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A Hometown Legend...

By Teresa Bigham
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LOCKNEY – Garry Lewis Templeton is an American former professional baseball player and minor league manager who was born in Lockney on March 24, 1956. He is a hometown legend.

He played as a shortstop in Major League Baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals, San Diego Padres and New York Mets from 1976 to 1991.

In this position, the player is between the third baseman and

second base bag. The shortstop is considered the captain of the infield and takes charge on balls hit in the air as well as communication among infielders.

Shortstops are an essential component of turning double plays. If the ball is hit to the left side of the infield, a shortstop must cleanly field the ball and accurately throw it to the second baseman covering the second base bag.

A good defensive shortstop must possess excellent range, a strong throwing and an ability to field batted balls cleanly. The

shortstop position is widely considered the most valuable defensive position in the infield, if not on the entire field of play.

Templeton was hailed by many as one of the greatest players in his early baseball career, which according to the baseball almanac included All-Star game selections in 1977 and 1979.

He made history in his later years as the first switch-hitter to collect 100 hits from each side of the plate. With 211 hits he led the National League, and with his 19 triples, Templeton led the league for a third successive season. He led the Cardinals in hits in 1977, 1978, and 1979.

At the end of the season, the Cardinals traded him to the Padres. He was with them for 10 years, he played 1,286 games and had 1,135 hits, 43 home runs, 427 RBIs and a batting average of .252. He had one Silver Slugger Award win and one All-Star game appearance in 1985.

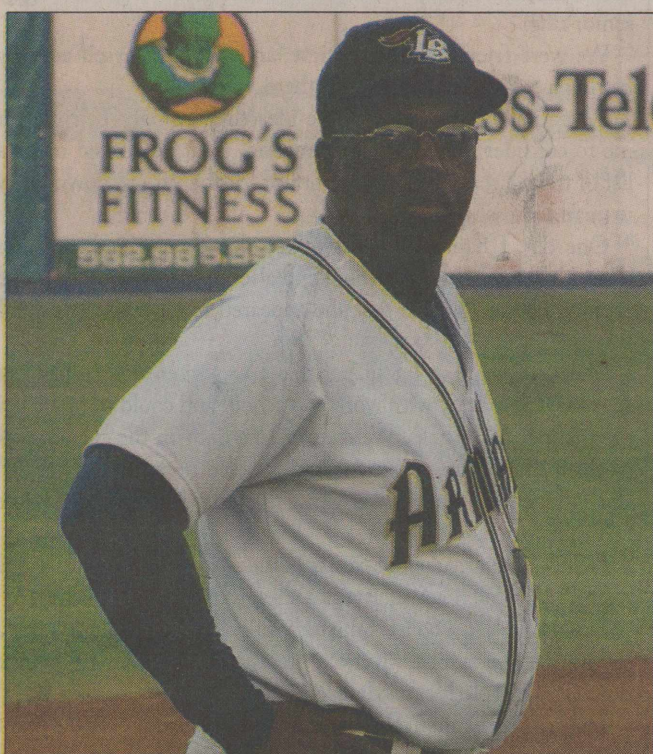
Templeton was named team captain in 1987, where he severed for four years.

He was then traded to the New York Mets on May 31, 1991. He played in 80 games for the Mets. He hit for .221 with three home runs and 26 RBIs.

On Aug. 8, 2015, Templeton



Garry Templeton playing for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1978. He was 22 years old and living his dream. (Courtesy photo)



Templeton with the Long Beach Armada in 2009. (Courtesy photo)

K-9 Officer euthanized after attacking deputy

By Teresa Bigham
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LOCKNEY – The Floyd County Sheriff's department announced K-9 Officer Angus had to be euthanized Saturday morning after a tragic accident.

Saturday morning an unknown female called 9-1-1 to report that K-9 Angus was attacking the officer outside his home.

According to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Officer Gutierrez and K-9 Angus was loading up to start their morning shift, when out of no where K-9 Angus turned on Officer Gutierrez. The incident happened outside the home of Officer Gutierrez.

Officer Gutierrez had no other choice than to use deadly force to get the dog off him. Officer Gutierrez was taken by EMS to W.J.

Mangold Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Angus was taken to Central Plains Animal Clinic in Plainview where he was later euthanized because of his injuries.

Angus was a Dutch Sheppard that lived with Officer Gutierrez and his family. In fact, Officer Gutierrez was Angus' sole caregiver. Angus and Gutierrez were partners for two years. There was never any cause for alarm.

I interviewed Officer Gutierrez in February. Angus and Gutierrez spent many hours together, in fact Gutierrez told me that when Angus retired, he would become their family dog.

What happened is a tragic accident, and Officer Gutierrez is heartbroken over the loss of his partner.



Officer Gutierrez and K-9 Officer Angus were partners for the Floyd County Sheriff's Office for two years. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Paul Rassiez will be doing an investigation on the attack.

was inducted into the San Diego Padres Hall of Fame.

After his retirement, Templeton remained connected to baseball by being a coach and a minor league manager. He managed the Anaheim Angels, which is an organization for four teams, posting a 294-272 record.

He was manager of the Northern League. He also managed the Golden Baseball League (GBL) for three years before he moved on to

manage the Arizona Winter League's Palm Springs Chill in 2008. In 2009, he returned to the GBL to manage the Long Beach Armada.

In 2010, he became the manager of the Chico Outlaws and on Jan. 8, 2013, Templeton was named manager of the Network Bears.

Templeton's story is proof that even if you come from a small town, if you work hard and stay true to yourself you can reach the stars.

COVID-19 Coronavirus

Floyd County confirms first positive Coronavirus case

By Teresa Bigham
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FLOYD COUNTY – On Monday, April 6, Floyd County reported its first positive case of the Coronavirus.

That person is a 65-year-old female, and the case is travel related. She is not hospitalized at this time.

Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke said, "The

lady was visiting a family member out of town, and as she was traveling home she received a call that her family member had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The lady drove straight to the Lockney Cogdell Clinic. The test was performed outside in the lady's vehicle. The lady has been self-quarantined and has been around no one."

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Upcoming

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The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up June 15 - 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Drop-off point for junk/trash will be at the 600 block of Main St. (old Webster's gas station). For more information call the City of Lockney at 806-652-2355.

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Floydada City Council Passes Ordinance in Response to Covid-19

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—The City Council of Floydada met March 31 at 6:30 p.m. in regular session ending in an ordinance in response to the COVID-19 crisis sweeping the world.

In attendance were Mayor Bobby Gilliland, Councilmembers Gabe DeLaFuente, Dana Crossland, Bettye King, Gail DuBois, Bryan Martin and Steve Lloyd. Also, in attendance were City Manager Darrell Gooch, City Secretary Patti Lowrance, City Attorney Karen Houchin, Chief of Police Reuben Ramon, Sergeant Marco Martinez and Electric Superintendent Ray Perez.

The Mayor opened the meeting, gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the

U.S. and Texas flags.

No one was present to address the Council in public forum.

There was a request by the Floydada Ex-Student's Association for funds from the Hotel-Motel Tax to use for promoting this year's Sept. 4-5 Floydada Homecoming. The funds will be used to reach out to ex-students to come home and attend the festivities which are only held every four years. The motion was made by Lloyd, seconded by Crossland and passed unanimously.

The next item was related to responses to COVID-19. The Council voted on and passed Ordinance No. 20-01: an ordinance of the City of Floydada declaring a state of disaster and emergency in the City of Floydada because of the impact of COVID-19;

confirming and ratifying an emergency proclamation issued by the mayor in response to the emergency; adopting and approving certain rules to protect the health of persons in the city; making various findings and provisions related to the subject. The motion was made by King and seconded by Crossland, it passed unanimously.

The ordinance, in addition to the Governor's Executive Order GA-14 on essential businesses and essential services, also directs the closure of the following city-owned locations: Recreational Vehicle Park and adjoining property, playgrounds, community centers—including the Massie Activity Center and the RV Pavilion—and Jimmie Lou Stewart basketball courts.

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Commissioners' Court discusses COVID-19

By Teresa Bigham
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FLOYDADA – Floyd County Commissioners' Court met at 8 a.m., Monday, March 30 in the County Courthouse

County Judge Marty Lucke began by calling the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Scott Gray, Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Floydada lead the prayer. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States and Texas Flag were said by the group.

Judge Lucke opened the meeting by stating some of the statistics of the COVID-19 in the area.

The next item on the agenda was open discussion with elected officials, community leaders, business owners and concerned citizens concerning the threat of the COVID-19 to the health and safety of Floyd County.

Several business owners stated how their businesses are being ran and the hours of business.

Lockney ISD Superintendent Jim Baum gave a report on Lockney schools. Children are staying home and doing schoolwork via internet and home packets. The teachers are still going in and getting packets ready while the school is continually being sanitized.

Lucke stated that the County Clerk and the Tax Assessor's offices have limited office hours and number of people in the office at one time.

All jails are requiring that all the prisoners must be medically cleared before they will

take them.

The Texas AgriLife Office will be closed until further notice. The adult probation has no face to face meetings. The meetings are all being done by phone or by FaceTime.

Judge Lucke went over the changes in the Declaration.

As of Friday, March 27 Floyd County has sent off nine COVID-19 tests and at the time of the meeting there have been no results. When and if Floyd County does have an active case the Chief Executive Officer Mr. DiFranco will be informing Floyd County Judge Lucke. The newspapers, radios and news stations in Lubbock will also be immediately notified.

Associate Pastor Gray inquired about having Easter Sunday services outside where people stay inside their vehicles. Lucke stated that if they stay in their cars, then there should not be a problem.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to accept the Declaration and Commissioner Bigham seconded. It was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Pastor Gary Boles of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada gave the closing prayer.

The Commissioners present were Nathan Johnson, David Martinez, Clint Bigham and Tanner Smith.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, at 8 a.m. in the Commissioners' Court room 106.

Between the lines Don't judge a pandemic by its cover



BRUCE W. GREEN

Ellis Bell said in the novel, "No Country for Old Men," "You never know what worse luck your bad luck has saved you from."

It has been a stressful week dealing with the global pandemic. Generally speaking, there's not much in the way of encouraging news out there. That's because there is just no sugar coating the danger of a highly contagious disease heretofore unknown to humans and, for which, there is no current cure.

So, make no mistake, I couldn't be taking it any more seriously. But I am a firm believer that Ellis Bell is right.

If there is a meaning in life at all, and I believe there is, then there must be meaning in the bad things that befall us – even suffering.

Some bad things may save us from worse things. And some bad things, although terrible in themselves, may eventually lead to good things – if we have eyes to see after the smoke of hardship clears.

I came to this conclusion early in life, and it has been reinforced in countless more serious ways throughout life.

I ran out of interest and money in college and became a Fighting Texas Aggie drop out. No vision, no money, no car, no place to live. I had a duffle bag, so I headed to Highway 6 with it over my shoulder and started hitchhiking.

I ended up in a small Texas town, took a job as a clerk and saved my disappointment with the belief that I would one day return to A&M and make something of myself.

On a whim, I enrolled in a night course at the local private college. Sitting across from me was a young doe-eyed brunette who would eventually become the reason I never got an Aggie senior ring.

We were friends for some time, and I found myself actually getting a college credit here and there.

I eventually came up with the idea that it might be time for me to consider marriage – to someone. I sat down and made a list of traits I thought were important for the yet unknown lucky woman to possess.

One day, I handed the list to my doe-eyed friend, told her what I had been thinking about and also informed her that it had recently dawned on me that she appeared to have all the traits I was looking for.

Shortly after that, I told her that I was interested in her, but that I was very busy with work and school and could not take her on a date for six weeks. We confirmed a date on the calendar six weeks in the future, and my friend traveled home to tell her dad she had met the man she was going to marry. And, as they say, the rest is history.

I know some readers of this column are likely to swoon at the romance of it all. I admit, it was a stretch for me.

I've always had a flair for the romantic. I even bought my wife a saddle one year as an anniversary present. After all these years, she deserves a Purple Heart Medal.

I have thought about this on numerous occasions over the years. Who knows what worse luck my bad luck at Texas A&M saved me from. I would not have met and married my wife. Instead, I might have ended up married to someone like the villain in "Fatal Attraction."

My college failure is not remotely equivalent to the gravely serious pandemic now befalling us. In fact, it is trivial by comparison.

But it was the first experience that interrupted my thoughtless tendency to find meaning only in pleasant things that came my way in life.

Like everyone else, as the years have flown by, I have experienced much worse than youthful failure and disappointment. Suffering, whether small or great, is a fact of human life.

Unfortunately, we often cannot see the good things that can come from bad things that happen to us until the passage of time has healed our wounds and clarified our perspective.

Here are a couple of personal things I have come to believe and embrace in the aftermath of bad things and even heartbreak:

First, sorrow, whether small or great, causes me to reconsider the values of a world hungry for pleasure and material enjoyments; and

Second, tribulations and sorrow have a tendency, if I am open to it, to help my heart turn loose of all that does not help it to really live.

There is another thing I have come to believe, based on experience. I think my disappointments and sufferings are more or less destructive depending on whether or not I am prepared to look for the meaning behind them.

People are resilient. We can endure anything that is necessary, because all necessary things have meaning. What we cannot endure are hardships, sufferings and pandemics that have no meaning.

So, don't judge a pandemic by its cover. There is meaning in having your husband, wife and children shut up in the house for a time. It can lead to a lot of good fruits if we will only reach up and gather them from this tree of suffering.

One final thing – my wife tells me she still has that note I gave her almost half a century ago. Stay safe and stay home. bgreen@lknewsgroup.com

Lockney City Council reschedules May elections

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The City Council of the City of Lockney held a meeting on Thursday in the Council room at City Hall located at 218 E. Locust.

The meeting was called to order at 7 a.m. by Mayor Michael DeLeon. He then led the prayer and asked everyone to join in the Pledge.

The next item on the agenda was any public comments, which there was none.

The next item that was discussed, considered and action was taken on the

community development block grant paperwork and any and all related documents of whatever kind, nature or description which may include but shall not be limited to the signatory resolution, depository authorization, administrative, interlocal contract, Appendix B required contract provisions, the engineering contract with Brandt Engineering and any and all other related documents of whatever kind, nature or description. There were no changes needed. Aaron Wilson made the motion. David Cole seconded, and

it was approved by unanimous vote.

The fifth item on the agenda was discussed and action was agreed to move the City Elections from May 2 to November 3 due to the COVID-19 as provided in Governor Abbotts Proclamation.

There was a discussion on whether Steve Wright could take over Tyler Duniven's spot in May. It was decided that there was no problem with that taking place.

Due to wide spread of COVID-19 and the health concerns of the people in

the community, David Cole made the motion to accept the city elections being moved and Donnie McLaughlin seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote

Donnie McLaughlin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 a.m. and Tyler Duniven seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

City Council present were Mayor Michael DeLeon, David Cole, Tyler Duniven, Aaron Wilson and Donnie McLaughlin. Laurie Garcia took the minutes.

The 501: Nettle Soup, Poke Sallet



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Making do. It's the new norm. If you've always saved your bacon grease and half your supply of aluminum foil has wrinkles, you might have some too. It's older Americans who tend to know already about making do.

Ah bacon. Wish I had some. At least we've got some grease.

We oldsters are feeling somewhat smug these days. We're the high-risk group when it comes to the COVID-19 contagion, but we're at low-risk of not knowing how to make do and get by.

Millennials, it seems, are suddenly learning to make do. Welcome to our ranks, and thanks for sharing all your tips online. Really.

Let's admit it. Making do brings pleasure because we can feel proud of ourselves, whatever our ages.

My friend Donna is trying not to buy extra food from anywhere. She's harvesting dandelions and nettles. She lives alone somewhere in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Nettles? The only nettles I know are bull nettles. Ouch. I'd sure hate to have to go and pick a mess for supper. Maybe

I'm not so good at making do after all – not if it means bull nettle soup.

In an online Facebook exchange with Donna, I matched her nettles by mentioning poke sallet. I sent her a picture of pokeweed making its spring debut. Donna, daughter of a scientist (her late dad was one of the architects of the blowfly eradication program), warned me that poke can be poisonous. She said the last person in her family who knew how to cook pokeweed was her long-deceased grandmother. If poke was her last meal, surely Donna would have said so. I'm still gonna be careful.

POKE RESEARCH PAUSE.

Well, here's what you may not know:

Pokeweed isn't just for eating. Folk remedies for all sorts of illnesses, tonsillitis to HIV, are concocted from poke. That's not saying the scientific community approves of the various homemade potions. But pokeweed antiviral protein has indeed earned a name for itself. It's a real compound – PAP for short. Scholarly papers abound on what it's all about. I can't even understand the abstracts. Let me quote from one abstract anyway:

"We speculate that pokeweed antiviral protein is a defensive agent whose principal function is probably antiviral."

That's from a paper presented back in 1986 to the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America.

I don't know about you, but I smile just to read the common plant name "pokeweed" in a scientific context, right alongside the genus-species designation "Phytolacca americana."

Maybe pokeweed is coming into its own. I hope so. I like poke. My husband, Hugh, does not. He constantly battles the stubborn poke that stubbornly grows under our cedar trees at the farm.

I mentioned to Hugh the tantalizing possibility that pokeweed might somehow prove itself useful against the Coronavirus.

"Cash crop," he said.

How quickly we can change our minds about a weed. But these are special times.

I just wish I could ask my grandmother if one poke parboil is enough.

Don't try this at home.

Seriously, the only non-tongue-in-cheek advice I can pass on is what my mother told me:

Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.

Somehow I think I'm hearing a collective "duh."

SOCIETY

Recipe of the Week

This week's "Recipe of the Week" comes from Denise Holcombe of Floydada. Denise grew up in Floydada, and if you know her, you know she always has a beautiful smile on her face. She is married to Rex, and their son is Luke.

Denise has a love for her community. In fact, she said, "I can't imagine living anywhere else. The people in our community are simply amazing people."

Denise puts the Lord and her family first in her life and cherishes the time she gets to spend with old friends and new.

Her son Luke is a junior at Floydada High School, and he has a passion for all sports. He plays baseball and takes part in many track events, such as the discus and shot. He also qualified for State in Business Professionals of America (BPA). Luke has his own fan club, with his mom cheering him on every step of the way.

Denise, I remember that laugh of yours filling up the high school hallways. There was never a dull moment when you were around!

The recipe she is sharing with us is an all-time family favorite.

Nannie's Picante Chicken

- 2 lbs. chicken, cut into ¾ inch cubes
- 2 T taco seasoning mix
- 1 jar (16oz) chunky style picante sauce
- 2/3 cup peach preserves
- 1 - 2 T oil.



Coat chicken cubes with taco seasonings. Heat oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook to brown, stirring occasionally. Add salsa and preserves to skillet, lower heat. Cover and simmer until chicken is tender about 15 to 20 minutes. Serve with hot rice. Pork may be substituted for chicken.

Lockney Senior Citizens held fish fry

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Last Friday night the Lockney Senior Citizens held a pickup or delivery fish fry. It was a great success, and they hope they can have another one very soon.

Renee Armstrong said, "During these hard times, we couldn't be more grateful for each and every one of you. We are a non-profit and totally rely on the com-

munity."

"It takes a lot to keep the center up and running. We have to pay the bills to keep the lights and gas on, to pay the salaries of the staff and to purchase the groceries to be able to feed our seniors as well as the rest of the community. We have cut corners where we can and continue to save in every means possible," stated Armstrong.

During these hard times, the Lockney Senior Citizens Center serves 12 lunch

meals, although they are very thankful to be able to serve those, they still worry about how long they can keep the doors open.

As for now they do not have a set menu for the week. The Center will continue to serve our community as long as possible.

Please call 806-652-2745 and Renee and her staff will be happy to let you know what's on the menu and will be glad to deliver the meal to you.

Pairing herbs and vegetables in raised garden beds

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - This time of year just makes me excited to plan my garden. But this year I don't have a way to till up a spot so I can plant vegetables and herbs. So, I'm going to plant in raised garden beds.

What are the benefits of a raised-bed garden? Raised-bed vegetable and herb gardening offers advantages of soil condition and gardening ease. Raised bed gardens are also a little easier to baby because of the smaller amount of space, so there forth you tend to harvest more at the end of the growing season.

Using raised garden beds for when you have a smaller amount you want to plant. You could even make them por-

table. So that it can be moved around for more sunlight.

When your soil gets compacted it is hard for anything to grow well in it. With raised garden beds, you don't have to worry about your ground becoming as compacted. When the soil is less compacted, it makes the soil drain better.

There are all kinds of pests constantly feeding on your garden, but the raised garden beds it makes this more difficult for the pests to get to your plants. Let's face it raised garden beds are just easier for people who only plant a small amount.

In raised vegetable garden the choices are unlimited as to what you may grow. Tomatoes grow very well in raised beds. These plants like rich well-drained soil that gets plenty of sunlight. Basil makes the perfect com-

panion plant for tomatoes.

Basil is also a companion to peppers.

Cucumbers are another excellent choose of vegetable to be grown in a raised garden bed. Cucumbers need the well-drained soil. These vines also tend to take over their beds, so it's a great idea to plant them in a raised bed all their own.

Kale and lettuce look beautiful in raised beds. These vegetables love the warmer soil and fewer weeds of raised beds. Mint pairs well with kale and lettuce. The mint will keep the slugs off the others.

Corn and greens beans grow well together in raised beds. The beans will grow up the corn-stalks, which means you won't have to build them a trellis.

Enjoy your fresh vegetable and herbs!

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979 HELEN MCGEHEE STARK

I am Helen McGehee Stark. I have written the family history of both of my grandparents—James Hiram and Josephine Aiken McGehee and Washington C. and Tibitha Ann Cameron Nichols; also my father and mother, William and Katie Nichols, McGehee. Now I write something about myself as a third generation pioneer.

I was born in the dugout that was my parents' first home and on the land that my father homesteaded. Mother tells me that Dr. Thomas was the doctor and that I cost \$10.00.

One of my first memories was mu father riding his horse going to a prairie fire—with a broom and tow-sack. Also, my mother talking with neighbors miles away over the telephone which was on a barb-wire fence. Then there was the threshing time. Mr. Carthel would come with his crew, made up mostly with his boys. The thresher was run by horses. Also our

feed grinder used horse's power. Mother would cook for the workers.

On Sunday afternoon we would go to Roseland School House to Sunday School. We would go in our Spauling two-seated hack driven by two mules named Kit and Frances.

My first school was two miles up the lane. I could not go until my brother, Wallace, was able to ride the burro. Dad bought us a red saddle in Kansas City. Jack was a fast trotter for a burro, but one day we came back fast and in tears when he refused to cross a culvert, where a pole-cat had been.

This memory stands out. Mother had taken us three children to spend Christmas with her family. Dad came in later on his horse. After we had gone a few blocks on our way home, Wallace and I got in the bottom of the buggy and Dad tied his horse to the shane. The horse kicked hitting Wallace in the back

of his head. We went in the Ayres' home; got two doctors and took two pieces of bone from his head. He still has the scar.

Later we moved to Lockney. The school there had only three teachers and taught through the tenth grade. School would only run until there was money; then the parents that could pay would hire a teacher to finish the term. Also school would turn out for cotton picking.

Wallace and I finished high school in 1917. There were thirteen girls and two boys in the class. The other boy was Goldie Burns. This was the first class to take state examinations for state credits. We got 13 ½ college credits. Seven members of the class went to college that year.

This class has celebrated several anniversaries in the Baker home in Lockney. It was interesting to hear what each had been doing. There were accounts in the paper of the class--after fifty years all were living. Now sixty years last May 17, 1977, only one has died. Some may have their family history in this history book.

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ATTENTION

Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-14 which closed all "non-essential" businesses in the State of Texas. In compliance with the Governor's Executive Order, the Floyd County Memorial Library is **CLOSED**.

The Governor's Executive Order, unless extended, will expire on April 30, 2020. The Library will remain closed until the Order expires or is lifted.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Marty Lucke
Marty Lucke, County Judge

Mary Jane Cisneros
Mary Jane Cisneros, Librarian

Posted April 1, 2020

HHSC Temporarily Waives Renewal Requirements

AUSTIN - Texas Health and Human Services announced SNAP and Medicaid benefit renewals currently due will automatically be renewed so existing clients can maintain continuity of coverage during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

"During this difficult time, we're making sure Texans in need continue to receive their food and medical benefits without the added worry of having to renew their coverage in the midst of a crisis," said Wayne Salter, HHS Deputy Executive Commissioner for Access and Eligibility Services.

To ensure benefits continue, Texas requested and received federal approval to automatically extend benefits for recipients who were up for renewal. Renewing the SNAP and Medicaid applications automatically means that

those who were up for a renewal do not have to call or complete their renewal to receive continuous coverage. SNAP and Medicaid benefits are extended until further notice, and Texas HHS will continue to provide updates to the public during the coming months.

Additionally, as authorized by section 2302 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Texas is also waiving interview requirements for households applying for SNAP. As part of that, households are not required to complete an interview before approval if identity has been verified and mandatory verification steps are completed.

Waiving interview requirements means people do not have to come into an office or call the agency about their application or

renewal, and HHS can process applications as they are received and make eligibility determinations faster.

Administered by Texas HHS, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.4 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas, with monthly benefits worth nearly \$400 million.

Medicaid is a joint federal-state program that provides health coverage to 4.6 million Texas children, pregnant women, parents of eligible children, people with disabilities and older Texans who need nursing home care.

Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA -The Center will be open for carry outs and deliveries. Call us at 806-983-2032.

We are in need of 5 more deliveries or take-outs per day. We are doing our best to stay open to deliver to those who cannot leave their homes. Everyone is still eating, even if self-quarantined. So, if you can help us please order a meal to be delivered or come by for a take-out.

The longer that America is out of work, the more businesses that will fail. Please keep the businesses and their owners in this community in your prayers.

The prices of our meals are \$6 for members, and \$7 for non-members. Anyone that is breathing is eligible to eat with us, or right now for a carry out or delivery.

We are in need of a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. You will receive

a delicious meal as payment for your time. The driver will report to the Center at 11:15 a.m. The deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11 am. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30 a.m.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

MENU

April 13-April 17

Monday - Sirloin patty w/ natural gravy

Tuesday - Spaghetti - \$4

Wednesday - Margaret's pork chalupa

Thursday - Meatloaf or chicken strips

Friday - Hamburger casserole

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY—We are suspending ALL activities here at the Center from March 20- April 3. These activities include Fish Fry, Sunday Lunch, BINGO, Breakfast, Exercise, Thursday Night Pot Luck/ Game Night, and Afternoon Dominoes.

Monday through Friday noon meals will be carry-out or delivery ONLY. NO DINING IN.

We want all of our senior citizens to be safe and healthy. Please stay at home! If you are in need of something, please call the Center and we will do our best to get it to you. The Center's number is 806-652-2745. Please call if you have any questions. We are here to serve you and help where we can.

Please call the Center for menus since they are changing continually and it is hard to set an exact menu. So sorry for any inconvenience.

OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Nancy Bishop Lawson

Nancy Bishop Lawson passed away during the evening on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at the BeeHive Homes of Shepherd's Meadow in Floydada, Texas.

Nancy was born October 22, 1929 in the Cedar Hill Community in Floyd County, Texas to Thomas Sydney Brown and Dora Orman Brown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Winston Brown, and sisters, Geraldine Calloway and Florine Teal, her daughter-in-law, Le Ann Evans Bishop and stepdaughter, Debbie Lawson Tinker. She was recently preceded in death by her youngest son, Gregory Brown Bishop.

Nancy lost her husband, Howard Gene Bishop, of forty-five years, in March 1993 and was fortunate to meet and marry Raymond (Gene) Lawson in July 2001, enjoying their marriage until his death in June 2017.

Nancy is survived by one son, Mike Bishop and wife, Rozanne Bishop and stepson, Rex Lawson and wife, Karen. She also left three grandchildren, Sydney Bishop, Warren Bishop, David Bishop, and great-granddaughters, Caitlin Degollado, and Kylie Holmes and her great-great-grandson, Ayden Degollado and many devoted nieces and

other family members plus several very devoted friends.

Nancy's life was filled with farming as well as serving the farming community while working and retiring from the ASCS office in Floydada. Family and her faith were the two most important factors to shape her life. She was a dedicated lifelong member of the First Baptist Church as well as starting each day in Bible study with her morning coffee.

Nancy was a wonderful cook and made sure everyone at her table had lots to eat and enough dessert choices to satisfy each guest. During her life with Howard, she would fix meals to take to the fields during harvest and to feed the ranchers helping to work cattle. She was up at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings to be sure and make it to church and have dinner ready for family and if needed for those working in the field.

After falling Memorial weekend 2019, Nancy suffered additional falls, surgeries, and rehab stays. She struggled to regain her health fighting against many setbacks but through all the pain she never lost her sense of humor. The family is especially grateful for your prayers and the visits so many of you made



NANCY BISHOP LAWSON

over the last ten months.

We would like to thank all the caregivers including Hospice for working to make her comfortable and the BeeHive was the best place she could be.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 4, 2020 for immediate family to avoid any friend or relative being exposed to the Coronavirus. Hopefully a memorial will be planned for a later date when this risk has passed.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her honor to First Baptist Church of Floydada, Floydada Senior Citizens, the American Cancer Society, or Reverend Franklin Graham's Samaritan Purse.

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

Ascencion Zapata Rendon, Jr

Ascencion Zapata Rendon, Jr, age 67, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020.

A private family graveside service was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at the Lockney Cemetery.

A public visitation was held from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. In order to maintain a safe come and go visitation, we limited groups of 10 people or less at a time.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Ascencion was born February 8, 1953 to Ascencion Rendon, Sr. and Vickie (Zapata) Rendon, in Robstown, Texas.

Junior lived most of his life in Lockney, Texas where he married Rosie Camacho on February 20, 1971. He worked at Lockney Co-op, Patterson Grain and Larson's for many years. He was also

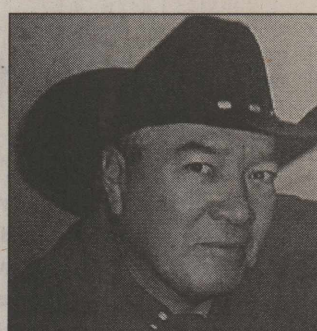
a farm laborer for David Patterson, Miller Brothers Farms, and Wilson Farms.

Junior was very active and supportive in the family business, Hospice Hands of West Texas for over 20 years.

His hobbies included fishing, hunting, racing and spending time with his family and friends. He will forever be remembered for saying "I reckon" to his grandchildren. Junior was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Ascencion was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Victoria Rendon Martinez, Ortencia Rendon Luna, Eloisa Rendon, Juanita Rendon; brothers, Manuel Rendon, Carlos Rendon, and Robert Rendon; and granddaughter, Serafina Rose Rendon.

Ascencion is survived by his wife, Rosie Camacho Rendon; two sons, Carlos (Almadena) Rendon and Randy (Saundra) Rendon; a daughter, Carrie Rendon; six grandchildren,



ASCENCION ZAPATA RENDON, JR.

Aaron Rendon, Alanie Rendon, Nickolas Rendon, Anson Rendon, Sean "Ky" Rendon, and Vickie Marie Rendon; one great-granddaughter, Caydence Diaz; one brother, Thomas (Eudelia) Rendon; two sisters, Maria (Juan) Rendon Peralez, and Pauline Rendon Vasquez, and a nephew, Armando Rendon, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

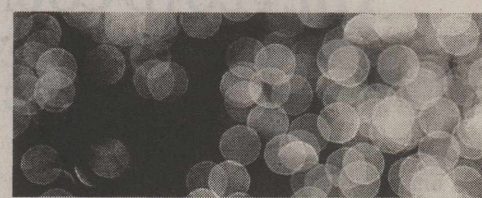
The family and the staff of Moore-Rose Funeral Home want to encourage everyone to visit our website at www.moore-rose.com and post your condolences and memories of Ascencion on his online guestbook.

Devotional

Take Heart

Psalm 27:13-14

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Comfort and Hope

Happy are those who take refuge in [the Lord]. —Psalm 34:8 (NRSV)

Many years ago, after a walk in the park, my children and I were heading home. Unexpectedly, my younger daughter tore her hand from mine and ran out into the street directly into the path of a car. In a moment, I felt like my whole life was broken. I closed my eyes and asked God, "Why?" I dreaded the thought of looking underneath that car.

When I did, I thanked God that it was not as bad as I had feared. My daughter had fallen between the wheels, and the driver had been driving slowly. To my surprise, the driver came to the hospital the next day to say he was sorry despite the fact

that it was not his fault.

To this day, I give thanks to God for protecting my child. Reading the Bible regularly has shown me that we can seek God not only when we face difficulties and fear but in every situation, good or bad. God's word in scripture gives me comfort and hope for my life's journey. —Volya Koruderlieva (Varna, Bulgaria)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Thank you, God, for your caring love every day, not only in the most terrifying moments of our lives but in joyful times as well. Help us to trust you and to have thankful hearts. Amen.

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<p>Carr's Chapel Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p>	<p>Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday - 8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God Washington And 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Wed Service - 7 p.m. *****</p>
<p>Church of Christ West College & Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p>Main Street Church of Christ Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. *****</p>	<p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Floydada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p>Templo Nueva Vida Rev. Herman Martinez Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M. Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M. *****</p>
<p>City Park Church of Christ Bob DuPont, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m. *****</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Priest - Sylvester Dsouza Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass Sun - 9 a.m. Mass Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass *****</p>	<p>Trinity Assembly 500 W. Houston Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p>
<p>First Baptist Church Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship Ashley Adams, Minister of Music Ludustia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p>	<p>South Plains Baptist Church Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p>	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p>
<p>First Baptist Church Lockney</p>	<p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</p>	<p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m. English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>West Side Church of Christ Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>

AGRICULTURE

Rattlesnakes are on the move

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The chances of actually dying from a rattlesnake's venomous bite are very slim, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife.

About 7,000 people are bitten by some type of rattle snake in Texas every year. Only .2 percent of these bites are fatal. On average in Texas one to two die each year from rattlesnake bites.

You have likely heard the distinctive buzz of these creatures. Their rattle is a highly effective warning sign, signaling predators to stay away. Did you know that rattlesnakes also hiss, a second element of warning?

The rattlesnakes one functional lung has relatively large air capacity and as the snake hisses, its body swells up, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife. Snakes are deaf to airborne sounds, so the hiss is only a warning for animals that can hear and not a means of communication with other snakes.

Rattlesnakes can range from one to eight feet, depending on the species. They are thick-bodied snakes with ridged scales. They have heat-sensing facial pits, hinged fangs that produce venom, and they have live births.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, rattlesnakes have another distinctive physical feature other than the rattle sound it makes, it's their triangular head. Here's another

fact, rattlesnakes have vertical pupils, like cat eyes, but I for one will not be getting close enough to a rattlesnake to see if that's true.

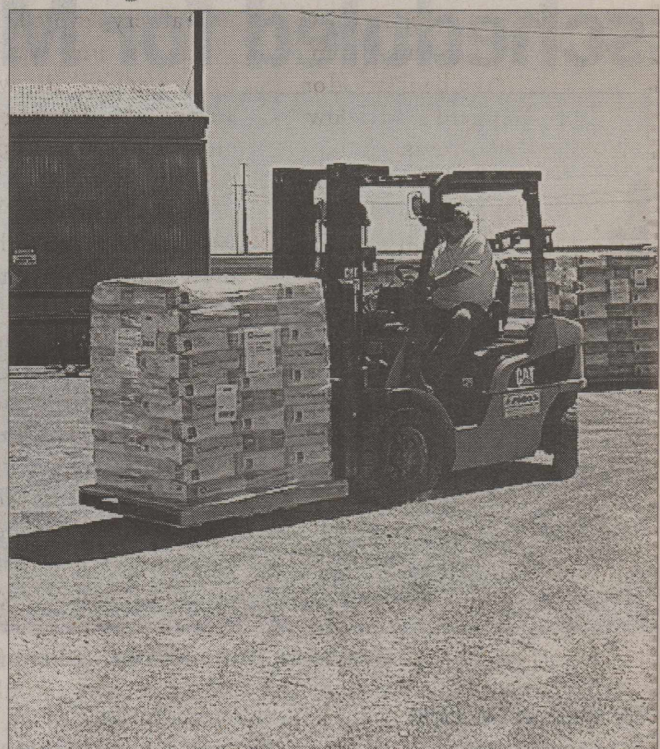
In addition to rattling and hissing, rattlesnakes exhibit other defensive behaviors. They may also coil their bodies and raise their heads off the ground in a defensive posture.

Rattlesnakes live in a variety of environments. They can be found in desert like sand areas, grasslands, scrub brush and rocky hills. When in cooler climates they will hibernate in the winter.

Rattlesnakes rarely bite unless they feel threatened or provoked. Should you or someone you are with happens to get bitten by a rattlesnake here are first aid procedures you should follow.

- Keep the victim calm, still and quiet.
- Remove any rings or constricting items and clothing as the affected area may swell.
- Allow the bite to bleed freely for 15-30 seconds before cleaning.
- Create a loose split to help restrict movement of the area.
- Contact medical help as soon as possible
- Monitor the persons vital signs – temperature, pulse, rate of breathing and blood pressure.
- Attempt to identify the snake or only if can be done safely, bring in the dead snake. Do not waste time hunting for the snake and do not risk another bite if it is not easy to kill the snake.

Early Cotton seed



It's getting to be that time of year! Joe Starkey, an employee with CHS, is seen here unloading cottonseed that is just starting to arrive. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Texas turkey hunters should see more toms this spring

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – A great 2019 nesting season for wild turkeys means more young toms (or jakes) will be seen by hunters this spring. Jakes are typically more forgiving than older toms and create a prime opportunity for new turkey hunters to bag their first bird.

The spring season for Rio Grande turkey season got under way March 14-15 with a youth-only weekend in the South Zone, followed by a general season that runs March 21-May 3 and then culminates with a youth-only weekend May 9-10. In the North Zone, the youth-only weekend seasons are March 28-29 and May 23-24. The North Zone general season opens April 4 and runs through May 17. A special one-gobbler limit season runs April 1-30 in Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Matagorda, Milam, and Wharton counties.

"If the current green conditions hold and weather does not turn hot too early, Texas can expect another year of turkey population growth," said Jason Hardin, TPWD turkey program leader. "We currently have good soil moisture across much of Texas and just need a little more to keep us on track for another great year of recruitment."

"With low harvest rates, most

Rio Grande turkey hunters can expect to see some 4- and 5-year-old toms across most of the Rio Grande range. There are not going to be a lot of 2-3-year-old birds out there this spring," said Hardin. "With the spring coming on strong, toms will pair with hens early in the season. But as those hens begin to initiate nesting activities around the middle of the season, the toms will turn on and readily come to calling."

Eastern spring turkey hunting in the counties having an open season starts on April 22 and runs through May 14. Hunters are required to report harvest of eastern wild turkeys electronically to TPWD within 24 hours of harvest. Reports can be made through the TPWD My Texas Hunt Harvest App or online from the TPWD turkey page at www.tpwd.texas.gov/turkey. The app is available for free download from Google Play or the App Store. Hunters will be issued a confirmation number upon completion of the reporting process. Hunters still have to tag harvested birds.

The harvest reporting app can also be used as a tool for voluntarily reporting and tracking harvests of other resident game species, including Rio Grande turkey. With My Texas Hunt Harvest, hunters can log harvested game animals and view harvest history, including dates and locations of every hunt.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is standing up a new team of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) staff that will lead a department-wide effort focused on serving beginning farmers and ranchers.

"More than a quarter of producers are beginning farmers," said USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky. "We need to support the next generation of agricultural producers who we will soon rely upon to grow our nation's food and fiber."

To institutionalize support for beginning farmers and ranchers and to build upon prior agency work, the 2018 Farm Bill directed USDA to create a national coordinator position in the agency and state-level coordinators for four of its agencies – Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Risk Management Agency (RMA), and Rural Development (RD).

Sarah Campbell was selected as the national coordinator to lead USDA's efforts. A beginning farmer herself, Campbell held previous positions with USDA and has a wealth of experience working on issues impacting

beginning farmers and ranchers.

She recently served as acting director of customer experience for the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center, where she led the piloting of innovative, customer-centric initiatives.

In her new role, she will work closely with the state coordinators to develop goals and create plans to increase beginning farmer participation and access to programs while coordinating nationwide efforts on beginning farmers and ranchers.

"We know starting a new farm business is extremely challenging, and we know our customers value and benefit from being able to work directly with our field employees, especially beginning farmers," Campbell said. "These new coordinators will be a key resource at the local level and will help beginning farmers get the support they need. I look forward to working with them."

Each state coordinator will receive training and develop tailored beginning farmer outreach plans for their state. Coordinators will help field employees better reach and serve beginning farmers and ranchers and will also be available to assist beginning farmers who need help navigating the variety of resources USDA has to offer.

USDA to better serve beginning farmers and ranchers

More on Beginning Farmers

Twenty seven percent of farmers were categorized as new and beginning producers, with 10 years or less of experience in agriculture, according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

USDA offers a variety of farm loan, risk management, disaster assistance, and conservation programs to support farmers, including beginning farmers and ranchers. Additionally, a number of these programs have provisions specifically for beginning farmers, including targeted funding for loans and conservation programs as well as waivers and exemptions.

More Information
Learn more about USDA's resources for beginning farmers as well as more information on the national and state-level coordinators at newfarmers.usda.gov

and farmers.gov. For more information on available programs in your area, contact your local USDA service center.

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SCHOOL NEWS

FHS graduation remains Lockney Parade scheduled for May



FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL (Courtesy photo)



Lockney ISD teachers and staff took the time to make signs with words of encouragement and had a parade! They drove up and down every street in Lockney on Monday. Some had colorful balloons, some threw candy and pencils while others honked their horns and yelled "we love you" to the kids standing on the curbs waiting to see their teachers. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

By Yelena Serrato
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA—During these times of uncertainty, Floydada ISD Superintendent Dr. Gilbert Trevino reassures the graduating class of 2020 that they will walk the stage.

Trevino said, "Right now, graduation is still planned as scheduled. We continue to monitor information that the Governor and TEA release regarding school closure, with the latest information requiring schools to be closed through May 4. If that time is extended beyond our graduation date, we will make alternate arrange-

ments for graduation."

"Our goal is to try to hold a graduation ceremony at some point, even if that means holding it at some point in the summer months," said Dr. Trevino. "Whether it be on May 21 or during a month in the summer, FHS seniors will get the opportunity to experience walking the stage and receiving their high school diploma."

"We feel this is a momentous event for graduating seniors, their families, and our district, so we want to make every attempt to honor students who complete this final milestone of their education in Floydada ISD," expressed Dr. Trevino.

We will continue providing updates as we get them.

FHS seniors celebrate their high school career through door and lawn decorations

By Yelena Serrato
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA—Floydada seniors have taken part in a new nationwide trend by decorating their front doors and lawns to highlight their high school years and achievements.

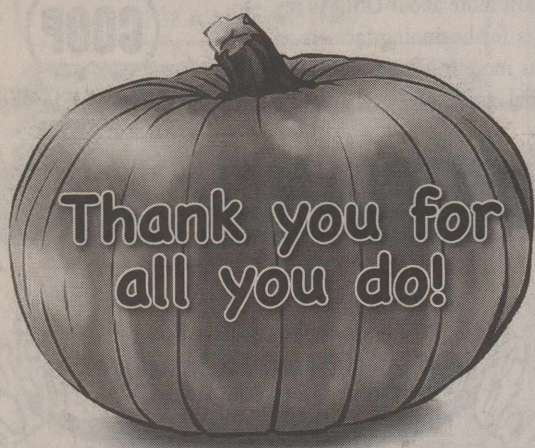
Seniors are missing school and school-related activities due to closure from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic but this movement has helped bring light to the situation.

Even from home, seniors continue showing off their senior pride. FHS seniors who have participated in this include Sinai Padilla, Emily Cisneros, Azalea Garza, Angela Vega, Marcus Perez and



FHS senior Angela Vega (Courtesy Photo)

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FHS Senior Azalea Garza (Courtesy Photo)



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LEGAL NOTICE

NO. 6120

ESTATE OF JERRY LYNN WOFFORD, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jerry Lynn Wofford, Deceased, were issued on March 31, 2020, under Docket No. 6120, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to Terecia Lynn Wofford Fletcher.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Sean J. Green, Attorney
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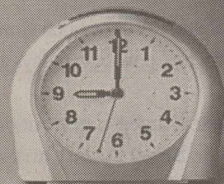
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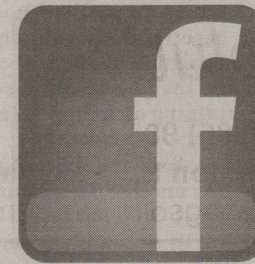
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ORDINANCE

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The Council, in response to COVID-19, directed the city manager to prepare a letter to residents who are delinquent on utilities to advise them they were still responsible for their utilities that were not cut off, even under the current crisis. The letter urges citizens to contact City Hall to make payment arrangements

or provide proof of loss of their job. City Hall will work with individuals on utilities during the crisis, but the amounts due will not be forgiven and will continue to accumulate. Further discussion in response to COVID-19 was related to budgeting and the strain the pandemic will put on the city budget. Directives are in place by the city manager to city personnel to socially distance themselves while continuing to work around the city.

The next item on the agenda was discussion over animal control fees. The city manager and city attorney were directed to revise the current ordinance to bring fees more in align with actual costs and present the ordinance at the April or May meeting. A motion was made by Council member King, seconded by Lloyd and passed. Jeffrey Johnson was reappointed to the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Board for another term.

Electric Superintendent Ray Perez presented a proposal to hire TriPoint for substation maintenance. After discussion, a motion was made by DeLaFuente to approve the contract, which was seconded by Martin, and passed. A resolution to move the Police Department funds from seizures to the General Fund and then placed in the Skatepark Fund passed on motion by King and second by DuBois. Sergeant Martinez presented the

Council with a resolution to support a grant to receive new body cameras for the police department. The new cameras would allow them to download all videos from their cars and body cameras to one source for retrieval. A motion, was made by DeLaFuente, seconded by Lloyd and passed. The Council then met in executive session to discuss competitive matters in regard to power purchase agreements with West Texas Mu-

nicipal Power Agency. The Council then approved the minutes of the last meeting on motion by Lloyd and second by DuBois, and then approved payment of bills, transfers and fixed expenses on motion by King and second by Crossland. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is April 21 and arrangements are being made to teleconference that meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, DECLARING A STATE OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF FLOYDADA BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19; CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY THE MAYOR IN RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY; ADOPTING AND APPROVING CERTAIN RULES TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF PERSONS IN THE CITY; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING A PENALTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1.109 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, confirmed cases have occurred in surrounding and area counties and communities in Texas and community spread is occurring;

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease;

WHEREAS, Hale and Lubbock Counties, and the mayors of the cities of Plainview and Lubbock and other cities near FLOYDADA have declared or are considering the declaration of a local disaster for a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the City's emergency management plan has been activated by Declaration of Local Disaster by Proclamation of the Mayor of Floydada on March 31, 2020 at 4 p.m.;

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code and it is in the public interest to provide rules to protect the health of persons in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF

Section 1

The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 2

Pursuant Section 418.108, TEX. GOV'T CODE, the City Council finds and declares a state of disaster and emergency in the City of FLOYDADA as a result of the impact of COVID-19.

Section 3

The declaration of local disaster, signed, executed, and issued by the Mayor on March 31, 2020, is hereby confirmed, renewed, and continued as provided in Section 418.108, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

Section 4

This declaration of local disaster activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration. All aspects of the City's emergency management plans not already activated are hereby activated as provided in the plan(s) to the extent determined by the City Manager, the Emergency Management Coordinator, and the Mayor to be necessary to respond to the COVID-19 emergency.

Section 5

Pursuant to Sections 121.003 and 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, and such other powers the City may have under Texas statutes and other laws, the City Council adopts and approves the following rule, to have the force and effect of law and enforceable under the terms of this Ordinance:

GATHERING LIMITS

(A) Subject to constitutional limits and the exceptions provided below, gatherings shall consist of no more than 10 persons. All gatherings of more than 10 people shall be cancelled until further notice or the expiration of this Ordinance.

As used in this Ordinance, "gathering" means any indoor or outdoor event that brings together or is likely to bring together ten or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space including, without limitation, auditoriums, theatres, stadiums, arenas or event centers, gyms, meeting halls, conference centers, park playgrounds or other confined space designed or used in a manner that places occupants in close proximity through the placement of seating, barricades, lanes or similar arrangements for containing occupants in a limited space.

A gathering does not include the following so long as visitors are generally not within six feet of one another for extended periods:

- (1) spaces where 10 or more persons may be in transit or waiting for transit such as bus and rail stations or terminals;
- (2) office space, schools, or residential buildings;
- (3) grocery stores, shopping malls, or other retail establishments (other than restaurants and bars as described in Section 5(C)) where although large numbers of people may be present, it is unusual for persons to remain within six feet of one another for extended periods; and

CARE FACILITIES

(B) Notwithstanding subsection (A) a gathering in long-term care facilities (including nursing homes, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, residential care facilities, and any other facility that provides long-term medical or personal care for high-risk populations) is limited to a maximum of 10 persons. Further, this declaration does not include day-care facilities.

MANDATORY CLOSINGS OR REDUCTION OF OCCUPANCY LIMITS

(C) The following businesses are hereby ordered closed:

- Restaurants other than by providing food service by take out, delivery, or drive-through
- Bars, lounges, taverns, or arcades and private clubs
- All non-essential business as provided in the declarations of the office of the Governor of the State of Texas.
- City owned Recreational Vehicle Park and adjoining property
- City owned playgrounds.
- City owned Community Centers- including the Massie Activity Center and the RV Pavilion.
- Jimmie Lou Stewart basketball courts.

EXCLUSION OF SICK PERSONS FROM CITY FACILITIES

(D) The City Manager and his designees are hereby authorized to exclude from any City facility a person or persons whom the City Manager or his designee has reasonable cause to believe is ill with, has been exposed to, or is the carrier of the virus that causes the sickness known as COVID-19.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES DESIGNATION

(E) Under Governor's order, GA-14 of identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during COVID-19 response, the City will follow the designations issued by the Governor and all subsequent orders.

SCHOOLS

(F) That this ordinance directs the Administrators of all public schools with campuses located in the City of Floydada, to do the following:

- DIRECTIVE 1: Follow the orders and directives given by the Governor, Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, or the State Board of Education; or
- DIRECTIVE 2: Follow this declaration.

ANTI-HOARDING/ANTI-PRICE GOUGING

(G) The hoarding of food and other items necessary for daily living by purchasing at one time more than two of the same item per person living in the same residence is prohibited. The City Manager is authorized to distribute to retailers within the City a list containing per-customer limitations on purchases. The City Attorney and law enforcement are authorized to take such action as allowed by law, in coordination with the Texas Attorney General, to enforce prohibitions on price-gouging.

(H) The City Council hereby finds that a public necessity exists during the duration of this disaster declaration for decision-making boards of the City to conduct their public meetings via telephone conference pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.125(b) because it is difficult for a quorum of the members to meet in person based on public health and safety concerns related to the pandemic.

Section 6

That a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 1.109 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of FLOYDADA, Texas.

Section 7

That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Sec. 1.105 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of FLOYDADA, Texas.

Section 8

That this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and approval.

Section 9

That this Ordinance shall defer to the Orders and Directives given by the Governor of the State of Texas when not specified in this declaration.

Section 10

That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

Section 11

That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall continue in effect until this Ordinance expires on the earlier to occur of the termination of the state of emergency declared by the President or May 19, 2020, unless extended by the affirmative vote of the City Council, or unless terminated earlier by the Mayor's declaration.

Section 12

Pursuant to this ordinance, additional directives may be issued by the City's Emergency Management Coordinator, the City Manager, or the Mayor, at any time as deemed necessary.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 31ST day of March 2020.



ATTEST:

Patti Lowrance
City Secretary Patti Lowrance

CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Bobby Gilliland
Mayor Bobby Gilliland

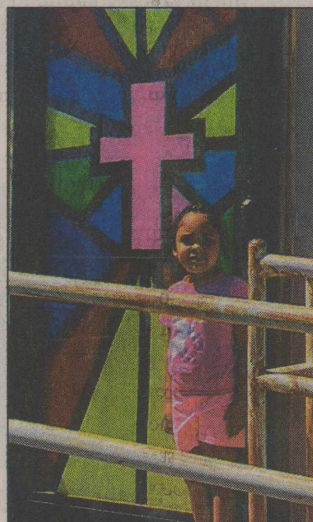
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Business Listing

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Dairy Queen: Offers window pickup.

Subway: Will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Seven days a week.

Taste Burger: Carry-out only.

Main Street Pizza: Carry-out only.

Ray Ray's Café: Window pickup only.

Texas Donuts: Window pickup only.

Goen & Goen: Will still maintain normal business hours, but the doors will remain locked. If you need assistance, please give the office a call (806) 983-3524.

Floyd County Farm Bureau: Has a drop box for payments. Please call 806-983-3777 for further assistance.

Agri-Life Extension Office: You can reach Cristen Brooks on her cell 806-317-2877. The Extension office will be following what the Floyd County Courthouse does.

Floyd County FSA: Business by appointment only. You may call 806-983-2050.

CHS: Business as usual.

Nutrien Ag: Is curbside service or delivery. Please call 806-983-2233

Helena: Asking that you call first 806-652-3326

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WJ Mangold Hospital and Clinic: Business hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. You will need to call first for specific instruction.

Lockney Senior Citizens: Delivered meals only Monday-Friday. Please call 806-983-4335

Hometown Pharmacy: Will be open and fully functional.

Payne Pharmacy: Open business as usual with daily delivery at 2:30 for your convenience.

Floydada First United Methodist Church: Has canceled in-person worship, but will be broadcasting on Facebook and YouTube live streaming and FLIP FM.

Roxi's Attic: Will be open regular hours with 10-person limit in the store at a time. They will be offering curbside pickup for paint and delivery in Lockney. Appointments can also be made by calling 806-983-1229.

Joyfulea Creations: Will be open normal business hours

Oh Charlie: Will continue to be open normal business hours for the time being.

Lowe's Floydada: Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Seven days a week.

Lockney Automotive: Business as usual with hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Floyd County Supply "Conoco": Business hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pumps will be available 24/7. Please call 806-221-2505 if you have questions

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Dr. Shively Dentist Office: Open for emergency treatment. Waiting room has been closed. Patients are asked to call when they have arrived and to wait in their car. Call 806-983-2975.

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