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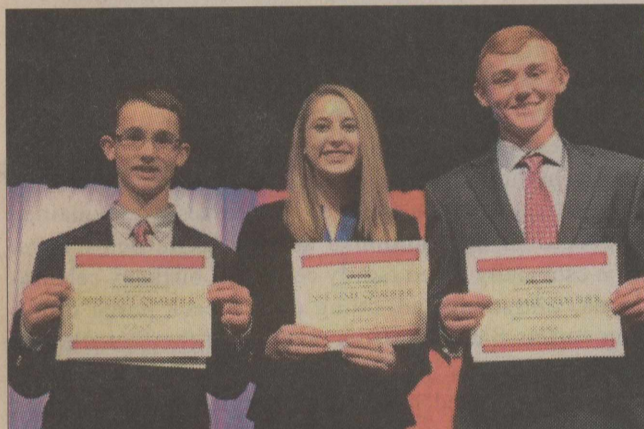
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Twenty Floydada High School BPA Students Advance to State



Courtesy photo

Floydada High School students competed at district BPA event at Frenship. Shown are Kaylee Morren, Alfonso Mendoza, Brooke Galvan, Selena Espiniza, Macee Brotherton, Karley Weems, Rachel Hernandez, Kortney Campbell, Melissa Aripze, Alyson Perez, Alex Glass, Valerie Esponiza, Kyi Baker, Bethy Morales, Remington Ricketts, Keenan Nixon, Kirby Nixon, Casey Cage, Destiny Cabello, Alejandro Pinon, Reagan Hughes, Brayden Campbell, Liz Morales, McKenna Johnson.



Courtesy photo

The BPA video production team of Keenan Nixon, Kortney Campbell and Kirby Nixon won first place at the district competition at Frenship High School Saturday and advanced to the state contest in Dallas March 5-7.

Twenty Floydada high school students qualified for the Business Professionals of America state competition in Saturday's district meeting at Frenship High School. The state convention will be in Dallas March 4-7.

Business Professionals of America is the leading CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, of-

ice administration, information technology and other related career fields.

BPA has 43,000 members in over 2,300 chapters in 23 states. BPA is a co-curricular organization that supports business and information technology educators by offering co-curricular exercises based on national standards.

Last year Floydada's video production team won the national competition in In-

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Towery inducted into Hall of Fame



Allison Perk for The Hesperian-Beacon

Former Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, left, presented Alice Towery Gilroy, center, with an award for her father, Ken Towery, who was inducted into the Texas Press Hall of Fame. Alice's husband Lennie is seen right.

By Chris Blackburn
The Hesperian-Beacon

GALVESTON — Former Hesperian-Beacon owner and Pulitzer Prize winner Ken Towery was inducted into the Texas Press Hall of Fame over the weekend.

Alice Gilroy Towery was present to receive the award on behalf of Towery, 94, who was at home in Austin.

The induction ceremony was conducted during the Texas Press 2015 Midwinter Conference and Trade Show at Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston.

Austin-based Texas Newspaper Foundation created the hall of fame in 2006 to induct annually up to four individu-

als credited with outstanding achievements and contributions to the newspaper industry and to their communities. The first four inductees — Roy Eaton, Alfred H. Belo, James Roberts and Staley McBrayer — were named to the hall of fame in January 2007.

"A reporter and managing editor of the Cuero Daily Record from 1951 through 1956, Roland Kenneth "Ken" Towery received a Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting in 1955 for his series exposing the Texas Veterans Land Board scandal," the Hall of Fame program read. "The series brought to light a multi-tentacled scheme that led to the indictment, conviction and sentencing of long-serving

Land Commissioner James Bascom Giles for conspiracy to commit theft.

"Today, a collection of Towery's newspapers and clippings remind Texas General Land Office visitors of the importance of public oversight. The collection has been on display at the land office since 2003. Towery's diligence in obtaining independent confirmation of critical facts and care in assembling each story in the series are evident.

"Towery, a U.S. Army artilleryman stationed on Corregidor in 1942, was wounded in action, taken prisoner by the Japanese Army and transported to a prison camp in Manchuria. It was there that

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Annual Caprock Corp Production Conference Held in Muncy

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY — Presenters and vendors provided over 100 producers up-to-date information on a variety of topics at the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference on Jan. 21. The Conference was sponsored by Floyd and Crosby County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Offices and Plains Cotton Growers. Total attendance including producers, vendors and speakers was 147 according to Floyd County Ag Agent Cristen Brooks.

The conference is a producer-generated educational program that is developed by the Ag Committees of Crosby and Floyd Counties. The conference provides producers to opportunity to obtain seven Continuing Education Units (CEU) including four general, one integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and one drift minimization. Attendees could also receive nine Texas Certified Crop

Advisor Units including one soil and water management, three pest management, two crop management and three professional development.

Speakers for the Conference's morning session, moderated by Crosby County Ag Agent, Caitlin Jackson, included Dr. Mark Kelley, Texas A&M AgriLife Cotton Agronomist, speaking on Cotton Variety Tests, Dan Gregory, New York Life Insurance, speaking on Tax Strategies and Financial

Planning, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agronomist, speaking on Grain Sorghum, Brian Witt, Texas Department of Public Safety, speaking on Laws for Farm Equipment on Public Roadways and Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers, speaking on STAX and SCO Crop Insurance Options.

Speakers for the Conference's afternoon session, moderated by Floyd County Ag Agent, Cristen Brooks,



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agronomist discusses grain sorghum with attendees at the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference held Jan. 21 at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy. Over 100 producers heard presentations from 10 different speakers about various aspects of farming.



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd and Crosby County agriculture producers had the opportunity to visit with various vendors at the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference held on Jan. 21 at the Floyd County Unity Center. Over 147 producers, speakers and vendors attended the Conference which was sponsored by Crosby and Floyd County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in conjunction their local Ag Committees and Plains Cotton Growers.

included Jacob Reed, BASF, speaking on Drift Minimization, Dr. Peter Dotray, Texas A&M AgriLife Weed Specialist, speaking on Weed Management and New Technology, Jason Woodward, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Plant Pathologist, speaking on Seedling Disease, Jason Coleman, High Plains Underground Water District, speaking on Dis-

trict Rules and Steven Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture Field Inspector, speaking on TDA Laws and Regulations.

Vista Bank provide two Apple iPad 2 for the grand door prize while vendors provided additional door prizes. Panhandle-Plains Land Bank furnished donuts for the morning breaks. A barbeque

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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 fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB

Whirlwind Fans, Booster Club meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Floydada High School Library. The Booster Club is going to start lining up help for two track meets March 5 and March 6. The Booster Club needs every parent to please make plans to attend.

FLOYDADA BASKETBALL GAMES

The Floydada Whirlwinds and Lady Winds will travel to Olton on Friday, Oct. 30th.

LOCKNEY BASKETBALL GAMES

The Lockney Longhorns and Lady Horns will play host to New Deal on Friday, Oct. 30th.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

City Park church of Christ in Floydada will be hosting its annual Gospel Meeting, Feb. 1-4. This year's speaker is Brian Garnett. The topic this year is The Compelling Power of the Cross.

HARRINGTON BREAST CENTER MOBILE

The date for the Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach to be in Lockney has been RESCHEDULED! It will be at the Mangold Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to provide women 35 years and older with their yearly mammograms. To schedule an appointment or for more info, please call 1-800-377-4673.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Nativity scenes from the collection of Carolyn Cunningham will be on display at the Floyd County Historical Museum throughout the month of January. Museum hours are Monday - Friday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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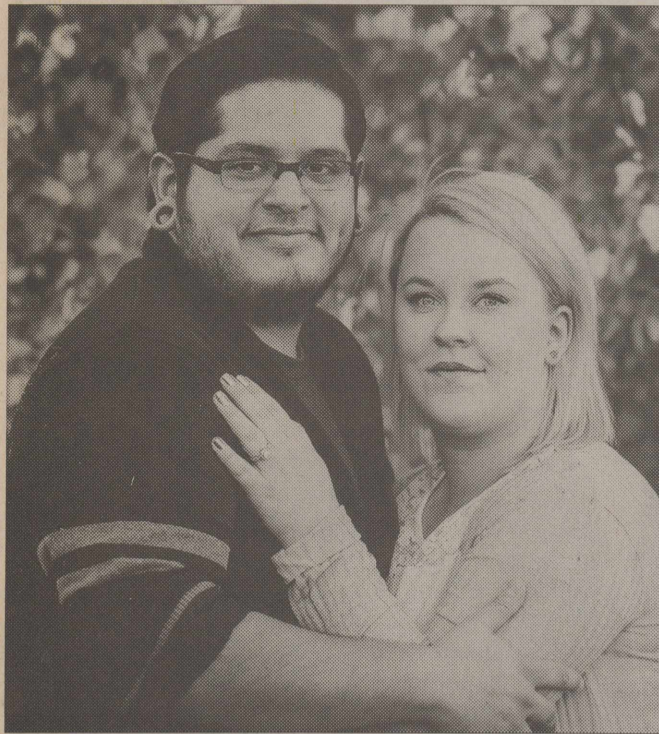
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SOCIETY

Hicks and Sanchez to marry



LIBBY KAY HICKS AND ANDREW SANCHEZ

Skipper and Melissa Hicks together with Israel and Dianna Sanchez are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Libby Kay Hicks to Andrew Sanchez.

The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Floydada High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May with her Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis in painting. She plans on continuing her education to receive her Masters in Fine Arts. Libby is employed at Painting With a Twist.

The prospective bride-groom is a 2006 graduate of Floydada High School. Andy served a tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his service in the Army he received a degree from Redstone College in Advanced Electronics Technology. He is employed as field technician for Exelis Inc. and is also attending Texas Tech University.

The couple will be united in marriage on June 20, 2015 at St. Paul's Chapel in Lubbock.

Museum Archives Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

by Viola Rowell

THE ROWELL FAMILY

Henry Thomas Rowell was born in Vance, Texas, November 6, 1915. His father was Thomas Elzy Rowell. He married Lillie Viola Lawson. Her father was Elias Morgan Lawson, born July 24, 1882 and her mother was Emma Bell Reed, born June 2, 1891. Emma's parents were Thomas Zebbedee Reed and Dollie Viola Rigdon. Zeb and Dollie were married in July, 1890. They came to this part of the country from Bell County in 1892. They settled in the Whitfield Community in Swisher County, first living in a dugout. One scary incident was told of the time he and his little daughter, Emma, were rounding up cattle and the horse he was riding ran into a fence cutting his right leg badly. He lay for weeks in the dugout with salts water dripping on the wound. He carried a limp from this wound for the rest of his life. They moved to this part in a wagon pulled by oxen and made a return trip to Bell County in the same manner in 1893 to move her family, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Rigdon to Lockney.

Dollie and Zeb moved into Lockney in 1907 where they resided at the time of their deaths. During the years spent in Lockney, Zeb was mayor of the town for several years, county commissioner, Sunday School teacher and pioneer Baptist Preacher for fifty years, director and vice president of the First National Bank of Lockney and at the time of the stroke, he was justice of peace. Their church work was a great joy to them. Both were members of the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Emma attended school at the Christian College in Lockney. On February 2, 1908 she married Elias Morgan Lawson, who came from Bell County to Spearman, Texas on horseback in 1898. They lived north of Petersburg where he ran a mail route until moving to a farm in the Lone Star Community in 1910. They bought their first car in 1916 which was a seven passenger Studebaker.

To this union were born three children; Reed Elias, November 7, 1913; Lillie Viola, October 9, 1918;

and Eugene Greer (Billy Jack) December 29, 1923. The farm was worked with horses and mules for many years before tractors were used. Milking cows, running separators, selling cream and eggs was the means for buying groceries in those days. Canning vegetables and fruit and killing and curing hogs were the source of meat. The three children walked to Holt School most of the time. Once in a

while they rode a horse. They made it through the Depression of the 30's with a lot of good and some bad memories.

One of the worst memories was when Emma was seriously ill and had to be in the hospital in Temple, Texas for surgery. At that time Temple seemed so very far away and they could not go to see her. She was home after several weeks and made a steady recovery.

Reed and Billy attended school at Lone Star, also. Later all three attended Lockney High School and Billy attended Silverton.

Reed married Maudie Renick, December 11, 1937. Billy married Marie Williams October 9, 1943, and Viola and Henry were married December 21, 1938 at Grandad Reed's home in Lockney; Rev. A. L. Shaw was the minister who performed the ceremony and later baptized Henry in 1939. There were two children born to this union; Lahoma Florence, March 14, 1940 and Lawson Reed, January 27, 1942.

Henry and Viola lived in the Lone Star Community until they moved west of Plainview in 1940. To milk one cow by hand was not bad, three or four was worse, but 25 or 30-this was something else. Henry's day started around three in the morning. The pay was good for 1940 so he stayed there as long as his hands could milk, then working on a farm until 1945 when they moved to Grandad Reed's farm north of Sterley. In 1948 they moved into Lockney, building a house on East Bryant Street

In 1949, the year polio was raging, Lawson was one who had the dread disease. He was in the hospital at Plainview for several weeks. As he was getting better there was no room for more patients so he was told he could go home if his parents would bring him back every day for therapy treatment. There were two long rooms with beds on both sides, baby beds and everything was full.

Henry did carpenter work until going back to farm the place they now own and farm in the Sterley Community. In 1960 they opened the Sterley Grocery at Sterley and Viola was postmaster for the Sterley Branch. They closed the store and moved into Lockney in 1969. In 1976 they bought the former Lockney Variety Store of which Lawson is manager. They and Lawson are members of the First Baptist Church. Lawson teaches a Sunday School Class and is a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Lahoma married Ira S. Clower, March 14, 1958. Ira is manager of Cooperative Gin at Cotton Center, Texas. To this union were born five children, Iroma Christine, Victor Keith, Ramona Renee, Naomia Denice and Kimberly Paige. Iroma married Morris Applewhite, August 12, 1977.

1956 Study Club

By Virginia Stringer

The 1956 Study Club met on January 13 in the home of Jan Willson, who let the invocation.

To answer roll call, members told what they absolutely could not leave behind when taking a trip.

President Anne Carthel introduced special guest, Pat Thornton of Travel World. Mrs. Thornton gave members interesting and informative travel tips including how to pack efficiently

and how to guard against theft.

Members were served a delicious meal of lasagna, salad and bread sticks followed by chocolate lasagna and no-bake cheese cake.

Anne called the meeting to order. She announced that the February meeting will be held in the home of Judy Schacht, with Linda Harbin as co-hostess. A program on India will be given by Jim Covington.

Birthdays and anniversaries for the month of January were

announced. JenniSu Smith handed out a "Stress Relief" card to each member to place where she could see it each day.

The meeting was adjourned with Dana Crossland leading the Collect.

Members present were Sheryl Back, Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Anne Carthel, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Linda Harbin, Charline Hendrix, Janice Julian, Judy Schacht, Susan Simpson, JenniSu Smith, Kay Dean Smith and Jan Willson.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Floydada School Board Members recognized at regular January meeting



Courtesy photo

January is school board month, and at the January meeting of the Floydada school board, superintendent Gilbert Trevino recognized the school board for its service. Pictured here are Kay Brotherton, Beverly Collins, and Gracie Diaz. Back row: Roger Hughes, Lyle Miller, Dr. William Dean, and Eric Smith.

Texans benefit every day from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by a group of more than 7,300 men and women in communities across the state. These local volunteers are elected by their constituents and receive no compensation for their work as public servants. These men and women are the school board members of Texas. January is School Board Recognition Month and Floydada ISD took the opportunity to thank these local leaders for devoting time to support public education and serve our local schools.

"It's more important than ever that the public shows support for public education. Board members face critical

challenges in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand strong and guard against anything that takes away from our children and undermines our public schools," said Gilbert Trevino, Floydada ISD Superintendent.

"Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students. In these challenging times, they face difficult choices and

shoulder critical responsibilities. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," Trevino said.

The board was honored at the regular January Board Meeting with a meal and many other activities that show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

The board members serving Floydada ISD are Lyle Miller, Eric Smith, Dr. William Dean, Roger Hughes, Kay Brotherton, and Beverly Collins.

A special appreciation went out to Marty Lucke who had been on the school board for a number of years. Marty recently resigned his position to pursue other interests.

Floydada Varsity Basketball Round-up

BOYS

Date	Opponent (*=District)	Results	Score	Record (Overall/Dist)
11-25	Childress	72-53	L	0-1
12-1	@ Idalou	78-30	L	0-2
12-4	Nazareth	41-33	L	0-3
12-12	Anton	58-47	W	1-3
12-13	Tahoka	56-54	W	2-3
12-16	Farwell	65-58	L	2-4
12-19	@ Ralls *			
1-2	@ Hale Center *	37-35	L	2-5 / 0-1
1-6	Olton *	62-59	W	3-5 / 1-1
1-9	@ Lockney *	63-53	L	3-6 / 1-2
1-13	Abernathy *	61-50	W	4-6 / 2-2
1-16	@ New Deal *	72-64	L	4-7 / 2-3
1-20	@ All Saints Episcopal School	67-45	L	4-8 / 2-3
1-23	@ Ralls *	50-40	W	5-8 / 3-3
1-27	Hale Center *			
1-30	@ Olton *			
2-3	Lockney *			
2-6	@ Abernathy *			
2-10	New Deal *			

Floydada Varsity Basketball Round-up

GIRLS

Date	Opponent	Results	Score	Record (Overall/Dist)
11-11	Dimmitt	L	71-33	0-1
11-21	Petersburg	L	48-36	0-2
11-25	Childress	L	49-45	0-3
12-12	Anton	L	59-30	0-4
12-12	Kingdom Prep Academy	W	44-15	1-4
12-12	Lubbock Home School	L	69-17	1-5
12-19	Ralls *			
12-30	Hico	L	71-35	1-6
1-2	@ Hale Center *	L	51-37	1-7 / 0-1
1-6	Olton *	L	52-21	1-8 / 0-2
1-9	@ Lockney *	W	47-43	2-8 / 1-2
1-13	Abernathy *	L	80-40	2-9 / 1-3
1-16	@ New Deal *	L	43-33	2-10 / 1-4
1-23	@ Ralls *	L	41-35	2-11 / 1-5
1-27	Hale Center *			
1-30	@ Olton *			
2-3	Lockney *			
2-6	@ Abernathy *			
2-7	Highland Park			
2-10	New Deal *			

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Floydada High School 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL

12th Grade:

Aimee Chavarria, Lindsey Deleon, Esmeralda Garza, Kimberly Pacheco

11th Grade:

Melissa Arizpe, Allison Cisneros, Kirby Nixon, Alyson Perez, Dakota Whalen

10th Grade:

Macee Brotherton, Brooke Galvan, Alfonzo Mendoza, Kaylee Morren

9th Grade:

Donald Gibbens, Alex Glass, Rachel Graham, Alejandro Pinon, Adolfo Trevino

"AB" HONOR ROLL

12th Grade:

Aaron Chavarria, Annette Pena, Bethany Morales, Chelsea Byrd, Deandre McCann, Desiree Guerra, Erika Sanchez, Joseph Rosa, Josh Chavarria, Kimberly Delgado, Alex Galvan, Marcos Olvera, Sadie Mathis, Valerie Reyes

11th Grade:

Andrew Chavarria, Angel Lorenzo, Angela Longoria, Audrey Almaguer Coronado, Delaney Lucke, Destiny Cabello, Emmily Britt, Jordan Moore, Reagon Hughes, Roxi Chavarria, Thalia Villa

10th Grade:

Aylin Chavarria, Jade Deochoa, Selena Espinoza, Valerie Espinoza, Delylah Henry, Kailee Jackson, Mark McGowen, Grant Potts, Chassidy Sanchez, Karley Weems, Makenzie Ramos

9th Grade:

Nathan Asiatico, Jaiden Blakey, Kortney Campbell, Cassandra Cervera, Daniel Cervera, Jacob Chavarria, Jasmine Cuba, Christopher Emert, Catharine Kemp, Danielle Maldonado, Destiny Marmolejo, Ruben Marmolejo, Arnoldo Martinez, Robert Nixon, Brittany Pena, Dusty Prisk, Rosendo Reyna, Ricketts Remington, Kimberly Rios, Alex Sanchez

Floydada Jr. High 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL

8th Grade:

Allison Orr

7th Grade:

Emily Cisneros, Azalea Garza, Payton Teeple

"AB HONOR ROLL"

8th Grade:

Angel Cervera, Gabriel Delafente, Allison Munoz, Javier Olvera, Kylie Ricketts, Cutter Smith, Monty Stambaugh, George Torres

7th Grade:

Patricio Delafuente, Eric Johnston, Izel Martinez Pacheco, Devan Perez, Robert Rodriguez, Yelena Serrato, Miguel Suarez

LOCKNEY SCHOOL

All-Region Concert



Courtesy photo

More than 20 students from Lockney and Floydada middle school and high school bands were selected for All-Region band. These honored students performed Saturday at the Civic Center in Lubbock. Shown here are the middle school students from across the area performing in the All-Region band.

SPC releases Texas Concealed Handgun, NRA spring schedule

LEVELLAND – South Plains College's Division of Continuing and Distance Education recently released its Texas Concealed Handgun and NRA Spring 2015 Schedule.

Texas Concealed Handgun License class will be start at 8 a.m. on Feb. 7 in Room 115 of the Law Enforcement building. The cost is \$70. Other class dates are March 7, April 11 and May 9.

NRA Basic Rifle class is set for 9 a.m. on Feb. 14 (Saturday) and 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 (Sunday) in Room 116 of the Law Enforcement building. The fee is \$75.

NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home and Ad-

vanced Training will be offered at 9 a.m. on Feb. 21 (Saturday) and 2 p.m. on Feb. 22 (Sunday) and Feb. 28 (Saturday) in Room 115 of the Law Enforcement building. The cost is \$125.

NRA Basic Pistol will be offered at 9 a.m. on March 14 (Saturday) and 2 p.m. on March 15 (Sunday) in Room 116 of the Law Enforcement building. The cost is \$75.

NRA Defensive Pistol class is scheduled for March 28 at 9 a.m. in Room 116 of the Law Enforcement building. The fee is \$90.

Refuse to be a Victim will be offered at 2 p.m. on April 12 in Room 116 of the Law Enforcement building. The cost

is \$25 for SPC faculty, staff and students; and \$35 for the general public.

NRA Women on Target will be offered at 9 a.m. on April 18 in Room 116 of the Law Enforcement building. The cost is \$35.

NRA Reloading class will be offered at 9 a.m. on April 25 in Room 116 of the Law Enforcement building. The cost is \$90.

To sign up for the class, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

Lockney Varsity Basketball Round-up

BOYS

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11-18	Paducah	L	49-48	0-1
11-21	@ Claude	L	57-41	0-2
11-24	Hart	W	71-32	1-2
11-25	Bovina	W	78-54	2-2
12-2	Roosevelt	W	72-44	3-2
12-4	Haskell	W	50-30	4-2
12-5	Knox City	W	50-46	5-2
12-6	Anson	W	59-49	6-2
12-9	Spur	W	78-35	7-2
12-12	Plainview Christian	W	74-25	8-2
12-16	Morton	W	68-50	9-2
12-19	@ Sanford Fritch	W	61-42	10-2
1-2	Abernathy *	L	52-51	10-3 / 0-1
1-6	@ New Deal *	W	66-60	11-3 / 1-1
1-9	Floydada *	W	63-53	12-3 / 2-1
1-13	@ Ralls *	W	67-41	13-3 / 3-1
1-16	Hale Center *	W	53-45	14-3 / 4-1
1-20	Olton *	W	50-49	15-3 / 5-1
1-23	Smyer	L	76-59	15-4 / 5-2
1-27	@ Abernathy *			
1-30	New Deal *			
2-3	@ Floydada *			
2-6	Ralls *			
2-10	@ Hale Center *			
2-13	@ Olton *			
2-17	@ Smyer			

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11-11	Childress	L	50-25	0-1
11-15	@ Roscoe Highland	L	69-20	0-2
11-21	@ Claude	L	57-41	0-3
12-2	Roosevelt	L	72-36	0-4
12-4	Haskell	L	46-21	0-5
12-5	Knox City	W	33-27	1-5
12-6	Anson	L	51-24	1-6
12-16	@ Olton *	L	51-30	1-7 / 0-1
12-19	@ Smyer	L	75-24	1-8 / 0-1
1-2	Abernathy *	L	89-31	1-9 / 0-2
1-6	@ New Deal *	L	59-35	1-10 / 0-3
1-9	Floydada *	L	47-43	1-11 / 0-4
1-13	@ Ralls *	W	33-26	2-11 / 1-4
1-16	Hale Center *	L	51-28	2-12 / 1-5
1-20	Olton *	L	84-32	2-13 / 1-6
1-23	Smyer	L	70-20	2-14 / 1-7
1-27	@ Abernathy *			
1-30	New Deal *			
2-3	@ Floydada *			
2-6	Ralls *			
2-10	@ Hale Center *			

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South Plains College to offer Group Guitar class for adults on Feb. 3

LEVELLAND – South Plains College Department of Continuing Education will offer a Group Guitar Class for adults.

The class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Feb. 3.

The class is open to beginners and students who have experience playing and are looking for something new to learn. The class will cover skills such as learning chords, elements of rhythm gui-

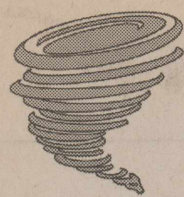
tar, improvisation and of course learning to play songs.

For more information, please contact Brent Wheeler, assistant professor of Commercial Music, at (806) 716-2023.

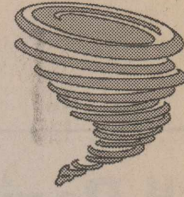
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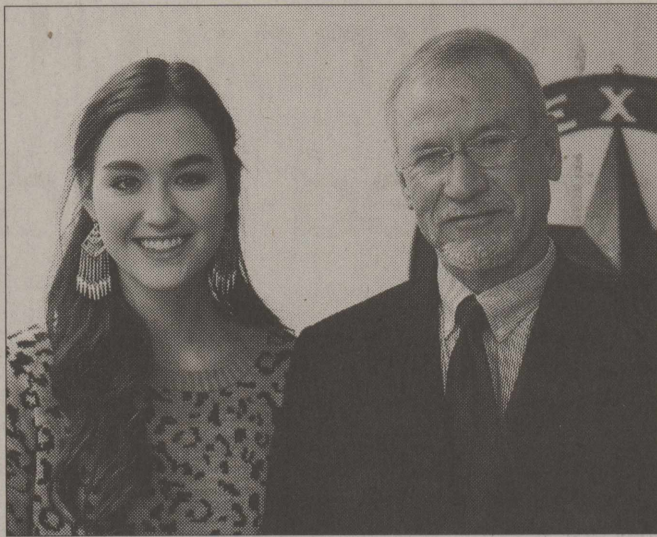
Whirlwind News



Beverly Collins: Fisd Board Trustee

By Roxann Chavarria
Staff Writer

On January 12, I was privileged to attend the Floydada ISD board meeting in downtown Floydada. My idea of a traditional board meeting was that it would typically be about school performances (such as grades), sports, and disciplinary issues. However, I quickly learned that they handle much more complex things, such as finances, that go into the running of our schools. Those who are a part of the school board work extremely hard for Fisd. They have to sacrifice much time away from their families and don't receive much pay either. Nonetheless, they do it to ensure that Fisd runs smoothly and we don't have any complications. Soon after the meeting was over, I was able to meet board trustee Beverly Collins. I learned very much about her position with the school board. Collins is one of the seven school board member trustees; she has served on the board for seven months now and is a native of Floydada. Throughout her seven months, Collins says, "there haven't been any changes made to the school board." When she isn't busy with board member responsibilities, Collins is a daycare director at Kids Korner located in downtown Floydada. She enjoys watching sports and also watching her grandkids play during her free time. As a gift of appreciation, Collins and six other hard working school board members each received a cake from Floydada High School and a bagged gift from Floydada Elementary.



Board Appreciation Month: School Board President Lyle Miller

By McKenna Johnson
Senior Editor

Seven board members sit at a large L shaped desk scattered with MacBook Pro laptops and iPhones. Lyle Miller leads the meeting. He first calls it to order and then goes through a list of motions that must be covered before the gathering comes to an end. The meeting runs smoothly as the members lightly discuss each motion at hand. Mr. Miller adjourns the meeting and elaborates on his duties.

The Floydada School Board is made up of seven members who are voted on by the community. It is their duty to make funding and goal decisions for Floydada ISD. Out of those seven, Lyle Miller leads the board as President. Miller was raised in Floydada and attended Floydada High School growing up, giving him first hand experience with the school. As a local farmer, he also understands the community and its teachers and children.

"My responsibility is to serve the students of this school district. On the board, I am presently honored to serve as president but I am just one of seven the seven votes that are needed when the board makes a decision," said Miller regarding his role.

Miller has served on the board for ten years and has witnessed numerous changes during his years of service.

"This year, as a whole, we function much better than we have in the past and have really good, experienced members on the board," said Miller.

When Miller is not farming or working to make the school district more efficient with the board, he spends time with his wife La Tresa, son Titus, and two daughters, Abigail and Sarah Jo.

"When I am not working, I love going to the lake and riding four wheelers on the ranch with my family," said Miller.



Appreciating Gracie Diaz, Board Trustee

By Liz Morales
Staff Writer

January is the month to find a board member and show them that you appreciate their contributions to your local school system. Gracie Diaz, a member of the Board for 11 months, has earned such appreciation. Our board members do many things for our district, and we rely on them to make the best decisions for us (the students, parents, and the community).

"Part of being a board member requires me to serve our district and make decisions based on what is best for our students," said Diaz.

Diaz grew up in Floydada and remains here in residence as she supports out little town. Many of you know her because she is a dental assistant at Cogdell Clinic. She is happy with her family of two, which includes her "hubby" Art Diaz. Her hobbies consist of taking pictures of newborns and toddlers.

"Coming from a big family is always fun because we get to get together every Sunday and just spend time with one another," said Diaz regarding her family.

Although Diaz is busy with her job, hobbies, and family, she still manages to find time to serve on the school board - and does a fantastic job in the process.

This board meeting (January 12th) was the first one I've attended in the past 10 years. Of course, things would have changed since then. Being at the board meeting, it was a different experience than anything else I've ever attended. They talked about our district and where we stand, money-wise. I didn't know they handled so much for our district. After attending the meeting, I'm very thankful for our school board and their service for our district. I know now that it is a lot of hard work and takes ultimate dedication to serve as a board member.



The School Board's Newest Trustee: Eric Smith

By Kim Pacheco
Staff Writer

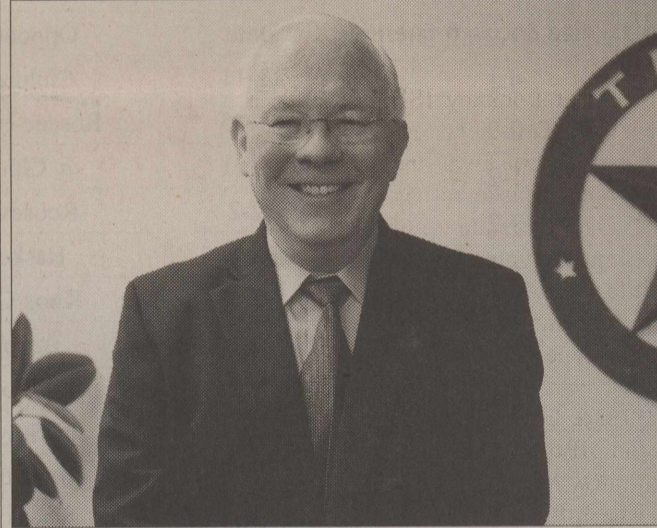
In each school year, new teachers enter and become involved in hard work towards improving the educations of students. However, teachers and administrators are not the only newcomers to our school system; the Floydada Independent School Board welcomes Eric Smith as a trustee.

For the month of January - across the nation and worldwide - it is board member appreciation month. School board members are recognized for their profession and efforts in improving and supporting our school system. The decisions and actions of the assembled board members affects the lives of students and faculty in the present and the future. The board is comprised of people who volunteer to manage an enormous job: presiding over the school district, receiving little pay in return.

Mr. Eric Smith was recently elected to be part of the Floydada ISD School Board. As a beginner, Mr. Smith's role as a Board Trustee has him in the position of making sure that all decisions are in the best interest of the district.

"It's a pleasant honor to be working with extraordinary people who work to make a difference in campuses," said Smith.

Smith graduated from Floydada High School in the year of 1994 after he attended Texas Tech. When he is not working with the school board his occupation takes place as a rancher and as a farmer. His wife is Leigh Smith, a hair stylist, and his two sons are Ethan (13) and Logan (7). Aside from work, he enjoys spending time with his family. Gifts and a delicious dinner were some of the ways that the high school thanked the school board members. Homemade cakes along with thank you notes by the Jr. High students and gifts by A. B. Duncan were other ways the board members were appreciated.



Celebrating 17 Years with Dr. William Dean, Fisd Board Trustee

By Bethany Morales
Staff Writer

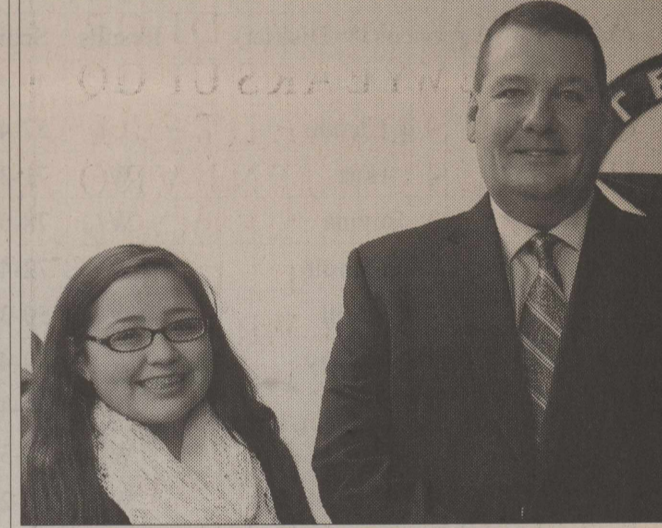
Floydada School District works with each other to benefit everyone like a tree. The leaves and branches represent every school and every student. Leave are colorful and receive the most attention from watchers, but people unknowingly miss the foundation and the ultimate purpose for keeping the tree alive. The trunk and roots are the reason why the tree is alive and strong. The trunk and roots of our school district are the school board, handling things behind the scenes, yet many people neglect to notice the amount of work and changes that are due to the school board. All the financial needs are kept to date by the school board. Dr. William Dean is one of the members of the school board who has been serving for an outstanding seventeen years.

Dr. Dean serves as the Trustee from Precinct 2. During his tenure on the board, he has been a part of the remodeling and the building of the new facility at A.B. Duncan. He was also one of the school board members who implemented a district wide computer network using a one-to-one system, giving every student and teacher an Apple laptop computer. These programs have really made a positive mark on Floydada ISD.

"Fisd's successful programs has served as a role model for districts across the state and nation as others begin their utilization of computers in the classroom," said Dean.

Aside from being a school board member, Dr. Dean, of Anson, Texas, graduated from McMurry University with a major in chemistry and a minor in biology. After attending McMurry, he then graduated from University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston. Dr. Dean has been a general dentist since 1997, including ten years as a foreign missionary, one in France and nine years in West Africa. He then moved to Floydada in 1992 where he married Jo Lynn. Dean has two daughters Angie and Laura and four grandchildren. During Dean's free time he enjoys photography and DIY projects.

We thank you for your many years of serving of the School Board.



Board Member Appreciation: Roger Hughes

By Alyson Perez
Staff Writer

On January 12, my classmates and I were privileged to attend the Fisd board meeting in downtown Floydada. Before attending the meeting, I had always imagined that the board members were these superior people and that their main concerns were the students' performances on state tests and making sure the buses ran smoothly. They do so much more than most would give them credit for.

After attending the board meeting, I found out that their primary responsibility is operating the school and managing the schools finances, in addition to making sure the school fulfills its responsibilities as an educational setting.

As a part of attending the meeting, I was assigned to interview Roger Hughes, vice president of the board. In the role of vice president, if the president is absent, Hughes must step up as chairman and perform other duties that are typically reserved for the president.

"Out of my four years serving, there has not been many changes but I have noticed some improvements and I believe we are heading in a positive direction," said Hughes.

All of the members of the school board play a significant and crucial role in our school district. These prestigious people are everyday citizens that you would run into at the post office or grocery store, and have devoted countless hours of their time for the well being of our school. For instance, most of them have family members and have sacrificed time from them to serve for the school district.

Roger Hughes was born and raised in Turkey, Texas and graduated from Valley High School and to further his education he attended Clarendon College. After attending, he relocated himself to Floydada, Texas and married his wife, Tiffany Hughes, having met her through mutual friends. Now, he is General Manager of Ray Lee Equipment and a father of three: Tara, Reagan, and Brody. Aside from working, he enjoys many leisurely activities, such as spending time with his family, visiting the lake in the summer, and stock shows.

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Longhorn News

All-region band tryouts

By Abel Salazar

On Thursday, January 15, Lockney band members went to Abernathy for the all-region band tryouts. When the students got to Abernathy, they were placed in holding rooms so that they could practice their music before the auditions began. Over 800 students from 40 different school districts went to audition.

Nine students from Lockney made the all-region band. These students include: Jake Moore, Jace Klein, Steven Bazan, Stephen Setliff, Abel Salazar, Mauricio Davila, Nathan Johnson, Camryn Diaz, and Luke Kasner. Also successful was Levi Kasner, who made the Honor band at the auditions.

"It makes me very excited that we had as many students make it as we did; the competition was pretty tough," said Rob Lovett.

The bands performed a concert on Saturday, January 24 in Lubbock. The admission fee of two dollars per person will go towards scholarships for band members.

While in Lubbock preparing for the concert, band members got the opportunity to not only practice their music, but also got a chance to do fun things such as eating out, shopping at the mall, bowling, and even an outing at Main Event.

Lockney UIL Competes at Red Raider Classic

By Emilie Encizo and Trevor Ascencio



On Saturday January 17, 25 Lockney High School students competed at UIL at Texas Tech for the Red Raider Classic. There, they competed with other schools in the district and region. They competed in the small school category, being placed against 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A schools.

"I am excited to have new people joining my teams in preparation for the meet," said UIL coach Ms. Clement.

For the first time in LHS history, the Spelling and Vocabulary team placed 1st. Senior Sarah Belt placed 4th and senior Dixie Williams placed 6th. Also competing on the team was Senior Kennedy Hallmark and Junior Shelby Coats. They have all been practicing hard with their spelling and vocabulary coach, Mrs. Setliff.

"It was a good weekend for the spelling team and we are very excited for the district contest in March," said senior Sarah Belt.

Literary Criticism also did quite well at the Red Raider Classic. They placed 1st overall with senior Darby Long having the top score for 1st place, senior Ashley Roberts was 2nd, and sophomore Lizzie Belt was 5th. Karissa Petty also competed at the meet that day.

"It was really rewarding after putting in all this hard work into Literary Criticism. I'm really excited to see this upcoming year

with the new districts and even more excited to see how far we will go," said senior Darby Long.

The Current Issues and Events team placed 3rd with seniors Isa Rodriguez placed 3rd overall and Brenna Tidwell finishing 4th. Senior Mari Hernandez also competed that day at Tech.

In the writing events, senior Nic Sherman placed 3rd in Feature Writing, Wil Prayor

placed 5th in headline writing, and Sarah Carstensen placed 6th in News Writing.

In Science, Austen Rexrode placed 6th in 9th grade, Seattle Jackson placed 3rd in 10th grade and Tabetha Bigham finished 6th in 10th grade.

"It was fun to feel the work finally paying off, getting questions right instead wrong," said sophomore Seattle Jackson.

In Math, Freddie Bueno placed 5th in 9th grade and Tabetha Bigham placed 8th in 10th grade. Sophomore Blanca Bueno placed 3rd in 10th grade Calculator.

Placing 3rd in 10th grade calculator was an honor for me to achieve, with the right coaching from Mr. Hon I did very well. This is the best I have ever done in my calculator career," said sophomore Blanca Bueno.

The next UIL meet will be Saturday January 31 at O'Donnell.

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Little Dribblers' Practice Their Way to a Win

By Emilie Encizo & Sheridan Keyser

Here at Lockney ISD, we have a few Little Dribblers' teams comprised of elementary boys and girls. Little Dribblers' Basketball is a non-profit organization made up of hundreds of community youth basketball leagues. Little Dribblers' allows younger kids the opportunity to participate in sports and maybe decide to play as they get older.

"I like Little Dribblers', it gets my mind off of things," said sixth grader Matthew Martinez.

The Little Dribblers' teams here in Lockney practice every Wednesday and Thursday after school in the new gym. All of the coaches have been helping their players work on basketball skills to not only improve as a team, but also to hopefully win a few of the games they have in line to play.

"I feel good about coaching Little Dribblers' this year because I like to teach these kids the fundamentals. That way, when they get in junior high they know how to play as a team," said The Cavaliers fifth and sixth grade coach, Gabriel Rodriguez.

The following Little Dribblers' teams are made up of third and fourth grade girls from Lockney: Texas Tech, coached by Misty Adams; Ohio State, coached by Lisa Perez; and UConn, coached by Bryson Jones. Third and fourth grade boys' teams include: Texas, coached by Javier Martinez; Oklahoma, coached by Michael Hernandez; Oklahoma State, coached by Amber Graves; and Texas Tech, coached by Amber Nuncio.

Fifth through sixth grade girls' teams include: The Warriors, coached by Able Rosales; and The Spurs, coached by Michael Hernandez. Fifth



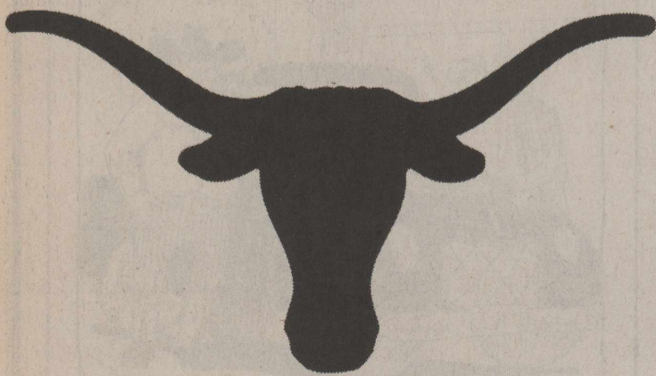
through sixth grade boys teams include: the Bulls, coached by Ronnie Perez; Thunder, coached by Avian Luna and Hector Morales; and The Cavaliers, coached by Gabriel Rodriguez.

"I feel confident in my team this year," said Thunder coach and LHS student, Avian Luna.

All of the Little Dribblers' games

start on January 24th, so come out to support the teams as they put all of the skills they learned into practice in hopes to win a few games.

"The season has just started so it's kind of hard to tell how everything's going to go. We will just continue to practice so that we are able to get better," said Ohio State coach, Lisa Perez.



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Texas Farm Bureau hosts annual meeting in Austin, local TFP reps receive recognition



Young farmers and ranchers from across the state gathered in Austin last week for the Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Leadership Conference. A full day of meetings and activities was capped off with a tour of Whole Foods.

Garrett and Lindsie Mathis

of Floyd and Briscoe Counties Farm Bureau have been selected to represent District 2 on the Texas Young Farmer & Rancher Committee for 2014-2015.

Garrett is currently serving on the board of directors. The YF&R committee is in

charge of planning and hosting contests and activities for the young producers from across the state. The committee also raises money to provide scholarships to many young students and college students who are interested in agriculture.



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Dr. Mark Kelley, Texas A&M AgriLife Cotton Agronomist discusses cotton variety tests from 2014 with attendees at the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference held Jan. 21 at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy. 147 producers, speakers and vendors attended the day-long event.

Livestock disaster assistance deadline Jan. 30

By Kent Politsch
Farm Services Administration
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON-USDA Texas Farm Service Agency Executive Director Judith A. Canales reminds livestock producers that the Jan. 30 deadline to request assistance for losses suffered from Oct. 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2014, is fast approaching.

Applications for the Livestock Indemnity Program and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, restored by the 2014 Farm Bill resumed in April 2014, after having expired on Sept. 30, 2011. To date, more than 556,000 applications have been approved to assist farmers and ranchers in recovering from nearly three years of natural disasters.

The Livestock Indemnity Program provides financial assistance to eligible producers for livestock deaths. Losses can be caused by adverse weather, extreme temperatures, disease, or wildfires, or due to attacks

by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves and avian predators.

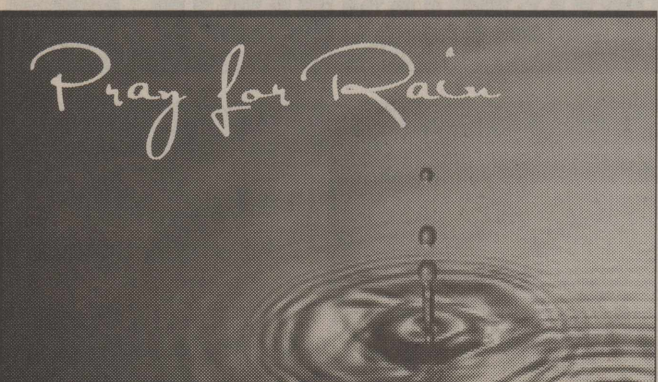
The Livestock Forage Disaster Program provides compensation to livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. Qualifying droughts are based on U.S. Drought Monitor severity ratings, and qualifying fires are those occurring on rangeland managed by a federal agency and normally permitted for grazing.

"I encourage producers who have experienced grazing or livestock death losses to contact their local FSA office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment if they have not signed up for livestock disaster assistance benefits," said Canales.

To expedite applications, all producers who experienced losses are encouraged to collect records documenting their losses. Supporting documents may include livestock

birth records, purchase and transportation receipts, photos and ownership records showing the number and type of livestock lost, documents listing the gallons of water transported to livestock during drought, information related to grazing land, grazing leases or federal grazing permits and more.

Local FSA county offices can provide additional information on the types of records producers will need to apply for assistance. Producers are encouraged to contact their county office ahead of time to schedule an appointment. Producers who already have appointments don't need to take any additional action to meet the deadline. FSA offices can be found at offices.usda.gov. To learn more about these FSA disaster programs, visit disaster.fsa.usda.gov.



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Floydada City Council sets city election for May 9

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada's City Council set this year's city elections for May 9, took a pro-active step in pursuing a ground storage tank grant, and voted to fill open seats on the airport and housing authority.

City manager Jeff Johnston reported to the council on a Texas Community Development Block grant

program application that could be submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture for ground tank storage. He noted that this was a pro-active measure, and it could take up to two years to get the grant, and the city would have to be able to match \$59,000 to receive the grant.

All council members in attendance voted unanimously to approve pursuing the grant. Dana Crossland

and Sam Green were not at the meeting.

The council voted unanimously to continue the election services contract between Floyd County and the city. Elections were set for May 9.

Kevin Nelson was the council's unanimous choice for an open seat on the airport board, and A.J. Johnston was their unanimous choice for an open seat on the Housing Authority.

Plainview unemployment returns to pre-Cargill layoff levels, Floyd drops to 6.1%

By DOUG McDONOUGH
Plainview Herald

After two years of soaring unemployment following the shuttering of Cargill's local beef processing plant, Hale County's jobless rate as returned to historic levels.

The county's December jobless rate, released Friday by the U.S. Department of Labor, was 6.3 percent. Two years ago, in December 2012, unemployment in Hale County stood at 6.2 percent.

Cargill closed its plant at the end of January 2013, taking with it 2,200 local jobs. As a result, the county's jobless rate rose to 11.8 percent in February 2013 and peaked at 15.0 percent in June 2013. Since then, the unemployment rate has been slowly declining. However, it was still at 9.3 percent as recent as August 2014.

In November 2014, the jobless rate has been recalculated at 7.0 percent.

"That is great news," exclaimed Plainview-Hale County Economic Development Chief Mike Fox upon hearing the latest numbers. "I think it reflects the additional jobs added in the ag sector during harvest, and retailers gearing up for Christmas sales."

Speaking later at the PHCEDC quarterly meeting, Fox paraphrased a quote from Mark Twain, "Rumors of our death have been greatly exaggerated. Two years after the closure of Cargill, I want everyone to know that Plainview and Hale County are alive and well."

New PHCEDC President Danny Glenn added, "Things are good in Plainview."

Looking deeper at the numbers, Danny Soliz, direc-

tor of business development for South Plains Workforce Solutions in Lubbock, pointed out that while the unemployment numbers are down, so is the county's labor force.

In December 2012, the county's labor force stood at 16,511. Two years later, it's down to 14,350 – a drop of 2,161. The number of employed also has dropped, from 15,491 to 13,448 over the same period. That's a decline of 2,043. Those listed as unemployed numbered 1,020 in December 2012 as opposed to 902 last month.

"Either those people have quit looking for work, or they have moved out of the county," Soliz speculated. "You would have to look at population numbers to see what happened to them." He admits that some of the displaced Cargill workers are in various school training programs, but others likely have dropped off the unemployment rolls after they quit actively seeking employment.

Seasonal factors can affect unemployment numbers, he said, and some employers will be calling workers back in the coming weeks.

Other area counties general saw declines in jobless rates from November to December, with Briscoe County falling from 4.5 percent to 3.9; Castro from 4.4 to 3.9; Floyd from 6.3 to 6.1; Lamb from 4.8 to 4.4 and Swisher from 5.4 to 4.6 percent.

"The numbers for Lamb County are a little deceiving," Soliz notes. Although the denim mill in Littlefield closed Jan. 6, those workers will still be considered employed for statistical purposes for several weeks.

"It won't be until February or March before we see that closure reflected in the unemployment rate," he said. "It all depends on when the state captures that data."

He notes that a jobs fair in Littlefield the day after the plant closed was well attended. "Out of 300 workers who lost jobs, 223 turn out. We had 38 employers there, and they were impressed at how serious these people are about seeking jobs. For the first hour, it was literally shoulder-to-shoulder."

Soliz said percentagewise, the denim mill's closure will have a greater economic impact on Littlefield than Cargill's closure had on Plainview.

"Plainview lost about 10 percent of its jobs with Cargill's closure," he said. "But because it has a smaller population, Littlefield probably lost 16 to 17 percent of its jobs when the denim mill."

As was the case following Cargill's closure in Plainview, Soliz said Littlefield has responded following the mill's closure. "The community has been very responsive and supportive."

For Texas in general, the unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent in December, down from 4.9 percent in November, and down from 6.0 percent a year ago. It was the lowest Texas unemployment rate since May 2008.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area had the lowest December unemployment rate in the state at 2.1 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 2.6 percent and the Amarillo MSA ranked third at 2.9 percent. Lubbock was at 3.0 percent.

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dianapolis. This year's national convention is May 6 in Anaheim, California.

Advancing to the state competition from Floydada High School were: 1st place Digital Media McKenna Johnson, 1st place Admin Support Research - Macee Brotherton, 1st place Eco Research -Brooke Galvan, 1st place Prepared Speech - Karley Weems, 1st place Medical Office - Kaylee Morren, 1st place Human Resource Management - Brayden Campbell, 1st place Video Production Team - Kirby Nixon, Keenan Nixon, Kortney Campbell, 2nd place Integrated Office - Destiny Cabello, 2nd place Advanced Office - Alyson Perez, 2nd place Presentation Team - McKenna Johnson, Liz Morales, Alex Glass, Alfonso Mendoza, 2nd place Advanced Interview Skills - Liz Morales, 2nd place Interview Skills - Kirby Nixon, 2nd place Keyboarding - Valerie Espinoza, 2nd place Extemporaneous Speaking - Alex Glass, 2nd place Banking and Finance - Desiree Guerra, 3rd place Legal Office - Selena Espinoza, 3rd place Medical Office - Bethany Morales, 3rd place Keyboarding - Alfonso Mendoza, 3rd place PC Servicing - Remington Ricketts, 3rd place Advanced Word Processing - Reagan Hughes.

Kaylee Morren was elected Area 4 Region 1 President. Reagan Hughes was the outgoing President.

Others placing but not advancing to state were: 6th place Interview - Casey Cage, 5th place Fundamental Word Processing - Rachel Hernandez, 6th place Basic Office - Melissa Arizpe, 6th place Legal Office - Kyi Baker, 6th place Desktop Publishing - Alejandro Piñon.

Business Instructor Tasha Hughes is the advisor to Floydada's BPA.

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his fellow prisoners of war entrusted him to be the man to dole out equal portions of gruel, earning him the title, "The Chow Dipper."

"After the prison camp was liberated three years later, Towery was transported home to Texas and hospitalized repeatedly over several years for treatment of a stubborn tuberculosis infection he contracted as a prisoner of war. He wrote a book published in 1994 titled, "The Chow Dipper," recounting his war experiences and post-war professional life as a civilian.

"In 1963, Towery left the newspaper business to serve in various capacities on the staff of U.S. Sen. John Tower. Also, in Washington, D.C., Towery served as a deputy and assistant director of the U.S. Information Agency and as a board member and chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

"During his newspaper career in Texas, in addition to his time at Cuero, Towery also served stints as publisher of the Belton Journal, the Lockney Beacon, the Crosbyton Review and the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon in Floydada."

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brisket and sausage lunch was catered by Judy Schacht.

Booth sponsors included AgTexas Farm Credit Services, Americot, Inc., Assister Insurance Agency LLC, Bayer CropSciences, Capital Farm Credit, Crop Production Services, Crosby County Farm Bureau, Diversified Sub-Surface Irrigation, Inc., Dow AgroSciences, Eurodrip USA, Hurst Farm Supply, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank, Ray Lee Equipment, Senninger Irrigation, Inc., and Sorghum Partners.

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Pet Talk

Spondylomyelopathy, also known as wobbler syndrome, is a neurological condition in dogs that affects their cervical spine, or neck region. A compression of the spinal cord and nerve roots, wobbler syndrome gets its name from the characteristic "wobbly" walk that affected dogs typically display from the disease.

"There are two forms of cervical spondylomyelopathy," said Dr. Megan Steele, a veterinary resident at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "There is a disc-associated form that causes ventral spinal cord compression and dorsal, lateral bone and joint proliferation causing dorsolateral spinal cord compression."

Wobbler syndrome is typically a progressive disease most commonly found in larger dog breeds, such as Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes and Mastiffs.

"Symptoms can vary widely from mild neck pain to an inability to walk in all four limbs," said Dr. Steele. "Often, pelvic limb weakness and ataxia, or weakness, is more severe than in the thoracic limbs. A classic, two-engine gait is seen in dogs with low cervical lesions causing a short, choppy gait in the thoracic limbs and a long, sweeping gait in the pelvic limbs."

Other symptoms often include weakness, difficulty getting up from a lying position, and possible mus-

cle loss. Clinical signs are typically slow and gradual in onset, though acute worsening can occur. If your dog appears to show signs of any of these, especially difficulty walking or any unusual neck pains, a trip to the veterinarian for a diagnosis is a recommended.

In order to properly diagnosis your dog for wobbler syndrome, your veterinarian may perform advanced imaging such as radiographs, computed tomography (CT) and myelographs to characterize the degree of spinal compression. "A definitive diagnosis is best made from an MRI as this gives us the best information of what is happening to the spinal cord itself, a soft tissue structure," said Dr. Steele.

Treatment for wobbler syndrome, like for many other disorders, is greatly dependent on the location and severity of the problem. Cervical surgical procedures are typically the recommended treatment option for the best chance of improvement, but as with any surgery, there is always a risk of complications. For affected dogs in which surgery is not appropriate, medical management is another reliable treatment option.

Medical management is a viable treatment option in dogs with mild clinical signs or dogs with spinal cord compression in multiple locations, or that have comorbidities making them poor surgical candidates. Medically treated dogs need to have restricted activity for at least two months, along with close obser-

vation and any other recommended therapy. The goals of medical management are to provide adequate pain control and hopefully delay or prevent disease worsening.

"There will be lifestyle changes, such as walking with a harness instead of a neck lead, minimizing rough play, and restriction of jumping and using stairs, that may need to be made," said Dr. Steele. "Implementing these lifestyle changes, along with rehab and pain management, can have a success rate of around 50 percent."

Dogs with progressive signs that are not responding to medical management are typically advised to undergo surgery. "Surgical success is around 80 percent and with severely affected animals is the treatment of choice," said Dr. Steele. "The type and location of disease dictates the type of surgical procedure recommended. Some common procedures we perform include dorsal laminectomies, ventral slots and occasionally distraction fusion."

Even after both surgery and medical management, some dogs with wobbler syndrome may never walk normally again. However, when combined with physical therapy and post-operative care, these treatments provide a considerable chance of improving your best friend's overall quality of life.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed online at vet-med.tamu.edu/pet-talk.

The twelve sites of Social Security

By Jose M Olivero
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Back by popular demand is our holiday favorite, "The Twelve Sites of Social Security." It's inspired by the popular traditional holiday song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," a holiday favorite since 1780. Play it again, Santa!

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Five Need-to-Know Winter Energy Savings Tips

December 21 marked the official start of winter and heavy storms have already blanketed much of the U.S. Before more storms hit and even colder days arrive, here are tips to keep houses warm and the utility bill affordable. Heating costs rise during the winter months but these tips can help reduce the amount of money spent on heating the home.

Adjust the temperature

To decrease the cost of heating a home, lower the thermostat setting when not in the home. The typical thermostat setting during the winter months is 78 degrees. Lower the temperature to 72 degrees when at work or leaving the home for more than a few hours.

Maintain the heating system

One way to reduce the amount of energy spent during the winter months is to make sure the heating system isn't costing more money than it should to run. Have a certified HVAC technician check over the heating system before the cold weather sets in. A proper furnace tune-up will make sure the system is ready to go for winter.

Keep vents and registers open

Blocked or closed vents and registers make furnaces work harder than they should. Blocked vents do not allow for proper airflow. The furnace will continue to run but the rooms will not heat up. Always unblock and open all vents and registers before running the furnace.

Check the thermostat

Before starting the furnace, check to make sure the thermostat is in proper working order. To reduce the electric bill, install a programmable thermostat to control the temperature of the home from a mobile device.

Turn down the water heater temperature

According to energy.gov, water heaters can account for up to 25 percent of the energy consumed in the home. By turning the temperature of the water heater down to 120 degrees, homeowners can reduce the amount of energy it takes to run the water heater.

Stone Tower RV Park and Cabins announces opening

Roscoe, TX (Jan. 9, 2015) - West Texas' newest recreational vehicle park is open for business in Roscoe, Texas, less than a mile north of Interstate-20. Stone Tower RV Park and Cabins officially opened its doors 12/12/14 and offers RV travelers, weekenders and snowbirds a new destination.

With easy access from I-20 Exit 238A, and HWY 84 Stone Tower RV Park and Cabins is situated on 5 acres and features 35 pull-through and 18 back in spaces. Additional amenities include 30/50 amp power service, laundry facilities and free WiFi. Stone Tower ownership recognized an opportunity to bring convenient accommodations to a vibrant and growing area.

"Combining the continued growth of the RV industry with the high volume of traffic along the I-20 corridor, opening Stone Tower here in Roscoe was a logical decision," Manager Shannon Richburg said. "I'm excited for the opportunity this not only provides travelers, but also for contribution to the local and regional economic engines."

Two cabins, each featuring two queen beds, a kitchen with microwave and refrig-

erator, and satellite TV are located a half-mile away; plans are in place to add up to eighteen more.

"The cabins provide additional lodging opportunities for those working locally, hunters, or the casual concert goer interested in a weekend getaway," Richburg added. "Local leadership has been supportive during this process and their commitment to making Roscoe more than a stop along the way is impressive."

Stone Tower RV Park and Cabins is located at 200 N. Cypress St. More information can be located at www.stonetowervpva

THANKS FOR READING!

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TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

City of Floydada is giving notice of the City's intent to submit Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$275,000.00 for water improvements for low to moderate income persons for the entire City of Floydada. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con Bobby Gilliland, Mayor at 806-983-2834.

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Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Bible Study. 9:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb - Min. Students
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cothan, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth). 7:15 p.m.

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Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday).. 6:30 p.m.

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Lockney
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High 5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School.. 6:30 p.m.

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Evening Service..... 7:30 p.m.
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Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Services.... 10:00 a.m.
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Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.

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Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.

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Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

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English Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service..... 7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

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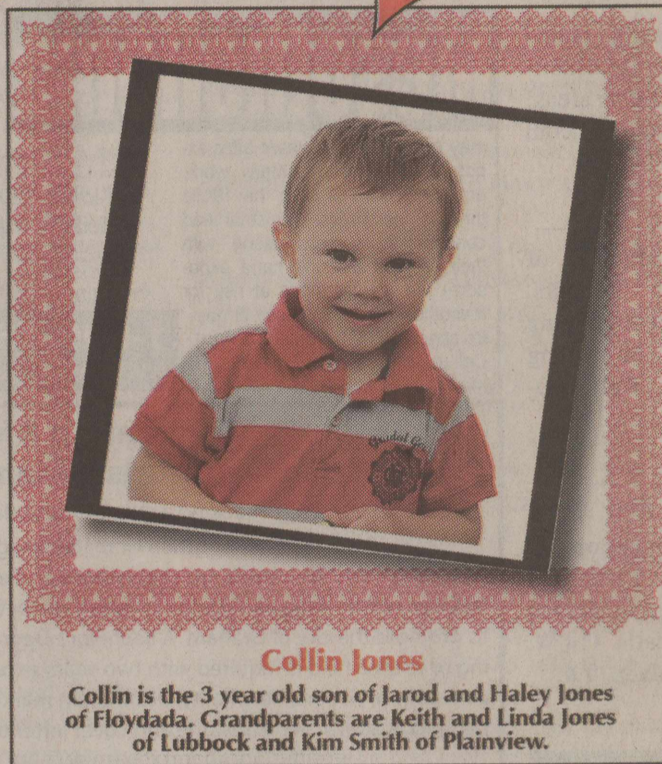
Snowfall began in Floyd County around 8:00 p.m. on Jan. 21 and continued through into the early evening of Jan. 22. According to National Weather Service estimates, Floyd County in general received between three and five inches of snow. Across the South Plains, snowfall depths ranged from at over seven inches near Friona to around one inch in Post and Spur. Several places in the Panhandle reported over a foot including 13 inches in Canyon and southeast Amarillo. A return of cold, wet weather is expected beginning Thursday evening, Jan. 29 and continuing through Sunday, Feb. 1. Some early models indicate the possibility of up to an inch of rain Thursday night through Friday and changing to snow late Friday into Saturday with a possibility of another four inches of snow.

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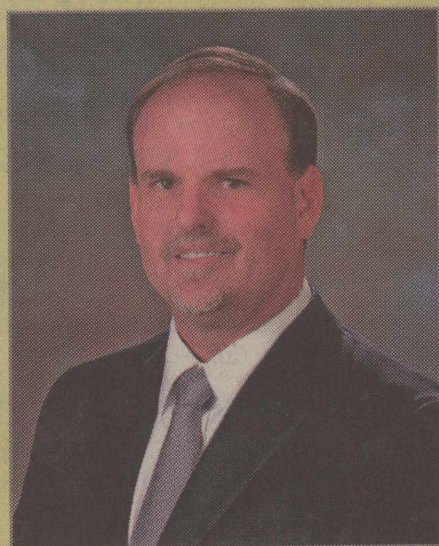
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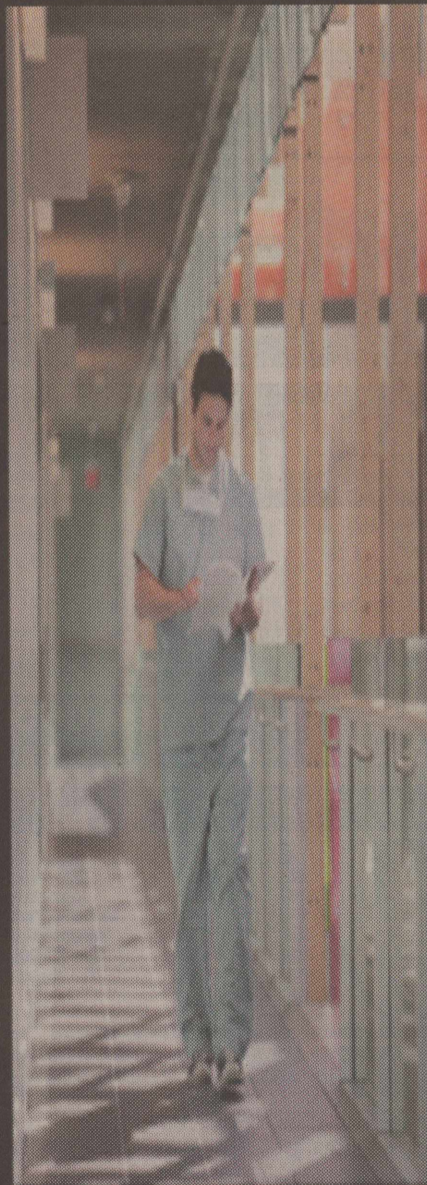
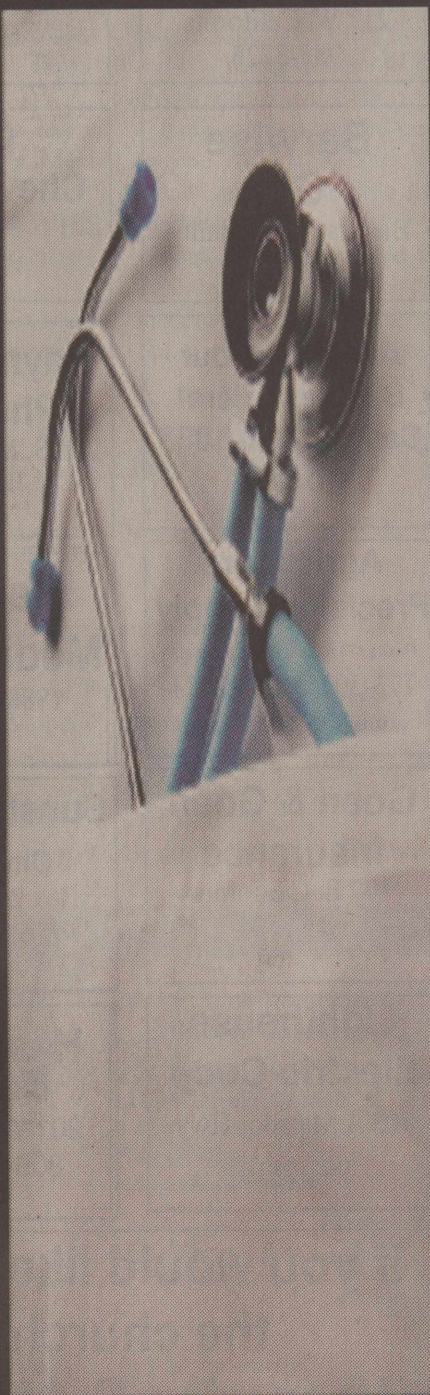
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