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## DR. GILBERT TREVINO: A STORY OF RESILIENCE

# Floydada ISD superintendent makes the decision to succeed

LIZ ADAMS AND YELENA SERRATO | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA—This spring Gilbert Trevino will mark ten years as superintendent of Floydada Collegiate ISD. But there were times he doubted he'd ever reach such a milestone.

The first son born to teenaged parents, Trevino spent his early life on a farm near Cotton Center, Texas, next door to his paternal



grandparents. He spoke Spanish but knew little English. At first, as a kindergarten student who rode the bus each morning to neighboring Hale Center, the boy told his grandmother he did not want to go to school. He cried—but she saw to it that he got on the bus. She said he needed to go to school to learn.

During a recent interview with Hesperian-Beacon reporter Yelena Serrato, Trevino recalled these early struggles. Overcoming extremely difficult circumstances, Trevino grew up to become an educator who looks forward to going to school every day.

### Elementary years and fears

While he was still a kindergartener, Trevino said, his father took a job at Excel Energy and the family, by then including a younger brother, to Plainview. There the Trevinos lived in a two-bedroom house on Avenue E. His father continued working for the company until it closed thirty-five years later. Though Trevino took pride in his father's reliable commitment to supporting his family, he also observed his father's addiction to alcohol throughout the years and later understood that poverty was also a part of his youth.

Young Gilbert often felt he was on his own and had to teach himself the things a father typically would. Friends and their fathers were the ones who gave him a hand while he was learning to play basketball, change the oil in a car's engine, or tie a necktie. According to Trevino, his father was a good man, but alcoholism eventually led to his parents' divorce.

Further traumatized after experiencing years of sexual abuse by his father's cousin, Trevino tried to manage his confusion, fear, and shame without telling anyone. From age seven to nine, he protected his younger brother from the abuse until it was no longer a threat. He remained too

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**MAKING THE GRADE** As a kindergartener reluctant to go to school, Gilbert Trevino (left) might not have predicted he would someday choose education as a career—but faith and family figured into his success. | LIZ ADAMS PHOTO

## Texas Spur owners acquire Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

### STAFF REPORTS

FLOYDADA—The weekly Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon newspaper is under new ownership as of January 31, 2021.

Paragraph Ranch LLC, a media company based in Dickens County, has purchased the publication, which was founded in 1896 as the Hesperian-Gazette and eventually merged with the Lockney Beacon in 1991 under publisher Kenneth Towery and editor Alice Towery Gilroy, his daughter. The media group currently publishes two other weeklies, The Texas Spur (Spur) and The Caprock Courier (Silverton).

"We are pleased and honored to continue the tradition of community coverage in West Texas with the Hesperian-Beacon," said Kay Ellington, CEO of Paragraph Ranch LLC and publisher of the Texas Spur and the Caprock Courier. "We look forward to serving new readers and renewing long-standing relationships in the region."

Together the three newspapers cover news in eight contiguous counties of West Texas, reaching 7,382 square miles of area and a market population of over 17,000.

"The addition of Floyd County's long-established weekly newspaper to our group brings together a powerful voice in rural Texas, especially in agriculture," said Ellington, a West Texas native.

Ellington, who brings to the job four decades of experience with

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**VACCINES ARRIVING** Last week, Denise Payne of Payne Family Pharmacy in Floydada said that the pharmacy's initial allotment of 100 Covid-19 vaccine doses went fast—but on Monday another shipment arrived and they began calling waitlisters immediately. | HESPERIAN-BEACON / BARBARA BRANNON

## Payne Pharmacy selected for federal vaccine allotment

### Mangold Clinic receives 200 vaccines Tuesday

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA—On February 1, Payne Family Pharmacy received two shipments of Covid-19 vaccine, said pharmacist Justin Payne. One shipment of 100 doses will be given to those who were vaccinated 28 days ago and will be receiving the second booster. The second shipment of 100 doses will be provided to those who are next on the waiting list. Payne recommends that anyone in the area who needs the vaccine should contact the pharmacy to be added to the list.

Now that he has learned his pharmacy has been selected to distribute both state and federal allotments—as one of a very few chosen in the area—Payne is confident that residents in the area will be able to get them. Payne stated that he is hopeful "this will mean an increase in the number of doses and that they will arrive more regularly" to the pharmacy.

Mangold Clinic in Lockney has signup sheets that number 476 people, according to Elvia Holguin, clinic manager. On Tuesday, they received 200 vaccines. The first 100 will go to people who have gotten their first shot 28 days ago and can now get their second shot, and the second 100 will go to those on the waiting list.

Cogdell Clinic in Silverton also received enough doses on February 1 to give boosters to those who had already had the first round, but clinic manager Michelle Gamble says there will likely be just enough to get a first dose to those already on their waiting list.

Gamble also recommended getting on the list right away. Although shipments are distributed each Tuesday, not all local pharmacies have been receiving them.

Motley County Clinic in Matador has not received any

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## UPCOMING

### VALENTINE'S DAY BRAG PICTURES

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### WINTER BIBLE STUDY FBC LOCKNEY

The First Baptist Church of Lockney will hold their annual Winter Bible Study on Sunday, Feb. 7. Dr. Randy Rogers, associate professor of biblical studies at Wayland Baptist University, will be teach-

ing on the topic of "Heaven" from the book of Revelation.

### FBC FLOYDADA REVIVAL

The First Baptist Church of Floydada will hold a revival on Sunday, Feb. 21 (10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.) and Monday, Feb. 22 through Wednesday, Feb. 4. A meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. Revival service will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be led by evangelist Herman Cramer. Music will be led by Paul and Christy Newberry.

**BURN BAN** The Floyd County Commissioners' Court has extended the burn ban for Floyd County until April 12, 2021.

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## HD68 candidate Carter family suffers heartbreaking loss in crash

### STAFF REPORTS

NORTHLAKE—A car crash on I-35 northbound Sunday afternoon claimed the lives of a 59-year-old woman and a 4-year-old girl, and left a 3-year-old boy severely injured, according to law enforcement sources, and this is apparently the incident Texas House District 68 candidate Craig Carter referred to in a statement from his campaign Monday afternoon.

"As some may know my Daughter Lux, who was 4, and mother-in-law Rose have passed away into heaven as the result of a horrible car crash on Sunday," read the statement emailed to media by Carter's campaign adviser. "Our son Rex has survived, he is fighting and we humbly ask for your prayers. My wife and I are

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BACK STAGE

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Down the Road I Go

A few miles from the Pumpkin Capital of Texas, I stood there at the rest stop thinking. It was a few weeks ago, and I was trying to decide if I could make it to Matador before the sun set and the deer would be out.

My son and I had dropped by the hardware store and had a great lunch at Ray Ray's before stopping by the playground (he has loved that rope tree since it was first installed and he was almost too little to climb it!). There had been lots of things to talk about that day. The publisher of the Texas Spur was taking a good look at the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon and turns out for me, it's just a pleasant little song or two away.

Over the last year, since I have edited the Caprock Courier newspaper, there have been days when I've attended a rodeo in Briscoe County and driven back through Flomot. I've taken a drive to Quitaque to see the bison and crisscrossed all over the caprock. I've stopped

at that same Allsup's for gas. I've been living just over in Motley County and now I'm about to turn around and head back your way.

The area is full of interesting history and people. I'm excited to serve Floyd County and eager to learn more about my neighbors. Lucky for me, longtime staffer Barbara Anderson is one of the best resources I could hope to find.

I'm familiar with some of the roads I'll be taking, but I'm looking forward to getting to know the folks in the communities next door. I'd like to spend an afternoon in Lockney and check out the Record Music Shop and Studio. Maybe I'll take off like Coronado and go looking for gold around Blanco Canyon.

Floydada-born Country Music Hall of Famer Don Williams sang about "the risin' cost of gettin' by" in a world that can be hard. His songs took him all over the world. For this backstage observer, the next adventure is just right down the road, and it's music to my ears.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

New contributor for Capital Highlights

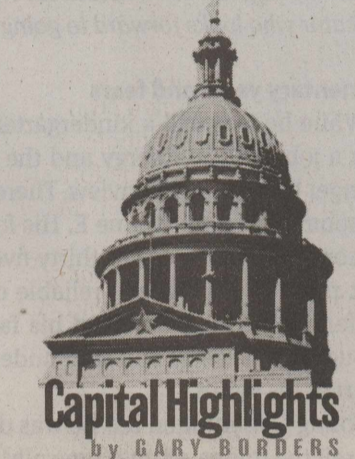
AUSTIN—It's an honor to take over writing "Capital Highlights" from two capable predecessors, Chris Cobler and Ed Sterling. They are tough acts to follow, but I'll do my best.

Chris has accepted another challenge, so Mike Hodges, executive director of the Texas Press Association, asked if I wanted to take on this task. I echo what Chris wrote in his first piece last July. The need for providing reliable and accurate information is greater than ever, especially as we continue to fight a pandemic that reaches into all corners of Texas and has upended our lives. If there is a Texas topic you think I should cover, please email me at gborders@texaspress.com.

Capital Highlights appears in more than 100 newspapers across the state. My focus is searching through the ac-

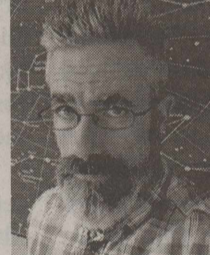
tivities of state agencies, the Legislature and elsewhere for news that affects the readers of these newspapers. Your input is welcomed and appreciated.

Vaccine pace picks up slowly. The rate of Covid-19 vaccine administration is slowly increasing in Texas as we enter the second full month of shots going into arms. The Texas Department of State Health Services last weekend reported that about 1.6 million Texans — overwhelmingly frontline health workers, people over 65 or those with chronic health conditions — have received the first dose. Just over 400,000 are fully vaccinated. The state has received 3.16 million doses so far; nearly half remain to be administered. Texas ranks near the bottom in per-capita doses administered when compared to other states,



according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Defense sent 80 medical military personnel last week to Abilene, Lufkin and Eagle Pass to assist in administering the vaccine in those cities. "The medical personnel deployed to our communities will provide much-needed support to our See CAPITAL, page 4



MONEY MATTERS Haystacks

STEVEN HENDRICKS

Robinhood and Gamestons—Love 'Em or Hate 'Em

Are we flirting with disaster in February? Yes, we have a new president. No, the economy is not improving. Maybe the universe can show us some love?

In case you missed it, the biggest economic scandal of the year—maybe even the decade—just played out with Reddit vs. Wall Street, and I am going to focus on that event this month. So what is going on, and who is getting a valentine?

The short story is the short—literally the stock-short sells a rich hedge fund called Melvin Capital placed on GameStop. Melvin's astounding greed reached new heights when they shorted 140% of the company's stock. That's more stock than actually exists. And they were stocks Melvin didn't actually own. Redditors fought back in a grass-roots style approach of buying up stock and holding it. And it worked, until Wall Street pulled out a bag of dirty tricks to shut it down.

Melvin Capital needed to cover its short position by close of business Jan. 29, and when it saw trouble, it called in some help from a friend, Citadel LLC. Citadel loaned Melvin Capital \$2BN, which it may or may not have used to double down or to cover its shorts.

Citadel also enlisted the help of Robinhood, an on-

line broker (in which it actually owns a substantial stake) to shut down buying of GameStop stock by retail purchasers. Only selling was allowed. Many other online brokers followed suit. The argument was basically this: a liquidity problem. The cause: regulatory clearinghouses demanded 100% collateral when it is normally 2 to 3%. The result: stock prices could only go down, to the benefit of Melvin Capital.

However, plenty of other excuses were floated at the same time as well as a circus of misinformation from many media sources. As of today, there is a lot of noise about moving the buying frenzy to other commodities like silver, but this appears to be fake news.

My take on it is this: I think when buying was shut down on Thursday and the price tanked from \$400 to \$200, Melvin Capital was able to make a buy to cover its short position, or at least minimize the damage.

As for the rest, it should be painfully obvious to everyone now, even if they didn't read the terms of service for their broker, that the market is rigged. Market manipulation has occurred and plausible deniability is in full force. There is a concerted effort to make the retail buyers look like the bad guys, but honest-

ly, who among the common people is going to cry for the billionaires?

The stock is currently still volatile, roaming between \$200-\$350 on average, and the short position has reduced from 140% to 39% (or so it is claimed). Some retail buyers got out with some winnings, though many are going to hold to death. Some money was lost by the hedge funds, not clear at this point how much.

It remains to be seen what the endgame of this drama will be, but there is some background information everyone should keep in mind. The Redditors who are involved are your average Joes, many of whom were destroyed or hurt financially for many years due to the 2008 housing crisis and the economic downturn at the time. They are the same folks who grew up and lived with the Gamergate non-scandal and the continuous rhetorical assault on working-class folks. The internet has evolved and given the masses some untapped power. But this event has not been strictly financially motivated and is much more about sweet revenge. In fact, it may turn out to be one of the few examples of the little guy taking a win in our modern system.

Also, keep in mind that the billionaire hedge-fund man- See HAYSTACKS, page 9

FLOYD COUNTY COVID-19 REPORT

As of Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, Floyd County officials have reported 300 total cases (+15) with 263 cases (+11) reported as recovered. Floyd County has 17 active cases (+3) and has had 20 deaths (+1).

- CASE #300: FLOYDADA — Male 10–19 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #299: FLOYDADA — Female 80–89 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #298: LOCKNEY — Male 1–9 years of age. Recovered.
CASE #297: LOCKNEY — Male 90–99 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #296: FLOYDADA — Male 70–79 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #295: LOCKNEY — Female 20–29 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #294: FLOYDADA — Male 60–69 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #293: FLOYDADA — Female 60–69 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #292: LOCKNEY — Female 20–29 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #291: FLOYDADA — Female 50–59 years of age. Recovered.
CASE #290: SOUTH PLAINS — Unknown — 59–59 years of age. Recovered.
CASE #289: LOCKNEY — Female 10–19 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #288: LOCKNEY — Male 20–29 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #287: LOCKNEY — Female 10–19 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #286: LOCKNEY — Female 1–9 years of age. Recovered.
CASE #285: LOCKNEY — Male 10–19 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #284: LOCKNEY — Male 50–59 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #283: LOCKNEY — Male 20–29 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #282: FLOYDADA — Female 50–59 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #281: FLOYDADA — Male 70–79 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #280: UNKNOWN — Male 70. Deceased.
CASE #279: UNKNOWN — Male 70–79 years of age. Home recovery.
CASE #278: FLOYDADA — Female 60–69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #277: LOCKNEY — Female 90–99 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #276: LOCKNEY — Female 80–89 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #275: LOCKNEY — Female 30–39 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #274: FLOYDADA — Female 10–19 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #273: FLOYDADA — Female 50–59 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #272: LOCKNEY — Male 60–69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #271: FLOYDADA — Female 60–69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #270: LOCKNEY — Female 70–79 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #269: LOCKNEY — Unknown 60–69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #268: FLOYDADA — Female 70–79 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #267: UNKNOWN — Male 60–69 years of age. Recovered.
CASE #266: LOCKNEY — Female 50–59 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #265: FLOYDADA — Male 90 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered. Deceased (Formerly reported by DSHS as recovered).
CASE #264: LOCKNEY — Male 60–69 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #263: LOCKNEY — Female 30–39 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #262: FLOYDADA — Male 40–49 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #261: FLOYDADA — Female 70–79 years of age. Home recovery. Deceased.
CASE #260: FLOYDADA — Female 40–49 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #259: FLOYDADA — Female 30–39 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #258: LOCKNEY — Female 50–59 years of age. Home recovery. Recovered.
CASE #257: FLOYDADA — Male 60–69 years of age. Home recovery.

(Cases #1 through #256 have been recorded as recovered, deceased or unknown status.)

Candidates file for Floyd school, municipal races

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Filing is open for elected positions in Floydada and Lockney. Candidates began to file the documents required to run for city councils and school boards on Jan. 13, 2021. The filing deadline is Feb. 12.

Voters will determine who will fill these positions on May 1. Candidates may visit city hall to file for city council or the school administration office to file for school board.

At this time, incumbent Bobby Gilliland has filed for reelection for mayor of Floydada. Incumbent Dana Crossland has filed for district 2, and incumbent Steve Lloyd has filed for district 3 on the Floydada City Council. All are unopposed at this time.

The Floydada Collegiate ISD

School Board has two positions up for reelection. Incumbents Roger Hughes (district 1) and Brianne Glasscock (district 2) have filed.

In Lockney, three incumbents have filed for reelection to their city council seats. In district 1, incumbent Donnie McLaughlin is running unopposed at this time. Incumbent Aaron Wilson (district 2) is also running unopposed at this time. In district 3, Alberto Soto-Gonzalez has filed, challenging incumbent Dart Carthel.

Two LISD school board seats are up for reelection. For precinct 1, incumbent Tyler Duniven has filed. In precinct 2, incumbent Mike Lass has filed. Both are unopposed at this time.

Senate begins redistricting hearings as federal count delays increase

RICHARD LEE | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

In the middle of the first week of public regional hearings on new political maps, lawmakers found out they are going to have to wait even longer to get official numbers showing how Texas' population has changed over the last ten years. According to the US Census Bureau, the apportionment data, which determines how many representatives each state has in the US House, won't be available until the end of April. The redistricting data, those figures that drive the process of drawing new boundary lines for statehouse and congressional districts, won't be available before the end of July. This all but guarantees a special session on redistricting for the Legislature.

In a normal census year, reapportionment data is delivered

before the end of that year, but the pandemic, legal challenges, and storms over the summer led to delay after delay. Early estimates indicate that Texas added four million to total population since 2010, and the state should see three new seats in Congress, but legislators won't know for sure for some months.

Despite the delays in federal data, the Senate pressed ahead this week with postponed regional hearings. Normally conducted across the state during the interim, the Covid-19 pandemic made it too risky to travel from city to city to hear from local constituents on what they want to see out of the redistricting process. Instead, a Senate committee, for the first time, is only hearing testimony via

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## Variety of potatoes work well for home fries done in the oven

When I oven-fry potatoes, my husband calls them "home fries" but I just call them, good. It doesn't matter to him how they are cut or which variety they are, they are all home fries to him. Both of us grew up eating potatoes fried in grease. That type certainly has a place in the culinary world, but in most cases, I gave up cooking potatoes in that fashion years ago and have never looked back.

Oven-fried won me over, except on the rare occasion that we have a menu that just calls for regular fried potatoes. Another option, which is growing in popularity, is to use an air fryer.

With just a kiss of olive oil and some salt and pepper, oven-fried potatoes are very satisfying—although I love to play with seasonings, and with the variety of potato I use as well as the size and cut.

I often make oven fries with Russet potatoes, peeled, or not. Russets, and the occasional new (red) potato, are what I grew up on. However, the varieties available now are fun to experiment with. I love the purple potatoes, and I especially love the tiny, marble-size potatoes. My favorite is the golden Yukon, but they all do well in the oven.

I line my baking sheet with parchment paper to ensure the potatoes do not stick, but it is not totally necessary, when using oil. A good rule of thumb for the oil is to use about 1 tablespoon oil per 1 pound potatoes, just to lightly coat them. The marble-size ones do not even require cutting, unless you prefer. But when cutting potatoes, no matter what method you plan to cook them, ensure that you cut them all around the same size so they cook evenly in the same amount of time.

Making oven fries with a creamy center and crispy edges is what I try to achieve. Typically, I preheat the oven to 425° F to make oven fries. Sweet-potato oven fries take a little longer to get tender, but most others are ready in about 30 minutes at that temperature.

For seasonings, sweet potatoes go great with a little chili powder, or cinnamon. I also tend to use granulated garlic, or steak seasoning with most any type of potato. My favorite savory seasoning at the moment is "Everything Bagel." It gets its name



**SUPER SPUDS** Oven fries go with just about any meal—perhaps hot dogs or hamburgers for the Super Bowl game. | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

from the bagels that are topped with practically everything in the bakery kitchen, such as sesame seeds, poppy seeds, dried onion and garlic, salt, and maybe a few others, depending on the brand. The convenience of having it all in one bottle is brilliant.

Oven fries go with just about any meal, be it breakfast, lunch, or dinner. They will be especially good with perhaps hot dogs or hamburgers for the Super Bowl game this Sunday. Enjoy food made fresh!

### Everything Oven-Fried Potatoes

2 pounds small potatoes, rinsed, dried, cut into halves or quarters

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons Everything Bagel seasoning (or a sprinkle of any other preferred seasoning)

Preheat oven to 425° F. Line large baking sheet with parchment paper.

Place prepared potatoes onto the parchment-lined baking sheet. Toss with the oil. Evenly sprinkle the seasoning over the potatoes and toss again.

Form a single layer of potatoes on the pan. Roast in preheated oven for approximately 30 minutes, depending on the size they are cut. Check the doneness by piercing with a fork. When the potatoes are done, the fork will be met with no resistance, and outer edges will be crisp. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Angelina Larue, author of "The Whole Enchilada," grew up at White River Lake in Crosby County, Texas, and writes a weekly food column for local newspapers.

## Girl Scout Troop 6210 starting cookie sales

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

that was "girl led."

**Girl Scout cookies sale** time is that time of the year that everyone looks forward to. Before we talk about cookies, let's get a history lesson in Girl Scouts.

Juliette Gordon Low died January 17, 1927, at her home in Savannah, Georgia, after a long and private struggle with breast cancer.

In March 1912, when Juliette Gordon Low brought that first group of girls together in Savannah, Georgia, she wanted them to discover new possibilities and the wonders of the world around them—and she wanted them to do it together.

Today Floydada's Girl Scout Troop 6210 strives to follow in the paths those 18 girls made 109 years ago—to make their corner of Earth a little better. This troop has been seen out and about putting the American flags out for holidays. They take part in food drives, and they've donated countless hours gathering up items for Floyd County's local SOS. These young ladies have been seen working to serve meals during fundraisers, and the list just keeps going on and on.

Along with Low, also known as "Daisy," these first Girl Scouts blazed trails and redefined what was possible for themselves and for girls everywhere. They played basketball, they hiked, swam and camped. They learned to tell time by the stars. Most important, they shared a sense of adventure and a belief that they could do anything. And just like Girl Scouts do across the country and around the globe today, they offered a helping hand to those in need and worked together to improve their corner of the world.

Right now, the nine girls from Troop 6210 are working hard to sell Girl Scout cookies. The money that they make will go back into the troop for even more activities, so the community is encouraged to support them.

From that first gathering of a small troop of 18 culturally and ethnically diverse girls, Low broke the conventions of the time, reaching across class, cultural and ethnic boundaries to ensure that all girls, including those with so-called disabilities, had a place to grow and develop their leadership skills.

Look for Troop 6210 around town, as this year's cookies sales will be different from any other that they have ever had. In keeping with Covid restrictions, drive-thru cookies booths will be set up at different locations. The troop will be wearing masks and will keep to the six-foot-apart requirement.

Using her natural talent for fund-raising and public relations, combined with her vast network of friends and supporters, Low encouraged Girl Scouts with desire and determination, in an experience

To purchase Girl Scout cookies, find the troop on Facebook by searching Floydada Girl Scouts, or contact troop leader Janaphar Williams at [kjana99@yahoo.com](mailto:kjana99@yahoo.com), (325) 236-0651. (Also please welcome Williams as a first-year Troop 6210 leader.)



FLOYDADA GIRL SCOUT TROOP 6210 members are beginning their cookies sales. Girl Scouts pictured, from left, are Addison Hinson, Zaydree Back, Cali Carr and Emily Williams. Not pictured are Cora Carr, Aybree Taylor, Ella Snowden, Taniah Hawthorne and Ta'Kiya Briley. | TERESA BIGHAM

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"Yep, they're shore gentle — jist walk right up to 'em anywhere."

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## Floydada Senior Center News

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The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday during the month of February.

Patrons may either dine in or have the meal delivered. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. For members, the cost is \$6 per plate; for non-members, \$7.

For delivery, please call (806) 983-2032. Membership fee is \$25 per year per person. The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

MENU  
 THURSDAY, FEB. 4  
 BBQ on bun

(Menu subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Center News

SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Yearly membership dues for the Lockney Senior Citizens Center are due.

The Center will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery. Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

The Center's staff appreciates everyone.

For questions, contact the center at (806) 652-2745. Stay safe.

MENU FEB. 8-2

**Monday** - Beef stew, cornbread, fruit, chocolate cake

**Tuesday** - Cheeseburgers, French fries, side salad

fixings, Rice Krispies treat

**Wednesday** - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, chocolate chip cookie

**Thursday** - Deluxe chef salad, banana pudding

**Friday** - Stuffed baked potato w/meat and cheese sauce, fresh veggie sticks w/Ranch, chocolate pie

(Menu subject to change without notice)

## CAPITAL from page 2

front-line healthcare workers," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a news release. The state surpassed two million Covid-19 cases with nearly 36,000 fatalities as January came to a close. A total of 11,473 Covid-19 patients are in Texas hospitals as of Jan. 31, according to TDSHS. Across the state, there are only 753 intensive-care beds available. Even as vaccines are being administered, health officials across the state are urging Texans to wear masks and follow other safety protocols that have been in place since last March.

**Grants available for special needs students affected by Covid-19.** Abbott and the Texas Education Agency late last week announced the rollout of a grant program for eligible families of children with "significant cognitive disabilities and complex educational needs." The \$1,500 grants can be used to purchase educational resources and services through the TEA's supplemental special education services program.

A total of \$30 million was allocated, which could provide help for up to 20,000 students. To find out if your child is eligible, email the agency at [ssesinfor@tea.texas.gov](mailto:ssesinfor@tea.texas.gov) or call (855) 772-3839.

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## The 501

COMMENTARY  
 HANABA MUNN WELCH

### Drinking-bottle Bernie fleece

The Inaugural image of a mitten-wearing Bernie Sanders went viral quicker than a new strain of Covid.

Yep, Bernie spawned a cross-legged meme and a many-angled story. Want some mittens just like his? Make your own. Be sure to line them with plastic bottle fleece.

Why is no one talking or writing about fleece made from plastic bottles?

My guess? Too complicated.

Ex-reporter me, I've been there. Explaining plastic bottle fleece is the kind of assignment my editor would have given me.

Example:

In terms of McDonald's French fries, how much salt does the Red River Chloride Control Project extract from regional rivers and streams?

You've gotta know the atomic or neutron weight of sodium or chloride. Something like that. Chemistry class all over again. Actually worse.

The managing editor was equally notorious for assigning tough topics. Explain electricity deregulation. No time to go home. I slept two consecutive on the unyielding sofa in the ladies' room, covered in other reporters' jackets left on newsroom coat hooks, to meet the deadline for that one. Wish I'd had Bernie's coat.

A malady was decimating honeybee colonies. Took me three bee stories to achieve the buzz he wanted for the bee crisis.

So why has no one been assigned explain the plastic bottle fleece in Bernie's mittens?

My theories:

Television reporters naturally don't have the time or the inclination to delve into such complicated stuff when delightfully palatable sound bites make the better story.

Yesterday's tenaciously thorough newspaper reporters are mostly gone; some have become today's editors. Overworked, editors don't have time to worry about fresh story angles like plastic bottle fleece. Besides, advertising has shrunk; space is limited. No room for a Bernie mitten fleece sidebar.

That leaves us with the Internet.

But wait! Think! Shouldn't a word like "fleece" refer to something made from wool or cashmere or mohair? Not plastic bottles? Sheep and goats routinely walk around in real fleeces. Plastic bottle fleece? Maybe for a wolf's disguise.

[Dictionary Pause.]

Fleece is defined as a synthetic fabric. Who knew? I didn't. Maybe I've spent too much time in wool bags tromping real fleeces at shearing time. (If you've never tromped wool, you don't know what you're missing. Wear your good boots. They'll soak up some lanolin.)

Anyway, still fleece-ignorant at the time, here's what I thought when Bernie's mittens made the news:

The mitten-making schoolteacher probably asked students to bring plastic drink bottles to class. Then she must have cut those bottles into tiny skinny pieces with her grown-up teacher scissors. (Second-grader scissors wouldn't work.)

How did the crafty teacher then assemble all those little slivers to make proper mitten linings? I felt sorry for Bernie, imagining his hands encased in such primitive "fleece." Wouldn't it be scratchy?

Now that I know fleece is just another synthetic fabric—a soft one, at that—I've quit worrying about the aged skin on Bernie's hands.

Plastic bottle fleece? We still need the whole story.

Just don't ask me to write it.

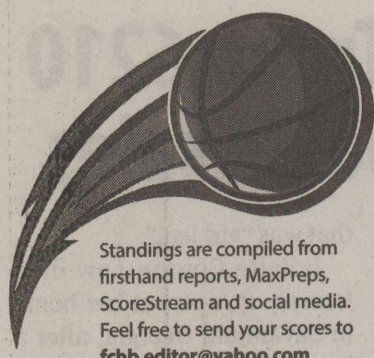
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**Basketball Standings**

4-2A Girls basketball	*W-L	*PCT.	*PF	*PA	W-L	PCT.	PF	PA	STREAK
New Deal	7-0	1.000	417	243	16-7	0.696	1,194	941	7 W
Ralls	5-2	0.714	390	282	12-11	0.522	1,159	1,146	1 W
Hale Center	2-4	0.333	248	345	5-15	0.250	903	1,202	2 L
Floydada	1-5	0.167	192	283	5-10	0.333	500	652	1 L
Lockney	1-5	0.167	199	293	7-9	0.438	690	703	4 L

4-2A Boys basketball	*W-L	*PCT.	*PF	*PA	W-L	PCT.	PF	PA	STREAK
New Deal	4-1	0.800	350	249	18-3	0.857	1,272	881	5 W
Floydada	4-1	0.800	330	293	15-2	0.882	1,121	904	1 L
Ralls	3-2	0.600	297	265	9-6	0.600	784	724	1 W
Lockney	1-3	0.250	224	260	10-6	0.625	945	808	2 L
Hale Center	0-5	0.000	191	325	0-14	0.000	477	831	14 L



**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**WTAMU president spots community achievements**

Dear Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon,

On behalf of West Texas A&M University, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the diligence and hard work you contribute to your community, especially in the last few months. Your dedication and service to the South Plains has not gone unnoticed.

This letter is an update of the Communication and Community Outreach Initiative in the President's Office at WT. Through this initiative, articles are pulled from newspapers as well as social media accounts that highlight student, teacher, and community success. A congratulatory letter is then written and sent to recognize academic and civic achievements. In late March, office members and student interns were faced with the challenge of working remotely, which continued until the end of May. During this period, as part of the Communication and Community Outreach Initiative, a record number of letters were sent during the month of April. Our priority to serve the community persevered through an unknown time.

With the emergence of COVID-19, WT continued to focus on the importance of reaching out to schools and communities. We continued to review community newspapers as well as social media, in order to highlight academic and civic achievements. Without your newspaper recognizing students, teachers, and community members, our initiative would not be successful. To highlight our success, I would like to provide a breakdown of the letters distributed from our office. Since 2016, an overall total of 23,736 letters have been distributed. From January 2020 to December 2020, a total of 99 letters have been sent mentioning your newspaper.

Your commitment to serving others leaves a significant mark on the communities in the region and I encourage you to continue to strive for greatness as you serve the South Plains. Please do not hesitate to reach out if WT can be of assistance to you in your leadership.

Walter V. Wendler  
President

*Editors' note: We appreciate your initiative, Dr. Wendler, and hope WTAMU students and supporters will subscribe to their local newspapers as well!*



**FLOYDADA CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH**

KAREN HOUCHEIN LAW OFFICE has been chosen as the Floydada Chamber of Commerce's January Business of the Month. Attorney Karen Houchin has almost 40 years of experience with estate and elder law. She also assists the City of Floydada with all local legal matters. The law office is located 124 W. California Street. Give her a call today at (806) 983-5556. Houchin is shown with Stormy, the sole employee who works for treats. | COURTESY PHOTO

**NEW IN THE H-B STATEPOINT CROSSWORD**

Enjoy a good, witty crossword puzzle that's not too obscure on the clues? We're with you. Look for the puzzle each week—and the solution on the Classified page. (This week it's backwards—find our SUPER BOWL edition on page 9. (Need help? Come back here for the solution.) Have fun—and score big!

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local newspapers and national media firms, including the New York Times Group and Gannett Newspapers, has been publisher of The Texas Spur since 2018 and in 2015 was founding editor and publisher of Lone Star Literary Life, Texas's weekly online news about books, authors, and literary events.

Barbara Brannon, who retired in 2019 as executive director of the Texas Plains Trail Region heritage tourism organization of the Texas Historical Commission, currently serves as editor of the Texas Spur and will serve as associate publisher of the Hesperian-Beacon. Formerly marketing manager of Texas Tech University Press, Brannon has worked in publishing and communications for four decades.



LIZ ADAMS

"I'm excited to join with The Caprock Courier and The Texas Spur, and I think it will be an asset to our community to have ownership of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon remain in our area," said Barbara Anderson, who will continue in the role of Hesperian-Beacon managing editor and business manager. Liz Adams will serve as content editor for the Hesperian-Beacon in addition to her similar responsibilities for the neighboring Caprock Courier.



BARBARA ANDERSON

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will continue in print as it has weekly for 124 years, and will continue to enter for mailing in Floyd County. The newspaper will be available on Wednesdays in Floydada and Lockney, in the same locations. The online edition is published at [www.hesperianbeacononline.com](http://www.hesperianbeacononline.com). To subscribe, to place an ad or to submit news, email [fchb.editor@yahoo.com](mailto:fchb.editor@yahoo.com).

**VACCINES** from page 1

vaccine doses at this time. According to LVN Daphne Meredith, there has been no information available about when shipments will arrive. In Childress, Fox Rural Health Clinic is distributing second doses now, and in Crosbyton 900 doses have been distributed through the Crosbyton Clinic Hospital.

**FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Thursday, Feb 4	Photography project meeting, 5 p.m., County Extension Office
Sunday, Feb. 7	Senior rifle practice, 5 p.m., Unity Center
Monday, Feb. 8	Intermediates and Juniors rifle practice, 6 p.m., Unity Center
Tuesday, Feb. 9	4-H Club quarterly meeting, 6 p.m., Unity Center
Saturday, Feb. 13	Photography field trip to Caprock Canyons State Park, 3 p.m. (Limited to 5 students in Suburban, will be taking photos for District contest)
Sunday, Feb. 14	Senior rifle practice, 5 p.m., Unity Center
Monday, Feb. 15	Intermediates and Juniors rifle practice, 6 p.m., Unity Center
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Archery practice, 6 p.m., Unity Center
Sunday, Feb. 21	Senior rifle practice, 5 p.m., Unity Center
Monday, Feb. 22	Intermediates and Juniors rifle practice, 6 p.m., Unity Center
Sunday, Feb. 28	Senior rifle practice, 5 p.m., Unity Center

RSVP and mask are required to attend all meetings and practices. A COVID screening form will need to be filled out upon arrival.

**SENATE** from page 2

videoconference. This week, the Special Committee on Redistricting heard from witnesses from all over the state regarding their views on how new district lines should be drawn. With several more hearings to go, committee chair and Houston Senator Joan Huffman wants as many people as possible to participate. "My goal is to ensure these regional hearings are as safe, accessible and productive as possible," said Huffman. Those wishing to participate in the process can register for future meetings online at <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/2020s>, by clicking the relevant hearing notice to find registration instructions for a particular hearing.

Also this week, some members of the Senate issued a public call for improvements in the state's efforts to distribute Covid-19 vaccinations. Echoing a letter he sent last week to the panel charged with oversight over the vaccination effort, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick told members on Tuesday that there isn't enough vaccine to meet demand, even in the currently eligible groups. The largest group, tier 1b, consists of Texans aged 65 or older, or those with certain chronic health conditions that could lead to severe complications. There are more than 4 million people in Texas in that age group, and millions more younger people who qualify based on health history. "If we're getting 1.2 million [doses] a month and we have, seven, eight or nine million in the group of 1a or 1b, it could be months before they could get that [vaccination]," said Patrick.

In his letter, Patrick asked the Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel to consider targeting key groups: those aged 75 and older and teachers aged 65 and older. With 1.5 million Texans in that age group, and about 60,000 teachers older than 65, Patrick said he thinks that group could be fully vaccinated within six weeks. For San Antonio Senator José Menéndez, focusing on teachers is key. "We're asking teachers to make a choice every day," he said. "Go to work, open our schools, and risk catching COVID, and we're not even making them a priority."

States could soon see an increase in vaccine supply. The federal government announced this week that it will increase the number of vaccine doses sent to each state by 15 percent, and Johnson and Johnson released final phase data Friday showing their one dose vaccine was 85 percent effective at preventing severe disease, and prevented any hospitalizations or deaths in their trial group.

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, February 9th at 3 p.m.

**CROSSWORD SOLUTION**



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**Paragraphs & pixels**

BARBARA BRANNON

**Into the herd**

As I sat and waited the requisite 15 minutes post-job in the community center of the Crosby County Pioneer Museum auditorium Friday afternoon, I gazed up at artist Joe Taylor's grand mural incorporating bison roaring across the early plains. The depiction reminded me, with some optimism and sense of cooperative duty, that I was now part of the herd.

On a tip last week that the Crosbyton Clinic Hospital would be offering the Covid-19 vaccine (thank you, Mary Martin of Spur, for prompting us to share it on the newspapers' social media), Kay Ellington and I secured appointments. The process was uncomplicated, in contrast to the spotty success we had heard of, and personally encountered, in trying to access the Lubbock Health Department's jammed system last month.

Administration of the shots was equally uncomplicated. The efficiently moving, socially distanced crowd in the auditorium seemed as much like an afternoon social gathering as I've experienced in recent months, with masked and polite participants willingly following the guidance of helpful volunteers, local law enforcement, and medical personnel. Happy chatter filled the space as neighbors wished one another well.

The nurse supervising my table said the hospital expected to administer about 1,100 doses of the Pfizer vaccine over two days. Appointments had been filled for all available doses.

Melinda Cagle, director of the museum, told me it wasn't the first time in the facility's history that it had stepped up during a public health crisis. In the 1950s and '60s, she said, the auditorium had been the site of polio vaccines given to schoolchildren orally in sugar-cube doses. ("I'm old enough to remember mine, in first grade in Atlanta, Georgia.")

The Crosbyton crew verified ID's at the front door—a process simplified by a marker board outside requesting that arrivals have that information out and ready—then checked temperatures and assigned places at resanitized tables and chairs via a post-it note. Volunteers guided folks to their assigned seats, staff provided a simple information form with a dozen or so health questions, and syringes were quickly readied for rolled-up sleeves. The needle itself barely registered. The mandated rest after the shot took longer than all the preceding steps.

One retired nurse from Lubbock, assigned to walk around and check on our welfare during that period, told me she'd grown up in Spur. Through masks for a few minutes we shared reminiscences, hers distant, mine recent.

Second-dose reminder cards in hand, we waved to our neighbors and were ushered out the back to waiting golf carts, which



**VACCINE TIME** Crosbyton Clinic Hospital administered about 1,100 doses of Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine at the museum auditorium Friday and Saturday. | THE TEXAS SPUR

delivered us right to our parked vehicle.

Each of these public servants and volunteers deserves our highest gratitude for playing a smoothly executed role, and for putting themselves in the midst of the crowd so that many others could get vaccinated. Kudos to the Crosbyton Clinic Hospital and their recruited help.

On the way home a National Public Radio segment featured voices from around the nation sharing their post-vaccination impressions.

"When they plunge the COVID-19 shot into your arm, you may not feel much of a physical sensation, but many people feel a lot emotionally," said host Audie Cornish. "After a year of worry and pain, they've taken action that may ward off the virus."

Maryland educator Jennifer Danish, whose school is trying to reopen, told Cornish, "When I saw my colleagues come out vaccinated and then knew that I was about to go in myself, I was honestly just overcome with tears."

Twenty-five-year-old Allegra McComb of Colorado, a hospital volunteer, said, "I'm so grateful that I got a vaccine. The main feeling I got was just, like, a huge sense of relief, to know that... I am personally protected but also have another layer of protection for the people immediately close to me and also that I can be contributing to herd immunity."

Yeah, that's right, I replied aloud to the radio as though it were able to hear me. (I've been on way too many Zoom calls and audioconferences lately.) I'm running with the thundering herd now. We are on our way.

# Floydada Whirlwinds

## Whirlwinds hold off Longhorns in close game

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

LOCKNEY—The 20th-ranked Floydada Whirlwinds held off Lockney in a close game for a 78-74 District 4-2A win on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the Longhorn Gymnasium.

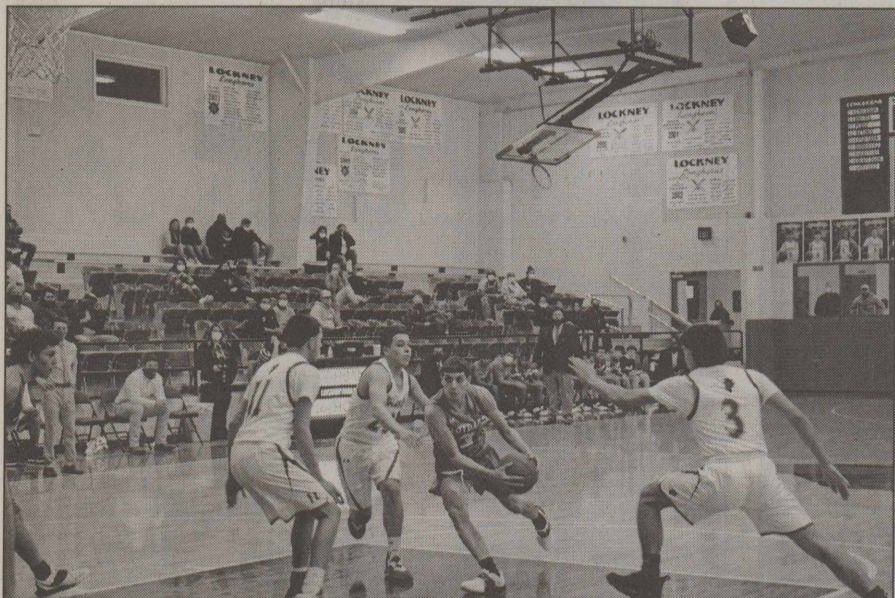
After beating Lockney, the Whirlwinds now have a season record of 15-2 and are 4-0 in district play.

Whirlwind Nathan Ceniceros had a double-double

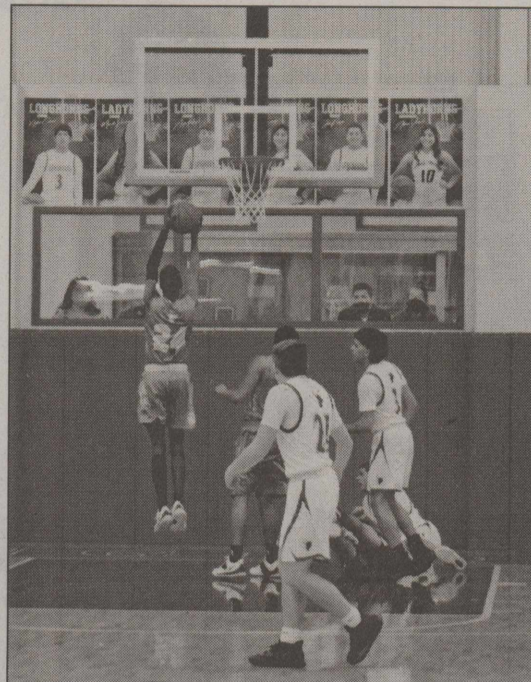
for the night with 14 points and 13 rebounds and added three steals.

Sebastian Perez totaled 20 points and had seven re-

bounds. Anson Rendon finished the night with six points, four rebounds, six assists and four steals.



WHIRLWIND KALEB CRONE (3) splits the Longhorn defense as he takes the ball to the basket for two points. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTOS



DESMOND WICKWARE goes up for 2 points against the Lockney Longhorns in a close district game Tuesday, Jan. 26. Whirlwinds take the victory, 78-74.



## Lady Winds lock up Lockney in district win

FLOYDADA LADY WINDS traveled to Lockney on Tuesday, Jan. 26, to take on the Lady Horns and came away with a huge district win, 29-18. Kaley Garcia (15) goes up to block the shot against one of the Lady Horns. The Lady Winds are still in play for the playoffs and it might come down to the head-to-heads. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTO

## WAY TO GO WINDS

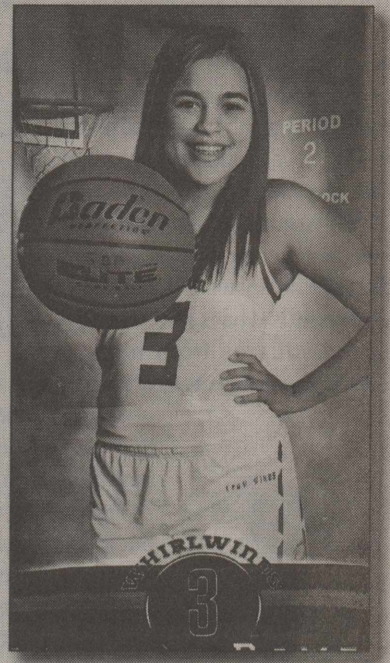
## WHIRLWIND SPOTLIGHT

FHS senior Natalee Romero is on the 2021 Lady Winds varsity basketball team. She played two years in junior high, and this makes her fourth year to play in high school.

Natalee is the daughter of George and Casey Romero.

She likes competing because it gives her the ability to strive for greatness. "The most exciting game this season has been the game against the rival Lockney Lady Horns at the Whirlwind Gym," said Romero. "Although we didn't win the first game, we got the chance to work harder during practice and came back and beat the Lady Horns at the Longhorn Gym in a huge win."

When asked what her favorite sports quote was Natalee responded with this advice from Michael Jordan: "You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them."



NATALEE ROMERO | COURTESY PHOTO

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU FEBRUARY 8-12

#### MONDAY

Breakfast - Turkey sausage and cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk,  
Lunch - Cheese enchiladas, hamburger, crispy tater tots, Mexican mix refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### TUESDAY

Breakfast - Cinnamon glazed French toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Beefy Rotini w/roll, pepperoni pizza, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast - Trix cereal bar, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch - Chicken nuggets w/roll, pulled pork street tacos on flour, Spanish rice, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### THURSDAY

Breakfast - Min blueberry muffins, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Meatloaf w/rice, roll, meatlovers pizza, zingy fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### FRIDAY

Breakfast - Turkey sausage breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Chicken corn dog, country fried steak w/roll, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

## Don't Mess with Texas scholarship contest opens to high school seniors Contest applications due March 31, 2021

### STAFF REPORTS

AUSTIN—Applications are now available for the 2021 Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest. This competition recognizes Texas high school seniors who are taking an active role in

litter prevention in their school or community.

The contest is open to any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the fall 2021 semester. The contest will award a total of \$9,000 in scholarships to three winners in May 2021.

Applicants will be asked to complete an online application and craft an answer describing how their actions support the Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention and beautification initiative. The application page provides a few tips:

- Describe how you personally made a difference.
- Tell us what inspired you to help improve your community.
- Explain how your project made a sustainable impact and how it can grow in the future.
- Highlight the ideas that make your project unique.
- Don't Mess with Texas reminds Texans to put trash in the can! If your project involves recycling, be sure to show how your efforts reduce trash and litter.

"We're looking for students who are developing exciting and creative solutions to keep Texas litter-free," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for the Don't Mess with Texas program. "We aim to shine a spotlight on their innovations in the hope of inspiring other Texans to do their part to keep our state beautiful."

To enter the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit [dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org). Applications must be received via online submission by 5:00 p.m. CST March 31, 2021. Sponsors for the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship include Buc-ee's and iHeart Media.

Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with the Keep Texas Beautiful organization, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program.

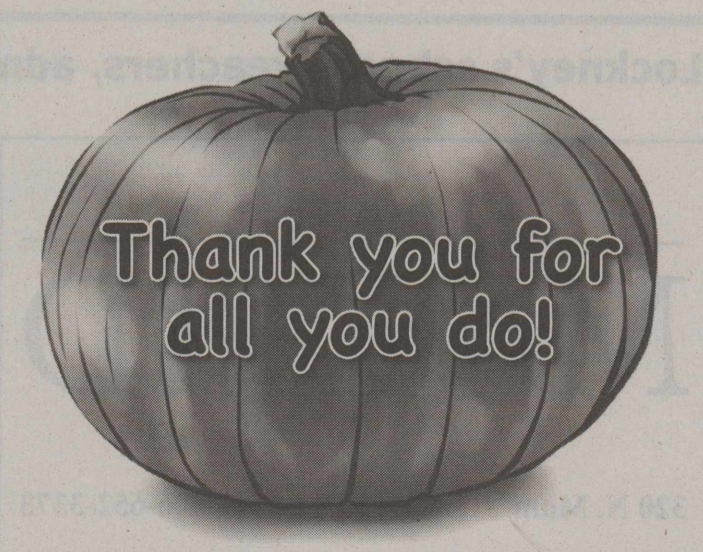
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**LONGHORN PRIDE SPOTLIGHT**

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

**Lady Shorthorn Ciara Hernandez** is a seventh-grader at Lockney Junior High School. She has been playing basketball for six years. "I love being part of a team that plays well together," she said.

Hernandez enjoys math class, she said, because "Math is easy, finding the answers to the math problems is what's fun." Once she graduates from high school she has plans to attend college and become a doctor.



CIARA HERNANDEZ | TERESA BIGHAM



When she has any free time, you can find her hanging out with family and playing basketball with her friends.

"If I could give girls who are just starting out in basketball one piece of advice about the sport, I'd tell them to have fun and do your best," Hernandez said. "Also, to remember to do what the coaches ask you to do.

After all, they are trying to teach you."

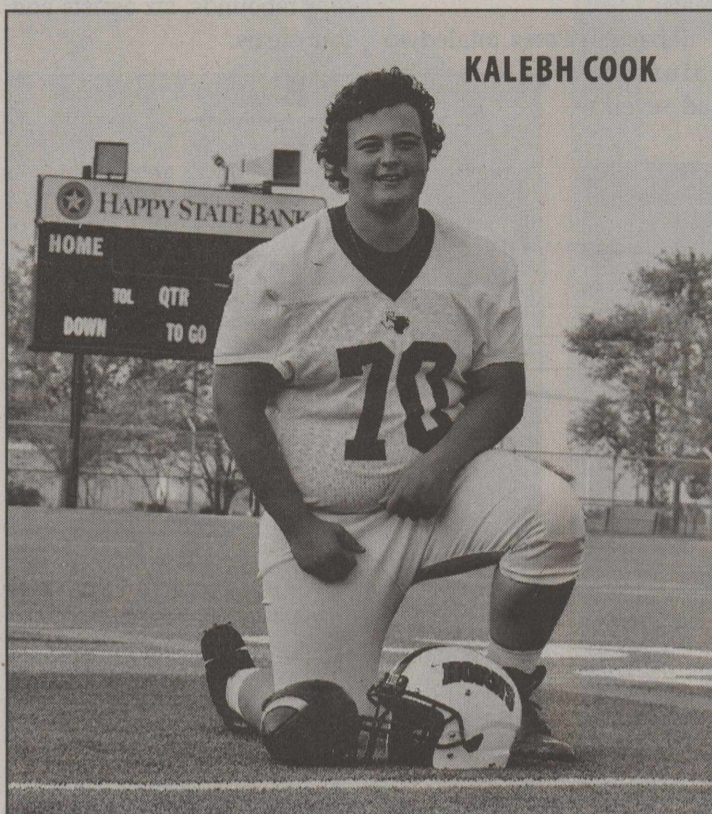
Hernandez is the daughter of Crystal Vasquez.

**Lockney Longhorns**

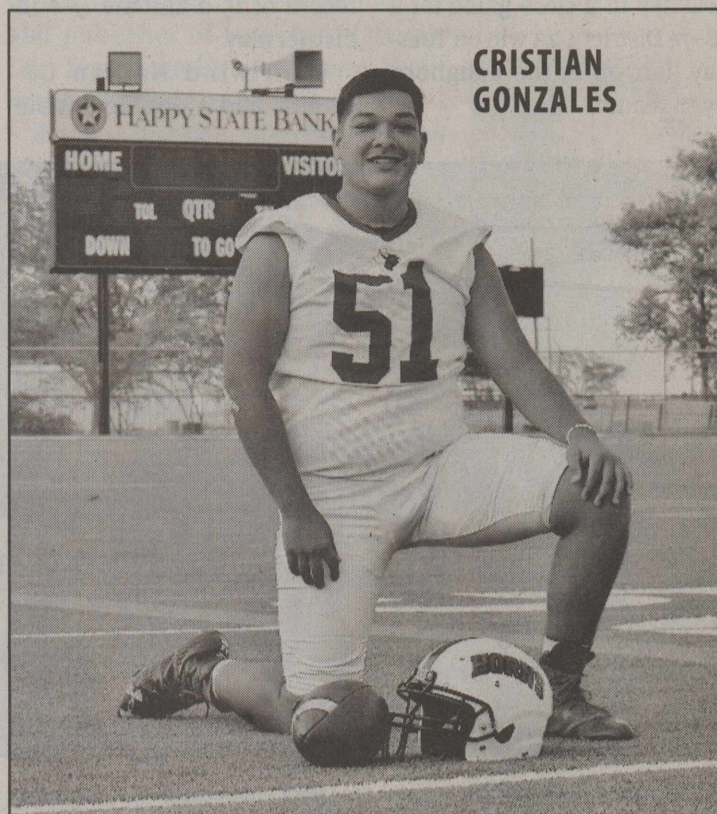
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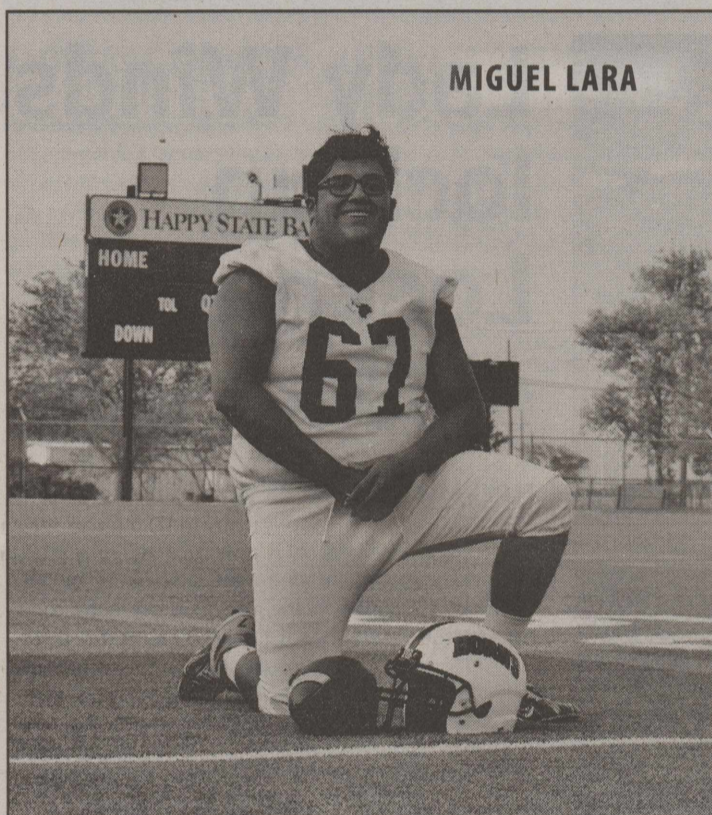
Four Lockney seniors have been selected for Texas's highest 1A football honor for the 2020 season—Kalebh Cook, 2nd Team Offense, Cristian Gonzales, 2nd Team Defense, Miguel Lara, 2nd Team Offense and Anson Rendon, 2nd Team Offense. Congratulations to each of these players as well as their coach, teammates, and supporters.



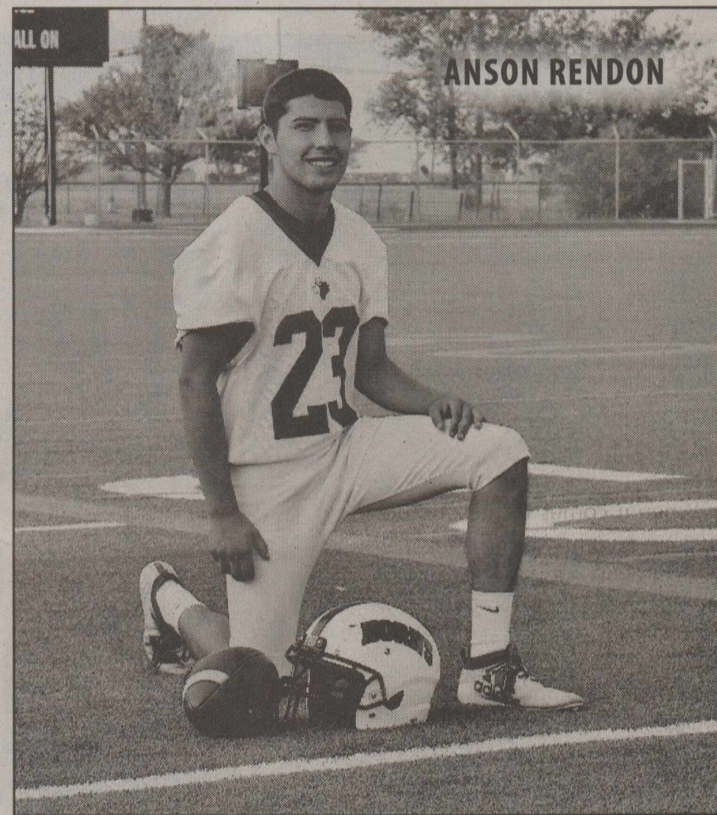
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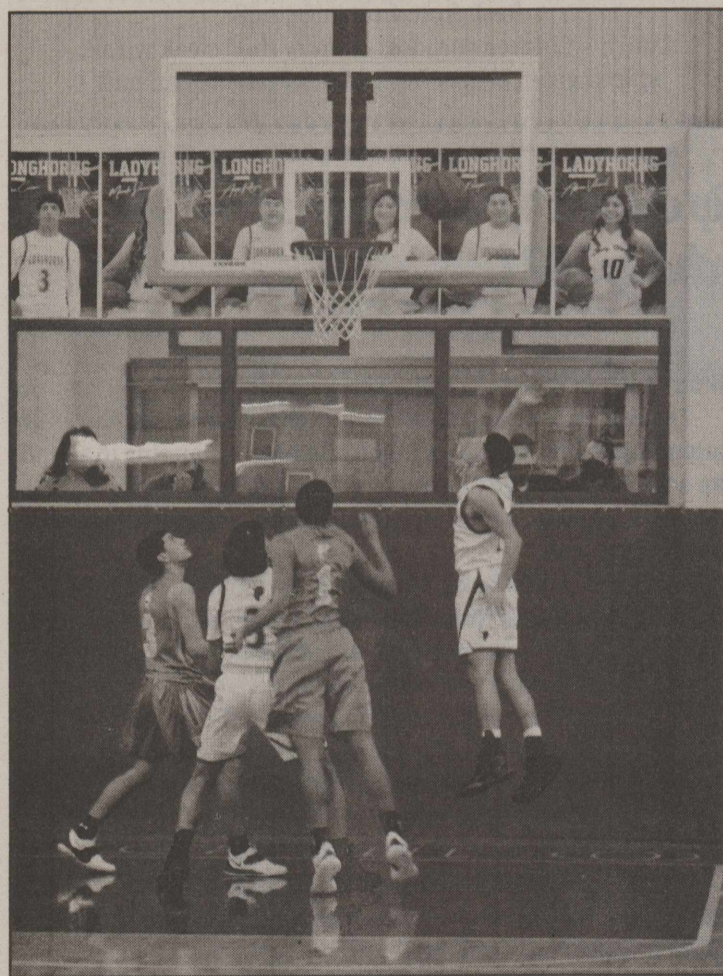
Breakfast – Chicken & bacon or cereal & toast, juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch – Chicken Alfredo or pizza pocket, steamed veggies, salad, peaches, cookie, milk

**THURSDAY**

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**Longhorns lose tough pair to cross-county rivals Jan. 26**

**LONGHORN ANSON RENDON** (left) goes up for two points and pulls ahead of the Whirlwinds in the second quarter by a score of 24-22. At the final buzzer the Longhorns fell short in a hard-fought district game against Floydada, with the final score 78-74.

**LOCKNEY LADY HORN GABBY CERVANTES** (right, at center) fights to keep the ball away from the Lady Winds during the game on Tuesday, Jan 26. The Lady Horns fought a good fight but fell short with a final score of 29-18. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTOS



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## AgriLife Extension to host virtual Auxin-Specific Certification trainings

KAY LEDBETTER | Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering producers several opportunities to complete their Auxin-Specific Certification Training for the 2021 growing season.

The virtual Zoom trainings will take place on the second Friday of the month—Feb. 12, March 12, April 9 and May 14. All trainings will start at 9 a.m. and last one hour.

This is an annual training and certifies attendees to use approved auxin formulations for the 2021 growing season, said Peter Dotray, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research weed scientist, Lubbock. One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit will be provided in the laws and regulations category.

To participate in one of these trainings, everyone must register in advance. Instructions to access the online training will be emailed one hour before the training begins. AgriLife Extension will post more information on an online module training in the coming weeks on the AgriLife Online Courses website.

In late October, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, renewed three dicamba herbicide labels Engenia, Tavium and Xtendimax, and made updates to the application requirements. These dicamba products continue to be Restricted-Use Pesticides in addition to being State Limited-Use and require auxin-specific applicator training annually prior to use by certified applicators only.

In addition, 2,4-D choline formulations—Enlist Duo and Enlist One, for use on 2,4-D-tolerant crops, also continue to be included in these mandatory annual auxin trainings. These 2,4-D herbicides are State Limited-Use pesticides and can be sold to and used only by certified applicators or those working under the supervision of a certified applicator.

All of these trainings will satisfy both the EPA requirement for mandatory dicamba training as well as the Texas Department of Agriculture requirement for approved dicamba and 2,4-D formulations.

For more information, email Dotray or Dena Graves or call (806) 834-3685, or contact Scott Nolte, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension state weed specialist.



Auxin-specific continuing education units to be offered online by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service | TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE PHOTO BY KAY LEDBETTER

## Karis McIntosh FLOYD CO. 4-H SPOTLIGHT

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

This active young lady is a second-year Floyd County 4-H member.

Karis McIntosh is a fourth grader at Motley County School.

This talented student enjoys taking part in the 4-H sewing project and the photography project. "I'd have to say that in the sewing project, getting to make the aprons was my favorite project in that class so far," McIntosh said. "When it comes to the photography project, my favorite one was taken sunset pictures at my house in different periods of time."

When McIntosh has any spare time, she can be found out taking pictures or playing basketball. You never see this free spirit without a smile on her face.

Some things that not everyone knows about McIntosh is that she loves sushi, and she has a passion for sketching. Her favorite color is turquoise.

When asked what she likes about Floyd County 4-H, she replied, "I like that I get to be with my friends and compete in competitions, plus I like learning new things."

She is the daughter of Ian and Bonnie McIntosh of Floydada.



## Amazon Hub Lockers arrive in West Texas

BARBARA BRANNON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Out on the South Plains last fall, they took up prominent positions in front of Allsup's convenience stores alongside ice machines, stacks of deer corn, and newspaper racks. The bulky gray metal cabinets seemed to be combination ATM, safe deposit box, and gym fixture. They came with names like Amoeba, Banquet, Build, Plankton, Wakeboard, Workman, and Mindfulness.

Yeah, Mindfulness.

Those big gray boxes might seem strange and new in rural Texas, but small towns are exactly the sort of spots where Amazon Hub Lockers are useful in connecting people with products they've ordered online. And the program has already been in place around the country for a decade.

Now, there are more than 900 Amazon

Hub Lockers throughout the U.S. in cities large and small. The self-service kiosks, says the Amazon website, are "secure, self-service kiosks where you can pick up Amazon.com packages at a time and place that is convenient for you."

They are open 24/7/365, and each has a unique ID a shopper can choose for order delivery. Once the package has been delivered, Amazon will email the customer a unique 6 digit code. The customer enters the code on the locker's touchscreen to unlock the correct door and remove the package. Customers have 3 calendar days to pick up a package after notification.

Want to try it out in Silverton? Select the locker named Spin. In Matador it's Build, in Floydada it's Banquet, and in Lockney it's Reptile.

Don't choose the locker named Spur by mistake, though—that'll send your package to Valparaiso, Indiana.

To find a locker in your area, or just to have fun looking up their names, enter "Find an Amazon Hub Locker in Your Area" in your browser.



PICKUP POINT Amazon Hub Locker, which provides free pickup and returns for the online retailer in some 900 U.S. cities, activated several locations at the Allsup's Convenience Stores within recent weeks. Nearby locations are in Crosbyton, Floydada, Lockney, Matador, Petersburg, Silverton and Spur. | HESPERIAN-BEACON

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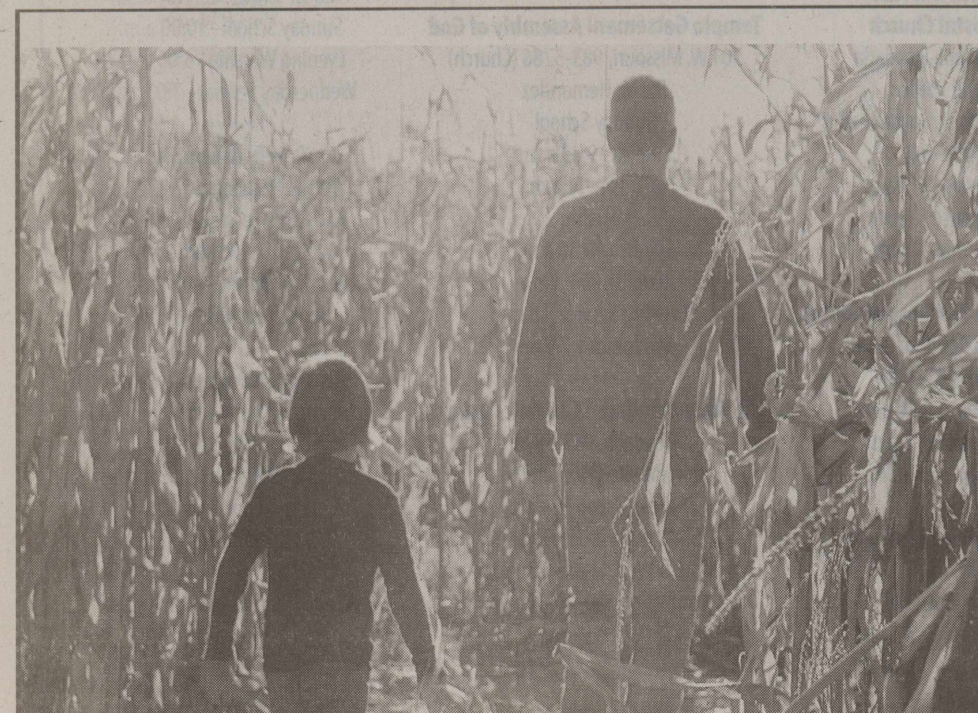
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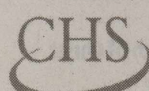


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FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Memories 1979: The Carl Lemons Family

As part of its mission to preserve local history, the Floyd County Historical Museum has recorded and transcribed oral histories over the years. Carl Lemons provided this personal, information-filled reminiscence of his parents, his siblings, and growing up in Floyd County.

James Monroe and wife Minerva Tubbs Lemons with their three single sons—Carl, Marvin, and Vergil—moved from Dolsburg, Oklahoma, to a farm in the Fairview community of Floyd County, Texas in 1910 for health recovery of Mrs. Lemons, a semi-invalid, a victim of partial paralysis. Her doctors there recommended the move.

Nature, age and ability earned for Carl the assignment of cook, laundryman, general housekeeper and nursemaid to his mother, who required special care, both day and night, at times. Marvin and Vergil assisted Mr. Lemons with the farming mostly, but outside jobs were gladly accepted when available.

Carl had very little opportunities for outside activities the remaining five years his mother lived. Shortly after her passing the neighboring school of Cedar Hill sponsored a box-supper to finance the purchase of an organ for school and church activities. Neighboring communities contributed generously to its success. This was the occasion when Carl and I became acquainted. He was the successful bidder on my box. Miss Ethel Trowbridge (my teacher) directed him to me and introduced us. Warm friendship formulated between us that night that existed and culminated in marriage one year later.

Dad and Mother gave us 160 acres of land for a home. Nov. 27, 1917, we drove by buggy the half mile to the parsonage, where Brother Joiner pronounced us man and wife and prayed God's blessing on our union. Carl and I both preferred a quiet busy farm life, by the side of the road, and be a friend to man; immediately we proceeded to

build a little two-room house which we occupied two days before Christmas.

Two sons were born to us. Carl Frances, the older one, now 59, lives three-quarters of a mile north of me on pavement and is very attentive to me. Grace, his wife, is also very good to me. They have two daughters and three sons—all married and with families. Nine grandchildren to love and spoil.

Harold Dickson, our younger, passed away at age one. Carl and I were privileged 41 years of comradeship before God called him home. We really walked and worked together, all the way, until his health began seriously failing, about two years before passing, with massive coronary occlusion, heart disease. Have lived alone 20 years since and yet Carl has seemingly been very near through it all and my Lord and Master has never left me, as he promised in his word.

My parents landed here in 1890 from Denton County, four months after the county was officially established, and resided here till his death in 1951. I entered the county at birth in 1897 and live half a mile from my place of birth in the Cedar Hill community, therefore I am definitely a 100 percent Cedar Hill, Floyd County, Texas native. Have not yet, at age 81, ever had a desire to live elsewhere, until God calls me to my eternal home, not made with hands and so many of my loved ones and friends have already entered and are beckoning me there.

Well I'm coming when God is ready for me. The Lord gives and the Lord takes. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

OBITUARIES

Steve Caballero, 1972–2021

FLOYDADA—Steve Caballero, age 48, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at the Floydada Cemetery. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, February 1, 2021 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

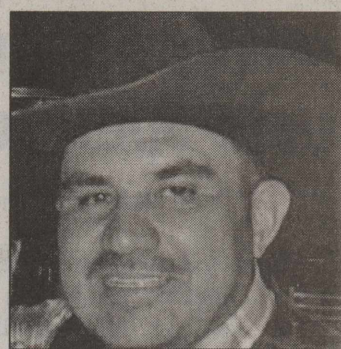
Steve Caballero was born March 4, 1972 in Petersburg, Texas, to P. Joe Caballero and Lupe Flores.

Steve enjoyed family gatherings, loved antique cars and watching the Las Vegas Raiders and Texas Tech football games. He enjoyed craftsmanship and family time, especially with his mom and grandkids. Steve was a truck driver for 30 years and planned on retiring doing what he loved.

He is preceded in death by his father, P. Joe Caballero; a sister, Lisa Caballero; a niece, Lacy Caballero; and father-in-law Jose Medrano.

Left to continue his legacy is his wife of 31 years of marriage, Esther Caballero of Lubbock; two children, Steve Caballero, Jr., and Stephanie Caballero, both of Lubbock; his mother, Lupe Caballero of Floydada; five siblings, Joe Caballero of Floydada, Danny Caballero (Shelby) of Littlefield, Tony Caballero (Lori) of Lockney, Mary Sanchez (Jerry) of Littlefield and Sylvia Caballero-Suarez of Seminole; and two grandchildren, Arielle Caballero (Sanchez) and Adalynn Caballero. He is also survived by 35 nieces and nephews and 33 great-nieces and nephews.

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



Linda Louise Lehmborg Terrell, 1943–2021

MASON—Linda Louise Lehmborg Terrell of Menard, Texas, joined her eternal Father in Heaven on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the age of 77.

She was born on August 22, 1943 to Walton and LaBelle Lehmborg. She and her mother lived at her grandparents' home until her father returned from World War II in January, 1946. Linda attended Mason public schools, where she graduated as salutatorian. She received her undergraduate degree in education in 1964 from Texas Christian University, where she was an active member of Zeta Tau Alpha, Angel Flight and student government, and was a runner-up for Miss TCU. She earned her master's degree in radio and television from Baylor University and taught school for 26 years, most of which were in Lockney, Texas, during which time she received the Regional Teacher of the Year Award and was recognized as the runner-up for Texas Teacher of the Year.



Linda was a passionate educator and had an incredible impact—both personally and professionally—on the lives of many people. She led students to national debate contests and helped them exceed in many UIL events. She was an outstanding consultant and workshop speaker across the state of Texas and even visited New Zealand to study their education systems and gain greater knowledge to benefit students and fellow educators. She was a member of the Caprock Writing Project, a member of Study Club and, along with her husband, a leader in the 4-H Club. She was recognized statewide for her wonderful work with 4-H method demonstrations.

The foundation of her faith was in the Methodist church. Linda grew up as a member of First United Methodist Church in Mason and was active in all congregations in which she was involved, including her present congregation, London United Methodist Church in London, Texas. She participated in Bible studies, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and attended lay ministry conferences. She especially loved after-church potlucks and visits with friends. Just as she did as an educator, Linda could captivate an audience with extraordinary stories that always ended in an uproar of laughter.

Linda is survived by her husband, John Thomas "Buster" Terrell Jr.; her children, Lisa and Mark, and their spouses; grandchildren Kate and Jaden Kelly, and Hudson and Holland Terrell; and her sister, Laura Lehmborg Tallent and husband Drew.

Honorary pallbearers include La Donyce Hamilton, Danny Castleberry, Cory Castleberry, Clint McElroy, Cody McElroy, Paul Lehmborg, Kate and Jaden Kelly and Hudson and Holland Terrell.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Mason, with burial following at Gooch Cemetery. Visitation was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Face masks were required and social distancing encouraged.

The family would like to express our sincere thanks for all of the prayers and support friends and family have given Linda throughout the years. Memorials may be given in Linda's honor to the Edna Gladney Home, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, or the charity of your choice.

MUSE NEWS

Floyd County's local archive benefits researchers from all over. The Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center and the Floyd County Historical Museum, across from courthouse in Floydada, Texas, provide helpful information regarding family and local history to visitors and to written requests from across the nation and the globe.

Included in the museum's collection are artifacts from the 1540 Coronado Expedition discovered Blanco Canyon and a scale model reproduction of the Montgomery Ranch House. We maintain an extensive genealogy library for Floyd county and the U.S., and our photographic collection of over 3,800 photos has been digitized for searching and printing.

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<p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worshp. 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada • 983-2578 Darwin Robinson, Pastor Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship—10:50 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wednesday—7 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Ron Kuykendall—Worship Leader Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Evening Worship—6:00 p.m. Wednesday—7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> Floydada 401 N 12th St. 983-5805 Rev. Timothy Askey Sunday School—10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wednesday Study—6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship Service—11 a.m. Discipleship—5 p.m. Wed. Service—7 p.m.</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> Priest—Sylvester Dsouza Sat.—4:30 p.m. Evening Mass Sun.—9 a.m. Mass Mon.—9:30 a.m. Mass Thurs.—5:30 Evening Mass</p>	<p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun Prayer Service—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship Service—11 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wed. Meeting—7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God</b> Washington and 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship—11 a.m. Evening Worship—5 p.m. Wed. Service—7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Morning Worship—11 a.m. Bible Study—6 p.m. Wednesday Evening—7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b> Service Every Sunday Morning Worship—9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Gary Boles, Pastor Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday)—6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Lockney Pastor E. C. Ice, III Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Worship Service—10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing—10:30 a.m. Morning Worship—11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Dan Beatty, Pastor Sunday School—10 a.m. Morning Worship—11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 701 W. Missouri, 983-5286 (Church) Joe M. Hernandez Sunday School English—9:45 a.m. Spanish—11 a.m. Worship Spanish—9:30 a.m. English—11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> Rev. Herman Martinez Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School—10:00 a.m. Evening Worship—5:00 p.m. Wednesday Service—7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston, 983-5499 Kari &amp; Justin Brown, Pastors Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Morning Worship—10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening—6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Church of Christ</b> West College &amp; Third, Lockney Morning Worship—10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship—1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service—7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b> Floydada Bob DuPont, Minister Sunday Bible Study—9:30 a.m. Morning Worship—10:30 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study—7 p.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship</p>	<p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School—10 a.m. Morning Worship—11 a.m. Evening Worship—7:30 p.m. Tuesday—8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study—9:30 a.m. Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services—10 a.m. Sunday Evening—5 p.m. Wednesday—7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Floyada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wed. Evening—7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada, 983-5878 Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial Vicar—Jacob Powell Sunday Mass—11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass—6:30 p.m. Confession Sat—10-11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> Providence Community on Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship Service—11 a.m.</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 or 473-0950 Sunday Worship—10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening—2 p.m.</p>



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agers are working clearinghouses and brokers with a series of tools and structures that give them a clear advantage in the market and will do anything to avoid taking a loss after having benefited from the suffering and misery of the common working class folks in the same 2008 crisis.

I'm no financial expert and this is not financial advice, I'm just some guy with a newspaper column, but... there are some common phrases that I think apply here.

"If it is free, you are the product."

"When a politician is speaking that's how you know they are lying."

And last, "the first rule of gaming is to save your progress before you do something stupid."

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**Stocks and shorts: a primer**

STEVEN HENDRICKS / HAYSTACKS

If you don't know a stock option from an IPO, don't worry—I've got you covered in this brief explanation of short selling, or "covering" a spread in the stock market.

When you or I (retail buyers) buy something (a stock), the value has a potential for infinite gain (\$\$\$) but will always stop losing value at \$0.00. However, when a short sell is done, the lost value (minus \$\$\$) can be infinite in proportion to the stock value (\$\$\$).

Short selling stocks isn't illegal, and in fact it is a common practice. The simplest explanation is this: someone (a hedge fund) asks permission to borrow something (stocks) from a lender (broker) it doesn't actually own and promises to return it in a few days (typically close of market week on Friday). While the thing (stock) is borrowed, the someone (hedge fund) sells it at the current value and makes some money. They expect the value of the something (stock) to go down, and when it does they buy it back cheaper. When it is time to return the something (stock) to the lender (broker) as promised, they are able to do so while keeping profit—money for nothing.

It is common to see 10% or even 20% short selling on a stock. It is not common to short sell 100% or more of a company's stock val-

ue—in fact the GameStop situation of 140% may be unprecedented—due to the extreme risk involved. While this currently appears to be legal practice, it is frowned upon by most people because it adds nothing of value to the economy and is usurious.

It is clearly manipulating the market, though, and this is a situation in which hedge funds and brokers have a big advantage over retail buyers. The aggregate purchasing power of a single hedge fund can make or break a company, whereas the typical retail buyer cannot even budge the overall value of a company simply due to volume of shares bought and sold.

In the case of a business relationship wherein Citadel LLC owns most of Robinhood, it has the opportunity to review data from user buys and sells and make fractional buys and sells of its owns with a slight edge (0.43 seconds). This timing and data mining can create models to gain a substantial edge over retail buyers. Basically, there is no level playing field in the stock market for an average Joe.

What Reddit users did was called a short squeeze, and this is also a legal practice. Basically, when a stock is shorted, it can be squeezed by more purchases of the stock which raises the value of the stocks and reduces or eliminates the amount of profit from a short sale and can create a loss.

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## South Plains College to offer License to Carry class on Feb. 6

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LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer the Texas License to Carry a Handgun class on Saturday (Feb. 6) in Room 109C of the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a one-hour lunch break.

Facial coverings are required.

The cost of the course is \$75 for students getting their first license. This does not include the \$40 fee for the Department of Public Safety and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint and background checks.

The classroom portion covers firearm safety, the use of force, non-violent conflict resolution, lawful concealed or open carry, storage with chil-

dren in the home and contacts with law enforcement personnel. The class runs from four to six hours.

The range portion covers range safety rules and commands, and the shooting portion of the class at distances ranging from three to 15 yards, using the indoor pistol range in the Law Enforcement building. Inexperienced shooters need to take basic pistol course before taking the L.T.C. course. This course is strictly for qualifying the shooter to obtain an LTC. This is not a class to teach the student how to shoot. The number of students will determine how long the range portion requires.

Students will need to bring either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol, any caliber, and 50 rounds of ammunition to match. Eye and hearing protec-

tion are provided for students who do not have their own.

The instructor is Mark Wittie, instructor of Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice at South Plains College, and a commissioned Texas Peace Officer. Wittie is a certified law enforcement firearms instructor through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement as well as DPS certified to teach the LTC classes. He is a member of the National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association. Wittie has been an instructor on various firearms platforms and other law enforcement force options for more than 20 years.

Students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited to a maximum of 10 students. To register and pay please go to the following link: [https://secure.touchnet.net/C20027\\_ustores/web/index.jsp](https://secure.touchnet.net/C20027_ustores/web/index.jsp)

## SPC Lubbock Center to offer EKG Technician class Feb. 8

SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

LUBBOCK – South Plains College Lubbock Center will offer an EKG Technician class starting Monday (Feb. 8). The cost is \$500, and a maximum of 15 students will be accepted.

This introductory course is designed for individuals who want to work in the health care industry

in a more advanced position. A basic knowledge of hospital protocol and medical terminology is recommended but not required. This course includes fundamentals of the anatomy and physiology of the cardiac system, basic EKG procedures, interpretation of basic dysrhythmias and a brief look at treatment.

This demanding course requires

an intense commitment to learning and understanding the complex concepts associated with the cardiac system. It is designed to prepare students to take the NHA CET Certification Test. Homework on a daily basis will be necessary. The practicum will be conducted during the last three days of class.

Optional study guide materials written by the instructor will be

available for purchase.

Participants must complete the SPC CE application at [www.southplainscollege.edu/community/continuinged.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/community/continuinged.php) and register for the class. New students must create an account while existing students can log-in. Students are required to bring a valid driver's license and social security card bearing the same name on each document.

These documents cannot expire before the end of the class.

Additional requirements include all shot records with proof of immunization for MMR two shot series or TITER; TB Test not older than one year prior to the first day of class; Tetanus not older than 10 years prior to the first day of class; Hepatitis B Series (Number 1, Number 2 and Number 3) or Titer (HEP B

Titer required if student cannot find shot record or is currently in the middle of the series); Varicella or proof of chicken pox and a flu shot for all students enrolled between Oct. 1 and March 31.

For more information, contact Ben Alexander, executive director of SPC Lubbock Center, at (806) 716-4608.

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- Saintly glow
- From the sky and often damaging
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- Photo editing option
- T. S., poet
- Chi forerunner
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- Swindles
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- Rub the wrong way
- Gardener's little helper
- British soldier's parade hat
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- "\_\_\_ Lang Syne"
- \*Team with most Super Bowl appearances
- Reverberating sound
- Slowly leak

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- Short version
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- Nervous twitch
- Knockout
- Below, prefix
- \*Player with most Super Bowl points scored
- Warm down-slope wind
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- Phoenix team
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- Savory jelly
- A must for a comedian
- Williams and Wright
- Natural theology
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devastated but comforted by the knowledge that they are now with our Lord Jesus.”

Carter, a businessman who invested in restoring the Old Nocona Boot Factory in Nocona, had run in a field of five in a Jan. 23 special election for the vacant HD68 seat and had emerged in a yet-unscheduled runoff with Jacksboro attorney David Spiller.

In light of the tragic news Spiller released a statement on social media Monday night.

“My wife, Ginger, and I were shocked and saddened to hear of the tragedy devastating the family of Craig Carter. Please join me in praying for the Carter and Morgan families for their losses and for the treatment and recovery of Craig and Leigha’s son, Rex.”

Carter also thanked those who responded to the crash and were caring for his son. “I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the paramedics, first responders, and the entire medical team at Cook Children’s Medical Center in Ft. Worth.”

According to NBC Channel 5 News (Dallas-Fort Worth), 28-year-old Kendrick Demon Collins

of Fort Worth is in custody, accused of killing a woman and a young child and severely injuring another in the hit-and-run crash.

Wichita Falls KXAS-TV, KFSX-TV and KJTL-TV updated their stories Tuesday morning as well to identify a Nocona family.

Police told the news crew that two drivers were headed northbound on Interstate 35W in Northlake at about 3:40 p.m. when the driver of an Audi A6 moved from the right lane to the left lane and collided with the driver of a Toyota.

The collision pushed the Toyota into the concrete barrier and it then rolled several times before coming to a stop, according to witnesses.

Witnesses also told police the driver of a black Audi stopped after the crash but then drove away, exiting the highway at Farm-to-Market Road 1171 and then turned southbound on the highway where he passed the crash scene and again did not stop.

As of press time Tuesday Carter’s campaign had not said whether the candidate planned to continue his bid for office.

**SUPERINTENDENT AS STUDENT** An array of school photos shows Dr. Gilbert Trevino through his young years as a public-school student. Coach Junior Ashmore reminded the youngster of the “3 P’s”: patience, to wait on good things to happen when it’s the right time (to not settle); pride in who you are and what you do, and having the poise to keep a positive mindset in adverse situations. “I’ve relied on the 3 P’s to carry me through various phases of my life,” Trevino said. | COURTESY OF GILBERT TREVINO

**SUPERINTENDENT**, from page 1

embarrassed to talk about what happened until many years later.

Trevino explained that he was able to overcome his difficult childhood because great educators held him accountable and would not allow him to fail. He credits English teacher Sherry Crigger’s expectations of excellence and substitute teacher Zelda Ford’s lessons in compassion for helping to pave the way to his success. Junior Ashmore was a basketball coach and a father figure to him, he said, during a time that he needed someone to serve in that positive role.

His maternal grandfather was an important influence. Though Florencio Gomez barely spoke English and had no formal schooling, he provided wisdom and guidance, especially concerning the value of education. His grandfather made every visit an opportunity to urge him to go to college. Trevino’s mother was a supportive figure who instilled a strong Catholic faith in her boys.

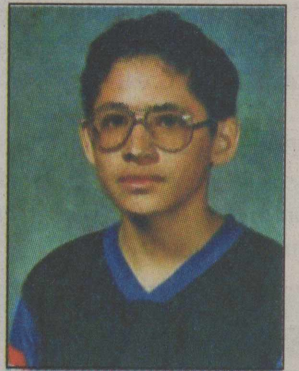
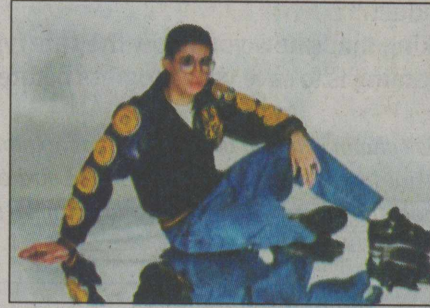
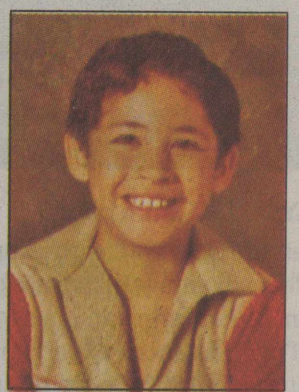
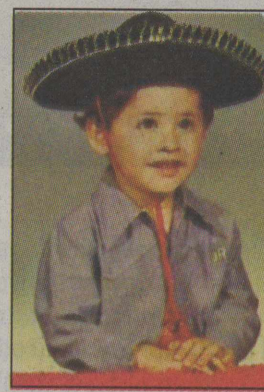
Trevino graduated from high school in Hale Center in 1991 and went on to obtain his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Wayland Baptist University. His work as an educator in Floydada began when he accepted a position with the district as a junior high English teacher and coach in 1999. Teaching and coaching at the high school the following year, he soon moved up to assistant principal in 2002. He was promoted to principal in 2007 and to superintendent in 2011.

During his decade as superintendent at Floydada CISD, Trevino continued his education. By the time he completed his doctorate at Texas Tech University in 2015, Trevino had clearly taken his grandfather’s advice and made education a priority in his life.

“I still learn something new every day,” Trevino said.

Trevino described himself as a once “smart-mouthed, stubborn teenager,” and someone who can still be strong-willed and a bit of a perfectionist. He emphasized that he could have allowed his life to head in a negative direction instead of the one he chose.

“Educators should never forget what it’s like to be a student,” said Trevino, pointing out that



he grew up like a lot of the kids in his current school district. He believes that despite difficult experiences, people choose to be motivated and inspired, rather than caving in to feelings of defeat.

“We must give kids our best and understand where they come from. I try to model this daily,” Trevino stated, adding that “educators can support and guide our students to work toward excellence and help them succeed through the hardships and circumstances they face.”

Kristie Rehkopf is a school counselor who has been with Floydada CISD for six years. “My husband and I both enjoy working with Dr. Trevino. He makes time to get to know everyone,” said Rehkopf.

“If something happens and a child feels worried it may have been inappropriate, we want kids to know that the counselor’s office is a safe place to go to talk and get help,” Rehkopf said, “and speaking up is okay.”

School counselor Nikki Ray Smith has been with the district for twenty-one years and has worked with Trevino since he first began coaching in Floydada. Although it is common for students who experience abuse to stay silent, Smith encourages any student who needs to talk, to reach out. “It isn’t your fault someone else may have made bad choices that hurt you,” she said.

Trevino has learned over time and through hard work that he has the power to make good choices in order to remove the obstacles in his own life and help others. He wants to set that example for students.

“It’s an honor to lead this district and to serve this community. I’m an educator at heart,” said Trevino, “and what I want for our students is hope for the future.”

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