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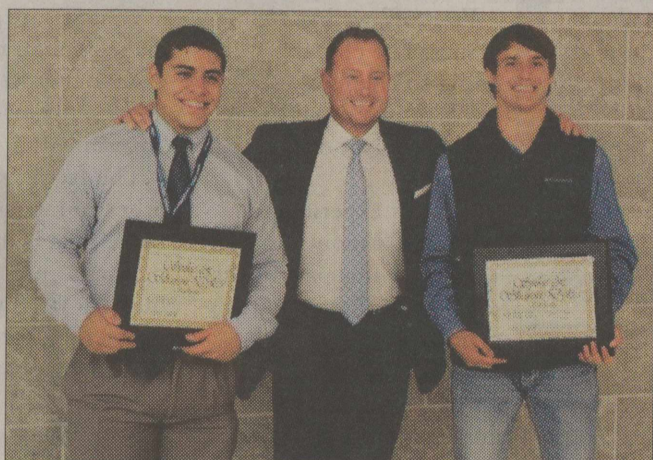
## Whirlwind Friends Play in the ASCO All-Star Classic Games Aaron Chavarria receives \$2,500 Scholarship

By Nick Long

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK-Aaron Chavarria and Tucker Lowrance went thru all of their school years together at Floydada HS as close friends and teammates in multiple sports. They both walked the stage receiving their HS Diplomas at the Floydada graduation on May 28 as Top 10 students of their class. Aaron was the highest ranked boy and Tucker was third highest male.

Then on Saturday, June 6 the two former Whirlwinds put a climatic finish on their high school sports careers by playing in the ASCO All-Star Classic games in Lubbock. Tucker played in the Inaugural Boys Basketball game on the Red Team. See **ALL-STARS**, Page 10



Courtesy photos  
 Bart Reager, CEO of the Reager-Dykes Auto Group, presents a \$2,500 Spike and Sharon Dykes Scholarship to each Aaron Chavarria of Floydada, and Nik Clarkson of Abernathy at the ASCO All-Star Classic Banquet on Friday night at Lubbock HS. The Scholarship was provided by the Reager-Dykes Auto Group.

Aaron Chavarria of Floydada (27) burst up the middle for a 7-yard gain for the Blue Team in the 11th Annual ASCO All-Star Classic in Lubbock.



Courtesy photos  
 Tucker Lowrance of Floydada is presented a commemorative watch and plaque by Red Team Basketball Coach Randy Dean (Lubbock Coronado) at the ASCO All-Star Classic Banquet on Friday night at Lubbock HS.

Tucker Lowrance (11) of Floydada is playing defense in the inaugural ASCO All-Star Basketball game on Saturday at LCU's Rip Griffin Center.



### 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.

#### LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY

The Lockney Salvation Army will be having a \$6 Sack Sale on June 10-12, Wednesday through Friday at the Salvation Army Store, 108 N Main in Lockney during business hours.

#### DON HARDY'S OPEN HOUSE & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Don Hardy's Race Cars will hold a 50-Year celebration along with Don Hardy's 75th birthday celebration on Saturday, June 13 from 1 - 4 p.m. at Hardy's Classic Cars and More, 201 E. Missouri/111 E. Missouri, Floydada. For more info see their ad in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

#### FLOYDADA CHAMBER CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Floydada Chamber will hold their "City-Wide Garage Sale" on Saturday, June 13th. For more info, see the article on the front page of the Hesperian-Beacon.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH KID'S KAMP

The First Baptist Church of Floydada will hold their "Kids Kamp" on July 23-26. Deadline for registration and \$10 is July 1st. Register at First Baptist Church, 401 S. Main, Floydada. Must bring immunization records and health insurance information.

#### FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

To make memorial donations or any contribution to the Floyd County Historical Museum, please mail to PO Box 304, Floydada, Texas 79235

## City Sets Target Date for New Pool Opening



Courtesy photo  
 Floydada residents may be able to dive into the new city pool as early as July 4, according to City Manager Jeff Johnston.

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

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Johnston noted that the city was trying to have at least the pool ready by July 4. "The water slides and the water play system may not be in place by then, since they are still at the manufacturer," he said.

The new pool and water play system are part of a voter-approved bond package from November 2013 that improved recreational amenities for Floydada, including the city playground, pool, and softball facility.

The city is looking for lifeguards for the new pool, and if you are interested, you should contact them about these positions. Floydada will also be hiring seasonal managers to oversee the pool and concessions.

Johnston said the city has just begun discussing schedules and offerings.

Here are some tentative options he mentioned that they has been looking at:

- Tentative scheduling: Tuesday through Sunday 1 to 6 p.m., general swimming
- Monday 4 to 6 p.m., senior citizen swimming
- Tuesday through Sunday mornings 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Moms and children 6 and under

The city is also considering opening the pool two weeks See **POOL**, Page 4

## Floydada City-Wide Garage Sale

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce will be having their annual City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 13.

You may pick up the official garage sale list at the following locations on Friday,

June 12th, after 4 p.m.; Nielson's Restaurant, Lowes - Floydada & Lockney, Allsup's - Floydada, Fast Stop- Floydada, Tina's Donut Shop and Merm's Liquor Store.

Also look for the schedule on the Floydada Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

## County, city discuss storm shelter options

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

At the June Floyd County Commissioners meeting Monday, the court discussed pursuing grants for storm shelters and implementing e-filing for attorneys and heard presentations from Secure Tech, the Texas Association of Counties, and the Floydada EDC.

Floydada City Manager Jeff Johnston appeared before the commissioners to discuss the court's interest in attaining a grant for a storm shelter. Johnston noted that grants in specific areas are more prevalent in certain times. Recently water grants have been more abundant, but he thought he had noted a trend in storm shelter grants returning.

Johnston pointed out that due to FEMA regulations, a storm shelter should accommodate 30% of the county, and with space regulations, that would translate to a 12,000 to 15,000 foot facility. The city manager noted that Ralls built a 2,500 foot storm shelter several years ago, and it cost more than \$400,000. Such shelters have walls four feet thick.

Commissioners Mike Anderson and Amado Morales felt that Floydada and Lockney each needed their own shelter.

Johnston said that as city manager, he could investigate grant possibilities for Floydada and then forward that information to Lockney. Or that there might be an opportunity for an inter-local grant.

He wasn't sure if two city entities and a county government combination could apply for an inter-local grant.

Anderson suggested that the City of Floydada do a survey and find out who has cellars and storm shelters. Johnston noted that Idalou has done such a survey and has a database of people who are willing to share their shelters and cellars, and makes that information available to their residents. Johnston said he would look into a survey.

In other court action:

Effective July 16 attorneys will be able to e-file with the county. Patty Davenport district clerk appeared before the court to explain the proposed e-filing process. There should be a \$2 fee collected by the county for e-filing. These fees can be used going forward with any costs associated with e-filing. These fees cannot be used to defray the software costs already incurred by the county readying Davenport's computer and County Clerk Ginger Morgan's computer for e-filing, but can be used for judges' software as needed. The court unanimously approved the proposed e-filing process.

The county can also only collect these fees See **CITY** Page 4

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## The 501 You too can have a yurt

It's the yurt look. All a home decorator needs is some painters' canvas drop cloths to turn an ordinary room into a Mongolian yak herder's tent, more or less.

Yes, the secret is out. What nomads have known for centuries is finally dawning on the rest of humanity. Nothing beats a tent, especially a yurt. Yurts are in.

Yurts are pricey. They're sort of like yachts. If you have to ask the cost, you can't afford a yurt.

I exaggerate. You can buy a starter yurt for \$5,000. Or you can spend more, contingent on size and extra features. If your budget is limited and you don't have room in your yard to pitch a yurt, you can spend much less to utilize canvas drop cloths to simulate a yurt space right inside your home.

My little yurt room didn't exactly start that way. I just wanted to keep dirt from falling down through the cracks between the bare boards in the ceiling. It's an old room that previously had old-fashioned wallpaper on the ceiling - the kind that's pasted onto canvas, although I've never understood how something that looks like muslin should be called canvas.

Sheetrock (pardon the use of the brand name) could have solved the ceiling challenge, but why go the easy route? Ceiling tiles didn't quite seem like the right answer either. Also too easy.

Canvas drop cloths came to mind. How hard could it be to nail them to the ceiling? And wouldn't they be rather cheap? Cheap and easy is an unbeatable combination. Sometimes easy slips away.

So her I am creating an indoor yurt. It happens.

The canvas drop cloths really were rather cheap - on sale, even. And when I managed to get the first one into place on one end of the room, the leftover part hung down just right to make a curtain over the window, sort of. Wow! Providential.

The next day my clever friend Terri arrived to help me. She's a person of many talents. I pay her to be my friend. She would be my friend anyway, but some things you've got to pay for, like indoor yurt construction.

Indeed, it was Terri who recognized the yurt aspect of the whole project, thereby cranking it up a level philosophically, if not otherwise.

Advice: If you plan to turn a room into a yurt, it helps to have a helper. Canvas drop cloths are inherently unwieldy.

Terri and I, working together, careful to line things up as precisely as possible, some imprecision being another inherent characteristic of painters' drop cloths, found ourselves two-thirds of the way through by the end of the day.

It was showdown time. My husband knew only that I'd been working on the room. Was he ready to walk into the house and find himself in two-thirds of a rectangular pseudo-yurt?

Short answer:

No.

Final advice:

When spouses have differing tastes in yurts (like maybe one doesn't even like yurts), one yurt room is more than enough.

## South Plains College to offer CNA training class June 8 through July 8

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer Certified Nurse Aide Training June 8 through July 8 in Room 120 in the Technical Arts building. Enrollment limited to 10 students.

The classroom instruction will meet from 4 to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Clinicals will meet from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays at the Level-land Nursing Home.

The cost is \$500 for the course and \$57 for the textbook. Other fees that students will need to pay include the State Exam Fee at \$95 and CPR at \$15. Students will use the textbook "Skills and Techniques for the New Nursing Assistant," 7th edition by Barbara Gillogly. Tammy Shirley, LVN, will be the instructor.

A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty.

The SPC faculty is responsible for on-site clinical instruction, supervision and evaluation. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. Students learn the necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments. Upon completion of the 60 hours of classroom and 40 hours of clinical instruction, each student will be required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR since 1981, Tetanus no older than 8 years, Hepatitis B Series, and have a current negative TB test no older than one year, photo identification and social security card prior to enrollment. A criminal background check will be performed for all students.

For more information and to register, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant for the D



## The Paperboy What did your planet do today?

Is there climate change on earth? Of course.

Is it because humans inhabit the planet? That's very much debatable.

Do so many harp on it because they see massive amounts of money can be gained?

Al Gore and his many houses would say, "yes."

First off, we live on a planet. The climate is going to change.

We're in a drought for five years, is it climate change?

We just experienced the wettest month in the history of this part of the country, is that climate change?

Back before the goal posts were moved and the narrative was changed from global warming to climate change, some scientists and politicians (like Al Gore) were swearing up and down that the Earth was warming because of greenhouse gas emissions.

Later, when the data proved that perhaps the planet was actually cooling, we get, "What we meant by global warming is that because of factories and cars, man is responsible for the the climate changing, regardless if it's warming or cooling.

Huh?

Remember that thing called the Ice Age? What caused that? It sure wasn't man.

Hundreds of millions of years ago, the planet was very lush and green. Obviously, man didn't cause the change to it, or away from it.

Look, I'll be the first to say we should be good stewards of our home. We should conserve water. We should develop cleaner ways of manufacturing goods. We should have laws in place to keep us from polluting the air and water. Basically, if it fits in a model of common sense, we should work toward that end.

But here is the fact that the scientists and others do not want to discuss: There are forces at work that can actually change the climate a million times more than man and a million times faster.

Right now there are volcanoes erupting. They are belching more pollutants in one day than we do in 10 years.

Right now there are more trees being planted than there are being harvested.

In fact, there are so many trees being

planted, they far outnumber the trees being burned.

Right now, some governments, like ours, have laws in place to make the air cleaner, particularly in major cities. Of course in China's cities and dozens of other places, there are no such laws and the people have to stay indoors or wear a mask.

What happened? Did Al Gore finally make enough money off of climate change that he no longer travels (in his private jet) to preach to other governments?

The fact is we can't control what these other countries do and until they can make money by going green, or someone develops engines and machinery that can outperform the combustion engine, they aren't going green.

Climate change is a shell game. Every country on this planet could stop producing goods and all of the cars could be off for 100 years and what difference would it make?

It's unpredictable. One meteor, hundreds of volcanic eruptions, solar flares ... these are the things that cause massive climate change.

Do you know of a single person who accurately predicted that Texas and Oklahoma would have their wettest months ever? You don't because no one did.

Do you remember who accurately predicted the worst drought we've had in our lifetimes? You don't because no one did.

What you should know is that billions and billions of dollars are being made by just a handful of people under the guise of climate change. And the dangerous part is, the climate is always going to change so their argument is impossible to lose.

Sometimes it's really too bad that people are born without common sense. And the number seems to be growing exponentially.

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# SOCIETY

## Hernandez graduates



Courtesy Photo

Kierstin Hernandez, daughter of Patricia Olgin and Ronnie Hernandez, graduated from Angelo State University on May 16, 2015. She was president of the AMAS Organization for Mexican American Students. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Kierstin is the granddaughter of Gabriel Juarez and Elizabeth Vasquez.

THANKS FOR READING!

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Courtesy Photo

The Bee Hives of Shepherd's Meadow celebrated the beginning of summer on Friday morning, June 5. The residents celebrated by taking a walk outside. Along with employees, family members of the residents joined us as well. A few laps around the building was just what everyone needed to say, "We're ready for summer!" Each resident wore a yellow Bee Hive t-shirt to symbolize this beautiful season. The walk was freshly ended with fruit cups and punch. It was a beautiful day for this event and the residents enjoyed it.



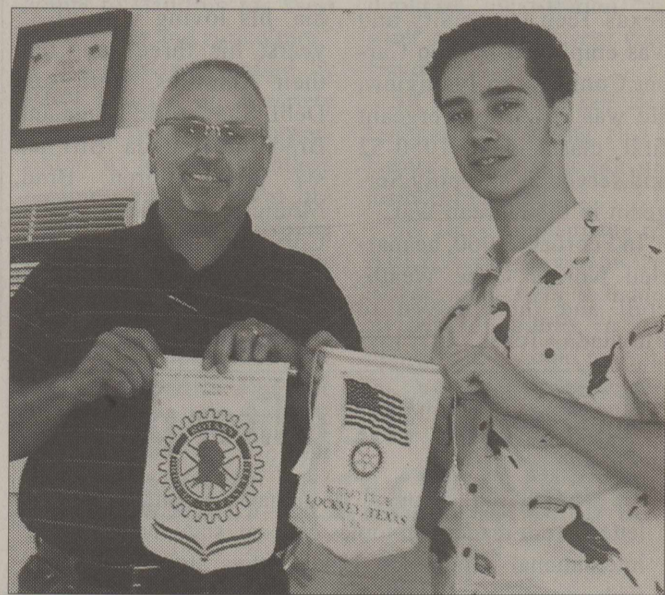
## Lockney Rotary New President



Courtesy Photo

Lockney Rotary Club held its new officer induction on June 5. Assistant Governor Charles Starnes (right) officiated. President Phil Cotham (center) presented the gavel to President-elect Denise Doucette.

## Lockney Rotary Youth Exchange



Courtesy Photo

A special guest of the Lockney Rotary Club was Rotary Exchange student Pierre Perrey (right). Perrey exchanged the banner from his sponsoring club, Brioude, France with the Lockney Club banner presented by Lockney President, Phil Cotham.

## Museum Archives

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

#### THE EARL BISHOPS

My parents were Marion and Matilda (Guynes) Bishop. My grandparents came to Texas when my father was 7 years old. There were five families who left Jackson, Mississippi in 1867 in three covered wagons pulled by oxen. They had \$300.00 between the five families to make the trip. After arriving at Wheelock, Texas, six months later they had money left.

I was the third child of fourteen children born to my parents. My oldest brother passed away in 1961. My oldest sister Minnie lives in Heame, Texas. She is 93. I have three other sisters; Cora, Susie, and Alice. One brother Tillery.

My wife Lillie's parents were B. P. and Margaret (Perkins) Davis. Lillie was the second child of fourteen children. She has three sisters; Lizzie, Belle, and Minnie Ola; one brother Raymond. They lived and farmed near Haskell, Texas.

Lillie and I were married at Franklin, Texas, January 16, 1905. We moved to Haskell soon af-

ter we were married and fanned in that area until 1925. We moved on a farm near Mt. Blanco in Crosby County. We have five children; Holt (Dink) born in 1906; Tiny born in 1908; Lula in 1910; Betty in 1912; and Davis in 1916. After our children were all married, we had a farm sale and moved to Floydada in 1945. I worked at Producers Elevator for several years and did carpenter work as long as my health was good.

We were living in the Brazos bottom in Robertson County when the June flood came in 1889. I was 13 years old at the time. Haskell County was known for having cyclones (what we call tornadoes now) about every ten years. June 8, 1909 my sister Margaret, who was 16, was staying with a cousin who had a new baby. It came a bad cloud; they went to the cellar. The mother, my sister and three children were killed. The father and four children were all right. They were taking the bodies to Haskell the next day in wagons pulled by horses. Another cloud was

coming up; they made the horses run to get there before the cloud did. We were ready to go to the funeral; the cloud caught us at a neighbor's; we stopped and went to the cellar. When we came out of the cellar, our house was gone. That was June 9. In 1919 one of our best friends lost their house and everything they had. Some of you remember T. R. and Gertie Elder. They owned and operated the grocery store at Mt. Blanco in the late 20's and early 30's.

Our oldest daughter, Tiny and Henry Novack were married in Haskell in 1925. They had two daughters, Gloria and Ann. Dink and Lena Thomas were married in 1926. They had two children, Howard and Shirley. Lula and Riley Teague were married in 1927; they have five children; Sue, Roy Heffin, James Earl, Rodney and Keith. Betty and Bob Howard were married in 1934; they had three children; Gayle, Mary and Marion. Davis and Lois Lawson were married in 1938; they have five children;

Dwain, Kay Jimmie, Jeanie and Donsay.

We lost our youngest son-in-law, Bud Howard, February, 1964; Betty still lives in Lubbock. In July, 1967 Lena, our oldest daughter-in-law, was killed in a bad car accident. In 1972 Dink and Leona Holt of Lockney were married. Our oldest son-in-law, Henry Novak, passed away in 1971.

Tiny and Don McGregor were married in 1972.

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in our home January 16, 1955. Our 60th in the Floydada High Cafeteria. The 65th at the home of our daughter, Lula and Riley. Our 70th, 71<sup>st</sup>, and 72nd, at the Massie Activity Center. We had our 73rd at home with our two sons and their families. Our daughters were unable to be with us. We have 17 grandchildren, 37 great, and 5 great, great-grandchildren.

I am 91, Lillie is 89. We live alone in our own home.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Membership for Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. The yearly dues are \$25.00. Members pay \$5.00 for each meal, non-members will pay \$6.00.

Lunch is served in the dining room at 12:00. We also deliver meals free of charge anywhere in town. Call us at 983-2032.

Floydada Sr. Citizens is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. We rely on the kindness of the community to operate. We receive no government funding.

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In Memory of Betty Jean Campbell - Shorty Turner, Joyce Williams

#### MENU

June 15 - June 19

Monday - Beef fajitas

Tuesday - Chicken fried steak

Wednesday - Baked chicken w/gravy & rice

Thursday - Loaded baked potato w/chicken salad

Friday - Chili dogs

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

More reminders this week. On July 1st your dues will be due. It's \$20.00 per person for the year.

We still need someone to volunteer to put the yearbook together. All supplies will be provided. Contact Renee at the Center if you would like to help. We have had a yearbook every year since the Senior Citizens was organized.

A couple of our families will have reunions this year at the Center. The Armstrong family is scheduled for the 20th of June, and the Griffith family is scheduled for July 11th.

If you would like to schedule a reunion here at the Center, please contact Renee at the Center for more information, 652-2745.

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.

Come to our Fish Fry on Friday nights serving from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Come on down for some great food, fun and fellowship, and "Let us do the dishes."

#### MENU

June 15 - June 19

Monday - Enchiladas

Tuesday - Cheeseburgers

Wednesday - Fried chicken

Thursday - Salmon

Friday - Roast beef

(Menus subject to change with notice)

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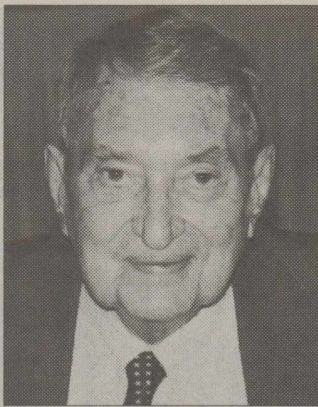
**William Alvin Feuerbacher**

William Alvin Feuerbacher, 87 years old, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2015.

They gathered for fellowship and remembrance from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening, June 9, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada Texas. Family and friends gathered to celebrate his life of 86 years on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Floydada Cemetery.

William Alvin (Bill) Feuerbacher was born August 15, 1928 in Shattuck, Oklahoma. His parents were Alvin and Gertrude Feuerbacher. The family moved to Plainview Texas and Bill graduated from Plainview High school. Bill attended Texas Tech University and was employed by Son Carpet Company in Plainview. He was an Army Sergeant first class from 1950-52 and served as a Supply Sergeant in the Korean War.

In February 1960, he married Norma Gene Weatherall and they moved to Floydada, Texas. In Floy-



**WILLIAM ALVIN FEUERBACHER**

dada, Bill was employed as City Secretary and also City Manager while Norma taught in Floydada ISD. They lived in Floydada until they retired in 2012 and moved to San Angelo, Texas.

Bill is survived by Norma, his loving wife of 55 years; his three sons and their families, Jeff and Debi, Shawn and Linda and Brad and Belinda. Bill had six grandchildren, Brad, Monica, Megan, Kalie, Cory and Drew and also five great-grandchildren; Haley, Chelsea, Peyton, Jayden and Grayson.

**POOL**

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before school lets out and continuing to have the pool open two weeks after school starts.

There may even be an opportunity for water aerobics classes in the evenings.

Another new offering from the city is that the pool and the Massie Activity Center (the MAC) can be rented jointly now for parties and get-togeth-

ers. In this first year, these rental packages will start as low as \$150 with a deposit of \$100.

As for general admission into the pool, the city is looking at a cost of \$3.75 to \$4, and there may be discounts for younger children. All children ages 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older at all times at the pool.

**CITY**

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until 2018.

The court approved upgrading the internet for the Lockney library which will enable more library visitors to be online.

Kimberly Wilder with the Texas Association of Counties made a presentation to the court on the requirements of the Affordable Care Act in 2016 and the services that the TAC could provide in implementing ACA requirements for those counties that buy into their pool services.

Ralph Price with Secure Tech made a presentation to the court about updating

the county's security system which is nearly ten years old. He made a bid on the cost of the services. County Judge Marty Lucke confirmed that the bid would be good for six months and would still be applicable when the county goes into its upcoming budget process.

Floydada Economic Development Corporation Director Sean Overeynder shared the 2015 Economic Development Plan, a joint agreement of priorities representing interests in Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Swisher and Castro counties.

**The Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch launches new YouTube Channel to highlight Quail Research**

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Dale Rollins, executive director for the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch announces the launch of a new YouTube Channel aimed directly about educating the public about the ranch's scientific undertakings. In addition, quail hunting video tips will also be part of the mix.

While the videos are hosted on YouTube, the ranch has created a custom web address that makes finding the channel easy: [www.quailvideos.com](http://www.quailvideos.com).

One of the newest videos, Addressing the Eyeworm Threat in Bobwhite Quail showcases the depths to which researchers are engaged to unlock the mystery of the quail decline.

"The point of the video is to show the work we've done on the eyeworm," says Rollins. "This kind of research doesn't take place overnight and we have to do a lot of diligence."

The video goes into detail about the eyeworm study and how scientists are seeking to unravel the underlying causes of the bobwhite quail's demise. While historically, the decline has been attributed to loss of habitat by biologists, Rollins says that their research may point to something beyond habitat.

"There are places in the Texas Rolling Plains where habitat is as good as it ever has been. But some of those places don't have quail," he explains. "So the next question has to be Is there an 'X' Factor? Is there something beyond precipitation and habitat that's affecting bobwhite quail?"

Rollins says that many biologists point to the idea that if you have rain you'll have quail.

"That's still a very valid point," he admits. "But there are certain counter-instances that make you question that line of thinking. The disappearance of the blue quail in the 1980's is one of those instances," Rollins says, referring to the unexplained loss of scaled quail throughout much of their range in the Texas Rolling Plains.

"I can't explain that disappearance in any fashion if I don't include disease as one of the possible culprits for the disappearance."

To watch Addressing the Eyeworm Threat in Bobwhite Quail and the rest of the lineup, check out [www.quailvideos.com](http://www.quailvideos.com). To receive automatic notifications whenever new videos are released, click on the "Subscribe" button.

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**Housecleaning**

[Jesus] said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."  
- Mark 6:31 (NRSV)

Resting in my chair after a family gathering, I noticed cobwebs between the corner and a beam in my den ceiling. I thought I had cleaned my house well. How did I miss those? I realized that I never took the time to look up. It was only in my resting that I looked up and caught sight of a neglected spot in my home.

In a spiritual sense, when our minds and hearts are consumed with busyness, we miss the places in our lives that need cleaning. With our heads down, trying to organize the clutter of our lives, we think we're focused on what's important. In doing so we forget to make time for spiritual rest. As we raise our eyes upward in prayer to give God thanks and praise, we open a line of communication with the One who can provide rest for our souls. During intimate times with God in prayer and Bible reading, God can show us the places in our lives that need attention — a bad habit, a wrong attitude, an unhealthy mindset, an unwillingness to forgive.

By spending time today in spiritual rest, we allow God to reveal the unattended places in our hearts. Then we can examine the way we're living and let God help us brush away the cobwebs that have appeared from neglect of our spiritual house.

Beth Fortune (South Carolina, USA)

**Thought for the Day**  
Resting with God gives us a new perspective.

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| <p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b><br/>Dennis Butler, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Bible Baptist Church</b><br/>810 S. 3rd, Floydada<br/>Darwin Robinson, Pastor<br/>983-2578<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> | <p>Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday (Youth) - 7:15 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.<br/>Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Service - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.<br/>Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> | <p>Floydada<br/>Rev David Ramos, Pastor<br/>Ester Ramos, Praise Leader<br/>Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Praise - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Praise 5 - p.m.<br/>Wed Worship - 7 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b><br/>Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor<br/>704 B Main, Lockney<br/>Sunday Services - 10 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Jesus Caballero, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Discipleship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Toby Gonzales<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Patrick Maher<br/>Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.<br/>Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b><br/>Joe Weldon, Pastor<br/>SuNday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b><br/>701 W. Missouri<br/>Joe M. Hernandez<br/>983-5286 (Church)<br/>Sunday School<br/>English - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Spanish - 11 a.m.<br/>Worship<br/>Spanish - 9:30 a.m.<br/>English - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Service 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> | <p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Ike Temporaza<br/>983-5878<br/>Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.<br/>Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.<br/>Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Joe Hernandez<br/>Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Templo Bethel</b><br/><b>Spanish Assembly of God</b><br/>Washington And 1st St.<br/>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b><br/>Rev. Herman Martinez<br/>308 W. Tennessee, Floydada<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 5 p.m.<br/>Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Trinity Assembly</b><br/>500 W. Houston<br/>Tom Ross, Pastor<br/>983-5499<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b><br/>Providence Community On Fm 2301<br/>293-3009<br/>Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service 11 - a.m.<br/>*****<br/><b>Westview Church of Christ</b><br/>Floydada<br/>983-2672 Or 470-0950<br/>Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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# AGRICULTURE

## Vaccination and Microchip Clinic held last Saturday

By Darolyn Snell  
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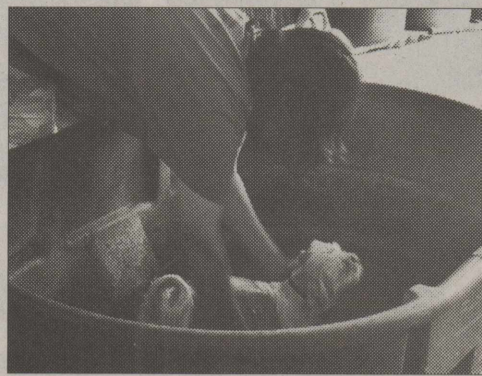
Gus's Friends for Animal Welfare hosted a Vaccination and Microchip Clinic last Saturday at the Floydada Fire Station. Dr. Paul Glasson, our local pet vet, was on hand to administer the vaccinations and Gus's workers handled the microchips and the flea and tick dips.

There were 33 microchips inserted, 28 flea and tick dips, and 69 vaccinations given.

Gus's is currently treating two heartworm positive dogs. One is a 2-year old female Dalmation/Lab mix, and her treatment, which is being covered by a generous sponsor, will run around \$480. The other is a 6-year old female Great Dane, and her treatment will run upwards of \$800-\$900 due to her weight of 98 pounds. We have a GoFundMe campaign set up for Jazz, but as of right now, we still have under \$100 raised. Ralls Cash Saver is sponsoring an event next weekend that all proceeds will go to her treatment.

We are searching for a building and land to start a facility anywhere in the Crosby/Floyd County area, the need is so obvious...soon!

If you would like to contact the folks at Gus's Friends for Animal Welfare, please feel free to call 806-253-3298 or 806-475-9144.



Courtesy Photos



By Travis McCormick  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Earlier this week, Sen. Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) finished his first legislative session in the Texas Senate. Over the course of those 140 days, Perry worked hard to pass significant legislation that advance the conservative, rural values his constituents sent him to Austin to represent.

"This session we passed a conservative budget that properly funds public education, while significantly reducing both our state's property tax and business tax," said Perry. "Additionally, we passed a strong border security package, much needed pro-life legislation, and greatly expanded Second

## Perry Wraps Up First Session in Texas Senate

Amendment Rights." Perry passed a total of 27 Senate bills and 35 House bills, placing him in the top five senators for total number of bills passed.

"We had a strong first session in the Senate," continued Perry. "What an unanticipated blessing to serve as the first freshman chairman since 1993 and having the ability to stand up for West Texas water and agriculture."

The legislation passed by Perry touched on a variety of topics from water conservation to improving college readiness and workforce development in the classroom. Below are some of the more significant bills authored or sponsored by Perry:

SB 461: Helps prohibit the sale of dangerous synthetic

drugs that communities in West Texas have been fighting to eliminate.

SB 473: Allows for properly licensed gun owners to possess certain prohibited weapons such as gun suppressors.

SB 795: Protects the ballot box by allowing Texas to join the Interstate Crosscheck Program. This will eliminate duplicate registration on voter rolls and prevent voter fraud.

SB 1339: Helps our local farmers by ensuring that a farmer's property is not unjustly confiscated.

SB 1664: Implements the ABLE Act in Texas. This legislation empowers individuals with disabilities to save money and become more fi-

See PERRY Page 8

## Assignment: Texas The Marfa Lights

Highway 67 east of Marfa is a desolate piece of highway - especially at night. After a dinner in Alpine, I head west out of town towards the Presidio County seat of Marfa.



RUSSELL GRAVES

Marfa proper is an interesting place. After clearing the mountains that flank Alpine, I am soon on a giant desert grassland and can see the lights of Marfa glowing in the midsection of the flat plain. In the town, art galleries abound and I see pieces from funky to functional hanging on the walls of the numerous art houses.

At the center of town is the immense and ornate Presidio County Courthouse whose influences look, to me, like a cross between western practicality and Victorian opulence. In the courthouse's shadow lies the fabled Paisano Hotel. Back in the 1950's the hotel served as the headquarters for the film Giant and provided hospitality for Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, and James Dean.

The town is fun and eclectic and adding to it's oddity is a viewing platform ten miles east of the town. While I reflect on what Marfa proper offers, I am drawn to stop at the dimly lit platform. I was at this spot about thirty years ago and again about ten years ago but this time I get to share the phenomenon with my wife and kids.

On the platform, there's an electric

energy in the air. Throngs of visitors have stopped and like us, peer across the desert waiting to see small orbs of light appear in the distance. In less than five minutes, the desert doesn't disappoint.

To the southwest, over the Chianti Mountains, an orb appears about one degree above the horizon. At first it's white and pulsates at an unpredictable frequency. Soon, however, the colors morph from white to red and then orange and fades in and out unpredictably as it wanes and waxes in intensity yet stays stationary in its position.

Soon the single light shares the desert stage with about a half dozen other orbs that appear and disappear at random. While most share the same three hues as the first light a couple of times I see green orbs glowing faintly in the distance.

Everyone on the platform sees the lights and are amazed by them but no one here can explain why they occur. It seems that that's a conundrum that fifty years in the making.

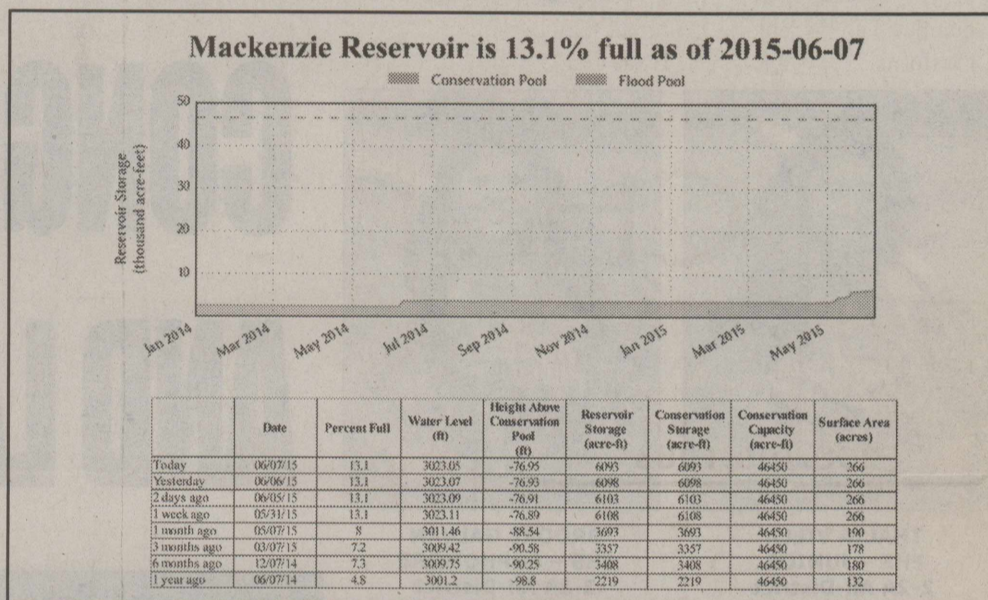
The first published accounts of the lights were in 1957 and anecdotally claim that reports of the lights date back to the 1800's. Research suggests that the lights are mirage-like apparitions that reflect distant light sources but one researcher claims that while many of the lights have a plausible explanation, the origin of a percentage of them remains unclear.

The lights rose to public consciousness when the television series Unsolved Mysteries featured a segment on the phenomena. Thirty years after I first saw them, they are again rising to my collective conscious.

Explanation or not, I am in awe to see the lights seemingly appear out of thin air and my wife and kids feel the same.

The mystery lights just made some new fans.

## Recent Rains Increase Area Lake Levels



By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Lake Mackenzie, a water supply reservoir for Lockney, Floydada, Silverton and Tulia has risen over 11 feet in the last month. One year ago, Mackenzie was at 4.8 percent of capacity but now stands at 13.1 percent of capacity. The rains that impacted the entire state during May left impressive amounts of rain that have helped many lakes across the state.

In addition to Lake Mackenzie, other area lakes have gained millions of gallons of water in the last month. Lake Alan Henry, near Post, is at 100 percent of capacity after being at 74.4 percent in March. In Crosbyton, White River Lake is now at 34.9 percent of capacity after being at less than one percent of capacity one year ago. Lake

Meredith, north of Amarillo, was empty one year ago and now is over 10 percent full. Near Snyder, Lake J. B. Thomas was at 1.1 percent last June and after the recent rains is now at 75.9 percent of capacity.

The recent rains have caused a delay to the area farmers in getting their crops planted. Traveling around the area Friday and Saturday evening, there were many tractors running late in the evening trying to meet planting deadlines.

On March 7, across the state, the capacity of all reservoirs was at 66.6 percent and now the reservoirs are at 83.6 percent of capacity. Looking at the data from the Water Data for Texas website, most lakes east of a Vernon to Laredo line are near capacity while many of the lakes west of that line are still

below capacity although they have risen significantly.

According to a recent graphic from the Fort Worth office of the National Weather Service, the May rains produced approximately 35 trillion gallons of water or enough water to cover the entire state of Texas with over eight inches of water. Of the 119 reservoirs in the state, 73 are at 100 percent capacity.

The Drought Monitor Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, reports that 90.82 percent of the state of Texas is no longer in drought conditions. At the same time last year, 91.35 percent of Texas was in drought with 27 percent considered in extreme or exceptional conditions.

Another problem from the rainfalls have been the mosquitoes. The Texas Department of State Health Services reminds everyone to regularly drain standing water, including water collecting in empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Also, protect yourself with an insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products. Always follow label directions. Make sure door, porch and window screens are in good condition.

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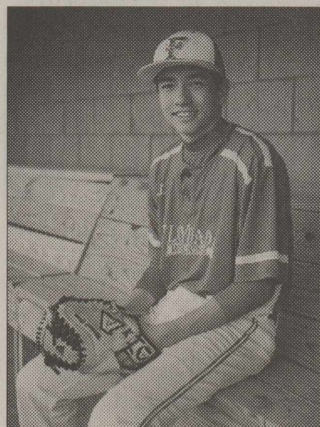
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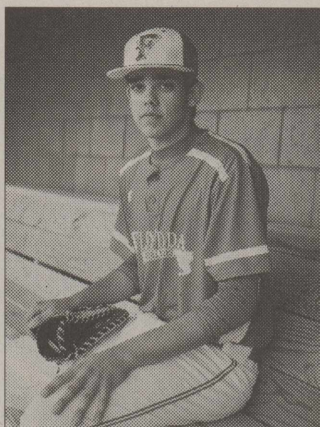
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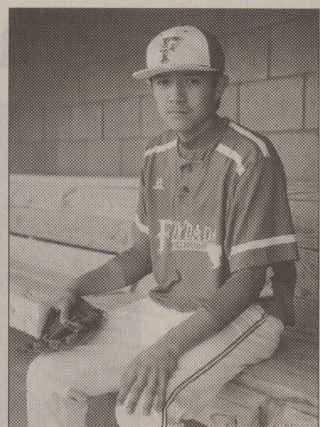
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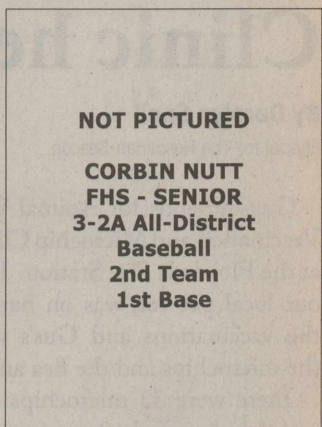
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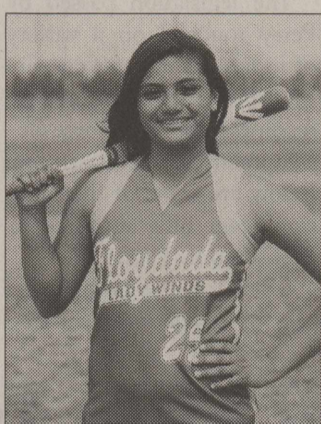
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1st Base



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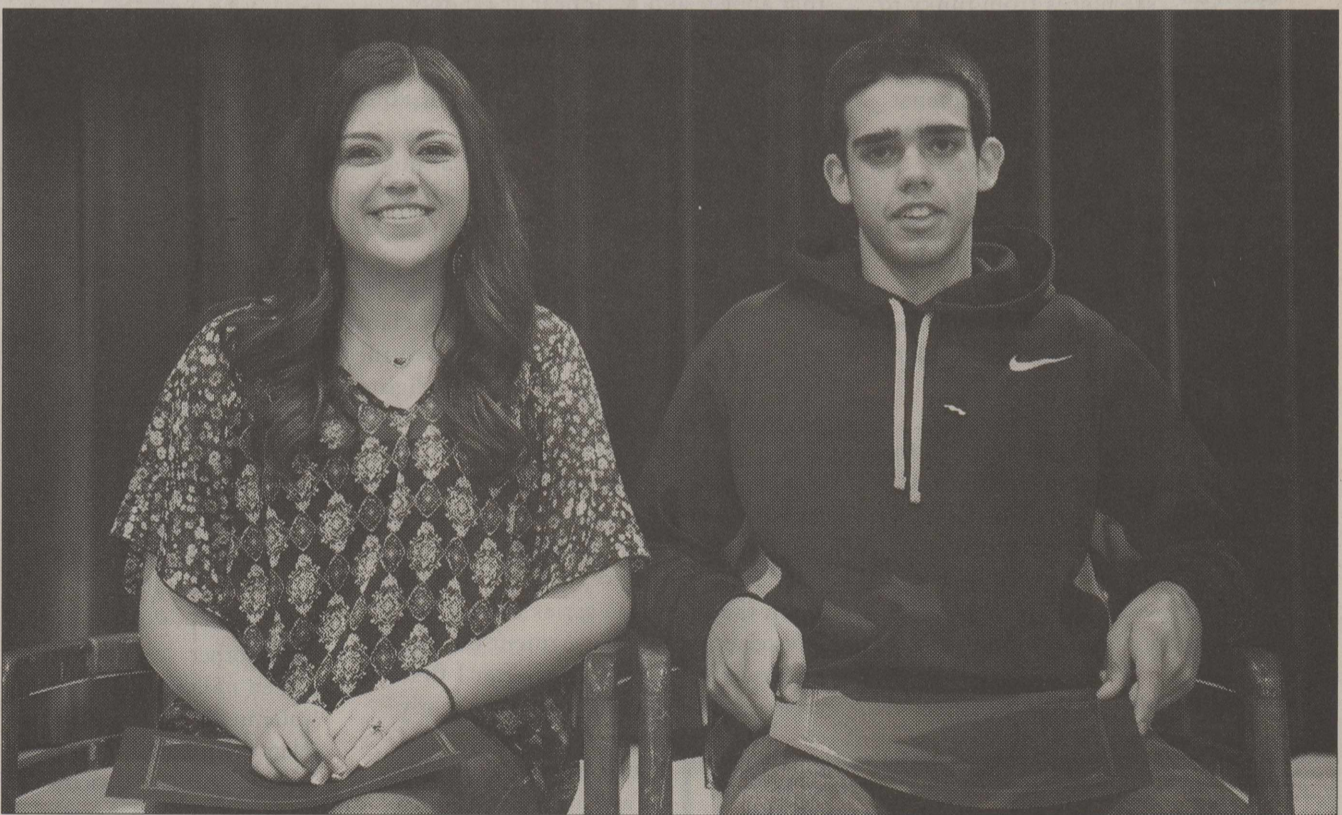


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Honorable Mention



**BROOKE GALVAN**  
FHS – SOPHOMORE  
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**BROOKE GALVAN AND MARK MCGOWEN**

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Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

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Summer Food Service Program at Duncan Elementary School, 1011 S. 8<sup>th</sup>, Floydada, Texas, 79235 on June 2 - July 2, 2015 and then on July 6 - July 22, 2015. Lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **WE WILL NOT HAVE A SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM ON FRIDAYS!**

#### MENU

##### MONDAY

Beef Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Breadsticks,

Fruit, Milk

##### TUESDAY

Pizza, Salad, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk

##### WEDNESDAY

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##### FRIDAY

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## SPC slates phlebotomy course starting June 15

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**LEVELLAND** – South Plains College will offer a basic phlebotomy course from June 15 through July 23. The class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in Technical Arts Room 124.

The cost is \$555. Enrollment for the course is limited to 10 students. The textbook to be used is "The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy"

fourth edition, which costs \$135. Clinicals will be arranged.

Classroom and clinical instruction in skill development of blood collection methods will be provided.

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Participants will develop skills in a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and universal precautions. The students will use vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles and blood culture, and specimen collection on adults, children and infants. This course is designed to prepare student

to successfully complete the National Healthcare Association Certification Test included with this program.

After the completion of the course and 50 sticks, participants will take the National Certification Exam, which is included in the tuition cost.

For additional information, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341.

## SPC releases summer photography class schedule

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**REESE CENTER** – South Plains College Reese Center will offer a variety of photography classes for pho-

tography enthusiasts during the summer. The classes will be conducted in Building 8 in Room 822b. The classes will cost \$50 each.

The Digital Jump Start class

will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 13, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on July 18 and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 15.

To receive a registration form, email Wes Under-

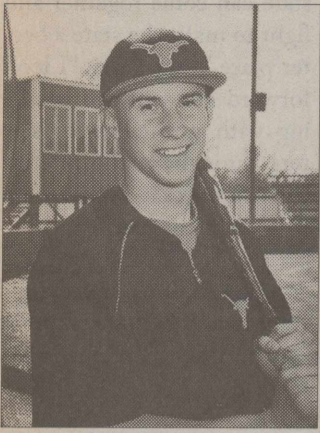
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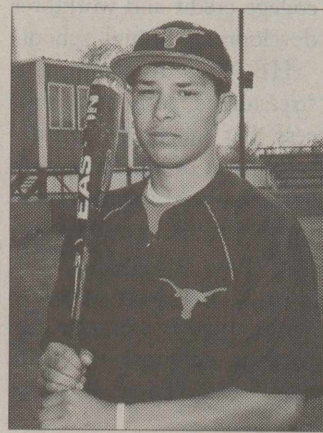
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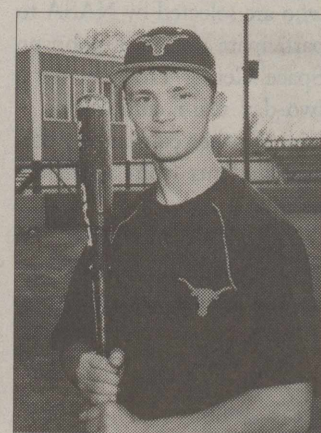
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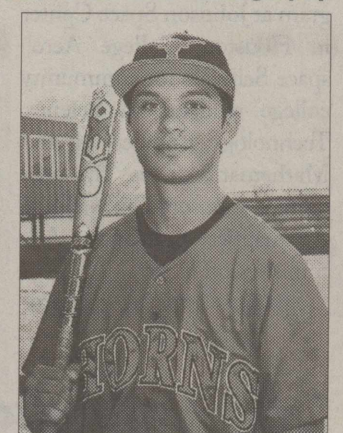
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Second Team Middle Infield



**JUSTIN SUAREZ**  
Second Team Outfield



**LEVI KASNER**  
First Team Utility



**RYAN POOLE**  
Unanimous Selection  
First Team Outfield



**BRITTANY DELEON**  
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First Team Infield



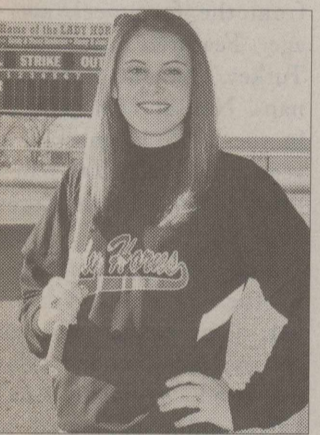
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First Team Infield



**HALEY DUNBAR**  
First Team Outfield



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Second Team Outfield



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First Team Outfield



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First Team Designated Hitter



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First Team Pitcher



### Lockney UIL Literary Criticism Places Fourth at State



Courtesy Photo

Lockney High School's Literary Criticism team placed fourth as a team at the State UIL Academics competition May 26-28. Members of the team (left to right) are Karissa Petty, Lizzie Belt, Ashley Roberts, Jake Moore, Darby Long and Melanie Ragland, Literary Criticism Coach. Moore placed first as an individual in Literary Criticism and Long placed sixth. Moore also placed seventh as an individual in Number Sense and is coached by Pam Fulton.

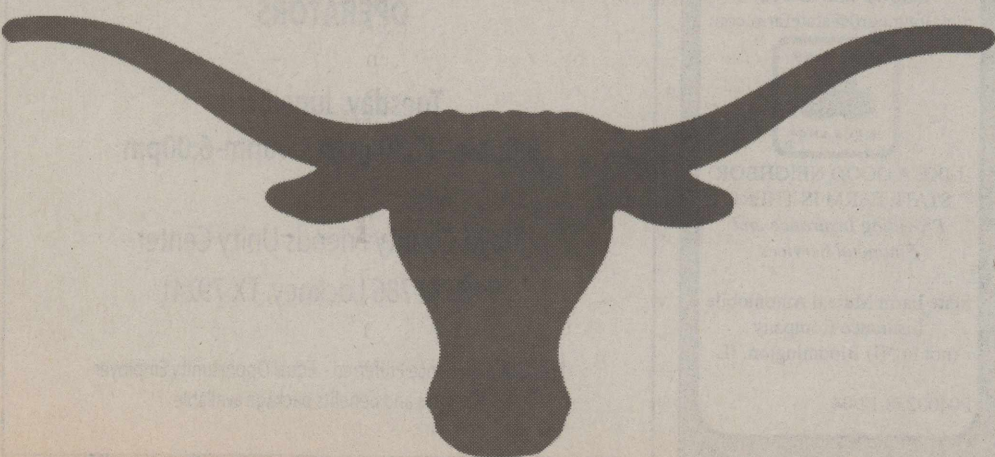
### Lockney UIL Science Places Fourth at State



Courtesy Photo

Lockney High School's Science team placed second at the State UIL Academics competition May 26-28. Members of the team (left to right) are Tristan Schlueter, Seattle Jackson, Levi Kasner and Jace Klein. Alternate members of the team are Austin Rexrode, Alec Tambunga, Luke Kasner and Tabetha Bigham. The team is coached by D'Lyn Morris and Rachel Kasner. Klein was first as an individual and first in the biology and chemistry portions of the contest. Levi Kasner was second place as an individual in the Physics portion of the test. Klein also placed fourth in Headline Writing and is coached by Sarah Clements.

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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8 Corn dog Baked Beans Broccoli Fruit Milk	9 Beefy Nachos Salad Carrots Fruit Sherbert Milk	10 Chicken Sandwich Oven Fries Veggie Cup Fruit Milk	11 Chicken Nuggets Salad Potatoes Fruit Roll Milk	12 Pizza Veggie Cup Baby Carrots Fruit Milk
15 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Roll Milk	16 Beef Chalupa Salad Refried Beans Fruit Milk	17 Pizza Salad Broccoli Fruit Milk	18 Beef Tacos Salad Corn Fruit Milk	19 Popcorn Chicken Sweet Potato Fries Cucumbers Fruit Milk
22 Corn dogs Baked Beans Broccoli Fruit Milk	23 Beefy Nachos Salad Carrots Fruit Sherbert Milk	24 Chicken Sandwich Oven Fries Veggie Cup Fruit Milk	25 Chicken Nuggets Salad Potatoes Fruit Roll Milk	26 Pizza Veggie Cup Baby Carrots Fruit Milk
29 Steak Fingers Corn Fruit Carrots Milk	30 Hamburger Fries Beans Fruit Milk			

## SPC encourages students to apply for NASA program

LEVELLAND — Four South Plains College students were selected to attend a program at Johnson Space Center in Houston, College Aerospace Scholars for community college students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields. The program is sponsored by National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Students apply to the pro-

gram by completing web-based assignments and attending virtual meetings. Those students who are selected by NASA to participate are sent to Johnson Space Center Houston for a two-day team competition — joining other community college students from across the nation.

Since 2002, more than 100 SPC students have participated in a similar Texas program

and many have gone on to win internships and scholarships from NASA. NASA encourages any SPC student who is interested in a STEM career to apply to attend the program in the fall.

Registration for the fall sessions is now open and will close June 24.

For additional information, visit the web site [ncas.aerospacescholars.org](http://ncas.aerospacescholars.org)

## PERRY

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nancially independent.

HB 18: Education reform package that will ensure students receive more access to college credit and workforce development in high school.

HB 655: Implements a streamlined permitting process that encourages the development of aquifer storage and recovery projects, which involve injecting treated surface water underground for storage and later recovery. These projects can save significant amounts of water from evaporation and can

be used to store floodwater, such as the water that caused flooding in Austin and Houston in recent weeks. Aquifer storage and recovery projects are a good water supply strategy in many parts of the state, and will only become a more integral piece of meeting the state's future water needs

HB 3994: This legislation strengthens parental rights, protects minors, and reduces unlawful abortions through ensuring the judicial bypass process is used as intended,

not frivolously.

"It always amazes me how 181 individuals from different backgrounds across the state can come together and fight to make the state a better place," said Perry. "I look forward to continue working with my fellow legislators throughout the interim to ensure Texas remains the envy of the nation."

(Travis McCormick is communications director for state Sen. Charles Perry. He can be reached at 512-463-0128.)

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

Men acquire a particular quality by constantly acting a particular way... you become just by performing just actions, temperate by performing temperate actions, brave by performing brave actions. — Aristotle

You ask me why I do not write something...I think one's feelings waste themselves in words, they ought all to be distilled into actions and into actions which bring results. — Florence Nightingale

## Pet Talk

For those who enjoy the great outdoors, camping during the springtime can be a perfect weekend getaway. However, if you don't want to leave your four-legged friends behind while setting out on your adventure, try bringing them along.

"Many campgrounds allow pets, with certain rules and regulations," said Dr. Mark Stickney, clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

Often, the rules regarding pets can be seen posted on their website, and if not, questions can be easily answered over the phone. However, it is not advised that you show up with your pet without prior research and consent.

"Most rules will include things such as having your pet on a leash, making sure they are supervised at all times, and requiring proof of vaccinations," Stickney said. "Even if they don't require health records or vaccination certificates, it's a good idea to bring them along just in case."

Just as you need to pack food

and other essentials for yourself, don't forget to pack necessities for your pets as well. Some items you'll need to bring are plenty of food, a pet first-aid kit, a harness, and a leash. Even if the campsite has natural water resources, such as streams or lakes, you must still bring plenty of water for your pet to drink throughout your stay.

"Your pets will want to drink out of any pond and lake in sight, but there are many different diseases they can catch by doing that," Stickney said. "So you don't want that to be their primary source of water."

Coming into contact with wild animals is a definite risk when you are out in a national forest or grassland. Although most of the wildlife you run into wants to keep away from you as well, you should have a way of containing your pet just in case.

"If your pet does get into a tussle with a wild animal, you do not want to get into the middle of it," Stickney said. "There is a very good chance you will be bitten or harmed." Your best method of action is calling off

your pet or to try scaring away the wild animal.

In order to prevent such situations in the first place, it is a good idea to keep your pets close to you throughout your camping expedition and to have a leash or harness available at all times.

Before setting off on your camping adventure, make sure your pets are up-to-date on all of their vaccinations, especially rabies. Depending on the campsite's location, you may consult with your veterinarian about any other vaccinations that your pet may need, as well as discuss appropriate flea and tick control.

To make camping with your pet an exciting experience for the both of you, be sure to research the campsite ahead of time, take note of any restrictions or regulations, and bring the essentials along with you. Following these guidelines will guarantee a good time for everyone.

*Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.*

## COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

Cotton futures prices were on the defensive this week, settling lower four consecutive sessions at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) as speculators liquidated their long positions in the market. A stronger dollar during much of the four-day period also may have contributed to cotton's weakness.

Early trading during Monday's ICE session saw moderate pressure on futures prices before selling pressure increased around mid-morning. A strong rally by the dollar and a perceived lack of export demand led one analyst to describe the session as a "technical breakdown." July cotton settled 192 points lower at 64.92 cents per pound, and December settled at 65.18 cents, down 164 points. All contracts posted triple digit losses at the close of trading.

The pressure eased a bit during Tuesday's ICE session, although speculative long liquidation continued, and the dollar remained strong. The July contract settled at 64.35 cents, down 57 points and its lowest close in almost four weeks. December cotton settled 35 points lower at 64.83 cents per pound while most other forward months posted modest gains at the close of trading. Other commodities also were under selling

pressure Tuesday.

Selling pressure continued during Wednesday's session; however, December cotton managed to settle 14 points higher at 64.97 cents. July cotton, the lead month, traded below 64.00 cents during the session before recovering and settling at 64.15 cents, down 20 points. Other commodities again were under pressure from the stronger dollar. One analyst noted the weaker cotton prices seemed to be generating some fresh export inquiry, but actual business was difficult to identify.

Despite an impressive export shipments report early Thursday morning, cotton futures continued their downside action. July briefly traded higher before reversing course and trading as low as 63.62 cents per pound. The contract settled 42 points lower at 63.73 cents. December cotton settled 27 points lower at 64.70 cents per pound.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported export shipments of U.S. upland cotton totaled 343,300 bales in the week ended May 14, up 47 percent from the previous week and 9 percent from the four-week average. The primary destinations were Vietnam, China, Turkey, Indonesia, and South Korea. The volume of shipments may

signal urgency by mills to acquire some of the limited supplies currently available, according to one newsletter. Weekly shipments need to average 188,000 bales in the remaining 11 weeks of the current marketing year to reach USDA's estimate.

Net export sales of U.S. upland cotton for delivery in the current marketing year totaled 59,300 bales in the same week, up 22 percent from the previous week but down 30 percent from the four-week average. Featured buyers were Turkey, Thailand and Vietnam. Net sales for delivery in the 2015-16 marketing year totaled 36,200 bales, primarily to South Korea and Peru.

Some activity continues in the spot cotton market, albeit small volumes. In the week ended May 21, producers sold 1,251 bales online compared to 1,216 bales the previous week. Average prices received ranged from 52.00 to 61.00 cents per pound versus 51.00 to 63.00 cents the previous week.

Meanwhile, many producers in West Texas continue to wait for fields to dry so they can begin planting their crops in earnest. Many fields are saturated following almost daily rainfall events across the region, and crop insurance deadlines are becoming the topic of conversations.

## Weather Whys

COLLEGE STATION, May 4, 2015 — The main job of pollen is to help seed the next generation of trees and plants, but a new study from the University of Michigan and Texas A&M University shows that the grains might also seed clouds.

The unexpected findings demonstrate that these wind-carried capsules of genetic material might have an effect on the planet's climate, and they highlight a new link between plants and the atmosphere.

The team's work is in the current issue of *Geophysical Review Letters*, and the project is supported by the National Science Foundation.

Pollen has been largely ignored by atmospheric scientists who study aerosols — particles suspended in the air that scatter light and heat and play a role in cloud formation.

"The grains were thought to be too large to be important in the climate system, too large to form clouds or interact with radiation," said Allison Steiner, an associate professor of atmospheric, oceanic and space sciences at U-M. "And also the large particles don't last in the atmosphere. They tend to settle out relatively quickly."

But Steiner and her colleagues weren't sure that was the whole story. Sweeping a dusting off her porch one spring morning, she wondered what happens to the grains in the air. Steiner turned to the medical community. Pollen causes seasonal allergies, which affect between 10- and 20 percent of U.S. residents.

"When we were looking in the allergy literature we discovered that it's pretty well known by epidemiologists that pollen can break up into these tiny pieces and trigger an allergic response," Steiner said.

Smaller grains could have big implications. The research team set out to see if moisture could cause the pieces to break down.

"What we found is when pollen gets wet, it can rupture very easily in seconds or minutes and make lot of smaller particles that can act as cloud condensation nuclei, or collectors for water," Steiner said.

In the lab-based experiment at Texas A&M, the researchers tested pollen from oak, pecan, birch, cedar and pine trees, as well as ragweed. These are the most common sources of wind-driven pollen in the U.S. They soaked two grams from each source in pure water for an hour.

They used an atomizer to pro-

duce a spray of the moist pollen fragments. The pollen fragments were sent into a cloud chamber in Sarah Brooks' laboratory at Texas A&M. The team found that three different sizes — 50, 100 and 200 nanometers — of all six types began to pull in moisture and form clouds.

Samples entering the cloud chamber are exposed to moist conditions representative of the relative humidity found in the atmosphere. If a sample is an effective cloud activator, droplets will rapidly grow on the sample fragments, forming large cloud droplets. Cloud droplets are 10 times larger than the pollen fragments. Cloud droplets are counted at the exit of the cloud chamber by an optical particle counter.

According to Brooks, "Scientists are just beginning to identify the types of biological aerosols which are important for cloud formation. Our results identify pollen as a major contributor to cloud formation."

For confirmation, they looked

at the samples under a scanning electron microscope, and they saw that grains that had begun as 10-20 micrometer diameter had ruptured, releasing many fragments of 100 nanometer or greater diameter in size, well within the size that can lead to cloud formation.

The findings could impact climate science and public health.

"What happens in clouds is one of the big uncertainties in climate models right now," Steiner said. "One of the things we're trying to understand is how do natural aerosols influence cloud cover and precipitation under present day and fu-

ture climate."

Brooks adds that "Specifically, our results suggest that increased pollen could lead to the formation of thicker clouds and longer cloud lifetimes."

And the allergy community might be interested in knowing what the particles are made of. When the particles ruptured, the researchers determined that they're mostly carbohydrate and protein.

As next steps, the researchers plan to conduct similar studies in the field and, through computer simulations, model the potential feedback between the plant life and the atmosphere.

"It's possible that when trees emit pollen, that makes clouds, which in turn makes rain and that feeds back into the trees and can influence the whole growth cycle of the plant," Steiner noted.

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Bid Packets may be picked up in person at the FHA Office, 201 E California, Floydada, TX 79235 beginning June 4, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Interested parties may also contact the office at 806-983-5165 to make arrangements to receive bid documents by mail.

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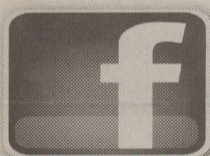
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## ALL-STARS

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at Lubbock Christian's Rip Griffin Center in the mid afternoon. Aaron played in the 11th Annual Football contest on the Blue Team at Plains Capital Park (Lowery Field) under the lights that evening. Unfortunately both were on teams that game up short on the final score in games that were very competitive. The Blue Team won the Boys Basketball game 74-67 in OT, and the Red Team claimed victory in a defensive struggle of the football contest 16-7. But, these outcomes did not tarnish the experience the two friends had in competing and making friends with the elite athletes across the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin areas.

My family sat with Tucker along with the Lowrance and Chavarria families at the football game on a beautiful Saturday night. Tucker repeatedly said, "This was an awesome week. I met some great guys with unbelievable talent. Plus the MCM Elegante was a great hotel, and the food we had at the many functions were really good especially the steak dinner and the big breakfast on game day." Tucker did not score in the game, but when watching his contest on TV he made a spectacular defensive play at midcourt by intercepting a pass and then

quickly made a precision pass of approximately 40-feet to a teammate breaking to the basket for an uncontested layup. It was a big time play and Tucker showed he belonged in this prestigious event.

Friday night all the athletes were awarded a watch and a plaque from the ASCO All-Star committee at a very nice banquet at the Lubbock HS cafeteria. Each player was able to invite their family. There were approximately 800 people in attendance which was the largest in the history of the Classic. One of the highlights of the evening was when Aaron Chavarria received one of the two \$2,500 Spike and Sharon Dykes Scholarships award by the Reagor-Dykes Auto Group. Bart Reagor, CEO of Reagor-Dykes, personally read the scholarship applications and made the selections, and then made the presentations at the banquet. Nic Clarkson of Abernathy was the other recipient. When presenting Aaron his scholarship Reagor said, "I selected this young man based on how he put his family's needs before himself. His parents have already put one of their sons thru school (Blake) at TSTC, and there is a younger brother (Chris) is coming after Aaron." Reagor then



Aaron Chavarria of Floydada (27) with Blue Team Coach Eddie Metcalf of Stratford after the 11th Annual ASCO All-Star football game at Lowery Field - Plains Capital Park in Lubbock

went on mention that Aaron was a Powerlifting State Champion. Reagor was a former Texas Tech football player under Spike Dykes more than two decades ago and he said he might challenge Aaron to a bench press competition. An ASCO All-Star teammate hollered out, "I don't think you want to do that" which brought a big laugh from the audience. Aaron expressed in his acceptance speech to Bart Reagor, "I am at a loss for words to tell you how much

I appreciate this scholarship, not just for me but to help my parents. I am very humbled and honored to accept this."

At the game on Saturday night Aaron played more than 60% of the contest. He started at Defensive Tackle, was on the front line of the of the kick-off receiving team, played extensively at Tight End and even got in a few carries as Running Back on the offensive side of the ball. Some of his highlights included a quarterback sack,

deflected a pass attempt, and was in on nearly 6-tackles. Aaron pretty much echoed the same thoughts Tucker had expressed about being a part of the ASCO All-Star events of meeting and competing with great athletes, the quality of hospitality that was given especially the food, and accommodations at the Elegante Hotel.

Tucker and Aaron have had very successful senior years in athletics. Tucker was 1st Team All District in football as a wide receiver and defensive back, 1st Team in basketball, 1st Team in baseball and Region Qualifier in track where he finished 5th in the 100-meter dash. He will play in the Greater West Texas All-Star Baseball Game on June 13th at Frenship HS. Aaron was 1st Team District in football as a defensive lineman and quarterback, won a State Championship in Powerlifting, and an Area Qualifier in track.

The two friends were very complimentary in describing each other. Tucker said, "Aaron is passionate in whatever he does, and strives for others to play together". Then Aaron noted, "Tucker is very determined on game day, he is a hard worker, he stays calm, and a great team player with leadership qualities."

Tucker is planning on attending LCU in the fall to



Tucker Lowrance (11) of Floydada after playing for the Red Team in the first ever ASCO All-Star Basketball game at LCU's Rip Griffin Center.

study Sports Medicine. His parents are Clay and Patty Lowrance. Aaron will be going to TSTC in Sweetwater to study Wind Energy. His parents are Albert and Olga Chavarria.

Another note of interest from the ASCO games was that Rebekah Hall of Andrews played for the Red Team in the girl's game. She scored 11-points and grabbed 7-rebounds to lead her team in a losing effort. Rebekah went to Floydada schools for 9-years and a classmate of Tucker and Aaron thru the 2014 school year.

## "33rd Parade of Breeds" Calf Show Set

The 33rd annual judging for Panhandle Parade of Breeds junior heifer and steer show are set for June 19 and 20, 2015 at the Olie Liner Center, Plainview, Texas. Cattle and junior exhibitors from across Texas will begin arriving Thursday, June 18.

Heifers will be checked in on Thursday evening, June 18 between 3:00 and 10:00 p.m. The show is sanctioned by the Texas Club Calf Association. AgriLogic Insurance Services, LLC, will sponsor a showmanship competition, which is open to all exhibitors at the show. Dr. Mark Miller, Texas Tech University, is in charge of the showmanship competition. Exhibitors will be divided into three age divisions in two categories - heifer showmanship and steer showmanship. The top two

seniors will receive \$500 college scholarships. The showmanship competition begins at 12 Noon on Friday, June 19.

The 2015 event features two judging arenas. Ring A is a premium show, while Ring B is a prize show. Both shows garner points for the exhibitor with the Texas Club Calf Association. Heifer judging in Ring A will begin at 9:00 a.m., Friday morning. Judges for the 2015 show include Mark Hoge, Associate Professor-Animal Science Evaluation, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois and Brady Ragland. The Supreme Champion Heifer in Ring A will receive \$1000. Gebo Distributing Company, Inc. is the corporate sponsor.

Judging of progress steers (those weighing 876 pounds and above) is

scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m., Friday evening. The Champion Progress steer will receive \$500. Judging of prospect steers (those weighing 875 pounds and less) will begin at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 20. The exhibitor of the Grand Champion Prospect Steer will receive \$1000. Cargill Meat Solutions is a long-time corporate sponsor of the steer show.

Additional sponsors for the 2015 Panhandle Parade of Breeds show will be the Holiday Inn Express, Caterpillar, and the Slate Group (formerly Copy Craft). The show is a not-for-profit and utilizes many volunteer workers. Viewing of all cattle shows is free and open to the public. The website, [www.paradeofbreeds.com](http://www.paradeofbreeds.com) contains show rules, details and entry information.

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