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



Floydada inducts 10 into NHS PAGE 5

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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 intersection 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 pioneering.

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.

"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

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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

STAFF REPORTS

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.

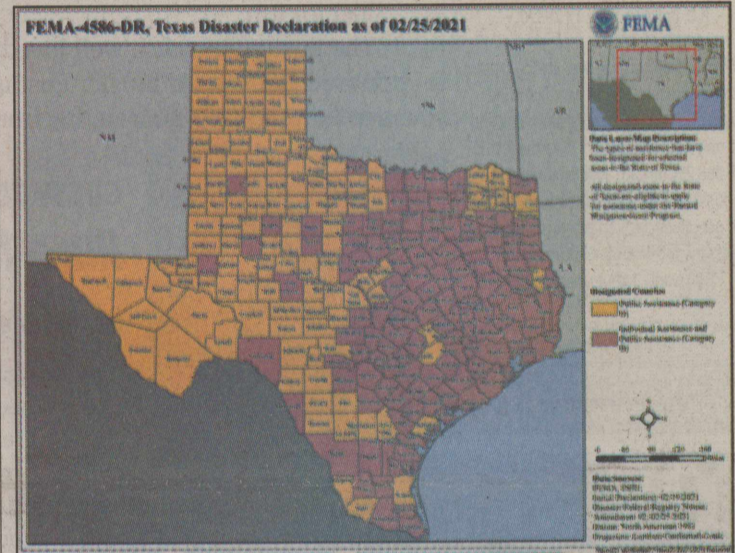
Spiller won the special election runoff to represent a swath of West Texas and the Panhandle in the Texas House. Springer, R- Muenster, was elected to the state Senate in December.

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.

SEE STATEMENT FROM REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT SPILLER, PAGE 2



DAVID SPILLER | COURTESY PHOTO



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

UPCOMING

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

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 with the high school meet held on Friday.

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.

BURN BAN

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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.



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

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.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GILBERT TREVINO



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, junior;

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

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

The Floydada Chapter of the National Honor Society also includes Kyle Bruington, senior;

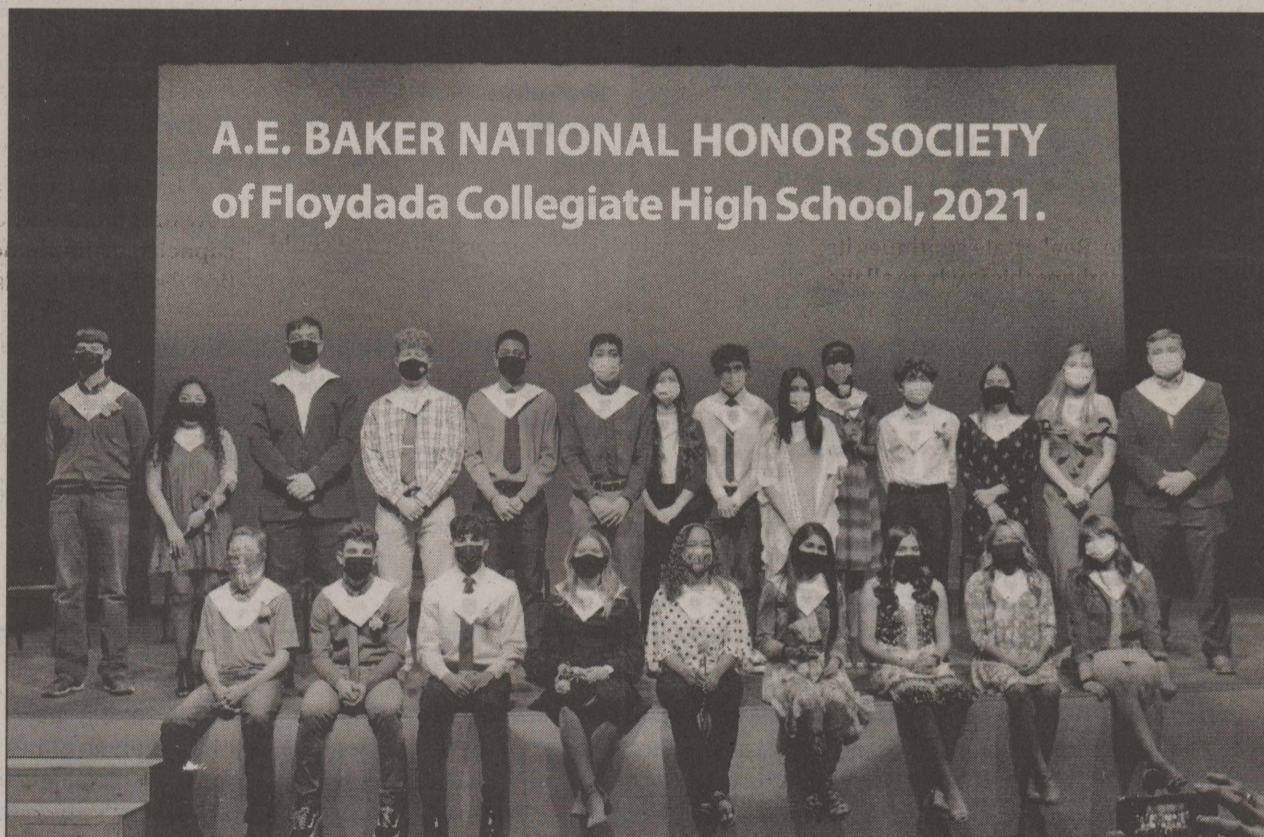
Clarissa Delafuente, junior; Nathanael Garza, junior; Ryder Glass, senior; Trace Glasscock, senior; Ashlyn Green, junior;

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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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

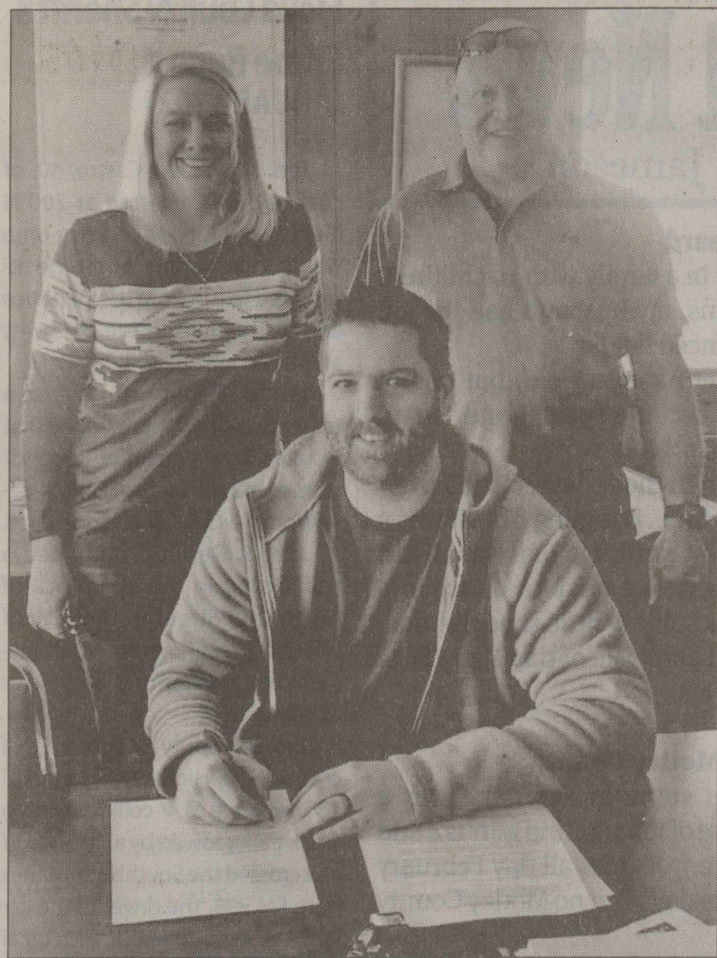
THURSDAY
Breakfast - Sweet potato chocolate chip muffin, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Beefy baked rotini, roll, cheese pizza, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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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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

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.caprock-conference.org or email us at caprockconf@gmail.com.

Cattle Market Report, week ending Feb. 25, 2021

	Lubbock 2/23/21	Tulia 2/25/21	Dalhart 2/25/21	Floydada 2/24/21
Steers	200-300			150-195
	300-400	140-160	201	150-185
	400-500	140-155	167	150-183
	500-600	130-140	155.5-165.5	161-181
	600-700	120-140	148-150	131-159.5
	700-800	120-130	137-139.5	132-139.75
	800-900		129-135	134
Heifers	200-300			110-170
	300-400	130-135	170	120-165
	400-500	125-135	144-154	110-145
	500-600	120-130	133-142.5	137.5-140
	600-700	115-125	129.5-137.5	127-131
	700-800	105-115	120-125.5	123-125
	800-900		116-123.5	
Bred Cows	Young			7000-1275
	Older			600-900
Pairs	Young	900-1200		
	Older	700-850		900-1150
Packer Cows		58-75	55-75	
	Fat			50-58
	Boners			57-96
	Thin	45-55		30-45
Packer Bulls		90-101.5	80-99	
	High Yield			80-96
	Low Yield			60-80

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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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- 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. @ CEO
- **important meeting to attend and info below if your child is interested 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 Permitting)
- 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)

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WTC graduates 100th CDL student

STAFF REPORTS

SNYDER—This week Kolby Rister became the 100th student to graduate from the Commercial 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 easy, but I had good instructors. I am excited to see where it takes me."

Margo Mitchell, WTC's director of workforce development and continuing education, said, "Truck 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 operate commercial motor vehicles in the state of Texas. Students who complete the program test for their licenses with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

"Our CDL training program reflects our attentiveness and commitment to the community," said Dr. Barbara Beebe, WTC College president. "Western Texas College saw the demand for CDL drivers in 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 State Exam.

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.



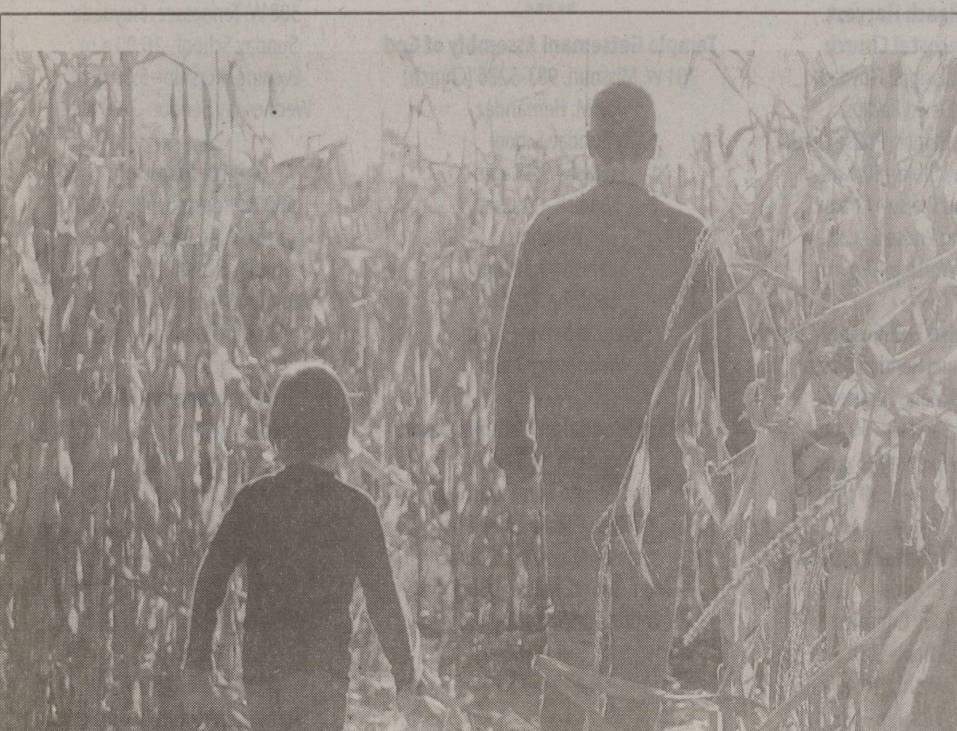
KOLBY RISTER SHOWS OFF his CDL program Certificate of Completion outside the WTC Coliseum in Snyder. | COURTESY PHOTO

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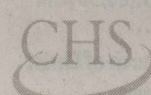
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resulted in the arrests of Frank Cada, 48, of Wichita Falls, and Frankie Cada, 24, of Plainview, for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

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 Block West Locust Street. After running a check on the car, the Deputy was informed that the car had been 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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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 water-covered 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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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 Yeliza 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 on-site 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.”

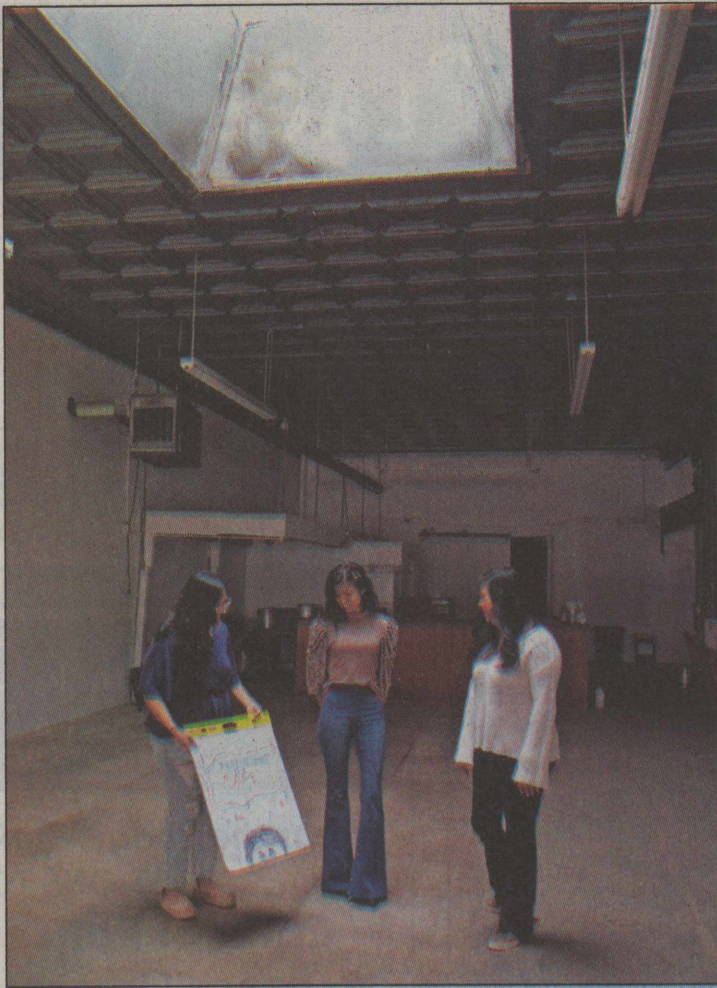
With such an enviable set-up, the sisters turned their talents to cleanup, interior decor, and marketing. They created a Serrato Sisters logo and a Facebook page where prospective vendors may download an application and guidelines.

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



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 path.

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 vendors committed for their

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.



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 - Elnna 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 DelaFuentes
- ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Coding - Ryder Glass
- Computer Security - Kyle Bruington
- Advanced Accounting - Brandon Marquez
- Payroll Accounting - Erin Trevino
- Personal Financial Management - Kimberlee Ramirez
- Advanced Office Systems & Procedures - Trace Glasscock
- Fundamental Accounting - Nathanael Garza

‘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 season.

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.

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