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Producers Attend Caprock Crop Production Conference



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Eighteen vendors provided information on a variety of products at their booths during the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on January 23. Over 150 area farmers attended the all-day event.



Area farmers attended the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference to hear the latest news and updates in preparation for the upcoming planting season. Over 150 area farmers heard from a variety of speakers and visited with numerous vendors at the January 23 meeting.

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Over 150 farmers from Floyd and Crosby counties participated in the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference on January 23 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. The event was sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services in Crosby and Floyd Counties and Plains Cotton Growers.

Eleven different speakers discussed a variety of topics to help the farmers prepare for the upcoming planting season. Topics included Drift Minimization, Herbicide Resistant

Weed Management, Nematode Control, Early, Mild or Late Applied Irrigation and Cotton Management, Farm Bill/Insurance/RMA, New Legislation, Water District Rules and Regulations, Risk Management, New Technology for Financial Management, Cotton Variety Selections, Sunflowers after Failed Cotton and TDA Laws and Regulations.

Speakers included Caitlin Jackson, Crosby County Ag Agent; Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Weed Specialist; Dr. Jason Woodward, AgriLife Plant Pathologist; Jim Bordovsky, AgriLife Research; Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers; Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife

Economist Cotton Marketing; Jason Coleman, High Plains Underground Water District; Jay Yates, AgriLife Risk Management; Dr. Mark Kelley, AgriLife Cotton Agronomist; Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Agronomist; and Casey Summers, Texas Department of Agriculture Field Inspector.

Eighteen different vendors were available to show their products. Participating vendors included Agri-Purplestuff, Americot/NexGen, Assister Insurance Agency, Autauge Quality Cotton Association, Bayer CropScience,

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Lighthouse to Award Scholarship and Trip to Washington, D.C. to Two Area Students

Again in 2014, for the 50th consecutive year, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative will sponsor two area high school students on the all-expense paid Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This year's tour is scheduled for June 12 to June 20. The winners will also receive a \$500 Lighthouse Youth Tour Scholarship.

As participants in the Youth Tour, the local students will join other winners from across the state to travel by air to Washington where they will spend seven days touring places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action.

The two winners will be selected from participants in the co-op's Youth Tour Speech Contest to be held February 23. Participants will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to present their speech and answer questions relevant to the Youth Tour and electric cooperatives. Winners are chosen based on their knowledge, speaking ability, appearance and poise.

Over the past 49 years, Lighthouse has sponsored 102 area students on the tour. Winners in recent years have been:

2005 - Rebekah Thornton of Plainview and Daniel Houchin of Petersburg

2006 - Krista Rasco of Lockney and Maddie Ramsey of Quitaque

2007 - Josh Fowler of Plainview and Britnee Brotherton of Floydada

2008 - Leah Ford of Lockney and J.C. Simpson of Floydada

2009 - Daryn McCarter of Lockney and Lauren Young of Quitaque

2010 - Jonathan Ramirez of Petersburg and Luis Trujillo of Plainview

2011 - Kristen Jenkins of Turkey

2012 - Ben Seth Ramsey of Quitaque and Anna Hernandez of Lockney

2013 - Walker Carson of Quitaque, Mary Sammann of Lockney, and Emily Hall of Floydada

For further information on the Youth Tour, visit www.nreca.coop and click on Youth Programs. For information on entering the contest, visit our web site at www.lighthouse.coop, or contact Larry Ogden at Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, (806) 983-2814, 1-800-657-7192, or e-mail larryo@lighthouse.coop.

Robinson sees no indication of increased cotton prices

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Due to excessive production over consumption during the past three years, there appears to be only neutral to modest growth in the long-term forecast for cotton prices.

Dr. John Robinson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Economist for Cotton Marketing told the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference attendees on January 23 that with China's stockpiles, prices have been forced artificially high.

Robinson said, "Yarn prices are still flat and not booming because textile mills have been using more polyester in their blends because of cotton pricing."

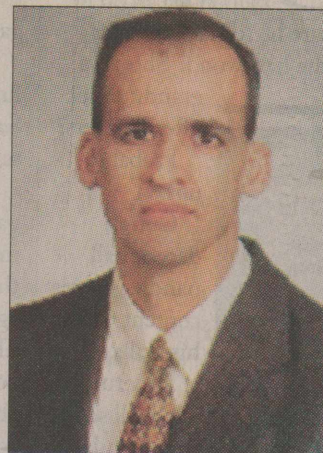
According to Robinson, China currently has over

42 million bales stockpiled which were bought at \$1.40 a pound by the Chinese government as a way to supplement their producers. But he sees no indication that China will continue to grow the stockpile.

"The influence on the market will depend on how they get rid of the stockpile," Robinson said. "The expectation is that China will reduce the stockpile to between 10- and 20-million bales but when they do, it will impact the price of cotton."

This past year, the cotton farmers U.S. produced 16 million bales on 11 million acres and currently there are over six million bales in stock in the U.S.

Robinson said, "The current projection is for the price to be in the 75- to 80-cents a pound range. For



DR. JOHN ROBINSON

the week ending January 17, there was an increase to around 87 cents a pound. The apparent drivers of this price strength were fund buying and a bullish export sales report."

According to Robinson's website (agrilife.org/cottonmarketing), the 2013-14 cotton supply and demand picture

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Lockney Chamber Seeking Nominees for Citizen of the Year

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Nominees for Citizen of the Year are now being accepted by the Lockney Chamber of Commerce. The deadline to submit someone's name is March 1.

Chamber member Kay Martin said, "Everyone knows someone who works hard for the community so please submit their name."

Nominees can be mailed to the Chamber at P.O. Box 477, Lockney or dropped by J&K Insurance at the corner of West College and Southwest First Street.

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.

VALENTINE BRAG PAGES

Be sure and get your kids or grandkids pictures in our "Valentine Brag" section this year. The deadline for submitting your pics and payment will be Tuesday, February 4. You can bring your pictures and information to the Hesperian office at 201 W. California or email to fchb.editor@yahoo.com. Large hearts - \$25; Small hearts - \$15.

LOCKNEY SR CITIZENS FAMILY FISH NIGHT

The Lockney Senior Citizens "Family Fish Night" will be held Friday, Jan. 31st from 5 - 8 p.m. Dine in or carry-out. \$10 per plate! Come enjoy the meal and fellowship!

LOCKNEY CHAMBER

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BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

Corrections

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New arrivals and selections just in!
Heart's Desire Bridal Shower Selections
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 Anna Sherman & Tyler Kidd ~ Mar. 8
 Hearts Desire
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 & Luke Rogers
 Jordan Cornelius
 & Teysha Matthews
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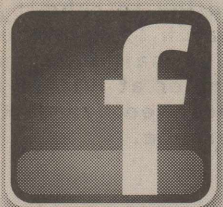
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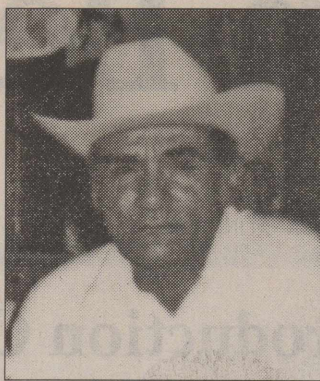
Deaths

Mr. Ventura Bueno Gonzales

Mr. Ventura Bueno Gonzales, age 86, passed away Friday, January 24, 2014 in Floydada. A Mass of Christian Burial was held 4 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2014 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada. Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2014 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Ventura was born February 9, 1927 in Hargill, Texas. He married Maria Gomez on September 20,



VENTURA GONZALES
1956.

He is survived by his children, Connie Orozco of Houston, Venturo Gonzales, Jr. of Floydada, Oscar Gonzales of Lockney, Victor Gonzales of Plainview, Nora Zavala of Floydada,

Irma Ramirez of Lubbock, Paul Gonzales of Tulia, Diane Segura, Norma Lopez, Aida Gomez and Ezereal Gonzales, all from Bryan, Texas; five sisters, Nazaria Rodriguez, Dora Soto, Elida Sanchez, and Junaita Cabrera; a brother, Domingo Gonzales; 22 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Maria Gonzales, brothers, Hipolito Gonzales, Casimiro Gonzales, Angel Gonzales, and a grandchild, Kaitlyn Michaela Gonzales.

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

Melvin Powell

Melvin Powell, age 77, of Floydada passed away Friday, January 24, 2014.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Ralls Cemetery Chapel. Burial was in the Ralls Cemetery under the care of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

A visitation was held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2014 at Adams Funeral Home.

Melvin was born December 27, 1936 in Cros-

by County to Byron and Hazel Rogers Powell. He married the love of his life Ouita Fowler on June 5, 1958 in Cone Texas. Melvin enjoyed the stock shows with his children and later grandchildren. He loved all kids, which was evident by his involvement in their activities. He served on the Crosby County Livestock Board, worked with the 4-H Club, was President of the Crosbyton Booster Club and loved working

the chains at their football games.

Melvin is survived by his wife; two sons, Duane Powell and his wife, Donna of Petersburg and Dale Powell of Plainview. He also leaves behind two brothers, Elvis Dean Powell and his wife, Billie of McKinney and Donnie Powell and his wife, Connie of Friendswood, Texas. Melvin is also survived by four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The 501 Give Granny three points for keeping quiet

Grandson Cutter, age 7, is playing basketball. What to do to be sure he turns into a star on the hardwood? Should a grandmother offer pointers? Probably not.

Cutter, decent ball handler, seems content with his skills.

Eventually he'll score. Meanwhile, his team has been winning.

After the last game, he was smiling big. "I won!" he said.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Maybe he'll end up in politics. Taking credit for all positive outcomes is the way that game is played. Right?

Me, I remember my own first basketball game - a Saturday night contest at the school. I was a sixth-grader.

Like a movie, the whole game replayed itself in my mind the next morning during the preacher's sermon. I lived again through every mistake. They were legion. I remembered absolutely nothing good about my performance on the court. It's a wonder I didn't walk the aisle to confess what a sorry player I'd turned out to be - a disappointment to myself and others. Remorse filled my heart.

Things eventually improved, but what a rough start to my years on the court.

Cutter, au contraire, is blissfully unaware of any shortcomings in his abilities. Would it be OK for me to help him improve his game?

Can I tell him, for instance, to stay between his man and the goal on defense?

I've already asked the coach if that's still the rule of thumb, not wanting to contradict some new-fangled approach to the game. The coach, a nice young man, said that's what they tell the boys at every practice.

I asked Cutter if the coach had told him to stay between his man and the goal.

"No," he said. "What do they tell you?" "Just guard 'em," he said.

Cutter thinks he knows all about guarding.

It's probably best he remain confident. After all, his guardees have yet to figure out they can drop back to get away from his unwelcome presence right in front of them.

So I'm keeping my grandmotherly mouth shut. It's part of my new skill set.

Yet I couldn't help but check out a basketball at the Y to shoot some goals. I've gotta be ready if Cutter wants to play ball on our miniscule backyard court.

I'm losing it. My aim was true, but I can't sink anything from the three-point line. The goal is just a little too far away. Did somebody move it? I knew I'd lost my ability to jump and touch the ceiling, but where'd my arm and wrist strength go?

I finally made a few shots by putting my weight into the effort. My only observer was the old silver-haired guy jogging around the court on an elevated track. No doubt he was cheering me on in his own aging heart.

I shouldn't fret. In our backyard, we've barely got room for free throws. For now, it's the right-sized court for Cutter and me.

It's getting too late to make him learn more nursery rhymes. Maybe we can at least play some basketball.

The Paperboy Don't feel sorry for us, Washington!

We are hearing more and more about income inequality. Before delving into this subject, let me say up front that it is a superficial issue being used to take the focus off of other fires currently raging throughout the federal government.

Since this column was written before President Obama's State of the Union Tuesday night, I haven't a clue what he'll say on the topic but I suspect he'll point out the obvious. He may even want to raise the minimum wage. Regardless, this is a topic I'm glad has surfaced because maybe it can be put to rest for good. That is, if people have common sense...

I suppose in a utopian society where we all wear robes and live off the land that income equality would be great. No rich, no middle, no poor - just a beautiful society where we drink clean water from the crystal clear river, feed each other grapes and enjoy each 72 degree day.

Unfortunately, we are far from that as a society. However, we are the richest country on Earth. Even our poor would be considered wealthy in most of the countries on Earth.

Income inequality, or class warfare, is a silly argument and everyone should know that a society without wealth - where everyone gets the same - is a very poor society.

When politicians speak this way it says to me, "Hey, I'm real smart, and you're real dumb, so I'm going to tell everybody what to do and how to live. You over here are too good so we're going to handicap you. You over here are not good enough so we're going to give you stuff for free."

Where's the pride in this thought pattern? Where's the motivation to say, "I did it!"

Shouldn't I value my friend for the the friendship they provide me? I have never thought of any of my friends better than the other. What their net worth is does not figure into the equation.

Such superficial observations should be far from your mind. For instance, I have good friends who work on our highways. I have good friends who work at our prison. I have good friends who work in law enforcement. I have good friends who teach. Do any of us think for a second that the vast majority of these individuals is going to become wealthy doing their jobs?

No. Do they bust their tails and provide a good life for their families?

Absolutely. Are they essential in our day-to-day lives? Of course.

Here in the sticks we know each other. There's not many secrets. We know who is rich and we know who is poor. We help those in need and most of the time, we get along.

I always find it ironic when millionaires tell us how wrong it is that the super wealthy are somehow hurting us by being rich.

Our millionaire president, his billionaire buddies, and all of the millionaire movie stars and celebrities he hangs out with, like to point out how bad they feel for being rich because us poor folk are so oppressed.

Guess what? That's not oppression. It's depression. The Americans I hang out with want to be left alone. They want to be able to use more of their hard-earned money. They want to feel free to make their own decisions without some bureaucratic red tape standing in their way.

As Americans, we are free to pursue our dreams. We are free to achieve our goals. Many times we fail. So what? As Americans, we are free to get up off the mat and try again.

We have Americans who chase dreams. Thank God! Because when people like Henry Ford, Steve Jobs and Bill Gates achieve their dreams, they create incredible products which advance our world. More importantly, they create millions of jobs which creates wealth.

I do not begrudge anyone for becoming what they can. If that's an awesome third grade teacher, fantastic. If that's a doctor, great. Last I checked, we need both.

Frankly, I can think of dozens of issues that are far more important than a fabricated issue based on the manipulation of data.

You want to close the gap between the rich and poor in this country? How about encouraging couples to marry before they have children so those children are raised in a stable household? How about giving tax breaks to encourage financial support for youth facilities and programs around the country?

There are many ways to energize a workforce leading to a better life for U.S. citizens. Why aren't we discussing lifting one another up in those terms?

Mr. President, don't judge me. Get out of the way and allow me to live in this country as it was designed. I appreciate the sentiment, but I place my trust in the citizens of this country and not the government.

Look no further than the wallet Mr. President. We're all rich compared to you guys. In a few months, you and your colleagues in Washington will have your beloved government in a negative \$17 trillion debt. To my knowledge, that's by far the most debt that exists anywhere on this planet.

I don't want an organization like that telling me what to do or how to live. That's not a job you or anyone else in Washington is very good at.

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SOCIETY



**JORDAN CORNELIUS
AND TEYSHA MATTHEWS**

Cornelius and Matthews to wed

Clay and LeAnn Matthews of Vega are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Teysha Suzohn Matthews to Jordan Tate Cornelius, son of Eric and Julianne Cornelius, of Floydada.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Vega High School and will graduate in May 2015 from Texas Tech University with an Early Childhood Education degree.

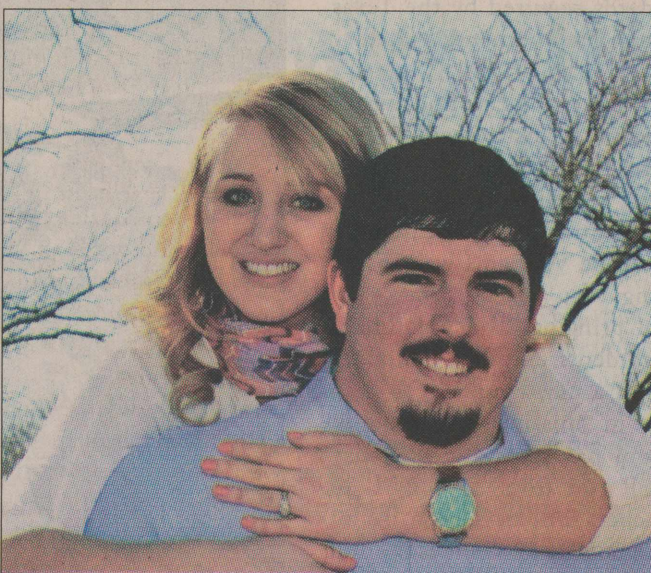
She is the granddaughter of Bill and Jody Matthews of Plainview, and Susan Allen and the late Victor Allen of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a 2010 graduate of Floydada High School and is currently employed with Aric Hendricks Trucking in Floydada.

He is the grandson of Jim and Pat Cornelius of Possum Kingdom Lake, and Joyce Lipham and the late Julian Lipham, formerly of Floydada.

The couple will marry May 31, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church on Broadway in Lubbock, Texas.

Sherman and Kidd to wed



**ANNA MARIE SHERMAN
AND TYLER WESLEY KIDD**

Mac and Robin Sherman are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Marie Sherman to Tyler Wesley Kidd, son of Phillip and Lana Kidd.

The bride is a 2010 graduate of Lockney High School, and will be a May 2014 graduate of the Amarillo College Dental Hygiene Program.

Anna is the granddaughter of Robert and Ann Gay of Lockney, and Bill and Mary Sherman of Lockney.

The groom is a 2007 graduate of Lockney High School, and was a 2011 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a degree in Agribusiness and Economics. Tyler is employed at Wilbur Ellis in Lockney as the Operations Manager. He also is a private crop consultant.

Tyler is the grandson of Nell and the late Bobby Henley of Lubbock, and Roy and Linda Kidd of Lockney.

The wedding will take place at Country Home Weddings in Canyon, Texas on March 8, 2014.

Museum Archives Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

PRAIRIE CHAPEL

Prairie Chapel Community, located in northwestern Floyd County, evolved from a need for a school that taught higher grades.

The land was purchased and a school teaching grades one thru ten was begun when the Bobbitt and Weathers schools consolidated in 1923.

The Bobbitt school was located on what is presently the Herschel Carthel place where the microwave tower now stands. Many games of ball were played across the road north on the Griffith place.

The Weathers school, formed from Providence and Meteor, was located on the northeast corner (on land given by Preacher Weathers) now presently owned property of Loren L. Rhodes, which was 2 miles west of the Prairie Chapel Schoolhouse.

The Weathers first trustees were R. L. Brown, Preacher Weathers, and Frank Walter. It was formed in 1915 and had about 30 to 40 pupils when they decided to consolidate. Mrs. Frank Whitfill (Cassie Tierce) was the first teacher at Weathers.

The Bobbitt and Weathers Buildings were moved in 1923 to the Prairie Chapel location and used until a brick building could be built. This building is still standing as Historical marker in the county in 1979. School started in 1924 in the new building.

The Bobbitt Building was used for a Church of Christ at the school location. It was a 20 x 50 ft. box building which began to lean after many years of use and was replaced with a new building in the early 30's. Part of this building is still on the property which was sold to Malcom and Lily Marshall several years after the church was dissolved in 1966. They remodeled this building into a home.

The Weathers building was used as a teacherage until the school consolidated with Lockney in 1946. At this time the building was moved to Lockney for a teacherage.

The area served by the school went near the Hale County line on the west and took in the Jones, Foster, and Booth places on the north, the Les Ferguson section on the east and south to Jno. T. Carthels.

This school supported four teachers its first year. Thelma Thompson, a transfer from Weathers School, Miss Stella Atkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cooper. Mrs. Cooper taught until semester, then her sister, Miss Belle Cruse replaced her. Mr. Cooper taught several years.

Listed are some of the teachers that taught during the years that Prairie Chapel existed; a Miss Finley, Miss Maudie Meredith (Mrs. Clay Muncy), Elizabeth Thacker, Lewis Boyd, Ethel Hartman, Herbert Nicholas, Eunice Coleman, (Greenhaw), Mrs. Craig (Irene) Winters, Mrs. Herman (Helen) Huffman was a substitute and a Mrs. Mattie Woods.

The story is told on Fridays Mrs. Woods always cooked a pot of beans on the big potbellied stove so the children could have a warm meal. Mrs. Fred (Juanita) Drake, daughter of T. E. And Lucy Cowart, her husband in the service, taught at least 2 years and was teaching when the school closed in 46. Prairie Chapel is just a community.

No town evolved from the school's beginning. It was only a school and church, being a mile from (the railroad might have made a difference).

No one remembers why the name Prairie Chapel was used unless it was because the land is so flat and the church was to meet in the buildings. It has never grown as it still is just a mark on the plains.

The first trustees for Prairie Chapel were France Carthel, T. H., Boedeker, W.W. Alien, Frank Walter, G. E. Tannahill, J.M. Cooper, R. T. Spence. and E. M. Wharton.

They had a basketball team. There were eighteen boys, enough for two baseball teams.

Retirement



Courtesy Photo

A retirement luncheon was held for Steph Gatica on January 2nd. She has retired after 50 years of service in the lab at Cogdell Clinic in Lockney. She is pictured here with Larry Mullins, administrator of W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, receiving a gift.

RE-ELECT

I want to Thank all of the Floyd County citizens for allowing me to serve and work for you as Floyd County Judge. I would like to continue serving and working for you in the future.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney School Board Extends Cotham's Contract

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Meeting in regular session on Jan. 16, the Lockney Board of Trustees extended Superintendent Phil Cotham's contract by one year and added a cost of living raise.

In other business, the Board approved an agreement with the City of Lockney to allow the city to drill a water well on school property just west of the track. The well is part of a \$750,000 grant that the city has received. According to City Councilman Shad Schuleter, in order to fulfill the grant requirements, the city must drill two wells. Once these wells are completed, the city will qualify for a larger grant that will allow it to secure property and drill additional wells. Environmental studies will take about 60 days and then the Texas Department of Agriculture

must approve the wells. The wells must meet the standards required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for city wells.

Cotham said that if the city finds water on school property, the district will be able to use it to water the track field.

Junior High principal Craig Setliff reported 102 students enrolled. Elementary principal Jean Anne Williams was absent due to a meeting.

High School principal Todd Hallmark reported 154 students enrolled. Hallmark also talked about a new approach to help students turn in missing assignments. The high school has started a Thursday school that will run from 3:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Teachers will develop a list of missing assignments as of Wednesday and students will be kept on Thursday to finish the assignments.

High School Basketball

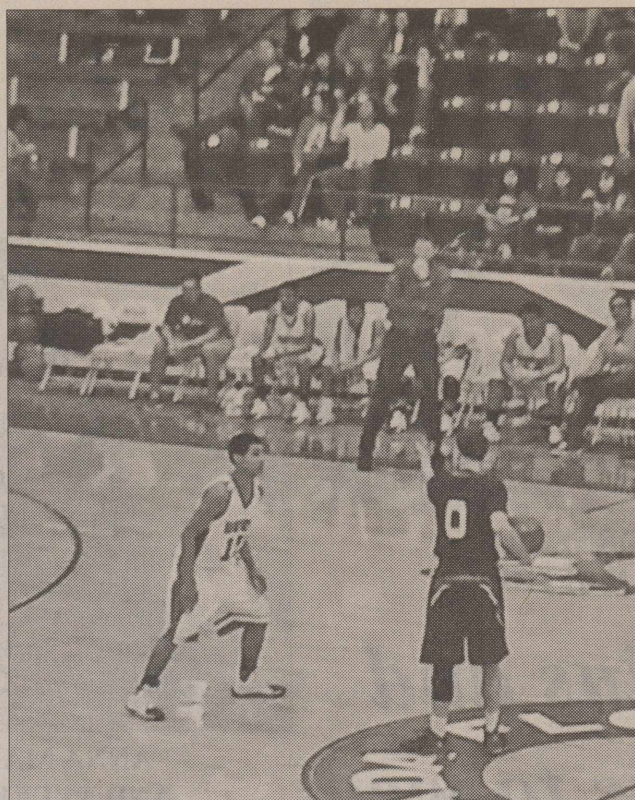


Photo by Sheryl Back

Blake Copeland #0, senior at Slaton High School, directs the Tigers' offense against the Floydada Whirlwinds on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Whirlwind Gym. Final score of the game was Slaton 80, Whirlwinds 50. Blake is the point guard for the Tigers' basketball team and ended this game with 15 points and 12 assists. He is the son of Amy Copeland and the grandson of Ricky and Rebecca Burns, formerly of Floydada.

Lockney Junior High Boys Basketball Report

Eighth Grade Boys
By Coach Jay Ragland

The Lockney eighth grade boys' basketball team remained undefeated by winning both games of the Lockney Tournament on Jan. 18. Lockney defeated Crosbyton 42-18 and Smyer 41-25.

Lockney was led in scoring in the Crosbyton game by Jaden Rosales with 19, Israel Cuellar with 15, Kevin Lopez with four and Tristan Schluter and Ricky Cuellar each had two points. The second game the team was led in scoring by Jaden Rosales with 19, Israel Cuellar with 16, Tristan Schluter with four and CJ Ascencio with two.

The Lockney eighth grade boys' basketball team pushed their record to 11-0 on Monday, Jan. 20 defeating Ralls 31-9. After a slow start in the first half the team responded with 23 points in the second half.

The team was led in scoring by Jaden Rosales with 17, Israel Cuellar with six, Shawn Palomin with three, Diego Trenado with two, CJ Ascencio with two and Julio Lara with one. The team traveled to Hale Center Monday, Jan. 27 to take on the Owls.

Seventh Grade Boys
By Coach Kyle Browne

The Lockney Longhorn seventh grade boys' basketball team won a close game on Monday, Jan. 20 against Ralls by a score of 21-19. The Horns were down the whole game but made some big plays in the end to pull out the victory. The Horns were led in scoring by Bryson Walker with 13, Billy Dillard, Fernando Valdez, Austin Ascencio and Bryson Hallmark all had two. The Horns played the Hale Center Owls on Monday, Jan. 27 at Hale Center.

Menus

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU February 3 – February 7

<p>Monday Breakfast – Oatmeal, Blueberry muffin, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Chicken & broccoli penne, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadsticks, milk variety</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast – Chicken-n-biscuit with syrup, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Ultimate taco salad, seasoned corn, tortilla chips, lime fruit bar or sherbet cup, milk variety</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast – Pancake/Sausage on a stick, oven fried potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety</p>	<p>Lunch – Steak fingers, whipped potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, roll, milk variety</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast – Sunrise sandwich, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch - Chicken Quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk variety</p> <p>Friday Breakfast – Breakfast taco, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Pepperoni or cheese pizza, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk variety</p>
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LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU February 3 – February 7

<p>Monday Breakfast – Oatmeal, Blueberry muffin, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Two pizza dippers w/spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk variety</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast – Chicken-n-biscuit with syrup, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Baked potato w/ham & cheese, breadstick, garden salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad, milk variety</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast – Pancake/Sausage on a</p>	<p>stick, oven fried potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Chicken nuggets, savory beans, mashed potatoes w/gravy, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk variety</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast – Sunrise sandwich, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch BBQ on bun, black beans, baby carrots, salsa, orange smiles, milk variety</p> <p>Friday Breakfast – Breakfast taco, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Pizza choice, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk variety</p>
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BID NOTICE

Floydada I. S. D. is now accepting sealed bids on district vehicles that will be sold to the highest bidder. Vehicle information is listed below. Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent, 226 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235, no later than 3:00 PM, February 7, 2014.

Bids must be sealed and marked "Vehicle Bid". The bids will be opened and tallied at 10:00 a.m., February 10, 2014.

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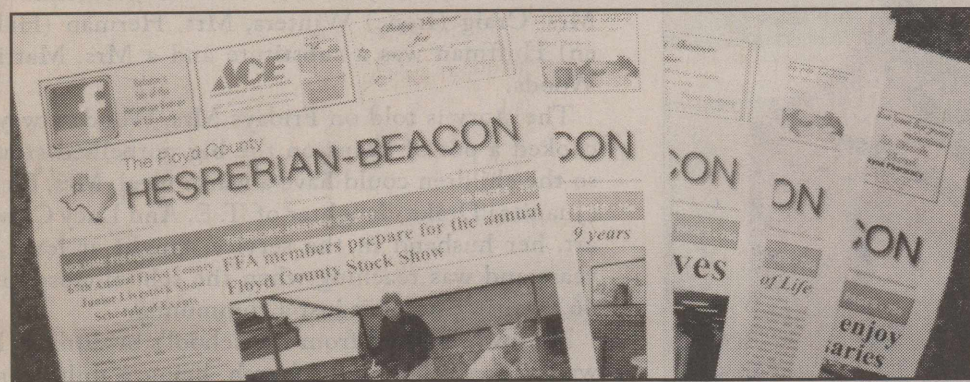
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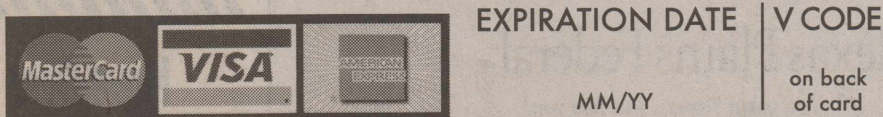
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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The sun is out and it is a beautiful day today (Sunday). I understand we will be having colder weather this coming week.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032.

We would love for you to come and join us at noon, visit with us and maybe meet new people. I love having someone else do the cooking and like visiting with friends and just getting out of the house for a few hours.

If we continue like we are we may not financially continue to keep the Center open for the senior adults in this community. I understand several Centers over the area are having problems keeping their doors open too. This is so hard for me to understand. I would get so depressed if I had to stay home and cook all my

meals and never get to visit friends.

When you do plan on eating at the Center, please call Sylvia at 983-2032 by 9 a.m. so she can plan on having enough food for everyone. If we have five, six or more people show up without calling, you can see we wouldn't have enough food for everyone.

Our sympathy to the family of Melvin Powell.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation or when you just want to help the Center by donating a few dollars and help us with daily expenses.

In memory of Fred Zimmerman, III - Shorty Turner

In memory of Dale Jahay - Ronald and Alyne Evans

Thought for the Day - "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers

COTTON

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was only slightly changed by USDA's January report. The ending stocks report included an adjustment of an increase by 1.2 million bales in Chinese production and an 180,000 bales reduction in world-wide consumption.

Robinson wrote, "The bottom line of these adjustments was a new record high world endings stocks of 97.61 million bales and a nominally huge 89.1 percent stocks-to-use ra-

tio. Ordinarily this would have the extremely bearish implication that most of the cotton needed in the 2014-15 marketing year will already be sitting in warehouses by the summer of 2013."

Over 60 percent of the stocks are in China and 75 percent of that will still be held by the Chinese government in their reserves. Robinson indicates that the normal interpretations are confused by the effect of those reserves and as long as those reserves are not released, prices will remain where they are. Once China releases the reserves

to their mills, then price weakening will be seen.

Foreign supply uncertainty also includes how big India's production was in 2013. With more rain, India's output is expected to be increased over previous years. This may lead to competition with the U.S. for exports to China. Over the past few years, government policies, both foreign and domestic, have influenced the cotton market, according to Robinson.

"The futures market reflects price weakness during 2014," Robinson said, "so I see no reason for prices to go higher."

Land Bank/Capital Farm Credit, Powell Ag/Stimupro, Ray Lee Equipment, Senninger Irrigation and Tri-Star Chemical.

Jonathan James of the Crosby County Ag Committee and Allen Akers of the Floyd County Ag Committee served as moderators for the sessions.

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Our Family Fish Night will be held again on Friday, January 31 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Dine in or carry-out. \$10 per plate! Come enjoy the meal and fellowship!

MENU

February 3 - February 7

Monday: Stew & cornbread

Tuesday: Enchilada casserole

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak

Thursday: Chicken & dumplings

Friday: Hamburger steak

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Whenever my lack of mechanical prowess threatens to surface, I sure miss the solenoid. It was always there for us, lurking under the hood somewhere, and always - always - it was waiting to malfunction. It was handy, every mechanic knew where it was - like tonsils - and it had a great name. Solenoid - like asteroid or paranoid.

In the old days, b.c.c. (before car computers), the solenoid was a little whatchit that was in the engine area and without it you couldn't make the car go. And that's an important thing for those of us who are mechanically impaired to know.

I asked Vince down at the gas station gun shop about solenoids and why we don't hear about them anymore. "Oh, they're still in there," he said, "but now they're a part of the starter and everything is run by a computer, so you don't see them separately."

Vince began selling guns at the gas station several years ago so he could combine his two great loves: gasoline and gun powder. The place has never been held up.

So the solenoid is still around, reducing current from the battery and closing little

doodiddles inside the thingie-things, but it isn't separate any more. This is a terrible blow to guys like me. The solenoid, bless it, saw a long career as the whipping boy of ignorance. In those days, if the car didn't start, you'd raise the hood, start tapping on various parts with a screwdriver, and wait for someone to come by and take pity on you.

"Not starting?" the mechanically-inclined angel of mercy would say.

And then we would look semi-philosophical and reply. "Can't get it going. Think it might be the solenoid."

This gave us a graceful way out of just looking stupid. What are we supposed to say these days? My car's gone off-line?

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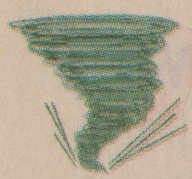
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Maria Castillo
Miranda Cuba
Juan Delafuente
Anai De La Fuente
Jakob Deochoa
Madilyne Garcia
Ivana Gonzalez
Trevor Greer
Enrique Hartline
Alli Hernandez
Jaime Hernandez
Brody Hughes
Ellianna Jimenez
Isabel Johnston
Jordan Jones
Roy Jones
Braylen Landeros
Katie Landin
Hazel Lloyd
Hiram Lopez
John Lopez
Devin Luna
Brittany Machado
Alejandra Martinez
Dahlenn Mendoza
Adelle Ramos
Michael Ramos
Marty Riojas
Josue Rosa
Ana Saldana
Kyra Segura
Payten Shuping

Kindergarten AB Honor Roll

Daelin Austin
Brandon Carmona-Contreras
Armando Chavarria
D'Anthony Delarosa
Dominic Delarosa
Ismael Flores
Andrea Garza
Avrian Garza
Azael Gomez
Aidyn Gonzalez
Jerald Henderson
Naomi Lopez
Ricardo Loustaunau Gonzalez
Myra Maldonado
Grayson Marks
Jaylin Mendoza
Isaiah Ortega
Christopher Perez
Zaniah Ortiz
Zaiden Ratliff- Branch
Justin Torres
Johan Villarreal
Makinley Whittle
Samantha Ybarra

1st A Honor Roll

Kimara Baker
Preslie Brooks
La'Rissa Castillo
Sydni Chesshir
Lihhahna Duran
Aiden Enriquez
Draven Garcia
Ava Gonzales
Kirsten Pyle

Miranda Reyes
Caleb Speed

1st AB Honor Roll

Braeson Ballesteros
Bradley Bullock
Luna Castillo
Treyvian Coleman
Amaris Ellis
Sergio Ferrer
Angel Garza
Hailee Garza
Luis Gonzalez
Tillie Grouse
Alexis Hernandez
Jayde James
Karlie Jones
Josemaria Lara
Makkeniee Lemons
Jaiden Luna
Robert Luna
Marcus Maldonado
Alyse Mendoza
Alaya Organista
Jonathan Pena
Jane Perales
Katelynn Ranirez
Allyson Romero
Logan Smith
Nicholas Vasquez
Dustin Zavala

2nd A Honor Roll

Janeise Garza
Kyler Gillespie
Christopher Louallen

Faith Reyes
Marcus Roberts
Aiden Trevino

2nd AB Honor Roll

Giovanny Baltazar
Audri Barrientos
Edgar Cervera
Salvador Flores
Mariah Garcia
Emily Gonzalez
Giuliana Gonzalez
Dallas Hernandez
Hagen Hinsley
Reese Hinsley
Kason Hughes
Cristin Kemp
Emma Lafuente
Alea Lira
Ilan Lopez
Aaliyah Marmolejo
Luis Martinez
Jaun Ovalle
Analise Perez
Ryan Perez
Jaxson Smith
Derrick Suarez
Leighton Teeple

3rd A Honor Roll

Lailah Burks

3rd AB Honor Roll

Anthony Garcia
Tatum Glasscock
Alianna Juarez
Hannah Lafuente

Faith Lopez
Luis Martinez
Andres Mendoza
Elektra Monroe
Saul Reyes
Devin Reyes

4th A Honor Roll

Caitlyn Campbell
Trace Glasscock
Charles Gwinn
Isaac Lopez
Madison Martinez-Garcia
Christian Mendez
Holley Monroe

4th AB Honor Roll

Peyton Anderson
Jack Brooks
Clarissa Delafuente
Oscar Flores
Noah Garcia
Jakob Garza
Nathanael Garza
Ashlyn Green
Bryan Henry
Camden Johnston
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5th A Honor Roll

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Alexyz Alvarado
Raul Ascencio
Jody Briones
Cole Emery
Angel Fipps
Aliana Gonzales
Joseph Gonzales
Kendal Hughes
Emily Lopez
Rolando Ortiz
Maria Sanchez
Jenifer Segura
Audrie Strange
Rickily Terry
Breck Thomas

6th A Honor Roll

Emily Cisneros
Azalea Garza
Payton Teeple

6th AB Honor Roll

Alfredo Aleman
Patricio Delafuente
Jarren Garcia
Eric Johnston
Kassandra Mendez
Robert Rodriguez
Xochie Padilla
Miguel Suarez
Angela Vega

FHS Honor Roll

9th A Honor Roll

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Selena Espinoza
Valerie Espinoza
Brooke Galvan
Delylah Henry
Kailee Jackson
Giovanna Martinez
Alfonzo Mendoza
Kaylee Morren
Grant Potts
Karley Weems

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Brayden Campbell
Aylin Chavana
Taylor Chavarria
Albert Dehoyos
Jade Deochoa
Gabiella Hernandez
Roberto Mora
Karina Ortega
Rosary Perez
Justin Rodriguez
Tyler Saldana
Chassidy Sanchez
Brooklyn Smith
Bryce Thomas
Carson Turner
Alyssa Vega

10th A Honor Roll

Destiny Cabello
Kirby Nixon
Roxann Chavarria
Rita Martinez

10th AB Honor Roll

Audreanna Almaguer
Melissa Arizpe
Jaque Barrera Castillo
Emmily Britt
Christian Chavarria
Allison Cisneros
Jacob Degollado
Sabrina Delgado
Shiann De Los Santos
J Guzman
Reagan Hughes
Angel Lorenzo
Delaney Lucke
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Makenzie Ramos
Alvessa Reyna
Michael Riojas
Thalia Villa
Dakota Whalen

11th A Honor Roll

Desiree Guerra
Rebekah Hall
McKenna Johnson
Yareli Martinez
11th AB Honor Roll

Chelsea Byrd

Aimee Chavarria
Joshua Chavarria
Lindsey Deleon
David Henry
Tucker Lowrance
Bethany Morales
Karla Moreno
Annette Pena
Valerie Reyes
Aaron Chavarria
Liz Morales
Daniel Martinez
Kimberly Pacheco
Erika Sanchez
Corbin Nutt

12th A Honor Roll

Patricia Riojas

12th AB Honor Roll

Casandra Delgado
Cristal Irlas
Stephanie Lerma
Matthew McGowen
Michael Moreno
Emily Prisk
Hunter Schwertner
Jesus Garza
Pedro Guerrero
Raelene Martinez
Ileana Moreno

FJH Honor Roll

7th A Honor Roll

Gabriel Delafuente
Drake Emery

7th AB Honor Roll

Allison Muniz
Allison Orr
Kylie Ricketts
Cutter Smith
Monty Stambaugh
Jonah Trevino
James Gibbens

Ethan Smith
George Torres

8th A Honor Roll

Alex Glass
Lauren Hall

8th AB Honor Roll

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Rachel Graham
Catharine Kemp
Arnoldo Martinez

Caleb Miller

Keenan Nixon
Brittany Pena
Alejandro Pinon
Donald Gibbens
Kortney Campbell
Stefanni Chavarria
Jeremiah Johnston
Jordan Mendoza
Dusty Prisk
Remington Ricketts
Adolfo Trevino



Floydada ISD announces its January Students and Teacher of Month. (L-R): Reagan Hughes- sophomore, Natalie Hernandez- 1st grade, Sallye Lyles- HS History teacher, and George Torres- 7th grade. Not pictured- Brooke Burson- 6th grade ELAR teacher

GO WHIRLWINDS GO



Above: The 2014 Floydada High School BPA chapter that competed at the Regional Leadership Conference, January 18, 2014.

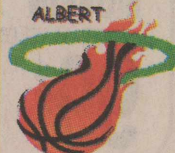
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Varsity Boys Basketball

By Kimberly Pacheco

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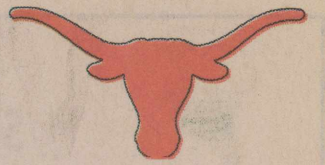
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Longhorn News



All Region Band

The Longhorn Band had many students qualify for the ATSSB All-Region Bands. The students in junior high competed against other 1A junior highs in the region. The Junior High All-Region Band Members are Steven Bazan and Lyndee Setliff on trumpet, Karissa Petty on French horn, Joe Ochoa, Julio Lara, and Shawn Marquez

on trombone, and Bryson Hallmark on percussion.

The high school band had seven members qualify for the High School All-Region Band. The following students competed against 1A and 2A high schools from the region: Jake Moore on flute, Jace Klein on alto saxophone, Nathan Cabalero and Kameron Hunt on trumpet, and Jake Bramlet,

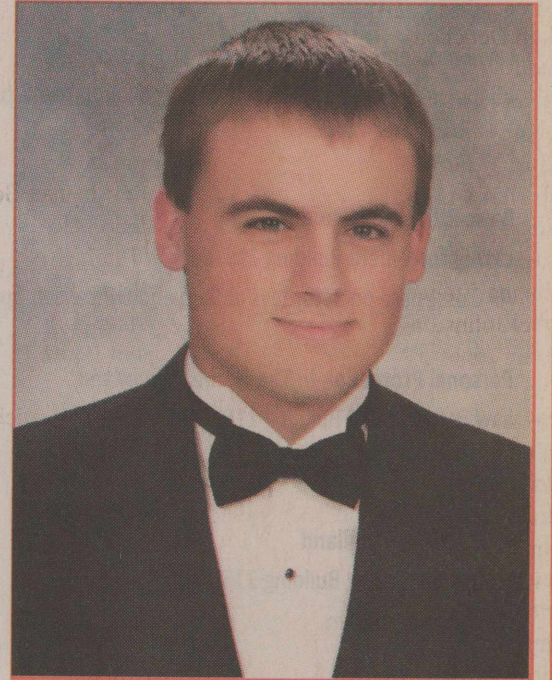
Luke Kasner, and Dillon DeLeon on percussion.

Levi Kasner qualified for the ATSSB Honor Band. He received fourth chair in the band, and competed against students from 1A, 2A, and 3A bands throughout the area. These students performed concerts in Lubbock at the Civic Center and represented Lockney well.



Senior Spotlights: Jake Bramlet & Tanille Bigham

Jake Ty Bramlet is the son of Larry and Beth Bramlet. Jake Bramlet was born in Lockney and has attended school here for 13 years. He has participated in various activities here at Lockney High School being an active member of the FFA, Band, and the Cross Country, Powerlifting, Track and Tennis teams. He has been a FFA student advisor, treasurer and is now vice president during his senior year. Jake has also been an integral part of the Lockney High School band earning a division one at State Solo and Ensemble contest and also earned third chair and fifth chair in the All-Region band during his high school years. While attending LHS he has been a member of the National Honor Society his junior and senior years, student council all four years and participated in numerous UIL events. His junior year his UIL science team was a state qualifier and his social studies team was a regional qualifier. After graduation he plans on going to Texas Tech or Texas A&M and major in architecture with a minor in civil engineering. In the future Jake hopes to design buildings and sports complexes around Texas.



Tanille Dawn Bigham is the daughter of Lockney natives Melissa Griffith and Clint Bigham. Like her parents, Tanille has lived in Lockney all of her life. While a student at LHS Tanille has been involved in FFA, Band, Student Council, and FCCLA. After graduation Tanille plans to attend San Angelo State University to study nursing and eventually become a trauma nurse.



Ooooo, It's So Good!



Lockney High School Food Science classes prepared meringue pies last week as part of a lesson studying egg whites. Students made pies from scratch; the crust, the filling, and the meringue. Pies were judged and constructive criticism was given. Food Science is offered twice during the day, therefore there were two different contests. Mrs. Racheal Kasner, Mrs. Kathy Young, and Mrs. D'Lyn Morris judged Meringue Pies that were made by the 3rd period Food Science students. Third Period winners were Mauricio Davila and Analia Her-

nandez who made a "Coconut Cream Meringue Pie" (www.allrecipes.com). Mrs. Donna Webb, Mrs. Melanie Ragland, Mrs. Kathy Young, and Mr. Ryan Archer judged the Sixth Period. The sixth period pie winner was a "Mom's Chocolate Meringue Pie" (www.allrecipes.com) made by Dillon DeLeon, Heather Fierros, and Esperanza Guerra. The pies were enjoyed by various teachers and the students of the Food Science classes. Food Science is taught by Mrs. Cindy Belt, the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher.



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- February 1st
- March 1st
- April 5th
- May 10th

Basic Pistol – Levelland
Law Enforcement Building, Room 115, Cost \$75
All Classes are on Saturdays at 9am and Sundays at 2pm

- January 25th -26th
- March 15th -16th
- April 12th -13th

Basic Rifle – Levelland
Law Enforcement Building 115, Cost \$75
All Classes are on Saturdays at 9am and Sundays at 1pm

- March 22nd -23rd

Personal Protection In The Home – Levelland
Law Enforcement Building 115, Cost \$90
Class begins at 9am

- February 15th

Reloading – Levelland
Law Enforcement Building 116, Cost \$90
Class begins at 9am

- February 22nd

Home Firearm Safety – Levelland
Law Enforcement 116, Cost \$45
Class begins at 1pm

- March 9th

Refuse To Be A Victim – Levelland
Law Enforcement Building 116, \$35 public / \$25 SPC Faculty, Staff, and Students
Class begins at 1pm

- March 30th

Personal Protection Outside the Home & Advanced Training - Levelland
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- April 19th -20th
- April 26th

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Space is limited! Pre-Registration is preferred

Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Wit and Wisdom of Texas looks to show the readers the common sense and uncommon genius of many Texans from the past to the present. I hope you enjoy and delight in these comments.

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(StatePoint) If you’re a frequent traveler, you know the journey can leave you feeling run down. Taking precautions to stay healthy is especially important during flu season.

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Wizard of wind power: Billingsley says he knows how to make it profitable

DALLAS, Texas, January 17, 2014 - Dallas based Tri Global Energy, LLC (TGE) would like to share this well-researched feature story published by the Dallas Business Journal today, profiling our Chief Executive Officer and Founder, John B. Billingsley, Jr.

This is the story of a man with a vision and the fortitude to create a business model that is on the cusp of being beneficial to many landowners in the drought-stricken western plains of Texas, as well as to the energy consumer.

By Nicholas Sakelaris
Staff Writer
Dallas Business Journal

John Billingsley Jr. spent his youth picking cotton in fields just south of Lubbock, where West Texas winds of up to 20 or 30 mph would slap at his face like a hard open hand.

"Growing up out there, driving a tractor many, many years right in the middle of that wind, it was a big headache," the 74-year-old Billingsley said.

But six decades later, he hopes that the wind will make it all up to him.

The chairman and CEO of Tri Global Energy, a Dallas-based wind-farm company, Billingsley's on the verge of harnessing wind power and bringing it to North Texas under an untested model.

Tri Global has leased more than 640,000 acres throughout the Texas Panhandle, with plans to build 16 wind farms totaling 6,600 megawatts over the next decade. That's enough to power 1.9 million homes annually. Just one of those projects, the 122,000-acre Hale Community Energy wind farm, already is poised to

become the world's largest, which will produce 1,100 megawatts once completed.

Tri Global faces plenty of competition from the usual players, such as Lincoln Renewable Energy, to unusual ones, such as Google. But Billingsley still stands out.

When he calls his wind farms community-based projects, he really means community-based. For example, 340 local landowners, mostly farmers, have bought into Billingsley's vision of the huge Hale County farm as investors.

And each wind farm has a board of directors that looks like a small-town Kiwanis club, peopled with farmers, doctors, lawyers, university professors and auctioneers.

In the big-money world of Texas energy, it's an audacious bet by a good-humored straight shooter with the soul of an old-fashioned wildcatter.

Known for making a gainful go at ventures as varied as buying a bank and massaging mineral rights, Billingsley may finally succeed where others have fallen with a thud: transforming wind power from a money-sucking novelty into more than just a stable, viable power source, but into a profitable, growing part of the state's energy portfolio.

"Traditionally, community wind was in the small projects, 20 megawatts," said Larry Flowers, deputy director of the American Wind Energy Association.

"Tri Global is coming from the top down in looking at much larger projects and providing opportunities for local and community folks to participate financially in those projects. That's the piece I think that is exciting."

Where he's from and

where he's going

Billingsley saw how other wind developers did business on his water-parched home turf and wanted to find a better model that also helped local farmers decimated by drought.

Five years ago, he began the process of turning that model into a reality.

"Having this wind farm out there is going to save their way of life," Billingsley said.

"I grew up on a farm thinking I was going to live out there forever. Irrigation is drying up out there, and this will let them stay out there for generations to come."

On this subject he speaks with authority and authenticity. His roots in West Texas run deep, from his soft-spoken, Lubbock-echoed accent to the collection of genuine cowboy spurs that decorate his office off the Dallas North Tollway.

The business may be all about wind, but no one puts on any airs; he and his executive team eschew suits and ties for open-collared shirts and slacks.

From all indications, his plan seems to be working — even without a single blade spinning.

For renewable energy in oil-rich Texas, that's saying something.

Tri Global expects 2014 to be a breakout year with projected revenue of more than \$19 million.

The company brought in \$4.9 million in 2013 and \$3.7 million in 2012. Billingsley said he's turning a profit, but wouldn't disclose numbers.

The first of what Billingsley hopes will be many turbines is scheduled to be erected this month in Crosby County.

Later this year, construction is slated to start on the 1,100-megawatt Hale Community Energy wind farm, the one that will propel Tri Global into the record books.

"I'd say it's some of the best wind in the world," said Jeff Clark, executive director of The Wind Coalition in Austin.

"What Tri Global has done is they've tried to find a way to get involved with the landowner. Spreading the benefit to more people is always good."

Wind is the latest in Billingsley's long line of successful endeavors. The Texas Tech grad has worked as a certified public accountant and found-

ed his own CPA firm that later merged with Arthur Young. He owned a bank in Midland and a pre-fab building manufacturing plant in Arlington.

He built a sulfur-recovery unit for an oil refinery and bought and sold oil and gas mineral interests.

He was a commercial developer and piloted private planes.

After all that, the entrepreneur had no intention of slowing down.

"I guess sitting around the house looking at passing investments and playing golf wasn't really my cup of tea. Getting into this — it's passionate," he said as a sly, fissure of a smile unfurled across his disarmingly cherubic face.

"It's basically my life," he added.

CFO Henry "Hank" Schopfer said Billingsley shows up to work before dawn, typically six days a week.

"John is remarkable; his work ethic is as though he never left the farm he grew up on in West Texas," Schopfer said. "His business success is attributable to his strong vision, the ability to see into the future and his analytical ability, combined with his willingness to put his own money at risk."

Against the wind Wind power has its share of critics, who say it's intermittent and can drop off quickly when weather conditions change.

In Texas, the rise of wind power has coincided with an increase in the construction of quick-start natural gas plants, which can respond quickly when needed.

"Wind can really keep costs down and gas can keep the reliability up. And together, you're able to build a hybrid system that is reliable and cost-effective," Clark said.

At least some people believe that.

To show its commitment to alternate fuels, the federal government offers a production tax credit for wind farms.

Tri Global has seven projects, totaling 1,520 megawatts, that qualified for the credit, which pays producers \$23 per megawatt hour.

Some states even offer an additional wind credit on top of that. But Texas, the top wind-producing state in the country, doesn't.

With its powerful oil, coal and natural gas interests, such a credit has become a hot political target for conservative groups and investors, including the billionaire Koch brothers.

In a November letter to Congress, Americans for Prosperity accused the wind industry of "being woefully dependent on this federal support."

Still, Billingsley is unfazed by such criticism. Almost as if in defiance of it, Tri Global plans to more than double its

square footage in 2014 and will grow the staff from 10 to 25.

With all these wind farms in queue, Billingsley has plenty to keep him busy until he's well into his 80s.

But he's got even brighter, but no-less-controversial, ambitions for the future. You see, he has a few new ideas about solar farms. ...

How it works

Five years ago, the then 69-year-old John Billingsley Jr. dropped the golf clubs and founded Tri Global Energy because he wanted to find a better way to lease and operate wind farms.

Landowners who lease to Tri Global are part of a community wind farm where everyone gets royalties regardless of whether the turbine is on their land.

It's similar to the unitization, or pooling, of oil and gas leases.

These landowners are also investors in the project, and each one is its own independent limited liability company with a board of directors.

"It's a heck of a lesson on what capitalism can do. They've got every incentive in the world as a community to get this thing off the ground," Billingsley said.

By establishing independent LLCs for each wind farm, the directors pay monthly management fees and have been doing so since inception.

And, when the Pleasant Hill Wind project broke ground, Tri Global collected what's called a developer success fee for starting the project.

"Now that our projects are processing through the development period, Tri Global Energy expects to generate several millions of dollars of success fees each year," Billingsley said.

Tri Global is seeking a patent for the community wind farm concept.

The case law for putting a patent on a business plan was established in the 1990s and is still hotly debated to this day, said Phillip Philbin, a partner at Haynes and Boone LLP, a Dallas-based law firm.

"Did they invent the method or did they just take a known method in one industry and apply it to this industry? That in itself may be patentable if it wasn't obvious to anyone else," Philbin said.

\$6.8 billion transmission project puts Tri Global on the grid

All that wind power doesn't mean anything if you can't get it to the major population centers. Here again, John Billingsley Jr. had a favorable wind blow his way.

In 2009, Oncor and other Texas electric utility companies started a massive \$6.8 billion project to build transmission lines and substations to bring wind power to bus-

ing population centers like Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin.

Known as the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone, or CREZ, the project was still in early stages when Billingsley started leasing land in Panhandle.

"Nobody really knew definitely it was going to happen or not happen and if so, where it was going to go," Billingsley said.

"Whenever we started developing these, we developed it basically on faith that there would be transmission that would get it to places that would use it."

That risk paid off last year when all the power lines surrounding Tri Global Energy's land became energized, marking the completion of the CREZ project.

Oncor, the Dallas-based electric delivery company that serves most of North Texas, built more than 1,000 miles of new transmission lines at a cost of \$1.9 billion, the most of any company. Oncor, a subsidiary of the financially troubled Energy Future Holdings, also built 30 new substations.

More sources of electricity generation will be a welcome sight for power-hungry metropolitan regions like Dallas-Fort Worth.

"First, we hope that a large amount of electricity generated from our wind farms will be transmitted via the CREZ lines to Dallas and other major Texas cities to help alleviate any electrical shortages as we help lower the price of electricity for Dallas and other Texas electricity consumers," Billingsley said.

Gil Salazar, a CREZ project manager for Oncor, said transmission lines that link up to wind farms that aren't yet built were the last priority, which is why the lines surrounding Tri Global Energy were finished last.

Oncor customers will pay for the CREZ project through electric delivery charges on their bill.

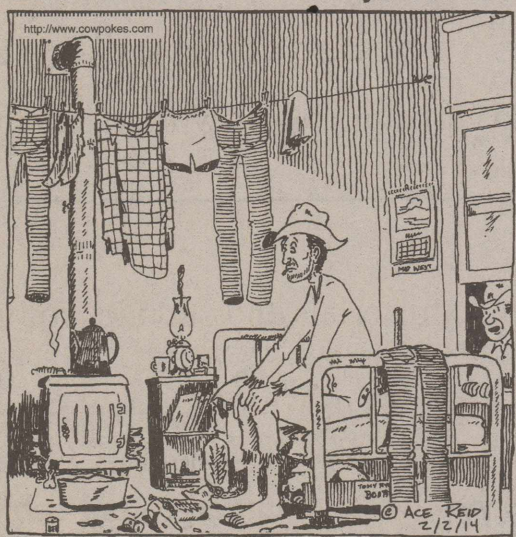
The CREZ project feeds into the state's largest electric grid, known as the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, but that won't be Tri Global's only option for selling electricity.

A massive super station called Tres Amigas is being developed just across the New Mexico border near Clovis. This station will sell power to ERCOT and two other national electric grids.

"It was another blessing. We took it on faith after reading it in the newspaper," Billingsley said.

"Tres Amigas makes a press release announcing that they're going to make this facility. We had no idea that that was in their plans, but they'd been planning that for years."

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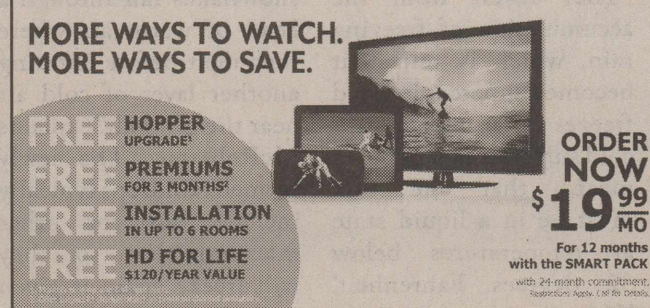
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401 N 12th St (983-5805)

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...6:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430

Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

Oden Chevrolet Inc.
221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

Payne Family Pharmacy
200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

Schacht Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts
112 W. Poplar, Lockney
652-2385

Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living
1230 S. Ralls Hwy
Floydada.
983-8177

Sunshine Pump
Oliver Clark
Box 266, Lockney
983-5087 - 774-4412
(Mobile)

Hesperian-Beacon
201 W. California
806-983-3737

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney

Sunday Services...10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor

Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Joe M.Hernandez
983-5286 (church)
..... Sunday School

English..... 9:45 a.m.
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship9:30 a.m.
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemينو
Phone: 983-5878

Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez

Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada
983-2672 or 470-0950

Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening2:00 p.m.

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Ag Conference



Over 150 area farmers were able to gain updated information as they prepare for the upcoming planting season. Eleven different agricultural experts discussed many topics at the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference held January 23 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Courtesy Photo

SPC to offer Faux Walls finishing classes starting February 10

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer an Old World Walls class on Mondays starting Feb. 10 through March 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Technical Arts building Room 122.

The cost of the courses is \$80 and includes supplies.

Students will learn four different Old World Faux Finishes including Exposed

Brick, Corkstone, Stone Texture and Crackle. They also will learn how to create a raised stencil. The instructor will focus on prep work, products and final finish.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu .

Weather Whys

Q: Is an "ice storm" really a storm?

A: Yes it is, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "An ice storm is a storm with large amounts of freezing rain that quickly coats trees, roadways, power lines, and other objects with ice," he confirms. "They result from the accumulation of freezing rain, which is rain that becomes supercooled and freezes upon impact with cold surfaces. Supercooled means that the rain must be in a liquid state at temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Water must have something to freeze onto when temperatures are below freezing. Once this rain --which is colder than 32 degrees -- falls on an object that is below freezing, it will instantly freeze on that object and

form a sheet of ice. As ice forms, it helps to freeze other raindrops that fall onto the sheet, and this process helps freezing rain accumulate quickly."

Q: What causes an ice storm or freezing rain?

A: "Freezing rain starts out as snow, but the snowflakes fall through a layer of warm air where they melt before entering another layer of cold air near the ground," explains McRoberts. "The newly formed raindrops typically include dust or other microparticles, so they will freeze again if given enough time in air below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. If they succeed in freezing, these drops become sleet. But if the lower layer of cold air is not thick enough to give the drops time to freeze, they will still be supercooled liquid

water when they hit the ground. At the ground, they freeze on contact and become treacherous sheets of ice. Ice storms commonly form along a line from Texas to Newfoundland and can occur any time between late October to early May. Ice storms can be among the most devastating of all weather phenomena and are often responsible for car accidents, power outages, and personal injuries. One of the most disastrous ice storms in history struck Montreal and the upper Northeastern U.S. in January 1998, causing over \$1 billion in damage and leaving many areas without power for weeks."

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

Valentine Brag Pics

DEADLINE FEBRUARY 4

SMALL BOX - \$15
LARGE BOX - \$25

Come and Celebrate Floydada's Newest Homes!

Floyd County and South Plains Community Action Association of Levelland cordially invite you to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the construction of two new homes in Floydada. Ceremony will occur at 230 W. Crockett in Floydada. Food will be provided.

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

DATE: Friday, January 31st

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESS: 230 W. Crockett, Floydada

About the HOME Investment Partnerships Program

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is Federal assistance program governed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides decent and affordable housing to qualified individuals. The HOME Program was designed and implemented in order to increase the amount of affordable housing in the United States for its citizens, and designed with four main objectives in mind: 1) expanding the supply of decent and affordable housing in the U.S., 2) strengthening the abilities of States and local governments to design and implement strategies for achieving adequate supplies of decent, affordable housing, 3) provide financial and technical assistance to States and local governments to develop affordable low-income housing, and 4) extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government (both local and federal) and the private sector (both for-profit and non-profit organizations) in the production and operation of affordable housing.

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