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Lockney Senior Citizens Center Serves 200 at Fajita Luncheon



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney Senior Citizens manager Renee Armstrong and her son, Nolan, prepare a take-out meal during the Fajita Luncheon held March 8. Funds from the luncheon go to building repair and maintenance.

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Approximately 200 people enjoyed a beef and chicken fajita lunch with all the trimmings at the Lockney Senior Citizens on Sunday, March 8.

Renee Armstrong along with Robert, Josh and Nolan Armstrong, Cecil and Donna Jones and

Alec Tambunga prepared and served the meal from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

“We really appreciate the community coming out to support the Center,” Renee said.

Lucy Dean Record, Betty Jones, Cecil Jones and Wendell Solis provided the entertainment throughout the meal.

“The funds raised will be used to help with building

SunEdison donates \$1,000 to Spirit of Christmas



Courtesy photo

Ben Fairbanks, Director of Development with SunEdison, presents Corey Johnston, volunteer with the Spirit of Christmas, a \$1,000 donation. This gift is the largest single donation Spirit of Christmas has ever received.

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

For 33 years many Floyd County families have spent their Christmas morning a very different way—by delivering holiday meals to the elderly and needy in Floydada, Lockney, Plainview and area Ronald McDonald houses in the Spirit of Christmas program—a community-wide endeavor which has businesses, churches, and organizations pitching in to help

throughout December.

Now, one of Floyd County’s newest businesses has stepped up to help in a major way.

SunEdison, formerly FirstWind, has donated \$1,000 to the Spirit of Christmas.

“We have appreciated Floyd County’s hospitality and look forward to being an active part of the community for many years,” said Ben Fairbanks, Director of Development for SunEdison.

“What a gift it is to have

companies like SunEdison to become an active part of our community, and invest in projects like “The Spirit of Christmas”. This donation will help assure that we can continue to provide meals to those in need in the years to come,” said Corey Johnston, volunteer, Spirit of Christmas.

Nearly all of the supplies used in “Spirit of Christmas” are purchased locally, so the donation from SunEdison helps the community in a variety of ways.

Floydada EDC board hears update on wind energy and business expansion efforts

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

In the monthly Floydada Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting Director Sean Overeynder updated the members on a range of activities from wind energy

company outreach to conducting research as part of a process for the community to possibly receive an endowment.

In the director’s monthly report he noted that he had completed an updated version of “Funds Reim-

bursement Incentive Program” draft that was to be approved.

He had also contacted five businesses this month to discuss expansion plans and needs that the EDC could possibly assist with.

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Lockney School Board Election for Place 1 Set for May 9

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney superintendent, Phil Cotham, announced that two candidates have signed up for the Place One seat on the Lockney School Board.

Charles Keaton and Lee St. Dennis will face off on the ballot for the May 9 election.

According to Cotham, early voting will begin Monday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 5 at the Administration Office, 416 W. Willow, between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The election will also be held at the Administration Office on Saturday, May 9 from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.



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Lucy Dean Record, Wendell Solis and Betty Jones along with Cecil Jones provided entertainment while over 200 diners enjoyed a fajita meal at the Lockney Senior Citizens.

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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.

OLD SETTLER’S MEETING

The Old Settler’s Association will hold a meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

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.

OPEN HOUSE

Come see this cute home. 703 SW 2nd, Lockney, Texas on Saturday, March 14th from 2-4 p.m.

PLAINS COTTON GROWERS

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., will host their 58th Annual Meeting on Friday, April 10, in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration. The meeting is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners’ Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, April 9-10, 2015, in Lubbock.

FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS ANNUAL GALA

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

Correction

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

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Deaths

Cecil Jackson

Cecil Jackson, age 69, of Floydada, left his family and friends and went to his eternal home on Friday, March 6, 2015 after battling a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

Visitation was held from 6 - 8 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2015 at the First Baptist Church Parlor in Floydada.

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

Cecil was born September 28, 1945 in Merkel, Texas to Freddie Lee Jackson and Margaret Louise (Goode) Jackson. He moved with his family to Floyd County when he was four years old and grew up on the family farm west of Floydada.

Cecil graduated from



CECIL JACKSON

Floydada High School in 1963. He married Linda Faye Myrick on May 8, 1971 in Floydada. Together they had two children, a daughter, Delinda Paulette and a son, Bradlee Cecil.

Cecil farmed and raised cattle in the Sandhill area. He served on the board of the Floyd County Farm Service Agency, the High Plains Wa-

ter Conservation District and served on the board of the Plains Cotton Growers. He enjoyed visiting with other farmers and going to the elevators and gins. He could tell a good story and generally left everyone with a smile on their face and joy in their heart. Cecil retired from farming in 2007. He was proud that young farmers he saw grow up now produce crops on the "home place".

Cecil enjoyed hunting and spent many hours with Brad and Marty, his son in law, watching, feeding and occasionally they even killed a deer. He enjoyed fishing also, and spent many days running trotlines at Lake Stamford and on trips with friends to the river. Cecil loved firearms and enjoyed hand-loading ammunition for his family and friends.

Billy Harold Morrison

Born on January 9, 1928 to James and Opal Holt Morrison of Dougherty, Texas, and died February 28, 2015 in Conroe, Texas. He was busy and wasn't finished yet, but he got a promotion upstairs.

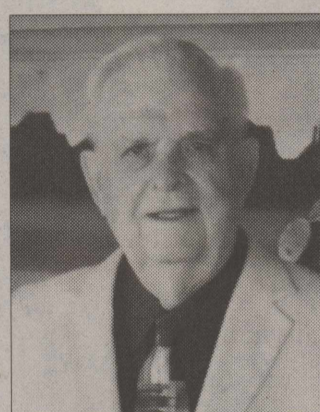
Billy was a true Renaissance man, curious and knowledgeable about 1000 different things. If it was worth collecting, he collected it. If it was worth reading about, he read it. And if it was interesting enough, he remembered it. And he just might put it in a poem. So watch yourself.

He had a life-long love affair with his homemade chili and jalapeno combread, his sister Virginia's sour pickles, his niece Kay's date loaf, ice cream, and Christmas.

Billy graduated from Floydada High School in 1945 at age 17, and had to wait until 1946 (age 18) to join the Navy because his father wouldn't sign early entrance papers. He served as a signalman on the USS Antietam CV-36 and spent 2 glorious years swabbing the deck and trading cigarettes with his best friend and fellow Seaman First Class, Jimmy Clack.

Thanks to the GI Bill, Billy entered the Texas Western College (now University of Texas at El Paso) and received his Geology degree in 1952. He rode with a friend to Midland, Texas to start his career as an Oil Scout with the University Lands. There he met his main squeeze, Donna Sue Raybon, and they married in 1953, a beautiful union that produced two daughters, Kim and Virginia, and lasted 55 years, ending with Donna's passing in 2008. He spent inordinate amounts of time knowing where his daughters were at any given moment, just to make sure they were safe. "Call me when you get home" was a given.

Billy worked his way up the oil and gas ladder with various companies, includ-



BILLY HAROLD MORRISON

ing Cabot Corporation working in Midland and Calgary, Alberta, Diamond Shamrock Oil & Gas, moving the family from Calgary, to Amarillo, then Houston, Texas, and Northern Natural Gas Co. (InterNorth) in Houston, with several moves back and forth to his beloved Midland, where he and Donna "retired" in 1988.

Retirement to Billy meant life got really busy. He continued to be a rock hound and dabble in geology, and he was a proud member of the NRA. He made frequent trips to Floyd County to check on the Cages and his cotton farm. And he made golf clubs for friends and family in his spare time.

In 2005, He and Donna moved to April Sound to be near their family, and Billy enjoyed his investment club, the Veterans Group at Storage 105, and the Men's Club at April Sound. He was also honored to join many fellow World War II veterans on the Lone Star Honor Flight #5 to Washington, D. C. in 2010. He wrote two books, one about his hometown, Dougherty, Texas A Little Gem on the Caprock, and a genealogy book, Billy H. Morrison, Ancestors and Descendants. And Billy was a poet.

He wrote many, many poems in his later years, including his annual Christmas poem that we all looked forward to. Traveling, whether across Texas hundreds of times and the lower 48

many times with his sisters in tow, Virginia and Bet, to visit his brother J.D. in Fort Worth, or on a cruise ship through the Panama Canal last fall with his companion Sue Mullins, was always an adventure and brought new stories to tell.

Above all, Billy loved his family. He doted on his daughters Kim Morrison Sepolio and Virginia Morrison, son-in-law Tony, Tony's brother, Cedric, his gadget and tool buddy, and his precious grandsons, Eric and Scott, whom he adored. He was also mutually loved by his many nieces and nephews that he always kept in touch with and visited as often as he could. He made his grandson, Eric especially proud when he became an Aggie in his Eighties by taking a spy class at Texas A&M with his friend, Buzz Montgomery. His one regret was that he didn't play a musical instrument and had never written a country and western song, but perhaps one day Scott, our UNT percussion ace, can carry out that wish. Yes, Billy probably would have joined the CIA and played in a bar in Nashville if he had more time. And taken one last trip to Kerrville to see Steve Lan Clack, the closest thing he had to a son.

Lastly, the family would like to thank Dr. Glen Berwick for his kindness and support during Billy's later life and final days. He was there when we needed him the most to hold our hands and answer our questions, often nonsensical, at all hours of the day and night.

Donations in Billy's memory can be made to either the Floyd County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 304, Floydada, TX 79235 or Taking Care of Texas (takingcareoftexas.org).

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday March 7, 2015 at Metcalf Funeral Directors. A private family interment at Houston National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Sherri Simpson Rumph

Sherri passed away peacefully on March 4, 2015, at North Cypress Medical Center. She was born in Lubbock, Texas, July 7, 1949. She was born to Jim and Betty Tye Simpson, the oldest of five children. Sherri graduated from Floydada High School 1967, attended Texas Tech University and then moved to Arlington, Texas. Danny and Sherri Rumph were married in McKinney on December 29, 1972.

Sherri is preceded in death by her father, Jim Simpson; and sister, Krista Simpson.

Sherri is survived by her husband, Danny Rumph and son, Joey Rumph; mother, Betty Simpson of Lubbock; brothers, Scott and wife, Trena Simpson; Clay and wife, Susan Simpson, all of Floydada; and sister, Rusty Simpson of Irving. She is also survived by her nieces, Neisha Clemens and Na'Lyn Swartz of Lubbock and nephew, J.C. Simpson of Irving. Sherri is also survived by many close friends who will miss her dearly.

Sherri was a very success-

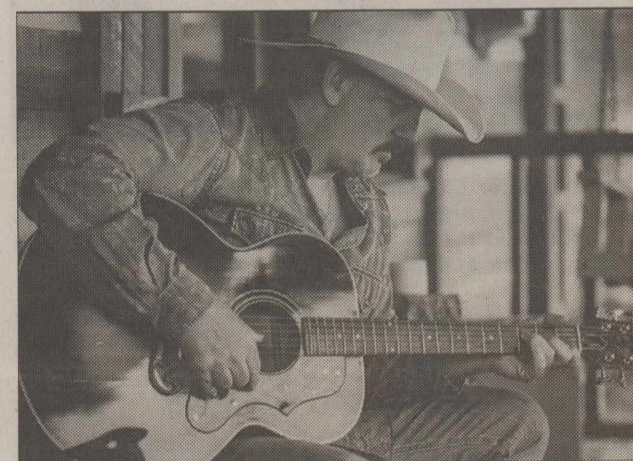


SHERRI SIMPSON RUMPH

ful entrepreneur, with a strong work ethic that led to the success of many business ventures. Balancing work and life was one of her strongest attributes, as she was also a devoted wife and mother who excelled in creating a loving home for her family and all who came through the doors.

Sherri was an excellent cook and enjoyed entertaining. Food was love, and her culinary skills allowed her to give love and be loved by many. As a mother, she devoted her life imparting devotion, wisdom and her keen sense of humor to her son, Joey. As a wife, she was the ultimate partner, friend, confidant and supportive soul mate.

Bernie Nelson to appear at Granada Theater Friday, will be updating his song, "Plainview" with local footage



Courtesy photo

Country Music songwriter, Bernie Nelson, recently released an album with a song called "Plainview." His co-writer was Rich Fagan, according to his Youtube channel. The song is a play on words using the name of the town to convey a double-meaning.

"So, if you ever change your mind / I won't be that hard to find / I'll be right here and hiding out in Plainview." He'll be appearing Friday night, March 13 at the Granada Theater.

Nashville A-list country songwriter Bernie Nelson in concert with Plainview's Steve Burrus will appear Friday, March 13 at the Granada Theater.

Nelson's new song "Plainview" will be recorded for an update to the original video that was done for this song.

With actual footage of Plainview locations and some footage from this concert inserted, it will update the original video and make it really authentic.

This is a chance for positive publicity for the city and theater and those attending may possibly be seen in the video... which will add to the fun.

Tickets are only \$10 and are on sale at Broadway Brew, Grumpy's Grill and the Plainview Chamber of Commerce.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

For those who wish to give memorials and donations, our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

James Lovell celebrated his 89th birthday on March 3, at the Center. Mini cupcakes were served to all diners. Family members in attendance include, Mike, Lu Ann, John and Jim Collins. Happy Birthday, James!

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 Street.

MENU March 16 - March 20

- Monday** - Sloppy Joe on bun, country potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square, low-fat milk
- Tuesday** - Taco salad w/chips, seasoned corn, watermelon, peach cobbler, low-fat milk
- Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, low-fat milk
- Thursday** - Ham & beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low-fat milk
- Friday** - Hot Dog on bun, mustard, baked potato w/sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin, low-fat milk

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

First of all this week, THANK YOU ALL...to all the people from Lockney, Floydada and Petersburg, who joined us for lunch on Sunday the 8th. We fed 200 of you and we appreciate your generous donations. I do apologize if you had to wait for the food.

Also a huge "Thank you" to Lucy Dean Record, Betty Jones, Cecil Jones and Wendal Solis for the music entertainment.

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 16 - March 20

- Monday** - BBQ chicken
 - Tuesday** - Beef and cheese nachos
 - Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak
 - Thursday** - Salmon
 - Friday** - Hamburger steak
- (Menus subject to change with notice)

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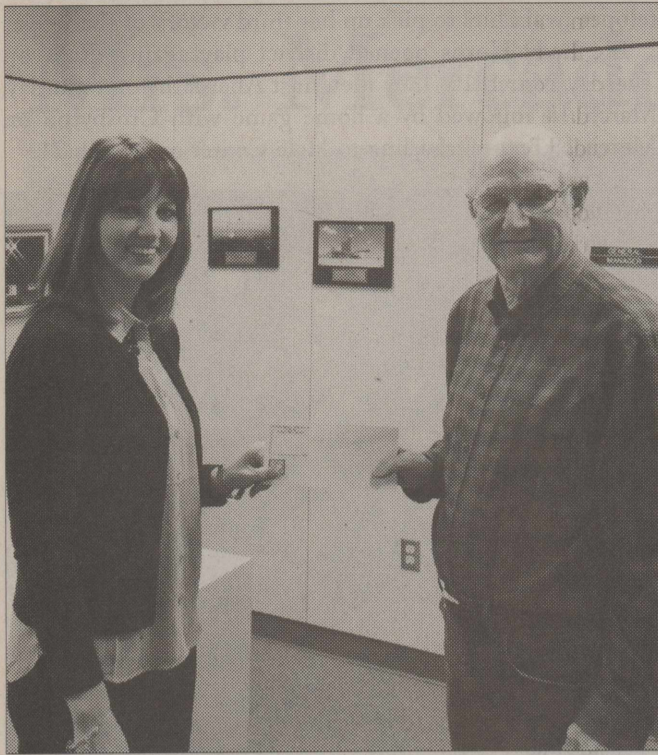
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Gala donation Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

A.D. WHITE STORY



Courtesy photo

Amanda Stapp, Member Services Assistant with Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. presents a check to Floyd County Friends Unity Center Manager, Jon LaBaume for the \$1000.00 give away at the 20th Annual Gala to be held on April 18th. Tickets are now on sale at Nick Long's State Farm Insurance Agency in Floydada, Shawnda Foster at D & J Gin in Lockney or Elaine LaBaume at 806-983-9153. Tickets are \$300.00 for a reserved table of 8 or \$30.00 for single tickets. Remember that the seating is limited. The theme this year is "20 Years From Denim to Diamonds."

Submitted by
Mrs. Garnet Goen

"Pioneering in Floyd County was no bed of roses back in the nineties," Mrs. A. D. White, wife of a pioneer farmer, druggist, and businessman, asserts in recalling the trek from her home in Fort Smith, Arkansas, with her husband to Delia Plain in 1889.

The Whites had been married four years previously, and came west with a baby daughter, Mrs. Pearl Fagen of Floydada. They traveled to Childress by train, and from Childress to Matador by mail hack.

There their adventures began. Arriving at Matador, then, in the spring of 1889, little more than a general store and headquarters for the famous Matador Ranch, they were strangers in a strange country. There were no hotel accommodations for travelers, and Mrs. White remembers that they were entertained at the Matador Ranch headquarters overnight.

In the morning John K. Full-

ingim, then a puncher for the Matadors, and another hand named Jones, hitched a pair of young mules to a hack and took the young couple and their baby daughter on what Mrs. White recalls as a wild ride up the caprock and across the plains to Della Plain, where Mr. White's half-brother, Jim McLain, had established a settlement

"There was nothing much there," Mrs. White says, "except half-dugouts. I was ready to go back to Arkansas."

She was ready many times after that to return to her old home, but she stuck by her pioneer husband and later admitted that, while pioneering was a hard life, the social gathering and old-time dances were lots of fun.

Mr. and Mrs. White stayed at Delia Plain for three years and were the last family to leave the settlement after it was evacuated. Mr. White filed on 80 acres of land on the west side of the settlement, sold that to the Baker Brothers at Lockney and filed on

another 80 acres on the east side of the town. The second claim was abandoned when the Whites moved from Delia Plain to a new place near what is now Mickey.

Henry Ewing and Charles McLain had put in a store at Delia Plain, Mrs. White recalled, and went bankrupt. Mr. White took over the store and became postmaster there, remaining until all the settlers had moved from the town to Lockney and Floydada.

One son, Ulmer White, who later operated a drug store in Floydada, was born to the Whites at Delia Plain.

Two other children, Mrs. J. C. Pundt (now of Borger) and Ruby White of Floydada were born at the place on the draw near Mickey.

Shortly after the turn of the century, Mr. White bought a farm near Floydada and moved to town." We tried to locate in Lockney," Mrs. White said, "and it was just by accident that we came to Floydada. C Snodgrass

offered to buy our team of dappled-grays for \$300 if we would move to Floydada."

Mr. White bought an interest in the drug store then owned by R. C. Scott and moved into town. He earned his pharmacist's license and took over the store, operating it for nine years when he sold out on account of his health.

Mr. White then went into the grocery business, and held the agency for the Star Automobile where the Triangle garage is now located. He also had a produce house in connection with the grocery. Later he went back to the drug business.

The remaining White children, with the exception of one baby who died in infancy at their Arkansas home, were born in Floydada. Twin girls, one of whom died in infancy, were born shortly after the Whites moved to town. The surviving twin is now Mrs. R. B. Rosson of Abilene, herself the mother of twins, Mrs. Polk Goen of Floydada and A. D. White Jr. of Borger were both born here.

Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. March 16, 2015

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters
East U.S. Highway 70
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 23, 2015. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 2, District 5, and District 8, will be elected in 2015. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map of the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Dunbar Powers Lady Horns to 14-2 Victory Over Post

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

POST – In the second game of the one-day round robin tournament in Post, Haley Dunbar led the Lockney Lady Horns to the 14-2 victory with four hits and three RBIs.

Facing Post for the second time in less than five days, Lockney scored eight runs in the first three innings before the Lady Antelopes crossed the plate.

In the top of the first inning, Lockney put up three runs, then in the top of the second, Lockney added two more runs then in the top of the third, the Lady Horns plated three more runs. Post scored one in the bottom of the third inning before Lockney scored three in the top of the fourth. The Lady Antelopes scored one in the bottom of the fifth and Lockney added the final three runs in the top of the

sixth.
Dixie Williams and Darby Long each had two hits and Lexi Chavez had three RBIs and Shelby Coats had two RBIs as the Lady Horns improved their season record to 4-2 heading into district play. Six players combined for 13 hits, 12 RBIs and 10 runs to guide Lockney to the victory. Coats struck out seven batters and limited the Lady An-

telopes to six hits to pick up her third victory of the week. The Lady Horns opened district play against Ralls on Tuesday, March 10. They then host Abernathy on Saturday, March 14 followed by a home game with Crosbyton on March 19 before traveling to Hale Center on March 21.

Lockney vs Post at Post
March 7, 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
Lockney	3	2	3	3	0	3	14	16	2
Post	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	6	0



Courtesy Photo
Lexi Chavez of the Lockney Lady Horns puts the ball in play in their game against Post in Post Saturday, March 7. The Lady Horns defeated the Lady Antelopes 14-2 to pick up their second victory over Post in less than five days. The Lady Horns began district play at Ralls on Tuesday, March 10 and host Abernathy on March 14.



Courtesy Photos
After a one-day postponement due to weather, the Lockney Longhorns prepare to head to Dimmitt to face the Claude Mustangs in a bi-district playoff games. Students and staff from the High School and Junior High gathered outside to send the Longhorns off to their playoff game. Lockney trailed most of the game but forced two overtime periods before falling to Claude, 58-55.

Coats Limits Post to Two Hits as Lady Horns Win 10-0

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Shelby Coats, pitcher for the Lockney Lady Horns, held the Post Lady Antelopes to only two hits while striking out eight batters enroute to a 10-0 victory Tuesday, March 3 in their home opener.

Lockney jumped out to a quick 10-0 in the bottom of the first inning as Lexi Chavez, Darby Long and Camryn Diaz

drove in runs as the Longhorns built the early lead. Chavez as stole home and the Lady Antelopes committed an error that allowed the Lady Horns to score.

Dunbar had two hits and three RBIs on a triple. Chavez had two hits and two RBIs to help lead the Horns to victory. Lockney totaled nine hits and no errors, while Post was limited to two hits and committed two errors. Coats gained the win for Lockney while Tidwell suffered the loss for Post.

The Lady Longhorns evened their record at 2-2 for the year.

Post at Lockney
March 3, 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Post	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Lockney	10	0	0	0	X	10	9	0

Lady Horns Defeat Roosevelt Lady Eagles 13-4



Courtesy Photo
Haley Dunbar, third baseman for the Lockney Lady Horns, charges toward home in their Saturday game against the Roosevelt Lady Eagles. The Lady Horns defeated Roosevelt 13-4.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

POST – Playing in a one-day, round robin tournament, the Lockney Lady Horns led off the day by defeating the Roosevelt Lady Eagles 13-4 on Saturday, March 7.

The Lady Horns scored one run in the bottom of the first, three runs in the bottom of the second, four runs in the bottom of the fourth and five runs in the bottom of the fifth while holding Roosevelt to one run in the top of third and three runs in the top of the fifth.

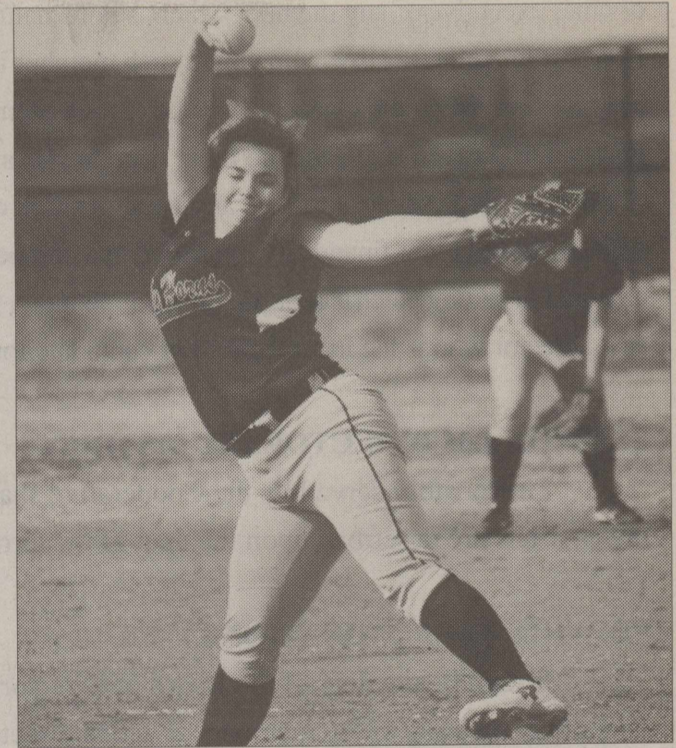
Lexi Chavez had four hits and two RBIs to lead the Lady Horns to the victory. Shelby Coats had two hits and two RBIs and Dixie Williams had two hits in the victory.

Coats limited Roosevelt to four runs on six hits while striking out nine Lady Eagles to pick up the victory. Lockney hitters had 14 hits for the game with Haley Dunbar, Williams, Coats and Chavez teaming up for 10 hits and six RBIs.

The Lady Horns moved to 3-2 on the season after this victory.

Roosevelt vs Lockney at Post
March 7, 2015

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Roosevelt	0	0	1	0	3	4	6	2
Lockney	1	3	0	4	5	13	14	0



Courtesy Photo
Lockney's Shelby Coats prepares to release her pitch as the Lockney Lady Horns took on Roosevelt at a round robin tournament in Post on Saturday, March 7. Coats limited the Lady Eagles to four runs on six hits and struck out nine batters. Lockney captured their third victory of the year, 13-4.

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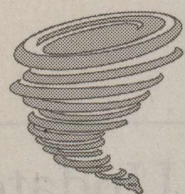
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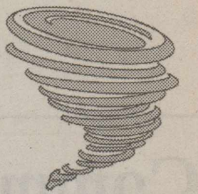
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Whirlwind News



Mrs. Mercado: 25 Years and Counting

Springing Forward to Softball



By Melissa Arizpe
Staff Writer

As you walk through the halls of Floydada High School, you see that they are expertly decorated according to the current season. For this month (March), the halls are covered in ornamentation to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The decor is consistent and appealing throughout the seasons, but not without the hard work and careful focus of Mrs. Alamar Mercado and the high school office aids.

This year, Mrs. Mercado celebrates 25 years with our school district. Acting as the clerical secretary in the front office for 13 years, she has held her position since 2001. Mrs. Mercado graduated from Floydada High School in the year of 1981 and currently resides in Lockney, Texas. During her free time she likes to iron, work on her yard, remodel her home, and hang out with family and friends. One of her hobbies is browsing and interacting on Pinterest. She has one son,

Rallo Mercado, who is currently a student at West Texas A&M University. He will be graduating in May with his masters in Criminal Justice. Working in the main office isn't always an easy task and comes with a few challenges. When asked about the toughest aspect of her job, she said, "...just making sure I get every message delivered to the students and staff." A variety of reasons bring students, teachers, and parents to the front office; Mrs. Mercado works diligently to

make sure that communication is effective and that solutions are found. The job can be difficult, at times, but Mrs. Mercado has demonstrated -year in and year out - that she is very capable. According to Mrs. Mercado, the most enjoyable things about her job are "...the everyday challenges; meeting and greeting the students and parents". We would like to thank Mrs. Mercado for her continued uplifting spirit and her consistent dedication to a job well done.

By Liz Morales
Staff Writer

The seasons are changing and so are sports. During this time of the year, softball is swinging into action with nothing but high expectations for the year. So far, the varsity softball girls have played 2 games, taking a win against Dimmit (with the score being 11-0) and then having a tough loss against Seagraves (15-5). Two games have been cancelled this year due to our weather conditions, but that hasn't stopped the girls from working hard every day so they can achieve their goals this year. "We took the loss against Seagraves as a learning experience we could grow from. We had a lot of errors

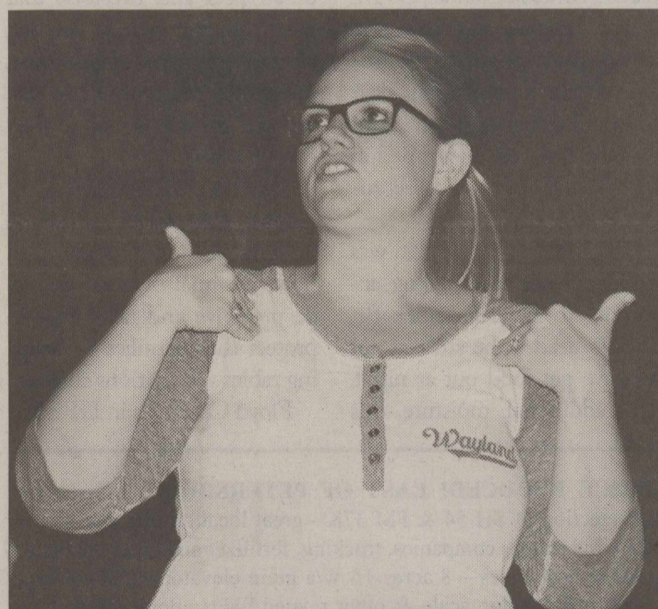
but are working them out so that we can be prepared for district starting on March 3rd," said senior Bethany Morales. Morales is the pitcher of the team and also the coach's daughter, (Armando Morales) and they both have nothing but passion for the sport. "Softball is and has always been my favorite sport. I know with the group of girls we have this year, we can go far this season," said junior Makenzie Ramos. With district starting soon, the girls are ready for what's to come in the near future. "This is my last year and I want to make it one to remember, I know my team does too," said Morales.

Breaking Through with Mrs. Rita Cox

By Alyson Perez
Staff Writer

Behind most classrooms, there are fun-loving, caring, and prestigious teachers. Teachers dedicate their lives to making a better future for children. When it comes to teaching, it can be difficult to have a breakthrough with every student; for Rita Cox, it comes more naturally.

Mrs. Cox has been a teacher at Floydada High School for five years. She graduated from Lockney High School in the year of 1998 but she's not originally from there. After high school, she attended Texas Tech but then transferred to Wayland, where she graduated in 2014 for her third time with two masters, one in education and one in English. She started off as a substitute in Floydada for Mrs. Hucklebee while she was on pregnancy leave. After teaching at Tulia for a year,

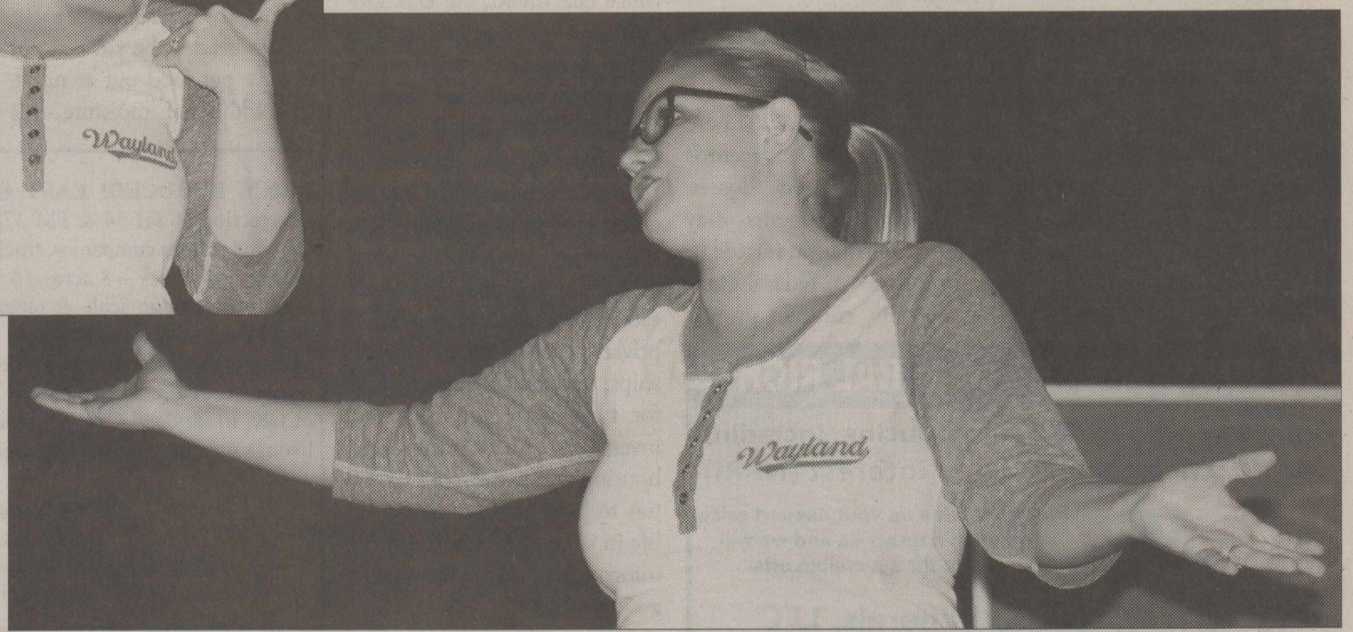


she became an official whirlwind. Now she teaches Junior English, dual credit English, theater, and classes at Wayland. Aside from teaching, she enjoys many leisurely activities, such as spending time with her family, knitting, reading, and writing. However, no mat-

ter how hectic her life can be, Mrs. Cox strives to make time for family and work. In order to be a successful teacher, you have to continue to learn every single year so you don't become stagnant. Every student learns differently, so by learning to have

a different approach, it's more likely that students will actually have an appreciation for the subject. Although students are meant to learn from teachers, teachers also learn from students. When asked about some of the most impactful moments

from her years of teaching at FHS, Cox said, "Knowing Hunter [Schwertner] and being able to teach him for four years and watch him grow...I got a lot from him as a student and I think he made a huge impact on my life."



Mrs. Bradley Impacting Students Lives

By Kimberly Pacheco
Staff Writer

On an everyday basis, students enter class with an eager sensation to begin exploring about our nation's history. The topic of the day is placed on the board, and the students' minds begin running. As the tardy bell

rings, the teacher gets closer to her classroom; she is worried because there is an awkward silence. Once she approaches the room, she notices that every student is looking at their computer screen. Before the teacher says anything, the students eagerly shout out, "Can we begin class, we want to learn about this topic already!" Mrs. Sandra Bradley is the U.S. History teacher for the 8th grade at Floydada Junior High School. She was born in Terceira, Azoves, Portugal, and began teaching in the year of 1997. Mrs. Bradley has been an educator at Floydada ISD for eighteen

years, but has held the position of teaching 8th grade for three years now. After graduating from Burncoat High School in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1980, she attended many universities to earn her degree. These universities include Abilene Christian University, University of Phoenix, and Texas Tech University. She has two children, Josh who lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Jesalyn who lives in Lubbock. Some of her favorite hobbies consist of quilting, reading and gardening. An educator does not only have a teaching life, but they also have a life of their own

at home. "I enjoy watching movies and working at the church camp in the summer when I am not at my job," said Mrs. Bradley. People desire different things in life. Mrs. Bradley chose the teaching field because her passion is to help others. She enjoys working with kids, so this job is perfect for her. She says, "I am passionate about watching and learning from kids because there is a lot of work, but I try to teach the way that I liked to learn, I hope they know that I love and care for them because I understand how difficult school can be!"

2015 WHIRLWIND TRACK SCHEDULE			
DATE	MEET	HS/JH	PLACE
FEB. 27	EAGLES RELAYS	HS	LUBBOCK ROOSEVELT
MAR. 5	WHIRLWIND RELAYS	JH	FLOYDADA
MAR. 6	WHIRLWIND RELAYS	HS	FLOYDADA
MAR. 12	MEAN GREEN RELAYS	JH	NEW DEAL
MAR. 13	MEAN GREEN RELAYS	HS	NEW DEAL
MAR. 20	SPRING BREAK	NO MEET	
MAR. 26	ANTELOPE RELAYS	JH	ABERNATHY
MAR. 27	ANTELOPE RELAYS	HS	ABERNATHY
APR. 2	LONGHORN RELAYS	JH	LOCKNEY
APR. 3	LONGHORN RELAYS	HS	LOCKNEY
APR. 6	DISTRICT 4AA MEET	JH	ABERNATHY
APR. 10	TBA	HS	TBA
APR. 17	DISTRICT 4AA MEET	HS	NEW DEAL
APR. 23	AREA MEET-4AA & 3AA	HS	PANHANDLE
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Commissioners ok permits for SunEdison, approve use of credit cards for fees and employees

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County Commissioners voted to approve road crossing permits for SunEdison, to begin accepting credit card payments in key departments, to continue improvements on the Courthouse building, and to streamline travel for employees by authorizing purchasing credit cards in its March monthly meeting.

Klaus Obel and Michael Hickey from SunEdison (formerly FirstWind) appeared at commissioners' court to make a proposal for road crossing permits at their South Plains, Texas wind facility currently under construction. The court approved the permits.

Justices of the Peace Tali Jackson and Edward

Marks made a proposal to the court to accept credit cards for fine payments, and the court approved.

District Clerk Patty Davenport and County Clerk Ginger Morgan made a recommendation to the court that the county utilize a program from Tyler Technologies to enable the county to accept credit cards for payment when using eFiling, and the court approved.

Commissioners approved a system where the county would supply credit cards for county employees for travel. The cards are to be kept in the treasurer's office and must be checked out. These cards will be used for motel reservations, travel and on-line purchases of approved travel. A usage agreement must be signed each time a card is checked out. The

county judge and treasurer will draft usage agreement language.

The court approved a new copier/printer for Adult Probation.

The court approved a bid from Ricky Vasquez for \$13,780 for new paint and flooring for the District Attorney's office.

Commissioners approved a bid from Phillip Luna for \$7,600 for sidewalks and steps at the courthouse.

County Judge Marty Lucke noted that work had begun on the wiring for a hot water heater to bring hot water to the courthouse.

The county judge also shared with the court information regarding a rabies case in Ochiltree County which is in Health Service Region 1, the same region as Floyd County.

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County 2014 Oil Production:

During the Year 2014 a Total of 927 barrels and zero mcf of casinghead gas was produced in Floyd County from Three Oil Wells.

Arick Field:

Southwest Petroleum: E. M. Carmickle "A" Lease (00339) Well #1:

In 2014 produced 889 barrels of Oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 1948 thru 2014 Total Production of 128,781 barrels of Oil and 6,679 mcf of casinghead gas.

McIntosh (Penn) Field:

Tyner Texas Operating Company:

Jones Lease (69909) Well #1: In 2014 produced 30 barrels of Oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas.

The Jones Lease (69909) Well #1 Last Produced during April 2014 and has been Shut-in since May 2014.

2012 thru 2014 Total

Production of 744 barrels of Oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas.

Stanley Gray (Canyon) Field:

Continental Exploration, LLC: Adams Lease (65282) Well #1:

In 2014 produced 8 barrels of Oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas. 1985 thru 2014 Total Production of 37,184 barrels of Oil and 112 mcf of casinghead gas.

Since 1948 a Total of 239,266 barrels of Oil and 12,014 mcf of casinghead Gas has been Produced in Floyd County.

Other Oil and Gas Lease Activity in Floyd County during 2014:

In June 2014 there was a change of Operator from Tyner Texas Operating Company to Rock Solid Operating on the Foster Lease (69173) Well #1. A Re-Completion Permit was Issued on 11 September 2014 with Drilling was done during January 2015.

On 08 October 2014 a Re-Completion Permit was Issued for the West Tex-

as Royalties, Inc. Stansell Lease (69367) Well #1. In December 2014 there was a change of Operator from West Texas Royalties, Inc. to ESCO Oil Operating Company LLC (Escopeta Oil Company). In December 2014 and January 2J14 Drilling-out Plugs and Re-Completion Work was done on the Stansell Lease (69367) Well #1.

In December 2014 there was a change in Operator from West Texas Royalties, Inc. to ESCO Oil Operating Company LLC (Escopeta Oil Company) on the Misener Lease (69148) Well #1, which has been Shut-in since April 2007.

Floyd County Shut-in Wells which were drilled for Oil and Gas:

During the Year of 2014 the following Wells drilled for Oil and Gas within Floyd County were Shut-in and Non-Productive:

Cedar Oil Company: Francis Overstreet Lease (66030) Well #1: Shut-in since August 1987. Tyner Texas Operating Company: McIntosh Lease (253518) Well #176: Shut-in since November 2008.

McIntosh Lease (69665) Well #1077: Shut-in since December 2012. West Texas Royalties, Inc.:

Kenneth Broseh Lease (68969) Well #1: Shut-in since December 2011.

Maurice Campbell Lease (234802) Well #1: Shut-in since May 2007.

Cox Lease Well #1013: Shut-in since 2008.

Fowler Unit (68818) Well #1: Shut-in since January 2006.

Floyd County Livestock Producers May Be Eligible for 2015 Drought Disaster Assistance

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada, Texas - March 5, 2015 - The Acting County Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County, Gerry Summers, announced today that ranchers and livestock producers may be eligible for assistance from the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for grazing losses incurred in 2015.

According to Summers, "Floyd County recently met qualifying drought ratings that 'trigger' eligibility for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program for short season small grains, long season small grains.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program provides compensation to livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S.

Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>. Qualifying fires are those occurring on rangeland managed by a federal agency and the producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to the fire.

Eligible livestock include alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period.

Applications are required for 2015 losses. To expedite applications, producers who experienced losses in 2015 are encouraged to collect records documenting their losses. Supporting documents may include information related to grazing leases or federal grazing permits, contract grower

agreements, and more.

"We encourage producers to contact our office for an appointment, and to learn what records are required to apply for assistance," said Summers.

For more information, contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806-983-3763. Information can also be obtained online at: disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program was made possible by the Farm Bill and 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.

First Rabies Case for 2015 Confirmed in Health Service Region 1

The first case of rabies for 2015 in Health Service Region 1 was reported in Ochiltree County, according to the Regional Zoonosis Control Veterinarian, James Alexander, DVM.

The animal, a skunk, was collected on February 19. The animal was out during the daytime and acting aggressive. This was the first case confirmed in Ochiltree County since February 16, 2010.

The fact that the animal was in town is not encouraging, according to Dr. Alexander. Pet owners need to be advised not to leave pet food out at night. The additional moisture this

year makes it a likely year to an increase in rabies cases in wildlife.

This is an excellent time to encourage rabies vaccinations of all pets and livestock that have frequent human contact; animals that have a high value; or animals that would be expensive to dispose of if they died of rabies.

The last HSR 1 case was reported on September 18, 2014 in Randall County and was a horse. Animal owners need to be proactive and take steps to protect their families by keeping rabies vaccinations current. Floyd County is in HRS 1.

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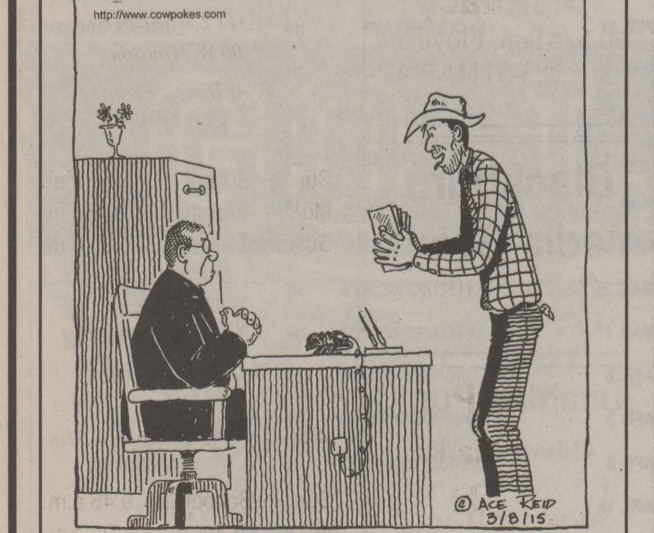
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Study says to get going!

If you're like me and you spend the majority of your time behind a desk, I've got bad news for you.

A new study has found that for each hour a day we spend sitting down, the likely hood of developing heart disease jumps significantly.

The study further warns that a daily session at the gym cannot undo the damage.



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The study, from scientists from the Medical College of Wisconsin, tracked levels of activity of 2,031 adults whose average age was 50.

Every participant spent between two to 12 hours a day sitting at the office or in front of the television. Researchers concluded that for every hour spent sitting, the deposits in blood vessels rose by 14 percent.

Dr. Jacquelyn Kulkinski, the lead researcher and an assistant professor of cardiovascular medicine, said that adults with office jobs should go for a short walk every hour.

"Reducing the amount of time you sit by even an hour or two a day could have a significant and positive impact on your future cardiovascular health," said Kulkinski. "It's clear that exercise is important to reduce your cardiovascular risk and improve your fitness level."

Kulkinski said even though the damage from sitting is irreversible, being fit is helpful to longevity. "The lesson here is that it's really important to try and move as much as possible in your daily life, for example, take a walk during lunch, pace while talking on the phone, take the stairs instead of the elevator and use a pedometer to track your daily steps. And if you have a sedentary job, don't go home at night and sit in front of the TV for hours on end."

So now what? At first I took this as pretty bad news. With the amount of hours I've spent sitting, I guess I'm a prime candidate for the disease.

But you know what? I'm a firm believer that despite what this and other studies may conclude, I'll depart when the man upstairs is ready for me.

I do think such studies reinforce what most of us already think and that is to be as active as possible.

I do plan on having my employees get up and stretch their legs as often as possible. We should probably all heed that advice.

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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
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Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
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West College & Third, Lockney
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Matthew Benfield - Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Tim Franks, Pastor
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Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
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Youth (Wednesday)..6:30 p.m.

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Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen, Pastor
Sunday School9:30 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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Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Beau A. Hart, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
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Floydada
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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Rev. Ike Temporaza
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Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.
Mon. Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
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Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
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Overeinder has begun working with the Lubbock Area Foundation on a program that they have for the South Plains and sent out surveys for our community that will assist us in possibly receiving an endowment through foundations for our community. To take part in this survey, please visit <http://aspencsg.org/survey/texas/>

Overeinder noted that he continued to work with wind energy companies and the companies allied with them, including Mortenson Con-

struction, Great Southwest and Sun Edison (formerly First Wind), and he continues to receive information about the South Plains Wind Project as the project start date nears.

The Board reviewed the Revised Request for Incentives and Assistance Packet, Wes Anderson made a motion to table discussion/action for the next board meeting pending additional wording, Roger Hughes seconded, motion passed unanimously.

LOCKNEY SRS.
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maintenance and repairs," Renee said. "This wasn't our annual fund raiser, but we have constant maintenance

and repairs that we need to address, so we thought we could help address those needs."

The Lockney Senior Citizens does not take any government support and survives on donations only.

If you would like to donate to the Center, contact Renee Monday through Friday between 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. or mail donations to Lockney Senior Citizens Center, PO Box 82, Lockney, TX 79241.

"Sometime in the fall, we will have our annual fund raiser so watch for that announcement, Renee said, "but again, I really appreciate everyone that came out and enjoyed our meal Sunday."

Assignment: Texas
A Prairie in Pieces - Part 3

Despite the bad news, acres of pristine prairie do remain. Sixty miles northeast of Dallas, nestled between Blue Ridge and Celeste, are a couple of places of ecological significance. Collin County-owned Parkhill Prairie and the nearby Nature Conservancy easement, Clymer Meadow, protect some of the last remaining pieces of tallgrass prairie left in the state. The two parcels protect more than 1,400 acres of prairie that have never been developed or turned by a plow.



RUSSELL GRAVES

One fall day, Jim Eidson of the Nature Conservancy and I walk through the grass. Historic drought conditions have desiccated the grasslands, but botanical diversity is still evident. Maximilian sunflowers are shedding their seeds after a lackluster fall bloom, and many of the seasonal grasses are far past their peak. By conventional measures of natural beauty, most would probably think that the prairie isn't too impressive. To the uninitiated it appears to be not much more than an overgrown field. That seems to be part of the

problem. Even though beautifully sublime, prairies generally lack the monumentalism of other natural features. A prairie's beauty is more microscopic. Eidson helps me see the beauty of the details.

"See these low depressions?" Eidson asks, motioning to swale patches as big as cars. "These are gilgai. When it rains, it catches and holds water and creates these little potholes of habitat."

Within the gilgai, I see the obvious difference in soil color — darker and perhaps richer in organic matter. Grasses like Eastern gamma (a moist-soil-loving tallgrass) grow in these depressions. Even though far away from permanent water, crayfish stools are evident in the low spots. This is such a specialized habitat, a

species of crayfish unique to just these prairies exists here. Even in drought, Eidson sees the potential for prairies to conserve and replenish groundwater, which in turn benefits nearby reservoirs that supply drinking and industrial water to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. "One of the things prairies appear to do is capture and store water," Eidson tells me as we stand in the grass near an old prairie homestead. "We observe multi-inch rainfall events that produce little runoff. Normal gilgai on the tops of hills will be full for a week or two and slowly percolate down through the soil. A few weeks later, seeps form at the bottoms of the hills."

In prairie-covered open spaces, the land holds water like a sponge instead of running off into creeks, carrying sediments with it. Without this benefit, the area becomes flashy, meaning that the status of most Blackland Prairie streams is either "raging torrent" or "bone dry." Eidson says he thinks these dry creeks were once constantly flowing, but the disappearance of the prairie disrupted the area's hydrological system.

"Repairing this broken hydrology is key to improving water quality and reducing sediment loads, which can drastically reduce the capacity of reservoirs," Eidson says. "The second benefit is that if the water gets underground, it is not lost to evaporation."

Even though much of the prairie Eidson and I walk across consists of knee- to waist-high grasses, two-thirds of the prairie's biomass, an estimated seven tons, lies beneath the surface.



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Betty Jones provided lunchtime entertainment at the Lockney Senior Citizens Fajita Lunch that helped raise funds for building maintenance and repair.



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Over 200 meals were served according to Lockney Senior Citizens manager Renee Armstrong at the Fajita Luncheon held Sunday, March 8. Funds raised will help with needed building repairs and maintenance.

Eidson explains that the average root depth is 6 feet, up to 20 feet for some species. The variety of grass and forb species is important for the soil's water absorption capabilities. "Each year, a large portion of this root mass dies

off and is replaced, providing micro and macro channels through the soil for water to move," Eidson says. He explains to me that this life/death plant cycle increases the organic matter in the soil, helping it act like a sponge and retain water even during the heaviest rainfall events.



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