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HPSS makes music, memories in Cone, next session July 19-24



Courtesy Photo

Elder Bryce Lawrence will be teaching at the 52nd Plains Harmony Singing School July 19-24 in Cone. Shown here are Lawrence, wife Terri, and children Rebecca, Gracie, Jonah and Luke.

By Kay Ellington
Hesperian-Beacon

The 52nd Harmony Plains Singing School gets underway later this month in Cone, and Elder Bryce Lowrance who has attended at least 40 sessions of the school took time from his busy schedule to talk with the Hesperian-Beacon and update the community on this year's event which takes place July 19-24.

"We will begin with congregational singing around 7 p.m. July 19. The school ends with our Friday evening session starting at 6:30 p.m. on July 24. It usually runs until about 8:30 p.m. followed by fellowship at the bonfire with hotdogs and such," he said.

Many of the locals may not have ever attended the singing school and may wonder how it works, and

Lowrance, a Texas Tech graduate who now serves as pastor at Brentwood Hills Primitive Baptist Church in Fort Worth, explained the school's process.

"All classes are taught skills that enable them to read and sing a cappella music written in the 7-shaped note system. We focus on reading pitch and rhythm on the melody (soprano part) as well as developing part singing abilities in Alto, Tenor, or Bass. We also teach song leading skills to help current and future song leaders improve their abilities. These skills are also taught so congregations are able to follow their leader in their home church," Lowrance said.

After more than 50 years there have been a lot of interesting and unusual stories that have come out of See **HPSS**, Page 2

Meat Processing Plant Will Not Open



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Plans to reopen the old Lockney Meat Market have come to an abrupt halt after high bob-calf prices forced Great Western Meat Packing to give up their immediate plans to open the plant after many months of remodeling and upgrading the old market.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - After months of speculation and thousands of dollars of repairs and upgrades, the Gold Medal Western Packing plant will not open in the former Lockney Meat Market. Area media outlets had previously reported the planned opening in June.

According to general manager Ron Watts, the simple reason was the cost of procurement of the bob calves, infant male cattle from the dairy industry.

At the beginning of the upgrades of the plant, bob-calves were available in the \$15 to \$20 per head range but as the plant was preparing to open, prices jumped to over \$400 per calf, a cost that would make it hard for the plant to operate with a profit according to Watts.

Originally, plans were to employ approximately 20 area people with expansion plans of up to 50 people working at the plant in about two years.

Facility owners are based in Rome, New York. According to a May press release, GM Western Packing was planning on using the latest technology and the industry best practices in food safety and humane handling.

"The bob-processing plant provides an outlet for the underutilized dairy bull calves and they do it in a humane way," Jerry Karczewski, a consultant for the project whose background is in humane animal handling, said. "The staff will process the veal and hides and prepare some organs for shipping to the pharmaceutical companies where things like an extract from the lungs could be used to help treat premature babies."

Jerry Kovar, who was to become the plant manager, said in May, that the plant would process dairy bull calves, goats and lambs with the main product to be veal that would have been sent to the northeastern part of the country and hides that would have been sent to California.

Kovar was expecting to take advantage of the proximity of Lockney to over 300,000 head of dairy cattle within a 150 mile radius. Kovar said, in May, that the plant would be able to process approximately 200 head a day.

"The desire to help was there," Phil Cotham said, "but it sounds like high prices kept them from opening."

Cotham, a member of the Lockney Economic Development Committee, said the EDC had offered an employment incentive in order to assist them in building a workforce over the next three years.

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.

MOBILE FIELD DAY

Floyd, Swisher and Hale Counties will be hosting a mobile field day on Tuesday, July 14 in Plainview and the surrounding area at 9 a.m. Cost to attend is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided. Three CEU's are being offered for this tour. For more information please contact Cristen Brooks at the Floyd County Extension Office at 806-983-4912.

TEXAS PLAINS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Texas Plains Federal is celebrating 75 Years and will have a Membership Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:30 at the Unity Center. Tickets \$5 per person and are available at the Floydada Branch. Door prizes - Free Gifts - Over \$500 in cash prizes.

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New pool opening date changed; rates, hours finalized

By Kay Ellington
Hesperian-Beacon

Rain has delayed the opening of the new Floydada pool from its anticipated first day of July 4. According to city manager Jeff Johnston, "The pool will open sometime in July."

Johnston noted that fence construction has also slowed the opening of the pool. For safety and security concerns, a final fence must be in place before water can ever be put into the pool.

The new pool and water play system are part of a voter-approved bond package from November 2013 that improved recreational

amenities for Floydada, including the city playground, pool, and softball facility.

The pool hours will be 12 noon until 5 p.m.

Another new offering from the city is that the pool and the Massie Activity Center (the MAC) can be rented jointly now for parties and get-togethers. In this first year, these rental packages will start as low as \$150 with a deposit of \$100.

As for general admission into the pool, the cost will be \$3.75 for general admission. All children ages 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older at all times at the pool.

How a Wind Turbine Works

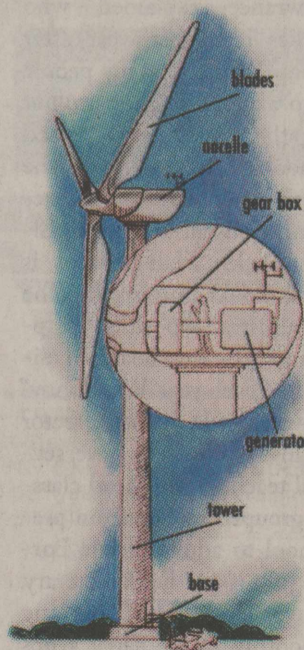
By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - As the number of wind turbines increase in Floyd County, we wanted to take a basic look at how a wind turbine works including the different parts of the turbine.

The base of a typical turbine consists of reinforced concrete. The base can be one of two different designs. One design is a shallow, flat disk about 40 feet in diameter and three feet thick. The second design is a deep cylinder which is about 15 feet in diameter and 16 feet deep.

The tower is the next part and is typically white, about 10 feet in diameter and between 150 and 200 feet tall. The towers have a ladder running up the inside as well as a hoist for tools and equipment.

At the top of the tower is the nacelle. The nacelle is home to a generator and gearbox. The blades are attached to the generator through a series of gears. The purpose



of the gears is to increase the rotational speed of the blades to the generator speed of over 1500 revolutions per minute. Electricity is produced as the generator spins. Generators can be variable or fixed speed. Variable speed generators produce electricity at a varying frequency which has to be corrected to 60 cycles per second before it is delivered to the grid. Fixed speed generators don't have to be corrected but cannot take advantage of the fluctuations in wind speed.

The final part of a typical wind turbine are the blades. These blades, which can be up to 150 feet long, are designed like an airplane wing, using lift to capture the wind's energy. With this special shape, the wind creates a pocket of pressure as it passes

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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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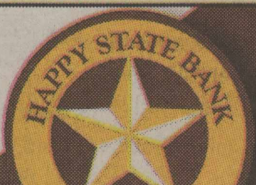


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The 501 Barn Wood

My husband and I both believe in barn wood. He believes in tossing it; I believe in keeping it. I exaggerate.



HANABA MUNZ WELCH

My husband, the carpenter-architect, knows a salvageable piece of old-growth wood when he sees it; I don't. They're all keepers to me. After all, I'm the one who once made a living lettering Bible verses on old cedar shingles. OK, I lie. But I did manage to give away some of those shingles. Also in the picturesque weathered shingle realm, I ventured into short patriotic sayings enhanced with flag motifs. They looked good. I still see them sometimes - either the ones I gave to friends or the ones still for sale in a place or two.

Yes, to my practiced eye every old piece of our barn wood looks like something someone (maybe me) could use, if not structurally at least decoratively. Same principle applies to our fallen-down hired hand house and the windows and pieces of molding stored in it at the moment of collapse.

I like to think a little earthquake in November 2011 brought the old house down. A couple of days after that minor tremor I noticed it was no longer standing. When a building is unobtrusive, the collapse thereof can go unnoticed. That old house in all its dilapidation matched the landscape maintained by grazing cows. It blends in even better now.

The aim to blend in dictates some prominent styles of architecture - buildings meant to fit their settings rather than stick out ostentatiously. A-frame houses, for example, look good in the Rockies and Tetons, which they somewhat resemble. The dugout houses of some of our ancestors fit their landscapes. My great-grandmother once lived in one. I'm guessing it was actually a half-dugout with an aboveground profile - just not much of one. Wherever it was, that dugout's gone now. Gone without a trace. That's the ultimate act of blending in, as in "ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

We digress somewhat. Not that I know exactly where we're going. But an idea comes to mind. Is there a market for old lumber, small decaying pieces to big intact planks, in the tiny house realm?

You've probably heard of tiny houses. The ultimate in downsizing, very small houses are a great fit for people who decry consumerism and want to disturb the environment as little as possible by living in miniscule abodes that look, to quote my step-grandfather, like they got picked before they got ripe.

They come in all shapes and styles and can't help but attract attention: Look at me! I'm small. I take less to heat and cool. I have a tiny footprint. I hold few possessions.

In the best of all possible worlds, all tiny houses should be built of recycled materials. Agreed? For those that aren't, the perfect solution is an exterior veneer of barn wood, cut to fit.

If you can't be true to the recycling ethic, fake it, and get your old wood from me. It's the real thing.

HPSS

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the HPSS, Elder Lowrance shared a few with us.

"I met my wife at HPSS although I don't remember our initial meeting. The first year I taught I was 16 years old. She (Terri) was in my Junior High Class. Apparently, I heard some really bad pitches coming from the soprano section and my first words to my future wife were "That didn't come out of you did it?"

Weather has also been a factor in the singing school some years.

"West Texas is notorious for tornadoes and wind storms. We have had several weather related weeks. Thankfully, none have ever ended in severe injuries," Lawrence continued. "One year, we had a particularly gusty evening. We were all called into the building from our tents. One of the guys in our tent wouldn't wake and come in. While running into the building, we heard our friend screaming as the tent rolled across the HPSS grounds. Thankfully, he came out laughing and uninjured."

In addition to singing the school has its share of fun. "Each year, the teens and young adults put on skits during the Thursday afternoon session. Anyone who has done anything to catch their attention during the week is fair game for a joke or two to be told about them."

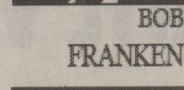
It takes a lot of people to put together the Harmony Plains Singing School, and Lowrance explained who makes it happen year after year. "There are many people who work all year long to put together this very blessed school. However, during the week you will see a few faces that stand out as leaders. Elder Dickie Halbgewachs is our school administrator. The administrator position is appointed by our board of directors each year. V.J. "Sonny" Lowrance, Jr. is our director of instruction. We have several teachers who head classes grouped by age from pre-school to adult. Cathie Barington is our head secretary. She keeps things running smoothly. Diane Elder keeps us all well fed! We also have a great group of Adult, Senior, and Junior Counselors that joyfully serve to make the week run well.

Lowrance himself said, "I have been attending HPSS as long as I can remember. I have attended at least 40 sessions and have been blessed to be an instructor there for over 25 years."

Even if you can't sing, Lowrance said you should still come to HPSS. "We love to have beginners come and get started in the joy of singing praises to God. If singing is an actual physical impossibility, there is still plenty of time to fellowship and share in the joy," he said.

The Bob Franken Column The Dying Squeals of the Losers

Now that the Supremes have handed down what President Barack Obama called the "thunderbolt" ruling allowing gay marriage, it is the law of the land, and it's kinda fun to watch the various Republican candidates try to suck up to their conservative - make that ultra-conservative - base with varying degrees of intensity.



BOB FRANKEN

There are those who are thundering their opposition, like Mike Huckabee, who promises not to wave the "white flag" of surrender to the decision.

Even more contemptuous are those who try to go both ways, the Scott Walkers and Lindsey Grahams, who don't counsel resistance but still proclaim their opposition to same-sex marriage not only as a moral issue, but one that should have been decided by the states.

Are they choosing to ignore the history of the Civil War, which bloodied the nation after Southern states tried to secede when their right to continue slavery was threatened?

That same states'-rights argument in defense of Jim Crow laws was tried and slapped down a century later. Yet as we've seen at the church in Charleston, South Carolina, and in videos of too many police actions, racism is still a motivator in our nation; the battle is not over.

Nor is the struggle over when it comes to gay rights. Finally, the law seems to be settled on the right to marry.

It should have been obvious, but four of our justices voted against it, and die-hard opponents now say they believe that this will open the door to an "attack on religion," apparently meaning a freedom

to hide behind faith as an alibi for discrimination.

It's a crock, of course; people can marry whom they want, and they can preach what they want. What they cannot do is discriminate in their business affairs, just like they cannot refuse

services under the public-accommodations civil-rights laws. That's not an assault on religion, but rather a defense of decency. Still, people will try. The issue is not behind us. Far from it.

Unfinished business includes discrimination in the workplace, housing, you name it. In more than half the states, laws exclude gays and others in the LGBT community from protection against discrimination. So an employer can fire or not hire someone because he or she is gay, or a landlord can reject a potential tenant because of the applicant's sexual preference.

There is no national law to protect gays from that kind of treatment, nor does there appear to be much pressure to pass one.

But maybe soon there will be pressure. In just the blink of history's eye, we have gone from a nation where a majority found it perfectly acceptable to treat gays with contempt to a country where

most embrace a live-and-let-live mentality. That is presented as bad news for the Republican Party, which is the haven for those who cling to the dark ages. But they are slowly dying out.

If nothing else, politicians are opportunists.

Even with the defiant last gasps of the Neanderthals who make up the "base," the GOP will be forced to accommodate the new realities. If not, the "thunderbolt" of social progress will make it obsolete.

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton The Hesperian-Beacon

I believe that every human has a finite number of heart-beats. I don't intend to waste any of mine running around doing exercises. - Buzz Aldrin

Walking is the best possible exercise. Habituate yourself to walk very far. - Thomas Jefferson

Nothing like a lot of exercise to make you realize you'd rather be lazy and dead sooner. - Randy K. Milholland

Mistakes are the portals of discovery. - James Joyce

One of the greatest victories you can gain over someone is to beat him at politeness. - Josh Billings

Don't reserve your best behavior for special occasions. You can't have two sets of manners, two social codes - one for those you admire and want to impress, another for those whom you consider unimportant. You must be the same to all people. - Lillian Eichler Watson

Politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back. - Thomas Sowell

You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. - Albert Schweitzer

One must be poor to know the luxury of giving. - George Eliot

If we have the opportunity to be generous with our hearts, ourselves, we have no idea of the depth and breadth of love's reach. - Margaret Cho

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THANK YOU TO THE CITIZENS OF FLOYDADA On behalf of the family of Bill Feuerbacher, I want to thank Floydada for the wonderful life we had in this community. We spent the best years of our life here - raising three sons and experiencing many happy times. Bill loved his days with the City, and I had equally pleasant times in the school system. Our three sons have good memories of their days in the Floydada schools. We thank you for all the years of happiness, and for your love and prayers at the time of Bill's death. We will always remember the good times. Sincerely and With Love, Norma Feuerbacher

Wind Turbine Construction Begins



TURBINE

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behind the blade. This pressure pulls the blade causing the turbine to rotate. This is a more efficient way to capture the wind's energy as opposed to the old farm and ranch windmills of the past which use drag and the force of the wind pushing against the blades. The blades spin at a slow rate of about 20 revolutions per minute but the speed at the blade tip can be over 150 miles per hour.

Other components that aren't as visible include the pitch drive which rotates the blades to reduce the amount of lift when wind speeds become too high. The brake is mechanical and acts as a backup to the pitch drive as well as serves as a parking brake for maintenance. The controller is a computer system that runs self-diagnostic tests, starts and stops the turbine and makes adjustments as wind speeds vary. An anemometer measures the wind speed and passes the information to the controller. A wind vane detects the wind direction, passes the information to the controller which then uses the yaw drive to adjust the direction of the rotor is facing.

Information for this report was obtained from the American Wind Energy Association and Wind Power of Wisconsin.



Courtesy Photos
Turbine components are being delivered to the land north of Larry and Beth Bramlet's place near FM 97 and Texas 207. Construction on the new wind turbine farm has begun and will continue throughout the summer. Beth said these are north of their land but they expect construction to begin on their place soon. Two areas are under construction, one about five miles east and two miles north of Lockney and the other about six miles east and one mile north of Lockney.

Weather Whys

Q: What exactly is a dust devil?
A: It's really not that sinister, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. He says a dust devil is a swirling wind that looks like a small tornado, but is not. "Dust devils often occur on sunny days with no clouds in the sky," he explains. "They may look like a small tornado because of their funnel shape, but they are usually harmless. The winds produced

by a dust devil rarely exceed 30 to 40 miles per hour, not really capable of doing any damage, but fast enough to give you a mouth full of dust and dirt. They only last a few seconds."

Q: Where do they usually occur?

A: They can occur almost anywhere, but most often in dry, arid areas in the Southwest, he adds. "They form in response to surface heating during fair, hot weather," he explains.

"So the desert and arid areas most often see dust devils, which are called a 'willy willy' in Australia and have other unusual names in other parts of the world. Dust devils have been photographed on the planet Mars by one of the rovers that landed there, and Mars has considerable dust for them to form. Their appearance on Mars is identical to that of dust devils formed on Earth."

Xcel Energy Foundation grants \$7,000 for stem scholarships

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - The South Plains College Foundation has received a \$7,000 grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation to fund scholarships for students majoring in pre-engineering at the college.

Representatives from Xcel Energy, including Brenda Holland, regional director of customer and community relations; Steve Deaton, manager of regional and community service; and Terry Price, senior representative of the Xcel Energy Foundation, presented the grant to Dr. Kelvin Sharp, president of South Plains College, at a presentation reception on the SPC Levelland campus.

Xcel Energy also pre-

sented grants to the Levelland MainStreet program and the LIFE Foundation, which benefits the Levelland Independent School District.

"Xcel Energy pleased to give back to the Levelland community through these great programs," said Ms. Holland. "We appreciate our customers and believe in supporting programs that benefit the communities we serve."

The grant to South Plains College will provide \$1,000 scholarships to seven students who are studying pre-engineering for the 2015-16 academic year.

"We are very grateful for the continued scholarship support that Xcel Energy has provided South Plains College students," said Dr.

Sharp. "SPC has an outstanding pre-engineering program with strong transfer pathways to electrical engineering programs at our regional and state universities. Encouraging more students to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering and math through scholarships will benefit business and industry in the future."

Since 2007, the Xcel Energy Foundation has provided \$45,500 to the South Plains College Foundation to fund scholarships for various programs.

For more information about how to support South Plains College students through impact scholarships, contact the Development Office at (806) 716-2020.

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SOCIETY

Lady Horns garner All-State honors KFLP contest winners



Darby Long



Dixie Williams

The Texas High School Coaches Association recently named their Academic All State Team. Lockney Lady Horns softball players Darby Long and Dixie Williams were among those selected to the team.

Photos Courtesy of RK Hunt Photography



Courtesy photos

Harvey Garza (top picture) had a profitable 4th by winning \$106 from KFLP at the Lowes 4th of July celebration. Lala Griggs (bottom picture) won \$106 from KFLP on Saturday at Ace Hardware. KFLP owner, Pam Ricketts is shown in both pictures. KFLP 106.1 was having a "Stick It, Scratch It, Cash It", contest on Saturday, July 4th.

Floydada Cemetery Association holds meeting

By Kyle Smith

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Cemetery Association board met Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at First National Bank.

We have sent out a donation form in the FNB Floydada

statements for June, and we hope all will participate.

The cemetery is looking good, but with all the rains, it is taking a lot of work. We have sprayed weeds – and continue to do so; keeping the grass cut so it is safe and attractive to visit the cemetery; and have

filled in any graves that have sunk in with all the rain.

Expenses keep increasing, and the main income the association has is from plot sales and from donations from the public. If you have family or friends buried in the Floydada

Cemetery, we ask that you make a donation to help with the upkeep. It takes all of us to keep our cemetery looking good. Your help is appreciated.

You can find a donation form on Page 4 of this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

James Lovell says he feels a "heck of a lot better" than a few weeks ago when UMC and Lockney doctors discovered he had a blood clot in his leg. He is now getting around with the help of a walker and looks forward to getting around with a cane.

Jerrold Vinson visited his Lockney doctor last week and is still eating at the Center with friends and is feeling better.

The long lines of grain trucks waiting their turn to be weighed and emptied at the wheat elevators make a welcome sight in Floyd County. Citizens have not seen this much wheat in recent years. God has smiled on Floyd County farmers this year.

Our condolences and prayers with Travis Jones' family. He received word just before leaving for the Center on Monday, June 29th, that his brother's wife, Tibby, had died in Amarillo. They had just visited Travis and local kinfolk the day before Father's Day.

Janet Milam continues to help at SOS as local garage sale holders also donate to their clothing bank room at Spirit of Sharing (SOS).

Area communities and towns continue to get late evening showers and afternoons have been in the lower to mid 90's. Hot summer days.

Drive carefully on vacations and return to join us at Floydada Senior Citizens Center for food and fellowship.

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In memory of Billy Morrison - Donna Pernell

In memory of Rob Helfin - Donna Pernell

In memory of Cecil Jackson - Donna Pernell

In memory of Mildred Keaton - Donna Pernell

In memory of Bill Feuerbacher - Janet Milam

In memory of Evalene Goodnight - Janet Milam

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July 13 - July 17

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Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE ELMER WILLIAMS FAMILY

Written by Mrs. Elmer Williams

Elmer was born February 11, 1915 in Floyd County to Lilbert and Rhoda Williams, and Blanch (Gary) Williams was born September 26, 1915 in Hardman County to Robert and Annie Gary. Then in December 1917 they came to Floyd County; that was the first time Elmer and I met at the age of two. We grew up together and attended school and church in the Harmony Community. The school house burned but they still have services at the little country Church called Carr's Chapel. As far back as I remember we had a community Christmas Tree and program there.

Elmer and I were married June 3, 1933 by the pastor of Carr's Chapel Church. We took our children back there to church and the Christmas Tree. Now our children take our grandchildren back each year. Our children are Loene Nelson born May 7, 1935, now living in Bayfield, Colorado; Elmer Dean, born January 8, 1938 and Leon, born May 22, 1940, both now live in Floyd County.

When our children were young we moved several times to three different farms that were all in Floyd County. Back then the houses we lived in didn't have running water, no bathrooms or electric appliances.

In 1945 we bought ten acres of land on the east edge of Floydada where we operated a dairy farm and sold our milk to Patterson Dairy where they bottled it and delivered it to the people of Floydada. We lived there for eleven years where all of our children attended and finished school.

In high school our boys

played on the football team and our daughter was with the band. We would get up early and the children would help us with the milking and cleaning the dairy barn before they went to school. For a good while we milked by hand then we bought electric milkers. Elmer also had a full time job with the county. Feed got so high we couldn't afford to buy it so we had to sell the cows. Then in 1956 we moved out on my home place to farm it because my father lost his eyesight and was unable to farm anymore.

On May 30, 1956 Elmer was on the tractor plowing when a cloud came up and it began to rain. My two sons and I witnessed a bolt of lightning from the sky that struck him direct. We rushed him to the hospital thinking he was dead but with the help of the Lord he is alive today. At that time our son-in-law was in the service in Germany and Loene couldn't return home for our oldest grandson was just two weeks old. With the help of our good neighbors, the boys were able to finish the crop that year. We just farmed one more year for Elmer wasn't able to drive the tractor and do the heavy farm work. We moved to Crosby County where we operated a Dairy Mart for several years.

In January 1972, our daughter and family moved to Colorado where they operated a summer resort and so we bought us a travel trailer and for several years we would go to Colorado and help them during the summer months and then we would come back to Floydada for the winter.

At this time we are living in Plainview where we have been for nearly three years.

New Books in the Lockney Library

For the month of July

Wicked Charms, No. 3 by Janet Evanovich & Phoef Sutton

The Melody Lingers On by Mary Higgins Clark

Blueprints by Barbara Delinsky

Summer Secrets by Jane Green

The Rumor by Elin Hilderbrand

Country by Daniell Steel

Long, Tall Christmas (Tylers of Texas) by Janet Dailey

Ever After, No. 3 (The Nantucket Brides Trilogy) by Jude Deveraux

Wildfire in His Arms by Johanna Lindsey

Untamed by Diana Palmer

The Silenced, No. 15 (Krewe of Hunters) by Heather Graham

Finders Keepers, No. 2 (The Bill Hodges Trilogy) by Stephen King

Truth or Die by James Patterson & Howard Roughan

Manhattan Mayhem: New Crime Stories From Mystery Writers of America edited by Mary Higgins Clark

Floyd County to issue same sex marriage licenses

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County will issue same sex marriage licenses, according to Tess Smith with the county clerk's

office.

Floyd joins surrounding counties of Lubbock, Hale, Swisher, Briscoe and Crosby in issuing the licenses following the June 26 ruling

of the U.S. Supreme Court.

According to Smith no same sex couple has applied for a marriage license in Floyd County.

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Obituaries

Maria Elena (Nena) Reyes

Maria Elena (Nena) Reyes, age 77, of Floydada, passed away, Friday, July 3, 2015.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2015 at the Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Floydada. Armando Morales officiated.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Maria was born June 16, 1938 in Kingsville, Texas to Santos Rivera and Trinidad Villanueva. She enjoyed playing games with siblings and friends. She was a member of



MARIA ELENA (NENA) REYES

the Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Santos Rivera and

Trinidad Villanueva.

Maria is survived by her five children, Noemi Maldonado (Raul), Sylvia Ruiz, Norma Avelar (Charlie), Manuel Reyes (Alex), and Arturo Reyes (Anna); seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; siblings, Graciela Gomez (Chela), Gloria Morales, Jose Manuel Falcon, Nellie Mendez, and Mary Caballero. She is also survived by her special friends, Martin Saldana and Antonia Delgado, Precious, Greg Luna and Robert Luna.

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

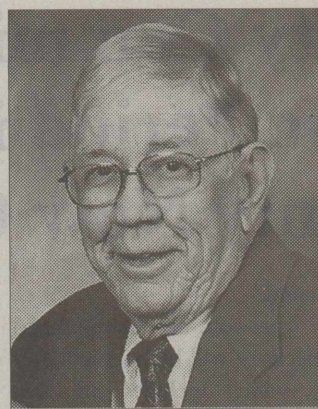
Billy Ray Smith

Billy Ray Smith, age 76, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Lubbock.

Bill was born on November 17, 1938 to Ray and Anne Smith in Floydada, Texas. He and his sister, Barbara, were privileged to have loving parents who raised them in a Christian home. Bill graduated from Floydada High School in 1957. He received his bachelor's degree from West Texas State University in 1962.

Bill married Patricia Ann Neff in Floydada on March 7, 1963. He farmed for a few years before beginning his career in the cotton gin industry. He worked at Floyd County Co-op, Littlefield Farmers Co-op, Anton Producers Co-op, Brownfield Farmers Co-op and retired in 2008 after being manager at State Line Co-op in Higginbotham for 19 years. He was named Ginner of the Year in 2001.

Bill and Pat joined Oakwood



BILLY RAY SMITH

United Methodist Church after moving to Lubbock in 2010. Bill was a member of Methodist Men. He enjoyed going to drink coffee with his Co-op buddies.

He was a kind man who loved his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Daniele Paige Duncan.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Smith of Lubbock; daughters, Sheryl Stephens and husband, Scott of Lubbock, and

Becky Duncan and husband, Brad of Levelland; grandsons, Billy and Brenden Duncan and Ryan Stephens; sister, Barbara Bullock and husband, Jerry of Lubbock, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, numerous good friends and his faithful canine companions, Lovie and Dorie.

A memorial service celebrating Bill's life was held on Monday, June 22, 2015 at Oakwood United Methodist Church, 2215 58th, Lubbock, Texas.

Graveside services were held at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank Interim Home Health, Interim Hospice and Covenant Palliative Care.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or Oakwood United Methodist Church,

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

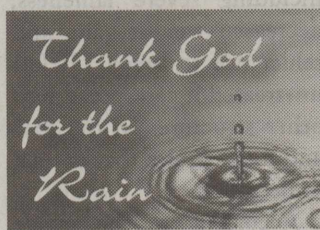
Remember exercise with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45- 9:15 a.m. Coffee time is Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday Pot luck is at 5 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

Come to our Fish Fry on Friday nights serving from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Come on down for some great food, fun and fellowship, and "Let us do the dishes."

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Unselfish Roots

Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds. — *Hebrews 10:24 (NRSV)*

One June day, my husband and I decided to visit a nearby historic home. The beautiful house lay nestled behind a long driveway lined with live oak trees. My husband and I sat in rocking chairs on the house's veranda and listened to the tour guide share the history of the estate. She then began to talk about the uniqueness of the live oak tree. "When live oak trees are planted together in a row," she said, "their roots not only intertwine but fuse together. This interdependent root system allows the live oaks to share water and nutrients and to form a stronger hold in the ground." She told us that when a hurricane had swept through that area, their live oaks sustained little damage because they were held strongly together in the earth.

What would happen if Christians held as tightly together through the hurricanes of this life as those live oak trees did? What if we poured the strength, wisdom, and love that God has rained down on us into the lives of those experiencing hardship? What if we received that same strength, wisdom, and love from others when we ourselves are going through trials? God did not design us to live unto ourselves but created us to be a family, firmly bound together by our roots in our Creator.

Emily Bowen (Virginia, USA)

Thought for the Day
God designed us to support one another through all life's storms.

- Aiken Baptist Church**
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.
- Carr's Chapel**
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- Church of Christ**
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
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**
Floydada
Tim 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
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
- First United Methodist Church**
Floydada
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**
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
- Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**
310 Mississippi
- Floydada**
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.
- Power of Praise Full Gospel Church**
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Floyada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.
- San Jose Catholic Church**
Lockney
Rev. 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.
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Providence Community On Fm 2301
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Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
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FSA County Committee Nomination Period in Floyd County Now Open

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(FLOYDADA/Texas), June 30, 2015 – Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Program Technician in Charge Gerry Summers, announced that the nomination period for local FSA county committees began on June 15, 2015. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Floyd County FSA Office by close of business on Aug. 3, 2015.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level," said PTIC Summers.

To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) where they are nomi-

nated.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 3, which includes the area south of Hwy 62/70 from the Motley/Floyd county line west to Floydada, continuing west on Crockett Street and 2.5 miles west County Road 252, then ½ mi north to FM 784 then continuing west to the Floyd/Hale county lines. This includes the communities of Barwise, McCoy, Harmony, Dougherty, and Lakeview.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections is available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year

term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to 11 members.

"It is important that county committees are comprised of members who fairly represent the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community," said PTIC Summers. "All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process."

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 9. Ballots are due back in the Floyd County Office by mail or in person no later than Dec. 7, 2015. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2016.

Dealing with Foot Rot in Cattle Herds

By Cristen Brooks

Floyd County Extension Agent Ag/NR

Due to the amount of moisture we have received this spring foot rot in cattle is starting to become more prevalent in and around Floyd County. This condition is a decaying infectious disease of cattle, causing swelling and lameness in at least one foot. This disease can cause numerous problems for your cow herd including severe lameness, decreased weight gain, and reluctance to breed. If left untreated it can spread into other structures in the foot and may require that animal to be culled.

According to the article "Foot Rot in Cattle," published by the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, normal healthy skin will not allow foot rot to occur. It happens when there has been some kind of mechanical injury, like a puncture, or hoof softening occurs due to wet conditions. High temperatures and humidity will

also cause the skin to crack or be compromised allowing infection to enter.

So how do you treat and prevent foot rot? Dr. Ted McCollum, Beef Cattle Specialist with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service has a few pointers to help you out if you're struggling with this issue. "First, Make certain a complete mineral supplement with at least 2000 ppm Zinc is available. Complete means all minerals, not just salt or trace mineral salt. Do not put white salt out. This will inhibit supplement consumption. Zinc aids in hoof integrity. Second, purchase a mineral supplement containing chlortetracycline (CTC). These are available from most major feed companies. The low level CTC in the feed aids in prevention and can act as therapy in mild cases. Third, supplemental iodine can also aid in prevention. Fourth, put cattle with foot rot on dry ground, and possibly mellow ground, until healed and use the measures above.

If a foot rot "storm" is occurring in a group, move the entire group to a dry area. Including watering sites that are not standing water or that the cattle have to walk or stand in. Lastly, check with a veterinarian on treatment of active cases. Injectable tetracyclines were conventional treatments. Other newer age antibiotics may be used with veterinarian authorization."

Foot rot is a major cause of lameness in cattle and can have a severe economic effect on the farm. For treatment to be effective, it must be started early in the course of the disease. It is necessary to have a break in skin integrity for foot rot to occur. The most important preventive measures are centered on the protection of interdigital skin health. ("Foot Rot in Cattle," Oklahoma Extension Service)

For more help controlling foot rot in your cattle herd please call the Floyd County Extension Service at (806) 983-4912.

Mobile Field Day to be held

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd, Swisher and Hale Counties will be hosting a mobile field day on Tuesday, July 14 in Plainview and the surrounding area at 9 a.m.

It will be a mobile field tour starting at Halfway with a sugarcane aphid update and field scouting. After that, the tour will continue on to Springer Farms where

we will take a look at a 2015 residual cotton herbicide in no-till trial. Afterwards we will do some cotton and corn field scouting.

From there the tour will continue on to various sites to look at soil moisture retention. The last stop will be the 2015 Verdesian Field Trial, which are rescue treatments for cotton at the Benny Rodriguez Farm near Kress.

Everyone will meet at the Halfway Station located at 823 West U.S. Highway 70 at 9 a.m. to start the tour. Cost to attend is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided. Three CEU's are being offered for this tour.

For more information please contact Cristen Brooks at the Floyd County Extension Office at 806-983-4912.

Assignment: Texas Flight

Let's go outside and we'll teach you to do a pre-flight check and go up today," said Lawrence Lattimer, flight instructor from Vernon, Texas. I stood there sort of dumfounded and not

knowing exactly how to respond. "I'm just here to figure out a training schedule and get myself on track," I

explain. "I haven't had any lessons yet. I just want to know how to get started."

"I AM showing you how to get started," Lawrence smiled. "Let's go outside."

At that point I suppose I only had two choices. I could have said no, walked away, and came back when I was ready.

But that's not me... I chose adventure.

We sauntered across the tarmac towards a Cessna 172 plane and within five minutes of arriving, I am walking around the plane learning how to look for anomalies that may affect flight and ultimately, my safety. Soon, I'm sitting in the left seat of the

cockpit, the seat buckled and pulled tight, and slowly taxiing the plane while Lawrence patiently gives me instructions from the seat next to me.

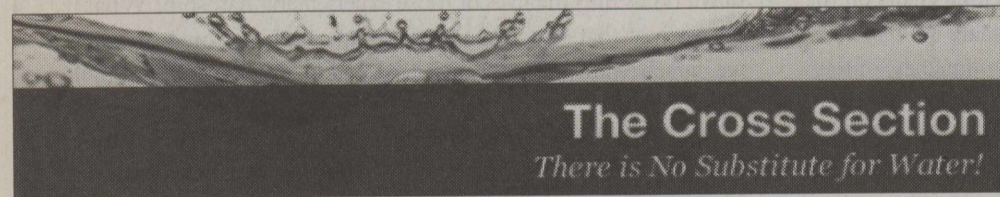
I don't think I am unlike a lot of people when I say that airplanes are cool. I've always loved to fly. I've been on countless commercial flights and have logged hundreds of hours as a passenger in small fixed wing aircraft and helicopters as I leaned out windows in order to take a photo from a perspective you don't see everyday.

So for the past couple of years, I've kicked around the notion of learning to fly and on a late June

advises, "Pull back..."

I head his instructions and pull on the wheel. Like magic, the nose of the plane angles towards the heavens. With a bit more speed, physics takes over as the air rushes faster over the wing than below it and creates lift.

We escape the ground and climb into the air on a clear blue afternoon. For half an hour we fly over the Red River - slipping back and forth over the state line between Texas and Oklahoma. The river runs fat with water and the fields are as green as I've seen them. Seeing the earth from 1,500 above it, the symbiotic relationship between man and nature is



HPW sponsors August rainwater harvesting tours

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK (July 1, 2015) -- The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) is hosting a residential and commercial rainwater harvesting tour on Aug. 1 in Canyon and Aug. 8 in Lubbock. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes bus

transportation and lunch.

"Several attendees at our April workshops said they would be interested in seeing actual rainwater harvesting installations. These tours feature local experts who can answer installation and maintenance questions," said HPWD Education and Outreach Coordinator Adeline Fox.

Online registration is available at www.hpwd.org/rsvp. The deadline for tour reservations is July 24 at 5:00 p.m. The fee can be paid the day of the event.

Amarillo/Canyon - August 1

Participants will meet at the Walmart parking lot, 1701 N. 23rd Street, in Canyon to load the tour bus by 7:30 a.m. Scheduled stops include Canyon's Edge Plants in Canyon and High Plains Food Bank, Maverick Boys and Girls Club, Panhandle Greenhouse, and some local residences in Amarillo.



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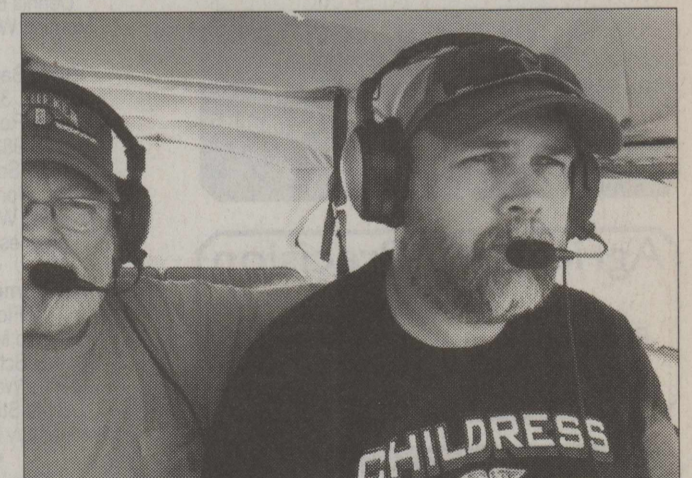
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afternoon, I sit behind the wheel of a small plane with Lawrence guiding me every step of the way.

We taxi across the connectors and make a final right hand turn and face the nose of the plane down the runway and into the wind. Applying throttle to the craft, it speeds headlong down the runway. Ready or not, I'm about to fly.

"Pull back," Lawrence

inspiring.

Too soon after we took off we are landing. The whole time we are flying, Lawrence is instructing me on how to control the plane. He is a good teacher as everything he explains, I understand. With his help, we sit the plane softly back on the runway and taxi it back to where we started.

As soon as we park, I'm ready to go again.

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Farmers to Receive Documentation of USDA Services

Local Offices Issue Receipts for Services Provided

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS), July 2, 2015 — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Judith A. Canales reminds agricultural producers that FSA provides a receipt to customers who request or receive assistance or information on FSA programs.

"If you visit our office, you'll receive documentation of services requested and provided," said Canales. "It's part of our mission to provide enhanced customer service for producers. From December through June, FSA issued more than 327,000 electronic receipts."

The 2014 Farm Bill requires a receipt to be issued for any agricultural program assistance requested from FSA, the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development (RD). Receipts include the date, summary of

the visit and any agricultural information, program and/or loan assistance provided to an individual or entity.

In some cases, a form or document — such as a completed and signed program enrollment form — serve as the customer receipt instead of a printed or electronic receipt. A service is any information, program or loan assistance provided whether through a visit, email, fax or letter.

Today's announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expand-

ing access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill. To learn more about FSA, visit www.fsa.usda.gov or to find your local USDA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Help The Air Conditioning System Run Better With Tips From HVAC Pros

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WACO, Texas (June 11, 2015) — With summer temperatures here, homeowners are using the air conditioner more often and will continue to do so for the next several months. Aire Serv has simple things homeowners can do to keep the HVAC system running better during the hot time of the year.

Temperature control

Having a smart or programmable thermostat installed can help homeowners regulate the temperature while they are away from the home. Newer model thermostats work with phone apps so homeowners can change the temperature anywhere they have an Internet connection.

Check for appropriate airflow inside the home

Never close more than 20 percent of a home's registers. Blocked registers places unnecessary strain on the HVAC system. It is also important to keep furniture from covering up or blocking vents. The system

will have to work much harder to decrease the temperature in the home if the air is blocked.

Outside the home

Grass clippings from the lawn mower should be kept away from the outside condenser unit. There should be at least two feet of clearance around outdoor air conditioning unit. Homeowners should remove yard debris that may have gotten into or near the unit over the past months from the top and sides of the outdoor unit. Clear any bushes away that can impact airflow to the outside unit.

Perform a visual inspection

Although most homeowners are not HVAC experts, they do spend time around the equipment. If the HVAC system is making different or unusual sounds, contact a service professional to inspect the unit. Periodically, look over the unit and the lines leading into the house for damage.

For more tips on homeowner air conditioning maintenance visit aireserv.com.

RRC production statistics and allowables for July 2015

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of June 19, was 363, representing about 44 percent of all active land rigs in the United States according to Baker Hughes Incorporated. The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) reports that in the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 959 million barrels of oil and 8.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for April 2015 is 82,985,952 barrels of crude oil and 503,067,488 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives

final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary April 2015 production totals of 69,595,733 barrels of crude oil and 430,856,019 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1924 for crude oil and 1.1676 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for May 2015 was 371,377,953 Mcf compared to 208,191,807 Mcf in May 2014. The June 2015 gas storage estimate is 387,328,740 Mcf.

The Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial July

2015 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 7,873,196 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial July 2015 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for July 2015 is reported.

Pet Talk

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Summer's long, warm days make for perfect outdoor playtime for the whole family, especially our pets. However, with this abundance of outdoor activity comes an increased risk for our pets to carry fleas and ticks into our homes. Not only are these pests a nuisance, but they can also bring with them a variety of diseases harmful to both humans and animals.

Both of these pests are attracted to the warmer temperatures, making it easy to hitch a ride on Fido as he plays outside. Luckily, ticks are fairly easy to spot.

"Ticks tend to accumulate around the face and the ears, but can be on any area of the body," said Dr. James Barr, assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

After attaching itself to its host, a tick then takes a bite, often too painless for you or your pet to notice. However, this bite can transfer many diseases or even become infected. If this happens, a trip to the veterinarian may be necessary to treat the infection.

Fleas, on the other hand, are more difficult to find. "They can be found anywhere on the body, but like to congregate in dogs on the lower back and tail-head region," Barr said. "Often, you may not see the fleas, but you will notice little black dots on your pet, called flea dirt." You can differentiate flea dirt from regular dirt by putting a drop of water on the dot of "dirt." Flea dirt will make the water a reddish color due to the digested blood.

There are a number of possibilities for the transmission of diseases by fleas and ticks. However, Barr explains that the actual percentage of bites that lead to disease transmission is unclear.

"Ticks are known to carry diseases such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever," Barr said. "The most common disease that fleas transmit to dogs are tapeworms, which are transmitted to the dogs when they ingest the fleas in an attempt to get the flea off of their body."

Barr explains that fleas are also known to carry Yersinia pestis, the causative agent of the plague. This is a rarity, though, as it is only the case in areas that plague is common, such as the plains of the United

States, and is uncommon for our pets to get.

Although the risk of disease and infection is worrisome, there are a variety of effective options available for flea and tick prevention.

"There are so many good options available now that it is possible to keep dogs and cats almost 100 percent free of fleas and ticks," Barr said. "For example, a good preventative is regular — but not too frequent — bathing and the application of a good flea and tick preventative."

Keep in mind that it is important to also treat the environment that your pets spend time in. Treatment of your yard, automobile, bedding, or anywhere else that your pet frequently inhabits may be necessary if fleas and ticks have infested the area.

It is best to consult with your veterinarian about which preventative products are best suited to both your pet and geographic location. By doing this, along with taking a few simple precautions, you can help keep your pets and your home free from these pests all summer long.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.

LEGAL

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR PERMANENT ROCK AND CONCRETE CRUSHERS

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 132781

APPLICATION. Rolling Plains Material, Ltd., 1801 Hope Road, Amarillo, Texas 79124-2148 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 132781, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock crusher. The facility is proposed to be located near Lockney, Floyd County, Texas 79235. The following driving directions were provided: from Lockney at the intersection of Highway 378 and County Road 97 travel due east on County Road 97 approximately 5 miles to site entrance. 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 exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.126388&lng=-101.351944&z=13&type=r>. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 20, 2015. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on June 5, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. You may submit public comments either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS. A written response to all relevant comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and requested to be added to the mailing list. The response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, located at 5012 50th St Ste 100, Lubbock, Texas 79414-3426, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Rolling Plains Material, Ltd., 1801 Hope Road, Amarillo, Texas 79124-2148, or by calling Ms. Monique Wells, Environmental Consultant, CIC Environmental LLC at (512) 292-4314.

Notice Date: June 16, 2015

FLOYDADA ISD SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

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Summer Food Service Program at Duncan Elementary School, 1011 S. 8th, Floydada, Texas, 79235 on June 2 - July 2, 2015 and then on July 6 - July 22, 2015. Lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **WE WILL NOT HAVE A SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM ON FRIDAYS!**

MENU

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

Pizza, Salad, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Crispy Tacos, Pinto Beans, Rice, Salsa, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY

Corn dog, Mustard, Baked Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY

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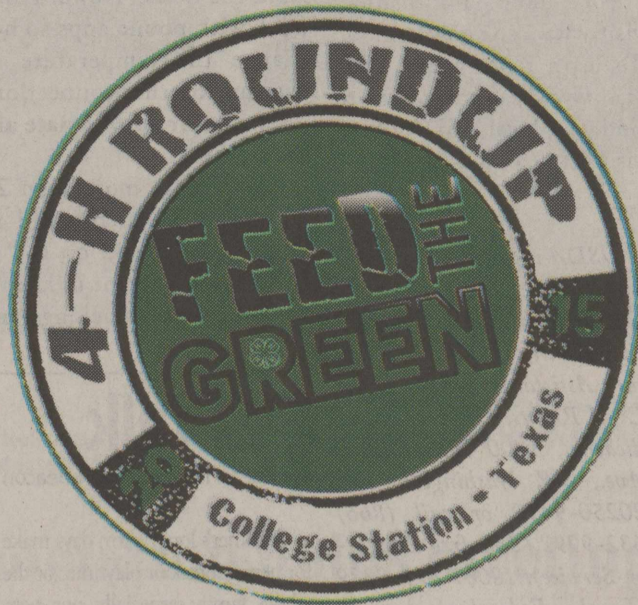
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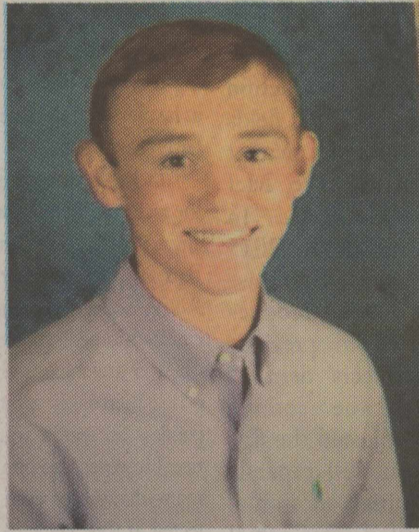
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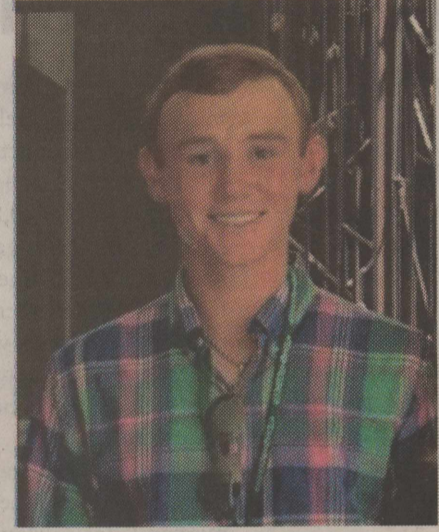
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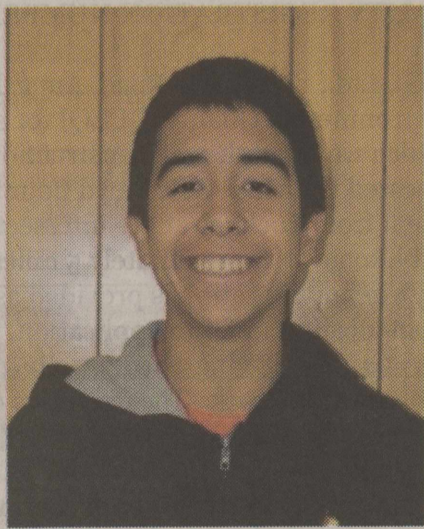
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THOMAS M. MOORE, PAUL D. MOORE, HOWARD N. MOORE and ROBERT G. MOORE

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to such Joint Independent Executors in care of the attorney of said Joint Independent Executors:

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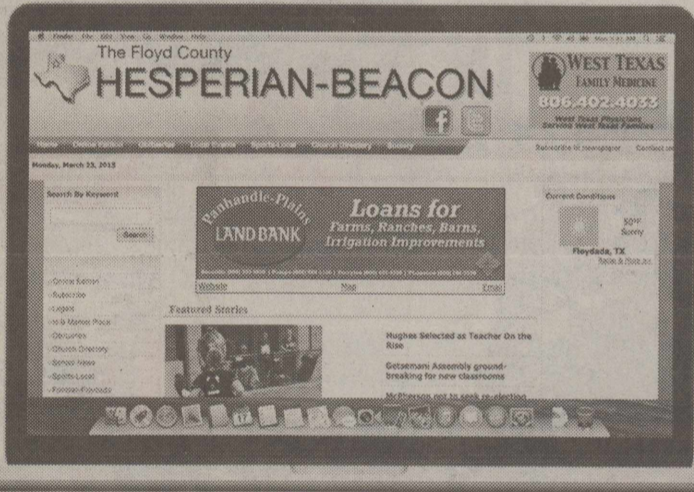
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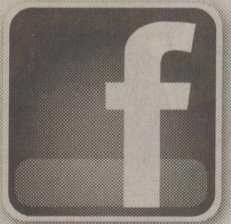
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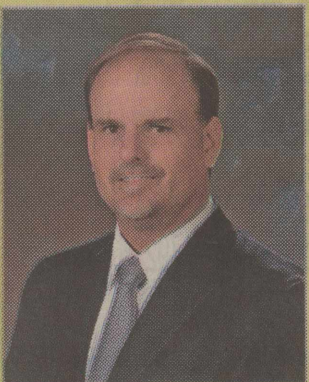
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