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## Lockney Grad Jared Mosley to Enter ACU Sports Hall of Fame

By Charles Keaton & ACU Sports Press Release

The Hesperian-Beacon

ABILENE – One of the most distinguished classes in the 30-year history of the

ACU Sports Hall of Fame will take its place in ACU Athletics lore later this fall when they are inducted into the hall of fame during ceremonies at the Hunter Welcome Center.

The seven inductees are former director of athletics

and men's basketball standout Jared Mosley, football great Danieal Manning, former volleyball head coach Brek Horn, former women's basketball star Teresa (Rubart) Grounds, men's track and field standout Calvin Cooley and national champion football player Mike Lively. Former director of athletics Don Drennan is the recipient of this year's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mosley, ACU class of 2000, was named the seventh director of athletics in ACU history in June 2004 and under his leadership, the Wildcats won 10 NCAA Division II national championships, 20 Division II regional championships and 46 Lone Star Conference championships. Some of his most notable achievements, however, were dedicated to raising funds necessary for two on-campus stadiums, guiding the athletics program from NCAA Division II status to NCAA Division I affiliation and a return to the Southland Conference, and negotiating



Courtesy Photo

Jared Mosley, a 1995 Lockney graduate and a 2000 ACU graduate, will be inducted into the Abilene Christian University Sports Hall of Fame in ceremonies to be held Oct. 16 at the McCaleb Conference Center of the Hunter Welcome Center on the ACU campus.

a three-year deal with Adidas for the sports apparel company to be the official outfitter of Wildcat athletics. He resigned

in August 2014 to become the CEO and president of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

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## 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.

### DUNCAN BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be held at the A.B. Duncan Elementary library. The Fair will take place from MONDAY, September 28 through FRIDAY, October 2. It will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 309 S. Wall, Floydada, will hold a fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. - ?? They will be serving Gorditas plates (beef or chicken) which also will include rice, beans, salad, dessert and drink. Dine-in or takeout. Cost \$10 per plate.

### "KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL" CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Nelda Laney's "Keep Texas Beautiful" Christmas ornaments are now available at the Floyd County Historical Museum

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Courtesy Photo

1995 Lockney alum, Jared Mosley will be inducted into the ACU Sports Hall of Fame on Oct. 16. Jared is married to Trish and they have three children, (l-r) Jaden, Blair and Jaxon.

## Pumpkin Postmark to commemorate festival

By Jennifer Harbin

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

With the pumpkin industry in Floyd County booming, it is no wonder that Floydada has earned the title of "Pumpkin Capital of Texas" and is the self-proclaimed Pumpkin Capital U.S.A. Fall brings with it cooler weather and the long anticipated festival celebrating the unusual bumper crop. Trailers full of the orange gourds, along with the many other varieties grown in the area, are a common sighting along the highways leading in and out of town. In celebration of the 28th annual Punkin Day, the United States Postal Service



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

The United States Post Office in Floydada is honoring the county seat's pumpkin heritage and upcoming festival with a commemorative postmark. Beginning October 7, all outgoing mail will receive the special cancellation stamp.

will be honoring the occasion with a pictorial postage cancellation event.

A cancel is a postal marking applied to outgoing mail to show that the postage has

been used, mainly to prevent the reuse of postage stamps. Commemorative cancels are temporarily used on a designated day in recognition of a community event or celebra-

tion. Beginning October 7, the USPS in Floydada will be using the specially designed commemorative postmark featuring a pumpkin and the

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## Griffith to Have Book Signing at Museum

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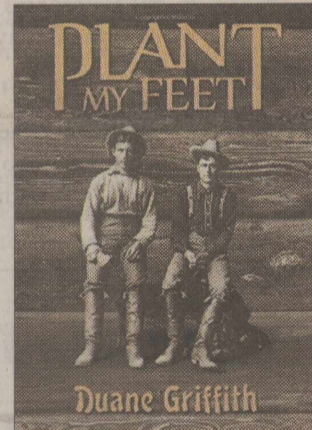
Duane Griffith, author of the new novel, *Plant My Feet*, will be at the Floyd County Museum on Saturday, October 1 during Punkin' Days for a book signing. Come by the museum between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for a visit and learn more about life in the old West. Duane is the great grandson of JD Griffith and the

grandson of Walter Griffith, both early-day settlers in Floyd County. Duane graduated from

Lockney High School in 1959 and Texas Tech in 1963.

In the 1890's many families were looking for a place where they could make a better life for themselves. Land ownership was the goal of most of these pioneers, and the State of

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## Floydada Parks Improvement Plan to continue in 2015-2016

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

Just because fall has arrived and school has started doesn't mean that the city will stop working on its Parks Improvement Plan.

According to city manager Jeff Johnston there are plans to finish out the work on the new city pool with benches and a new parking lot. There might possibly be a cover for the sitting area and perhaps, more landscaping.

A definite plan for the city is a new camera-based security system for the new pool which opened in 2015 and the new playground which opened in 2014. The pool and the playground will both be monitored by the security system. Johnston noted that the city is committed to protecting and maintaining taxpayers' investments in these facilities.

Voters passed a bond election in November 2013

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Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

Voters passed a bond election in November 2013 to invest in a new playground, new pool and to upgrade softball fields at Annie Taylor Park. Two of the three projects are mostly completed, and work on the final one begins this fall, according to city manager Jeff Johnston.

## Honor Flight Check



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Kirby Nixon, (right) president of the Floyd County 4-H County Council presents Janis Vaughn, president of the South Plains Honor Flight with a check for \$4,427.01. The funds were raised at the annual 'One-Day 4-H' Honor Flight BBQ fundraiser held Aug. 30. This is the third year that Floyd County 4-H has held the event and been able to assist veterans to take the trip to see the memorials in Washington, D.C. In three years, Floyd County 4-H, through the generosity of county residents, has contributed over \$13,000 to the Honor Flight.

## Correction

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## News on the go



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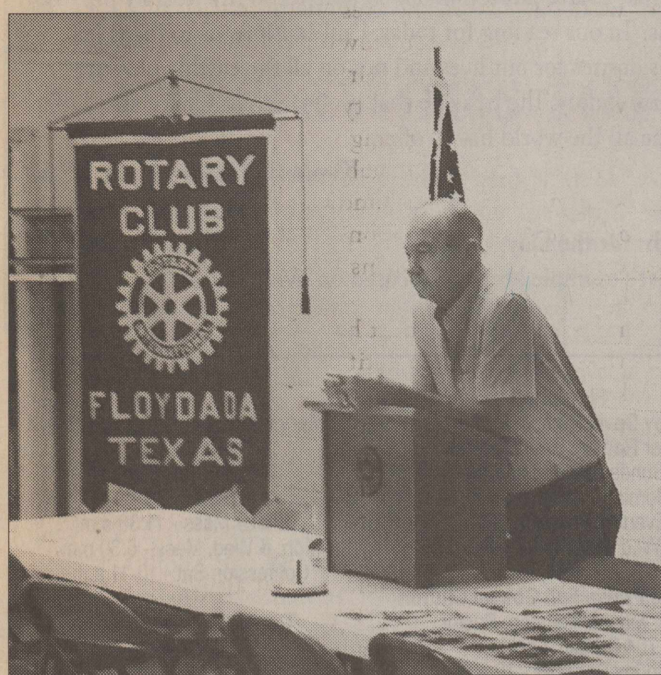
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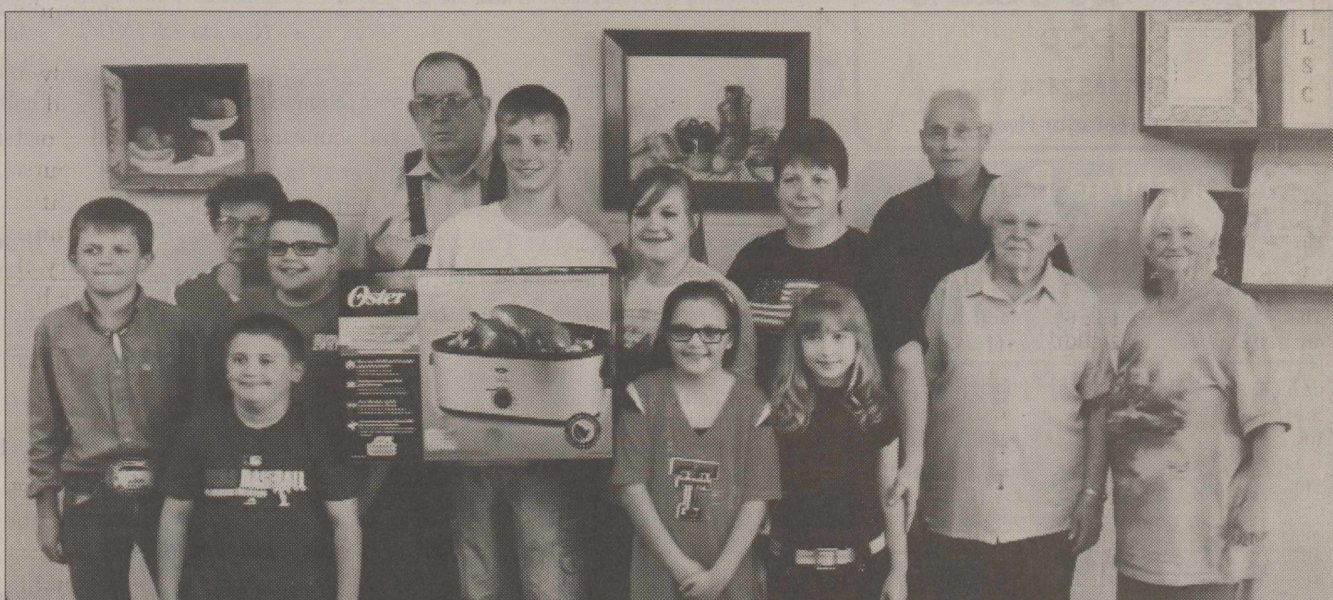
# SOCIETY

## Floydada Rotary Club 4H – Senior Citizens



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Rotary Club program for Wednesday, September 23rd was Curtis Sanders from Floydada, who presented a program on a mission project in Bonton, previously written about in the Hesperian-Beacon. Thank you to Rotarian Alicia Bice for bringing this fine program.



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

Members of the Floyd County 4-H recently presented the Lockney Senior Citizens Center with a new roaster to thank them for supporting 4-H and allowing 4-H to host the Honor Flight fundraiser at the Center. Front row, (L-R) Haygen and Brinley Lefevre and Sydni Chesshir. Second row, Jack Brooks, Hunter Lefevre, Mason Esty, Rachel Graham, Renee Armstrong (Center manager) Johnnie Quisenberry and Darlene Reed. Back Row, Annabell Bramlet, Junior Brotherton and Denny Quisenberry.

## Plainview Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 3rd

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Plainview Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Square in Downtown Plainview.

The festival will feature clothing, vintage items, rustic items, handmade and one of a kind boutiques.

"We wanted to bring vendors with unique items for Plainview residents and out-of-town guests to enjoy," said Andrea Glenn, festival organizer.

Current vendors include Custom Creations, Ranada & Co. Designs, The Haute Gypsy, The Cottage Boutique, Ohh LaLa, The Rusty Rose, Lucy Gucy and Sew Perfect by Mackenzie with clothing, accessories and home décor as well as the Dirty Dog Pet Spa with dog costumes.

Besides vendors, there will be food served all day, including breakfast burritos from Grumpy's Grill and Shady's BBQ and The Broadway Brew for lunch items as well as other booths with snacks. Live music will include the Corey Killough Band from Lubbock and the Shandy Bandits from Amarillo. Other activities include a dunk tank, bouncy houses, face painting and hair accessories, a car show and other events throughout the day such as a cake walk, football toss with high school football players and a pumpkin

race for the younger children.

"This is going to be a great event," said Melinda Brown, Main Street Manager. "I am most excited about the collaborative effort – Andrea, owner of The Rusty Rose, along with RUDC Studios, Seductive Trends, Grumpy's Grill, The Broadway Brew, Plainview Downtown Association and others have each taken a part to make this event happen. It is a great example of how downtown businesses can work together to create great things for the community."

Along with the vendors Rocking G Pumpkin Trailer will be on hand for those who wish to purchase pumpkins. Lorrie Burnette, fitness instructor, will be coordinating a work-out routine using the pumpkins as weights and obstacles.

"I thought this was a great way to incorporate the things of fall with a workout," said Burnette, fitness instructor. "It just shows that you can work out anywhere, anytime and we are excited to showcase this workout."

The streets north and west of the Courthouse will be blocked off and parking will be available along Ash, Broadway and 6th Street.

For more information, check out Plainview Fall Festival on Facebook or call Andrea Glenn at 806.296.9898 or email therustyrose.10@gmail.com.

## Much needed rain likely in October

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION – Many farmers needing moisture now are wondering when they can expect the promised moisture to arrive since it has been drier than normal in the summer, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agents.

"It depends upon where you're at, really," said Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist and Regents Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University, College Station. "The effects seem to come sooner in the northern part of the state than in the southern part of the state."

Unfortunately, he said September is too soon to expect wetter conditions related to El Niño anywhere in the state.

"But once we get in October/November, the northern two-thirds of the state should generally start to see above-

normal rainfall," Nielsen-Gammon said.

For South Texas, the enhanced wet conditions tend to be concentrated in December, January and February, he said.

"And often times there will be a dry month in the northern part of the state during those months," Nielsen-Gammon said.

Looking back, Nielsen-Gammon indicated there is no sure reason why the dry weather occurred this summer, but one conjecture is that it is connected with how temperatures evolve when you're coming out of a drought into something that favors rainfall.

"So far it hasn't been very different from 1957," he said. "When the 50s' drought ended, we had a very wet April and May, and then the summer was dry, and some places got back into drought before we started above-normal rainfall again in the fall."

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

ANNIE AND MATHER CARR

Written by  
By Annie Carr

Annie Allen and Mather Carr first met when Annie was only a few days old. Being only six at the time, Mather was not very interested in a small infant. After a short time, the Allen family left Coryell County in East Texas for Oklahoma. Sixteen years later the Carrs and Allens met in Floyd County, and on August 26, 1903, Mather Carr and Annie Allen were married in Lockney, Texas.

Annie and Mather made their home with Mather's parents until their own home could be constructed. In March, 1903, Annie and Mather moved into their home, a half-dugout located in the present day Harmony Community in the southwest corner of Floyd County. Annie says she has never been happier in a home than she was in the half-dugout she

shared with Mather.

The dugout was built of lumber, hauled by wagon from Canyon. It measured fourteen feet by twenty-eight feet, had a plank floor and windows of glass. Annie and Mather furnished their home with furniture built by Mather, a few cooking utensils ordered from Sears, and other items given to them by relatives.

Living in a dugout was hard work, but Annie and Mather did not complain. Their water had to be hauled from Mather's parents' well until a well could be dug. Even then, they did not have a windmill until later. Annie burned cowchips for fuel, and these had to be gathered. After the chips were burned, the ashes had to be carried out. Chips were carried in for cooking and the ashes taken outside. It was an endless cycle.

Mather was an amateur photographer and enjoyed developing his own pictures.

He partitioned part of the dugout to use as a darkroom.

Mather and Annie's first child, Wesley, was born in the half-dugout on February 22, 1905. The other children were born after the Carrs moved to their house in 1909. Horace was born December 20, 1910 and their daughter, Almeda Maye was born August 19, 1918.

Mather and Annie were part of the original Harmony Methodist Church that was organized on the fourth Sunday of April in 1904. Annie served as a Sunday School teacher and Mather as the superintendent. They continued their membership when the Harmony Methodist Church and Allmon Methodist Church merged in 1914 to form the Carr's Chapel Methodist Church.

Mather died November 23, 1959, and is buried in the cemetery behind Carr's Chapel. Until recently An-

nie lived in the home she and Mather had built and moved to their farm from Lubbock in 1950.

Wesley, Annie and Mather's older son, died March 12, 1976. Horace, their other son, is a retired fanner and lives in Floydada. Their daughter Almeda Maye Williams, lives in the Harmony Community. Annie and Mather have three grandchildren, Charles Carr, Sue Williams, and Bill Carr. Annie is especially proud of her seven great-grandchildren, David and Sandra Carr, Brent and Daralyn Williams, and Kevin, Stephanie, and Nathan Carr.

Annie and Mather Carr's life together spanned more than fifty years. They witnessed many changes in Floyd County, and they contributed to the history of the county. Their contribution will continue through the lives of the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Last week Cob Gilly celebrated his 94th birthday. All diners at Floydada Senior Citizens Center signed a birthday card for him. He took Wanda Williams out to Lubbock for a birthday outing. He recently purchased a new white Mercedes to match his white pickup.

President Keith Stansell hosted his daughter, Sandra, as she visited Floydada from her home in San Marcos, California, near San Diego.

Belle Vinson joined her husband Jerrold Vinson for lunch on Tuesday of last week.

Kent Covington said he has been so busy he didn't have any news to report.

We are still getting donations of fresh corn, okra as well as all kinds of paper goods. Thanks friends!

Nancy Lawson's niece, Judy, has been here from Colorado for her monthly visit with her relatives, in Lubbock with her mother, Florene and aunts, Nancy and Geraldine.

Iantha brings her mom, Virginia Pyle, and stays to eat lunch with her and visited with neighbors. Iantha's daughter, Michelle, recently underwent surgery, so Iantha also drives over to Lubbock to visit her daughter.

Our Floydada Senior Citizen Center will be closed Friday, Oct. 9.

President Keith Stansell announced a meeting for members of the Board of Directors for Thursday afternoon.

Miniature orange and white pumpkins for table decorations have been donated to our Center by the Pumpkin Pyle (Louis family).

A cloud burst Wednesday morning and had pumpkin harvest workers slowed until the sunshine came back out in the afternoon. Cotton farmers want rain, as well as cattlemen with

pastures but pumpkin farmers want dry weather.

All the brush has brought big rats into fields, and even inside homes in Floydada this year, so we are told by diners at the Center.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume attended Lockney's Pot Luck supper Thursday. It turned out to also be flu shot date. So good health was offered to the seniors via flu shots, as well as a delicious supper of grilled hamburgers, homemade desserts, and three big freezers of homemade ice cream.

Floydada seniors received their flu shots and had a tasty lunch of turkey and dressing on Tuesday. A big crowd attended the double header in both towns.

When Bud Henderson visited his daughter, Holly, recently in Dalhart, he reported that Del Mont food has a big field of green beans that had grown too big to can. So Del Mont generously invited the public to help themselves to all the green beans in the bean patch. Like our good farmers do with their vegetables and fruit here in Floyd County, sharing with our Center here in Floydada. Thanks to all.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12 noon 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

October 5 – October 9

Monday – Salmon croquets

Tuesday – Fried chicken

Wednesday – Taco salad

Thursday – Meatloaf

Friday – Loaded baked potato w/tomato soup  
(Menus subject to change with notice)

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. – Albert Camus

A few days ago I walked along the edge of the lake and was treated to the crunch and rustle of leaves with each step I made. The acoustics of this season are different and all sounds, no matter how hushed, are as crisp as autumn air. – Eric Sloane

We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance. – Harrison Ford

In the garden, Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, safe perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November. – Rose G. Kingsley

They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself. – Andy Warhol

This isn't good or bad. It's just the way of things. Nothing stays the same. – Gordon Atkinson



# AGRICULTURE

## Reminder to Take Hunter Education before Heading to the Field

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — With hunting season right around the corner, it's time to get your hunter education certification.

To hunt legally in Texas, anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must complete a hunter education training course or purchase a one-time 'deferral', good for one license year. Because the minimum age of certification is 9 years old, hunters under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter in the field. Hunters ages 9 through 16 must either complete hunter education courses or be accompanied while in the field. Deferral purchasers must also be 'accompanied' which means to be within normal voice control of a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older who has completed hunter education or who was born before Sept. 2, 1971. Hunters 17 and up must complete hunter education courses.

To make this process easier than ever, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department now offers the option of completing training courses completely online for Texas residents 17 years and older.

However, TPWD also offers three other convenient methods of getting certified: the basic, enhanced and advanced courses, which involve classroom and/or field time.

The basic hunter education course is designed for novice and young hunters ages 9 and above and requires six hours of classroom instruction. The enhanced hunter education course is a combination of an online home study program and up to five hours of field training. The advanced hunter education course requires more than six hours of instruction and includes more content than the basic and enhanced courses.

Each of the courses costs \$15, and the passing grade for all courses is 75 percent.

Since mandatory hunter education first started in 1988, the number of hunting accidents and fatalities has declined to fewer than 3 per 100,000 hunters. Incidents involving those who had completed hunter education courses are only in the single digits each year.

To help improve hunter safety, choose from one of the many flexible options to get your hunter education certification now. For more information and to register for hunter education programs, visit <http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education>.

The certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces.

Some federally controlled areas require all hunters using that site to have hunter education certification. In Texas, this includes Corps of Engineers property and most military reservations. Check with the specific area prior to going hunting.

## Applications being accepted for early voting

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

With the Nov. 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election approaching, the Floyd County Early Voting Clerk is accepting applications for ballot by mail, according to Floyd County Clerk, Ginger Morgan.

The clerk must receive applications for the November 2015 election by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015.

According to the Texas Secretary of State's web site, to be eligible to vote early by mail in Texas, you must: be 65 years or older; be disabled; be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; or be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

An applicant who checks the Annual Application box will receive ballots for all elections during that calendar year, January through December.

Voters who are eligible and want to vote by mail, must submit an application each year to receive ballots for that year.

Mail ballot applicants must be aware that if they submitted an annual application in 2014 and want to vote by mail for the 2015 November election, they need to submit another application for this next election. Looking forward to 2016, a new application with the Annual Application box checked, must be submitted starting in January to receive ballots for each election to be held in the busy presidential election year.

The application for ballot by mail can be obtained in person at the clerk's office at the courthouse or can be requested to be mailed by calling the office at 983-4900.

Early voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election will be held Monday, Oct. 19, 2015 - Friday, Oct. 30, 2015.

Polling places for Early Voting are:

1. Floyd County Courthouse Annex Community Room, 105 W. Wall, Floydada ...north end, east and west door. All Precincts.

2. First United Methodist Church, 102 W. Poplar, Lockney...north end, Main Street entrance. All Precincts.

Early voting hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Weekdays).

## Watch for venomous snakes when afield

### AgriLife Extension wildlife expert warns to be alert while hunting

By Steve Byrns

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANGELO - With dove season in full-swing and bow season for deer just around the corner, hunters should be aware of their surroundings, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist.

"While folks stock up on shells, buy their licenses, prepare for their trips and head afield, they may be forgetting one critical component of a successful hunting trip: safety," said Dr. John Tomecek of San Angelo.

"While we normally think of hunter safety as pertaining to safe practices while shooting, handling a firearm, and knowing what is beyond your target, there is one component, especially during dove season, that is often overlooked and that's venomous snakes."

Tomecek said hot weather, a mainstay of the dove and early deer seasons across Texas, means snakes are still very active. Optimum spring growing conditions mean there is plenty of tall vegetation across fields and pastures this fall to hide the reptiles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyUO2unWqiE>

"Most cropped fields favored by dove hunters have had little human activity for months, making them preferable for snakes to live in," he said. "Large numbers of bird hunters in the field, especially exuberant young hunters may unintentionally run afoul of our serpentine friends."

Tomecek said there are some simple, common-sense precautions to remaining snake-safe in the field. First, when walking in tall vegetation, keep an eye on where you are about

to step. Additionally, when crossing open ground, watch your path as you approach as snakes may be basking in the open.

"While the hunter focuses on the birds flying overhead, they may miss the critters at their feet," Tomecek said. "Second, when retrieving birds or empty hulls, look before you reach. Snakes may be under nearby vegetation and easily frightened, which may result in a strike. These hiding places also include large clumps of prickly pear cactus, under which snakes often lie.

"And finally, to prepare for a safe hunting trip, know the locations of nearby hospitals and bring a snake-bite kit with your other first-aid supplies in the field. If you or a hunting partner is bitten, remain calm and attempt to identify the type of snake. This will help medical professionals know what antivenom to administer.

"So have fun, but remember, safety is a key element of an enjoyable hunt."

## TDCJ Hosts Hiring Seminar in Plainview, \$4,000 Recruiting Bonus Available for New Correctional Officers

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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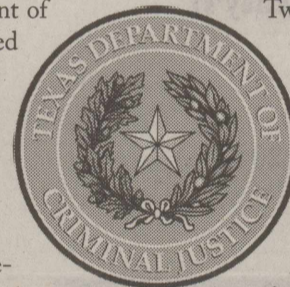
Current hiring opportunities and career benefits for Correctional Officers and other positions with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will be presented at a hiring seminar at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at the Plainview Regional Headquarters, 304 W. Sixth St. in Plainview.

A recruiter will be present to explain the current pay plan, outline the employee benefits and retirement program, explain the duties and requirements of a Correctional Officer and other positions and answer questions.

A \$4,000 recruiting bonus is available for new Correctional Officers who agree to work at one of 19 units across the state.

For more information about employment with the TDCJ, visit the website [www.tdcj.texas.gov](http://www.tdcj.texas.gov) and use the link marked "Employment."

Also, at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1EvyAkHF-hzqSuT7M4LJA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1EvyAkHF-hzqSuT7M4LJA) and Twitter.



Beginning Correctional Officer pay starts at \$2,435 per month and progresses at intervals to \$3,240.70 after 91 months of service within C.O. classification.

Correctional and Parole staff will receive an 8 percent pay raise in September.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.

For more information, call the TDCJ Human Resources office at 936-437-4098.

## Tickets to see Laura Bush now available, former first lady event at Chapel free

By Jonathon Petty

Wayland Baptist University

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Beginning this week, Wayland Baptist University will make chapel tickets to hear former first lady Laura Bush available to the public. Mrs. Bush is the featured speaker for the Willson Lecture Series taking place Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. in Harral Auditorium.

Chapel attendance is free and open to the public, however a ticket will be required. Approximately 450 tickets are available on a first come basis. Tickets may be reserved at the Trinity Building at Ninth and Utica streets from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday. A photo ID and contact information are required in order to reserve a ticket. Tickets must be reserved by Oct. 9. No walk-up tickets will be available.

For security purposes no bags, backpacks or large purses will be allowed in the auditorium, and the use of

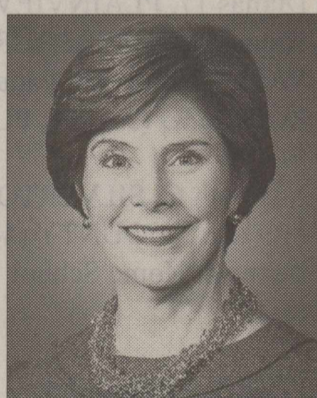
cell phones and cameras is prohibited.

A scholarship luncheon will follow at which time Bush will take part in a discussion with Wayland President Dr. Paul Armes. There are still a few tickets available for the luncheon. The cost is \$125 with all proceeds benefitting student scholarships. The luncheon will feature a box lunch along with a fried pie dessert, donated by Mrs. K's Bakery.

For more information on chapel tickets, or to purchase a ticket for the luncheon, contact the Advancement Office at 806-291-3430.

The Willson Lectures were established in 1950 by gifts from Floydada residents James M. and Mavis Willson. Successful business persons and active community residents, the Willsons were dedicated Methodist laypersons who were active in their local church. In addition, Dr. Willson served as a trustee at McMurry University, Southern Methodist University, and the former Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Willson was the recipient of several awards and honors, including honorary doctorates from Texas Wesleyan University and McMurry University. He was given a humanities award from Southwestern College and a merit award from Wayland. Wayland also nominated him for the



Courtesy photo

Tickets to see former first lady Laura Bush speak at Wayland Baptist University at chapel on October 21 can now be reserved. The tickets are free. For more information on chapel tickets, contact the WBU Advancement Office at 806-291-3430.

Freedom Foundation Award in 1960, which he received in Valley Forge, Pa. He participated in numerous civic organizations, including the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, the Masons and the Shriners.

The Willsons intended for the annual lectureship to feature topics related to "Applied Christianity" and "Christian Home and Family Life" and they worked to secure outstanding speakers over the years. Former lecturers have included atomic scientist Dr. George K. Schweitzer; former Southern Seminary president Dr. Duke McCall; Dr. Leon McBeth, noted church historian; and Dr. Grover Murray, former president of Texas Tech University.

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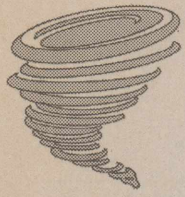
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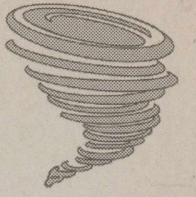
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# Whirlwind News



## Expectations for Olton and Beyond

By Allison Cisernos, Reagan Hughes, James Ponce, Remington Ricketts

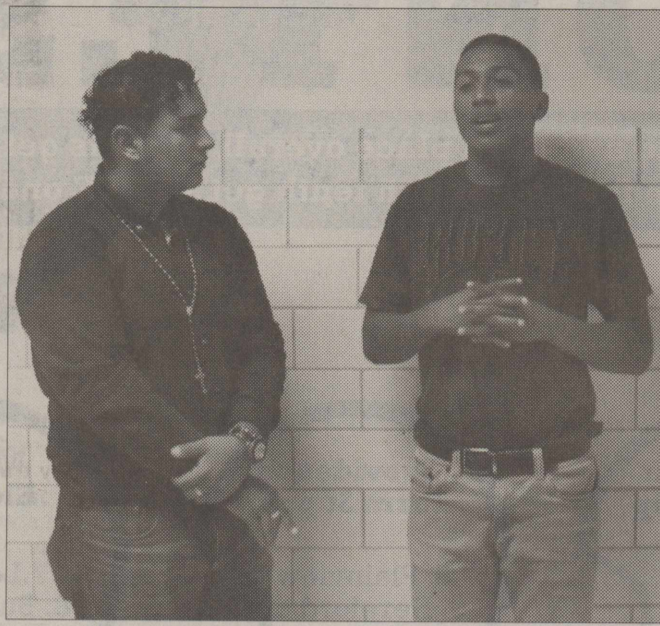
District football games are the small scale in high school sports, but they are also a major stepping stone towards other possible achievements such as regional and state competitions. Going into the first district game against Olton, the Whirlwinds have high expectations built by a 1-3 pre district record. Although this record is not ideal, it does not define the capability the team possess. The Whirlwinds put together a tough schedule in order to prepare themselves for district.

We asked Miguel Peña (sophomore) and Corey Mathis (junior) about their expectations for the upcoming season. "It's going to be tough. I mean, we should come out with the win. If we

practice hard, I think we'll be ready for the game," said Mathis regarding the team's efforts leading up to Friday nights. "We're all going to be fighting for a playoff spot and we have to give it our all," added Peña.

Being a key component to the coaching staff, Coach Pittman, told us, "I think we're going to win. We played a really tough non-district schedule, so I think we'll be well-tested by the time we get there. I think we're going to have a good week against Roosevelt. I think we're going to come out with the win, then take a week off...let everybody get their legs under them, and then come out with the win in Olton."

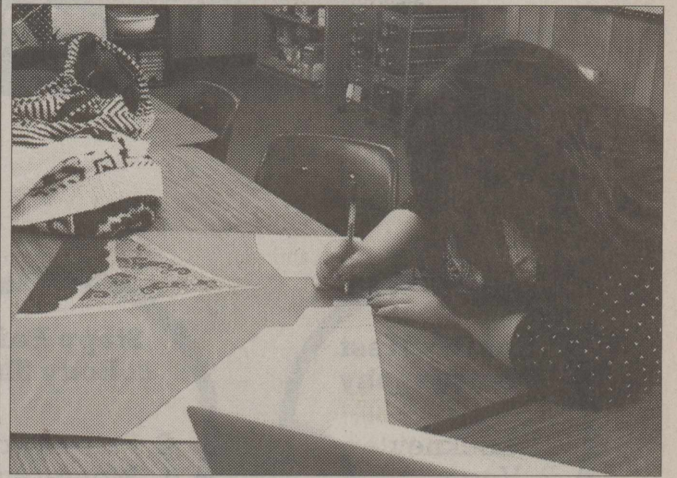
The preparations that are needed to accomplish a district title consist of, "getting to practice early to throw and catch, during practice to work hard, and then after



practice we're just working so we should be ready," Corey Mathis stated. Peña went on to say, "We're out there every day, practicing after school, and we're giving it everything we've got so we can be ready for our first district game." Preparation through prac-

tice and sheer determination are major factors that can contribute to a "win". The Winds themselves are rooting for a district championship, and through their efforts and spirited optimism, we wish them well in their journey this season.

## AP Art Returns to FHS



By Mace Brotherton, Angela Longoria, Angel Lorenzo, Cutter Smith

FHS offers many fine arts electives, including theatre, band, and traditional art. However for those who have gone above and beyond in their craft, FHS offers an AP Art program after a two-year absence. New Art teacher, Miss Swindell, and some exceptionally talented students can be credited with the revival of the advanced program.

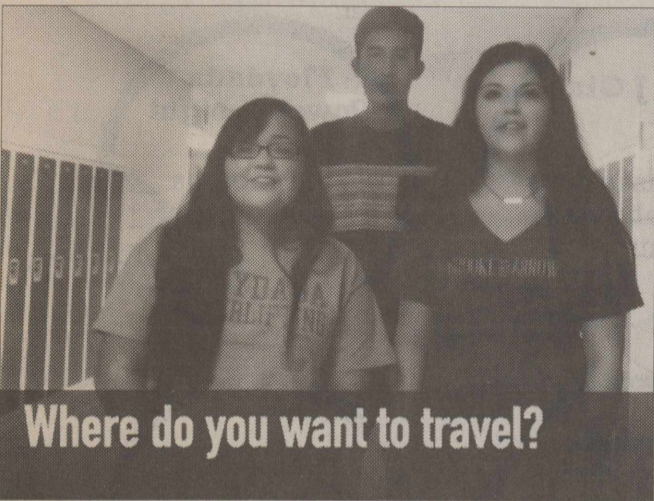
Miss Swindell has brought new life to FHS, using her own artistic talent to better mentor young artists DeLaney Lucke, Angela Longoria, and Shian DeLosSantos. On the subject of teaching AP Art, Miss Swindell claimed to be "NERVOUS! EXCITED! I'm so happy for the experience and the opportunity to teach AP Art. It's so fun to work with talented and experienced young artists and to work together in this way. The most exciting part is that every student has their own concentration, so we get to make projects that per-

tain to them, specifically." The first-time teacher now has her students focusing on developing within their concentrations. For instance, senior DeLaney Lucke is focusing on creating 3D mythical creatures.

Because AP Art is an advanced program, it helps students have a head start before they enter into college. This class really helps students express themselves in a productive manner, and it allows them to have a sense of creativity. Art lets these talented students show off their hard work, and as the year goes on this can allow them to present this work in academic events such as the VASE art show and Scholastics. This class shows students how to work hard and efficiently while expressing themselves and shaping them as people.

Students involved in AP Art can expand on their imaginative horizons through the guidance of fellow students and Miss Swindell. Thanks to Miss Swindell and the unimaginably talented students of FHS, artistry thrives in our school again this year.

## Where to travel and why?



By Brooke Galvan, Delaney Lucke, Alyson Perez, Alejandro Pinon

Whether we long to walk on the exotic beaches of the Bahamas or ski down the peaks of the Andes, we have all dreamed about going and adventuring an exquisite place. When asked where they hope to travel someday in the future, various students and staff members at FHS described their ideal vacations.

Floydada High School

journalists ventured out on the campus to ask fellow classmates and staff members the question, "If you could travel to any place in the world where would you want to visit and why?" The following students and teachers responded with these interesting answers.

Emmily Britt, senior, said, "I would like to visit Paris to see the Eiffel Tower and walk along the Pont des Arts Bridge where the love locks were once located." Mason Chance, also a Senior at

Floydada High School, replied with, "I would love to go to Italy to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and I would spend my time at the Amalfi Coast to play in the ocean."

Jared Orr, a 2016 graduate, explained, "If I could go anywhere in the world, I would want to go to Greece because it is an ancient country and has so much historical

significance and I would like to further study that history." Michael Crone, junior, described the perfect vacation when stating, "If I were to go anywhere in the world, I would want to go to Dubai because I would want to stay in the world's tallest hotel, spend thousands of dollars, and play golf in the desert."

Mrs. Nutt, the Algebra II teacher at FUSD, explained, "I would like to visit Australia because it would be beautiful, and maybe I could ride a kangaroo or two." Mrs. Glass, both the 8th grade Pre-Algebra and Precalculus

teacher stated, "I would like to go to British Columbia. I have visited there before and it is gorgeous. The famous gardens there are beautiful, and it would be fun to go back." Last but definitely not least, 8th grade U.S. History teacher, Mrs. Bradley, declared, "If I could go anywhere in the world it would probably be Italy. We do not know much about my mom's great-grandfather, who came over from Italy in the 1920s to America and went through Ellis Island. They changed his name, so we have no knowledge about any other information. I think it would be cool and fun to go visit and track him down."

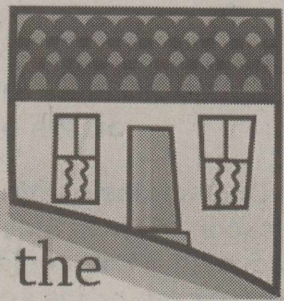
After speaking to each of these individuals, it is apparent that each person has a different desire for their dream vacation. That desire might be personal, or they may just want to explore and venture out, but we wish them well in eventually reaching their destinations.

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## Pope Francis Visits the US

By Roxann Chavarria, Valerie Espinoza, Rachel Hernandez, Alfonso Mendoza

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, Pope Francis arrived in the United States at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland. On the Pope's first steps onto American soil, President Obama was there greeting Francis. He is planning to have a six day stay in the U.S., where he will address politics and participate in parades where people will be able to see him. After his arrival, he made his way to the White House, where he met with President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle Obama. Once on the podium, Pope Francis made his primary issues clear to the President. He brought up issues concerning global warming, immigration, and poverty to approximately fifteen thousand people on the lawn of the president's residence.

Pope Francis addressed a critical issue on global warm-

ing, explicitly encouraging the President's plan to cut carbon emissions. The Pope stated, "Climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation." In his speech to Congress, the Pope brought the role of science and technology to light. He explained that advancing science and technology is key to providing the world with clean and sustainable sources of energy. "In this regard, I am confident that America's outstanding academic and research institutions can make a vital contribution."

Pope Francis moves on to the subject of Immigration. He converses about how his family and himself are immigrants and that he is very grateful of the opportunity of being able to visit the United States. The Pope commented, "Do not be afraid to welcome them... I am certain that, so often in the past, these people will enrich America and its church". Francis wants to invoke the Golden Rule and

is requesting generosity in the direction of Central and South Americans yearning to come to the country.

In addition, Pope Francis also discussed poverty and how it is greatly affecting our country. The Pope has witnessed poverty. After all, he came from Latin America, where millions of people are suffering in low income situations. Pope Francis reminds the people of the world to hear the voices of our brothers and sisters who are in poverty, ill, or lost. The Pope encourages the poor to not let their predicament reduce their faith in God. He believes in no matter what position you are in, there is always hope.

The Pope has come to the United States with many suggestions in the social aspect of life. If citizens will acknowledge the issues of global warming, immigration, and poverty, they may go on to have a bright and prosperous future.

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# Chamber Reveals Plans for 28th Annual Punkin Day

**By Darolyn Snell**  
Floydada Chamber President  
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has been working to finalize the plans for the 28th Annual Punkin Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 on the square in downtown Floydada.

Prior to the festivities that take place on that day, remember that judging for the Best

Chamber booth which will kick off at 8 a.m. The Floydada Fire Department Car Show will be setting up with the Nifty Fifties Car Club in the 200 block of Main Street in front of Oden Chevrolet then as well.

At 9 a.m., the Arts & Crafts booths will open and you are invited to come decorate your own pumpkin at the Chamber booth. The Chamber of Commerce booth will also have "Punkin Capital" t-shirts for kids and adults, as well as caps

the only way to get out is to pay your bail (a donation to the youth group of the St. Mary Magdalen Church), or to carve a pumpkin.

A Cake Walk will take place at the corners of Missouri and Main from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. or until their goodies run out.

At 12:30 p.m. the judging will take place at the Chili Cook-off contest, after which samples from the contest will be available to the public for a donation. Winners will receive cash prizes depending on how they finish. First place will win \$250, second place \$150 and third \$100! If you haven't got a team together, now is the time! Sign up and show off your culinary skills!

Throughout the day remember to stop by the Floyd County Historical Museum and enjoy all they have to offer. The rope making demonstrations in which participants can make their own rope is always a favorite of visitors to our community.

New to this year's lineup will be the Bigg Maxx Pumpkin Auction that will take place under the Pavilion at 1 p.m. and that should be lots of fun! Wonder who will bring in the biggest one for



Decorated Home and Best Decorated Business will take place the evening of October 7th. So make sure your display is ready! And if you are concerned that our judges might miss you, give us a quick call or drop us an email and make sure we have your address. With cash prizes of \$50 for first place, \$25 for second and \$10 for third, it's worth your time to decorate! The Friends of the Library will also kickoff their annual Book Sale in the community room of the Floyd County Memorial Library on Friday, October 9th. So swing by and pick a great read from their always extensive selection!

Get your Punkin Day started the right way by joining the Floydada Lions Club for their Pancake Breakfast. Once again this year, they will be serving their delicious pancakes from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. on the square in front of Payne Pharmacy.

Prior to 8 a.m. that morning, teams will also be able to check in for the Chili Cook-off at the

and our latest cookbook. Cow Patty Bingo tickets can also be purchased at the chamber booth or from Floydada Boy Scouts during the day on Saturday. In that contest, the prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100, definitely make it worth the purchase of a ticket! Entry forms for the Pumpkin Pie Eating contest will be available and that is where the "Punkin" games will be held.

At 9:30 a.m., you can enjoy music under the Pavilion courtesy of our guest artist Greg Maldo. He will play until 12:30 when we will offer another band for your listening enjoyment.

At 10 a.m. all the fun kicks into high gear. That is when the games at the Chamber booth will begin. The games schedule for the day will be as follows: 10 a.m. - Wheelbarrow Race and Wheelbarrow Obstacle Course, 1 p.m. - the Pumpkin toss, and 1:30 p.m. - Pumpkin Bowling. Don't forget to send someone to the "Pumpkin Jail" on the courthouse lawn, where



the auction?

Cow Patty Bingo starts at 2:30 p.m. at the corner of Main and Missouri Streets and you would be surprised how many

actually show up for that event! Down under the Pavilion the Pie Eating Contest will take place. After a great show to see who can put away their pie the fastest, prizes of \$40, \$20 and \$10 will be awarded to the top three finishers.

At 3 p.m., the costume contest will also take place there as well. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each age category for male and female contestants. First place male

At 4 p.m. we will announce the Cow Patty Bingo winners, Chili Cook-off winners, the Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin Trailer winner and the winners of the Guess the # of Seeds and Candy Pumpkins in the Jars from the Chamber booth with the winners of the last three contests I mentioned winning \$25 each.

A special addition to this year's Punkin Days activities is one that we hope will make things easier for our seniors and disabled guests. That is our new "Senior Citizen Park and Ride Service". We at the Chamber are proud to be able to offer this service to those that need it to be able to enjoy the day with us. Anyone needing this service will simply park in the First Baptist Church parking lot on Wall Street and a ride will be provided to and from the Floyd County Museum and we will offer this new service all day long. The Chamber also wants to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has had a part in helping us be able to offer this to our attendees that day. Make sure to tune into our

local TV stations from Lubbock as our chamber manager Kim Perez will be making appearances on several of them the week before our event to help promote it and us. She is scheduled to appear on "Look Around Lubbock" on Fox 34, KCBD's Noon Show, and KLBK is coming to our community on that Thursday! We are even talking it up via our local radio station KFLP! Kim is even scheduled to make appearances on Amarillo stations as well. As you can see, we are working to let people around the South Plains know about our special day!

Remember you can contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at (806) 983-3434, by email at [manager@floydadachamber.com](mailto:manager@floydadachamber.com) or on the web at [www.floydadachamber.com/punkin-days](http://www.floydadachamber.com/punkin-days).

There is everything pumpkin and something for the whole family to do at the annual Punkin Days festival on October 10, 2015. We have a great day planned and look forward to seeing everyone downtown for a great day in Floydada, Texas- "Pumpkin Capital USA!"

## POSTMARK

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Post Master Altie Nelson, with the help of the USPS design department in Ft. Worth, created the final design that will be featured. Script Printing owner, Bobby Gilliland, is producing a fall-themed envelope to compliment the cancellation.

On October 7, anyone can bring in their mail or an envelope to be cancelled at no cost.

The postmark will be stamped on all mail going through the Floydada Station for 60 days and then the date on the stamp will be removed. This is the eighth cancellation event that Nelson, who has

served as post master in Floydada for three years, has been involved with. During her 26 years as a postal employee, she has taken part in various cancellation events ranging from Star Wars to Elvis...and now Pumpkin Days.

The post office will produce a finished product, called a cache, which includes an envelope, a postage stamp from the Summer Harvest stamp series and cancelled with the commemorative stamp. Caches are collected by stamp enthusiasts, and anyone who would like a memento of the occasion, and may be purchased in the post office lobby for \$3 each.

October 22 will mark the beginning of the "Fight Breast Cancer" cancellation

event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. "Fund the Fight, Find a Cure" semipostal stamps are currently on sale at the post-offices nationwide. The price of the semipostal stamp covers the First-Class single-piece postage rate of 44 cents, with 11 cents donated toward the fight against breast cancer. To date, the stamp has raised \$80.1 million for breast cancer research. Seventy percent of the net amount raised is given to the National Institute of Health and 30 percent is given to the Medical Research Program at the Department of Defense.

Though a date is not yet set, a special cancellation event featuring Charlie Brown will take place in December.

## PARK

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to invest in a new playground, new pool and to upgrade softball fields at Annie Taylor Park.

As for the softball fields, "We'll start surveying the fields this fall," Johnston said.

Do you have ideas or

suggestions? "We are always looking for public input and ideas," the city manager said. If you'd like to serve on a committee to improve the athletic features of Annie Taylor Park, call the city at 983-2834 and ask for Jeff Johnston, city manager.

In addition to improving the softball fields at Annie Taylor Park the city

will also be updating and enhancing the playground there as well, and is looking at a variety of options to achieve that.

The timing of the Annie Taylor improvements would be spring 2016, so that the park and softball fields would be ready by summer 2016. But weather and other variables such as contractors can affect that timing.

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