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## FISD board sets May election process

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees recognized staff and students of the month, set upcoming election procedures and nominated Superintendent Gilbert Trevino for Superintendent of the Year at its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 12.

Board members present were Lyle Miller, Roger Hughes, Kay Brotherton, William Dean, Gracie Diaz, Beverly Collins, and Eric Smith.

The board recognized the following students and educators of the month (Sponsored by FISD and Producers Cooperative): AB Duncan Elementary Students of the Month: Isabel Johnston-- Grade 01 Brody Hughes--Grade 01 Educator of the Month: Jeana Carlson FJHS/FHS FJH Student of the Month: Arianna Diaz--Grade 08 FHS Student of the Month: Liz Morales--Grade 12 Paraprofessional

of the Month: Kim Perez  
The board reviewed payment of the February 2015 bills. William Dean inquired about the money paid to Hazardous Waste Haulers. Trevino explained that this was paid to the company for disposing of old chemicals from the Chemistry Lab at the High School.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the Tax Report and Cash Flow Statement. M&O Current Tax Roll \$3,125,889.31 Net Collections \$2,944,581.39 I&S Tax Roll \$378,740.04 Net Collections \$356,775.35 Percent of Current Roll Collected 94.20% Taxes Collected as of December 31, 2013 93.51%.

Roger Hughes made the motion to order an election on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of electing board members for Single Member District 1, Single Member District 4, and an At-Large seat. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Kay Brotherton made

See **ELECTION**, Page 2

## AgriLife Extension to offer cotton market outlook seminar in Floyd County

By Steve Byrns

FLOYDADA - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a cotton market outlook and risk management seminar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 11 in the Floyd County Unity Center in Floydada.

"This will be an important meeting for area producers as many commodity markets are low right now and producers are seeking guidance on ways to minimize risk while maximizing profits in the coming year," said Cristen Brooks, AgriLife Extension agent in Floyd County.

Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton marketing specialist at College Station, will be the featured speaker, Brooks said.

"Dr. Robinson will have various strategies to help guide marketing plans as well as provide valuable insight into the world markets and the various factors currently at play," Brooks said.

Other seminar topics will include the current volatile world market, the fundamental forces affecting the cotton market, the current cotton market outlook, marketing and insurance strategies, and hedging and options strategies.

Individual registration is \$15 and includes lunch. RSVP is required by March 10. To RSVP or for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Floyd County at 806-983-4912, Floyd-TX@ag.tamu.edu.

## EDC closes deal with Great Southwest, work continues on website

The Floydada Economic Development Board of Directors met in regular session on Feb. 12.

Members present were: Louis Bearden, Sam Greene, Jeff Johnston, Roger Hughes, Randall Griffin. Also present were Sean Overeynder and Erica Johnston. Wes Anderson participated via conference call.

The Board reviewed the financial report for the month of January, Sam made a motion to approve the financial report, Roger seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Director Sean Overeynder gave his monthly activity report.

See **EDC**, Page 3

## Farm Bill Deadline Friday



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**Friday, Feb. 27, is the last day to update yields or reallocate base acres for all producers through the Farm Services Agency. The 2014 Farm Bill also requires all owners and producers to choose their coverage by March 31.**

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Friday, Feb. 27, is the last day to update yields or reallocate base acres through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency according to State Executive Director Judith A. Canales.

Established by the 2014 Farm Bill, the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) are safety-net programs that will also require owners and producers to choose coverage by March 31.

"For the first time in many years, farmers have the opportunity to update yields or reallocate base acres, but if no changes are made by Feb. 27,

the farm's current yield and base will be used," Canales said. "If no program election occurs by March 31, then there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year."

Floyd County producers need to contact the FSA office in Floydada to meet these deadlines or if they have questions.

"It's very important for the producers to make their declarations by the deadlines," Gerry Summers, acting County Executive Director at the Floydada FSA office, said, "if they want to update their base and yields."

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and

small chickpea, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Nearly 200 training sessions on the new safety-net programs, have been conducted in Texas. Online tools are available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc) which allows producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

"If the producers fail to make a declaration, it could affect their future income," See **FARM BILL**, Page 2

## Monsanto to release XtendFlex cotton



Everett Brazil, III

**Cotton modules line up outside an abandoned gin in Dodson. Monsanto Bollgard II XtendFlex cotton varieties may soon join area modules due to the recent deregulation of the system by the USDA.**

By Everett Brazil, III  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The USDA has recently announced the deregulation of the new Monsanto Bollgard II XtendFlex cotton system, paving the way for increased control over herbicide resistance in weeds across the Cotton Belt.

In response to the USDA's announcement, Monsanto has indicated the long-awaited cotton will be limitedly available for the 2015 season from Deltapine, Monsanto's flagship cotton seed, as well as independent companies Americot and Croplan Genetics.

"We anticipate we'll have over half a million acres in 2015, and this would include Deltapine," said Jordan Iverson, Monsanto Cotton Trait marketing manager.

The Bollgard II XtendFlex cotton system was developed as a response to weed resistance to herbicides, especially glyphosate, the chemistry in Roundup. Previous Monsanto Bollgard II varieties had been genetically engineered to tolerate Roundup, with the trait known as Roundup Ready Flex, but with XtendFlex, two additional herbicide tolerance traits have been incorporated: Liberty Link, which exhibits tolerance to the Liberty

herbicide, and a tolerance for dicamba. All three chemicals have different modes-of-action, offering producers increased control over weed resistance.

"The reason is really about weed management for the grower. When we incorporate a different mode-of-action, it provides an additional tool so they are not relying on one herbicide," Iverson said. "It's really more of a protection of the current trait for longevity reasons, but also giving an additional tool to the grower."

Monsanto petitioned USDA and EPA to deregulate the system in 2012. USDA deregulated See **XtendFlex**, Page 3

## 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](mailto:fchb.editor@yahoo.com).

### BOOK CLUB

The "Book Club" will meet in the Lockney Library meeting room on Friday, February 27 at 4 p.m. Please come and enjoy a fun time with books!

### FARM BILL DEADLINE

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### COVER CROP

**SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP**  
Cover cropping, the practice of planting a crop to prevent soil erosion and add organic matter, will be the focus of a workshop conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 6 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. For further info, see the article on the Farm page of this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME "SPRING FORWARD"

Mark your calendars. On Sunday morning, March 8th at 2 a.m. Daylight Savings time begins. You will need to turn your clocks forward one hour.

### COTTON MARKET MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a cotton market outlook and risk management seminar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 11 in the Floyd County Unity Center in Floydada. For further info, see the front page article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

### FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS ANNUAL GALA

Floyd County Friends "20th Annual Gala" is coming up on April 18th. Mark your calendars!

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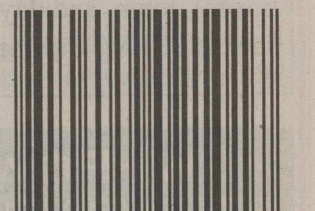
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## Deaths

### Ruby Louise Kiser

Ruby Louise Kiser, age 92, passed away Thursday, February 12, 2015 in Lockney. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney with Carl Shelton officiating.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2015 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Ruby Louise Ransom was born April 27th, 1922 to Dock Luellen Ransom and Minnie Gertrude Slay in Tehuacana Texas.

Ruby was baptized at an early age and was married to Walter Kiser at 19. They lived in many areas of Texas where Walter did sharecropping during the first part of



RUBY LOUISE KISER their married life.

Ruby was a Wife, Mother and a Jill of all trades. Professionally, she held positions as a Bus Driver, Beautician, Seamstress, Nurse's Aide with Lockney Nursing Home and Director of Housekeeping as well as a Nurse's Aide at Mangold Memorial Hospital. Dr.

Mangold saw that she had a real talent in that field and encouraged her to pursue her LVN license. She continued her career as an LVN at Mangold Memorial until she retired in 1995. From there, she worked in her Church nursery until her health would not allow.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, five sisters and six brothers.

She leaves to mourn two brothers, Rev. Wilford Ransom and Bish. Leonard Ransom; one adopted son, Nebbie N. Nash; three daughters, Alma Parker, Jonnell Echols and adopted daughter, Delois Moore; eleven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a host of cousins, nephews and nieces.

She will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends.

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### FARM BILL

From Page 1

Summers said. "This primarily impacts the grain producers, but the cotton producers also have to make an election of coverage."

The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

### ELECTION

From Page 1

the motion to approve the Fisd Board Resolution for the May 9, 2015 election. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Gracie Diaz made the motion to approve the joint election agreement with the City of Floydada and the Caprock Hospital District on May 9, 2015. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

William Dean made the motion to approve the election services contract with Floyd County for the May 9, 2015 election. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve Evie Cervera as Early Ballot Clerk and Dee Leatherman as Deputy Ballot Clerk for the May 9, 2015 election. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

William Dean made the motion to approve Brenda Heflin as the Early Ballot/Election Judge and Karrie Williams as the Alternate Election Judge for the May 9, 2015 election. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Kay Brotherton made the motion to set the compensation rates for the May 9, 2015 election. Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve the resolution to nominate Fisd Superintendent Gilbert Trevino for the Texas Association of School Board Superintendent of the Year Award. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board adjourned into executive session for discussion of administrators' contracts and salaries for July 1, 2015- June 30, 2017 (Closed meeting, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551-074). The open meeting was closed at 7:47 p.m. The closed meeting opened at 7:47 p.m. The closed meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The public meeting re-opened at 8:02 p.m. 17. Roger Hughes made the motion to extend all administrators' contracts by one year with a salary increase of 3%. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Administrators affected by the motion: Rex Holcombe, Assistant Superintendent/Technology Director/Federal Programs Director, Wayne Morren, High School and Junior High School Principal, Carlos Munoz, A.B. Duncan Elementary Principal, Monica Smith, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, Alicia Bice, Director of Special Programs, F. Todd Bandy, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach and Sharon Rainwater, Business Manager.

There were no resignations. There were no future items for discussion.

## The Paperboy

My son brought me some pictures of himself Saturday. What a trip down memory lane that was.

The photos were of the day he was born - over 11 years ago.

Looking at the pictures, it doesn't seem so long ago. But in reality, many things have happened.

Time is a strange thing. Here's a tall, slender, preteen boy handing pictures of a newborn baby to me and he listens as I begin to reminisce about the day he was born and his first day at home.

So what's happened in 11 years as identified by what has changed or is now missing in the photographs:

- My parents died. In fact, my dad got Alzheimer's which later killed him.
- My son now has a brother. He also has four new cousins.
- Our home has been remodeled.
- We have newer furniture (even at 10-years-old).
- We've had a few cars since then.
- The dog we had back then has passed.
- Everybody has aged way too much.

My brain doesn't handle time well. At least I don't think it does. I have nothing to compare it to. Anyhow, the concept of time seems different to me.

I've written before on how I think being driven by deadlines makes time pass differently. I heard my employees discussing this phenomenon last week so I know I'm not alone.

It's hard to put into words but I'll try. It's almost as if events in your life happen and those events are set aside and compartmentalized. Instead of living by a calendar and a watch, you live by editions.

For example - when I watch a kid grow up and graduate high school, they tend to stay that age in my mind. Years pass and I'm always shocked when I see someone I haven't seen in sometime.

In my mind they are a recent high school graduate. In reality, they're 40, have four kids and eat too much.

I can remember events very specifically, but I'm always astonished at how long it's been since the event.

For instance, a few years ago, the space shuttle was being piggy-backed on a Boeing 747 from California to Florida and made a stop in Altus, Okla. I was in Memphis when I heard about it and immediately headed to Altus to get some photos.

I remember it so vividly, but it's been nearly 10 years ago. Heck, it's been nearly four years since the space shuttle program shut down.

We all remember what we were doing on 9-11. You readers older than I am will remember precisely when we walked on the moon or where you were when JFK was assassinated.

My memories are just like that, but with nearly all events, not just the significant ones. While the memories are vivid, I have a hard time with the year.

I'm real cognizant about my memory because of what happened to my dad. I guess it's just natural. I'd like to think if I had a regular job, my mind might work differently. Until that happens, I guess I'll never really know.

I do know this, looking at the photographs with my son and remembering those days tells me that we have catching up to do on our photo albums. It's healthy and fun to see those old photographs. I'm looking forward to my next trip down memory lane.

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## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins  
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

- Memorials for Floydada Senior Citizens include:  
**In Memory of Dolly Emert** - Oden Chevrolet, Janet Milam  
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For those who wish to give memorials and donations, our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Serving time is 12 noon. Please call Sylvia or Anna by 9:30 a.m. if you plan to eat at the Center. Our phone number is 806-983-2032. We are located at 925 W. Crockett St.

MENU  
March 2 - March 6

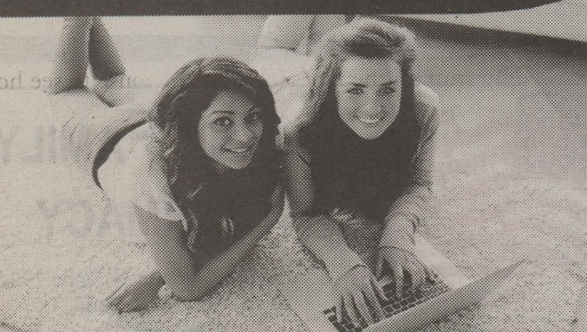
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- Tuesday** - Oven fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low-fat milk
- Wednesday** - Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadsticks, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, low-fat milk
- Thursday** - Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat rolls, margarine, angel food cake w/strawberries, low-fat milk
- Friday** - Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

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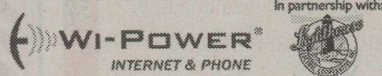
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# SOCIETY

## XtendFlex From Page 1

the crop on Jan. 20, but the company is still awaiting EPA approval for dicamba. Although dicamba is widely available for other crops, this would be the first use of the chemical in cotton.

"A lot of farmers have been using (dicamba) for many years in pastures, wheat and corn. It's just that we're seeking a new use for it now that we have a tolerance trait inserted into cotton," Iverson said.

The cotton has been studied in variety trials across the Cotton Belt, including the Oklahoma State University-Southwest Research & Extension Center (SWREC), Altus, to see how well it compares to current varieties, and scientists have found that it competes well against other, well-established varieties.

"The good news is that XtendFlex varieties looked very comparable to the standard glyphosate-tolerant entries at variety trials," said Randy Boman, SWREC director. XtendFlex entries were tested at the Caddo Research Station, near Ft. Cobb, Okla. in 2014. "Based on results from these two trials, these can be very competitive with the Bollgard II (varieties) already on the market."

Many within the industry hail the system as a step forward in combating herbicide resistance in weeds.

"Any new variety that increases production or provides better ways to make things easier to grow and increase yield is always good, and we're supportive of viable options for the field, and look at (XtendFlex) as a positive," said Karin Kuykendall, Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. executive vice president, Abilene, Texas.

Due to the limited release of the seed for the 2015 season, it could be several years before it is widely available in southwest Oklahoma and north Texas, and growers may wait to see how it fits their operations, but representatives are optimistic that it will do well in the area.

"I don't think that there'll be much grown here in the area yet, I think there is potential, but it takes the farmers seeing how it does in our area and how it impacts our growing practices," said Katy White, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Collingsworth County Agriculture educator, Wellington. "It's going to really help with our weed resistance problems because it gives us more options on weed management."

Monsanto does not anticipate having EPA approval for over-the-top dicamba use for the 2015 season, but with the Roundup Ready Flex and Liberty Link traits already deregulated, it is still expected to provide increased weed control. Producers may still grow the varieties, but will not be able to spray dicamba until EPA approval is obtained.

"We're awaiting approval for dicamba use in season with Bollgard cotton. We have the full use of the trait, and are currently selling it and taking orders for it for the 2015 season," Iverson said. "We do have full Roundup tolerance, and we have full Liberty Link tolerance. We anticipate (dicamba) for the 2016 season."

## February Business of the Month



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has chosen Darty Gin in Dougherty, Texas as their "February Business of the Month". Shown (l-r) are Rance Pernell, and Randy and Denise Pernell. Not pictured is Rick Pernell. Thank you for your ginning services that you provide to our local cotton farmers.

## Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 8th. The center will be open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. No need to call in advance. Please come and enjoy lunch with your family and friends. We will be serving chicken and beef fajitas and all the trimmings, with tea, water and dessert. Donations are appreciated. Dine in or Carry out.

Remember exercise with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45- 9:15 a.m. Coffee time is Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday Pot luck is at 5 p.m.

Bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

Family Night Fish Fry is Friday nights from 5-8 p.m. It's all you can eat. Come let us do the dishes!

### MENU March 2 - March 6

- Monday - Baked potatoes
  - Tuesday - Tacos
  - Wednesday - Fried chicken
  - Thursday - Soup and cornbread
  - Friday - BBQ
- (Menus subject to change with notice)

## Theatre to present Flight: The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh

By Jonathan Petty  
Director of Communications  
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW -- Wayland Baptist University's School of Fine Arts will present Flight: The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh Feb. 26-28 in Wayland's Black Box theatre in the Herral Fine Arts Complex.

Tickets for the show are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.wbu.edu](http://www.wbu.edu). Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the "buy tickets" link.

Directed by Dr. Marti Runnels, Dean of the School of Fine Arts, flight encompasses the full life span of Charles Lindbergh and how fame affected him and his family.

"When you were a kid growing up, the only thing you ever heard about Charles Lindbergh was flying across the Atlantic," Runnels said. "When you got a little older, perhaps you saw a movie or something about the Lindbergh kidnapping. But I think for most people, that is where the experience ends. They

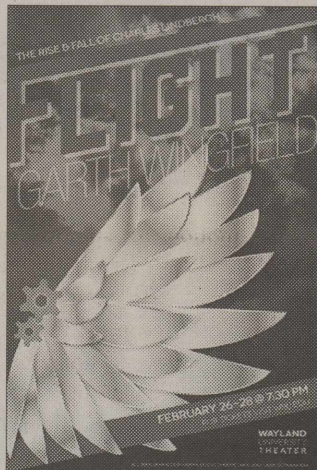
don't realize how else Lindbergh made headlines."

In the height of his popularity in the late 1920s and the 1930s, Lindbergh was an icon. Lindbergh's celebrity, at a time long before social media and the 24-hour news cycle, exceeded what is seen today.

Runnels said one scene in the play takes place at a time when people thought Lindbergh was dead. He had set out on his own without telling anyone where he was going and had not been heard from for quite some time. As the nation mourned, news broke that Lindbergh had been found. He was so popular that the Broadway production of Showboat was stopped mid-production to announce that Lindbergh was alive and well.

"Who would they stop a show for today?" Runnels asked. "I guarantee if the President of the United States died, they would stop a Broadway show to tell them. They would walk out in the street and hear it, but they wouldn't stop the show."

"It's just hard to imagine that kind of celebrity."



The show stars Zachary Fisher as Charles Lindbergh and Tammy Brooks as Ann Morrow Lindbergh. Joshua Walters represents the press. Other actors who play several rolls are Ryan Hernandez, Michael Bishop, Ian Kirk, Tammy Lucero and Jordan Sisson.

The set is designed by Joanna Shutts who graduated in December. Shutts designed the set as her senior project.

The production will also be taken to the Christian University Theatre Festival at Howard Payne University in Brownwood March 2-4.

## EDC From Page 1

He met with two and spoke with two potential prospects for business in Floydada.

Overreynder continues to work with Justin Jaworski on putting the pieces of the new website together.

The EDC director met with a

multi-family developer out of Lubbock regarding potential interest in development of multi-family housing within Floydada.

Overreynder met with John Billing and twelve students from Texas Tech in Floydada, toured the downtown area, and began the plans process for the proposal of the downtown revitalization venture.

He spoke with Tami Swoboda from the Lubbock Area Foundation and began working with them on future ventures that they can contribute to by grant, as well as received information regarding other area donors that specifically target rural communities within the South Plains region.

Overreynder attended the West Texas District Export Council to strengthen the export possibilities within our region as well as with existing manufacturers and attended and became certified by the Texas Economic Development Council at the Basic Economic Development course (A week-long training program in San Antonio).

He closed a deal with Great Southwest for a laydown yard in Floydada. Great Southwest will be completing two ten mile transmissions lines with approximately

thirty employees beginning mid-March.

The director continued to work with Jennifer Horn from Texas Tech Entrepreneur Program (TTIME) in the possibility of bringing in startup companies and entrepreneurs.

The Board reviewed the Finalized Retail Gap Analysis from the Retail Coach, Green made a motion to approve Phase II & III Proposal from the Retail Coach, Hughes seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed Resolution #01122015-001 Legislature Plea, Hughes made a motion to sign legislature, Bearden seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed nominations to fill vacant seat. Sam nominated Marty Lucke but motion did not pass for lack of a second. Bearden made a motion to table discussion, Hughes seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed an Incentive Request as a Capital Improvement for an Existing Business for Rocket Gym, Green made a motion to approve request, Hughes seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM.

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE W.R. SAMS

William Raleigh Sams was born in Indiana, June 4, 1860. His parents were Jeremiah Sams and Mary Ann Roberts. While he was still a small child the family moved to Kentucky. After living there several years they moved to Texas and lived near Dallas. They traveled in a covered wagon, bringing all their possessions with them. While living near Dallas, he became engaged to Elizabeth Ausbrooks, who had come to Dallas from Tennessee. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ausbrooks.

In 1890 Mr. Sams came to Floyd County and bought a section of land five miles northeast of Lockney from the state of Texas at a cost of \$1.00 per acre with 40 years to pay. While here, he built a half dugout and had a well dug. He then went back to Dallas and married Elizabeth and brought her to their first home.

He farmed, raised some cattle and freighted from Amarillo and Childress, sometimes being gone as long as two months. Later he built a house for the family to live in. While living on this farm, four sons were born to them; John, Albert, an infant son stillborn and Guy.

In 1901 he bought some land two miles northeast of Lockney and moved to that place. Three daughters were born to them here; Ruby, Dora, and Nora. By this time the family had outgrown the house so a large two-story house was built on this place. The family continued to live here until 1916. He sold this farm and built a house in Lockney.

At first there were many hardships. Prairie fires were a real hazard. When they occurred, ranchers and farmers

would ride great distances to help put out the fire.

Rattlesnakes and skunks were common. One day, Mrs. Sams had gone to the well for water when she saw a rattlesnake crawl in the dugout. She waited until it crawled out, then got a gun and shot it. Hail storms, too, caused panic among the livestock. There were also tornadoes to deal with, and one year all the crops were destroyed by grasshoppers.

Though there were many hardships they liked the people, the plains with the tall grass, pretty lakes, and good water and never considered leaving. He continued to farm and raise cattle until he retired.

John first attended school at Mayshaw. Later John and Guy went to school at the Christian College. Following graduation John taught in the college. Guy also attended public school in Lockney as did the girls. They went to school in a buggy drawn by a white horse named Red Bird. She was named Red Bird because when she was a colt she was red.

Dora and Nora went to West Texas State Teacher's College in Canyon, received their degrees, and taught school many years.

The family attended church at the Church of Christ. They went to church in a surrey until Mr. Sams bought his first car, an Overland in 1916.

The children are all living except Albert and John. Guy and Pauline live on the first land Mr. Sams bought; Ruby Busby lives in Lamesa; Dora Hawkins lives in Quitaque; Nora and Robert Ayres live in Lockney.

Mrs. Sams passed away in 1926; Mr. Sams passed away in 1945. Both are buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

## The 501 Stupid snow tricks

People in Boston have been jumping off the roofs of buildings into deep snow, despite warnings they could land on fire hydrants. Ouch. Some are doing flips.

If I were going to try it, I'd do a flip. I'm not going to try it. Obviously, Bostonians are bored. Why else the stupid snow tricks? Maybe some snow-weary Easterners would like to take a vacation in West Texas and see some bare ground for a change. The risk-prone might like to try jumping off tractors to feed hay to hungry longhorns. On a typical day you don't land in snow, but you can land in some interesting stuff.

Whatever the stunt - jumping into snow or mixing it up with hungry cows - what matters most is that every second of the action is caught on video for YouTube. Otherwise, it's like it never happened.

I wonder how many people have jumped off roofs into snow only to have their picture-taking friends tell them they must jump again because they somehow didn't catch it with the camera. That'd be my luck. Or I'd land on a fire hydrant. Or both. Whatever the case, enough about Boston and those snow divers. It's time to feed the cows. And my videographer didn't show up today.

OK, here's the real truth. I usually take my own videos. Call me a narcissist, but when you're a risk-prone only child and your nearest playmates are a mile away, you learn to capture all your stunts on video yourself - not that I grew up taking pictures of my own solitary childhood adventures. We barely had phones back then, much less smart ones. I'm talking about now.

It's not hard. You find just the right place to set the phone to capture the action. Then you go for it.

Most recently I shot myself riding a lawn mower up ramps and onto a trailer. It wouldn't have been video-worthy if the ramps had been stable, but they weren't. I decided a little video footage would make it easier to determine the cause of death.

After a tense beginning, everything went so smoothly - ho-hum -- I didn't even share it with my husband, much less the world via YouTube.

Now you know the real reason I take videos of myself doing stupid stuff on the farm. I want my spouse to see how much he's missed when he's not there and how I barely get things done without him.

### PAUSE TO REFLECT.

Could there be a target market besides him for my one-woman farm videos? Maybe the world needs to see how not to do stuff by oneself on the farm - like don't try hanging a 300-pound gate alone if you're over 60 and it's late in the day and you've got one bad knee.

The only thing better than shooting that video myself would have been seeing it ahead of time.

And don't be all too often how things go? Ask any Bostonian who found a fire hydrant the hard way.



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## LEGAL

CAUSE NO. 6002

IN THE MATTER OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT  
THE ESTATE OF §  
GUY W. GINN, DECEASED § FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GUY W. GINN, Deceased, were issued on February 11, 2015 in Docket Number 6002 pending in the COUNTY COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS to KENNETH PAT GINN and JANCY GINN RODGERS, Independent Co-Executors.

The address of record for KENNETH PAT GINN is 4511 7th, LUBBOCK, LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS 79416 and the address of record for JANCY GINN RODGERS is 2501 FM 789, PETERSBURG, HALE COUNTY, TEXAS 79250.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED on this 11th day of February, 2015.

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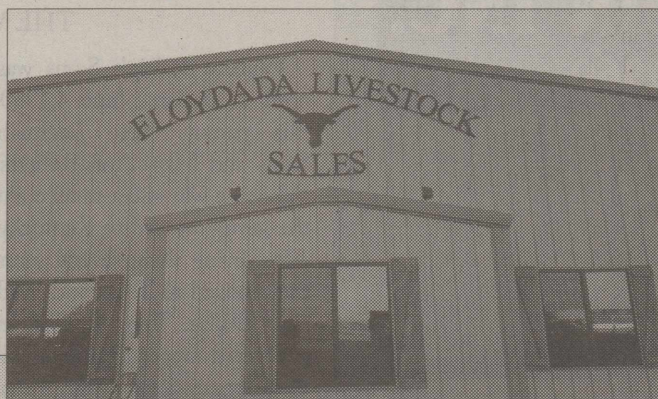


# FLOYDADA SCHOOL

## Final Touch Made to Floydada Livestock Sale Barn

By Vance Lemons  
Ag Science Teacher  
Floydada High School

On Wednesday February 18th it was all smiles for owners, Mr. and Mrs. Don McCandless, along with John Fortenberry, as cowboys dismounted from their horses



Courtesy Photos



dition for the community to come together to help neighbors raise walls to a new barn. It was a very happy time, everyone was having a good time taking pictures, laughing and carrying on. Even motorist traveling down highway 207 were stopping to admire the new sign. This was the final touch to the new building.

The sign was designed and fabricated by Floydada High School Ag students. The Floydada Ag students took great honor in the participation of the new sign.

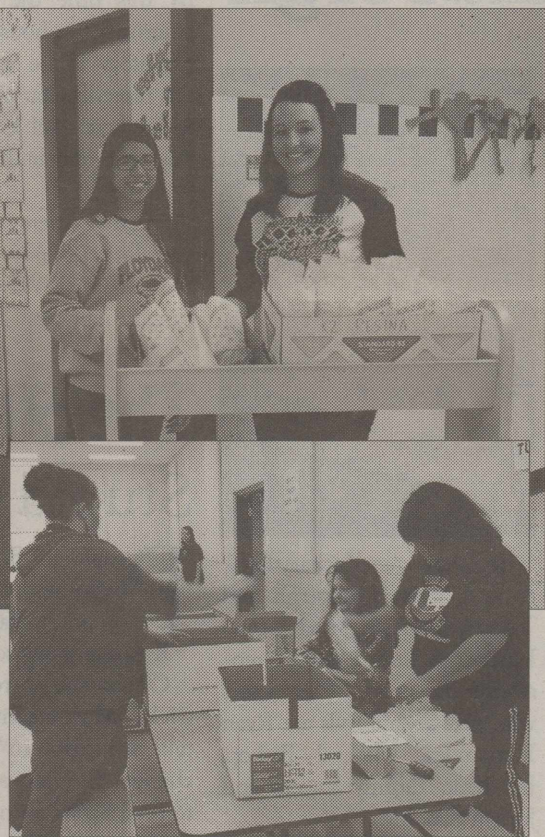
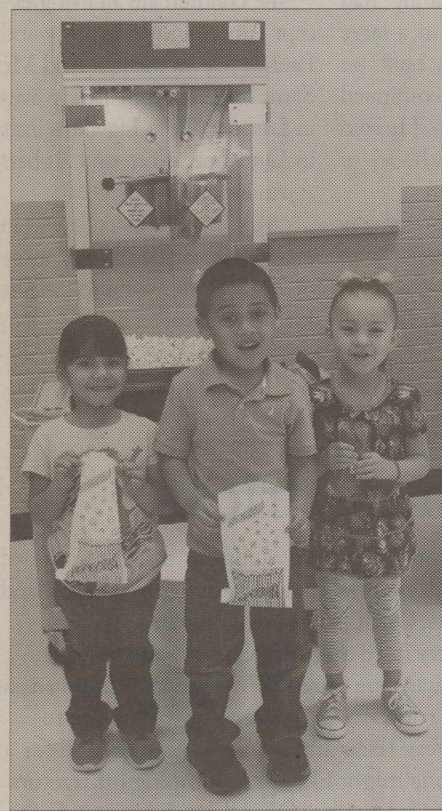
after working the day getting ready for Wednesdays weekly sale to help hang the new sign on the newly built Floydada sale barn.

The sale barn was destroyed in a fire back in July of 2013.

Owners began to rebuild the sale barn the very next day and it was bigger and better than before.

Wednesday afternoon reminded me of a barn raising, which at one time was a tra-

## PTO sponsors Pickle/Popcorn Friday at Duncan Elementary



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

Popcorn/Pickle Friday was held at Duncan Elementary on Friday, Feb. 20. Students showing their treats are (l-r) Alianne Ellis, Raul Corada and Jaylee Delgado. Getting the popcorn and pickles ready for each classroom are volunteers which make this event run smoothly.



The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Duncan Elementary sponsored their monthly Pickle/Popcorn Friday fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 20th. Students are asked to bring \$1.50 if they want to buy a sack of popcorn and a pickle. The teachers usually use last period to let their

students enjoy their treats. The PTO sponsors this event on a Friday once each month and proceeds go towards new playground equipment. They also use this event as incentives for the kids and classroom equipment.

The PTO is always in need of volunteers for their

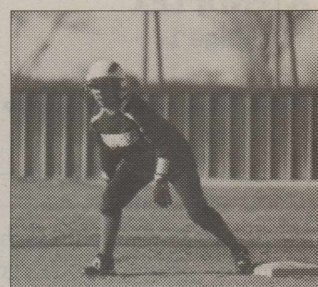
fundraisers and activities. If you would like to volunteer you may contact one of the officers - Lindsey Pyle - President, Kelli Hinsley - Vice President, Aimee Teeple - Secretary or Jessica Johnston - Treasurer or you can email: floydada-pto@gmail.com

## Floydada Softball Wins One, Loses One

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

games this week, defeating Dimmitt 11-0 on Feb. 17 and losing to Seagraves, 15-5 on Feb. 21.

FLOYDADA - Floydada's Lady Whirlwinds split their



Courtesy Photos



### Lady Winds win big over Dimmitt, 11-0

Winds scored five runs in the top of the first to open up the early lead. They also added a run in the third, four in fourth and one in fifth to complete the scoring. Bethany Morales held Dimmitt to only two hits to lead the Lady Winds to the victory.

Thalia Villa, Makenzie Ramos and Lindsey DeLeon each collect two hits for Floydada and Ramos collected two runs batted in. Floydada had 12 hits and Dimmitt was held

to two hits.

Against Seagraves, Floydada jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the top half of the first inning but Seagraves answered with six runs in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back. The Lady Winds added a run in the top of the third but the Lady Eagles added a run in the bottom half of the fourth, then another run in bottom of fourth. Floydada added two more runs in the top of the fifth but Seagraves answered

with five in the bottom half of the fifth and then two more in the bottom of the sixth to run-rule the Lady Winds.

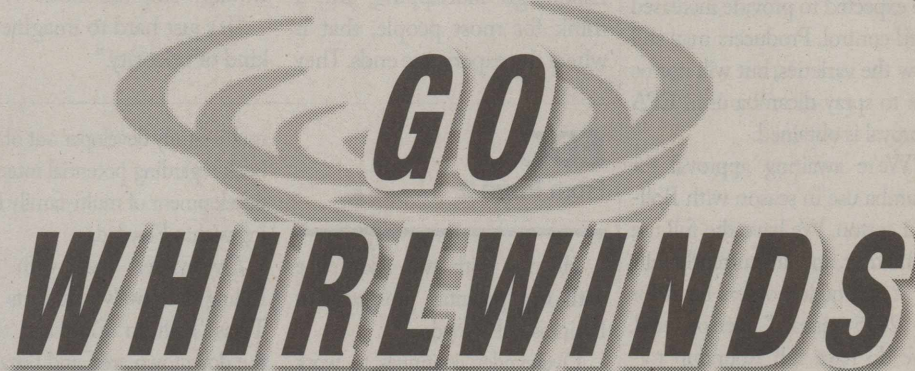
Seagraves had 16 hits while Floydada only managed seven hits. Floydada committed 19 errors that contributed to the loss. Morales had two hits to lead the Lady Winds.

Floydada was scheduled to play their first two home games of the year against Muleshoe on Monday, Feb. 23 and Littlefield, Saturday, Feb. 28.

## Floydada Varsity Basketball Round-up

### BOYS

Date	Opponent (*=District)	Score	Result	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	OPEN			
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 *	42-38	W	6-8 / 4-3
1-30	@ Olton *	52-49	L	6-9 / 4-4
2-3	Lockney *	59-41	L	6-10 / 4-5
2-6	@ Abernathy *	68-35	L	6-11 / 4-6
2-10	New Deal *	65-64	L	6-12 / 4-7
2-13	OPEN			
2-17	Ralls*	No Score Reported	W	7-12 / 5-7



### LEGAL

#### SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AUDIT SERVICES

SPCAA is requesting proposals from qualified sources for the provision of Audit Services. The purpose in soliciting a Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain the services of a public accounting firm, whose principal officer are independent certified public accountants, certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a state other political subdivision of the United States, to perform a financial and compliance audit of South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. Proposal specifications will be provided to all interested agency/firms. Written requests will be accepted at the following address:

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 610  
Levelland, TX. 79336  
Attn: Administrator - Audit Services

SPCAA is a private non-profit corporation responsible for numerous federal/state contracts. Interested parties should call (806) 894-6104 and ask for Shane Moran, Finance Director. Or by email: smoran@spcaa.org. RFP cut-off date is March 20, 2015.

### LEGAL

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Herbert Dudley, Deceased, were issued on February 11, 2015, in Cause No. 6148, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Wanda Dudley.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Wanda Dudley  
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DATED the 11 day of February, 2015.

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# LOCKNEY SCHOOL

## Lockney Softball Loses First Two Games of the Year

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney's Lady Horns went 0-2 last week, losing to Lubbock High 19-1 on Feb. 17 and to Denver City 12-8 on Feb. 21. The Lady Horns jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the top of the first but the Lady Westerners took control of the game in bottom of the first by scoring four runs, then they added three in the sec-

ond, seven in the third and five in the fourth as the Lady Westerners overpowered the Lady Horns. Lubbock High pitching held the Lady Horns to only four hits and Lockney committed 11 errors in the loss. Shelby Coats struck out six batters in a losing effort. Against Denver City, Lockney again jumped out to an early lead with three runs in the first, but Denver City scored four in the bottom half of the first inning to

take a lead they never gave up. Each team added a run in the second inning, then the Lady Mustangs added five in the bottom of the fifth to go up 10-4. The Lady Horns scored four in the top of the sixth inning to close the gap but the Lady Westerners added two in the bottom of the sixth and then held Lockney scoreless in the seventh to capture the 12-8 victory. Lubbock High had 16 hits and only one error in the vic-

tory while Lockney had 13 hits and two errors. Dixie Williams had three hits and two runs batted in and Haley Dunbar had three hits to lead the Lady Horns. Coats struck out six batters in taking the loss for Lockney. The Lady Horns were scheduled to play Sundown in Lockney for the first home game of the year on Tuesday, Feb. 24 and participate in the Post Tournament Feb. 26-28 in Post.

## District 4-2A Boys Basketball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	C=Champion P=Playoff X=Eliminated
Abernathy	11	1	C
Lockney	9	3	P
New Deal	8	4	P
Olton	5	7	X
Floydada	5	7	X
Hale Center	4	8	X
Ralls	0	12	X

## Lockney Varsity Basketball Round-up BOYS

Date	Opponent (*=District)	Results	Score	Record (Overall/Dist)
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 / 5-1
1-27	@ Abernathy *	L	58-48	15-6 / 5-2
1-30	New Deal *	L	75-67	15-7 / 5-3
2-3	@ Floydada *	W	59-41	16-7 / 6-3
2-6	Ralls *	W	69-48	17-7 / 7-3
2-10	@ Hale Center *	W	55-43	18-7 / 8-3
2-13	@ Olton *	W	53-45	19-7 / 9-3

## Japanese youths will visit Texas in summer

COLLEGE STATION – For Texas youth and their families wanting to experience Japan this summer without leaving home, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will be bringing “delegates” from the Land of the Rising Sun here to the Lone Star State. “We will again coordinate the placement of 20 youth from Japan with families throughout Texas for a four-week homestay program,” said Dr. Darlene Locke, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 4-H youth development specialist. “It is being done as part of Texas Global

Education and Cultural Exchange program partnership with Texas 4-H.” She said participating families benefit by expanding their global knowledge and learning about other cultures. “And the young people involved can make life-long friendships and can keep in touch if they wish, especially with today’s technology,” Locke said. “The experience will also help them learn how to adapt to those who live and do things differently from them.” For the program, Japanese youth ages 12 to 16 will be paired with Texas families

with a child of the same gender, approximate age and similar interests. They will live with the host family from July 21 to Aug. 19. Locke added that host families are also needed during that same time frame for youth ages 15-18 from the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece. “My family hosted five Japanese delegates over a nine-year period,” said Lauren Kilpatrick, 18, now a freshman at Texas A&M studying horticulture. “It was a great experience, starting with the first Japanese girl we hosted. After you get over the initial language barrier, you

get to find out what they are all about and share things. We showed them all about living in the U.S. and being a Texan, and they showed us things like Japanese cooking and origami. It was a cool, life-changing experience.” Locke said conversely that Texas youth desiring an experience abroad can visit Japan for a four week homestay, also through the program. “Texas youth are assigned to a Japanese family and live in their home, totally immersed in the culture,” she said. “Expenses for the outbound program average \$4,000, but there are some scholarships available.”

## SPC Workforce Development joins Texas Tech, Bridge in hosting Resource Fair on Feb. 28

LUBBOCK – South Plains College Workforce Development, Texas Tech University and the Bridge of Lubbock will offer an Adult Education Resource Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 28 at 1301 Redbud. The event is free and open

to the public. Lunch will be provided for participants. “The goal of the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood is to increase personal hope, confidence and community pride as we enjoy the authentic experience of access and opportunity for families

to grow, learn and succeed,” said Chris Moore, project manager/Education Administration at Texas Tech University. SPC Workforce Development offers the following classes at The Bridge: General Maintenance, EKG

Monitor Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy, Industrial Training, Basic Computer Skills, Keyboarding, Excel and Word. Among the participating vendors will be representatives from SPC, Texas Tech, the Bridge, East Lubbock

Community Alliance, Workforce Solutions, LEARN, Inc., Gen Tex, Catholic Family Services, Small Business Administration, NELCDC, USDA-Housing, SBDC-TTU, StarCare, Juvenile Justice Alt Ed Program, Goodwill, Dream Center, Literacy

Lubbock, CHCL, SPCAA, My Brothers' and Sisters' Keeper, 100 Black Men of West Texas and Met, Inc. For more information, contact Moore at (806) 329-9051 or email [christopher.moore@ttu.edu](mailto:christopher.moore@ttu.edu).

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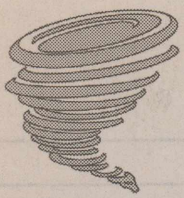
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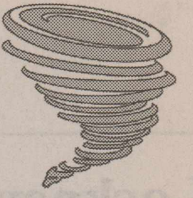
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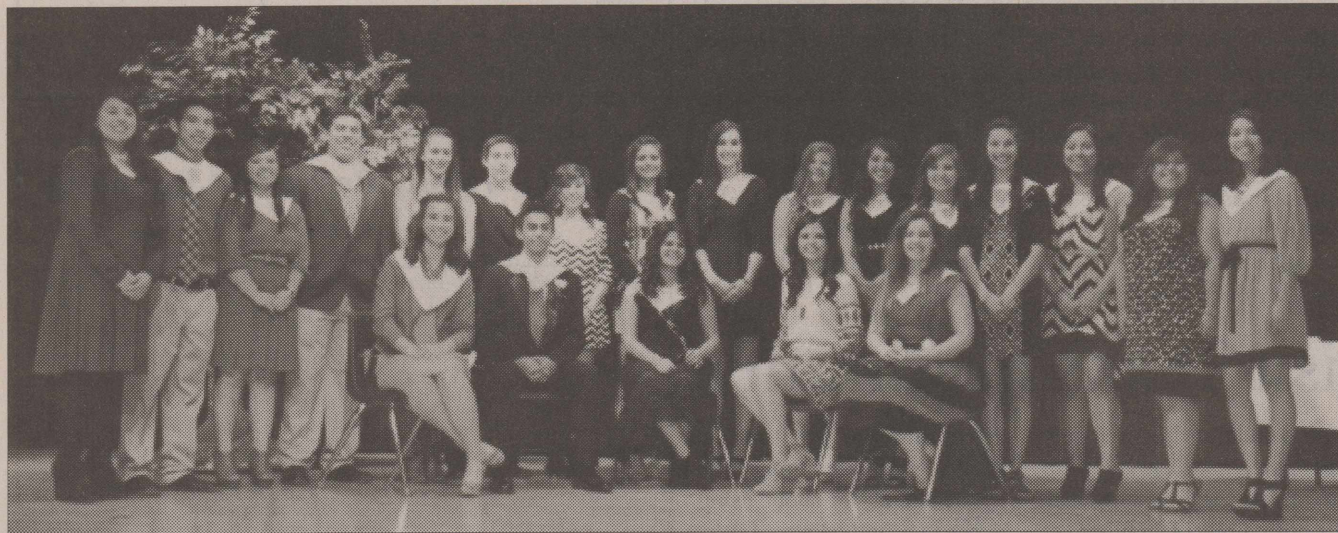




# Whirlwind News



## Annual NHS Inductions 2015 Daylight Savings Time



By Liz Morales  
Staff Writer

The National Honor Society has always been a big part of Floydada High School. Each year, new inductees that meet the four NHS requirements are asked to join the organization. The four qualities of NHS are scholarship, leadership, service, and character. On February 19th, five students that met these criteria were inducted into NHS. The new

inductees were Brooke Galvan, Kaylee Morren, Alfonso Mendoza, Delylah Henry, and Macee Brotherton. All five inductees are sophomores.

In order to get inducted into NHS, the following requirements must be met: students must maintain a 90 or better cumulative average to start with, ratings from the faculty and staff must be exceptional, and the final decision is decided among the NHS council. "I feel like it is a great honor

and will help bring bigger and better opportunities for me in the near future," said Kaylee Morren.

NHS also requires students to go the extra mile outside of school. Students learn to go beyond their limits in volunteer and community service.

"NHS has helped me earn community service hours and have a positive mindset while doing it, I'm going to miss being a part of such a benefiting

organization," said Desiree Guerra, senior member.

The NHS chapter has nothing but great things ahead of them. Along with high expectations from others, members are determined to do amazing things to show the school what they are capable of achieving.

"The new inductees show all the characteristics of NHS and will be a great addition to our chapter," said Dana Crossland, NHS advisor.

By Melissa Arizpe  
Staff Writer

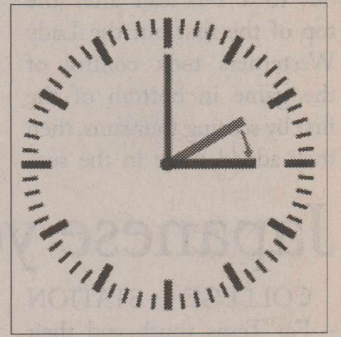
Many countries change their clock twice a year to observe daylight saving time (DST). The date and location of DST may vary from year-to-year.

This year it will begin on Sunday, March 8, at 2:00:00 AM. Clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00:00 AM local daylight time instead and will end on the 1st of November 2015. The clocks will "spring forward" an hour, which means darker mornings and later days.

The modern idea of DST was first implemented in Europe during the First World War. The concept was to take advantage of longer summer day by gaining an extra hour of sunlight and to have shorter winter days. However, the practice has been both commended and criticized.

DST creates many controversy, some people love it and others not so much.

For FHS English teacher, Rita Cox who is currently residing in Plainview, Texas she is all in favor of the time



change. "I like that it's dark during my 30 minute drive to Floydada because the sun is still down and isn't in my eyes," Cox said.

However, for technology teacher Tasha Hughes, who currently lives in Turkey, the opinion on DST swings the other way. "Since I drive 45 minutes everyday to work, I don't like the time change because I like for there to be light on my drive," said Hughes.

Additionally, students have a different perspective pertaining to the change.

"Daylight savings time is our chronic balance, something that keeps our timescale in relation to the nature of the solar system, in an usual-but required- sort of uneven symmetry" sophomore Grant Potts says.

## Tennis Swings into Action

By McKenna Johnson  
Senior Editor

Bright yellow tennis balls rocket across two courts as students begin practicing for another year of tennis. Each day after a long day of school, tennis players meet to improve their skills. Whether players are working on their backhands, forehands, or serves, each person hopes to refine each swing of the racket. The tennis head and only coach, Robin Nixon, is continuously trying to help players grow as they work towards the district tennis meet on April 7, the regional meet April

20-21, and finally, state May 12-13.

"The goal for the tennis team and players is simple," said Nixon, "try and get as many players to regionals as we can."

As senior players look back at all four years of their high school tennis career, they see their growth as well as their future in tennis.

"I'm excited about being able to go back on the courts and give it my all, but I am not looking forward to the end of the season. I will never be able to play tennis as frequently and as hard as I do now," said Esmeralda Garza, senior.

With a larger team this year, prepara-

tion for the future is extremely important.

"There are approximately twenty-seven athletes playing tennis this year. We prepare for the season by getting as much court time as we can, but this is hard because so many students are also involved in other athletic and academic events."

As new high school students transition into a more difficult level of sports, they also experience the joy of more meets and practice.

"I am a freshman, so this is my first time playing high school tennis, but I am excited to learn and get better as the season continues," said Alex Glass.

## From 'the Dirt that Hurts' to 'the Rough Winds': Coach Brady Webb

By Bethany Morales  
Staff Writer

The basketball shoes are turned in, in exchange for cleats. The inside basketball court now becomes an outside baseball field. The whole surroundings change hinting a new season is vastly approaching. Freshly cut grass fills the air as the dust is easily swept up by the wind. A whistle blows as the baseball teams quickly listens to one powerful voice. That one voice is none other than head baseball coach Brady Webb.

Coach Webb, from Amarillo Texas, is the head base-

ball coach but he also assists with varsity football, 7th grade football, and 9th grade basketball. Prior to Webb coming to Floydada he coached and taught at Caprock High school as well as Lubbock Christian High School for three years. He also taught geography, 7th grade Texas History, and 8th grade American History while at both Caprock and Lubbock Christian. At Floydada Webb teaches Math Models to his freshman students.

"For my students, I want them to do as well as possible and be as good as they can be," said Webb.

Webb wants his student to be the best but he also wants his athletes to learn good work ethic.

"I hope that the athletes learn to work hard in athletics and outside of athletics and to also win some games," said Webb.

Aside from teaching Webb is married to Lisa Webb and together they have a 7-month-old son Asher Brooks. In Webb's free time he enjoys spending time with his family and watching sports.

While on the job Webb wants to inspire both his students and athletes by giving them the best advice he can



possible give.

"I want both my students and athletes to work hard no matter what at whatever you are doing. Work ethic is such a great thing to have," said Webb.

## Chesshir Provides Leadership at Floydada Jr. High

By Kimberly Pacheco  
Staff Writer

As the bell rings, students run into class eager to report to the lab. Once dismissed by the teacher, they gather their needed equipment and put their apron and goggles on to begin the class. There are colorful chemicals that are bubbling in beakers and the aroma of uncertain substances fill the room. Students eagerly follow their teacher's instructions to proceed their scientific experiment. Once

the instructor approves the experiment, students know it has been a successful day in the science lab.

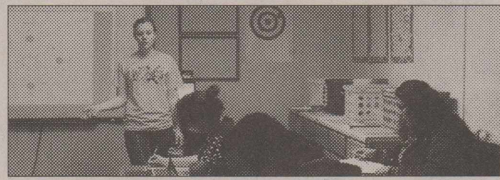
Mrs. Terra Chesshir is the 8th grade science teacher at Floydada Jr. High. She began working for Floydada Jr. High in the year of 2012, and until now she has held her teaching position for 3 years. Mrs. Chesshir graduated from Vista Ridge High School in Cedar Park, Texas in the year of 2007. She attended Angelo State University majoring in Psychology BA in the Sum-

mer of 2011, also graduating in the Alternate Certification Program on the year of 2012 the following May.

Besides teaching, Mrs. Chesshir lives an ordinary life outside of the classroom. She finds pleasure in spending time with her dogs and husband.

"I enjoy training and playing with my 2 dogs, going to the movies with my husband, and baking sweet treats such as cheesecake and muffins," said Mrs. Chesshir.

Teachers are a significant



part of a students life because they are making a positive difference in the lives of the youth by creating situations that allow students to make their own choices, and create a path to guide them in life.

As teacher Terra Chesshir says, "I feel that I give my students the safety to ask questions and create a desire for exploration. My hope is that this will encourage them to think before acting and allow them to create beneficial situations in their future."

By Alyson Perez  
Staff Writer

Education plays an important role in life. People with higher education have an advantage of being offered opportunities that requires a prominent level of schooling. Students everywhere take teachers for granted and don't appreciate the fact that they invest countless hours into their students' education. Teachers imprint success by showing each of their students the confidence they need to pursue their dreams. They fully devote their time and lives to teaching. In order to be a successful teacher, you have to be comfortable with speaking and teaching other people. This was no problem for a developing science teacher who was a Floydada High School alumni.

Jennifer Emert has been a teacher at Floydada for four years. She started off teaching eighth grade science but she progressed to teaching chemistry...then proceeded to bring back AP chemistry this year. She graduated from Floydada High School in the year of 2008. After High School, she attended Angelo State University and graduated in 2011 receiving her Bachelors in chemistry. Once she graduated, there was a job opening for a teaching and coaching position, seeing the opportunity at hand, she applied and af-



ter the phone interview she was offered the job immediately.

Fresh out of college, Mrs. Emert had an advantage at teaching due to the fact that much time hadn't passed since she was in the exact seats her students were now in, this time she was teaching the class. She felt right at home returning to her old high school. Helping in her favorite sport of basketball, Mrs. Emert adapted very well in junior high and easily progressed to high school. Mrs. Emert enjoyed peer tutoring in high school and was at the top of her class. She was always passionate when it came to teaching and assisting kids on obtaining their ambitions.

"When I was in high school, it was important to me to have the means to achieve my goals" said Mrs. Emert, "and I love being a part of that for other high school students."

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# Longhorn News

## 1st Round in Playoffs Mr. & Miss LHS

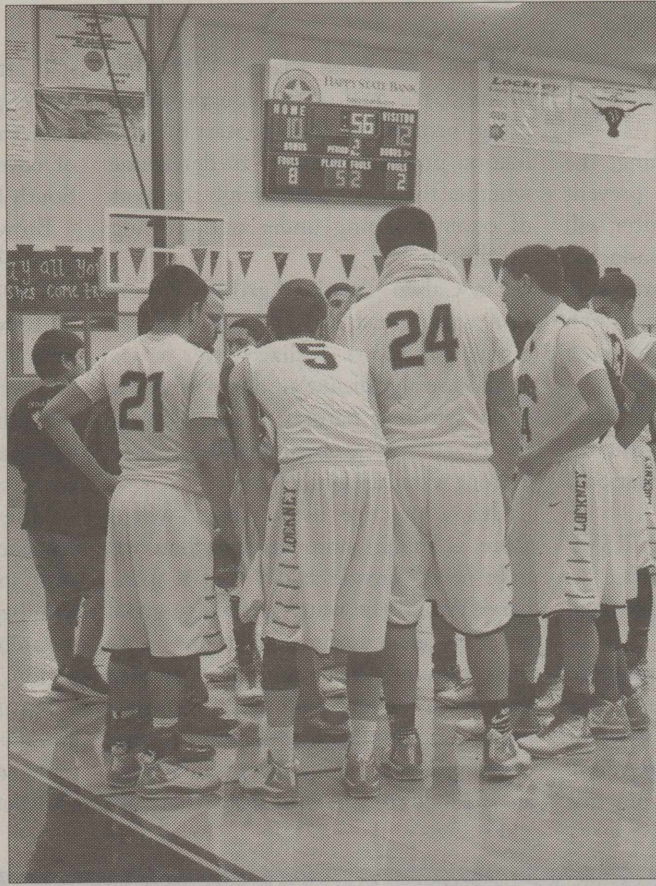
By Lissa Hernandez, Lena Luna and Lexi Chavez

Swish, goes the net as the Lockney Longhorn varsity boys' basketball team advances to the first round of playoffs, starting Tuesday, February 24 vs. Claude in Dimmitt.

"Being able to work hard and make it to the playoffs my junior year is what every varsity player wants," said junior post, Ruben Ascencio

Working hard means everything to this year's boys' basketball team, but perhaps what makes the real difference is the feeling of being a family that the varsity boys share.

Everyone is encouraged to go out and support the varsity boys in their upcoming playoff games. Knowing that the Lockney community supports them whether they win or lose is one thing that boosts their confidence before every game.



By Trevor Ascencio & Emilee Encizo

Thursday, February 12th, Lockney High School Student Council hosted an event called Mr. & Miss LHS. Mr. & Miss is an event where the student council puts together little skits and presents awards to students who were nominated for them. Some of the awards they handout are Most Studious, Class Clown, Most Athletic, and many more.

"It was stressful, but the kids got it done. The student council put it together and it was a job well done," said Student Council sponsor, Mrs. Azua.

Mr. & Miss LHS was held in the elementary cafeteria and started at 6 pm. Students were told to dress nice and be present to watch the skits and observe who received the awards. "Most Dependable" went to Freshman Julio Laura, CJ Perales, and Nimsi Perez; sophomores Luke Kasner and Lizzie Belt, Juniors Jake Moore and Karis Carstensen, and seniors Nic Sherman and Darby Long.

"I was very honored to receive the 'Most Dependable' award, and I'm very glad I could be there for my classmates," said freshman Nimsi Reyes.

The "Most Athletic" award went to freshman Jaden Rosales and Alyssa Barretero, sophomores Trevor Ascencio and Haley Walker, Juniors Daylen Gatica and Anissa Guerrero, and seniors Mau-



ricio Davila and Kennedy Hallmark.

"It was an honor to be nominated and presented with the award 'Most Athletic' in my sophomore class. Thank you to everyone who voted for me," said sophomore Haley Walker.

The "Most Courteous" award went to freshman Julio Laura and Karissa Petty, sophomores Seattle Jackson and Lizzie Belt, juniors Tevin Phillips, Osiel Mondragon, and Karis Carstensen; and Seniors Mauricio Davila and Kennedy Hallmark.

"At first I thought it was rigged, especially since I have now won two years in a row for 'Most Courteous,' but it felt like a good accomplishment," said junior Tevin Phillips.

The "Class Favorite" award went to freshman Jaden Rosales and Alyssa Gutierrez, sophomores Trevor Ascencio and Lizzie Belt, juniors Daylen Gatica and Anissa Guerrero, and seniors Nic Sherman and Dixie Williams.

"I was really excited to

receive the 'Class Favorite' award in the sophomore category. Thank you to everyone who voted for me," said sophomore Lizzie Belt.

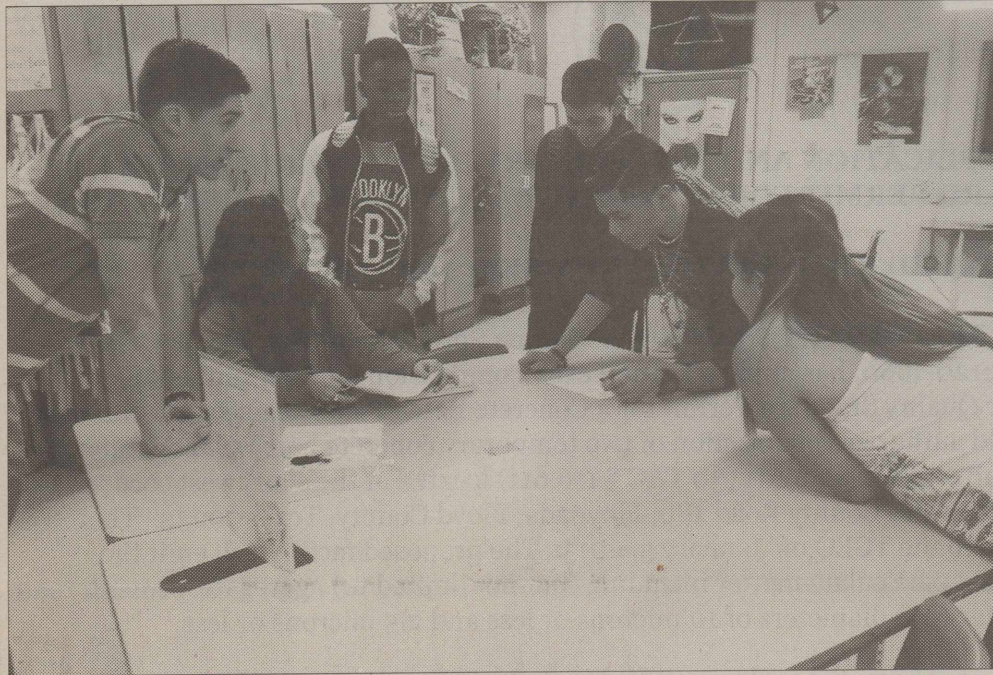
The "Class Clown" award went to freshman Raimondo Alvarado and Aleah Jimenez, sophomores Trevor Ascencio and Shelby Dunbar, juniors Christian Bursiaga and Camryn Diaz, and seniors Eli Guerra and Isabella Rodriguez.

The "Most Studious" award went to freshman Tristian Schlueter and Karissa Petty, sophomores Luke Kasner, Lizzie Belt, and Emilee Encizo, juniors Levi Kasner and Camryn Diaz, and senior John Salas, Nic Sherman, and Darby Long.

"Winning 'Most Studious' may seem like a nerd award, but really it means you're working hard to make good grades," said freshman Karissa Petty.

The top award of "Mr. & Miss. LHS" went to seniors Dixie Williams and Nic Sherman.

## 2015 Jr. and Sr. Prom



By Abel Salazar

The end of another school year is near and everyone is gearing up for the prom, especially the junior class who is planning a prom to remember.

The theme this year will be Around the World. The junior class plans to recreate places from all over the world so that students can be transported during this fun evening.

"We as a class are trying to make this one night a memorable moment for our graduating seniors of 2015," said junior class president, Levi Kasner.

Prom is just another way students know how close the ending of the school year is. For juniors at Lockney High School, the ending of this year also marks a successful journey of planning a moment that will be remembered forever.

In their planning process, first the juniors have been spreading out ideas that they think will be perfect with the theme. As time passes they start to build, paint, and decorate to the best of their ability, making their dream a reality. Putting everything together is hard work but every year it turns out amazing.

"As part of the junior class, we are hoping to do our best to make this prom one to remember," said Anissa Guerrero.

## Child Development Gets CPR Certified

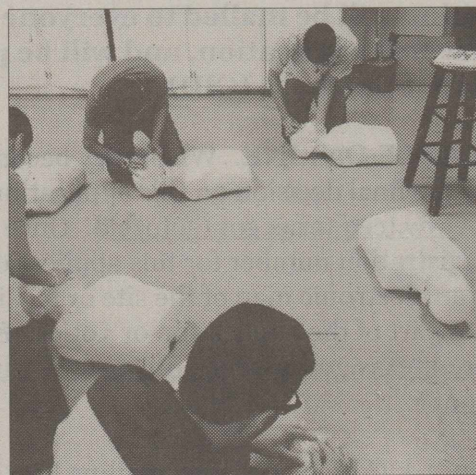
By Lena Luna, Lexi Chavez, Lissa Hernandez

On the week of February 16-20th Mrs. Belt's child development class was busy learning to save lives. Learning the proper way to give CPR to any person in need was their main goal.

They first started by learning the three C's (Check, Call, Care). After that, they were taught to recognize the signs of a heart attack and how to indicate what is about to happen.

Each student got to practice CPR with their own dummy to help them better understand what it means to administer CPR. Students were shown how to place their hand and how to give rescue breaths. By the end of the second day they knew the three C's of emergency care, the definition of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and how long to administer CPR.

They learned CPR is similar in some



ways for everyone, but infants and small children must be treated a little different due to their size.

To round out their lesson, they will also learn what to do when someone is choking. Finally they will be tested on what they've learned and become certified.

## English II Students Produce Their Own Original Commercials



By Emilee Encizo & Trevor Ascencio

On Monday, February 2nd, The Lockney High School English II students were assigned a project to create a commercial advertising a product that they thought would benefit teachers. The product had to be something that hadn't been invented before and their commercial had to involve at least on type of persuasive technique.

"Doing the commercials for Ms. Boggs was a fun experience," said Blanca Bueno. "Learning to persuade people to buy our product was a challenging but exciting experience."

The commercial ideas that were presented ranged anywhere from Smarter Water to Super Pencils. There were some really funny and outgoing ideas put into the commercials.

All students had a week to work on their project before the due date of Monday, February 9th. On Monday, teachers and staff were invited to vote on their favorite commercial from the three English II classes and decide who the winner was in each class. The people involved in the winning commercial won a pizza party.

"I feel that all the students did a good job on creating commercials that were persuasive," said English teach Ms. Boggs.

The winners from each class were decided and the winners from the 1st period English II class were Luke Kasner, Nathan Johnson, and Lesly Sanchez with Magic Cream. The Magic Cream can clean up a messy desk in a matter of seconds.

"I was happy that we won, it was a good success," said Nathan Johnson. "Others

did fantastic as well."

In 4th period, the winners were Trevor Ascencio, Shelby Dunbar, Lizzie Belt, and Tavian Walrath with Smarter Water. The Smarter Water makes you smarter, perfect for when you're taking a test.

"I'm glad we get pizza, I'm proud of my group coming up with a great skit and glad I could contribute the best I could," said Shelby Dunbar.

In 6th period, the winners were Jeremiah Bernal, Esteban Pena, Hannah Kidd, and Emilee Encizo with the creation of The Bad Kid Away Button. It's the button that can zap problem students straight to the principal's office in a matter of seconds.

"I felt happy we won because in that moment, I knew we had a pizza party on Friday in our grasp," said Esteban Pena.

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# AGRICULTURE

## Clean audit, city farm lease dominate February's Floydada council

By Kay Ellington  
Hesperian-Beacon

The financial audit, Floydada Police's annual racial profiling report, and the city farm lease contract were among the topics of February's city council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

George Meriwether from Davis Kinard & Co PC, Certified Public Accounts, Plainview, described the city's audit as, "an unmodified report, a clean opinion, the best opinion that can be rendered."

The council unanimously approved the audit.

Since 2004 Texas municipalities have been required to generate an annual racial profiling report in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (S.B. No. 1047). Police Chief Darrell Gooch reported on the demographics of the community and the incidents of police calls, arrests and citations. Gooch concluded that overall there is no racial profiling in Floydada. The overall largest number of police incidents related to Caucasians, a demographic group that is not the majority in Floydada. Those of Hispanic origin comprise the largest demographic group in Floydada.

The council unanimously approved the Floydada Police Chief's racial profiling report.

The Floydada City Council joined county commissions and city councils across the state in supporting Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and urging

lawmakers not to amend legislation in Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code allowing rural school districts to negotiate with the developing energy industry. City Manager Jeff Johnston noted that there had been some discussion in the new legislative session on modifying 313.

The city council voted unanimously to urge the State Legislature to maintain Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.

A subcommittee of the council, including Sam Green and Steve Lloyd, had been vetting potential bidding on working the city farm, and recommended giving a five-year farm contract to Austin Campbell.

The vote for this decision was not unanimous because Gail DuBois, who is in the crop insurance business, abstained, not wanting to show any favoritism for any farmer. The rest of the council voted for Campbell, and he was awarded the contract.

## Cover Cropping, Soil Health Workshop slated for March 6 in Lubbock AgriLife experts to weigh possible pros and cons

By Steve Byrns  
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LUBBOCK – Cover cropping, the practice of planting a crop to prevent soil erosion and add organic matter, will be the focus of a workshop conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 6 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

The center is located at 1102 East Farm-to-Market Road 1294 (exit 11 on I-27 north of Lubbock International Airport).

Individual registration is \$30. RSVP to the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock at 806-775-1740 is requested by March 4.

"Testimonials abound concerning the potential benefits to cover crop use," said Mark Brown, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County. "But with our limited water resources, will the practice

work on the South Plains? With that in mind, the goal of this program is to bring forth information to start the validation process necessary to determine whether the benefits outweigh the costs of cover cropping under our growing conditions."

Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist at Lubbock said regional producers realize cover crops would use significant amounts of water, so he said it is natural to determine if the practice is even permissible under current water use guidelines.

"It's a practice used mostly where there is much more rainfall than we have here," Trostle said. "Will it work here? Would the water needed to grow cover crops be detrimental to our cropping system? What are the potential long-term benefits for soil improvement? And do tillage options affect cover cropping? These questions and more are the focus of this workshop where we

will attempt to take a pragmatic look at the pros and cons of cover cropping, and at a minimum, identify components of cover cropping that could enhance South Plains crop production."

Brown said speakers will include staff from AgriLife, Texas Tech University, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service and several area producers who have initiated cover cropping on part of their land.

Producers can access educational materials at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/cover-crops>.

"The exchange of ideas among attendees, coupled with research and demonstration work conducted by AgriLife will help us identify aspects of cover cropping that may be beneficial to the region," Trostle said.

For more information contact Brown at 806-775-1740, [mark.brown@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:mark.brown@agnet.tamu.edu) or Trostle at 806-746-6101, [ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu).

### LEGAL

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR CONCRETE BATCH PLANT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED REGISTRATION NUMBER: 100079L008

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., P.O. Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas 79120-1660, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit for a Concrete Batch Plant Registration Number 100079L008, which would authorize construction of two temporary concrete batch plants under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 116.611 (30 TAC § 116.611) located at the southwest corner of Farm-to-Market Road 207 and County Road 180, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas 79235. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 5, 2015. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a Standard Permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611 which would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Floyd County Courthouse, 105 South Main Street, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, 5012 50th St Ste 100, Lubbock, Texas.

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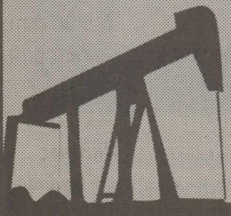
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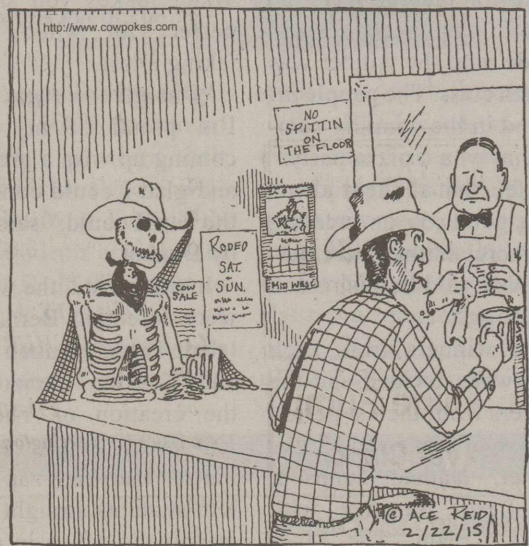
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# Inspection, Registration Stickers Partnering Up

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Beginning March 1, House Bill 2305 goes into effect which will consolidate the vehicle registration and vehicle inspection stickers. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) are required to implement the one sticker system that will replace the current two sticker system. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality is also joining in the new “Two Steps, One Sticker” program as administrators of the state’s vehicle emissions testing program.

“This first year, it’s going to be confusing to everyone,” Delia Suarez, Floyd County Tax Assessor Collector said, “but everyone will end up only having one state-issued sticker on their windshield.”

After March 1, vehicle will no longer receive an inspection sticker but when a driver goes to get the inspection, the operator will receive a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR). The inspection station will only collect their portion of the inspection, \$7.00 and the state portion, \$7.50, will be added to the vehicle registration fees.

“Motorists will be required to pass an inspection prior to receiving a new registration sticker,” Suarez said, “We will be using a system that ties it all together. We’re suppose to be able to verify the inspection when we enter the vehicle identification number as we are working on the new registration.”

To avoid the possibility of a motorist having to obtain two inspections in a 12-month period, a vehicle having a cur-



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**Beginning March 1, Texas motorist will be required to pass an annual state inspection within 90 days prior to renewing their vehicle registration. During the first year of the program, motorists will be syncing up their inspection and registration due dates.**

rent unexpired inspection at the time of registration will be allowed to register. The next inspection date will be the same as the next registration due date. Vehicles having the same expiration dates for the inspection and registration must have an inspection performed within the 90 days preceding the registration expiration date in order to be registered.

“The DMV wants to continue to simplify and automate motor vehicle services for Texas,” Whitney Brewster, executive director, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, said. “By aligning your expiration dates, you can take care of these required annual services around the same time with one sticker and be on your way.”

According to state officials, the benefits of the “Two Steps, One Sticker” program include one sticker, one date to remember; less clutter on the windshield, better view; safer streets, cleaner air because of yearly inspections; and fraud prevention by eliminating the inspection sticker.

“The DPS is committed to keeping vehicles safe on our roadways,” Steven McCraw, director, Texas Department of Public Safety said. “And now that vehicle registration will be dependent on a passing inspection, we are hopeful the new single sticker process will increase inspection compliance, which will enhance the safety of our roadways for everyone.”

Commercial vehicles will continue to follow the current annual inspection requirements. Commercial vehicle registration does not represent that a valid inspection has been performed in the last 12 months. A receipt or a copy of the annual inspection must be produced during a roadside inspection or traffic stop to show compliance with state and federal law. There is no grace period for commercial vehicles and HB 2305 does not provide relief from the other state law requirements.

If you have any questions, call the Floyd County Tax Assessor office at (806)983-4908.

# Assignment: Texas A Prairie in Pieces - Part 1

Less than 24 hours ago, rain fell on the prairie. A spring thunderstorm, spawned just a few miles southeast of here, rumbled its way toward Oklahoma. Along the way the storm dropped about 2 inches of rain on the patchwork of prairie, wooded draws and cultivated farmland in western Lamar County.



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Before the sun ever rose, Tridens Prairie was already waking up. Frogs creaked and groaned in the subtle light of dawn, trying their best to attract a mate and multiply while conditions are optimum. Flitting across the top of the vegetation are birds I cannot identify at first. It’s not until one lands in a nearby tree and starts to sing that I realize it’s a dickissel. Its warbling song penetrates the still, humid morning.

Tridens Prairie isn’t necessarily all that pretty by conventional measures. To the untrained eye, it looks

like a tangle of weeds or an old farm field that’s been left fallow. The beauty of this place, however, is in the diversity of plants that populate the 97-acre patch of ground that’s never been turned over by a plow. In all, more than 170 species of plants are documented to be growing on this unassuming piece of prairie.

Just a couple of hundred yards to the north and separated by U.S. Highway 82, the vast Smiley-Woodfin prairie meets its southeastern terminus at FM 38. Heading west and north from this intersection is a vast sea of waist high grasses that’s interrupted only by tree-lined draws that drain water off the prairie. According to the historical marker that lies along



Highway 82, this property is the largest piece of Texas tallgrass prairie that’s never been plowed. It’s cut each year for hay production and burned periodically as part of a prescribed management practice, but it’s never been turned by a plow.

In early May, the field is still bright green with cool season grasses just about to peak at full maturity. While the land is private and I cannot trespass, I stand at the historical marker, look north and see the unkempt and wild grasses, forbs and wildflowers — a scene in juxtaposition to the carefully grazed and managed cow pastures that lie all around the thousand acres. Sadly, this land — and the grassland community that grows upon it — is now exceedingly rare in Texas.

The grass is still heavy with dew from the recent rain; puddles stand in the bar ditches along the highway. But as I examine the Smiley-Woodfin Prairie, I see no water standing. It’s been soaked up like a big sponge.

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