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## Gutierrez, Angus and DeLeon protect Floyd County

By Teresa Bigham  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY – Officer Alex Gutierrez and Angus are two of the finest officers from the Floyd County Sheriff's office.

Officer Gutierrez is the K-9 officer and Angus' handler. Gutierrez was born and raised in Olton. He has worked very hard to get where he is today. He has two brothers and one sister. "I was raised in a home where God was first and foremost. My mom and my grandmother were always there for us kids. In fact, they both were my #1 fan," said Gutierrez. "My mom, Leticia Gutierrez, was my everything. She raised us by herself, and my siblings and I had a great childhood."

Officer Gutierrez and his dad Rays Gutierrez were estranged for many years while he was growing up, but now they have reconnected. "I'm proud of my family and I am so excited that my dad and I have a relationship, and honestly it is one of the best things in my life right now," said Gutierrez.

After graduating from Olton High School, he went to work for the TDCJ and worked there seven years. "I enjoyed working there but being a police officer has always been my dream. One day I just put in my two weeks' notice and applied for the police academy and started a new life.

I have never looked back."

Officer Gutierrez is engaged to Paula Easquez, and they call Lockney home. Together they have four beautiful children, two girls and two boys.

Angus is a Dutch Shepherd canine and is amazing. He came to be a member of the Floyd County Sheriff's department about a year and a half ago when Floyd County applied for a grant through the K9 for Cops Program. The pair have been working together for about a year and they also went to Houston for two and half months for training. Angus is trained to be a drug dog, a tracking dog, and a fugitive tracker. Officer Gutierrez and Angus have a very special bond. Gutierrez said, "Angus is not our family dog, but when he retires, I would love to have him become a part of our family. I love him and we spend a lot of time together."

K9 for Cops trains the handler and dog to work as a team. They are dedicated to serving the needs of all law enforcement, military and security agencies in the United States as well as internationally. This organization provides the healthiest, most highly trained canines in the industry. Furthermore, educating handlers to be the best they can be to face every changing scenario they encounter in the real world. They do not provide training to just anyone.

Their training is only offered to active law enforcement, active military or licensed private security.

Officer Gutierrez said, "I am very proud to be an Officer in Floyd County and I am here for everyone in our community. I pride myself on my work as God has guided me to this path and he continues to walk with me every step of the way."

Ruben DeLeon is a local boy and one of Floyd County's finest. He grew up in Floydada and is the son of the Ruben and Aurora DeLeon. Sergeant DeLeon and his wife Laura have been married 27 years. The couple raised two children in Floydada. A son Ruben, also known as RJ, and a daughter Lindsey.

After graduating from Floydada High School, he attended TSTI in Harlingen, Texas, for computer programming. He returned home after his father suffered a back injury. Growing up he always wanted to be a police officer, so he started as a Floyd County jailer in 1991.

He worked for Fred Cardinal, Charlie Overstreet and Billy R Gilmore for a total of eight years. He also worked two years as a Chief Deputy Jail Administrator. Sergeant DeLeon then went to work for the Floydada Police Department as a school resource officer for sixteen years. He began working at the Floyd County Sheriff's office in 2016, and been there ever since.



L-R is Floyd County Sheriff's K-9 Officer, Alex Gutierrez, Officer Angus the canine and Sergeant Ruben DeLeon. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Sergeant DeLeon is one of three people in Floyd County that has a Master's Peace Officer Certification. The other two who hold this prestigious certificate is Sheriff Paul Raissez and Chief of Police Reuben Ramon. The Master Peace Officer certification

is the highest license that a peace officer can reach. To be a master licensed, officers must have completed 1,200 training hours and 20 years of service or 2,400 training hours and 15 years of service and the list goes on from

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## Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to banderson@lknewsgroup.com.

### OLD SETTLERS MEETING

An Old Settlers Association meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the First National Bank Community Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

### AUXIN TRAINING

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct an auxin training for producers in Floyd County and surrounding counties. The training will focus on new label changes and drift precautions. - March 2, 10 a.m. at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center 990 FM 786, Lockney. For more information on the trainings, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Floyd County, 806-983-4912.

### PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

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. 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 Agri-Life Extension Office. 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.

### LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION LOCKNEY POOL

Lifeguard certification course will be held March 14, 15, 16 for NEW certifications. March 16 will be for recerts only. New certifications must contact Aimee Jackson immediately for info on online course work. Text or call Aimee at 806-406-9650.

### FLOYDADA SOFTBALL ONLINE STORE IS OPEN

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## LHS National Honor Society Welcomes New Inductees



Lockney High School 2019-2020 National Honor Society members pictured from left to right: Kalebh Cook, Hunter Lefevre, RyAnn Castillo, Jessica Hernandez, Audrey Rexrode, Dylan Morgan. (Courtesy Photo)

By Teresa Bigham  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is based on a student's fulfillment of four basic requirements. Students who meet the minimum GPA requirement of 94% are eligible to be nominated during their junior year.

The five basic requirements for membership are scholarship, character, leadership and service.

Scholarship – Juniors eligible for consideration for membership in the NHS must have a 94% GPA.

Character – Teachers, coaches and advisors will

make assessments regarding character. Potential NHS members must possess distinctive qualities.

Integrity and Ethics – An uncompromising adherence to a code of honesty and sincerity and cooperation – a willingness to work in contact with students and faculty toward a common goal which enhances the school community.

Leadership – Students eligible for membership must demonstrate effective leadership. This is accomplished not only as an elected official in school, but maybe a chairperson or member of a committee, clubs, organizations or even athletics, but also in

the classroom by exhibiting intellectual curiosity, demonstrating positive behavior and attitude, and accepting responsibility. And last but not least is Service.

Service – Where a student must have been involved in a high school non-scholastic, service type activity such as sports or student government that lasted two consecutive years. A student must also be involved in a second non-scholastic community or high school service lasting one year in duration.

These six LHS students also had to complete an application and document their service and activity hours.

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## Campbell named Firefighter and Rookie of the Year

By Teresa Bigham  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – On Monday, Feb. 17 Floydada Volunteer Fire Department held their annual dinner and announced their annual firefighter awards.

The award of Fireman of the

Year and Rookie of the Year went to Austin Campbell.

Campbell joined the volunteer fire department in the fall of 2018. "I came to a point in my life where I felt like I needed to giving back to my community. This is where I grew up; this is home to me and

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Floydada Fire Chief Chad Guthrie presented Austin Campbell with the Firefighter and Rookie of the Year Award. (Courtesy Photo)

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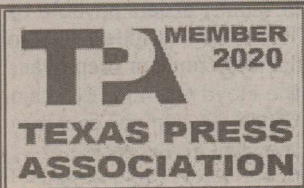
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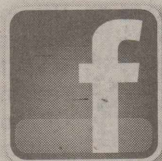


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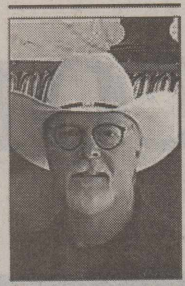
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## Between the lines On Goodnight and the JA Ranch



**BRUCE W. GREEN**

In the early 19th century the whole nation couldn't stop talking about Texas – that new republic to the southwest.

All kinds of colonizing schemes were hatched, and with the Texas War of Independence, interest grew and spread like wildfire. My ancestors were among the early colonizers, coming by way of Nacogdoches in the 1820s.

When I finally got up the nerve to research my ancestry a number of yours ago, I was very pleased, and more than a little surprised, to find among my ancestors no horse thieves nor apparent ne'er-do-wells.

My genealogical research is yet incomplete, so I remain confident that I won't be ultimately disappointed.

Charles Goodnight was born to his namesake and Charlotte Collier in southern Illinois three days after Texas declared its independence. The senior Charles died of pneumonia in 1841, and the widow Goodnight eventually married a farmer named Hiram Daugherty.

Late in 1845, Goodnight's family loaded their household goods into a covered wagon and set out for Texas, eventually to settle just below the junction of the Little Brazos and the main Brazos rivers.

Shortly after Daugherty and the family settled in Texas, the wife quit Daugherty, "for good reason," as young Goodnight would later explain. From that beginning, destitute in a rough and unsettled country, the story of Charles Goodnight (1836-1929), the "father of the Texas Panhandle" was born.

Goodnight was a cowboy, Texas Ranger, Indian scout, and eventually a scout in the War of Northern Aggression. After that war, he and Oliver Loving founded the Goodnight-Loving Trail to move cattle from Fort Belknap, Texas to Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Goodnight even invented the chuck wagon on a trail drive by rebuilding an army surplus Studebaker wagon.

In 1876, Goodnight and Cornelia and John Adair partnered to create the JA Ranch, which encompassed 1,335,202 acres around the Palo Duro Canyon area by 1887.

Under Goodnight's management, and with the support of the Adairs, the Palo Duro wilderness was transformed from Indian encampments and a buffalo and wild horse range into one of the finest and best managed ranches in the Great Plains region by the 1880s.

Goodnight managed the JA until 1888, and he was known as a non-sense manager. He did not allow whiskey, gambling or fighting among the ranch hands. He also refused to hire any man who had been let go from other ranches for drunkenness or theft. Reportedly, it was unheard of for a JA cowboy to be in trouble with the law and to this day the ranch has had a long line of excellent employees.

The partnership between Goodnight and, by that time, Cornelia Adair, ended well at the end of 1887.

Even if you barely know what a cow looks like that is not on a plate, the continuing significance of the JA Ranch cannot be overstated for the people of the Panhandle and the Panhandle Plains. It is among the largest ranches in Texas and is the oldest privately-owned ranch in the Texas Panhandle.

To this day it remains under the ownership and management of Adair's descendants, without any benefit of oil and gas production on the ranch. It is easy to overlook the fact that the JA Ranch represents a bygone era, a history, a cultural patrimony for the whole region that goes deeper than forging a living and increasing revenues.

No one knows what the future holds, but for a very long time, the JA Ranch has focused on maintaining ranching traditions in the process of building a sustainable profit solely as a cattle and horse ranch.

I have even read somewhere or heard that modern JA cowboys can still be found who work cattle by horse, use open-reined bridles, ropes and branding irons.

No doubt it exists elsewhere, but the only place I have seen this and other traditional ranch practices in recent years, is in the isolated areas of the Missouri Breaks in eastern Montana.

Admittedly, there is nothing virtuous, in itself, about traditional ranches and ranching traditions. The virtue, if any, exists in what ranching traditions witness to.

The traditions witness to a hard but inherently healthy way of life. A difficult but rewarding way of life that, by its very nature, tends to produce certain moral virtues in those who live that way of life.

There is another quality that stands out about the JA Ranch and, perhaps, others like it. This quality the JA shares with certain regions of Texas I often mention, and with small but proud Texas towns in those regions.

At least for now, the JA Ranch is a sign of contradiction in an age, and world, that says such ranches cannot profitably exist.

A sign of contradiction is the open embrace of something the modern world rejects for the inherent and enduring value the sign represents.

This modern world needs signs of contradiction, whether for the sake of history, tradition, beauty, goodness or truth.

We need, from time to time, to be called back to the higher or deeper things by the sheer shock of seeing something stand out and flourish that the modern world ignorantly rebuffs. [bgreen@lknewsgroup.com](mailto:bgreen@lknewsgroup.com).

## Miller wins in Ag Tech Open Invitational

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

On Saturday, Jan. 18, Western Equipment hosted nearly 100 students from high schools in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico in its Amarillo location for the inaugural Ag Tech Open Invitational.

The contest was open to all area high school juniors and seniors and tested students' skills in today's high-tech, fast-paced field of agricultural mechanization.

With so much uncertainty surrounding many jobs, being a technician in the agriculture industry is as certain of a career path that you can

choose. The goal of this contest was both to celebrate the skills needed to perform such a job, as well as expose students to the opportunities available within the agricultural mechanization field, specifically with Western Equipment.

Students applied mechanical knowledge, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills and interacted with industry professionals. Students were tested in four areas during the event: General Mechanical Knowledge Written Exam, Parts ID, Tools ID and Electrical.

Western Equipment and John Deere awarded \$60,000 in scholarships and \$25,000

in prizes to top placing individuals.

One of the Overall Top Winners from our area included Carson Miller of Floydada. He attends Silverton High School and is the son of Jerry and Amanda Miller of Floydada.

He was the 8th Overall Top Winner and won a 30" John Deere Battery Charger and was one of the Top Five Winners in Tools ID. His prize in that category was a DeWalt Bluetooth Radio. He also was one of the Top Five Winners in Electrical competition and his prize was a John Deere Wrench and Sockets.

## City Council Monthly Meeting Feb. 18

By Jennifer Harbin  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—February's Floydada City Council commenced at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

In attendance was Mayor Bobby Gilliland and Council Members Steve Lloyd, Bryan Martin, Bettye King and Dana Crossland. Also present were City Manager Darrell Gooch, City Secretary Patti Lowrance and City Attorney Karen Houchin. Council Members not present were Gayle DuBois and Gabriel Delafuente. In the gallery were Floydada Chief of Police Reuben Ramon, Harvey and Martha Garza, and Jennifer Harbin.

The meeting began with the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge. No citizens were present who wished to speak in the public forum.

Police Chief Ramon presented the Floydada Police Department Activity Report for 2019 to the council, summarizing "statistical data relevant to the public contacts made during the period of 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2019." All information is gathered during traffic stops.

Each year, a report is sent

to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement in Austin in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (S.B. No. 1074). A copy of the report is available to view at City Hall or by visiting the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement website at <https://www.tcole.texas.gov/>. Council Member Crossland made a motion to accept the report, with a second from Council Member Bryan Martin. It passed unanimously.

Harvey and Martha Garza, who have managed the local swimming pool for many years, spoke to the council requesting to continue managing the pool in 2020. They were commended for providing jobs and lifeguard training for local youth, so Council Member King made a motion for their management duties to continue with a second from Council Member Lloyd. It passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was discussion concerning the International Bank of Commerce (IBC) in connection to former Reager Dykes properties in Floydada. IBC has requested the City waive utilities deposits on the properties that were foreclosed on. Council Member Lloyd motioned that the deposits not

be waived with a second from Council Member Martin. It passed unanimously.

The council discussed the May 2 2020 General Election for the City of Floydada and voted to cancel the election because no members were opposed. A motion was made by Council Member Lloyd with a second from Council Member Crossland. It passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda, all council members were in agreement to change the March City Council Meeting from March 17 to March 31 due to Spring Break. The motion was made by Council Member Lloyd and seconded by Council Member King. It passed unanimously.

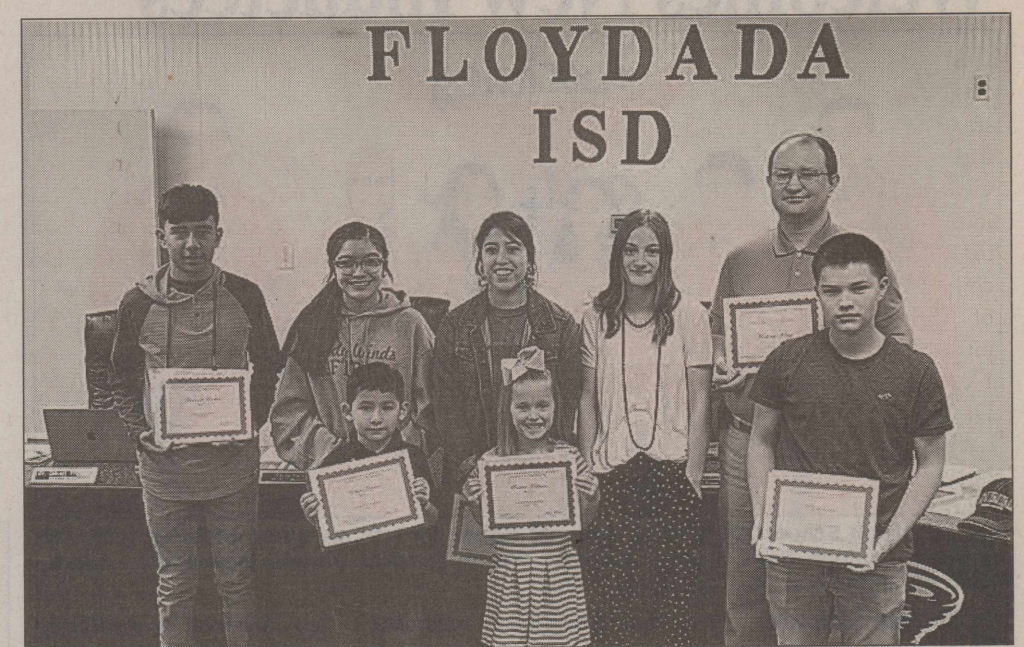
At this point in the meeting, all members of the audience were asked to leave so the Council could go into executive session to discuss the personnel evaluation of City Manager Darrell Gooch.

After executive session ended, the meeting minutes from Jan. 1 were approved.

Cash balances and investments were reviewed and the payment of the January 2020 transfers, fixed expenses and city bills were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

## Floydada ISD Students and Staff of the Month



The Floydada ISD Board met on Thursday, Feb. 13 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly school board meeting. February A.B. Duncan students recognized were Ethan Trevino and Parker Kellison grade 1. The Teacher of the month was Kenya Diaz. The Floydada Junior High students of the month were Kirsten Pyle, grade 7 and CJ Louallen, grade 8. The Floydada High School students recognized were Kaley Garza and Donovan Rocha, grade 9. The Auxiliary Staff of the month was Michael King. Congratulations to each of these students and employees and thank you for your hard work. (Courtesy Photo)

## The 501: Missing Parts and Digressions



**HANABA MUNN WELCH**

"Schubert, you died to soon, you died to soon to finish this one."

Set those words to the second theme of Franz Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, and you have a way to remember the piece, by any other name No. 8 in B minor. Yes, I had to look that up. It's easier to remember "Unfinished." It was a handy trick for us Music Appreciation students back when.

We also sang "Papa Haydn's dead and gone, but his mem'ry lingers on" to help us remember that famous work of Haydn, whatever it was.

Surprise. I just looked it up. Surprise Symphony.

Our theme is all things missing parts, either lost or unfinished. We digress already.

Digressions happen. Opinions differ, but it seems Schubert digressed to die. That's a hard one to beat.

Regarding symphonies, I've never even started one. But wouldn't it be neat if ... Wait! What's that tiny red fleck? A speck is stuck on the letter "T" in the word "wouldn't." I enlarged the font size. It's still there, the same size. Tiny. Hmm. Did it somehow bleed over from that document I just

saved – one in mostly black type with some bold red letters? "Out, out, damn spot!" I'm baffled.

PAUSE TO GET THE RED OUT.

Duh. A miniscule extraneous piece of something red had attached itself to the computer screen. One of my muses inspired me to touch it with my finger. Poof! It disappeared. It was the tech muse.

Back to symphonies. I was about to wish for a symphony-writing program for wannabe composers woefully bereft of the patience and skill to write a symphony the hard way. You could feed three or four motifs into the program, designate lengths for each movement, choose a mix of instruments and time signatures and keys and let the software do the rest. An embedded formula of some sort would dictate dynamics. You read it first right here.

Meanwhile, standing as counterpoint to famous things that remain unfinished is Venus de Milo, also incomplete. Those lost arms have gotta be somewhere. Anybody looking? She's especially famous because no one's ever found them. (She herself was found in 1820 on the Island of Melos. I had to look that up too. You're welcome.)

Decades ago the artist in me started a detailed pencil drawing of Comanche Chief Quannah Parker (see [www.](http://www.))

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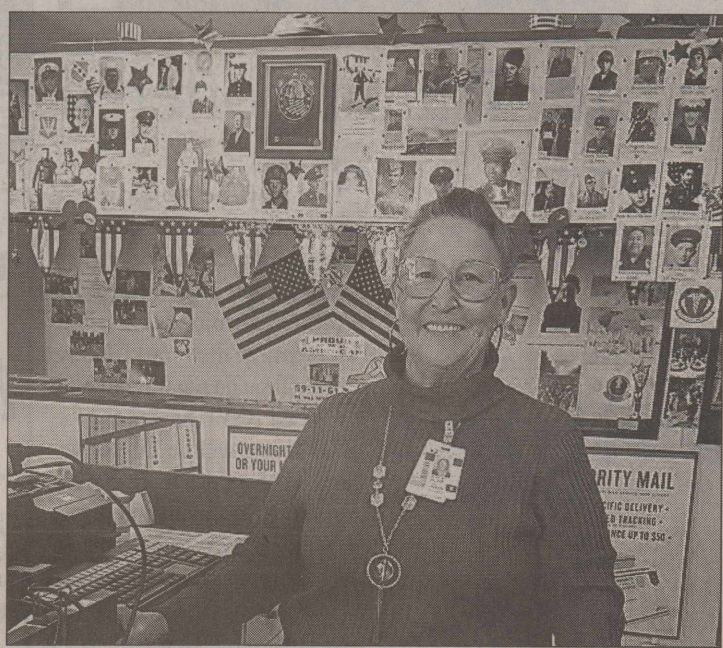
## Floydada Chamber Business of the Month



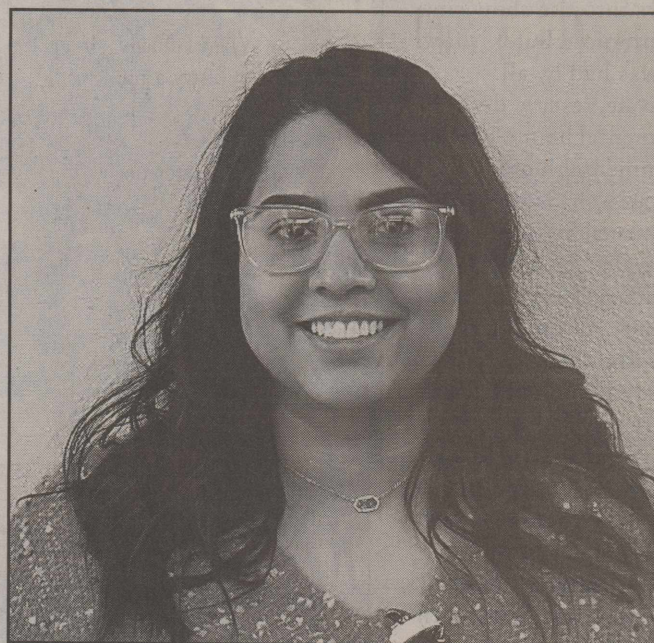
**Congratulations to Texas Plains Credit Union on being voted February's Business of the Month! There is a wonderful team with various locations to suit your particular, financial needs. Call them today to hear about their current promotion that could save you big when buying a new car! Congratulations! Shown are L-R Laurà Garza and Jill Gowens. (Courtesy Photo)**

## Floydada Postmaster

**Postmaster Altie Nelson's last day at the Floydada Post Office was Monday, Feb. 24, before her transfer to the Hale Center Post Office. She hopes the Honor Wall that she began during her seven years here will continue on after her departure and added, "thank you for the honor of serving the community." Clerk Anita Rodriguez from the Matador Post Office will be the Officer in Charge at the Floydada location until a new postmaster is named. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Jennifer Harbin)**



## WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital announces February Employee of the Month



**CASSANDRA DELGADO**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**LOCKNEY** - Cassandra Delgado is the February 2020 Employee of the Month at WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital and Cogdell Clinics.

Delgado is the Registration Supervisor in the

Lockney Clinic. Cassandra supervises the registration team and ensures all patients receive the care they need and deserve. She also works to make sure pre-certifications are completed as quickly as possible.

Delgado enjoys working at the clinic because of all

the loving and caring staff. "The clinic is an amazing workplace," said Delgado.

When she is not at work, Cassandra enjoys watching her fiancée play softball, working out and going shopping. Congratulations again to Cassandra Delgado!

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

**By LuAnn Collins**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**FLOYDADA** - Our Second Tuesday Bingo has been changed to 2nd Thursday Bingo. Next bingo date will be March 12. 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. 24 - Feb. 28**

**Monday** - Chicken fajitas

**Tuesday** - Pinto beans & cornbread - \$4

**Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak

**Thursday** - BBQ on bun

**Friday** - Chicken w/gravy over rice

(Menu subject to change without notice)

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979 JOHN KEY AND MADGE WEST

**By John Key**

I was born March 28, 1911, in Floyd County, one and one-half miles north of Floydada. They said that the snow had been on the ground for twenty-eight days. Dr. George Smith ushered me into the world. He was also in attendance when our four children were born, only one of them being born in a hospital. I attended school in Floydada, worked at Eubanks Dairy for three years and I knew everyone in town. After high school I graduated from John Tarleton College in Stephenville with no job prospects in sight. While at home for spring vacation in 1930, I met Madge Dorsey. She was born on December 28, 1913, in Denton County and had lived in Crosbyton, Lubbock and Floydada. Upon seeing Madge, I told the friend who was with me that I was going to marry her. As these were the depression years I went to Bovina to find work, and I worked there for one and one-half years.

During 1932, Madge finished high school and her father and step-mother were forced to close their grocery business and open a boarding house. She decided that being married to me was as good as washing dishes and waiting tables. We were married on January 22, 1933, by Rev. Ansil Lynn, who on our 45th anniversary this year, sent us a card. We moved to the South Plains Community and started farming on the halves for my father. Madge, who had never lived on a farm, adjusted to farm life quickly and has helped me do all kinds of farm work such as; head maize, pull bolls, drive tractors, milk cows, raise gardens, work cattle, and has been a wonderful wife, mother, counselor, and homemaker during the past 45 years. Incidentally, at the time we were married, we had no car and depended on our good neighbors and my father for transportation until our wheat was harvested in the spring. Our first produce was brought to town to trade for groceries. We received 4cents a dozen for eggs, 7 cents a pound for

cream and bought gas for 6 cents a gallon. Our daughter, Madge Ann, now Mrs. Kenneth Bean, was born August 8, 1934. Our oldest son, John Muncy, was born June 20, 1937, and is married to Sherre Darden. Winifred Alva was born March 22, 1939, and married an Oregon girl, Joy Emory. Winifred was killed in a tragic accident in April, 1965, and is buried in the Floydada Cemetery. Our youngest son, Chester Dale, was born March 23, 1945, and is married to Bobbie Jane Reue. We farmed in South Plains Community until 1967 when we turned the farming over to the boys and took our children into a livestock operation known as "The Rocking K." We operated ranches in Floyd, Briscoe, and Donley Counties in Texas and in Union County in New Mexico. After losing our grass leases Madge and I moved to Floydada and have been in the construction business. She designs the homes, and I look after the odds and ends. Madge and I are long time

members of the First United Methodist Church. We look forward with anticipation to living the rest of our lives with good friends and relatives by watching our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, play, work, and grow with ever-changing West Texas.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

**By Renee Armstrong**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR:**  
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 non-profit organization, we receive no government funding, we rely on the generosity of our com-

munity. 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 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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

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

## Home Country

**By Slim Randles**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Steve was out in the Mule Barn truck stop parking lot the other day, tightening something with his wrenches under the hood of his pickup truck. The rest of us stood around looking wise.

"You sure it ain't the solenoid?" said Bert.

"I don't think they make them anymore," said Doc.

"It's usually the solenoid," Bert said, with finality.

Out of self defense, Steve emerged from his cavern of

wires and metal long enough to say, "Didn't I see you have a goat now, Bert?"

Bert nodded. "That's why I hate allergies."

We waited. We stared.

"Well you see, Maizie's allergic to cow's milk, so we bought Ernestine for her."

"And Ernestine is ....?"

"The goat ... right. So what happens is somehow I have to milk Ernestine. Twice a day. We wanted to go overnight to the city last week. Ever try to find someone who will babysit and milk a goat?"

"I won't do it," said Dud.

"Neither will anyone else," said Bert, sadly. "So either we stay home, or take the goat with us. Ever try to find a motel that takes goats?"

"Not recently," Doc said.

"So we stayed home. Oh, it wouldn't be so bad if she liked me..."

"Maizie?"

"Ernestine. See, she waits until I have her almost milked out, then she'll stick her foot in the bucket and kick it all over me. The other day, I was standing in her pen and talking with Mrs. Gonzales next door, and Ernestine came running up behind me and ran right between my legs."

"Did you fall?"

"Of course. And Mrs. Gon-

zales tried not to laugh, but it didn't work."

"Bert," said Doc, "why don't you just buy goat's milk at the store?"

"Maizie says she needs it fresh, because it's better. You guys ever notice how a goat has horns and cloven hooves?"

We nodded.

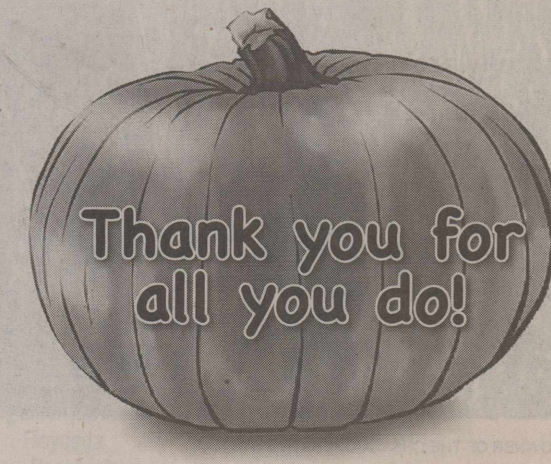
Then Bert said, "I don't think I need to add anything to that."

*This is us and we'd love to hear from you and your readers.*

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# AGRICULTURE

## Floyd County kids have success at San Antonio

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANTONIO – On Feb. 14, Floyd County stock show youth made their ways into the show ring at the San Antonio Heifer show. Great success was had by all.

Kaylee McInvale, reserve division champion Simmental heifer. Brailey Kidd, third Simmental heifer.

Kaylee McInvale won Grand Champion of the Simmental Super Bowl.

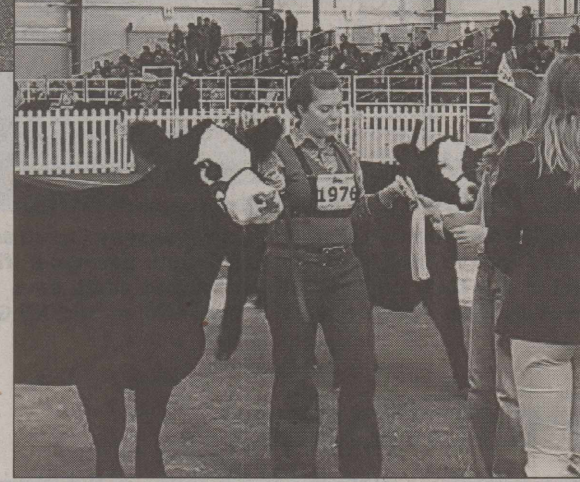
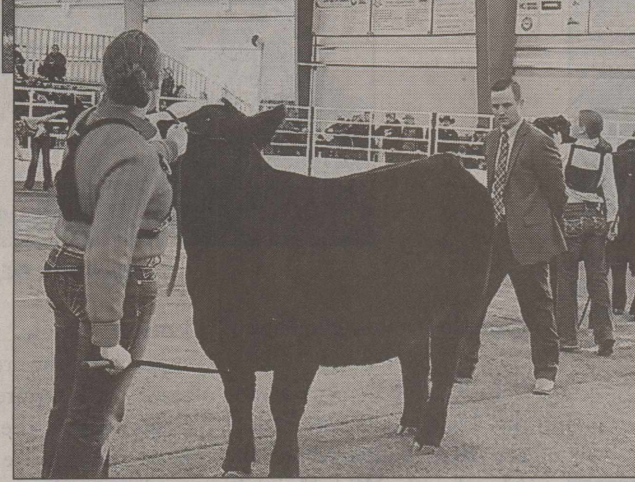
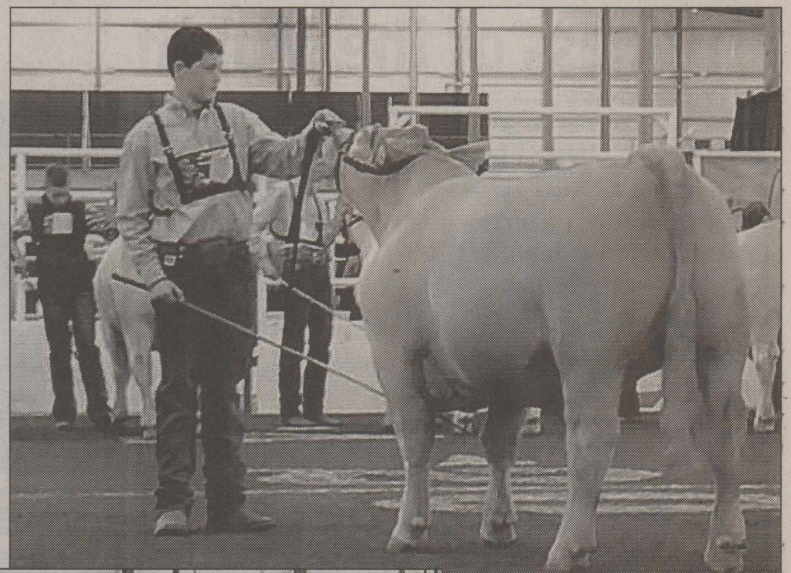
Avery McInvale, second, ORB heifer and Audrey Rexrode, seventh, ORB and Aaron Rexrode, eighth Hereford heifer.

Also, on Friday, Feb. 14 the youth of Floyd County traveled with their barrow projects to be shown on Saturday and Sunday.

Kaleb Cook took home an eighth place with his Duroc barrow.

On Feb. 19, Rilynn Hinsley placed third with her Shorthorn steer, and made the sale. Hagen Hinsley placed tenth in his class.

Congrats to each one of these hard-working kids. When it comes to hard work and tons of dedication these stock show kids have what it takes to get the job done.



Courtesy Photos



### 4-H ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**Project Meeting Dates**  
Feb. 28 – Meeting Judging  
March 2 - Intermediate rifle practice  
March 3 – Junior rifle practice  
March 5 – Archery practice

**Wildlife Adventure**  
March 7

**COMPETITION DATES:**

**Indoor Archery**  
March 13-14  
Indoor Archery Competition in Fort Stockton  
March 20-21  
Indoor Archery Competition in Pampa  
April 3-4  
Indoor Archery Competition in Graham

**Photography Contest**  
March 27

**Horse Judging**  
April 17 –  
WTAMU horse arena in Canyon

**District 2 Light Rifle Competition**  
April 18 – Levelland SPC

**Educational Presentation, Public Speaking & Share the Fun**  
April 27 Location to be announced

**District 2 Archery Contest**  
May 16 – Floyd County Unity Center

**District 2 Pistol**  
June 4 - Location to be announced

**Jr Leader Lab Camp**  
Registration opens April 2.

**Texas 4-H Roundup**  
June 8-11 in College Station

## 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 See **TRAINING**, Page 10

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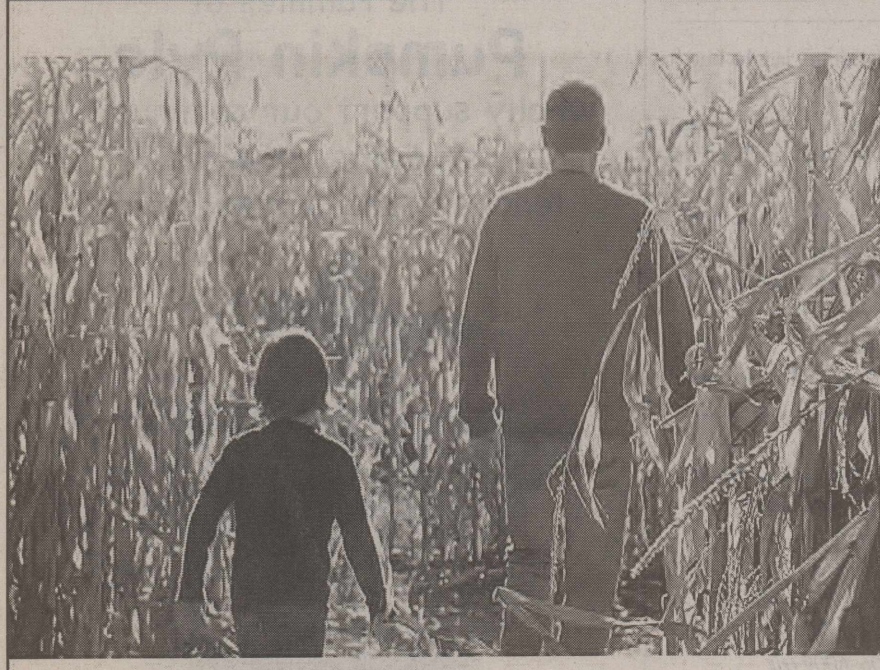
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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## James Guy Campbell

James Guy Campbell, 77, died February 20, 2020 at home in Matador, Texas, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Guy was a 4th generation rancher, following in the footsteps of Henry Harrison (HH) Campbell, the founder of the Matador Land and Cattle Company in 1879 and first county judge of Motley County in 1891. Guy was a life-long rancher in Motley and Dickens Counties.

Guy was known for his spirited storytelling, his faith in God, his devotion to family and friends, and his undying love of his land and cattle on the headwaters of Dutchman Creek in Motley County.

He was born September 13, 1942, in Paducah, Texas to Harold and Grace (Keltz) Campbell.

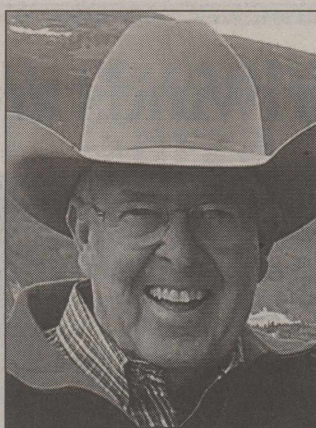
He graduated from Matador High School in 1961, where he played fullback for an undefeated football team, taking the Matadors to a Regional championship. He graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas in 1967. He was the Masked Rider for the Tarleton State football team in 1965, galloping his horse around the gridiron after a Tarleton team score; and he partici-

pated in bull riding competition in rodeos at Tarleton State University.

Guy married DiAnn Gunn on February 17, 1968, in Stephenville, Texas. They moved to Matador where they raised three children, all graduates of Matador High School: daughter Shawna Coon (Will) and grandchildren Campbell and Spencer from Celina, Texas; daughter Shannon Gardiner (Andrew) and grandchildren Taylor Starks (Caleb) and Tanner from Prosper, Texas and Heath Campbell (Carrie) and grandchildren Hunter and Dawson from Celina, Texas.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, he is survived by one brother Harry Campbell (Fran) of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers-in-law Steve Gunn (Dorilynn) of Stephenville, Texas and Vernon Gunn Jr. (Honeylane) of Brownsville, Texas; and one sister-in-law (who was more like a sister) Sandra Gunn of Frisco, Texas.

Guy served in a leadership position as an honored elder in the Matador Church of Christ. He served on the Motley County School board six years; and was elected and served seven years as a Pre-



JAMES GUY CAMPBELL

dict One Commissioner of the Motley County Commissioners Court.

Following a wildfire of epic proportions in Motley County in 2011, Guy and his family hosted a film crew from Boulder, Co, in the production of an award-winning documentary entitled "A Line in The Sand."

Visitation was held at Moore-Rose Funeral Home, 329 W. California St., Floydada, Texas from 4-6 p.m., Sunday, February 23, 2020.

Funeral services were held at Matador Church of Christ on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 2 p.m.

Following services, burial was held at the East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## United Nations participant, Duke and Baylor researcher to keynote Willson Lectures at Waylandon Earth

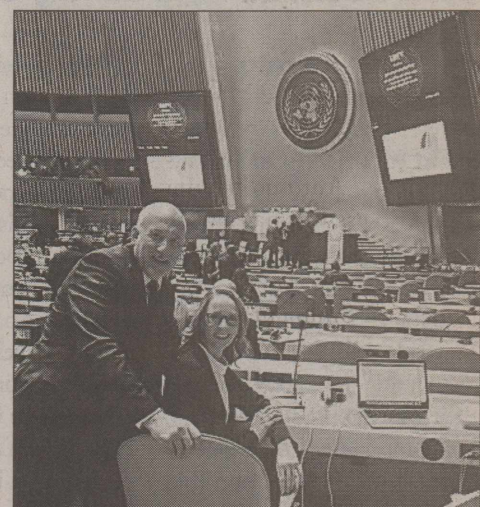
By Jonathan Petty, MAM  
Director of Communications  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

PLAINVIEW – Wayland alumnus Dr. Emily Smith, a researcher with the Duke Global Institute of Health and Baylor University, and a participant at the United Nations, will be the keynote speaker for the two-day Willson Lectures series at Wayland Baptist University on March 3-4.

The Lectures will begin with dinner and a lecture on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Smith will speak on Global Missions Through Research: The Intersection of Faith, Epidemiology, Economics and Policy in the McClung University Center. On Wednesday Dr. Smith will speak on Redefining Success: What Does 'Having it All' Really Mean? at 11 a.m. in Harral Memorial Auditorium, touching on both her research career and faith. Following chapel, students and guests are invited to bring their lunch to the McClung Center banquet room and enjoy an informal question-and-answer time with Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith is a 2003 graduate of Wayland, earning her degree in biology and recognized as the Citizenship Award winner as a senior. She earned a Master of Science in Public Health degree from the University of South Carolina in epidemiology in 2006 and a doctorate in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina in 2016. She became a research scholar at the Duke Global Health Institute in 2015 where she remains an adjunct assistant professor. She joined the faculty at Baylor University in fall 2017 as assistant professor of epidemiology.

Dr. Smith enjoys research on global pediatric surgery, health economics and policy and health system strengthening. She has published numerous articles and given many



Dr. Emily Smith, Wayland alumnus and Baylor faculty member, waits her turn to speak before the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2018 with pediatric surgeon Dr. Henry Rice, her mentor and colleague from Duke. (Courtesy Photo)

presentations on related topics. Her research has been concentrated in Somaliland, one of the world's poorest countries, but she has also studied trends in Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Latin America and the Congo. She has new work developing in other low-income countries as well.

Most notably, Dr. Smith is a researcher for an NGO called the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery, which brings together 200-plus medical doctors, nurses and anesthesiologists from more than 50 countries. Her research data helps advocate for the needs of children worldwide, and she presented at the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for universal health coverage.

"It is always exciting to hear from experts in their fields at the annual Willson Lectures on

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The one who is greatest among you will be your servant. All who lift themselves up will be brought low. But all who make themselves low will be lifted up. —Matthew 23:11-12 (CEB)

As I returned to my hotel room soaked from the rain, I passed two members of the housekeeping staff in the corridor. One of them stopped me and pointed at my untied shoelace. I thanked her but didn't stop to tie it. After all, I was only a short distance from my room. But she stopped me and bent down to tie my shoe.

Although the conference I was attending featured a wonderful speaker and great music, the most powerful lesson I learned that weekend came from this moment of servanthood. Jesus tried to

explain to his disciples that God's kingdom was about showing love through seeing and meeting the needs of others. This woman saw a need — which meant that she was paying attention to someone besides herself. Then she unhesitatingly and unselfishly acted to meet it, even though I was a complete stranger. That simple moment in a hotel corridor has motivated me to be more observant, more humble, and more willing to meet the needs of those around me. —John I. Carney (Tennessee, USA)

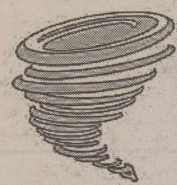
#### TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, help us to see and respond to the needs of others and to fully appreciate the kindnesses shown to us by friends, family, or even strangers. Amen.

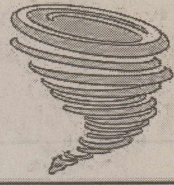
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| <p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b><br/>Dennis Butler, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship...11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b><br/>810 S. 3rd, Floydada<br/>Darwin Robinson, Pastor<br/>983-2578<br/>Sunday School...10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Armando Morales, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Bible Study - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b><br/>Service Every Sunday<br/>Morning Worship - 9 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 10:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>West College &amp; Third<br/>Lockney<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b><br/>Bob DuPont, Minister<br/>Floydada<br/>Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Mark Snowden, Pastor<br/>Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship<br/>Ashley Adams, Minister of Music<br/>Ludustria Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry<br/>Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Joseph Tillery, Pastor</p> | <p>Chad Cook, Youth Min.<br/>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Gary Boles, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.<br/>Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Service - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.<br/>Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ</b><br/>Joe Bennett, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Tuesday - 8 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b><br/>Lockney<br/>James Blair, Minister<br/>Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Timothy Askey<br/>401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges<br/>(806) 637-0430<br/>Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b><br/>310 Mississippi<br/>Floydada</p> | <p>Rev David Ramos, Pastor<br/>Ester Ramos, Praise Leader<br/>Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Praise - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Praise 5 - p.m.<br/>Wed Worship - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b><br/>Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor<br/>704 B Main, Lockney<br/>Sunday Services - 10 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Jesus Caballero, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Discipleship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Toby Gonzales<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b><br/>Priest - Sylvester Dsouza<br/>Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass<br/>Sun - 9 a.m. Mass<br/>Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass<br/>Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass<br/>*****</p> <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b><br/>Dan Beaty, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b><br/>701 W. Missouri<br/>Joe M. Hernandez<br/>983-5286 (Church)<br/>Sunday School<br/>English - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Spanish - 11 a.m.<br/>Worship<br/>Spanish - 9:30 a.m.<br/>English - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Service 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Renato Cruz</p> | <p>Parachial Vicar - Jacob Powell<br/>983-5878<br/>Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.<br/>Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.<br/>Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Joe Hernandez<br/>Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God</b><br/>Washington And 1st St.<br/>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b><br/>Rev. Herman Martinez<br/>Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores<br/>308 W. Tennessee, Floydada<br/>Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.<br/>Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.<br/>Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b><br/>500 W. Houston<br/>Kari &amp; Justin Brown, Pastors<br/>983-5499<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b><br/>Providence Community On Fm 2301<br/>293-3009<br/>Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service 11 - a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b><br/>Floydada<br/>983-2672 Or 470-0950<br/>Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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# Floydada Whirlwinds



## After 11 years, the Floydada Whirlwinds are District Champions

By Yelena Serrato  
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA--On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Floydada Whirlwinds basketball team defeated the Hale Center Owls 62-45 to claim the district title.

Before Tuesday's victory, Floydada had not captured a district title since 2009, making their win extra special for their last home game of the season.

For this Floydada team this is a day they have so anxiously waited for. These young men have grown up playing little dribblers alongside each other and seeing their hard work finally paying off has made it that much more meaningful to witness.

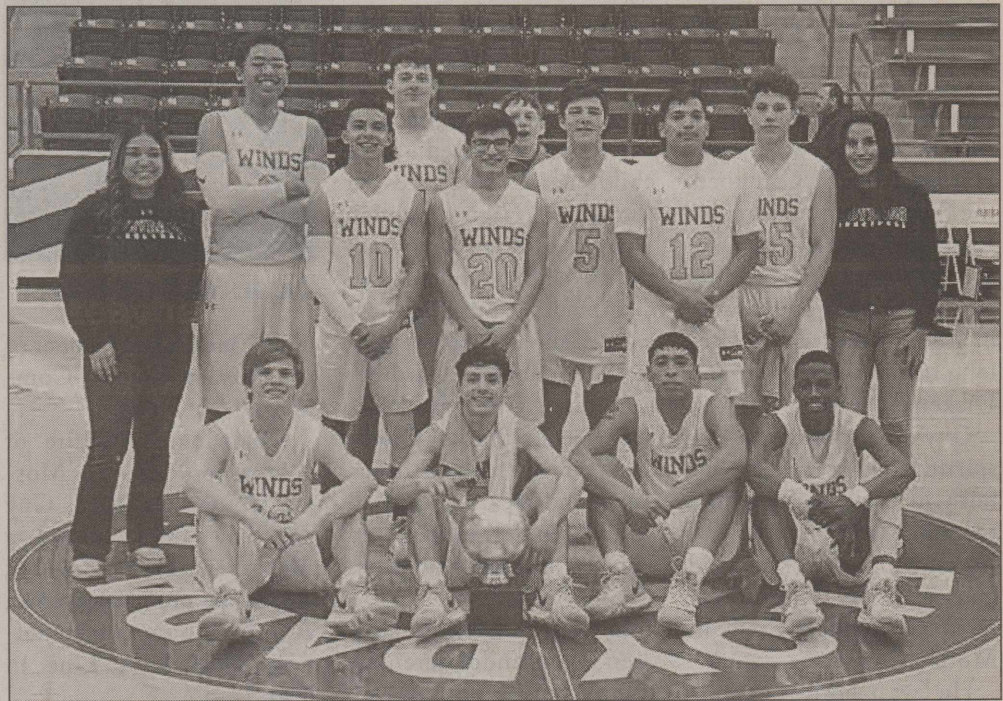
After receiving their gold ball, the team cut down the net piece by piece to celebrate their victory for keepsake and signify each team members contribution to the district title.

"Everybody's excited. This hasn't happened in a long time, so when it happens, the community rallies behind us; the administration rallies behind us and make it a big deal," said Head Coach Adam Zepeda.

"We want it to be a big deal for our kids so that it turns into a tradition instead of a once-every-10-years deal. We hope that this is the first of many gold balls for the Whirlwinds as they look to make a deep run in this year's playoffs," said Coach Zepeda.

Good luck to Coach Zepeda and the Whirlwinds. The community of Floydada is rooting for you.

**4-2A DISTRICT CHAMPS – The 2019-2020 Floydada Whirlwinds basketball team captured the district title on Tuesday, Feb. 18 with a huge district win over Hale Center, 62-45. Members of the Whirlwind basketball team with their district trophy are Back row l-r: San Juanita Arellano, LaMychal Henderson, Garrett Hobbs, Braun Hobbs, Dylan Ramos, Matthew Morales, Amber Morales; Middle row l-r: Andrez Suarez, Marcus Perez, Mike DelaFuente; Front row l-r: Tyson Snell, Kaleb Crone, Quincy Gonzales, and Desmond Wickware. (Courtesy Photo)**



## FHS students compete in State TAFE competition

By Ruth Ramirez  
FHS Correspondent

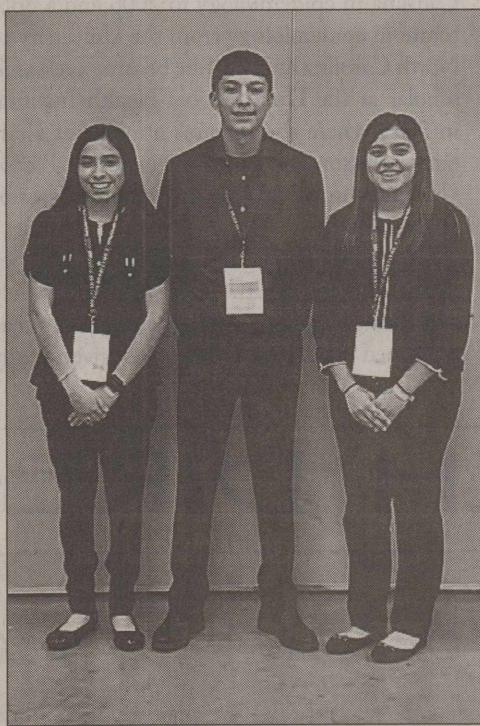
MCALLEN - On Wednesday, Feb. 19 Floydada High School students traveled down south to compete at the state level in a future educator competition known as TAFE.

The organization is much like FFA or BPA and is very new to FHS. TAFE has been around for two years at FHS and is offered through a class taught by Nancy Trevino and Pam Ricketts.

Texas Association of Future Educators or TAFE was created in 1984 by Dr. Carrol A. Thomas. This co-curricular statewide non-profit organization was carefully designed to give young men and women an opportunity in pursuing careers in education.

Natalee Romero, Kaylee Sanchez and Noah Garcia competed in a professional development competition, where they had to deliver a professional presentation to an audience about relevant issues to a community or school such as bullying, dress code and educational curriculum, just to name a few.

There are many more competitions in this organization that are preparing students to be future teachers.



Three Floydada High School students competed in the state level TAFE competition held in McAllen. Pictured are left to right: Kaylee Sanchez, Noah Garcia, and Natalee Romero. (Courtesy Photo)

## Lady Winds Softball go 4-2 in Lubbock Caprock Tournament



By Yelena Serrato  
FHS Correspondent

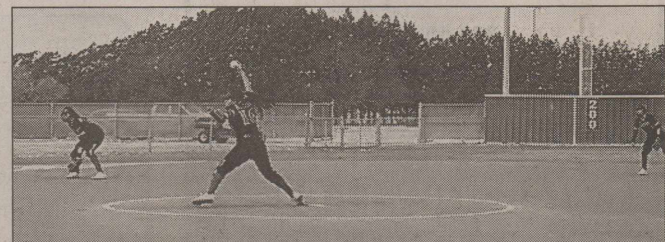
LUBBOCK — The Lady Winds varsity softball team competed in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament this past weekend making their regular season debut. The Lady Winds finished 4-2 and were the only 2A team competing in the entire tournament.

On Thursday Feb. 12, Floydada started their season with a victory over Canyon JV winning 11-0. Junior pitcher Alyssa Obregon threw a shutout game that led the team to a great season opener. Alyssa Obregon, Angela Vega and Marissa Obregon had RBIs in the first inning which brought in 6 runs for the Lady Winds. The Lady Winds then faced Palo Duro with sophomore Erin Trevino on the pitcher's mound. Trevino threw a no-hitter to lead the Lady Winds past Palo Duro with a final score of 8-1.

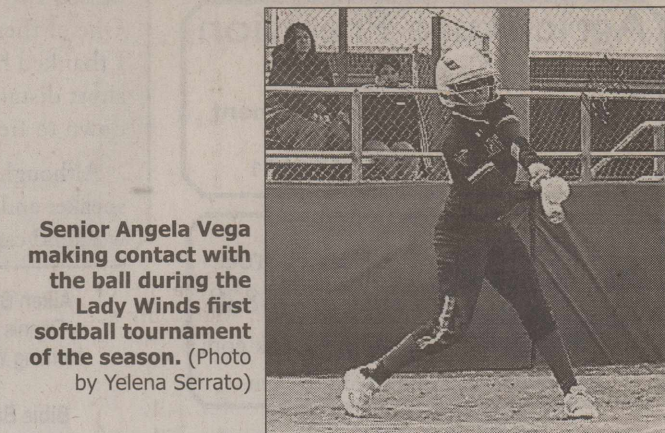
The Floydada Lady Winds Varsity team returned to Lubbock on Friday and suited up against Shallowater where they fell short 7-9 despite out-hitting Shallowater twelve to nine.

However, things quickly took a turn that afternoon when Floydada prevailed past Dalhart 10-4. The Lady Winds tallied up five runs in the third inning with contributing hitters Alexis Cruz, Alexis Hernandez, Erin Trevino, Danielle Zavala and Emily Cisneros. Floydada pitcher Alyssa Obregon only allowed three runs on twelve hits and striking out three.

Floydada softball players enjoying a break in between games. Left to right: Alyssa Obregon, Angela Vega, Emily Cisneros, Alexis Hernandez and Danielle Zavala. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)



Junior pitcher Alyssa Obregon in action in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament last weekend. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)



Senior Angela Vega making contact with the ball during the Lady Winds first softball tournament of the season. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)

On the final day of the tournament, Saturday, Feb. 23, junior Alexis Cruz hit a grand slam with two runners on base against Borger. Cruz put Floydada in the lead 6-4 but it was not enough as Borger responded by taking the win with a final score of 6-8. The Lady Winds ended the tournament with a 22-3 win over Estacado with Alyssa Obregon on the mound.

The transition from basketball to softball only allowed time for two practices for players Angela Vega, Erin Trevino, Alexis Cruz,

Clarissa DelaFuente, Emily Cisneros, Celeste Wickware and Danielle Zavala before stepping on the field this weekend as a complete team.

The Lady Winds showed that they are a tough competitor heading into this season under the Head Coach Armando Morales and Assistant Coach Monique Francois who played softball at the collegiate level at Lubbock Christian University. With two strong coaches like Morales and Francois, the Lady Winds look to have a promising season this year.

## College Signing Day at FHS

By Yelena Serrato  
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA — Floydada High School graduating senior class announced on Wednesday Feb. 19 where they will be attending college next fall.

Students signed to West Texas A&M University, South Plains College, Angelo State University, Wayland Baptist University, Texas State Technical College, the University of Texas at Austin, UT Permian Basin, Midwestern State University and Texas Tech University.

Students made their announcement alongside their family members and college representatives.

The Floydada High School and Junior High School students were in attendance for the event including Floydada's 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.



College Signing Day at Floydada High School was held Tuesday, Feb. 19. Seniors shown are Back row l-r: Mike DelaFuente, Tyson Snell, Marcus Perez, Garrett Hobbs, Pablo Mendoza, San Juanita Arellano, Amber Morales, Hanna Hernandez, Ruth Ramirez, Eric Johnston, Rene Coronado, Devan Perez, Azalea Garza, Jeffrey Loustaunau; Middle row l-r: Andrez Suarez, Angela Vega, Ma'Kayla Garcia, Izel Pacheco, Yelena Serrato, Sinai Padilla, Jacob Johnson, Myra Garcia, Lindsey Marquez, Ethien Rodriguez; Front row l-r: Alexis Hernandez and Jose Lira. (Courtesy Photo by Sonya Glass)

This May Floydada will graduate 33 students who look to further their education and pursue their professional career paths.

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# Lockney Longhorns

## Lockney softball tournament dedicated to Jesse L. Garza

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – A dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, Feb. 28 at 11:30 a.m. in honor of Jesse L. Garza.

Garza was born in 1932, and dedicated his life to servicing the community of Lockney. He was the longest running schoolboard member in his time. "He believed in his community and he wanted to give back to the place he loved so much," said his grandson, coach Anthony Garza.

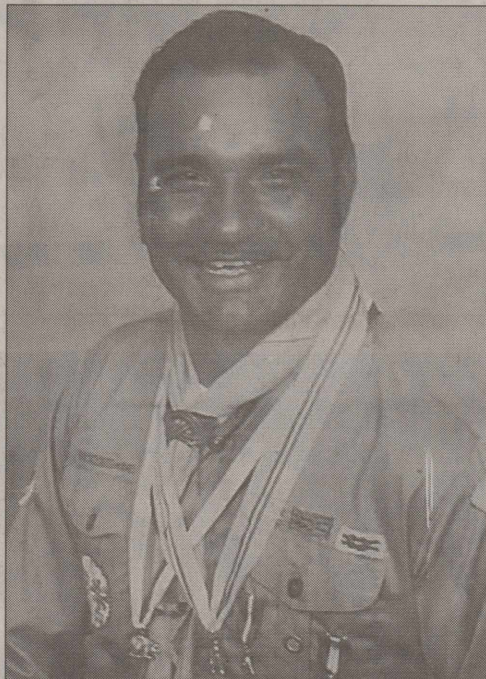
Garza was a veteran from the Airforce and served time in Korean War. He played his heart out in Baseball expeditions. "He even played with some major baseball players like Johnny Lee Bench," said his grandson.

Bench is a former professional baseball catcher who played in the Major Leagues for the Cincinnati Reds from 1967 – 1983 and is a member of the National Baseball Hall of fame.

When Garza served on the Lockney School Board, they saw a need to add another sport to the school. He fought to have softball brought in and the sport has been going strong in our school system ever since.

Right about the time softball was being introduced to LHS, Garza used his own land to build two softball fields that were used in tournaments, playoffs and little leagues.

Garza was honored with Man of the Year two



Jesse L. Garza will be honored at the LHS Softball Tournament held Feb. 28. (Courtesy Photo)

times and was very honored by those awards. He was also a leader in the Boy Scouts of America and held the Silver Beaver award.

The Silver Beaver award is the highest award that a local council can bestow on a volunteer for rendering outstanding service.

Everyone is invited to come out and honor one of Lockneys most dedicated citizens.

## Lockney powerlifters qualify for Regionals

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

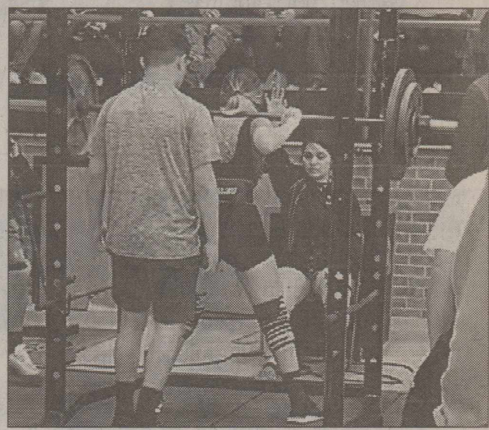
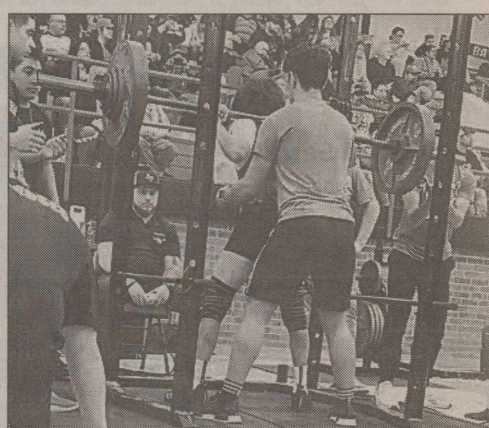
SEAGRAVES - Lockney High School powerlifting team traveled to Seagraves to compete on Saturday, Feb. 22 where their hard work and dedication paid off once again.

In the girl's division the team finished fourth overall.

In the 105-weight class, Hannah Reyes placed first. Yamilette Martinez placed second in the 198-weight class while Hailee Widener finished first in the 259-weight class. All three girls made regionals that will be held March 6 in Seagraves.

In the boy's division the team placed sixth with Damion Gonzales taking third in the 114-weight class. Keanu Villarreal placed fourth in the 220-weight class. In the 275-weight class Miguel Lara took first place and he is a regional qualifier.

Isaiah Reyes and Silas Urrutia will be lifting on Thursday, Feb. 27 in Sundown to try to qualify for regionals.



Isaiah Reyes and Hannah Reyes compete at the Seagraves powerlifting competition. (Courtesy Photos)

## Lockney JV Vs Ralls



The Lockney Longhorns junior varsity team took on Ralls Jackrabbits on Feb. 18. Max Ramirez sweeps in to keep the Jackrabbit from scoring. This was the last game for the JV Longhorns and took the win 42 to 41. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

## Lockney little dribblers



Carson Pritchard takes the ball down court to score a basket but has two Owls hot on his trail at Lockney's Little Dribblers basketball game that was held Feb. 20. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

## Varsity Longhorns Vs Ralls



On Tuesday, Feb. 18 The Lockney Longhorns Varsity basketball team won over the Ralls Jackrabbits for a win and will advance to the playoffs. Shown is Noel Cenicerros shooting a layup and scores in the third quarter. The Longhorns will play Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Canyon High school. They will take on Vega at 6:30 p.m. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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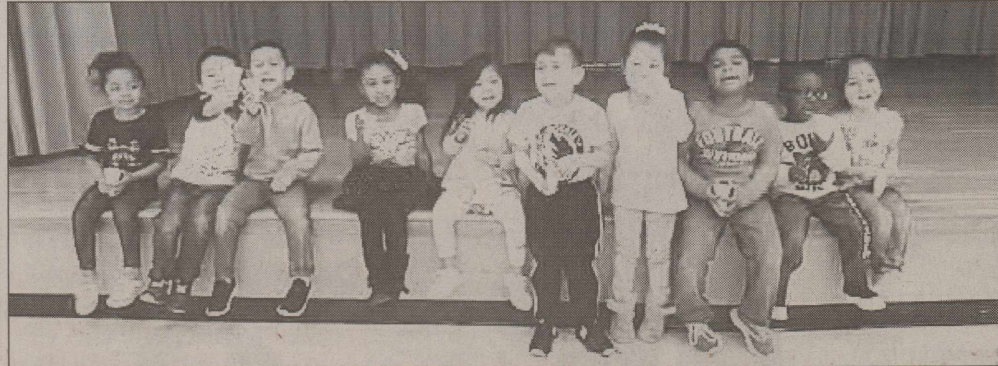
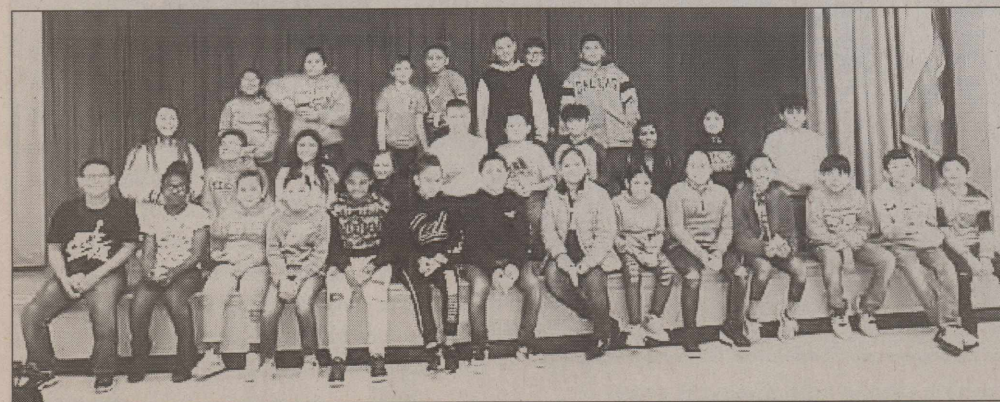
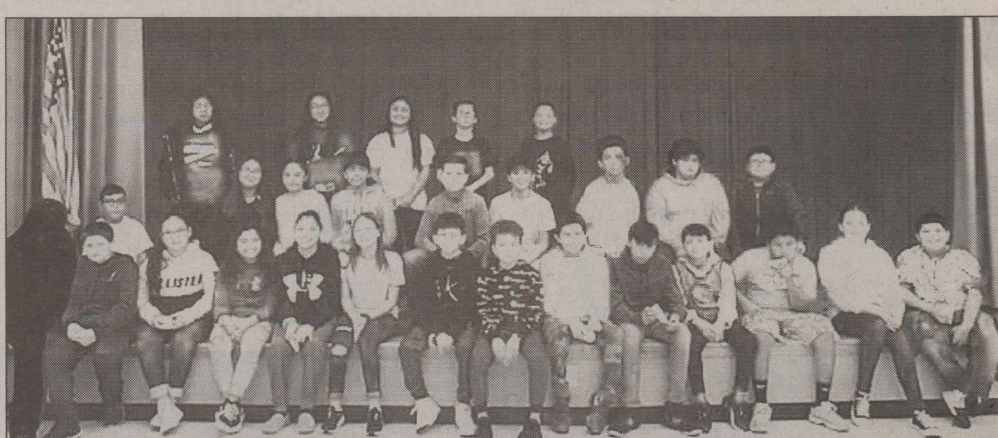
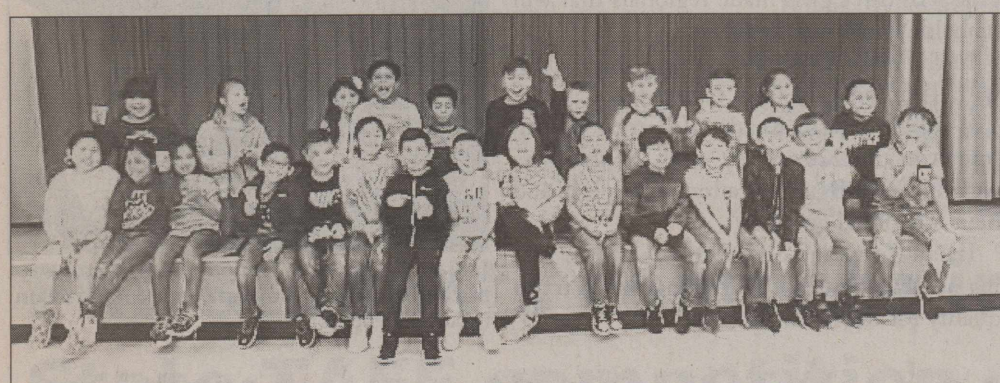
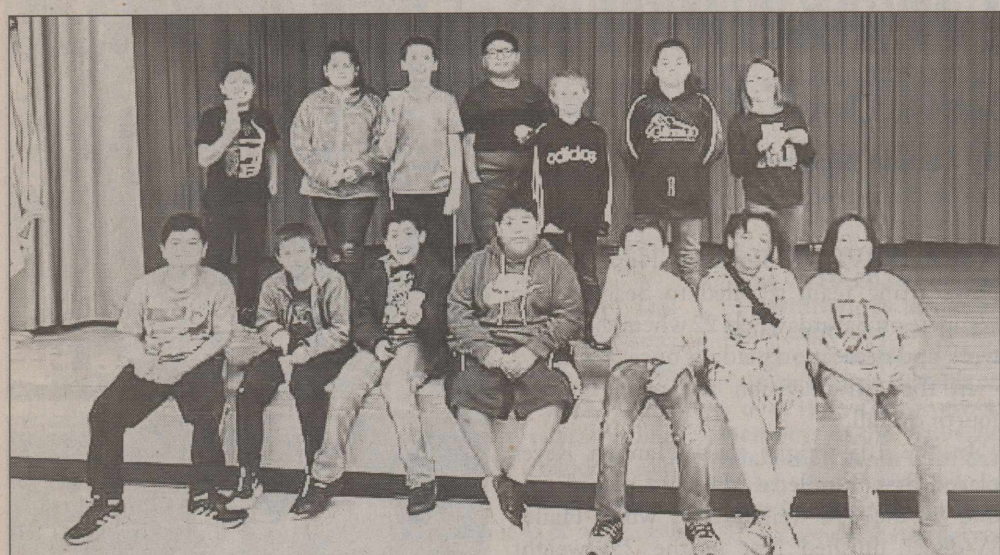
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# Auxin-specific training to be held

By Dagan Teague  
Special to be Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct an auxin training for producers in Floyd County and surrounding counties.

The Texas Department of

Agriculture has required a special auxin-specific training in 2018 for those applying the new auxin formulations of dicamba. This training extends to licensed TDA applicators and any unlicensed person who will be making applications of Xtendimax, Engenia and FeXapan under

a licensed applicator.

This training is not required for those using range and pasture dicamba products. Each program will be one hour and will provide one Texas Department of Agriculture laws and regulations continuing education unit.

The training will focus on

new label changes and drift precautions. - March 2, 10 a.m. at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center, 990 FM 786, Lockney.

For more information on the trainings, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Floyd County 806-983-4912.

## CAMPBELL

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my fiancée. This is me showing the community and everyone that I'm proud of our town and the people that live here," said Campbell.

Campbell graduated from Floydada High School in 2001 then moved to Lubbock, for about 12 years. He decided moving home was the best option for him. He began farming with his dad Gale Campbell upon his return home.

Austin's mom Adeana Kiely and stepdad, Don Kiely live in Kyle, Texas, just south of Austin. "Because family is everything I visit as often as I can," said Campbell.

In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing, spending time outdoors and of course spending time with the love of his life, Lori Mickey. In fact, Austin and Lori got engaged the earlier part of February.

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon would like to say congrats and thank you for your service to our community.

## K-9

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there. He also is a certified jailer peace officer.

Sergeant Deleon said, "We are here to help our community and one of my goals is to help the youth of our community know we're not the bad guys." "Many times, I've heard a parent say to their children if you don't behave, I'm going to call the cops. These kids look at us the bad guy, and that's not it at all we're here to serve the community and help make it a safer place for the people. We can cut up and have fun with this kid," said Sergeant Deleon.

Floyd County Sheriff Officers are excited to get out in our community and bring everyone together. National Night Out is one of the ways they bring everyone together. It's held the first weekend of August. A meal is served and lots of fun and games for everyone to come out and enjoy. In April Sergeant Deleon will be gathering donations to be able to put this wonderful event on.

Next time you see one of our finest please thank them for their service to our community.

# BigIron Auctions hosts late Don Oppliger's estate auction

By Whitney Wyatt  
Special to be Hesperian-Beacon

DALHART - BigIron Auctions is hosting an estate auction for the late Don Oppliger.

There are 130 items located in Dalhart and Dimmitt. BigIron Auctions is hosting two open house/equipment inspection days for potential buyers to check out the equipment before bidding, according to a release.

The first one is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 4 at 1899 Middlewater Road in Dalhart. The other one is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 5 at 2875 U.S. Highway 385 in Dimmitt.

The Oppliger estate items are being posted on BigIron's online auction platform at [www.bigiron.com/Auctions/Mar\\_11\\_2020\\_10A?distance=500&filter=All&consignments=Don+](http://www.bigiron.com/Auctions/Mar_11_2020_10A?distance=500&filter=All&consignments=Don+)

Oppliger+Estate. There are more than 600 items listed.

Here is a sampling of items:

- 2019 Hesston 2290 Square Baler, unused with zero bales
- Vertical Till Plows
- (8) ¾ ton Ford pick-ups, 4WD (models range from 2011-2015)
- 16 row 30" spacing John Deere 1720 Stack-Fold Planter
- 2015 John Deere 8245R, 4WD Tractor with 2,700 hours.

According to the release, BigIron Auctions offer buyers an easy-to-use, secure, online platform to browse and bid on equipment. There are no buyer's fees, the auctions are unreserved and all equipment is lien-free.

The auction will close on March 11.

# Hard to hear: the facts of canine ear infections

Special to be Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION - While ear infections are pesky conditions that affect many species, dogs are especially at risk because of the shape of their ear canals.

Dr. Lori Teller, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that diagnosis and treatment should always be handled by a veterinarian, but dog owners should still be informed on the nature of this condition to keep their furry friend in tip-top shape.

"There are multiple causes of ear infections (otitis externa), including allergies (most common), ear mites, a foreign body (this can include polyps or neoplasia), excess hair in the ear canal, anatomic changes in the ear canal, excess moisture in the ear canal, injury, immune-mediated diseases, endocrine disease, and excessive cleaning," Teller said. "Any of these causes allow for bacteria and/or yeast to overgrow in the ear, leading to the infection."

Symptoms of canine ear infections include head shaking, scratching at or rubbing the affected ear, discharge, bad odor, redness inside the ear, swelling of the ear canal, pain, itching, and crusts or scabs inside the ear or along the ear margin. Owners who suspect that their dog may be suffering from an ear infection should seek veterinary help immediately, as these infections can become more severe if left untreated.

Once diagnosed, your dog's treatment plan will depend on

what caused the ear infection in the first place.

Teller said that topical ointments may be used to treat bacteria and yeast present in the canal. Severe infections or those involving the middle or inner ear canal may be treated with oral antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drugs. Medicated ear cleansers to clear away discharge and debris from the infected canal may also be prescribed.

"Dogs that develop ear infections frequently will need to have the underlying cause addressed," Teller said. "Some may require therapies to control allergies. If a food allergy is a cause of the problem, then switching to a hypoallergenic or limited-ingredient diet may prevent future problems. It is very important to work with your veterinarian before switching your dog's diet."

Dogs that swim frequently are also more prone to ear infections, and special care should be taken by owners to appropriately clean and dry their pet's ears after being in the water. Cotton swabs should never be used in the inner canal of a dog's ear. Teller also advised that dog owners should not allow other dogs to lick their pet's ears.

To diagnose your pet, a veterinarian might sample ear discharge or look through the ear canal to observe the state of the eardrum. Your dog may need to be sedated for this procedure, depending on the situation.

Although the prospect of a canine ear infection may be daunting, timely veterinary intervention can prevent permanent damage from occurring. Proper care will have your pooch back to their super-hearing self in no time!

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Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below).

#### Persons Who Are Over 65 Years of Age

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2020. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

#### Disabled Veterans

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veterans Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. In certain situations where the disabled vet is 100% disabled and unemployable, their homestead can be completely exempt.

#### Farm and Ranch Owners

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the chief appraiser or if the use of the land changes.

#### Exemption Applications

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions, including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions, may be obtained from the Floyd County Appraisal District Office at 806-983-5256, 104 E California, Floydada, TX, or through the State Comptroller's Office by calling 1-800-252-9121.

#### Business Personal Property Owners

State law requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30-day filing extension is available by written request.

#### Availability of Electronic Communications

Taxpayers may receive certain notices required by law from the local appraisal district in electronic format. Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district.

If you have questions or need an application of any kind, please contact FLOYD CAD, PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, TX, 806-983-5256 [floydcad@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:floydcad@suddenlinkmail.com)

## UPCOMING

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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. RSVP 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.

## CITY OF LOCKNEY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up June 15 - 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Drop-off point for junk/trash will be at the 600 block of Main St. (old Webster's gas station). For more information call the City of Lockney at 806-652-2355.

## LIGHT THE CROSS MEMORIAL DONATIONS

"Light the Cross" Memorial prints are available from lantha Smith or Karen Houchin Law Office. Prints start at \$20 each. Help keep the Cross lit in Blanco Canyon by making memorial donations or purchasing a print. Donations may be made at First National Bank, Floydada, or by mailing the donations to: lantha Smith, P.O. Box 143, Floydada, Texas 79235.

## 501

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quanahparkertrail.com). Then I digressed. Years later I ran across the drawing, the worse for wear (both of us). Chief Quanah's face is complete. Some other features, including one fur-wrapped braid, are outlines. At some point a coffee spill imbued my realistic style with a welcome artsy-ness. Other blemishes help too.

My portrait of Quanah joins the ranks of Venus de Milo - all the better for some damage and what's missing. Except we can presume Venus was a finished pristine work of art back when. Minor point.

OK. I digress. That artist probably didn't. Major digression.

Digressing takes no talent. What's hard is tying up the loose ends. Go for it.

## NHS

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Kalebh Cook, Hunter Lefevre, RyAnn Castillo, Jessica Hernandez, Audrey Rexrode and Dylan Morgan are the 2020 Lockney NHS new inductees.

## TRAINING

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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.

## UN

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our campus, and it's especially fun when we can feature one of our Wayland alumni," said Teresa Young, director of alumni relations and the Willson committee chair. "Dr. Emily Smith is one of our shining stars and is making such an impact globally with her research. Her faith is just as vibrant as her intellect, and I believe students and other guests will enjoy hearing her share."

Aside from her busy work schedule, Dr. Smith is married to her Wayland sweetheart and fellow Citizenship Award winner, Mike, who serves as discipleship pastor at First Baptist Church in Woodway. The couple has two children, Bella and Jonathan.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Young at (806) 291-3600 or by email to [teresa.young@wbu.edu](mailto:teresa.young@wbu.edu).

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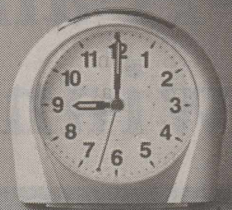
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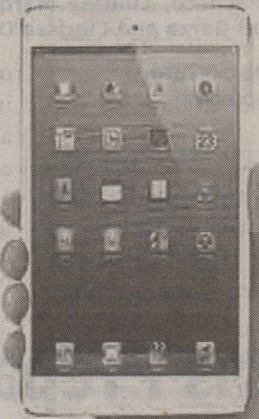
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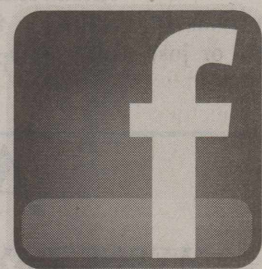
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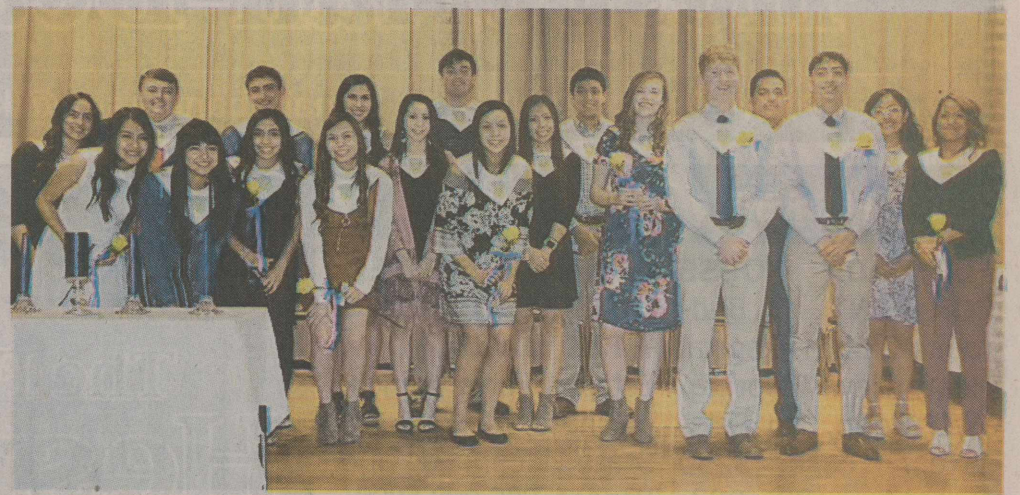




# FHS National Honor Society Welcomes New Inductees



**FHS NATIONAL HONOR INDUCTEES** are L-R: Kaitlyn Vega, Erin Trevino, Kailee Sanchez, Jazmin Pacheco, Lindsey Marquez, Brandon Marquez, Ashlyn Green, Trace Glasscock, Nathanael Garza and Clarissa DelaFuente. (Courtesy Photo by Sonya Glass)



**2020 FHS NATIONAL HONOR MEMBERS** are Back row l-r: Audrie Strange, Ryder Glass, Kyle Bruington, Luke Holcombe, Brandon Marquez, Mike DelaFuente and Yelena Serrato. Front row l-r: Kaitlyn Vega, Erin Trevino, Kailee Sanchez, Jazmin Pacheco, Azalea Garza, Lindsey Marquez, Izel Pacheco, Ashlyn Green, Trace Glasscock, Nathanael Garza and Clarissa DelaFuente. (Courtesy Photo)

**By Yelena Serrato**  
FHS Correspondent

**FLOYDADA** - The A.E. Baker Chapter of the National Honor Society of Floydada High School welcomed ten new members

on Feb. 13 during the NHS induction ceremony held at the Duncan Elementary cafeteria.

The incoming members were chosen based on their demonstration of scholar-

ship, leadership, service and character. They were pinned on Friday, Jan. 31 and became official members after their tapping at the ceremony.

The inductees were senior Lindsey Marquez and soph-

omores Clarissa DelaFuente, Erin Trevino, Ashlyn Green, Trace Glasscock, Nathanael Garza, Brandon Marquez, Kailee Sanchez, Jazmin Pacheco and Kaitlyn Vega.

The Floydada Chapter of

the National Honor Society also includes seniors Mike DelaFuente, Azalea Garza, Izel Pacheco, Yelena Serrato and chapter president Emily Cisneros. Junior members include Ryder Glass, Kyle Bruington,

Audrie Strange and vice-president Luke Holcombe.

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

## Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment Deadline Approaches

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**AUSTIN** - Texas families can lock in today's cost of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities by enrolling their children in the tax-advantaged Texas Tuition Promise Fund® before the close of the current general enrollment period on Feb. 29.

"I'm encouraging Texas families and individuals to remember the upcoming deadline to prepay and lock in today's rates for all or some future tuition at two-year and four-year Texas public colleges and universities," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "The Promise Fund has a range of payment options that gives purchasers the flexibility they need to plan ahead and provide future opportunities for their children, grandchildren and other loved ones."

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to prepay undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees by purchasing tuition units for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just

a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities. For additional flexibility and portability, the plan also is accepted at Texas medical and dental institutions that offer undergraduate degrees. When used at Texas medical and dental institutions, career schools, private Texas colleges or universities or out-of-state institutions, where tuition is not locked in, the benefits and payouts differ.

To enroll children younger than 1 in the program at 2019-20 prices, the deadline extends to July 31. The next general enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2020-21 academic year.

"Purchasers have an extra day to enroll this year because it's a leap year," said Hegar. "But please don't wait until the last minute. Enroll before the deadline to lock in today's prices."

Complete plan information — including residency and other requirements, current prices, enrollment forms and more — is available online at [TuitionPromise.org](http://TuitionPromise.org), or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

## Floyd County 4-H announces January photo winners

**By Teresa Bigham**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**FLOYD COUNTY** - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office announced the winners of the January 4-H photo contest. The theme was nighttime. These photos are judge by an outside Texas A&M AgriLife agent.

First place went to Preslie Brooks with her horse and rider photo. Second place went to Wyatt Bigham with his nighttime tree photo. Third place went to Sierra Snowden with her castle photo.

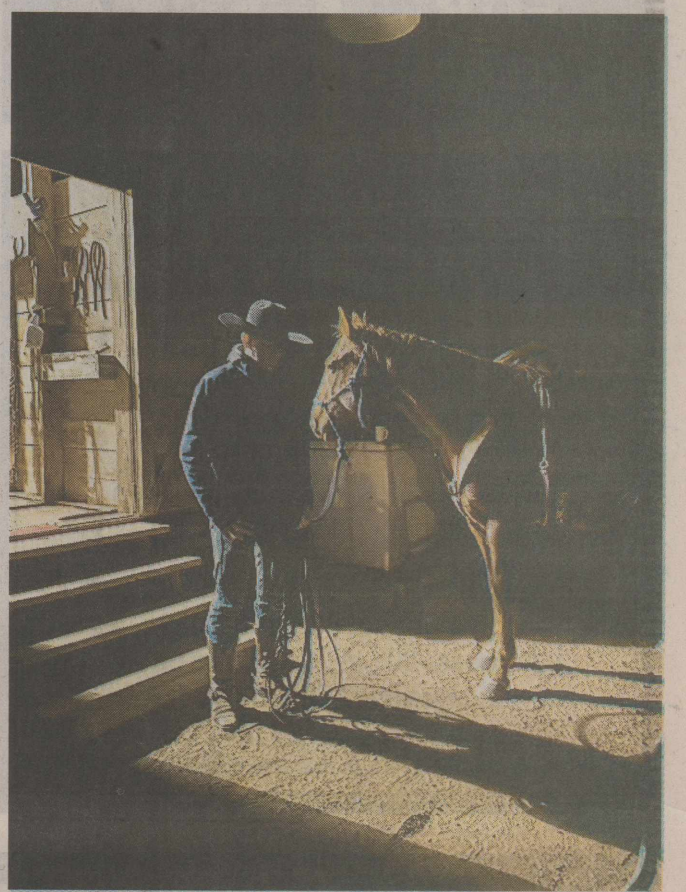
These are beautiful photos and these kids

take this contest seriously and they have so much fun doing it.

Recently some of the kids had a fun day in Lubbock. They hike around town and learned different techniques used in photography.

The photography curriculum teaches youth about photography as art and science while developing and applying skills in film-based and digital photography.

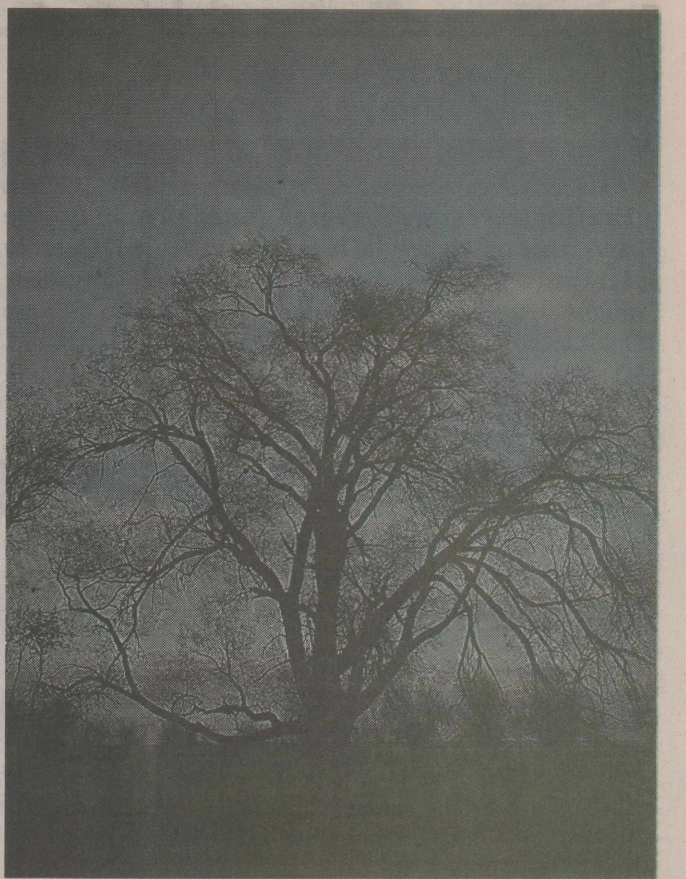
If you would like more information on the 4-H Photography project, please call Cris-ten Brooks at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 806-983-4912.



Preslie Brooks, the rider and his horse, placed first in the Floyd County 4-H January Photo contest. (Courtesy Photo)



Sierra Snowden, the castle photo, placed third in the 4-H January Photo contest. (Courtesy Photo)



Wyatt Bigham, the nighttime photo, placed second in the 4-H January photo contest. (Courtesy Photo)

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