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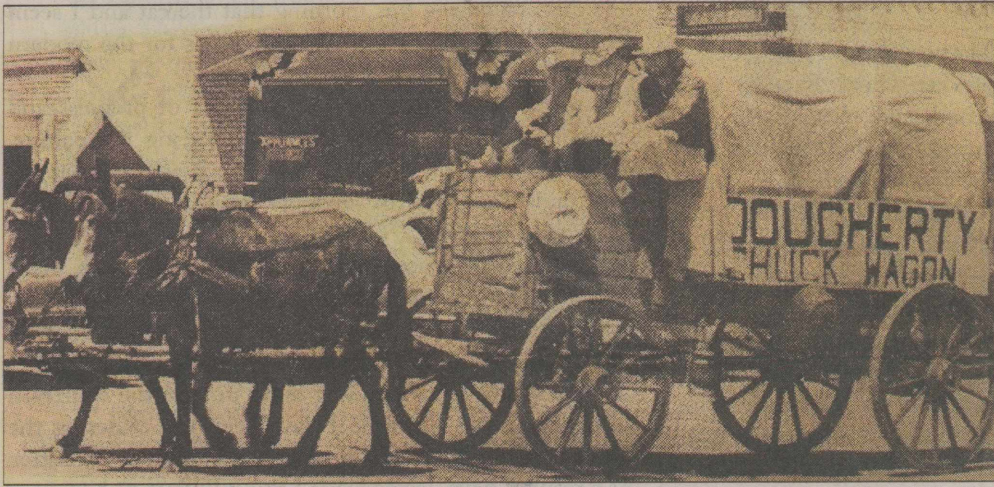
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91st Old Settlers Reunion postponed



THEY'RE REAL MULES - Any number of original and ingenious ideas have been used in the Old Settlers Parade by various clubs and organizations over the years. The Dougherty Club's entry, above, illustrates the point. This entry included mules, a wagon, tub, water keg, chuck box, and other things a chuck wagon has to have. Mules, once on every side, are curiosities to the modern child. Shown is W.E. Burlison as driver, Billie Don Colston as the horse wrangler, and the cook, with feet hanging off, is Kenneth Poole. (Photo Courtesy of the Floyd County Historical Museum).



Parade Marshalls Norman Muncy (left) and Travis Jones (right) led the 87th Old Settlers Reunion parade on Saturday, May 26, 2016. (Courtesy Photo)

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - For the first time in 91 years the long-time tradition, Old Settlers Reunion, has been postponed for the safety of everyone around.

Old Settlers has always taken place in May, but this year the gatherings, the games, the shopping and the best time of the summer has been postponed due to the COVID-19 virus. The good news is that

it will happen, it will just be later.

Hundreds of people were looking forward to this for months, and it was no different 91 years ago. That is right, Old Settlers has been a tradition for that long.

On May 28, 1929, the Old Settlers met on the courthouse lawn and organized the Floyd County Pioneer Association.

J.J. Day was elected president, R.E. L. Muncy was elected vice-president, Tom

W. Deen secretary and Glad Snodgrass, H.C. Randolph, G.L. Fawver, Mrs. WM McGehee and Mrs. E.C. Henry were all elected directors. It was recorded in the minutes that day was spent celebrating the 39th birthday of Floyd County.

The Cornhuskers Orchestra composed of John McDonald, J. B. McPeak, C. H. O'Bannon, Clyde Jackson, J. R. McDonald, R. C. Dunavant and Dan Ratjen furnished the music for the celebration that day.

In 1930, it was decided to mail cards to the old pioneers of the former days, who had moved to different parts of the state inviting them to be present. It was also decided that each family attending would also be asked to bring a basket lunch. This year Mrs. W.M. McGehee would order badges that would display the name and date of the pioneer coming to Floyd County.

Glad Snodgrass was appointed business manager of the Floyd County Pioneer Association.

On May 28, 1930, the Floyd County Pioneers Association met on the Court House lawn for the second annual meeting celebrating the 40th birthday of Floyd County.

R. E. L. Muncy gave the welcoming address. Music was provided by John McDonald, W. T. Divinity, R. C. Dunavant and J. R. McPeak. The crowd enjoyed a basket

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Through strong faith Main Street Pizza was born... Part 2



A hometown favorite, Main Street Pizza is located in the heart of Lockney. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - For Michael DeLeon, a dream of being a business owner started back in high school. A dream he made come true through hard work and the guidance of the Lord.

DeLeon was born and raised in Lockney. He is the son of Manuel and Melinda DeLeon.

"I'm proud to be a Longhorn," he said. "There's no better place to call home. The people in our community are simply awesome."

DeLeon recalled how his grandfather moved to Lockney to work in the fields.

"That's how my dad met my mom," said DeLeon. "My granddad on my mom's side worked the gin at Lonestar. They settled down and started a family of their own. They had my brother

David, me and my little sister Marilyn."

Once DeLeon got into high school he began to think about his future and what he wanted to do with his life. Being raised in a strong Christian home, he knew the Lord would guide him in the direction he should go.

"It all started between my junior and senior year," DeLeon explained. "One night at dinner my parents asked me what I planned to do with my life once I graduated. I told them I wanted to be a business owner. My parents asked how I was going to do that, and where was I going to get the money. I told them I wasn't sure, but I'd be a business owner within one year of graduating. I had no idea, but I did know that if you speak in faith and trust in the Lord, He'll lead you to where you should follow."

While going to high school DeLeon worked part time for Mr. Gamage at Phillips 66.

DeLeon took a class his senior year. He just needed three credits to graduate, to be able to play in the band and play football. He signed up for a new class that was being offered. It was called Management and for the semester the teacher had the students manage their project which was opening a small business.

"My classmates and I convinced our teacher to let us set up a business," recalled DeLeon. "That teacher gave our classroom a loan of \$500, and we bought pizzas. The class was right before lunch, so it worked out perfect. For a week we'd go into class, cooked the pizzas and sold them by the slice. Within three days we sold all the pizzas. We paid the

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Skunk tests positive for rabies in Floydada

By Jennifer Harbin
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—This past weekend, a resident found a skunk behaving strangely in his backyard and terminated it. After being sent off for further testing, the samples came back positive for rabies.

The Floydada resident, who resides in the 900 block of West Tennessee St., brought the deceased animal to animal control on Monday, and veterinarian Dr. James Glasson retrieved the skunk for further testing. Lab results returned Friday concluded the skunk was positive for rabies.

Floydada Animal Control Officer Manuel Barrientos suggested that pet owners be extra cautious when letting animals out and to keep them under close supervision.

Barrientos emphasized animals should not be allowed to roam freely. Humans should also not approach animals they don't know, even if they seem to be healthy, to reduce risk of being bit and infected.

"We want to assure folks that Floydada Animal Control has been instructed to put out animal traps and [they] will be on call throughout the weekend to monitor the situation," City Manager Darrell Gooch stated in a public service announcement.

Usually rabies is transmitted animal to animal through a bite, and in rare instances, when the infected animal's saliva comes in contact with an open wound or scratch, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC website states: "Rabies virus causes an acute encephalitis in all warm-blooded hosts and the outcome is almost always fatal. The first symptoms of rabies may be nonspecific and include lethargy, fever, vomiting, and anorexia. Signs progress within days to cerebral dysfunction, cranial nerve dysfunction, ataxia, weakness, paralysis, seizures, difficulty breathing, difficulty swallowing, excessive salivation, abnormal behavior, aggression and/or self-mutilation."

To protect pets, make sure all their vaccinations are up to date.

Officer Barrientos stressed if anyone sees any animal acting oddly to contact the City Office at 983-2834, and animal control will come assess the situation.

Stay Home Stay Safe

Upcoming

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OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

Because of Covid-19 the Floyd County Old Settlers Reunion, normally held in May, will be rescheduled at a later date. The Hesperian-Beacon will post information as soon as they receive it.

CITY OF LOCKNEY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. June 15 - 20. 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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"Light the Cross" Memorial prints are available from lantha Smith or Karen Houchin Law Office. Prints start at \$20 each. Help keep the cross lit in Blanco Canyon by making memorial donations or purchasing a print. Donations may be made at First National Bank in Floydada or by mailing the donations to: lantha Smith, P.O. Box 143, Floydada, TX 79235.

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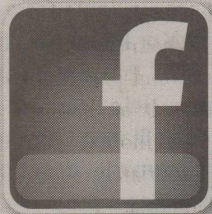
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Floydada Police Department receives Grant for new outfitted Tahoe

By Sergeant Marco Martinez and Jennifer Harbin
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — The Floydada Police Department is proud to present their newest patrol vehicle recently added to the fleet. It is a 2020 Police Pursuit Chevrolet Tahoe outfitted by Defender Supply.

The Tahoe is equipped with the latest law enforcement technology, enabling the officer to conduct their job more efficiently. The PPV Tahoe was awarded to the department after applying for state and federal grants through South Plains Association of Governments located in Lubbock. Through a tedious process, which includes a presentation to the regional grant board, each agency is graded. Awards are then given to the agency, which fulfills all required state certifications and budget reports. The grant is awarded through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

According to its website, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) "helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system: Its grants, training and technical assistance and policy development services provide state, local and tribal governments with the cutting edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement and combat victimization."

"There are several steps involved prior to being awarded a grant," Sergeant Marco Martinez explained. "Starting with



The Floydada Police Department's new 2020 Police Pursuit Chevrolet Tahoe, outfitted by Defender Supply, was made possible through state and federal grants through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. (Courtesy Photo)

the application process and figuring out what exactly the police department needs, such as new patrol vehicles, radars, in-car computers/ camera systems or body-worn cameras."

"When hired on to the police department, I was given the task to write grants for the department," he shared, albeit the first time taking on grant writing. "So together [Martinez and Chief Reuben Ramon] learned the process."

Specific guidelines and timeframes were met, and Martinez was required to give a presentation to both the South Plains Association of Governments and the City Council. His duties also involved making calls for quotes and pricing of the vehicle with the included the equipment.

The process took at least one calendar year from start to finish, he added, and the department was awarded \$46,000 for the purchase of the police Tahoe.

"Together with Defender Supply, I put together the Tahoe with specific equipment from the lighting configuration to the prisoner separator,"

Martinez said.

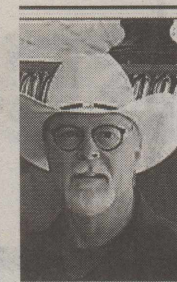
After Chief Ramon's approval, and meeting the required specific timelines for State and Federal progress reports, the vehicle was purchased.

This year Martinez is currently applying for an additional grant for new body-worn cameras that have Wi-Fi capability and will be synced to the police department's camera systems that are already installed in patrol vehicles.

"That will also include servers that will enable our officers to pull up to the [police department] and will automatically download both systems," he said. "The cost would be approximately \$29,000, to which the city was gracious enough to assist with \$5,000."

Currently, the Floydada Police Department has six officers on duty, not counting Chief Ramon: Patrol Sergeant, Corporal, School Resource Officer/Patrol, two regular Patrol Officers and one Reserve Officer. The new retrofitted Tahoe will be driven by newly promoted Corporal Bruce Kastning.

Between the lines If I lived in the past, I'd be home by now



BRUCE W. GREEN

It is a beautiful Texas spring morning. I've had my coffee and I am sitting in my courtyard watching the calm breathing of my big black cat dozing at my feet in the morning sun.

The cat actually belongs to our neighbor, but I think he likes me more than the neighbor. We feed him, and he follows me around when I am outside, even curling up in my chair if I abandon it for a few minutes. He is never in a hurry to get somewhere other than where he is at the moment.

It dawned on me this morning that the cat and I seem to share the same opinion of what passes for the modern world.

It seems to me that the modern idea of progress and constant change is disrupting and replacing the culture, traditions and good things of the past. It appears that the only thing that suits us anymore is what stands for the opposite of the past.

There is little place any longer for small towns, visits with neighbors and sitting in sunny courtyards, where early morning coffee, spring flowers and quiet reflection help prepare the soul to meet the day.

Since I have been spending more time in the courtyard during the virus outbreak, I have been reconsidering the whole idea that more, faster, newer and different are better. As a result, I have decided that I think I'll just go home.

Slowing down a bit and watching the cat sleep, has helped me identify in myself a hankering of sorts — a deep bittersweet yearning for a homecoming. My Welsh ancestors called it "longing", which made its way into English as "homesickness".

I got an aching reminder not long ago that this "thing" exists when I was awed by a stunning Panhandle Plains sunset while driving between Munday and Quanah. I have felt it while watching the sun rise on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. I experienced it from the back porch of a cabin while watching the setting sun turn the West Texas mountains purple. And it took my breath away when I walked into a brisk and silent January night to an explosion of stars in Cottle County.

I have come to believe that the ache I feel common to all these things is the yearning to turn back home — not to merely return to a specific geographical location, but to return to more stable things in a shaky world. And often, it is a memory or overwhelming beauty that awakens the ache the constant hum of the modern world has put to sleep.

Some may say this idea is just living in the past, or that "you can never return home", but I don't believe it. Many things do change, but the good and lasting things don't. They just tend to be forgotten, until awakened to memory.

I'm not suggesting we should cast off the genuine benefits of progress, or that we should reject technology. I just don't think these things should dictate the terms of living to us.

I think it is quite possible that we have been hoodwinked by the idea that bigger, newer and faster is always better.

Generally speaking, bigger is not better. Smaller is better, especially in politics and economics. Local politics are closer to the people and more responsive to their needs. And the bigger the economic system or corporation, the more likely it is to make decisions on the basis of profitability rather than human need. The owner of the corner hardware store has to make a living, but he has to meet the needs of his neighbors to do that. Big corporations don't appeal to the needs of neighbors; they appeal to the desires of consumers.

Generally speaking, sooner is not better that later in almost everything. You can't develop the virtue of patience, and other virtues, in a rush.

More is not better than less. It virtually always leads to waste and, the more we possess, the more likely we are to lose sight of higher things.

The decline of the vitality and life of small towns, farms and ranches, and the values that have the time and freedom to grow there, is a devastating loss to human beings and the world — even city dwellers and the modern world.

This is only my opinion, but I think my opinion on this is as good as that of a normal person. My opinion is that there is such a thing as home, and it's time to get up and take a step in that direction. Go home and stay safe. bgreen@lknewsgroup.com

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On Friday, April 17, Floydada Police Officer Bruce Kastning was promoted to Corporal. He has seven years of service as a Texas Peace Officer, with an Advanced Texas Peace Officers certification and an associate of arts degree in business. (Courtesy Photo)

The 501: Paper route at age 92



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Quarantine makes dreams come true, sometimes.

My friends Bob and Jan are strictly confined in a posh retirement complex. No going anywhere. No mixing and mingling. No meals in the big dining room. Sigh.

The bright side

When Bob was 12, he wanted a paper route. His mother said no. Now, at 92, he's gotten his wish.

Newspapers arrive in bulk at the main gate. Bob fetches them. Somewhat the worse for a stroke, he uses a four-wheeled walker for mobility — perfect for his paper route. He goes cottage-to-cottage delivering papers to subscribers. Some have been leaving treats for him in their newspaper boxes. He's in Heaven.

Bob's mother, who really is in Heaven, didn't want him to have a paper route because she thought the job wasn't in harmony with the family's social status. She should see him now. I knew her. I think she would smile and say something

sardonic.

Anyway, never give up on a dream.

Me, I'm sharpening my dismal fiddle skills. "Rumor Has It" I was playing last night with Reba McEntire. If quarantine lasts another two years, I might end up good enough to play at a senior jam or two. I see myself ensconced in a far corner — epitome of appropriate social distancing.

My heart goes out to homebound families with children who are working on piano scales and drum rhythms and trumpet riffs, even if the budding musicians are pretty good. And especially if they are not.

Farm families have it better. The great outdoors works as a studio. Cows make good listeners and typically offer no negative critiques. At this point, I am reminded my husband is coming today. Maybe I can talk him into dusting off a guitar to join me and Reba. Never give up on a dream. Smile.

Many musicians worldwide, whatever their status or proficiency, are finding ways to perform. I just watched Willie and sons doing some "quarantunes" online.

Someone recently said nobody better get within six feet of Willie Nelson! The boys were closer, but social distancing isn't always practical when you're hunkered down with family.

So what's a quarantune? Music enjoyed during quarantine, per the Urban Dictionary. Clever word.

I've invented a quarantine word too: hunkeree. At least I think I invented it. I haven't looked online to see if anyone else is using the word to describe hunkerers.

As for the word "hunker," doesn't it sound like it belongs in a Country quarantune?

Yep. I've written one: "Got a Hankerin' to Hunker Down with You."

In my YouTube version of my hankerin' song, I introduce my fellow-hunkerees after I sing it. Most are cardboard. Is it OK to say I hope it goes Corona-viral? Probably not.

Meanwhile, hunkerees Bob and Jan heard my song online and liked it. I'm encouraged. If Bob can have his paper route, maybe I can reinvent myself too. Famous songwriter. Smile.

The bad news? Someone has beaten me to "hunkeree."

Win some, lose some. Hunker down. Keep dreaming.

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Texas State Parks Reopen for Day-Use

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—Texas State Parks will begin reopening for day-use only April 20 as part of a broader effort to begin reopening the state of Texas. Per Governor Abbott's direction, new restrictions in effect include requiring visitors to wear face coverings and maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party and prohibiting the gathering of groups larger than five.

"As we navigate through these challenging times, it is essential that outdoor experiences and opportunities are available for Texas families. We have been diligently working with our partners in local communities across the state to help safeguard our state park visitors, volunteers and staff when they return to Texas State Parks," said Carter Smith, Executive Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). "During the temporary closure, our State Parks team has been cleaning and sanitizing park facilities, ad-

ressing routine maintenance projects, and ensuring requisite safety protocols are in place to ensure visitors have the best possible experience."

Due to limited staffing, weather conditions and continuing construction projects, some state parks will not be open at the current time. Park visitors should check the Texas State Parks Alert Map regularly for the latest information about the status of individual parks. The resumption of overnight camping will be announced to the public once a date has been determined.

TPWD recommends visitors continue to adhere to local, state and federal travel restrictions and other guidance for safety and social distancing before traveling. Additionally, visitors are required to pre-purchase and print day-use permits through the Texas State Parks Reservation System before traveling to a park. Day-use reservations can be made online at www.texas-parks.com. See **PARKS**, Page 10

SOCIETY

Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon



This week's "Recipe of the Week" is by 15-year-old Holley Monroe. She is the daughter of Nick and Brandy Joiner of Floydada and Nathan and Kayle Monroe of Petersburg.

Holley has always enjoyed cooking. She also enjoys playing softball, basketball and tennis. Monroe takes great pride in her schoolwork and in band where she plays the flute and piccolo. She has a passion for reading anything she can get her hands on. Once she graduates, she has plans to attend college for criminal justice, psychology, and forensic psychology and will major in behavioral science. Monroe hopes to work with the FBI as a criminal profiler. Monroe is sharing a recipe for triple berry mini cheesecakes.

TRIPLE BERRY MINI CHEESECAKES

Makes 12

Crust:
1 ½ cups cinnamon Chex or chocolate Chex cereal, crushed
2 TBS sugar
2 TBS butter or margarine, melted
Filling:
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup sugar

1 egg
2 containers (6 oz. each) Yoplait original 99% fat free strawberry yogurt
2 TBS cornstarch
Topping:
2 cups fresh berries (such as sliced strawberries, raspberries and/or blueberries)
¼ cup semisweet chocolate chips

Heat over to 350 degrees. Line 12 regular sized muffin cups with paper baking cups. In a medium bowl, mix crust ingredients. Press about 1 TBS crust mixture into bottom of each lined muffin cup.

In medium bowl beat cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Add 1/3 cup sugar and the egg. Beat on medium speed for about two minutes or until smooth. Add yogurt and cornstarch. Beat on low speed until smooth. Spoon about three tablespoons batter into each muffin cup.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until edges are firm and center is jiggly. Turn off oven and cool in oven for 30 minutes with the door closed. Remove from oven to cooling rack. Cool at room temperature for 30 minutes. Cover and refrigerate at least three hours. Remove from muffin pans.

Top cheesecakes with fresh fruits. In a small microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips on high heat for 30 to 60 seconds, stirring every 15 seconds, until melted and smooth. Drizzle over the fruit.

Alzheimer's research: Tips for Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregivers

By Scott Finley
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

With the shelter in place order it's more important than ever to continue addressing issues facing caregivers.

Emergency situations such as the current COVID-19 pandemic present special challenges to the delivery of Alzheimer's and dementia care in long-term and community-based care settings, including nursing homes, assisted living, home health, home care and adult day care. People receiving care or utilizing services in these settings are particularly vulnerable to complications due to their age and other concurrent medical conditions.

Employees can also be affected in emergencies. Maintaining operations with the expected staffing shortages during any pandemic, epidemic or disaster can be very difficult. During this time, non-clinical staff may be needed to assist with care.

Caregivers in long-term or community-based care settings should consider the emergency preparedness guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in addition to the following suggestions for meeting the needs of persons living with dementia during a major disease outbreak or disaster.

Prevent illness during an emergency

Most likely, dementia does not increase risk for COVID-19, just like dementia does not increase risk for flu. However, dementia-related behaviors, increased age and common health conditions that often accompany dementia may increase risk.

Persons living with dementia may need reminders regarding:

- Hand-washing and moisturizing. Caregivers should consider implementing a supervised hand-washing schedule.
- Covering nose and mouth during a sneeze or cough.
- Refraining from placing things in the mouth.
- Staying in a particular area.
- Taking medications appropriately.
- Adopting social distancing practices and refraining from sharing items.
- Following any other procedures that would require memory and judgment.
- Provide person-centered care

One of the most important steps in providing quality dementia care is to know the person. In the event of a major disease outbreak or disaster, this may be more difficult for temporary staff members or those working in a new department or other health care setting.

It is recommended that a nurse, or social worker or staff under the supervision of licensed clinicians completes a HIPAA-compliant personal information form for each person and keeps it in an easily accessible place, such as inside a closet door in a folder attached to the back of a door.

Information on the form can include:

- Individual's preferred name (and pronouns); cultural background; religious or spiritual practices; and past hobbies and interests.
- Names of family and friends.
- What upsets the person and what calms him or her down.
- Sleep habits; eating and drinking patterns and abilities; typical patterns of behavior; and

normal daily structure and routines.

- Remaining abilities, motor skills, verbal processing and communication abilities and methods.

Sharing information about a person living with dementia with the care team is very important in terms of providing quality, consistent and effective care. Given the care team may change frequently during a pandemic or disaster, briefing meetings at the start of the shift will allow the staff to share pertinent information about those receiving care.

Help keep families and friends connected

Individuals living in long-term care and community-based dementia care settings may need help communicating with their families and loved ones during a crisis. Caregivers can help keep families and friends connected through a variety of methods, including:

- Scheduling telephone or video calls to keep connected and/or encouraging families and friends to send notes and photos.
- Developing a "What You Should Know" fact sheet to explain what families, friends and staff need to know in the event of an emergency.

• Providing information about how families can receive updates or talk to a care provider about the person living with dementia.

• Ensuring that adaptive devices are available to the individual where appropriate, e.g., hearing aids and eyeglasses.

Remember that each family is unique. For some people, their closest supporters may not be biological or legal family members, but friends or community members.

Assist with eating and drinking

Especially when there is risk of contracting a virus, it is important for persons living with dementia to maintain their strength. Strategies to assist individuals with eating and drinking include:

- Staff should familiarize themselves with the person's eating and drinking patterns and abilities. He or she may need to be reminded or prompted to drink and eat as they might not be able to recognize hunger or thirst.
- Verbal, visual or tactile cues such as high contrast dinnerware, adaptive utensils, graded approaches and modeling behavior may encourage individuals to eat and drink.

• Sitting and talking with the person with dementia during meal times may improve intake.

Any evidence of difficulty in swallowing should be assessed by appropriately licensed clinical staff. Licensed or trained personnel should assist and monitor all persons with dementia who have been identified as having a choking risk or a history of swallowing difficulties.

Crises can be challenging, especially for individuals living with Alzheimer's and all other dementia. With some careful planning and attention to the unique needs of those receiving care, professionals may feel more empowered to respond quickly and appropriately to support individuals living with dementia.

You can get more information about the Association's emergency preparedness guidelines for Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers in long-term or community-based care settings here:

<https://alz.org/professionals/professional-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-tips-for-dementia-caregivers>

If you have questions, call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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

We are in need of five 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 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 a.m. 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

May 4 - May 8

Monday - Christy's special

Tuesday - Chili dogs - \$4

Wednesday - Chicken & dressing

Thursday - Ham

Friday - Pizza

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY—We are suspending activities here at the Center from March 20- April 30. These activities include 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.

Alzheimer's 2020 Facts and Figures

By Scott Finley
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Alzheimer's Association has released its 2020 Facts and Figures report.

Here are some notable items for Texas from the report.

The number of people in Texas living with Alzheimer's is now at 400,000. The breakdown is:

65-74 years of age: 69,000;
75-84 years of age: 180,000;
85+: 160,000.

By 2025, the total number of cases in Texas is projected to be 490,000 - that's a 22.5% increase from 2020.

The number of Texas deaths from Alzheimer's disease (in 2018, the latest year for reporting) is 9,763 - that's a 206.6% increase since 2000.

The number of caregivers

in 2019 is 1,449,900, providing 1,650,000,000 hours of unpaid care for a total value of \$21,628,000,000 in unpaid care.

Medicaid costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's is \$3.202 billion.

You can see the full facts and figures report here: www.alz.org/media/Documents/alzheimers-facts-and-figures.pdf.

Don't Touch the Wildlife. Seriously.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN- With more people enjoying the outdoors and working from home this April, you may start to notice more wildlife in your backyard, neighborhood or surrounding area. Species including birds, deer and snakes are active this time of year and their young often stray or appear to be abandoned. But wildlife experts caution against lending a helping hand.

The deer fawning season begins in early to mid-May. A newborn fawn's mottled coat and mother's care usually hides them from predators. But as fawns mature, they shed these coats for a more adult color which causes them to catch the eye.

With mothers leaving fawns for hours at a time, you may spot one lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Well-meaning people sometimes pick up these fawns, thinking that they have been abandoned by their mothers and need help. This is rarely the case.

Leave all young animals alone unless it is obviously injured or orphaned. To be sure, spend time observing the wild animal from a distance in order to make that determination. Staying too close may deter the mother from returning, so be sure to practice your social distancing skills. By interfering too soon, you may be doing more harm than good.

The same applies to young birds, who might be out of their nests but cannot fly. If the bird's eyes are open, it has a coat of feathers and is hopping around, it is probably fine. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

If it is determined that a wild animal is sick or injured call the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's wildlife information line, (512) 389-4505, during business hours for a referral to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. After-hours callers can get the names of rehabilitators from TPWD's dispatch line at (512) 389-4848 or by checking the department's web site.

On behalf of the Hernandez family...

We wanted to give a BIG thank you to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the Floydada Fire Department and all family and friends who were able to join us in our quarantine birthday parade for our son, Ian Hernandez, who turned 8 on April 20.

It was such a great turnout! We were blessed to have all of you participate in this special parade. It would not have been possible to make his special day without all of you.

Thank you so much! God bless!

Junior, Veronica and Alli Hernandez and Yolada Vela

OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Udell Oliver Cunningham

Udell Oliver Cunningham, 94, passed away peacefully at the Timbers Skilled Nursing facility in Edmond, Oklahoma on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

Udell was born in Tullia, Texas on May 3, 1925 and grew up in the Texas panhandle towns of Tullia and Lockney. He graduated from Lockney High School in 1942.

He served in the U. S. Naval Construction Force, better known as the Seabees, during World War II, spending most of the war on Attu Island as a pipe installer and in the Philippines as a rigger on a mobile crane.

He met Doris Thurman at the post office in Lockney where he worked; he fixed the lock on her post office box. They married on October 27, 1950, in Clovis, New Mexico.

They shared many wonderful years together, living in Texas before Udell served in the U. S. Air Force, primarily working in photography labs. He retired with the rank of Master Sergeant in 1975. The Cunninghams lived in Enid, Oklahoma; Sherman, Texas, Toul-Rosieres, France, Wiesbaden, Germany, and Kaiserslautern, Germany; finally settling

in Aurora, Colorado. Udell was a loving father, grandfather, uncle, and friend to many.

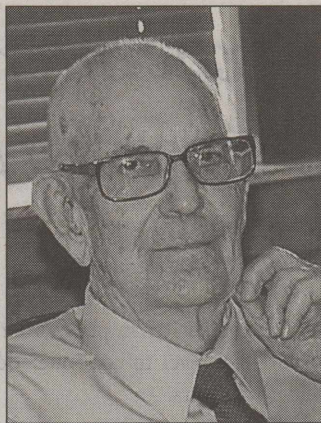
Udell loved photography and enjoyed documenting family events with his camera. He also enjoyed movies and music, amassing a huge collection of both DVDs and CDs. He was a gifted storyteller and gardener who spent many happy hours tending his beautiful garden at his Aurora, Colorado home.

Udell will be interred at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, a celebration of Udell's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Honor Flight Network at honorflight.org to enable more veterans to visit Washington, DC as he was able to do in 2012.

His loving wife of 66 years, Doris (Thurman) Cunningham, predeceased him November 8, 2016, as did his parents, Herman Cunningham and Annie (Jennings) Cunningham, his brother, Alvin Cunningham, and his sister, Flois (Cunningham) Reed Bischel.

He is survived by three children, Patti (Cunning-



UDELL OLIVER CUNNINGHAM

ham) Swier of Huntsville, Alabama, Wayne Cunningham of Aurora, Colorado, and Terri (Cunningham) Findley of Edmond, Oklahoma and his daughters' spouses, Thomas Swier and Michael Findley; as well as six grandchildren, Dana (Swier) Huff of Worcester, Massachusetts, Lara (Swier) Fondulis of Cibola, Texas, Matthew Findley of Villa Rica, Georgia, Martin Cunningham of Great Falls, Montana, Rebecca (Findley) Robison of Richmond, Texas and Amy (Findley) Hardin of Bellville, Texas; 15 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Nelda Gene (Cunningham) Morris and Carolyn Cunningham of Lockney, Texas and numerous family and friends.

Arrangements were under the direction of Baggerley Funeral Home in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Ruth Burleson Sautter

Ruth Burleson Sautter, 71, of Lubbock, Texas departed this life peacefully on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at UT Southwestern Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Ruth was born to Paul and Viola Mangum on July 25, 1948 in Floydada, Texas. She was one of four children. She attended Lockney public schools and later earned a degree from the Chicago School of Interior Decoration.

She was married to the late Omar Burleson. She married John Sautter on May 24, 2014 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Ruth and John made their home in Lubbock, Texas. Ruth was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She worked in the interior design and furniture business for many years.

Later, she had a successful career in insurance and served on the Texas Fu-

neral Directors Association Board and the Panhandle Funeral Directors Association Board. She was a proud member and officer of Daughters of the American Revolution Society. She loved to research genealogy, garden, work outside, travel, and spend time with family.

She is preceded in death by her late husband, Omar Burleson and her parents, Paul and Viola Mangum.

She is survived by her husband, John Sautter; two sisters, Laura Curry from Ray City, Georgia, and Tara Mangum of Nashville, Georgia; one brother, Rocky Mangum from Plainview, Texas; two daughters and their families, Julie and Donny James of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Jennifer and Shane Timms of Lovington, New Mexico; four grandsons, Dustin and Hayden James, and Jayden and Zachary Timms; one granddaughter, Skye Robi-



RUTH BURLESON SAUTTER

son Timms, and three great-grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside ceremony will be held at Plainview Memorial Park at 2 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2020 under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the South Plains Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (www.southplains-spca.org) or charity of your choice.

Obituary policy

The Hesperian-Beacon will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

Martha Jo Nichols

With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Martha Jo Nichols of Lubbock, Texas, who passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the age of 65.

Graveside services were held Thursday, April 23, 2020 at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

She was born June 30, 1954 in Floydada to Ebert and Flora Mae Parvin.

She lived many places including Floydada, Odessa,

and Lubbock. Martha was a musician first and foremost, along with being a hairdresser for a number of years.

She spent many years traveling, sharing her talent all over the United States.

She will be deeply missed by her friends, family, and all that knew her.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Ebert Alan Parvin and Johnny Mack Parvin, and three sisters, Betty Lamb, Alice Walker, and Joy Walker.

She is survived by one son,



MARTHA JO NICOLS

Chad Moseley; two grandchildren, Sean Moseley and Britney Moseley; and a brand new great-granddaughter, Sophia Rosalinda.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Finish Line

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. — 2 Timothy 4:7 (NRSV)

My son loves to run. He spends hours and hours after school running in our rural community — across miles of terrain that changes from asphalt streets to roughly packed gravel to trails through golden fields where cows graze nearby.

Last year his varsity cross-country team went to the California State Championships to compete with runners from all over the state.

As I stood at the finish line, the first runner to cross was way ahead of the others. Finally, the rest of the racers crossed — some in groups of two or three and others in packs. Then I saw my son run down the last stretch in second to last place. He worked so hard to get over the finish line.

It was when I saw those last runners that I realized how we tend to discount the dedication of those who finish last. We look at the placement of the runners as the sign of their dedication, not at their perseverance in finishing the race. Today's reading tells us it's about finishing the race faithfully, not where we place when we cross the finish line. Our crossing the finish line pleases God.

—Sarah Lunsford (California, USA)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for strength to persevere when the race of our lives wearies us. We look to you to keep us moving on. Amen.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
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.

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.

First Baptist Church
Lockney

Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Gary Boles, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th St. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship -11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church

310 Mississippi
Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - 5 p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church
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

South Plains Baptist Church
Dan Beaty, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Renato Cruz
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
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.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Karl & Justin Brown, Pastors
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
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Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
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983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Online Beef Cattle Conference set for May

By Kay Ledbetter
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Producers will find the North Region Beef Cattle Conference online beginning May 5, with six segments offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service North Region agents and specialists. The North Region covers District 1 and District 2, headquartered in Amarillo and Lubbock, respectively.

Six-part beef conference to cover everything from health and nutrition to economics. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

Each session will be held from 6-9 p.m. and will be delivered via ZOOM. There will be a one-time \$10 fee per participant plus a \$2.24 payment fee payable online. Registration is now open. Payment must be by credit or debit card or PayPal.

Upon registration, participants will receive email confirmation with additional instruction. Participants must register at least one hour prior to the first meeting they attend. After that, no additional fees will be charged.

The following is a list of event dates, speakers and topics:

Health and reproduction

Session 1, May 5:

- Host Jody Bradford, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Carson County.

- AgriLife Extension speakers: Tom Hairgrove, DVM., cattle veterinarian specialist, College Station; Jason Smith, Ph.D., beef cattle specialist, Amarillo; Bruce Carpenter, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Ft. Stockton; David Anderson, Ph.D., livestock economist, College Station; and Justin Benavidez, economist, Amarillo.

- Topics: Reproductive development and herd health, economics of reproduction decisions.

Session 2, May 7:

- Host: Derek Williamson, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Armstrong County.

- AgriLife Extension speakers: Smith; Joseph Zotter, Texas Wildlife Services, wildlife biologist, Canyon; Anderson and Benavidez.

- Topics: Keep/cull decisions, body condition scores, predator issues, economics.

Nutrition and supplementation

Session 3, May 12

- Host: Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Floyd County.

- AgriLife Extension speakers: Smith, Anderson and Benavidez.

- Topics: Nutrient requirements and forage value, economics.



Six-part beef conference to cover everything from health and nutrition to economics. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

Forage health and grazing considerations

Session 4, May 19

- Host: Andy Hart, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Hale County,

- AgriLife Extension speakers: Tim Steffens, Ph.D., range specialist, Canyon; Anderson and Benavidez.

- Topics: Integration of livestock into farming practices, budget analysis of no till, limited till, cover crops and livestock diversification.

Session 5, May 21

- Host: Marcel Fischbacher, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Moore County.

- AgriLife Extension speakers: Steffens; Smith; Jason Banta, Ph.D., beef cattle specialist, Overton; Anderson and Benavidez.

- Topics: Grazing management plans, supplementation and grazing distribution, prussic acid in forages, economics.

Beef quality and efficiencies

Session 6, May 26

- Host: AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agents J. D. Ragland, Ph.D., Randall County, and Mason Carter, Briscoe County.

- Speakers: Smith; Juan Pineiro, DVM, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension dairy specialist, Amarillo; Ty Lawrence, West Texas A&M animal science professor, Canyon; Brady Miller, Texas Cattle Feeders Association director of market, membership and education, Amarillo; Darren Turley, executive director of the Texas Association of Dairymen, Austin; Benavidez and Anderson.

- Topics: Learning efficiencies from dairymen, research/carcass data update, beef/dairy industry panel, markets and economics

USDA Reports Record Enrollment in Key Farm Safety-Net Programs

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, April 22, 2020 – Producers signed a record 1.77 million contracts for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2019 crop year, which is more than 107% of the total contracts signed compared with a 5-year average. USDA also reminds producers that June 30 is the deadline to enroll in ARC and PLC for the 2020 crop year.

"Producers for several years have experienced low commodity prices, a volatile trade environment and catastrophic natural disasters," said Richard Forgyce, administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "Farmers looking to mitigate these risks recognize that ARC and PLC provide the financial protections they need to weather substantial drops in crop prices or revenues."

Producers interested in enrolling for 2020 should contact their FSA county office. Producers must enroll by June 30 and make their one-time update to PLC payment yields by Sept. 30.

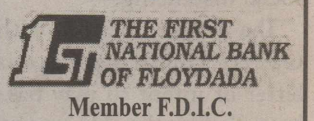
FSA attributes the significant participation in the 2019 crop year ARC and PLC programs to increased producer interest in the programs under the 2018 Farm Bill and to an increase in eligible farms because of the selling and buying of farms and new opportunities for beginning farmers and military veterans with farms having 10 or fewer base acres. Enrollment for 2019 ended March 16.

USDA Service Centers, including FSA county offices, are open for business by phone only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

For more information on ARC and PLC, download the program fact sheet or the 2014-2018 farm bills comparison fact sheet. Online ARC and PLC election decision tools are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. To locate the nearest USDA Service Center, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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Online Auxin Training

By Dagan Teague

IPM Agent Floyd/Crosby
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will now be offering Auxin Training course online for producers. Many auxin trainings had been planned by AgriLife Extension around the state,

but those occurring in the next few months had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

There can also be other arrangements made if the online training does not work with some people. We can offer a webinar hosted by an AgriLife Agent to give the video and later email or mail the certificate.

The online auxin training

qualifies for one CEU of laws and regulations. To receive a certificate of completion for the course, participants must obtain a score of 100% on the online Auxin Specific Applicator Test. The learner may retake the test as often as is necessary.

The cost for the online auxin training is \$25/person. There can also be CEU's

offered online or with other arrangements such as webinars hosted by AgriLife Agents as well. If you are in need of Auxin training and/or a CEU or multiple, please contact Dagan Teague to give further information for online CEU's.

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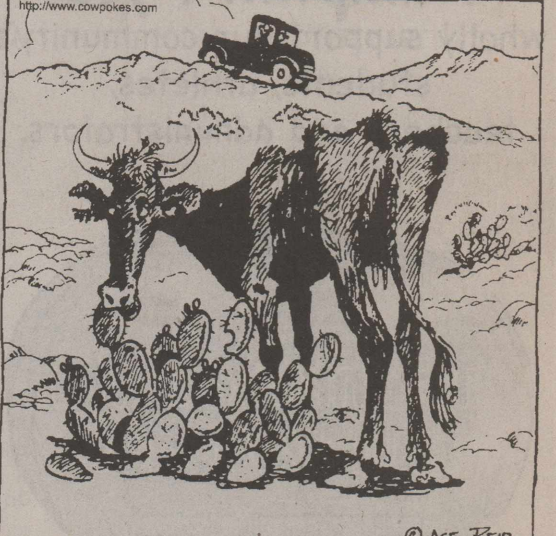


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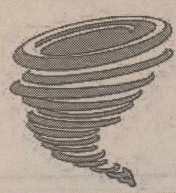
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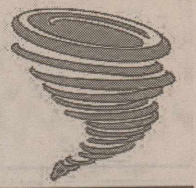
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Floydada Whirlwinds



“Under the Lights” in Floydada with Pete Christy



Pete Christy interviewing Floydada ISD Superintendent Dr. Gilbert Trevino. (Yelena Serrato/The Hesperian-Beacon)



Garrett Hobbs signed his letter of intent to play college basketball alongside his family. Back row L-R: Julie, Katy, Braun and Jim Bob Hobbs. Front row: Garrett Hobbs (Yelena Serrato/The Hesperian-Beacon)



Pete Christy interviewing Whirlwind Head Football Coach Scotty Bruington. (Yelena Serrato/The Hesperian-Beacon)

By Yelena Serrato
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA--KCBF's Pete Christy brought his "Be the Light" movement to the community of Floydada on Thursday, April 23. The movement he said signifies "Hope, inspiration and encouragement and lets the kids know that we are thinking of them." The segment was recorded live on Facebook for viewers to join during these times of social distancing.

The night began with Garrett Hobbs signing his letter of intent to play basketball for the University of the Ozarks in Arkansas. "I am excited to have the

opportunity to continue to play basketball. It's what I have worked for these past few years," said Hobbs.

When asked why he chose this particular university Hobbs said, "They showed the most interest in me. Hopefully I can do my job and rebound and score when it's needed." Hobbs described his senior season at FHS as "One of the best seasons I've known."

Head Basketball Coach Adam Zepeda said, "It's been a great three years since I've been here working with Garrett. He's a hard worker, he gets after it. I'm excited he is going to play at the next level. I think he is going to do some good

things. He's got a bright future ahead of him. Hopefully I can catch a game and watch him play."

Christy also spoke with head football Coach Scotty Bruington, who said that by taking part of this movement and turning on the stadium lights each night he hopes that "kids can drive by and see the lights on and know they are in our thoughts and in our hearts."

Mayor Bobby Gilliland also joined in for an interview with Pete Christy over the ongoing coronavirus pandemic in Floyd County. Gilliland has advised residents who are experiencing symptoms to "go to Lockney W.J. Mangold Hospital

and call in, and they will come out and test you in the parking lot where they will take the test in and determine whether or not you need to stay at home." Floyd County has two positive cases, but Mayor Gilliland expects one to recover within a day or two.

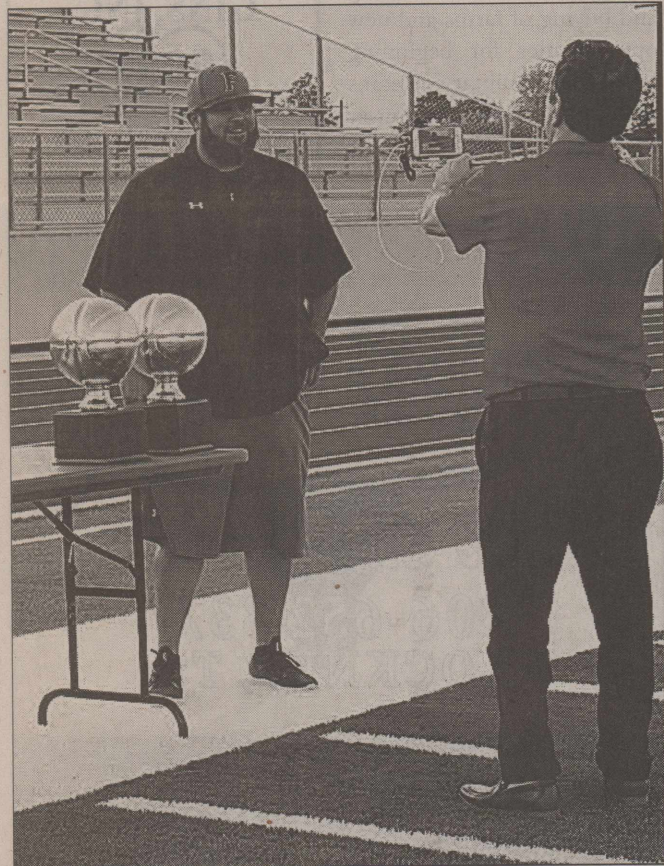
Floydada ISD Superintendent Dr. Gilbert Trevino also chimed in and answered the burning question of whether or not Floydada High School will be able to host a graduation ceremony. Trevino answered with, "I don't know. TEA is supposed to provide us guidance as to offering an in-person graduation ceremony but we don't know if

we are going to be able to do that so we have to start thinking of alternative ways to honor our graduates this year. We are thinking about that, and we are hopeful that TEA does provide some guidance because it's a great milestone for graduating seniors and it's something you don't want to take away from them. Hopefully we are able to offer something."

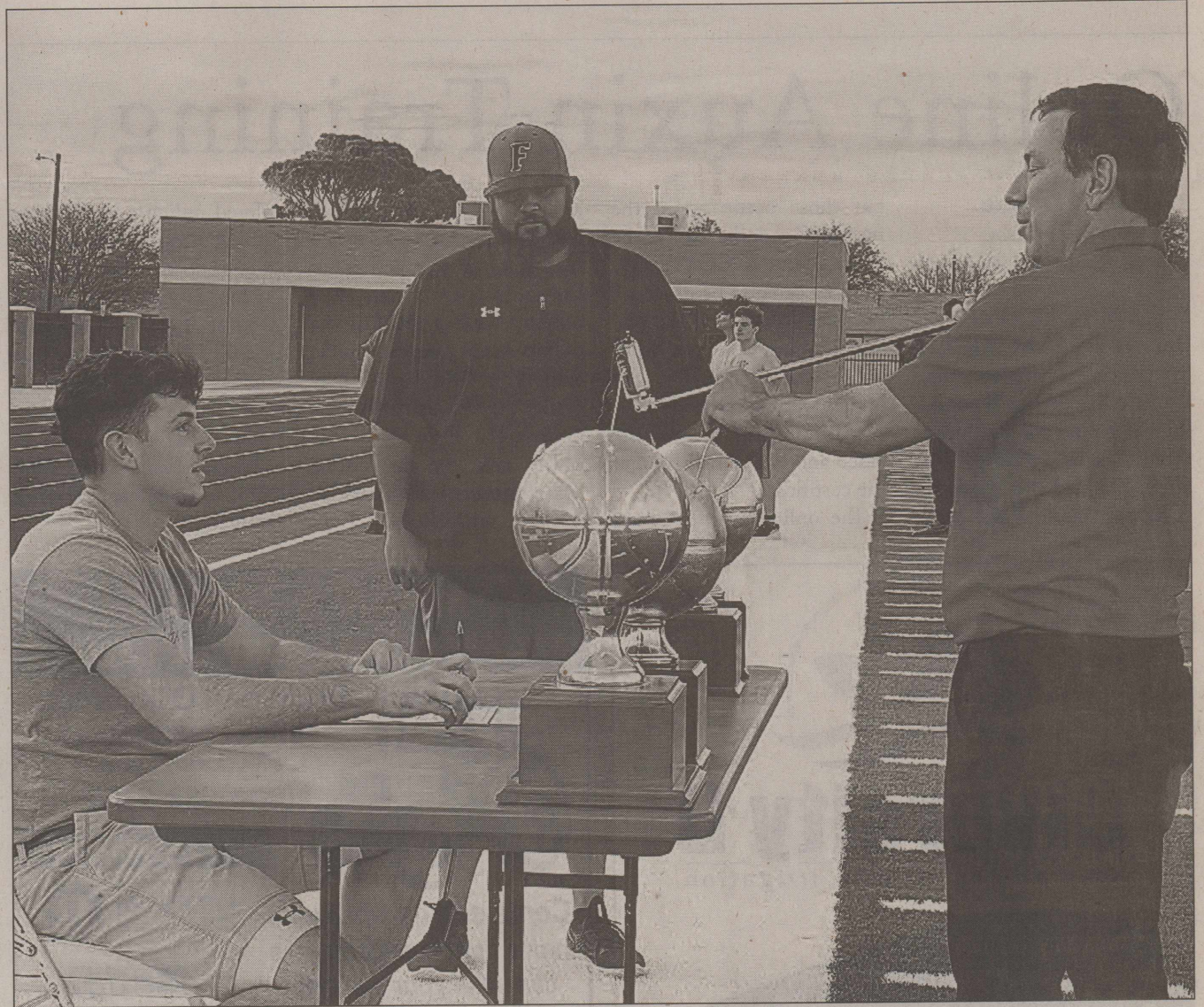
The live stream concluded with a prayer from Gary Boles, the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Floydada, who moved here with his wife Julie from Abilene six months ago. Boles thinks people will get passed this and said,

"I really appreciate all the things that I have. We are so blessed in our community with what God has done in our lives." Boles wants the people of the community to know that, "God is with them. God loves them and that Christ is in our hearts. We want to share Christ with our community. We are here to serve the community and help in any way we can. Our church just wants to be the light to the community."

Following his segment of Under the Lights in Floydada, Christy traveled to Muleshoe the following day to continue getting communities across West Texas involved in this movement.

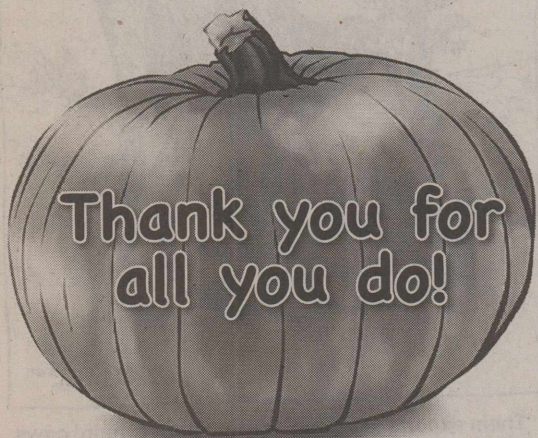


Pete Christy interviewing Head Basketball Coach Adam Zepeda (Yelena Serrato/The Hesperian-Beacon)



Pete Christy interviewing senior Garrett Hobbs. (Yelena Serrato/The Hesperian-Beacon)

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Lockney Longhorns

Lockney school board meets Floyd County 4-H'ers host Facebook live

LOCKNEY - On Friday, March 27 Lockney ISD Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting.

President, Mike Lass, Chad Cook, Tyler Kidd, Heath Rexrode, Billy Lefevre, Dahlen McCarter, Charles Keaton and Superintendent, Jim Baum were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was approve payment of bill. A motion was made by Heath Rexrode and seconded by Chad Cook to approve the payment of current bills, tax report and investments. The motion carried.

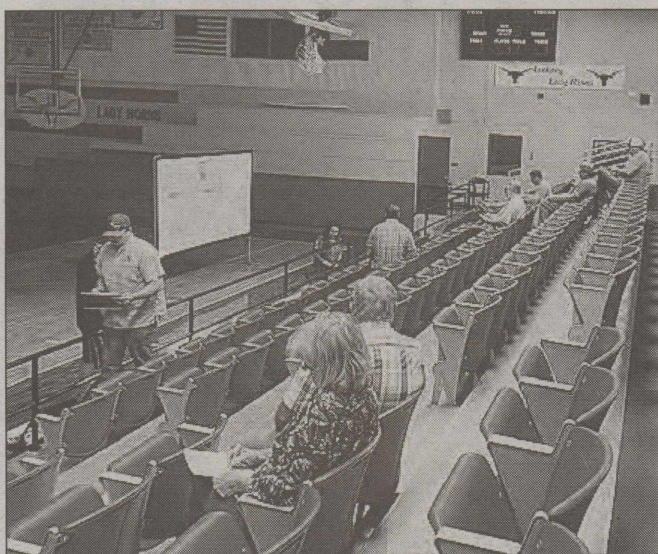
Item six on the agenda was the financial report. A motion was made by Tyler Kidd and seconded by Dehlen McCarter to approve journal

voucher #0324N1 to transfer funds for temporary loan for bond principal and interest in the amount of \$134,000. The motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was approval of approve the audit agreement. A motion was by Billy Lefevre and seconded by Chad Cook to approve the audit agreement with Bolinger, Seager, Gilbert, and Moss LLP. The motion carried.

Item nine on the agenda was to approve resolution to adjust valedictorian/Salutatorian calculations 2019-2020. Tyler Kidd made the motion and it was seconded by Billy Lefevre to approve and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to approve allotment and TEKS certification for 2020-2021. Chad Cook made the motion and Dahlen



LISD school board members are seen here practicing social distancing while holding their meeting in the high school gym. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

McCarter seconded and the motion carried.

Item 11 on the agenda was to approve 2020-2021 instructional calendar. Billy Lefevre made the motion. Chad Cook seconded and the motion carried.

The board then moved into executive session at 7:30 p.m. till 8:21 p.m.

The board members then moved on to item 12 on the agenda which was to approve personnel recommendations for professional staff starting with Elementary. A motion was made by Tyler Kidd, seconded by Chad Cook. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Chad Cook and seconded by Dahlen McCarter on the approval of Junior High professional contracts and the motion carried.

As for High School, Dahlen McCarter made the motion and Billy Lefevre seconded the approval of High School professional contracts and the motion carried.

Regarding Maricela Reyna's term, a motion was made by Chad Cook and seconded by Tyler Kidd to approve the proposed nonrenewal of her contract for reasons under DFBB as determined by the Superintendent in consultation with the District's legal counsel. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Heath Rexrode and seconded by Tyler Kidd to approve the proposed nonrenewal of the High School Ag teacher, Vance Lemon's term contract for reason under DFBB as determined by Superintendent in consultation with the District's legal counsel. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Lass and seconded by Dahlen McCarter to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY - Floyd County 4-H members Nick Cervantes and Wyatt Bigham will each host a Facebook Live presentation.

They will show how they have been busy with their 4-H projects while being at home this spring. Nick will be showing off his gardening skills on April 30th at 5pm and Wyatt will be giving us an update on his swine herd at 5 pm on May 1st.

Nick is currently a 3rd grader at Lockney Elementary; this is his first year in the 4-H program. Nick has been involved in the swine, rifle, and archery projects. With school face to face meetings being canceled, Nick has started a new project with gardening. From seeds he is growing seedling plants of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, peppers, carrots, watermelon and sweet corn.

Wyatt is an 8th grader at Lockney; this is his fourth year in the 4-H program. His 4-H projects include swine, dairy heifers, rifle, pistol, public speaking, and community service projects.

Wyatt also serves on the state shooting sports team. Wyatt has been busy this spring getting his sows ready to farrow new litters of pigs this summer. He has seven sows and will be using the baby pigs to select his show pigs for this next show season.

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Floyd County 4-H member Nick Cervantes is tilling up the ground getting ready to plant his vegetable garden. Nick will be hosting a live Facebook presentation on April 30 at 5 p.m. Please remember to tune in to see what Nick has to say. (Courtesy Photo)

life Extension Service Floyd County, to see these presentations:

- April 30th at 5 pm Nick Cervantes' garden project
- May 1st at 5 pm Wyatt Bigham's swine project

If you have any questions regarding projects that the Floyd County 4-H program offers, please contact Mark Carroll at the extension office 806-983-4912 or by email at jmc Carroll@ag.tamu.edu

Lockney community adopting LHS seniors

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The community has come together to adopt an LHS senior via Facebook. The parents were asked to post a pic and short bio of their seniors.

The community then picks a senior by commenting "happy to adopt."

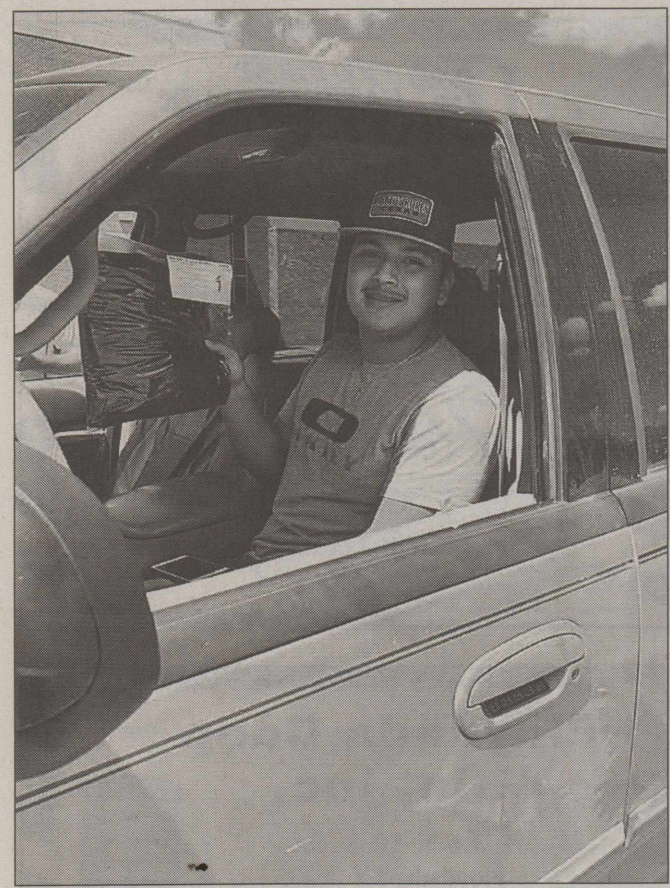
What happens then? The adoptee then starts sending words of encouragement and

small gifts the senior might need when starting the next chapter in their life.

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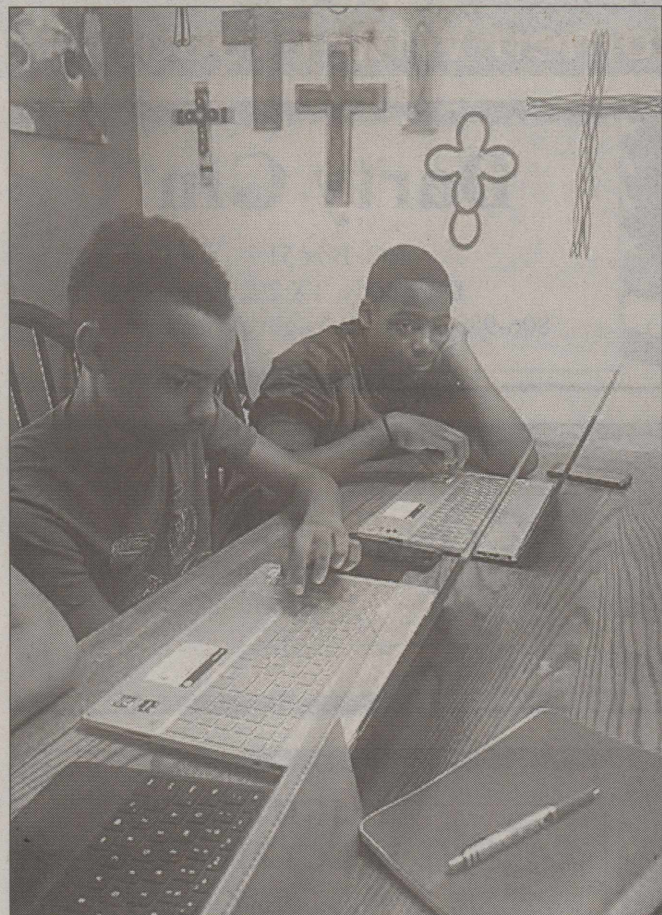
This is a simple way to encourage our LHS seniors. This graduation year will no doubt be like no other, and our seniors are missing a lot of fun senior stuff this year.

Class of 2020 picks up caps and gowns



Although high school graduation is still up in the air, Lockney High School Class of 2020 picks up caps and gowns. Senior Silas Urrutia is seen here picking up his cap and gown. (The Hesperian Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Homeschool



Six grade Lockney Junior High School students Payton and Parker Cochran are taking homeschool seriously. They are listening to a math video from their math teacher Mrs. Bradley on how to solve the math problems from the homework assignment. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



Floyd County 4-H'er Wyatt Bigham is seen here spending time with his gilt before the stock show. She is also one of the gilts that Wyatt has artificially inseminated. Tune in to Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service Floyd County to see his live presentation on May 1 at 5 p.m. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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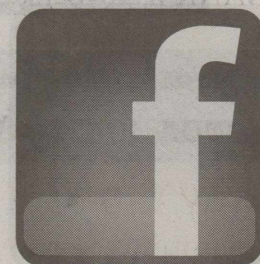
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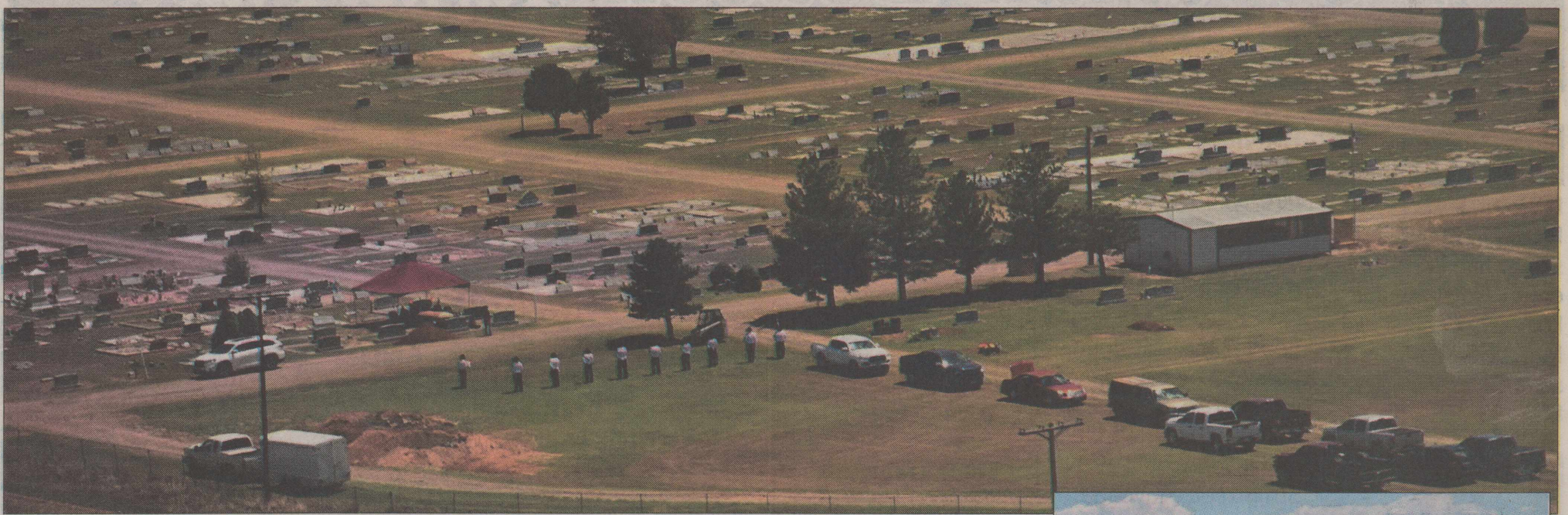
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Community pays tribute to Claude Brown



On Tuesday, April 21, the community turned out to pay military honors to 99-year-old Claude Brown, who passed away Saturday, April 18. The community lined the highway with American flags, and the honor guard paid tribute with the 21-gun salute. Brown was a legend to all who knew him and will be greatly missed. (Aerial photo courtesy of Boedeker Flying Service; The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



SETTLERS

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lunch at noon. There was plenty of hot coffee for everyone to enjoy as they sat and visited.

Jumping ahead a few years to 1934. The celebration again took place on May 28. With excitement in the air the crowd started gathering around 10 a.m. Registration was over 409 pioneers that signed in. This annual celebration is rapidly growing.

May 1935 brought on new committees for the celebration. There was a registration committee, a basket dinner committee, a street parade committee, a seat committee, a dance committee and a cowboy song committee.

The pioneers got together to celebrate Floyd County's 45th birthday on May 28. Judge W. B. Clark gave the welcoming address. There was 439 people that registered for the days party.

The afternoon was spent eating, singing, dancing and spending cheerful times chatting with neighbors and friends.

The Pioneer Association Committee voted the next celebration to be held at the City Park.

The association held a meeting on May 1, 1937, for the purpose of preparing for the annual celebration.

Mrs. Arthur D. Duncan was president, C. W. Smith vice-president and Tom W. Deen was the secretary. Tom McClain, Mrs. John Silas Duncan, C. L. Anderson, Mrs. Maud Hollums, Mrs. Carl McAdams and Eddie Duncan made up the board of directors.

The celebration had been moved back to the courthouse lawn.

In 1942, the Pioneer Association committee voted to offer cash prizes for the winners of the best float. The prize was \$2.50 for first place, \$2 for second. Best dressed pioneer couple won \$2 and

second won \$1.50. Best old-time cowboy won \$1.50 while Oldest Pioneer Man and Woman in the parade each won \$1. Largest family in the parade won \$2 and the oldest married couple won \$2. First prize for the bicycle race won \$1.50, second place won \$1 and the best wild-flower bouquet won \$1.50 and second place won \$1.

Each year the crowd gets bigger and bigger and there's more fun to be had by everyone. What better way to kickoff spring than to celebrate the birthday of the county?

On April 22, 1944, the committee met to plan the annual celebration. New items had been added to the prize list. Along with the prior fun activities, a potato sack race for 50 years or old with a cash prize of \$1.50 going to the winner and \$1 to the person who came in second. A flag race for the ladies was added and the cash prize was \$1.50 to the winner and a \$1 to the lady

who came in second.

What better activity for 12 and under than a cracker eating contest? Yes, that was added for the kids and the cash prize was \$1 to the winner and .50 for second place. Hurdle jumping was also added this year and the cash prize for first was \$2 and second place received \$1.

As the years passed by and the community started to grow and prosper, so did so the celebration of the County's birthday.

In 1965, Old Settlers was going strong. The community was turning out by the hundreds. The pretty spring day was perfect. Families gathered to celebrate, to visit with neighbors and friends they had not seen in a while. Kids were running around laughing, having fun. When the parade was over, and prizes were given out Cedar Hill community 4-H received \$15 for placing second in the best community float division.

The best pioneer float went to KFLD with a cash prize of \$25. Bealls pioneer float won second place and took home \$15. Producers Coop Elevator won \$25 in the best commercial float class while Floydada Seed and Delinting won second place and a cash prize of \$15 while Davis Seed placed third and won \$10.

The best club float went to Floydada 4-H, and they walked away with a cash prize of \$25 while the Baptist Spanish Mission won second and \$15. Third place went to the Brownies group, and they won \$10.

The Floydada High School Band received \$50 for marching in the parade.

Jerry Lackey won \$5 for the best decorated bicycle, Bobby Norrell won second and won a prize of \$3 and Terry Norrell won third and took home \$2.

The oldest man at reunion was J. A. Dunlap, and he won \$7.50 while the oldest woman was Mrs. W. M. Roger, and she also won \$7.50

As the years went on, the activities and prizes have changed, but the love for this day stays the same as it was 91 years ago.

For many years people have waited months for this day to come around. They spent months planning activities, and today is no different. The fun and treasured memories will continue, just not this May. It could be in August or it may have to wait until next year, but rest assured it will happen. The tradition will live on. The public's health and safety are the main concern at this time.

PIZZA

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teacher back for our loan, and with the profits we paid for caps, gowns and graduation invitations."

After graduation in May 1989, Tim McCain at Consumers service station gave DeLeon his first full-time job. While DeLeon loved working at Consumers he needed a job that provided more benefits. He started working for Walmart Distribution Center in Plainview on Oct. 6, 1989.

"I hadn't made it to my 90-day trail when I had car problems," DeLeon said. "Craig Ellison, owner of Dick's Auto, helped me out. He fixed my car and only charged me the price of my flywheel, so I could finish my trail period at my new job. Had he not helped me out I would have lost my job and my discount to Village Pizza. I owe Craig a

lot. I hold him very dear to my heart."

On Dec. 3, 1989, Michael married the love of his life Amy. The two would eat at Pizza Hut every weekend. While the couple enjoyed eating there, they both had a few things they would change. They decided they'd try Village Pizza, which was located on Olton Rd.

Walmart employees were given a discount there. They loved the pizza, and one day when they were walking out DeLeon noticed a pizza magazine, which the owner let him have. DeLeon went back several times and always made time to visit with the owner.

DeLeon asked the owner if he'd be kind enough to show him how to make pizzas. That's when dreams started coming true.



Pepperoni is one of the most sold pizzas at Main Street Pizza. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

PARKS

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stateparks.org or by calling 512-389-8900.

Visitors planning on coming to a state park are encouraged to bring all necessary provisions, such as hand sanitizer and face masks, with them in order to help local businesses have enough goods to properly serve their communities during this time. This will also help park staff have necessary supplies available for all guests during their stay.


Anyone traveling to a Texas State Park should continue to follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) public health recommendations and adhere to strict social distancing and cleanliness standards while in public spaces. Those traveling to parks in rural

areas should remember possible limits on available resources and local health care capacities.

Operational changes still in effect at parks include the suspension of all transactions at parks, equipment rentals and in-person interpretive programs. All group-use facilities, visitor and nature centers, headquarters and other enclosed spaces where people congregate will also remain closed.

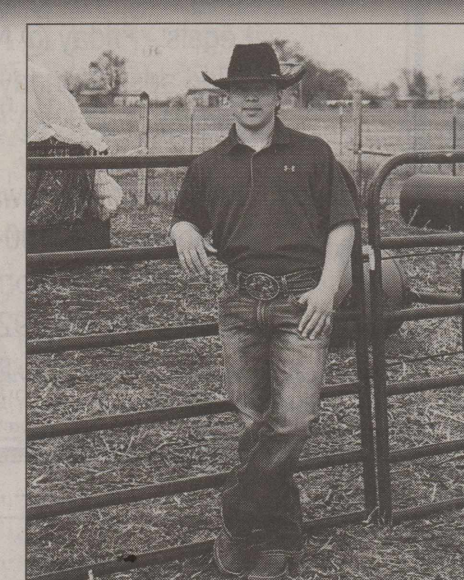
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