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GOLDEN GLOBE

**Floydada's Holcombe
 pushes through to take 1st
 in shot put at State Meet**

FLOYDADA CHS SENIOR LUKE HOLCOMBE claims the gold as he wins the 2A shot put event on his sixth and last throw at the UIL State Track and Field Meet held last Friday at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin. | STEPHEN SPILLMAN FOR AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN



FATHER AND SON share a moment of victory as Luke's name appears in the top slot on the scoreboard and he takes the center platform in his event's medal ceremony. | COURTESY PHOTOS



FIESTA! Floydada's Cinco de Mayo provided lots of festivities for participants of all ages—including children in traditional Mexican costume. | YELENA SERRATO

Fiesta celebrates Cinco de Mayo

YELENA SERRATO | HESPERIAN-BECON

The Serrato Sisters, a newly established business in downtown Floydada, hosted a Cinco de Mayo celebration for community members to enjoy.

There were well over 350 attendees throughout the three-hour event, including visitors from Dallas as well as Dimmitt, Lockney, Plainview, Hale Center and other surrounding towns.

Cinco de Mayo, which is observed on May 5 every year, marks the day the Mexican Army defeated the powerful French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

This victory sparked a fiesta in See **CINCO DE MAYO**, page 10

Family Dollar to close in Floydada

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BECON

Family Dollar in Floydada has announced it will close its doors on Thursday, June 17 due to non-agreement on lease negotiations, according to store management.

The management says that the owner of building has raised the cost of the lease and Family Dollar says it will not pay that increase and will close the store instead.

5 employees, all live in Floydada, and will lose their jobs.

This is a developing story, and the Hesperian-Beacon will continue to update as more information is available.

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

AUSTIN—Floydada Collegiate High School senior Luke Holcombe was down to his sixth and last attempt in the 2A shot put when he launched a personal-best throw of 57'2-1/4" to claim the gold medal at last week's UIL State Track and Field Meet held on the campus of the University of Texas.

As Holcombe capped off his high school track and field career on Friday, he saw six years of dedication and hard work pay off, with a gold medal to show for it.

In April, Luke won first place in the shot put at the 3-2A District and Region 1-2A track and field meets, then threw 54'01" at the Regional meet to advance as a state qualifier.

Friday morning Luke placed fourth in the discus and just missed claiming the bronze medal in that event with a throw of 160'04". He has been battling an ankle injury the last three weeks but never let that get in his way of seeing his dream come true.

All in the family

Competing in the shot put and discus is a family affair, with Luke's father Rex as FHS coach.

Both of Luke's parents, Rex and Denise, threw in their high school careers, and Rex has coached Luke since he was in the seventh grade. The younger Holcombe gets advice on his throwing but also turns to his dad for encouragement and support.

Luke's showing on Friday put Coach Holcombe in mind of another, similar situation long ago. "I was thinking about all the years I've coached at FHS, and I've only had two athletes to win state (in discus or shot put) and claim the gold," he said. In 1994 Adam Gonzales qualified for the state meet in Austin. "Adam was also down to his sixth and final attempt in the shot put, when he launched his personal best (59'3") to claim first place and a gold medal," the senior Holcombe recalled. "What are the chances?"

Well-rounded athlete

Luke first went to the state meet when he was a sophomore, where he placed ninth in the discus. Now, after graduating from Floydada CHS on May 20, he's looking forward to throwing at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, where he earned an academic scholarship. He signed his letter of intent with WT on March 1.

Track and field isn't the only sport in Luke's busy schedule, either. Immediately after his last event on Saturday, he and his father drove back to Floydada so Luke could play in the Whirlwinds' bi-district baseball playoff series against New Home.

"It's been an exciting time, but an exhausting few days," said Coach Holcombe. Luke added, "Words cannot describe how I felt. I mean, I was literally shaking after I threw it. I knew it was a good throw."

Hesperian-Beacon marks 125 years

BARBARA BRANNON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

The **Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon** was founded in March 1896 as the Hesperian-Gazette—soon shortened to the Hesperian—and in 1991 merged with the Lockney Beacon to form the Hesperian-Beacon. Over the years, issues shifted, and this week starts our 125th volume.

A few years later, as the newspaper prepared to celebrate its centennial. Publisher Ken Towery wrote in his "Lampighter" column about the newspaper surviving 100 years, and announced a forthcoming Birthday Party during Old Settlers Day that May. Watch the pages of the Hesperian-Beacon in the coming weeks for our next landmark celebration, and another party in Floydada this month!

Lady Winds area champs

BARBARA ANDERSON WITH PHOTOS BY BARBARA BRANNON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

The **Lady Winds**, ranked #2 in the Texas State Softball poll and undefeated on the season, allowed four runs in the fifth inning of their first Area game, but despite that the Lady Winds defeated the Lady Eagles 9-5 on May 6 at Lady Bulldog Park in Plainview—then went on to shut out their opponents in the second game, 25-0, to claim the Area title.

In the first inning, Sanford-Fritch got their offense started. Emily Wade hit a solo homer.

In the bottom of the second inning, Floydada Lady Winds tied things up at one when Kayle Garza grounded out, scoring one run.

The Lady Eagles moved three runners across the plate with RBIs in the fifth inning.

The Lady Winds put up two runs in the third inning. Kailee Sanchez's sac fly scored one run for Floydada See **AREA CHAMPS**, page 8



UPCOMING 91ST ANNUAL OLD SETTLERS REUNION

is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 in downtown Floydada. There will be lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy—including a wildflower show, a quilt show, rope making, activities for the kids and food and craft vendors. Vendor applications may be downloaded at floydada-chamber.org.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLOYDADA

is hosting a B.A.S.I.C. Elements Science Vacation Bible School on June 14-16 from 2-5 p.m. Register your 1st thru 5th grader. Spots are limited. Deadline is May 31. Call (806) 983-3755 for more info.

OLD SETTLERS DAY QUILT SHOW

The quilt competition will be held in the Barrow Building west of the Floyd County Historical Museum during Old Settlers Day May 22.

Those who do not want to enter the competition may bring their quilt or quilted item to display in the "Just for Show" area. Prize ribbons and money will be presented to winners. Quilts, bonnets and aprons will be accepted for display and entry from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, May 21. Please bring your quilt to the building on the west side of the museum, where the quilts will be hung for our viewing pleasure. If you have questions, you can contact Ethelyn Vernon at (806) 652-2525 or Dorothy Turner at (806) 983-2415.

CAPROCK PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM now has a text service for timely updates. Text entomology to (833) 436-1321 to receive timely updates about pests, and upcoming programs.

BURN BAN for Floyd County has been extended by the The Floyd County Commissioners' Court until July 10.



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BACK STAGE LIZ ADAMS lizadams.news@gmail.com

Forever in Blue Jeans

Levi Strauss & Co. and a tailor from Nevada named Jacob Davis patented work pants called blue jeans in May of 1873.

The Two Horse trademark was introduced in 1886 to show off a sturdy pair of Levi's that could not be pulled apart.

Icons like James Dean and Elvis Presley helped to make blue jeans popular for teens in the 1950s, followed by other performers like Sonny & Cher, who wore bell bottoms on stage in the '60s.

Several bands have been named after this now ubiquitous clothing item. The Swinging Blue Jeans started out as the Bluegenes back in the '50s.

Punk, grunge and hip-hop influenced trendy styles through the '80's and '90's. A show put on by the Osmonds in the early '80's called "The Blue Jean Network" featured Fleetwood Mac and

Chicago. The Ramones wore ripped jeans, and Debbie Harry (Blondie) wore jean shorts.

From "Mean Jeans" to "Stilettos & Jeans," songs about blue jeans can be found in almost any genre.

Although jeans have been associated with youth and rebellion, they are also a staple for country bands playing to audiences who revere experience and tradition.

After more than a century, the Levi's brand has certainly endured, while Wrangler has also been a mainstay.

"We'd do okay, forever in blue jeans." —Winchell Bennett/ Neil Diamond

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

'Constitutional carry' bill close to becoming law

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—It is a near certainty that Texans will be allowed to carry handguns without a license in the near future.

Gov. Greg Abbott has said he would sign the bill, which means Texans would no longer be required to obtain a license to carry a handgun either openly or concealed.

Ultimate passage of the bill means Texas would join at least 20 other states with similar laws.

A University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll indicates most Texans oppose unlicensed carry and support criminal and mental background checks before all gun sales.

Drought conditions continue to improve across state

Much-needed rain in April has continued to ease drought conditions, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

Midland, for example, received 2.2 inches last month, more than the previous six months combined.

More rainfall in early May should improve the drought situation even more, according to TWDB.

Oak trees still recovering from winter storm

Winter Storm Uri didn't just wreak havoc on homeowners and businesses that suffered from broken pipes and the extended power outage.

Maybe so, maybe not, says veteran TFS forester Courtney

Blevins. He advises property owners to wait before taking down an oak tree that still might come to life.

Blevins and longtime horticulturist and syndicated columnist Neil Sperry both say there is no hurry to take down an oak tree, even it is actually dead.

"If your tree is dead, there's no rush to take it down," Blevins said. "That's one big mistake people are making.

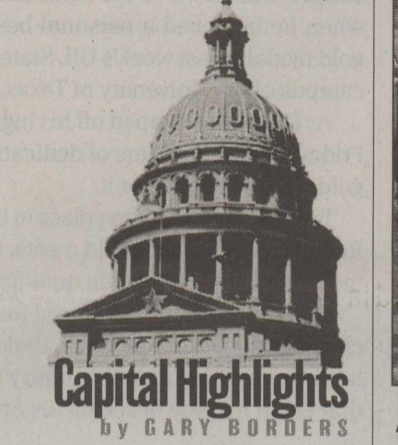
Outreach programs aimed to boost vaccine rate

As the rate of Covid-19 vaccinations continues to slow, several outreach programs are attempting to reach Texans where they work and live.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Military Department have opened the State Mobile Vaccination Team Call Center.

To qualify, a business or organization must have 10 or more employees, visitors or members who wish to be vaccinated.

"Vaccines are the most effective tool in Texas' fight against Covid-19, and we are committed to making Covid-19 vaccines even more widely available to Texans across the state," Abbott said.



Capital Highlights by GARY BORDERS

portunity to get vaccinated.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is inviting pediatric health care providers to enroll in the Covid-19 vaccine program.

DSHS sent a letter to more than 3,000 pediatric providers who already give vaccines to children.

With vaccine supply exceeding demand, DSHS will now fill vaccine orders as they come in and discontinue allocating the vaccine weekly.

Nearly two-thirds have received at least one dose

More than 19.3 million Texans have received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine — more than two-thirds of the state's population — while 8.59 million are fully vaccinated, according to DSHS.

The number of new cases continues to drop, with 17,999 reported in the last week, along with 364 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span.

2021 Community Calendar

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANKS—FLOYDADA—Spirit of Sharing (SOS), 925 Crockett St., Floydada, Mon. and Thurs. 2–4:30 p.m.

LOCKNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 124 S. Main, Lockney, Mon.–Thurs., 1–5 p.m. and Fri. 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 S. Wall St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 925 W. Crockett St., Floydada, serves lunch 11:15 a.m.–1 p.m. each Wednesday and Thursday.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 118 W. College St., Lockney, serves lunch Mon.–Fri. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 105 E. Missouri St., Floydada, is open weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m.

FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, 105 S. 5th St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP

FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, May 18, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

FLOYDADA LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS are currently meeting together Tuesdays, 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Floydada.

LOCKNEY ROTARY CLUB Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens Center.



ANNUAL TRAINING Floyd County commissioners' court members attend the recent conference in Odessa were Nathan Johnson, Clint Bigham, Tanner Smith, County Judge Marty Lucke, and David Martinez.

Floyd commissioners attend training conference

Members of the Floyd County Commissioners' Court attended training April 20–23 at the 92nd annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference in Odessa.

Judge and commissioners attended classes on county budgeting, open meeting requirements, courthouse security, civil rights issues, environmental issues, redistricting and many other topics associated with the functions of county government.

A legislative update was also provided, concerning introduced state legislation that could be beneficial or detrimental to the taxpayer or the county.

The commissioners' court was also able to network with commissioners and judges from other counties and visit with approximately 75 vendors of goods and services.

Floydada completes grant-funded airport project, looks to improvements on California St.

LIZ ADAMS | FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN-BEACON

After receiving \$30,000 in federal funding through the Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2020, the Floydada Municipal Airport has replaced and repaired taxiways and aprons in front of its hangars.

According to City Manager Darrell Gooch, the work was accomplished with the help of two grants. The work has been completed, and engineers have done their final inspections and made their final reports.

"It's money to keep small airports in business. It was used for the pavement reconstruction project. Last year's grants helped a lot," said airport manager Mitch Probasco.

The airport currently has two employees, while Probasco Flying Services employs six. They rent space and keep the airport mowed. Services available at the airport include airport parking, sale of aviation fuel and oil, availability of hangars, and computerized weather services.

Another round of grants will be available this fall. Gooch explained that the city applies for infrastructure grants through the Federal Aviation Administration every two years.

For the last four years, the city has been planning and working toward another project to improve three blocks on the northeast side of California Street.

"Some of the old railroad ties are still there," said Gooch. The sanitation and heavy equipment crew currently working on the East California Street improvement project has already torn down three dilapidated structures this year.



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Foodbytes
ANGELINA LARUE

Peanut butter bread back in vogue

Peanut butter bread has apparently been around since the 1930s. I can just imagine either of my grandmothers in the kitchen baking this, or learning how to make it from their mothers.

This popular bread made a resurgence recently while folks were home more during the pandemic, when we were going to the market less often. It is a no-knead, no-yeast bread that is really a snap to make, and consists of simple, pantry ingredients. The only fat required comes from the peanut butter. I fortified this one with a couple of mashed, ripened bananas that I needed to use.

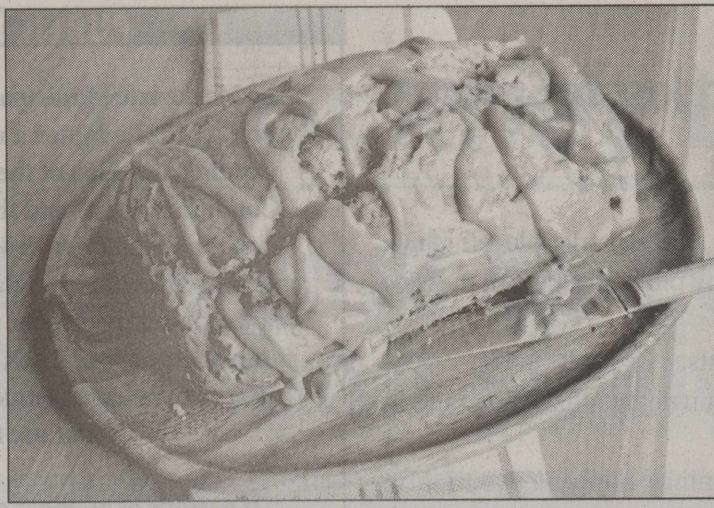
Peanut butter bread is not particularly sweet like a lot of quick breads, but if you like a sweeter bread, whip up a glaze to pour over this one with 2 tablespoons melted peanut butter, 1 tablespoon milk, and 1/4 cup powdered sugar. Simply whisk together in a small bowl and drizzle over the top of the loaf.

My favorite way to eat this bread is sliced and toasted. I top it with a pat of salted butter. And you can imagine a smear of grape jelly will really take it over the top.

I hope you find it as satisfying as I do to cook with ingredients I already have in the pantry. Enjoy food made fresh!

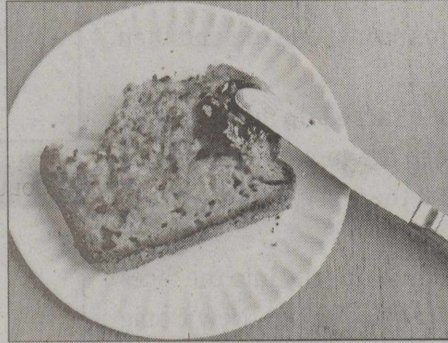
Peanut Butter Bread

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, room temperature
- 1 cup milk
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter



NO-KNEAD, NO-YEAST

Peanut butter bread is really a snap to make with simple, pantry ingredients; the only fat required comes from the peanut butter. | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO



1 large or 2 small ripened bananas, mashed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9-inch loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray, or grease and dust with flour.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. In a small bowl whisk together egg, milk, peanut butter, and banana until smooth. Add this mixture to the dry ingredients and stir until well combined.

Pour batter into prepared loaf pan and bake in preheated oven for approximately 50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Let cool and top with a glaze or toast slices to top with butter or jelly. Keep wrapped in plastic wrap or foil.



COMMENTARY
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Getting a handle on steampunk

Steampunk came and went while some of us remained oblivious to the whole quirky cultural phenomenon. Now it's retro. Raise your hand if you missed it.

Dictionary definition: "a genre of science fiction that typically features steam-powered machinery rather than advanced technology."

More about steampunk later. For now consider the word "retro"—a term that didn't come into use until the 1960s.

Nothing makes you feel old like a word that's not as old as you are. Dictionary definition: "Clothes or music whose style or design is imitative of those of the recent past."

Be thankful for retro. Sometimes it's the only way you can get rid of stuff. Or get at least a raised eyebrow from a grandchild. If you're really lucky some object or item of clothing might elicit a "Wow, that's cool!" but probably only from someone else's grandchild.

Back to steampunk.

My 19-year-old thrice-removed first cousin Daniel, whom I just met, carries a handsome, intriguing pocket watch. You can see the gears. It's self-winding. It's looks both new and antique. He's proud of it.

The pocket watch is not steampunk per se. Per Daniel's explanation, it's a spinoff.

Daniel is a blacksmith.

As a child I learned about blacksmiths from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Under a spreading chestnut-tree / The village smithy stands" and also because our village had a blacksmith. Bill Lantz was mainly a welder, but we called him a blacksmith. When he donned his big helmet he looked like a dryland deep-sea diver to me.

Daniel is more like the classic Longfellow blacksmith, dependent on propane instead of bellows-fanned coals, but working the metal the same way, making knives from leaf springs and so on.

If Daniel is himself a steampunk spinoff, apply the same label to traditional woodworkers. The pandemic has produced a new crop.

Like any other literary genre, steampunk reflects a way of thinking, an approach to life, albeit complicated somewhat by the science fiction factor. It's easy enough to be a romantic or an existentialist. But what makes someone a steampunker or a spinoff thereof?

You don't have to practice a craft. You don't even need to understand retro steampunk or classic steampunk. You can simply support the trending right-to-repair movement.

Say what? Me, I didn't even know there was a right-to-repair movement until I read about it in an analysis of steampunk and cyberpunk (we won't go there) by John Brownlee.

Brownlee: "We as a culture turn to steampunk as an empowering fantasy, about what modern technology that we could understand would look like."

Indeed, some of us are diminished by what we don't understand and can't repair, like our smartphones.

If you count yourself among the diminished, you can counteract those feelings by mastering a solid traditional craft like blacksmithing or woodworking. Or bread making.

Or join the right-to-repair movement and press for legislation to force manufacturers to make stuff that can be fixed when it breaks.

Or maybe just start wearing or carrying a real watch.

1956 Study Club earmarks scholarships for seniors

JANET LLOYD | Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 1956 Study Club April meeting was held in the home of Judy Schacht with Linda Harbin helping as co-hostess.

Linda Matsler, president, introduced Dagan Teague, IPM Agent for Floyd and Crosby Counties. Dagan gave each member a handout of lawn and gardening tips. Included in the material were numerous suggestions for waterwise plants and grasses, watering tips, and pest management.

For roll call, members shared their favorite plants.

Snow Payne gave an invocation for the meal that Judy and Linda had prepared for everyone.

During the business meeting members voted to give two \$500.00 scholarships to FCISD seniors again this year.

Sheryl Back, Sunshine Girl, announced the members who have birthdays or anniversaries in April.

The meeting was closed with the Club Collect.

Those attending were special guest Dagan Teague and members Sheree Cannon, Judy Dunlap, Rhonda Guthrie, Charline Hendrix, Terry Jackson, Janet Lloyd, Linda Matsler, Snow Payne, Judy Schacht, and Sheryl Back.

Cowgirl named "Ultimate Cowboy" Lockney's Jackson Taylor ousted in late round

STAFF REPORTS

Katey Jo Gordon of Ryan, Oklahoma, emerged the ultimate winner in season two of the Trace Adkins-hosted "Ultimate Cowboy Showdown" reality series that airs on INSP. Jackson Taylor of Lockney, Texas, had been one of the original competitors selected for the show but lost out after surviving several rounds.

Gordon, a former U.S. Team Roping and American Junior Rodeo champ, outlasted 13 other cowboys and cowgirls from across the country, including Lockney's Jackson Taylor, to become the first female to claim the "ultimate" title.

She won a herd of cattle (worth \$50,000) she can take to market, a Rawhide Portable Corral, an Arrowquip Q-Catch 87 Series cattle chute, an Ultimate Cowboy Showdown belt buckle—and bragging rights.

Gordon is a fifth-generation "cowboy" who has competed in rodeos since she was 2 and won her first competition when she was 5. Over the years, she earned a rodeo scholarship, and her triumphs riding on the rodeo circuit have been numerous. She is originally from New Mexico, but works alongside her husband and father on the family's cattle ranch in Ryan, Oklahoma.

HEALTHCARE CLOSE TO YOU



Meet McKenzie Milbern, APRN/FNP

McKenzie (Kemp) Milbern has returned to her Lockney roots this spring as Family Nurse Practitioner with the Cogdell Clinic—one of three healthcare providers helping same-day appointment patients with acute medical issues. A graduate of Lockney High School, she earned her bachelor's in nursing from Texas Tech, then went on to complete a Master of Science in Nursing from West Texas A&M. She brings four years' experience as an RN in the emergency center at University Medical Center, and also performed many of her clinical training hours at the Cogdell Clinic in Briscoe County.

For an appointment at the Lockney Clinic with McKenzie or any of our other six dedicated providers, please call us at 806-652-3373.



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Lockney Senior Center News

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

The Center will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. Breakfast is now buffet style and still cost \$5 per plate. See menu below.

The senior center is also available for rentals for your dances, reunions, baby showers. Please keep us in mind. Also do you need your CPR license renewed? BBP or BLS renewed? There will be a class Tuesday, June 8. Call for details.

The Center would like to invite our game players to come join us every Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. You can join in on dominoes (all kinds are played) or a variety of card games, or even work on a puzzle and enjoy conversations and companionship! Drinks are provided at no charge, and there's always a hot pot of coffee.

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 added kolaches (\$1) to our breakfast menu.

Breakfast is served at the Center each Friday morning from 7 to 9 a.m. by dine-in or carry-out only. Cost is \$5 per plate. Come join us for traditional biscuits, gravy and sausage plates.

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

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

MENU	Meatloaf w/ tomato sauce, mashed potatoes w/ butter, sugar cookie	sausage, bacon, waffle biscuits, fruit coffee, juice - \$5.00
May 17 - May 21		
Monday		
Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, side salad, brownie	Thursday	Lunch - Chicken fried steak sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, mayo, chips, fresh veggies, dessert
Tuesday	Deluxe Chef salad with turkey & ham, dessert	(Menu subject to change without notice)
Hamburger/Cheeseburger basket, side salad,	Friday	
French fries, sherbet	Breakfast buffet - Eggs, biscuits, gravy, hash browns	
Wednesday		

Floydada Senior Citizens News

LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday. We offer dine-in, carry-out or delivery. On Wednesdays we will be selling meals to go for \$5.00. Meals on Thursdays are \$7.00. For delivery, please call (806) 983-2032 before 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. through 1 p.m. There is no added fee for delivery.

Membership fee is \$25 per year per person. The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is 806-983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

MENU MAY 12-JUNE 3

- Wednesday, May 12 - Chicken strips
- Thursday, May 13 - Pork chops w/gravy
- Wednesday - May 19 - Smothered burrito
- Thursday, May 20 - Salisbury steak
- Wednesday, May 26 - Swedish meatball & noodles
- Thursday, May 27 - Meatloaf
- Wednesday, June 2 - Spaghetti
- Thursday, June 3 - BBQ on bun

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WHIRLWINDS BASEBALL

Whirlwinds end season with bi-district loss to Smyer

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

ABERNATHY – Floydada took on Smyer last Saturday in the 2A Bi-District playoff game. Both teams were strong on the pitcher's mound which turned into a pitcher's duel but the New Home Leopards were just a little bit stronger at the plate.

Ryder Glass started the game for Floydada and recorded 18 outs.

Floydada lost despite out-hitting New Home seven to four. A single by Alexyz Alvarado in the fourth inning was a positive for the Whirlwinds.

Glass took the loss for the Whirlwinds. The hurler went six innings, allowing two runs on four hits and striking out four.

The game was scoreless until the fifth inning when the Leopards scored one run and then scored again in the sixth to seal the win.

Floydada totaled seven hits. Alvarado and Luke Holcombe each racked up multiple hits. Holcombe led the team as he went 2-3 at the plate. Glass also ended the game with a hit.

In the second-game of this bi-district series held 30-minutes after the first game, the Whirlwinds fell 16-4.

This game was played in high-gusting and swirling winds that blew directly into the faces of the team on defense. It was a hitters-friendly day with the wind blowing out. New Home hit three home-runs in the game but that and the wind that didn't stop Floydada from playing hard til the last out.

Floydada put up three runs in the third inning. Kyler Gillespie had an RBI single in the inning to lead the run scoring.

Hermilo Martinez took the loss for Floydada. The hurler went two and a third innings, allowing six runs on six hits, striking out one and walking one.

Floydada senior Luke Holcombe ended his baseball career with a long ball in the fifth inning. Like the day before when he won gold in his last attempt in the shot put at the UIL State Track and Field Meet in Austin, he homered on his last at-bat with his tenth homerun of the season.

Floydada collected seven hits on the day. Saul Reyes, Gillespie, and Holcombe each collected multiple hits with Holcombe, Gillespie, and Reyes each managing two hits to lead their team.

Floydada ended their season with a 11-15 record.

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PUBLIC NOTICE • MACKENZIE WATER DIST.

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors at the regular meeting April 20, 2021 adopted a resolution to implement immediately Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan of the Authority. Stage 3 is implemented when "Severe Drought Conditions Exist" and the target is to achieve a 15-20% (or more) reduction in total water use. Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority provides wholesale water to the member cities of Floydada, Lockney, Silverton, and Tulia. These cities have in the past years reduced their water requirements from Lake Mackenzie voluntarily. However, as summertime approaches, Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority would urge all water users to conserve as much water as possible and a continuation of the reduction of water use from Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority.

If patrons of member cities have questions regarding the implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan, they can telephone the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority at (806) 633-4326. The Authority will appreciate your attention and action regarding this matter.

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Instructor in Welding Technology

SUMMARY

Position conducts dual credit courses for high school/undergraduate students by performing duties listed below.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following.

Instruction:

- Instruct welding technology courses as outlined in prescribed curriculum including academic lecture and hands-on lab skills.
- Remain concerned with any/all matters involving teaching.
- Demonstrate and practice proficient knowledge and skills concerning professional tactics, strategies, and techniques.
- Prepare lecture, lesson plans and syllabi for assigned classes, meet and conduct assigned instruction in classes and labs as specified in the class schedule, maintain official class, grade rolls and grade reports, report drops to registrar, and personally prepare and proctor tests that adequately measure student learning outcomes.
- Prepare and deliver effective lecture presentations to students in welding technology academic exercises.
- Prepare and deliver effective lab presentations in welding technology skill exercises.
- Stimulate and motivate class discussions encouraging positive student goal achievement.
- Counsel and advise students requiring assistance outside scheduled classes, communicate to students at beginning of semester grading procedures and overall coursework expectations, grade performance consistently and equitably for all students.
- Keep students informed of academic performance, progress and potential academic issues effecting student's success, tutor students who require special attention, work with student services when needed concerning student welfare.
- Be familiar with administrative policies, philosophies, objectives, and goals involving program and institution.
- Maintain updated professional teaching methods in assigned disciplines.

ESPRIT DE CORPS

Commitment to and positive actions for fostering good relationships and esprit de corps among students, coworkers, departments, other units in the college, and those faculty associates outside the college.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's degree preferred, Associate degree in welding related discipline required plus five years of professional experience in welding field.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations. Position requires efficient writing, business correspondence, procedure manuals, and effective presentation of information and response to questions from students, industry representatives, and general public.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Position requires ability to calculate figures and amounts consistent with program budget, classroom lecture preparation and instruction.

REASONING ABILITY

Position requires ability to solve practical problems consisting of multiple variables and interpret various instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

It is preferred for applicant to possess industry recognized certification; memberships of associated trade associations are beneficial as well.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to reach with hands and arms and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee is occasionally required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 10 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, and peripheral vision.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this position, employee is routinely exposed to moving mechanical parts. The noise level in the work environment is relative to a working lab environment.

LONGHORNS BASEBALL
Longhorns lock up successful baseball season

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

ABERNATHY—The Lockney baseball squad launched their bi-district three-game series against Smyer Friday, May 7 in Abernathy. With a season record of 12-9, the team was the third seed in the 3-2A district after beating Floydada in a tie-breaking game, 8-1 on May 1.

The Longhorns fought back against Smyer after falling down four runs in the fifth inning. They put together a rally in the fifth inning and had the winning run on base but fell short 6-5.

The Longhorns couldn't keep up with Smyer early in game 2 of the three-game series. Smyer scored on an error in the first inning, a groundout by E. Buchanan in the second inning, and an error in the second inning.

Lockney scored three runs in the fifth inning. Alvis and Cenicerros both moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Malaki Alvis, Nathan Cenicerros, and Cristian Gonzalez all picked up RBIs in the rally.

Pablo Morales took the loss for Longhorns. The pitcher allowed three hits and six runs over four and a third innings, striking out three.

Lockney racked up five hits on the day. Kaleb Cook and Austin Rodriguez each had two hits to lead the team.

The Lockney Longhorns ended their baseball season with a loss to Smyer, 18-8, on Saturday in the second game of a bi-district series that was held at Abernathy. The game was played in high-gusting and swirling winds that blew directly into the faces of the team on defense. It was for sure a hitters-friendly day.

Lockney watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover. Smyer scored on an error, a single, and a fielder's choice in the first inning.

The Longhorns collected nine hits and Smyer had 15 in the high-scoring affair.

Lockney scored three runs in the sixth inning. The offensive firepower by Lockney was led by Pablo Morales and Damion Gonzales, who all drove in runs.

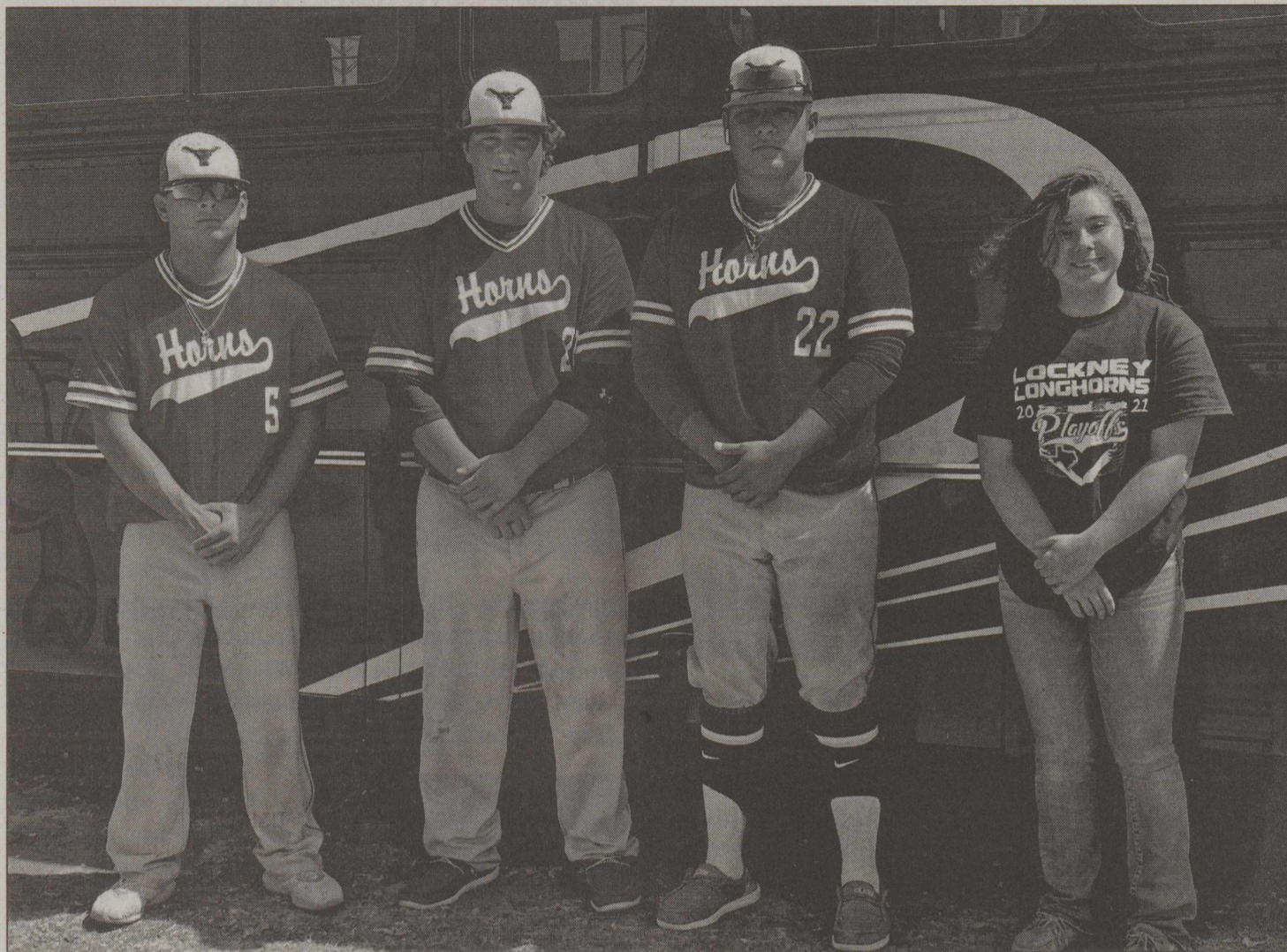
Smyer scored five runs in the sixth inning. Smyer's big inning was driven by a home run a fielder's choice and a double.

Cristian Gonzalez took the loss for Lockney. Gonzalez went three innings, allowing ten runs on seven hits, striking out four and walking zero.

Smyer socked three home runs on the day, while Lockney totaled nine hits in the game. Nathan Cenicerros, Joshua Jimenez, and Gonzales all had multiple hits and led the team in hit.

Lockney Longhorns

Farewell to Lockney baseball seniors



2021 LONGHORN BASEBALL SENIORS get recognition for their leadership and contribution to the successful Longhorn baseball season. Senior players from left, Ashton Urrutia (5), Kalebh Cook (20) Cristian Gonzalez (22) and team manager Jordyn Varner.

Lockney FFA presents awards for 2020-21

STAFF REPORTS

LOCKNEY – The Lockney Chapter of FFA presented their awards for the 2020-2021 school year during their annual banquet on Tuesday, May 4 in the Garden Room at the First Baptist Church of Lockney.

FFA Degrees:

The Greenhand FFA Degree - Brailey Kidd, Jisiah Lara, Anyaleigh Tambunga, Carlos Tijerina, Wyatt Bigham, Journee Cienfuegos, Jayton Criswell, Saylee Diepenhorst, Addison Durham, Marisol Estraca, Drake Gonzales, Colby Guerrero, Adaliyah Jones, and Analys Jones.

Chapter FFA Degrees - Maliki Alvis, Thalia Ascencio, Andrew Bustillos, Shi Cochran, Felix Gonzales, Annalicia Hernandez, Jeremiah Hernandez, and Jackson Mullican.

Herdsmen Awards: Junior Herdsman - Rylee Austin; Senior Herdsman - Kalebh Cook.

3F Vertical Up Welding Contest Winners - Isaiah Rodriguez -1st place, Cole Poole - 2nd place, Anson Rendon - 5th place.

Lockney FFA year-end banquet

LOCKNEY FFA STUDENTS AND ADVISORS

Active members, junior members and advisors in attendance to the Lockney FFA Banquet held Tuesday, May 4 in the Garden Room at the First Baptist Church of Lockney are front row, from left, Annalicia Hernandez, Jayton Criswell, Brighton Reese, Riley Austin, Audrey Rexrode, Wyatt Bigham, Thalia Ascencio; Middle row, from left, Haygen Lefevre, Brailey Kidd, Jordyn Varner, Hunter Lefevre, Kalebh Cook, Kaleigh Cook; Back row, from left, Tucker Southard, Cole Poole, Colby Guerrero, Advisor Kiersten Atkinson and Advisor Darryn Perryman.



LOCKNEY FFA OFFICERS ELECTED

New Lockney FFA officers for 2021-2022 are from left, Annalicia Hernandez, Brailey Kidd, Thalia Ascencio, Jayton Criswell and Colby Guerrero.



LOCKNEY FFA RETIRING OFFICERS

The 2020-2021 Lockney FFA retiring officers are from left, Jordyn Varner, Audrey Rexrode, Hunter Lefevre, and Kalebh Cook.



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Due to the Lady Winds Softball State Playoff Games scheduled on Thursday, May 13 and Friday, May 14, FCISD classes will dismiss at 1:30 on both days.

2021 Softball State Playoffs

2A REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

FLOYDADA LADY WINDS VS FORSAN LADY BUFFS

GAME 1 **Thursday, May 13, 5 p.m.**

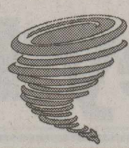
GAME 2 **Friday, May 14, 5 p.m.**

GAME 3 (if needed) **Friday, May 14, 7 p.m.**

Brownfield Lady Cubs Softball Field
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Ticket Price - \$3 students and \$5 Adults

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Floydada Whirlwinds



'A REAL 4-H-ER'

Glass wins 4-H Foundation's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship



STAFF REPORTS

FCIS senior Ryder Glass will be receiving a \$20,000 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship, through the 4-H Foundation.

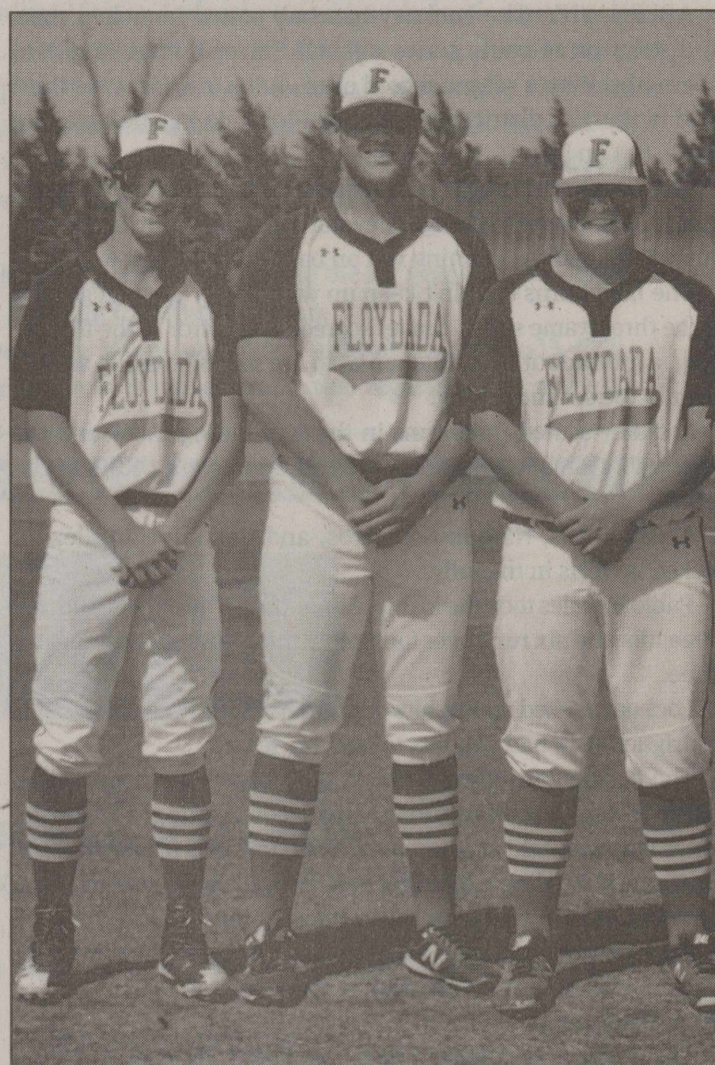
"To compete for this scholarship, the senior student has to fill out a very extensive application and go through an interview process. These scholarships are very competitive and are based on all their

involvement in 4-H," said Cristen Brooks, Floyd County Extension agent for family and community health. "It's a huge honor; not very many are given. We are very proud of him."

Glass will receive his award at a scholarship banquet in College Station in June with other recipients.

Brooks noted Glass's enthusiasm for 4-H from his earliest involvement. "As a Clover Kid," she said, "Ryder would tell me that he couldn't wait to be a real 4-H kid when he started third grade."

Above and left: RYDER GLASS, NOW AND THEN | COURTESY PHOTOS



ALL-STATE HONORS FCIS Whirlwind baseball seniors (from left) Kyle Bruington, Luke Holcombe and Ryder Glass were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Baseball Academic All-State Team. Bruington and Glass were selected for 1st Team Academic All-State, and Holcombe was selected for 2nd Team Academic All-State. Congratulations to all! | FCISD PHOTO

ALEXYZ ALVARADO PLACES 6TH in the TSTC weld-off held in Abilene Friday, April 30. Congratulations Alexyz! | COURTESY PHOTO

Alvarado competes in TSTC Weld-off

STAFF REPORTS

ABILENE—Floydada

CHS senior Alexyz Alvarado competed in the Texas State Technical College Weld-off competition April 30 in Abilene, placing 6th overall. Alvarado will be attending TCTC in the fall 2021.

The competition was open to all high school seniors with an interest in welding. The top three welders received prizes of a \$1,000 scholarship to the welding program at TSTC Abilene (1st place), \$500 in tools, and a book scholarship (2nd place) and a 32" television (3rd place).

Judging the competition was Greg Nicholas, TSTC Abilene welding instructor.

Each senior competing brought their own welding hood and gloves; however, equipment was available and sterilized as needed between each use. Lunch was provided for anyone who attended.



Whirlwinds Baseball Congrats on the season SEE PAGE 4

Floydada FFA students take part in contests during 2020-21 school year

ALEJANDRA RAMIREZ, FCIS Agriculture Science Teacher | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Throughout the school year, FFA members at Floydada schools took part in numerous ag science competitions.

Lorenzo Reyna competed in the Tulsa Welding Competition. A senior, Reyna will be attending Tulsa Welding School in July. For his event he had to complete a lap joint, a vertical up weld, and a pipe weld all using 7018 electrodes. Though he did not win the contest, he was still able to walk away with a \$500 scholarship for competing.

The Poultry, Horse and Livestock Judging teams competed at the Area 1 CDE's at Texas Tech University. The Poultry Judging team won 1st place in District and 16th in Area. Team members are Stormy Henry, Ashlyn Green, Jazmin Pacheco and Kaitlyn Vega.

The Horse Judging team won 4th place in

District and 31st in Area. Team members are Peyton Anderson, Nate Garza and Brandon Marquez.

The Livestock Judging team won 8th in District and 51st in Area. Team members are Jaycee Caudle, Hagen Hinsley and Jaxson Smith.

The Junior and Senior Prepared Speakers had their competition in Plainview. At the District contest, the FCIS Junior Prepared Speaking team members were Hagen Hinsley, who received 4th place, with Jaxson Smith receiving 5th place. In the Senior Prepared Speaking - Animal Science event, team results were Ashlyn Green earning 6th place and Jazmin Pacheco receiving 7th place. In Plant Science, Jazmin Pacheco received 4th place. The Natural Science team members results were Ryder Glass, who received 3rd place, and Nate Garza, receiving

5th place. On the Agri-Business Team Kyler Gillespie received 3rd place and Carisa Fernandez received 4th place. In the last category of Ag Policy, Ilan Lopez garnered 4th place.

Floydada's Ag Communication Team, consisting of Kaitlyn Vega, Op-ed Writer; Jazmin Pacheco, Website; Ashlyn Green, New Story Writer; and Peyton Anderson, Video Editor, took part in a virtual competition. This contest is usually held at Texas Tech, but this year the university hosted a couple of contests online. These students attend a news conference and are given an agricultural related program or business to promote. This team placed 2nd in Area and 12th at State.

Congratulations to all these FFA students!

FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY CALENDAR

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

- 15: District Horse Show entries due
- 18: Archery Practice 6 p.m. @ UC
- 18: Meat Judging 5:30 p.m. @ CEO
- 20: Ed Pres practice for Roundup - 4 p.m. CEO
- 24: Meat Judging in Lubbock - Time TBA (RSVP Required)
- 25: District 2 Archery Contest Postal League 6 p.m. @ UC

RSVP AND MASKS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS AND PRACTICES, A COVID SCREENING FORM WILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT UPON ARRIVAL.

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

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Preparing your flowers for Wildflower Show arrangements

WILLA F. FINLEY | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Willa Finley was raised in Floydada and is a 1970 Floydada High School graduate. She is the author of *Lone Star Wildflowers* and *Land of Enchantment Wildflowers*. She has a M.S. in Plant Systematics from Texas Tech University and a Ph.D in Plant Genetics from University of Michigan. She has worked in agriculture research in Central Africa, Middle East and North Africa. Her photography has received international recognition.

Want to win a prize at the Wildflower Show? Want to win the hearts of your friends and neighbors by taking them a fresh and glowing bouquet of wildflowers?

- It's simple and fun to do by following these few basic guidelines.
- First, let's talk about harvesting the flowers.
- Pick the flowers the day before the show. Pick them in the morning, preferably before 10 am before the summer sun has begun to zap their freshness.
- Walk around the group of plants you want to harvest from, and visually select the nicest looking specimens. Choose flowers that are not fully bloomed, since they won't last long.
- Get a small bucket (one to two gallons) and fill it a third full with water. Get your garden clippers or a very sharp butcher knife or pocket knife. Take the bucket of water and your clippers right to the flowers you are about to harvest.
- *** This section has stars to tell you that this is the most crucial part in the process:



WILLA F. FINLEY | TTU PRESS

Clip the stem so that the stem is long enough plus a couple of inches for the arrangement you have in mind. IMMEDIATELY put it in the water! There should be a lag time of no more than 5 seconds between the snip and the baptism of the cut stem end in the water.

- Now you're back home, or on the porch, ready to arrange them.
- Get them out of the sun into a cool place as quickly as possible.
- Add some plain water, or preservative-containing water, to your vases, up to about half the height.
- Select from your bucket the stem you want to start with, strip off the leaves so that there will be no submerged leaves in the arrangement, remove any remaining leaves that are unattractive, and THEN clip the stem to give the height you want, and IMMEDIATELY put it in the vase. You can move it around later, but don't leave any time between that snip and getting it in the water.

From this point on, it's just a matter of select, snip, and insert, over and over, until your vision of the arrangement has been fulfilled.

- When you've finished, add water to cover the shortest stem end by one or two inches.
 - Cut wildflowers are thirsty drinkers. You'll need to add some water every day.
- Now you've got them all ready, and there's just one more thing to do: Be sure they are in a cool, dark, and humid place to spend the night. Here are a few more points and pointers:
- Don't arrange flowers in the sun. Work in the shade for your sake and theirs.
 - Buds, or very young/immature blooms, will often wilt and stay wilted. Use flowers that are still young but a bit more open.
 - Some wildflowers do not lend themselves for use in arrangements. This is especially true of the milkweeds and the poppies, including prickly poppy, California poppy, and others. You can try this: cut the stem, hold the stem upside down, burn/char/cauterize the end of the stem to stop the sap from running. It may wilt anyway after all this effort.
 - Use native Texas wildflowers. If you're not sure whether it qualifies, search for it at <http://www.wildflower.org/explore.php>
 - Practice these techniques ahead of time and use them often for the delight and enjoyment of your friends and family!

BOARD MEMBERS Floydada Cooperative Gins, Inc., re-elected board members in their annual meeting held at the Unity Center in Muncy on April 29. Members, from left, are secretary Jon Jones, president Brian Teeple, Dane Sanders, Taylor Beedy, vice-president Danny Nutt, gin manager and treasurer Aaron Hendricks, Gerry Norrell and Rick Hefflin. (We apologize for omitting part of this outline last week.) HESPERIAN-BEACON



Cattle Market Report, week ending May 9, 2021

	Lubbock 5/4/21	Tulia 5/9/21	Hollis 5/1/21	Floydada 5/5/21
Steers	200-300		170	165-185
	300-400	150-185	170	160-180
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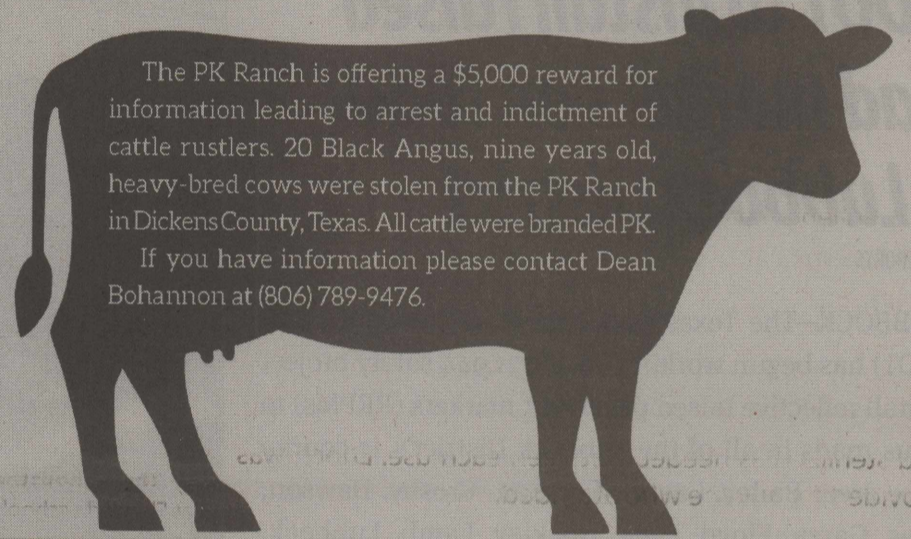
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The PK Ranch is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to arrest and indictment of cattle rustlers. 20 Black Angus, nine years old, heavy-bred cows were stolen from the PK Ranch in Dickens County, Texas. All cattle were branded PK. If you have information please contact Dean Bohannon at (806) 789-9476.

Wildflower Show to be held on Old Settler's Day

Floyd County wildflowers will be on display again this year during the Old Settler's Day Flower Show. The wildflower show will be held on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Entries will be registered Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. and the judging will be held at 11 a.m.

All entries must be picked by the individual that creates the display or arrangement. All wildflowers that are entered into the Old Settler's Reunion Flower Show must be picked from Floyd County or a county that touches Floyd County—Motley, Hale, Crosby, Briscoe, Swisher, Lubbock and Dickens.

There will be eight categories which include Miniature, Unusual container, Antique container, Men's, Youth, Miscellaneous, Old Fashioned Mix, and Dried arrangements.

Cash prizes, as well as ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places and honorable mention, and the Grand Prize, which is The Trudie Taylor Award for the best overall entry, will be given.

All prize money needs to be picked up by 1 p.m. from Karen Thrasher. If after 1 p.m. the prize money will be at the Floyd County Museum.

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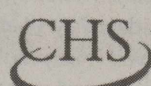
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Lockney VFD holds annual BBQ fundraiser

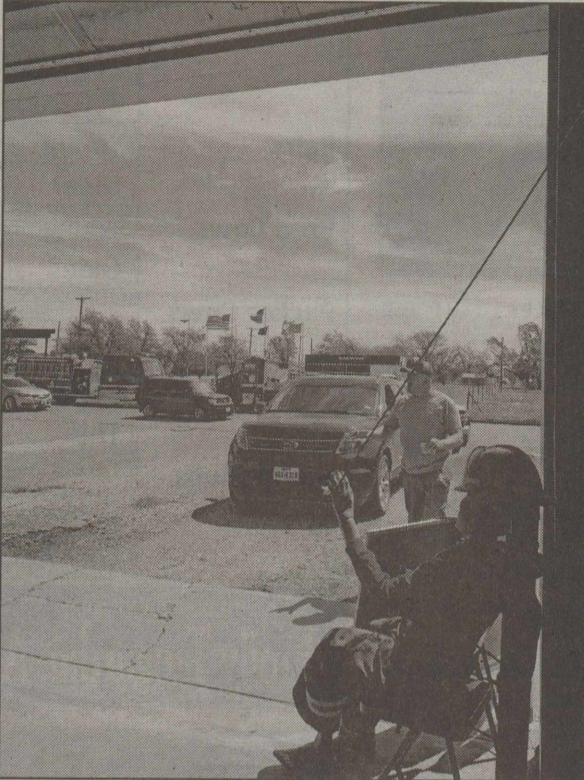
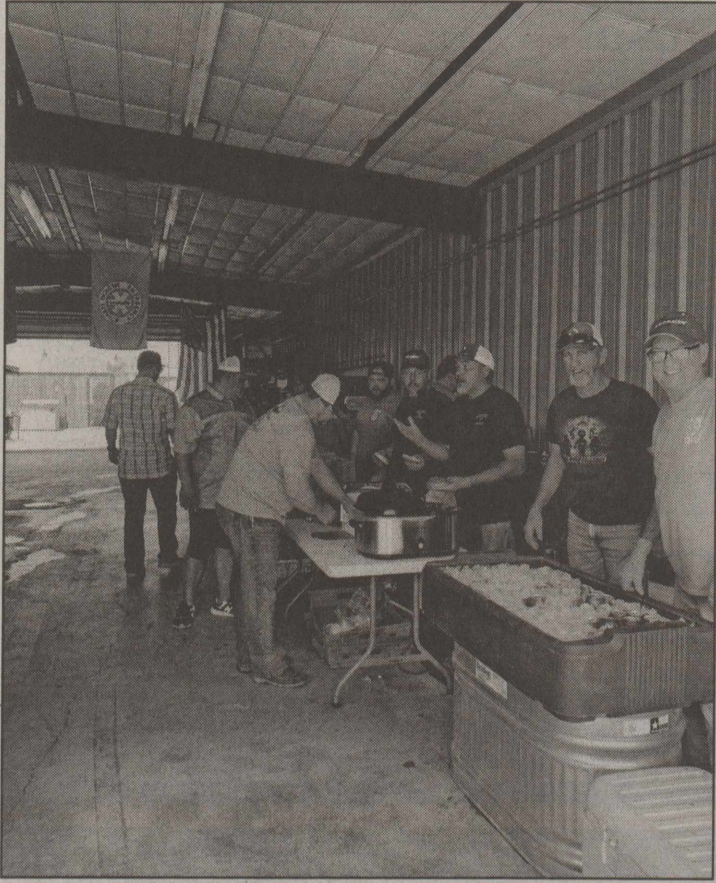
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The Lockney Volunteer Fire Dept and EMS held their annual barbecue brisket sandwich fundraiser on May 2, with meals served as a drive-through at the Lockney Fire Station.

This fundraiser was to help buy equipment and train all personnel in new state and federal requirements. The beef brisket was cooked and prepared by Weekends BBQ of Plainview. "Special thanks to these guys on preparing a super chopped brisket," said fire chief Donny McLaughlin, who reported that 570 meals including brisket sandwich, chips and drink were sold.



THE COMMUNITY TURNED OUT last week to help Lockney VFD have a successful barbecue brisket sandwich fundraiser, which will aid in providing equipment and training for all personnel. | COURTESY PHOTOS



TxDOT to install raised road markers on roads in Lubbock District

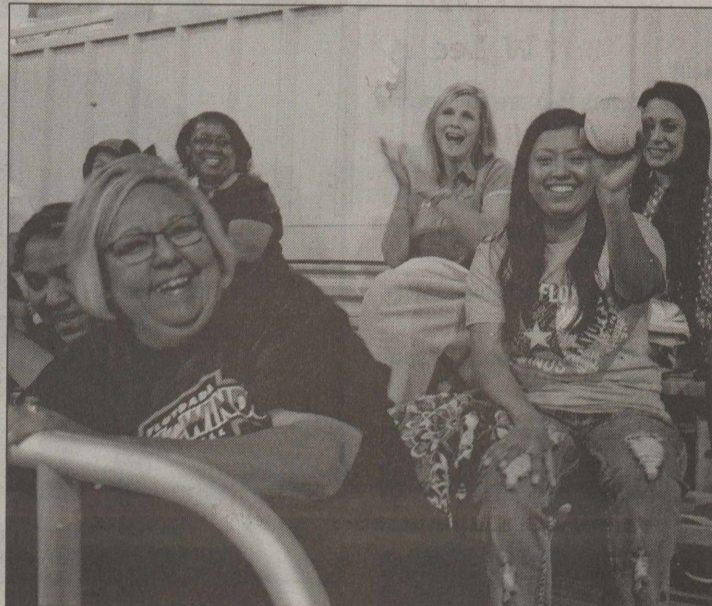
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LUBBOCK—The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has begun working on a \$721,944 safety project to install reflective raised pavement markers (RRPMs) to various roads in all of the Lubbock District's 17-county service area: Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Gaines, Garza, Floyd, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Project contractor Double A Contracting L.P., of Odessa, Texas, began the work of adding RRPMs to the area's interstates, US and state highways (SH), and other various roadways on April 12. RRPMs are designed to increase the visibility of roadway striping during inclement weather and nighttime.

Crews were scheduled to start work on US 385 in Gaines County. No lane closures are planned during the mobile operation, but motorists can expect slow moving equipment and are urged to use caution when driving through the mobile work zone, since crews will be working in traffic, and should keep the following tips in mind:

- Slow down and always follow posted work zone speed limits. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Remember, traffic fines double in work zones.
 - Pay attention. Workers and heavy equipment may only be a few feet from passing vehicles.
 - Be patient. Delays from roadway construction can be frustrating, but it only takes a few extra minutes to slow down for a work zone.
- Work is expected to wrap up in late-June and will take place weather permitting.



FUN AT THE BALLPARK Yuleida Serrato, above right, snagged a foul tip that landed in the stands behind the plate. Thursday's games in Plainview provided numerous foul tips, as well as some exciting softball action and fun for fans in the bleachers. | HESPERIAN-BEACON

AREA CHAMPS SEE PAGE 1

and Erin Trevino singled on a 3-1 count, scoring one run. Floydada put up three runs in the fifth inning and finally pulled away for good. A trio of defensive errors kept the Lady Eagles in the game. Garza and Sanchez each drove in runs during the inning. The junior hurler, Erin Trevino, earned the victory in the pitcher's circle for the Lady Winds. The ace lasted seven innings, allowing nine hits and five runs while striking out six and walking one. This game was only the third time this season that the Lady Winds were forced to play a full seven innings.

Wade took the loss for Sanford-Fritch. The pitcher allowed 14 hits and nine runs over six innings, striking out three.

Floydada racked up 14 hits on the day. Celese Wickware, Sanchez, Marissa Obregon, Danielle Zavala, and Analise Perez all collected multiple hits for Floydada. Obregon, Sanchez, and Wickware all had three hits to their team to the win. Floydada also stole eight bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Sanchez led the way with two.

In the second game of the series, it was a totally different story. The Lady Winds got back to playing like they have all season and demolished the Lady Eagles 25-0 to sweep the series and claim the Area Championship.

Floydada got on the board in the first inning when Marissa Obregon doubled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run.

The Lady Winds tallied 12 runs in the third inning. Celese Wickware, Danielle Zavala, Kailee Sanchez, Obregon, Analise Perez, and Carissa Fernandez each had RBIs in the frame.

A single by Emily Wade in the first inning was a positive for Sanford-Fritch.

Trevino earned the victory in the pitcher's circle for Floydada. The ace allowed five hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out one and walking zero.

Wade took the loss for Sanford-Fritch. The bulldog surrendered 19 runs on 13 hits over two and a third innings.

Lucy Hughes started the game for Sanford-Fritch. The pitcher surrendered six runs on four hits over two-thirds of an inning.

Floydada tallied one home run on the day as Fernandez went for the long ball in the second inning.

Lady Winds tallied 18 hits in the game. Kayle Garza, Perez, Zavala, Alyssa Obregon, Obregon, and Fernandez each managed multiple hits. Perez and Garza each collected three hits to lead the Floydada Lady Winds.

Floydada Lady Winds didn't commit a single error in the field. Perez had four chances in the field, the most on the team. Floydada Lady Winds tore up the base paths, as three players stole at least two bases. Obregon led the way with three.

This is the Lady Winds' third straight trip to the Regional Quarterfinals in the playoffs. Floydada made it three rounds deep in 2018 and 2019. COVID-19 cut their season short in 2020. Floydada will take on the Forsan Lady Buffs in a three-game series at the Brownfield Lady Cubs Field. Game one will start at 5 p.m., Thursday, May 13 with the second game being played at 5 p.m., Friday, May 14 at the same location. The third game, if needed, will be played Friday night at 7 p.m.

At the end of this second game the Lady Winds have outscored their opponents 415-37. Their season record is now 25-0.

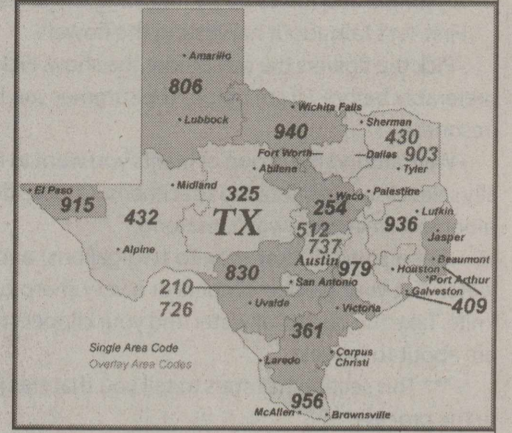
Junior Erin Trevino's pitching stats read: 25-0-1 on the season, 133 innings, 213 strike-outs, 29 walks, 89 hits, 25 earned runs, and a 0.846 earned run average.

806 area codes going to 10-digit

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Starting April 24, 2021, Texans with phone numbers in the 254, 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and 940 area codes should get in the habit of dialing 10 digits (three-digit area code plus seven-digit telephone number) for all local calls.

On July 16, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an Order (FCC 20-100) approving 988 as the three-digit abbreviated dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The order requires all telecommunications providers (including telecommunications carriers, interconnected Voice over Internet



10-DIGIT DIALING Certain area codes, such as 806, will have to go to 10-digit dialing later this year. | COURTESY GRAPHIC

Protocol (VoIP) providers, and one-way VoIP providers (covered providers)) to make any network changes necessary to ensure 988 access by July 16, 2022.

Several Texas area codes (254, 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and 940) include phone numbers with a 988 prefix. Therefore, those areas must transition from seven-digit to 10-digit local dialing.

April 24, 2021 marks the beginning of a "permissive dialing period" in which callers in those area codes can still complete a call with seven-digit dialing. When that period expires on October 24, 2021, only calls dialed with ten digits will be connected.

After the permissive dialing period, local calls dialed with only seven digits will reach a recording prompting them to hang up and dial again using both the area code with the seven-digit telephone number.

What other changes need to be made?

Important safety and security equipment, such as medical alert devices, and alarm and security systems, must be programmed to use 10-digit dialing. Many systems operate on 10-digit dialing by default, but some older equipment may still use seven digits. Please contact your medical alert or security provider if you are not sure whether your equipment needs to be reprogrammed to accommodate the upcoming change to 10-digit dialing.

Any needed reprogramming of alarm and home security equipment must be done during the permissive dialing period from April 24, 2021 to October 24, 2021 to avoid interruption of those services.

Some other examples of services that may need to be reprogrammed are:

- Life safety systems or medical monitoring devices
- PBXs
- Fax machines
- Internet dial-up numbers
- Fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates
- Speed dialers
- Mobile or other wireless phone contact lists
- Call forwarding settings
- Voicemail services and other similar functions

Customers should also ensure the area code is included in all other places where a telephone number is displayed like their websites, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, and even personal or pet ID tags.

What will remain the same?

- Telephone numbers, including current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the dialing change.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- Customers will continue to dial 1+ the area code + telephone number for all long-distance calls.
- Customers will continue to dial a prefix (such as "9") when dialing from a multi-line telephone system (e.g., in a hotel, office building, etc.) as required.
- Customers can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).
- If 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 are currently available in one's community, they can still be dialed with just three digits.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255) even after the 988 code is in effect.

Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing "988" will route calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022.

To learn more, visit the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) website at https://www.nationalnanpa.com/transition_to_10_digit_dialing_for_988/index.html, email NANPA at 988@somos.com with questions about the dialing procedure change, or visit the FCC website at <https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline>.

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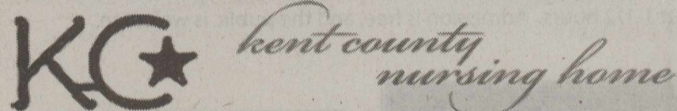
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<p>Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship..11 a.m. Bible Baptist Church 810 S. 3rd, Floydada • 983-2578 Darwin Robinson, Pastor Sunday School....10 a.m. Morning Worship—10:50 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wednesday—7 p.m. Calvary's 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 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</p>	<p>Ashley Adams, Minister of Music Ludustria Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry Sunday School—9:15 a.m. Morning Worship—10:30 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study—6:30 p.m. 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 Rev. Ted Wilson, Interim Pastor 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.</p>	<p>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. Evening Praise 5—p.m. Wed. Worship—7 p.m. Power of Praise Full Gospel Church Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services—10 a.m. Sunday Evening—5 p.m. Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Primera Iglesia Bautista Floyada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship—6 p.m. Wed. Evening—7 p.m.</p>	<p>..... 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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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SPOTLIGHT ON THE BEEHIVE COURTESY PHOTOS



WE BEE-LIEVE! Residents made goodie bags and a best-wishes sign for the Lady Winds April 30. The Lady Winds and coaches stopped by the center on their way to their second game against Seagraves in the bi-district round.

FLOYDADA FANS BeeHive Homes residents have enjoyed supporting the Floydada Lady Winds softball team all season and reading about their games and achievements in the Hesperian-Beacon each week. Residents are (back row, from left) Sandra Lass, Norma Marrs, Reta Pierce, Doris Mellett, Faye Bertrand, Billie Jo Smith; (front row, from left) Wynell Hinsley, Myrtis Cope, Harold Bennett, Joyce Galloway and Twilla Morris.



BeeHive residents cheer on Lady Winds softball team each week

STAFF REPORTS

On Friday, April 23, the BeeHive Homes of Shepherd's Meadow Retirement and Assisted Living Center in Floydada celebrated a birthday for resident Corryne Galloway. Residents enjoyed pizza from Main Street Pizza in Lockney, along with a salad and homemade brownies for dessert.

Following state Covid-19 guidelines, residents enjoyed having the Floydada Lady Winds softball team at the center. The Lady Winds dropped by to sing "Happy Birthday" to Ms. Galloway.

During the visit, a few of the residents had questions for team members. Reta Pierce asked, "Which game was more difficult to play?" Catcher Marissa Obregon answered, "Definitely the Post game. It was a really close game."

Mr. Billie Jo Smith, who remembered pitching in his younger years, said that he always wanted to be the new pitcher. He told the Lady Winds he's ready to fill in if needed.

As the Lady Winds left the residents cheered them on to their bi-district game. The residents follow all the Lady Winds' games by reading the Hesperian each week and listening to the local radio station.

SPOTLIGHT ON FCISD BAND



Don't miss the Spring Concert May 18

The Floydada Collegiate High School "Wind Symphony" ensembles received a Division 1 rating ("Superior") and Division 2 rating ("Excellent") at the Abernathy Band Festival April 27. Receiving Division I is the Saxophone Quartet - Elyanna Medellin, Noe De Los Santos, Caydence Bailey, Kylie Fipps. (We apologize for omitting this picture in last week's issue.)

The Floydada Band's Spring Concert will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 18 at the Floydada Performing Arts Center Auditorium at FCHS. It will feature the 7th grade Symphonic Bands, 6th grade Concert Bands and Floydada High School Wind Symphony. The concert will last about 1-1/2 hours. Admission is free, and the public is welcome.

SPOTLIGHT ON CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA from page 1



Floydada this year with a celebration embracing Mexican culture through authentic food prepared by vendors, traditional Mexican clothing, games and live music.

Children gathered in lines to have their faces painted with neat designs, to hit the piñata and to play Mexican bingo and other kid-friendly games.

Flavorful dishes like Tex-Mex enchiladas, birria tacos and enchiladas that derive from Tamaulipas, Mexico, took center stage at this event. The food vendors had to double up on their products and some still sold out.

Los Hermanos Perales from Plainview also joined in on the celebration, providing traditional Spanish music for attendees to enjoy. The Cinco de Mayo celebration provided community members with the opportunity to celebrate Mexican culture in both a fun and respectful manner.

The Serrato Sisters hope this celebration marks the first of many to come in the future.



FLOYDADA FUN Children took turns hitting the piñata (above), while community members chimed in on the celebration in downtown Floydada last week. | PHOTOS BY YELENA SERRATO



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WHERE IN THE COMMUNITY?

Spring is here and folks are eager to get out and travel the region once again. Each month this spring and summer the Hesperian-Beacon will publish a photo taken somewhere in or around Floyd County—that readers might or might not recognize!

Email us at fchb.editor@yahoo.com with the identification and location—and the first to get it right will win a gift certificate redeemable at a local business. As business reopen, we encourage you to scout out locations, and patronize our local businesses and drive our back roads. This week's photo will be instantly recognizable to many, but we couldn't resist sharing the image of the beautiful blooming tree in front.

