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Gov. Abbott withdraws Covid-19 Executive Order March 2; Texas to open 100% as of March 10



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# SISTER ACT

# Floydada's Serrato siblings plan downtown market, event venue



TALENTED TRIO Sisters Yelitza, Yuleida and Yelena Serrato have been renovating the historic commercial block at the inersection of Main & Mississippi in Floydada and anticipate launching the Corner Market and event venue in mid-March. | HESPERIAN-BEACON PHOTO

BARBARA BRANNON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

As first-generation Americans, Floydada sisters Yelitza, Yuleida and Yelena Serrato have learned a few things about startups.

Whether it's starting a new life in the U.S.—as their grandfather did when making his way from Mexico to Floyd County on foot to obtain steady farm work, or being the first ones in their family to pursue higher education—they understand a great deal about

Now they're looking to start a new business venture of their own, and help others in the process.

"Growing up, we often went to flea markets-large events, like those in San Antonio and Dallas—and we saw the jobs they create," said middle sister Yuleida, a cosmetology graduate. But the sisters also witnessed how difficult it could be for local crafters, home cooks, and cottage industries to make the jump to selling their wares on the market.

Regulatory, licensing, and tax matters can seem overwhelming at first, and especially for immigrants or those for whom English isn't a first language, can also pose an intimidating barrier.

As one example, the sisters learned about the City of Floydada's temporary vendor ordinance after helping organize a community charity event last fall to benefit those affected by Covid-19.

### **UPCOMING**

WHIRLWINDS RELAYS The Floydada Whirlwind Relays will be held March 4–5 at the Tyer Stadium. The junior high meet will be held on Thursday

**BURN BAN** The Floyd County

Commissioners' Court has

with the high school meet held

on Friday.

extended the burn ban for Floyd County until April 12, 2021.

#### LOCKNEY CHAMBER **HONORS MARCH 12**

The Lockney Chamber will not have an actual Chamber Banquet due to Covid-19 but still wants to honor a Citizen and a Business of the Year for 2020. The chamber will have a Facebook Live presentation on Friday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

"We were the guinea pigs," said the youngest, Yelena, a Floydada High School graduate of the Class of 2020, a former intern at the Hesperian-Beacon, and now a student at the University of Texas at Austin.

The trio brought together dozens of vendors and crafters for an indoor-outdoor fair in the 1912 building on Mississippi Street once occupied by implement and automotive dealers. The large

# Texans to receive tax filing extensions

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYD COUNTY—Texans and others who qualify will have a bit more time to file their taxes this year because a new deadline has been offered for those who have been affected by winter storms. The Internal Revenue Service has extended the filing and payment deadline for individuals and businesses from April 15 to June 15 due to the severe damage caused by the storms. Every county in Texas will automatically receive the extension.

Business returns which would normally have been due on March 15 as well as quarterly returns which would have come due on April 30 will now be due on June 15. Also, 2020 IRA contributions can be made

until June 15. Losses due to the storms can also be claimed by taxpayers in federally declared

disaster areas. Late filing or late payment penalty notices may be abated, whether the due date was original or extended to the postponement period. This will be applied to all taxpayers in Texas since each of its 254 counties were declared part of a federal disaster area. Visitors to the state during the storms may also qualify for relief.

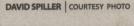
Plainview certified public accountant Brenda Rowan said, "Texas has been granted an extension due to the weather we had. Anyone with questions should contact their tax preparer. It applies to returns

see TAXES page 3

# Spiller wins HD68 seat, replacing Springer

On February 23, David Spiller, a Jacksboro attorney and school board member, defeated fellow Republican Craig Carter of Nocona for the Texas House District 68 seat previously held by Drew Springer, who is now in the state Senate.

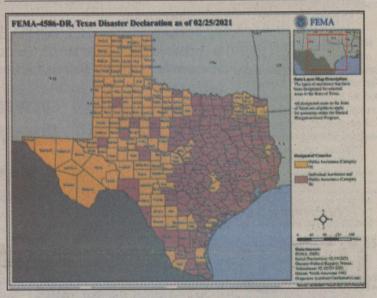
Spiller won the special election runoff to represent a swath of West Texas and the Panhandle in the Texas



House. Springer, R- Muenster, was elected to the state Senate in

With all precincts reporting the night of Feb. 23, Spiller led his opponent by 26 percentage points, 63%, 4,158 votes to 37% 2,452 votes, according to unofficial results.

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### DISASTER RELIEF

### Perry says West Texas counties being left behind STAFF REPORTS

In a Facebook posting Monday, state senator Charles Perry (R-Lubbock), who represents this area, made the following assessment of the Texas Division of Emergency Management disaster relief program.

"Confirmed: Rural West Texas counties are being left behind. All of the counties shaded in yellow have NOT received a disaster declaration for Individual Assistance (IA) from the federal government. Individual assistance CAN help pay for burst pipes, lost food, and other rebuilding efforts. However, we have confirmed from the Texas Division of Emergency Management that residents who fill out the damage assessment survey have succeeded in helping get their county added to the declaration."

Perry urges individuals and businesses to "Fill out the survey here if your county is highlighted in yellow" (i.e., not yet declared a state disaster area). The link may be found on Perry's Facebook page or by searching the term "Texas Disaster Impacts Self-Reporting Tool."

### Abbott announces Covid-19 mask mandates, capacity limits to end statewide March 10 STAFF REPORTS

Gov. Greg Abbott announced Tuesday that he is ending Texas' statewide mask mandate next week and will allow all businesses to operate at full capacity.

"It is now time to open Texas 100%," Abbott said from a Mexican restaurant in Lubbock, arguing that Texas has fought the coronavirus pandemic to the point that "people and businesses see ABBOTT page 4



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https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=68 The Hesperian-Beacon encourages citizens to consult www./ballotpedia.org/ Who represents me for a list of all their elected officials at every level of government.



LIZ ADAMS lizadams.news@gmail.com

# **Letters from the Past**

Did you know that until March of 1923. mail carriers had to knock on your door to deliver the mail? That's the year mail slots, or drop-off receptacles, became a requirement. Congress authorized the first U.S. postage stamps on March 3, 1847. In March of 1869, the first stamps with multiple colors and scenic pictures were announced. Texas post offices like Valentine and Texarkana might make it into a stamp collector's book, but one of ours in Caprock Country had an "angel" for its first postmistress.

It just happened that Lizzie Campbell was the only woman around for more than twenty miles when she arrived with her husband at the Matador Ranch in 1880. Her cooking and sewing were appreciated by the cowboys, who called her the "Angel of Matador." She became the first postmistress for the town of Matador, and she served in that role until 1911.

Post offices were established in Matador, Silverton, Guthrie and Paducah in 1891. Although a post office was established at Quitaque Creek in 1882, that was located in present-day Floyd County, and it was moved to the town we now know as Quitaque ten years later. Turkey's first post office was in the dugout belonging to its first postmaster, Alfred P. Hall. Charles H. Scott was the first postmaster in Paducah. Roaring Springs established its post office in 1913.

Just for fun:

The post office has a well-loved and timehonored bond with music. Postage stamps have featured favorites ranging from Thelonious Monk to Pink Floyd, Ray Charles to Lydia Mendoza to Patsy Cline. Miles Davis and Janis Joplin are two of the best, in my opinion. Edwin Armstrong, who invented FM radio, has his own postage stamp. And the love is deep on both sides, going as far back as you want to look. It seems email has never taken on the same romance.

You can go much further back if you like, but I will start with Buddy Holly, who sang to the mailman (Bring Me No More Blues) in 1958. The Marvelettes recorded the first Billboard hit for Motown Records in 1961 with "Please Mr. Postman," which has been a hit cover for the Beatles (1963) and the Carpenters (1975). A real postman named Freddie Gorman helped to write the song.

Elvis Presley recorded "Return to Sender" in March of 1962. The Box Tops recorded "The Letter" 1967 and Joe Cocker recorded it in 1970. That year, Stevie Wonder recorded "Signed, Sealed, Delivered," and The Velvet Underground followed with "Send No Letter" in 1973. Asleep at the Wheel brought us "The Letter That Johnny Walker Read" in 1975 and the Dead Kennedys were "Stealing People's Mail" in 1980.

Somebody might remember Steve B had a song in 1990 that was called "Because I Love You (The Postman Song). Soundgarden's "Mailman" came out in 1994. Brad Paisley's 2007 "Letter to Me" and the 2010 "Post Office Song" by the Aled Thomas Trio just show the topic is not limited to any particular genre. This week's Backstage title, "Letters from the Past," was recorded in 2020 by the Ambientalist.

### **GUEST EDITORIAL**

# Rural health care options a priority in Texas

U.S. REP. JODEY ARRINGTON | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON



Across the United States, more than 800 rural hospitals-40% of the total nationwide-are on the verge of clo-In the last ten years, 121 rural

hospitals have closed, including 26 in Texas alone. Low patient volumes, workforce shortages, and burdensome regulations threaten these hospitals' ability to keep their doors open and care for small towns throughout our country. Rural hospitals treat a disproportionately high Medicare and Medicaid patient population and receive about 87 cents for every dollar spent caring for these patients.

Even though nearly 25% of the population lives in rural America, fewer than 10% of physicians practice in these areas. Patients in rural communities face unique challenges in accessing healthcare providers, often traveling great distances to reach a doctor or hospital. This results in more frequent incidences of delayed care, which diminishes quality of life for patients and increases the cost of care in the long run.

Since being sent to Washington to represent West Texas, I have made rural healthcare a top priority. I believe our nation's ability to feed our families, clothe our workers, and secure our nation's energy independence is contingent upon our ability to provide access to quality and affordable healthcare in rural America. As I met with community hospitals and

learned about their struggles, many hospital administrators identified burdensome Washington mandates as a major challenge to keeping their doors open. Under current law, hospitals have very little flexibility to adjust the services they offer to meet their community's

Rural Communities Act." legislation to provide rural hospitals the option to scale down to an outpatient-only, 24-hour emergency care center if operating as a full service hospital is no longer a financially viable option.

Recognizing this issue,

I introduced the "Save

health needs and balance their budget. One-size-fits-all mandates out of Washington force these hospitals to offer services that their patients often do not need, driving up fixed costs while providing little benefit to their communities.

Recognizing this issue, I introduced the "Save Rural Communities Act," legislation to provide rural hospitals the option to scale down to an outpatient-only, 24-hour emergency care center if operating as a full-service hospital is no longer a financially viable option.

Local leaders, as well as health care professionals in West Texas—not bureaucrats in D.C.-know what's best for our communities. This legislation empowers hospitals at risk of closure to maintain

emergency care services for those most in need without unnecessary mandates from Washington. My work on this bill alongside Democrats Rep. Henry Cuellar from Texas and Rep. Terri Sewell, my co-chair on the bipartisan Rural Health Task Force, will provide much needed relief to hospitals across the state.

The Save Rural Communities Act passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by President Trump at the end of 2020.

Steve Beck, my good friend and chief administrative officer of Covenant Health in Lubbock, said, "Not since 1997 when the Critical Access Designation became law in the Balance Budget Act has legislation been passed to create innovate models on how to deliver rural health care. With this measure, many of our smaller, rural communities will maintain access to quality health care and not be forced to otherwise close their local hospital doors."

I am immensely proud of this legislative achievement and believe it will provide much-needed certainty to our rural healthcare delivery system. As the 117th Congress begins and we adjust to a new administration, my commitment to rural America is more important than ever. I will continue fighting for Small Town, USA, and ensure access to quality healthcare for the working families in the breadbasket and energy basin of America.

Jodey Arrington has served the 19th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives since January 2017. Reach him via www.arrington.house.gov.

### FROM REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT DAVID SPILLER Thanks to voters of HD68; preparations in Austin

Dear Fellow Texans,

First, I'd like to thank the thousands of voters of House District 68. You braved terrible conditions, in many cases, throughout this runoff to vote in this important election. My family and I are grateful for the kind support we have received from one end of this district to the other. I look forward to being sworn in and providing the kind of conservative representation that our district deserves.

Second, I wish the very best to my opponent, Craig Carter, and his family. Craig ran an honorable campaign. I would ask everyone to join with me and continue to keep Craig and his family in your prayers in dealing with the recovery of his son and the losses he and wife have suffered.

My job now is to provide support to the conservatives who are working to help Texas recover from the winter storm and Covid-19, help our energy industry recover, protect our rural way of life, and bring Texas back to be the biggest growing economic engine of this nation.

I have been told that the Governor's canvass of the election results is scheduled for the afternoon of Monday, March 8, contingent on the completion of the 22 local canvasses. Assuming that takes place as planned, I anticipate being sworn in on Tuesday,

I came to Austin last Wednesday night, interviewed people for staff positions on Thursday and Friday, met with the Speaker of the House and his staff, and hired a chief of staff. I came back to Austin Monday and anticipate being here this week planning, conducting meetings, and doing everything I can to insure that I will not be behind. I won't have access to my office and other resources until after I'm sworn in.

Also, I was honored to be named to the Texas House Republican Caucus Policy Committee, a 16-member committee made up of 12 elected positions from six regions, three at-large positions and the Policy Chair. The THRC Policy Committee is responsible for providing analysis and vote recommendations for members of the Texas House Republican Caucus. I am scheduled to be attending THRC Policy Committee meetings this week, as well as organizational meetings of my other committee assignments.

After I am sworn in, I anticipate that my contact information at the Capitol will be as follows:

State Representative David Spiller

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# 2021 Community Calendar

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** 

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LOCKNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 124 S. Main, Lockney, Mon.-Thurs., 1-5 p.m. and Fri. 9 a.m. -1 p.m. (806) 652-3561.

FLOYD COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 S. Wall St., Floydada, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (806) 983-4922.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 925 W. Crockett St., Floydada, serves lunch 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Wed. and Thurs. only during February. Dine-in, delivery in Floydada, or pickup. (806) 983-2032.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 118 W. College St., Lockney, serves lunch Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dine-in, delivery In Lockney area only, and curbside pickup. (806) 652-2745.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 105 E. Missouri St., Floydada, is open weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment. (806) 983-2415.

FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, 105 S. 5th St., Floydada, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (806) 983-3434.

**COMMUNITY CHANGES AND CLOSURES** City of Floydada office is drive-up only due to Covid-19.

### PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT Mon., March 8, 8 a.m., County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Floydada.

FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Thurs., March 11, at 6 p.m., FISD School Administration offices, 226 W. California St., Floydada.

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tues., March 16, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

UPDATED FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tues., March 30, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

LIONS CLUB AND ROTARY

Floydada Rotary Club - Wednesdays, 12 noon, Floydada Senior Citizens Center.

Floydada Lions Club - Thursdays, 12 noon, Floydada Senior Citizens Center.

Lockney Rotary Club - Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens

### CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Political fallout from winter storm continues



AUSTIN-As Texans across the state continue to deal with the damage from the mid-February winter storm, so does the political fallout in Austin.

So far, seven of the 16 board members of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas have resigned. CEO Bill Magness defended ER-COT's decision to order widespread blackouts while testifying before a joint hearing of two state House committees last week.

Meanwhile, the Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT, says it has opened an investigation into retail electric

providers whose flexible pricing plans inflicted electric bills in the thousands of dollars on some Texas customers in the wake of the storm. In a televised address on Wednesday, Gov. Greg Abbott said he had ordered that Texans will not have their power shut off because of unpaid bills until the Legislature has had time to act. He acknowledged that power generation from all sources failed under the harsh weather, including natural gas, coal, nuclear, wind and solar. Abbott has made it a legislative priority to mandate and fund winterizing

the Texas power infrastructure.

However, the head of Irving-based Vistra Energy testified at last week's committee hearing that winterizing power plants could backfire in summer months. According to the Texas Standard, Curt Morgan said, "We don't put structures around our equipment down here. Why? Because in the summer when it's 105 degrees you'd bake inside there; the equipment would fail."

Additional hearings are scheduled this week in the Texas Senate.

See CAPITAL, page 6



# **Flourless Peanut Butter** Cookies—yumm!

I've been on a peanut-butter cookie kick. But there are worse things, right? I've always felt a good peanut butter, or oatmeal, cookie could at least offer some sustenance.

The added nutritional value of the ground peanuts or rolled oats makes me feel a bit better about satisfying my craving. And if I can incorporate other ways to improve the nourishment I get from a cookie, even better!

There are many ways to make gluten-free peanut butter cookies. I'm good with gluten, personally, but have tried making them with almond flour to add more protein, and to reduce carbohydrates. However, I've found that leaving out any type of flour surprisingly works very well, too. The texture of the cookie changes, but just slightly.

I haven't yet experimented with stevia (a natural sweetener), which can also be used, in most cases, for baking. And I recently saw that the Truvia brand of stevia has a product that is cut with brown sugar so it sounds like a suitable substitute for the sugar in this recipe. There are other sugar substitutes to use for baking, but I stay away from the artificial sweeteners. If you do decide to try something rather than regular granulated or brown sugar, just make sure it is marked to be used for baking. And the package should indicate if the measurement can be equally substituted, or if adjustments should be made.

For this recipe, I also cut the addition of butter or shortening from my traditional peanut butter cookie recipe, and use peanut butter as the only source of fat in the cookie.

Additions, such as grated pieces of dark chocolate can add flavor and nutrition. It's fun to experiment with basic recipes,



NO GLUTEN, JUST GOOD There are many ways to make gluten-free peanut butter cookies; leaving out any type of flour surprisingly works very well. ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

making nutritious changes that help us feel better about indulging in a sweet treat once in a while.

Enjoy food made fresh!

Flourless Peanut Butter Cookies

1 cup peanut butter

½ cup brown sugar

1 egg, beaten

3/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line cookie sheets with parchment

In a medium mixing bowl, stir together peanut butter, sugar, egg, baking soda, and salt until smooth. Scoop out dough about the size of a walnut and roll into a ball. Roll a total of 18 balls, placing on the prepared cookie sheets about 2 inches apart.

If you desire, you can dip the tines of a fork into additional sugar and make a crosshatch design atop each ball of cookie dough. Bake for 13 to 15 minutes. Makes 11/2 dozen cookies.

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.

# Caprock Canyons State Park reopens this week; visitors should bring own water

LIZ ADAMS | CAPROCK COURIER

Following last month's severe winter weather and freeze, Caprock Canyons State Park resumed operations for day use only on Tuesday, March 2. Camping reservations will resume on Thursday, March 4.

Water availability in camping loops and various day use areas will be in-

termittent. Please be pre-

pared to bring jour own water as water availability may not be dependable in camping and picnicking facilities.

Park staff is still working hard to repair the sys-

tem and return the park to full operation for the health and safety of visitors.

For more information, including online and phone reservation details, visit https:// tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/ caprock-canyons.



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All news and advertising items intended for each week's print and online edition must be received no later than noon on Mondays. Items submitted are subject to holdover for future editions, depending on size, content and available space. No guarantees or assurances are made to when articles or photographs will appear in the newspaper.

### NOTE OUR NEW PHONE NUMBER for business calls 806.271.3381

### Floydada Senior Center News

LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday during the month of March. There will be no dine-in starting Wednesday,

March 11. There will only be delivery

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, MARCH 5 Chicken fried steak WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 Chicken fried steak THURSDAY, MARCH 11 Burrito smothered w/chili WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 Salisbury steak THURSDAY, MARCH 18 Fried chicken WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 Chicken strips THURSDAY, MARCH 25 Tacos WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 Swedish meatballs THURSDAY, APRIL 1 Meat loaf

(Menu subject to change without notice)

### **FLOYD COUNTY COVID-19 REPORT**

As of Friday, Feb. 26, Floyd County officials have reported 340 total cases (+15) with 311 cases (+13) reported as recovered. Floyd County has 9 active cases (+2) and has had 20 deaths (+0).

CASE #340: UNKNOWN — Male 20-29 years of age. Recovered. CASE #339: LOCKNEY — Female 30-39 years of age. Home recovery. CASE #338: LOCKNEY — Female 1 — 9 years of age. Home recovery. CASE #337: FLOYDADA — Male 70-79 years of age. Home recovery. CASE #336: LOCKNEY — Male 1-9 year of age. Home recovery. CASE #335: LOCKNEY — Female 1-9 years of age. Home recovery. CASE #334: FLOYDADA - Male 40-49 years of age. Recovered. CASE #333: FLOYDADA — Female 70-79 years of age. Recovered. CASE #332: LOCKNEY — Male 10-19 years of age. Recovered. CASE #331: LOCKNEY—Female 60-69 years of age. Home recovery. CASE #330: LOCKNEY — Male 20-29 years of age. Recovered. CASE #329: LOCKNEY - Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery. CASE #328: LOCKNEY - Female 40-49 years of age. Home recovery. CASE #327: FLOYDADA — Female 50-59 years of age. Home recovery.

(Cases #1 through #326 have been recorded as recovered, deceased or unknown status.)

### **Lockney Senior Center News**

DONNA WEBB/ AIMEE JACKSON | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

On Saturday, March 27 from 8:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. we will host breakfast with the BUNNY. This will be a fundraiser for the Center.

Last Friday we served 93 fish plates and were so blessed to have volunteers help to get it done.

If you are planning on eating fish on Fridays, please call the Center and order in advance so we have an ac-

Also, chef salads can be ordered from the Center any day of the week. Don't forget to eat breakfast at the Center on Fridays. We have not added kolaches (\$1) to our breakfast menu. The Center has been partnered with South Plains

Food Bank since January and will continue through the month of March. The program will be evaluated at the end of March to see if it will continue.

Breakfast is served at the Center each Friday morning from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. by dine-in or carry-out only. Cost is \$5 per plate.

The Center serves 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 nonmembers. The Center's staff appreciates everyone.

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

### MENU

MONDAY, MARCH 8 Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread sticks, fruit cocktail, banana pudding TUESDAY, MARCH 9 Cheeseburger basket with fries, rainbow sherbet dessert WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 Stuffed baked potato with

chili and cheese, side salad w/Ranch, brownie THURSDAY, MARCH 11 Deluxe chef salad with Turkey and ham, Apple Brown Betty dessert FRIDAY, MARCH 12 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy/sausage, coffee, juice Lunch: Fried fish (white fish), fries,

hush puppies, coleslaw, dessert

(Menu subject to change without notice)

# HANABA MUNN WELCH

# **Outshining the Northern lights**

Out of the frying pan into the fire.

An e-friend of mine moved from Texas just ahead of the recent record-breaking cold. Bill and his wife, Jo Lynn, got the last flight out of Austin before the bone-chiller froze the Lone Star State, Dalhart to South Padre. Where did they go? Alaska! And I don't mean Juneau. The couple moved to Barrow, Alaska, right on the Arctic Ocean, where the temperature was 51 below the week before they arrived and the nearest tree is 200 miles south. Poor tree.

The kicker (I'm quoting Jo Lynn):

"You know things are bad when you hear men in the Post Office of Barrow, Alaska, talking about the terrible conditions in Texas!!!" Proof positive Texas really made the news.

We had sub-zero temperatures, power outages and water problems - all notable. But such scenarios wouldn't be quite as interesting to the rest of the world if they didn't think of Texas as a sunny state inhabited by people who don't even own heavy coats and winter boots.

OK. Maybe people in South Texas are bereft of winter attire. But most of us have seen our share of northers -- blizzards, ice storms, strong winds. We find our winter coats when we need them. The recent overlapping cold snaps were remarkable, but they weren't our first rodeo.

But SSSSH! Don't tell. Let the world think what it wants about Texas. It makes them happy.

My parents and I took our first camping trip to Canada in the late-1950s. We ended up at Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba. They didn't see many Texans back then, but they knew all about Texas because they'd seen Edna Ferber's "Giant."

We tried to explain there was more to Texas than the people and places the film portrayed. But they'd seen those striking Marfa landscapes on the big screen. We couldn't convince them that was just one slice of Texas.

I was just a kid. The other kids questioned me:

Do you have horses? Do you have cows? Do you have oil wells? I don't know what would have happened if I'd said no. Either way, it was nice for a change to be blessed with the Texas mystique rather than razzed by Oklahomans about losing some bragging rights to Alaska.

During college I hit Europe. I turned my class ring over on my finger to keep from looking like an American. I wanted to blend in. Less-than-perfect French gave me away.

Ultimately, I decided it was better to make the most of my identity rather than hide it. I was a Texan with an Indian first name. Does it get any better?

Back then, Frenchmen and Italians too would draw their imaginary six-shooters on you when they heard you were from Texas. Do they still? Maybe not.

But if they do, here's some travel advice:

Make their day. Act like you're shot. Your job is to give 'em what they want. You're a Texan!

Don't dispel the myth. Live it.

TAXES from page 1

Advisors, explained that people can now file online through their portal. Chappell said most Texans will still want to get tax preparer."

and estimated payments, too." their filings out of the way even Darla Chappell, a CPA in though they have more time, Floydada at CMMS CPAs and but "it could really help those who lost water or had pipes that burst. It'll be different for each person. Work with your

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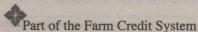
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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR **Firewood thief chastised**

I really like my fireplace and enjoy it very much. A cord of wood is very costly, but it is one of the little pleasures I give myself. During the last week of our extremely cold weather, it was so nice to build a fire. Having already prepared for the weather, I had brought in wood and filled my rake in the yard.

Then one day as I went to the dumpster, lo and behold, someone had stolen some of my wood. Over the next few days,

To the thieves, you might need to be very thankful I didn't catch you. It wasn't because I didn't try. ... Most people work hard for what they have, it was not given to them and they didn't steal it. Not sure which I believe is the worst a liar or a thief.

In closing here is a little food for thought---that karma will get you every time.

> **Sue Ward** Floydada, Texas

**Karen Houchin Attorney** 806-983-5556

MONEY MATTERS

**March Madness** 

Last month the world fell in love with the

Gamestop isn't over-it just had a second

With the amount of M1 money supply out

there, more than ever in history in fact, some

are comparing our situation to early Wiemar Ger-

many. If we do get hyperinflation, those numbers

months, although it may rebound. Silver has

held steady for a while. Real estate continues its

strong performance, perhaps this is where all the

value is actually running to. That would explain

the high prices and difficulty finding product

during a global pandemic, economic downturn,

most of the farmland in America. Auto sales are

stronger this year already, perhaps due to the

low bar to entry and the tendency for buyers to

replace them so frequently. And if the economy

does collapse, they can move around. Food

prices have gone up noticeably, in some areas

as much as 12%. February's awful ice storm

You may have heard that Bill Gates now owns

and decreased dollar value.

Even gold took a hit over the last couple of

on the stock ticker won't mean anything.

rally last week. The stock market in general has

a taken a dip this week, but will it recover and

GameStop story; this month, well it's getting

crazy. Who knows what will happen next?

continue to trend upward forever?

Haystacks

STEVEN HENDRICKS

won't help any.

taking over at home.

happen.

viewership.

In politics, for the first time in several years it

looks like war is back on the menu in the Middle

East. A friendlier stance towards China could

hurt the U.S. economy further. We will continue

to see jobs go overseas and foreign investment

House has been so controversial due to its waste-

ful pork that it is not likely to pass, which also

means working people won't see any money

from the government anytime soon. It's worth

remembering that the government doesn't have

any money anyway, it must raise funds from

taxes, so maybe it isn't the worst thing that could

I don't think we hit last year's levels of insanity

just yet. I'm not sure I am ready for this, let's

hope the month is a sleeper—just like the NBA's

Because the information in this column is based

on my personal opinion and experience, it should

not be considered professional financial investment

advice. Ideas and strategies appearing in this col-

umn should not be used without first assessing your

own personal and financial situation, or without

consulting a financial professional.

So far 2021 has given us a few surprises but

The \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill passed by the

### Floydada city council waives vendor fees temporarily, hires parks employee

STAFF REPORTS

During the regular meeting of the Floydada City Council on February 23, 2021, Yuleida Serrato asked the court to waive vendor fees for the Corner Market for the month of March. A motion was made and passed in order to allow city attorney Karen Houchin time to research and rewrite a special vendors ordinance. The council will then vote on whether or not to waive fees for the Corner Market for one year. Any other vendor may also go before the council and request this waiver.

The council voted to remove Cliff Messman from the Planning and Zoning Committee after it was reported that Messman had not attended the committee's meetings as expected by Police Chief Reuben Ramon. A motion was made by Bryan Martin to remove Messman from the committee, which then passed. Chief Ramon recommended appointing Jack Alaniz to the committee in place of Messman, which also passed.

Chief Ramon distributed a Racial Profiling Report for 2020 to the council members for discussion. The council changed its upcoming meeting date to Tuesday, March 30 in order to avoid conflicts with conferences.

After a closed session, it was announced that a parks position would be offered to applicant Devin Perez. The council also voted against a Southwestern Public Service Company's proposed rate

# to include Briscoe and Floyd counties **STAF REPORTS**

Joseph Thomas Foundation expands

The Joseph Thomas Foundation was established in 2007 by John and Erin Thomas of Abilene, Texas, after the loss of their 6-year-old son, who was born with multiple medical complications.

chairs.

• Helping with treatment costs for cancer and cerebral

• Receiving ABA and Equine Therapy and much more.

JTF's service area has

grown from a few of Abilene's surrounding counties to 101 Texas counties. If you have, or know of, a medically fragile child that needs help, please go online to www.JosephThomasFoundation.org or keep in touch with JTF at www.

facebook.com/JTF2007/ How can JTF help?

• The foundation has storage facilities located in Abilene, Lubbock, Wichita Falls and Weatherford, where donated medical supplies, supplements, and equipment can be donated. The Facebook page posts items available. If you have a need, you can fill out a Closet Request on our website.

• The foundation takes applications for assistance for equipment, therapy, or supplies through a form located on their website. Any questions concerning the application can be answered with a phone call.

 The foundation holds two main events a year for medically fragile children and their families. A Triathlon in February at PrimeTime in Abilene, and a Biathlon in November at Film Alley in Weatherford. Families can play miniature golf, skee ball and bowling at these free events.

If you would like details on the Joseph Thomas Foundation, would like a speaker for a club or event, or would consider donating, please visit the website or email Meagan Kirk at meagan@josephthomasfoun-

"Outshining Medical Disabilities"

While the big expenses of

Joseph's conditions were cov-

ered by Medicaid, it was the

constant barrage of little ex-

penses that whittled away at

their ability to simply survive

financially. The Thomases felt

a calling to help other families

on a similar path. They started

their non-profit, the Joseph

Thomas Foundation, in honor

of their son to help medically

fragile children and their fami-

lies by helping cover expenses

not covered by Medicaid and/

They began by helping a few

children a year, and in doing

so, it helped them as grieving

parents. Through the grace of

God and continued support of

friends and the community, the

Joseph Thomas Foundation has

exceeded all expectations. They

have helped more than 100 kids

by covering over \$100,000 in

expenses. The foundation has

now expanded their service

area throughout northwest

Texas, including Briscoe and

through high school with:

hicles wheelchair accessible.

JTF helps children from birth

· Making their family ve-

· Surgery expenses and

Leg braces and wheel-

Floyd counties.

prescriptions.

or insurance.

**ABBOTT** from page 1 don't need the state telling them how to operate" any longer. Abbott said he was rescinding "most of the earlier executive orders" he has issued over

of the virus. He said starting next Wednesday, "all businesses of any type are allowed to open 100%" and masks will no longer be required in public. Abbott urged Texans to still exercise "personal vigilance" in

the past year to stem the spread

navigating the pandemic. "It's just that now state mandates are no longer needed," he said. Currently, most businesses

are permitted to operate at 75% capacity unless their region is seeing a jump in COVID-19 hospitalizations. While he was allowing businesses to fully reopen, Abbott said that people still have the right to operate how they want and can "limit capacity or implement additional safety protocols."

Meanwhile, the spread of the virus remains substantial across the state, with Texas averaging over 200 reported deaths a day over the last week. And while Abbott has voiced optimism that vaccinations will accelerate soon, less than 7% of Texans had been fully vaccinated as of this weekend.

Texas will become the most populous state in the country not to have a mask mandate. More than 30 states currently have one in place.

Abbott"s executive order said there was nothing stopping businesses from requiring employees or customers to wear masks.

Acknowledging that some local leaders remain concerned about the spread of the virus in their communities, Abbott laid out a strategy that allows them to take matters into their own hands under certain circum-

**CROSSWORD THEME** 

### **OBITUARIES**

## Janet Lynn Sissney, 1947–2021

AUSTIN-Longtime and well-respected City of Austin employee Janet Lynn Sissney, born July 27, 1947, passed away in her home of natural causes February 9, 2021. Please check with South Austin Church, 6711 Menchaca Road, Austin, TX 78745 for information regarding memorial services.



stances. If COVID-19 hospitalizations in any of Texas' 22 hospital regions rise above 15% of the capacity in that region for seven straight days, a county judge "may use COVID mitigation strategies in their county," according to the governor.

However, Abbott specified that "under no circumstance" can a county judge jail someone for not following their orders. They also cannot impose penalties for failure to wear a mask. And if local restrictions are triggered, businesses still must be allowed to operate at 50% capacity at the minimum.

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# **MARCH MADNESS**

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12. Ingredient in talcum powder

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winner 20. Any day now

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Cunningham freshman 33. Mixed breed puppy

36. \*2021 NCAA Tournament location

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### WHIRLWIND PRIDE SPOTLIGHT

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FRESHMAN MIYA FIPPS, otherwise known as "Windy" the mascot, is always ready to support the Whirlwinds and Lady Winds.

Fipps, the daughter of Tom and Debbie Fipps, joined the cheer squad for the very first time this year.

Her favorite part about cheering for FHS is to support the Whirlwinds and Lady Winds teams.

She is excited for all the games this season because she believes the Whirlwinds and Lady Winds can have very successful seasons if they give

it their all. "If we try, we can accomplish anything," Fipps added.



# Lady Winds blow out Tulia

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA-The Floydada Lady Winds easily beat Tulia 20-1 on Saturday, Feb. 27 at Annie Taylor Park.

Floydada had nine huge hits in the third inning. The big bats were led by Danielle Zavala, Marissa Obregon, Perez, Kayle Garza, and Jazmine Coronado, all driving in runs in the third inning.

Erin Trevino was the winning pitcher for Floydada. She went five innings, allowing one run on four hits, striking out five and walking one.

Alyssa Obregon went for the long ball in the second inning.

The Lady Winds totaled 13 hits in the game. Trevino, Coronado, Obregon, and Perez each collected multiple hits for the Lady Winds. Trevino went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead the Lady Winds in hits. Perez led in stolen bases with four. The Lady Winds ran wild on the base paths with 13 stolen bases.

The Lady Winds' season record is now 2-0.

Floydada will play host to West Texas Stinnett Tuesday, March 2 and then travel to Thursday and Friday to play in the Seminole Softball Tournament on narbling sqiad 111

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# Floydada Whirlwinds





FCHS NATIONAL HONOR INDUCTEES (from left) are TJ Adams, Jody Briones, Peyton Anderson, Dillon Bruington, Saul Reyes, Tatum Glasscock, Alyssa Hinson, Faith Lopez, Devin Reyes, Lailah Burks. | FCISD PHOTOS

# FHS National Honor Society welcomes new inductees

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA—The A.E. Baker Chapter of the National Honor Society of Floydada Collegiate High School welcomed ten new members on Sunday, Feb. 21, during the NHS induction ceremony held at the Floydada Collegiate High School auditorium.

The incoming members were chosen based on their demonstration of scholarship, leadership, service and character. They were pinned on Friday, Feb. 5, and became official members after their tapping at the ceremony.

The inductees were TJ Adams, junior; Jody Briones, senior; Peyton Anderson,

Dillon Bruington, sophomore; Saul Reyes, sophomore; Tatum Glasscock,

Alyssa Hinson, junior; Faith Lopez, sophomore; Devin Reyes, sophomore; and Lailah Burks, sophomore.

The Floydada Chapter of the National Honor Society also includes Kyle Bruing-

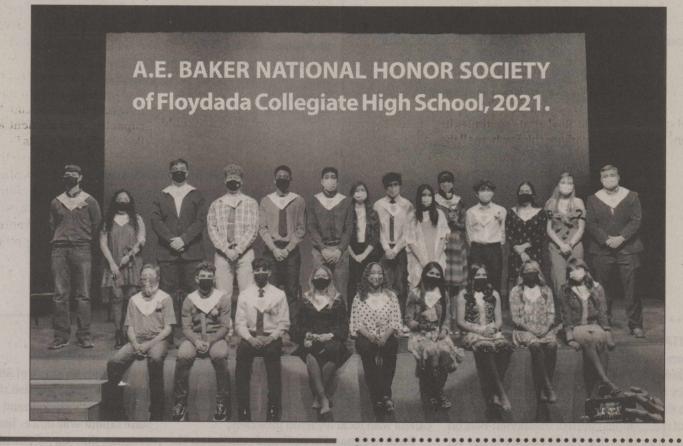
Clarissa Delafuente, junior; Nathanael Garza, junior; Ryder Glass, senior; Trace Glasscock, senior; Ashlyn Green, junior;

Luke Holcombe, senior; Brandon Marquez, junior; Jazmin Pacheco, junior; Kailee Sanchez, junior; Audrie Strange, senior; Erin Trevino, junior; and

Kaitlyn Vega, junior.

The NHS officers are president, Luke Holcombe; vice-president, Trace Glasscock; secretary, Nathanael Garza; and treasurer, Ryder Glass.

Being a member of this society is truly an honor and a great representation of each student's hard work. Congratulations to all.





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### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU MARCH 8-12

MONDAY

Breakfast - Chicken biscuit sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch Pepperoni pizza, grilled ham & cheese sandwich, seasoned curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk TUESDAY

Breakfast - Maple breakfast on a stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Chicken spaghetti w/ marinara, breadstick, breaded chicken patty sandwich, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk WEDNESDAY

> Breakfast-Cinnamon Crunch Toast cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Classic cheese enchiladas, fresh turkey & cheese sub, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk **THURSDAY**

Breakfast-Sweet potato chocolate chip muffin, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Beefy baked rotini, roll, cheese pizza,

spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk FRIDAY

Breakfast - Egg & cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Seasoned fajita chicken wrap, cheesy meatball sub, Mexican pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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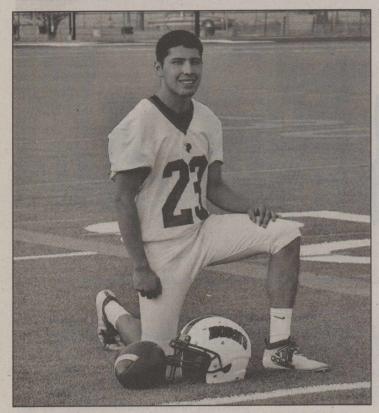
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# \* Lockney Longhorns

# Longhorns' Rendon named to All-State



ALL-STATE Anson Rendon has been named to the Second Team, Running Back, of the 2020–21 Texas Sports Writers Association Class 2A All-State High School football team. Rendon is a senior at Lockney High School. | TERESA **BIGHAM PHOTO** 

## Lighthouse Electric Coop announces speech scholarship contest

FLOYDADA—Two winners will receive a \$1,500 Lighthouse scholarship this spring in an annual speech contest. High school students from Plainview, Hale Center, Petersburg, Floydada, Lockney, Valley, Silverton, Memphis, Crosbyton, Ralls, Hedley, Abernathy and Motley County are eligible.

Please email Mike Green at mikeg@lighthouse.coop for entry forms and more information. Deadline is March 19, 2021.

# Motley Co. EMS to offer basic **EMT course beginning March 16**

MATADOR-Have you ever wanted to be an EMT, but didn't have a convenient way to get the training?

Motley County EMS will be offering the EMT Basic Course at the Motley County EMS Station, 1212 Main Street in Matador, beginning March 16 and ending July 8.

Class times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 to 10 p.m. with some Saturdays.

For more information, contact Tina Brooks at (806) 346-7495 or email tmbrooks71@gmail.com or contact Seven Alexander at (806) 346-7400 or email seven.alexander7@gmail.com.

# **Lockney Junior High** 4th 6 weeks honor rolls released

STAFF REPORTS

The following students enrolled in Lockney Junior High School earned "A" Honor Roll for the 4th 6 weeks of the 2020-21 school year.

Sixth grade: Sean Gonzales, Hannah Salazar.

Eighth grade: Bryson Klein, Miannette Rubio.

The following students earned "A/B" Honor Roll for the 4th 6 weeks of the 2020-21 school year.

Sixth grade: Tylee Benton, Lyla Garcia, Darin Jimenez, Natalie Jimenez, Victoria Luna, Hannah Salazar, Kaylee Sarinana, Stephen Torres, Alondra Trenado.

Seventh grade: Rihanna Castillo, Nickolas Cervantes, Ciara Hernandez, Ellianna Jimenez, Martin Jimenez, Mireyaih Lara, Devynne Lopez, Adrielle Martinez, Jaylynn Moreno, Jada Navarrete, Becca Parks, A'mryee Salazar, Kara Sanchez, Nayiahlee Vasquez, Aliyah Zavala.

Eighth grade: Bryanna Acedillo, Xavier Alaniz, Edward Ascencio, Krista Azua, Noah Barretero, Jolene Guerrero, Michelle Guerrero, Sophie Gutierrez, Analia Jimenez, Madison Jimenez, Rudy Jimenez, Xavier Jimenez, Brinley Lefevre, Haygen Lefevre, Darian Luna, Avery McInvale, Colton Moses, Jessal Naranjo, Victoria Salazar, Tucker Southard.

#### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU MARCH 8-12

Breakfast - Sausage biscuit or cereal & toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, tomato cup, strawberries & bananas, milk

Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or PBJ, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch – Spaghetti bowl, breadsticks, salad, Steamed veggies, fruit cup, milk WEDNESDAY

Breakfast - Chicken & waffles, or cereal & toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, steamed carrots, peaches, pudding, milk **THURSDAY** 

Breakfast - Stuffed bagel or animal crackers, & cheese, fruit, fruit juice, milk - Taco & tamale or chicken quesadilla corn, beans, salsa, orange & apple, milk FRIDAY

Breakfast - Dutch waffle & bacon, or French toast & yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch - Popcorn chicken or fish sticks, roll, steamed veggies, oven fries, pears, cookie, milk

## **Lockney Longhorns Varsity Track Schedule 2021**

DAY	DATE	MEET/TIME
Friday	March 5	Floydada (time TBA)
Friday	March 12	Tahoka (time TBA)
SPRING BREAK		
Friday	March 26	Hale Center (time TBA)
Wednesday-	March 31-	
Thursday	April 1	District Meet, Floydada (time TB)
Friday-	April 23-24	Regional Meet, Canyon (time TB)
Saturday		
Friday-	May 7-8	State Meet, Austin (time TBA)
Saturday		

### **Junior High Track Schedule 2021**

DAY	DATE	MEET/TIME
Thursday	March 4	Floydada (time TBA)
Tuesday	March 9	Tahoka (time TBA)
Thursday	March 25	Hale Center
Tuesday	March 30	District Meet, New Deal, 1:00 p.m.

### **Lockney Longhorns Softball 2021**

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Tuesday	2/23/21			
Saturday	2/27/21	Plainview	11:00	
		JV	JV After	Lockney
Tuesday	3/2/21	Littlefield	5:00	Littlefield
Saturday	3/6/21	Sundown	11:00	Lockney
Tuesday	3/9/21	Ralls	5:00	Ralls
Saturday	3/13/21	Sudan	11:00	Lockney
Tuesday	3/16/21	Hale Center	5:00	Lockney
Saturday	3/20/21	Floydada	11:00	Floydada
Tuesday	3/23/21	New Deal	5:00	Lockney
Saturday	3/27/21	Crosbyton	11:00	Crosbyton
Tuesday	3/30/21	Sundown	5:00	Sundown
Friday	4/2/21	Ralls	11:00	Lockney
Tuesday	4/6/21	Sudan ·	5:00	Sudan
Saturday	4/10/21	Hale Center	11:00	Hale Cente
Tuesday	4-13-21	Floydada	5:00	Lockney
Saturday	4-17-21	New Deal	11:00	New Deal
Tuesday	4-20-21	Crosbyton	5:00	Lockney

**CAPITAL** from page 2

More counties added to major disaster declaration. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has added an additional 31 Texas counties to the federal disaster declaration, making a total of 108 counties covered. (Hesperian-Beacon readers may note that Floyd County is not yet on the list.) Abbott originally asked that all 254 Texas counties be included. Texans across the state are urged to fill out a form to help the state identify damages that occurred during the storm, which can be accessed at: https://tdem.texas. gov/warming-center/.

Free legal assistance available for lowincome persons affected by storm. The State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association and legal aid providers remind Texans that free legal assistance is available through a toll-free hotline

to help folks pursue government benefits, insurance claims, home repairs and other issues. The hotline — 800-504-7030 — is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. It connects low-income callers with local legal aid providers.

Push to expand broadband continues. The latest issue of Fiscal Notes from the state comptroller's office provides a comprehensive look at the issue of expanding broadband, which Abbott made an emergency legislative priority item in early February. The Covid-19 pandemic accelerated demand for broadband Internet service as schools went virtual and telemedicine became more common. As of January, educators had paid for more than 4.5 million broadband devices and Wi-Fi hotspots, using funds from the Texas Education Agency, local school districts, businesses

and federal funding.

A bipartisan group of 88 Texas legislators in November recommended that the state create a comprehensive broadband plan and establish a state broadband office. Jennifer Harris is state program director of Connected Nation Texas, which partners with private and public entities to push for expansion of broadband. She noted, "The pandemic has shown everyone how important broadband is. Ten years ago, we had to tell people why broadband would be good for the community. We don't need to tell anyone

After storm, Covid-19 vaccines ramp up again. Nearly 700,000 first doses of the Covid-19 vaccine are coming to Texas this week, with 429,600 second doses arriving as well, according

to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Providers quickly resumed vaccinations after power and water service were restored across the state. The state continues to provide shots for health-care workers, long-term facility residents, people over 65 and those with existing medical conditions. TDSHS says vaccines are limited to the capacity of vaccine manufacturers to produce them, and there is not enough vaccine to supply every provider every week.

The Centers for Disease Control this week is shipping doses to 522 providers in 199 counties. As of Sunday, 3.4 million Texans had received the first dose and 1.728 million were fully vaccinated, according to TDSHS. More than 40% of adults 65 years and older have received the first dose, and nearly 20% in that age group are fully vaccinated.

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LOCKNEY LOCAL PHARMACY EXPANDS An agreement has been signed between Wilson Pharmacy and the City of Matador for a pharmacy to be placed in the Motley County Clinic Building. Pictured are 4B president Danika Jameson, Matador mayor Pat Smith, and pharmacist Brance Wilson. | COURTESY PHOTO

#### FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY CALENDAR TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

MARCH 1: Rifle Practice for Juniors/Intermediates 6 p.m. @ UC

2: Archery Practice 6 p.m. at UC

4: Food Challenge Intro/Practice Planning/Team Meeting 5 p.m.

\*\*important meeting to attend and info below if your child is inte ested in the food challenge project.

7: Rifle Practice for Seniors 5 p.m. @ UC

8: Rifle Practice for Juniors/Intermediates 6 p.m. @ UC

9: Archery Practice 6 p.m. @ UC

16: Spring Break Day Camp @ UC

18: Photo Field Trip to Caprock Canyons State Park (Weather

21: Rifle Practice for Seniors 5 p.m. @ UC

22: Rifle Practice for Juniors/Intermediates 6 p.m. @ UC

22: 4-H STEM Project 6 p.m. @ UC

23: Archery Practice 6 p.m. @ UC 23: Meat Judging 5:30 p.m. @ Extension Office

28: Rifle Practice for Seniors 5 p.m.@ UC

29: Photography Project Meeting 5 p.m. @ CEO 29: Rifle Practice for Juniors/Intermediates 6 p.m. @ UC

30: Archery Practice 6 p.m. @ UC

(Food Challenge Practices for remainder of month will be determined at intro meeting based on everyone's schedules.)

RSVP and mask are required to attend all meetings and practices. A COVID screening form will need to be filled out upon arrival. Unity Center (UC), County Extension Office (C.E.O)

### **South Plains Genealogical Society** to hold virtual meeting

DIANE BUNTING | SOUTH PLAINS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The open meeting of the South Plains Genealogical Society will again be virtual. Contact us at spgsnews@gmail. com and we will help you get connected using Zoom and your personal computer.

On Saturday, March 13, Kelvin Meyers will be speaking on the Territorial Papers that we have in the Genealogy section of the Mahon Library. The Territorial Papers are selected papers from the archives of the U.S. Post Office, the Senate Library, the Library of Congress, the General Accounting office, and the U.S. Departments of State, Treasury, War, and Interior. These documents may provide direct or indirect evidence of the ancestor you are researching. Mr. Meyers will be explaining how to use these volumes more efficiently. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers after the presentation.

Also, mark your calendars for the 2021 Caprock Genealogy Conference, Saturday, April 17. Billie Stone Fogarty, a professional genealogist, will be our guest speaker. There is more information at: www.caprockconference.org or email us at caprockconf@gmail.com.

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WTC graduates 100th CDL student

SNYDER—This week Kolby Rister became the 100th student cial Driver License (CDL) training program at Western Texas College's College on the Square. Rister passed his test on Feb. 24 at the Texas Department of Public Safety in San Angelo.

"This is an accomplishment and feels good to have gone through the training," said Rister. "It wasn't am excited to see where it takes

Margo Mitchell, WTC's director of workforce development and drivers are in high demand in our area and we are so proud to be offering this important job training to the Snyder community."

Western Texas College created the CDL training program in 2017 to teach potential drivers the skills

and knowledge required to safely in the state of Texas. Students who complete the program test for their licenses with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Emily Teegardin, Attorney Appointments available by request at 111 Main, Quitaque

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"Our CDL training program reflects our attentiveness and commitment to the community," said Dr. Barbara Beebe, WTC College president. "Western Texas College our local job market, assessed the need, and established the program to fill that demand."

Mitchell also noted that 100% of the students who completed the training program passed the

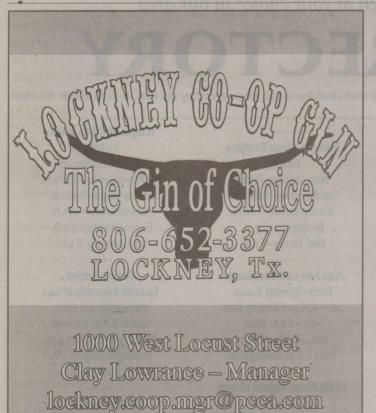
To enroll in the program, the State of Texas requires that students must be at least 18 years of

age, possess an acceptable driving record, hold a current Department of Transportation Medical Card or pass a DOT physical exam, and pass a drug screening.

College on the Square can fund CDL training for businesses needing drivers with its Skills Development grant, and unemployed members of the community can seek funding assistance through Texas Workforce Solutions.

"We have trained employees for " many local businesses, and put unemployed men and women back in the workforce," added Mitchell.

People interested in training for their CDL can navigate to wtc.edu/ cdl, call (325) 574-6581, or stop by College on the Square at 1806 26th Street in Snyder.





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KOLBY RISTER SHOWS OFF his CDL program Certificate of Completion outside the WTC Coliseum in Snyder. | COURTESY PHOTO

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#### FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

### Memories 1979: The Aaron Carthels

As part of its mission to preserve local history, the Floyd County Historical Museum has recorded and transcribed oral histories and other documents over the years.

Aaron Carthel was born at Lockney in Floyd County, December 2, 1913. His father was the late William Arthur (Babe) Carthel. His mother was the late Lillie Annabelle Steele. Estelle Byers was born in Collin County, Texas, November 1, 1918. Her father was the late Claudia Belle Laney.

Aaron and Estelle were married September 21, 1935 at the Lockney First Baptist Parsonage by Rev. Aaron Shaw, who at one time had been Estelle's pastor.

We have three children and five grandchildren. Gary Don was born at Lockney in 1937. He attended Floydada schools and graduated in 1955. Gary attended the University of Texas and Texas Tech, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He married Doris Campbell and they have two children, Gregory and Daintry.

Fleeta Karon Adams was born in Plainview Hospital in 1942. She attended Floydada School and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayland Baptist College. She married the late Wayne Adams and they have three children: Leeta, Kyle and Lonnie.

Hulon Lon Carthel was born in People's Hospital at Floydada on August 24, 1950. He attended schools in Floydada and has a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University at Lubbock, Texas. Hulon farms in Floyd County.

Aaron and Estelle's first home was a small house in the Prairie Chapel Community which is north of Lockney. This house was one mile from his parents' home and was known as the Weining House. We lived there over a year. Most of our furniture was bought second-hand and some was given to us by our parents. Mrs. Geo.

Beedy gave us a wedding shower. We received a number of beautiful and practical gifts, a few of which we treasure today.

Aaron rented a farm about one mile east of our first home, and we farmed for about four more years. In 1940 we bought the Phillips 66 Gas Agency and moved to Floydada, where Aaron was in all phases of business with Phillips Petroleum Company for the next thirty years. In 1957 we sold the business to our oldest son, Gary.

Aaron is now a county commissioner of Precinct No. 1 in Floyd County, and also has farming interests with our youngest son, Hulon.

We have been a busy, hard-working family all our married life, but not too busy to be a part of our community. Aaron has served on the school board a number of years, also on the hospital board, country club board and other things too numerous to mention. Estelle has been a Cub Scout den mother, has taught Sunday School, and belongs to the Baptist W. M. U. and the P.T.A. We are both members of the First Baptist Church.

Aaron attended school at Prairie Chapel and Lockney, where he graduated from high school. He played tennis, basketball and ran track for Lockney High School.

Estelle attended school at Roseland, Sterley and Lockney and took extension courses from Texas Tech University. In school she played softball and volleyball and was correspondent on a school paper.

We have enjoyed making our home and raising our family in Floydada. We have been blessed with wonderful neighbors.

CHURCHES AND AREA

by Earlyne Jameson

#### **Overheard**

As the next to youngest child in a family with 10 children, living on the North Dakota plains, my husband had the job of herding sheep cross the unfenced fields.

It was a lonely job for a quiet nine-year-old, but one of those long, monotonous days became special and is still remembered 64 years later.

A small airplane, seldom seen in those days, circled overhead, then dropped a tiny parachute. Dangling from it was a huge Baby Ruth candy bar, the first candy bar that was all his!

Attached to the candy was a notice about a dance in a nearby town of little interest to a solitary little sheepherder.

He's never forgotten the thrill and taste of that Baby Ruth nor the kindness of a pilot long ago.

#### **Winter Storm in Motley County**

Motley County had a winter storm in February with a record-breaking cold temperature of minus 3 and minus 4 and daytime temperatures not above 7-degrees all day February 15--6. There was snow for several days and no Motley County school for a week.

Electric co-ops were forced to interrupt power to pre-selected electric circuits for up to one hour at a time until system conditions improved, which was the only electrical disadvantage Motley County had. The only damaged water pipes in Motley County were in Matador, including Motley County Clinic and flooding of the Catholic Church and parsonage.

The National Weather Bureau in Lubbock registered total moisture in February in Motley County: Roaring Springs, 0.18 rain, with snowfall, 1.70 inches; Matador, 0.17, 6-inches snowfall; Northfield, 0.06, with 1.20 snowfall; Flomot, 0.18, snowfall 4.50 inches; and Whiteflat, 0.50, with 5.00 inches snowfall.

#### **House Fire Destroys Home**

The home of Darrell and Brenda Cruse was destroyed by fire at 2 a.m., Tuesday, February 23. It was started after one of their vehicles parked close by caught fire. They lost everything.

A love fund has been established at both the Happy State and and the First National Bank of Quitaque to help offset their loss.

#### **Community News**

Wilburn Martin visited from Saturday until Wednesday in Borger with his daughter and family, Mrs. Marilee Cooper. Mrs. Janice Hughes attended to business in Plainview, Wednesday. She was in Childress, Saturday and enjoyed the baseball game where her grandson, Kason Hughes of Turkey,

played. Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, NM, visited from Thursday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet"

Recent visitor of Donnie Rogers was Richard Rogers of

Lubbock. County. She is married to H.R. "Skeet" Jameson, a lifelong farmer. They have two sons, Shannon, who lives in Santa Fe, NM, and Lance Jameson of Vernon. She is a 1946 graduate of Matador High School and attended Texas Tech and Hardin-Simmons Universities. She is an accomplished pianist, former chair of the American Heart Association in Motley County; and has contributed to local newspapers for more than 60 years.

# Floyd County Sheriff's **Crime Report**JANUARY 2021

Jan. 3. Andrew Castro, 40, of Lockney, was arrested at 200 N Main in the City of Lockney on a warrant for Evading Arrest. He attempted to run from the Deputies and was caught inside of Lowes and taken into custody.

Jan. 6. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 70 that resulted in the arrest of Roderick Humes, 42, of Lubbock, for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Jan. 6. Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 300 Block of North 2nd Street in the City of Floydada. Pete Jimenez, 45, of Floydada, was arrested on a warrant for Child Support.

Jan. 8. Deputy responded to a crash on US Highway 70 and FM 786, where a SUV collided with a stock trailer towed by a Chevy SUV as it crossed the Southbound lanes onto FM 786. The driver of the car was taken to Covenant Medical Center in Plainview with non-lifethreatening injuries.

Jan. 11. Deputy responded to a crash in the 400 Block of SW 4th street in the City of Lockney where a vehicle disregarded a stop sign and hit another car. No injuries were reported.

Jan. 13. Deputy was sent to Dialysis Center in Plainview in reference to an assault that occurred in the City of Lockney.

Jan. 12. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 70 that resulted in the arrest of Jorge Sanchez, 56, of Floydada, for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Jan. 14. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on Highway 70 that resulted in an arrest of Jordan Pinon, 28, of Floydada for Driving While Intoxicated 2nd.

Jan. 15. Deputy responded to a crash on US Highway 62, where a vehicle struck a deer.

Jan. 17. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on State Highway 207 that resulted in Mark Williams, 43, of Lubbock, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more.

Jan. 19. Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 700 Block of South Main in the City of Floydada that resulted in Hector Barrientos, 33, of Floydada, arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, and Theft of A firearm.

Jan. 19. Deputy conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 70 that

see SHERIFF REPORT, page 9

# **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.

### Visiting the museum in person

Visitors are welcome at the Museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment, (806) 983-2415 or fchmuseum@sbcglobal.net.

### Memberships and contributions welcome

Dues and contributions are vital to the museum's operation and maintenance. The Genealogy Center and the Museum welcome memberships from within and outside Floyd County at any time. Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to the family members.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to: Floyd County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 304 Floydada, TX 79235

Thank you for helping preserve Floyd County history! www.floydcountymuseum.com

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# URCH DIRECTORY

During the current conditions of maintaining social distance, we encourage members and visitors check with churches in advance regarding the best ways to join in worship.

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

**Bible Baptist Church** 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.

**Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship** 

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

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

**Church of Christ** West College & Third, Lockney

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Morning Worship—10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship-1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service-7:30 p.m. •••••

**City Park Church of Christ** 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. •••••

**First Baptist Church** Floydada

Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship

Ashley Adams, Minister of Music Ludustia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry Sunday School-9:15 a.m. Morning Worship-10:30 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

> **First Baptist Church** Lockney

Joseph Tillery, Pastor 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.

**First United Methodist Church** Floydada

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

**First United Methodist Church** Lockney

Pastor E. C. Ice, III Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

**Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ** Joe Bennett, Pastor

Sunday School-10 a.m. Morning Worship-11 a.m Evening Worship-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

**Main Street Church of Christ** Lockney James Blair, Minister

Bible Study-9:30 a.m. Morning Worship-10:30 a.m. Evening Worship—6:00 p.m. Wednesday-7:00 p.m

..... Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Floydada 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. **New Salem** 

**Primitive Baptist Church** Floydada **Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges** (806) 637-0430

Sunday Singing-10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m.

**Out Reach Harvest** 

**Pentecostal Church** 310 Mississippi, Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible-10 a.m. Morning Praise-11 a.m.

**Power of Praise Full Gospel Church** 

Evening Praise 5—p.m.

Wed. Worship-7 p.m.

Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services—10 a.m. Sunday Evening-5 p.m. Wednesday-7:30 p.m. ....

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**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.

Primera Iglesia Bautista Lockney

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

San Jose Catholic Church Priest—Sylvester Dsouza Sat. - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass Sun. - 9 a.m. Mass Mon.-9:30 a.m. Mass Thurs. – 5:30 Evening Mass

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

\*\*\*\* **Templo Getsemani Assembly of God** 701 W. Missouri, 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. ....

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

Floydada, 983-5878 Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial Vicar-Jacob Powell Sunday Mass-11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass-6:30 p.m. Confession Sat-10-11 a.m.

### **Templo Bautista Salem**

Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez 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. ....

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

Wed. Service-7 p.m.

**Templo Nueva Vida Rev. Herman Martinez Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores** 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School—10:00 a.m. Evening Worship-5:00 p.m. Wednesday Service-7:00 p.m.

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church** Providence Community on Fm 2301

293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship Service—11 a.m.

.... **West Side Church of Christ** 

Floydada 983-2672 or 470-0950 Sunday Worship—10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening-2 p.m.

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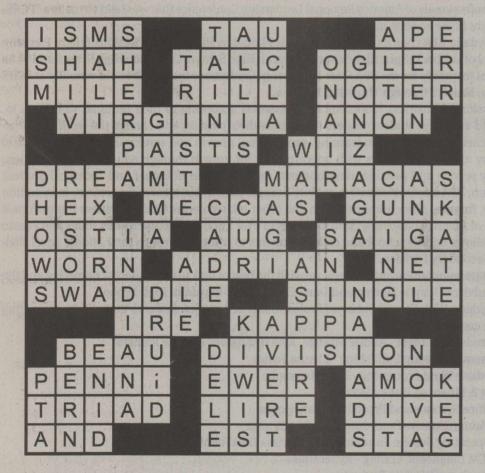
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# CROSSWORD SOLUTION



# Flash floods responsible for most weather-related deaths

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AUSTIN—Texas is famous for its ever-changing weather, including flash floods that can make driving treacherous in low-lying areas and on watercovered roadways. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reminding drivers to heed this important life-saving warning: "Turn Around, Don't Drown!"

Flash floods are the leading cause of weather-related deaths in Texas, and about 60% of flood-related deaths in our state involve motor vehicles. Just six inches of fast-moving water-enough to barely touch most people's lower legs or cover their ankles-can cause motorists to lose control of a vehicle, even a pickup truck or SUV. Flood waters also may be hiding dangers such as debris, tree branches, power lines, or damage to the road that can seriously damage a vehicle and harm or even kill drivers and passengers.

State law requires drivers to heed barriers blocking low water crossings or flooded roadways, or face a fine of up to \$2,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail. Motorists who tamper with or remove a roadway warning sign or barricade are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000, up to two years in jail, or both.

TxDOT advises motorists in areas experiencing heavy rain or flooding to follow these safety tips:

· Stay informed about weather conditions.

· Never drive through still or moving flood waters. Turn around, don't drown!

· Reduce your speed, drive to conditions, and turn off cruise control.

· Be especially careful driving at night, when it can be harder to see flood dangers.

· If your vehicle stalls in flood waters, if you can do so safely, leave it and move to higher ground.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart." is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

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**SHERIFF REPORT** from page 8

resulted in the arrests of Frank Cada, 48, of Wichita Falls, and Frankie Cada, 24, of Plainview, for Possession of a Controlled Sub-

Jan. 21. Deputy was dispatched to 700 Block North Main Street in the City of Lockney about vandalism. The complainant reported that some vehicles had the windows broken.

Jan. 27. The Sheriff's Office received a from a Complainant that someone had stolen a Smith &Wesson 38 Special pistol from his vehicle. A Deputy took the report in 700 Block of South Main Street in the City of Lockney about a firearm theft. This case is still under investigation.

Jan. 27. Deputy observed a suspicious vehicle parked at a business in the 800 BlockWest Locust Street. After running a check on the car, the Deputy was informed that the car had was reported stolen from Amarillo, Texas. Adam Contreras, 28, of Wellington, was arrested for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle and Failure to Identify. Krystal Daniel, 33, of Plainview, was arrested for Unauthorized Use of Vehicle; Juan Sanchez, 53, of Wellington, was arrested for Unauthorized Use of Vehicle.

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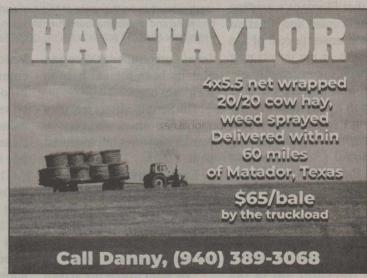
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covered shed that once sheltered Chevrolets and tractors was perfect for local fare and local wares.

In another part of the brick building, the women have established Whirlwind Nutrition-whose signage they designed and installed themselves.

It was eldest sister Yelitza who came up with a concept that would put the spacious, welcoming, and handily situated space to regular use.

"The Corner Market" will serve as a rental venue for public and private events as well as home to businesses such as a local photography studio.

But it will also host a regular vendor and food fair monthly on second Saturdays.

"We're equipped with onsite indoor restroom, kitchen, our own adjacent parking, and plenty of space for generators, grills, and food trucks," said Yelena. "We are also able to make limited connections to electrical power available to vendors."

With such an enviable setup, the sisters turned their talents to cleanup, interior decor, and marketing. They created a Serrato Sisters logo and a Facebook page where prospective vendors may download an application and guidelines.

As Yuleida Serrato explained to Floydada City Council last week, they are learning a few things by trial and error and want to make sure that, as hosts, they help their vendors cover all the permitting bases.

City council members recognized that Floydada's existing peddler licenses and itinerant vendor licenses (a cost of \$35 per month or per event) may have been inconsistently enforced, and that it's possible they don't fully address the growing trend of food trucks that may not be stationary, or occasional crafters looking to sell their wares in a booth, or nonprofits looking to raise money for a good cause.

They plan to revisit the ordinances in the coming weeks with the advice of city attorney Karen Houchin, but in the meantime voted a one-month waiver that will allow The Corner Market to move forward in March.

Yuleida said that the regional representative for the vendors committed for their





MAIN STREET MERCHANTS The Serrato Sisters have put many of their own creative touches on the space at Missouri and Main, preserving the original tin ceiling and employing found furnishings in the design. | SISTERS PHOTOS, HESPERIAN-BEACON; INTERIOR PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SERRATO SISTERS

Texas Comptroller's Office had already been a great help to their own team.

The Serrato Sisters feel they can assist others who may be considering an entrepreneurial

Each expressed the ways they had been inspired by talented and hardworking ancestors, by family recipes, by the skills of sewing and cooking, pottery making and more.

"We want to give (local people) a push to open up a small business in Floydada . . . we want to give them a platform," Yuleida told the council.

The sisters already have 10

March 13 debut and can accommodate as many as 50, indoors and out. Masks will be recommended though not mandated, and sanitizing and cleaning will be part of the routine throughout the day.

They plan to go on rain or shine, and to provide a showcase for the entire community.

'It's not just a reflection of how we were raised, but of all of our family-grandmother, aunts, uncles in the field, who grew up using their hands," said Yelena.

"This is a place where everybody is welcomed," she said—as all three heads nodded in unison.



SPOTLIGHT

# Floydada BPA students head to State Competition

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

On Saturday, Jan. 21 Floydada Collegiate High School students competed at the Area 4 Region 1 Business Professionals of America Regional Leadership Conference that was held virtually at FCHS. They brought home 14 state qualifiers.

The Floydada BPA chapter competed against Plainview High School, Sanford-Fritch, Frenship High School of Lubbock, Spur High School, Paducah High School, Crosbyton High School and Tulia High School to qualify for the BPA State Leadership Conference that will be held virtually at FCHS on Tuesday, March 2 through Thursday, March 4.

The mission of Business Professionals of America according to their national website is to, develop and empower student leaders to discover their passion and change the world by creating unmatched opportunities in learning, professional growth and service. BPA gives purpose to potential by allowing members with opportunities for growth through education, competition, community service and personal development. As the premier of Career and Technical Student Organization, BPA allows students to explore a career path in business management, information technology, finance, office administration and other related career fields. Business Professionals of America of America has over 45,000 members in over 1,800 chapters across 25 states and Puerto Rico. BPA allows middle school and college students to compete through their Middle Level Division Post-Secondary Division.

As the state competition approaches, we wish the best of luck to the students competing and the local BPA advisors Wayne Morren and Dana Crossland of Floydada High School.

The Floydada High School Business Professionals of America students that will be competing at the state competition are:

Video Production Team - Audrie Strange, Kyle Bruington, Natalee Romero Fundamental Desktop Publishing - Elenna Foster Intermediate Word Processing - Luke Holcombe Banking & Finance - Holley Monroe Basic Office Systems and Procedure- Katy Hobbs Health Administrative Procedures - Audrie Strange Linux Operating System Fundamental - Clarissa DelaFuente

ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Coding - Ryder Glass Computer Security - Kyle Bruington **Advanced Accounting- Brandon Marquez** 

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# 'Yellowstone' TV show to offer spin-off based on 6666 Ranch

KAY ELLINGTON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

GUTHRIE—With a working title of "6666," a new spinoff of the highly popular cable TV show "Yellowstone" is in the works for the new Paramount streaming network.

"6666" will be set in West Texas and stars "Yellowstone's" Jefferson White and Ryan Bingham. The drama series finds the two reprising their roles as ranch hands Jimmy Hurdstrom and Walker, respectively, which likely means the duo will depart the flagship series in the upcoming fourth

Fan sites spotted the duo earlier this year filming some scenes near Guthrie, Texas, which is where 6666 Ranch is located.

Here's how the Hollywood Reporter described the "Yellowstone" spinoff: "Founded when Comanches still ruled West Texas, no ranch in America is more steeped in the history of the West than the 6666. Still operating as it did two centuries before, and encompassing an entire county, the 6666 is where the rule of law and the laws of nature merge in a place where the most dangerous thing one does is the next thing ... The 6666 is synonymous with the merciless endeavor to raise the finest horses and livestock in the world, and ultimately where world-class cowboys are born and made."

According to the Hollywood Reporter, "Yellowstone" creator and executive producer Texan Taylor Sheridan will join studio executives John Linson, Art Linson, David Glasser, Ron Burkle and Bob Yari to executive produce the new Paramount Network streaming TV series.