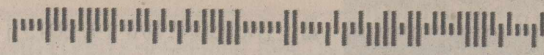


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Floydada Prepares for Progress with The Retail Coach

By Sean Overeynder
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Kelly Cofer
President/CEO, The
Retail Coach, LLC
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

TUPELO, Miss. (May 7, 2015) – Floydada, Texas, is a former railroad hub just 50 miles outside of Lubbock. Often referred to as the "Pumpkin Capital of Texas," Floydada is a charming rural area with a rich history.

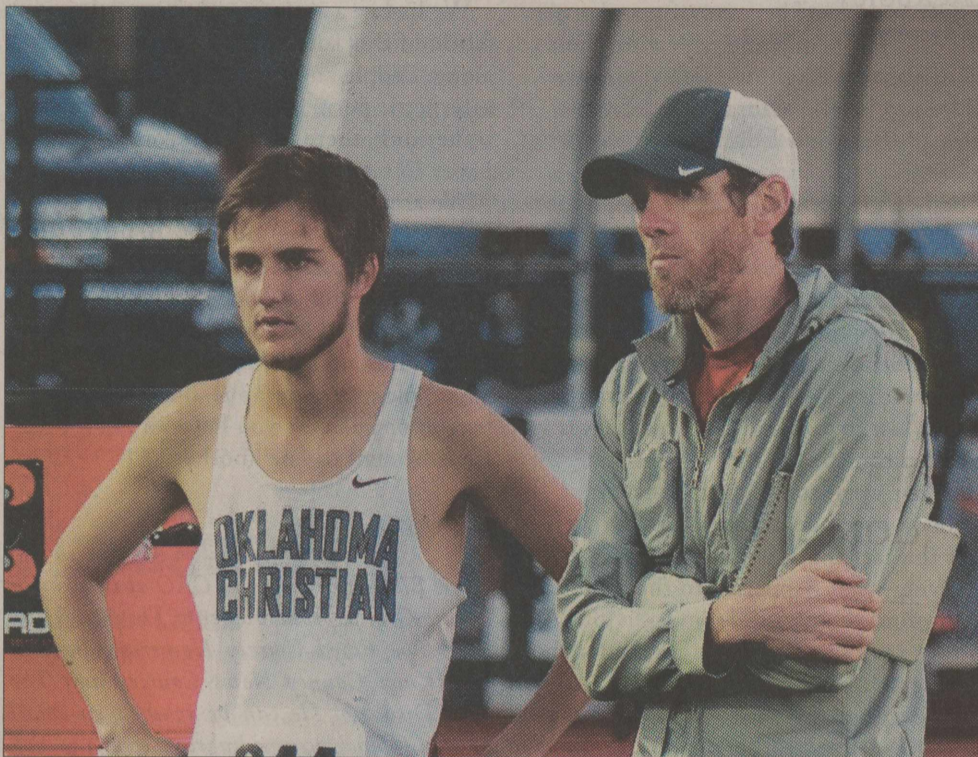
In January, the Floydada Economic Development Corporation partnered with The Retail Coach to attract new businesses to the city that will expand its retail offerings. The team began by mapping Floydada's Primary Retail Trade

Area, or the largest distance consumers will travel to shop and eat in a community. Additionally, a Gap/Opportunity Analysis was conducted to identify surpluses and leakages in Floydada's retail landscape.

"In partnering with The Retail Coach, we feel that this is a viable tool in marketing and recruitment of retail into the City of Floydada," said Sean Overeynder, Executive Director of the Floydada Economic Development Corporation. "After reviewing the success stories of The Retail Coach and hearing from officials in other communities that have had success with this group, we looked at this opportunity as one to be seized."

The Floydada Economic
See **RETAIL COACH** Page 2

Lockney Alum Wade Miller New T&F Head Coach at Oklahoma Christian



Courtesy photos

Wade Miller (right), a 2002 Lockney High School graduate, was recently named the new head coach for track and field at Oklahoma Christian University. Miller has served as the head coach for cross country since 2012. Junior Timothy Zuercher (left) is one of Miller's student-athletes who competes in the 10,000 meters.

By Charles Keaton & Oklahoma Christian Press Release

The Hesperian-Beacon

OKLAHOMA CITY – Wade Miller, a 2002 Lockney High School graduate and a former track and cross country runner at Oklahoma Christian who has served as OC's men's and women's cross country coach the past three years, has been named as third track and field head coach in the university's history, OC Athletic Director Curtis Janz said Monday.

Miller will replace Randy Heath, who has retired from coaching after 46 years at OC, 36 of them in charge of the track and field program. In addition to coaching the men's and women's track and field teams, the 31-year-old Miller will continue as head coach of the cross country programs.

"Wade has proven he can recruit and coach at a high level with his work with the cross country teams," Janz said. "He will continue to do so with the track and field teams. Wade epitomizes the balance we want between

competition, academics, spiritual and social development. I am proud to have Wade lead a storied track and field program here at OC."

Miller competed as a member of OC's cross country and track and field teams from 2002 to 2006. He was a three-time national qualifier in cross country and track (steeplechase) and was a two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete. Miller also was a three-time member of the College Sports Information Directors of America's Academic All-District team.

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HUD Report Notes Lockney Housing Authority Violations, New Management Says Issues Have Been Addressed



Courtesy photo

The Lockney Housing Authority was identified in a report by HUD last month for a number of violations in 2014. The Lubbock Housing Authority took over management of the Lockney Housing Authority in July 2014 and its executive director said the issues have been addressed, and the agency is running much better now.

By staff and media reports
The Hesperian-Beacon

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development accused the Lockney Housing Authority of committing violations in an audit report dated April 10.

The report identified a variety of issues. "Specifically, the Authority ... allowed a

conflict-of-interest by hiring the board chairman's daughter as its director," HUD said.

"[The Authority] paid ineligible and unsupported amounts to employees," HUD said, and "improperly used public housing funds for all of its administrative expenses."

HUD said the Lockney
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Keaton Wins Lockney School Board Seat

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Charles Keaton defeated Lee St. Dennis for the Place 1 position on the Lockney School Board by a vote of 21-1. Keaton replaced Rene

Guerrero who did not seek re-election.

"I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to serve the school district in this capacity," Keaton said. "I worked for this district for 15 years and in public education for

a total of 25 years, now it's time to serve the district in the board room."

Keaton joins Mike Lass, Lonny Hooten, Jimmy Kemp, John Quebe, Robbie Long and Heath Rexrode on the Board.

Record will hold musical recital May 17

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Mrs. Lucy Dean Record will present her students in a musical recital at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney, Texas. Awards will be presented. The public is invited.

Those playing from Lockney will be Brailey Kidd, Bryson and Jace Kidd, Hailee Widener, Cassandra Ramirez, Fette Elizabeth Jackson, Austin Phillips, Brinley, Haygen, and Hunter Lefevre, and Addyson Gray (guitar).

Those playing from Floy-

dada are Allison Orr, Devin Reyes, and Donald Gibbens. Students from Plainview will be Bracken Alexander, Brayley Broc, and Heiress Brooks.

Others receiving awards will be: Priscilla Ellis, Plainview, and Snow Payne from Floydada (guitar).

Upcoming

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

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HISTORICAL MARKER

The Battle of Blanco Canyon will be commemorated by an official marker from the Texas Historical Commission Friday, May 22 at 10 a.m. The marker will be at the roadside park in Blanco Canyon south of Floydada on Highway 62/207.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are planning their next book sale which will be happening next month during the Old Settlers weekend. The book sale will be on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23rd. It is a time to stock up on books to read during the summer months.

WILDFLOWER SHOW

Be on the lookout for wildflowers..... After all, the nice showers we've had there should be an abundance of blossoms just in time for Old Settlers.. So watch and get your plan made to exhibit the finest at the Floyd Country Wildflower Show, on Saturday, May 23rd. For more info see the article in this week's edition.

OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

The Old Settler's Reunion in Floydada will be held Saturday, May 23. There will
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Correction

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

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15--Mr. Marty Rowley

The Paperboy OMG! Did you see what she posted on Facebook?

Are you a Facebook coward? If you take to Facebook rather than speaking with someone you have an issue with, you are a coward and a bully.

Just a few years ago, when people had issues, they'd either talk it out, complain to others, or it would blow over. Today, the only people trying to talk it out are people of character.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

I'm not on Facebook because I think it is poison. I'm part of a growing trend. I was on it for a brief time several years ago, but got off because of people constantly spewing their venom about everything from their own children to local restaurants. I decided then and there that I didn't want that in my life.

Today, a growing number of people seem to think that complaining on Facebook will somehow resolve their issue. In fact, just the opposite occurs ... it makes the issue larger.

In small towns, Facebook has become a fool's paradise. Want to know where the hate is? Just log on and start reading. It is beyond pitiful.

Just last week some idiots took to Facebook over one of our stories. Never mind the fact that the newspaper was conveying what happened to the public. Never mind the quotes from individuals. No - let's take to Facebook and shoot the messenger.

The ironic part is, as soon as someone takes to Facebook rather than calling me to complain, you've lost all credibility in my eyes. In fact, by showing such a lack of character, you've shown the whole world exactly how gutless and simple you really

are. If that was your goal, congratulations.

I guess the most perplexing thing about Facebook is that nothing is ever resolved. It's just a contest on who can get the last word in. Isn't that how 5-year-olds argue? I expect more than that from those over 30, much less 60 and 70-year-olds.

And for those of you who are or who've been Facebook victims: Rise above. Never let other people define who you are. It's dangerous and defeating. Lowering yourself to their level is not going to resolve anything. I know it's tempting to address such matters, but throwing a fit and arguing on the internet is futile.

Once upon a time, you had to ask who the village idiot was. Now, simply log on and you can find village idiots galore.

We live in a society and part of the fabric of this society is our ability to get along. People should realize that the internet is permanent. Even if you delete something, there is still a record of it and a way to retrieve it.

We are not put on this planet to belittle one another on the internet. Before you spew your hate-filled dialogue, take a deep breath and consider everyone who will be affected by your posts. Think of the families and friendships involved. Then, pick up the phone and call the person or business you have an issue with. Let's be civil to one another!

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

There is a New America every morning when we wake up. It is upon us whether we will it or not. - Adlai E. Stevenson Jr.

All the perplexities, confusions, and distress in America arise, not from defects in their constitution or confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from the downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit, and circulation. - John Adams

I just want to say this. I want to say it gently but I want to say it firmly: There is a tendency for the world to say to America, "the big problems of the world are yours, you go and sort them out," and then to worry when America wants to sort them out. - Tony Blair

There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny. - Franklin D. Roosevelt

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The 501 Wind Roofing

Roofing in the wind. Call it a sport for roofers - the same way logrolling competitions put loggers' skills to the test. Either way, the goal is not to fall off.

My husband and our musician-farmhand Rick and I gave it a go last week. A forecast for heavy rains inspired us.

As the wind blew hard, our task was an extensive emergency patch job for Rick's roof, emphasis on extensive. All told, we unrolled about a hundred square feet of roll roofing to cover



HANABA MUNN WELCH

various remnants of earlier roofing jobs, including some crumbling colorful stuff that smacked of the 1950s.

On a scale of one to whatever, roll roofing is heavier than the black paper that goes down first. It's like one big shingle. If you hold up roll roofing in the wind, it functions like a sail.

Fact: It's hard to handle long lengths of roll roofing in gale force winds, even for three people.

"Cut it off right there, dear," my husband said, somehow managing to hand me his roll roofing cutter (something you couldn't take on an airplane) while holding his end of the

stuff while Rick held fast to the other end and I, more or less prone, used most of my body to weight down the middle even as I extended my right arm to make the strategic slice.

SLICING SOUND. My stroke was almost expert, except for the gash I cut in a piece we'd already nailed in place.

My husband was in no position to fire me. Maybe later. Crazed by the challenge, we kept roofing, slopping mastic under seams as we went and hammering nails with orange plastic caps, except, truth be told, they're really little collars.

More truth: Mastic isn't easily slopped, not even with a favorite trowel. I could write a treatise on the stuff, except I already have. It's black and sticky and likes to get absolutely everywhere it's not supposed to be. I got stuck with mastic duty, literally. If you want to keep a farmhand, you don't ask him to do mastic. Same goes for keeping a husband.

Meanwhile, the wind blew harder. As any rocket scientist knows, wind that comes over the peak of a roof ends up compressed, stronger and more turbulent than it was before it first hit the roof. (I just made that up, but I once knew a rocket scientist.) We were on the turbulent side, finding it hard not to lose our footing on loose roofing granules, oozing mastic and little pecan tree twigs.

How steep was the roof? Steep enough for my hammer to take off by itself and slide down, down, down and off.

If you're roofing in the wind, don't chase your hammer. Special note to musicians: Roofing in the wind is a day job that can make you think about giving up your day job.

I'm not even a musician, and I thought about it. Happy ending: It rained. Rick's roof didn't leak. Thought you'd want to know.

RETAIL COACH

From Page 1

Development Corporation recently signed a new contract with The Retail Coach to take their retail development efforts to the next level. In this 12-month engagement period, the Retail Coach team will perform a psychographic analysis of the households in Floydada's Primary Retail Trade Area to see what residents' values and preferences say about their spending habits. The City's Secondary Retail Trade Area will also be mapped, complete with a comprehensive summary of its demographic profile.

"The data that we will collect during this period will be invaluable as we pinpoint businesses that we want to recruit to Floydada," said Aaron Farmer, Senior Vice President of The Retail Coach. "It's not just about expansion. We want to attract businesses that will create a beneficial relationship for everyone involved—that can be successful in the area and boost the quality of life for residents."

Once the reports are complete, the team will create a unique retail strategy, which will include a list of 25 target retailers, chosen based on their site selection criteria. The Retail Coach will launch an engaging campaign to attract

these retailers to Floydada with customized Retail Feasibility Packages.

"Over the past 35 years, the population of Floydada has decreased. With this populace decline, businesses had no way of thriving, and therefore closed their doors," said Overmynder. "With the offer of a low tax structure and the great need for retail within Floydada's trade area as well as the expanded trade area outside of the city limits, this is a great time for retail to take a look at Floydada."

For more information on The Retail Coach, please visit www.theretailcoach.net.

For more information on Floydada, please visit www.floydada.com.

UPCOMING

From Page 1

be food vendors, crafts, games and lots of entertainment for the whole family. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun event! Watch for the schedule of events and activities in our May 21 issue.

FLOYDADA CHAMBER CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Floydada Chamber will hold their "City-Wide Garage Sale" on Saturday, June 13th. Look for more info in the future issues of the Hesperian-Beacon.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Floydada Senior Citizens is now open! We have a new menu and will deliver a meal anywhere in town. See our article inside this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORIAL MUSEUM

To make memorial donations or any contribution to the Floyd County Historical Museum, please mail to PO Box 304, Floydada, Texas 79235

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

Your driver awaits

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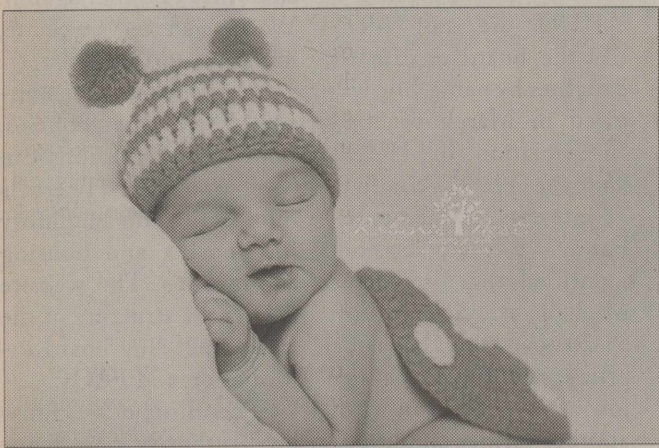
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SOCIETY

Look Who's New Cheek celebrates her 80th birthday



ANNALEE JOY CARTHEL

Tyson and Cassie Carthel of Lockney, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Annalee Joy Carthel.

She was born on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:51 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Annalee's proud grandparents are Clay and Julie Crist and Guy and Alice Carthel.

Her great grandparents are James and Martha Thompson, the late Wade and Verna Kay Crist, John Lee and Jo Ann Carthel, and Juanita Fox and Ray Ederly.

Willa Finley to present her two books at Wildflower Show at Old Settler's Reunion

By Carolyn Marble

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The annual Floyd County Old Settlers Day Wildflower Show will be on Saturday, May 23rd in the Barrow Building on the corner west of the Museum.

Entries will begin at 9 a.m. with the judging at 11 a.m. So bring your choice wildflowers arranged in a container with water.

The categories will be the same as last year: 1. Miniature, 2. Unusual container, 3. Antique,

4. Men's, 5. Youth, 6. Miscellaneous, 7. Old fashioned mix. 8. Dried.

There will be ribbons and cash prizes for each division, as well as the grand prize. Also the coveted TRUDIE TAYLOR AWARD, will be given for the best overall entry.

Willa Finley will be here with her two books, LONESTAR WILDFLOWERS, A Guide To Texas Flowering Plants and LAND OF ENCHANTMENT, a Guide To The Plants Of New Mexico. Also, her notecards, bookmarks, wildflower photo prints will be available.

So come on by, Bring in your wildflower exhibit and visit with the author. We will be open at 9 a.m. with judging at 11.

By Don Cheek

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Carolyn Cheek, life-long Floydada resident, celebrated her 80th birthday (for the 4th time) on Saturday, May 10, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with a surprise party hosted by her five sons.

Dozens of her friends were able to attend and wish her a happy birthday. She is so loved and appreciated by her community. She was surrounded by her loved ones as the birthday cake was presented with the number 29 on top. She has told her sons every year that was her age. "Happy Birthday" was sung multiple times. There was so many stories shared and so much laughter and love.

Carolyn taught first grade and music in the Floydada schools for 30 years before retiring in 1999. She also taught many Floydada residents how to play the piano.

She has since been very active in her church, First Baptist in Floydada and works at the Floyd County Library. She cur-



CAROLYN CHEEK

rently serves as the president of the Friends of the Library Association. She loves the library and the many people who stop in for books or to chat.

She stays active in many different groups. She is an active member of the Red Hat Society and is a member of the Singing Women of West Texas, a non-profit choral ministry that has traveled across the country and internationally to perform.

She is a huge supporter of the Texas Tech women's basketball team and has made many trips with the team, including trips to Australia,



Courtesy Photos

Carolyn Cheek was surprised on Saturday, May 10th with her 80th birthday celebration at the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Shown are (Front row) Carolyn Cheek; (Back row, l-r) Jett Cheek, Don Cheek, Derek Cheek, Laron Cheek and Lane Cheek.

Hawaii and Austria. She is also probably the biggest fan of the Texas Rangers baseball organization and follows the team's progress closely. She will often talk baseball and the latest Ranger's news to people she sees in the library, church or around town.

Her five sons traveled across the state to help her celebrate with her friends.

This recent octogenarian

travels often to be with her family and attend many of her 15 grandchildren's activities. They all wish their "Gran" lots of love and a very happy 80th birthday.

Her sons would like to thank the many people who made the party a success and were able to keep the months of planning a secret from her. Something not easily done in a small town.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Lu Ann Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada Senior Citizens is now open! We have a new menu and will deliver a meal anywhere in town.

Membership is open to all ages. The yearly dues are \$25.00. Members pay \$5.00 for each meal, non-members will pay \$6.00. Lunch is served in the dining room at 12 noon.

We ask you to call by 9:30 a.m. so that we would have a more accurate count for preparation of the daily entrees. We are working to stay within our food budget. Call 983-2032.

Several of our members are "regulars", and we ask that they phone when they are not eating with us. Floydada Senior Citizens is a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization. We rely on the kindness of the community to operate. We receive no government funding.

DONATIONS: First Baptist Church -

Adult 4, Jimmy Willson, Prosperity Bank, Joyce Williams. We appreciate all the donations to the Center.

Please continue to remember the Center for memorials and donations. We will happily accept food donations as well as money. Please call the Center if you have a donation of food or you may bring it to us. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

MENU

MENU

May 18 - May 22

Monday - Salmon croquettes

Tuesday - Meatloaf

Wednesday - Chicken chili casserole

Thursday - Pork with beans

Friday - Sloppy Joes

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Carolyn Cheek

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Remember exercise with Dorothy 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 enjoy games afterwards.

Family Night Fish Fry is Friday See **Lockney Sr.**, Page 4

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

FESS WHITFILL

Fess Whitfill was born in Alma, Texas on February 13, 1901. His parents were Martin and Lena (Curlin) Whitfill. The Whitfills came from Kentucky to Texas. Fess finished his school years in Alma. He moved to Floyd County in 1924. He brought his livestock, farming equipment and his dog, by train. It took about three days for him to come from Dallas to Lockney.

I was born in Jones County near Stamford. Two years later my parents moved to Stephens County. My parents were Preston and Laura (Binion) Feagans. We came to West Texas in a covered wagon. It took us nine days to come from Breckenridge

to Cone. We arrived here Nov. 15, 1915. Our first home was a half-dugout in the Starkey Community. We lived at McCoy three years and then moved to a farm 13 miles north of Floydada. There I attended Liberty School, Lockney High School, Wayland College, and West Texas State Teachers College. We attended church at Cedar Hill.

Fess and I met when I was 12 and he 19. Ten years later, we found we had each been overlooking some very likeable qualities in the other. We were married August 16, 1930. We had six wonderful children.

Fess was a practical veterinarian and gave freely of his time and knowledge

to help all who needed his skills. He loved people. He knew everyone for miles around and seldom found fault with others.

The children and I made many sacrifices so Fess could help others. It wasn't unusual for Fess to spend an entire night with a sick animal. At times my patience wore thin and I would complain because he came home so late-or "early", a better word, at times. Fess made a joke of the situation. He said that when he knew I would be vexed about the time, he just stayed another hour or two. By that time I would be worried. When he arrived home I would be so glad he was okay, I would forget to complain.

Fess was not a Will Rogers, but he was quick with a rope. He could rope a cow and throw a half hitch on her nose before she could tighten the rope. Our three older boys wore the skin off the nose of our gentle milk cow, learning to throw the half-hitch.

Our children have always been a source of fun, comfort and joy. I could write a book about them, but here is a summary.

Rueben is a building contractor and lives in Snyder, Texas. He is married to Charlene Patterson. They have two children, Elaine and Phyllis.

Douglas is a counselor and lives in Salinas, California. He is married to Opal Crabtree Culp. They have three children, June and Joe Culp and Howard Whitfill.

Albert is a calculator repairman and lives in Los Angeles, California. He is married to Joanne Hougheth. They have four children; Denis, Christine, Jon and Catherine.

Cynthia Ann Romo is a housewife and lives in San Antonio, Texas. She married Roy Romo and they have a son, Tod.

Cy is an attorney and lives in Bel Air, Maryland. He is married to Lorine Castle. They have six children; Martin, Elizabeth, Sharon, Edward, James and Jeffrey (Twins).

Dennis is a salesman in Greenville, South Carolina. He is married to Bonnie Barton.

Please join us for a reception as we honor the 2015 Floydada ISD Retirees:

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MILLER

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He joined the OC cross country staff as an assistant coach in 2010 and served in that role for two seasons, helping guide the Eagles to the 2011 NAA men's championship – the program's first. In 2012, Miller led OC to the National Christian College Athletic Association men's title in 2012 in his first season as the head coach, earning NCCAA coach of the year honors in the process.

In 2013, he coached OC to a fourth-place NCCAA cross country finish, and in 2014 the Eagles placed second at the NCCAA meet.

He has worked with OC's track and field programs as an assistant coach since the 2011 season, focusing primarily on developing the Eagles' and Lady Eagles' middle-distance and distance runners.

Before joining the OC

coaching staff, Miller spent three years teaching English in the public school system in Mito, Japan. Miller, a native of Lockney, Texas, lives in Edmond with his wife Janet (Pomeroy). He continues to run competitively in local and regional races. Janet is a graduate student in Library Sciences at the University of Oklahoma and works as a legal assistant.

"I feel tremendously blessed to be given this opportunity," Miller said. "OC is a great place that provides the climate for growth on many different fronts and it's the spiritual focus of the university that really makes me thankful to work here.

"I recognize that taking over for coach Heath is a big task and he has done so many great things at OC. He has been very helpful in my coaching career and I hope to develop the ability to run an athletic program as efficiently and with the success

he has had, while at the same time upholding a very high standard of character."

OC first offered a men's track and field program in 1960, under the direction of the legendary Ray Vaughn Sr. Vaughn guided the team until 1979, when Heath became the coach. OC started its women's program in 1987, with Heath as the coach.

"I believe Wade Miller will do an outstanding job as the next head track and field coach for Oklahoma Christian University," Heath said. "Wade's organizational skills will enable him to be successful in moving the OC track and field program into NCAA Division II."

Miller and Heath have met often during the past year to prepare for the transition. OC is in the final year of the three-year NCAA Division II membership process and hopes to be approved for full NCAA membership for the 2015-16 academic year.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of NCAA Division II competition," Miller said. "We have a tough transition ahead of us, but I'm excited about the group of student-athletes who are here currently and those that will join us in the future."

Miller said that developing relationships with the student-athletes is one of the best parts of his job as he watches them mature as a student, an athlete and in life.

Miller began his running career while at Lockney High School.

"When I graduated from Lockney, I didn't have coaching on my radar," Miller said. "I really enjoyed all of my high school coaches. I'm very thankful for the influence they had on me and that influence was what first made me think about going into coaching and because of it, I'm getting to run my own program at a university."

HUD

From Page 1

Housing Authority also used credit cards for "un-supported charges."

HUD also said, "Further, the Authority's board failed to provide oversight and prevent mismanagement."

HUD did not identify the board chairman's daughter by name. She was hired in March of 2014 "in violation of HUD's and the State's conflict-of-interest requirements," but myplainview.com identified the director as Michelle Araujo in a July, 31 2014 article. That same article said Araujo lost her job after a fistfight with another former employee.

In July of 2014 the Lubbock Housing Authority agreed to manage the Lockney Housing Authority.

Lubbock Housing Authority Executive Director Mike Chapman spoke about the HUD report on the Lockney Housing Authority, "Policies are now in place to address the issues from the report and to make sure that existing policies are enforced. Things are running much smoother at the agency. We have started a website, lockneyha.org."

A review of the website showed that policies, rules, and regulations can be found there. There is information on eligibility for housing and housing applications. The website details the structure of the LHA including board information and FAQs.

"The Lubbock Housing Authority now manages the Floydada Housing Authority, as well," Chapman said. "We began managing it in October."

LOCKNEY SR.

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Historical Events Kick Off Old Settlers' Weekend

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

If you're a history buff, then Floyd County will be chock full of events for you during Old Settlers' Weekend May 22 and 23.

The Battle of Blanco Canyon will be commemorated by an official marker from the Texas Historical Commission Friday, May 22 at 10 a.m.

The marker will be at the

roadside park alongside Texas 207 at the White River Crossing and will rest below the Quanah Parker Trail arrow that sits on the bluff above.

The Battle of Blanco Canyon was the decisive battle of Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie's initial campaign against the Comanche in West Texas, and marked the first time the Comanches had been attacked in the heart of their homeland.

According to Sam Watts,

who grew up in Floyd County and now lives in the metroplex, "I spent a lot of time in fifties and sixties, and as a boy scout trying to figure out where the battle happened."

When Watts retired he returned to his historic research in Floyd County, first working on data that helped place the Quanah Parker arrow, and then at the Floyd County Museum's request, pulling together his research

in Blanco Canyon for submission for a marker from the Texas Historical Commission.

"From 1871 to 1874 Mackenzie had thousands of soldiers in the Canyon," Watts said.

Modern history will be uncapped at the Floyd County Museum at 3 p.m. when the Pioneer Reunion Association opens the time capsule.

"In 1990, 25 years ago, at the Centennial Celebration,"

said Nancy Marble, with the Floyd County Historical Museum, "we put lots of items in a time capsule and now we'll bring them back out."

Visitors can see a quarter of a century of history when the time capsule's contents are revealed. The museum will have an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. with refreshments, and they also have a new exhibit, "The Many Faces of Time," which showcases a display of historic, themed clocks.

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Nothing is Wasted in God's Economy

The past 5 1/2 months have been challenging ones for me. After cataract surgery in September, an infection created a large and painful ulcer in my cornea. I've been using antibiotic drops every couple of hours for months and months. It wasn't something I had planned for or written into my day timer. It was a major inconvenience in my life as a writer and editor for a mission organization! I asked the Lord to heal my eye, because after all, I really needed both of my eyes for writing, proofreading, driving and so many other things. As I was asking the Lord to heal me, the words that formed in my mind were: What if I am using this situation in a way that you don't understand now? So I said, "OK." What else could I say? I took those words as God speaking to me. So I've been learning to trust fully

and not complain, watching to see what the Lord is doing through the situation. And yes, the Lord indeed is working in His mysterious ways.

When I needed rides to eye appointments, generous friends have helped me out. How grateful I am for that! I've also been blessed as I've gotten to know my friends much better as we talk while traveling to the appointments. Another friend picks me up each morning on the way to work. (Yes, I continue to work using just one eye.) So thank You, Lord, for friends who have been so helpful.

I am also surrounded by many people who've told me they've been praying for me. Can you think of anything more encouraging than that? I can't. When I post my prayer requests and updates on Facebook, many friends respond, including a

number of high school classmates from years gone by. I can't imagine having a spiritual conversation with them when we were in high school together five decades ago. So praise the Lord, they are now prayer partners.

I used to drive my daughter-in-law, grandson and sometimes my disabled husband to church on Sundays, but when I couldn't see well enough to drive, I asked my son to do the driving. He hadn't been attending church for fifteen years. At my request, he took over on the driving and has been attending church with us ever since then. Wow! What an answer to prayer!

I think too, that my perseverance is an encouragement to others who are going through struggles of their own and are finding it difficult to hold on. I do

realize that my eye problem is a major inconvenience and not a life-threatening situation like a few of my friends are facing, but neither is it like a cut or a sprain that are quickly healed. Last week my eye surgeon told me that the ulcer in my eye is now fully healed and I no longer need the antibiotic eye drops. However, I'm still waiting for more of my sight to return, since I would like to see more than the big E on the eye chart.

So thank You, Lord, for answering prayer in Your own way and in Your time. You waste nothing of our struggles but can use them for our good and in the lives of others. Nothing is wasted in Your economy.

by Neely Baugh
 The Upper Room

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 Dennis Butler, Pastor
 Morning Worship..11 a.m.

Bible Baptist Church
 810 S. 3rd, Floydada
 Darwin Robinson, Pastor
 983-2578
 Sunday School...10 a.m.
 Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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

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 Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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 Lockney
 Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
 Matthew Benfield, Minister
 Floydada
 Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
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 Time Franks, Pastor
 Logan Lamb, Min. Students
 Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
 Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
 Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 Lockney
 Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
 Chad Cook, Youth Min.
 Phil Cotham, Music Min.
 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday (Youth) - 7:15 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
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 Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
 Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
 Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

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

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
 Joe Bennett, Pastor
 Sunday School - 10 a.m..
 Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday - 8 p.m.
 Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
 Lockney
 James Blair, Minister
 Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
 Floydada
 Rev. Timothy Askey
 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805
 Sunday School - 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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 Morning Worship -11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
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 Rev David Ramos, Pastor
 Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
 Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
 Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
 Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
 Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
 Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
 704 B Main, Lockney
 Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
 Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
 Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

San Jose Catholic Church
 Lockney
 Rev. Patrick Maher
 Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

South Plains Baptist Church
 Joe Weldon, Pastor
 SuNday School - 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
 Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
 701 W. Missouri
 Joe M. Hernandez
 983-5286 (Church)
 Sunday School
 English - 9:45 a.m.
 Spanish - 11 a.m.
 Worship
 Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
 English - 11 a.m.
 Evening Service 5 p.m.
 Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
 Floydada
 Rev. Ike Temporaza
 983-5878
 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
 Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
 Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

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

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

Templo Nueva Vida
 Rev. Herman Martinez
 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
 Sunday School - 10 a.m.
 Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
 Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
 500 W. Houston
 Tom Ross, Pastor
 983-5499
 Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.
 Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
 Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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Anderson makes donation to firehall Commissioners Court discuss future plans for jail, fire procedures, and storm shelters



The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Floyd County Commissioner Mike Anderson, Precinct 1, for the donation at Monday, May 4th business meeting. They appreciate Anderson and Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke stopping by and presenting them with the donation. These sort of contributions are what keep our department going! Shown are (left to right) Assistant Chief Randell Sims, Assistant Chief Chad Guthrie, Captain Rusty Hopper, Judge Marty Lucke, Commissioner Mike Anderson, Chief Craig Dubois, Captain Joe Barrientos and Jeff Sullivan.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Plans for the old county jail, precinct policies for fighting fires, and storm shelters within the county were among the topics discussed at Monday's Floyd County Commissioners' Court.

County Judge Marty Lucke noted that the old county jail would be too cost prohibitive to make compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and even if the facility could be renovated, could only serve as county office space which is not needed.

He noted to the court that public hearings about the county jail will likely be held to determine what to do with

the building.

In other court action, commissioners discussed what would be the appropriate procedure for each precinct in event of a fire. The court agreed that each precinct commissioner should be the first point of contact, if firefighters or citizens need assistance from commissioners with equipment, such as graders, in fighting fires. Historically, commissioners have assisted with equipment for fires, only if houses or structures were at risk, and they agreed to continue that procedure.

In the monthly AgriLife report, county agent Cristen Brooks noted that she had finished her new county agents training, held a preseason cot-

ton meeting, participated in soil judging in Lubbock, and in upcoming activities, she'll be working with the Lockney Master Gardeners on a Memorial Garden project.

While the commissioners court was discussing items for future meetings, the topic of storm shelters came up. County Judge Marty Lucke noted that he had been researching options for storm shelters and some municipalities are getting storm shelters paid for completely by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The court agreed to explore this option further.

The next commissioners court meeting will be Monday, June 8.

NJROTC Award Ceremony Petersburg Farmer Retires From Panhandle-Plains Land Bank Board



Courtesy Photo

By Jim Doucette

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Commander of American Legion Post 141, Ed Marks, attended the Plainview High School Navy Junior Officer Training Course (NJROTC) Award Ceremony. Awards were

presented to Cynthia Luna who received the American Legion General Military Excellence Medal (shown in photograph) and Leonel Falcon who received the American Legion JROTC Scholastic Medal.

Ed commented that, "Our Post is honored to be a part

of this Ceremony. We believe that every young person should serve our country. It is our hope that their service will be in a peaceful world. Service can take many forms from mission work to military service. The decision on how they serve is up to them."

AMARILLO, Texas - Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg retired from the Panhandle-Plains Land Bank Board of Directors on April 2. He had served as a director of the rural mortgage lending co-op since 1991.

"Ronnie Hopper has been an extremely valuable member of our board of directors for almost a quarter century. His wisdom, guidance and wealth of experience has contributed to our cooperative's success over the years and, in turn, has benefited the many farmers we serve," said Gregg Lloyd, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank chief executive officer. "It's people like Ronnie, who give their time and talent to

serve their local farm organizations and cooperatives, that help to make rural America strong."

On the eve of his retirement, Hopper was recognized at the Land Bank's regional stockholders' meetings this spring for his leadership and dedication to the association, including two years as board chairman.

A general partner in Hopper Farms Partnership, Hopper farms in southwestern Floyd and southeastern Hale counties. He serves as secretary/treasurer of Harmony Farms, Inc. and is a director on the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. He also is a member of Groundwater Management,

Area II, and the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group. His is also a former president of Plains Cotton Growers.

Earlier this year, Hopper and his son, R.N. Hopper, received the 2015 Farm Press-Cotton Foundation High Cotton Award for the southwest region.

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank provides mortgage financing for agricultural producers and rural property owners. A part of the nationwide network of Farm Credit lending cooperatives, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank is headquartered in Amarillo and has branch offices in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

Mues News

(Info taken from the Muse News newsletter)

FLOYD COUNTY OLD SETTLERS REUNION

The Floyd County Old Settlers Reunion will be held Saturday, May 23rd in Floydada with traditional activities on the square. Booths will offer Arts, Crafts and Food items. The Wildflower Show and Quilt Show will be held in the Barrow Building on the corner next to the Museum. Rope making will also be conducted with Museum volunteers providing instruction and assistance.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY

The Old Settlers Weekend begins on Friday, May 22nd with Open House in the Museum from 1 to 5 p.m. Museum Board Members, Staff and Volunteers will be on hand to greet visitors. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

Members of the Floyd County Pioneer Association will provide the special event of the afternoon in the museum at 3 o'clock, with the opening of the 1990 capsule. Items placed in the capsule can be viewed by visitors. Also in the afternoon, a limited number of the Centennial Plates will be available for purchase.

WEEKLY NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Readers look forward to the articles Museum Director Dorothy Turner submits to the Hesperian Beacon Newspaper. Stories about Floyd County families and other historical subjects are featured. From a 1927 issue we learned that the Turnaround Posts located at the intersections around the courthouse were being moved to the City Park. Where are they now located? Were the posts dismantled? Please call the museum to give your memories of those structures at any location.

NEW EXHIBIT: THE MANY FACES OF TIME

A display of clocks was placed recently in the Museum. A 1909 mantel clock commemorates the historic, peacetime around-the-world cruise by U.S. battleships. The armada was known as the

Great White Fleet of President Theodore Roosevelt. Various other clocks represent the faces of time throughout the years.

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Museum organizers announced in 1971 plans to start a museum in Floyd County. Some of the county people said, "It will not last". Now in 2015 the Floyd County Historical Museum is still located north of the courthouse in downtown Floydada. The museum has expanded from the original Surginer Hardware & Implement Building to include the building on the east which now houses the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center. The museum also owns the Duncan Abstract Building on the southeast corner of the square, as well as the Barrow Building on the west corner next to the Museum.

Visitors are welcome at the Museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. To make an appointment, call the museum at 806-983-2415.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to:

Floyd County Historical Museum P. O. Box 304 Floydada, Texas 79235
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Weather Whys

Q: What's the largest hail stone ever recorded in the U.S.?

A: It's a recent record, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The largest recorded hail stone in U.S. history fell on July 23, 2010, in Vivian, South Dakota, measuring 8 inches in diameter and weighing 1.94 pounds. The stone is on ice and preserved at the National Center of Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. The previ-

ous record hailstone fell in Aurora, Nebraska, on June 22, 2003, and measured 7 inches in diameter and weighed 1.67 pounds."

Q: Can't hail that size hurt people and animals?

A: Absolutely, and large hail stones frequently injure people besides the obvious structural damage they can cause, McRoberts adds. "During a severe storm in Montana in 1978, about 200 sheep were killed by large hail stones," he adds.

"Weather experts have determined that a hail stone the size of a baseball - a size which frequently occurs - often weighs about one-third of a pound and can travel up to 90 miles per hour from its source cloud. Also, NOAA figures show that there were more than 5,400 hail storms in the U.S. in 2013 alone. So the damage that hail can cause - to people, animals and buildings - can be immense. That's why hail storms can cause tens of millions of dollars in property damage."

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

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SCHOOL

Lockney Lady Horns Lose to Forsan in Area

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

WOODROW - Lockney's Lady Horns lost two straight games to the Forsan Lady Buffaloes in the area round of the playoffs at Lubbock Cooper. On Thursday, May 7, Lockney lost 10-0 then Friday night, they lost 4-1 to give Forsan the Area crown two games to none.

In game one, it was all Forsan as Lady Buffs pitcher Jordan Matthews handcuffed the Lockney batters, allowing only one hit and one walk while striking out eight batters.

In the first inning, Lockney went three up, three down. Forsan was unable to score in their half of the inning even after loading the bases with two outs. In the second inning, Shelby Coats drew a lead-off walk but the next three Lockney batters went down in order. Forsan went three up, three down in their half of the inning, so after two complete innings it was still 2-0.

In the top of the third, Matthews struck out all three batters, then in the bottom half of the inning, Forsan scored the games first runs. After Destiny Mata struck out, Brittany Cline singled, then moved second on Kendall Phillips' sacrifice. Rosario Munoz walked, then Cline and Munoz moved up on defensive indifference. Hunter Seymore doubled, driving in Cline and Munoz then Seymore scored on a single by Matthews. Keelee White reached on an error but MacKenzie Kennedy popped out to end the inning with the Lady Buffs claiming a 3-0 lead.

Dixie Williams led off the fourth with the only hit against Matthews as she singled but then was out when Haley Dunbar grounded into a double play, then Lexi Chavez struck out to end the inning. In the bottom half of the fourth, Forsan added four more runs. Kaylee Kemper walked to lead off, then Mata walked. Cline reached on an error that allowed Kemper to score. Phillips singled, scoring Mata and moving Cline to third. Phillips moved

to second on defensive indifference, then Munoz singled, driving in Cline. Munoz was caught trying to steal second but Phillips was able to steal home before Seymore popped out to the shortstop. Matthews walked but White popped out to end the inning with Forsan now leading 7-0.

Lockney went down in order in the top of the fifth but Forsan added another run as Kennedy singled to lead off then moved to second on a sacrifice by Kemper and moved to third on a ground out by Mata. Cline then singled to drive in Kennedy, giving Forsan an 8-0 lead.

After Lockney went threeup, three down, the Lady Buffs added two more runs and the win on the 10-run rule. With one out, Seymore singled, Matthews singled and Ashlea Hardin reached on an error to load the bases. Kennedy delivered a single that allowed Seymore and Matthews to score to end the game at 10-0.

Coats was the losing pitcher allowing 10 runs on 10 hits while walking seven and striking out only three batters.

In game two, Forsan jumped out to an early 2-0 lead then held on to win and clinch the area crown 4-1. In the top of the first, Mata singled, stole second then moved to third on Cline's single. Cline moved up to second on defensive indifference before Phillips struck out. Munoz singled to drive in Mata and Cline, giving Forsan a 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney went three up, three down.

In the top of the second, Mata drew a two out walk but Cline grounded out to end Forsan's at-bat. In the bottom of the inning, Coats walked, the Darby Long reached on an error but Camryn Diaz popped out, Kennedy Hallmark struck out and Kayla Jimenez grounded out to end the threat.

In the top of the third, Seymore and Matthews drew two out walks but White flied out to end the Lady Buffs at-bat. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney's Brittany DeLeon

off with a single but Williams, Dunbar and Chavez were unable to push across a run.

In the fourth inning, both teams went three up and three down with Forsan still holding a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the fifth, Phillips walked with one out, stole second then moved to third on a single by Munoz. Seymore singled to drive in Phillips but Matthews popped out and White grounded out to end Forsan's threat but with a 3-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney went three up, three down again as they could not seem to break through on Forsan's pitcher, Matthews.

In the top of the sixth, Forsan added one more run as Mata singled with two outs, moved to second on the throw and scored on a single by Cline. Cline moved to second and third on errors and Phillips walked but Munoz popped out to end the inning with Forsan leading 4-0. In the bottom of the inning, Lockney scored their lone run of the game and the series as Williams walked to lead off and Dunbar reached on an error. Williams was cut down trying to steal third, then Chavez grounded out to short as Dunbar moved to second and third on the play. Coats singled to drive in Dunbar but Long grounded out to end Lockney's at-bat with Forsan leading 4-1.

In the top of the seventh, White reached on a single with two outs but Kennedy struck out for the third out. In Lockney's final at-bat, Diaz singled and was replaced with courtesy runner, Mari Hernandez. Hallmark struck out and Jimenez singled to move Hernandez to second but Forsan's Matthews got Williams to pop out to end the game with Forsan winning 4-1.

Matthews was the winning pitcher, allowing one run on four hits while walking two and striking out six. Coats suffered the loss, allowing four runs on nine hits, while walking four and striking out six.

Next, Forsan faces Follett in the regional quarter-finals.

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Lockney Loses Third Place Tie-Breaker to Abernathy

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CHILDRESS - After eliminating Floydada on Saturday, May 2 in Lamesa, the Lockney Longhorns met the Abernathy Antelopes to determine the third seed out of District 3-2A baseball. The teams traveled to Childress in order to avoid severe weather that was expected in the South Plains. The teams avoided the weather, but Lockney couldn't avoid the onslaught of the Antelopes. Abernathy took an early 5-0 lead and kept the Longhorn hitters at bay as the Antelopes cruised to an 11-2 victory and a playoff spot.

In the first inning, Lockney went three up, three down in the top of the inning but the Antelopes jumped on the Lockney pitchers early to take a 5-0 lead after one inning. With one out, Pierson walked then scored on a triple to left by Rodriguez. Fernandez reached on an error then Royal singled to score Rodriguez. Barron doubled to center, driving in Fernandez and Royal. Zapata was hit by a pitch then after Luis stuck out for the second out of the inning, Rodriguez walked to load the bases. Bender singled, driving in Barron but Pierson struck out with Abernathy leading 5-0 after one inning.

Avian Luna led off the second inning with a triple, but was stranded there as the Abernathy pitcher struck out Javier Guerrero, Ryan Poole and Darin DeLeon to end the inning. In the bottom half of the inning, Abernathy added another run as Rodriguez tripled to lead off the inning, then scored on a sacrifice fly by Fernandez.

Lockney's Luna then struck out Royal and Barron to end the inning but Abernathy was now leading 6-0 after two innings.

In the top of the third, Justin Suarez singled to lead off. After Ruben Ascencio popped out, Daylan Gatica singled but Suarez was thrown out trying to advance to third, then Israel Cuellar flied out to end Lockney's inning. Zapata walked to lead off the Antelopes then moved to second on Luis ground out. Rodriguez struck out then Zapata moved to third on a wild pitch and Bender walked, then stole second. Pierson singled to left to drive in Zapata and Bender. Rodriguez singled, driving in Pierson. Fernandez walked but Royal struck out to end the inning with Abernathy now having a 9-0 lead after three innings.

Lockney again went three up, three down in the top of the fourth. Barron led off for the Antelopes getting hit by a pitch. After Zapata popped out, Luis got hit by a pitch but with two runners on, Gatica struck out the next two batters to end the threat with Abernathy still leading 9-0.

In the top of the fifth, the Longhorns finally managed to light up their side of the scoreboard as Poole singled to lead off the inning, then stole second. DeLeon struck out but Suarez singled and Poole moved to third. Ascencio singled, driving in Poole and Suarez. Gatica singled but Cuellar struck out and Ascencio was caught trying to steal third. Lockney now trailed 9-2. Abernathy added another run in the bottom of the fifth. With two outs, Fernandez walked,

then moved to second on a passed ball. Royal was hit by a pitch, then Barron reached on an error allowing Fernandez to score but Zapata flied out to end the inning with the Antelopes leading 10-2.

In the top of the sixth, Jacob Ochoa grounded out and Luna struck out so with two outs, Guerrero was intentionally walked. Poole then struck out to end Lockney's at bat. In the bottom of the sixth, Luis led off with a single, then Rodriguez reached on a fielder's choice as Luis was forced out at second. Rodriguez stole second then scored on Bender's single to right field. Bender was tagged out trying to advance to second on the play. Pierson walked, stole second and third but Rodriguez popped out to third to end the inning with Abernathy up 11-2.

In the top of the seventh, DeLeon and Suarez struck out before Ascencio grounded out to end the game, giving the Antelopes the victory 11-2 and the third playoff spot in the district.

Alex Rea was the losing pitcher as he allowed five runs on three hits in one-third of an inning. Luna worked two and two-third innings, allowing four runs on four hits but striking out six and walking four. Gatica worked three innings, allowing two runs on three hits while walking two and striking out two. Rodriguez was the winning pitcher, working seven innings, allowing two runs on seven hits while striking out 11 and walking only one.

Abernathy then defeated Smyer 6-1 on the bi-district round of the playoffs. They are scheduled to face Booker in the area round of the playoffs this weekend.

Lockney vs Forsan May 7, 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
Lockney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Forsan	0	0	3	4	1	2	10	10	0

Lockney					Forsan					
AB	R	H	RBI	BB	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	
Dixie Williams	2	0	1	0	1	Destiny Mata	3	1	0	1
Haley Dunbar	2	0	0	0	0	Brittany Cline	4	2	2	1
Lexi Chavez	2	0	0	0	1	Kendall Phillips	2	1	1	1
Shelby Coats	1	0	0	0	0	Rosario Munoz	2	1	1	2
Darby Long	2	0	0	0	1	Hunter Seymore	3	2	2	1
Camryn Diaz	2	0	0	0	0	Jordan Matthews	3	1	2	1
Kennedy Hallmark	2	0	0	0	2	Keelee White	3	0	0	0
Kayla Jimenez	2	0	0	0	1	Ashlea Hardin	1	0	0	0
Brittany DeLeon	2	0	0	0	2	MacKenzie Kennedy	4	1	2	0
Totals	17	0	1	0	1	Kaylee Kemper	1	1	0	1

Pitching: Shelby Coats (W: 27.78%)
 Total Team QAB: 5 (27.78%)
 Batters: Shelby Coats (27.78%)
 Pitchers: Shelby Coats (27.78%)
 First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Shelby Coats 23-35

Lockney vs Forsan May 8, 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Forsan	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	9	2
Lockney	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	2

Forsan					Lockney				
AB	R	H	RBI	BB	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Destiny Mata	3	2	2	1	0	Dixie Williams	3	0	0
Brittany Cline	4	1	2	1	0	Haley Dunbar	3	1	0
Kendall Phillips	2	1	0	0	2	Lexi Chavez	3	0	0
Rosario Munoz	4	0	2	2	0	Shelby Coats	2	0	1
Hunter Seymore	3	0	1	1	0	Darby Long	3	0	0
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Keelee White	4	0	1	0	0	Kennedy Hallmark	3	0	0
MacKenzie Kennedy	4	0	0	0	0	Kayla Jimenez	3	0	0
Kaylee Kemper	3	0	0	0	1	Brittany DeLeon	3	0	2
Totals	30	4	9	4	4	Mari Hernandez	0	0	0

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 Total Team QAB: 5 (27.78%)
 Batters: Shelby Coats (27.78%)
 Pitchers: Shelby Coats (27.78%)
 First pitch strikes-Batters faced: Jordan Matthews 17-28

Lockney vs Abernathy May 4, 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Lockney	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	7	2
Abernathy	5	1	3	0	1	1	1	11	10	0

Lockney					Abernathy				
AB	R	H	RBI	BB	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Daylan Gatica	3	0	2	0	0	T Bender	4	1	2
Israel Cuellar	3	0	0	0	2	A Pierson	3	2	1
Jacob Ochoa	3	0	0	0	1	A Rodriguez	5	2	3
Avian Luna	3	0	1	0	0	I Fernandez	1	2	0
Javier Guerrero	2	0	0	1	1	G Royal	3	1	1
Ryan Poole	3	1	1	0	0	V Barron	3	1	2
Darin DeLeon	3	0	0	0	3	Zapata	2	1	0
Justin Suarez	3	1	2	0	1	M Luis	3	0	1
Trevor Ascencio	3	0	1	2	0	D Rodriguez	3	1	1
Totals	25	7	2	2	11	Totals	27	11	10

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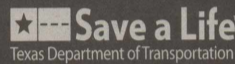
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New lights bring vintage character, feel to downtown Floydada

By Jeff Johnston
Floydada City Manager
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

When I came on board as the new city manager, the sidewalk project had already begun. We were still awaiting the funding for it, but the sidewalk locations and design was finished.

I started looking over the plans and doing some site reviews and decided that some sidewalk lights would be a fantastic addition to aid in the downtown renovation.

My plan has been to bring life back to downtown Floydada, so I approached the City Council with the idea and received full support.

Though the grant money was already earmarked for the sidewalks themselves, and it was too late to try to make changes to add lights,

we looked over the budget and figured out a way for the city to cover the costs.

I spent the next two months searching over approximately 25 different lighting company websites to find the right design for our downtown. The vision was to bring in some new lights, but maintain a rustic and vintage feel. I finally submitted my proposed idea to council and it was received with excitement and the green light to move forward.

We ordered the lights over a year ago, and it took several months for them to come in. Once we got the lights, we noticed some crucial components missing, such as the electrical outlets on the back and the banner arms. Three of the main poles were also severely damaged. We began the process of sending them

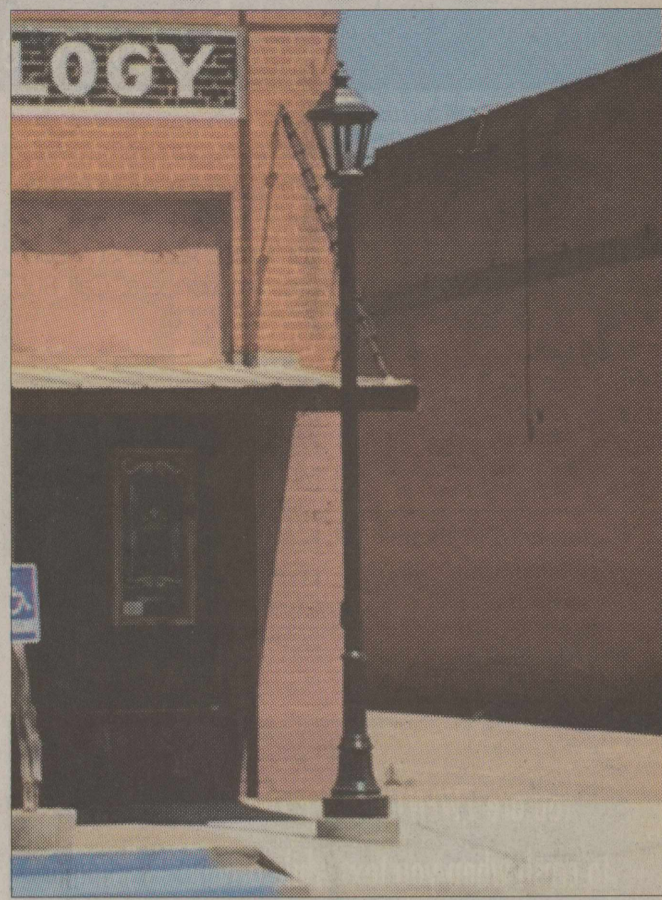
back which is a whole different nightmare in itself, but almost a year later, we got the lights in.

The company was so upset that the shipping company damaged the first lights, that they delivered the lights to us themselves. They stand approximately 13' tall to the top of the poles, and the light fixture itself is another 3' tall giving them a total height of around 16'. We added the electrical boxes to the backs of each one to provide 110v for Punkin Days and Old Settlers.

The next phase is to continue around the east and south side of the square with more lights and new sidewalks. Last, we plan on boring under the already new sidewalks on the west side of the square, and adding new lights there as well.

Eventually I would like

to see sidewalk lights down some of the other downtown areas that have businesses as well. I also want to add that Stan Payne added an antique TEXACO sign in front of his building which really has been an awesome addition to the square on the north side. We have heard nothing but positive feedback on the lights, and the city is glad to see that the community is excited about the work being done around the square. I do want to add that the City Public Work departments worked diligently to get the lights up, from building the foundations to standing the lights up and removing old street lights to "clean up" the sidewalks. They also welded and installed handrails in areas of concern for safety. All credit goes to the City Council and the Public works departments!



Flooding Rains Bring Much Needed Moisture

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY – Rain, hail, winds and MORE rain had an tremendous impact on travel throughout the county and region. The Texas Tech Mesonet site located southwest of Aiken reported a total of 8.61 inches of rain beginning Monday, May 4 through Saturday, May 9, which is the most reported from the 90 Mesonet sites around the

Panhandle/South Plains/Permian Basin. The site located at the Floydada Airport reported 6.81 inches over the same time.

Extreme amounts of rain were reported around the county with reported totals including 11 inches near Lockney High School, 13 inches on the east side of Lockney, 8.2 inches in west Floydada and 9.0 inches six miles south of Lockney.

South of Floydada, hail the size of ping-pong balls knocked out skylights and windshields on Friday. Across the area, high winds caused damage in Slaton while extreme flooding in Seagraves has forced Governor Greg Abbott to declare the area a disaster area. At least 15 families in Seagraves have lost their homes to the excessive flooding which forced several road closings around the community, stranding the residents and travelers overnight on Monday.

Schools in Tahoka were closed on Tuesday when the basement and several classrooms were flooded as the community received 5.75 inches of rain Monday evening, most of it in one hour.

A few homes in Floyd County have reported some minor flood damage. Many homes in Lockney had their roofs totaled when a super-cell, tornado producing storm came through on Wednesday, April 22.

According to report on the Southwest Farm Press website, these rains are being called a "million dollar rain" as all the moisture begins to replenish the soil profiles that have been missing for over four years.

Additional rainfall is expected through Saturday, May 16.



Hail and heavy rain poured down on Lockney Thursday, May 7 about 1:00 P.M. causing more street flooding in town.



Courtesy Photo

Hail the size of ping-pong balls fell south of Floydada on Friday, May 8, causing damage to skylights and windshields.



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Dark storm clouds produced more rain and hail south of Lockney and Floydada Friday, May 8.



Barbara Anderson/Hesperian Beacon

On Friday, May 8, streets in west Floydada were curb-to-curb as were many streets within Floydada and Lockney as well as throughout Floyd County.



Charles Keaton/Hesperian Beacon

On Thursday, May 7, heavy rains rose over the curbs along South Main Street in Lockney as the community was hammered with hail and rain for the fourth straight day.