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Brown turns 99 years old

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Claude Brown owner of Brown's Department Store turns 99.

Brown was born in the small community of Muncy on April 2, 1921. The family soon made their way to Lockney, and it has been home ever since. He had an older sister, who was five years older, and a younger brother, who was two years younger.

The family didn't have a lot, but they made do. Brown remembers playing outside with his sister and brother in the summer, but there were always chores to be done.

Brown wasn't afraid to work. In fact, he started working when he was about 9 or 10 years old. He would start working before the sun came up and worked until dinner-time.

In the summer, he spent his days herding cows in the hot dry Texas heat. With no shade trees to be seen, Brown

had to rely on sweat to keep him cool.

"Both me and that ol' horse were worn plum out most days," said Brown. Even with the temperatures almost unbearable Brown always enjoyed working.

When the Great Depression hit Texas in the early 1930s, it hit everyone hard. In fact, it was the worst economic downturn in modern history. During this time in history, about a quarter of the U.S. workforce was unemployed. Although these were the hardest times in history, Brown managed to keep himself employed.

"Back then there were several barber shops in downtown Lockney, and I shined shoes in every one of them," Brown said. Gentlemen would go in

to get a haircut and shave, and while they were in the barber chair, he would shine their shoes. "I would work at getting every pair of shoes so shiny a person could see their own reflection in them. They would pay me a penny."

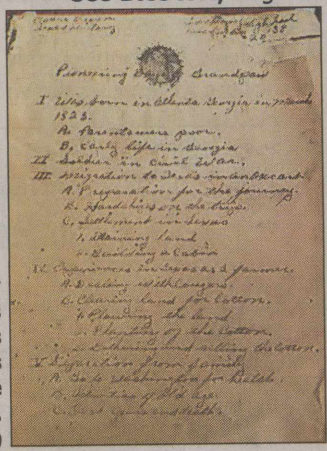
The Brown family did what they could to make ends meet. Like many Americans across our country, their family had a motto: Use it up, wear it out, make do or do without.

"We had a garden where we tried to grow all our vegetables, and it was everyone's job

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Brown is was an exemplary at Lockney High School. This is an outline he wrote for his Texas History class about his grandfather. He wrote the piece on December 20, 1938.

(Courtesy photo)



Five generations of the Brown family are pictured. They got together to celebrate his daughter Ann Race's birthday in Lubbock. Shown are Back-row l-r: Matthew Race, great-grandson and Karl Race, grandson. Front row l-r: Claude Brown, his daughter Ann Race and his great-great-granddaughter Rachel. (Courtesy photo)



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.

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 @ 806-406-9650.

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.

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.

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Whirlwinds crowned Bi-District and Area Champs

By Yelena Serrato
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA - The Floydada Whirlwinds continue their reign of victory with two big wins over Sudan and Stratford.

Floydada defeated Sudan Tuesday night, Feb. 25 at Lubbock Monterey with a final score of 75-41 to claim the Bi-District title. Garrett Hobbs led the team in scoring with 29 points followed by LaMychal Henderson with nine. Quincy Gonzales, Kaleb Crone and Andrez Suarez each contributed seven to capture yet another gold ball of the season.

However, that was not the only gold ball Floydada received last week. The Whirlwinds traveled to Canyon on Friday, Feb. 27 to face the Elks of Stratford for the Area championship title.

The Whirlwinds came out

FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



Pictured are Back row, l-r: Team Manager Amber Morales, Garrett Hobbs, Kaleb Crone, Matthew Morales, Andrez Suarez, Mike DeLaFuente, LaMychal Henderson, Trace Glasscock, Team Manager Braun Hobbs; Front row Left to right: Tyson Snell, Dylan Ramos, Desmond Wickware, Marcus Perez, and Quincy Gonzalez. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)

on top in a nail-biting game with a score of 64-63. Senior Garrett Hobbs checked out of the game at 3:25 on the clock in the opening frame with an injury. Hobbs who has played a big role all

season never returned to the floor against the Elks.

Stratford lead in the beginning of the first quarter 9-4 before Hobbs injury, but that did not stop the Whirlwinds from fighting back.

FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS AREA CHAMPIONS



(Courtesy Photo)

The Whirlwinds went on a 19-0 run including a crowd-pleasing dunk from Desmond Wickware which put Floydada in the lead in the second quarter at 25-12. The Elks were able to withstand the onslaught and only trailed to 33-30 at the half.

"Family is what we stand for," said Coach Adam

Zepeda. "Being as close as a family has really kept us together. We've got each other's back through thick and thin."

With the season on the line, Floydada refused to surrender to Stratford and fought till the very last second of the game. Returning

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Daylight Saving Time comes early

By Jennifer Harbin
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY—Though many U.S. states, and multiple countries, debate daylight saving time has run its course, it is time once again for clocks to spring forward an hour. In Texas, the official time to set the clock one hour forward begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8.

At the end of March or beginning of April typically, extra daylight hours allow West Texas farmers to stay in the field longer. But, how did the whole notion of shifting our clocks to allow more sunlight during the evening hours come about?

Often erroneously called daylight savings time, the tradition evolves from both unusual and practical sources. There exists a common misconception

that Benjamin Franklin is to credit, or blame, for the back and forth time shifts. However, according to The Franklin Institute website, despite Franklin's prolific inventions, daylight saving time was not one of them.

"Daylight saving time is one thing that Franklin did not invent. He merely suggested Parisians change their sleep schedules to save money on candles and lamp oil. The common misconception comes from a satirical essay he wrote in the spring of 1784 that was published in the Journal de Paris. In the essay, titled "An Economical Project," he writes of the thrifty benefits of daylight versus artificial light."

The initial concept of daylight saving time actually emerged in 1895 by George Hudson, an entomologist from New Zealand. Though the mechanics of

his two-hour time shift in the summer differs from the current model in use in the United States, Hudson sought extra daylight hours after work for bug hunting, according to an article by National Geographic published online in 2019.

Daylight saving time during World Wars I and II were used by allies and foes alike to conserve fuel for the war effort. Afterward, the practice in the U.S. remained inconsistent but popular enough with people that President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S. Code Section 260a) into law on April 22, 1966, thus creating what we now observe.

A World War I color lithograph from 1918 depicts Uncle Sam turning a clock to daylight saving time. (United States Library of Congress' Prints and Photographs division)



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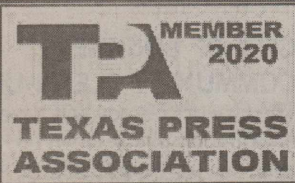
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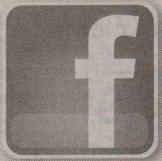


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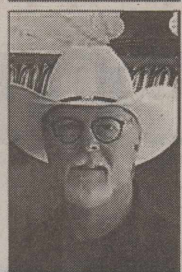
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Between the lines I love voting, it's politics I am not so sure about



BRUCE W. GREEN

It is election season and, thus, it is the traditional time for newspapers to pretend to know what's best for their readers, by endorsing this candidate or that candidate for public office.

Newspapers owned by LK Media Group won't be doing that, and our readers should know why.

First, on the national level, it's currently hard to know who belongs in Washington, D.C. and who doesn't. There just isn't much noteworthy taking place in Congress these days. It almost makes one wonder whether our current Congress really is the best money can buy.

Second, none of the reporters or editors (and definitely not the publisher) at LK Media are competent to tell their readers how to vote in any election.

We patriotically support our system of government and the right and importance of voting for public officials every time an election comes up. But we have no specialized knowledge that makes our opinion about individual candidates worth knowing.

We certainly believe in free speech and the importance of a free press, which are enshrined in the United States Constitution, but we are more than a little concerned that newspapers not use those critical rights to push their own opinions and sway elections.

So, we don't endorse candidates, and we try to be careful and even-handed in our approach to advertisements for public office.

For example, we have an editorial policy that prohibits the placement of election advertisements on the front page of the newspaper, so as to avoid the appearance of endorsement by something as simple as placement of an ad.

No doubt, in the rush to get the newspaper out each week, we will fall short of our own goals and occasionally exercise less than perfect judgment. But these will be errors of haste or practical judgment and not rooted in ideology.

So, if any of our readers happen to wonder where the publisher stands on partisan politics, and whether his specific ideology will make its way into the local newspaper, don't worry.

I am a strong supporter of government, particularly local government – the government most transparent and most responsive to its citizens. But I am exceptionally unimpressed with partisan politics these days.

I favor men and women in politics who will stand up and speak the truth on every issue, regardless of the political results – in other words, I support the unelectable kind of politician.

While LK Media questions the practice of newspaper political endorsements, we do believe newspapers serve an important twofold indirect role in government, whether national, state or local.

Newspapers are a source of information to their readers about the workings of government. This is why we are increasing our efforts to report on the official meetings and actions of our respective town and county governments. Even then, we will focus on reporting only items properly before the elected officials to decide.

Another important indirect role for newspapers in government is to encourage government transparency. As with any institution, a governmental body can unwittingly be less than transparent at times about its inner workings and decision-making. Regular reporting by newspapers can remind and encourage elected officials to be open and transparent with their constituents.

Our commitment, however, is to report the discussions and decisions of the governmental bodies we cover, rather than to editorialize within news stories or slant stories by the facts we report and the facts we leave out.

On a final note, it's election season. Vote early, vote often and vote Texan. It's true, we previously elected a Texas president from Connecticut and a Texas vice-president from Wyoming, but that's all behind us now. Vote bgreen@lknewsgroup.com.

Lawyers Introduce 'Your Voice, Now!'

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—The Texas Young Lawyers Association has designed an on-line learning platform that will educate school students about student speech and their rights under the First Amendment.

The project—Your Voice, Now!—presents the concept of student speech from various perspectives, including educational videos from school law experts, school administrators, parents, and students themselves. Your Voice, Now! is TYLA's signature public service project for 2019-2020 and will be available for free to the public via a web-based application beginning April 1.

One feature of Your Voice, Now! is an interview with Mary Beth Tinker of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case Tinker v. Des Moines. The court's decision in Tinker defined the First Amendment rights of students in public schools. The project also includes online worksheets and checklists for educators to use in the classroom. The curriculum meets the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) requirements imposed by the state.

"Balancing the educational needs of a diverse student body while providing supportive venues for students to express their individual views is not an easy task," said 2019-2020 TYLA Pres-

ident Victor A. Flores. "The discussion involves all voices: students, parents, teachers, and administrators. We hope this web-based platform opens a healthy round-table discussion in schools across Texas and the coun-

Morales arrested in human trafficking

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

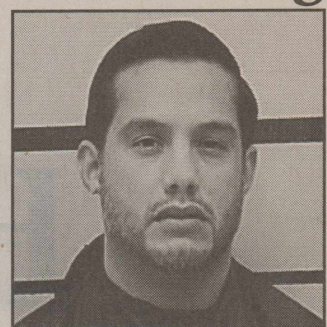
LUBBOCK - Amado Morales Jr., 35 of Floydada was arrested on a felony charge of prostitution in a human trafficking case in Lubbock.

On February 20-21, Texas DPS Special Agents, Lubbock Police Department Officers and TABC Agents conducted a human trafficking

operation in Lubbock targeting suspects attempting to pay for sex with minors. Eleven people were arrested for various charges.

Morales was booked into the Lubbock County Jail at 11:54 p.m. There has been no mention if bail has been made.

Back on Feb 28, 2018 Morales Jr. was sentenced to 16 months in federal prison for



Amado Morales, 35 of Floydada (Source: Lubbock County Detention Center)

Rabid Cow at San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Prompts Warning

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Texas Department of State Health Services is notifying people who visited the cattle barn at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Feb. 11-14 that they may need to be assessed for a possible rabies exposure.

A cow in the cattle barn developed rabies and was capable of spreading the virus that causes it during those dates. The solid black cow, a Brangus heifer, was being shown by a student from the Miller Grove ISD in Hopkins County.

The cow was only outside of the barn while being shown

and loaded and unloaded for transport. Public health officials have been in contact with the people who were caring for the cow and the animals in nearby stalls, so their risk can be assessed.

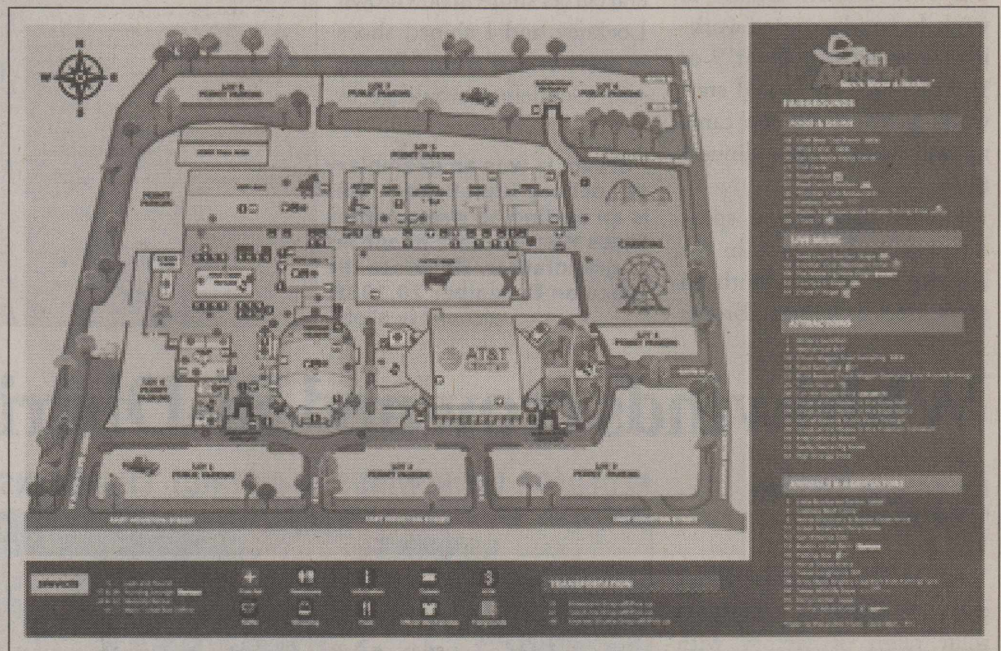
Rabies is spread through the saliva of infected animals. Anyone who put their hand in the cow's mouth or nose or had contact between the animal's saliva and an open wound or mucous membrane like the eyes, nose or mouth should be evaluated for a rabies exposure. Someone in that situation should contact their health care provider as soon as possible and explain the situation. People

who didn't have that kind of contact with the cow are not at risk of contracting the disease.

Rabies can be prevented if treatment is started before symptoms begin, however, once symptoms start, it's almost always fatal. It usually takes between three weeks and three months for someone exposed to rabies to get sick.

People who live outside of Bexar County may contact their DSHS regional Zoonosis Control office.

Maps of the fairgrounds and the cattle barn with the location of the stall marked in red are available below.



The 501: Notable Swine



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Remember your first whipping?

I climbed into the hog pen. Not good. The sow had babies. I could have been killed. I wasn't.

I don't actually remember the offense or the punishment, but it went on my record. It was a felony, meaning I got whipped with a ruler wielded by my father – not just spanked by my mother.

The lesson sank in. I'm still steering clear of hogs.

Yes, they've found our farm. We'd been expecting them. They've invaded the pasture.

The scary disheveled appearance of wild hogs always amazes me. They don't look much like the clean sleek relatively docile animals exhibited at stock shows. Or Miss Piggy. Instead, they resemble the ferocious Arkansas Razorback on the logo, complete with tusks and a stand-up ridge of hair down their backs, tails flying. One streaked unexpectedly across my field of vision a few days ago, silhouetted against light fading in the western sky. Five-hundred pounds you wouldn't want to meet in a dark alley -- or in a cedar break. I'm guessing at the weight.

My plan is to stay out of the pasture for now, take full advantage of the Second Amendment and call the trappers. Pretty much in that order.

I was a little surprised to see that beast, even though I'd seen trails under the fence. But comparatively speaking I was more surprised back when I saw one on Main Street. Forgive me if I've told this story before:

I was a news reporter for "The Childress Index" when a scraggly (they're all scraggly) medium-sized wild hog tried to get in through the front door. (Picture a supermarket-style glass door.) I grabbed

my camera.

Next he tried to crash in similar fashion through our other entrance. Digital cameras were slow on the draw back then. I got a shot of him leaving.

I followed and snapped him from a distance (it's hard to gain on a hog) as he made his way up the street, trying door after door. To the hog's dismay, none of the buildings had pushable doors. He finally veered off, and I lost sight of him. He was way ahead of me. Not my best set of photographs.

As it turned out, that wild hog was an escapee from a local teenager's collection – his projet for ag class. The 'Childress Graves, who encouraged all sorts of wild experiments, including the use of electronics to monitor the lives of prairie dogs. Some of his students put cameras into the burrows of an extensive prairie dog colony near town, the way I remember it. They probably recorded their barks too. If they didn't, someone should. Maybe someone has. They probably have different barks for different situations, as do regular dogs.

And there you have it. Once you get up close and personal with wildlife, it's harder to pull the trigger on the creatures. Or, speaking of prairie dogs, use whatever means to eradicate a colony. They're so cute.

But hogs? Yes, even wild hogs sometimes have their saviors.

Someone gave an orphan wild hog to the late Tom Neely, 46th District Judge. Whether he had a soft heart for criminals, I can't say. But that baby pig won his affection. He named him Beaumont and kept him. If you've heard stories about cute little pot-bellied pigs getting huge, you can easily imagine that Beaumont grew and grew. And grew. He liked peanuts.

What's not to like about a big wild hog that snorts delightedly when you offer him a peanut?

I do not intend to get to know any of our hogs. Or name them. Except that one. I'm calling him Arkansas.

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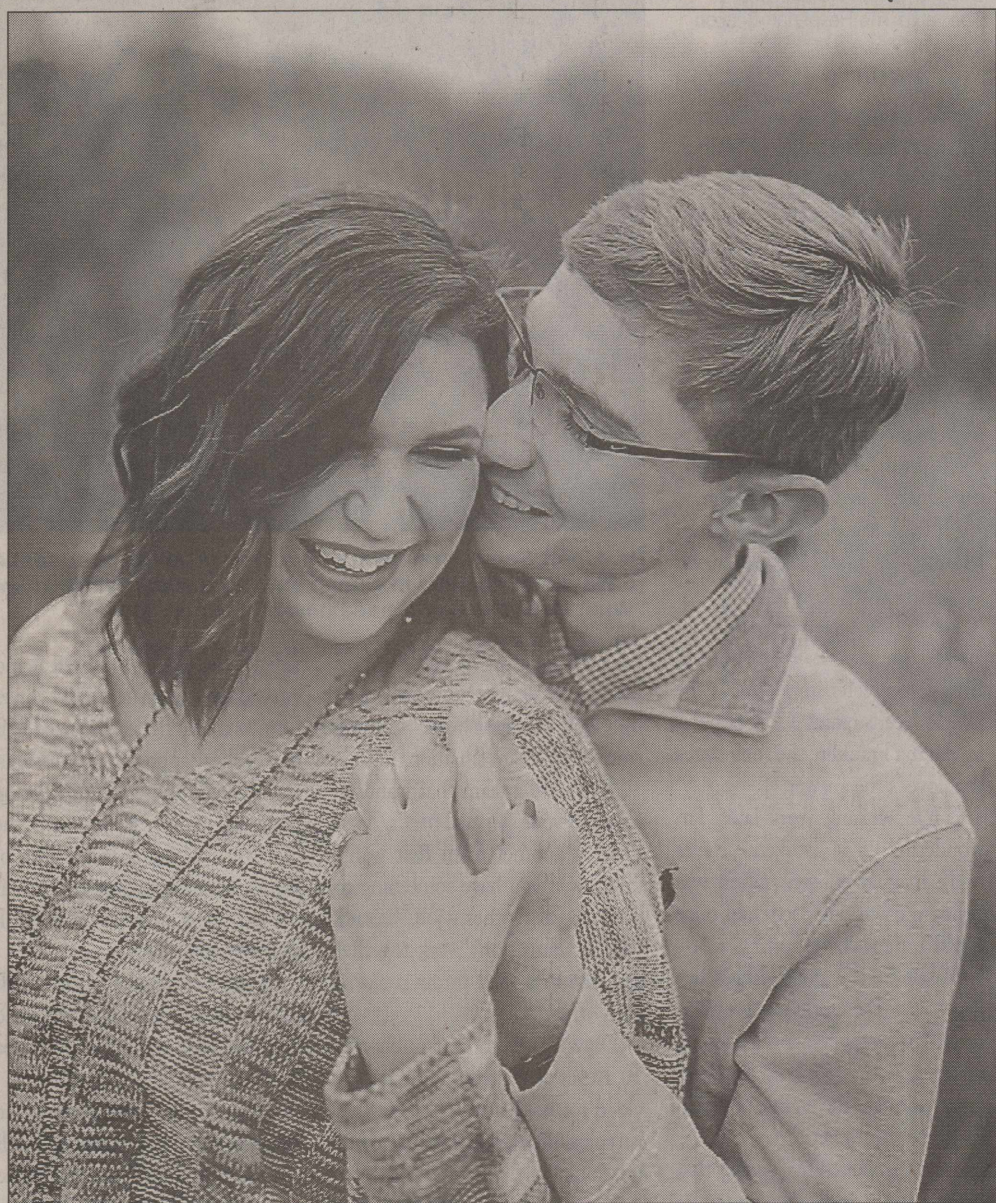
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SOCIETY

Belt and Brunson to marry



Kenny and Lori Hooten of Lockney and Preston and Monika Belt of Weatherford, Oklahoma are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Marie Belt to Bryan Wesley Brunson. Brunson is the son of Brandon and DeEtte Brunson of Midland.

Sarah is a 2015 graduate of Lockney High School and a 2018 graduate of Lubbock Christian University. Sarah is currently

teaching 1st grade of South Elementary in Levelland.

Bryan is a 2015 graduate of Midland Christian and a 2019 graduate of Lubbock Christian University. Bryan is currently a youth and family minister at Cross Point Church of Christ in Grand Prairie, Texas.

The couple plan a May wedding and will make their in Grand Prairie.

Adults can learn to navigate stress through AgriLife Extension mindfulness classes

By Cristen Brooks
Floyd County CEA-FCH
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Learning to navigate distressing emotions and stress are important aspects of emotional growth and development. People experience daily stressors in their lives that can take an emotional and physical toll.

Mindfulness is a process of active, open, nonjudgmental awareness. It is paying attention in the present moment with openness, curiosity and flexibility. Neuroscience and psychological research suggest that the intentional practice of mindfulness improves the immune system as well as increases gray matter in the brain involved with learning and memory processes, emotion regulation, empathy and perspective taking.

Everyday mindfulness involves paying attention to our experiences in the moment rather than being caught up in our fearful, angry, anxious or worried thoughts. When we are caught up in these distressing thoughts, we often lose perspective about the best way to respond in a painful, difficult or stressful moment.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County will be offering a series of Mindful Wellness classes in April. These classes are designed to help healthy adults develop self-awareness and the ability to navigate stress through the practice of mindfulness. These lessons will provide basic info regarding mindfulness activities and the value to mind-body health, time to practice mindfulness and develop a personal

plan, adopt a new behavior, opportunity to learn from others, and share current resources which address mindfulness and mind-body health.

The classes will be held at the Floyd County Extension Office at 122 E California St., Floydada from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on April 7, 14 and 21. These classes are part of a series so although it is not required to attend all 3 classes, it is highly recommended!

A sack lunch will be provided and registration by March 31 is required to participate in the classes. The classes will be offered at no cost.

To register please contact Cristen Brooks, County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 806-983-4912 or email at cristen.brooks@ag.tamu.edu.

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. Coffee or juice - \$1.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

MARCH CALENDAR:

- March 6 - Family Night Fish Fry - 5-8 p.m.
- March 16 - Bingo
- March 22 - Sunday Lunch - 11:30 - 1 p.m.
- March 27 - Family Night Fish Fry - 5-8 p.m.
- March 30 - Board Meeting - 5:30

Lockney Senior Citizens is a 501 c3 non-profit 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 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.

MENU

March 9 - March 13

Monday - Meat loaf

Tuesday - Tacos - \$4

Wednesday - Grilled chicken

Thursday - Salmon patties

Friday - Hamburger steak

(Menu subject to change without notice)

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 am. 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

March 9 - March 13

Monday - Christy's beef enchiladas

Tuesday - Chicken & dumplings - \$4

Wednesday - Fried chicken

Thursday - Spaghetti

Friday - Fish fry

(Menu subject to change without notice)

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979 WILLIE AND JOHN STEVENSON

From a casual introduction on 1901, a serious romance developed between Willie Eunice Merrick and John Buster Stevenson. Willie came from Hunt County, Texas with her parents, Mary Evelyn (Molly) Davis Merrick and Charles Franklin Merrick along with her younger brother, Charlie Davis Merrick, in 1891. John had moved from Baylor County, Texas, to Briscoe County, with his parents, Mary Elizabeth Folley Stevenson and Robert F. Stevenson Sr., and his seven brothers and sisters in 1892. So, both Willie and John became West Texas Pioneers as children.

On April 9, 1906, Willie Merrick and John Stevenson were married. John stood six feet tall, quite slender, with dark curly hair. Willie was five feet tall, weighed eight-five pounds and wore a one and a half shoe.

In the summer of 1907, a daughter, Pauline (Chi), was born to this couple.

In 1909, Molly and C. F. Merrick gave Willie some land in Floyd County. John and Willie sold the hotel and livery stable in Silvertown, bought cattle, and moved to Floyd County, twelve miles north of Lockney.

In the Spring of 1911, a

son was born to Willie and John Stevenson. They named him Charles Albert (Button), in honor of his grandfather Merrick and John's brother Albert Green Stevenson.

John was a cattleman with good ability in stock management and was a good farmer. He also took time for his family and was equally good at making biscuits, combing Pauline's hair, or teaching Button how to rope a calf.

As adjustments were required, as in the transition from dry land to irrigated farming, lot cattle feeding, and many others, John made the transitions smoothly. He bought additional land, gave the land on which the Lone Star School and the Lone Star Church of Christ were built.

After John came to Floyd County, he had chronic health problems, yet remained active, never complained and was usually on the job.

Those who worked for him varied from "experienced" to "never having seen a cow, horse or piece of farm machinery" - regardless - John was their friend, Uncle or neighbor. He worked with everybody with patience and understanding.

Since Willie had grown up

in this community, she had just added wife, homemaker and mother to her established role.

She began her study and routine reading of the Bible while attending Lockney Christian College and did not fail to read at least a chapter every night and with the exception of two nights following the death of her father, and one night when a neighbor lost her baby, until a few weeks before her death.

While gradually let the "must" things of her life crowd out her painting in oils, textiles, and china, but she never gave up her writing. Her first publication was sold when she was sixteen years old for two dollars and fifty cents. Her deepest emotions were expressed in poetry. Willie gave unselfishly of herself and had the knack of always being at the place she was needed most.

In submitting this resume of our heritage, it is hoped that for the descendants, both present and future, it may serve to instill an appreciation of the past and inspire their efforts for the future. For those who have gone, their efforts and devotion endure in our hearts and on the lands that remain.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The City of Plainview's Emergency Management team will host the National Weather Service's SKYWARN storm spotter training on Monday, March 9th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Fair Theater located at 717 Broadway.

The class is free to anyone who would be interested in joining the SKYWARN program and has an interest in public service. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are encouraged to become a spotter.

"Having more trained storm spotters would be a big asset to the City and the community," says Jeff Stalcup, Emergency Management Coordinator. "While the NWS radars are more accurate than in the past, spotters play an important role and the more trained spotters available in the area, the better prepared we will be."

To obtain critical weather information, the National Weather Service (NWS) established SKYWARN with partner organizations to help obtain critical weather information. SKYWARN is a volunteer program with between 350,000 and 400,000 trained severe weather spotters around the country. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe

by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service. Although SKYWARN spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards, the focus is reporting on severe local thunderstorms.

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providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

Training is free and typically lasts about 2 hours. Participants will learn the basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, identifying potential severe weather features, information to report and how to report information.

To sign up for the class or for more information, contact the Sgt. Jeff Stalcup at 806-296-1190.

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CHURCHES

Henderson's speak at Lockney First Baptist Church

By Joseph Tillery
FBC Pastor
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Coach Butch and Karen Henderson recently spoke at Lockney First Baptist Church.

Coach Henderson and his wife Karen, a speech therapist, have been married 46 years and have four children: Rex, head coach and teacher in Artesia, New Mexico; Jodi, a former track and soccer star at Wayland who is teaching in Irving, Texas; Janna, a corporate fitness manager in Irving; and Rick, youth Pastor at First Baptist Church in San Antonio.

Both were raised in Christian families. Butch's dad was head coach in Artesia with six New Mexico state championships. Karen's dad was an architect in New Mexico having designed the main buildings at Glorieta Conference Center.

The Henderson's met and were married at Eastern New Mexico University. Butch and Bob Martin of Lockney played football at ENMU.

Henderson was offered the head coaching job at Borger, making him the youngest head coach in Texas of larger schools. They moved to Lubbock in 1988 to coach at Lub-



Coach Butch and Karen Henderson (Courtesy Photo)

bock Coronado. That same year Karen was diagnosed with breast cancer.

In 2012 Wayland Baptist University in Plainview rebooted its football program naming Henderson as their head football coach.

Butch and Karen are very

involved in Plainview with Karen leading two Bible studies, one on campus with young ladies from WBU and one at Rise Academy in Lubbock.

They are members of the First Baptist Church in Plainview where Butch serves as a deacon.

Buckner Int'l President Speaks at Chapel

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

PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University hosted Buckner International President Dr. Albert Reyes on Wednesday. Reyes addressed the student body in chapel and was part of a luncheon panel discussion.

"What do you think the world needs now?" Reyes asked students.

He described his childhood in the 1960s when the nation saw the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy in short succession.

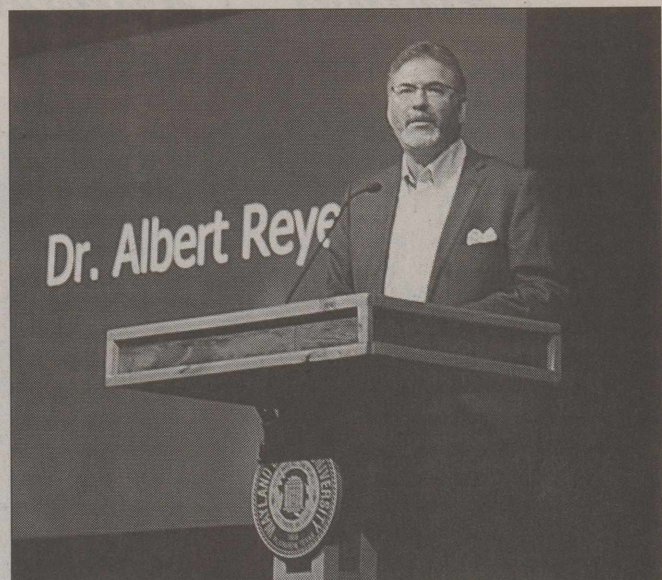
"It was a tough time for our country," he said. "We had never seen this before."

Reyes said society turned to an answer that was sensationalized in Burt Bacharach's song "What the World Needs Now." Made popular by Aretha Franklin, the song states that love is the answer.

"Here we are, years later. I'm wondering if it worked," Reyes said. "If what our generation was saying the world needed then, once applied, are we better off?"

While love is good, Reyes believes what the world needs now is hope. That is the focus of a book he wrote, and the focus on Buckner International - the tagline of which is "Hope shines here."

Reyes explained his journey that led him to the realization and writing of his book. It started when he took a sabbatical on which he wanted to write a book. He was advised to spend the sabbatical time researching his material then write



Dr. Albert Reyes, president of Buckner International, spoke to Wayland students in chapel on Wednesday, asking them "What does the world need now?" (Courtesy Photo)

the book later. As he narrowed his research focus, it became evident to him that missions were suffering from a two-team situation.

"We have a team that wants to focus on your spiritual needs. Then there is another team that wants to know if you have something to drink, to eat, clothes, a job," he said. "These teams don't work together and at times they throw rocks at each other."

Drawing from Luke chapter 10, Reyes explained that Jesus provided for both in the passage that is typically used for missions commissioning.

"Inside the commissioning is the idea of integrated, holistic ministry," Reyes said, pointing out that the holistic approach is the focus on Buckner International. He said providing peace to indi-

viduals; healing, both physical and emotional; and justice, in whatever form that is to those who need it, is the Biblical approach to missions. Combined, those things bring hope to people. Reyes said the process of investing in the lives of people and working to meet their needs is how to truly accomplish the mission of Jesus.

"I think what the world needs now is hope," he said. "We tried love and love is helpful, but hope is critical."

Wayland is participating in Buckner's Shoes for Orphan Souls shoe drive. If you are interested in supplying shoes for children around the world, contact Donnie Brown in Wayland's office of church and denominational relations at brown@wbu.edu or by phone at 806-291-1168.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

God Is Merciful

Jeremiah wrote, "Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved." —Jeremiah 17:14 (NIV)

In the winter of 2016, the doctor gave the results to my wife and me: the lesions in my bones indicated multiple myeloma. Yet, no fear came over me. Instead, I was filled with the certainty that I was in God's hands and that God had a plan. For the 40 years of my Christian life, I had lived by these words from the Bible: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight" (Prov. 3:5-6, NIV). This was the time I would need those verses the most.

After two stem-cell transplants in six months, I was in remission and facing eight months of chemotherapy maintenance. Through

this battle, God has done amazing things — including reaching people around the world online through two blogs which I update daily, and 1000 poems and songs. My body is strong and getting stronger. God has been very merciful to me.

When facing trials that we do not understand, we can lean on a God who understands, whom we can trust in everything that comes our way. We can acknowledge God's power and strength through the good things and the bad. Our merciful God can walk us through anything. —Peter T. Gardner (Iowa, USA)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear God, help us always to see your mercy that surrounds us each day. When we are afraid, help us to lean on you and trust you to do your work in us. Amen.

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

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
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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
Ludustia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor

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.
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Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Rev. Timothy Askey
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
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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
Priest - Sylvester Dsouza
Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
Sun - 9 a.m. Mass
Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass
Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass

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

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
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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
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Rev. Renato Cruz

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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
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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
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Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
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Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

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Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
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Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Floyd County SWCD announces poster winners

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

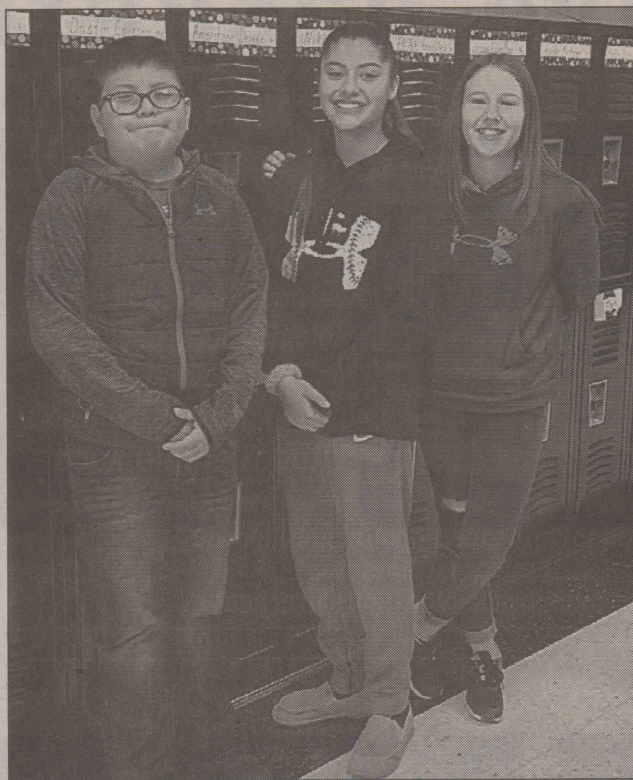
The Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a poster contest for the 6th grade class. This year's theme was "Where Would We Be Without Pollinators?"

The Floyd County SWCD's Board of Directors judged the contest. The 1st place winner was Mekayla Fipps. She was awarded \$50. The 2nd place winner was Alli Hernandez and she was awarded \$35. The 3rd place winner was Aidyn Gonzalez. He was awarded \$25. After announcing the winners all

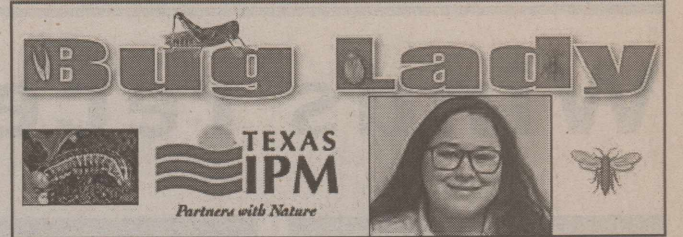
the poster contest participants were treated to a pizza party courtesy of the Floyd County SWCD.

Mekayla and Alli's posters were sent to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts for judging against other SWCD winners in the area.

The Floyd County SWCD Board of Directors would like to thank Mrs. Natalie Snowden, the 6th grade Science and Social Studies teacher for allowing the students the opportunity to participate in the contest.



The Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a poster contest for Floydada's 6th grade class. Winner are left to right: Aidyn Gonzalez, Alli Hernandez, and Mekayla Fipps. (Courtesy Photo)



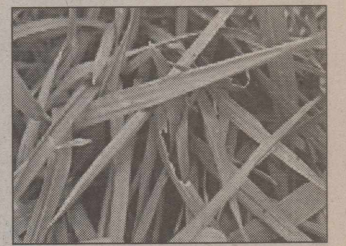
Army Cutworms cause damage

Hello everybody, I had received word earlier this week from the Lubbock Entomology Department about Army Cutworms in Lubbock near new deal in ryegrass and wheat fields.

I found a field between Petersburg and Estacado that had 10 or more Army Cutworms in just 1 sq. ft. varying in larvae size. This insect is highly mobile as an adult. I did notice that the earlier planted wheat I found more cutworms than in the later planted.

The threshold for Army Cutworms is 4-5 larvae per square foot for grain production. If this is just for a cover crop, I would not find much concern, but if for uses such as for grazing cattle you should be checking the fields.

This insect feeds on the

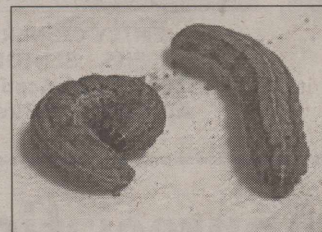


leaves and stems of wheat, ryegrass, alfalfa, and other crops. The worms cause damage by eating leaf tissue, which can be the first sign along with the cutting of the stem of the plants. They can be found by searching in the soil near the base of the plant with damage.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call or email Dagan Teague Integrated Pest Management Agent for Floyd and Crosby Counties.

Dagan Teague (361) 494-7075

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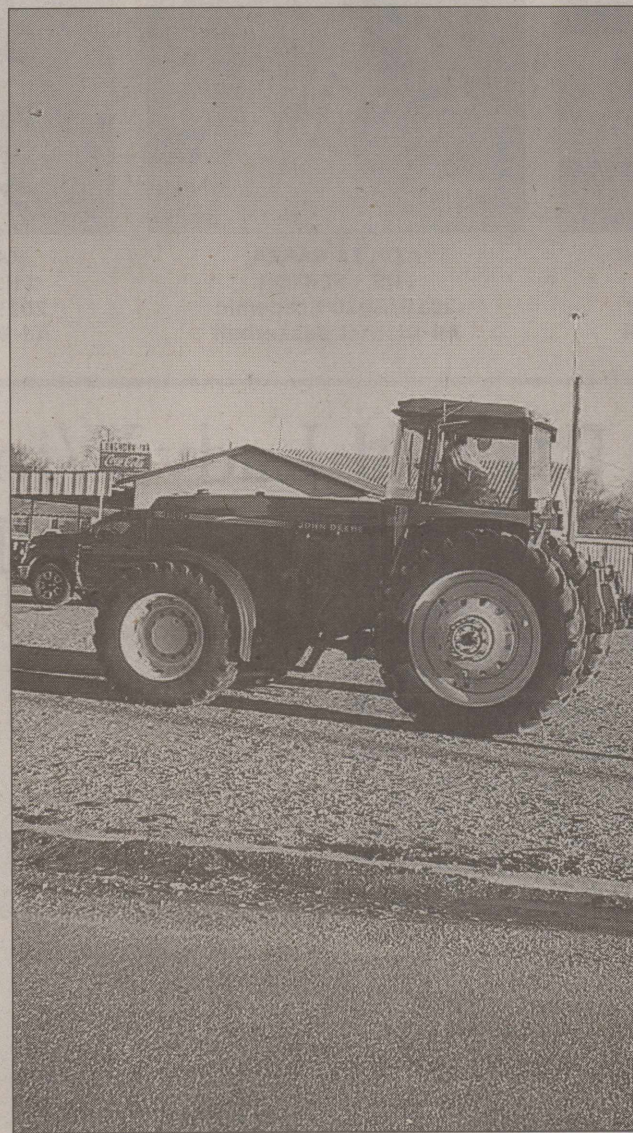
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FFA Week tradition



Lockney FFA student Audrey Rexrode ended FFA week like many other FFA students, by driving her tractor to school on Friday. This has been a long tradition for LHS students. Students look forward to this day every year. This year they were a few tractors short due to the cold weather. The students learned diesel engines are not dependable to start in cold weather. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

4-H Activity Calendar

Project Meeting Dates

- March 5 - Archery Practice
- March 9 - Intermediate Rifle Practice
- March 10 - Photography meeting in the ArgiLife office
- March 10 - Junior Rifle Practice
- March 12 - Archery Practice
- March 23 - Intermediate Rifle Practice
- March 23 - Vet Science
- March 24 - Meat Judging at the ArgiLife office
- March 24 - Junior Rifle Practice
- March 26 - Archery Practice
- March 30 - Intermediate Rifle
- March 31 - Junior Rifle Practice

Wildlife Challenge

March 7

Competition Dates:

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

Photography Contest

March 27

Horse Judging

April 17 - WTAMU horse arena in Canyon

District 2 Light Rifle Competition

April 18 - Levelland SPC

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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

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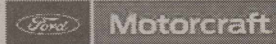
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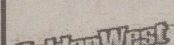
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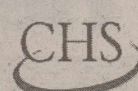
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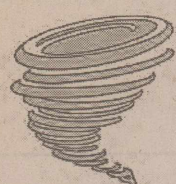
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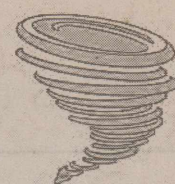


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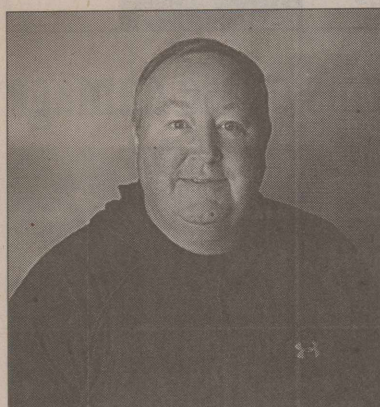


Floydada Whirlwinds



Winds receive basketball honors

Photos Courtesy of Robin's Nest Photography



COACH TOMMY SIMMONS
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Ag Teacher Appreciation Day held Lady Winds fall short against Idalou in home opener



The Floydada High School ag teacher and students are pictured. Shown is left to right: Ag Teacher Alejandra Ramirez, Kaitlyn Vega, Jose Lira, Andrez Suarez, Ruth Ramirez, Ryder Glass, and Myra Garcia. (Courtesy Photo)

By Ruth Ramirez
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA - This past week was FFA week in Texas where all around the state FFA members advocate for agriculture throughout their school.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26 was Ag Teacher Appreciation Day throughout all of Texas.

Agriculture educators are

so important because they provide many opportunities for students to grow and develop their leadership skills. Not only can these skills be used in and out of the classroom, they can be applied to any career they choose.

Alejandra Ramirez is the ag teacher at Floydada High School and has been teaching for four years. Alejandra

graduated from West Texas A&M and has a degree in Agricultural Media and Communications and a degree in Agriculture.

"Teaching is the hardest profession anyone could ever do but it is also the most rewarding," said Ramirez.

Thank you, Mrs. Ramirez for advocating for agriculture through your students!

By Yelena Serrato
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA—In their first home game of the season, the Lady Winds softball team fell to the Lady Wildcats of Idalou 14-0.

The Lady Wildcats pitcher Belle Arguello went 4-for-4 at the plate against the Lady Winds pitching a no-hitter and racking up a total of 11 strikeouts. Three home runs and eight RBI's by Annalyssia Gonzales of Idalou put her team on the board early in the game to clinch a win on the road.

For a team like the Lady Winds, this loss will serve them as a learning experience and guide them into district



Junior pnt last weekend. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)

play. In district, the Lady Winds will face Ralls, Lockney, Hale Center, Crosbyton and Sundown.

Best of luck to the Lady Winds softball team and coaching staff as they prepare for district play.

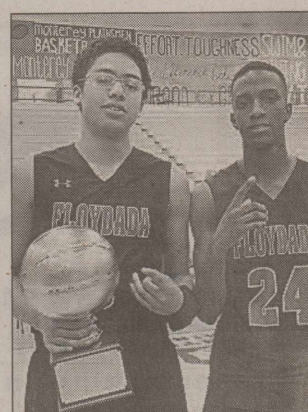
FHS Basketball



Dylan Ramos putting up a strong defense against #1 of Sudan in the bi-district game. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)



Whirlwind Marcus Perez ready to make a play in the bi-district game against Sudan. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)



LaMychal Henderson and Desmond Wickware pose alongside the gold ball after capturing the Bi-District Title again Sudan. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)

Arellano competes at Regionals in Seagraves Powerlifting Meet

By Ruth Ramirez
FHS Correspondent

On March 7th senior San Juanita Arellano will be competing in Seagraves at the Regional Powerlifting meet.

She has been powerlifting since her freshman year and has lots of love for the

sport. This will be her second year competing at the regional powerlifting meet and hopes to advance to state in her weight class of 181 lbs.

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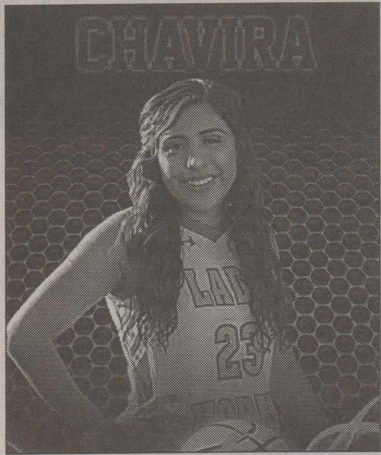
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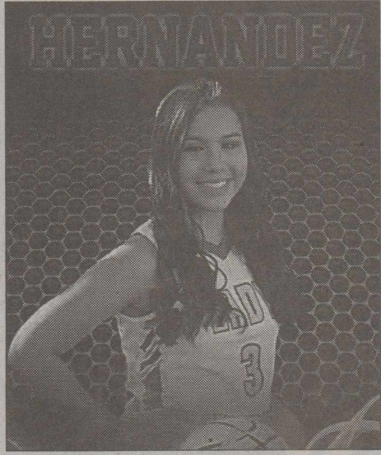
Lockney Longhorns

Lady Horns receive basketball honors

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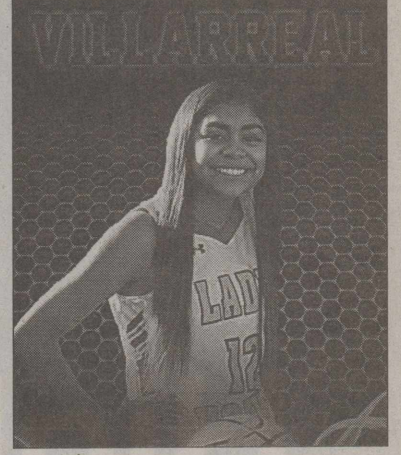
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Lockney Softball Tournament dedication



The Lockney softball tournament dedication was held at the softball field on Friday. The family of the late Jesse L. Garza was on hand to accept the dedication plaque and softball signed by each of the Lockney softball girls. Garza's family from all over the state came out to support his widow. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Lockney Softball



Lockney Softball team took on Tulia in a game on Friday. Hannah Reyes steps up to bat and makes it to first base. Lockney overpowered Tulia with a final score of 9 to 3. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Lockney Powerlifters going to Regional Meet

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

March 14.

According to Coach Pritchard several of the powerlifting boys on the team have made it to regionals.

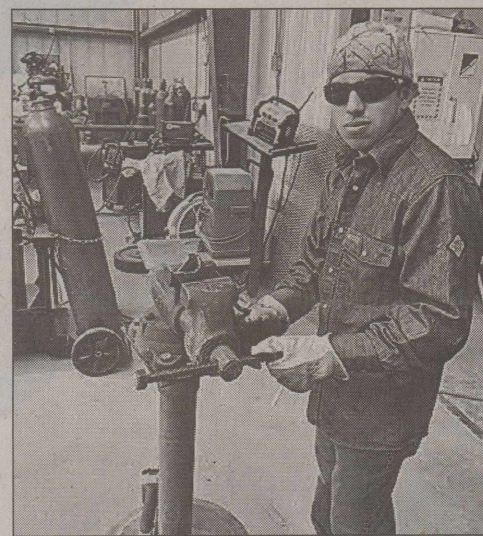
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Miguel Lara is in 5th place in the 275-weight class. Keanu Villarreal is 12th in 198 weight class. Damion Gonzales took 9th in the 114-weight class and Isaiah Reyes placed 4th in the 114-weight class.

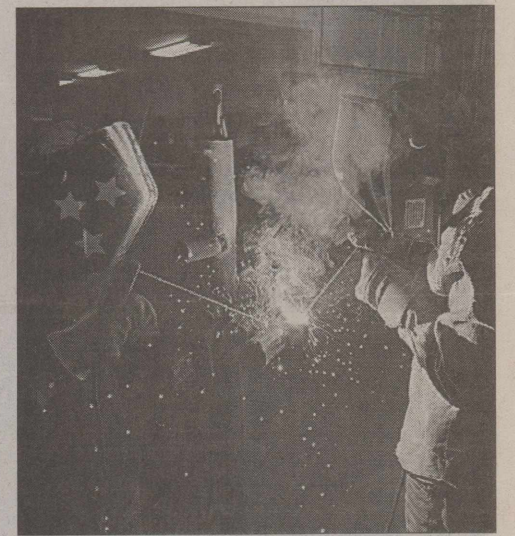
Pritchard said, "We are still waiting on weight declarations which will be final as of Monday at 4 p.m. and anyone can drop out throughout the week."

Congratulations for making it this far and keep up the good work.

Lockney FFA students learn saddle pipe welding



Gunner Arajo is getting ready to grind his cuts so that his pipes have a smooth tight fit before he makes his weld. (Courtesy photo)



Lockney FFA students making the saddle weld after grinding and making it smooth so that it weld will be tight. (Courtesy photo)

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Students in the FFA program took on a new challenge Friday, saddling pipe welding. FFA teacher Vance Lemons said, "This is a good skill to learn. Everyone of my students now have the

knowledge to be able to earn income this summer by welding fence."

The saddle cut is created to produce a T-shaped joint to join the branch pipe to the main pipe. Once the saddle has been cut and properly fitted, the field weld can be made.

Barbed wire can now be

stretched to contain livestock. This is a skill that many farmers and ranchers use every day. Saddle welding can be used to build pipe fencing in feed lots or dairies. This same technique is used to build pole barns.

This type of piping is readily available from the oil fields and is very economical.

Lockney Longhorns vs Vega

Lockney Longhorns took on the Vega Longhorns Tuesday, in Canyon in a Bi-District playoff game. No. 3 Nathan Cenicerros rushes in to give some Longhorn help to his teammate. The Longhorns played hard and the game was neck and neck right up till the end. Vega Longhorns took the win with the final score 62 to 51. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



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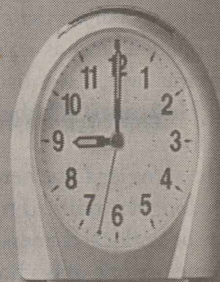
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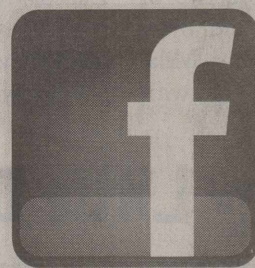
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BROWN

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to keep that garden going. So when I wasn't herding cattle or shining shoes, I was helping my family in our garden or delivering the Grit Newspaper around Lockney," said Brown, who learned his strong work ethics very early in life.

When summer was over and it was time to go back to school, Brown would get the Grit out way before the classroom opened, and as soon as school was over, it was back to work. He'd work till the sun went down.

"One summer I was herding cattle along the railroad tracks for one of our local farmers, and he let me use one of his horses. At the end of that summer he gave me that horse. I was very fond of the horse. I remember that day like it was yesterday. I was so very proud of him, and



Brown started working in a dry cleaner in Tulia right after he graduated from Lockney High. (Courtesy Photo)

ever since, I have loved horses," Brown explained.

After Brown graduated from Lockney High School, he packed up and moved to Tulia. He found employment at a dry cleaner. "I don't recall

the name of the cleaners, but I remember the smell of the steam and fresh clean clothes. I remember the sound the machines made," said Brown.

(Editor's note: First part of a four-part series)

Will 2020 Be The Year The Land Market Tumbles?

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

OMAHA, Neb.— The land market in 2019 continued the plateau trend of the past several years during which the supply of agricultural land for sale on the market remained lower than average and prices for good quality cropland held mostly steady. Looking ahead to next year, will financial stress from lower commodity prices and poor harvests in some regions cause prices to decline?

Farmland sale activity in the first part of 2019 was slower than it had been for some time with late spring and early summer especially void of farms for sale. Planting delays and prevented plantings contributed to the lackluster activity.

"Despite the slower land market, Farmers National Company and its agents saw a 25 percent increase in acres sold in 2019 from the prior year and the most since 2014. Sellers are seeking the best advice and marketing strategy to sell their land and that is why the amount of land listed for sale at Farmers National is very strong at over \$300 million" said Randy Dickhut, senior vice president of real estate operations.

Land values in 2019 once again bucked the prevailing depressed mood in agriculture to hold steady or even increase slightly in some instances except for the most stressed areas or segments such as dairy. With generally more cautious buyers, some markets saw a move to private treaty listings or bid sales instead of the traditional public land auction.

"The lower supply of land for sale had much to do with land prices being mostly steady as did having adequate demand for quality cropland. Lower quality farmland had less demand and in many cases was harder to sell. Investor interest in cropland increased

somewhat in 2019 with several new entities entering the market and also from an increase in purchasing activity by existing institutional investors," said Dickhut.

Several other factors had a favorable effect on farmland values in 2019. Interest rates remained historically low and moved even lower during the year when at one time, most thought rates would work higher. The other significant factor supporting land values and buyer demand, especially by farmers, was the amount of government support for production agriculture. One third of agriculture's 2019 net farm income came from government provided sources including crop insurance, the Market Facilitation Program, and various other conservation and program funding.

In 2019, the ag industry endured floods, planting frustrations, trade uncertainty and struggling commodity prices. Financial conditions for some producers degenerated, but agriculture overall remains in better shape than expected due to support payments and the fact that land values remain historically strong. The land market weathered many storms in 2019 just like U.S. agriculture as both balanced precipitously on the plateau of the past five years.

So will 2020 be the year that the land market breaks out of its plateau?

"There are a number of factors that indicate that the land market will continue to be steady in 2020," said Dickhut. "Interest rates are low and are poised to remain so during the foreseeable future and government support through MFP payments will likely continue if Chinese trade issues are not fully resolved. Overall, agriculture is in adequate financial shape, but there are individual and regional concerns."

There are also factors that could have a more depressing influence on farmland values in 2020, Farmers National reported. In addition to on-going trade disruptions, there is the concern if there will be an increase in financially caused sales of land by producers. Buyer demand for good cropland has been adequate for the supply and this would have to remain so in order for land values to continue on their plateau.

"Land sale activity across the Southern Plains has been quite varied and dependent on location, quality and use," said Paul Schadegg, area sales manager for Farmers National Company. "In general, good quality continues to sell while lower quality land struggles."

Texas timber land and ranches are in demand from buyers and are holding or increasing in price. In Oklahoma, Schadegg said that Farmers National has held a number of "good auctions selling both cropland and grass."

Looking ahead into the coming year, attention turns to what is going to impact the farm economy and the land market and whether or not the current lower commodity prices will be the new normal. Financial stress has increased for some individual farm operators, but overall financial conditions in agriculture are adequate.

With the current land market sitting on a plateau for the past several years, landowners are asking questions about what to do if they are thinking of selling their farm

"We are getting sellers calling Farmers National looking for good advice about the land market and for the best marketing and sales strategy to get their land sold. These landowners want someone they can trust to sell their farm," Schadegg said.

CHAMPS

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Senior Garrett Hobbs at the free throw line for Floydada at the Bi-District game in Lubbock last Tuesday, Feb. 24. (Photo by Yelena Serrato)

from the half the Elks were able to tie the game at 46 to enter the final quarter of the game. Wickware later drilled a 3 to make it a 58-53 cushion, which was extended to eight points after Marcus Perez sank a jumper and Henderson hit a pair of free throws.

With 3:11 remaining on the clock, Stratford went to the line nine times which marked the end of the game for both Crone and Henderson who fouled out. Luckily, the Elks only made two of those foul shots and drew a foul sending senior Mike DelaFuente to the line with

only 16:1 left on the clock. DelaFuente, who stepped up after Henderson checked out the game, sank a key free throw giving Floydada a three-point advantage over Stratford.

A clutch free throw by junior Desmond Wickware put the Winds ahead of the Elks in the final seconds of the game to bring home the gold ball.

"The season has been fun and I am excited to continue advancing," said Coach Zepeda. "For this Floydada team, they are more than a team, they are family."

Whirlwind fans have long

anticipated this success in the playoffs. These young men are living their dreams and taking advantage of this once in a life time opportunity by playing through the adversity and as a brotherhood. This season has not only brought together the players but has brought in the support of the community who eagerly awaits celebrating more victories alongside the Whirlwinds.

"Moving onto the next round just gets better and better each night," said junior Quincy Gonzalez. "Our performance this season has brought life back into our community."

Lockney Little Dribblers



Lockney Little Dribblers played their final game on Saturday. The team in white is on defense, the team in red is on offense. The team in red is trying to pass the ball to take the ball down court to score. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Game Warden Field Notes

Feb. 14, 2020

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement reports.

The Power of Love

After a Falls County Sheriff's Deputy was killed in the line of duty in October 2019, a Falls County game warden began planning a hunting trip to help give members of the Sheriff's Office an outlet to get a break from the tragic event. The warden reached out to a Lampasas County game warden to assist with setting up the hunt. The Lampasas County game warden reached out to local landowners and businesses and found a venue and accommodations for the hunt. In late January, Falls County deputies, the father of the fallen deputy and the Fall County game warden traveled to a ranch in Lampasas for the hunt. A local deer processing business also donated rib eye steaks for all the guests. Nine deer were taken during the successful hunt.

A Hunk, a Hunk of Burning Love

In December 2017, a Wise County game warden received a call about a boat on fire near a rural road away from any lakes. Once firefighters extinguished the fire, the wardens were able to piece together what was left of the Hull Identification Number and found out the owner was an individual from Kaufman County. The warden con-

tacted to boat owner to confirm the boat was theirs but was met with hostility. The next day, the warden contacted the insurance company and learned that the claim had already been flagged as suspicious. In the early stages of the investigation, firefighters and a Palo Pinto County investigator believed the fire was intentionally set with the aid of an accelerant. The warden was able to pull the security footage from several gas stations along IH-20 and found an SUV pulling a bass boat about 20 minutes before the fire was reported. In the following days, the warden was able to find a possible suspect after multiple interviews and collaborations with the insurance company's Fraud Investigative Unit. The warden was then assisted by a game warden captain who drove by the suspect's residence in an unmarked vehicle. They confirmed that the SUV was there and was the same vehicle in the security footage. Wardens then contacted the suspect and after a lengthy conversation, they admitted to setting the boat on fire to help his friend collect insurance money. The suspect was promised \$5,000 to make it look like the boat was stolen and then set on fire. The insurance fraud unit conducted several sworn depositions with the boat owner, but they never admitted to knowing anything about how the boat ended up where it did. Later, wardens met with the boat

owner in January 2019 and received a full confession about his part in the case. The owner had purchased the boat for \$38,500 and had it insured for \$60,000. Charges were filed for 2nd degree felony arson on both individuals for their part and they received grand jury indictments in early 2020. In early 2020, both individuals pled guilty to arson and received 10 years deferred adjudication and a \$2,500 fine.

Heartbreaker

Kerr County game wardens recently completed an investigation into a commercial hunting operation at a Managed Lands Deer Program ranch where hunters from five different states were filed for hunting without a license going back to December 2017. The non-resident landowner was also filed on. A total of seven exotics and 12 whitetail bucks were seized in the investigation. The whitetail bucks scored between 113" and 249" on the Boone and Crockett Club scoring system, with several in the 190-220" range. Wardens located the right contacts, and game wardens with the Connecticut Environmental Conservation Police, Rhode Island Environmental Police, and the Massachusetts Environmental Police assisted with seizing the illegally taken animals and shipping them back to Texas. Wildlife Division biologists assisted with scoring the whitetail for restitution.

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