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If It's September, It's Harvest Time for One Floyd County Crop

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Pumpkin producers in Floyd County are gearing up for harvest time.

"Today is a big start day," said Lindsey Pyle, partner in the Pumpkin Pyle farms on Monday. "Things are looking really good," she said, about their crop. "We've had great moisture."

Three generations of Pyles have farmed pumpkins since 1991 in Floydada.

They are family owned and operated.

Pyle said they'll be in full swing later in the month when shipping starts around September 7.

"Each year it gets earlier and earlier," she said. "Some of the stores had pumpkin decorations out in July. When that happens people want pumpkins earlier."

The Pyles employ 70 to 75 people in the harvesting of pumpkins, and they'll take orders all the way until October 31.

Assister Farms is pre-

paring to harvest. "We are in the make-ready stage, getting our trailers ready," said Tim Assiter of Assister Punkin Ranch and Pumpkin Patch.

They'll start harvesting the week after Labor Day and will be in full production mode around September 15.

Assister Farms employs 12 to 14 people in their pumpkin harvest. Assister Farms is a family owned farm offering wholesale and retail sales six days a week.

Assessing their crop Assister said that 2015 gave them the best start they've ever had. But the heat has diminished the yield somewhat. "We just need a rain," he added.

Floydada is known as "Pumpkin Capital USA." How did Floydada earn the privilege of becoming the "Pumpkin Capital"?

According to the Floydada Chamber of Commerce website, "The facts and figures tell it all. Although only about fifteen hundred acres

of the crop are grown annually in this county, pumpkins produce about 20,000 to 50,000 pounds per acres. That's approximately ten to fifteen million pounds of pumpkins, or in layman's terms about one million pumpkins."

Every year on the second Saturday of October, the community celebrates its uniqueness as "Pumpkin Capital USA" with a special festival. Officially coined, "Punkin Days," this annual celebration in Floydada honors one of most unique crops in agriculture, the pumpkin.



If it's September, it must be pumpkin harvest time. Local pumpkin producers are gearing up to pick their crops this month.

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.

FOOTBALL CONTEST RESULTS

See page 6 for Week 1 results of our annual football contest.

FLOYDADA GIRL SCOUTS SIGN-UP

Floydada Girl Scouts will have sign-ups on Thurs., Sept. 3 from 3:45 - 4:30 at Duncan Elementary. For girls ages K-6th grade.

WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL

The Floydada Whirlwinds will travel to Seagraves on Friday night, Sept. 4. Game starts at 7:30 p.m. The Whirlwind JV will host the Seagraves on Thurs. night, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m.

LONGHORN FOOTBALL

The Lockney Longhorns will host Shamrock on Fri. night, Sept. 4th at 7:30 p.m. The Longhorn JV will be hosting Wellington on Thurs. night, Sept. 3 at 5 p.m.

LABOR DAY CLOSINGS

These are a few of the businesses that will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for the Labor Day holiday: Floydada Senior Citizens Center, Floydada ISD, Lockney ISD, Floyd County Courthouse, City of Floydada, Cogdell Clinic - Lockney, Floyd County Library, Lockney Library.

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Floyd 4-H Raises Funds for South Plains Honor Flight

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Over 230 people attended the Floyd County 4-H fund raiser to benefit the South Plains Honor Flight. Special guest for the meal was Bill and Charline Hendrix who will be participating in the Oct. 1-3 flight and visit to Washington, D.C.

Several members of the South Plains Honor Flight Board also attended the meal.

Don Chesshir prepared the pulled pork and sausage meal while 4-H leaders, members and volunteers prepared the side dishes including cowboy potatoes, beans, cole slaw, banana pudding and pecan cobbles.

This was the third year for the event and according to 4-H leaders, the most successful. On Sunday, they said they took in over \$4,000 but had other donations that had already been given to them at the Extension Office and more promised from other sources. After expenses, they hope to be able to send about \$4,000 for the Honor Flight.

"We were very pleased with



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

Bill Hendrix, right, visits with Sandra and Sammy Bradley at the Floyd County 4-H fund raiser for the South Plains Honor Flight. Hendrix and his wife, Charline, will be participating in the Honor Flight Oct. 1-3 this year. Floyd County 4-H uses this as a community service project for their One Day 4-H project.

the turnout," Ag Extension Agent Cristen Brooks said. "We planned for 200 however we had more than that but everyone got plenty to eat. Also, we had a great showing from our members and parents that came to help."

Plans are already in the works for a fourth fund raiser next year. The Floyd County 4-H uses this as their One-Day 4-H Community Service project. The State 4-H office encourages county clubs to

participate in some type of community service as a way of giving back to the communities that support 4-H so well across Texas.

If you missed the event on Sunday, you can still make donations through 4-H by going by the Extension Office or sending it to Floyd County Extension Office, 110 S. Wall, Floydada, TX 79235. Make checks payable to Floyd 4-H. For more information, call the office at 806-983-4912.

TILF Awards Scholarship to Lockney Graduate

By D'lyn Morris

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation in Austin recently awarded Darby Long, LHS graduate Class of 2015, a scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 for her participation and success in UIL Literary Criticism, Poetry, One Act Play, Social Studies, Band and athletics.

Her Literary Criticism team s competed at the State Academic Meet each of Darby's four years in Lockney High School under the direction of Mrs. Lesha Woodard, now of Sulphur Springs, and currently Mrs. Melanie Ragland.

TILF has awarded more than \$28 million since 1958



Darby Long

to more than 19,000 Texas high school students who have competed in the UIL Academic State Meet. This year 351 new and 217 continuing scholarships totaling more than \$1.1 million were awarded.

Darby is attending Texas Tech University pursuing a double major in Finance and Accounting.

Ladies' Day at the Fair is Friday

By Carol Huggins

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

As in years past, Ladies' Day at the Fair will be on Friday afternoon, September 11, starting at 3:30 p.m. All programs will be in the Entertainment Building. There will be several interesting programs, door prizes, and snacks.

Ethelyn Vernon will once

again show us some fun craft and sewing projects. She always has something interesting and can make something cute out of what other people would throw away.

Laura Patterson from the Hale Center Clinical Pharmacy will tell us ways to stay healthy or get healthy again. Amy Kress, Floyd County See **LADIE'S DAY**, Page 2

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The 501 Deadline Fever

Dissecting the sofa isn't my favorite task on a good day, much less when I'm looking for a lost thermometer to prove how bad I feel. My husband took pity and joined in. Six pens, one toothpick, three quarters and two pennies later, we were still looking for the lost thermometer, searching and sweeping under and behind the sofa too. No thermometer.



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It was on the coffee table the whole time, of course. Right where I put it. "Here it is," I said calmly.

I'm so sick, everything comes out calmly. I couldn't tell whether my spouse was pleased or perturbed. Probably both.

I popped the thermometer in my mouth to get a reading. Surprise. Under 100! Maybe I don't feel so bad after all.

Except I do. Not as bad as when the mercury squared off at 104 two days ago. But I still feel bad.

When stuff goes around, I get it. Stuff's going around. I got it.

Instead of the flu-like illness that's attacking digestive systems, I got the flu-like illness characterized by aches, fever and a sore throat. Given a choice, it wouldn't have been my choice. You don't get a choice.

If you've got a column to write and none stockpiled, you write a sick column.

I'm not the only columnist who doesn't stay ahead. Sharon Randall's husband has been known to write her column when she's sick. That tells me she doesn't get ahead. Call it a deadline mentality.

Crossword puzzle writer Merl Reagle died last week. He typically worked up to deadline. No one's expecting to find any unpublished Reagle puzzles sitting around. Good for him.

Comparing myself to him makes me feel better, except he's dead. Yes, I told my husband he could fill in for me this week. He declined.

So, here I am, on deadline, writing with a low-grade fever. Beats 104.

By the way, if you don't have an icepack, frozen vegetables will do. I alternately went through broccoli, stew vegetables and one other I can't remember. Peas are best. We had no peas.

Is it an old wife's tale that high fever is particularly dangerous for adults? If so, what does it do to you? Does it make you forget some of your frozen vegetables? Obviously.

Any fever makes me think of my childhood. My health was totally measured by whether or not I had a temperature. Of course, you always have one, but allow me to use the word "temperature" to mean fever. It sounds less dangerous. Maybe that's why my mother would say, "Let's see if you have a temperature."

She'd whip out the trusty thermometer, literally, popping it like a quirt to get the mercury to drop before she stuck it under my tongue for three long minutes, no talking. Daddy also could handle a thermometer. I considered it a rite of passage when I mastered the shaking down and reading thereof.

I wish Mother could come by now to see if I have a temperature.

The Paperboy Are we still here?

I follow politics. I probably follow it much more than most.

There is one thing I've noticed about every single candidate for president on both sides: No one ever mentions rural



CHRIS
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Americans and the issues affecting us.

WE provide the food, fiber, fuel and fighting forces for this country, but we are an afterthought.

What is ironic is that IF a candidate were to speak to these issues, in relation to rural America, they could tap into millions and millions of

voters.

Out here in the sticks, we are a little different than our city brethren. Many of us like our freedoms, big sky, guns and the Holy Bible.

We calmly go about our lives, help one another and show our support for our schools and towns.

We have friends of different color and we appreciate hard work, no matter where it's coming from.

In my opinion, we don't have the issues you see in the big cities because we know each other and care for each other.

I'd argue that if it weren't for substance abuse, particularly meth, life in our small towns would be even better, but I digress.

As our cities sit on the edge of race riots and indulge in hateful speech, we sit here and follow these stories and cringe at

the state of the country.

There is one true fact about the world that needs to be mentioned: Hating each other will never lead to respect and dignity.

We have suffered long enough from a lack of leadership. People are hurting in this country and we are not seeing our leaders even attempting to unify us. And without that effort, we've drifted further apart.

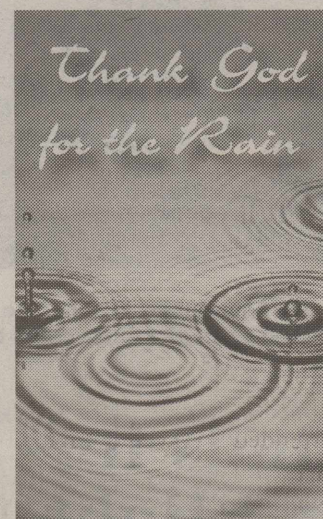
As citizens living in rural America, let's not lower ourselves to the actions we are witnessing in cities across the country. Let's be better than that. Let's talk to one another and be helpful and respectful towards each other.

My hope is that despite our small size, we can achieve where others fail. We can be a shining example to other Americans who are not fortunate enough to live out here in rural America.

Neighbors, let us continue to love and respect one another regardless of what the national sentiment may be. That should be our calling and that is how we should act as fathers, mothers and friends.

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Senior Citizens Center will be open Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.

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

Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Thursday night pot luck- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Come bring a dish and enjoy the games after supper.

Family Night Fish Fry every Friday night from 5 - 8 p.m. Come join us for lots of food fun and fellowship. On Friday night August 28th, Lucy Dean Record, Wendall Sollis, and Betty Jones will be our music entertainment from 5:45 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and join in on the fun.

MENU

September 7 - September 11

Monday - Meatloaf

Tuesday - Enchilada casserole

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak

Thursday - Salmon

Friday - Hamburger steak

(Menus subject to change with notice)

LADY'S DAY

From Page 1

Extension Agent, will have an interesting topic to share. And Teresa Broseh is our resident Fair

"cook" and will be demonstrating her Pampered Chef products and making us some "goodies" to eat. If you were at the Fair last year, you know she can cook!!

So, come on out to the Fair on Friday afternoon and enjoy some good home town entertainment. You don't have to drive far -- and you don't even have to be a lady. Everybody is welcome and will find something to catch their interest.

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Bice and Choate announce engagement



KATIE JO BICE AND
MATTHEW CADE CHOATE

Bart and Alicia Bice announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Jo, to Matthew Cade Choate of Plainview. Cade is the son of Mindy Morris Choate.

Katie Jo is a 2010 graduate of Plainview Christian High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayland Baptist University, and is currently employed in the Business Office at Wayland.

She is the granddaughter of Ron and Dolores Uptergrove of Hale Center and the late Edwin Bice of Tulia and the late Joy Reeves of Lockney.

Cade is a 2010 graduate of Plainview Christian High School. Cade will be attending police academy in November.

He is the grandson of Lois Morris and the late Jerry Morris of Clarendon.

The couple will marry on Saturday, October 10, 2015

Floydada Rotary & Lions

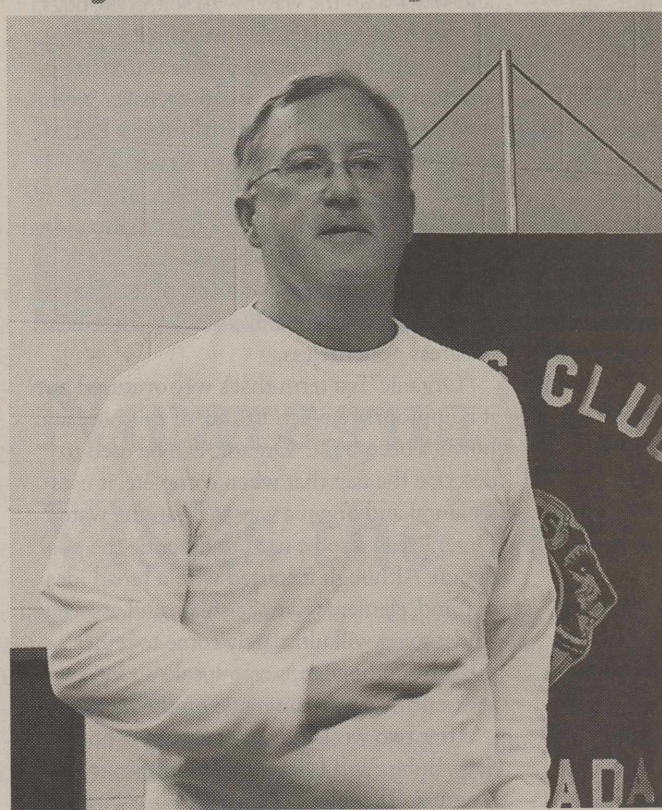


Photo by Karen Houchin

The Floydada Rotary Club and Lions Club hosted the Floydada Whirlwind coaches and eleven senior members of the football team at the meeting on August 26th. Coach Todd Bandy introduced all new coaches and the seniors. We are looking forward to a great season this year!

20th Annual Ralls Cotton Boll Fest to be held

By Ralls Chamber

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

That wonderful time of the year is coming soon! The 20th Annual Ralls Cotton Boll Fest is coming September 12th! Make sure you get a space! Simply go to our contract page, print it out, fill it out and mail it in.

Our fantastic Volunteer Fire Department is starting the day off with their Famous Pancake Breakfast followed by a great day of entertainment, car show, arts, crafts, food, and much more. The day will end with a dance. This year we have the Texas Cadillac Jack Band!!! It will be held from 8 p.m. - 12 midnight. There is an entrance fee of \$5.00 per person. Come out and enjoy the day!

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

REX AND SELMA JOHNSTON

Joseph Rex Johnston was born in Iredell, Texas, April 24, 1915 to the M. B. Johnstons. Selma Louise Lider was born in Floydada, Texas, June 30, 1915 to the George A. Lider. Rex and Selma were married at the Lider home on South Wall Street, Floydada, June 1, 1942. They have lived in Illinois, Iowa, Temple and College Station, Texas, and Fort Collins, Colorado and in Amarillo, Texas since August 1961.

Rex's Dad, Marion Benjamin Johnston was born in Kaufman County, Texas in 1886. His mother, Minnie Lorena Hensley, in Bosque County, Texas in 1893. They married in 1908 and lived in Bosque County until 1926 when they moved to Floyd County living on a farm in the McCoy Community. They moved to a farm just north of Floydada in December 1929. M. B. Johnston died January 1975 and Rex's mother is still living and resides in Post, Texas.

Selma's dad, George August Lider was born in Dallas, Texas in 1882, coming to Floyd County in 1909 as a land surveyor and professional engineer and serving as Floyd County surveyor for 26 years. Her

mother, Lillie Mae Fry was born in Hunt County, Texas, in 1891, moving with her family the Robert F. Frys to Floyd County, near Lockney in 1902. The Lockney Beacon news item reprinted here is of interest, "Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, R. F. Frys, Mr. G. A. Lider of Floydada, Texas and Miss Lillie Fry of this place were happily united in the sacred bonds of matrimony. Rev. Tubbs of Floydada officiating....The groom was accompanied from Floydada by Mr. and Mrs. John Faris, Dr. Smith and Miss Beatrice Henry. The bride was beautifully gowned in a peach silk, with hat and gloves to match, the groom was attired in conventional black...Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom accompanied by Olin Fry and Miss Ruby Britton left for Floydada, where a seven o'clock six course dinner was given at the home of Dr. Andrews... etc... The Beacon joins the many friends of the happy couple in wishing for them much happiness in their future lives..." May 17, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Lider were living in Amarillo at the time of death, he passing

away in February 1970 and she in September of the same year.

Rex finished Floydada High School in 1931 and took his B. S. degree in agronomy from Texas Tech University in 1936 and his PHD degree in soil science from Iowa State University in 1941. He has spent forty years in agricultural research and is now serving as director of the Oklahoma-Texas Area of the Agricultural Research Service USDA.

Selma finished Floydada High School in 1932 and attended Wayland Baptist College graduating in 1934 and completed her BBA degree from Baylor University in 1938. She was working as secretary in First National Bank of Floydada at the time of her marriage. Since that time she has been wife, mother, and homemaker. Rex and Selma have three children; Joe, who lives in Amarillo and is a music teacher and composer; Janice lives in Washington D. C. teaching English in the public schools and serves with a Christian Community, The Sojourners, and George Lider is in the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California.

Annual Punkin Day scheduled for Oct. 10



Courtesy Photo

The front of the Floyd County Historical Museum always gets decorated with the pumpkin men each year during Punkin Day in downtown Floydada. Be sure to visit the Museum's Open House on Sat. Oct. 10 along with the rope making activities located at the front of the museum.

By Darolyn Snell

Floydada Chamber President

The school year has begun! Football season is underway! And of course, that means Punkin Day is just around the corner! The Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is already hard at work on plans for this year's event.

Last year Floydada had around 100 vendors sign up and show up to be part of this special day, and we hope to be that fortunate again this year. We already have a great variety of food and craft vendors ready to participate and more applications are coming in every day. No matter where your interests lie, there's a little something for everyone. From unique handcrafted items of metal and wood to baked goods to clothes in all sizes to body care items like soaps and lotions and even sales consultants from companies like Scentsy, Pampered

Chef and others, there will be a multitude of booths to browse through and enjoy. This is a great opportunity to get a head start on gifts and décor ideas for the upcoming holiday season.

As always we expect a wide variety of food vendors selling everything from BBQ to Mexican food to hamburgers to turkey legs and even wildly imaginative beverage creations!

The Floydada Lions Club will once again help everybody get their day off to a great start with their Annual Pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. and this year they will be located right in front of Payne Pharmacy. The Chamber booth will once again be located on the courthouse lawn. We definitely want to invite everyone to stop by and take advantage of the many things to do at our booth. Purchase Floydada/Pumpkin Capital items like t-shirts, caps and cookbooks, get your cow patty bingo tickets, sign up for

the pie-eating contest, or just participate in one of our fun Punkin Day themed games.

So mark your calendar and make your plans to be a part of this special annual celebration of our community and all it has to offer. Have something unique you want to sell for Punkin Days? No worries, there is still time to become a vendor and do just that! The Floydada Chamber will be accepting applications until September 25th and you can find the application on our website or contact our office. Even after that, we will try to include anyone we can who signs up by October 2nd for the cost of our normal booth fees plus a late application fee of \$25.00.

That's the 28th Annual Punkin Day event coming this year on October 10, 2015!! Bring your family and be a part of the food, fun and excitement that this year's event promises to bring.

Law enforcement cracks down on drunk drivers during Labor Day holiday

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers that law enforcement officers across the state are out in full force looking for drunk drivers in the weeks leading up to Labor Day, Sept. 7. Last year in Texas, 21 people were killed and 42 were seriously injured in 338 alcohol-related crashes over the Labor Day holiday.

"Labor Day weekend is a fun time for family and friends to celebrate, but you absolutely must have a sober-ride plan if you're going to consume alcohol," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC

(Ret). "Too many people are killed on our roads each year - especially during holidays - due to impaired driving. These crashes are inexcusable and 100-percent preventable. We are grateful to our law enforcement officers who will be keeping Texans safe by pulling over and arresting impaired drivers."

Many Texas communities implement "no-refusal" programs over Labor Day weekend, authorizing law enforcement officials to obtain blood samples from suspected drunk drivers and motorcyclists. Drivers convicted of DWI in Texas face costs up to \$17,000 plus possible jail

time, limited career prospects and loss of driver's license.

TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to have a plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to locate alternatives to drinking and driving, including:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spending the night.

For more information, contact Dianah Ascencio, Public Information Officer, at (806) 748-4472.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Vivian and Harold Snell attended the "Movie Night" at Trinity Assembly on Friday, August 21. The Christian themed movie "Outrageous" was shown to about forty viewers and was received with enthusiasm and gratitude. Afterwards refreshments of hot dogs and cold drinks he people were served. We thank the people at Trinity Assembly for providing a clean, decent, inspiring summers evening program and fellowship.

Ronnie Bertrand was a Monday noon guest at the Center as he joined his mother, Faye Bertrand, for a meal of meat loaf, corn on the cob, lettuce, tomatoes, English peas salad, fresh sliced cucumbers, dessert of chilled melon and per request a large pot of red beans with salsa and jalapenos.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lovell of Weatherford, Texas spent the weekend visiting relatives in Floyd County.

Mary visited her family in Lockney and Tom visited his dad, James Lovell, in Floydada.

Fresh Floydada grown pears were donated to the Center for cobblers this week.

Cool breezy mornings offer a respite before very hot afternoons.

Lu Ann and Mike Collins accompanied son, John, to his schoolmates wedding in LaRue, Texas. The groom was Christofer Neal. While in the area, the Collins family visited Kim and Alton Rose in Athens, Texas. Alton has been in rehab in Canton, Texas and is doing better, the Collins report.

Travis Jones visited Shorty Turner Monday. Shorty says he's still able to get to his place at the

dinner table. We all miss you Shorty. Get well and come back!

Thank you to Cleo Whittle and Don Green for the fresh vegetables. We have enjoyed cucumbers, peas, squash, and peppers.

Please make a note that the Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

On September 16 the Regional Pharmacy from Crosbyton, will conduct a Flu Shot Clinic.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12 noon every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

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

MENU

August 31 - September 4

Monday - Beef fajitas

Tuesday - Ham

Wednesday - Creamy mushroom steak

Thursday - BBQ beef on a bun

Friday - Nachos supreme

(Menus subject to change with notice)

Assignment: Texas The Pool Build - Part 2

When the first bit of dirt was scooped from the red dirt ground, my heart felt like it stopped.

"No turning back now," I thought as the excavator operator efficiently moved soil from the spot where the pool is to an ever-growing pile of dirt that flanks the hole. Quietly I contemplate the fact that I've never built a pool and momentarily I feel overwhelmed.



RUSSELL
GRAVES

The dig goes predictably well as the site is clean and free from any utility lines. In a few short hours, the rough beginnings of a water conservation pool that doubles as a

swimming area lies before me.

I spent the next few late afternoons moving dirt around in order to perfect the site. Ultimately, I want to control the water coming into the pool. Unlike a dirt stock pond which relies on overhead water flowing downhill to fill it, I built the soil up around the hole to make the overhead water run away from the hole. As such, the edge of the pool is the highest point in that part of the yard. Now, any time a deluge happens, excess water runs away from the pool

and won't stain the water with soil, grass, bugs, or oner foreign material. Instead, I'll get most of the water from a series of sluices that brings clean rainwater from the roof whenever it rains.

When Saturday came, my brother Bubba and I tackle the project with fervor. We moved more dirt to shape the site at large, we installed underlayment and then manhandled the 900 pound liner and worked on the various pool elements one at a time. The progress was predictably slow but there was progress nonetheless.

"Organic" is a term that's way overused but it is appropriate when I think of this pool and how it's been built. Organic can be used to describe the fact that when complete, it uses a natural and organic way to clean the water. Organic can also be used to describe the pool design. Although it started with a broad idea in mind, elements like the shape and associated landscaping will ultimately come together as the surrounding landscape speaks to me and aesthetic decisions are made on the fly.

After two weekends of twelve-plus hour days, Bubba and I have made significant progress. The liner is in, we've framed and built the swim walls, the plumbing is in, and the filter medium (pea gravel) is installed. Rough as it is, it's looking like an inviting place.

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Okemah, Okla. — A Henryetta, Okla. man surrendered to authorities Wednesday and was charged with seven felony counts of larceny of livestock after stealing seven calves from an Okfuskee County, Okla. rancher.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Bart Perrier led the investigation.

According to Perrier, the suspect, Devin Alex Longan, 19, and co-defendant, Kiley Johnson, stole the seven head of calves from the victim and transported them to the Okmulgee Livestock Auction where the stolen calves were sold. Longan and Johnson went to the Okmulgee stockyards on the following day and retrieved the check for the sale of the calves, and the profits were divided.

Longan has formally been charged on this case and is currently being held in the Okfuskee County Jail on a \$100,000 bond. Longan will return to court on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Johnson is currently being incarcerated on charges filed in Okfuskee County and is being held on a \$200,000 bond on an unrelated case.

TSCRA would like to thank Detective Jeremy Wade with the Henryetta Police Department for his work and assistance during this investigation.

"This case provides an excellent example of TSCRA Special Rangers working closely with local law enforcement to investigate cattle theft cases and seek justice for ranchers who unfortunately become victims," said Perrier.

TSCRA has 30 special

rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

TSCRA is a 138-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 17,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

SW Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle fishing report

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Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Ellsworth: Elevation above normal, water 82 and murky. Blue and channel catfish are slow on cut bait, shad and punch bait around points and rocks.

Foss: Elevation 5 ft. below normal with gates closed, water high 70s and clear. Catfish are good

on trotlines baited with live bait. Striped bass hybrids are fair on lures and live bait. Walleye are slow. Crappie are slow.

Ft. Cobb: Elevation normal, water 79. Saugeye are fair on worms and jigs along rocks and the main lake. Channel, blue and flathead catfish are slow on chicken liver and stinkbait in the main lake.

Lawtonka: Elevation above normal, water 83 and clear. Saugeye and white bass are slow on crank-

baits and small lures in the main lake.

Tom Steed: Elevation normal, water 70. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait and stinkbait at 5 ft.-10 ft. along flats.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 80. Blue catfish are fair on chicken liver, stinkbait and cut bait around points, shorelines and the main lake.

Alan Henry: Water stained; 79-86 degrees; 0.66 ft. low. Black bass

are fair to good on buzzbaits early, later switching to Texas rigs, Senkos and shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Brownwood: Water stained; 85-89 degrees; 0.84 ft. low. Black bass are good on redbug Grande Bass worms, Bass Hogg spinnerbaits and watermelon red Berkley saber tails over brush piles in 10 ft.-15 ft. Hybrid striper are good drifting

shad around docks at night. White bass are good on Li'l Fishies and minnows off lighted docks at night. Crappie are good on minnows and Li'l Fishies in 10 ft.-20 ft. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait and chicken livers. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

Coleman: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 6.43 ft. low. Black bass are good on pumpkinseed soft plastic worms and lizards. Hybrid striper

are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water clear; 80-88 degrees; 7.37 ft. low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and medium running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

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Stopping to Listen

Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.—Psalm 46:10 (NRSV)

I have a friend who speaks slowly, pausing before she answers a question, or even in the middle of a sentence. She stops to chuckle when she's retelling a funny story. Sometimes when listening to her I have felt impatient, wanting to jump in and finish a sentence for her. But I dislike it when people do that to me, which reminds me not to treat her that way either. I just have to remember when we're talking to relax and let her say things in her own way.

I have realized that slowing down to listen is a good habit for me in my prayer time, too. I tend to tell God my concerns and requests at high speed before running off to the rest of my day. I know God wants to hear all these things from me, and I can't think faster than God can listen. But I don't hear very well while I'm thinking; so unless I quiet my brain during some of my time with God, I probably won't hear all the things God wants to tell me. Since I have the assurance that God wants to teach and counsel me, the least I can do is take time to listen.

Jennifer Aaron (Washington, USA)

Thought for the Day

Do I listen to God the way God listens to me?

Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship..11 a.m.

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.

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

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

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

City Park Church of Christ
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.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi

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

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

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

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

San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

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

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Tempozaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

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

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

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
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.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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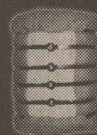
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Floyd County Producers Urged to Consider Risk Protection Coverage before Fall Crop Sales Deadlines

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

(Floydada, Tx), August 26, 2015 –Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Acting CED Gerry Summers, reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the fall-seeded crop deadline of September 1, 2015.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy, and industrial crops.

The following crops in

Floyd County have a NAP application deadline of December 1, 2015: Grass and March 15, 2015 for all sorghum forage (grain & grazing), fruits & vegetables, pecans.

"NAP policies allow producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for noninsurable crops," said Acting CED Gerry Summers. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers recover when they experience a loss."

USDA has partnered with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois to create an online tool at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap that allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP and to explore the best level of protection for their operation. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent

of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price available, including coverage for organics and crops marketed directly to consumers. Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional NAP coverage.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806-983-3763 or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.



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Nicaragua 4-S Group Visits the South Plains

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Recently Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and District 2 4-H partnered with Texas Tech University Agricultural Education and Communication Department to host a group of boys and girls that were members of Nicaragua 4-S (4-H in Texas). Twenty boys and girls ranging from 15-18 years old and 8 of their adult teachers traveled to the United States to examine 4-H. The group of students first went to Washington D.C. where they were able to visit the

National 4-H Conference Center and the Cal Ripken Foundation headquarters.

The Nicaraguan 4-Sers chose Lubbock, TX and Texas Tech University as its final stop in the United States. Texas Tech University Agricultural Education Department hosted the students for three days in Lubbock. District 2 4-H had the opportunity to spend one day with the students leading them in 4-H project areas practiced here in the South Plains of Texas. The District 2 4-H Council along with County Extension Agents; Cassidy Peek, Robert Ferguson and Wendy Scott led the students in leadership activities and expressed the importance of being able to teach other students leadership through fun hands on activities. The District 2 4-H Council kids also introduced the Nicaragua 4-S members to quiz bowl that is utilized in Texas to teach students about particular project areas. The 4-S members thoroughly enjoyed the game like competition and were very engaged in answering questions related to Texas 4-H, Beef Quiz Bowl and facts about Nicaragua.

County Extension Agents from Castro and Lynn County, Felice Acker and Wendy Scott, with the assistance of 4-H members from each of their respective counties taught the kids about foods and nutrition. The Nicaragua 4-S students got to make bread in a bag and ice cream in a bag while learning important facts about the 4-H Foods and Nutrition project area.

Floyd County Extension Agents, Amy Kress and

Cristen Brooks, along with Floyd County volunteer leaders, Patty Davenport and Bill Glass, and 4-H members, Alex Glass, Ryder Glass and Rachel Graham, exposed the Nicaragua 4-S students to Archery. This is one of the largest project areas in the state of Texas. The students were given a short crash course on safety with bows and arrows and then were allowed to shoot as they were led by District 2 Archery Shooting Sports Ambassadors, Alex Glass and Rachel Graham, from Floyd County.

Xcel Energy from Plainview donated the meal for the night. Hale County 4-H cooked hamburgers and served supper to the entire group. Michael Clawson, District Extension Administrator for District 2, met with the eight teachers from Nicaragua and explained how Texas A&M AgriLife Extension functioned as compared to 4-S in Nicaragua.

The event went down as one of the most memorable 4-H experiences by all that participated. The students from Nicaragua only spoke Spanish and translators were utilized to assist with communication between the two groups. Even though language was a barrier for the two groups of students they all seemed to really enjoy getting to know each other and spend time together. Students, leaders, and county agents from District 2 had an amazing mission trip in our own backyard with the energetic group of students from Nicaragua 4-S.

For more information on how to get involved in activities like this please contact your local County Extension Office.

Preserving Our Hunting Heritage in the Wake of CWD

By Jenny Sanders

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

We have long known certain deer breeding practices threaten native wildlife and hunting on a number of levels and the movement of captive deer around the state in livestock trailers creates significant risk to our wild deer population.

Texas hunters are still reeling from the June discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), an always fatal, highly contagious brain disease similar to Mad Cow disease, in a deer breeding facility in Medina County. The shocking reality is that deer from this one breeder have been shipped to 66 Texas counties, and during that time, CWD went undetected in his pens. There are approximately 100 animals in this facility that remain to be tested, while the source of the disease is still unknown. With 4 million wild deer in Texas, and a disease with no cure, we must ask ourselves—is the deer breeding industry worth the added risk?

Deer breeders represent a self-centered, short-sighted industry that has been al-

lowed to hide under the veil of legitimate wildlife management for far too long. They treat wild animals like livestock, and operate in a no-man's land where neither wildlife nor livestock rules apply. Deer breeders have only been compelled to conform to a more appropriate regulatory framework upon the discovery of CWD in a breeding facility.

Recently, a plan was approved that will lift the ban on movement of breeder deer, allowing hooves to hit the trailers and the canned shooting industry to have cash-flow for yet another year. How will this new reality of CWD in Texas white-tailed deer impact our wild herd, hunting, rural economies and land values, and when will the concerns of the overwhelming majority of hunters and landowners be addressed? The squeaky wheel always gets the grease, and as long as the silent majority of hunters do not speak up, deer breeder voices are the only ones that are heard.

The professionals at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Texas

Animal Health Commission (TAHC) are to be commended for their response to date, and commitment to the safety of both wild and captive deer in our state. Deer breeders have thrown up roadblocks and used political shenanigans to slow the process of detection and containment of this disease, illustrating their lack of concern for the public resource (white-tailed deer), the future of hunting, and even the long-term sustainability of their own industry.

The largest and most respected hunting, wildlife management and conservation groups in Texas and the nation are calling for an aggressive approach to detection and containment of this disease. Texas is the 22nd state to document cases of CWD, positioning us to learn from other experiences and develop a unique approach that could inform the future handling of CWD nationwide.

Texas is the only state in the U.S. that allows captive-raised deer to be liberated into the wild, and on top of that, no visible external identification, such as an

ear tag, is required to differentiate them from wild deer and aid in disease tracking. These unique factors elevate the risk deer breeding poses to wild deer and therefore, legislation is needed to protect wild deer and hunting in Texas.

I encourage you to join our community on Facebook and share your support: <https://www.facebook.com/texanshuntingheritage>.

With hunting season just weeks away and the potential burden of CWD only beginning to unfold, I hope you will speak up. Hunters, wildlife enthusiasts, and responsible land stewards must stand together and advocate for OUR wildlife and OUR hunting heritage.

"The wildlife and its habitat cannot speak. So we must and we will." - President Theodore Roosevelt

Jenny Sanders is the executive director of Texans for Saving Our Hunting Heritage. For more information, please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/texanshuntingheritage>.

Rep. Drew Springer announces campaign for reelection

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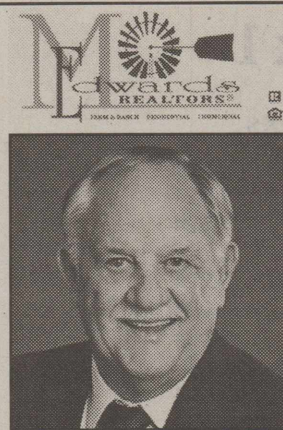
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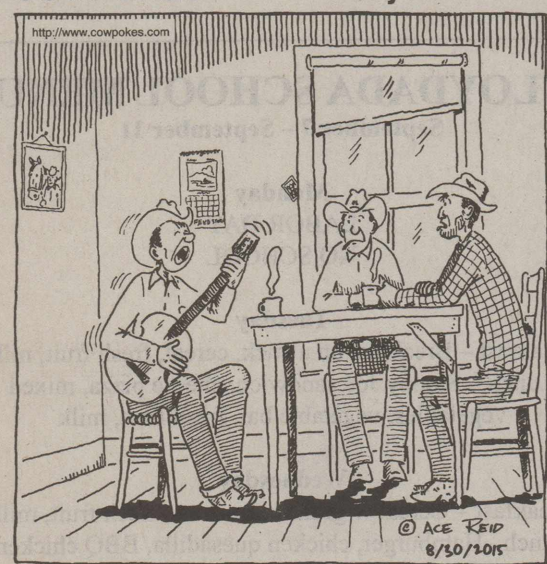
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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Whirlwinds Defeat Tigers in Season Opener 33-0

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada capitalized on three turnovers as the Whirlwinds defeated the Slaton Tigers 33-0 in the season opener for both schools.

In the first quarter, Floydada got on the board early as Kyi Baker ran it in from one yard out with 9:02 left in the quarter.

In the second quarter, Corey Mathis ran in from two yards out with 5:06 left in the half. Baker hit Sammy Segura for a 48-yard pass and touchdown with 46 seconds left in the half as the Whirl-

winds took a 19-0 lead to the locker room.

Floydada scored two times in the second half. The first score came with 7:42 left in the third quarter as Baker hit Alfonso Mendoza for a 27 yard touchdown pass to go up 26-0. With 2:28 left in the game, Abraham Perez scored from one yard out to make it the final score of 33-0.

Floydada pounded out 264 yards rushing on 49 attempts, led by Baker's 92 yards and touchdown on 16 carries and Segura's 81 yards on seven rushes. Corey Mathis had 12 carries for 45 yards, Perez had eight carries for 31 yards

and a touchdown and Albert Dehoyas had five carries for 21 yards.

Baker was 5-12 passing for 140 yards and two touchdowns. Segura had two catches for 73 yards and a score, Mendoza had two catches for 37 yards and Dehoyas had one reception for 30 yards.

For Slaton, Ryan Sykora was 10-26 passing for 144 yards but threw two interceptions. Sykora also rushed for five yards yards on two carries. Isaiah Hawkins had 38 yards on 10 carries, Trizton Robinson had six carries and 14 yards, Desreal Williams had four carries for 10

yards and Jacob Terry had one carry for three yards.

Ryan Escobar had two receptions for 54 yards, Robinson had three catches for 29 yards, Williams had two catches for 29 yards, Hawkins had one catch for 16 yards and James Jackson had two catches for 15 yards.

Overall, the Whirlwinds totaled 404 yards of offense, 264 on the ground and 140 in the air. Slaton had 267 total yards, 68 on the ground and 144 in the air.

Floydada travels to Seagraves for a 7:30 P.M. game on Friday, Sept. 4 and Slaton will host Snyder.

FISD Approves New Personnel, Votes to Revisit Transportation Supply Bids

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Approving new personnel and transportation supply bids were among the topics when the Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District met in its monthly meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Board members present were Lyle Miller, William Dean, Eric Smith, Roger Hughes, Beverly Collins, and Gracie Diaz. Kay Brotherton was absent. There was a quorum present.

The board approved the employment of the following personnel: GeNelle Willis, assistant band director, Marice Munoz, elementary teacher, Enrique Gonzalez, bus driver, Ector Hernandez, Duncan custodian, Pedro Payen, FJH science, Lacie Fields, Duncan PE / Coach, Erica Perez, Duncan TA, Ernest Galvan, FHS Life Skills Teacher, Veronica Hartline, Duncan TA and Kristy Reyes, Duncan TA.

Business Manager, Sharon Rainwater, presented the tax report, cash flow statement and 2014-2015 General Fund Amendments. M&O Current Tax Roll \$3,125,136.66 Net Collections \$3,091,647.22 I&S Tax Roll \$378,648.84 Net Collections \$374,591.18 Percent of Current Roll Collected 98.93% Taxes Collected as of June 30, 2014 98.28%.

William Dean made the motion to approve the Amendment No. 1 to Limitation on Appraised Value Agreement between Floydada Independent School District and South Plains Wind Energy, LLC, as presented, thereby modifying the Limitation on Appraised Value Agreement dated December 8, 2014; and authorize the Board President, or other available board officer, to execute the Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the District and to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

No discussion was held by Board regarding the EDP Renewables North America, LLC.

Hughes made the motion to amend the 2015-2016 budget. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board held discussion of Assigned Fund Balance. Eric Smith made the motion to approve the 2015-2016 proposed budget as presented. Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hughes made the motion to approve the 2015-2016 tax rate as presented. Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Dean made the motion to award the transportation supply bid for fuel to Floyd County Supply for the 2015-2016 school year. Diaz seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Dean, Beverly Collins, and Diaz. Voting against the motion were Lyle Miller, Smith, and Hughes. The motion failed.

Hughes then made a motion to reject all bids and request proposals again. Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Dean made motion to set a Public Hearing for the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Smith made the motion to authorize district personnel access to the Prosperity Bank and Lubbock National Bank signature cards. Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Diaz made the motion to approve the School Resource Officer Contract with the City of Floydada. Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board held discussion on the 2015 Accountability Ratings.

There were no future items for discussion. The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 8.

FLOYDADA VS SLATON

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	FINAL
SLATON	0	0	0	0	0
FLOYDADA	6	13	7	7	33

Scoring Summaries:

1st Qtr – Floydada – 9:02 Kyi Baker 1 yd TD Run (Kick failed)

2nd Qtr – Floydada – 5:96 Corey Mathis 2 yd TD Run (Pass Failed)

2nd Qtr – Floydada – 0:46 Kyi Baker 48 yd TD Pass to Sammy Segura (Kick good Miguel Pena)

3rd Qtr – Floydada – 7:42 Kyi Baker 27 yd TD Pass to Alfonso Mendoza (Kick good)

4th Qtr – Floydada – 2:28 Abraham Perez 1 yd TD Run (Kick good)

FISD students recognized in TASB video contest



Courtesy photo

These FISD students were awarded a certificate for their projects that were submitted to the Texas Association of School Boards video contest, "Texas Public Schools Rock!" "We were amazed at the incredible energy and creativity that we saw in the entries submitted by Texas students," said TASB.

Pictured left to right are: Angela Longoria, Corina Melchor, Josh Gonzales, and Dominic Barrientos.

SPC releases fall digital photography class schedule

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College announces the fall 2015 photography schedule. The classes are designed to improve the abilities of digital photography enthusiasts. Only the Jumpstart Class is required before taking any of the other day-long classes.

The Digital Jump Start class is the first in a series of classes on digital photography. It is designed to expose enthusiasts to camera options and capabilities. The class will be offered from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sept. 12; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 19; 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sept. 26; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 3 and Dec. 12. All classes will be held in Room 822a of Building 8. The cost is \$50.

The Macro Photography Class is set from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Room 822a in Building 8 at Re-

ese. The class focuses on up-close photographic images such as flowers and insects. The cost is \$50.

The Fall Fandango class with location to be announced is set for 6 a.m. on Oct. 17. This class is for students who have taken the Jumpstart Class. Participants must be approved by the instructor. The cost is \$125.

The Indoor Sports Shooting Workshop is set for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the Texan Dome. Enrollment is limited to five participants. The cost is \$50.

The Off Camera Flash Lighting course is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 in Room 822a of Building 8. The instructor will be Wes Underwood, Photography Specialist for South Plains College. To register or contact Underwood, call (806) 716-2215 or email wunderwood@southplainscollege.edu.

Football Contest Standings Week 1

THIS WEEKS	
Quality Body Shop	18/24
Franklin Harris	17/24
Max Yeary	17/24
Debra Lee	15/24
Boyd Lee	15/24
Paul Lopez	14/24
Ricky Ascencio	14/24
Coy LaBaume	14/24
Brent Sanders	14/24
Daniel Diaz	13/24
Lanny Barnett	13/24
Pam Fulton	13/24
Renee Armstrong	13/24
Martin Ramirez	13/24
Diego Ascencio	12/24
Andrew Vega	12/24
Lu Ann Collins	12/24
Stanley Collier	11/24
Mac Sherman	11/24
Steve Stringer	9/24

NOTE:

The 3 games that were cancelled at half-time due to lightening/weather were not counted this week. They were Idalou/Cooper, Tahoka/Crosbyton, Lamesa/Roosevelt. Future non-games will not be counted.

IMPORTANT: You have to play EACH and EVERY week in order to qualify for any cash prize or subscription.



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FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU September 7 – September 11

Monday LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL
Tuesday Breakfast – Breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk Lunch – Sloppy Joe sandwich, cheese pizza, mixed vegetables, vegetable bar, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday Breakfast – Cereal w/graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk Lunch –Hamburger, chicken quesadilla, BBQ chicken wrap, peas & carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Thursday Breakfast – Cinnamon breakfast bar, cereal, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Breaded chicken sandwich, bean & cheese burrito, turkey & cheese sandwich, corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Friday Breakfast – Los Cabos breakfast burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk Lunch – Ham, turkey & cheese wrap, mozzarella cheese quesadilla, cheeseburger, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Horns Lose Season Opener to Lubbock Christian 41-32

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – On a night where many area schools had to wait on weather, the Lockney Longhorns and Lubbock Christian Eagles started their game on-time and finished on-time but the Longhorns came up short on the scoreboard as the Eagles captured the win 41-32.

Trailing 32-29 after three quarters, the Eagles used two late fourth quarter touchdowns to hold off the Longhorns for the win.

In the first quarter, the Eagles intercepted a Daylan Gatica pass as the Longhorns drove deep in Eagle territory. Parker Pierce, the Eagles' quarterback, then took off for a 94 yard touchdown run to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead with 8:40 left if the quarter. Lockney answered back when Gatica hit Trevor Ascensio on a screen pass that went 49 yards for a touchdown and after the missed extra point, the Eagles led 7-6 with 5:25 left in the first. With nine seconds left in

the quarter, Hunter Pitaneillo scored from nine yards out make it 15-6 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, the Eagles scored with 6:45 left in the half when Brock Ricks scored from four yards out. The Longhorns found the end zone again when Ascensio scored on a four yard run with 5:04 left in the half and Lockney trailing 22-12. The Eagles scored again to make it 29-12 at the half when Pierce scored his second touchdown on a one-yard run.

In the third quarter, it was all Lockney starting when Gatica hit Avian Luna on a seven-yard pass and Tevin Phillips scored the two-point conversion to make it 29-20 with 8:24 left in the third. With 2:34 left in the quarter, Phillips dashed in from 63 yards out to make it 29-26. After forcing a fumble on the Eagles next possession, Gatica hit Jaden Rosales for a 34-yard touchdown pass with 1:36 left in the third quarter to give the Longhorns their first and only lead of the night at 32-29 going into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, the Pierce ran

in two scores, one from one yard out with 5:38 left and the final score of the night from nine yards out with 2:51 left in the game to make it 41-32.

"Two early interceptions inside Lubbock Christian's 20 yard line on deflected passes kept us from scoring two more touchdowns," Head Football Coach Jay Ragland said. "When Pierce scored on a 94-yard run, it put us behind early."

Statistically for the Horns, Phillips carried the ball 17 times for 177 yards and one score, all in the second half after the first two running backs went out with injuries. Sergio Ascensio finished with four carries for 34 yards and Trevor Ascensio ran for 32 yards on nine carries. Gatica was 15-27 for 245 yards, three touchdowns but also three interceptions. Rosales had four catches for 82 yards and a touchdown, Phillips had three catches for 79 yards, Trevor Ascensio had three reception for 53 yards and a touchdown and Luna had five catches for 34 yards and a touchdown.

For the Eagles, Pierce had

13 carries for 164 yards and four touchdowns and Ricks had 18 carries for 118 yards and a score. Pierce was 4-8 passing for 116 yards. Conner Adkins had two catches for 65 yards and Ricks had one catch for 44 yards.

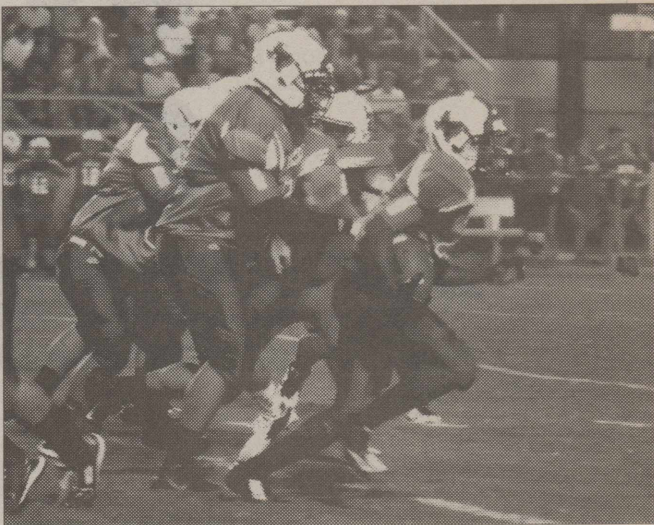
"After our first two backs went out with injuries at half, Phillips stepped in and carried the team the second half," Ragland said, "I could not ask any more of a kid than to do what he did."

Ragland listed Phillips as the Offensive Player of the Week.

Ragland said that interceptions and failure to control the Eagles running game was the turning point in the game.

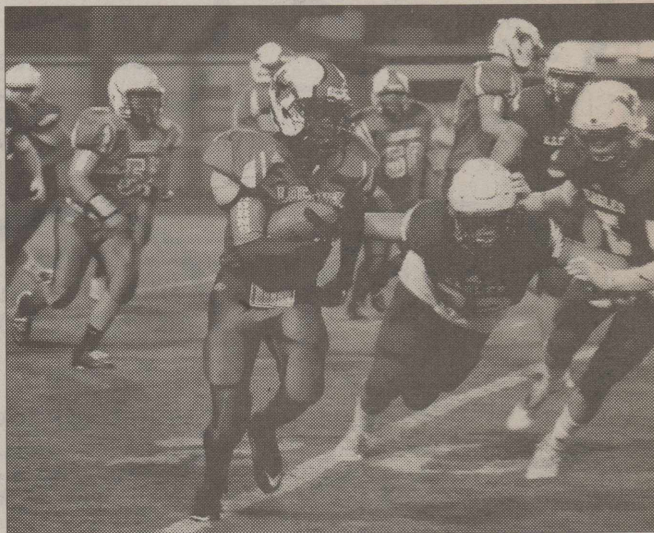
"We have to get some things corrected defensively and play assignment football against another option team this week," Ragland said. "We also have to take care of the ball on offense and keep their offense off of the field."

The Longhorns will host the Shamrock Irish on Friday at 7:30 P.M. Shamrock lost their opener 32-7 to Spearman.



Courtesy Photos

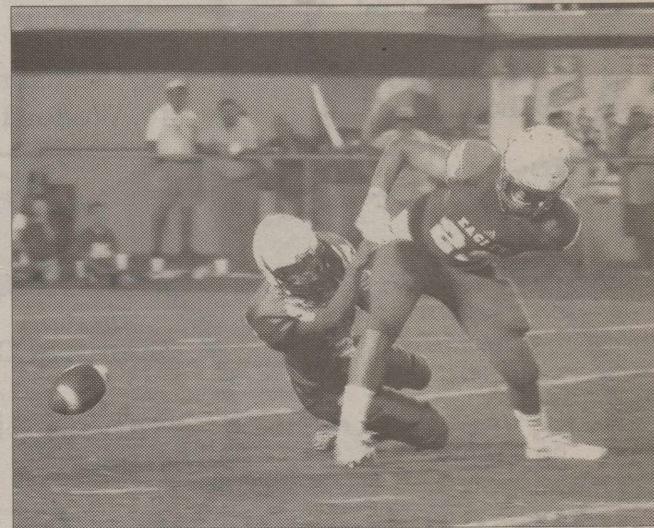
Lockney Longhorns running back Tevin Phillips finds a hole through the Lubbock Christian line as he picks up some of his 177 yards. Unfortunately, it was enough as the Eagles won the game in Lubbock, 41-32.



In their season opener at Lubbock Christian, the Lockney Longhorns suffered a 41-32 loss. Running back Tevin Phillips, seen here, tried to carry the load for the Longhorns after two other running backs went down with injuries in the first half, as he tallied 177 yards on the ground, all in the second half.



A host of Lubbock Christian Eagles surround Lockney running back Tevin Phillips as the Eagles fought back in the fourth quarter to take the 41-32 victory in the season opener for both schools in Lubbock.



A Lockney defender strips a Lubbock Christian running back of the ball as the Longhorns battled the Eagles in the season opener in Lubbock. The Longhorns took the lead in the third quarter but the Eagles came back with two scores in the fourth to take the victory 41-32.

LOCKNEY VS LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	FINAL
Lockney	6	6	20	0	32
LCHS	15	14	0	12	41

Scoring Summaries:

- 1st Qtr – LCHS – 8:40 Parker Pierce 94 yd TD Run Kick Good
1st Qtr – Lockney – 5:25 Gatica 49 yd TD Screen Pass to Trevor Ascensio Run Failed
1st Qtr – LCHS – :09 Hunter Pitaneillo 9 yd TD Run 2pt Run
2nd Qtr – LCHS – 6:45 Brock Ricks 4 yd TD Run Kick Good
2nd Qtr – Lockney – 5:04 Trevor Ascensio 4 yd TD Run (Run Failed)
2nd Qtr – LCHS – 1:41 Parker Pierce 1 yd TD run Kick Good
3rd Qtr – Lockney – 8:24 Gatica 7yd TD Pass to Avian Luna (Phillips 2 pt Run)
3rd Qtr – Lockney – 2:34 Tevin Phillips 63 yd TD Run (Run Failed)
3rd Qtr – Lockney – 1:36 Gatica 34 yd TD Pass to Jaden Rosales (Run Failed)
4th Qtr – LCHS – 5:38 Pierce 1 yd run (run failed)
4th Qtr – LCHS – 2:51 Pierce 9 yd run (kick missed)

Lockney ISD Board Approves Budget for 2015-16

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney ISD School Board met in regular session on Aug. 25. Board members reviewed the proposed budget for the school year 2015-2016. After much discussion concerning the proposed deficit budget, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the budget with a deficit of \$350,000. Superintendent Phil Cotham explained that the next two budgets for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 will have an influx of tax money thanks to the current wind farms that will be on the tax rolls. Cotham reminded the Board that the State of Texas Supreme Court will meet beginning in September to discuss the lawsuit regarding equity in school funding. Anticipation among most school officials is that the Court will uphold the previous rulings and force Governor Greg Abbott to call a special session in the spring to work on school funding but those funds would not help this year's budget.

The Board also approved a tax rate of \$1.14 per \$100 which it has been at for several years. The Board approved final budget amendments on the 2014-2015 although it will be in September before the final numbers are known on the

budget. At this point, the current budget is about \$20,000 over budget.

In other action, the Board approved the minutes, payment of bills and financial report. Also, the Board approved the hiring of Amber Wilson for the high school science teacher.

Wes Jackson of Cummings, Westlake and James Wester of Underwood Law Firm met with the Board regarding an amendment to the Limitation on Appraised Value Agreement between the District and South Plains Wind Energy to increase the size of a proposed wind farm from 100 megawatts to 308 megawatts. The Board voted 7-0 to approve the amendment.

The Board also approved the 2014-2015 Accountability Ratings in which the District received a "Met Standard" rating. The High School received a Met Standard as well as three Distinction Designations in Math, Science and Postsecondary Readiness. The Junior High also Met Standard with a Distinction Designation in Science. The Elementary also Met Standard with a Distinction Designation in Closing Performance Gaps. The Board also approved membership in the Technology Resources Educational Consortium

with Region 11 for library services.

Athletic Director Malcolm Moerbe briefly reported about the early activities including that due to low numbers in eighth grade, the junior high will only field one team this year.

Cotham reported that first day enrollment of 132 in High School, 95 in Junior High and 242 in Elementary for a total of 469 students in the District.

The next Board meeting will be Sept. 22 at 8:00 P.M.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Sept. 7 – Sept. 11

Monday
NO SCHOOL
Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday
Breakfast – Chicken & Biscuit, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch – Asian Bowl with Eggroll and Brown Rice, Pesto Chicken Flatbread, Carrots with Ranch Dressing, Steamed Broccoli, Chilled Pineapple, Cookie, Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast – French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Tex-Mex Stack (Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Salsa), Pulled Pork Slider, Chips, Cole Slaw, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Thursday
Breakfast – Early Bird Sandwich or Breakfast Pouch, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch – Hamburger with Cheese, Pigs in a Blanket, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears, Milk

Friday
Breakfast – Dutch Waffles, Bacon, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch – Chicken Parmesan, Italian Pasta Bake, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Breadstick, Milk

AREA FOOTBALL WRAP-UP

Week 1

District 2-2A-D1 (Floydada's)
ALL CAPS are district teams
Friona 20, OLTON 14
NEW DEAL 62, Dimmitt 12
FLOYDADA 33, Slaton 0
Post 25, ABERNATHY 0
HALE CENTER 38, Smyer 6
Crosbyton 33, TAHOKA 6

District 3-2A-D2 (Lockney's)
CLARENDON 45, Tulia 7
CROSBYTON 33, Tahoka 6
Sudan 44, RALLS 28
Seymour 50, MEMPHIS 22
City View 27, QUANAH 22
Lubbock Christian 41, LOCKNEY 32

Area Teams
Randall 29, PLAINVIEW 14
PETERSBURG 50, Jayton 36
VALLEY 45, Ropes 0
LORENZO 36, Wellman 31
SILVERTON 28, Lazbuddie 0
MOTLEY COUNTY 75, Anton 36
PATTON SPRINGS vs Lefors – no score reported
Cotton Center 39, PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN 6

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18. Roosevelt

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21. Motley Co
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McCoy Gin

23. New Deal
24. Lamesa

Lowe's Floydada

25. Muleshoe
26. Sweetwater

D & J Gin

27. Andrews
28. Lubbock High

Floydada Power & Light

29. Shallowater
30. Levelland

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31. Littlefield
32. Bushland

Cogdell Clinics/Mangold Memorial Hospital

33. Texas Tech
34. Sam Houston State

Lowe's Lockney

35. Texas
36. Notre Dame

Floydada Co-op Gin

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38. Arizona St.

Lockney Coop Gin

39. Wisconsin
40. Alabama

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41. Auburn
42. Louisville

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46. UTEP

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Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of a tie, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

At the end of the 11-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first place prize of \$100.
Second place will be awarded \$75.
Third place will be awarded \$50.

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Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
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and
Environmental Assessment of the Cotton Plains Wind Project to Supply Energy Under the Renewable Energy Supply Agreement (RESA) for Fort Hood, Texas

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and 32 CFR Part 651, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions; Final Rule, the Environmental Office, Directorate of Public Works, Fort Hood, Texas announces the draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) and *Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Cotton Plains Wind Project to Supply Energy Under the Renewable Energy Supply Agreement (RESA) for Fort Hood, Texas*

Based on the draft FNSI and the referenced EA, it has been determined that implementation of the Proposed Action or its alternatives would have no significant direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on the quality of the human or natural environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this action.

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Note from Amanda Hopper

This is very important to our family. My son, Cayson Landry Barnett, was diagnosed with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD) in May 2010. He fought very hard, but lost his battle July 16, 2012 at the age of 5. Spreading awareness is our mission and a huge step in the right direction. Thank you for your support!



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