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SunEdison to Build 300 Megawatt Wind Farm In Floyd County

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

BELMONT, CA – SunEdison, Inc. (NYSE: SUNE), the world's largest renewable energy development company, today announced that it has closed financing and begun construction on one of its largest wind farms to date, the 300-megawatt (MW) South Plains II wind farm in Floyd County, Texas.

The wind farm is expected to generate approximately 1,200 gigawatt-hours of energy each year, enough to power more than 90,000 Texas homes and avoid the emission of 2 billion pounds of carbon dioxide.

"The South Plains II wind power facility will have a positive economic impact for the people of Texas," said Paul Gaynor, SunEdison's executive vice president of Americas and EMEA. "This is expected to become one of SunEdison's largest wind projects, creating

about 300 construction jobs and ensuring that thousands of Texans have access to clean, cost-effective electricity."

Citi provided the construction loan facilities for the project and BHE Renewables, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy, in partnership with Citi, will invest in the tax equity.

"Our company has been a leader in wind project development and ownership," said Tom Budler, president of BHE Wind, a division of BHE Renewables. "As we look for new ways to be involved in developing renewable generation, we see tremendous opportunity to move the industry forward through investment in the tax equity market."

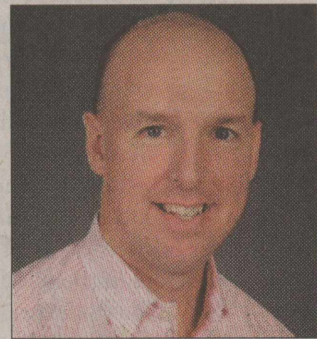
The project is being built by Mortenson Construction, one of the nation's top wind farm builders; and the wind turbines are being supplied by Vestas.

"We are delighted to be



partnering with SunEdison on this wind farm and contributing to the growth of the

renewable energy industry in Texas," said Tim Maag, Mortenson's Wind Energy



Courtesy Photo

Paul Gaynor, SunEdison's Executive Vice President of Americas and EMEA.

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Construction continues on new wind turbine farms east of Lockney. More construction can be expected in the near future after SunEdison announced they would be building a 300-megawatt farm named South Plains II. Hewlett-Packard will purchase 112-megawatts to power 100 percent of their data centers in Texas.

Group vice president and general manager. See **UPCOMING**, Page 2

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.

MANGOLD MEMORIAL GUN RAFFLE

The WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation is holding a gun raffle. Drawing will be at 3 p.m., Aug. 29th at Old Fashioned Saturday in Lockney. Tickets are \$20 each. For more info see the article and advertisement in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

2nd ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

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FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY HOURS

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 Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
 Wednesday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
 Thursday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
 Friday - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

FLOYDADA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Floydada Cemetery Association is in need of donations for maintenance expenses. If you have family buried at the cemetery, please use the donation form found in this week's issue to send in your donation.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Correction

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

News on the go



Use your smartphone to scan the quick response, or QR, code to visit us online.

Western Cattle Feeders looking forward to opportunities in Lockney

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

On January 8, Cargill Cattle Feeders LLC completed the sale of its Lockney, Texas, feed yard to Lofton Trust, a family-owned cattle operation based in California. The Hesperian-Beacon interviewed Scott Shill, minority owner and general manager of Western Cattle Feeders, by email last week to learn more about the company.

Western Cattle Feeders has been in business since April 1, 2014, and Robert Lofton is majority owner and President of Western Cattle Feeders. Lofton is also co-owner of Superior Cattle Co. in Calipatria, CA. Superior has a onetime capacity of 84,000 head, and has been in operation since the early 80's.

Shill is a minority owner and General Manager of Western Cattle Feeders. Prior to joining Western Cattle Feeders he was with McElhaney Cattle Co. for many years in Wellton, Arizona.

According to Shill, WCF



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

Western Cattle Feeders, north of Lockney, has the capacity to feed out 62,000 head. Scott Shill, minority owner and general manager said they are primarily feeding Holsteins from the facility they purchased from Cargill in January but continue to look for other opportunities..



Western Cattle Feeders currently employs 36 people at the Lockney facility. The facility feeds out Holstein calves and continue to look for other opportunities with other sources of cattle.

decided to buy the Lockney Cargill location because

"We are committed to a calf fed Holstein program, but we will also continue to look for opportunities with other sources of cattle. We felt the Lockney area was far enough

south to avoid at least some of the extreme weather, and this area has the commodity resources needed for our operation."

Western Cattle Feeders employs 36 people at the See **FEED LOT**, Page 2

Floydada Pool Days Away from Opening



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Monday morning the Floydada swimming pool looked like it was ready to dive into. But crews were finishing up sod, landscaping, and testing the pumps.

The Floydada pool will be ready to for swimmers before month's end, according to city manager Jeff Johnston.

There won't be any formal ribbon cutting to go with the pool's opening. The public will just be notified when it's available for swimming.

As of Monday crews were finishing up sod, landscaping, and testing pumps.

Slides and splash water features are installed and in place.

Jeffston noted that the city will keep the pool open at least two weeks after school starts.

Mangold Hospital Foundation Holding Gun Raffle

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital's Foundation is holding a four gun raffle with all proceeds going to the Foundation. The raffle will be held on Aug. 29 at 3:00 P.M. at Old Fashion Saturday.

"We are in the process of continuing our purchase of hospital

beds to finish out replacing all of our beds with new updated versions," Alyssa McCarter, Controller for Mangold said. "We also just finished purchasing new CT and X-Ray equipment. We are hoping to continue updating our hospital with further technological advancements and the proceeds of our raffle will serve this purpose."

Tickets for the raffle are avail-

able from any Board member, at the Administration Offices of the Hospital or on Old Fashion Saturday. A person must be at least 18 years old in order to purchase a ticket. The tickets are \$20.00 each and you will have four chances to win one of the four firearms. The first winner will have their pick of all four, the second winner picks from the remaining three guns, the

third winner picks from the last two and the final winner gets the remaining gun.

The guns include a Sig Sauer P238, a Smith and Wesson 9mm, a Ruger M77 30-06 and a Remington 11-87 12 gauge. Winners must pick up the firearms at C&C in Lockney with a photo ID and be able to pass a background check.

McCarter said that fundrais-

ers and other generous donations are the only means the hospital has to bridge the gap between available resources and funding needs.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity and donations are always accepted and appreciated. To make a donation, mail them to WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation, Attn: CEO, PO Box 37, Lockney, TX 79241.

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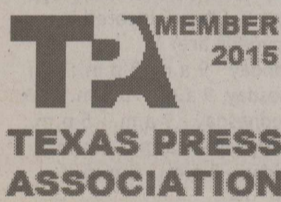
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The 501 Life comes with hitches

A h trailer tongues. If they could talk, they'd tell some tales.

I'm thinking about the wooden one that broke when Daddy was about to pull a load of alfalfa into the barn so we could leave on vacation to Colorado. I don't remember exactly what happened - just that it was my fault and the first of a lifetime of hitch happenings, some more memorable than others.

Like the time a trailer hitch caught the tip of my left index finger. If a sledgehammer hadn't been handy, I'd still be standing there. I'll spare you the details.

Bottom line, trailers make life interesting, and hitches have minds of their own, all bent on evil. Some are just plain bent. My opinion. There's a reason for the expression "Everything went without a hitch," meaning things went smoothly. Or the expression, "I've run into a hitch," meaning there's a problem. Yes, if you need a synonym for "problem," avoid the trendy word "issue." Keep the word "hitch" at the tip of your tongue.

Even as we speak, I've run into a hitch. A trailer is attached to my car, and the hitch won't release. I'd like to blame the hitch, but I'm the one who loaded my '66 Chevy pickup backwards on the trailer. Not good. Not balanced.

Yes, the pickup is a classic with a short narrow bed. It's the last of a series. A keeper. But I'm thinking about selling - especially since I learned it could be worth \$9,000! I read it on the Internet so it must be true. I'm hauling the truck to town to clean it at the carwash and to get a professional opinion regarding that really bad final sound from the engine. Maybe somebody will see my truck and make me an offer. Or not.

My husband misses all the good stuff here at the farm. He's at our urban residence, dealing with roofers and carpenters. They've had some hitches.

Meanwhile, handling a dead vehicle alone ain't easy - especially getting one to roll up ramps without help from a winch. But both of us survived.

My plan now is to move the vehicle from one trailer to another so it will end up facing forward, a more tow-worthy position, easier on the hitch. The two trailers are touching, rear to rear. They're stabilized with jack stands. Wheels are blocked. What can go wrong?

PAUSE TO MOVE PICKUP.
The emergency room is a good place to be on a hot August day. The doctor sewed me up all too quickly. Happily, the to-the-bone gash just missed the orbital muscles around my left eye and my eyebrow. I ended up with ten visible stitches plus more underneath.

If you're ever walking around a pickup, beware sharp protruding objects, like open toolbox doors.

Did I get the truck safely moved onto the other trailer? Yes. The whole procedure went fine, as soon as I got home from the hospital.

It was a day with no hitches, not counting the stitches.

FEED LOT

From Page 1

Lockney operation and has a capacity to handle 62,000 head of cattle.

We asked Shill about the drought, which is no longer an issue, and how that affects his business. He stated, "I am not sure I would go so far to say the drought is no longer an issue. This past year has seen much needed precipitation, and provides opportunities for the local farming and ranching communities."

In closing Shill said, "We are very pleased to be a part of this community and look forward to many years of opportunities and success together."

WIND FARM

From Page 1

Hewlett-Packard plans to purchase 112 megawatts of the wind farm's capacity to power 100 percent of its Texas-based data centers as part of the company's sustainable cloud initiative. The remaining 188 MW capacity will be sold to an affiliate of Citi.

Construction is targeted for completion in 2016. The wind farm is on the Call Right Projects List for TerraForm Power, Inc. (Nasdaq: TERP), a global owner and operator of clean energy power plants. TerraForm Power anticipates acquiring the project once complete.

Operation and maintenance of the wind power plants will be performed by SunEdison Services, which provides global asset management, monitoring and reporting services.

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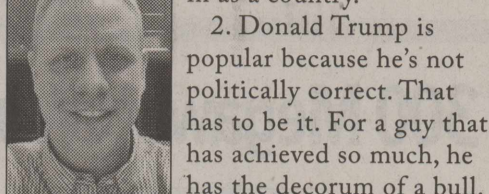
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The Paperboy Thoughts after seeing the GOP field

Here are 10 thoughts on the GOP debate last week:
1. What kind of format was that? It was brutal and filled with questions that really have no bearing on the direction we're headed in as a country.



2. Donald Trump is popular because he's not politically correct. That has to be it. For a guy that has achieved so much, he has the decorum of a bull.
3. I could listen to Dr. Ben Carson speak all day and I think he's probably got more brains than anyone currently in politics. I think that's a great thing because it brings perspective.

4. Sen. Marco Rubio was on his game and if he has no skeletons in his closet, he'll be a contender.

5. Sen. Ted Cruz had a strong showing as did Gov. Kasich.

6. If you're one of the men in the GOP race, avoid Carly Fiorina at all costs because she's going to outwit you and make you look silly. She had better be in the varsity lineup next time around.

7. Gov. Rick Perry needs to retire and have a happy life.

8. Jeb Bush needs to look directly into the camera and rattle off some Spanish if he wants to make a splash. Playing safe in this race will lead to defeat.

9. I have a feeling the Republican Party is going to pull it's collective hair out with so many antiestablishment candidates in the race and that's a good thing for the party and the country.

10. It's a long race and an expensive one. Let's hope the GOP can come up with a strong ticket because the Democrats aren't even trying to find one good candidate.

After watching both debates, my personal top 6 candidates in order after

this morning are:

1. Carson
2. Rubio
3. Fiorina
4. Cruz
5. Kasich
6. Jindal

So much for the party of old, white dudes. That's two Latinos, one black, one woman and a white man. Which party is diverse?

So what ticket would I like to see as of Tuesday morning? That's tough because we have seen so little of the candidates. If I had to pick I'd go with Carson for president and Rubio for VP. But, I reserve my right to change my mind as the race evolves.

The fact that each of these candidates on my list will move the country toward the center of the political spectrum has me pumped. I also hope that they are smart enough to adopt another candidates ideas should they have a better plan.

To me, the best leaders gather as much information as possible and come to a decision that is best for the country and not the individual.

One last thought about the GOP field. I know a lot of Conservatives that don't like Trump in the race. I do. He brings eyeballs from both sides which means quicker name recognition for the other candidates. Without Trump, Fox News would not have had anything close to the numbers they had last Thursday. As long as Trump is in the field, people are going to watch meaning the candidates remaining will get plenty of face time as well.

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

MEMORIALS

In memory of Charles Haenisch - Laveta Morren, Tod and Lori Beedy, Dorothy Thomas, Kendis and Janet Julian, Janet Milam, Sherry Colston, Jon, Tami and Seth Nielson, Gloria Fannon, Mabel Jones, Robbie Hilton

In memory of Gary Bennett - Janet Milam, Kendis and Janice Julian

DONATIONS

Friendship Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church of Floydada, Adult IV Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church of Floydada

Caitlyn Bishop, daughter of Rozanne and Mike Bishop and granddaughter of Nancy Lawson, has been assisting other Floydada High School cheerleaders as they conducted Little Cheerleaders Camp in the Whirlwind Gymnasium.

Granddaughter, Sydney Bishop, daughter of Greg Bishop has been shopping and preparing for her return to Plainview Christian Academy classes. Sydney and her daddy are also active in 4-H Club work. She and her cousins, Reese and Cooper Hinsley participate in archery and rifle shooting in the 4-H club.

Faye Bertrand accompanied her daughter, Jill and husband, Martin Warren on a tour of their ranch by Blanco Canyon. We've never see the grass so green and tall reported Faye. Cattle are thriving and the cattle market climbs higher. Wonderful after four years of drought.

Little cotton showers every day this week have helped cotton and feed growers. It also helps yards and shrubs. There are beautiful flowering shrubs around Floydada yards this summer.

Sadly lots of dead shade trees have not survived the drought despite the frequent rains. Our local tree trimmer, Ross Miller, was a diner at Lockney Friday night's fish fry at their Lockney Senior Citizen's Center. As Ross enjoyed the fish, shrimp, a variety of salads and homemade desserts on the buffet tables, he told Floydada friends of his plans to return to East Texas for health reasons to be near his children.

Keith Stansell's daughter, Sandra, was back at the Center on Monday saying goodbye before returning to her home in San Marcos, California.

Cob Gilley is driving a new automobile, a white Mercedes, to take Wanda Williams out to lunch at the Center.

The Center's Board of Directors met Tuesday to discuss programs here. The meeting had been scheduled for Monday but President

Keith Stansell had to go out of town so the meeting was rescheduled.

Norma Marrs of the Matador Senior Citizen's Center, hosted Joyce Williams as her luncheon guest after the ladies attended Sunday service at the Matador Church of Christ. Matador's senior center situation is about the same as here in Floydada. Norma said she has bought herself a new electric cook stove and is having to learn how to use it. All of us seniors find ourselves having to re-learn old skills every day. Just thankful our health permits us to be out and about our work.

Floydada college kids are leaving for their colleges and universities. Shelly Morris at the Conoco station said she took her second child to college this week, to the Metroplex area.

Margaret Soudelier went to McKinney, Texas to see her daughter, Denise Nixon, for several days. Denise had been in a car wreck and is now recovered enough to be allowed to return to her job at Blue Bunny Ice Cream, on light duty. She was hit by a car that ran a red light causing a 4-car pileup.

Floydada seniors at Lockney's fish fry Friday evening included Jerry and Sherre Cannon, Wayland and Margaret Jones, and Darlene Reed, formerly of Floydada, helps with all the guests there.

The cashier said during football season locals come by the Center at 5 p.m. to pick up a fish take-out, go home, eat and then go the football game. The local musical talent was appreciated Friday night.

The Floydada City boys have been out spraying water in gutters to cut down on mosquitos. Thanks boys.

Monte Williams and his cowboys moved calves from Blanco Canyon to his Motley County ranch pastures on Monday.

Barry Stansell visited Wednesday at the Center with niece and his brother.

Bill Ferguson and Charlene Aldredge visited with friends and relatives Wednesday when they at lunch of steak and brown gravy at the Floydada Senior Center.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12:00 every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983- 2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

- August - 17 - August 21
Monday - Salmon croquettes
Tuesday - Baked chicken w/gravy & rice
Wednesday - Tacos
Thursday - Chicken, broccoli & rice casserole
Friday - Beef pot roast
(Menus subject to change without notice)

SOCIETY

Anderson's Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS ANDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anderson of Levelland, formerly of Floydada, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at Cattle Baron's Restaurant on Saturday, August 8, 2015 hosted by their children and spouses.

Louis Anderson and the former Ferne Stovall were married

on August 13, 1950 at the First Christian Church in Floydada.

The couple has four children, Mike Anderson and wife, Barbara of Floydada, Steve Anderson and wife, Donna of Floydada, Nancy Kirk and husband, Larry of Levelland and Lisa Rodgers and hus-

band, Tracy of Levelland.

Louis and Ferne have nine grandchildren, Brady Anderson, Monty Anderson, Cory Kirk, Todd Anderson, Dusty Anderson, Robin Sanders, Carly Rodgers, Kassi Rodgers and Shauna Rodgers. They also have 15 great-grandchildren.

2nd Annual Flea Market...

"One Mains Junk is Another Man's Treasure"

By Darlene Broseh
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booth space or call Rosie Rendon at 292-9528. Booths are \$30 with the proceeds of the flea market going to help the association reach a goal of adding new restrooms with handicapped facilities and a kitchen into the entertainment building.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floyd County 4-H will hold a fundraiser here at the Center on Sunday, August 30th. They will be serving a BBQ meal beginning at 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the South Plains Honor Flight. All donations are accepted and appreciated. Please mark your calendar and join them for lunch that day.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Thursday night pot luck- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Come bring a dish and enjoy the games after supper.

Family Night Fish Fry every Friday night from 5 - 8 p.m. Come join us for lots of food fun and fellowship. On Friday Night August 28th Lucy Dean Record, Wendall Sollis, and Betty Jones will be our music entertainment from 5:45 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and join in on the fun.

MENU August 17 - August 21

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Thursday - Soup & cornbread

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Lockney Salvation Army having sale

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3 p.m. on Monday - Friday. Go visit them at at 108 N. Main Street.

27th Annual National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK, TX - The National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration hosts the 27th annual event in Lubbock, Texas, September 11-13th, 2015 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center and Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts. New attractions include sessions featuring performances by Cowboy Celtic and Pipp Gillette. History sessions on "the Celtic Influence on the American West" will be scheduled throughout, a Ranch Dance Luncheon on Friday and a special session on the Irish Tunes of the West on Saturday. Chuck Wagon Roast Coffee will be on sale during regular show hours in the Exhibit Hall and Chuck Wagon area, and at the Chuck Wagon Breakfast on Sunday of the event.

The purpose of the event is to celebrate, preserve and pass along our western heritage and cowboy culture. To carry out these goals, the event schedule includes a variety of talented performers throughout the day and nationally recognized artists Cowboy

Celtic and Pipp Gillette for the Friday and Saturday night performances. Many talented musicians, poets and storytellers from across the nation will gather to perform as well as presentations of Native American demonstrations and dancing, western authors, horse handling demonstrations by Chance O'Neal, farrier demonstrations by Frank Schweighart, the Horse Parade, the National Championship Chuck Wagon Cook-Off, and exhibits of western artworks and merchandise.

The event features more than 100 performers and presenters including cowboy and cowgirl poets, musical acts, storytellers, authentic chuck wagon cooks, special presenters, and exhibit spaces filled with the best in western art and goods. It truly is the premier event of its kind in existence today! One of the largest events annually held in Lubbock, the Symposium draws visitors from many states and multiple nations, and people from more than 30 nations have attended in the previous twenty-six years.

The event has activities for the entire family! Show goers will be able to pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers, western programs, and activities each day of the event. A schedule of events and ticket information may be found on the official web site at www.cowboy.org. All-inclusive, one-price, "Wrangler Pass" and "Rustler Pass" admission tickets are available prior to the event. The Wrangler passes allow admission and meals for all three days and the Rustler pass is an all-inclusive one day pass for Friday or Saturday. Individual tickets may be purchased in advance through the office, on the web site, or in person upon arrival at the event.

The show is open to the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 11-12-13th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane (6th Street) and Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Avenue K, Lubbock, Texas. Additional information about the event may be obtained at cowboosymposium@suddenlink.net or www.cowboy.org.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

WILLIAM ARTHUR (BABE) CARTHEL

By Mrs. Velma Harrison
And Mrs. Rosalee Cooley

Babe Carthel, as he was called by family, friends and neighbors alike, was born December 18, 1888. Lilly Annabell Steele was born May 1, 1888. His father was Joseph M. Carthel and his mother was Martha Carthel. Her father was John D. Steele and her mother was Alice Sparks.

They were married December 18, 1904 in Olustee, Oklahoma. Their first home was with his mother and father and brothers and sisters. Babe fanned with his father in Olustee, Oklahoma until he came to Texas in April 15, 1905 to farm land purchased by his father. The trip was made from Oklahoma in covered wagons which has been described as a wagon train. The trip took approximately one week averaging 30 miles a day. They reached the top of the caprock in late afternoon. It had been a very rainy spring and Lily made the remark "No wonder they call this a country of water. I have never seen so much water". They lived with his parents until they could build a one-room house about 14 by 14. The lumber for the house was freighted by wagon from Canyon. The round trip took about one week.

The main crop was wheat. Lilly's father had raised cotton in Oklahoma and she kept trying to get Babe to plant cotton. About 1907, no one knows the date for sure. Babe told Lilly she could have a little 8-acre patch to plant cotton but she would have to do all the work by herself. She had her house and 2 or 3 children to care for. She also had to help tend to the morning and night chores of feeding cows, horses, pigs and the milking. Babe laughed and teased Lilly about her little cotton crop. He only let her have the little patch thinking it would not grow in this country and she would quit hounding him about it. However when harvest time came and Babe could see what a good crop she had raised, he got the whole family to help

harvest her bumper crop. The cotton was taken to Plainview to be ginned. Lilly got the last laugh because after her cotton crop every neighboring fanner started planting cotton and from that day cotton has been a good crop for this area.

As the family grew, so did the house, they added 2 rooms to the original one-room house, and in 1917 Babe bought a two story house in Lockney and moved it to the farm where the house stood until it was sold to be moved in 1948.

Thirteen children were born to Babe and Lilly Carthel. Three died in infancy. The ten living children are Rosalee Cooley, Dee Ritchey, Cap Carthel, Velma Harrison, Aaron Carthel, A. C. Carthel, Lillian Rogers and Ray Gene Carthel. The children went to school at Bobbitt and at Prairie Chapel. The family also attended church there. In a family this large there is lots of work, fights, fun and love. The only vacation the family ever had was a visit to Oklahoma to see the grandparents, and on one occasion Babe loaded the family in 2 cars, a Buick touring car and a Model T. Ford, because 1 car was not big enough for 10 people plus Grandma Carthel and Irene Harrison who later married Cap Carthel. They had their bedding with them and slept out. The first night was spent at the stock pens at Hartley, Texas. The next night was spent in a motel atop a mountain in Trinidad, Colorado. The next day they arrived at Colorado Springs. The same day a large group of Indians came from Oklahoma, and Grandma Carthel refused to go to the outhouse because she was afraid of the Indians.

The family always celebrated the 4th of July, anytime the circus was in Plainview, regardless of how much work there was to be done, with the exception of taking care of the stock, the whole family went to the circus.

Babe Carthel died August 2, 1951. Lilly Carthel died July 7, 1969. Both are buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

It was lunchtime at the sale barn on the edge of town and the guys were milling around. They didn't really want to eat there, as

the regular cook had a family emergency in the next state, so it was a substitute named Leroy and the guys knew that everything Leroy cooked tasted like toast.

So they milled around, kicking dirt clods, inspecting the livestock coming up for the afternoon bidding, and pretending they were maybe someday going to buy something. Their dogs were there, of course: Steve's two cowdogs, Doc's Egyptian shepherd, Ramses (he makes pyramids in the backyard), and Billy, the official town dog.

"Steve, what's the name of that

guy who used to walk around in the bleachers yelling 'Ho!' every time someone wanted to bid?"

"Oh," said Steve. "You mean that really good-looking kid?"

"Yes," said Doc. "Haven't seen him around for maybe a month now."

"Quit," said Steve. "He decided he was too stupid to work here."

"You're kidding."
"Nope. One day he was clowning around and twisted a mule's tail."

Steve grinned.

"Ain't as pretty as he used to be, but he's a bunch smarter."

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Obituaries

Don Paul Hegi, Sr.

Don Paul Hegi, Sr., 84, a life-long resident of Petersburg, passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the Main Street Church of Christ in Petersburg, Texas following a private burial in Petersburg Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

A visitation was held on Friday evening, August 7, 2015 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Don was born April 21, 1931 on the family farm near Petersburg to John Jacob Hegi and Mary Lucy Johnson Hegi as the second of three sons.

He graduated from Petersburg High School in 1948, and then graduated with a B.S. in Agronomy from Texas A&M in 1952. While at A&M, he met his wife, Joan Ruth Rupel, whose father was a professor there, and they were married on May 31, 1952 in College Station. Shortly after their marriage, Don served as a First Lieutenant with the Army Transportation Corps in the Korean conflict during 1953-54.

After his military service, he and Joan returned to Petersburg where he farmed for the next 40 years, raising sheep, cotton, corn, and soybeans. They raised their four children in the Petersburg community and school, and each of them followed in Don's footsteps with degrees from Texas A&M. Don was a loving father who taught his children by his quiet example of faith, integrity, humility, and hard work. His beloved Joan died after 35 years of marriage.

Don was a faithful Christian, who served for many years as a deacon and an elder at the Main Street Church of Christ in Petersburg. He was dedicated to community service in Petersburg and the surrounding area, and was active in several organizations including the School Board, the Petersburg Co-op Gin Board, the Cotton Compress Board, the 4-H Club, and the Lions Club. Don also successfully led the effort to integrate the Petersburg schools in the early 1960's.

Don was greatly blessed by his second marriage to Mazie Lou Brookshire Becker of Floydada on January 14, 1989. Don and his darling Mazie enjoyed 26 happy years together as their combined families continued to grow. "Grandpa Don" and "Mimi" made sure that their grandchildren and great-grandchildren always had a place to hunt Easter eggs, play ping-pong, and learn about farm life.

Don and Mazie enjoyed traveling together, and they took long road trips through different regions of the United States each year

until they had visited all 48 contiguous states. Don made sure they never missed a point of interest or an arts-and-crafts festival! During the last several years, they especially enjoyed spending summers and falls at their cabin in northern New Mexico, where Don often served as preacher and teacher at the Cleveland Church of Christ in Mora.

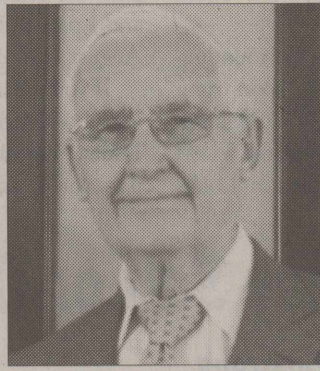
Don was a spirited competitor in everything from tennis to "42" to bridge. He loved to sing church hymns, cowboy tunes, and patriotic songs. Don kept an abundant garden and orchard where he grew roses, pecans, grapes, and other fruit. Don was also a talented blacksmith, like his Swiss grandfather. Not only could he fix broken equipment, but he also welded beautiful iron sculptures from old farm implements and chain links. Don was a serious Bible student who was always well-prepared as a Bible class teacher. He was a kind and loyal friend, ever willing to help those in need.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Hal Glenn Hegi, his first wife, Joan, his daughter, Lois Joan Hegi, and Mazie's son, Stephen Becker.

Don is survived by his devoted wife, Mazie; his Hegi children, Don Paul Hegi, Jr. (Karen) of Lubbock, Charlotte Hegi Young (Jim) of Levelland, Mark Hegi (Cheryl) of Petersburg, and Alan Hegi (Jan) of Fort Worth; and by his Becker children, Lynn Becker (Kim) of Magnolia, Neal Becker (Lisa) of Lubbock, and Julee Pratt Becker (Stephen's widow) of Lake Ransom Canyon. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, Ben Hegi (DeAnn), Jeremy Hegi (Vanessa), Kim Hegi, Nathan Young (Michelle), David Young, John Hegi (Elizabeth), Sarah Hegi Simpson (Jordan), Kyle Hegi (Lacey), Lexie Hegi, Emily Hegi, Kate Hegi, Brandi Becker Foster (Christopher), Chelsea Becker Sowards (Alec), Allie Becker Cummings (Kyle), Mason Becker (Megan), Madison Becker Hisey (Ben), Taylor Becker (Cortney), Alston Becker (Jesalyn), Danielle Pratt, and Devyn Pratt. He is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren (with 2 more on the way). Don is also survived by his older brother, Arthur Earl Hegi (Betty) of Kansas City, Missouri, and by his sister-in-law, Greta Brookshire Seitz (Tom) of Victoria.

The family wants to thank the kind and supportive staff of the Library of Legacies Assisted Living Center in Idalou and of Geniva Hospice for their tender care of Don.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Main Street Church of Christ in Petersburg, the Children's Home of Lubbock, and the Petersburg Public Library.



DON PAUL HEGI, SR.

Searching for home health care just got easier

By Bob Moos

Southwest regional U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Medicare has just begun publishing star ratings for home health care agencies to help consumers tell the good providers from the bad.

Medicare pays for health care you receive in the comfort and privacy of your home if you meet certain requirements. You must be homebound, under a physician's care and in need of part-time skilled nursing care or rehabilitative services.

One in 10 people with traditional Medicare relies on home health services in a given year. A third of all home visits are for patients released from the hospital but still requiring attention. The other two-thirds are for people trying to stay out of the hospital in the first place.

Medicare's website - www.medicare.gov - is a convenient place to begin your search for a home health agency. With a few clicks, you can compare the providers in your area, check on the types of services they offer and the quality of their care.

To help you understand the differences in quality between agencies, Medicare has added star ratings to its website. One star means "poor," two stars are "below average," three stars mean "average," four stars are "above average," and five stars mean "excel-

lent." Medicare has posted star ratings for more than 9,000 home health agencies nationwide, based on such quality measures as how quickly home visits begin after a doctor authorizes them and how often a patient improves under the home-based care.

About half of Texas' 1,694 rated home health agencies are performing at or above average levels. Statewide, 17 percent received four or five stars, while 32 percent rated three or 3.5 stars. The remaining 51 percent scored 2.5 stars or lower.

The current ratings are based on the providers' work from last year and will be updated regularly. Medicare didn't rate some agencies because they didn't have enough patients to evaluate or because they had only recently started their businesses.

While very useful, the star ratings aren't meant to be the final word on a provider's quality of care. They're simply a screening tool that helps you focus on a few facilities. Visit with your doctor and talk to family members and friends who have had home health care.

Understanding home-based care is essential to finding the agency that best fits your needs.

Your home care starts with your doctor's decision that your illness or injury demands

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The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. — 1 John 4:4 (NRSV)

When I was a child, my pastor and his wife made a real difference in my life. One year they even took me on vacation with them. They and other special people have truly been a blessing to me. Their gentleness, thoughtfulness, kindness, and uplifting spirits have inspired me to become a means for God to bless others.

As I have grown older, I have found that being preoccupied with my own problems — physical infirmities, financial troubles, or difficult relationships — can keep me from seeing the needs of others and stand in the way of my helping them.

The solution lies in remembering that our God is greater than our problems. Knowing that God will take care of our worries enables us to shift our focus away from ourselves and toward helping others. Only when we let go of self-centeredness and become truly concerned about another's welfare can we then act to meet that person's needs.

Ted De Hass (Iowa, USA)

Thought for the Day
Despite my weaknesses and struggles, God can work through me to bless others.

- Aiken Baptist Church**
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- Bible Baptist Church**
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7 p.m.
Wednesday - 6 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.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church**
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:30 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 St. 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
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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**
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
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
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
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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
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
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Deploying technology for law enforcement key focus of commissioners

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In its August meeting county commissioners heard a proposal by Deputy Cory Speed from the sheriff's office about LeadsOnline, a technology service which provides rapid electronic access to transactions with serial numbers from reporting businesses including pawn shops, scrap metal processors, and secondhand stores across the country for criminal investigations.

Speed noted that he had been working in collaboration with Hale County law enforcement, on the case of a recent burglary of a business in the Lockney area. Using the LeadsOnline service they had located many of the items stolen.

The annual cost of LeadsOnline is \$2,500 per user, which Speed said the Floyd County Sheriff's department can't afford to do, but Hale has offered to let Floyd have access to relevant information for \$500 a year.

Commissioners unani-

mously approved this \$500 expense.

Sheriff Paul Raissez also appeared before the court and reported on the new computers that have been installed in his department's vehicles. He noted that the computers had been attained through a grant, and there were no costs to install.

However, he was now recommending that the county invest \$23,500 in a program that will automate the ticket writing process to the point that when the vehicles return to the courthouse area, the program will automatically download the tickets into judges' computers.

Raissez noted that after the initial investment, annual costs for the service would be \$1,750.

He also pointed out that he had the necessary funds in his budget to cover this item, and he noted that electronic upgrade of the ticket writing process would reduce the inefficiency of poor handwriting and the manual processing

of tickets throughout the week.

Commissioners unanimously approved the sheriff's department spending budget dollars for this service.

There was a public hearing at 9 a.m. for the County Clerk's presentation on the archive plan.

County Clerk Ginger Morgan noted that all records from 2003 forward have been archived, and eventually all documents will be archived in the iDocket system. But some documents go back to the 1890s, and it will take a while.

Commissioners unanimously approved her report.

In other actions, the court considered a request for a \$500 annual contribution from the new Comanchero Canyons Museum in Quitaque which showcases artifacts and history from surrounding counties including Floyd.

Commissioners voted to table this request until they could go and visit and observe the new museum.

Floydada Police Report

From May 18 through June 22 Floydada police answered 215 calls and handled the following incidents:

- May 18 A burglary of a building on E. Crockett Street
- May 18 A burglary of a house was reported on W. Virginia Street
- May 19 Theft of motor vehicle parts was reported at 802 S. Wall Street
- May 21 Burglary of a vehicle at 729 W. Tennessee Street
- May 21 Theft from a motor vehicle at US Hwy 62/70
- May 21 Burglary on E. California Street
- May 21 Terroristic threat at 111 N. Wall Street
- May 23 Terroristic threat at 114 W. Virginia Street
- May 24 Theft of greater than \$50, but less than \$500 was reported on W. Lee Street
- May 26 Theft of greater than \$50, but less than \$500 was reported on W. Virginia Street
- May 26 Theft of greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500 was reported on E. Kentucky
- May 27 Theft by unauthorized use of motor vehicle was reported at 102 E. Houston Street
- May 27 Burglary of motor vehicle at 114 W. Virginia Street
- May 28 Disturbance/terroristic threat at 528 W. Mississippi Street
- May 29 Criminal mischief at 708 W. Missouri Street
- May 29 Theft of greater than \$20, less than \$500 by check at 114 W. Virginia Street
- May 29 Theft of greater than \$1,500, but less than \$20,000 at 815 W. Ross Street
- May 30 Criminal mischief at 614 S. Third Street
- May 31 Theft of greater than \$500, but less than \$1,500 at 419 W. Jackson Street
- May 31 Theft of greater than \$50, but less than \$500 at 402 S. Main Street
- May 31 Assault at 412 W. Grover Street
- June 1 Burglary at 500 Whirlwind Alley
- June 1 Reckless damage or destruction at 411 W. Houston Street
- June 1 Criminal mischief at 500 Whirlwind Alley
- June 1 Theft of greater than \$50, but less than \$500 at 212 E. Tennessee Street
- June 5 Burglary of a vehicle at 529 W. Virginia Street
- June 5 Accident in the 300 block of S. Second Street
- June 6 Theft of greater than \$50, but less than \$500 at 309 W. Jackson Street
- June 7 Theft of greater than \$1,500, but less than \$20,000 at 426 E. Lee Street
- June 17 Aggravated assault at 512 E. Grover Street
- June 18 Criminal mischief at 629 W. Mississippi Street
- June 19 Accident in 500 block of N. Second Street
- June 20 Domestic/aggravated assault on W. Crockett Street

Bush puts oil and gas lease sale on line; makes \$20 million

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — Texas' first-ever online sale of oil and gas leases quickly became the biggest state lease sale in the nation to be held on EnergyNet, earning public schools nearly \$20 million last Tuesday morning.

"When private oil and gas companies develop minerals managed by the GLO, it creates high-paying jobs and earns hundreds of millions of dollars a year for public education in Texas," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "With today's online energy lease sale I've delivered on my promise to make the bidding process more accessible and more efficient, while earning even more money for Texas schools."

Previously, anyone wishing to develop oil and gas reserves on Permanent School Fund land had to physically submit their bid, sealed in an envelope. It was

a process that had changed very little since the 1950s.

During Tuesday's oil and gas lease sale -- for the first time in Texas history -- private oil companies competitively bid against each other for the right to explore for oil and gas on land owned by the state. Permanent School Fund tracts of land, which includes submerged land in the Gulf of Mexico and land in West Texas, brought in more than \$20 million in Tuesday's bidding. That's about \$1,500 per acre more than the last lease sale. Or about seven times more per acre than the last traditional sealed bid lease sale held in January.

The Permanent School Fund will also earn 20 to 25 percent royalties on any oil or gas produced from newly revised standard leases.

"This was the biggest online lease sale yet -- but then again, this is Texas, so it should be," said

EnergyNet president William Britain. EnergyNet partnered with the General Land Office to conduct the online sale. EnergyNet is an industry leader with its easy-to-use oil and gas auction and sealed bid transaction service.

"Even in a soft oil and gas market, we made more money today by opening up the bidding process to more producers and investors," Bush said after the sale. "The 21st Century economy is online. We sell on eBay, buy from Amazon and catch a ride through Uber. Putting these energy lease sales online just makes sense. Texans demand a more efficient, effective government and we are delivering it at the General Land Office."

For a detailed look at today's record Permanent School Fund oil and gas lease sale, visit http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/energy-and-minerals/oil_gas/sealed-bid-sales/past/index.html.

North Texas Man Arrested for First Degree Theft of Livestock

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Perrin, Texas — A Perrin, Texas man was arrested and charged with first degree felony theft of livestock of over \$200,000 on Friday after stealing steers from a Nebraska rancher.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger John Bradshaw led the investigation.

According to Bradshaw, a Nebraska based cattle marketing agency had received an order from the victim to buy some steers. The agency contacted the suspect, Tony Eugene Lyon, 51, of Perrin, Texas to supply the steers.

After the victim wrote a \$798,000 check to the marketing agency, Lyon received a check from the agency for \$791,000. The victim then went to Lyon's property in Perrin, Texas to look at the steers. It was decided that the



cattle would be turned out on a wheat pasture and Lyon would take care of them until they could be shipped. When the victim returned at a later date to check on the steers, Lyon told him he didn't have them anymore and that he had to get rid of them to take care of some prior obligations.

Lyon was arrested and arraigned on Friday and charged with theft of livestock of over \$200,000, a first degree felony. He is being held at the Jack County jail

on a \$1 million bond.

This is an ongoing investigation and more charges are expected to be filed on Lyon. Additional suspects are expected to be identified, and more arrests are expected to be made in this case.

TSCRA has 30 special rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

TSCRA is a 138-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 16,500 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

Electric demand growth leads to a record-setting week

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), grid operator for most of Texas, set four consecutive daily records for July electric demand this week and may set more records by the end of the summer.

"As the Texas economy continues to thrive, ERCOT serves some of the fastest-growing cities in the country," ERCOT Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Brad Jones said. "Population and business growth continue to drive up electric use."

On Monday, July 27, power demand hit 66,677 megawatts (MW) at 5 p.m., the time of day most common for summer weekday peak consumption, easily surpassing the previous record of 65,808 MW set on July 31, 2012.

Daily peaks continued to rise through the week, topping off the trend with a conservation appeal and new record of 67,624 MW

on Thursday afternoon. Tuesday's peak was 66,827 MW, and Wednesday's was 67,590, breaking 67,000 MW for the first time since 2011, when the all-time record of 68,305 MW was set on Aug. 3, 2011, during an extended period of record high temperatures. One MW is enough electricity to power about 200 homes during peak demand.

"Although we are still not seeing temperatures as high as 2011, lack of rain during the past several weeks has resulted in drier ground and temperatures reaching their highest levels thus far this summer," said ERCOT meteorologist Chris Coleman. "We have seen triple digits in several cities this week, including Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin."

"We really appreciate consumer responses to our conservation requests on those rare occasions when we have to request them to limit electric use during the afternoon peak demand hours," Jones said. "With lower temperatures

expected and more generation currently available today, we don't expect to need additional help, but we encourage consumers to remain aware of system conditions, especially on very hot days during peak demand hours of 3-7 p.m."

"We also are grateful for all the work generation and transmission providers have put into preparing for this summer. Although some outages are inevitable in these operating conditions, the system overall has performed well, with more than 71,000 MW available during yesterday's peak," Jones said.

Consumers can monitor ERCOT system conditions at www.ercot.com or through the ERCOT Energy Saver mobile app, available free for Apple or Android devices.

For a detailed look at today's record Permanent School Fund oil and gas lease sale, visit http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/energy-and-minerals/oil_gas/sealed-bid-sales/past/index.html.

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SCHOOL NEWS

INFO FOR FLOYDADA ISD HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS:

On August 17 FISD will issue laptops and take school pictures.

The schedule for the rollout and pictures will be:

1 p.m. - Seniors (Girls will take pictures first)

2:15 p.m. - Juniors- (Football players in grades 9-12 will have their picture taken at this time)

3:15 p.m. - Sophomores

4 p.m. - Freshman

5:30 p.m. - Junior High

PARENT MEETINGS

August 17 - Junior High - 5:30 p.m.

August 18 - Junior and Senior Parents - 6 p.m.

August 18 - Freshman and Sophomore Parents - 7:00

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The last day to ask for a schedule change is Tuesday, August 18.

Our school counselor is Mrs. Rehkopf.

Mrs. Rehkopf is eager to get to know our students and to begin working with you.

Please contact the school office at 806-983-4970

with any questions that you may have.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Floydada ISD would like to ask that as you buy school clothes for the school year please remember that we do not allow holes in jeans or pants that expose skin to be worn in school. Shirts must cover the shoulder, must be form fitting under the arm and the shirt must be hemmed. See through tops must have something underneath that meets dress code. Short length must be at least fingertip length. Athletic shorts that rise in a length shorter than fingertip length in along the sides of the short are not acceptable. Tights or leggings must be worn with a top, dress, skirt or shorts that meet the finger tip rule.

Hairstyles may not have designs cut into them or be combed to form ridges on the top of the head. Parts that are cut in the hair may not extend beyond the normal combed part nor extend down from the part.

Hair must one of the four natural hair colors.

A.B. Duncan Elementary School Supply List 2015 - 2016

KINDERGARTEN

1 pkg. of pencils (12 count)
2 large pink erasers
2 boxes of Crayola Brand crayons
6 glue sticks
2 spiral notebook (1 subject and wide rule)
2 plastic folders with pockets
1 composition book
4 dry erase markers (all black)
1 backpack (no wheels, please)
1 bottle of hand sanitizer
2 Boxes of Kleenex
1 set of extra clothes (please label clearly with first and last name, place in a plastic bag)

1ST GRADE

2 boxes of pencils
1 pair of scissors
1 school box
6 glue sticks
2 boxes of crayons 24 count (Crayola)
2 large boxes of Kleenex
2 spirals (Reading & Math)
1 purple folder (Take-Home folder)
2 large pink erasers
1 composition book (math)
1 composition book (science)
1 red folder for reading
1 pair of headphones
All girls—one box quart size zip bags
All boys—one box gallon zip bags
1 small tub of Clorox wipes

2ND GRADE

2 Packages Crayons (24 count)—true colors
24 Wooden #2 Lead Pencils (Yellow)
Pair of Fiskar Scissors
3 - 250 Count Kleenex Boxes
3 Pocket Folders (Red, green, blue - plastic)
Zipper Pouch (No boxes)
2 Elmer's White School Glue (4 fl. ounce)
4 Glue Sticks
Box of Markers (8 count)
Water Colors (8 tray)
Big Pink Erasers/or pencil toppers
Box of 24 Colored Pencils
Composition Book/Journal
Girls: 1 Box of Gallon Size Zip-tab Baggies
Boys: 1 Box of Quart Size Zip-tab

3RD GRADE

4 - Composition books (100 pages)
1 - Spiral
40 - Pencils (preferably Ticonderoga / America's Pencil / The Write Dudes — all found at Walmart)
2 - Plastic folder with brads ANY COLOR
10 - Glue sticks
1 - Glue bottle (8 oz.)
4 - LARGE boxes of Kleenex
3 Holed pencil pouch
2 - Ear phones (\$2 - \$3 at dollar store)
1 - Package of WIDE rule notebook paper
2 - Pink pearl erasers
2 - 24 count box of crayons
Girls - 1 Box of QUART zipper baggies
Boys - 1 Box of GALLON baggies
1 - Backpack

4TH GRADE

1—5 Subject spiral with pocket dividers -- -Reading
1 - Composition journal --- Science
6— Plastic folders with pockets and brads—Math, Writing, Social Studies, Reading, "Take Home", and replacement
5—Packages of wide-ruled notebook paper (NO COLLEGE RULE)
4—Packages of 20 pencils
4—Red ink pens
4—Highlighters
1—Box of crayons
2—Boxes of Kleenex
1—Pair of scissors
1—Bottle of glue or glue stick
1—Handheld pencil sharpener
Box or small bag to hold small supplies
Headphones/earphones to use for laptops —MUST HAVE

5TH GRADE

3 Composition notebooks non perforated- 100 pages (2 for reading and 1 for science)
1 Spiral 100 pages non- perforated
1 Spiral perforated
1- 1-1/2 Inch Binder (Science)
1 Bottle of glue
1 Package crayons
1 Package colored pencils
1 Pair scissors
4 Folders with pockets and brads (1 of each color for different classes— blue, yellow, green, and red)
Pencils- 3 boxes of number 2
2 -Lined notebook paper
Headphones
3 Boxes Kleenex
4 Rolls of scotch tape
Highlighters

6TH GRADE

4 Boxes of Kleenex
Map colors
Scissors
Elmer's glue
Rulers
3 Rolls of transparent tape
Headphones (Your child will need their headphones every day and will need to replace lost or damaged ones.)
Glue
3 Boxes of #2 pencils
1 Packages of ruled notebook paper
2 Erasers
4 Highlighters
3 Composition notebooks
1 Spiral with folder pockets
4 Red pens
4 Folders with pockets

South Plains College announces fall 2015 registration

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer registration for fall 2015 on its website, www.myspc.southplainscollege.edu. Registration on all SPC cam-

pus will continue through Aug. 21.

SPC will observe extended hours from

8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 18-20.

Fall classes begin Aug. 24.

Current or new students, who need assistance, should contact their aca-

demic advisors or the Advising Center.

Late registration set for Aug. 24-27.

For more information, contact Andrew Ruiz, Registrar, at (806) 716-2371.

Lockney Elementary School Supply Lists, 2015-2016

PPCD/PK

6 boxes 8 ct. Crayola brand crayons (NO JUMBO)
1-4oz. Elmer's white school glue
1 small school box
1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends)
6 glue sticks
3 large boxes Kleenex
1 pkg. 8 ct. CLASSIC COLOR markers
6 folders with pockets
1 box ZIPLOC bags (girls/gallon-boys/sandwich size)
2 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes (75 count)
4 pack of play-dough
NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS
PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES

KINDERGARTEN

3 boxes, 24 count crayons
3-4 oz. Elmer's washable school glue (black label, no gel)
1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends, not sharp)
2 #2 pencils, no jumbo
1 school box (small)
1 folder with pockets
3 boxes Kleenex (175 count)
1 pkg. small safety pins (all same size)
1 pkg. water color paints (Crayola brand)
2 container Clorox disinfecting wipes
1 container hand sanitizer
1 box Ziploc bags (girls-gallon size, boys-sandwich size)
1 single subject spiral notebook (for music)
NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS
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First Grade

4 glue sticks
3 large boxes Kleenex
1 box 24ct. #2 yellow pencils
1 pair children's rounded Fiskar scissors

4-24ct. boxes Crayola crayons

2 large pink erasers
3 containers Clorox Disinfecting Wipe
1 School box
2 spiral notebook
BOYS-1 box sandwich bags
GIRLS-1 box of gallon bags
4 pack dry erase markers
3x5 index cards
NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS
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Second Grade

4 glue sticks
3 large boxes Kleenex
2 pkgs. #2 pencils (plain yellow ones)
1 pair children's Fiskar scissors
4 fine tip dry erase markers-low odor
Pencil top erasers
1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
3- 16ct. boxes Crayola crayons
1 supply box
Hand-held pencil sharpener

2 spiral notebooks (science and music)
1 box map colors
NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS
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Third Grade

3 spiral notebooks (1 for music)
3 marble composition notebooks
4 pocket folders (blue, yellow, green, purple)
2 pocket folder w/brads
1 pkg wide ruled paper
2 boxes of 16 yellow pencils
2 boxes crayons
1 pkg map colors
6 lrg pink erasers
2 bottles Elmer's glue
2 glue sticks
2 zipper pouches
3 large boxes of Kleenex
3 container Clorox wipes
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Fourth Grade

1 large pink eraser
1 five-pack dividers
1 ruler with inches & centimeters (No jointed or folding rulers)
2 folders w/ pockets only
2 folders w/ brads and pockets
2 highlighter markers
2 red ink pens for grading
2 spiral notebooks 70 pages - no perforated pages
(1 for music)
3 glue sticks
Markers
3 pkgs. wide ruled notebook paper
#2 pencils - no mechanical pencils
1 pair children's sharp point scissors
1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
1 large zipper pouch
1 composition notebook (100 pages)
1 box (24 count) crayons
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Fifth Grade

1 large 3 hole zipper pouch
2 composition notebooks (100 pages)
2 pkgs. wide rule notebook paper - 200 count
4 dry erase markers
Crayons girls -gallon Ziploc bags
Map colors boys -quart Ziploc bags
Markers
1pair Fiskar's sharp point scissors
1- 1 1/2 inch Clearview binders
2- 1 subject spiral (no perforated pages)
(1 for music)
1 5-pack dividers
2 package multi-color construction paper
6 white glue sticks/1 bottle large glue
3 large boxes Kleenex
1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes-large
#2 mechanical pencils
4 folders with pockets and brads
1 small personal pencil sharpener
1 black Sharpie marker
4 Highlighter markers
1 packages 3x5 index cards (lined)
*GOOD RUNNING SHOES FOR PE

CARE

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it. You may need a skilled nurse to give you IV drugs, shots or tube feedings, or to change dressings, or to teach you and your caregivers about newly prescribed drugs.

You also may require rehabilitative services, like occupational, physical or speech therapy, to become as self-sufficient as possible and regain your independence.

The home health agency you select will work with you and your doctor to develop a plan of care. That plan will detail the services you need, how often you should have them, who will provide them, and what results your doctor expects from your treatment.

To qualify for home health benefits, your nursing care must be part-time. Home

health aides who help with bathing and dressing, as well as homemaker aides who clean or do laundry, may be covered, but only if they're part of your overall plan of care.

Medicare pays 100 percent for your care as long as you're eligible. It also pays for 80 percent of any medical equipment you need, such as a special bed or oxygen.

If you're in Medicare's traditional fee-for-service program and have questions about your home health care coverage, you can call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227. If you're in a private Medicare Advantage health plan, you should consult that plan.

Home health care can be a blessing by speeding your recovery after a hospital stay or, even better, by allowing you to avoid the hospital altogether. The new star ratings at www.medicare.gov will help you make an informed choice.

Trained professionals standing by to connect people with long-term care services

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has launched a toll-free number to help qualifying Texans connect with long-term care services.

The telephone number is 1-855-937-2372. It has been set up to help older adults (60 and up) who currently receive Medicaid and/or Medicare, people of all ages with disabilities, and caregivers.

The growing population of aging Texans, in addition to the approximately four in 10 Texans who have some type of disability, has created demand for the new number. According to the 2010 census, Texas has the third largest aging population (65 and

older) in the United States. More than 3 million Texans are over the age of 65, and that number is expected to more than double to 7.5 million by 2040.

The new number streamlines the process for those seeking information about long-term care services, which include personal care, nursing care, help around the house, and help for caregivers.

"Texans who take advantage of the new number will speak with a trained professional who can help identify their needs and put them in touch with service providers in their area," said Jon Weizenbaum, DADS com-

missioner. "We think this approach will help Texans receive the services they are eligible for much more efficiently."

When Texans call the number, they will be routed to a representative at the nearest Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) based on the ZIP code they enter. ADRCs provide information and help connect individuals to state and federal benefits. They are linked to hundreds of service providers statewide and can help Texans enroll for services if requested. ADRC representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and this service is

free. Additionally, the new number will help existing Medicare/Medicaid recipients ensure they are receiving all the long-term care services they are eligible for.

Unlike the Texas 2-1-1 number, which provides broad referral services for all Texans seeking assistance, this new toll-free number is dedicated to older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers who need long-term care services.

See more at: <http://prmediarelease.com/texas-launches-toll-free-number-to-help-older-texans-and-people-with-disabilities/#sthash.murJreeS.dpuf>

The Fax Machine by Texas A&M

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION, Aug. 6, 2015 - If the fax machine is not dead, it is certainly on life support. Its story is a classic example of how one technology can change ideas and expectations quickly, and faster than you can say Betamax, shows how people and commerce are eager to adapt the next best thing, says a Texas A&M University professor who has authored a

book on the subject.

Jonathan Coopersmith, an associate professor of history who specializes in the history of technology, has written *Faxed: The Rise and Fall of the Fax Machine*, and like the rise and fall of the Roman Empire, the fax machine ascended to the top of the business machine world only to go "kerplunk" on its own successes.

The fax - which comes from facsimile, the term that Scottish inventor

Alexander Bain coined for the device that he invented in, believe it or not, 1843 - was meant to be the best way to transmit messages quickly and accurately by sending an actual image of the message, unlike telegrams which often suffered from errors caused by the telegraph operators.

"The problem was that the early inventors, including Thomas Edison, could not make faxing succeed, either financially or technologically as they needed," Coopersmith explains.

"It was a great idea, but it sort of bounced around for several decades without much success. The first commercial application occurred in Paris in the early 1860s, but the first profitable use did not occur until AT&T and the Associated Press introduced Wire-

photo in 1935. For the first time, photographs could be transmitted as fast as the telegraphed story. Newspapers were the first early adopters."

What really caused the technology to advance was World War II, when the military needed to send maps and photographs to very distant locations.

"Throughout history, when the military gets involved in just about anything, such as airplanes, it's been a huge boost for the technology because it has the money and the manpower to make things happen much quicker regardless of the economics," he notes.

The fax machine continued to be improved with the military as the main market until the 1970s. Xerox and other companies jumped on the bandwagon

for faxing business correspondence in the 1960s and 70s, all trying to improve speed and clarity. Three big problems at the time limited faxing: transmitting one page took six minutes, fax machines were not cheap and competing firms offered incompatible equipment.

"Until the 1970s, it was about 10 to 100 times more expensive to send a fax than just sending something by U.S. mail," Coopersmith notes. "As for the time to send a fax, that proved to be a stumbling block for several years - it took a long time to transmit a 20- or 40-page document."

"By the early 1980s, the technology had improved so that you could transmit one page in about 20 seconds. In a virtuous cycle for consumers, Japa-

nese manufacturers viciously competed against each other, continually offering better and cheaper machines. Yet they also cooperated to ensure compatibility among competitors."

Suddenly, fax machines were all the rage and every office had at least one.

"People and companies loved them so much that their popularity showed in how people spoke: fax became a verb, as in 'fax me the papers,'" he says.

But digital communications hit big-time in the mid-90s with the advent of the Internet, the World Wide Web, and email, and within a few years, the fax machine went the way of the crew cut.

Large documents, even entire books, could be transformed into PDF files or stored online, making faxes near obsolete. The once much-needed fax machine gathered dust in the corner.

"Email just changed everything," Coopersmith, who still has a fax machine in his office, says.

"Many offices today still have a fax machine, but mainly they serve as a back-up in case there is a problem with email. Real estate firms and pharmacies still use them frequently, and they are still very popular in Japan because the older population there still favors them. But overall, the fax machine has been replaced by something else. Today, kids don't really know what one is because a smart phone can do what a fax machine could 25 years ago. The tweet is where it's at today, not a fax."

"So we have gone from the telegraph to the telephone, from fax machines to smart phones, each one replacing something else by offering less expensive, easier and more inclusive communications. It makes you appreciate the changing nature of technology, and it makes you ask yourself, 'what happens next?'"

LEGAL

Notice of Bid

The City of Knox City will be accepting sealed bids on the following property until Monday August 17, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. : Blk 55 Lots 1-6& Lots 9-16, also known as the race track. In inquiries can be directed to Sam Watson City Administrator at 658-3313. A \$40.00 filing fee will also be required from the successful bidder.

The City Council of the City of Knox City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

NOTICE

The City of Floydada will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at Floydada City Hall 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for 2015.

The proposed tax rate is \$.40 per \$100 of value.

Tax Code Section 26.052

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THE FLOYDADA HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: September 25, 2015
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: County Extension Office @ 110 S. Wall. Floydada, TX 79235

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Public Housing Authority's Annual and Five-Year Agency Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016. A copy of the Annual and Five-Year Agency Plan will be available for review from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during the period of August 10 - September 25, 2015 at the address below. Persons may submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

**Floydada Housing Authority
210 E California
Floydada, TX 79235**

**W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation
Gun Raffle**

WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital's Foundation is holding a gun raffle. The drawing will be held at 3pm on August 29th at Old Fashion Saturday in Lockney, Texas. You do not need to be present to win but must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$20 each and you have the chance to win one of four firearms.

The first winner gets first pick, second winner gets second pick, and so on. Ticket sales will close at 3pm, right before winners are drawn.

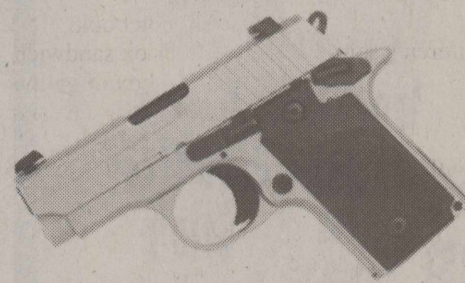
Tickets may be purchased from the Administration Offices of WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital (phone: 652-3373), or from one of the Board Members, or at Old Fashion Saturday in Lockney (Aug.29).

Increase your chances of winning by buying more than one ticket!!!!

If you win, you must be present when picking up your firearm at C & C (in Lockney, TX), you must have your ID present (over 18 years of age) and be able to pass a background check.

Here are the four firearms we are raffling:

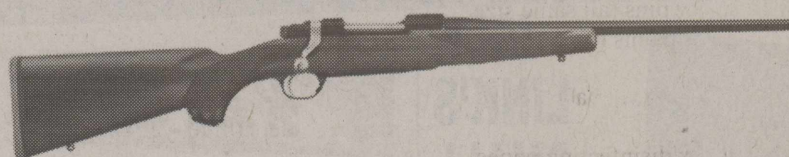
Pistol (#1): Sig Sauer P238, Stainless Steel, 3in. Barrel, Semi-auto, 380acc



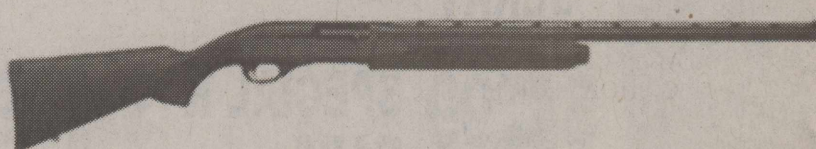
Pistol (#2): Smith & Wesson M&P Shield, 3.1in. Barrel, Black Poly, 9mm



Rifle (#3): Ruger M77 Hawkeye, Walnut, Blue Steel, 30-06 Cal



Shotgun (#4): Remington 11-87, Black Synthetic, Semi-Auto, 12ga.



Cotton Market Weekly

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon
August 7, 2015

December cotton futures settled lower four consecutive sessions this week at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), losing a combined 195 points. Most notable was the contract's move below the recent support level of 63.00 cents at the close of trading Thursday.

Selling pressure Monday kept December cotton in the bottom half of a 74-point range during the session, trading as low as 63.37 cents per pound before changing direction and settling at 64.00 cents, down 21 points. Beneficial weekend rains in West Texas were noted by several market observers. Other commodities traded mixed Monday.

USDA's Crop Progress and Condition report for the week

ended Aug. 2 showed little change from the previous week as 57 percent of the U.S. crop was rated good to excellent. In Texas, 49 percent of the cotton crop was rated good to excellent, 74 percent of Oklahoma's crop was rated in the top two categories, and Kansas cotton was rated 63 percent good to excellent.

December cotton futures traded up to 64.25 cents early in Tuesday's session as buying emerged, but selling pressure returned and sent the contract to a low of 63.37 cents per pound. At the close of trading, December settled at 63.64 cents, down 36 points. All other contracts posted similar losses. One positive bit of news mentioned by one market analyst Tuesday was a 3.7 percent bounce in China's stock market.

A lack of any fresh fundamental news Wednesday

kept the cotton market in its recent trading range. As it did Tuesday, December cotton started the session higher, even trading up to 63.95 cents per pound, but selling pressure surfaced. The contract managed to trade around unchanged during the afternoon before moving lower in the final hour of trading. December settled at 63.52 cents, down 12 points. Cleared volume at ICE was reported to be just over 14,000 contracts.

USDA released its weekly export sales and shipment report Thursday morning which showed a net reduction in sales of 14,200 bales for the week ended July 30. Shipments totaled 186,600 bales for the week, up 11 percent from the previous week and 8 percent from the four-week average. The primary destinations were Vietnam, Turkey, See **COTTON**, Page 10

Texas warning system ahead of it time

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION – In 1953, several tornadoes, including one that killed 114 people in Waco, prompted a group of government officials and scientists to say, enough is enough. There has to be some way to prepare people for such deadly storms.

The damage from the 1953 tornadoes, plus five hurricanes that struck the East Coast in 1954 and 1955, convinced Congress to increase weather funding.

Two years later, on June 26, 1955, the Texas Radar Tornado Warning Network was formally dedicated at Texas A&M University and the school was instrumental in the formation of what is believed to be the first advance warning system of tornadoes in the country, one that was clearly ahead of its time.

Radar – used years earlier by the military for war – was in its infancy as an indispensable tool for weather forecasts.

More than 50 weather experts, civil defense personnel and government officials gathered as Erle Hardy, regional director of what was then called the U.S. Weather Bureau, pushed a button that set the Texas A&M radar system into motion. About 17 radar systems were connected to the network, including two in adjoining states.

Noting the significance of the event, Hardy told guests and officials, "It is a historical fact that something good comes from every invention of man. We have seen radar, first used as a weapon of war, grow into a great implement of commerce, and now this group has seen radar become an instrument of lifesaving for countless communities."

Also taking part in the ceremony was Capt. H.T. Orville, retired weather expert from the Navy who was working for the Bendix Aviation Corp. It's believed Orville was the first to advocate a nationwide network of radar stations to track severe weather.

Orville noted that as early as 1945, weather experts thought it was possible that tornadoes could be observed on radar, "but no positive action was taken to develop an effective radar warning network."

"Damaging effects of high winds on various types of buildings indicate a need for tightening up building code regulations in

many states," Orville added. "Scientifically trained teams should immediately make a survey of a town that has been struck by a tornado to permit study of weather data.... It is fitting to consider this Texas Radar Tornado Warning Network as a memorial to all people in Texas who have lost their lives in these destructive storms."

Orville's son, Richard, who was 19 at the time, would go on to be a national severe storms expert at Texas A&M and has taught at the school since 1991. He was instrumental in founding the National Lightning Detection Network which has greatly added to the knowledge base about lightning.

The tornado warning group's main goal was to determine that a tornado was on the ground and to give people as much warning time as possible – but in many cases, it was only a few minutes.

The main problem: not all tornadoes came with distinctive radar patterns, and not all storms creating suspicious radar patterns produced tornadoes. But there was little doubt the system worked – by the end of 1955, despite a record 164 tornadoes in Texas, there were only two deaths related to the storms.

The success of the Texas Radar Tornado Warning Network and other weather radars led to a national radar network that still provides critical information for severe weather warnings.

"Since the 1950s, the technology related to radar and severe storms has improved immensely," says John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas A&M professor of atmospheric sciences who also serves as Texas State Climatologist.

"With better radar equipment and storm spotters on the ground, the advance warning time has increased from just a few minutes to as much as 15-20 minutes, and every minute can save lives. Warnings have become more specific regarding time and place.

"With the advent of Doppler Radar in the early 1990s, we can now look at air motion inside storms," he adds. "We can see the rotation of a thunderstorm, and sometimes even the tornado itself. The newest technology is called polarimetric radar, which lets the National Weather Service spot the debris picked up by a tornado and distinguish it from rain and hail."

Weather Whys

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Q: You hear about thunderstorms, severe storms and supercells. What's the difference?

A: A thunderstorm by definition is a storm accompanied by lightning and thunder, while severe storms and supercells are the most intense types of thunderstorms, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "All can be responsible for rough weather such as tornadoes, hail, strong winds and flash floods, which are the biggest weather-related killer in the U.S.," he says. "Thunderstorms must have unstable air to form, and then need a push to give that air an upward shove, which is why most form in the spring and summer. A severe thunderstorm is one that has or is suspected of having winds of 58 miles per hour or faster and/or hail of at least one inch in diameter. Supercells are a particularly intense type of thunderstorm that can last several hours and travel hundreds of miles. They are characterized by a rotating updraft and are usually isolated in nature, though they can be embedded in a squall line. Supercells have clouds that can go as high as 60,000 feet, produce incredibly strong downdrafts, and are capable of

producing large hail and damaging tornadoes."

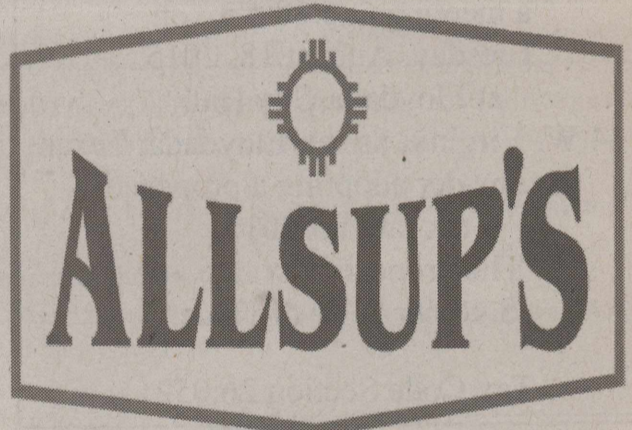
Q: What's the worst outbreak of thunderstorms on record?

A: In the U.S., the storms of April 25-28, 2011, are in a class by themselves, McRoberts says. The conditions were perfect for supercell development, with an intense low-pressure area, humid air from the Gulf of Mexico, and the jet stream blowing hard across the Central U.S. "The results were devastating," he reports. "The storms produced more than 350 tornadoes in the 4-day period, and winds in at least four of those tornadoes were over 200 miles per hour, meaning they were classified as an EF-5, the most severe. In all, 348 people were killed in 6 states and the damage totaled over \$11 billion. Less than a month later, the Joplin tornado in Missouri killed 158 people, injured more than 1,000 and caused nearly \$3 billion in damage. It was rated an EF-5 tornado with winds topping out at 250 mph, and was part of a late-May outbreak that killed 178 people. The Super Outbreak of April 1974 is considered the most violent outbreak, as it produced 30 F4 and F5 tornadoes over a two-day period in the Midwest and Southeast."

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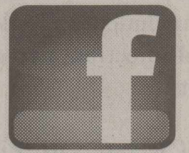
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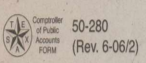
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., August 25, 2015 in FISD Superintendent Office Board Room, 226 W California St. Floydada, TX 79235.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax		
Approved by Local Voters	\$.14176	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	3.00	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	3.00	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 425,801,370	\$ 434,047,540
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 37,502,523	\$ 10,202,280
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 272,188,004	\$ 272,451,927
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 37,502,230	\$ 10,202,280

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 4,975,000.00

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.14180 *	\$ 1.31180	\$ 4902	\$ 7122
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.32238	\$ 0.13559 *	\$ 1.45797	\$ 5708	\$ 6673
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.14180 *	\$ 1.31180	\$ 5136	\$ 6673

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,739	\$ 35,958
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 24,416	\$ 20,428
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.31176	\$ 1.31176
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 320.	\$ 268
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (52)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.30669. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.30669.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,262,295
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 8,310.

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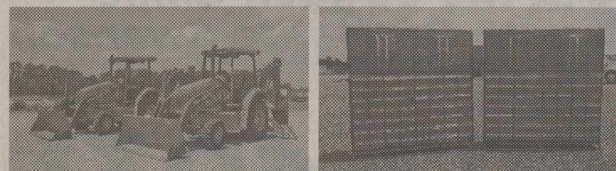


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JUNE PERMITS TO DRILL

The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 851 original drilling permits in June 2015 compared to 2,185 in June 2014. The June total included 716 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, seven to re-enter existing well bores and 128 for re-completions. Permits issued in June 2015 included 227 oil, 73 gas, 500 oil and gas, 34 injection, two service and 15 other permits.

MAY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary May 2015 crude oil production averaged 2,429,347 barrels daily, up from the 2,136,638 barrels daily average of May 2014.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for May 2015 is 75,309,757 barrels, up from 66,235,787 barrels reported during May 2014.

JUNE OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In June 2015, operators reported 1,416 oil, 225 gas, 64 injection and five other completions compared to 1,739 oil, 316 gas, 36 injection and eight other completions in June 2014.

Total well completions for 2015 year to date are 11,542 down from 15,828 recorded during the same period in 2014.

Operators reported 536 holes plugged and zero dry holes in June 2015 compared to 52 holes plugged and zero dry holes in June 2014.

MAY NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 639,101,169 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for May 2015 up from the May 2014 preliminary gas production total of 617,988,757 Mcf. Texas preliminary May total gas production averaged 20,616,167 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in May 2015 came from 173,197 oil wells and 93,117 gas wells.

JUNE TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 135
Oil Completions: 182
Gas Completions: 62

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 93
Oil Completions: 47
Gas Completions: 36

RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 39
Oil Completions: 96
Gas Completions: 17

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 13
Oil Completions: 33

Gas Completions: 15
RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 8
Oil Completions: 6
Gas Completions: 3

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 33
Oil Completions: 13
Gas Completions: 30

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 47
Oil Completions: 25
Gas Completions: 2

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 64
Oil Completions: 198
Gas Completions: 0

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 296
Oil Completions: 683
Gas Completions: 9

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 40
Oil Completions: 84
Gas Completions: 1

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 64
Oil Completions: 16
Gas Completions: 24

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 19
Oil Completions: 33
Gas Completions: 26

MAY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

1. KARNES - 6,797,988
2. DEWITT - 4,691,734
3. LA SALLE - 4,620,430
4. GONZALES - 3,156,164
5. UPTON - 3,093,674
6. ANDREWS - 3,078,394
7. MIDLAND - 3,052,231
8. MARTIN - 3,046,948
9. MCMULLEN - 2,922,426
10. REEVES - 2,527,124

MAY TEXAS TOP GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

1. WEBB - 58,555,033
2. TARRANT - 51,523,950
3. PANOLA - 27,740,460
4. DIMMIT - 23,321,147
5. JOHNSON - 23,049,439
6. DEWITT - 20,807,735
7. WISE - 19,422,338
8. KARNES - 18,571,638
9. DENTON - 16,919,808
10. LA SALLE - 15,879,814

COTTON

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South Korea, Mexico, and China.

The department's export summary for the 2014-15 marketing year through July 30 showed cumulative sales of almost 11.9 million bales for both U.S. upland and pima cotton versus the most recent estimate of 11.0 million. Export shipments to-date totaled just over 11.3 million bales.

Thursday easily was the

worst day for the cotton market as December cotton opened lower and fell to 62.10 cents during the session, its lowest trading level since mid-March. The contract held near the bottom of a 134-point range ahead of the settlement and finished the session at 62.26 cents per pound, down 126 points. Volume at ICE was estimated at 39,900 contracts.

In other news, hot weather in West Texas has enabled the cotton crop to catch up from its late start, accord-

ing to reports. Early planted cotton on the South Plains has started to set bolls. Elsewhere, early planted cotton in the Texas Blacklands could be ready for harvest in about three weeks. The Coastal Bend crop was reported to be in mostly good condition, although some heat stress in dryland cotton was noted. The crop there is flowering in some fields and opening bolls in others. Some growers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are preparing to defoliate their cotton fields.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

It is possible to store the mind with a million facts and still be entirely uneducated. - Alec Bourne

A well-informed mind is the best security against the contagion of folly and of vice. The vacant mind is ever on the watch for relief, and ready to plunge into error, to escape from the languor of idleness. - Ann Radcliffe

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. - Aristotle

The strength of the United States is not the gold at Fort Knox or the weapons of mass destruction that we have, but the sum total of the education and the character of our people. - Claiborne Pell

School is learning things you don't want to know, surrounded by people you wish you didn't know, while working toward a future you don't know will ever come. - Dave Kellett

The number of books will grow continually, and one can predict that a time will come when it will be almost as difficult to learn anything from books as from the direct study of the whole universe. It will be almost as convenient to search for some bit of truth concealed in nature as it will be to find it hidden away in an immense multitude of bound volumes. - Denis Diderot

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained. - James A. Garfield

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