in Fort Worth, Texas; Grace in Plainview, Texas; Corene in Boulder, Colorado; and Maxine in Corpus Christi, Texas.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Floydada ISD cancels May 9th General Election at regular board meeting

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District, held Tuesday April 7, the following were recognized as students and educators of the month (Sponsored by FISD and Producers Cooperative): AB Duncan Elementary Students of the Month: Carter McHam --Pk Emily Garza--Pk Educator of the Month: Karol Rainwater FJHS/FHS FJH Student of the Month: James Gibbens--Grade 08 FHS Student of the Month: Aaron Chavarria--Grade 12 Educator of the Month: Rita Cox.

The board unanimously approved the following items of consent. They approved the minutes from March 12 and set a the motion. The vote was unaniboard meeting for May 12. They reviewed payment of the March 2015 bills; and accepted the resignation of Daniel Logsdon effective Miller's certification of unop-May 28. They also approved Administrators' reports.

Rainwater presented the tax report, cash flow statement and investment report. M&O Current Tax Roll \$3,125,591.32 Net Candidate: Beverly Collins At-Collections \$3,045,975.85 I&S Tax Roll \$378,703.93 Net Collections \$369,057.05 Percent of Current Roll Collected 97.45 % of the motion. Taxes Collected as of March 31, 2014 96.37 %.

to renew the agreement with SFE for food service management for the 2015-2016 school year as presented by Superintendent Gilbert of the motion Trevino. Kay Brotherton seconded

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

defense and a lack of produc-

tion at the plate proved costly to

the Floydada Whirlwinds in the

game against the Abernathy An-

telopes on Saturday, April 11 as

the Antelopes took home a 5-1

had men on second and third but was unable to push any runs

across. In the bottom half of the

inning, Antelope pitcher, Aaron

In the top of the second,

pushed across two runs assisted

by three errors by the Whirl-

Rodriguez struck out the side.

In the first inning, Abernathy



mous in favor of the motion.

Kay Brotherton made the motion to accept President Lyle posed candidates in the Floydada ISD general election: Single Business Manager Sharon Member District 1 Candidate: Roger Hughes Single Member District 2 Candidate: William Dean Single Member District 4 Large Candidate: Eric Smith. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor

Diaz made the motion for cancellation of the May 9, 2015 William Dean made the motion general election and declared unopposed candidates elected. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor

Eric Smith made the motion present.

went three up, three down.

two more runs starting when lead

off hitter Valencio Barron singled

then stole second. Macias was

hit by a pitch then A. Rodriguez

doubled to center, scoring Barron.

to approve the 2015-2016 calendar information as presented by Superintendent Trevino. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of

The board discussed performance of paraprofessional personnel and support staff members.

William Dean made the motion to employ the paraprofessional personnel and support staff for the 2015-2016 school year as recommended by Superintendent

Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Board members present were Lyle Miller, Roger Hughes, Kay Brotherton, William Dean, Gracie Diaz, Beverly Collins, and Eric Smith. There was a quorum

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ror. With two outs, Trae Bender ing Abernathy a 4-0 lead.

In the top of the fifth, the Whirlwinds again were three up, Antelopes went three up, three down. In the bottom half, Floy-In the third inning, both teams dada managed to get two runners on base but could not get either of In the fourth inning, added them across the plate.

In the sixth inning, both teams put a runner on base but neither

team managed to score. In the top of the seventh, Abernathy added one run as Bender led off with a single, Pierson walked and Isaiah Fernandez walked to load the bases. Barron singled to drive in Bender, giving the Antelopes a 5-1 lead. A. Rodriguez then struck out all three Floydada batters to end the game and pick up the 5-1 victory for

Abernathy. Mark McGowen suffered the loss for the Whirlwinds as he allowed five runs on seven hits, while walking one and striking out five. A. Rodriguez picked up the victory allowing only one run on three hits while walking one and striking out 16 batters.

The Whirlwinds were scheduled to play Olton on Tuesday, April 14 and will host Ralls on Saturday, April 18 at 12:00 P.M.

Whirlwinds and Lady Winds compete at Lockney High **School Track Meet**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon Photos Courtesy of JoAnn Chavarria

The Whirlwinds and Lady Winds competed at the Lockney High School track meet held on Friday, April 3, 2015.

Results were as follows:

1600 Meter Run Josh Chavarria - 1st place

100 M Run

Tucker Lowrance - 1st place Aaron Chavarria - 2nd place

110 Meter Hurdles Kaylee Morren - 1st place

Triple Jump Rachel Hernandez - 3rd place

The Whirlwind team placed 2nd overall.

Coaches are Coach Pake Freeman, Coach Todd Bandy, Coach Whitley Nutt, and Coach Brandi Cook.





Aaron Chavarria and Tucker Lowrance

Josh Chavarria





Rachel Hernandez

Floyd County Archers Hit the Mark

Kaylee Morren

By Patty Davenport Floyd County 4-H Parent/Leader

On March 20th and 21st, two Floyd County 4-Hers competed along with over 400 other 4-Hers in the State Indoor Archery Match. Archers shoot 20 ends of 3 arrows into targets set at 18 meters.

Starting his first year as a competitive archer, Mason Esty placed 1st in the first year intermediate barebow class and FLOYDADA - Errors on singled to center, scoring Turner, In the bottom of the fourth, also placed 1st in the first year intermediate recurve class.

> Ryder Glass moved up into a new age group this year. He



placed a very respectable 8th in District 2 Archery Match the intermediate recurve class. Archery practice continues as archers prepare for the Center.

which will be held May 16 at the Floyd County Unity

Graham, Martinez and Esty compete at District Rifle contest

By Cristen Brooks CEA-AG/NR Floyd County

Congratulations to Rachel Graham, Arnie Martinez and Mason Esty for competing at the District 2 4-H Rifle Contest on Saturday, April 11th.

Arnie received 3rd High Senior, Mason received 1st High Intermediate, and Rachel represented Floyd County as the Shooting Sports Ambassador.

All of these kids put in lots of hard work each week at practice and we couldn't be more proud of their successes. Arnie and Mason will continue on to compete at the State Rifle Contest June 6-7 in Victoria, Texas.





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LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Lockney One Act Play to be presented April 20

The Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare, Lockthe One Act Play competition, will be presented Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Admission is free.

The Lockney OAP placed ney High School's entry in first at the District contest, but, did not advance past Bi-District competition.

At district, Luke Kasner and Seattle Jackson were selected to the All-Star Cast, and Ashley Roberts and Darby Long were named Honorable Mention.

The play was directed by sponsor/teacher Bobby Hon.

Lady Horns, Coats Coast to Victory Over Crosbyton, 16-2

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON - Lockney Lady Horns pitcher, Shelby Coats, scattered four hits and allowed only two runs as the Lady Horns defeated the Crosbyton Chiefettes 16-2 on Saturday, April 11.

The Lady Horns put 16 runs on the board before Crosbyton was able to score two runs in the bottom of the fifth.

In the top of the first, the second batter, Haley Dunbar reached on an error then scored the only run of the inning two batters later when Coats also reached on an error. In the bottom of the inning, Coats gave up a single with two outs, but Crosbyton was unable to score. After one inning, Lockney led

In the top of the second, the Lady Horns added three more runs to extend their lead. Camryn Diaz, leading off the inning, reached on a bunt single, stole second and third before scoring on an infield single by Kennedy Hallmark. Kayla Jimenez was hit by a pitch and Brittany DeLeon walked to load the bases. Dixie Williams hit a sacrifice fly that scored Hallmark. Dunbar was hit by a pitch to load the bases again. Lexi Chavez hit into a fielder's choice, driving in Jimenez.

Crosbyton again left a runner Crosbyton went three up, three on base without being able to score, so after two, it was 4-0

Lady Horns exploded for six runs to stretch their lead even more. Darby Long led off with a single, then Diaz was hit by a pitch and Hallmark reached on an error to load the bases. After DeLeon lined out to third, Williams singled, driving in Diaz. Dunbar then added a double to clear the bases with Hallmark, Jimenez and Williams all scoring on the play. Chavez grounded out but Dunbar was able to move up to third. Coats reached on an error that also allowed Dunbar to score and give the Lady Horns a 10-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, the lead off the base runner.

In the top of the fourth, Lockney added four more runs. Diaz led off with a double to center and moved to third on a wild pitch. After Hallmark popped out, Jimenez singled to drive in Diaz. DeLeon was hit by a pitch, then with two outs. Dunbar hit her second double of the game, driving in Jimenez. Chavez followed with a In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Horns a 14-0 lead. at 11:00 A.M.

Lockney vs Crosbyton

but were unable to push across end the game, 16-2 in favor of

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In the top of the third, the ney added two more runs. Mari Hernandez reached on dropped third strike and scored on Brenna Tidwell's triple to left field. Breanna Hernandez grounded out to short, but drove in Tidwell to make it 16-0. With the ten-run rule in place, Crosbyton needed seven runs to keep the game going in the bottom of the fifth but only managed to score two runs. Guzman led off by reaching on an error, then Pena and Rodriguez singled to load the bases. Pesina reached on an error that forced in Guzman. With bases loaded and two outs, Flores singled to drive in Pena but Favela hit into a fielder's choice, hitter for the Chiefettes walked forcing Flores out a second to

> Chiefettes, allowing 16 runs on 12 hits, while walking only one but hitting five batters and striking out two.

In the fifth inning, Lock-

Coats picked up the victory for the Lady Horns by allowing only two runs on four hits, while walking two and striking out nine. Rodriguez was the losing pitcher for the

single that drove in DeLeon. uled to travel to Hale Center 11 Coats then drove in Dunbar on Tuesday and they will host on a fielder's choice to give new Deal on Saturday, April 18

Senseless deaths on the rise due to distracted driving

TxDOT launches 'Talk, Text, Crash' campaign to help curb deadly trend

AUSTIN — With more people dying senselessly on Texas roads due to distracted driving, the Texas Department of Transportation kicks off its annual "Talk, Text, Crash" campaign to urge drivers to give their full attention to the road. TxDOT's campaign coincides with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April.

"Nearly 1 in 5 traffic crashes in Texas is caused by a distracted driver," said TxDOT Deputy Executive Director John Barton. "Last year, 468 people were killed because someone took their attention off the road. How important is a fleeting distraction when it could end in the death of someone, perhaps even one of your loved ones?"

Distracted driving-related crashes in Texas are highest among 16- to 24-year-olds. In 2014, there were 100,825 crashes in Texas involving distracted driving - up 6 percent from the previous year.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, drivers using a mobile phone are four times more likely to cause serious injury in a crash. Text messaging is particularly dangerous. New research conducted last year by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute

showed it takes a driver double the amount of time to react when they are distracted by text messaging. Additionally, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes away from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that's the equivalent of driving the length of a football field while blindfolded.

While mobile phone use is the most recognizable driving distraction, any type of behavior that draws a motorist's attention away from driving is dangerous. TxDOT urges drivers to refrain from:

- · Texting
- Checking email
- · Eating and drinking Grooming
- Reading
- Programming a navigation system
- · Adjusting music or other audio device

If a distraction absolutely requires immediate attention, TxDOT reminds drivers to pull over to a safe location and come to a complete stop before diverting their attention.

For more information, contact Dianah Ascencio, Public Information Officer, (806)

Longhorns Edge Crosbyton 7-6

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON - Despite seven fielding errors and late comeback by the Crosbyton Chiefs, the Lockney Longhorns were able to bring home The Lady Horns were sched- a 7-6 victory on Saturday, April

> of the first when with two outs, Trevor Ascensio and Avian Luna each singled before Ryan Poole delivered a two-run, twoout single that scored Ascensio and Luna. In the bottom of the inning, Crosbyton added a outs, then scored after Luna run as Clark walked, then stole second and third. With two outs, Gonzales singled to left the bottom of the inning. to drive home Clark to make it

2-1 after the opening frame. After neither team scored in the second, Lockney added three runs in the third. Israel Cuellar walked with one out, then Ascensio laid down a bunt that allowed that allowed Cuellar to move all the way to third. Luna singled to drive in Cuellar. With two outs, Javier Guerrero doubled, driving in Ascensio and Luna. The Chiefs were unable to score in the bottom of the inning and the Longhorns had a 5-1 lead after three innings.

In the fourth inning, the Longhorns added another run as Levi Kasner singled, stole second and third then scored on Daylen Gatica's double. The Chiefs put two runners on base in the bottom of the inning but were unable to score as the Longhorns now had a 6-1 lead

after four innings.

In the fifth inning, the Longhorns loaded the bases but left all three runners stranded. In the bottom of the fifth, the Chiefs started their comeback when Clark and Zundt singled then Rubalcado reached on an error that allowed Clark to score. Zundt and Rubalcado The Longhorns jumped out scored on a single by Gonzales. to an early 2-0 lead in the top With two outs, Henn singled to drive in Gonzales. After five innings, the Longhorns clung to a 6-5 lead.

In the sixth inning, the Longhorns added a run as Cuellar doubled with two singled to make it 7-5. Crosbyton was unable to score in

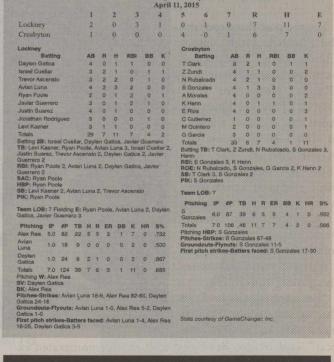
In the seventh inning, after Lockney went three up, three down, Crosbyton added

a single run when Rubalcado singled to lead off, then moved to second on an error. Gonzales singled to drive in Rubalcado but Longhorn pitcher, Daylen Gatica, then struck out the next two batters before Rios grounded out to give the Longhorns the 7-6 road vic-

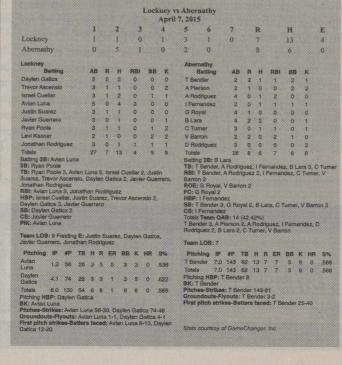
Gatica picked up the save as Alex Rea took the victory after pitching five innings, allowing five runs on five hits while walking one and striking out seven. Gonzales was the losing pitcher for Crosbyton as he allowed seven runs on 11 hits, while walking four and striking out two.

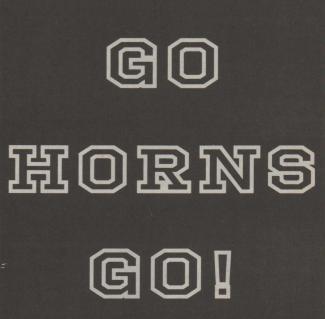
Lockney was scheduled to play Hale Center on Tuesday then travel to New Deal on Saturday, April 18 at 12:00

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Whirlwind News



Spirit of the Winds Prepare for Contest

By Destiny Cabello

Junior Editor

Since mid August the Spirit of the Winds band has committed to performing for FHS. The excitement starts with marching season. Everybody is familiar with the classic half-time production by the band with the original white uniforms and black hats. The pictures from the field are memorable, but that's not when 'band' ends. After the marching contest and football are complete, the Spirit of the Winds members continue to rehearse, perform, and compete.

Although the band does not return to the grass of the practice field, the same amount of

preparation is required. The upcoming concert contest consists of playing three distinguished songs selected by the performing band, proceeded by an unfamiliar song chosen by the judges. Every band performs contrasting pieces to emphasize their stronger points. Site reading, or 'second part', is composed of basic level music with minor difficulties within the piece to demonstrate how well each band can pay attention and catch the little misleading points of the song. Anything from a simple tempo change to a change in melody can appear in the piece provided for the sight reading contest.

The performance given by against ourselves and we don't

the band combined with the sight reading contests determines what division award each band shall receive. A 'first division' is the best all-around statistic that every band strives for. "I would really like to receive straight 1's, but whatever we get I know the number doesn't define how much work we put into this contest. We've worked for months in preparation for this one day," said junior percussionist Emmily Britt.

This one-day will reflect the past month's rehearsals and commitment that the band has devoted to this competition. "Band isn't like football or basketball. We compete



get another performance. We only have one chance to prove ourselves," said senior trombone Marcos Olvera. The band competition was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Wayland

Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. The results will be announced at a later time.

Floydada Tennis Team District Champs 17 Years in a Row

By Liz Morales Staff Writer

great use on Wednesday, tennis meet. For the 17th Coach Nixon couldn't be on April 20th-22nd. April 8th as the Floydada year in a row, the Whirl- prouder to keep the tradi-Whirlwinds traveled to winds proudly claimed the tion going for Floydada's

hard work were put to Plainview for their district district title by 3 points, tennis team. Eleven players will be advancing to regionals

"This was my first year on Varsity, and being able to be apart of the district championship title is amazing," said Keenan Nixon, freshman.

Keenan was on a boys doubles team, claiming 2nd place, and will be playing at the regional level.

"Everyone played their hardest and I couldn't have asked for more. I'm so proud of everyone's hard work and dedication! It sure did pay off," Coach Nixon said.

The Whirlwinds will be traveling to Odessa for the regional tournament. Only one set of alternates will be going with them. Everyone else is a regional qualifier.

"Being a senior, I wanted to go out with bang, getting first with my mixed doubles partner has never felt so good, I can't wait for regionals," senior Alyssia Miner said.

This will be Miners' first time at regionals and she is well prepared along with her partner, Kirby Nixon.

With regionals swinging around the corner, the Whirlwinds are working hard to go beyond regionals.

Regional Qualifiers: Liz and Reagan-Girls Doubles - 2nd place Kirby and Aimee-Mixed Doubles - 1st place Logan and Alyssia- Mixed Doubles - 2nd place Michael and Keenan-Boys Doubles - 2nd place Esmeralda Garza-Girls Singles - 1st place Regional Alternates

Remington and Brayden-Boys Doubles-third place

One Last Performance: OAP Competes at Bi-District North Charleston

By Tucker Lowrance Staff Writer

For the past three months the Floydada High School Theatricality group has been working on their play "Ruby's Story" for UIL One Act Play. On Thursday April 9th the cast traveled to Hale Center to compete in Bi-District. The cast ended up taking home 4th place meaning that they would be the alternate play.

Disappointment wasn't something that crossed the minds of the ensemble as a sense of pride was something more consuming.

"I'm really proud of all the accomplishments that were able to achieve this year", said Macee Brother- kids that demonstrated exton. Getting to advance to ceptional acting. The the-Bi-District was something atricality group was honthat we have wanted to do ored to know that two of for a while and this year the cast members would we finally made it happen, be receiving All-Star cast thanks to all of the work awards. Brooke Galvan rethat Mrs. Cox has done for ceived honorable mention us, even if it stressed all of All-Star cast and Macee us out," said Brotherton.

held after every play was work in the play. finished, honoring those



Brotherton received All-An awards ceremony was Star cast for their great

The level of commitment

unnoticed throughout the entire OAP season.

"I've been so proud of the dedication that they have gave me, and I am so extremely proud of all of these kids," said Director Rita Cox. "Advancing this far was a treat for us and even though we were the alternate play, it shouldn't

and dedication of each cast be a criticism to how wonmember certainly didn't go derful these kids are and how hard they worked for lice officer Michael Slager. me," said Cox.

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World News Update:

By Bethany Morales

Staff Writer

Many shooting events have recently made a huge impact in our world today. From Michael Brown's shooting in Ferguson, Missouri to the latest shooting in North Charleston, South Carolina. There are no questions about it that gun violence is slowly but

surely increasing. On Tuesday April 7,2015 a white police officer was charged with the murder of Walter Scott. A witness recorded the murder, which allowed investigators to further understand what happened. What happened prior to the recording is still unknown until April 10 when investigators released the dash cam of po-

The witness's video clear-This is the first time in ly shows Scott, who is un-10 years that Floydada has armed, fleeing from Slager advanced to the Bi-District as Slager begins to pull out round in OAP and every- his gun. A total of 8 shots that accomplishment. Con- shots 5 of them hit Scott. gratulations to the Floyda- The video then shows As Slager is putting the

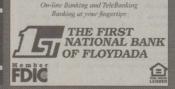
handcuff on Scott, Scott appears to be motionless, with his face in the ground. Another officer then accompanies Slager. After a few moments Slager comes to Scott to check his pulse and finds that Scott is unresponsive

No one knew what happened prior to the chase until Slager's dash cam video was released. The dash cam shows Slager pulling over Scott in his car for a broken brake light. Scott is unable to provide proof of insurance on the vehicle to Slager then returns back to the police car to start on the paperwork. During that time Slager found out that there was an arrest warrant out for Scott that was issued back in January for owing \$18,104.43 in child support. The dash cam shows Scott getting out of the car and fleeing the scene.

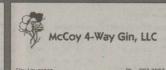
Investigators found that the traffic stop, and the foot chase were perfectly normal, but the last act was uncalled for. The investigators found the shooting was uncalled thus charging Michael Slager with murder.



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Lockney One Act Play Lockney High School



By Lena Luna, Lissa Hernandez and Lexi Chavez

On April 9, 2015, Lockney One Act Play competed in the Bi-District UIL competition with their rendition of the play A Comedy of Errors, by William Shakespeare. Lockney was just one of the school districts present, along with Floydada, Ralls, Farwell, Vega, and Panhandle. After a successful season under the direction of new theater sponsor Bobby Hon, Lockney's theater season came to an end in Hale Center.

"Although the contest did not go in our favor, I would like to emphasize that the students gave one of the best performances I have ever

seen," said Hon. "These kids put so much hard work into this show and these contests and festivals."

Along with having an advancing performance at the District Meet, Lockney High School actors also won several individual awards. Honorable Mention Cast Members at the district level included Ashley Roberts and Darby Long. All-Star Cast Members at district included Luke Kasner and Seattle Jackson.

At the Bi-District meet, several actors won individual awards yet again. Honorable Mention Cast Members at bidistrict included Seattle Jackson. All-Star Cast Members included Darby Long and Jake Moore.

The full cast and crew of Lockney's A Comedy of Errors is as follows:

Cast: Jake Moore, Jace Klein, Luke Kasner, Seattle Jackson, Darby Long, Ashley Roberts, Shelby Dunbar, Ignacio Ascencio, Valerie Hernandez, Blanca Bueno, Karissa Petty, Nathan Johnson, Alec Tambunga, and Hannah

Crew: Lena Luna, Lissa Hernadez, Jose Gonzales, Alyssa Gutierrez, and Nohelia

Director: Bobby Hon

For anyone who missed seeing the play during competition, the cast will be performing one last time for the public in the Lockney Cafeteria on May 20, 2015.



By Emiliee Encizo & Trevor **Ascensio**

On Thursday, March 27, District UIL was held at Lockney High School. All UIL participants competed against students from surrounding schools to try and get the highest scores and the most points for our school. The turnout at the end of the day was astounding.

"I am extremely proud of and thankful for my fellow UIL coaches that invest their time and passion in our students, challenging them to greater levels of success," said Mrs. Morris.

Lockney High School placed second overall in the meet, and won District Championships in six team events, with 24 students advancing to the Regional meet held in Odessa on April 23rd-25th. Lockney High School should have placed first in the meet over all, but due to UIL regulations and event scores being capped, they were not able to fully obtain all of the points they earned.

The results of the meet were as follows:

In Accounting, John Salas placed 1st, Ozzy Mondragon 2nd, Liz Salas 4th, and Scott Lass 6th. They placed 1st as a team and will advance to the Regional meet along with their coach, Mrs. Fulton.

In Computer Science, Scott Lass placed 1st, Levi Kasner 2nd, Seattle Jackson 3rd, and Blanca Bueno 6th. They won the Computer Science Contest and will compete in the regional meet along with their coach, Mrs. Morris.

In Current Issues, Jace Klein placed 1st, Isa Rodriguez 5th, and Brenna Tidwell 2nd, Valerie Hernandez, and Mari Hernandez are also on the team. They placed 2nd overall as a team along with their coach Mrs. Morris.

In Editorial writing, Jace Klein placed 3rd and John Salas placed 4th. In Feature writing, Nic Sherman placed 3rd, and in Headline writing Jace Klein placed 1st. In the News writing contest, Trevor Ascensio placed 1st and Sarah Carstensen placed 3rd. These writers won the Journalism Championship and are

In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Alex Rea placed 3rd.

coached by Ms. Clement.

In Literary Criticism, Jake Moore placed 1st, Darby Long 2nd, Ashley Roberts 3rd, and Lizzie Belt 4th, Karissa Petty is also on the team. The team won District Champion as well. In Ready Writing, Haley Dunbar placed 5th, Sarah Belt 7th, and Emiliee Encizo 8th. These teams are coached by Mrs. Ragland.

"I think our team did very well and I can't wait to beat Quanah," said junior Jake

In Poetry, Shelby Dunbar placed 6th. In Prose, Luke Kasner placed 2nd, both of these teams are coached by Ms. Boggs. In Persuasive Speaking, Stephen Setliff placed 6th and is coached by Mrs. Ragland and Ms. Boggs.

In Mathematics, Levi Kasner placed 5th, Tabetha Bigham 10th, Luke Kasner 12th, and Andrew Palomin 17th. They placed second overall as a team and are coached Mr.

In Number Sense, Jake Moore placed 1st, Seattle Jackson 3rd, Nic Sherman

6th, and Ashley Roberts 10th. Overall as a team they placed 1st and are coached by Mrs. Fulton.

"I'm proud of my Number Sense Team, they scored their highest at district and I can tell they've been studying," said Mrs. Fulton.

In Science, Jace Klein placed 1st, Levi Kasner 3rd, Seattle Jackson 5th, Tristan Schlueter 8th, Tabetha Bigham 8th, and Luke Kasner 26th. Alec Tambunga and Austen Rexrode also are on the team. Once again, they claimed the District Team Championship. Jace Klein also had the top Chemistry and Biology score and the Top Physics Alternate. The coaches of this team are Mrs Kasner and Mrs. Morris.

"Mrs. Morris and I are beyond excited and proud of the Lockney UIL Science team," said Mrs. Kasner. "We have great expectations for this team at the state meet."

In Social Studies, Jake Moore placed 5th, Darby Long 10th, Lidia Sanchez 15th, and Stephen Setliff 18th. Overall, the team won 3rd place and is coached by Mr. Moore.

In Spelling and Vocabulary, Sarah Belt place 3rd, Kennedy Hallmark placed 12th, Dixie Williams 13th, and Shelby Coats 16th. This team is coached by Mrs. Setliff.

Congratulations to all of the Lockney UIL participants and their coaches. Good luck to all at regionals next weekend.

FCCLA Puts Up a Fight Against Bullying

By Emiliee Encizo & Trevor Ascensio

During the month of April, FCCLA is working to put a stop to cyberbullying and bullying altogether. They have been putting signs up around the school, doing surveys, and putting notes on cars with the saying, "Words can hurt or heal. What did yours do today?"

Around LHS, anywhere someone looks, they will see a poster about bullying. FCCLA is trying to spread the word about the negative effects bullying can have on a person. Bullying can lead to depression, suicide, and other terrible things.

"I think that it's good how students at LHS are doing this and not just the teachers," said junior Lexi Chavez. "It makes students feel that the teachers aren't just telling them to be nice."

Bullying doesn't just happen here at Lockney High School, it is happening all around the world. About 160,000 kids miss school each day due to bul-



lying, and one out of every four kids are bullied every month.

"I'm not quite sure what the outcome will be with all the stuff FCCLA is doing," said sophomore Abel Salazar. "I'm afraid people are going to bully regardless of what you tell them."

that 4% of students have been cyberbullied, 5% have been excluded from activities, 11% have been physically bullied, 18% have had rumors spread about them, and 21% have been called terrible names.

This is not a minor issue that happens rarely, it ing.

is something that happens without us sometimes even knowing it. Our Lockney High School FCCLA group is standing up and trying to

"Well, all I can really say is that I was bullied and I didn't like it," said sophomore Calvin Borunda. "If Statistics have proven the bully was in the witnesses shoes, would he like being the one to get bul-

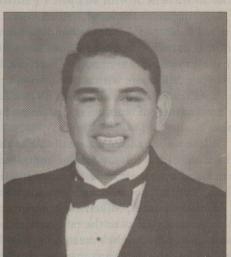
> If they can at least help one person, FCCLA feels that they have made a difference. Now it's your turn, stand up and help put up a fight against bully-

Senior Spotlights

By Alec N. Tambunga

Javier Guerrero

Javier Guerrero was born in Lockney, TX on June 4, 1996 to Jose Luis and Mary Guerrero. He has lived in Lockney his whole life. During his time at Lockney High School, Javier has participated in football (4 years), baseball (4 years), track (4 years), FFA (4 years), band (3 years), FCA (2 years), and basketball (2 years). After graduating, Javier plans to go to South Plains College and study in the welding program.



Esperanza Luna Guerra

Esperanza Luna Guerra was born in Lockney, TX on November 2, 1995 to Elida Luna Guerra and Esteban Guerra Jr. She has lived in Lockney most of her life, while also living briefly in Plainview and Floydada. During her time at Lockney High School, Esperanza has been involved in FCCLA for one year. After graduating from Lockney High School, Esperanza plans to get a job and help her mom around the house.



Art Club Explores Dallas

By Lena Luna, Lissa Hernandez, **Lexi Chavez**

On the weekend of April 10, 2015, 13 Lockney High School students accompanied LHS art teacher Donna Webb to Dallas to explore different works of art.

Students who went on the trip had the opportunity to see pieces by famous artists such as Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse.

"It was a great opportunity to explore different artworks and to be in Dallas with some of my friends," said freshman Sara Keyser.

Along with viewing art, these students also had time to enjoy the city. They visited Urban Air, a trampoline park in Dallas, made new friends, and explored new restaurants.



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As of yet, there are no plans used. Operation of orna- in place to develop this area

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The committee will be dilots, tennis courts or other rected by myself and my ashard-surface areas; use of sistant, Erica Johnston here water to wash down build- at the EDC offices. Once we ings or structures except for have the plans, feel free to fire protection; dust control; contact us by phone or come flushing gutters or permit- by to check on the progress ting water to run or accumu- of giving our alluring downlate in any gutter or street; town a facelift that will bring even more beauty out.

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FLOYDADA EDC TO HOST MEETING

On April 23 at 6 p.m. the Floydada EDC will host a meeting with John Billing and students from the Texas Tech Department of Landscape Architecture at the Massie Activity Center. We will unveil the master plans that we have been working towards since September 2014. We invite the citizens of Floydada to join us in this exciting moment that is another step towards improving our downtown setting.

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Assignment: Texas Botsky's

he menu speaks volumes: MacDaddy & Cheese, Slawdog Millionaire, and other fun and catchy names hint at the fun you'll have in this downtown Lake Charles, Louisiana eatery long before the hot dogs are delivered to your table.

This unique eatery does one thing and does it remarkably well. They specialize in hot dogs.



RUSSELL GRAVES

I parked just down the block on Pujo Street and headed west towards the place and one of the first things I noticed was the simple sign hung from the vintage building's facade. It features a mythical creature: the jackalope.

This is my kind of place.

I can't say that found this place on my own. Elizabeth Eustis with the Lake Charles Convention and Visitor's Bureau is the one who guided me there and within five minutes of my arrival, she

drives up and joins me and my son for dinner. From the outside, the building looks as if it was once a mechanic shop. What were once big garage door bays are now glass enclosures that are lowered in inclement weather but were raised on nice days. The weather is

nice so we benefit with an open air environment. Looking up at the hand scribed menu, I cannot decide from a variety of delicious sounding hot dogs. The meat is premium and made from Kobe beef so it's likely that all the flavors are good. Therefore, I settle on the Slawdog Millioaire with a side of sweet potato fries and an iced tea to wash it all down. While Botsky's offers a great variety of craft beers, tea seemed to suit me the

best. While we set and make small talk at the high table in the front of the restaurant, I'm impressed by the exposed brick and beams of the restaurant's interior. Not at all flashy but functional in a rustic and effective way.

Within minutes, Mike Krajicek owner of Botsky's brings our hot dogs to the table and as a bonus, invites us to try a new dog he's created: a kobe beef dog topped with Southern Louisiana inspired shrimp étouffée. I cut into the enormous dog with my fork and took a bite. I love beef and shrimp étouffée but I wasn't sure that I'd like it all together.

I was wrong.

The ingredients blended well together and the étouffée's creaminess sat well with the crispness of the frank. And the bun... The bun was soft with a fine texture and a sweet taste - sort of like a pretzel bun.

Immediately after imbibing a swill of tea, I started in on my Slawdog Millionaire and took in some sweet

potato fries. This dog had the same bun and meat as the étouffée dog but with coleslaw on top. The sweetness of the cabbage balanced well with the spice of the dog. The sweet potato fries had the perfect mix of sweetness and

saltiness and I could have

had them as a meal all on their own.

I was in heaven.

In the end, I never thought I'd consider hot dogs as gourmet fare but Botsky's shifted my paradigm. The food, fellowship, and atmosphere of the place is

I'll never look at hot dogs the same way again.

Varsity Boys Boy's District Team Champions:

2nd Place Boys Doubles: Keenan Nixon and Michael Riojas 3rd Place Boys Doubles: Brayden Campbell and Remington

4th Place Singles: Ezekiel Torres Mixed Doubles

1st Place: Aimee Chavarria and Kirby Nixon 2nd Place: Aylissa Minner and Logan Everett **OVERALL DISTRICT TEAM CHAMPIONS:**

3rd Place Doubles: Kortney Campbell and Rachel Hernandez JV Boys

1st Place Singles: Tyler Eguia

3rd Place Singles: Alejandro Pinon 1st Place Doubles: Alex Glass and Jaiden Blakey

2nd Place Doubles: Esteban Lerma and Destry Faulkenberry

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dud looked at his Anita across the kitchen table and smiled at the wonderment of her. She didn't take him for granted, and he didn't take her for granted, either. Seemed like a nice way for a man and his wife to be in love.

problem for several years now with the book. Dud shook his head slowly. Anyone who thinks writing a novel is easy should spend an hour inside my head first. It's been several years since he began writing "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms," the book that the rest of Dud's people referred to as "The Duchess and the Truck Driver."

"What's the matter, Hon?"

"Oh ... nothing. Just thinking about the book again."

"Because it's Spring?"

He nodded. They smiled at each other.

"Mrs. Campbell," said Dud, "may I ask you a question?"

"I think you just did, Mr. Campbell." "Well ... I mean, could you put in words how you feel about

.. well, us?"

Anita put down her toast and sipped some coffee and smiled as she looked across the table at Dud.

"I think ... we are special," she said. "I used to be Anita. But But how was he going to translate this? This has been the now ... well, I'm now half of Anita and Dud, and that half is twice what Anita used to be by herself. Dud, you have given me a foundation and a safety net. I know I can say anything to you, and I'm safe in saying it."

> Dud walked over quickly, kissed her, and almost ran into his study. Anita heard the keys clicking away on the computer.

> Well, she said to herself, maybe, just maybe, I helped write a book.

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SW Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle fishing report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Ellsworth: Elevation below normal, water murky. Crappie and white bass fair are on minnows and jigs around docks and brush structure. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait and punch bait around points.

Ft. Cobb: Elevation below normal. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs around brush structure and riprap. Channel and blue catfish are slow on stinkbait in creek channels. Striped bass hybrids and white bass are slow on slabs and shad in the main lake and around points. Saugeye are slow on minnows, jigs and in-line spinnerbaits in the main lake.

Lawtonka: Elevation normal, water clear. Blue and channel catfish are slow on cut bait and punch bait around points and the dis-

Tom Steed: Elevation below normal, water 52.

White bass and striped bass Crappie are good on minhybrids are good on minnows and jigs at 6 ft.-10 ft. around points and rocks. Blue catfish are fair on cut bait and shad on bottom along flats.

Waurika: Elevation below normal, water 53. Blue catfish are fair on cut bait and stinkbait along shorelines and the main lake. Striped bass hybrids are slow on crawfish along shorelines.

Henry: Water stained; 59-63 degrees; 9.96 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, Rat-L-Traps, shakyheads and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Arrowhead: Water off color; 60-63 degrees; 19.6 ft. low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

Brownwood: Water degrees; murky; 58-62 12.60 ft. low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are

nows and white or shad Li'l Fishies in 5 ft.-12 ft. Channel catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with cheesebait and cut shad. Blue catfish are good on juglines baited with prepared baits in 15 ft.-20 ft. Yellow catfish are slow

Coleman: Water clear; 58-62 degrees; 19.47 ft. low. Black bass are good on chartreuse soft plastics, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on silver striper jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on nightcrawlers, shrimp and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow. Ft. Phantom Hill: Water

clear; 58-63 degrees; 16.86 ft. low. Black bass are fair on flukes, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 59-64 degrees; 30.5 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot slow. White bass are slow. rigs, Rat-L-Traps and Tex-

as rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 59-65 degrees; 43.27 ft. low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs (moving shallow). Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 60-64 degrees; 25.71 ft. low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worn-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water fairly clear; 60-66 degrees; 14.3 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, split shot weighted flukes and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

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Weather Whys

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Q: Sleet is in the forecast. Is there any difference between sleet and freezing rain?

A: The major difference is how they are formed in the atmosphere, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Freezing rain is rain that freezes when it comes into contact with other surfaces, such as pavement or cars. "Freezing rain forms when warm, moist air moves over cold air near the surface," McRoberts says. "Freezing rain is very dangerous because it tends to coat roadway surfaces. When surface temperatures are at or below 32 degrees, rain will quickly freeze on contact, and if the ice accumulates, it can shut down an entire city very quickly. Sleet is often confused with freezing rain, but sleet hits the ground already frozen, often forming in advance of a warm front. Sleet falls as ice pellets that make a familiar crackle sound as they hit the ground, trees

Q: Can you have freezing rain, snow and sleet at the same time?

A: Yes you can, McRoberts adds. "Winter storm systems frequently contain all three," he says. "Very often, you can have more than one precipitation type at the same time. All three types of precipitation begin falling from clouds as snow. If a snowflake doesn't encounter air warmer than 32 degrees as it falls to the surface, you will have snow. If the snowflake encounters a pocket of warmer air beneath the cloud as it falls, it will melt. Sleet occurs when the melted snowflake has a chance to refreeze before reaching the ground, while freezing rain occurs when it doesn't freeze until contacting the surface. Forecasting the type of precipitation is difficult because just one or two degrees in temperature difference can change whether an area receives rain, snow, freezing rain, sleet, or a mixture."

Q: This time of year, you hear about Lake Effect Snowfall over the Great Lakes. How

does a large body of water affect the weather?

A: A large body of water directly affects weather patterns, such as rainfall and temperatures, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Consider Miami and Omaha. One is near a large body of water - Miami is by the Atlantic Ocean - and the other is at least a thousand miles away from a large area of water," he explains. "A large body of water has a higher heat capacity than land, meaning it takes more energy to warm and cool the temperature of water. Therefore, cities close to water tend to have a narrower range of temperatures throughout the year. For example, average July high temperatures in Miami and Omaha are both near 90 degrees, but average January highs are mild in Miami (70s) and frigid in Omaha (30s). Coastal cities, such as Seattle and New Orleans, also tend to get a lot of rainfall. In winter, storms that pass over the Great Lakes absorb moisture from the water and this tends to increase snowfall amounts near the shoreline."

Q: How else does a large body of water affect weather?

A: On the West Coast, the waters are very cool, and this directly affects the weather, McRoberts adds. "The cool water near land can create some of the most intense fog in the world," he says. "The cool water also moderates temperatures inland, which is why California has one of the mildest climates in the U.S. Along the East Coast, the Gulf Stream, with its warmer waters, can influence weather patterns from Florida to Maine, while in the Gulf of Mexico, waters stay warm much of the year and really heat up in summer. During the warm season, both the Gulf Stream and Gulf of Mexico provide fuel for some of the strongest hurricanes on Earth. We are still learning a lot about water and how it impacts weather systems."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Medicare hospice benefit helps terminally ill patients and their families

By Bob Moos Southwest regional public

affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Choosing hospice care isn't about giving up. It's about making every day count.

Terminally ill people who make the choice receive care for their physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. They're no longer seeking a cure, but they do want to live out their last weeks and months as comfortably as possible and with dignity.

Unfortunately, many people with Medicare aren't aware of the hospice benefit.

Hospice programs follow team approach. The specially trained team typically includes doctors, nurses, counselors and social workers, among others. A doctor and nurse are on call 24-7 to care for you and support your family when you need

The hospice benefit allows you and your family to stay together in the comfort of your home, unless you require hospital care. If your hospice team determines you need inpatient care at some point, it will make the arrangements for your stay.

Hospice's main goal is to relieve your pain and manage your symptoms. As long as the care comes from a Medicare-approved hospice, Medicare covers the physician services, nursing care, drugs, medical equipment and supplies, and physical and occupational therapy.

To qualify for Medicare's hospice benefit, you must be eligible for Medicare's Part A hospital insurance, and your physician and your hospice medical director must certify that you have six months or less to live, assuming your illness runs its normal course.

You also must sign a statement choosing the Medicare hospice benefit and another statement that you understand you're forgoing curative treatment for your terminal condition.

Though the hospice benefit is part of original Medicare, it's also available to anyone with a Medicare Advantage plan. And both original Medicare and Medicare Advantage will continue to pay for the treatment of other conditions unrelated to your terminal illness.

Medicare understands that your family occasionally needs a rest from caregiving. So you can request to stay up to five days at a time at a hospice facility, hospital or nursing home. For that, you pay 5 percent of the Medicare-approved amount for respite care.

Overall, you pay almost nothing for your hospice care. There is no deductible. Besides your 5 percent share for the inpatient respite care, your only expense is the \$5 or less you pay for each prescription drug you take to relieve pain or manage your symptoms.

You can receive hospice care as long as you're recertified. After 90 days of care, you're re-evaluated by the hospice's medical director or other hospice doctor to determine if the care is still

appropriate.

Another re-evaluation is done after another 90 days and then every 60 days.

If your health improves or your illness goes into remission, you may not need to remain in a hospice program. In those cases, you'll return to your previous Medicare coverage. And if someday your condition worsens, you can go back to hospice care.

Beneficiaries wanting to learn more about hospice programs in their area should talk to their doctor or call their state's hospice organization or health department. Their physician will also help determine whether a particular program has been approved by Medicare.

When considering and choosing a hospice program, ask these questions: What kind of training does the hospice provide its caregivers? How does the hospice staff respond to after-hour emergencies? What measures are in place to ensure quality care? How does the hospice involve the family in planning the care?

Even if you've been enrolled in a Medicare Advantage managed care plan, you can still choose hospice care from any available Medicare-approved hospice.

For more about Medicare's hospice benefit, visit Medicare's website site at medicare.gov or call Medicare's 24-7 customer service line 1-800-633-4227. Medicare publication, titled "Medicare Hospice Benefits," can also be downloaded from the website or requested by phone.

Xeriscaping program offered in Lubbock, Amarillo on April 18

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO - A regional xeriscaping program on April 18 will offer those interested in conserving water and landscaping their homes in the High Plains and South Plains an opportunity to hear from the experts, program coordinators said.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program will be offering "Xeriscaping in the South Plains" from 9 a.m. to noon in Lubbock and then "Xeriscaping in the High Plains" from 3-6 p.m. later that day in Canyon. The cost of each program will be \$10.

This program is for those people interested in learning the best ways to be "water wise" in their landscape while maintaining curb appeal, said Liz Moore, AgriLife ExtenRandall County.

In addition, those attending will learn to catch and use the rain that falls on their roof for landscaping, said Vikram Baliga, AgriLife Ex-Lubbock County.

The Lubbock program will be in the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294. The Canyon program will be in the West Texas A&M University Agriculture and 301 26th St.

For more information on the Lubbock program, call Baliga at 806-775-1740, and on the Canyon program, call Moore at 806-468-5543.

Rainwater harvesting and xeriscape design expert Billy Kniffen of Menard, formerly

sion horticulture agent in an AgriLife Extension state water resource specialist, will lead both programs on "how to turn your landscape into a beautiful xeriscape."

The program will be the same at both locations, with tension horticulture agent in the Lubbock Master Gardeners and the Randall County Master Gardeners, as well as other local experts, leading breakout sessions about water-wise plant selection, turf management and redesigning a landscape.

"This will be a great opportunity for homeowners to Sciences Building Room 101, ask questions specific to their home," Moore said.

"We are encouraging those who attend to bring pictures of their landscape so we can better address their interests and situations," Baliga said.

In addition to AgriLife Extension, both programs are jointly sponsored by the High Plains Water District. The Canyon program is also sponsored by WTAMU, Canyon's Edge Plants, Boyd's Equipment and Irwin Green-



By Melinda Myers

Nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Make this your biggest and tastiest tomato harvest yet with proper planting and care.

Reduce pest problems and increase the harvest by growing your tomatoes in a sunny location with well-drained soil or in a quality potting mix for container gardens. Improve your garden soil by adding several inches of organic matter to the top eight to twelve inches of soil prior to planting. Compost, aged manure, and other organic materials help improve drainage in heavy clay soil and increase the water holding abil-

ity of sandy soil. Add a slow release organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com) according to label directions at planting. Slow release fertilizers provide a constant diet that is better for your plants and less work for you. Save yourself more time by mixing the fertilizer into the soil when incorporating the organic matter. Then give your plants a midseason boost as needed.

Once the soil is prepared, wait for the air and soil to warm to plant your tomatoes. Planting too early when the soil is still cool and the nights are chilly can stress the plant and delay your harvest.

Plant your tomatoes slightly deeper or in a trench for better rooting. Trench tomatoes by digging a shallow trench about 3 to 4 inches deep. Remove the stem. Carefully bend the stem, and smallest harvest. so the upper leaves will be above the soil. Fill the trench ery few days and water often with soil and water.

your schedule will help deter- the top few inches of soil are

mine the training system that works best for you.

Determinate tomatoes (look for the D on the tag) grow a certain height and stop. They work well in towers, containers or even hanging baskets. Indeterminate tomatoes, labeled with an I, keep growing taller, producing more flowers and fruit until the end of the growing season. These do best when grown on tall sturdy stakes or extra tall strong towers.

Towering tomatoes is easy. Simply place the tower over the tomatoes at planting. Tomatoes grown in towers produce a larger, but later harvest than staked tomato plants. Allow a bit more time if you

decide to stake your plants. Place the stake in the ground at planting. Be careful not to injure the roots. As the plants begin to grow prune off all side branches, suckers, that develop between the main stem and leaves. Loosely tie the remaining one or two stems to the stake. Cloth strips, twine or other soft ties work well. lower leaves and lay the plant Keep tying up the plants as on its side in the hole. Roots they continue to grow. Staked will eventually form along the tomatoes produce the earliest

Check new plantings evenough to keep the develop-Stake or tower your tomatoes ing root system moist. Reduce to reduce insect and disease frequency as plants become problems and make harvesting established. Water established easier. The type of tomato and plants thoroughly whenever

slightly moist. Mulch the soil with evergreen needles, shredded leaves or other organic mulch to keep the soil consistently moist and suppress weeds. Consistent soil moisture encourages more flowering and fruiting, while reducing the risk of blossom end rot, cracking and misshapen fruit.

Harvest your tomatoes when fully colored. Leave them on the plant an extra 5 or 6 days for even better flavor. Unfortunately, the animals often move in and feast on the ripening fruit. In this case, you may need to finish ripening tomatoes indoors.

And once you taste that first red ripe tomato, you'll be looking for more sunny spots for containers or to expand your garden. Gardening expert, TV/ra-

dio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers. com, offers gardening videos and tips.

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Texas Comptroller's Office Helps Property Taxpayers Stay Informed of their Rights with Updated Publication

The Texas Comptroller's office has released the publication Property Taxpayer Remedies, a reference guide for property taxpayers which addresses property tax basics, providing a step by step guide on preparing for a protest hearing and what they can do if they are dissatisfied with an appraisal review board's decision.

"As a taxpayer, you should know your rights and understand the options available to you under the law," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "The Property Taxpayer Remedies publication is a resource of information for a sometimes complicated

Property Taxpayer Remedies also provides key dates so property owners know what they must do and when they are required to act to exercise their right

Property Taxpayer Remedies is available from the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX 79235 or call 806-983-5256. The publication is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www. window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.



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AGRICULTURE

County Commissioners approve road crossing revision plans from Sun Edison

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

In its monthly meeting Monday, April 13, Floyd County Commissioners approved the purchase of a new pick-up truck for Agri-Life, approved allowing SunEdison to dig through lightly traveled roads near the new South Plains wind farm, and authorized the Chase Credit Card Merchant Agreement for district and county clerks.

In other agenda items, the court approved the following items of consent: Paid bills, approved monthly reports of county offices, authorized payroll and Certificates of Continuing Education.

Commissioners also approved Soil Conservation contracts

Klaus Obel from SunEdison asked the court to reconsider and review some of the road crossings his company had asked for earlier. SunEdison had observed that some of the roads are so lightly traveled that they asked permission from the court to dig through and repair roads rather bore under them because of expense.

The wind farm company received the court's approval. Commissioner Linden Morris noted that the SunEdison Job Fair held earlier had drawn 250 people, and that another job fair is slated for the end of May.

In the Texas Agri-Life report County Extension agents Amy Kress and Cristen Brooks reported on March's activities. Kress noted that she had held 4-H meetings in Floydada and Lockney, and that there were two participants in the upcoming District Fashion Show in Lubbock. Kress and Brooks, like other county agents across the state, hosted a community outreach meeting to get input from the public on what they perceive to be local issues. A group of ten came to their meeting and issues that they identified included texting and driving, using phones/devices for social media while driving, and finding recreational activities for young people in the summertime.

In Brooks report she noted her role in assisting with cotton meetings and livestock

After the Agri-Life report County Judge Marty Lucke noted that the current pickup that Agri-Life drives has become unreliable, and despite having had mechanical repairs, it most recently wouldn't start. The board approved the purchase of a new pickup for Agri-Life.

The court discussed what to do with the old Agri-Life pickup, and Commissioner Amando Morales agreed to pay \$3,000 for the used vehicle for Precinct 4, and the court agreed that a policy should be created for the purchase of future used ve-

In other action, commissioners approved the hiring of Joramze Rosales as a Deputy Sheriff and authorized reimbursement for Veterans County Service Officer Kenneth Jackson to attend 2015 Spring Training Conference

The court approved the Chase Credit Card Merchant Agreement for district and county clerk for receiving payments.

Commissioners approved the annual donation of \$1,000 to Floyd County Soil & Water Conservation District #104.

\$24,000 from a county transportation infrastructure grant was approved for Precinct 4, and the court approved moving those funds into materials, supplies, and equipment lines.

The court passed establishing a bounty for coyotes of \$5 a covote.

County Judge Lucke discussed the sidewalk and ADA parking on east side of Court-

County, and how it was nearing completion. The project had become a little more extensive that he had originally thought it would be, but that he felt the final costs would come in below

Bayer CropScience Inducted Into The Legacy Society At Texas A&M **University-Kingsville**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

RESEARCH TRIANversity-Kingsville has recognized Bayer CropScience for its commitment to supporting agricultural education by inducting the company into the school's Legacy Society in a ceremony on March 28. The prestigious honor is reserved for those whose contributions have truly left a legacy for students and faculty who have been directly impacted by their philanthropy. To be a member of the Legacy Society, an individual, a foundation, or a corporation must have cumulative contributions to Texas A&M University-Kingsville in excess of \$100,000. Bayer CropScience has specifically supported agricultural research and development at the school's Citrus Center.

"Bayer CropScience is proud to support the groundbreaking research being done at Texas A&M-Kingsville's Citrus Center," said Steve Olson, marketing business manager-Horticulture at Bayer CropScience. "We chose to donate to the Citrus Center, as the Center's mission aligns with our commitment to bring new tools and innovation to specialty crops, including fruit, tree nuts and vegetables. The developments made by the staff and students at the Center will increase crop safety and strengthen the productiv-

and around the world." research for the control of Asian citrus psyllid worldwide through various initiatives including insect trapping, parasitic insect rearing and release, sustainable model farm practices and the generation of solutions that directly impact the pathogen that causes Huanglongbing (HLB), also known as citrus greening.

"Bayer CropScience is dedicated to global sustainability, recognizing that with population growth comes the increased need for food, feed, fiber and renewable raw materials," said Dr. Mamoudou Sétamou, associate professor at Texas A&M-Kingsville's Citrus Center. "Bayer Crop-Science recognizes that dis-

eases, such as citrus greening disease, greatly affects growers ability to meet this need, and GLE PARK, N.C. (April 13, since 2004 they have support-2015) - Texas A&M Uni- ed Texas A&M-Kingsville's Citrus Center. Their support will allow our research in vector management to reduce the spread of this disease that affects so many citrus crops globally."

In addition to the ceremony, Bayer CropScience will be recognized with a plaque on the Wall of Honor at Texas A&M-Kingsville's Memorial Student Union Building.

Visit the Bayer Connect - Social Hub for all Bayer CropScience social media, recent news, blog posts, videos and more.

About Bayer CropScience

Bayer is a global enterprise with core competencies in the fields of health care, agriculture and high-tech materials. Bayer CropScience, the subgroup of Bayer AG responsible for the agricultural business, has annual sales of EUR 9,494 million (2014) and is one of the world's leading innovative crop science companies in the areas of seeds, crop protection and non-agricultural pest control. The company offers an outstanding range of products including high value seeds, innovative crop protection solutions based on chemical and biological modes of action as well as an extensive service backup for modern, sustainable agriculture. In the area of non-agricultural applications, Bayer CropScience has a broad portfolio of products ity of citrus growers in Texas and services to control pests from home and garden to forestry ap-Specifically for citrus crops, plications. The company has a Bayer CropScience supports global workforce of 22,400 and is represented in more than 120 countries. This and further news is available at: www.press. bayercropscience.com.

Sheriff Paul Raissez Issues Appeal to Citizens in Fight Against Crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Paul Raissez today announced that Floyd County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the ship Drive helps provide the next several weeks. Associate funding which is vital to our Member funding allows the mission of making our com-Sheriffs' Association of Texas munities safer places to live, to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforce-

ment officers across the state. In addition, dues will be

used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sherof the Sheriffs' Association of iffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

> "The Associate Memberwork and play," said Sheriff

The Associate Membership Program was created to membership appeal or desirprovide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support

to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to escalate, and programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Raissez. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a ing more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at:

1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741 www.txsheriffs.org

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

Wind Research Experts Available to Discuss Deadly Tornado Outbreak

roared to life Wednesday when a funnel touched down in Moore, Oklahoma, the same region devastated by an EF5 tornado in May 2013. No fatalities were reported in Moore, however one person died in another tornado that hit Sand Springs, west of Tulsa. Preliminary estimates indicate eight twisters were reported from Oklahoma City to northwestern Arkansas.

Texas Tech University is home to the National Wind Institute, which leads the nation in wind research. The department was born 45 years ago after an F5 tornado killed 26 people and destroyed portions of

Hwy 70, then 3 miles North.

of Texas:

County, Texas

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The 2015 tornado season downtown Lubbock. Faculty of severe wind events such as tional Weather Service. tornadoes and hurricanes on lives and structures.

mer Wind Science and En- genesis and low-level wind gineering (WiSE) research structure of tornadoes for center, which created the more than a decade. He also first doctorate in wind science and engineering, with the Texas Wind Energy Institute (TWEI), creator of the only Bachelor of Science degree in wind energy. NWI strengthens the university's interdisciplinary approach to all things wind.

Through NWI, scientists representing the university's and engineers have collected civil engineering depart- one of the country's largment and atmospheric sci- est repositories of wind data ences group collaborated and helped develop the Enon solutions what could be hanced Fujita Scale, impledone to minimize the effects mented in 2007 by the Na-

Christopher Weiss, associate professor of atmospheric NWI combines the for- science, has researched the maintains a research interest in the processes responsible for the generation of the parent thunderstorms. He can speak to the current scientific understanding regarding why tornadoes form and intensify, as well as how the structure of the tornado relates to the observed damage seen on the ground. He can be reached at (806) 834-4712 or chris.weiss@ttu.edu.

Ernst Kiesling, research professor, executive director of the National Storm Shelter Association, and ex-See TORNADO Page 12

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Three irrigation wells connected by underground line, providing approximately 300 gal/minute total.

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While any pet owner knows the importance of a regular grooming and exercise routine for their pet, proper dental care is often overlooked. With February being National Pet Dental Health Month, there is no better for your pet's oral hygiene.

of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "Overall health can be into the blood stream and affect the animal's internal organs and joints."

Dental disease affects a significant rubber chew toys. number of pets at any age during their there can be serious consequences as a result of poor dental health.

Although pets aren't typically Dodd. Some other indicators of oral oral problems." disease may include excessive drooling, inflamed gums, and loose teeth.

arise from poor dental hygiene inhalitosis, gum disease, mouth tumors, rect effect on their overall health. dropping food and facial pain. It is ceptionally foul breath.

begin as soon as possible, so it is vital to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

that your veterinarian teach you how to properly care for their teeth and gums right from the start. They can provide demonstrations of the most effective and hassle-free way to brush your pet's teeth, as well as which diets and toys are the safest and most ef-

"It generally is not a good idea time to develop a maintenance plan to give your dogs any antlers or calf hooves, and don't let them chew on "How goes the mouth, so goes the rocks or bones, as these can potenhealth," said Dr. Bert Dodd, clinical tially cause harm to the gums and professor at the Texas A&M College teeth," said Dr. Dodd. "You should be brushing their teeth regularly, using water additives, and providing them affected by oral disease, which can get with safe chew toys" said Dr. Dodd. To play it safe, ask your vet to recommend toxin-free rawhide, nylon and

Another important step in caring lifetime, and just like with people, for your pet's dental health is to have your vet perform a complete cleaning and examination on an annual basis. "Oral examinations and cleanknown to have minty-fresh breath, ing should be performed on your pet an extremely foul odor can be the first at the very least once a year," said Dr. sign of a severe dental problem. "Of- Dodd. "They should be performed ten, exceptionally bad breath is the more frequently if home care can't be first indicator of oral disease," said Dr. done or if the animal has any other

Dental health should be a daily ritual for pet owners to follow all year More mouth problems that could round, not just during the month of February. Keep in mind that the oral clude periodontal disease, gingivitis, health of your furry-friend has a di-

Pet Talk is a service of the College always best to check in with your vet- of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedierinarian if your pet begins to show cal Sciences, Texas A&M University. any sign of mouth discomfort or ex- Stories can be viewed on the Web at vetmed.tamu.edu/pettalk. Sugges-Dental care for your pet should tions for future topics may be directed

Deferred Property Tax Payments

Texans who are age 65 or older or who are disabled as defined by law may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Floyd County Appraisal District office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred - but not cancelled - as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes accumulate with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 vears old when the deceased spouse died.

A filed tax deferral affidavit keeps homeowners from losing their homesteads because of delinquent property taxes. A pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien will also cease as a result of filing a tax deferral affidavit. In addition, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes once an affidavit is filed. There are no penalties on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid at that time, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX 79235, or call 806-983-5256. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www. window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

Property Owners Should Soon Start Receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2015 Tax Year

If your property value increased in the last year, you will soon receive an appraisal notice from the Floyd County Appraisal District. Your city, county, school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2015 property taxes.

Under Texas law, county appraisal districts are required to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice contains important information about the property's location, ownership and property tax exemptions that have been applied to the property. It must also include an estimate of 2015 taxes by local taxing units.

Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district have the right to appeal to the Floyd County Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form and the Comptroller's Property Taxpayer Remedies. The deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is May 31, 2015 or 30 days after the appraisal district mailed your notice of appraised value, whichever

The Comptroller's publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking your case to court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your

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Planting season to start with good soil, tough market

By Josie Musico A-J MEDIA

South Plains cotton farmers are heading toward planting time with good news and not-so-good news.

While soil moisture is up, prices are down, particularly for cotton. More than a few producers are planning accord-

The US Department of Agriculture's planting-intentions survey suggests less cotton and more sorghum. The survey - the results of which were released Tuesday — indicates cent in Texas and 13 percent nationwide.

Mary Jane Buerkle is not surprised. The Plains Cotton Growers communications director and her coworkers anticipate a cotton-acreage loss at the local level as well, likely in the 5-15 percent range.

But with planting time still weeks away and estimates fairly rough, it's difficult to know acreage with certainty until the seeds drop. Some farmers are watching prices and still deciding what and how much to plant.

"People are definitely still making decisions," Buerkle more potential than cotton. said. "Producers are still watching the market, and prices are certainly not where we'd like for them to be."

they'll be sold. Ample snow and ice last winter can take corn will be up 2 percent in Texas.

"We're in a lot better shape than we've been in as far as 20 percent, according to the survey. soil moisture's concerned," said Mark Kelley, an agronomist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. "For the most Plains' No. 1 crop. part, we've had excellent moisture. Snow goes in slow you don't see runoff."

right now, it looks as though we would get a pretty good start concentrate on what works best for his crop. on this year's crop."

More precipitation would be even better.

"What we're probably gonna need is a good rainfall event," Kelley said. "I would say a good late April rainfall event followed by warm temperatures would be outstanding for this area."

The first South Plains seeds usually see soil sometime

Comptroller's Office Encourages Homeowners to Take Advantage of Homestead Exemptions

One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower his or her property tax bill in 2015 is to file a homestead exemption. A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year.

Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes. To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Floyd County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

- · School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.
- County taxes: If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax.
- Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for the \$10,000 homestead exemption. They qualify as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled.
- · Taxing units may offer a local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.
- · Partial disabled veteran exemptions: Texas law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans. The amount of exemption is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.
- 100 Percent Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans: A disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a serviceconnected disability; and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses are also eligible upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.
- · Surviving Spouses of Members of the U.S. Armed Services Killed in Action: The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who is killed in action is allowed a total (100 percent) property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed services

For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX 79235 or call 806-983-5256. The homestead exemption application is available online at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf.

around late April or early May. Now, some farmers are putting off purchasing those seeds until they can make a lastminute decision what they'll be.

"There's still a lot of folks struggling with that decision," Kelley said. "A lot of people are still taking a wait-to-see

Prices are now at a barely break-even point, but it's difficult to predict if and by how much they'll change.

"What's gonna drive the plantings out here are gonna be the prices at this point," Kelley said.

Dennis Flowers manages the Farmers Cooperative in Sucotton acreage will be down from last year by about 8 per- dan. His cottonseed sales are now only about 60 percent of what they typically are at this point in the season, he said.

> "This year, cottonseed bookings have started off a lot slower than normal," he said.

Alternative crops

Meanwhile, eyes remain on the market for cotton and alternative crops.

While no commodities that grow well in the South Plains are seeing soaring prices at the moment, some still have

Flowers has noticed a boost in cornseed sales, particularly in short-season varieties. The Lamb and Bailey county corngrowers he services aren't alone, either — the USDA survey Area fields for crops look better than the markets in which that predicted a cotton-acreage drop also estimates planted

Projected Texas planted acreage for sorghum skyrocketed

Acre-for-acre, though, cotton still easily remains the South

Barry Evans is not among farmers who've made plantingschedule changes. He operates a wheat-cotton-and-sorghum Buerkle agreed, "The way our soil moisture situation is rotation near the Hale-Swisher county line, and prefers to

> "I think the benefits of the rotation outweigh any of the short-term gains of chasing the market," he said.

Projected planting acreage and change from last year,

Cotton: 5.7 million acres, down 8 percent Wheat: 5.9 million acres, down 2 percent Sorghum: 3 million acres, up 20 percent Corn: 2.3 million acres, up 2 percent

Projected planting acreage and change from last year, nationwide

Cotton: 9.55 million acres, down 13 percent Wheat: 55.4 million acres, down 4 percent Sorghum: 7.9 million acres, up 11 percent Corn: 89.2 million acres, down 2 percent Source: US Department of Agriculture's planting-intentions survey

Property Taxes on Farms and Ranches Could be Reduced with **Productivity Appraisal**

Texas farmers and ranchers can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to the Floyd County Appraisal District for agricultural productivity appraisal and for a lower appraisal of their land based on how much they produce, versus what their land would sell for in the open market.

The Texas Constitution authorizes two types of agricultural productivity appraisals, 1-d-1 and 1-d, named after the section in which they were authorized. For 1-d-1 appraisal, property owners must use the land for agriculture or timber but the lands use must meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. Owners must also show that the land is being used for at least five of the preceding seven years. 1-d-1 appraisal does not restrict ownership to individuals and does not require agriculture to be the owner's primary business. Most land owners apply for the 1-d-1 appraisal.

Under 1-d appraisal, the land needs to be in use for at least three years and the owner must be an individual versus corporations, partnerships, agency or organization. The land must also be the owner's primary source of income.

Penalties in the form of rollback tax, or the difference between the taxes paid under productivity appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been put on the tax roll at market value, will be imposed if qualified land is taken out of agriculture or timber production.

A rollback tax occurs when a land owner switches the land's use to non-agricultural. These rollback taxes under 1-d-1 are based on the five tax years preceding the year of change. Under 1-d appraisal, the rollback extends back

Texas law also allows farmers and ranchers to use land for wildlife management and still receive the special appraisal, but the land must be qualified for agriculture use in the preceding year. Land under wildlife management must also meet acreage size requirements and special use

The deadline to apply for productivity appraisal is April 30. If the last day for the performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day. Owners of land qualified as 1-d must file a new application every year. Owners of land qualified as 1-d-1 need not file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application.

For more information about productivity appraisal and application forms, contact the Floyd County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, Floydada, TX 79235, or call 806-983-5256. Information is also available on the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

TORNADO

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-ecutive director of NWI Debris Impact Facility, can speak on the construction and use of residential and community shelters. Kiesling has more than 35 years of experience in the field documenting storm damage, writing performance standards for safe rooms, and verifying compliance of safe rooms with those standards. He can be reached at (806)

834-1931 or ernst.kiesling@

Larry Tanner, research assistant professor and manager of NWI Debris Impact Facility, has years of field experience studying tornado damage and debris. Tanner's research of approximately 400 manufactured homes damaged by a 2005 tornado that killed 22 people in Evansville, Indiana, prompted new standards for mobile home installation in the region. Tanner can be reached at (806) 834-2320 or larry. tanner@ttu.edu.

Watch the debris impact cannon here: https:// www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Pot7UI5SLb8.

Darryl James, professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and WiSE associate, and his team spent more than a year and a half building a tornado simulator at Reese Center. The device, known as VorTECH, simulates tornadic winds in the mid-EF3 range or less, in an effort to understand how tornadoes do their dam-

age. James can be reached at (806) 834-3386 or darryl. james@ttu.edu.

Watch VorTECH at work http://www.youtube. com/watch?v=w_yLLAus75o.

Daan Liang, associate professor of construction engineering technology at Texas Tech and interim director of NWI, has studied with various probability models how the construction of buildings affects their vulnerability against severe windstorms. Recently, his research is focused on the advancement of remote sensing technology in documenting and assessing wind damages to residential structures. Liang can be reached at (806) 834-0383 ordaan.liang@ttu.edu.

John Schroeder, professor of atmospheric sciences, brings extensive experience in wind flow characterization and atmospheric measurements, including directing Texas Tech's hurricane research program and West Texas Mesonet. Schroeder can be reached at (806) 834-5678 or john.schroeder@

Bradley Ewing, professor of operations management in the Rawls College of Business, has studied the economic impact of hurricanes and tornadoes for more than a decade. He can speak to the impact of hurricanes and tornadoes in cities like Oklahoma City; Corpus Christi; Wilmington, North Carolina; Miami; and Nashville, Tennessee. Ewing can be reached at (806) 834-3939 or bradley.ewing@ttu.edu.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 112904L005

APPLICATION Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 112904L005, which would authorize construction of two Concrete Batch Plants. The applicant provided the following driving directions: From the intersection of Highway 207 and County Road 2286, drive west on County Road 2286 for 2 miles, south on County Road 149 for 1 mile, and then west on County Road 100 for 2 miles. The site is located at the southwest corner of County Road 100 and County Road 129, South Plains, Floyd County, Texas 79258. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, please refer to the application. http://www.tceq. texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.199319&lng=-101.381667&zoom=13&type=r. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 30, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Floyd County Courthouse, 105 South Main Street, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEO electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1800687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., P.O. Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas 79120-1660 or by calling Mr. Michael Mayfield, Quality Control Manager at (806) 373-4951.

Notice Issuance Date: April 10, 2015

Water Wisely for a Beautiful Garden and Landscape

By Melinda Myers

Too much or not enough water and never when you need it. That seems to be the long time plight of gardeners. Add to this extended droughts, flooding and watering bans. What is a gardener to do? Become a water-wise gardener.

Water wise is not just about growing drought tolerant plants or eliminating plantings. It is a holistic approach to managing water to avoid flooding that overwhelms sewer systems, improper watering that wastes water, and poor landscape designs that generate too much work and require too many resources.

Make this the season that you incorporate a few waterwise habits into your gardening. You'll find it is good for your garden, the environment and your pocketbook. Start with one or more of these strategies this year.

- · Select the right plant for the growing conditions. Plants that thrive in normal growing conditions for your area will be healthier, require less care and need less water. Look for drought tolerant plants that require less water once established.
- · Keep water out of the storm sewers and in the garden instead. Prevent flooding while improving your garden. Adding several inches of compost to the top 8 to 12 inches of soil increases the soil's ability to absorb and retain water. This means less runoff into the storm sewers and less frequent watering.
- Use plants to prevent runoff and conserve water. Plant trees, shrubs, and groundcovers to slow the flow of rainwater, increase the amount of water that stays in your landscape for your plants, and to filter water before it enters the groundwater. Install one or more rain gardens to intercept surface water runoff for use by rain garden plants and to help recharge the groundwater.
- · Provide plants with a healthy diet. Use a slow release non-leaching organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com). You'll encourage slow steady growth, so your plants will require less water and be less prone to insect and disease problems. Plus, the slow release nitrogen encourages healthy growth and does not prevent flowering and fruiting.

· Water wisely. Water plants thoroughly and only when needed. Water the soil, not the plant, using a watering wand, drip irrigation or a soaker hose so less water is lost to evaporation. Water early in the morning whenever possible to reduce water loss during the heat of the day and diseases caused by wet foliage at night.

· Manage your lawns to reduce water use. Select drought tolerant grass varieties to reduce watering needs. Prepare the soil before seeding or sodding or aerate and spread a thin layer of compost over existing lawns to increase water absorption and reduce runoff. Mow high to encourage deep roots that are more drought tolerant and pest resistant. Allow lawns to go dormant during hot dry weather. If irrigating, water thoroughly when needed, that's when your footprints remain in the lawn.

· Conserve water and reduce time and money spent on plant care. Mulch the soil around trees, shrubs and other plants with several inches of woodchips, shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic material. Mulching reduces watering frequency, prevents soil compaction from heavy rainfall thus increasing water absorption. It also adds organic matter to the soil as it decomposes.

· Repair leaking faucets, fittings and garden hoses. A slow leak of one drip per second can waste up to nine gallons of water per day.

· Look for and use wasted water. Collect the "warming water" typically wasted when preparing baths and showers. Use a five-gallon bucket to collect this fresh water and use it for your containers and gardens. Collect water from your dehumidifier and window air conditioners for use on flowering plants. Do not, however, use this water if environmentally harmful solvents have been used to clean this equipment.

· Check with your local municipality if you are considering using gray water. Once you wash clothes, dishes or yourself, water is classed as gray water and most municipalities have guidelines or regulations related to its

· Harvest rainwater if your municipality allows. The ancient technique of capturing rainwater in jugs, barrels and cisterns has made a comeback. Collecting rain when it is plentiful and storing it until it is needed is one way to manage water for the landscape. But first check local regulations before installing a rain harvesting system. Several states have banned rain harvesting, while others offer rebates or rain barrels at a discount to gardeners.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.

Wit and Wisdom

by Charles Keaton

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The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want. - Ben Stein

A weak man has doubts before a decision, a strong man has them afterwards. - Karl Kraus

If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is a compromise. -Robert Fritz

Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more. - Mark Twain

You must not lose faith in humanity.

Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty. - Mahatma Gandhi

In the last analysis, my fellow country men, as we in America would be the first to claim, a people are responsible for the acts of their government. - Woodrow

I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority. - E. B. White

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike. - John Muir



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uanah Parker Popular Topic for Historians

By Hannaba Munn Welch Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Quanah Parker always draws a crowd, and a catchy title for an event doesn't hurt either -- even at a historical conference.

"Elvis Has Been Sighted at the Laundromat, George Washington Slept Here and Quanah Parker Was Born Simultaneously in Both Texas and Oklahoma: Parsing the Truth as to Quanah Parker's Presence, Travels and Fame" was the intriguing title of a standing-roomonly presentation Friday in Amarillo at the annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association.

The presenter was Holle Humphries, facilitator and researcher for the Quanah Parker Trail, a 52-county historical project that accounts for 81 roadside arrows across the Texas Panhandle and Plains. Childress has an arrow; Post has two. The 22foot-tall steel arrows also stand in Memphis, Benjamin, Floydada, Wellington and other places in the readership of Blackburn Media, excluding Oklahoma, but only because the Sooner State isn't part of the Texas Plains Trail Region, the official heritage tourism division that is home to the Quanah Parker Trail project. (See quanahparkertrail.com.)

Places that claim to be Quanah's birthplace, based on varying reports, some from Chief Quanah himself, include Elk Creek in the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma and various sites in Texas -- Cedar Lake near Seminole, Tahoka Lake and Wichita Falls. Humphries mentioned all the sites and noted that Quanah lent credence to some of the claims because of travels he

his life. Quanah died in 1911.

The marker at Cedar Lake is a 1936 Texas Centennial Marker.

"Texas was reinventing itself in the late 1930s and identifying with its cowboy culture to counter the downside of losing the Civil War," Humphries said, noting that Ouanah fit the cowbov and Indian mystique.

presentation Humphries' concentrated on Chief Quanah's positive relationship with ranchers at the turn of the 20th century.

A picture of Quanah taken later in his life was part of Humphries' presentation. Visiting the place of one's birth in one's latter years is a Comanche custom, she said -a fact confirmed later during the conference by Ardith Parker, Chief Quanah's great-granddaughter.

"Having lost his mother and his father afterwards, Quanah, like us, sought the answer to nature of his origins as a Comanche of the Plains," Humphries said, tying all of Quanah's birthplace legends together but still offering no explicit answer as to which place holds the strongest claim.

She summed up his significance to his people and their survival into the 20th century:

"He was so intelligent, so bright, such a good businessman. Those were the gifts he brought to his people. He knew how to navigate the snake pit of the reservation and

Christopher Freeman and John Hensley of Midwestern State University talked about Quanah during the reservation era in a presentation titled "Two Worlds, One Big Pasture: Quanah Parker and Burk Burnett: The Social, Economic and Cultural Implications of Angle-Indian Association in the Oklahoma and Texas Borderlands."

Freeman and Hensley talked about the importance of Quanah as a figure of importance not only to his own people but also to ranchers of his era -- men whose empires shaped the culture of Southwest Oklahoma and the Texas Panhan-

"You could write an entire volume on Quanah Parker's relationship with Anglo ranchers and how that defines us," they said.

Hensley and Freeman mentioned a missing 200-page manuscript referred to in a letter written by Laura Birdsong, a Quanah descendent, to Samuel Burk Burnett.

"If it were to be found, there may be a whole lot more about Quanah Parker's life that we are able to discover."

The historians at the conference, some professional and some not, listened intently to topics on a broad range of topics and heard Bill Neal, Hardeman County native, speak at a banquet Friday night.

Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal, WTHA president, introduced Bill Neal, whose middle initial is "O," and shared, with his characteristic humor, stories about incidents that have happened because of the similarity in their names. The two have nicknames for each other, O'Neal said, namely "Period" and "Apostrophe."

Neal, author of "Getting Away with Murder on the Texas Frontier" and other books about the legal system on the frontier, entertained the crowd with excerpts from his book and also from his life. His talk was titled "Courtroom Gladiators of Yesteryear: Tales of Those Audacious Frontier Lawyers." Even as Neal spoke, a figure of Quanah Parker stood next to the podium, a largerthan-life effigy put in place as a backdrop to the presentation of a special award, following Neal's address, from the WTHA to the Ouanah Parker Trail. The \$1,000 award from the Tillapaugh Public History Fund, announced by O'Neal and J. Tillapaugh, director of the fund and past WTHA president, recognized the Quanah Parker Trail for commemorating the history of West Texas in an extraordinarily successful way.

Other trails, including the Great Western Trail from Texas to Dodge City and points beyond and the Potter-Bacon Trail through West Texas, both cattle trails, were also topics at the scholarly confab. The conference participants also made their own trails in and around Amarillo, taking bus tours to the Charles Goodnight House at Goodnight on Thursday and, among other places, to the now-vacant Herring Hotel in Amarillo on Saturday. Built in 1926, the building is a landmark.

Barbara Brannon, director of the Texas Plains Trail Region, lingered at the old Herring for a closer look at the building after the bus tour departed. Brannon took a second look at the basement, where a mural executed by the renowned Panhandle artist H. G. Bugbee is still partly intact, and she also took the stairs to see each floor and the

Afterward Brannon shared her thoughts about hotels like the Herring and also the successfully renovated Settles in Big Spring, her own topic at the conference:

"In the Plains and Panhandle we are lucky to have a few surviving gems from the era of the grand ho-

Standing on the mezzanine of the old Herring Hotel in Amarillo, West Texas Historical Association members look down into the lobby of the once-elegant now-vacant downtown landmark, a 14-story red brick building for sale by the owner, Robert Goodrich.



A picture from Quanah Parker shows the Comanche Chief in his later years, a time in his life when he traveled to various sites in what seemed to be his attempt to return to the place of his birth. His birthplace remains a question and was the topic of a presentation at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the West Texas Historical Association in Amarillo last week.

tel. Visitors are eager to recapture the sense of the authentic past they embody, and we should work hard to preserve and reuse them. What we've seen from projects like Big Spring's Hotel Settles is that a revived historic hotel serves as a

magnet for other redevelopment like no other building can."

Next year, the WTHA will hold its annual meeting in Abilene. The organization, based in Lubbock, welcomes both professional and amateur historians to its ranks.

American Legion Post 141 Lockney, Texas Awarded Citation for Meritorious Service

By Jim Doucette

On March 14th 2015 American Legion Post 141 Lockney, Texas was awarded a Citation for Meritorious Service from the American Legion Department Commander, Lynn E. Sparks, for its work on behalf of Veterans.

The award was presented by Ralph Langley, District Commander, he recounted the many activities of the Post. Last year the Posts Honor Guard rendered military honors at sixty funerals, regularly visited the Veterans Home in Amarillo, provided Color Guards for parades, free wheelchairs to the needy and maintains the Veterans Park in Lockney.

have sixty two active members. The Post is lead by Ed Marks, Commander; Mike O'Connell, Vice Commander; David Sanchez, Vice Commander; Greg Patridge, Adjutant; Marco Martinez, Sargent at Arms; Dan Adjutant Patridge explained,



Shown in picture are Flag bearer Ed Marks, Color guard Mike O'Connell, Sam Moore, Greg Patridge, Jim Doucette, Marco Martinez and David Gary (wheel Chair).

Scheaffer, Chaplain; Bill Strickland, Judge Advocate and Sam Moore, Weapons Officer. The honor guard The Post is fortunate to squad leaders are Lee St. Dennis, Cecil Jones, Mike O'Connell and Melvin Vanlandingham.

In addition the Post was awarded a Citation for Meritorious Achievement by attaining 100% of its membership goal.

"We have been actively recruiting recent veterans and are fortunate to have many of them in leadership positions."

Judge Advocate Strickland noted that, "Our Post has members from every war since WW II."

Chaplain, Dan Scheaffer, acknowledges that, "We consider it our honor to work for and minister to our fellow Veterans."

Floydada Rotary Club



The Floydada Rotary Club held a joint meeting with the Floydada Lions to honor a Texas State Champion. Power lifter Aaron Chavarria recently competed at the state powerlifting meet in Abilene. Lifting in the 220 pound category of Division 3 (all A, AA, and AAA schools), Aaron amassed an impressive 1,575 pounds in the squat, deadlift and bench press to become Floydada High School's most recent state champion. Aaron overcame a dislocated elbow at the beginning of football season and was able get back on the field in time to lead the FHS Whirlwinds to a playoff berth. Still recovering from the traumatic dislocation, he regained sufficient strength to win the powerlifting title just three months later. Shown are (I to r) Floydada Rotary President-Elect Karen Houchin, program coordinator Nick Long, Aaron Chavarria, and his coach, Coby Emery.

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Prize Drawings During the Meeting

\$750.00 Cash Grand Prize