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Ellington brings expertise to Hesperian-Beacon

For The Hesperian-Beacon

Blackburn Media Group has named Kay Ellington, contributing editor and business consultant, for the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

Ellington's experience in journalism and media consists of more than three decades of experience with companies, such as the New York Times Regional Media Group and Gannett, the parent company of USA Today, and Morris



KAY ELLINGTON

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Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Installation is well underway for the playground equipment at Floydada Park.

Final pieces of playground equipment delivered to Floydada Park

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada Park will soon have a brand new playground, and the final pieces of equipment were delivered this week.

The Miracle Play System was created by the Panhandle Recreation Company with looping slides, stairs, ladders, a mini-fort, boulders, swings and web climbers, and owner Tracey Kincade's staff was on hand Monday in Floydada for the final delivery of the 15-foot web climber and nine-foot boulders.

The Miracle Play System could have also been named for the community-wide cooperation for making Floydada Park a showcase once more. "Everyone really contributed to this effort," city manager Jeff Johnston said, "especially the Park Improvement Committee."

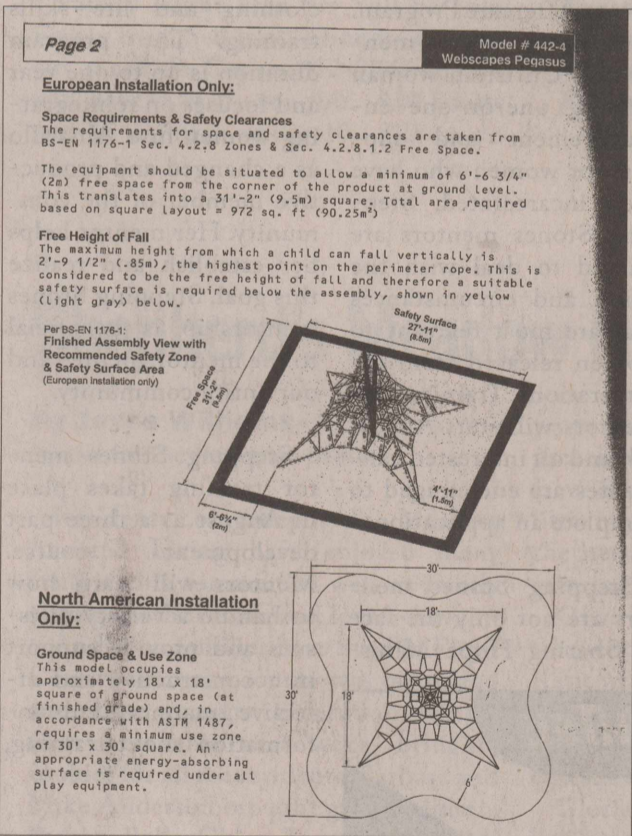
The effort to get a state-of-the-art playground system for Floydada Park started with one mother taking her daughter to the park one day.

"Floydada's a great place," said Kori Covington, who was that mom who later became chair of the Park Improvement Committee, "it was just too bad its playground equipment wasn't up to date. So I went to the mayor and made my plea, and he asked me to be a part of a committee that could be a part of the voice of the community on



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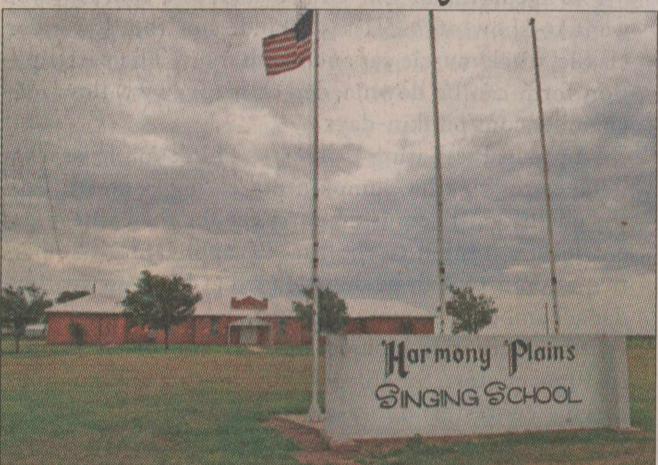
City of Floydada workers unloaded and set in place two 3.5 ton rocklike pieces of playground equipment Monday morning. The two pieces of equipment will be linked together with a climbing net and will be adjacent to the southern slides and ladders.



this." Covington appeared before the city council and made an appearance at the Rotary Club on behalf of the park improvement

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51st Harmony Plains Singing School kicks off July 20-25



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

The 51st Harmony Plains Singing School, a week-long summer camp devoted to music of faith, gets underway next week, July 20-25 in Cone.

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The 51st Harmony Plains Singing School, a week-long summer camp devoted to music of faith, kicks off its second half century next week, July 20-25 in Cone.

The school was started in 1964 when one of its founders,

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New Hours at Dougherty Post Office Beginning Aug. 23



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Dougherty Post Office will be reducing its hours August 23. This will not affect home delivery.

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The hours at the Dougherty Post Office will be reduced to two hours a day beginning August 23. Its retail hours will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, according to Arlene A. Sanchez, Corporate Communications, U.S. Postal Service.

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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.

51st HARMONY PLAINS SINGING SCHOOL

The 51st Harmony Plains Singing School will be held July 20 - July 25 in Cone. Registration will be held Sunday afternoon, July 20. Classes start Monday morning, July 21. Registration can be done at the website (www.harmonyplains.com) or in person when the school begins. For more info see the article on front page of this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

WILLA FINLEY'S EXHIBITION

Floydada native and photographer Willa Finley's exhibition, "The Joyful Art of Wildflowers," will remain on display at the Buddy Holly Center in Lubbock through Sunday, July 20. Finley is the co-author of two books about area flowers, "Lone Star Wildflowers" and "Land of Enchantment Wildflowers." She is also a member of the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum.

CAFÉ STYE DAY CAMP

A Café Style Day Camp, hosted by the Floyd County Extension, will be held July 28th - August 1 at the Floyd Co. Extension Office. Cost of camp is \$20 and RSVP is due by July 23rd. For more info see the article located on the school page in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

LOCKNEY FARMER'S MARKET

The Lockney Farmer's Market has space available for rent. Space deposit is \$25 and is refundable upon passing inspection by city employees. Come by City Hall or call (806) 652-2355 for more information.

Corrections

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

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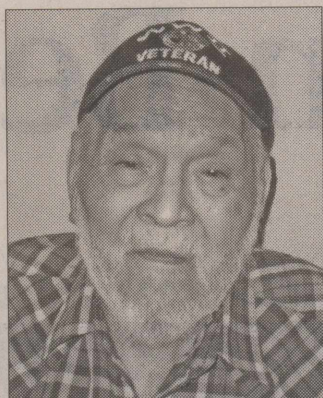
Albert Juarez

Albert Juarez, age 88, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2014 in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2014 at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

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

Albert Juarez was born on June 6, 1926 at Richland Springs, Texas to Pilar and Justa Juarez of Floydada, Texas. He was a resident of Floydada, Texas from 1950 thru 2011, and member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. He was a resident of Texas Veteran Home in Amarillo since July 2011. As a young man he worked on a farm and



ALBERT JUAREZ

later was self employed. Albert proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Service Group; he was stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines where he served as a quarter master.

Albert is survived by three children, Gabriel Juarez, Victoria Wells, and LeRoy Juarez; four grandchildren,

Wayne Wells, Patricia Olguin, Dominic Juarez, and Shawn Juarez; four great-grandchildren, Kristen Brianna Hernandez, Javier Olguin, Meghan Danille Olguin, Isabella Marie Wells, and Anthony Pablo Wells; also one brother, Santos Soto, Antonia Cuellar, and Mary Ramirez. All surviving members are residents of Texas.

The family of Albert Juarez wishes to express their sincere thanks for all the prayers, support, thoughts and flowers they have received. They thank all of Albert's friends who kept him in their prayers during his illness.

Thank you very much may God bless and protect you.

Imelda H. Olivo

Imelda H. Olivo, 77, of Floydada passed away July 1, 2014 in her home surrounded by her family.

Imelda was born March 7, 1937 in Roma, Texas to Felix and Angelina Garcia Vasquez. She enjoyed crafting and cooking for her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Felix and Angelina Gacia Vasquez, her sisters, Hermelinda Garcia de Ramirez and



IMELDA OLIVO

Idolina Garcia de Morales. Imelda is survived by her

husband of 45 years, Victorino Olivo; two daughters, Nancy and husband, Juan Garza of Floydada and Carmen and husband, Alfredo Casas of Plainview, Texas; nine grandchildren, Ashley, Brittany, Chelsey, Neil, Jailene, Azalea, Alize, Janeisi and Aliya; her first great-grandchild on the way, Arian Rey Asiatico; sister, Naredalia Garcia and brother, Felix Garcia.

Sharing Hope Ministry seeks mentors for Stepping Stones Aftercare Program

By Amy Kirk

Amarillo, TX. July 2014 – Sharing Hope Ministry seeks Christian women mentors for the Stepping Stones Aftercare Program. A Stepping Stones mentor is a Christian woman offering one-on-one encouragement and support for women who have been incarcerated. Stepping Stones mentors are trained to deal with the issues and circumstances that are most relevant to women released from incarceration. Training for mentors will start August 9th and all interested candidates are encouraged to complete an application.

Stepping Stones mentors are not only the face of Sharing Hope Minis-

try, but a key element to the success of the women residing at Patsy's Place Transitional Home. Patsy's Place Transitional Home offers shelter, safety, food, clothing and life skills training. The program duration is up to one year and focuses on reintegrating women into Amarillo as a changed and productive member of the community. Her mentor helps her establish and realize this goal. Stepping Stones mentorship is beneficial to the mentor, mentee and our entire community.

Stepping Stones mentor training takes place in August as a three part development course. Mentors will learn how to handle a variety of issues and provide support in a constructive and effective manner. For information about training,

dates and/or an application, please contact info@sharinghopeministry.org. Information about Sharing Hope Ministry and Patsy's Place Transitional Home can be found at www.sharinghopeministry.org.

Choose to make a difference this year by providing a source of hope and love to a woman in desperate need. Educate, encourage and change lives forever. Be a Stepping Stones mentor.

Contact Information:
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Stepping Stones Aftercare Program
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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Package Store Permit and Beer Retail Dealer's Off-Premise License by MeadowLark Properties, LLC dba Merm's Liquor, located at 320 N 2nd Street, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas 79235. Sole Managing Member is Billy Ray Hobbs.

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Floydada's 27th Annual Punkin' Day scheduled for Saturday, October 11

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

October will be here before you know it, and with it, the Floydada Chamber's 27th Annual Punkin Day, slated this year for Saturday, Oct. 11.

"Last year was the most successful Punkin Day ever," said Kim Perez, Floydada Chamber Manager. "We had more than 100 vendors participating. Each year, it just gets better and better."

This year's event will be in a slightly different location. "We found out Missouri's a city street," Perez said, "not a state highway, so it can be blocked off. So this year the Punkin Day will surround the courthouse and will be on Main, Missouri, and California. It'll make visibility and accessibility even better for our vendors."

Events for 2014 get underway the week of Punkin Day with the Most Unique Pumpkin Recipe Contest and Auction. From beverages and appetizers to entrees and desserts, this cooking competition showcases the culinary versatility of the pumpkin, and there's no fee to enter. This contest will likely be Monday or Tuesday the week of Punkin Day, Perez said.

Other activities for Punkin Day Saturday include: The Chili Cookoff: Do you have a team of friends that like to have fun and cook? Then you should enter the chili cookoff. Entry fee is \$65, and team sign-up forms can be found at <http://www.floydadachamber.com/punkin-days>

The top three teams win prizes. October 1 is the deadline to enter.

Punkin Days 5K Fun Run – Entry fee is \$12 and includes t-shirt while supplies last for participants. The participation form can be downloaded at <http://www.floydadachamber.com/punkin-days>

Fire Department Car Cruise – Have a cool ride you want to show off? Classes include hot rod, low rider, classic, truck muscle car and much more. The participation form can be downloaded at <http://www.floydadachamber.com/punkin-days>

Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest – Think you have what it takes to win the pumpkin pie eating contest? Take the challenge. There is no entry fee for the contest and entries are limited to the first 25 applicants. The participation form can be downloaded at <http://www.floydadachamber.com/punkin-days>

Other activities include the arts and crafts booths, costume contest, for all ages, a decorating and pumpkin carving contest, and local entertainment.

The costs for vendor booths are: \$55 for craft booths without electricity and \$75 for booths with electricity. Food booths are \$150 and \$200. September 26 is the deadline for vendor booths.

According to Perez, the Chamber board meets every second Tuesday at noon, and a big part of those meetings involve planning for Punkin Day. "As we get closer in, we'll meet more frequently," she said.

Want to be a part of Punkin Day? "We definitely need volunteers," Perez said. "We need help in setting up and decorating downtown for Punkin Day, and we need on-hand volunteers for the actual day."

In conclusion, the Chamber manager noted, "We're always looking for ways to make Punkin Day better. This year we're be launching two new t-shirt designs, which will be different than anything we've ever done."

To volunteer, email Kim Perez, chamber manager at manager@floydadachamber.com or call her at 983-3434.

NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will have a new phone number beginning Monday, July 21st. The new number will be (888) 400-1083.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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FIRE DEPARTMENT GOT HOSE IN 1909

W. H. Hilton once told this reporter he had been a member of the Fire Department when he was young, and he indicated that it takes youth to stay with it. And so when, in 1940, E. L. Elliott, then the fire chief, said, "The Fire Department's history goes back to the days when Warnie Hilton was a young man," we know that there is quite a story. For Hilton, although fairly well-preserved, is not exactly a junior any more. Elliott, in a whimsical mood, stated, "I do know that it goes back to the horse and buggy days, because they used a two-wheeled cart. I think Mr. Hilton pulled it himself until Roy Snodgrass, John McClesky, R. E. Fry, Ulmer White, Bob McGuire, and several other boys grew up."

200 Feet

It seems that in the early days there were about 200 feet of hose to use, this and other equipment being purchased sometime after 1909. As some references have it that only a "bucket brigade" was available for the 1911 fire, maybe this was really "quite some time after 1909."

Model T

In 1922 a big Model T red fire truck was purchased. A Dodge truck came along in 1926. Elliott joined the group as a volunteer in 1929. R. G. Strickland was chief when Elliott joined, and "I give him credit for making the fire department what it is today (1940.)" Elliott, long-time chief, began his service in that position in 1934. Time was when members thought, "The more water the better." Sometimes the greater part of the damage came from water, not fire! Well, we live and learn, men something new comes along that we didn't know about, and so we learn again. One of the "Great memories" of firemen here

is the big M System fire.

The story, now quite familiar in many places, of a volunteer fire department "making do" with little in the way of equipment, characterizes the story of the fire department here.

Looking Both Ways

In 1940 a picture in the fiftieth anniversary edition of the Hesperian did two things that are common in anniversary editions. In effect it looked back to the past and forward to the future. At that time its members were: Buster Hickerson, Carl Nelson, Virgil Orman, Carl Rogers, Ike Finley (at the wheel of the truck), Melvin Henry, Verne Elliott, E. A. Thomas, J. L. Baxter, John Lewis, Bud Sparks, W. B. Hinkle, and night watchman Lee Howard.

Jerry Finley is the present Fire Chief. There are three paid workers; D. J. Barker serving as Fire Marshal and on day duty; Fred Lambert on night duty; and A. G. Tyler as relief for them. All three serve as truck drivers. There are only two pumpers, and no chemical truck at all, a serious situation in a town much smaller than Floydada. But it is hoped that next year there will be enough available from budget funds for a new pumper.

Half Put Back

The volunteers, of whom there are 24 out of a quota of 25, are paid \$3 for each call they make;

for a long time they have been turning half of this back to their own treasury, and with the proceeds they have been able to buy a panel truck, for emergencies, first aid, rescue, etc., but it is still quite unhandy. Some chemicals are carried on the panel.

MUTUAL AID

Floydada and Lockney departments are accustomed to calling on each other for help in out-of-town fires, and of course in each town, when they need each other. Let's hope this is not too often.

ELECTIONS YEARLY

In addition to the functional line-up indicated above, there are also officers elected each year for business and social work.

GOOD STATE

An indication of the good state of things with the Fire Department today is shown in an article in the Hesperian for May 16, 1964. It reported that "A real test of ability for the fire department" came with a report of a fire on the Tom Battey farm six miles northeast of town. The called in summons did not specify the kind of fire the men would be dealing with. This fire proved to be fueled by the butane tank of a tractor, and the fire had spread to a larger ground tank, holding about 1,000 gallons.

SEPARATE

The decision was made to separate the two flames, so "Billy Baker hooked a chain onto the tractor and the department pulled it away from the storage tank with a truck. They extinguished the tractor fire with water. A dry chemical was used to putout the remaining fire," an explosion being still a very live possibility. The only loss, exclusive of the butane consumed, was a pair of tires from the tractor.

COMPRESS

There was another fire at the Compress the same week, and when it was taken care of the manager, Henry Watson, complimented the department thus, "We obviously have a very fine volunteer fire department. They were on the scene immediately after we called them, went right to work, and stayed alert. Surely the damage would have been so much greater had it not been for their fine performance."

STAY PUT

If you are not a fire department member (even though an ex), not associated with city government or utilities company, have no real business there, stay out of the way when there is a fire. Hats off!! The fire truck is passing by.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Please call Sylvia at 983-2032 by 9 a.m. to let her know if you will be eating with us. Also if you are a regular and will not be there, she needs to know that also. Food is expensive now and she wants to fix enough for everyone. We love to have visitors so come to the Center to eat and visit with everyone.

Our mailing address is PO Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 806-983-2032.

We do appreciate memorials and donations to the Center. It helps to keep our doors open. Groceries are getting higher so it is hard to pay bills and buy groceries.

MENU July 21 - July 25

- Monday** - Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk
- Tuesday** - Ham & beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, low-fat milk
- Wednesday** - Roast turkey, bread dressing, seasoned broccoli, waldorf salad, cranberry square, low-fat milk
- Thursday** - Homestyle lasagna, garlic bread, brussel sprouts, pears, low-fat milk
- Friday** - Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, low-fat milk

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

the dishes!!!
Hope you all have a great week!

Remember membership dues are due. We need to also update data cards for everyone so please come by the Center and take care of those.

Mark your calendars for September 14th!!!!

Family Night Fish Fry will be held Friday from 5-8 p.m. Dine in or carry out or call the Center, 652-2745 and we will have it ready for you. \$10 adults and \$5 children under 10. Let us do

- ### MENU July 21 - July 25
- Monday** - Hamburger steak
 - Tuesday** - Tacos
 - Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak
 - Thursday** - Chicken & dumplings
 - Friday** - Meatloaf

Floyd County Health Fair to be cancelled

By Kristin Zuniga
PA-C
West Texas Family
Medicine of Floydada

It is with great regret and disappointment that we inform you the Floyd County Health Fair will be canceled. Due to unforeseen circumstances we are not able to host the health fair at this time.

We have had a wonderful response from the community and the local business owners and hope to be able to offer this service at a later date. If you have sent us a check or other donation, we will be returning those items to you.

Thank you for all of the support, cooperation, and generosity you have given.

Shepherd's Meadow News

By Joyce Williams
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Residents of Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living have enjoyed many visitors this summer, as well as family outings with friends and loved ones.

Anderson families have lived in Floyd County since the county was organized and some younger generation visitors were here this past week, bringing cookies for all the residents. Barbara and Mike Anderson brought grandchildren, Peyton, Bella, Chloe, Trent and Brynlee Anderson, visiting from Celina, Texas. Peyton and Chloe are the children of Monty and Ginger Anderson and Bella, Brynlee and Trent are the children of Dusty and Brook Anderson.

Lillian Smith's daughter, Janice Hansen, arrived from Rochester, New York to visit family and friends for several days. Janice graduated from Floydada ISD in 1958 and is a retired teacher.

Alice Baker's son, Mack and wife, Patty of Las Vegas, Nevada, visited last week, also visited with Patty's mother, Betsy Dempsey, in her home and with friends and relatives.

Ronnie Evans has enjoyed lobster lunches this month when his wife, Eileen, has driven him for a day to Lubbock.

Bula McGowen was visited by friends from the Methodist Church when they brought Communion to her.

I have enjoyed driving to services at the City Park Church of Christ. They have had fellowship meals on Sundays when preachers are trying out for the job there, as their preacher for seven

years recently moved to a larger (3 preacher) congregation at Snyder, Texas. Levi Sisemore and wife, Sara, and two little boys moved, but we all understand the need for a move to take care of a growing hungry family.

Olive Hinton's son, James, visits frequently and reports on his daughter, Katy, who is doing independent college study in Italy this summer, in Venice, Rome and other beautiful and historic cities.

Gloria Fannon visited with me last week. Both are members of the Plainview Chapter of Texas Retired Teacher s Association, which meets for monthly luncheons during the winter.

My children, Monte Williams, James Williams and Nancy Farrington of Amarillo, visited with me this weekend and spent a work day at the family ranch filling in new sink holes caused by the recent rains. We have decided the holes were so extensive that heavy equipment was going to be required to fill them in. Cowboys working cattle in the canyon report hearing the sound of moving water below the ground, as centuries old underground river tunnels carry water from the restored aquifer to Blanco River and other parts of the canyon. It's been decided since this has happened that it's very dangerous to travel over the land concealed by tall grass and weeds and often causing vehicles and livestock to break through the earth crust. We also drove over the land and inspected the very fine irrigated cotton fields farmed by them by Sam Green and Glen Bertrand.

Residents always enjoy visitors of all ages. Come out and visit!

The family of Freddie Morren wishes to thank Floydada EMS, Moore-Rose Funeral Home, First Baptist Church, William Dean, Rance Young, Cathy's Floral, our friends who visited, sent cards and gave memorials in Freddie's memory and a special thank you to those who brought food for our family. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is most appreciated.

Laveta Morren
Melissa, Bruce and Lauren McCain
Wayne, Angel, Landry and Kaylee Morren
David, Beth Ann and McKinzie Morren
Denise, Rex and Luke Holcombe

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SCHOOL NEWS

Floydada Major Little League Team Finishes Second in Sectional Tournament

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Making history is what Floydada Little League baseball did this year. With the official end of the season, the Junior team end up in second place at the Sectional tournament held in Big Spring July 5-8. They lost the championship to Odessa Eastside.

The team members include Arnoldo Martinez, Robert Segura, Alex Glass, Ruben Marmalejo, Chris Emert, Andrew Vega, Daniel Walton, Andres Alaniz, Alexander Garcia, Jaiden Blakey, Remington Ricketts and Jacob Chavarria. They were coached by Armando Vega, Adolfo Chavarria and Bill Glass.

For the eight post season games, the Junior team had a combined .320 batting average with 80 runs scored and 57 RBIs. Ricketts, Glass and Walton each collected 10 hits. Marmalejo led the team with 11

RBIs and four doubles. Garcia and Segura each had 11 stolen bases.

The Major team also competed in the Sectional tournament in Lubbock July 5-8. Members of the team include Luke Holcombe, Devan Perez, Jose Lira, Andrez Suarez, Deklyn Chandler, Cody Crump, Baylor Cruse, Kelton Cage, Mike DeLaFuente, Ryder Glass, Marcus Perez and Ethein Rodriguez. They were coached by Ben Perez, Rex Holcombe and Grant Cage.

Both teams were made up of players from Floydada, Valley, Quitaque, Turkey and Silverton.

The Floydada Baseball Association is already planning for 2015. If you are interested in managing or coaching a team, volunteering as an umpire, scorer or board member, let them know by contacting Tony Ricketts or Steven Orr at 806-983-5704. Signups will begin early next year and will close on or before February 28, 2015.

SPC Reese Center to offer CNA class in August

REESE CENTER – South Plains College will offer a course in Certified Nurse Aide training at the Reese Center campus. Registration opens Tuesday (July 15) at the Byron Martin ATC located at 3201 Ave. Q in Lubbock.

The class, set for Aug. 26 through Oct. 9, will meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 4:30 p.m. to 8:46 p.m. in Building Two room 208. Janet Copeland is the instructor.

The cost of the course is \$300 for tuition and fees. Participants can earn 64 hours or 6.4 Continuing Education Units. The textbook will be "Hartman's Nursing Assistant Care/Long-Term Care," Third Edition and can be purchased at the Byron Martin ATC. A maximum of 10 students will be accepted.

Students learn the necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health, or hospital environments. A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision,

evaluation and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences.

Upon completion of the 64 hours of classroom and 44 hours of clinicals, each student will be required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination with NACES. Students now will submit their own applications and testing fees directly to NACES after completion of the class.

On-site registrations will not be accepted for this course. Students must pre-register and provide proof of immunizations which includes Hepatitis B Series, 2-MMR's since 1981, Tetanus no older than 8 years, Varicella shot or proof of illness, and have a current negative TB test no older than 6 months prior to the first day of class. A flu shot will be required of all students enrolled between Oct. 1 and March 31. Valid state issued photo identification and social security card prior to enrollment (names must match on both documents and not expire before the end of class) also will be required.

Students will not be

allowed to register or pay for this class without all requirements being met. Criminal background checks will be performed for all students. CPR certification is required and it is not included in tuition fees. Other supplies not included in the tuition and fees are blood-pressure cuff and stethoscope. Criminal Background checks will be performed on all students. No refunds will be given for criminal background checks.

The Certified Nurse Aide Clinical is a health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. This course is required for all students taking the Certified Nurse Aide class.

The cost of the course is \$200 for tuition and fees. Participants can earn 44 hours or 4.4 Continuing Education Units. The clinicals will be taught off campus. Clinicals will be offered from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays from Sept. 6 through Oct. 9. Site will be determined.

For more information, call (806) 716-4906.

Cafe Style Day Camp to be held July 28 – August 1

By Amy Kress
CEA, FCS
Floyd County

Cafe Style Day Camp, hosted by Floyd County Extension, will be held July 28th through August 1st at the Floyd County Extension office. Cafe Style is a week-long day camp that will teach youth in the area, ages 5-18, about Food and Nutrition and clothing and textiles.

The day camp will begin at 9 am each day and end at 2 pm. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch Monday through Thursday, and on Friday they will prepare their own lunch with the skills they have learned. The cost of the day camp for the entire week is \$20 and RSVP is due to the extension office by July 23rd.

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP,

please contact the Floyd county extension office at 983-4912. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

County Fun Day and County Elections and Training

When: Monday, July 21st
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Officer Elections and Training. All 4-Hers are encouraged to attend. Current club officers will be electing our County Council officers.

10:45: Depart for the County Extension Office (CEO) and head to Lubbock. Will eat lunch at CiCi's pizza and then go to Main Event.

4:00: Leave Main Event and shop for items for the Raider Ranch's dementia unit then head home.

Cost: Pizza and drink - \$7
Main Event - \$16
Shopping money - \$5 - \$10
Optional spending money for snack bar and arcade: your choice

Contact the CEO or Beth Bramlet (806-983-7732) if you have any questions.

Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton

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.

"A born Texan has instilled in his system a mind-set of no retreat or no surrender. I wish everyone the world over had the dominating spirit that motivates Texans." – Former Texas Speaker of the House Billy Clayton

There is a growing feeling that perhaps Texas is really another country, a place where the skies, the disasters, the diamonds, the politicians, the women, the fortunes, the football players and the murders are all bigger than anywhere else. – Pete Hamill

She used to tell how when they finally came to the homestead and the wagon stopped, she felt so lonely. There was emptiness as far as the eye could see. How could a human endure? – Odessa Wilmon, West Texas pioneer

There is an attitude in Texas that makes you feel you can do anything you want to

do. I admire so many women who have come out of Texas and done well. I like the image Texas brings to mind – that of bigness, of goodness, of strength. – Ninfa Laurenzo, restaurateur

"No matter where you go in East Texas, 'Deep' East Texas is always about twenty miles further in than wherever you are." – Markham Shaw Pyle

"It's fun telling you tall Texas tales. You always look like a little girl who's hearing Cinderella for the first time." – Edna Ferber, Giant

"That's right, you're not from Texas. But Texas wants you anyways." – Lyle Lovett

"I've traveled all over the world, but I don't think there is any place better than Texas." – Red Adair

"In Texas, a political speech is sometimes referred to as a longhorn: one that makes two good points, but they are a long way apart and have a lot of bull in between." – Observation recorded by Herring and Richter, Don't Throw Feathers at Chickens

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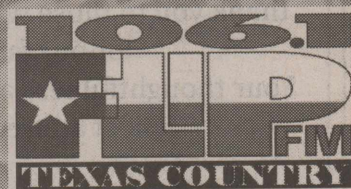
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AGRICULTURE

Commissioners Approve Cell Phones for Sheriff's Office

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Meeting in regular session on July 14, the Floyd County Commissioners approved providing the Sheriff's Department with cell phones. Sheriff Paul Raissez explained that the deputies had been using their own phones but felt it was time for the County to furnish the phones so the deputies could keep their personal phone numbers private.

In the past, the deputies have been reimbursed \$25 a month for using personal phones but Sheriff Raissez explained that this would no longer be the case if the Commissioners approved the new cell phones. The Commissioners asked Sheriff Raissez about phone usage when on patrol. The Sheriff explained that he had met with his deputies to explain the county policy as well as his department policy and his expectations when on patrol regarding phone usage. The Commissioners approved four phones for the department and the Sheriff explained that he would be asking the City of Lockney to furnish phones for the two deputies assigned to Lockney.

In other action, the Commissioners ap-

proved a new copier contract for the District Clerk's office which will save the county about \$20 a month. They also approved the annual road reports and a resolution to reapply for additional grant money for homes through the Home Funds for Reservation Home Program. The County Clerk recommended appointing Elsa Cooper, Sherry Hacker and Jim Finley as election judges. The Commissioners approved the recommendation for a two year term beginning Aug. 1, 2014 through Aug. 1, 2016.

Commissioner Nathan Johnson reported that the precincts could begin work on any projects covered by the Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant. He explained that the workers should track all their time on these projects as the Commissioners have to report the name of the employees, their salary, social security withholding and retirement withholding for any work on the grant projects.

County Judge Penny Golightly presented the Commissioners with a preliminary budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The Commissioners will meet July 28 for a budget workshop.

USDA Provides 12-Week Progress Update on Disaster Assistance

WASHINGTON, July 9, 2014 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack provided a 12-week progress report on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs today, announcing that USDA has processed 106,000 payments to farmers in 40 states across the country who suffered livestock and grazing losses between October 2011 and passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

"Farmers and ranchers who waited two and a half years for a Farm Bill are now getting some relief," said Vilsack. "We met the very ambitious goal to get these programs up and running in just 60 days. Now, thanks to our dedicated staff in offices across the country, we've provided more than 106,000 payments to farmers and ranchers in 40 states who suffered drought, blizzard, and other weather related losses."

A quick implementation of the disaster assistance programs has been a top priority for USDA. In February, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that enrollment for four disaster assistance programs would begin April 15, 2014, 60 days from the date the programs were reestablished by the 2014 Farm Bill. After the 2008 Farm Bill, it took over one year for the programs to get up and running.

Since then, dedicated full-time FSA staff, as well as temporary employees hired to expedite the application process, have processed over \$1.2 billion in payments to qualifying farmers and

ranchers. The first payments were sent out to farmers and ranchers within two weeks of enrollment. USDA estimated that roughly \$2.5 billion would be provided in disaster relief to cover losses from October 2011 through September 2014. If those estimates prove accurate, it would mean nearly half of all disaster payments have already been provided.

While disaster relief is a critical lifeline that can prevent farmers and ranchers who do not have access to crop insurance from being wiped out by weather-related losses beyond their control, most producers only receive support equal to 60 percent of their actual losses.

USDA disaster programs include:

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides payments for grazing losses due to drought and livestock deaths due to adverse weather.

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides assistance for livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), weather, wildfires and colony collapse disorder, or for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill.

The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial assistance to eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines

that were lost or damaged by natural disasters.

Specific program deadlines are as follows:

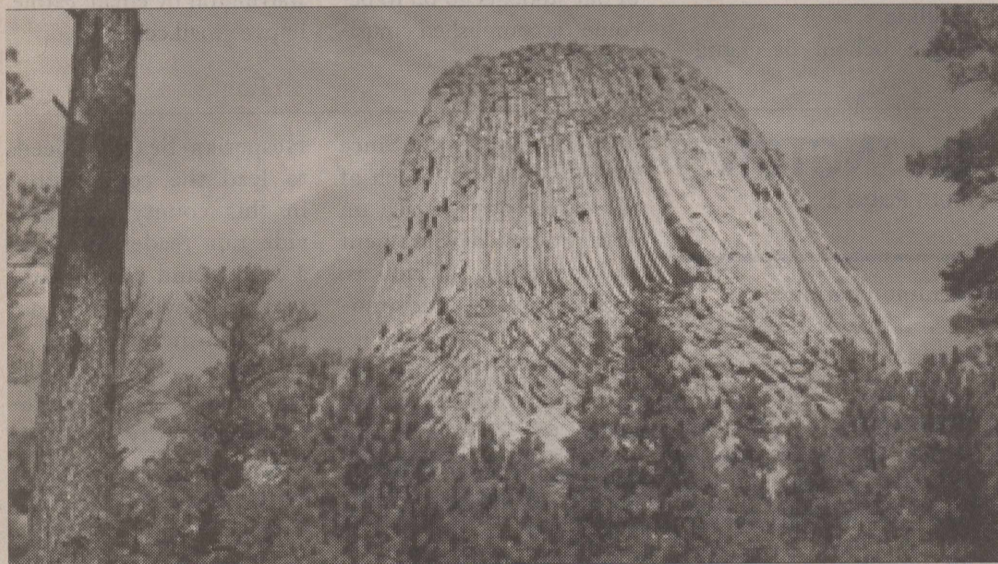
- 2011-2013 ELAP - Friday, Aug. 1, 2014
- 2011-2014 LFP - Friday, Jan. 30, 2015
- 2011-2014 LIP - Friday, Jan. 30, 2015
- 2011-2014 TAP - Monday, Feb. 2, 2015

Producers affected by adverse weather should contact their FSA county office to make an appointment and learn if they are eligible for disaster assistance. For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, and the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online, or visit any local FSA office.

Vilsack also highlighted that more than \$270 million in disaster assistance has been paid to farmers and ranchers in USDA StrikeForce counties experiencing chronic poverty. "Farmers and ranchers in these counties have extraordinary challenges. Through USDA's StrikeForce initiative, we can get federal support to areas that need it the most," said Vilsack.

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Assignment: Texas



When I was a kid, I remember going to the movie theater in downtown Bonham, Texas and watching Close Encounters of the Third Kind. It was my first time to experience a Stephen Spielberg movie. At the time, my family lived south of town in the country.



RUSSELL GRAVES

When we got back home that fall night, I remember going to the back yard, lying in the grass and starting up at the stars wondering if the fantastic story about aliens could be true.

The movie is still one of my favorites and continues to fascinate me.

Among the movie's iconic scenes is the one where William Dreyfuss' character has visions of a shape. At his kitchen table, using his plate and mashed potatoes, he builds a semblance of the monolithic Devil's Tower near Moorecroft, Wyoming. For reasons different than Dreyfuss' character in the movie, I have always wanted to see the geologic wonder for myself.

This summer, I left Texas and traveled to Wyoming to take my wife and children to America's first national monument. Deemed a place worthy of protection in 1906, Theodore Roosevelt declared the tower and surrounding 1,347 acres a monument.

From a distance, the tower sticks out of the mostly rolling plains that surround it. Getting closer to it, it is even more

juxtaposed. Like a giant rock column, it rises 867 feet from its base to its high, plateaued summit. Ringing the main tower at its base are huge boulders that litter the area and around that, old growth Ponderosa pines rise from the sloping grassland-covered hillsides.

While various theories exist as to the origins of the tower, it is thought that the monolith is the result of an ancient lava infusion into the subterranean soil. As the infusion cooled and millions of years past, the land around the tower eroded away, thus exposing the igneous column. From a distance Devil's tower appears to have grooves down its sides. These grooves are hexagonal columns that are distinct in volcanic formations and run vertically around the entire face of the tower.

Circumnavigating the base of Devil's Tower is a 1.3 mile, all weather trail that my family and I hiked on our trip. Around the way trail several interpretive signs tell of the natural and cultural history of the area and provides a spectacular view of the Belle Fourche River bottom as it cuts its way through the red dirt sedimentary rock that flanks the tower.

At one stop we see mountain climbers scaling the side of the tower. According to what I read, about 1,000 people a year ascend the face and summit. Looking at the monument, it seems impossible but four people attached to ropes are defying my sensibilities.

TPWD Sets Dove, Teal Seasons

AUSTIN - Dove hunters will have more opportunity later in the season with dates and bag limits finalized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department this last week.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the 2014-2015 Texas dove season, including a 70-day season and 15-bird daily bag statewide, and a 16-day early teal and Canada goose season.

The traditional September 1 dove season opening day in the North and Central Zones remains; this year falling on Labor Day Monday. However, the first segment in those zones will be shorter than last season, closing on Monday, Oct. 20. The season will reopen Friday, Dec. 19 and run through Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 in the North and Central Zones.

In the South Zone and Special White-winged Dove Area, the first segment will be shortened by five days compared to last year, and those days would be added to the end of the second segment. The South Zone opens Friday, Sept. 19 and runs through Monday, Oct. 20. The

second segment will run Friday, Dec. 19 through Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015.

The daily bag limit for doves statewide is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

The Special White-winged Dove Area will be restricted to afternoon only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two full September weekends on Sept. 6-7 and 13-14. Hunting in this area will reopen Friday, Sept. 19 and continue through Monday, Oct. 20, and then reopen Friday, Dec. 19 through Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015. During the early two weekends, the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves. Once the general season opens, the aggregate bag limit will be 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves.

A 16-day statewide early teal and Eastern Zone Canada goose season will run Saturday, Sept. 13 through Sunday, Sept. 28. The daily bag on teal remains six, with a possession limit of 18. Bag limit for Canada geese will be three and a possession limit of 6 in the Eastern Zone only.

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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger

"There, I told you we'd be late—we've just missed a home run already!"



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

The new pool and splash pad should be ready by January 2015, according to city manager Jeff Johnston.

PLAYGROUND

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effort. "There were so many people who would provide valuable information in this effort, that would come on and off our committee," Covington said. Community outreach

also included the committee staffing a booth at the Punkin Days in October, where they communicated about the need to get the new playground equipment. In November, when the bond election was held, the voters approved updating Floydada Park. "We hope to have our ribbon cutting before the end of the month," John-

ston said. After the playground's opening, Floydada Park still has other innovations on the horizon.

"The pool and the splash pad are still in design concepts," Johnston said, "but we hope to have those finished by the first of the year, so they'll be ready to use by next summer."

DOUGHTERY

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"Using Post Plan criteria, the Dougherty Post Office was evaluated and hours of operation were determined. Dougherty will retain its ZIP Code and community identity," Sanchez said.

Earlier this year, between May 27 and June 24, the customers of Dougherty received a survey from the Postal Service. In the survey, they had the following 4 options from which to choose:

1. Keep the office open, but with realigned week-day window service hours, based on actual office workload.
2. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and provide roadside mailbox delivery. Retail and delivery service would be provided through a rural carrier.
3. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and find a suitable alternative location operation by a contractor, usually at a local business.
4. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and provide Post Of-

ice Box service via another nearby Post Office and relocate Post Office Box delivery to that Post Office.

The first option was Dougherty customers' overwhelming choice, so the post office will stay open, but with reduced hours.

There will be no effect on home delivery.

According to Sanchez, there is more comprehensive information on Post Plan, the Postal Service's strategy to preserve Post Offices at <http://about.usps.com/news/electronicpress-kits/our-future-network/welcome.htm>

HARMONY

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J. E. Harrington, was inspired to start a singing camp in West Texas. "My father and other founders had seen singing schools in other parts of the country and thought this area needed one," said Cathie Harrington, the founder's daughter. "The local farmers have really supported the project from the time it started."

Located in the former Cone school house, the Harmony Plains Singing School draws students from across the country and as the years have passed, across the generations, for its annual camp held between the third and fourth Sundays in July.

"It's amazing what happens over the course of a week," said the camp administrator, Elder Richard Halbgewachs, pastor at Oak Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Austin. Halbgewachs' return to Cone marks his sixth year as administrator. "Generations of families come back year after year. Used to, parents who were former students would bring their children; now, it's grandparents who were former students who bring their grandchildren. The fellowship of friends and family reconnecting is thrilling."

The school is family-

based, and that includes onsite camping. Tent and camper hookups are available at the school. Interested campers should contact Ronnie Fowler at 806-325-3225 for arrangements. Restroom and shower facilities are located at the school.

The school, which has a primary focus of teaching the rudiments of reading music and singing a cappella in the shape-note tradition, has averaged between 250 and 300 students each year for the past several years. The school's founders and its heritage came from the Primitive Baptist Church, but students do not have to be Primitive Baptists to participate.

"As a medium, music crosses cultures and age groups, and we invite any who have a 'hunger' for singing the hymns of the faith," Halbgewachs said.

The camp divides classes by age group. The same lessons are taught in each class, but the class is geared towards the learning speed and content for that age level.

"We start out with three-year olds in the Sunshine class, and last year, our oldest student was 90-something," Barrington noted.

The school places a special emphasis on learning. "Lots of our instructors are certified choral teachers," Barrington said, "and many of our students go on to become accomplished musicians."

Classes include Sunshine (toddlers), Preschool/Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th, Junior High, High School/College and Adult.

Some more experienced adults travel back and forth between the adult class and the high school/college class. The adult class is geared for those who just love to sing, but don't know a lot about reading or leading yet.

The school's teachers all volunteer their time and effort each summer. Several instructors hold undergraduate and graduate degrees in music as well as teaching.

Harmony Plains does not charge tuition. It is operated entirely on contributions from students and families. Three meals are provided each day to attendees.

Registration will begin Sunday afternoon, July 20. Classes start Monday morning, July 21. The session will end with evening services Friday, July 25. The school hosts a singing program every night at 7:30, and the community is invited to attend and participate.

If you have questions about registration, visit the Harmony Plains Singing School's website at www.harmonyplains.com. Registration can be done at the website or in-person when the school begins. For more information, contact Cathie Barrington by email: cathie.hpps@gmail.com.

ELLINGTON

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Communications.

A native of Snyder, Ellington is a graduate of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Her experience in the newspaper industry includes journalism, advertising, circula-

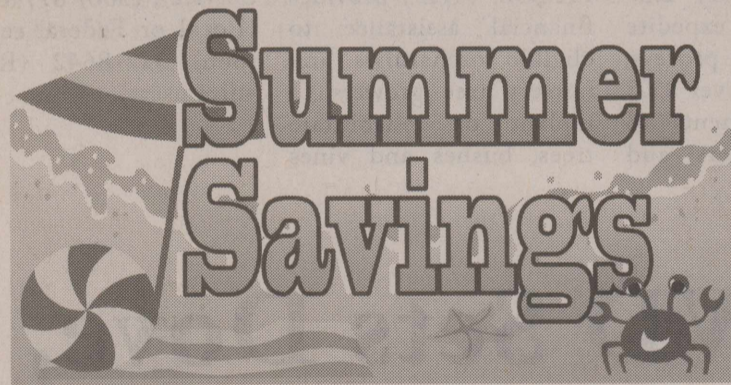
tion and marketing. Since the mid-nineties, much of her career has focused on new product development and marketing, as well as digital, online, and mobile.

It's not often someone with Kay's pedigree comes along for a small town weekly," said Chris Blackburn, publisher. "The

Hesperian-Beacon needs to lead the communities in this county and provide our readership with a unique and quality content. I believe Kay can accomplish these goals."

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Recipe of the Week



Asian Broccoli Salad

What you need:

Utensils:

- Small sauce pan
- Measuring cups & spoons
- Cutting board
- Knife
- Mixing spoon
- Large mixing bowl

Ingredients:

- 2 cups broccoli florets*
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced*
- 2 cups shredded cabbage*
- 1 tablespoon light soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons nonfat plain yogurt

What to do:

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area.
2. Wash the broccoli and in a small sauce pan, steam until just crisp-tender.
3. Wash, peel, and slice carrots. Wash and shred cabbage.
4. Combine soy sauce, vinegar, sugar and yogurt in a large mixing bowl.
5. Add the vegetables and mix well.
6. Chill for at least an hour and mix again before serving.
7. Cover and store all leftover salad in the refrigerator.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Chill time: 1 hour

Cost per Serving: \$0.20

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 1 cup	
Servings Per Container 6	
Amount Per Serving	
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The Paperboy So the universe is crowded

The geniuses at NASA have made a bold prediction, one that will change the world: Humans will find life on other planets in the Milky Way within 20 years.

NASA outlined a plan Monday to search for life using a variety of telescopes including the Transiting Exoplanet Surveying Satellite, launching in 2017.

NASA says 100 million worlds in our own Milky Way galaxy may host alien life.

“Just imagine the moment, when we find potential signatures of life. Imagine the moment when the world

wakes up and the human race realizes that its long loneliness in time and space may be over — the possibility we’re no longer alone in the universe,” said Matt Mountain, director and Webb telescope scientist at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, which plans to launch the James Webb Space Telescope in 2018.

“What we didn’t know five years ago is that perhaps 10 to 20 percent of stars around us have Earth-size planets in the habitable zone,” added Mountain. “It’s within our grasp to pull off a discovery that will change the world forever.”

So, NASA says there are 100 million worlds within the Milky Way galaxy which can sustain complex alien life forms. If they’re right, you bet it will

change the world. The question is, will it change Mother Earth for the better?

What if one of these world’s needs water? What if they need cheap labor? What if they have the ability to not only get here, but take and do what they want?

Let’s say NASA is correct in their assessment that it’s only a matter of time before we phone E.T.

We already know through our own dealings that not everyone is nice. To think for one second that out of 100 million worlds that all of the intelligent life we discover is going to be nice is absurd.

“I think in the next 20 years we will find out we are not alone in the universe,” said NASA astronomer Kevin Hand.

“Do we believe there is life beyond Earth?” asked former astronaut and NASA Administrator Charles Bolden.

“I would venture to say that most of my colleagues here today say it is improbable that in the limitless vastness of the universe we humans stand alone.”

And we thought the big topic were the thousands of illegal aliens flooding across the border. Now we find out that we have all of these new aliens we’re going to have to worry about. Wow.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

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Recovery Coach / #0537
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Salary Range: \$12.288/hr - \$13.163/hr
Location: RCI

Qualifications:

- Must have high school diploma or GED
- Must be self-identified as a person in recovery and willing to share personal experience journey of recovery with others
- Must have maintained continuous recovery for a minimum of two years

Job Purpose:

- To provide guidance and support to individuals and their families who are seeking recovery for substance abuse disorders
- Must be actively involved in the participants process of change; to assist them as they work to improve their health and wellness; to give encouragement and assistance

Recovery Coach / #0538
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The 501 Moon Jumping Cow

Some nursery rhymes have hidden meanings. Some just tell it like it is — like the one about the cow that jumped over the moon.

I exaggerate, but not by much. We loaded cows today. We did not load Little Rita, who has greater jumping ability than might be expected from

a great big black and white normally earth-bound docile mama cow — not that she came anywhere close to clearing the moon. It wasn’t out. She didn’t even clear the fence, but she gave it her best shot and surprised us with her mighty leap.

We weren’t even trying to catch her. Loading cows is always interesting. I do not exaggerate.

Maybe if cows could talk, their behavior could be predicted. Little Rita might have said, “Watch this!”

And we would have. When a cow decides to jump a fence, all you can do is watch.

Little Rita made it exactly halfway over before her progress was impeded by the weighty steel panel hung on her left rear leg, not to mention all the barbed wire under her midsection. My husband and I watched from 18 inches away as she somehow maintained her trajectory, eventually divesting herself of the bothersome panel and managing to hang the same foot in the top strand of barbed wire before ultimately extricating herself from what remained of the fence and ending up in our yard.

Whew! Whether or not Little Rita

breathed a sigh of relief, we did.

Within seconds, she was grazing, ostensibly unfazed by the whole experience. Call me fazed.

We knew Little Rita wasn’t likely to remain content, no matter how tasty the lush (needs mowing) Bermuda grass. We opened a gate to let her return to her own kind. Joyful, she kicked up her heels in all directions, rodeo style, as she sailed through the gate, back to the pasture to be with others of her ilk.

All this from Little Rita, the tamest of cows, who lets us scratch her head on a normal day. Beware tame cows.

If there’s anything to be said for a wild cow, it’s that you know what to expect. Mayhem.

It’s harder to be prepared for aberrant behavior from a cow that’s normally a sweetheart.

Meanwhile, am I missing a hidden message in “Hey Diddle Diddle”?

RHYME RESEARCH. The ditty has spawned several conspiracy theories, including one based on worship of the Egyptian cow goddess Hathor.

I’d rather believe a jumping cow of extraordinary ability inspired the verse. Other characters are secondary. The dish and the spoon, caring only about each other, took advantage of the situation to run off together. The little dog’s reaction indicates he was glad to see someone get the best of his master. The cat is inscrutable. We can assume only that it moved its head in sync with the cow’s leap. The carefree fiddle showed up just for the sake of rhyme.

There you have it — a reflection of roles we play in crises. I think I’m a fiddle.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Space still available for Texas Plains Trail Region’s Tourism & Preservation Roundup

Barbara A. Brannon PhD
 Executive Director, Texas Plains Trail Region

Texas Plains Trail Region’s 6th annual Tourism & Preservation Roundup, the region’s leading heritage tourism conference, is scheduled for July 30–Aug. 1, 2014, at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. A few spaces still remain; registration deadline is July 25.

“Roundup has always been a popular and educational meeting in our region,” said TPTR executive director Barbara Brannon, “but this year registration is filling up fast, and we’re drawing participation from all around the state and as far away as Colorado and California.”

The full day of programming includes

sessions on a variety of topics from Texas state parks to regional books and publishing, as well as a luncheon keynote presentation by Texas native Chet Garner, host and writer of Texas Public Broadcasting’s Emmy-award-winning “The Daytripper,” which highlights family-oriented travel destinations, food, and outdoor recreation in the Lone Star State. A catered dinner and attendance at Texas Plains Trail Region Night at the TEXAS musical drama in Palo Duro Canyon State Park cap off the conference day. A Destination Marketing Workshop takes place Friday.

Full conference registration is \$90 and is open to the public; tickets are also available to individual events. Registration details are online at www.TexasPlainsTrail.com/Roundup.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Things were going kinda slow down at the Fly Tying Love Center and it bothered Marvin Pincus a lot.

He found it hard to believe that, out of all the people in the valley, none of them needed love advice and the proper type of fishing fly to illustrate it. He had the sign made and put in the yard, and he'd obviously had great results with the Jones kid and good ol' Dewey. Since Marvin's advice to Dewey to shower before asking a girl for a date, Dewey Decker, the Fertilizer King, had met Emily Stickle, the love of his life.

Now the fishing-fly earrings part of the business was going great. Women all over town were wearing dingle-dangle earrings with Marvin's point-clipped fishing flies hanging therefrom. He learned that short ladies tended to go for the smaller dries, like Griffith's Gnats and Royal Coachmen, and the taller ladies leaned toward salmon streamers. For the "simple black dress" that women seem to need, Marvin discovered a pure black stonefly nymph tied on a number 6 to be just the right touch. Some of the ladies slipped Marvin's wife, Marjorie, a couple of bucks to help buy more feathers and hooks.

But on the love advice front, there was a dearth of heartbroken customers.

"What would you think," Marvin said, "if I ran an ad in the Valley Weekly Miracle?"

"For what?" Marjorie said at breakfast. "You know ... love advice."

"Well, you have the sign out front. I think everyone in the valley already knows about it."

"But they're not coming in." Marjorie smiled. "Honey, some people find it hard to talk to others about their personal problems. That's probably it."

Marvin got a piece of paper and began writing. Then he'd scratch it out and start again. This went on through both bacon and toast.

"How's it coming, Honey?"

"About got it right, I think, Marge."

"May I see it?"

He handed it to her.

The best love advice in the valley, tied up with the appropriate fishing fly. Call the Fly Tying Love Center for an appointment. Results guaranteed.

"What do you think?"

Marjorie just smiled and nodded her head. What she thought, however, was that retirement isn't for sissies.

Brought to you by The Home Country Hour podcast. Check it out at www.slimrandles.com.

QuickBooks courses scheduled in Amarillo and Lubbock

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer QuickBooks Pro computer short courses for the 13th year on Aug. 26-27 in Amarillo and Sept. 16-17 in Lubbock.

The trainings will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in both cities, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, who will coordinate the event there. Jay Yates, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Lubbock, will coordinate the Lubbock course.

Both events will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in their respective

cities: 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of Lubbock.

"Our surveys have shown attendees feel they have received an average economic benefit of more than \$2,000 per year after attending these programs," Jones said. "We've presented the program to more than 400 producers through the years."

QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, Jones said. Participants will learn to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits. No prior computer experience is necessary.

Registration is \$150

per course and includes computer use and teaching materials. Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer. Class size is limited to 15 people to provide a hands-on experience for all participants, Jones said.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 19 for the Amarillo session and by Sept. 9 for the Lubbock session. Payment is due upon arrival on the first day of the course.

For more information or to register, contact Yates at 806-746-6101 or jayates@ag.tamu.edu, or Jones at 806-677-5667, dlijones@ag.tamu.edu.

Prepare Yourself and Your Insurance for Storm Season

By Carol Troy

AUSTIN, Texas—Statistics from the National Weather Service report total property damage from weather events in 2013 at \$8.8 billion, down from \$32.8 billion in 2012 and \$20 billion in 2011. July brought the most weather-related deaths for the past two years with 103 in 2013 and 156 in 2012, mostly related to tornadoes and extreme heat. Weather patterns are constantly changing, and although we cannot predict what the future holds, we need to protect our loved ones and property as much as possible. Below are tips to consider to prepare for storm season.

Know what your insurance covers—don't be caught without adequate coverage. Check your policy to see what's covered and the expenses you'll be expected to pay. While most policies provide coverage for windstorm damage, you will be responsible for a deductible and it's often one percent or more of your home's value, which could be substantial. Wind and hail deductibles may be even larger than the deductible for other claims. In some cases, older roofs may be excluded or have coverage restrictions, reducing the amount of recovery you can seek from your insurance policy.

Automobile policies provide coverage for wind and hail through the comprehensive or "other than collision" coverage option you can purchase. A deductible also applies to this coverage.

As storms can affect many people at the same time, you may be one of thousands seeking repairs for damage simultaneously. When damage to your home or automobile is severe, you may need to seek a replacement while waiting for your repairs to be completed. Most homeowners policies will provide "additional living expenses" so you can seek shelter in a hotel until your home is repaired. There is, however, a limit to this coverage. Usually, it's a percentage of your home's insured value.

If you have elected to purchase rental reimbursement on your automobile policy, you will be allowed a dollar amount per day for a certain number of days to rent a car while your car's covered damage is being repaired.

Remember that flood damage is only covered by a flood policy. Storms often bring the potential for flooding. When a hurricane causes flooding from a storm surge, your homeowners policy will not cover the damage from flooding, so seek protection with a National Flood Insurance Program policy.

At 116, Arkansas woman is oldest living American



Gertrude Weaver, right, talks with her son Joe Weaver, Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Silver Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center in Camden, Ark., a day before her 116th birthday. The Gerontology Research Group says Weaver is the oldest person in the United States and second-oldest person in the world. (AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A south Arkansas woman celebrated her 116th birthday Friday with cake, a party and a new title — she's now officially the oldest confirmed living American and second-oldest person in the world, the Gerontology Research Group said.

Gertrude Weaver spent her birthday at home at Silver Oaks Health and Rehabilitation in Camden, about 100 miles southwest of Little Rock. This year's festivities included the new award from the Gerontology Research Group, which analyzed U.S. Census records to determine that Weaver is the oldest living American, rather than 115-year-old Jeralean Talley, who was born in 1899.

The research group, which consults with the Guinness Book of World Records, found that the 1900 Census listed Weaver as 2 years old — putting her birthday in 1898, said Robert Young, the research group's database administrator and senior consultant for Guinness.

That makes Weaver the second-oldest person in the world behind 116-year-old Misao Okawa of Japan and the 11th oldest person of all time, he said.

"Normally, 116 would be old enough to be the world's oldest person," Young said. "There's kind of heavy competition at the moment."

Weaver was born in southwest Arkansas near the border with Texas, and was married in 1915. She and her husband had four children, all of whom have

died except for a 93-year-old son. Along with Census records, the Gerontology Research Group used Weaver's 1915 marriage certificate, which listed her age as 17, to confirm her birth year, Young said.

Although no birth record exists for Weaver, she celebrates her birthday each year on July 4 and did the same this year. At her 115th birthday party last year, Weaver was "waving and just eating it all up," said Vicki Vaughan, the marketing and admissions director at Silver Oaks.

"Most people want to know, 'Well, can she talk?'" Vaughan said. "Her health is starting to decline a little bit this year — I can tell a difference from last year, but she still is up and gets out of the room and comes to all of her meals, comes to activities. She'll laugh and smile and clap."

Weaver first stayed at the Camden nursing home at the age of 104 after she suffered a broken hip, Vaughan said. But Weaver recovered after rehabilitation and moved back home with her granddaughter, before returning to the nursing home at the age of 109.

Weaver cited three factors for her longevity: "Trusting in the Lord, hard work and loving everybody."

"You have to follow God. Don't follow anyone else," she told the Camden News this week. "Be obedient and follow the laws and don't worry about anything. I've followed him for many, many years and I ain't tired."

List of world's oldest people with confirmed ages

The Gerontology Research Group has confirmed the ages of more than 70 living supercentenarians — or those who are 110 and older. Nearly all are women, and most are located in North America, Europe and Japan, where proof-of-age records are more readily available.

Here are the 10 oldest people in the world whose ages have been validated by the group:

1. Misao Okawa, 116, Japan
2. Gertrude Weaver, 116, United States
3. Jeralean Talley, 115, United States
4. Susannah Mushatt Jones, 115, United States
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Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..6:30 p.m.

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Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney
Beau A. Hart, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askew
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 PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
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Evening Praise ...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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4-H Announces Fundraiser for South Plains Honor Flight

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County 4-H has chosen to again undertake a fundraiser to assist the South Plains Honor Flight. This will serve as Floyd County 4-H's "One Day 4-H" project for 2014. One Day 4-H is a chance for 4-H members, parents, leaders and volunteers to say "Thank you" to the communities that assist them so much by giving back to their communities.

The Honor Flight takes veterans, especially those from World War II, on a three day, two night trip to Washington, D. C. to visit the World War II Memorial and other historic sites in our nation's capital Oct. 1-3.

Lon Colvin of Lockney, a World War 2 veteran and former POW had planned to attend last year but due to health issues was unable to go but he is planning to participate on the trip this year. Jerry Morgan of Plainview will accompany Colvin on the trip.

On Aug. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00

p.m., Floyd County 4-H will serve a barbeque meal at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center and the cost is a donation. The 4-Hers will be assisted by VFW members and Honor Flight participants.

"This is not about Floydada or Lockney, or even Floyd County 4-H, it's about the veterans that have given so much of themselves for the freedom we enjoy in this country," Donna Keaton, Extension Secretary said.

According to a June 25 press release from the Texas South Plains Honor Flight, the cost for the three-day event is about \$220,000. This covers the cost of the charter flight, tours, hotels and meals for more than 140 veterans and support staff. All guardians who provide assistance to the veterans pay their own expenses.

If you are unable to participate in the meal but you still want to donate contact the Extension Office at 806-983-4912. Donations will be accepted from individuals, businesses or other groups.



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

World War 2 veteran and former POW Lon Colvin plans to participate in the South Plains Honor Flight scheduled for Oct. 1-3. Colvin will be the honored guest at Floyd County 4-H's fundraiser for the Honor Flight on Sunday, Aug. 17 at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

Texas Tech University Hosting Turfgrass Field Day on July 21

Growing and maintaining top-flight turf will be in the spotlight on July 21 as Texas Tech University hosts a Turfgrass Field Day at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' Quaker Research Farm.

Registration for the half-day program begins at 7 a.m., and the presentations begin about an hour later. The Quaker Research Farm is located at 200 N. Quaker Ave. and is a 130-acre farm operated by Texas Tech's Department of Plant and Soil Sciences.

Attendance for the event is free, and lunch will be provided for participants.

The Turfgrass Field Day typically draws green industry professionals such as landscapers and golf course superintendents, said program officials. However, homeowners

who are interested in learning how to maintain a healthy lawn are encouraged to attend.

The event is sponsored by Texas Tech's Department of Plant and Soil Science and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Presentations are scheduled on golf and athletic turf including wetting agent demonstration, plant growth regulators, pre-emerge herbicide, sodium removal from soils, irrigation audit demonstration and carbon sequestration.

Separately, there will be presentations on commercial and residential lawn care including buffalograss herbicide tolerance, introduction to drip system for turf, native plants for landscape, calibration demonstrations, irrigation audit demonstration and general management practices.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 8 to 10

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8 -10.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Families gearing up for the new school year

will not pay any sales tax for many back-to-school items ranging from pens to blue jeans," Combs said. "When the back-to-school

list is long and the money is short, it can be difficult for Texas families. We hope this tax break will help ease that burden."

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