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Girls softball team headed to Abilene for state



Courtesy photo

Floydada's Minor League (9-10 year olds) Softball team heads to Abilene on Wednesday, July 15 to compete in the State Tournament Thursday at Kirby Field. Players shown are (Front Row, l-r) Kailee Sanchez, Tatum Glasscock, Analise Perez, Aranda Cruz, Danielle Zavala; (Second Row, l-r) Ashlyn Green, Celese Wickware, Caitlyn Campbell, Jazmine Coronado, Erin Trevino, Clarissa Delafuente, Kaley Garza; (Back row) Coaches Eddie Sanchez, Gilbert Trevino, Ray Perez, and Erica Perez (Head Coach).

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Minor League (9-10 year olds) Softball team heads for Abilene Wednesday, July 15 and will compete in the State tournament Thursday at Kirby Field. They will play at either 9 a.m. or noon, depending on how pairings are finalized.

This is the first youth team from Floydada to qualify for the state tournament.

The Floydada Minor League Softball team qualified for state by winning in the District 38 All-Star Tournament on June 20

through the 27. In the first game, Floydada defeated Idalou 18-3.

In the second game, Floydada defeated Post 25-3.

In the third game, Floydada defeated Slaton 21-2.

The state competition is a four-team, double elimination tournament.

If they win Thursday, they play Friday, and if they win Friday, they play for the state championship Sunday at 9 a.m.

The team is coached by Erica Perez (head coach), and assisted by Ray Perez, Eddie Sanchez, and Gilbert Trevino.

New librarian takes helm of Floydada library

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County has a new librarian. Mary Jane Cisneros has been selected by the county to oversee the Floydada branch on Wall Street.

"This is a whole new world for me," Cisneros said. "And I'm really excited about it."

Born and raised in Floydada, Cisneros has worked at Payne Pharmacy and the Juvenile Probation department.

On her first day of the job, she was already discussing ideas and plans. "We've been talking about a new Summer Reading program for youth. A lot of children don't read, or don't have access to opportunities to read, so we'd like to provide them more activities this summer."

As for older patrons, Cisneros noted that the library offers WiFi which is helpful for researching or applying for jobs. "A lot of people still don't have the internet at home," she said, "and we are happy to offer this service."

Cisneros encouraged all readers to come to the library with their ideas and



Kay Ellington/Hesperian-Beacon

Mary Jane Cisneros from Floydada has been named the new librarian. She invites the community to stop by and share any ideas they have for the library.

suggestions. An avid reader, herself, she noted that she leans toward Nora Roberts and Nicholas Sparks.

The hours for the library will be Monday through

Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and open until noon on Fridays.

For more information call the library at 983-4922.

Wind energy companies appear before county commissioners

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Representatives of Apex Energy and Sun Edison both appeared before Floyd County Commissioners in their July monthly meeting.

Robert Kirby spoke with

commissioners about Apex's plans for wind turbines in Floyd County. His company has had to modify their plans to allow for access to the Floyd County substation. The county requires this compliance for any wind energy company. Kirby noted

that his company would like to be recognized as adjusting their turbine configuration to allow access and asked if the agreement could be modified.

Allan Carmichael, legal counsel for Floyd County for wind energy, advised against modifying the agreement. County Judge Marty Lucke concurred.

Ryan Hartleben, Assistant Project Manager with SunEdison, appeared before commissioners to update the court on the status of their South Plains, Texas project, and noted that new managerial personnel would be arriving for Phase 2. Local labor will remain in place.

Mary Jane Cisneros, the new Floydada librarian, was

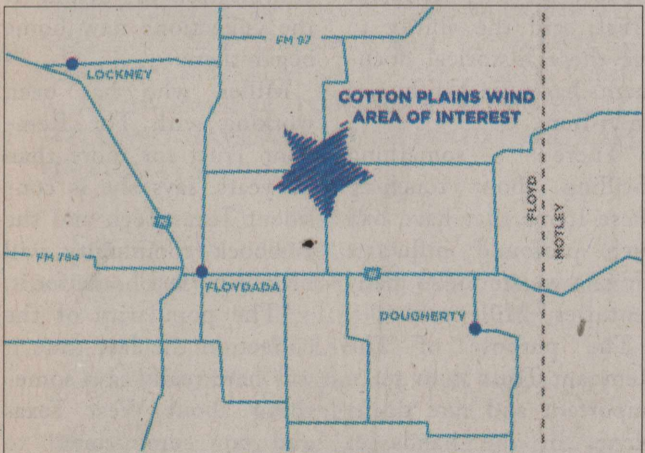
introduced to the court.

Kim Wilder with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) presented a proposal to the court on group insurance options for employees and employee spouses.

James Edgar from the

AirMedCare network, who lives in Idalou, presented to commissioners a network plan for air medical care membership for the County. AirMedCare is a membership plan that costs \$64 an-

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Johnston named interim EDC director in Floydada

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Economic Development Corporation voted unanimously to name Erica Johnston the interim EDC director in its regular monthly meeting July 9.

The position became vacant with the resignation of Sean Overeynder in June.

The Board also voted to increase Johnston's office hours to Monday through Thursday 8:30-4:00 and Friday 8:30-12.

Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY HOURS

The NEW hours for the Floyd County Library located in Floydada are: Monday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY MOVIE NIGHT

Free Movie and Hot Dog this Friday evening at 6:30 pm @ Trinity Assembly (across from DQ) 500 W. Houston Street, Floydada. "God's Not Dead"

ST MARY MAGDALEN ANNUAL JAMAICA

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church (309 S. Wall, Floydada) will hold their annual Jamaica on Saturday, July 25th from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Call 983-5878 for raffle tickets. There will be music, food, and games for all ages.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada will hold their Vacation Bible School on July 27 - July 29 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Completed Pre-K - 4th graders welcome. You may stop by the church to pre-register your child. For more info please call 806-983-3706.

FLOYDADA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Floydada Cemetery Association is in need of donations for maintenance expenses. If you have family buried at the cemetery, please use the donation form found in this week's issue to send in your donation.

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Correction

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

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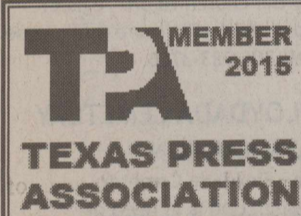
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The 501 Make-Believe Friends

Do children still have imaginary friends? Have electronic devices taken their places?

Mary was the name of my first pretend friend. Being an only child, I needed a friend. My husband remembers no such companions. He had two little brothers and neighborhood kids to play with.



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My grandson Cutter is 8. I must ask him if he had any fantasy sidekicks. Maybe I can ask his 13-year-old sister the same question. I must hurry. She may slip without a word into the zone of incommunicability (between adolescents and adults) that characterizes the early teen years. Or maybe not. I hope not.

Imaginary friends strike me as a good subject for a doctoral thesis in psychology. You'd have to interview a lot of children, no doubt. The primary task might be to complicate their statements. Or to travel the world in search of a no-exposure-to-the-Internet control group, depending on how the subject is disserted. (Lucky guess for me that "disserted" turned out to be a verb. Who knew?)

What do I know about psychology? I remember little from the two basic courses forced on me in college. We didn't cover imaginary friends. I just remember Mary. She got replaced with another imaginary friend whose name escapes me. He was a guy. We played outdoors.

Then I got on with my life, never expecting to have another imaginary friend.

Never say never. My new imaginary friend is a bit different from his predecessors. He's real. The imaginary part is that he's with me when I dig grassburs. Believe it or not, he's my above-referenced grandson.

If you've never "dug" grassburs, it's the common term for extracting them from everywhere they are not wanted. They're wanted nowhere. I've been digging them for days. Cutter is my companion, helping me every step of the way, working even in the heat of the day, digging the hateful clumps up right alongside me, soaking up all the information I convey about all the other weeds and grasses and insects - Colorado grass, buffalo bur, the funny grass that looks like it has burs on it but they aren't burs, the scurrying black beetles, the caterpillars that will be something else eventually, and so on.

Yes, I'm delusional. You can't even pay regular people, much less grandchildren, to dig grassburs. And in real life, I'd have to break my unending lecture into digestible sound bites.

Only in my dreams does Cutter listen and toil by my side. Only in my imagination does he go on to discover and develop a deadly herbicide to target grassburs.

I envision him eulogizing me at my funeral, describing me as the person who sparked his interest in native grasses, the grassbur included. He credits me with spurring him on to his renowned and lucrative accomplishments. Yea!

Does anyone else have an imaginary version of a real grandchild? If you've got one that will dig grassburs, send him my way. He can join my imaginary grandchild. If nothing else, I'd have a greater audience.

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nually for individuals. Edgar noted that insurance companies may only pay a few thousand dollars for air medical transport, and the transport bills can be \$20,000 and up. This membership insures that individuals in Floyd County would have affordable air medical transport. The court agreed to discuss AirMedCare in their upcoming budget meetings.

In other action the court agreed to pay the fees for .gov email addresses for 25 county staffers. These new email addresses will be mandatory in communicating with TAC going forward. The monthly cost will be \$50 a month.

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FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

To make memorial donations or any contribution to the Floyd County Historical Museum, please mail to PO Box 304, Floydada, Texas 79235

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

Find us on Facebook!



The family of June Ross Hale wish to thank everyone for the food, phone calls, texts, prayers and flowers and your attendance at the funeral. We want to pay special thanks to the ladies in the Flomot community and FBC for providing the family a meal before the memorial service as well as a special thanks to Nora Zavala, Debbie Wright and the ladies from Area Community Hospice in Plainview.

We all appreciate you so very much.

*James Hale Family
Clinton, Dara, Cody, Jessie, Clay and Cullen Ware
Lisa Ware, Ross Baldwin
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Jimmy Ross Family*

The Paperboy Let's make a &?#\$ deal!

I challenge any Democrat or supporter of President Obama or Secretary of State Kerry to explain to me how the U.S. fared well in the Iran deal.

I'll wager I won't get a visit, phone call or email explaining why it was a good deal for us. Do you know why? Because it sucks, that's why.

Iran will now get cash, get to trade oil for food, get to continue to develop their arms program and will wind up with nuclear arms in as little as five years.

You know who it smiling over the deal? Iran, Russia and China. In fact, they are laughing their collective heads off. AT US!

As Rep. Mac Thornberry said a couple of weeks ago in Childress, the U.S. is weaker than it was before Obama took office - both defensively and on the world stage. Thornberry is Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and his viewpoint comes with great knowledge.

Look, I don't have to tell you that the world is in a terrible mess and hasn't improved under Obama. Even his most loyal supporter would be fooling themselves to disagree. Now we just got weaker.

I don't want my sons to have to answer to bad policy because the president believes that our adversaries will come around to reason and behave.

The fact is that the U.S.A. is only great because we've had a big stick and we've shown we will use it.

I with the world was a sweet and kind place where we could all join hands and drink a Coke-Cola.

The fact is it's not.

There are evil dictators with wicked weapons and they are gaining power by the week and their hunger grows as well. And now we've just handed over all of our chips at the table without even playing a hand. To make matters worse, Obama made a deal which - despite the fact Democrats and Republicans both think it's lousy - is very hard to reverse and shoot down.

I'm starting to wonder if this is part of the "flexibility" Obama promised Russian Prime Minister he'd have during his second term.

So here we are. A country more distracted by gay rights than getting our collective heads blown off. A country more worried about the Kardashians and Taylor Swift than Isis. A country more worried about who posts what on Facebook rather than a raging national debt and a growing number of single-parent and homeless children.

Well, I really hate to say this, but here it is: The distractions are by design and the populous has been lulled to sleep. All the while, the most evil men on the planet have seized power and control of natural resources.

Next time we have a presidential election, I sincerely hope people pay attention to OUR most basic needs as a country. National security matters. Defense matters. Morale of our armed forces matters.

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Remnant Trust Collection Open to Public

The Museum of Texas Tech University is home to a collection of rare documents that have shaped world history.

A selection of documents from The Remnant Trust, a collection of more than 1,300 original and first-edition documents that have shaped the ideals of human liberty and dignity, is open to the public at the Museum of Texas Tech University.

The collection includes both printed and handwritten works and encompasses genres such as politics, economics, mathematics, science, history, philosophy and religion. Notable works include an edition of the Magna Carta from 1350, one of three known copies of the third Dunlap printing of Declaration of Independence from 1776 and a first edition King James Bible from 1611.

Kris Bex, president of The Remnant Trust, emphasized the most distinctive characteristic of this collection: it is hands-on.

"What makes us unique from other similar collections is we let people actually use the documents," Bex said. "You can pick them up, take them to class, it's awesome. Nobody ever brings out a 500-year-old book and puts it in your hands."

Most of the documents are housed at the Southwest Collections/Special Collections Library, but a select number are on display at the Museum of Texas Tech University to be rotated on a yearly basis.

The Remnant Trust offices will be available for visitors, by appointment, to come in and spend more personal time with the books and documents. Appointments can be made by phone at (806) 834-8878.

Peggy Miller, director/special assistant to the provost for The Remnant Trust, said the ability to use these historical documents has a great influence on visitors.

"There's something thrilling about touching these items that have had such profound influence on who we are for so many centuries," Miller said.

The purpose of The Remnant Trust is to place important and rare documents in the hands of people in the hopes it will lead to an improvement of their minds and spirits. It strives to elevate educational standards and the public's understanding of individual liberty and human dignity through the hands-on availability of the world's great ideas in original form.

"There is a risk that using these documents will cause them to fall apart sooner, but our board is willing to take that risk if we can get people to talk about these ideas," Bex said.

Texas Tech was chosen as The Remnant Trust's permanent home for many reasons, an important one being the popularity of the exhibit when it visited Lubbock temporarily in 2012.

"We were here for a normal display a few years ago,

and they had more than 70,000 people come to see our books," Bex said. "That blows away any exposure we've gotten at any other venue."

Bex said The Remnant Trust team knew something special was happening in Lubbock, and the conversation of making it the collection's new home began there.

Miller, who has been working with The Remnant Trust for more than 20 years, says she is confident Texas Tech and the Lubbock community will make a perfect home for it.

"The popularity of the collection the last time it was here really says something about West Texas and our commitment to human dignity and liberty," Miller said. "We have a deep respect for these intellectual treasures of our history."

"I hope these documents spark conversation," Bex said. "Where they come from, how they influence the way we think, how they will lead us into the future."

"This is such a phenomenal collection," Miller said, "and I think Texas Tech is exactly the right place for it."

For a complete list of the collection, visit "Our Holdings" at www.theremnanttrust.com. The Museum of Texas Tech University is located at 3301 Fourth St. and is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

SOCIETY

Floydada Rotary Club Museum Archives



Courtesy Photo

Installation of the incoming 2015-2016 Floydada Rotary Club officers was held July 8, 2015 with Karen Houchin taking over as new President, and Alicia Bice as new Secretary-Treasurer. Todd Bandy is the new Vice President, who was unable to attend. Members were asked to fill out a survey for the incoming officers. New club directories were distributed to members. Shown in picture is Karen Houchin (left) and Alicia Bice (right).

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

C.W. AND ADDIE THAGARD

From Flynn Thagard in conversation April 12, 1969 in front of our fireplace, 810 Lydia, Stephenville, Texas.

In 1905 Flynn, age 3, his mother Addie, Father C. W. and sisters Ethie, age 7, and Sabra, age 5, left Indian Territory (now Greer County in Oklahoma) to come to Floyd County, Texas. Addie was about eight months pregnant and Flynn drove her in the buggy pulled by old Dick, Flynn's horse. Ahead of them drove C. W., Ethie, and Sabra in the covered wagon pulled by a four horse team with a large chuck box on the back. The trip took about a month. Lena was born shortly after arriving in Floyd County. They went to C. W.'s fathers house (Thomas Scott Thagard) and stayed until Addie and baby Lena were able to move. Flynn, Ethie and Sabra took whooping cough and when they recovered the family moved to Lakeview, Texas where C. W. had purchased a half section of land with a five-room house with a shed on back where firewood, coal, etc. was stored. C. W. started fanning and Ethie and Sabra started school. The school was located about one and a half miles away cutting through the pasture. They had old "Tige," their pet bulldog, who walked to school and protected them from steers and cows. He would then return home and go back after them at 4:00 when school let out. Their teacher Miss Pearl White lived with the Thagards (she was about 18 years old at the time.)

C. W. and his family lived in Lakeview until 1911 and did very well in farming. C. W. who had been shot in his earlier days seemed to be doing well, but when he and the hired man were pulling a sucker rod on the windmill, he dislodged the imbedded bullet (by his heart). They sold the farm to a Mr. Moore who made a down payment. In two years Mr. Moore lost it back to C. W., who then rented it out. The Thagards then moved to Floydada and built a lovely two-story, eight-room

home. Because of C.W.'s failing health he searched for a better climate and took the family to California. However, it was too damp and they returned to Floydada where C. W. ran for county treasurer and was elected in 1912. (His name is engraved on the cornerstone inside the Floydada Courthouse). He served from 1912 till March 1913 when his heart gave out and he died at the age of 37, on an Easter Sunday. Addie was left with five children (Annabelle was born in 1911) and she was appointed by the county commissioners as county treasurer. She then ran twice and won, holding the office for six years. She also had ten acres (which is now most of down town Floydada) plus a section of land.

This is where Dad's and my conversation left off, except he said the railroad came to Floydada in 1911 and at nine years of age he used to ride the train to Lockney to stay with Grandma and Grandpa (Thomas Scott Thagard). Granny (Addie Thagard) died at the age of 84, October 3, 1963.

Flynn married Jewel Greer, May 30, 1920. They had a son Thomas Flynn, born May 21, 1925 and a daughter Sammye, born August 20, 1928. They lived in Floydada where Flynn was in business until the crash of 1929. Having lost everything, he took his family to California for several years. After that he worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Oklahoma City, returning to Floydada in 1946.

Jewel was one of the first Floydada High School students and in about 1918 helped choose the Green and White, which are still the Floydada colors and also named their team the Whirlwinds. Jewel died of cancer at age 53, November 1, 1956 and Flynn died at age 71, October 27, 1973.

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FLOYDADA ISD SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

LUNCH FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-18

Summer Food Service Program at Duncan Elementary School, 1011 S. 8th, Floydada, Texas, 79235 on June 2 - July 2, 2015 and then on July 6 - July 22, 2015. Lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **WE WILL NOT HAVE A SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM ON FRIDAYS!**

MENU MONDAY

Beef Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY

Pizza, Salad, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Crispy Tacos, Pinto Beans, Rice, Salsa, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY

Corn dog, Mustard, Baked Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY

NO SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM ON FRIDAYS

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

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In memory of June Hale - Barry and Anna Hale

Laura Turner visited with friends and relatives for lunch at the Senior Citizens last Friday.

Jerrold Vinson accompanied his wife, Belle, to service at the First Baptist Church July 4th weekend. They joined other Baptists and friends from all over Floydada at the Dairy Queen, as it was the only restaurant open in town for Sunday diners.

James Williams of Lubbock was a lunch guest of his mother, Joyce Williams, for the steak meal Monday at the Center. After lunch James drove his mother to Flomot, Texas for memorial services for June Ross Hale at Flomot First Baptist Church. James and June had worked together at the Floyd County Courthouse as probation officers.

Senior Citizen members also present at the memorial service included Vivian and Harold Snell, Cob Gilly and Wanda Williams, Norma Dean and J.A. Welch, Nancy Marble, Bill Hendrix and several past and present county officials. They were all paying their respects to the Ross, Ware and Hale families.

Bud Henderson's sister, Evie Ashlock, died recently in California.

Faye Bertrand and several friends traveled to Dickens, Texas recently for dining at the Hilltop Steakhouse.

Bud Henderson joined his children in Ruidoso, New Mexico for the July 4th holiday.

The rain that fell on cotton fields, lakes, dirt roads, city yards and streets and sent playa lakes over payments on Mon-

day evening was a blessing to some farmers whose cotton was up and needing water during the high 90 degree days. Wheat and grain farmers who had harvested their crops feel fortunate too.

Thanks to Lowe's Grocery Store for hosting their traditional hamburger and hot dog specials outdoors on the store's parking lot on July 4th. It brought back memories of financially better days in past years. We are thankful Floydada still has a grocery store and that we do not have to drive expensive long distances for food as some neighboring small towns must do.

More rain is predicted before the return of hot dry days. Lighthouse Electric inserted a note of explanation that some of the dirt roads are still under water or too muddy for travel to read meters dates back to April bills making this month's bills larger than usual for REA customers.

Ashleigh Baumgarden and sons, Hays and Rayne, of Schulenburg, Texas visited her parents in Lubbock, James and Cindy Williams, while her eldest son, Kael, attended the Church of Christ White River Youth Camp. She also brought her younger son to Floydada to visit her grandmother, Joyce Williams, and cousins, Amanda and Todd Hinsley and sons, Reese and Cooper. The little boys played in their swimming pool in the Hinsley's yard. Monte and Kellie Williams hosted kinfolks for a cook-out at Roaring Springs Ranch and pool on July 4th. Then back in Floydada for firecrackers all over town that night.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12:00 every weekday. Please call 983-2032 for a free delivery. Join us at 925 W. Crockett St.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

July 20 - July 24

Monday - Taco salad

Tuesday - Carne Guisada w/ rice

Wednesday - Chicken w/ gravy & rice

Thursday - Pot roast

Friday - Creamy mushroom steak

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

We had 26 here at the Center to enjoy potluck, hamburger night. Thank you all who came to enjoy the food and thanks to Jr. Brotherton and John David Turner for making that awesome homemade ice cream.

Your membership dues are now due for 2015-2016. They are \$20.00 per year per person.

We are still in need of someone to volunteer to put the yearbook together this year. If you would like to help us out with this please contact the Center for more information. All supplies will be provided.

Mark your calendars on Sunday, July 26th as the Center will open for lunch. We will serve turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. No reservations needed just come

and enjoy. We will serve beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday-Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday night pot luck- 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Family Night Fish Fry - 5:00-8:00 p.m.

MENU

July 22 - July 26

Monday - Baked potatoes

Tuesday - Mexican lasagna

Wednesday - Fried chicken

Thursday - BBQ smoked sausage

Friday - Pot roast

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Muse News

(Info taken from the Muse News newsletter)

Dedicated to preserving Floyd County History

Museum organizers announced in 1971 plans to start a museum in Floyd County. Some of the county people said, "It will not last". Now in 2015 the Floyd County Historical Museum is still located north of the courthouse in downtown Floydada.

The museum has expanded from the original Surginer Hardware & Implement Building to include the building on the east which now houses the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy

Center. The museum also owns the Duncan Abstract Building on the southeast corner of the square, as well as the Barrow Building on the west corner next to the Museum.

Visitors are welcome at the Museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. To make an appointment, call the museum at 806-983-2415.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to: Floyd County Historical Museum P. O. Box 304 Floydada, Texas 79235 806-983-2415.

Membership dues are as follows: Students - \$1.00; Adults - \$5.00; Family \$10.00; Contributing - \$25.00; Benefactor - \$250.00; Life - \$500.00.

Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to the family members.

Obituaries

Gary "Bumpy" Bennett

Gary "Bumpy" Bennett, age 63, of Floydada, Texas, passed away Monday, July 6, 2015.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

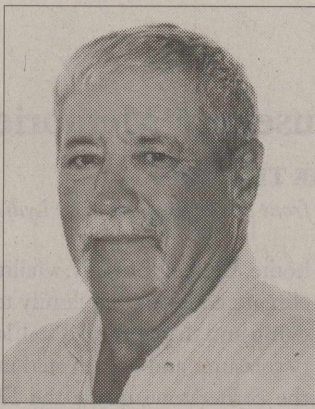
Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Gary was born April 28, 1952 in Floydada to Harold Wayne and Geneva Faye Richardson Bennett.

He was a lifetime resident of Floydada and graduated from Floydada High class of 1970. Gary was a third generation concrete contractor working alongside his father and grandfather for many years.

Gary and Pam were married on July 1, 1971 and just cel-



GARY "BUMPY" BENNETT

brated their 44th anniversary together. Gary was also known as Bumpy, a nickname that was given to him by his oldest granddaughter. Bumpy's greatest passion was his family. He enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids. Bumpy also enjoyed his weekends at the lake fishing and being with his friends. In his younger years he enjoyed team roping and rodeos.

Gary was the family go to

guy, the baby sitter, our friend, and our rock. He will forever be remembered by those that were lucky enough to have had him in their lives.

He is survived by his parents, Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada, Texas; his wife, Pam of the home; his daughter, Tiffany and her husband, Roger Hughes and their children, Reagan, and Brody of Floydada, Texas; and Tara Hughes of Lubbock, Texas; his daughter, Kristi and her husband, Nathan Whittle and their daughter, Makinley, all of Floydada, Texas; and his son, Ross Bennett and his fiancé, Leah of Abilene, Texas. He is also survived by his sister, Valdonna and her husband, Larry Barbee of Tyler, Texas; his brother, Ricky Bennett and his wife, Jill of Post, Texas and his sister, Rhonda and her husband, Larry Stovall of Floydada, Texas; along with many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

James E. Minter

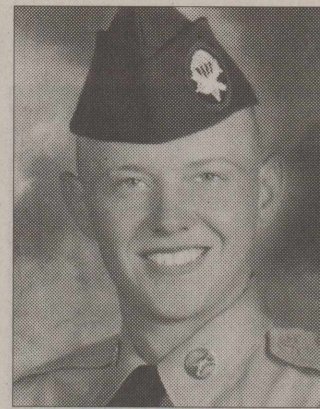
James E. Minter, age 74, of Lockney, passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, July 10, 2015 at the Lockney Cemetery with Earl McDonough officiating.

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

Jimmy was born in Walters, Oklahoma, January 15, 1941, to Earl Wayne and Bette Jean (Jones) Minter but wherever he lived he remained a proud Okie.

James and his family moved to Lockney in 1952 and when he graduated Lockney High School in 1959 he promptly joined the Army as a 17 year old. He was proud of his service and retired as a Sergeant First Class in 1980. He taught Army ROTC in high school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for 14 years and



JAMES E. MINTER

another year at San Marcos Baptist Academy.

He reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Pricilla Carthel, and they were married in Lockney, June 21, 1997. He and Pricilla moved back to Lockney in 2001 and he was a Deputy Sheriff in Lubbock and Hale Counties.

James is survived by his wife, Pricilla of the home; two daughters, Jamie Nel-

son and her husband, David of Columbia, Missouri and Tracy Tippy and spouse, John of Morgans Point Resort, Texas, and two grandsons, Travis and Blake Nelson. Also surviving are his step-daughters Shelia Laing and husband, Jeff of Corpus Christi, Shawn Harlos of San Antonio, and Shelly Purselley and husband Gary, also of Corpus Christi. His step-grandchildren are Danielle Harlos, Clayton Laing, Lauren Laing, Desiree Harlos, Kelsey Purselley, Tyler Purselley and Elyssa Laing. Jimmy's sisters, Marcia Duerksen of Lubbock and Marta Gay Hardin of Plainview also survive.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be made in Jimmy's name to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423.

SPC to offer Real Estate Continuing Education course on July 16

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - South Plains College and the Lubbock Association of Realtors are home to preparing professionals for careers in real estate.

The courses will include a mandatory three-hour legal course and a three-hour ethics course as well as the six hours of broker responsibility course. This mandatory Continuing Education class quali-

fies participants for active and inactive real estate licensees.

The 16-hour course will meet from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 16 and July 17. Attendees will be given a one-hour lunch break on each day. The class costs \$100.

The class will meet at the Lubbock Association of Realtors; 5015 Knoxville Ave. On-site registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 8:50 a.m. on the first day of class.

FLOYDADA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

It is time for a general fund drive, and we really need your help. Your Floydada Cemetery Association has worked hard in the last year to get the cemetery in good shape. More still needs to be done.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated. You may also make contributions in honor of or as a memorial of a loved one. Any amount will help, but we ask that you give generously. The cemetery has been around for over 100 years and with your help, we can keep it looking good and operational for another 100 years. Thank you for your donation.

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God's Presence Brings Joy

The psalmist wrote, "You will fill me with joy in your presence."
— Psalm 16:11 (NIV)

Today's technology blesses grandparents who live long distances from their grandchildren. My husband and I delight in conversations with our young grandchildren using computers and smart phones. During a live-screen computer visit, we can read picture books together, watch as they get their hair shampooed, laugh as they play bubble games, and even share in bedtime prayers.

Enjoying these interactions with our grandkids makes me think about how much more God enjoys interacting with us. When we read and reflect on scripture, participate in Christian fellowship, serve those in need, and pray regularly, we draw near to God. More

than focusing on activities or works, God values our desire to spend time with our Creator. God asks us simply to come and rest in that presence.

I'm thankful that God is with us in all circumstances. When I walk through a colorful, fragrant garden, I find joy in thanking God. While I care for an ill family member, God is present. Even as I grieve, I call out to God to be my strength, hope, and comfort. The psalmist wrote, "Let the righteous be glad and celebrate before God. Let them rejoice with gladness!" (Ps. 68:3, CEB).

Jane A. Compton (Oregon, USA)

Thought for the Day
Being in God's presence brings joy.

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
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.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>*****</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>*****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, 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>*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
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>*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p> | <p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*****</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>*****</p> <p>Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 11 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>*****</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>*****</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>*****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi</p> | <p>Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*****</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>*****</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>*****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p> <p>*****</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>*****</p> <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*****</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>*****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.</p> <p>*****</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>*****</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> |
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Sen. Perry announces Town Hall forum in Floydada with Rep. Springer

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK, TX – Today, Senator Charles Perry announced a town hall forum in Floydada, TX with Rep. Drew Springer (R – Muenster) to discuss the previous legislative session and issues relating to state government. This town hall is one of 15 stops on a 2 day tour.

The event will take place on Wednesday, July 22nd from 5:00-6:00 PM at Neilson's Restaurant which is lo-

cated at 304 East Houston in Floydada, TX. It is free and open to the public.

"The only way for an elected official to truly represent the constituents in their district is to go out and hear from those they represent," said Senator Perry. "I look forward to traveling across the 51 counties I represent to hear concerns and give a recap of the legislative session."

"We had a strong first session in the senate passing

several important bills to our district and serving as the first freshman chairman since 1993," continued Perry. "We passed a conservative budget that properly funds public education and border security, while significantly reducing both our state's property tax and business tax."

If anyone has any questions or needs more information about the town hall forums, please contact our office at (512) 463-0128 or Travis.McCormick@senate.state.tx.us.

Eco-Friendly Pest Control in the Garden

By Melinda Myers
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Spots on tomatoes, holes in hosta leaves and wilting stems mean insects and diseases have moved into the garden. Don't let these intruders reduce the beauty and productivity of your landscape. Work in concert with nature to prevent and control these pests and you will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest and landscape filled with beautiful blooms.

Monitor. Take regular walks through the landscape. Not only is it good exercise, but it will improve your mood and you'll discover problems earlier when they are easier to control. Look for discolored leaves, spots, holes and wilting. Inspect the underside of the leaves and along the stems to uncover the cause of the problem.

Identify. Once you discover a problem, identify the culprit. Your local extension service, garden center or reliable internet resource can help. Once identified, you can plan the best way to manage the culprit.

Invite the Good Guys. Toads, lady beetles and birds help control many garden pests. Attract them to the garden by planting herbs and flowers to attract beneficial insects, adding a house for the toads, and birdbath for songbirds. Avoid using pesticides and learn to tolerate a bit of damage. A few aphids or caterpillars will bring in the ladybeetles, lacewings, birds and toads that are looking for a meal.

Clean up. Many insects and diseases can be managed and prevented with a bit of garden cleanup. A strong blast of water from the garden hose will dislodge aphids and mites, reducing their damage to a tolerable level. Or knock leaf-eating beetles and other larger insects off the plants and into a can of

soapy water.

Pick off discolored leaves, prune off diseased stems and destroy. Be sure to disinfect tools with 70% alcohol or one part bleach to nine parts water solution between cuts. This will reduce the risk of spreading the disease when pruning infected plants.

Adjust care. Reduce the spread and risk of further problems by adjusting your maintenance strategies. Avoid overhead and nighttime watering that can increase the risk of disease. Use an organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com) which encourages slow steady growth that is less susceptible to insect and disease attacks.

Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips. This will keep roots cool and moist during drought, improve the soil as they decompose, and also prevent soil borne diseases from splashing onto and infecting the plants.

Non-chemical Controls. If the problems continue, try some non-chemical options for insects. A yellow bowl filled with soapy water can attract aphids, a shallow can filled with beer and sunk in the ground will manage slugs, and crumpled paper under a flower pot for earwigs are just a few ways to trap and kill these pests.

Or cover the plants with floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.

Organic products. Organic products like insecticidal soap, Neem, horticulture oil and Bacillus thuringiensis can be used to control specific pests. And even though these are organic, they are designed to kill insects or disease organisms, so be sure to read and follow label directions carefully.

Take Note. Make notes on



Photo Courtesy of Melinda Myers, LLC

Floating row covers allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants. Melinda has over 30 years of experience as a gardening columnist and TV/radio host. She has a master's degree in horticulture and has written more than 20 gardening books.

the problems and solutions in this season's garden. Refer to these next year to help you do a better job of monitoring and managing garden pests. And when shopping for new plants, select the right plant for the location and choose resistant varieties whenever possible.

A little eco-friendly gardening can go a long way in creating a beautiful and productive garden.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone" DVD set and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, features gardening videos, podcasts, photo galleries and monthly tips.

Cotton Market Weekly

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Cotton futures settled lower five consecutive sessions before breaking the string on Thursday as global equity markets reacted positively to news that China was taking action to support its stock market. The economic situation in Greece, however, continues to be on some analysts' minds.

Cotton futures began this week under pressure the entire session Monday at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE). December cotton settled 44 points lower at 66.95 cents per pound, its lowest close since June 25. The soon-to-expire July contract managed to post a 7 point gain, settling at 66.43 cents, but all other contracts settled with moderate losses. The latest U.S. Crop Progress and Conditions Report, released Monday, also may have added to the market's weakness.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported 57 percent of the nation's cotton crop was rated good to excellent, up from 56 percent from the previous week. The crop was squaring on 48 percent of acreage and setting bolls on 10 percent, USDA reported. Texas cotton was rated 51 percent good to excellent, and the Oklahoma and Kansas crops were rated 81

percent and 61 percent good to excellent, respectively.

Cotton remained on the defensive during Tuesday's ICE session, pressured by broad commodity market selling and beneficial rains in West Texas. December cotton continued to retreat from its recent series of settlements in the 67.00-cent range, ending Tuesday's session at 65.96 cents per pound, down 99 points.

Thunderstorms late Monday and early Tuesday dumped heavy rain across much of West Texas with Lubbock area totals reportedly ranging from 2.00 to 2.50 inches. Other areas reported more than 3.00 inches, and showers returned to the region Thursday and Friday mornings.

December cotton was under pressure the entire ICE session Wednesday in relatively quiet and dull trading as traders seemed unsettled by the economic situations in China and Greece. December, the spot month, settled 66 points lower at 65.30 cents per pound, and most other futures contracts posted similar losses on the day.

Cotton changed course during Thursday's ICE session, finding support from other commodity markets and news that China will use central bank money to boost the country's stock market. December cot-

ton settled at 65.86 cents per pound, up 56 points, and other contracts posted similar gains.

News Thursday also included USDA's latest weekly export sales and shipment report. The department reported net sales of U.S. upland cotton for delivery in the 2014-15 marketing year totaled 30,400 bales, down 62 percent from the previous week and 49 percent from the four-week average. The featured buyers were China, Vietnam, Turkey, and South Korea. Net sales for delivery in the 2015-16 marketing year totaled 64,000 bales, and the featured buyers were Turkey and Mexico. Export shipments that week totaled 211,100 bales, down 8 percent from the previous week and 10 percent from the four-week average. The primary destinations were Vietnam, Turkey, China, Thailand, and Indonesia.

USDA also released its monthly supply and demand estimates Friday, and as expected, the department raised its estimate of U.S. cotton exports for the 2014-15 marketing year to 11.0 million bales, up from 10.7 million estimated in June. For 2015-16, USDA estimated world production at 111.46 million bales, world consumption at 114.44 million bales, and world ending stocks at 108.14 million bales.

Protect yourself from West Nile virus

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

With mosquito populations at an all-time high after all the spring rains comes warnings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about the dangers of West Nile.

West Nile virus is an insect-

carried virus most commonly spread by infected mosquitoes. West Nile virus can cause fever, inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), or inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis), according to the CDC.

The Culex quinquefasciatus mosquitos that transmit West

Nile tend to breed in foul water that becomes stagnant after setting around for a long time. Then the virus comes from infected birds that the mosquitoes bit.

Don't let West Nile virus be your summer spoiler. Get educated and protect yourself and your loved ones.

Get rid of temporary standing water and keep artificial containers clean and dry; then try to avoid being outside at dusk and dawn, wear clothes that don't expose too much skin and wear repellents.

Weather whys

Q: Is it true that tornadoes always move in the same direction?

A: That's not true, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tornadoes can move in any direction," he explains. "Most of them move from the southwest to the northeast, but not all do. It used to be thought that all tornadoes moved to the northeast, but now we know that they can move in any direction. Tornadoes develop out of thunderstorms, and they generally move in whatever direction the thun-

derstorm is moving.

Q: Do they make sudden changes in direction?

A: They can, but sharp turns are not common, he says. "Most tornadoes keep going along the same general path and any change of direction is slight," McRoberts adds. "When a tornado does make a change in direction, it is usually due to changes in the structure of the thunderstorm from which it was spawned. Perhaps the greatest example of a tornado staying on path was the famous Tri-State tornado of March,

1925. It stayed on roughly the same path for an amazing 219 miles, moving from southeast Missouri, crossing Illinois and heading on to southwest Indiana – the usual path of moving from the south to the northeast that most tornadoes make. It moved at 73 miles per hour, killed 695 people, destroyed 15,000 homes and damaged 164 square miles and was at times one mile in width.

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Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment Deadline Approaches

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(AUSTIN) — The deadline is July 31 for Texas families to enroll their newborns in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® and avoid future increases in tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Newborns are children younger than one year at the time of enrollment.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on current prices.

"I know parents and families all over Texas are concerned about rising tuition costs and are looking for some peace of mind when it

comes to college opportunities for their children," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "That's why it's more important than ever to start planning early and consider enrolling your newborn in this program."

Under the plan, families can purchase tuition units to pay for all or part of tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Enrollment at 2014-15 prices closed Feb. 28 for children older than one. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1 and is based on Texas public college tuition and school-wide required fees for the 2015-16 school year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

"Bert looks good this morning, Doc," Dud said, quietly. Three stools down the counter, Bert smiled and said, "Yes, I certainly do!"

We turned toward our old pal. "You heard that?"

"Sure did, guys," he grinned. "Look..." He pointed to his ears. "Hearing aids," he said. We walked over and looked, and sure enough.

"It was Maizie's idea," Bert said. "She made the appointment and everything. Said she was tired of having the TV on so loud."

"But it was a good idea, Bert," Doc said.

"Oh, I know. I'd been thinking about it for some time, Doc, but you know how a guy gets. You never really want to admit you need them, I guess. Truth is, I didn't know how bad my hearing had become until I got them. Yesterday, when we got that little shower ... I heard the rain on the roof. I heard a clock tick, too, and it's been years for both those things."

"Both what things?" said Herb.

We all looked at each other. We knew who should be next.

"Rain and clocks, Herb."

"Oh ... yeah."

"The hearing test lady came in the little room when the test was over and asked me if I'd shot guns a lot," Bert said.

Bert's younger days as a hunting guide brought nods and chuckles from us.

"There's a range of sound that loud noises can hurt, and I guess that's what happened with me. Turns out, it's also the range of most women's voices."

He grinned. "That may have something to do with Maizie's making that appointment for me. Now I have no excuse when she says things like 'Take out the trash' and 'When are you gonna mow the lawn?'"

Hear Home Country up close and personal each week at http://www.starworldwideworks.com/index.php/MusicStarWorldwide/detail/home_country

Working past 65? Here's what to know about Medicare

By Bob Moos

Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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If you plan to work past 65 and keep the health insurance you've had from your job, you're likely to wonder what, if anything, you need to do about enrolling in Medicare.

About one in six older Americans now remains in the workforce beyond what was once the traditional retirement age. And the number of older workers will only grow over time.

One reason is that Social Security now requires you to be at least 66 to collect your full retirement benefits. Retiring earlier means a smaller Social Security check.

Then, too, a number of sixty-something workers continue to pursue their careers because they can't afford to retire. And still others simply prefer to stay engaged and on the job.

Whatever the reason for postponing your retirement, you still need to con-

sider Medicare as you approach your 65th birthday and qualify for the health care coverage.

First, you should visit with your company's human resources manager to determine how your employer-provided insurance will fit with Medicare. That's also true for anyone turning 65 and receiving health care through a working spouse's group plan.

Most workers will want to sign up for Medicare's Part A, which usually has no monthly premium and covers hospital stays, skilled nursing, home health services and hospice care.

Of course, like most rules of thumb, there's always an exception. And this one is no different.

If your employer coverage takes the form of a high-deductible insurance plan with a health savings account, you should defer enrolling in Part A. The Internal Revenue Service forbids you to continue contributing to your savings account once you have Medicare.

When you sign up for Medicare's Part B, which

covers doctor appointments and other outpatient services, mostly depends on how large your employer is.

If your or your working spouse's company has 20 or more employees, your employer-provided insurance will remain your primary coverage and will pay your bills first. You can delay enrolling in Part B until you stop working.

If your or your spouse's company has fewer than 20 workers, Medicare will become your primary coverage, and your employer coverage will be secondary, so you should sign up for Part B.

Assuming that you're not yet receiving Social Security benefits, you'll need to enroll in Medicare by contacting Social Security at 800-772-1213 or www.socialsecurity.gov.

You should do this during what's called your "initial enrollment period," which runs from three months before the month you turn 65 to three months after your birthday month.

There's also the question of whether you'll need to enroll in Medicare's pre-

scription drug coverage, also known as Part D, when you turn 65 or whether you can put off that decision.

Again, you should consult with your company's benefits manager. If your employer plan includes drug coverage that's at least comparable to Part D coverage, you won't need to sign up right away.

When you do finally stop working, you'll be able to enroll in Medicare (Parts A or B) without risking a late penalty during a special eight-month enrollment period. You'll also have two months to select a Medicare drug plan without a penalty.

To learn more about how your employer health plan works with Medicare, visit www.medicare.gov/publications and view the booklet "Medicare and Other Health Benefits: Your Guide to Who Pays First." Or call 800-633-4227 to request a free copy.

Understanding how your insurance choices fit together as you continue working beyond 65 will help you get the best care for your dollars.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

We would often be sorry if our wishes were gratified. — Aesop

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes. — Washington Irving

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise. — Benjamin Franklin

Anyone may have diamonds: an heirloom is an ornament of quite a different kind. — Elizabeth Aston

Though I am grateful for the blessings of wealth, it hasn't changed who I am. My feet are still on the ground. I'm just wearing better shoes. — Oprah Winfrey

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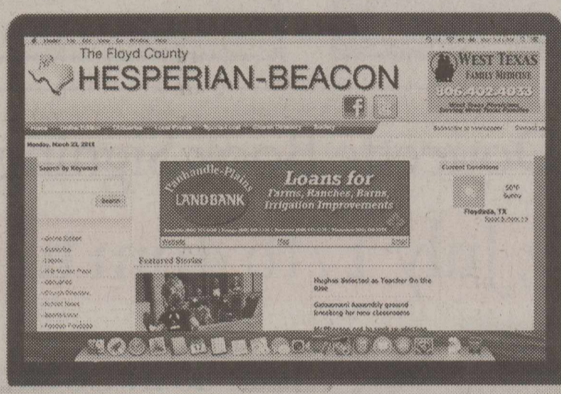
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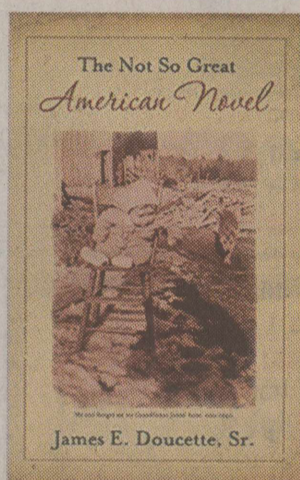
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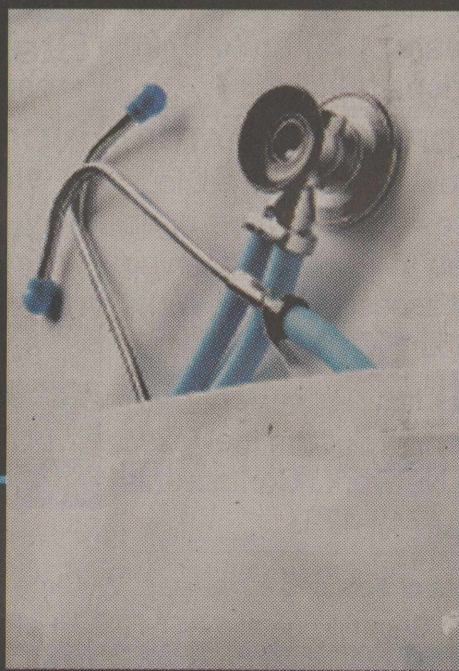
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