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## LOCKNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Lockney chamber seeks noms for annual honor

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Chamber has set the date for its annual banquet for Saturday, April 7 at 6 p.m. in the Lockney elementary cafeteria.

The chamber will honor a Lockney Business of the Year and a Lockney Citizen of the Year. Mexican food will be served.

The chamber is seeking letter of recommendations for Citizen of the Year. The last day to submit a letter of recommendation for citizen of the year 2017 will be March 15.

Please mail the letters of recommendation to:  
 Lockney Chamber of Commerce  
 P.O. box 477  
 Lockney, Texas 79241

### Early voting begins for March primary



By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Early voting began Tuesday, Feb. 20 for the Tuesday, March 6 primary in Texas.

Eleven Floyd County candidates have filed to run in the primary.

On the Republican ballot will be:

- Marty Lucke - County Judge
- Lori Morales - Treasurer -contested
- Elva Martinez - Treasurer -contested
- Tali Jackson - Floyd County JP 1 & 4
- Edward Marks - Floyd County JP 2 & 3
- David Martinez - Pct. 4 Commissioner -contested
- Clint Bigham - Pct. 2 Commissioner -contested
- Lindan Morris - Pct. 2 Commissioner -contested
- Patty Davenport - District Clerk
- Ginger Morgan - County Clerk

On the Democratic ballot will be:  
 Amado Morales - Pct. 4 Commissioner -contested.

In next week's edition of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon we will provide Q and A's with the candidates in contested races.

Floyd County has two early voting locations—the Floyd County Courthouse Annex in downtown Floydada and First United Methodist Church, Lockney which is located at 120 W. Poplar Street.

Hours for early voting are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
 Voter eligibility and identification requirements in Texas:

To be eligible to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years-old by Election Day and living in the county that matches your registration. Also, you must not be serving a sentence or parole for a felony conviction.

Here are the seven acceptable forms of voter identification:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identifica-

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### Bi-Partisan Budget Bill Act of 2018 offers help for rural hospitals



Courtesy photo

The Bi-Partisan Budget Bill of 2018 included a number provisions to assist rural hospitals, including renewing enhanced Medicare funding for ambulance transport and removing certain Medicare caps for physical and occupational therapy. W.J. Mangold CEO James Heitzenrater and other rural healthcare champions talked with us about the new legislation.

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The Bi-Partisan Budget Bill Act of 2018 signed into law on February 9 contained a number of provisions designed to help rural hospitals.

"It's a major win for rural hospitals," said Don McBeath, Director of Government Relations, Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals (TORCH).

"It may not be as big a win for a hospital like Mangold in Lockney because it's a critical access hospital, and critical access hospitals already get enhanced Medicare benefits."

There are 163 remaining rural hospitals, and 83 are critical access hospitals.

McBeath noted that neighboring hospitals in Crosbyton and Plainview were not critical access hospitals and their enhanced Medicare funding expired October 1, 2017. This bill fixes that.

"One of the initiatives in the new law that does help Mangold is that in 2017 Medicare had caps for certain physical and occupational therapies at \$3,700," McBeath said, "this removes those caps, and this is applicable to all hospitals."

In a related area, Medi-

care regulations required that physicians be on hand for physical therapy. In small hospitals, this is not always practical. The new law doesn't change that regulation but it does reimburse any rural hospital that was denied Medicare funding for physical therapy in 2017 because a doctor wasn't present.

Another provision of the law that will benefit Floyd County health concerns regards Medicare and ambulance transport. "For rural areas, Medicare would pay an extra 3% for ambulance transport of its patients and that provision expired January 1. Every rural EMS took a 3 percent hit," McBeath said, "this law fixes that."

CHIP funding has now been extended to ten years. "A lot of people don't know that CHIP funding is not a government giveaway program," McBeath said. "These are working people who make too much for Medicaid, but they can't afford traditional insurance. So, they pay for insurance—with reduced premiums—for their children."

He continued, "People need to realize that when people don't have insurance, the people who pick up the tab are the local property taxpayers. This change helps everyone."

McBeath added that he felt that Congressman Jodey Arrington played a large role in getting the assistance for rural hospitals in the budget bill. "He has been a tireless champion for this," McBeath said.

Mangold CEO James Heitzenrater said this about the new law, "There's some temporary help with this. However, my concern is that in the long run, many of these measures are stop-gap. We need long-term solutions because small hospitals are critical to our communities."

Congressman Jodey Arrington echoed Heitzenrater, "Without local access to health care services, residents and the economy in rural America will suffer," Arrington said. "I'm pleased the Bipartisan Budget Act included measures I fought for that will extend vital programs that protect local access to health care for millions of rural Americans. Access to local hospital services can be the difference between life and death for not just the nearly 57 million people living in rural and remote areas across the country, but all those who travel through these regions."

Arrington spearheaded a letter to House leadership See **BUDGET BILL**, Page 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.

#### ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada will be having their Lenten Fish Fry on these following Fridays: February 23rd, March 9th, and March 23rd. They will start serving at 11 a.m. until sold out. Cost is \$10 per plate. All plates include catfish, hushpuppies, French fries, coleslaw, tea. Dine-in, carry-out or have it delivered. For orders please call 806-983-5878 or 806-983-9639. 309 S. Wall, Floydada, Texas.

#### MEAL FOR MISSIONS - FUMC - FLOYDADA

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada will hold their "Meal for Missions" hamburger meal fundraiser on Sunday, February 25th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meal includes hamburger, chips, drink and dessert. Dine-in or carry-out available. Donations will be taken. All proceeds go to the Covington's Mission work in India.

#### ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Stations of Cross" will be held every Friday at 6 p.m. with Mass held at 6:30 p.m.

#### FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS FUNDRAISER

The Floydada Senior Citizens will hold their next fundraiser on Friday, March 23, 2018. The menu will be fried fish, French fries, and coleslaw. We will open our doors at 4:30 p.m. and serve until we have fed everyone. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

#### LOVE FUND

A "Love Fund" has been set up for Donna Schultz Rogers (formally of Harmony community) and husband, Doug Rogers of Lubbock. Anyone wishing to contribute may do so at the First National Bank in Floydada, Texas.

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### Correction

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### City council ballots for May 6 now set

By Kay Ellington  
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Floydada will have another contested city council race. Ismael Vega, Jr. has filed to run for the District 4 position now held by Gail DuBois.

The other contested races are the at-large positions which has three candidates running for two positions. Those candidates

are incumbent Corey Speed and challengers Tanner Battey and Gabriel de la Fuente.

District 1 councilwoman Bettye King is running unopposed.

In Lockney the mayor's race has drawn a third candidate. Michael DeLeon will be running against incumbent Archie Jones and another challenger Joe Smith.

District 4 will have also have a contested race--Loren Lee St. Dennis has filed to run against David Cole in District 4.

District 5 incumbent Tyler Duniven has filed once more, and he is running unopposed.

The deadline to file for city council candidates was February 16, so the city council ballots for the May 6 election are now set.

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 120 S Main Lockney (806) 652-2548

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 1722 US Hwy 70 | Floydada, Texas 79235  
 806-686-2183

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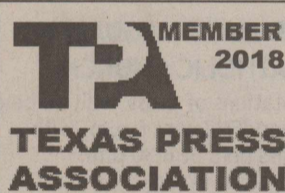
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Barwise Gin, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 38807, which would authorize continued operation of a Cotton Gin located at 205 Farm-to-Market Road 784, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas 79235. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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## The 501: Esperanto, Emogese and emoticons

Remember when somebody invented that new language Esperanto? Add one more:

Emojese.  
I'd be referring to emojis, but Madame Spellcheck intervened. "Emoji" is both singular and plural, it seems. Incidentally, there's a Spellcheck emoji - the face of a lady with gray hair done up in a bun and wrinkles on her forehead. She might be mistaken for a grandmother emoji by some, but I know the enforcer when I see her.

Back to Esperanto versus Emojese. Esperanto is written and spoken whereas Emojese exists only in graphic form, although I've never heard anyone actually speaking Esperanto. Once I saw a windshield sticker on a taxi in Europe that boasted the driver spoke Esperanto. Maybe he was from there. :)

Did my emoticon come across? Yes, I'm referring to the colon-parentheses smiley face. Forgive me for using the plural of "parentheses." There seems to be no singular.

Meanwhile, forget Esperanto. Consider emoticons versus emoji.

Once thought emoticons were the same as emoji, like until 30 minutes ago. I still do. But now that I've done the research, I see emoticons as skeletons and emoji as fleshed-out counterparts. It's hard to make that comparison once you go beyond smiley-frowny faces, but I still think it's valid.

In some ways I like emoticons better. There's something to be said for a limited palette. When you're restricted to the symbols offered by a conventional keyboard -

think typewriter - you can say what you want and get on with life, adding only a bare-bones smile or frown or wink. Or not.

But you nevertheless need reading proficiency in Emojese. It's here to stay.

When I peruse text and Facebook messages on my phone from the last few days, I see emoji enhancing words from friends and relatives ages 15 to 75. I see thumbs up, a soccer ball, praying hands, hearts, eighth notes and various happy faces, smiling and grinning. Life distilled into icons.

It's a relatively recent phenomenon -- emoji imbedding themselves in our written language -- but they've always been around. Pictographs go way back, both in Native American culture and in places like Egypt.

So what's new? Maybe political correctness.

For example, both thumbs up and praying hands come in various skin colors. Although I'm a fair-skinned white, I eschew the palest of the hands, usually opting for the gold skin.

**PRAYING HANDS RESEARCH.**  
Sure enough, my cultural bias is showing. Those praying hands viewed frontally (not from the side like Albrecht Durer's famous pair) are properly called "folded hands," even though they aren't. They signify "please" and "thank you" in Japan.

Another complication:  
An optional meaning is "high five." But don't high fives typically involve two right hands? If those folded hands are a high five, they need tweaking.

Rather than aiming for fluency in Emojese, I think I'll just be a critic. It's easier.

Or maybe I'll custom design my own emoji. I'll have a perfect tan. The saxophone will be silver. And so on.

(Folded hands here - me high-fiving me.)

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

Dewey picked up Emily's yellow dress at the cleaners and drove it back to her here in the valley. They had managed to get most of the wine stains out. But what Dewey hadn't managed to get out that fateful evening at the Italian restaurant was his vow of eternal love for Emily and a suggestion that they become mister and missus Decker.

Oh well, he might give it another try tonight. But this darn clumsiness of his always seemed to get in the way.

Emily looked lovely when he picked her up that evening. They held hands and walked around in town, staying on the sidewalks to avoid any more tripping disasters for our local fertilizer king.

"Dewey," she said, stopping to look at him. "The other night, just before the wine episode, you said you wanted to ask me something, but you didn't, because of the spill, I guess."

"That's right," he said, making sure his feet were planted and he didn't move. "I had something to say, but

I was hoping for a more ... romantic setting. I wanted everything to be just right, you know? Something we'd remember."

He'd been slowly backing up all this time as Emily played with his shirt collar. That was probably why he didn't notice Mrs. Miller's yellow cat, Pretty Girl, walking behind him.

When his foot came down on P.G.'s tail, the yowl made him jump on Emily, the cat go in the air, and Emily and Dewey piled up on top of each other behind someone's garbage can.

She was so close he could feel her breathe and he couldn't help kissing her.

She smiled. "Don't move, Dewey Decker. Just stay still. I think we ought to get married, don't you?"

He grinned. "You bet."  
"One more kiss," Emily said, "and then I'd like to finish walking, with my finance."

Thank you for reading the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

## The South Plains Hobby Club

January 14, 2018

By Mary M. Carter  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The South Plains Hobby Club met for a Game Time, Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch, and just a good time on February 14, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. It was at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas. A great place to meet.

Helen Teeple, our President, opened the meeting with prayers for our friends, our nation, those sick and our families.

We opened our brown bag lunch and enjoyed every bit of it. It reminded many of when they were in school. Note: This is Mary and I didn't make it to

## The Paperboy Bad policies are killing American cities

Take a guess at what is considered one of the dirtiest cities on the planet?

Sadly, that city is San Francisco. San Francisco is in a beautiful area of California and has long been considered one of the prettiest cities in America.

But after years as a sanctuary city and a safe harbor for drug addicts, the city's homeless population is out of control.



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According to an NBC Bay Area Investigation, a 153 block survey concluded that drug needles, garbage and human waste are of major concern to residents of the city.

The surveyed area includes City Hall, schools, playgrounds and even a police station.

As the NBC group was photographing a block with a dozen hypodermic needles scattered across it, a group of preschool students happened to walk by on a field trip.

"We see poop, we see pee, we see needles and we see trash," said teacher Adelita Orelana. "Sometimes they ask what is it, and that's

a conversation that's a little difficult to have with a 2-year old, but we just let them know that those things are full of germs, that they are dangerous, and they should never be touched."

The NBC Investigate Unit spent three days assessing the conditions on the streets finding "large heaps of garbage, food, and discarded junk. The investigation also found 100 drug needles and more than 300 piles of feces."

"If you do get stuck with these disposed needles you can get HIV, Hepatitis C, Hepatitis B, and a variety of other viral diseases," said Dr. Lee Riley, an infectious disease expert at University of California, Berkeley. "The contamination is ... much greater than communities in Brazil or Kenya or India."

When asked how to remedy the situation, city leaders told NBC they needed more funds to build more shelters. The city currently has 2,000 beds in shelters and needs at least 1,000 more. The cost for the additional beds is estimated at \$25 million.

In a city with virtually no middle class (just very wealthy and very poor), residents can expect their taxes to go up to compensate.

San Francisco is a prime example of what can happen to a city under poor management. Liberal policies, much like those in Detroit, St. Louis, Baltimore and Washington D.C., destroy cities.

In the Bay Area, real estate has become so expensive that only the wealthy can afford to buy homes. The once-thriving middle class population has been pushed out of the area and in some cases, they've been pushed out of California altogether.

Of course, San Francisco is not the only city in the country undergoing a transformation from beautiful to horrible. Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle and Austin are also becoming slums.

Unfortunately, like San Francisco, the liberal governments of these cities are not interested in policies which help their cities. Instead, they invest billions in policies that actually make the problems worse.

How unfortunate it is to see our great cities fall before our very eyes. Instead of learning from past mistakes and enacting policies that protect residents and keeps drugs and crime off the streets, these cities double down on stupidity which erodes their very fabric.

Perhaps one day the leaders of these cities will get their act together and put forth common sense policy which will turn them around. Unfortunately, these issues have been decades in the making and will likely take decades to resolve.

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## The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County May 4, 2017

By Mary M. Carter  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

We met on February 1, 2018 in Turkey, Texas at the Boot Shop for lunch at 11:30 A.M. It is next door to the Turkey Hotel. The lunch was very good. We had salad, pot pie, and two kinds of dessert plus drinks. We were full.

Our Queen Mother, Virginia Taylor, called our meeting to order. First thing we addressed was a card received from Melinda Collins with her resignation due to personal reasons. We will truly miss her and how very interesting

she is in so many avenues. We are sad. Ethelyn Vernon thanked everyone for their prayers during her health issues.

Virginia let us know they still had tickets for the Cross View Camp, "Festival of Tables on March 24, 2018. The theme is "A Slice of Life". They need 8 more tables. It is such a beautiful and fun luncheon and more people are coming to enjoy a good time. It helps support a camp that takes all campers and makes a difference in their lives. There are letters from former camper with testimonies that tell their stories. Then Barbara Edwards in-

roduced her guest Emma Pate. Welcome Emma. We hope to see you many times

The program was brought by the hostesses. We played a game called Red Hat Bingo. I never played that game before and it has been a long time since a lot of us have played Bingo. It was fun and the competition was pretty good. The first game was won by Barbara Edwards and Margie Sue. The second, which we had to fill up the whole card, was won by Betty Jean Williams. The third game was won by Sandy Fuston and our guest, Emma Pate. The game cards were really

cute. They had different figures having to do with The Red Hats Society on them. The markers were little heart candies. We had a good time!

We want to thank our hostesses Joy Turner, Karla Kindberg, and Mary Lou Zinck. Mary Lou was unable to be there. It was a great lunch and thank you for the new game. It was fun!

Those attending were Sue Daniels, Sandy Fuston, Karla Kindberg, Barbara Edwards, Ethelyn Vernon, Virginia Taylor, Joy Turner, Betty Jean Williams, Margie Sue, and Mary M. Carter. Our guest Emma Pate.

# SOCIETY

## Lowe's Market Receives National Marketing Recognition

National Grocers Association names Lowe's 2018 Outstanding Marketer

Littlefield, TX: The National Grocer's Association has announced Littlefield, Texas-based Lowe's Market, as the 2018 Creative Choice Outstanding Marketer at this week's NGA Annual Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The title is the highest award of the annual program, which recognizes the best marketing and merchandising programs in the grocery industry that have increased item or department sales, positively affected overall store sales, or provided a unique benefit to the community.

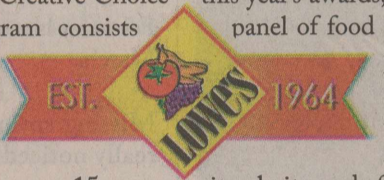


Shown are: (left to right) Alison Castillo, Director Industry Relations Unilever; Rob Ybarra, Marketing Director Lowes Markets; Dave Jones, VP Industry Initiatives, Kelloggs.

Lowe's Market was recognized for its ongoing What's For Dinner? campaign, which aimed to create in-store buzz and value-driven meal choices for customers. The What's For Dinner specials include a full complement of free items for customers who buy just one specified meat or entrée item. "Lowe's Markets has always offered its customers excellent value, and the 'What's for Dinner?' program now offers incredible savings on full-meal solutions. We're very pleased to be recognized for this unique promotion", said Rob

Ybarra, Director of Marketing for Lowe's.

Sponsored by Kellogg's and Unilever, the Creative Choice Awards program consists of 10 categories with two winners for each, one entry from a one-to-15-store operator and one from a store operator with 15 or more supermarkets. Lowe's Market was recognized in the over 15 store category. Marketing campaigns and merchandising events or promotions held between Dec. 1, 2016 and Dec. 1, 2017 were eligible for this year's awards, for which a panel of food industry experts judged more than 450 entries for creativity, clarity, and effectiveness.



Founded in 1964, Lowe's Market operates over 150 neighborhood stores throughout Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Texas.

## Floydada Rotary



Courtesy photo  
Justin Brown was inducted into the Floydada Rotary Club on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the weekly meeting by President Clar Schacht. Brown is the director of the Floydada EDC.



### About Town . . .

By: Deon Fincher

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I like our downtown square on "grand jury selection" day. I know--that is an odd statement, but it is true. As I pulled nails from lumber that used to form the corners of rooms in the Hale Building, congestion on the street caught my eye. Vehicles were filling nearly every parking spot on the North, South, and West sides of the courthouse. It was stunning!

What types of businesses would be best suited for the downtown square? What would it take to create enough interest in Floydada's square to support that kind of traffic? Truthfully, I'd settle for half of that activity.

The residents of Matador, and the areas surrounding our Eastern neighbor, support no less than three restaurants. Dickens, with a population of 252 (2016), sustains three active restaurants as well. It is my opinion that Floydada could support another restaurant or two--granted, Route 66 Pizza is under construction.

I'm not a huge coffee drinker, whether black or cappuccino, but I do enjoy the "coffeehouse" atmosphere and will always imbibe if given the opportunity. In recent months, I have visited with several coffee-minded individuals that have a vision of steaming cups of coffee available to patrons wishing to congregate or to grab-and-go. A coffee shop

would be a sweet addition to our downtown.

While recently searching for horse halters, it became evident to me that there really is no "tack-work clothes-show supply-feed" store close to our community. With the strong Agriculture program in our school system, and the general agriculture base that supports our community, a General Livery, Feed, & Work Clothing store would be a plus.

I am one of those souls that truly wants to see my community thrive and prosper; plus, I just don't have time to be driving all over the south plains. The vision I have of our downtown is buzzing with activity-vibrant, and full of life. Store windows decorated with colorful displays, groups meandering down the sidewalks, and front-door bells in constant "jingle" mode...and every parking spot occupied. What a stunning picture! essence of our town.

## Museum Archives

### FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian  
July 15, 1965

#### W. M. MASSIE ESTABLISHED LAND OFFICE HERE IN 1889

Since early in the history of Floyd County the name Massie has been one of the most prominent. In 1889 W.M. Massie came here from Parker County, establishing his land office business in Floydada the following year. In 1940 it was the oldest continuous land office in West Texas. Hollis Bond eventually joined the firm, and for a few years it was known as Massie and Bond, but he eventually bought out the Massie interests. His nephew, Wilson Bond, works with him in the firm.

In the years 1907-10 W.M. Massie headed up the efforts of citizens in the Lockney-Floydada area to get a railroad constructed from Plainview to Floydada, without the payment of a bonus. This was done, and he was president of the road until it merged with Santa Fe.

He first settled two miles west of Della Plain; this area later becoming the site of Mayshaw; but by this time he was in Floydada. While in the center of the county he conducted a school, while living in a one room house 10 x 12 feet. According to Doc White half of his pay came in the form of cordwood, which he used for constructing his own residence. The school he taught was the second to be conducted in the county. He had an unusual experience, even for a new country, where the strange is practically the everyday. He kept two boys during the week, and often went home with them on the weekend. Robert and Jim Merrill were the boys, and they lived in Blanco canyon, about six miles southwest of present day Floydada. After talking it over with their parents, Massie agreed to experiment and it worked out well. The boys liked the idea from the start, saying they would rather stay with him than at home. Doubtless they all enjoyed the good weekend cooking. "And so I kept them. We often spent the weekend with their parents, and my brother, V. M. Massie, now deceased, who had a little ranch at that time not far from the Merrills," he told a reporter from the Hesperian in 1940.

At that time I was not able to put up a windmill, and I carried all the water we used from the public well at Della Plain. I had a large bucket, and every morning I would take the bucket to school and bring the water home in the afternoon." After the school was out he did a lot of survey-

ing in the county, continuing with his work even after the establishment of his land office.

When he first came to the county Starkey was his post office, with Uncle Joe Day as the postmaster.

At first he slept in the back of Sam Chadwick's store. Chadwick and C. J. Menefee, a local preacher of the Methodist Church, also slept there. It was nothing unusual for as many as three or four men to sleep in one bed. He once stated, "When a cowboy would come in from one of the ranches and needed a bed we would make room for one more. In the winter when it was cold we would take turn about sleeping on the outside and just keep turning. Tom Teeling and Marion Day had a little one room house, and they would make room for the boys, too." A rather amusing incident occurred once when Teeling was hauled up for a trial before a justice of the peace, who happened to be his roommate, Marion Day, for shooting a chicken. Not having a lawyer of his own, he prevailed on Massie to act as his counsel, and Massie's argument earned him an acquittal. There is humor to be found in the type of sartorial elegance affected by Massie for his august appearance in court. "I borrowed a Bee Gun two story hat from John G. Ranft, a merchant, and I borrowed a Prince Albert Long tail coat twice too large from Deputy Sheriff Frank Anderson."

In 1899 Massie returned to Parker County to marry a schoolmate of his, Miss Lela Martin. They rode the rails to Estelline, the closest point to Floyd County at that time by train, spending the first night in the county at the "F" Ranch, for which he served as land agent a total of forty years.

In time that ranch became dotted with farm land, presaging the time when farms would take over from ranches.

The first house he built was on the west edge of Floydada. Later he built a new home a little way from the old one.

Another pioneer Floydada firm operated by the Massie family was Massie Wholesale Grocery, which opened in 1912. In this venture W. M. joined with his brother, C. M., as partners, and from 1912 to 1916 J. B. Jenkins, long time resident of the county, worked for them. G. M. Massie worked there from 1916 to

1923. Other employees included J. A. Carruth, whose service began in 1923; A. P. Horn, 1923-1927; Truett Butler, 1923-1926; Kenneth Umberson, 1926-1930; B. Nichols, who began working in 1926 and worked up into the '40's; and J. F. Klebold, 1927-1937.

The 1940 historical edition of the Hesperian concludes the article about this firm by saying: "The present force includes W.H. Baker, W.A. Kirk, Fred Bell, and Creed Parrish. In the early days of the Massie Wholesale Grocery, orders were shipped as far north as Tulsa and south to Post, but in latter years the business has been confined to a shorter radius about Floydada."

In "One Corner of Heaven", P 14, Blanche Scott Rutherford gives further confirmation of this. Vividly describing the grasshopper invasion of 1892, when the hoppers ate the oilcloth off the chuck wagon boxes, and the bark off the trees, and man was defenseless against this horde, when, in a sense like the turkey gobbler who ate all he could and then had to give up, "Many settlers were so discouraged they moved away. In desperation they offered their land for almost nothing. (it hadn't cost a great deal, to start with, in today's currency). Many sold for one-third or one-fourth of what they paid. Some sold for five hundred dollars per section. W.M. Massie, the young school teacher and surveyor, still had confidence in the country. Anytime he could get hold of a piece of land he bought it as soon as he could enough money to handle the deal. Eventually he became one of the county's biggest landholders and a most worthy and influential citizen."

As the county's first surveyor he was able to keep current on land bargains.

J. M. Massie, whose present address is People's Hospital, is the only surviving brother of the pioneers in this county. A half brother, Gerald Massie, lives in Georgia.

The second generation is represented by W. A., son of W. M., who owns the Massie Hereford Farm.

Something of the vast sweep of the country, and of the spirit of the W. M. Massie and Bro. Land Agency was shown in their ad for the fiftieth anniversary edition of the Hesperian:

See MUSEUM, Page 12

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - DATES to mark on your calendar for March and April

Friday, March 2 - Family Night Fish Fry; Sunday, March 11 - Second Sunday Lunch; Tuesday, March 19 - Bingo Night; Saturday, April 14 - Spring Bazaar.

Breakfast is served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 8:30

a.m. Monday thru Friday only.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

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

Thursday night pot luck. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards. 5 - 9 p.m.

Hope you all have a great

### MENU

February 26 - March 2

- Monday - Sausage casserole
- Tuesday - Quesadillas
- Wednesday - Club sandwich
- Thursday - Chicken & dumplings
- Friday - Lasagna

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Our next fund raiser will be Friday, March 23, 2018. The menu will be fried fish, French fries, and coleslaw. We will open our doors at 4:30 p.m. and serve until we have fed everyone.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen to eat with us or be a member. However, if you are a member, the meal will cost \$5.00 instead of the non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, \$25.00 is the yearly membership fee.

Most people eat with us at 12 noon each day. But if your lunch time starts at 11 a.m., our dining room is open to you. If you need a meal delivered to you, please call us by 10 a.m. There is no delivery charge. Call 983-2032

Freida Dunn, BSN, ET, will be holding a blood pressure clinic every 4th Thursday of the month starting at 11:30 a.m., weather permitting. February 22, will be the next clinic.

The 2nd Tuesday Bingo is cancelled for February and March. We will resume on April 10 at 6 p.m.

The Senior Citizens Center is in need of volunteers. We need

people to vacuum, sweep, deliver meals, and general cleaning. Please call us if you can help us. Our phone number is 983-2032.

Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

### MENU

February 26 - March 2

- Monday - Chicken strips w/ gravy
- Tuesday - Smothered burritos
- Wednesday - Chicken fried steak
- Thursday - BBQ ribs
- Friday - Fish fry

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

Deacon says, "Vote for Mepaw. He will help keep Floyd County debt free for future generations".

Lindan MORRIS

for Commissioner Pct. 2

"The Clear Choice"

# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituaries

### Bruce Everist Julian

Bruce Julian passed away Monday, February 12, 2018.

We gathered for fellowship and remembrance from 5 to 7 p.m., February 14, 2018 at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers.

Family and friends celebrated Bruce's life of 73 years on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church Ford Chapel in Lubbock, Texas.

Graveside service followed at 4:30 p.m. at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada, Texas.

Family and friends of the First Baptist Church of Perryton, Texas, have scheduled a memorial service on Friday, February 16, 2018, where he previously lived for 48 years.

A tribute to Bruce's life may be found at [www.memorialdesigners.net](http://www.memorialdesigners.net), where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy and encouragement for the family.

Bruce Everist Julian was born on October 9, 1944, to Murray and Bonnie Everist Julian in Floydada, Texas. After graduating from Floydada High School, he attended West Texas State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Government. Upon graduating, he continued his education at the University of Texas Law School, completing his Doctor of

Jurisprudence with Honors in 1970.

In 1970 he and his wife of 20 years, Janet Moore Julian, moved to Perryton, Texas, where God blessed them with two sons: Clay (1973) and Wade (1975).

On June 20, 1992, he married Jolene Donaldson Decker at the First Baptist Church in Guymon, Oklahoma, and they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2017.

Bruce lived a full life, and many people benefited from his leadership and service. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Perryton where he faithfully served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He had a burden for the lost, and he was a strong source of encouragement for his pastors and fellow church members. Upon moving to Lubbock in March 2017, he and Jolene became faithful members of First Baptist Church and were warmly welcomed into that fellowship.

He was a loyal leader at First Bank Southwest for 46 years. During his tenure, Bruce served as Executive Vice President, Senior Loan Officer, Senior Trust Officer, and the bank's General Counsel.

In 1997 he was instrumental in the founding of Covenant Title Company for the bank and served as its President until he retired

on December 31, 2009. Additionally, he served as the Co-Vice Chairman of First Perryton Bancorp (Holding Company) and First Bank Southwest until the day of his passing.

He was a faithful civic leader throughout his life. He served as Municipal Judge of Perryton for 44 years (the longest running municipal judge in Texas history); he was selected as the Ochiltree County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2003, served on the Perryton School Board, and was a long-time member of Kiwanis International. Additionally, he served as a faithful leader on the Board of Trustees of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, for 27 years.

Bruce lived a full life for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, following Him from a very young age and faithfully serving Him to the end of his life.

Survivors include wife, Jolene Julian; children, Clay Julian and wife, Carol; Wade Julian and wife, Britni; Jennifer Heinze and husband, Edward; Jeff Decker and wife, Jenna; grandchildren, Alyssa Garcia; Preston, Carlie, Pierson, and Riley Julian; Braden and Kara Beth Heinze; Sterling, Stoney and Stetson Decker; and two brothers, Terry Julian

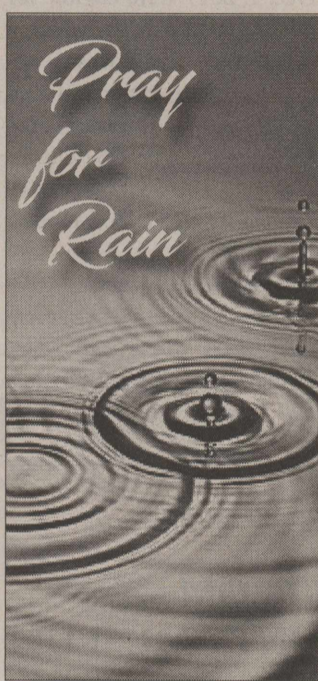


**BRUCE EVERIST JULAIN**

and wife, Leona; and Kendis Julian and wife, Janis.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Murray and Bonnie Julian.

Memorial contributions are welcome, and the family suggests: First Baptist Church of Lubbock Global Missions; First Baptist Church of Perryton; and Ranger Academic Enrichment Foundation-Pathways Fund.



## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.  
*Charles Dickens*

March came in that winter like the meekest and mildest of lambs, bringing days that were crisp and golden and tingling, each followed by a frosty pink twilight which gradually lost itself in an elfland of moonshine.  
*L.M. Montgomery*

In March the soft rains continued, and each storm waited courteously until its predecessor sunk beneath the ground.  
*John Steinbeck*

POOR MARCH - It is the HOMELIEST month of the year. Most of it is MUD, Every Imaginable Form of MUD, and what isn't MUD in March is ugly late-season SNOW falling onto the ground in filthy muddy heaps that look like PILES of DIRTY LAUNDRY.  
*Vivian Swift*

December days were brief and chill, The winds of March were wild and drear, And, nearing and receding still, Spring never would, we thought, be here.  
*Arthur Hugh Clough*

February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March.  
*J.R. Stockton*

Missing springtime is like missing a woman. You never really noticed her and then she was gone, and all that she was returns and makes the separation even more painful. I think I read this somewhere. "Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn."  
*Lewis Grizzard*

The stormy March has come at last, With wind, and cloud, and changing skies; I hear the rushing of the blast, That through the snowy valley flies... For thou, to northern lands again, The glad and glorious sun dost bring, And thou hast joined the gentle train And wear'st the gentle name of Spring.  
*William Cullen Bryant*

March, when days are getting long, Let thy growing hours be strong To set right some wintry wrong.  
*Caroline May*

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Crying Out to the Lord

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. —Psalm 40:1 (NRSV)

Scripture is filled with people who faced dangers and trials. What was it like for David when he was in the wilderness, fleeing from Saul? Perhaps David was as overwhelmed and frightened as I felt when our oldest son, Steven, was diagnosed with leukemia. Throughout my son's illness, I prayed and found comfort and direction from David's example in the Psalms. David often cried out to God with his fears, doubts, faith — and praise.

The two years when Steven was being treated for cancer were an emotionally desperate time. But through it all, I kept talking to

God. When Steven passed away, I had to keep praying. God was refining my faith. Over time, I was able to see the many ways God had loved Steven and cared for me.

Life can change suddenly for any of us through illness, loss of a job, a tornado, or some other disaster. In these and every event in our lives, we can find strength and comfort through prayer and reading God's word.

—Carol Van Der Woude (Illinois)

**Prayer for the day:**  
Faithful God, when we are overwhelmed, help us turn to you for help — the way David did. Amen.

from <http://devotional.upperroom.org/devotionals>

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806.983.2814  
703 A Matador Hwy.

**ASSITER INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC**  
120 W. California Street, Floydada, Tx.  
806-983-2511

**Agriculture Precision Supply**  
Pivots, Flow meters & Equipment  
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Oliver Clark  
806.983.5087 - 806.774.4412 (mobile)  
Box 266 - Lockney

**Plains LAND BANK** Jeff Taylor  
806-296-5579  
[plainslandbank.com](http://plainslandbank.com)  
Part of the Farm Credit System

**Payne Family Pharmacy**  
806.983.5111  
200 S. Main, Floydada

**Goen & Goen Insurance**  
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102. E. California - Floydada

**Floydada Coop Gin, Inc.**  
319 N. 5th Street  
Floydada TX 79235  
806-983-2884

**Barwise Gin**  
Barwise Community  
806.983.2737

**Lockney Co-op Gin**  
Lockney, Texas  
806.652.3377

**Prosperity Bank**  
Member FDIC  
217 W. California — 806.983.3725

**Aiken Baptist Church**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship..11 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Carr's Chapel**  
Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Mark Snowden, Pastor  
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship  
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music  
Ludustria 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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship -11 a.m.  
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**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 - p.m.  
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
Fr. Arockia Dhass Jeganathan  
Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study  
10 a.m. - Mass  
Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation -  
CYO to follow  
Thurs. - 6:30 pm - Evening Mass  
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**South Plains Baptist Church**  
Dan Beaty, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
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**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. Ruban Selvaraj  
983-5878  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston  
Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors  
983-5499  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.  
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**Trinity Luthern Church**  
Providence Community On Fm 2301  
293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 - a.m.  
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**West Side Church of Christ**  
Floydada  
983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

# AGRICULTURE

## Americot adds new sales support in GA, KS, TX

By Jim Steadman  
Cotton Grower

Joe Carswell, Zach Hrencher and Brody Wright have joined Americot, Inc., as sales representatives.

"As Americot further expands our regional offerings, we continue to seek out highly-talented ag professionals for our grower support teams," said Chiree Fields, Americot general manager. "I look forward to working with Joe, Zach and Brody and providing our customers in their regions the

experienced, knowledgeable and dedicated support they have come to rely upon from Americot."

Joe Carswell of Evans, GA, will support Americot growers and customers in the Southeast. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Carswell grew up on his family's farm in Waynesboro, GA, and has spent the last 37 years working for Elanco/DowElanco/Dow AgroSciences in various positions supporting the seed and chemical market.

Zach Hrencher will be

working in Americot's North Plains of TX/KS/OK Region, supporting customers and growers in Kansas. A Kansas native and graduate of Kansas State University, he worked for Plains Cotton Cooperative Association as their member communications area manager for Kansas. He also served on the Kansas Cotton Association board as secretary and treasurer.

Brody Wright is a 10-year veteran of agricultural sales with several companies, including Agrilliance, Bayer

CropScience, Sanders and CPS. Based in Avoca, TX, he will support Americot growers and customers in the Rolling Plains area of Texas.

Americot, Inc., headquartered in Lubbock, TX, provides U.S. cotton growers with quality seed of localized varieties, offering high yield potential and excellent fiber quality, along with the technologies that growers want and need. For more information on Americot and Nex-Gen brand cotton products, call 888.678.SEED (7333) or visit the company's website.

## PCG's Craft, Holladay named to key NCC leadership positions

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Ron Craft, a cotton producer and fifth-generation ginner from Plains, Texas, was elected National Cotton Council chairman for 2018.

Named during the NCC's 2018 annual meeting held in Fort Worth, Texas on February 9-11, Craft succeeds Ronnie Lee, a cotton producer from Bronwood, Georgia.

Active in many state and national farm and gin organizations, Craft has held numerous other NCC leadership positions. Among those are director, chairman of the Packaging and Distribution Committee, and member of the Executive Committee, Cotton Flow Committee and Quality Task Force.

Craft also was chairman of the National Cotton Ginners' Association in 2017, after serving as its president in 2016. He is a member and past president of the Plains Ginners, Texas Independent Ginners and Texas Cotton Ginners associations. He also is the secretary and treasurer of the Yoakum County Farm Bureau and serves on the board of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Craft, the owner of New-Tex Gin Company in Plains, also is a co-owner of Lov-Cot Warehouse in Lubbock. He is a graduate of the Texas Law Enforcement Academy and a sergeant for the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department. He is treasurer of First Baptist Church in Plains. He has two sons, Landon of Midland and Brandon of Lubbock.

The NCC's vice chairman for 2018 is Mike Tate, a Huntsville, Ala., cotton producer. Re-elected as NCC vice presidents for 2018 are: Kent Fountain, ginner, Surrency, Ga.; Robert Lacy, Jr, cottonseed processor, Lub-

bock, Texas; Coalter Paxton, III, warehouseman, Wilson, N.C.; Kevin Brinkley, marketing cooperative executive, Lubbock, Texas; Joe Nicosia, merchant, Cordova, Tenn.; and David Hastings, textile manufacturer, Mauldin, S.C. Re-elected as secretary-treasurer is Barry Evans, a producer from Kress, Texas.

Shawn Holladay of Lubbock, Texas, was elected as chairman of the American Cotton Producers of the National Cotton Council for 2018 during the NCC's annual meeting. Currently a NCC director, he has chaired the ACP's Farm Policy Task Force and served on various other ACP and NCC committees and task forces.

Elected as ACP vice chairmen were Jason Con-drey of Lake Providence, La., Dan Thelander of Maricopa, Ariz.; and Neal Isbell of Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Elected as ACP producer directors were James Jones of Windsor, Va., representing the Southeast region; Patrick Johnson of Tunica, Miss., representing the Mid-South; Doyle Schniers of San Angelo, Texas, representing the Southwest; and Mark McKean, Riverdale, Calif.; representing the Far West. Shawn Holladay, Lubbock, Texas, was re-elected to serve as the ACP's at-large director.

## Texas Farmers Union elects Sims President for 12th term

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANTONIO - Wes Sims was re-elected to a twelfth consecutive two-year term as President of the Texas Farmers Union (TFU) during the organization's 116th annual convention in San Antonio.

Sims, a family farmer and cattle producer from Sweetwater, was first elect-

ed in 1996 to lead the Texas family farm and ranch group. The TFU delegates also re-elected Mike Oldham, a farmer and cattle producer from Smithville to his eighth term as Vice President.

Also elected as District Directors were Finley Barnett, wheat and hay producer from Merkel; and AJ Priesmeyer, rice and cattle producer from El Campo.

The convention passed several TFU 2018 Policy Statements including support for farm policies that stabilize farm prices at a level that can sustain a reasonable farm income at a level that accounts for the actual costs of production for various commodities.

TFU has proposed a commodity loan program that could reduce farm program spending by tens

of billions of dollars, while supporting farm prices at a substantially higher level.

Established in 1902 at Point, Texas - the TFU is the state's oldest general farm organization that represents family farmers, ranchers and rural interests working to improve the quality of life for rural people through education, cooperation and legisla-

## USDA Announces Cotton Board Appointments

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON— Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced on February 12 the appointment of 13 members, 13 alternate members and one advisor to serve on the Cotton Board. The following appointees will serve three-year terms ending Dec. 31, 2020.

"The Cotton Board carries out research and promotional activities that strengthen the competitive position of cotton by expanding demand in domestic and foreign markets, improving fiber quality, and lowering costs of production," said Perdue. "These appointees represent a cross section of the industry and I know that the cotton industry will be well served by their work."

The newly appointed member is Pace Hindsley, Marvell, Ark.

Re-appointed members are:

- Michael K. Kobori, Berkeley, Calif.
- Dustin Mancebo, Dos Palos, Calif.
- Debi M. Gregg, Irvine, Calif.
- Sally M. Gilligan, San Francisco, Calif.
- George G. LaCour Jr., Morganza, La.
- James C. Robertson Jr., Indianola, Miss.
- Akiko Inui, New York, N.Y.
- Chuck J. Ward, Hickory, N.C.
- David M. Dunlow, Roanoke Rapids, N.C.
- Bryan K. Patterson, Amherst, Texas
- Debra R. Barrett, Edroy, Texas
- Sigifredo Valverde, Shallowater, Texas

Newly appointed alternate members are:

- Rebecca E. Thom, Lake Providence, La.
- James W. McKinnon, Rye, N.Y.
- Silas K. Smith, Rocky Mount, N.C.
- Rafe A. Banks, Memphis, Tenn.
- Jon T. Jones, Floydada, Texas

- Laurie A. Sutandar, Frisco, Texas
- Kody S. Bessent, Lubbock, Texas
- Emily L. Gigot, Seattle, Wash.
- Re-appointed alternate members are:
- Aaron Barcellos, Los Banos, Calif.
- Marshall D. Draughn Jr., Severna Park, Md.
- Patrick L. Johnson, Jr., Tunica, Miss.
- Stefanie Rotta, Elkins Park, Pa.
- Michael C. Popp, El Campo, Texas

Re-appointed as advisor is Marshal Cohen, Upper Brookeville, N.Y.

The Secretary also appointed the following:

- Rajiv Malik, Tiburon, Calif., to fill an importer alternate position expiring Dec. 31, 2018
- Andrea Nypen, Lakeville, Minn., to fill an importer alternate position expiring Dec. 31, 2019
- Douglas P. Guiley, New York, N.Y., to fill an importer alternate position expiring Dec. 31, 2018
- Ronnie N. Hopper Jr., Petersburg, Texas, to fill a producer alternate position expiring Dec. 31, 2019

The Cotton Research and Promotion Act of 1966 (Act) authorized a national cotton research and promotion program that is both industry-operated and funded. Since 1966, Congress has authorized 22 industry-funded research and promotion boards to provide a framework for agricultural industries to pool resources and combine efforts to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets and conduct important research and promotion activities. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) provides oversight, paid for by industry assessments, which helps ensure fiscal responsibility, program efficiency and fair treatment of participating stakeholders.

More information is available on the AMS Cotton Board website, or visit the Cotton Board's website.

## National Cotton Council schedules webinars about new seed cotton program

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The National Cotton Council has scheduled regional conference calls and webinars designed to help U.S. cotton industry members learn more about the new provision for upland cotton recently enacted by Congress. Seed Cotton now is defined as a covered commodity eligible for Title I ARC and PLC programs in the 2014 Farm Bill for

the 2018 crop year.

Calls and webinars for Texas include (all times Central):

Monday, February 26 - All States, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Plains Cotton Growers also will serve as a host for this webinar for those interested.

Information will be provided on the provisions of the Seed Cotton program including examples of support levels under various price scenarios and ex-

amples of generic base conversion options. In addition, updates on the new farm bill will be provided. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of each session.

To participate, call either one of the conference lines below:

- Dial-in number: 1-800-377-8846
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Participation Code: 83107462#

If either the conference call or webinar link is at capacity, please select an alternate line or link. Questions will be taken at the end of the webinar in the chat section of the webinar or by audio on the conference line. As there is a limit on the number of participants per webinar, organizations, gins, etc. are urged to sponsor group participation.

## Flu Season News Tips

Staying Healthy amid the flu outbreak

We all know that we need to wash our hands to avoid getting the flu, but there are other, lesser-known things we also can do to stay healthy, said Dr. Azadeh Stark, an epidemiologist who teaches public health at The University of Texas at Dallas. Dr. Stark advises:

- Wear a surgical mask - This common practice in Asian countries creates a barrier that can decrease susceptibility to flu virus and other airborne pathogens.
- Expand your personal zone - Keep your distance at about two feet while interacting with others.

Shorter distances can increase the likelihood of infection because of a higher likelihood of breathing and ingesting the other person's expelled microscopic bodily fluid.

• Avoid caffeinated beverages - Caffeine and alcohol reduce the volume of water expelled from the body and can cause dehydration. The mucous membranes in our mouths, nasal passages and skin are the first line of defense and need to be hydrated to be healthy.

"Our susceptibility to flu virus and other pathogens increases with dehydration, physical fatigue and poor dietary habits. Protection starts with careful attention to the quality

and quantity of our food and beverage and prevention of physical exhaustion," Stark said.

How is flu spread

Along with this year's flu outbreak are misconceptions about how the virus is transmitted. Dr. Azadeh Stark, an epidemiologist who teaches public health at The University of Texas at Dallas, explains how the flu can spread through microscopic human bodily fluids.

"Human bodily fluid contains mostly water; we expel human bodily fluid when we exhale and speak. These tiny particles can stay suspended in the air or adhere onto various surfaces for several

hours. Therefore, on regular basis, we ingest and inhale bodily fluids from others and even animals. However, because of our exceptional human immune system, in most cases we do not pick up diseases," Stark said.

She added that this year's flu season has become an epidemic because most of us have not had previous exposure to this year's H3N2 strain of the flu virus.

"Our immune system does not have the needed memories or blue prints to synthesize antibodies against this strain of virus. Therefore, we are more susceptible to flu when exposed to these tiny particles, especially from flu-stricken individuals," Stark said.

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<b>TEST AVERAGE</b>		<b>\$985.37</b>	<b>1939</b>	<b>50.80</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>34.9</b>

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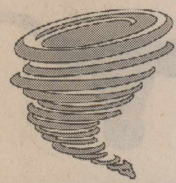


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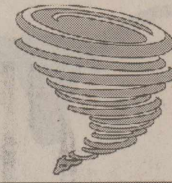
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# Floydada Whirlwinds



## Stock Show Season is Busy Time of Year

By Jacob Chavarria  
FHS Journalism

Stock show season is upon us all and for the students that show in the Floydada Independent School District this is a busy time of the year for them. We have had students travel to Fort Worth and San Angelo to show their animals and we will have students attend the San Antonio and Houston livestock shows in the coming weeks. So far our students have had success at these shows.

At the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo there were many students who attended this show. These exhibitors took Dairy cattle, sheep, goats, barrows, Heifers and Steers to the show. There were three students who placed with their livestock animal. Ryder Glass placed first in his class with his Brown Swiss Dairy Heifer. Keenan Nixon placed sec-



ond with his Angus Heifer in his class and Hagen Hinsley with his Hereford Steer placed third in his class.

One of the most recent shows that just ended was the San Angelo Stock Show. The success from Fort Worth followed down to the San Angelo Show. At Angelo in the heifer show we had participant Keenan Nixon have a lot of success. Keenan with his



Angus Heifer was the Grand Champion in the Angus division. His success didn't stop here he also had the Grand Champion Maine-Anjou and a Reserve Division Champion Red Angus. In the Texas Stars

Junior gilt show we had Jacob Chavarria place third in his class with his Duroc gilt. We had two students who placed in the Jr. Breeding Gilt show. Kelsey Ware placed fifth with her York gilt in class one. While again in class three Jacob placed third with his Duroc.

We would like to congratulate all of our students who have had success at these shows and we want to wish our students good luck as they attend the San Antonio and Houston Stock Shows.



## Senior Signing Day held at FHS

By Jacob Chavarria  
FHS Journalism

Senior Signing day was held on February 5th at the Floydada High School Gymnasium. Nine different colleges were announced. We decided to get to know a little more about these seniors decision, so we asked these seniors two questions. What is their projected major? And why did they choose that college?

### Rachel Graham-

1. "I will be attending TTU to study Agriculture Communications"
2. "I chose Tech because they have the number one ranked agriculture communications school in the nation and if I want to study this then I want to go to the best school."

### Catharine Kemp-

1. "I will be attending South Plains College to major in early childhood education."

2. "I chose SPC because it is financially efficient to get my associates degree before I attend a major University"

### Kortney Campbell-

1. "I will be attending Angelo State University to major in business management."
2. "I chose Angelo State because they have a four plus one business program that allows me to get my bachelor's and master's within the five years."

### Alejandro Piñon-

1. "I will be attending West Texas A&M University to study Civil Engineering"
2. "I chose WT because I've had family members attend there and I've heard it's a great school and also the distance gives me an opportunity to experience living on my own but if I have an emergency I'm also close to home."

### Jeremiah Johnston-

1. "I will be attending UTI to be a specialist with Honda Hon-Tec Kawasaki K-Tec"

2. "I chose UTI because they have the best Motorcycle Mechanic Program and I have always been interested in motorcycles."

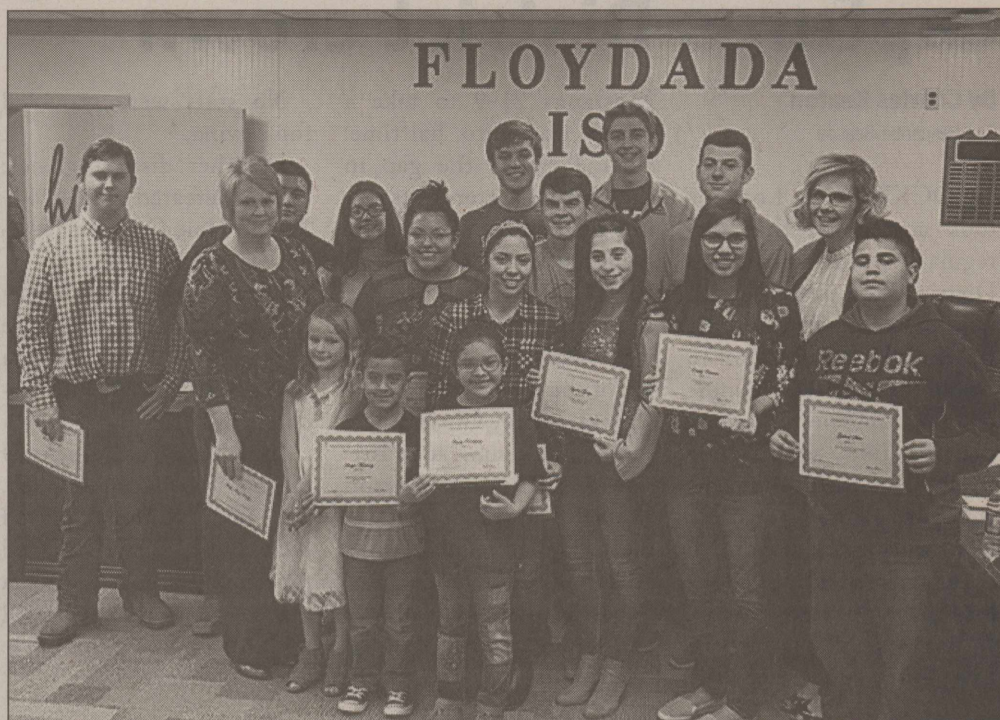
### Ethan Ibarra-

1. "I will be attending Texas State Technical College in Waco, TX to study Auto body Collision Repair."
2. "I chose TSTC because it is financially efficient and I've always been interested in vehicles."

### Brianna Casillas-

1. "I will be attending Texas A&M University in Commerce, TX to study criminal justice."
2. "I chose Texas A&M University Commerce because it would help me grow towards my goal in one day hopefully joining the FBI"

## FISD students, staff of the month



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada ISD Board met on Thursday, Feb. 15 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly school board meeting. The elementary students recognized were Sergio Martinez, Brooklyn Pyle, and Cindy Rodriguez, 1st graders at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The Junior High student of the month was Gabriel Silva who is in the 7th grade at Floydada Junior High. The elementary educator selected this month was Mary Kay Mapp who teaches Pre-K at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary employees of the month were Nikki Smith and Kristi Rehkopf who are the FHS and FJHS Counselors. The Floydada High School students recognized were the Business Professionals of America State Qualifiers, below is a list of those students. Congratulations to each of these students and employees.

**BPA STATE QUALIFIERS:** Remington Ricketts, Alejandro Pinon, Marissa Valdivia, Kortney Campbell, Kylie Ricketts, Hannah Morales, Kiara Collins, Kiana Brown, Allison Orr, Allison Muniz, Monty Stambaugh, Javier Olvera, Gabe DelaFuente, Cutter Smith, Garrett Hobbs, Jose Lira, Azalea Garza,, Emily Cisneros, Yelena Serrato, Izel Pacheco, Lexie Ramos, Luke Holcombe

## Whirlwinds upset Post in final district contest

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

POST - Floydada used big first and third quarters to upset District Champs Post, 68-51 as they finished the regular season on Feb. 13.

In the first quarter, the Whirlwinds jumped out to an 18-8 lead. Post came back in the second quarter, outscoring Floydada 14-10 but the Winds had a 28-22 halftime lead. Floydada then outscored Post 23-15 to extend their lead to

51-37 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, the Winds outscored Post 17-14 to claim the 68-51 victory.

For Floydada, Hobbs had 24 points, Ricketts had 16 points, Vega and Perez each had eight points, Britt and Reyes each had four points and Gonzales and an unknown player had two each.

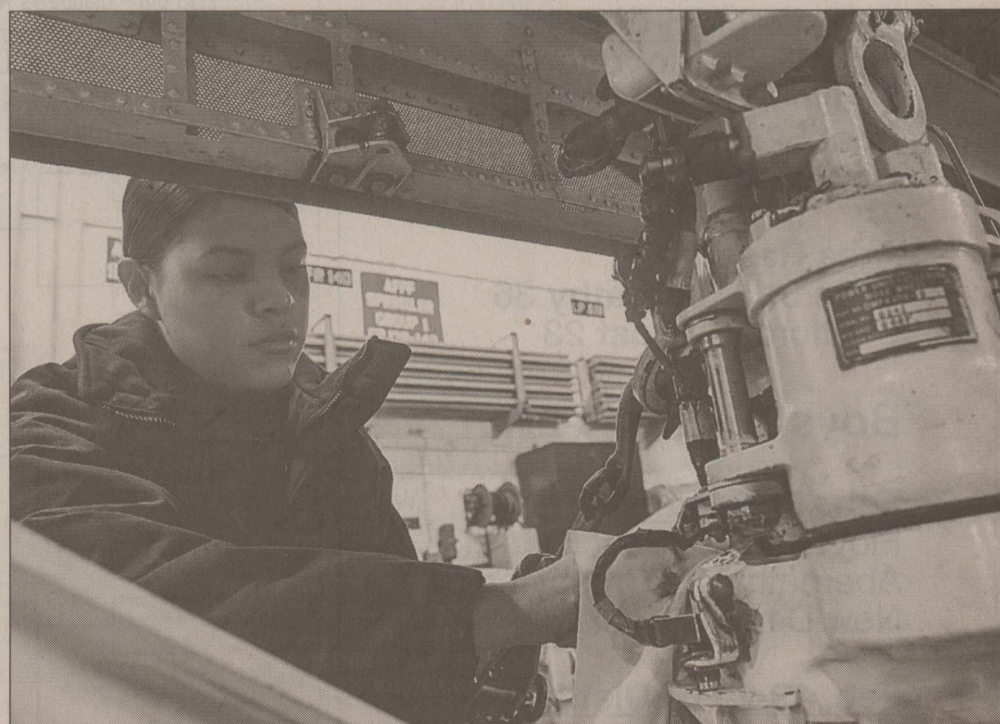
For Post, Courtney had 20 points, Reed had 12 points, Thetford had 11 points, Garza had four points and Garcia and Jackson had two

points each. In other district games, Abernathy defeated Crosbyton 45-37 and New Deal defeated Ralls 75-31.

District standings, Post 8-2, Abernathy and New Deal each 7-3, Floydada 6-4, Crosbyton 2-8 and Ralls 0-10.

In Bi-District, Lockney played Floydada on Feb. 20, Hale Center played New Deal, Farwell played Abernathy and Bovina played Post. Winners will play Area round games Feb. 22-24.

## Kimberly Reyes



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist/3rd Class Kaysee Lohmann/Released)

**180203-N-NQ487-036 ATLANTIC OCEAN (Feb. 3, 2018) Aviation Structural Mechanic (Equipment) Airman Kimberly Reyes, assigned to the "Fighting Checkmates" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 211, performs maintenance on an F/A-18F Super Hornet in the hangar bay aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). Truman is underway for composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX), which evaluates the strike group's ability as a whole to carry out sustained combat operations from the sea - ultimately certifying the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group for deployment. Airman Reyes and her honorably discharged husband, Joseph DeOchoa, are both Floydada High School graduates. Reyes also attended Lockney schools. The couple and their 3-year old daughter, Natalie Kate DeOchoa reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Airman Reyes is the daughter of Alicia Gonzles of Post, Texas and Robert Reyes of Lockney, Texas.**

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 26 - March 2

#### Monday

**Breakfast** - Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk  
**Lunch** - Beef dippers potato bowl w/roll, cheeseburger, 7-Way mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Tuesday

**Breakfast** - Colby cheese omelet, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** - Beef nachos, pepperoni pizza, seasoned refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Wednesday

**Breakfast** - Turkey pancake breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** - Chicken Alfredo Rotini, Chicken corn dog, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Thursday

**Breakfast** - Sugar Cocoa Puffs, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** - Fajita chicken baked potato, pepperoni pizza, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Friday

**Breakfast** - Egg, cheese & turkey burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk  
**Lunch** - Crispy fish & chips w/roll, ham & cheese sub, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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# Lockney Longhorns

## Longhorns defeats Bovina, captures District crown

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney took control of the final regular season game in District 3-2A in the second quarter as they defeated the Bovina Mustangs 83-69 to claim the district championship. Lockney finished district tied with Hale Center but the Longhorns won both games against the Owls during the season.

Lockney held a 23-19 lead after the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Longhorns outscored the

Mustangs 21-9 to take a 44-28 lead into halftime. Bovina closed the gap in the third quarter, outscoring Lockney 26-18 but the Longhorns held a 62-54 lead. In the fourth quarter, the Longhorns outscored the Mustangs 21-15 to claim the 83-69 victory.

For Lockney, Chris Emert scored 27 points, Jaden Rosales had 23 points, Bryson Walker had 11 points, Israel Cuellar added nine, Anson Rendon added six, Sebastian Perez added five and Jeremiah Muniz added two points.

No stats were provided for Bovina.

In other district games: Olton defeated Sudan 64-31 and Hale Center defeated Farwell 54-48.

District standings: Lockney and Hale Center are 8-2, Farwell is 7-3, Bovina is 4-6, Olton is 3-7 and Sudan is 0-10.

In Bi-District, Lockney played Floydada on Feb. 20, Hale Center played New Deal, Farwell played Abernathy and Bovina played Post. Winners will play Area round games Feb. 22-24.

## Lockney makes great showing at San Angelo Stock Show

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney ISD was well represented at the San Angelo Stock Show. Congratulations to the following students that placed among hundreds of animals.

### San Angelo Stock Show Placings

Kaylee McInvale Grand Champion Simmental  
Kalebh Cook 1st place Berk

Brinley Lefevre 1st place Black OPB  
KayLee McInvale 1st place Hereford  
Avery McInvale 1st Place Brahman  
Kaylee McInvale 2nd place ORB  
SayLee Dipenhorst 4th place Black OPB  
Wyatt Bigham 4th place Spot  
Kalebh Cook 5th place Duroc  
Bryce Reese 5th place Chester  
Kalebh Cook 6th place Red Angus Heifer  
Brinley Lefevre 7th place Poland  
Kaylee McInvale Showmanship

## Registration open for Texas Brigades summer youth camps

By Steve Byrns

SAN ANGELO – The Texas Brigades, a series of seven youth leadership camps centered around various wildlife and natural resource subjects, are open for registration, organizers said.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist at San Angelo and the camps' founder, said applications are now being accepted, but must be in by the March 15 deadline.

The all-inclusive tuition for each camp is \$500 per cadet. Rollins said applications for tuition assistance are available.

To apply or for more information, go to <https://www.texasbrigades.org> or contact the Texas Brigades headquarters in San Antonio, at 210-556-1391 or [camps@texasbrigades.org](mailto:camps@texasbrigades.org).

The 2018 camp dates and locations are:

– June 2-6, Rolling

Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Centennial Lodge, Coleman.

– June 17-21, South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Welder Wildlife Refuge, Sinton.

– June 22-26, South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Buckhorn Creek Ranch, McCoy.

– July 6-10, Bass Brigade, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.

– July 16-20, Ranch Brigade, Warren Ranch.

– July 17-21, Coastal Brigade, Sea Star Base, Galveston.

– July 22-26, North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Warren Ranch.

Each camp, limited to 30 participants, is an intense resource-focused leadership development program for youth 13-17 years-old. The programs, each with a single featured theme, include two quail camps and one each on deer, bass, redfish, waterfowl and ranching.

"The ultimate goal is to equip youth with the

resources and conviction they'll need to make a positive, informed difference in conservation and land stewardship throughout their lives," Rollins said.

"When we started these camps 26 years ago with the original Bobwhite Brigade, I had no idea the camps would last this long, nor impact so many youths. My experiences with the Brigades have been the highlight of my career."

The Texas Brigades have evolved into a non-profit organization, Rollins said. It works in partnership with AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, as well as universities, conservation groups, local soil and water conservation districts, private businesses and individuals with an interest in wildlife and youth leadership development.

## Basketball Standings for Lockney and Floydada

### Girls District 3-2A

Feb. 12-13 Bi-District  
Farwell 73, Floydada 24  
Sudan 47, New Deal 29  
Post 52, Lockney 30  
Abernathy 62, Bovina 30

### Area Results

Claude 55, Farwell 37  
Panhandle 68, Sudan 24

### Boys District 3-2A

Feb. 13 Results  
Lockney 83, Bovina 69  
Olton 64, Sudan 31  
Hale Center 54, Farwell 48

### Feb. 19-20 Bi-District

Farwell vs Abernathy  
Hale Center vs New Deal  
Lockney vs Floydada  
Bovina vs Post

### Feb. 22-24 Area

To Be Determined

### Girls District 4-2A

Feb. 12-13 Bi-District  
Farwell 73, Floydada 24  
Sudan 47, New Deal 29  
Post 52, Lockney 30  
Abernathy 62, Bovina 30

### Area Results

Vega 54, Abernathy 36  
Stratford 61, Post 23

### Boys District 4-2A


Feb. 13 Results  
Floydada 68, Post 51  
Abernathy 45, Crosbyton 37  
New Deal 75, Ralls 31

### Feb. 19-20 Bi-District

Farwell vs Abernathy  
Hale Center vs New Deal  
Lockney vs Floydada  
Bovina vs Post

### Feb. 22-24 Area

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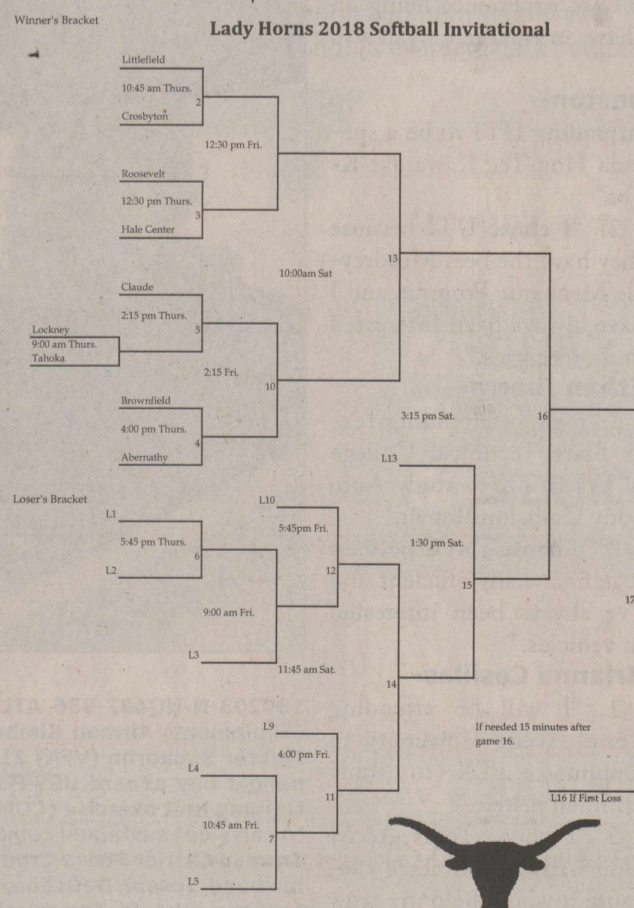
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## Lockney Lady Horns Softball Invitation 2018

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10:45 am – Littlefield vs Crosbyton  
12:30 pm – Roosevelt vs Hale Center  
2:15 pm – Claude vs winner of Lockney/Tahoka  
4:00 pm – Brownfield vs Abernathy  
5:45 pm – Loser's Bracket



## LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU February 26-March 2

Monday, Feb. 26

Breakfast – Pancakes, Sausage or Muffin, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Corn Dog and Tots or Roasted Chicken, Roll, Broccoli, Baked Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Breakfast – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Nachos Grande, Beans, Salsa, Garnish or Taco Soup and Corn Bread, Tomato Cup Cucumbers, Peaches, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Breakfast – Biscuit, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries or Xtreme Burrito, Corn, Salsa and Garnish, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk


Thursday, March 1

Breakfast – Menu not available  
Lunch – Menu not available

Friday, March 2

Breakfast – Menu not available  
Lunch – Menu not available

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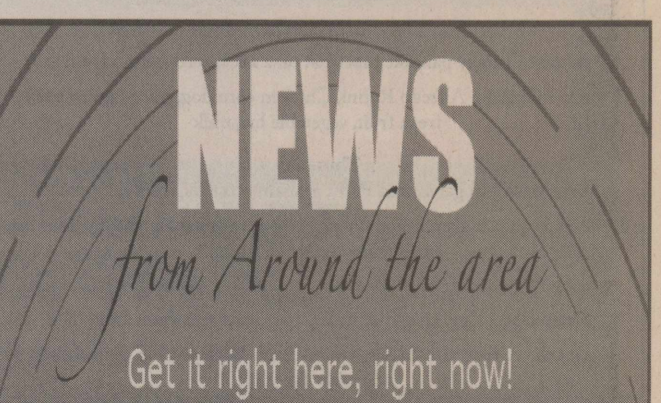
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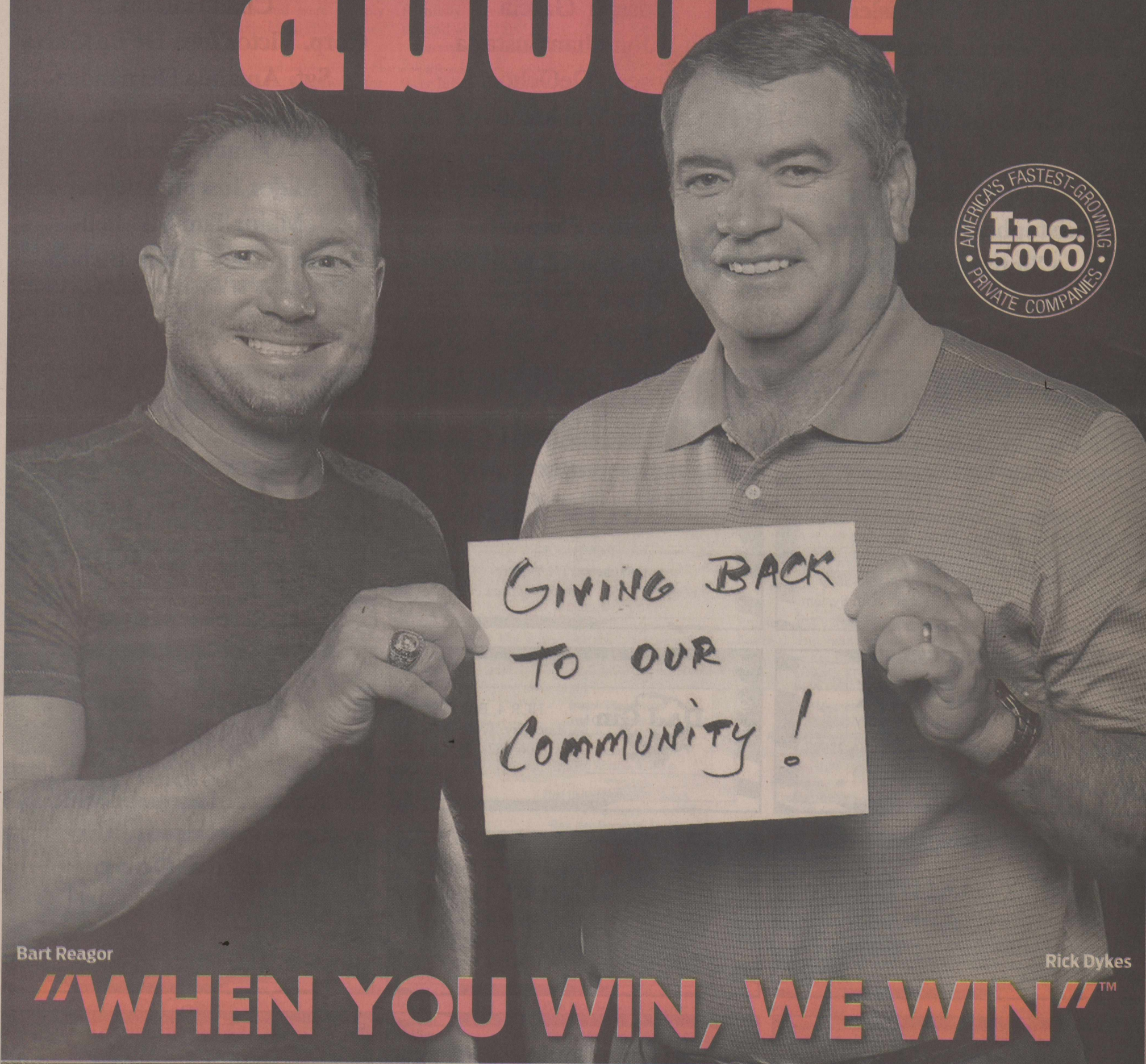
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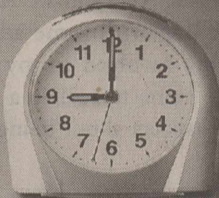
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 38807

APPLICATION Barwise Gin, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 38807, which would authorize continued operation of a Cotton Gin located at 205 Farm-to-Market Road 784, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas 79235. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.99889&lng=-101.5247&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 30, 2018. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Floyd County Courthouse, 105 South Main Street, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations and standard permits. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Barwise Gin, LLC, 205 Farm-to-Market Road 784, Floydada, Texas 79235-5238 or by calling Mr. J. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association (512) 615-1102.

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## UPCOMING

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## Misconceptions en route to adulthood

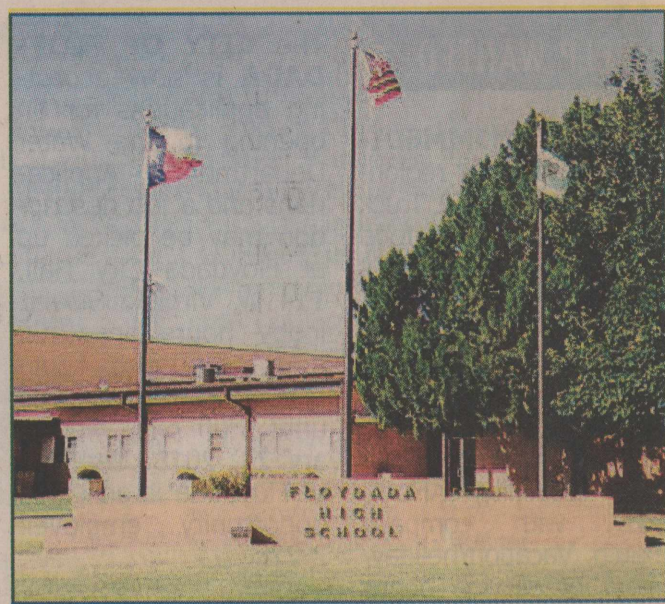
By Catherine Kemp  
FHS Journalism

As a high school senior the thought of living on your own is a dream, however it is not all it is cracked up to be. Most functioning adults know living on their own, going to work, and paying bills is not the dream life that most young adults imagine. Myself being a high school student I used to think that being completely independent would be the greatest thing that I could be; I soon realized differently. Once I moved out after my 18th birthday I was hit with the realization that being an adult was not all fun n' games. Being on my own I have learned responsibility, and respect for not only my parents, but for all adults who are making it on their own. Having my parents move to Ohio was the complete wakeup call for me. Yes living on my own was scary, however I still had my safety net here; once they moved I didn't anymore.

Once most teenagers leave home to experience the world they would still have the safety net of home near by. However once time passes by the individual realizes that they cannot rely on anyone other than themselves. After conversing with some adults who are involved in my life I have come to realize a few other aspects about being an adult.

Understanding how the world works is usually hidden from the younger generation until they are 'ready', however, how does one know when that time is? When in high school drama and negativity are in abundance; however some might say that in adult-

hood there is still despair all around, through my experiences I have learned that life is all about perspective. In tive experience. As well the realization that life is bigger than oneself. Understanding how life works and taking it



life if you believe something is going to be difficult then it will be. Having a positive perspective on life usually means you will have a posi- day by day is probably the best thing a senior can do. Enjoy your time and cherish what childhood you have left before it is over.

## BUDGET BILL

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## VOTING

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urging them to immediately extend expired Medicare payment programs that protect local access to health care for millions of rural Americans. In addition to sending the letter, Arrington authored the *Healthcare Enhancement for America's Rural Towns (HEART) Act*, budget-neutral legislation aimed at preventing rural hospital closures by extending the Low-Volume Adjustment Program and the Medicare Dependent Hospital Program.

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copy of or original paycheck; or  
copy of or original of (a) a certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate or (b) a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity (which may include a foreign birth document).

## MUSEUM

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- be confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

community builders—and the country prospered.

"Then, as time passed, came the modern inventions—a lot of things very convenient and pleasing to use.

The depression followed, coupled with severe dry years, contributed to an unfortunate situation. Now, as we kick the first 50 years of Floyd County organization behind us, let us resolve that we will profit by our past experiences, ever remembering that as long as we live we are ourselves, and that what we have done once we should be able to do again and even better."

This sounds pertinent for a quarter-century later. It's one of the reasons that Massie is one of the great names in Floyd County.

Lela M. Massie, 95 at the time of her death on January 19, 1965 came to Floyd County in 1899 following her marriage to Will M. Massie.

# Jim Doucette Book Signing



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