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## Floydada High School wins 2015 District Tennis Championship



Courtesy photo

Floydada tennis competed at district Wednesday, April 8, and won the tournament. Several players placed and are headed to regionals.

### Tennis team members and winners include:

#### Varsity Girls

Girl's District Team Champions:  
 1st place Singles: Esmeralda Garza  
 2nd Place Doubles: Reagan Hughes and Elizabeth Morales  
 4th Place Doubles: Alyson Perez and McKenna Johnson  
 See **TENNIS**, Page 8

## Floydada EDC to host meeting with Texas Tech Department of Landscape Architecture

### By Sean Overeynder

Executive Director, Floydada Economic Development Corporation

On April 23 at 6 p.m. we will host a meeting with John Billing and students from the Texas Tech Department of Landscape Architecture at the Massie Activity Center.

There, we will unveil the master plans that we have been working towards since September 2014.

We invite the citizens of Floydada to join us in this exciting moment that is another step towards improving our downtown setting.

At this meeting the students will discuss the process, as well as, case study that was the basis for these drawings.

I also look forward to seeing what ideas they have come up with for the project.  
 See **EDC**, Page 8

## Lockney Water Restrictions STILL in Effect

### By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Stage three water rationing remains in effect for the city of Lockney. The water restrictions include: street addresses ending in odd numbers can water, wash cars or fill pools from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 8 p.m. to midnight on Tuesdays and Fridays and even numbers can water on Mondays

and Thursdays but outside use of water can only be done on the appropriate day when the wind is blowing less than 15 mph.

Other restrictions include using hose-end sprinklers and automatic irrigation systems but the automatic systems must be controlled manually. Vehicle washing is restricted to designated days and hours and a hand-held bucket or a hand-held  
 See **WATER**, Page 8

## "20 Years From Denim to Diamonds" ..... Gala is Biggest Social Event in Floyd County



By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY — From "20 Years From Denim to Diamonds" is the theme for the 20th Annual Floyd County Friends Unity Center Gala, set for April 18.

According to Elaine LaBaume, board secretary, "The gala's been called one of the biggest social events of the year in Floyd County."

Entertainment will be provided by the Jimmy Burson and the Texas In the Swing Band of Silverton and Lucy Dean Record of Lockney.

Record, 90, has been inducted into the Western Swing Society of the Southwest Hall of Fame and in 2012 was named a Hero in the Cowtown Guild. She was named the 2014 Instrumentalist of the Year at the Will Rodgers Awards at the Academy of Western Artists in Irving. Record plays the piano and recorded her first album, "I'll Fly Away" in 2014 at age 89.

Burson taught himself guitar and fiddle and began playing western swing with local musicians and later formed the band "Texas In The Swing."

His music has taken him on tours of Russia and Austria, in addition to engagements across the United States. He has performed for 15 years at the Great American Music Festival at Silver Dollar City, Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, National Cowboy Symposium, San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Legends of Western Swing, West Texas Western Swing Music Festival and elsewhere.

A table can be reserved for \$300 or a single ticket is \$30. For more information, contact Elaine LaBaume at 983-3334.

## Lockney woman in serious accident April 4



Photo by Dennis Carter

A Lockney woman was in a serious two-vehicle accident Saturday, April 4 on Highway 378, north of Lockney. She is currently hospitalized in Lubbock.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Rhonda Stewart of Lockney was involved in a serious two-vehicle accident Saturday, April 4 on Highway 378, north of

Lockney.

According to the church bulletin at First Baptist Church, Lockney, where she attends, Stewart was air lifted to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, and her medi-

cal condition is as follows: She has one lung collapsed, and the other is weakened; six broken ribs on one side and three on the other.

She remains in the hospital at press time.

## 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.

### FLOYDADA FIRE DEPT FUNDRAISER

Floyd County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a fundraiser on Sunday, April 19, 2015 for the Floydada Fire Department. BBQ sandwiches, chips, and a drink will be served for donations beginning at 11 a.m. at the fire hall located at 114 W. Virginia Street. All proceeds will benefit the Floydada Fire Department.

### FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS ANNUAL GALA

Floyd County Friends "20th Annual Gala" is coming up on April 18th. Mark your calendars! You can purchase tickets from Nick Long at the State Farm office, Shawnda Foster at D & J Gin, or by calling Elaine LaBaume at 983-9153 or by contacting any of the board members.

### OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting on Monday, April 20th at 6 p.m. at the Lockney Senior Citizen's building.

### LOCKNEY ONE ACT PLAY

The One Act Play public performance will be Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. This public performance will be a fun opportunity for our kids to show off their amazing work. Please come out and support the Lockney One Act Play for their final performance this year!

See **UPCOMING** Page 8

## Correction

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

## News on the go



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# SOCIETY

## Ray Lee Equipment donates Kenneth Wyatt painting to Floyd County Friends Gala

By Elaine LaBaume  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Roger Hughes, General Manager, of Ray Lee Equipment in Floydada is holding "The Tailin' " an original painting by Kenneth Wyatt they have donated to be in the live auction at the Floyd County Friends 20th Annual Gala this coming Saturday night, April 18th.

Roger moved to Floydada in 1992 to assume the position of General Manager and is in his 23rd year in Floydada. Ray Lee Equipment has been very supportive of the Unity Center from the beginning and besides buying a reserved table every year has donated more than can be listed. Thanks Roger Hughes and Ray Lee Equipment, Inc.!

A little about Dr. Kenneth Wyatt, D.F.A. He is one of the most well-known and prolific Western artist of today with a career spanning over 40 years and monumental body of work exceeding over 9,000 originals. Wyatt continues to "push the paint around" as he visits with customers in his unique museum-like Gallery/Studio in Tulia, Texas. The combination of Wyatt's



Courtesy Photo

palette, style, storytelling ability and unmistakable spirituality that permeates his work is easily recognizable and make him an instant favorite to all who see and own his work.

You could be the owner of one of his originals if your "bid" is high enough in the

"live auction" at the Floyd County Friends "20 Years From Denim to Diamonds" Gala at the Unity Center located half way between Lockney and Floydada on Hwy 70 in Muncy, Texas. The doors will open at 6 p.m., so don't be late as the fun will begin.

## Necklace to be Ruffled



Courtesy Photo

Shown is the diamond necklace that is on the Floyd County Friends "Raffle Ticket." It is a \$3000 necklace sponsored by Floyd County Friends and Thacker's Jewelry. Tickets will be available at the Gala. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

## Hill wins big at the Heart of Oklahoma Youth Rodeo Association

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Courtesy Photo

KELTON HILL

Kelton Hill of Canadian, Texas is shown with his winnings from the Heart of Oklahoma Youth Rodeo Association.

He is the 16 year old son of Wallace and Rhealene Brown Hill and grandson of Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada, and Frankie Hill of Canadian.

The 2015 finals were held on April 3rd and 4th in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Kelton was the season winner in breakaway roping, ribbon roping, steer facing and team roping header.

At the finals he was the average winner in breakaway roping, tie down roping, steer facing and team roping. He was also the All-Around Cowboy in his age division.

His awards included all-around saddle, breast collar, four saddle pads and 10 belt buckles.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Thank You all who have been joining us for Family Night fish fry, it seems to be growing and everyone has enjoyed it. If you haven't come in a while we would like to invite you back to enjoy some great food, fun and fellowship.

Memorial donations have been presented to the Senior Citizens in honor of C.F. Barber, Mildred Keaton, Bettye Jo Jackson, Ruby

Kiser, Byron Ford, and Cindy Ford. Thank you for remembering the Center.

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

April 20 - April 24

Monday - Cheeseburger

Tuesday - Enchiladas Casserole

Wednesday - Oven fried chicken

Thursday - Salmon

Friday - Bake ham

(Menus subject to change with notice)

READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

## Museum Archives

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

#### REV. H. M. "HORACE" REEVES

AUSTIN - The A700. This is to say I am Rev. H. M. Reeves, 85 years, 9 months old. I was born in Wise County, near Boyd, living there until I was 5 years old. We then moved to Jack Co. settling 10 miles north of Jacksboro, Texas. I went to school there until I finished the sixth grade. One teacher taught the entire school which was only three months a year. We boys played scuff (baseball) during recess. When not in school, our time was spent in the field where we raised corn and cotton. For a living my father went to the bank in the spring and borrowed \$50 for the year; with a family of seven we had to make every edge cut to get by.

By the time I was 18, I managed to get a pony and buggy. It was about this time I fell in love with a little blond-headed girl, Ludie Ann Dillard, the daughter of John D. and Margaret Love Dillard. We were married in 1911 by

a minister out in the yard and we stood on the front porch. My wife was a Christian; soon after we were married we attended a Methodist Revival, and I was converted. We began to attend prayer meetings which led to the beginning of my ministry. I preached my first sermon in the house where I went to school.

We made two crops in Jack Co. and that is where our first child, Clarence, was born. We moved to Childress and were there for 2 years. In the meantime, I was preaching here and there evangelist style.

My wife's parents, the J. D. Dillards, had moved to the plains and settled near Lockney, at a place called Cedar Hill. They established a grocery store and post office called Alcino.

We decided to move from Childress to the plains. Our group consisted of 4 families, my brother Bill and our friends Roy and Guy Shields.

Each of us had a wife and a small child, so we had a wagon and team each. The morning we started, a blizzard struck; it was so cold. We were coming west so we had to walk all day on the south side of our teams for a wind break. Our wives stayed in bed in the wagon most of the time to keep the babies warm. At meal time we stopped, and we men gathered sticks and made a little fire to cook a little something-whatever we had. The wives still in bed, we carried them whatever they ate. It took three days to make the trip. The blizzard never let up on the three days. We had a trailer on behind one wagon with our chickens in it. Well, it broke down about half way on the trip. We took the chickens and put them in our covered wagons. They roosted there until we reached our destination. What a time we had!

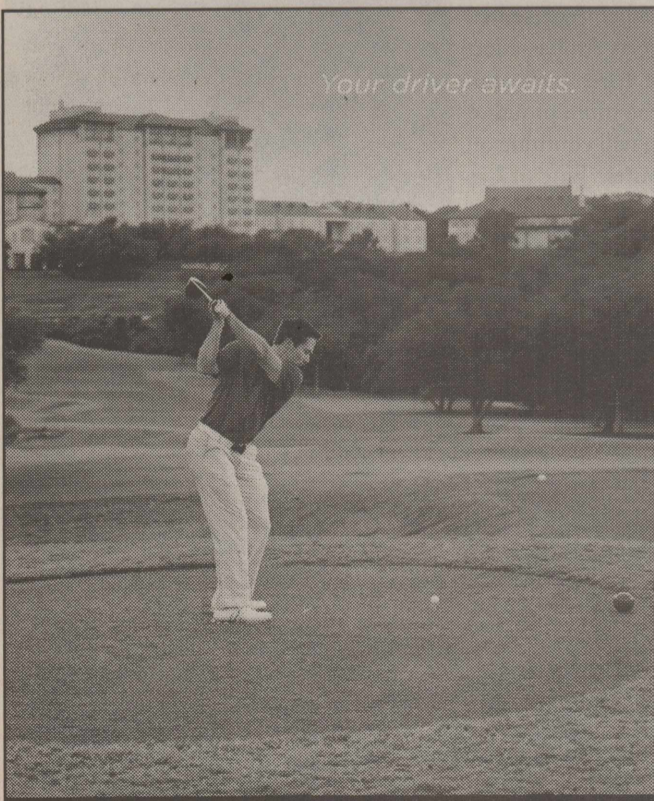
We were up the caprock and on the plains of Texas. The next thing was to get settled. So I bought 80 acres of land near Cedar Hill, paid 10 cents an acre and built a 10 x 12 boxcar-shaped house, boxed and stripped it. It was so cold in the winter we would almost freeze. Our fuel was cow chips and cedar limbs out of the breaks. I hauled water about three miles from a windmill, hi cold weather by the time I got home icicles were swinging under my wagon.

In the meantime, I was getting into my ministry more all the time. Guy Shields and I had a revival at Cedar Hill which developed into the chartering of the first Assembly of God Church on the plains of Texas. I drove back and forth in a wagon from where I lived, a distance of about 7 miles. I finally

got a 1914 model Ford car. This is near the time I sold out and went into full time ministry. I pastored the first church in Amarillo located on Jackson Steed. I also evangelized some. After pastoring a number of churches, I was elected superintendent of West Texas and New Mexico District. I was elected Presbyter for a period of time, serving with the Assembly of God movement which was organized in 1914. I have pastored churches here and there. Cedar Hill Community, Floyd Co., Seagraves, Childress, Plainview, Littlefield, Amarillo, and Electra, Texas; Portales, Roswell, Carlsbad and Artesia, New Mexico.

When I first came to the plains there were no irrigation wells. There had been a few wells dug near Aiken, but they were closed down because of the expense and poor price for their product. There was no pavement except for a few streets laid with brick. I have lived to see Floydada grow to be a prosperous city with one of the finest farming districts on the Plains since I landed in Floyd County for my beginnings. I am a little partial to Floyd Co, now a nice place to live with beautiful surroundings. I ginned my first bale of cotton in Floydada. I borrowed a portion of the night and all day for the trip. I sold my cotton for 5 cents a pound. We live in a different world today.

My wife passed away just two months ago. We had lived together for 65 years and 10 months. She went suddenly with a stroke. All our children are alive; Clarence lives in Fort Worth, Texas; Grace in Plainview, Texas; Corene in Boulder, Colorado; and Maxine in Corpus Christi, Texas.



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# LOCKNEY SCHOOL

## Lockney One Act Play to be presented April 20

The Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare, Lockney High School's entry in the One Act Play competition, will be presented Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Admission is free. The Lockney OAP placed first at the District contest, but, did not advance past District competition. At district, Luke Kasner and Seattle Jackson were se-

lected to the All-Star Cast, and Ashley Roberts and Darby Long were named Honorable Mention. The play was directed by sponsor/teacher Bobby Hon.

## Senseless deaths on the rise due to distracted driving

### TxDOT launches 'Talk, Text, Crash' campaign to help curb deadly trend

AUSTIN — With more people dying senselessly on Texas roads due to distracted driving, the Texas Department of Transportation kicks off its annual "Talk, Text, Crash" campaign to urge drivers to give their full attention to the road.

showed it takes a driver double the amount of time to react when they are distracted by text messaging. Additionally, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes away from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds.

While mobile phone use is the most recognizable driving distraction, any type of behavior that draws a motorist's attention away from driving is dangerous.

- Texting
• Checking email
• Eating and drinking
• Grooming
• Reading
• Programming a navigation system
• Adjusting music or other audio device

If a distraction absolutely requires immediate attention, TxDOT reminds drivers to pull over to a safe location and come to a complete stop before diverting their attention.

For more information, contact Dianah Ascencio, Public Information Officer, (806) 748-4472.

## Lady Horns, Coats Coast to Victory Over Crosbyton, 16-2

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON — Lockney Lady Horns pitcher, Shelby Coats, scattered four hits and allowed only two runs as the Lady Horns defeated the Crosbyton Chiefettes 16-2 on Saturday, April 11.

The Lady Horns put 16 runs on the board before Crosbyton was able to score two runs in the bottom of the fifth.

In the top of the first, the second batter, Haley Dunbar reached on an error then scored the only run of the inning two batters later when Coats also reached on an error.

Crosbyton again left a runner on base without being able to score, so after two, it was 4-0 Lockney.

In the top of the third, the Lady Horns exploded for six runs to stretch their lead even more. Darby Long led off with a single, then Diaz was hit by a pitch and Hallmark reached on an error to load the bases.

Crosbyton went three up, three down in the bottom of the inning.

In the fifth inning, Lockney added two more runs. Mari Hernandez reached on dropped third strike and scored on Brenna Tidwell's triple to left field.

In the top of the second, the Lady Horns added three more runs to extend their lead. Camryn Diaz, leading off the inning, reached on a bunt single, stole second and third before scoring on an infield single by Kennedy Hallmark.

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Lockney vs Crosbyton April 11, 2015. Scoreboard table with columns for team, innings (1-9), R, H, E, and a detailed batting/pitching log.

## Longhorns Edge Crosbyton 7-6

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON — Despite seven fielding errors and late comeback by the Crosbyton Chiefs, the Lockney Longhorns were able to bring home a 7-6 victory on Saturday, April 11.

The Longhorns jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first when with two outs, Trevor Ascensio and Avian Luna each singled before Ryan Poole delivered a two-run, two-out single that scored Ascensio and Luna.

after four innings. In the fifth inning, the Longhorns loaded the bases but left all three runners stranded. In the bottom of the fifth, the Chiefs started their comeback when Clark and Zundt singled then Rubalcado reached on an error that allowed Clark to score.

a single run when Rubalcado singled to lead off, then moved to second on an error. Gonzales singled to drive in Rubalcado but Longhorn pitcher, Daylen Gatica, then struck out the next two batters before Rios grounded out to give the Longhorns the 7-6 road victory.

Gatica picked up the save as Alex Rea took the victory after pitching five innings, allowing five runs on five hits while walking one and striking out seven. Gonzales was the losing pitcher for Crosbyton as he allowed seven runs on 11 hits, while walking four and striking out two.

Lockney was scheduled to play Hale Center on Tuesday then travel to New Deal on Saturday, April 18 at 12:00 P.M.

In the sixth inning, the Longhorns added a run as Cuellar doubled with two outs, then scored after Luna singled to make it 7-5. Crosbyton was unable to score in the bottom of the inning.

In the seventh inning, after Lockney went three up, three down, Crosbyton added

Lockney vs Crosbyton April 11, 2015. Scoreboard table with columns for team, innings (1-9), R, H, E, and a detailed batting/pitching log.

Stats courtesy of GameChanger, Inc.

After neither team scored in the second, Lockney added three runs in the third. Israel Cuellar walked with one out, then Ascensio laid down a bunt that allowed that allowed Cuellar to move all the way to third.

In the fourth inning, the Longhorns added another run as Levi Kasner singled, stole second and third then scored on Daylen Gatica's double. The Chiefs put two runners on base in the bottom of the inning but were unable to score as the Longhorns now had a 6-1 lead

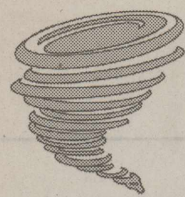
## Lockney vs Abernathy April 7, 2015

Scoreboard table for Lockney vs Abernathy April 7, 2015, showing game details and player statistics.

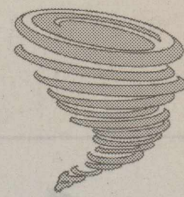
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GO HORNS GO! Large stylized text graphic for the school mascot.



# Whirlwind News



## Spirit of the Winds Prepare for Contest

By Destiny Cabello  
Junior Editor

Since mid August the Spirit of the Winds band has committed to performing for FHS. The excitement starts with marching season. Everybody is familiar with the classic half-time production by the band with the original white uniforms and black hats. The pictures from the field are memorable, but that's not when 'band' ends. After the marching contest and football are complete, the Spirit of the Winds members continue to rehearse, perform, and compete.

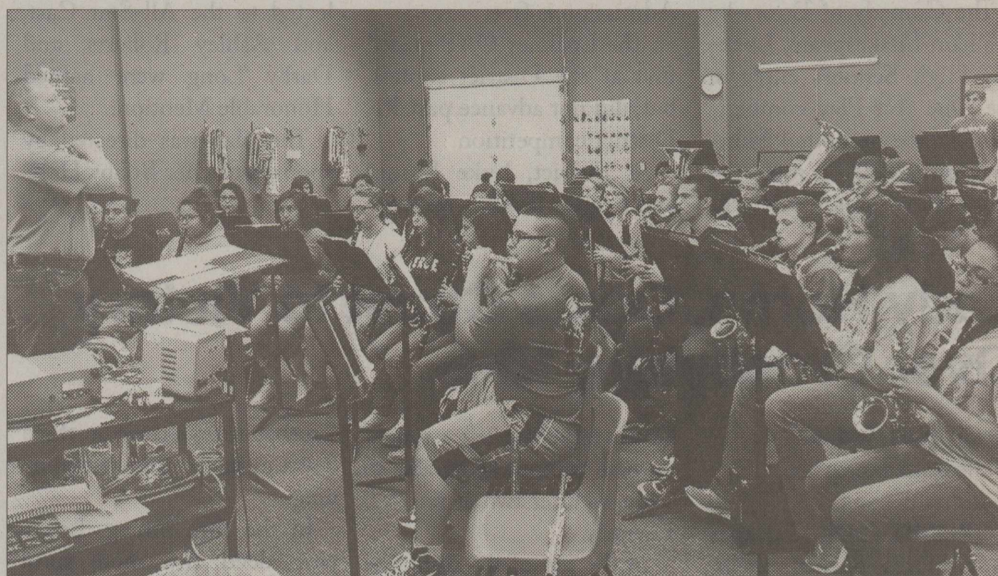
Although the band does not return to the grass of the practice field, the same amount of

preparation is required. The upcoming concert contest consists of playing three distinguished songs selected by the performing band, preceded by an unfamiliar song chosen by the judges. Every band performs contrasting pieces to emphasize their stronger points. Site reading, or 'second part', is composed of basic level music with minor difficulties within the piece to demonstrate how well each band can pay attention and catch the little misleading points of the song. Anything from a simple tempo change to a change in melody can appear in the piece provided for the sight reading contest.

The performance given by

the band combined with the sight reading contests determines what division award each band shall receive. A 'first division' is the best all-around statistic that every band strives for. "I would really like to receive straight 1's, but whatever we get I know the number doesn't define how much work we put into this contest. We've worked for months in preparation for this one day," said junior percussionist Emmily Britt.

This one-day will reflect the past month's rehearsals and commitment that the band has devoted to this competition. "Band isn't like football or basketball. We compete against ourselves and we don't



get another performance. We only have one chance to prove ourselves," said senior trom-

bone Marcos Olvera. The band competition was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Wayland

Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. The results will be announced at a later time.

## Floydada Tennis Team District Champs 17 Years in a Row

By Liz Morales  
Staff Writer

Sweat, dedication, and

hard work were put to great use on Wednesday, April 8th as the Floydada Whirlwinds traveled to

Plainview for their district tennis meet. For the 17th year in a row, the Whirlwinds proudly claimed the

district title by 3 points. Coach Nixon couldn't be prouder to keep the tradition going for Floydada's

tennis team. Eleven players will be advancing to regionals on April 20th-22nd.

"This was my first year on Varsity, and being able to be apart of the district championship title is amazing," said Keenan Nixon, freshman.

Keenan was on a boys doubles team, claiming 2nd place, and will be playing at the regional level.

"Everyone played their hardest and I couldn't have asked for more. I'm so proud of everyone's hard work and dedication! It sure did pay off," Coach Nixon said.

The Whirlwinds will be traveling to Odessa for the regional tournament. Only one set of alternates will be going with them. Everyone else is a regional qualifier.

"Being a senior, I wanted to go out with bang, getting first with my mixed doubles partner has never felt so good, I can't wait for regionals," senior Alyssia Miner said.

This will be Miners' first time at regionals and she is well prepared along with her partner, Kirby Nixon.

With regionals swinging around the corner, the Whirlwinds are working hard to go beyond regionals.

- Regional Qualifiers:
- Liz and Reagan-Girls Doubles - 2nd place
  - Kirby and Aimee-Mixed Doubles - 1st place
  - Logan and Alyssia- Mixed Doubles - 2nd place
  - Michael and Keenan-Boys Doubles - 2nd place
  - Esmeralda Garza-Girls Singles - 1st place
- Regional Alternates:
- Remington and Brayden-Boys Doubles-third place



## One Last Performance: OAP Competes at Bi-District

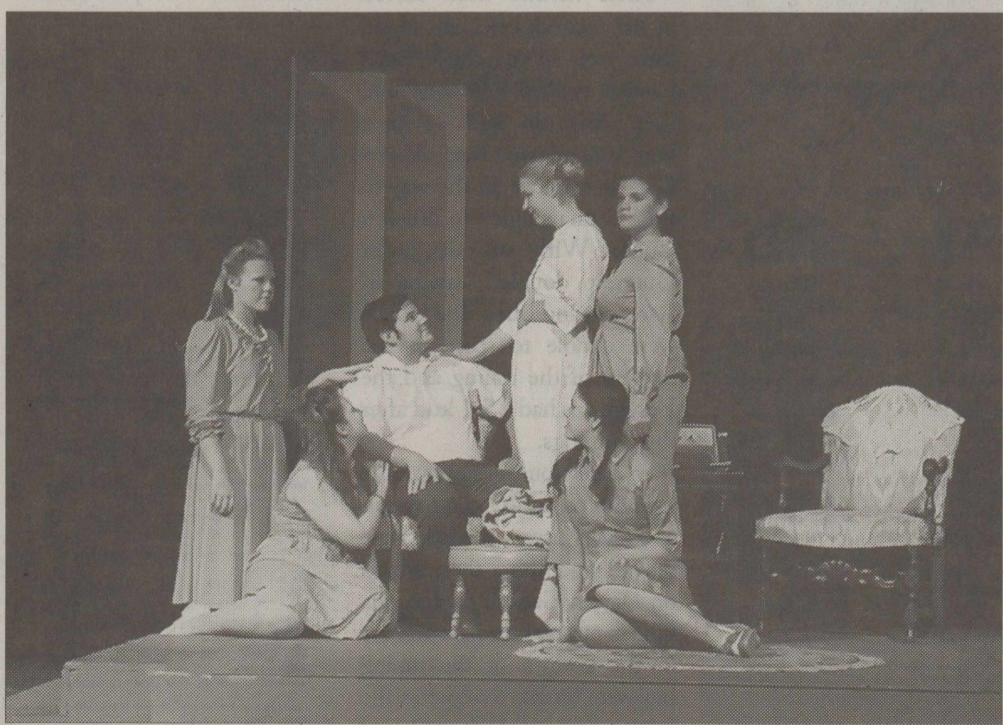
By Tucker Lowrance  
Staff Writer

For the past three months the Floydada High School Theatricality group has been working on their play "Ruby's Story" for UIL One Act Play. On Thursday April 9th the cast traveled to Hale Center to compete in Bi-District. The cast ended up taking home 4th place meaning that they would be the alternate play.

Disappointment wasn't something that crossed the minds of the ensemble as a sense of pride was something more consuming.

"I'm really proud of all the accomplishments that were able to achieve this year," said Macee Brotherton. Getting to advance to Bi-District was something that we have wanted to do for a while and this year we finally made it happen, thanks to all of the work that Mrs. Cox has done for us, even if it stressed all of us out," said Brotherton.

An awards ceremony was held after every play was finished, honoring those



kids that demonstrated exceptional acting. The theatricality group was honored to know that two of the cast members would be receiving All-Star cast awards. Brooke Galvan received honorable mention All-Star cast and Macee Brotherton received All-Star cast for their great work in the play.

The level of commitment

and dedication of each cast member certainly didn't go unnoticed throughout the entire OAP season.

"I've been so proud of the dedication that they have gave me, and I am so extremely proud of all of these kids," said Director Rita Cox. "Advancing this far was a treat for us and even though we were the alternate play, it shouldn't

be a criticism to how wonderful these kids are and how hard they worked for me," said Cox.

This is the first time in 10 years that Floydada has advanced to the Bi-District round in OAP and everyone is certainly proud of that accomplishment. Congratulations to the Floydada Theatricality group for a great season.

## World News Update: North Charleston

By Bethany Morales  
Staff Writer

Many shooting events have recently made a huge impact in our world today. From Michael Brown's shooting in Ferguson, Missouri to the latest shooting in North Charleston, South Carolina. There are no questions about it that gun violence is slowly but surely increasing.

On Tuesday April 7, 2015 a white police officer was charged with the murder of Walter Scott. A witness recorded the murder, which allowed investigators to further understand what happened. What happened prior to the recording is still unknown until April 10 when investigators released the dash cam of police officer Michael Slager.

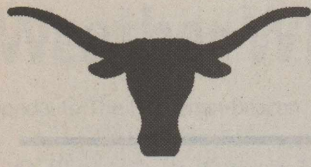
The witness's video clearly shows Scott, who is unarmed, fleeing from Slager as Slager begins to pull out his gun. A total of 8 shots were fired and out of the 8 shots 5 of them hit Scott. The video then shows Slager detaining Scott. As Slager is putting the

handcuff on Scott, Scott appears to be motionless, with his face in the ground. Another officer then accompanies Slager. After a few moments Slager comes to Scott to check his pulse and finds that Scott is unresponsive.

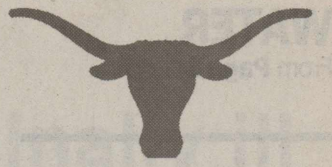
No one knew what happened prior to the chase until Slager's dash cam video was released. The dash cam shows Slager pulling over Scott in his car for a broken brake light. Scott is unable to provide proof of insurance on the vehicle to Slager then returns back to the police car to start on the paperwork. During that time Slager found out that there was an arrest warrant out for Scott that was issued back in January for owing \$18,104.43 in child support. The dash cam shows Scott getting out of the car and fleeing the scene.

Investigators found that the traffic stop, and the foot chase were perfectly normal, but the last act was uncalled for. The investigators found the shooting was uncalled thus charging Michael Slager with murder.

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# Longhorn News



## Lockney One Act Play Lockney High School Conquers District UIL



By Lena Luna, Lissa Hernandez and Lexi Chavez

On April 9, 2015, Lockney One Act Play competed in the Bi-District UIL competition with their rendition of the play *A Comedy of Errors*, by William Shakespeare. Lockney was just one of the school districts present, along with Floydada, Ralls, Farwell, Vega, and Panhandle. After a successful season under the direction of new theater sponsor Bobby Hon, Lockney's theater season came to an end in Hale Center.

"Although the contest did not go in our favor, I would like to emphasize that the students gave one of the best performances I have ever

seen," said Hon. "These kids put so much hard work into this show and these contests and festivals."

Along with having an advancing performance at the District Meet, Lockney High School actors also won several individual awards. Honorable Mention Cast Members at the district level included Ashley Roberts and Darby Long. All-Star Cast Members at district included Luke Kasner and Seattle Jackson.

At the Bi-District meet, several actors won individual awards yet again. Honorable Mention Cast Members at bi-district included Seattle Jackson. All-Star Cast Members included Darby Long and Jake Moore.

The full cast and crew of Lockney's *A Comedy of Errors* is as follows:

Cast: Jake Moore, Jace Klein, Luke Kasner, Seattle Jackson, Darby Long, Ashley Roberts, Shelby Dunbar, Ignacio Ascencio, Valerie Hernandez, Blanca Bueno, Karissa Petty, Nathan Johnson, Alec Tambunga, and Hannah Kidd.

Crew: Lena Luna, Lissa Hernandez, Jose Gonzales, Alyssa Gutierrez, and Nohelia Salazar.

Director: Bobby Hon  
For anyone who missed seeing the play during competition, the cast will be performing one last time for the public in the Lockney Cafeteria on May 20, 2015.

By Emilie Encizo & Trevor Ascencio

On Thursday, March 27, District UIL was held at Lockney High School. All UIL participants competed against students from surrounding schools to try and get the highest scores and the most points for our school. The turnout at the end of the day was astounding.

"I am extremely proud of and thankful for my fellow UIL coaches that invest their time and passion in our students, challenging them to greater levels of success," said Mrs. Morris.

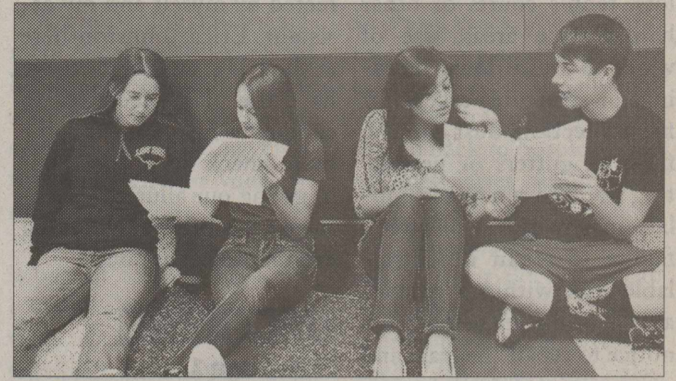
Lockney High School placed second overall in the meet, and won District Championships in six team events, with 24 students advancing to the Regional meet held in Odessa on April 23rd-25th. Lockney High School should have placed first in the meet over all, but due to UIL regulations and event scores being capped, they were not able to fully obtain all of the points they earned.

The results of the meet were as follows:

In Accounting, John Salas placed 1st, Ozzy Mondragon 2nd, Liz Salas 4th, and Scott Lass 6th. They placed 1st as a team and will advance to the Regional meet along with their coach, Mrs. Fulton.

In Computer Science, Scott Lass placed 1st, Levi Kasner 2nd, Seattle Jackson 3rd, and Blanca Bueno 6th. They won the Computer Science Contest and will compete in the regional meet along with their coach, Mrs. Morris.

In Current Issues, Jace Klein placed 1st, Isa Rodriguez 5th, and Brenna Tidwell 2nd, Valerie Hernandez, and Mari Hernandez are also on the team. They placed 2nd overall as a team along with their coach Mrs. Morris.



In Editorial writing, Jace Klein placed 3rd and John Salas placed 4th. In Feature writing, Nic Sherman placed 3rd, and in Headline writing Jace Klein placed 1st. In the News writing contest, Trevor Ascencio placed 1st and Sarah Carstensen placed 3rd. These writers won the Journalism Championship and are coached by Ms. Clement.

In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Alex Rea placed 3rd.

In Literary Criticism, Jake Moore placed 1st, Darby Long 2nd, Ashley Roberts 3rd, and Lizzie Belt 4th, Karissa Petty is also on the team. The team won District Champion as well. In Ready Writing, Haley Dunbar placed 5th, Sarah Belt 7th, and Emilie Encizo 8th. These teams are coached by Mrs. Ragland.

"I think our team did very well and I can't wait to beat Quanah," said junior Jake Moore.

In Poetry, Shelby Dunbar placed 6th. In Prose, Luke Kasner placed 2nd, both of these teams are coached by Ms. Boggs. In Persuasive Speaking, Stephen Setliff placed 6th and is coached by Mrs. Ragland and Ms. Boggs.

In Mathematics, Levi Kasner placed 5th, Tabetha Big-ham 10th, Luke Kasner 12th, and Andrew Palomin 17th. They placed second overall as a team and are coached Mr. Hon.

In Number Sense, Jake Moore placed 1st, Seattle Jackson 3rd, Nic Sherman

6th, and Ashley Roberts 10th. Overall as a team they placed 1st and are coached by Mrs. Fulton.

"I'm proud of my Number Sense Team, they scored their highest at district and I can tell they've been studying," said Mrs. Fulton.

In Science, Jace Klein placed 1st, Levi Kasner 3rd, Seattle Jackson 5th, Tristan Schlueter 8th, Tabetha Big-ham 8th, and Luke Kasner 26th. Alec Tambunga and Austen Rexrode also are on the team. Once again, they claimed the District Team Championship. Jace Klein also had the top Chemistry and Biology score and the Top Physics Alternate. The coaches of this team are Mrs. Kasner and Mrs. Morris.

"Mrs. Morris and I are beyond excited and proud of the Lockney UIL Science team," said Mrs. Kasner. "We have great expectations for this team at the state meet."

In Social Studies, Jake Moore placed 5th, Darby Long 10th, Lidia Sanchez 15th, and Stephen Setliff 18th. Overall, the team won 3rd place and is coached by Mr. Moore.

In Spelling and Vocabulary, Sarah Belt place 3rd, Kennedy Hallmark placed 12th, Dixie Williams 13th, and Shelby Coats 16th. This team is coached by Mrs. Setliff.

Congratulations to all of the Lockney UIL participants and their coaches. Good luck to all at regionals next weekend.

## FCCLA Puts Up a Fight Against Bullying

By Emilie Encizo & Trevor Ascencio

During the month of April, FCCLA is working to put a stop to cyberbullying and bullying altogether. They have been putting signs up around the school, doing surveys, and putting notes on cars with the saying, "Words can hurt or heal. What did yours do today?"

Around LHS, anywhere someone looks, they will see a poster about bullying. FCCLA is trying to spread the word about the negative effects bullying can have on a person. Bullying can lead to depression, suicide, and other terrible things.

"I think that it's good how students at LHS are doing this and not just the teachers," said junior Lexi Chavez. "It makes students feel that the teachers aren't just telling them to be nice."

Bullying doesn't just happen here at Lockney High School, it is happening all around the world. About 160,000 kids miss school each day due to bul-



lying, and one out of every four kids are bullied every month.

"I'm not quite sure what the outcome will be with all the stuff FCCLA is doing," said sophomore Abel Salazar. "I'm afraid people are going to bully regardless of what you tell them."

Statistics have proven that 4% of students have been cyberbullied, 5% have been excluded from activities, 11% have been physically bullied, 18% have had rumors spread about them, and 21% have been called terrible names.

This is not a minor issue that happens rarely, it

is something that happens without us sometimes even knowing it. Our Lockney High School FCCLA group is standing up and trying to stop it.

"Well, all I can really say is that I was bullied and I didn't like it," said sophomore Calvin Borunda. "If the bully was in the witnesses shoes, would he like being the one to get bullied?"

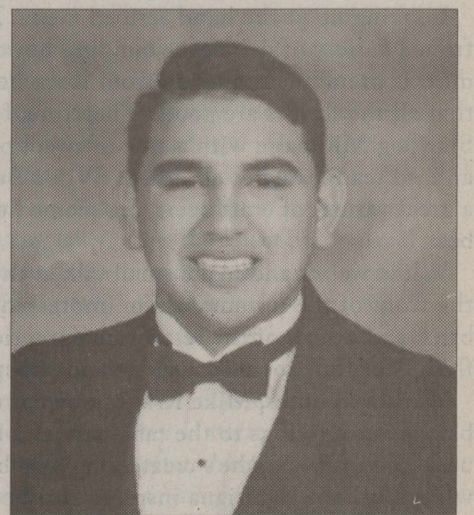
If they can at least help one person, FCCLA feels that they have made a difference. Now it's your turn, stand up and help put up a fight against bullying.

## Senior Spotlights

By Alec N. Tambunga

### Javier Guerrero

Javier Guerrero was born in Lockney, TX on June 4, 1996 to Jose Luis and Mary Guerrero. He has lived in Lockney his whole life. During his time at Lockney High School, Javier has participated in football (4 years), baseball (4 years), track (4 years), FFA (4 years), band (3 years), FCA (2 years), and basketball (2 years). After graduating, Javier plans to go to South Plains College and study in the welding program.



### Esperanza Luna Guerra

Esperanza Luna Guerra was born in Lockney, TX on November 2, 1995 to Elida Luna Guerra and Esteban Guerra Jr. She has lived in Lockney most of her life, while also living briefly in Plainview and Floydada. During her time at Lockney High School, Esperanza has been involved in FCCLA for one year. After graduating from Lockney High School, Esperanza plans to get a job and help her mom around the house.



## Art Club Explores Dallas

By Lena Luna, Lissa Hernandez, Lexi Chavez

On the weekend of April 10, 2015, 13 Lockney High School students accompanied LHS art teacher Donna Webb to Dallas to explore different works of art.

Students who went on the trip had the opportunity to see pieces by famous artists such as

Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse.

"It was a great opportunity to explore different artworks and to be in Dallas with some of my friends," said freshman Sara Keyser.

Along with viewing art, these students also had time to enjoy the city. They visited Urban Air, a trampoline park in Dallas, made new friends, and explored new restaurants.

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## TORNADO

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Executive director of NWI Debris Impact Facility, can speak on the construction and use of residential and community shelters. Kiesling has more than 35 years of experience in the field documenting storm damage, writing performance standards for safe rooms, and verifying compliance of safe rooms with those standards. He can be reached at (806)

834-1931 or ernst.kiesling@ttu.edu.

Larry Tanner, research assistant professor and manager of NWI Debris Impact Facility, has years of field experience studying tornado damage and debris. Tanner's research of approximately 400 manufactured homes damaged by a 2005 tornado that killed 22 people in Evansville, Indiana, prompted new standards for mobile home installation in the region. Tanner can be reached at (806) 834-2320 or larry.

tanner@ttu.edu.

Watch the debris impact cannon here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pot7UI5SLb8>.

Darryl James, professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and WiSE associate, and his team spent more than a year and a half building a tornado simulator at Reese Center. The device, known as VorTECH, simulates tornadic winds in the mid-EF3 range or less, in an effort to understand how tornadoes do their dam-

age. James can be reached at (806) 834-3386 or darryl.james@ttu.edu.

Watch VorTECH at work here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_yLLAus75o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_yLLAus75o).

Daan Liang, associate professor of construction engineering technology at Texas Tech and interim director of NWI, has studied with various probability models how the construction of buildings affects their vulnerability against severe windstorms. Recently, his research is focused on the advancement

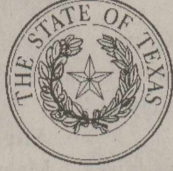
of remote sensing technology in documenting and assessing wind damages to residential structures. Liang can be reached at (806) 834-0383 or daan.liang@ttu.edu.

John Schroeder, professor of atmospheric sciences, brings extensive experience in wind flow characterization and atmospheric measurements, including directing Texas Tech's hurricane research program and West Texas Mesonet. Schroeder can be reached at (806) 834-5678 or john.schroeder@

ttu.edu.

Bradley Ewing, professor of operations management in the Rawls College of Business, has studied the economic impact of hurricanes and tornadoes for more than a decade. He can speak to the impact of hurricanes and tornadoes in cities like Oklahoma City; Corpus Christi; Wilmington, North Carolina; Miami; and Nashville, Tennessee. Ewing can be reached at (806) 834-3939 or bradley.ewing@ttu.edu.

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



#### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 112904L005

**APPLICATION** Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 112904L005, which would authorize construction of two Concrete Batch Plants. The applicant provided the following driving directions: From the intersection of Highway 207 and County Road 2286, drive west on County Road 2286 for 2 miles, south on County Road 149 for 1 mile, and then west on County Road 100 for 2 miles. The site is located at the southwest corner of County Road 100 and County Road 129, South Plains, Floyd County, Texas 79258. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, please refer to the application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.199319&lng=-101.381667&zoom=13&type=r>. 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.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 30, 2015. The application 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 in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., P.O. Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas 79120-1660 or by calling Mr. Michael Mayfield, Quality Control Manager at (806) 373-4951.

Notice Issuance Date: April 10, 2015

## Water Wisely for a Beautiful Garden and Landscape

By Melinda Myers

Too much or not enough water and never when you need it. That seems to be the long time plight of gardeners. Add to this extended droughts, flooding and watering bans. What is a gardener to do? Become a water-wise gardener.

Water wise is not just about growing drought tolerant plants or eliminating plantings. It is a holistic approach to managing water to avoid flooding that overwhelms sewer systems, improper watering that wastes water, and poor landscape designs that generate too much work and require too many resources.

Make this the season that you incorporate a few water-wise habits into your gardening. You'll find it is good for your garden, the environment and your pocketbook. Start with one or more of these strategies this year.

- Select the right plant for the growing conditions. Plants that thrive in normal growing conditions for your area will be healthier, require less care and need less water. Look for drought tolerant plants that require less water once established.

- Keep water out of the storm sewers and in the garden instead. Prevent flooding while improving your garden. Adding several inches of compost to the top 8 to 12 inches of soil increases the soil's ability to absorb and retain water. This means less runoff into the storm sewers and less frequent watering.

- Use plants to prevent runoff and conserve water. Plant trees, shrubs, and groundcovers to slow the flow of rainwater, increase the amount of water that stays in your landscape for your plants, and to filter water before it enters the groundwater. Install one or more rain gardens to intercept surface water runoff for use by rain garden plants and to help recharge the groundwater.

- Provide plants with a healthy diet. Use a slow release non-leaching organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite ([milorganite.com](http://milorganite.com)). You'll encourage slow steady growth, so your plants will require less water and be less prone to insect and disease problems. Plus, the slow release nitrogen encourages healthy growth and does not prevent flowering and fruiting.

- Water wisely. Water plants thoroughly and only when needed. Water the soil, not the plant, using a watering wand, drip irrigation or a soaker hose so less water is lost to evaporation. Water early in the morning whenever possible to reduce water loss during the heat of the day and diseases caused by wet foliage at night.

- Manage your lawns to reduce water use. Select drought tolerant grass varieties to reduce watering needs. Prepare the soil before seeding or sodding or aerate and spread a thin layer of compost over existing lawns to increase water absorption and reduce runoff. Mow high to encourage deep roots that are more drought tolerant and pest resistant. Allow lawns to go dormant during hot dry weather. If irrigating, water thoroughly when needed, that's when your footprints remain in the lawn.

- Conserve water and reduce time and money spent on plant care. Mulch the soil around trees, shrubs and other plants with several inches of woodchips, shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic material. Mulching reduces watering frequency, prevents soil compaction from heavy rainfall thus increasing water absorption. It also adds organic matter to the soil as it decomposes.

- Repair leaking faucets, fittings and garden hoses. A slow leak of one drip per second can waste up to nine gallons of water per day.

- Look for and use wasted water. Collect the "warming water" typically wasted when preparing baths and showers. Use a five-gallon bucket to collect this fresh water and use it for your containers and gardens. Collect water from your dehumidifier and window air conditioners for use on flowering plants. Do not, however, use this water if environmentally harmful solvents have been used to clean this equipment.

- Check with your local municipality if you are considering using gray water. Once you wash clothes, dishes or yourself, water is classed as gray water and most municipalities have guidelines or regulations related to its use.

- Harvest rainwater if your municipality allows. The ancient technique of capturing rainwater in jugs, barrels and cisterns has made a comeback. Collecting rain when it is plentiful and storing it until it is needed is one way to manage water for the landscape. But first check local regulations before installing a rain harvesting system. Several states have banned rain harvesting, while others offer rebates or rain barrels at a discount to gardeners.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com), offers gardening videos and tips.



# Quanah Parker Popular Topic for Historians

By Hannaba Munn Welch  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Quanah Parker always draws a crowd, and a catchy title for an event doesn't hurt either -- even at a historical conference.

"Elvis Has Been Sighted at the Laundromat, George Washington Slept Here and Quanah Parker Was Born Simultaneously in Both Texas and Oklahoma: Parsing the Truth as to Quanah Parker's Presence, Travels and Fame" was the intriguing title of a standing-room-only presentation Friday in Amarillo at the annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association.

The presenter was Holle Humphries, facilitator and researcher for the Quanah Parker Trail, a 52-county historical project that accounts for 81 roadside arrows across the Texas Panhandle and Plains. Childress has an arrow; Post has two. The 22-foot-tall steel arrows also stand in Memphis, Benjamin, Floydada, Wellington and other places in the readership of Blackburn Media, excluding Oklahoma, but only because the Sooner State isn't part of the Texas Plains Trail Region, the official heritage tourism division that is home to the Quanah Parker Trail project. (See [quanahparkertrail.com](http://quanahparkertrail.com).)

Places that claim to be Quanah's birthplace, based on varying reports, some from Chief Quanah himself, include Elk Creek in the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma and various sites in Texas -- Cedar Lake near Seminole, Tahoka Lake and Wichita Falls. Humphries mentioned all the sites and noted that Quanah lent credence to some of the claims because of travels he made in Texas toward the end of

his life. Quanah died in 1911.

The marker at Cedar Lake is a 1936 Texas Centennial Marker.

"Texas was reinventing itself in the late 1930s and identifying with its cowboy culture to counter the downside of losing the Civil War," Humphries said, noting that Quanah fit the cowboy and Indian mystique.

The presentation after Humphries' concentrated on Chief Quanah's positive relationship with ranchers at the turn of the 20th century.

A picture of Quanah taken later in his life was part of Humphries' presentation. Visiting the place of one's birth in one's latter years is a Comanche custom, she said -- a fact confirmed later during the conference by Ardith Parker, Chief Quanah's great-granddaughter.

"Having lost his mother and his father afterwards, Quanah, like us, sought the answer to nature of his origins as a Comanche of the Plains," Humphries said, tying all of Quanah's birthplace legends together but still offering no explicit answer as to which place holds the strongest claim.

She summed up his significance to his people and their survival into the 20th century:

"He was so intelligent, so bright, such a good businessman. Those were the gifts he brought to his people. He knew how to navigate the snake pit of the reservation and politics."

Christopher Freeman and John Hensley of Midwestern State University talked about Quanah during the reservation era in a presentation titled "Two Worlds, One Big Pasture: Quanah Parker and Burk Burnett: The Social, Economic and Cultural Implications of An-

gle-Indian Association in the Oklahoma and Texas Borderlands."

Freeman and Hensley talked about the importance of Quanah as a figure of importance not only to his own people but also to ranchers of his era -- men whose empires shaped the culture of Southwest Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle and Plains.

"You could write an entire volume on Quanah Parker's relationship with Anglo ranchers and how that defines us," they said.

Hensley and Freeman mentioned a missing 200-page manuscript referred to in a letter written by Laura Birdsong, a Quanah descendant, to Samuel Burk Burnett.

"If it were to be found, there may be a whole lot more about Quanah Parker's life that we are able to discover."

The historians at the conference, some professional and some not, listened intently to topics on a broad range of topics and heard Bill Neal, Hardeman County native, speak at a banquet Friday night.

Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal, WTHA president, introduced Bill Neal, whose middle initial is "O," and shared, with his characteristic humor, stories about incidents that have happened because of the similarity in their names. The two have nicknames for each other, O'Neal said, namely "Period" and "Apostrophe."

Neal, author of "Getting Away with Murder on the Texas Frontier" and other books about the legal system on the frontier, entertained the crowd with excerpts from his book and also from his life. His talk was titled "Courtroom Gladiators of Yesteryear: Tales of Those Audacious Fron-

tier Lawyers." Even as Neal spoke, a figure of Quanah Parker stood next to the podium, a larger-than-life effigy put in place as a backdrop to the presentation of a special award, following Neal's address, from the WTHA to the Quanah Parker Trail. The \$1,000 award from the Tillapaugh Public History Fund, announced by O'Neal and J. Tillapaugh, director of the fund and past WTHA president, recognized the Quanah Parker Trail for commemorating the history of West Texas in an extraordinarily successful way.

Other trails, including the Great Western Trail from Texas to Dodge City and points beyond and the Potter-Bacon Trail through West Texas, both cattle trails, were also topics at the scholarly confab. The conference participants also made their own trails in and around Amarillo, taking bus tours to the Charles Goodnight House at Goodnight on Thursday and, among other places, to the now-vacant Herring Hotel in Amarillo on Saturday. Built in 1926, the building is a landmark.

Barbara Brannon, director of the Texas Plains Trail Region, lingered at the old Herring for a closer look at the building after the bus tour departed. Brannon took a second look at the basement, where a mural executed by the renowned Panhandle artist H. G. Bugbee is still partly intact, and she also took the stairs to see each floor and the roof.

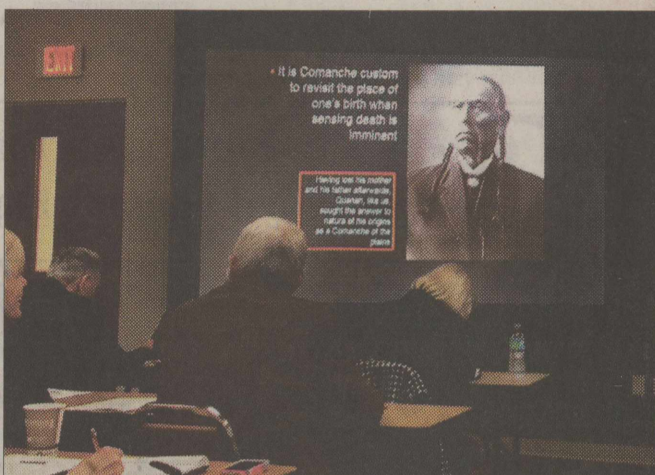
Afterward Brannon shared her thoughts about hotels like the Herring and also the successfully renovated Settles in Big Spring, her own topic at the conference:

"In the Plains and Panhandle we are lucky to have a few surviving gems from the era of the grand ho-



Photos by Hannaba Munn Welch

Standing on the mezzanine of the old Herring Hotel in Amarillo, West Texas Historical Association members look down into the lobby of the once-elegant now-vacant downtown landmark, a 14-story red brick building for sale by the owner, Robert Goodrich.



A picture from Quanah Parker shows the Comanche Chief in his later years, a time in his life when he traveled to various sites in what seemed to be his attempt to return to the place of his birth. His birthplace remains a question and was the topic of a presentation at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the West Texas Historical Association in Amarillo last week.

tel. Visitors are eager to recapture the sense of the authentic past they embody, and we should work hard to preserve and reuse them. What we've seen from projects like Big Spring's Hotel Settles is that a revived historic hotel serves as a magnet for other redevelopment like no other building can." Next year, the WTHA will hold its annual meeting in Abilene. The organization, based in Lubbock, welcomes both professional and amateur historians to its ranks.

## American Legion Post 141 Lockney, Texas Awarded Citation for Meritorious Service

By Jim Doucette

On March 14th 2015 American Legion Post 141 Lockney, Texas was awarded a Citation for Meritorious Service from the American Legion Department Commander, Lynn E. Sparks, for its work on behalf of Veterans.

The award was presented by Ralph Langley, District Commander, he recounted the many activities of the Post. Last year the Posts Honor Guard rendered military honors at sixty funerals, regularly visited the Veterans Home in Amarillo, provided Color Guards for parades, free wheelchairs to the needy and maintains the Veterans Park in Lockney.

The Post is fortunate to have sixty two active members. The Post is lead by Ed Marks, Commander; Mike O'Connell, Vice Commander; David Sanchez, Vice Commander; Greg Patridge, Adjutant; Marco Martinez, Sargent at Arms; Dan



Courtesy Photo

Shown in picture are Flag bearer Ed Marks, Color guard Mike O'Connell, Sam Moore, Greg Patridge, Jim Doucette, Marco Martinez and David Gary (wheel Chair).

Scheaffer, Chaplain; Bill Strickland, Judge Advocate and Sam Moore, Weapons Officer. The honor guard squad leaders are Lee St. Dennis, Cecil Jones, Mike O'Connell and Melvin Vanlandingham.

In addition the Post was awarded a Citation for Meritorious Achievement by attaining 100% of its membership goal. Adjutant Patridge explained,

"We have been actively recruiting recent veterans and are fortunate to have many of them in leadership positions."

Judge Advocate Strickland noted that, "Our Post has members from every war since WW II."

Chaplain, Dan Scheaffer, acknowledges that, "We consider it our honor to work for and minister to our fellow Veterans."

## Floydada Rotary Club



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The Floydada Rotary Club held a joint meeting with the Floydada Lions to honor a Texas State Champion. Power lifter Aaron Chavarria recently competed at the state powerlifting meet in Abilene. Lifting in the 220 pound category of Division 3 (all A, AA, and AAA schools), Aaron amassed an impressive 1,575 pounds in the squat, deadlift and bench press to become Floydada High School's most recent state champion. Aaron overcame a dislocated elbow at the beginning of football season and was able get back on the field in time to lead the FHS Whirlwinds to a playoff berth. Still recovering from the traumatic dislocation, he regained sufficient strength to win the powerlifting title just three months later. Shown are (l to r) Floydada Rotary President-Elect Karen Houchin, program coordinator Nick Long, Aaron Chavarria, and his coach, Coby Emery.

You are cordially invited to attend the 76th Annual Membership Meeting of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.

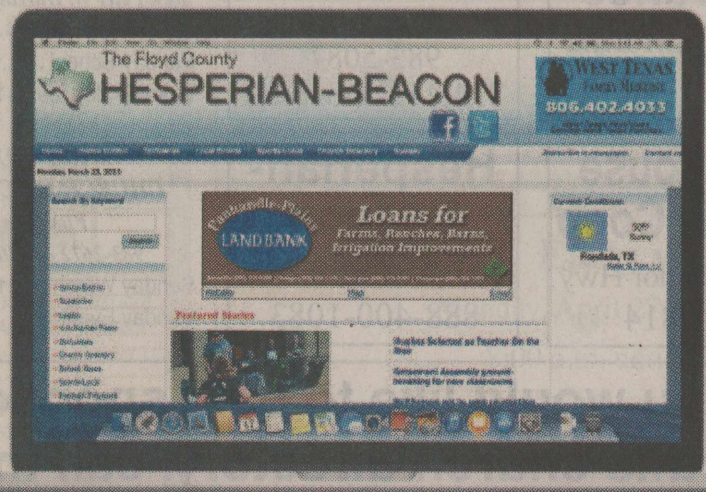
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| Registration ..... 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Catered by Danny's Fins & Hens  |
| Meal ..... 5:00 p.m.                | Children's Entertainment        |
| Business Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m.    | Election of Directors           |

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