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## Candidates Profiled Raissez, Speed run in Primary for Floyd County Sheriff



PAUL RAISSEZ

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### FAMILY AND EDUCATION:

I was born in Floydada, Texas, in 1974 and raised in the Sandhill community until 1983, when my family moved to Lockney. I married Heather Graham in 2012, and together we have five children. My parents are Alfonso and Arlene Raissez. I have two brothers and one sister. I attended school in Floydada until 1983, and then moved to Lockney, where I graduated in 1994. I attended South Plains College and studied Criminal Justice. I obtained

my jailer's license in 1998 from South Plains Association of Government (SPAG). I received my Peace Officer's License in February of 1999 from the Lubbock County Sheriff's Academy.

### WHY DO I WANT THIS OFFICE?

I have found that being a public servant to the citizens of Floyd County has been very gratifying. I've got the experience and I've got the knowledge, along with the motivation and the enthusiasm that I've had for the past thirteen years as your Sheriff.

My priority has always been the safety of the families that call, and have made, Floyd County their home. I, along with my staff, are committed to making Floyd County a place where people can raise their children.

### SINCE YOU ARE THE INCUMBENT, WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF SINCE SERVING THIS POSITION?

One of the things that I'm most proud of is our National Night Out Community Outreach that was started in 2016. Since our first event it has been a great success with approximately two hundred and fifty people in attendance. This event promotes a positive effort to promote Police Community Partnership through crime, drug and violence awareness prevention and neighborhood unity.

### WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

I've held the position of Sheriff for thirteen years and have been employed by the Sheriff's Office for twenty-three years. I obtained my County Jailer Certification in 1996 and have since acquired my Master Jailer Certificate. I have also earned my Master Telecommunicator Certificate (Emergency Dispatcher) even though it is not required; however, it helps me keep up with the training needs of my dispatchers and the overall communication needs of law enforcement, EMS, and fire personnel. I have my Master Peace Officer Certificate and I have obtained 2,906 hours of continuing education.



CORY SPEED

Courtesy Photo

### FAMILY AND EDUCATION:

I am married to Melissa Speed and have two sons, Caleb Speed and Noah Fierros. I grew up in Slaton Texas, where my mom still resides today. I graduated from Slaton High School and then attended South Plains College. I attended Navarro College in Corsicana, where I enrolled in the Navarro Police Academy and graduated 3rd in the class.

### WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE?

I want to be dedicated to the Floyd County citizens by

safeguarding our community, improving quality of life, and upholding public trust. I have over 20 years of Law Enforcement experience, and if I am elected into this office I know without a doubt I would be able to accomplish these goals. Along with meeting the goals I have set out, I will bring honesty, reliability, and dedication to the great communities of Floyd County.

### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOUR ELECTED?

I would first and fore-

most ensure that all citizens of Floyd County are treated equally. I would like to see more coverage patrolling the county from the deputies. I believe ensuring that the residential streets of Lockney are being patrolled to ensure the city is secured and in order. There should be more deputies in the schools, as the kids need to know we are there to help and not be the "ones that are going to take them away". I want to change the view of policing to a positive view.

I also feel that working collaboratively with other service officials is up most important to ensure that the community in which we live is safe.

I have a strong belief that writing grants in order to save taxpayers money should be incorporated into the work of the Floyd County Sheriff's office. It is important to be able to help raise funds along with forcing our agency to prioritize its goals and missions, for this great community in which we live. We are a small population county and need everyone to make it work.

### WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS JOB?

I have my Advanced Peace Officers License, Advanced Telecommunication License, Advanced Jailers License, Basic Finger Print Comparison certificate, Certified Instructor through the State of Texas and I have taught many classes in the peace officer academy as well as the county jailer's academy. I have also taught countless classes to certified officers for continuing education.

## Floydada BPA Students Head to State Competition

By Yelena Serrato  
FHS Correspondent

On Saturday January 25th, Floydada High School students competed at the Area 4 Region 1 Business Professionals of America (BPA) Regional Leadership Conference held in Plainview, Texas and brought home 14 first place winners and a total of 24 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 in Dallas on March 4th-7th.

The mission of Business Professionals of America, according to its 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

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Courtesy Photo by Audrie Strange

The BPA Video Production Team members are (left to right) Audrie Strange, Angel Fipps, Martin Garcia and Lexie Ramos.

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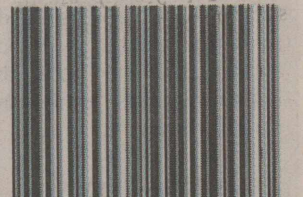
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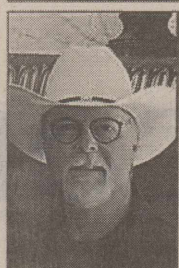
**VALENTINES DATE NIGHT BALL**

The Valentines Date Night Ball will take place Saturday, February 15 at Muncy. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. with meal beginning at 6 p.m. The entertainment for the night will be provided by The Riley Adams Duo and Jason Nutt and Highway 70. You won't want to miss hearing this local talent. The tickets are \$100 with 1 ticket getting two people in the door. Tickets can be bought from Rhonda Stovall or Alyssa McCarter at the hospital administration office, Oh Chartel, Floydada Farm Bureau, Prosperity Bank- Floydada, Social Fly, Nutthouse Designs or any Foundation Board member (Mandy Quinn, Andy Ford, Kortney DeBock, Brittany Duniven, Amos Poole, Rise Ford, Kathy Kellison, Bonnie McIntosh, Daryl Rasco).

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**Between the lines  
Where the buffalo roamed**



BRUCE W. GREEN

The Panhandle and Panhandle Plains regions were once home to large herds of American Bison, which most of us know as "buffalo."

Of course, there was a buffalo population in excess of 60 million in the late 18th century roaming the grasslands from Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico, so this area certainly had its share. By 1884, however, commercial hunting and slaughter reduced the number to only about 300 wild buffalo left in the United States.

All this was an early prelude to the era of progress in America, the Internet, and story hour at public libraries being led by drag queens.

Some people think things are better now. We have less buffalo on the plains, life moves too fast to stop and enjoy a Panhandle sunset, but we have high speed Internet service. So, some think this sort of evens things out.

The buffalo has made a very modest comeback in North America. About a half million currently exist on private lands and another 300 thousand roam government preserves. You can still see them in the wild in Yellowstone Park. You can also see a small private herd in a pasture across the street from the owner of LK Media Group.

They don't bother anyone (if you don't get too close). They just poke along and graze all day, just like they did on the prairies and plains of Northern Texas 200 years ago.

Too bad the buffalo are so scarce these days. But there is something that would be more disastrous than the demise of the buffalo in the Panhandle and on the Panhandle Plains. It would be the loss of the cultural patrimony of the people of this area. That is, their sense of heritage, their "sense of place" in the world.

I had dinner this week with a Panhandle native who expressed that very concern.

The folks around here are proud of their cattle, cotton, history, and even their weather. They may not love the weather, but they are proud of it because it's theirs. Folks in this area are proud of being Texans, and they are particularly proud of their sense of place in this unforgiving but enchanting region of Texas.

People need a sense of place in the world, and they need to preserve it. The faster our mobile modern society changes, the more important this sense of place becomes. It is not merely a location or natural environment. It is the unique collection of qualities and characteristics that help give us meaning - and it is imparted in significant measure by the communities and towns in which we grow up.

To have a sense of place in the world is to be rooted. To be without a sense of place is to be rootless, shallow, and untethered from what gives us substance.

Vision, boldness and courage built the communities in the Texas Panhandle and Panhandle Plains. Tradition, custom, and continuity preserve these characteristics and qualities, among others, and ensure they are passed on to future generations.

The cultural patrimony of all the best places in Texas are in danger today from those who have lost touch with their own heritage. There are a lot of shallow, rootless people in the world, and they seem to be growing in proportion to the distance they are away from the Panhandle and the Panhandle Plains.

In our current educational, political and cultural climate, it is not possible to preserve the good things without reflection, prudence and action. That's especially true when it comes to hanging on to, or rekindling, our cultural patrimony.

It's just my opinion, and that's not worth much. But I think it's not a bad idea for the good people of the last best place to band together and take deliberate and bold steps to preserve all that makes this part of Texas great.

At one time folks around here must have thought the vast herds of buffalo would roam these plains forever. But now they are gone.

Cultural patrimonies are not like buffalo. Their disappearance is more like the words of the song by Joni Mitchell, "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot." bgreen@lknewsgroup.com

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**CAPROCK BEEF CATTLE CONFERENCE**  
Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension Service will hold the Caprock Beef Cattle Conference on March 26. Conference will be held at the Unity Center in

Muncy. \$25 admission. RSPV by March 20 to Mark Carroll 806-983-4912 or Andy Hart 806-291-5267. Early registration is advised. Spaced is limited to first 100.

**Early Voting for March Primary Begins Feb. 18**

By Jennifer Harbin  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - With the March primary around the corner, Floyd County citizens can exercise their civil duty by taking advantage of early voting February 18 through February 28. Eligible residents wishing to vote by mail must meet the February 21 deadline to apply for an application for the March 3, 2020 election.

Of the seven candidates running, all are on the Republican ballot with only one position contested. They are as follows:

District Attorney—Wade Jackson (uncontested)

County Attorney—Lex Herrington (uncontested)

Sheriff—Cory Speed

Sheriff—Paul Raisse (contested)

County Tax Assessor Collector—Delia Suarez (uncontested)

Commissioner Precinct #1—Tanner Smith (uncontested)

Commissioner Precinct #3—Nathan Johnson (uncontested)

There are no Democratic candidates.

Votes can be cast at the Courthouse Annex, 110 S. Wall, in Floydada and First United Church, 102 W. Poplar Street, in Lockney. Early voting and election day hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Floydada; Lockney polls are open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

According to the webpage for Texas Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs, to be eligible to register to vote in Texas, a person must be: a United States citizen; a resident of the Texas county in which application for registration is made; at least 18 years old on Election

Day; not finally convicted of a felony, or, if so convicted must have (1) fully discharged the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or (2) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and not determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

The website also states, "a voter who has not been issued a driver's license or social security number may register to vote, but such voter must submit proof of identification when presenting himself/herself for voting or with his/her mail-in ballots, if voting by mail."

**Seven acceptable forms of voter identification:**

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- U.S. military identification card that has a photo
- U.S. citizenship certificate with a photo
- U.S. passport

For more information on voting by mail, contact County Clerk Ginger Morgan at 806-983-4900.

For general questions on voting in Texas, visit the Secretary of State website at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/>

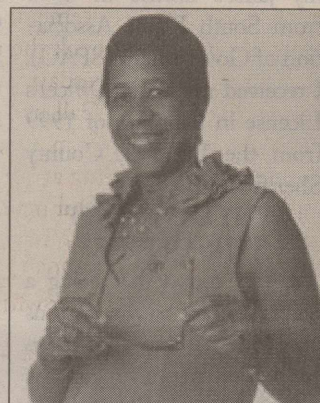
**Alumni speaker to share story, film about little known all-black female WWII battalion**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University will premiere a documentary film celebrating the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion and the important work it did during WWII at a special Black History Month event on Feb. 20 at the Museum of the Llano Estacado.

"An Evening with the 6888th Battalion" will begin at 6 p.m. and includes a keynote by Elizabeth Helm-Frazier, a 1999 graduate of Wayland's San Antonio campus who played an instrumental role in honoring the all-black, all-female battalion with a national monument in November 2018. Helm-Frazier is also one of the producers of the documentary film "The Six Triple Eight: No Mail, Low Morale," which will be shown in the auditorium immediately before Helm-Frazier speaks.

Following the keynote, a brief time of Q&A will be held with Helm-Frazier. Refreshments will follow in the museum foyer,



Courtesy Photo  
Elizabeth Helm-Frazier

er, where guests can also view the temporary exhibit on women in the service. Books written by the battalion commander Major Charity Adams, and others about the group will be on hand for purchase as well.

"The story of the 6888th's work on behalf of our American soldiers is really fascinating, and Liz is passionate about sharing the tale of these extraordinary African-American women," said Teresa Young, director of alumni relations at Wayland. "Since she is one of our alumni, we are even more excited to welcome Liz as

we premiere the documentary in Plainview. I know folks will enjoy hearing the story as much as we did."

Helm-Frazier's visit falls on the 75th anniversary of the day the 6888th landed in England in 1945. The event is part of the Black History Month celebration on the Wayland campus as well as a year-long emphasis on women across all academic schools, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. The event is sponsored by the Wayland Alumni Association, Wayland Museums and the WBU Multidisciplinary Committee.

A native of Largo, Fla., Helm-Frazier served just over 25 years with the U.S. Army, retiring in 2006, and then worked as a military contractor before entering civil service. She currently serves as executive assistant to the chief information security officer at the Veteran's Administration in Virginia.

For more information on the event, contact the Alumni Relations office at (806) 291-3600.

**The 501: My man Mahomes**



HANABA MUNN WELCH

My favorite new football player is Patrick Mahomes.

It all started when my husband and I thought we knew someone who would win \$60,000 if Mahomes could lead the Chiefs to a Super Bowl win over San Francisco. We would have watched the game anyway, I suppose, but we watched with greater interest because of the bet - a risky wager made back when the Chiefs were a long shot. (Turns out he won only \$6,000 for his \$1,000 bet, but during the entire game we watched at the \$60,000 level.)

For me, watching a game means taking a walk during the first half. Why get stressed? Sure enough, when I got back to the house, the score was tied. It was time for the much anticipated halftime show.

We switched channels and watched part of a British drama on Masterpiece Theatre. I later read comments on the halftime extravaganza.

If halftime had been a movie, would it have been X-rated? R-rated?

**RESEARCH.**

After perusing the history of movie ratings and explanations thereof, I'm thinking it's complicated. Some critics of the system are more concerned about sex than violence and vice-versa. Either way, both sell. Sandwich sex at halftime between the violence of clashing football teams, and you've put together an enticing package.

As for movies, ratings are necessary to let you know what to expect

before you spend money on a ticket. Or take children along. Right? Regarding the Super Bowl, the lewd gyrations of suggestively (my mother's word) clad women performing to music you may or may not like is free. How nice.

What if a different channel offered an optional Super Bowl halftime show - something like the most sensational plays from past Super Bowls, starting with the very first game? Just a thought. Would anyone watch? The ads wouldn't cost as much.

Back to Mahomes. I want a shirt with his number and name.

Sometimes I smile when I see guys wearing shirts with players' names emblazoned across their shoulders, thinking they don't even come close.

But don't we all like to identify with talented athletes? Even those of us who don't watch many games?

When it's third and long, if I'm really caught up in the action, I put myself in the shoes of my quarterback - rejoicing if the pass is good, wincing if we get sacked.

When it comes to baseball, I'm either the pitcher or the batter, depending on which team I back.

But, until now, I've never thought about spending money on any star player's look-alike jersey, whatever the sport.

Ah Mahomes! We watched with great interest and anxiety as he ultimately took Kansas City to victory over those formidable 49ers.

Mahomes just seems to take everything in stride. I'd like to be able to deal with life that way -- to look ahead with aplomb even when the other team's ahead. Then throw a bomb. It's nice to be able to just keep going like nothing's wrong. And then win.

I need that shirt.

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## Joe Hubbard to speak at Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum

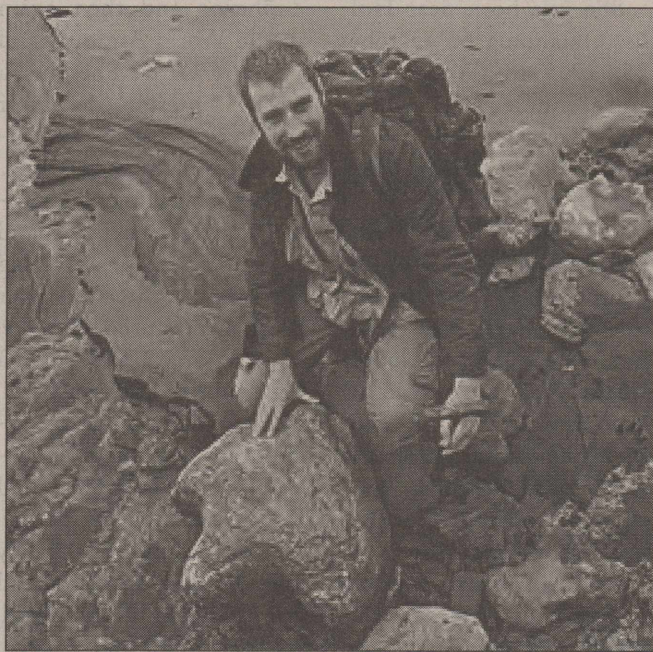
By Joe Taylor  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

After being shut down for a year due to extreme hail and another tornado hit, the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum is open again. And to celebrate it, we are hosting a young English paleontologist who has come to study the large collection of fossils at the Museum.

Joe Hubbard, aka Indiana Joe, — because he has been all over the world collecting fossils —, will be giving a fascinating talk about fossils of Europe, England and Australia.

We think of these places as just castles, the Beatles and Aborigines, but Joe Hubbard will tell about the giant fossil wombat with a skull 3 feet long, the dinosaurs in England and the true history of the Aborigines who hunted the 10-foot tall killer kangaroos with a killing boomerang they called "Kali" the name of the Indian devil.

He will describe the fossils one finds that are not talked about in mainstream science. He is a "dirty hands" field paleontologist willing to endure cold and heat, mud and sweat just to study fossils in



Joe Hubbard at famous dinosaur tracks site on the Isle of Wight. This is the site you see in all the text books.

person. Joe Hubbard will speak at 7 p.m., Monday Feb. 17, at the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum. The Museum is located at 124 West Main St., Crosbyton.

Come for coffee and donuts before and nacho cheese and chips afterwards. Everyone attending will get free fossils to take home with them.

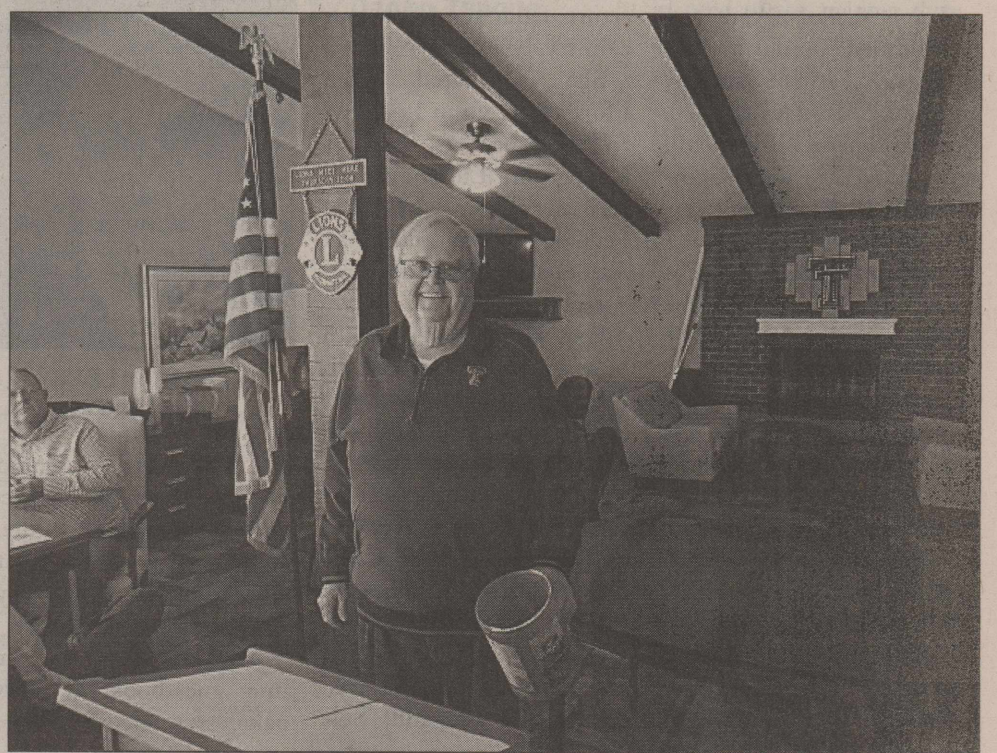
There is no charge. Make a donation towards Indiana Joe's next fossil trip to study

the fossil trees in Tennessee that go through numerous layers if you like and get his report.

We are very fortunate to have this bright, and very knowledgeable young paleontologist come so far just to study Texas fossils and those in the Mt. Blanco collection from all over the country.

Please join us for a very enlightening evening in celebrating the re-opening of the museum.

## Floydada Rotary



Clar Schacht, past president, gave the Floydada Rotary Club a pep talk last Wednesday, Feb. 5.

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

JAMES C. THOMAS

Jas. C. and Jennie Slayton Thomas family came to Floyd County, the first week in June, 1903, to the home of his sister (Ona), Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Long of the Roseland Community. I was three years old. I remember how the prairies looked, the grass so tall it waved in the wind like the waves on the Gulf do. Cousin Frank had a sled that he worked a horse, had a big box on it to go gather cowchips to burn. My sister Hallie and Brother Luther helped. I rode in the box (a lot of help I was). The grass so deep the sled slipped along so quietly. The windmill in the back yard pumped the water into a barrel through the milk trough, then to the big dirt tank where the cattle came to drink. A won-

derful sight to see.

Father hired to Mr. Lee Reeves and went to Montague County to work, lived there till January 1908, came back to Floyd County by train to Estelline, by stage back to Aunt Ona's, arriving January 3, 1908. I started to school at Roseland that fall; Mrs. Willie Crabtree was my teacher. We lived there for two years and moved to Floydada December 25, 1912. We children-Luther, Lee, Audie, Myself, Ona, started to school there January 1913. Luther's teachers were; F.E. Savage, Miss Morehouse, Pauline Smith, Effie Savage. My teacher was Beulah Potter. Lee's was Miss Ivy. Audie started the next year. Father was hired a caretaker of the

new courthouse as he was the only man who applied for the work that had ever handled steam heat. He held this job also the city pump, caring for the pump in cold weather. The night the Owens Hotel burned, he took a cold and it went into pneumonia, and he passed away March 31, 1915. I remember the big prairie fire the spring of 1909, just north of Plainview to the Caprock. Flames leaping 30 feet or more into the air. Cattle were driven into the field on the plowed ground for safety. Papa made us a swing. I would swing high so I could see across the county. Many happy memories of childhood here in Floyd County where I have spent my life.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Hope everyone is having a great week. Be safe is you have to be out in the wet and cold weather this week.

Our Second Tuesday Bingo has been changed to 2nd Thursday Bingo. Next bingo date will be Feb. 13. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and play will begin at 6 p.m. Bingo special includes: 2 cards, meal, drink, dessert for \$5. Extra cards: 3 for \$2 or \$1 a card. Prizes include meal vouchers, cash, and household items. The Progressive Bingo game is over \$125 cash.

We are in need of a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. You will receive a delicious meal as payment for your time. The driver will report to the Center at 11:15 a.m. The deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11 a.m. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30 a.m.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

### MENU

Feb. 17 - Feb. 21

Monday - Chili or beef-veg soup

Tuesday - Frito pie - \$4

Wednesday - Ham

Thursday - Chicken strips

Friday - Fish fry

(Menu subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY—Hope everyone is having a great week. Be safe with the wet and cold weather.

The Center is now serving a BREAKFAST BUFFET on Wednesdays ONLY! Times: 5:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. \$6 per plate + Coffee or juice - \$1.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

Feb. 14 - Family Night Fish Fry - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. All you can eat \$12/plate

Feb. 17 - Bingo Night

Feb. 24 - Board Meeting

Feb. 28 - Family Night Fish Fry - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. All you can eat \$12/plate

Lockney Senior Citizens is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization, we receive no government funding, we rely on the generosity of our community. We appreciate any and all donations.

Breakfast is served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday only. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat lunch at the Center. Our phone number is 806-652-2745.

Remember to come exercise with us on Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Our Thursday night potluck is from 5-9 p.m. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards.

## Poetry Gathering features western singer Jean Prescott

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

ALPINE, Texas - As the third weekend in February approaches, anticipation is building toward the Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering's inaugural event on the campus of Sul Ross State University.

Picking up the torch of the previous Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, the new nonprofit organization has invited cowboy poets and western songwriters from across Texas and other western states to participate in an event known for its attention to tradition.

Among those scheduled to perform, Jean Prescott, a native Texan, looks forward to sharing her lifelong love of music.

"I started singing to the radio with my granddad when I was about two," she recalls.

As a teenager living way out in Glasscock County where her family could only pick up one radio sta-

tion, Prescott taught herself guitar by playing along with the country songs. As a result, country music naturally became her genre of choice.

When Prescott visited Fort Davis in February of 1989, she could never have anticipated how her decision to swing by Alpine would not only impact her music career but also the course of her life.

Around noon she stopped for lunch and found herself in a restaurant along with quite a few cowboys.

Accustomed to ranching folks, she quickly noted that these men were dressed up. Since several of them left the restaurant when she did, Prescott took advantage of the opportunity to satisfy her curiosity.

She followed them. Within minutes, she found herself on the Sul Ross campus buzzing with cars and people.

"Okay," she thought as she watched the crowd heading for a building, "I'm going to see where

they are going."

Seated inside a lecture room, Prescott listened to Joel Nelson and several other poets. "I was just blown away," she remembers. "I had never seen anything like it."

Next, she followed a crowd into Marshall Auditorium. She had noticed that several people had carried guitars into the building and knew she could not miss the show. Once seated she listened to the performers singing old cowboy songs to the accompaniment of their guitars.

Kay Nowell stepped up to the microphone and recited her poem about taking her prize bull out to pasture. Prescott was hooked. One thought rode over all the others. "These are my people, and this is my music." Although she did not return to the poetry gathering for several years, Prescott soon began transitioning her music from country to cowboy.

In 1993 she returned to Alpine never guessing that more than music

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Jean Waller Anderson

Jean Waller Anderson was called home by her heavenly Father Saturday morning, February 8, 2020.

A graveside service will be held at Floydada Cemetery at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2020.

Jean was born on February 23, 1931 to Jennie Young Waller and W.J. Waller. She was raised in Floydada, Texas, later moving to Lubbock where she was a longtime member of Trinity Baptist Church, and Oakwood Baptist Church serving in many church capacities. She loved her family and told them so often.

She married James Oran Anderson on August 10, 1947 in Floydada after his

return from service to our country.

She graduated from Floydada High in 1947 and from Draughon's Business College in Lubbock. She was an officer with First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. of Lubbock until retirement in 1984.

Jean is preceded in death by her husband, James, two brothers, and four sisters.

She is survived by sisters, Vera Thornton and Eva Richardson, both of Lubbock; daughters, Shirley Anglin of Eugene, Oregon and Nancy Purdy and husband, Gerald, of Waco; granddaughters, Angela Wood and husband, Mark, Caryn Smith and husband, Sta-



JEAN WALLER ANDERSON

cey, and Kacey Warren and husband, Josh, all of Waco; and great-grandchildren, Ryan, Stacey, Ally, Wyatt, Lila, Caroline, Crew, Coyt, Brady and James Wright.

You may sign the online guestbook at [www.oakcrestwaco.com](http://www.oakcrestwaco.com)

## Nita Earlene (Kellison) Henderson

Nita Earlene (Kellison) Henderson, 84, passed from this life on February 5, 2020.

She was born near Hollis, Oklahoma on October 25, 1935 to George Earl and Johnnie Mae Goodman Kellison. She graduated from Lockney High School in 1953.

On June 26, 1953, Nita married Carl Dean (Deanie) Henderson in Lockney, Texas. They made their home in southern Briscoe County where Nita was a mother and farm wife. The family raised quarter horses and made many memories traveling the country together to horse shows and sales.

An extremely talented seamstress, Nita enjoyed making her daughters beautiful dresses and even made her own wedding gown. Nita enjoyed making quilts and knitting afghans, many of which are still displayed in homes today.

She was a faithful member of the Lone Star Baptist Church and later joined the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

Nita had a keen eye for unique and beautiful antique pieces. In 1979, she opened Nita's Antiques and Gifts in Silverton. Three years later, she moved her shop to Broadway Street

in downtown Plainview. After she closed her shop, Nita worked at Kristi's, Old World Gifts and Antiques, Zaphryn's and then again at Old World Antiques and Passport Gifts. She was a master interior decorator and loved to share her talents with many in this area.

Nita is survived by Deanie Henderson, her husband of 66 years. Also surviving are two daughters, Ginger Mathis and husband, Mike, of Lockney; and Mona Gardenhire and husband, Mark, of Albany; six grandchildren and their spouses also survive, Kaci and Kodi Scott of New Home, and their children, Laney and Mason; Lindsey and Jeff Griffith of Bushland, and their children, Caden, Carley and Caragen; Garrett and Lindsie Mathis of Plainview, and their children Evelyn, Brody and Collin; Whitney and Caleb Henson of Marshall, and their children, Blakely and Hampton; Austin and Jordan Gardenhire of Fort Worth, and their son, Cameron; and Travis and Alison Gardenhire of Albany, and their children, Chisum and Dixie. Survivors also include a brother, Ricky Kellison and wife, Kathy of Lockney; and a sister-in-law and her husband,



NITA EARLENE (KELLISON) HENDERSON

LaJuan and Larry McCormick of Paris. Many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by two great-grandchildren, Kaylee Scott and Baby Mathis.

A visitation was held at Kornerstone Funeral Directors in Plainview on Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 4-6 p.m.

Funeral services were held at the Kornerstone Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2020.

Interment followed at Plainview Memorial Park under the care of Kornerstone.

The family suggests memorials to the Children's Miracle Network, PO Box 5980, Lubbock, TX, 79408 or online at <https://www.umhealthsystem.com/giving/donate-to-umc> or the charity of your choice.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

Marvin Pincus understands that times change, and he's changed a lot, too. He's a lot older now, of course, and it gives him more time to consider things, like snowboarding. There he was, the other day up on Parker's Ridge, our fairly-close-to-being-local ski slope, resting his arms on the antique wooden ski poles he's used since the Hoover Administration.

And down the hill came young people, swooping and swooshing on snowboards and it got ol' Marvin shaking his head.

"Back when I was young," he said, "we had to work at this. You had to have skiing lessons, of course. Then you had to buy the right equipment and the right wax. Oh yes, the wax. You had to know just what kind of wax to use for the current temperature and what kind of snow you had. Then you

practiced learning to stop and turn. For some strange reason, we thought it was important to be able to turn on skis, and to stop.

"But now we have these snowboards. Near as I can tell, all you need to get started in that sport is an idiot and a six pack."

*Brought to you by Ol' Jimmy Dollar, Slim's children's book about a happy bound dog man and his "kids." See it at [riograndebooks.com](http://riograndebooks.com).*

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Pioneers of Faith

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. —Psalm 90:1 (NIV)

While researching county records, I found a memoir by a family of pioneers who homesteaded in the same region where my family lived in the 1800s. I was thrilled to discover that this family and mine together built sod houses, planted crops, raised families, and established a house of worship amid the prairie's cold, bitter winters and sweltering hot summers. In fact, it was noted that during one particular crisis my great-great-grandfather reminded this close-knit community that God would work things together for their good, as promised in Romans 8:28. It spoke volumes to me that God was his dwelling place, his refuge.

I feel fortunate that over a century ago, my family was trusting in the God whom I worship and trust. I have a legacy of faith, an inheritance of belief — carried down through generations.

The words of Psalm 90 resonate now more than ever. As parents, grandparents, or friends, we all have an opportunity to influence the generations that follow. Let us resolve, along with the psalmist, to "tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done" (Ps. 78:4, NIV). —Beverly Taylor (Arizona, USA)

#### TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear God, help our lives and words to reflect our trust in your amazing power, love, and strength. Amen.

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Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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

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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**  
Bob DuPont, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Mark Snowden, Pastor  
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship  
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

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. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.  
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**  
310 Mississippi  
Floydada

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

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

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

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

**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
Priest, Sylvester Dsouza  
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell  
Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study 10 a.m. - Mass  
Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation - CYO to follow  
Thurs. - 6:30 pm - 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  
Joe M. Hernandez  
983-5286 (Church)  
Sunday School  
English - 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish - 11 a.m.  
Worship  
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.  
English - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

**St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Renato Cruz  
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell  
983-5878  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

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

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

**Templo Nueva Vida**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.  
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**Trinity Assembly**  
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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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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.



# AGRICULTURE

## Marmolejo honored with Reinke Platinum Plus Technician Service Award

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(DESHLER, Neb.) — Reinke announces that Paul Marmolejo with Agriculture Precision Supply in Floydada has earned the Platinum PLUS (Proven Leaders in Unmatched Service) Certified Technician Award. The award is the most elite technical service designation awarded by Reinke.

"Being recognized as a Platinum PLUS Certified Technician is a remarkable accomplishment," said Mark Mesloh, vice president of North Amer-

ican sales, Reinke. "Paul has completed the most extensive technical service training available to Reinke dealers and is to be commended for his hard work."

The Platinum PLUS Certified Technician Program consists of a series of six technical service training classes and tests. Marmolejo received the Platinum PLUS award by scoring more than 90 percent on all six tests.

"We understand how important qualified service technicians are to growers

when they make their buying decisions," added Mesloh. "That's the focus of our technical service programs, to consistently build on the level of service capabilities of Reinke dealers across the country and further our commitment to the industry."

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## Private Applicator Training offered

By Dagan Teague

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County will present a Private Applicator Training March 3 at the Floyd County AgriLife Extension office at 8:30 a.m.

This training is for people who do not have a Texas Department of Agriculture license to apply restricted-use pesticides on their property or those who had a license that expired at least a year ago.

Cost is \$60 per person, which includes training and study materials. Make checks or money orders payable to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. You can prepay at the Floyd County Office. If you do not want to prepay please RSVP for the cap for this training will be 10 people. Note: If there are more people

in need of the training there can be another date scheduled. After the training an agent will provide a hard copy of the Private Pesticide Applicator license application form.

The license cannot be used for commercial, government or for-hire applicators. When you have completed the training course the exam will be available to take at the Lubbock AgriLife Extension Office.

To maintain your license and keep it current, you will need to earn 15 Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units within a five-year period. If you are not able to earn these within that five-year period, your license will not be renewed.

To sign up, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Floyd County (806) 983-4912 or contact Dagan Teague, IPM Agent, or Mark Carrol, Ag Agent.

## Enroll in Key Safety Net Programs

By Gary Six

State Executive Director  
USDA Farm Service Agency

The clock is ticking... March 16 is THE LAST day to make what is likely one of the most important business decisions you will make for your farming operation this year.

If you have not already visited your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to make your election for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program and to sign your annual enrollment contract, you should call and make your appointment now.

Many of you are gearing up to head to the field for spring planting, but I cannot stress enough the importance of not letting this deadline get lost in the hectic day-to-day obligations of farm life. *If you fail to enroll for 2019 ARC or PLC, you will be ineligible to receive a payment for the 2019 crop year.*

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms. These programs cover 20 commodities pro-

duced in the U.S.

FSA anticipates more than 1.7 million producers will enroll in ARC or PLC — that's a lot of producers to assist in a short period of time. As of Feb. 3, FSA records in Texas show 36,433 farms out of an expected 87,593 farms have completed ARC or PLC enrollment for the 2019 crop year.

Want to maximize your time visiting with FSA? Inquire about deadlines and options for also enrolling in 2020 ARC or PLC and updating PLC payment yields.

Our staff will help you make the most out of your visit or set you up with a future appointment to help check FSA programs off your lengthy "to do" list.

If you're still unsure about the choice of ARC or PLC, we offer online decision tools to help you determine the best program election for your farming operation. To access these tools, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc).

Call FSA today for an appointment. To locate your local FSA office, visit [farmers.gov/service-center-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-center-locator).

We know that time is money... so make the time to avoid losing the money.



## Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and Receive 10 Free Trees

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Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February will receive 10 free Norway spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for

America campaign.

"These trees will help beautify your home for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country

for more than 40 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree

Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)/February or send a \$10 contribution by February 29th to:

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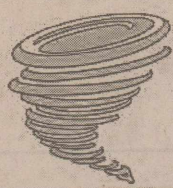
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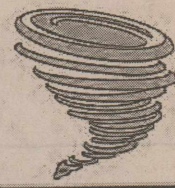
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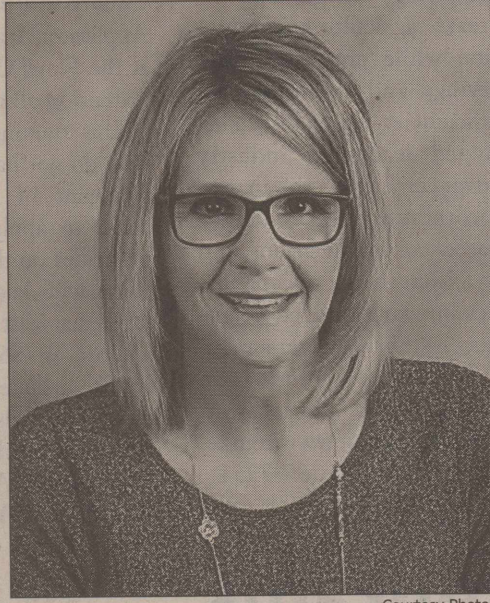
# Floydada Whirlwinds



## National School Counseling Week held



Kristi Rehkopf



Nikki Smith

Courtesy Photos

By Ruth Ramirez  
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA—All around the world we take a time out of the week to appreciate our counselors for all that they do. National School Counseling Week is sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and is celebrated from February 3rd to Feb. 7. The ASCA highlights the stupendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Becoming a school counselor has many obstacles, such as holding a Master's degree in counseling and completing 37-48 credits in a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved institution. Applicants must also apply for a school counselor's license.

Kristi Rehkopf and Nikki Smith are both West Texas A&M alumni and counselors at FHS and FJHS.

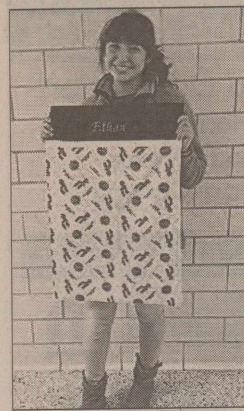
Mrs. Rehkopf has been counseling for 12 years at Floydada ISD and overall has been an educator for 15 years. "Growing up as a first-generation student I knew firsthand how scary, confusing and overwhelming the college/career process could be. I knew my passion was to help people, however I wasn't sure in what capacity. After changing my degree plan several times, I finally realized my way of helping others was through school counseling. As a school counselor, not only could I help students work through social/emotional issues, I could also help them explore different college and career options, apply to college, fill out scholarships, search job

opportunities and get ready for life after high school. This year wraps up my 12th year as a high school counselor and I find I love my job more and more each day" she said on the Floydada Independent School District Facebook page.

Mrs. Smith has been a counselor for 17 years and is going on her 20th in the overall school system. She is the counselor for Floydada Junior High. Mrs. Smith made a comment to the Fisd Facebook page "I wanted to help students know that no matter the challenges in life there are solutions to every obstacle. I sure love the students at Fisd."

School counselors are one of the many educators that play an enormous role in students' lives and they truly do live up to the counselor's saying "Helping Build Better Humans."

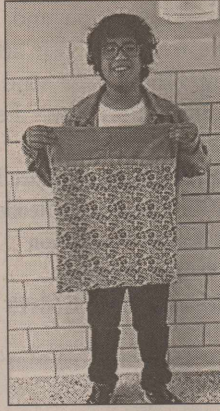
## Students Make Beautiful Pillowcases in Mrs. Crossland's class



Erin Trevino



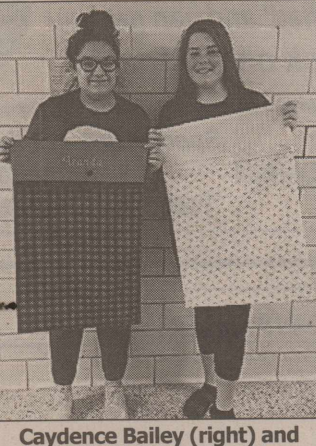
Tatum Glasscock (right) and Kaley Garza (left)



Ray Reyes



Johanna Louallen



Caydence Bailey (right) and Aranda Cruz (left)



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Cristin Kemp

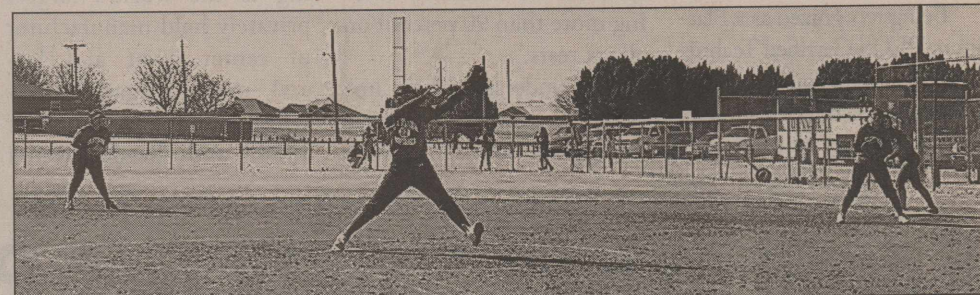
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## Lady Winds Softball in Full Swing



Photo Courtesy of Yelena Serrato

The Lady Winds warm up for their scrimmage in Muleshoe last weekend as they face the Fillies from Denver City and the Lady Mules.



Senior Alexis Hernandez, pitcher, battles against the Denver City Fillies last weekend in their scrimmage game.

By Yelena Serrato  
FHS Correspondent

MULESHOE - The Lady Winds Softball team traveled to Muleshoe this past Saturday to face the Lady Mules and the Fillies of Denver City in a double scrimmage game.

The Lady Winds had a rough time putting runs on the board against the Lady Mules ending the scrimmage 0-6.

The Lady Winds put up a good fight against the Fillies and came out with a win of 9-8 against Denver City. Despite not having

their entire varsity softball team on Saturday, the Lady Winds look to have a promising season.

Junior Alyssa Obregon pitched against the Lady Mules and senior Alexis Hernandez battled against the Fillies.

Once basketball ends for the Lady Winds the softball team will be complete and ready to compete.

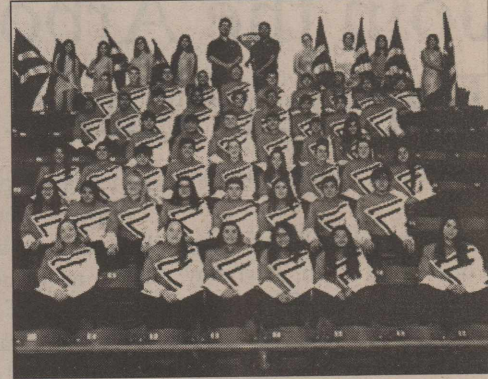
This season, Head Coach Armando Morales brought in Monique Francois as his assistant and pitching coach. Coach Francois graduated from Lubbock Christian University

where she played softball for the Lady Chaps. The Lady Winds have a loaded coaching staff who will hopefully lead them in a deep run in the playoffs.

Senior Alexis Hernandez is "excited for this upcoming season" and looks forward to playing alongside her teammates for one last time.

The Lady Winds will scrimmage Shallowater on Saturday, February 15 in Shallowater. They will have their first regular season game on Monday the 17th against West Texas Stinnett here at home.

## Band students perform alongside All Region-Honor Band



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2019-2020 Floydada High School Band

By Yelena Serrato  
FHS Correspondent

LUBBOCK—Floydada middle school and high school students performed in the Class A-AA All Region Band Concert on Jan. 25 in Lubbock at the Civic Center.

Contra Alto clarinet player Jacob Johnson alongside clarinet player Kaylea Britt, trombone player Noah Vega and percussionist Devin Reyes were given the opportunity to play alongside the best players in the region as members of the honor band. Each student auditioned back in December of 2019 to secure a spot on stage. Alto saxophone Noe De Los

Santos, of Floydada Junior High, was also given the opportunity to play under coordinator Mr. David Speer of New Deal High School.

Noah Vega was the only freshman trombonist who tried out in our entire region and showed immense confidence during his performance. Devin Reyes, who is also a freshman, performed with the band.

This is truly a high honor and a great representation of the hard work each student has demonstrated to earn a spot on such a respected stage. A special congratulations to each student who competed and represented not only their school but their community.

Congratulations also to the Floydada band directors Mr. Piland and Mr. Peña for teaching our students the beauty behind music.

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU February 17 - February 21

<b>Monday</b> PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL
<b>Tuesday</b> Breakfast - Banana muffin, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Popcorn chicken, roll, beefy macaroni, roll vegetarian baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
<b>Wednesday</b> Breakfast - Sausage & cheese biscuit, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Chicken nuggets, roll, hamburger, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
<b>Thursday</b> Breakfast - Cinnamon French toast, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Meatloaf, homemade rolls, seasoned brown rice, two-cheese pizza, steamed corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
<b>Friday</b> Breakfast - Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Country fried steak potato bowl, roll, breaded chicken sandwich, crinkle cut fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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# Lockney Longhorns

## Petty honored as counselor at LISD

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Mindy Petty has been employed at the Lockney Independent School District as school counselor for 7 years and says she is still loving her job as much as she did the very first day she started.

Petty discovered her true passion for sociology and psychology when she was in high school. Becoming a school counselor seemed like a natural progression for her. She said, "I had an awesome school counselor in elementary school, I still remember that smile Mrs. Gordon had."

"Despite my parents being from this area and my dad graduating from Texas Tech, it was the University of Oklahoma that gave him his first job out of college. So, my parents moved to Norman Oklahoma. My dad worked as the manager of landscape and grounds at OU for over 30 years. My sister and I were both born and raised in Norman, Oklahoma. I am a Sooner fan for sure, but I wanted to attend a smaller university, so I chose to attend Wayland Baptist University. I was truly blessed to have my grandparents to live just a block from campus," said Petty.



Teresa Bigham/Hesperian-Beacon

Little Longhorn Parent Club honored Mrs. Petty with a basket of goodies during National School Counselor week.

Mindy met and married the love of her life, Jonathan Petty, who works for Wayland Baptist University and the couple have a daughter, Karissa, who graduated from Lockney High in 2018. She attends Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas.

What Petty finds the most challenging is knowing that testing in schools is about to start and the kiddos get anxious. It's important to make sure the kids know the counselor's door is always open. Sometime more than one kid may need to see her at any given time. Petty said, "Juggling the various hats has its challenging moments at times. Thank goodness we have people in place to help if this happens."

## 100 Days Smarter



Teresa Bigham/Hesperian-Beacon

As of February 5th, Lockney's Kindergarten classes are 100 days smarter. The two classes celebrated by dressing up and doing activities surrounded the number 100.



## Class of 2021 Ring ceremony



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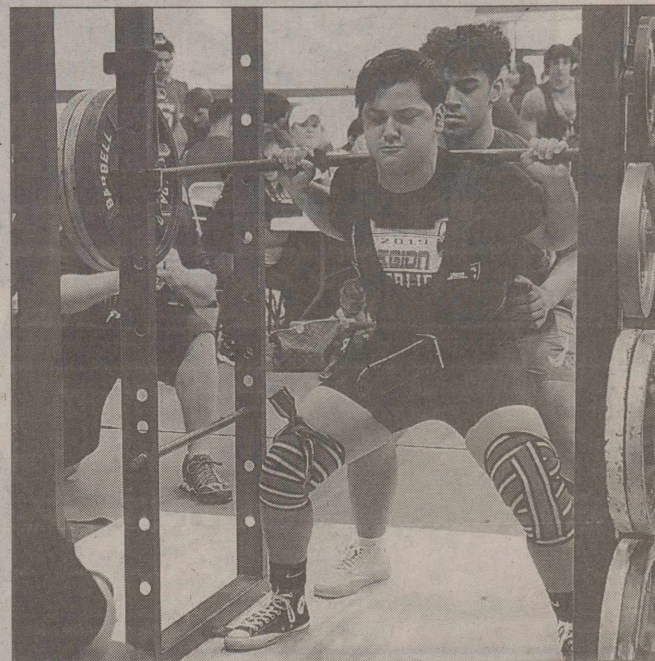
On February 6, Lockney High School Class of 2021 was honored in a ring ceremony where the junior class was presented with their senior class rings.

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - Lockney's powerlifting team was one of 25 powerlifting teams to compete at the Levelland meet this past Saturday, February 8th where these strong kids overcame and brought home 5th place for both boys' and girls' teams.

In 114 weight class Damion Gonzales took 2nd, in the 181-weight class Silas Urrutia took 3rd, in 198's Caleb Pritchard took 11th, in the 242's Andrew Sanchez took 4th and in the 275's Miguel Lara took 1st.

In the girls division in the 105's Hanna Reyes took 2nd, in the 132's Kassandra Ramirez took 11th, in the 181's Yamilette Martinez took 1st.



Courtesy Photos

LHS senior, Sials Urrutia is giving it his all in the squat rack.

Lockney Little Dribblers 2020		
THURSDAYS	SATURDAYS	
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	FEBRUARY 8 <sup>th</sup>	FEBRUARY 15 <sup>th</sup>
6pm AMBER VS HC MINOR GIRLS	11AM MARCOS VS JUSTIN	KIRK VS AMBER
7pm JESSICA VS HC MINOR BOYS	12PM TYLER VS JESSICA	JAMIE VS ROBBIE
8pm ANGEL VS HC MINOR GIRLS	1PM ROBBIE VS JAMIE	MARCOS VS JUSTIN
	2PM ANGEL VS KIRK	VILMA VS TYLER
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	3PM JESSICA VS VILMA	ANGEL VS KIRK
6pm TYLER VS HC MINOR BOYS	4PM AMBER VS ANGEL	JESSICA VS VILMA
7pm KIRK VS HC MINOR GIRLS	5PM JUSTIN VS MARCOS	ROBBIE VS JAMIE
8pm VILMA VS HC MINOR BOYS	6PM JAMIE VS ROBBIE	JUSTIN VS MARCOS
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	FEBRUARY 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FEBRUARY 29 <sup>th</sup>
6pm JAMIE VS HC MAJOR GIRLS	11PM ROBBIE VS JAMIE	ANGEL VS KIRK
7pm TYLER VS HC MINOR GIRLS	12PM ANGEL VS AMBER	TYLER VS VILMA
8pm ROBBIE VS HC MAJOR GIRLS	1PM JESSICA VS TYLER	MARCOS VS JUSTIN
	2PM MARCOS VS JUSTIN	JAMIE VS ROBBIE*
	3PM AMBER VS KIRK	JESSICA VS TYLER*
	4PM ROBBIE VS JAMIE	ANGEL VS AMBER
	5PM VILMA VS TYLER	VILMA VS JESSICA
	6PM JUSTIN VS MARCOS	AMBER VS KIRK

2020 LOCKNEY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
2/18	Muleshoe	Lockney	5:00 P.M.
2/20-2/22	Tulia Tournament	Tulia	TBD
2/24	Tulia	Home	4:30 P.M.
2/27-2/29	Lockney Tournament	Lockney	TBD
3/5-3/7	Tahoka Tournament	Tahoka	TBD
3/10	New Deal*	Home	5:00 P.M.
3/14	Floydada*	Home	11:00 A.M.
3/17	Crosbyton*	Away	4:00 P.M.
3/21	Hale Center*	Away	11:00 A.M.
3/24	Ralls*	Home	5:00 P.M.
3/28	Sundown*	Away	11:00 A.M.
4/6	New Deal*	Away	11:00 A.M.
4/7	Floydada*	Away	5:00 P.M.
4/10	Crosbyton*	Home	5:00 P.M.
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4/17	Ralls*	Away	3:00 P.M.
4/21	Sundown*	Home	5:00 P.M.

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Assistant Coach: Abby Sanders  
Athletic Director: Stacy Ward  
Girls Coordinator: Adrian Alfaro  
High School Principal: Todd Hallmark  
Superintendent: Jim Baum

\*District Games  
JV games will start upon the conclusion of the Varsity game

## LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU Feb. 17 - Feb. 21

- Monday**  
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- Tuesday**  
Breakfast - Cheese omelet wrap or PBJ, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Meatball sub, or chili cheese tots, veggie cup, strawberries, milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast - Waffles, sausage, or Banana split, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, Mac & cheese, green beans, garden salad, grapes, milk
- Thursday**  
Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Pizza or Ham & cheese & soup, chips, corn, cherry tomatoes, fruity gelatin, milk
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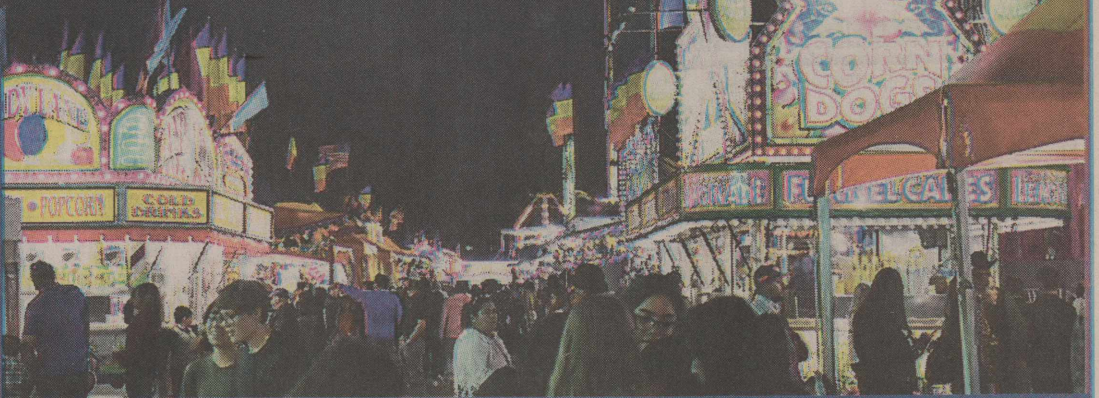
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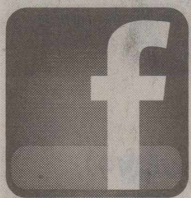
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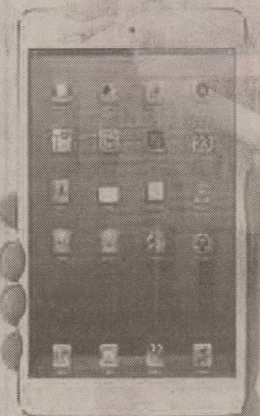
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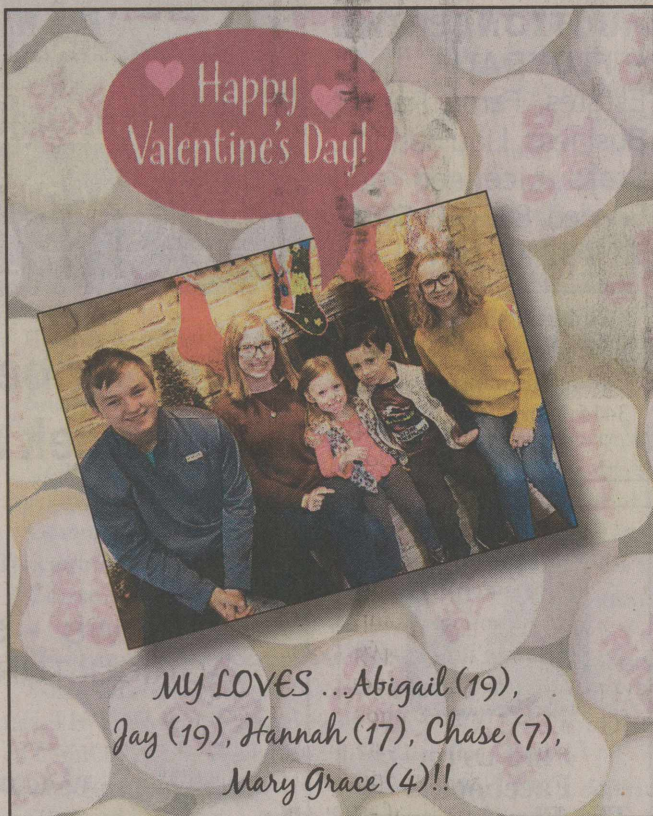
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## State defends system of choosing presidential electors

AUSTIN — Texas Deputy Solicitor General Matthew Frederick on Feb. 6 defended the Electoral College system in a case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Frederick, arguing on behalf of Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton, maintained that Texas' method of appointing presidential electors is consistent with the U.S. Constitution's requirement that "each state shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors, equal to the number of senators and representatives to which the state may be entitled in Congress."

As most other states do, Texas appoints presidential electors on a winner-takes-all basis to the presidential candidate who receives the most votes in a statewide election.

The case, brought by the League of United Latin American Citizens and several individual plaintiffs, challenges the constitutionality of Texas' system, asserting that the voting power of minorities is diluted under winner-takes-all in violation of the Voting Rights Act and the 1st and 14th Amendments.

Study: Teens, seat belts

In 2018, 111 of the 264 teens killed in vehicle crashes in Texas were not wearing a seat belt, the Texas Department of Transportation reported on Feb. 4.

Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of deaths among teenagers. One simple click could help change that, TxDOT says in its current "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign.

"For teens, getting a driver's license is a rite of passage, but when they start driving, they aren't think-

ing about how their lack of experience places them at greater risk of getting in a crash," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Tragedy can strike in an instant, which is why we hope all parents, teachers and other influencers are urging teens to buckle up each and every time, no matter how short the trip may be."

Hegar reports revenue  
Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 4 said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.08 billion in January, 8.9% more than reported in January 2019.

Growth in state sales tax revenue was led by receipts from the retail trade and information services sectors, while receipts from oil and gas mining were down from a year ago, Hegar said. In addition, January retail trade sector collections were higher than a year ago in part because more Christmas shopping days fell in December. Collections also were slightly boosted by marketplace providers and remote sellers who first began collecting Texas sales taxes in October, Hegar added.

The majority of January sales tax revenue is based on sales made in December and remitted to the agency in January. Notably, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2020 was up 6.6% compared to the same period a year ago.

Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57% of all tax collections.

USDA OKs hemp plan

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on Jan. 27 welcomed news that the U.S. Department of

Agriculture had approved the Lone Star State's plan for the production and regulation of hemp.

Miller referred to hemp growing as "an exciting new crop opportunity." However, he cautioned would-be growers, saying, "It is still not legal to grow hemp — so don't put those seeds in the ground just yet. We've got to get our rules approved and get our li-

### POETRY

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own western songs but also began performing together.

On February 21 they are scheduled to sing in a joint performance at Spicewood Restaurant on the west side of Alpine — a new venue for the Gathering's evening show.

"I am absolutely beyond thrilled that this group has picked this up and is going to carry it on," Prescott says about the group now organizing the Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

Prescott loves the simple authenticity reflected in both the poetry and music of the Alpine gatherings because they have preserved not only the genre but also the western lifestyle.

She also views Alpine as the perfect location for such an event.

"People come out there from all over the world to hear this cowboy poetry and cowboy music and they are not distracted by anything," she observes. "They are in the zone of the cowboy world in Alpine, Texas."

For more information about the event schedule, volunteering, or serving as a sponsor of the upcoming Gathering, visit [lonestarcowboypoeetry.com](http://lonestarcowboypoeetry.com).

censing program and running, but the dominoes are dropping pretty quick. We're almost there."

House Bill 1325, passed by the Texas Legislature last May, created a legal path for Texas to open itself to commercial hemp farming. The state submitted its hemp plan to the USDA for approval on Dec. 2. Now, with USDA approval, Texas must

### BPA

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related career fields. Business Professionals 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 Darryn Perryman and Dana Crossland of Floydada High School.

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- 1st place Computer Animation Team- Audrie Strange, Lexie Ramos, Angel Fipps, Martin Garcia
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