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Lockney's Stapp makes movie debut

BARBARA BRANNON | HESPERIAN-BEACON



ANDY STAPP's film "Destination Marfa" recently screened in Lubbock and is set for wide release on DVD this week.

So, maybe an auto body shop in small-town Lockney, Texas, isn't the first place you'd look to meet an up-and-coming filmmaker who'd never thought about the Marfa Lights until he happened to visit the small town in Texas's Big Bend.

"I saw them!" he says enthusiastically. Stapp was skeptical about the phenomenon at first, but then he realized—there's a film story-line in that. And no one had yet written it.

Stapp, who learned all about customizing cars in the third-generation family business on Lockney's Main Street, had crossed paths with film fame via a reality TV series about, well, customizing cars.

His work had caught the attention of California types, and he soon found himself spending time on the West Coast.

That's when he first encountered film, and enjoyed experiences like building a Lotus for entertainer (and well-known collector) Jay Leno.

At Ruby's Diner in Huntington Beach, California ("Surfin' USA," he interjects) he got the inspiration to craft a screenplay about the Marfa experience.

Stapp had learned a great deal about the business from his reality TV series, but had to learn about treatments, screenplay forms, and shopping his story around to the right connections.

"I had to teach myself," Stapp said from the closet-sized office at Stapp's Body Shop in Lockney.

Apparently Stapp managed to take all the right cues. After finishing his screenplay—and rewriting, then rewriting again—he read up on how to promote his idea via social media and industry websites.

He hooked a few big names right off the bat. The project soon found funding, and Stapp negotiated to maintain creative control over the project. He's pleased with the casting and the final script, he says.

"Destination Marfa" previewed on four screens in Lubbock last week, and from there it's on to a national DVD release this week and more film festivals, and streaming services. Accolades from festivals boost the movie's cachet and help seal future deals.

He's working on those already. Treatments for four other films are in the hopper, and he's looking at another car-customizing series. (Watch for details on this soon!)

Directed by Andy Stapp with With Tony Todd, Stelio Savante, Britany Jo Alvarado, Kyle Colton, "Destination Marfa" will be available

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Harmony Plains Singing School continues tradition of resounding praise

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Travelers on the way to Lubbock from Floydada may find themselves at an intersection in Cone that leaves them with questions. This tiny village just outside Floyd County established a post office in 1903. It had a general store, churches, and small businesses at one time. There isn't much left there these days, but an old cotton gin stands across the highway from a building with a sign that reads Harmony Plains Singing School.

For those who have wondered what that could be, the tents, campers and flurry of activity that suddenly sprang up outside the building recently after months of sitting seemingly empty would have been particularly curious.

The third Sunday in July is a special time in this little place. Every summer, (with the exception of 2020) families have arrived from points near and far in order to practice using the solfege scale to sing in the Primitive Baptist a cappella tradition together for the week. The current population of Cone has often doubled or tripled during their annual visit.

Director of Instruction, Tim Lowrance said the school had 225 students for the 2021 session, though it has had as many as 300. "Several teachers volunteer their time every summer," Lowrance said.

Anne Carthel is a local educator who attended last week's fifty-seventh session. Kathy Taylor is a music teacher in Ralls whose family has been central to Harmony Plains. Taylor and her husband, Tom, moved to Crosbyton in 1980. His parents, Dennis and Rachel Taylor, lived in the Mount Blanco community and were involved in the founding of the school. Fourteen of Taylor's fifteen grandchildren came to the 2021 session.

Taylor explained that the hymnals in Primitive Baptist churches were designed in a way that helps congregations to read the music. The notes are recognized as "do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti," rather than e, g, b, d, f in relation to each other.

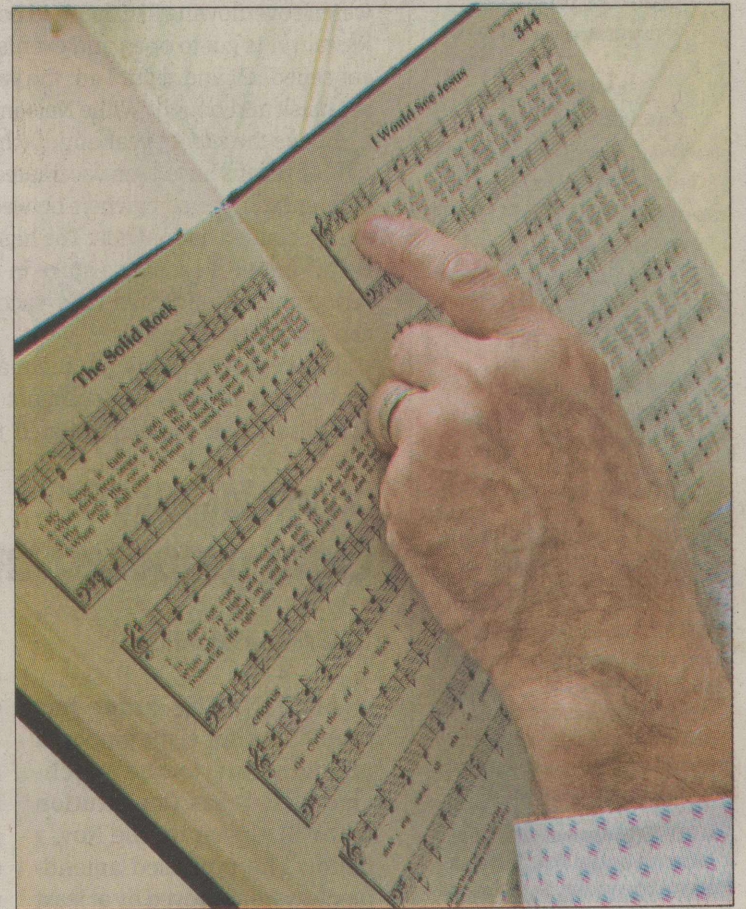
"It is a method of sight-reading that uses different shapes for the seven-note scale. Wherever 'do' is on the staff gives the singer the starting tone in a song in a way that you don't have to have an awareness of the circle of fifths or understand music theory," Taylor explained.

Her daughter, Barbara Lowrance, has stood in the Harmony Plains auditorium countless times throughout her childhood, and last week was her thirty-eighth session. Lowrance has missed only two in her lifetime. She is now a professional pianist who lives north of Austin in Georgetown. Her four children attended last week's session, as they have from birth.

The site that is now Harmony Plains has been important to Cone since it first became a community. The very first students took their reading, writing and arithmetic lessons there on Valentine's Day in 1903 on donated land. The Cone School District developed in 1905. As motorists can see when they pass by, the brick schoolhouse was built in 1923. At its peak in 1939, Cone had about 150 residents, though the numbers dwindled after that, and the district consolidated with Ralls in 1965. When it was no longer in use as a public school, the Primitive Baptist Foundation purchased the building.

The first teacher for Harmony Plains was Karen (Hausenfluke) Winchester, who has taught at this singing school every year since she was nineteen. She had completed her freshman year as a music major at Southwestern University in Georgetown, where she was studying to teach music. Because she

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THE SHAPE OF PRAISE A hymnal for the harmony plains school (above) features the shaped notes of the solfege system. Below, Kathy Taylor (left) poses with daughter Barbara Lowrance in front of a mural depicting the front of the Harmony Plains Singing School in Cone, Texas, just over the Floyd County line in northern Crosby County. The school took over a former rural public school building and still gathers there every summer for instruction, singing, and fellowship. | LIZ ADAMS PHOTOS

UPCOMING

LOCKNEY CHAMBER'S MOVIE NIGHT will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 at 8:45 p.m. on Main Street. The Disney movie "Luca" will be shown. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the family movie night. Popcorn, pickles, candy and drinks will be available for purchase.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLOYDADA will hold a "School Prayer Walk" for Floydada CISD campuses on Sunday, Aug. 15 starting at 7 p.m. The community is invited to meet at the front doors at either Duncan Collegiate Elementary or the Floydada Collegiate High/Jr. High School to pray for the upcoming school year, the students and staff, and our community. A guide will be at each school to help with the prayer walk.

OLD FASHIONED SATURDAY in Lockney is being held on Saturday, Aug. 28. Vendors, food and activities will begin at 9 a.m. Tanner Lane Band will provide the music for the street dance from 9 p.m. – 11 p.m. Other

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A RIBBON CUTTING for the Texas Tech Federal Credit Union branch office in Floydada was held on Thursday, July 29 and was sponsored by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce. From left, Lina Castaneda, Jay Herrin, Brian Jackson, Chris Hutson, Monty Long, Karrie Williams, Edwin Prieto, Kristen Hopper, Eric Lundberg and Kortney DeBock.

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Texas Tech Federal Credit Union celebrates Floydada branch with ribbon cutting, open house

YELENA SERRATO | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Texas Tech Federal Credit Union representatives and Floydada Chamber of Commerce members gathered downtown to celebrate the credit union's Floydada branch on Thursday, July 29 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Texas Tech Federal Credit Union also held an open house and provided catering for community members to enjoy while learning more about the benefits of joining their team.

According to their company website, Texas Tech Federal Credit Union prides themselves in "Operational Excellence."

"We believe the best member experiences are built by the best people, the best systems and the best processes. Our goal is to provide exceptional

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BACK STAGE

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Starting over again

On August 11, 2020, Texas broke a new record. That was the day the number of Covid-19 cases in Texas exceeded 500,000. By August 17, 2020, Texas deaths due to the coronavirus had surpassed 10,000. To date, there have been over 53,000.

When the summer was just warming up this year, there seemed to be reason for some relief among the rural communities east of Lubbock and south of Amarillo. Maybe we were finally out of the woods and Covid had run its course. The vaccine was no longer hard to get, and the hospitals weren't overflowing like they had been for months. Restaurants got to open and events weren't being cancelled left and right. I got the vaccine, took off my mask and bought Willie Nelson tickets.

But as the school year approaches, only about 43% of Texans have been vaccinated. According to different sources, somewhere between 50% to 60% are vaccinated nationwide. The highly contagious Delta variant is causing a spike in the number of serious cases, and even fully vaccinated people can apparently spread it.

Unlike last fall, though, there aren't so many protections in place for students and teachers. School districts have eliminated the option for

online learning, and mask requirements have been dropped. An EdWeek article by Catherine Gewertz from July 28 focused on concern that schools will experience difficulties staying open without disruptions this fall. Both the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics advise that all staff and students should wear masks, even if they are vaccinated.

Maybe it won't be as bad as it looks right now. That's what I told myself just a week ago—before my son and I were quarantined. We were surprised to learn we were exposed, and now we pose a risk of transmitting this new strain. I'm rethinking concerts and plans for the new school year. As much as I dislike starting this again, I can't pretend the pandemic is over yet. We need to take precautions again.

I can wear the mask again because "personal responsibility" shouldn't be code for doing whatever you want regardless of the risk to others. Since that phrase is the only protocol we have in place right now, perhaps Texans will do as our children are expected to do in 2021—and demonstrate that we learned from school last year.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Eight proposed amendments on November ballot

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—The order has been drawn for eight proposed amendments to the much-amended Texas Constitution that will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot. The proposed amendments were approved by at least two thirds of both houses of the state Legislature. According to the Austin American-Statesman, they include:

- Allowing families to designate an "essential caregiver" to have access to loved ones in nursing homes and other long-term facilities. The issue came up when visitors were banned from such facilities during the pandemic.

- Banning all government entities — state, cities, counties, etc. — from limiting or preventing religious services, also an issue that arose during the pandemic.

- Providing property tax exemptions to spouses of soldiers killed in the line of duty.

- Barring attorneys whose law license has previously been suspended or revoked from serving as judges, and requiring district judges to be practicing lawyers for at least eight years. The minimum required now is four years.

- Allowing counties to issue bonds to finance transportation or other infrastructure projects in blighted or unproductive areas.

- Allowing the state's professional rodeo associations to raise money through raffles, as other charities can do.

- Authorizing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which investigates complaints against judges, to also oversee the conduct of judicial candidates.

- Allowing school taxes to continue to be reduced for those 55 and older upon the death of a spouse with a disability.

As the Statesman reported, Texas voters to date have approved 507 amendments, making the Texas Constitution one of the longest in the nation.

ADVICE ON TREES RECOVERING FROM WINTER STORM URI. As August arrives, landowners wondering about trees stricken during Winter Storm Uri in mid-February can quit wondering what to do about trees that are

still completely bare: they are almost certainly not going to come back.

Specialists with the Texas A&M Forest Service, along with Neil Sperry, a widely known gardening and horticulture expert, teamed up last May to urge Texans to wait until mid-July before cutting down leafless trees. The vast majority of trees that were slow to leaf out have mostly recovered.

"The waiting was important, because we're just now beginning to differentiate between those trees that are obviously not going to survive; those that are wounded and we hope will survive; and those that are definitely going to survive, but are going to take a little while to come back," Sperry said,

Gretchen Riley, the Urban and Community Forestry Program Leader at Texas A&M Forest Service, said if a tree is bare and hasn't put out a single leaf, it is almost certainly dead. This also applies to palm trees, which were especially hard hit by the storm.

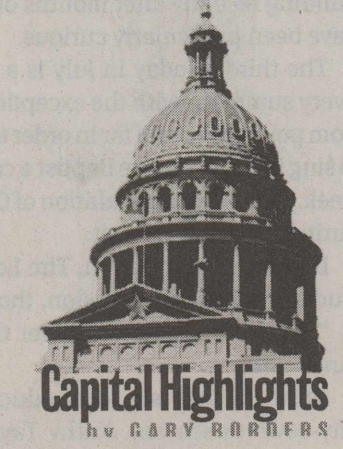
"Anything green means that the tree has a chance for recovery," Riley said. "But a single small frond should have grown and opened on palm trees by now. No green means it is dead and has already started rotting internally."

She added that trees that lost much of their canopy may or may not survive. A good rule of thumb is imagining a circle around all a tree's branches. A fourth of that circle should be filled in with leaves. If not, the tree is most likely doing to die, Riley said.

State reports first West Nile case. The state's first case of illness caused by West Nile virus this year was reported in Dallas County, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

THE VIRUS IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH BITES FROM INFECTED MOSQUITOES. While most people exposed to West Nile don't get sick, about 20% develop symptoms such as headache, fever, joint and muscle aches, nausea and fatigue.

DSHS urges Texans venturing outdoors to wear long sleeves and pants and apply insect repellent. The agency also recommends removing



standing water from tires, toys, buckets and other items.

Over the past five years, the state has had 805 cases of West Nile virus and 63 deaths.

TCEQ PLANS TO USE DRONES DURING DISASTERS. The next time a hurricane or other natural disaster hits Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality plans to use drones to help staff survey land difficult for personnel to visit by foot or in a vehicle.

TCEQ now has 25 drones equipped to allow live-streaming video during disaster events. More than two dozen staff members have completed classroom instruction, with 17 having passed the FAA exam for what are formally called Unmanned Aerial Systems.

DSHS AWARDS \$10 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR VACCINE EFFORTS. As COVID-19 vaccination rates lag and cases of the delta variant spike, DSHS will award \$10 million to local groups working to promote vaccination efforts. The grants of \$50,000 to \$150,000 will go to a wide range of organizations providing vaccine education across the state.

A total of 6,251 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients were in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to DSHS. That is quadruple the number reported a month ago and the most seen since February.

The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 62,722 new cases in Texas during the past week and 271 deaths—a five-fold increase from a month ago. A total of 12.67 million Texans are fully vaccinated — about 43% of the state's population.

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2021 Community Calendar

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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COMMUNITY CHANGES AND CLOSURES City of Floydada office is drive-up only due to Covid-19.

PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT Monday, Aug. 9, 8 a.m., County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Floydada.

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, Aug. 17, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

FLOYDADA CISD – Tuesday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. - FCISD School Administration offices, 226 W. California St., Floydada.

FLOYDADA LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS are currently meeting together Tuesdays, 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Floydada.

LOCKNEY ROTARY CLUB meets Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens Center.



Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 6–8

STAFF REPORTS

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6–8.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The date of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"For many families with children who are going back to their school campuses for the first time since the pandemic began, the sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save money on school supplies and other tax-free items," Hegar said. "As a father with three school-aged children myself, I know how these expenses can add up."

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999, allowing consumers to save millions of dollars in state and local sales taxes each year. The comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save an estimated \$107.3 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

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activities are a classic car show, talent show and lots of family-oriented activities. For more info or vendor application, please contact the Lockney Chamber, Priscilla Varela at (806) 401-1619 – varela_priscilla@yahoo.com or Karen Wilson at (806) 292-8519 – hot_rod_1960@att.net.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLOYDADA will be hosting the 5th Quarter in the Fellowship Center immediately following the Floydada Whirlwinds' home games with the exception of Floydada's homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 10. The event is free for 6th through 12th graders. The first 5th Quarter will be held on Friday, Aug. 27 starting at 10 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

BURN BAN for Floyd County has been rescinded effective May 21.

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COMMENTARY

The 501

HANABA MUNN WELCH

Mesquite: It's what's for dinner

Mesquite dust. You never know what somebody might be selling at the farmers market.

No, I didn't buy any. But I'm thinking two little bottles would help us with our hardest-to-fill Christmas stockings.

If there's a hard-to-shop-for person in your family, the dust vendor in question sells her various mesquite products, mesquite "coffee" included, at the farmers' market in Abilene, across from Frontier Texas.

She's on the frontier of mesquite marketing. Guess where she's from.

THREE-SECOND PAUSE.

Not enough time? You wouldn't have gotten it anyway. Wisconsin.

No, I didn't get her name. Just her story. Let's call her Dusty.

Frontiers suit her. She was the first woman in her hometown to ride motorcycles.

There's more, but we'd have to digress. Let's just say it often takes an outsider to help us Texans fully appreciate things we have right under our noses.

Dusty showed me a dissected mesquite bean. Mesquites come in three varieties. Who knew?

THREE-SECOND PAUSE.

Maybe you're wondering about the dust. Me too. What is it anyway?

INTERNET PAUSE.

Yep, just like everything else, mesquite dust is online. If you're in England, a packet (size indiscernible to me) of ground made-in-the-USA mesquite will cost you five pounds plus shipping. And that particular product looks coarser than Dusty's dust. Caveat emptor.

Generally speaking, mesquite dust seems to be made from the wood instead of the beans. Ap-

parently, it can be a spice or a rub. So, the next time you saw through a mesquite limb, save the sawdust. You'll have the makings of a flavorful treatment for grillable (my word) meat. Distance yourself from mesquite country, and it'll be worth five pounds sterling.

Can you see a mesquite pasture woodcutter with a piece of tarp under his chainsaw to catch what's more precious than the firewood? Use olive oil to grease the chain, and that could work. You're welcome.

Meanwhile, I'm thinking of the time I interviewed a chuck wagon cook out on the range. A plain old mesquite stump a day kept him cooking. No big deal.

It all depends on where you are as to what's special and what's ordinary – not that we Texans don't appreciate our mesquite. We do.

It hasn't always been so. Mesquite has taken decades to take root in Texas, literally and otherwise. It took the cattle drives to spread the seed and give us enough trees eventually to choke our pastures. It also took time for non-chuck wagon cooks to discover the culinary properties of the wood.

Mesquite hasn't always been a backyard household word. Circa 1957 my parents and I were at Lake Kemp when a Staley cousin put mesquite chips over his charcoal. Mesquite? We were impressed. Who knew?

As for mesquite bean jelly, nobody spread it on biscuits when I was a kid. We'd never heard of it. Mesquite coffee?

A few years ago my rocket scientist friend Tony was thinking about getting into that game. I scoffed.

Now I'm thinking about a latte.

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- 29. "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your..."
- 31. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
- 32. The Beatles' "_____ Road"
- 33. Not a soul (2 words)
- 34. "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is..."
- 36. "Good _____" cooking show
- 38. Lady n'c Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
- 42. Extend subscription
- 45. Infamous German leader
- 49. Naught
- 51. Barley kernels
- 54. Financial woes
- 56. Where there's trouble?
- 57. Verdant
- 58. Initial stake
- 59. Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
- 60. A snob puts them on
- 61. Use a keyboard
- 62. Marine eagle
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- 48. Dines at home
- 50. Telephoned
- 52. Up to present time
- 53. Neat
- 55. Diamond stat
- 57. "Gee, our old _____ ran great, those were the days"
- 61. "Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's..."
- 65. Loosen laces
- 66. Opposite of vend
- 68. Kind of artery
- 69. One Beatle
- 70. Recipe amt.
- 71. Opposite of atonal
- 72. "Where the kisses are hers and _____ and his, Three's company too!"

NEW 4K RESTORATION

ROY ROGERS

MACKINTOSH AND T.J.

REGIONAL NEWS
DICKENS
Palace to show "Mackintosh and T.J.," Roy Rogers' movie filmed in Dickens, on Aug. 14

It was the summer of 1975, and Western superstar Roy Rogers was in Texas to film his last—and some would say his best—movie. "Mackintosh and T.J." is a story of a cowboy drifter who helps a young boy make sense of the world.

Where did Roy Rogers pick to ride off into the sunset of his long and storied film career? None other than Dickens County!

Locals, when you were growing up, did you see the filming, bump into Rogers, or experience a little bit of movie magic in your own back yard?

The Palace Theater is looking for those who "ran into Roy" in 1975. The theater will hold a special showing of "Mackintosh and T.J." Saturday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m., with a silent auction of Roy Rogers memorabilia and an intermission for locals to swap stories of when Hollywood came to Dickens County.

Movie patrons of all ages are encouraged to don their favorite Western duds for

the evening. Prizes will be awarded for the best in youth and adult categories.

—The Texas Spur

GARZA
RGT brings back 'Ragtown' through August

POST—In 2020 in the wake of the Covid-19 shutdown, Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post staged an abbreviated premier of their musical, "Ragtown!," which depicts the founding of Post by cereal magnate C.W. Post.

With only 25% capacity available, and so many still fearful about public events, attendance was

low, but those who came commented that they wished more could see the production.

RGT decided to bring "Ragtown!" back to the stage again this summer, with performances every Saturday throughout August. This is a family-friendly, fun show, filled with music, laughter and a powerful and deeply uplifting message.

Call 877-RAGTOWN or visit www.ragtown.com to purchase your tickets.

—Ragtown Gospel Theater Facebook page

CROSBY
Quilting classes at Crosbyton Pioneer Museum Aug. 7, 14, 21

CROSBYTON—Quilting classes will be held on Saturdays August 7, 14 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum, 101 W. Main Street.

Attendees should bring their own lunches. Instructions and sample quilts are available to view at the museum.

For more information call (806) 675-2331.

—Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce Facebook page

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JOB DESCRIPTION
Job Title: Instructor in Welding Technology

SUMMARY
Position conducts dual credit courses for high school/undergraduate students by performing duties listed below.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following.

Instruction:

- Instruct welding technology courses as outlined in prescribed curriculum including academic lecture and hands-on lab skills.
- Remain concerned with any/all matters involving teaching.
- Demonstrate and practice proficient knowledge and skills concerning professional tactics, strategies, and techniques.
- Prepare lecture, lesson plans and syllabi for assigned classes, meet and conduct assigned instruction in classes and labs as specified in the class schedule, maintain official class, grade rolls and grade reports, report drops to registrar, and personally prepare and proctor tests that adequately measure student learning outcomes.
- Prepare and deliver effective lecture presentations to students in welding technology academic exercises.
- Prepare and deliver effective lab presentations in welding technology skill exercises.
- Stimulate and motivate class discussions encouraging positive student goal achievement.
- Counsel and advise students requiring assistance outside scheduled classes, communicate to students at beginning of semester grading procedures and overall coursework expectations, grade performance consistently and equitably for all students.
- Keep students informed of academic performance, progress and potential academic issues effecting student's success, tutor students who require special attention, work with student services when needed concerning student welfare.
- Be familiar with administrative policies, philosophies, objectives, and goals involving program and institution.
- Maintain updated professional teaching methods in assigned disciplines.

ESPRIT DE CORPS
Commitment to and positive actions for fostering good relationships and esprit de corps among students, coworkers, departments, other units in the college, and those faculty associates outside the college.

QUALIFICATIONS
To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE
Bachelor's degree preferred, Associate degree in welding related discipline required plus five years of professional experience in welding field.

LANGUAGE SKILLS
Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations. Position requires efficient writing, business correspondence, procedure manuals, and effective presentation of information and response to questions from students, industry representatives, and general public.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS
Position requires ability to calculate figures and amounts consistent with program budget, classroom lecture preparation and instruction.

REASONING ABILITY
Position requires ability to solve practical problems consisting of multiple variables and interpret various instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS
It is preferred for applicant to possess industry recognized certification; memberships of associated trade associations are beneficial as well.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS
The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to reach with hands and arms and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee is occasionally required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 10 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, and peripheral vision.

WORK ENVIRONMENT
The work environment characteristics described are representative of those of an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this position, employee is routinely exposed to moving mechanical parts. The noise level in the work environment is relative to a working lab environment.

Floydada Whirlwinds

Whirlwinds first football practice
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WEEK TWO • MUSIC Monday, August 2– Friday, August 6
WEEK THREE • MARCHING Monday, August 9– Friday, August 13

Floydada CHS 2021 Band Camp Schedule

WEEK 2 – MUSIC

All members need to attend every day.
 Members who do not attend will automatically be made Alternates.

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 PM: Show Work (Band Hall) 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Section Posters (Band Hall)
 Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Trumpets, Mellophones, Trombones/Baritone, Sousaphones, Drumline, Pit, Colorguard

Thursday, August 5, 2021

1:00 – 4:00 PM: Show Work (Band Hall) 4:00 – 6:00 PM: Dinner break
 6:00 – 7:40 PM: Stands Tunes
 • National Anthem
 • Imperial March
 • I Like to Move It
 • We Will Rock You
 7:40 – 8:00 PM: Team-building – “Storytime!”

Friday, August 6, 2021

1:00 – 4:00 PM: Show Work (Band Hall) – Movement music 1 should be memorized 4:00 – 6:00 PM: Dinner break
 6:00 – 7:40 PM: Stands Tunes
 • National Anthem

- Cheer Bits
 - The Horse
 - Bad Guy
- 7:40 – 8:00 PM: Team-building – “The Floor is Lava”

WEEK 3 – MARCHING

All members need to attend every day.
 Members who do not attend will automatically be made Alternates.

Monday, August 9, 2021

4:00 – 5:00 PM: Officer Elections, Movement 2 Music (Band Hall) 5:00 – 8:00 PM: Drill (Football Field)
 Drill chart introduction Movement 1 sets, no music Movement 1 sets, with music Review Movement 1

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

4:00 – 5:00 PM: Movement 2 Music (Band Hall) 5:00 – 8:00 PM: Drill (Football Field)
 Drill chart review Movement 1 Review Movement 1 remaining sets, no music Movement 1 remaining sets, with music Review Movement 1

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

No rehearsal due to church

Thursday, August 12, 2021

4:00 – 5:00 PM: Movement 2 Music (Band Hall) 5:00 – 8:00 PM: Drill (Football Field)
 Drill chart review Movement 2 sets, no music Movement 2 sets, with music Review Movement 2

Friday, August 13, 2021

4:00 – 5:00 PM: Movement 2 Music (Band Hall) 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Drill (Football Field) – Movement music 1 should be memorized
 Drill chart review Movement 2 review Movement 2 remaining sets, no music Movement 2 remaining sets, with music Review Movement 2
 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Cookout (Band Hall)

Floydada Collegiate Junior High students must have immunizations

STAFF REPORTS

All Floydada Collegiate ISD students must have the following immunizations before entering seventh grade.

- 1st dose of Meningococcal Conjugate
- Up to date on Tdap

If your child will be attending FCJHS (6th, 7th or 8th grade) please contact your child's doctor to be sure they are up to date on all vaccines.

The Meningococcal Conjugate is to be given on or after the 11th birthday. The Tdap is to be given every 10 years.

Anyone wishing to file an exemption with the State of Texas must have documentation in hand prior to the first day of classes.

For more info or if you have questions please contact Tammie Shuping at (806) 292-5700.

FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY CALENDAR AND NEWS

STAFF REPORTS

AUGUST

- 3: 10 County Camp at Roaring Springs
- 5: Parent/Leader Meeting 6pm at CEO
- 6: Livestock Trailer Cleanup at Lockney Ag Barn
- 6: All Points Sheets DUE for the Year
- 7: Outdoor Education, Ollie Liner Center Plawin
- 12: Officer Training (Required for all Club Officers), 9 am – 12 pm @ CEO
- 12: County Camp: Lubbock Water Rampage, meet at CEO at 1pm to leave
- 13: South Plains Fair Livestock Entries Due
- 19: State Fair of Texas Livestock Entries Due
- 23: 26: Heart of Texas Livestock Entries Due
- 25: Sheep & Goat Tag Order Due \$25 each
- 28: Meat Judging/Grilling Games (RSVP Required)

**Achievement Banquet Date TBA

*UC = Unity Center, CEO = County Extension Office

SOUTH PLAINS FAIR ENTRY DEADLINES

Livestock Show entries for South Plains Fair will be due on August 13. Entries for the State Fair of Texas are due on August 19 and Heart of Texas Livestock Show are due to the Extension Office by August 26. We are anticipating the shows will fill up fast this year. You can download an entry form off each livestock shows web site or come by the office and fill one out. If you need assistance call Mark Carroll at the Extension Office at (806) 983-4928.

LAMB/GOAT VALIDATION TAG ORDERS

If you are planning to show a lamb or goat this winter, you will need to place an order for validation tags by August 25. Each tag will cost \$25 each. Please call (806) 983-4928 or email Mark Carroll (mark.carroll.ag.tamu.edu) to place your tag order.



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Lockney Longhorns

Longhorns host Midnight Madness Lockney prepares for fall football

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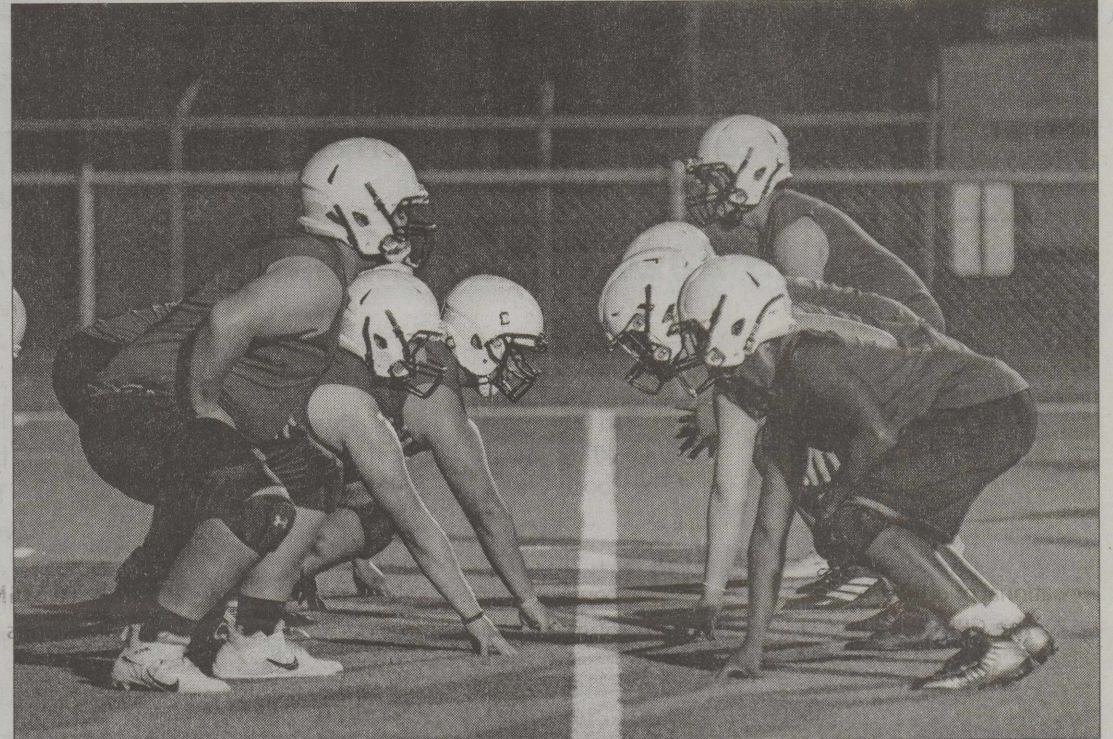
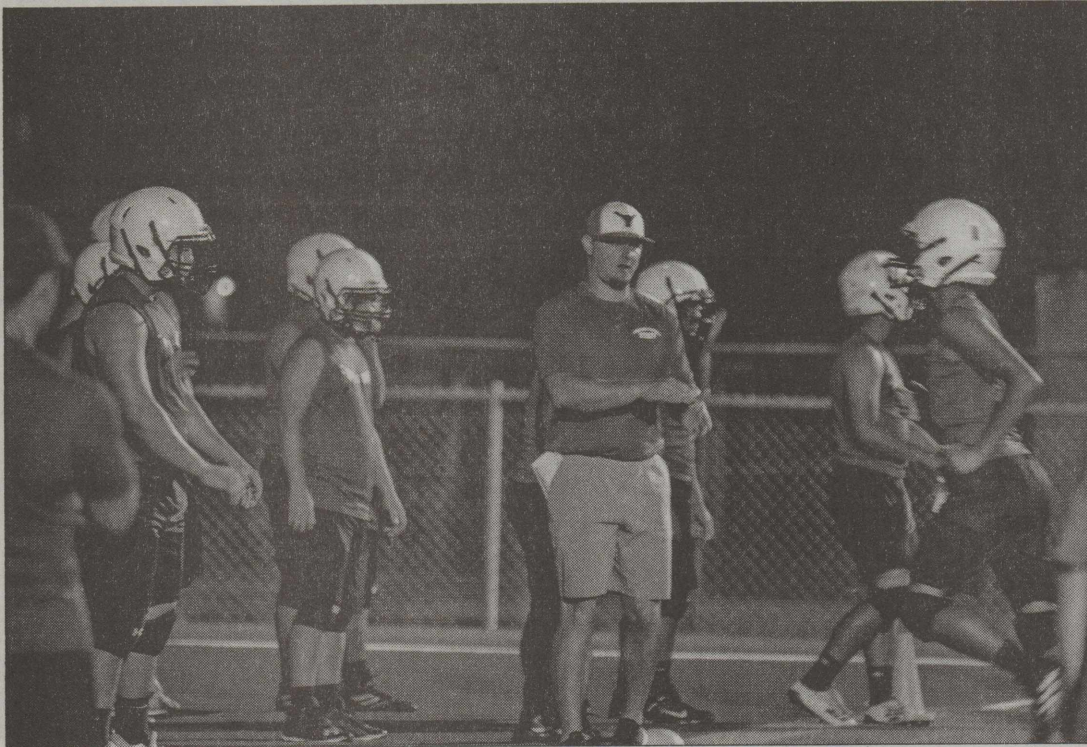
Lockney schedule pickup, Meet the Teacher

Schedules for Lockney High School students will be ready to be picked up on Thursday, Aug. 12 at the scheduled times below. Meet the Teacher will also be held at the times listed.

Seniors - 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.; Juniors - 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., Sophomores - 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.,

Freshmen - Fish Camp 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Freshmen parents plan on picking kids up about 6:50 p.m. and teachers will be available if you would like to say hello. Students will be able to look around and find their classes. Ice cream will be served for refreshments.



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IMPORTANT DATES LONGHORN ATHLETICS			
July 12-15	Strength Speed Skills	8-10:00 AM	Football Field
July 19-21	No Workouts-Coaches @ Coaching School		
July 22-23	Strength Speed SkillsSS	8-10:00 AM	Football Field
July 22	Parent Meeting	6:00 PM	Gym
July 26-30	Strength Speed Skills	8-10:00 AM	Football Field
July 28th	High School Equipment Handout-After SSS Camp		
July 29th	JR high Equipment Handout-After SSS Camp		
Aug 2	Midnight Madness	12:00AM	Football Field
Aug 2-6	Fall Practice	4:00-9:00	Football Field
Aug 7	Red/Black Scrimmage	10:00 AM	Football field
Aug 9-12	Fall Practice	4:00-9:00	Football Field
Aug 13	Scrimmage	TBA	Here
Aug 16	School Schedule	10:00-12:30	Football Field
Aug 17	First Day of School/JR high Practice	6:30-8:15	Football Field

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Lockney ISD seventh graders must have immunizations

STAFF REPORTS

All incoming Lockney ISD seventh graders must have a Tetanus (Tdap) booster and their first dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) before school begins in the fall.

It is against state law for students to start school without their needed vaccines. Some students may have already had these vaccines, however, the school does not have record of this unless you have sent us an UPDATED copy. Please do not wait until the last minute to get this done as supplies will run low with a high demand for these vaccines for our students and those in surrounding local communities.

PLEASE provide a copy of your child's updated shot record verifying these vaccines to the elementary or junior high office ASAP.

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Online fall herbicide application, calibration training Aug. 12

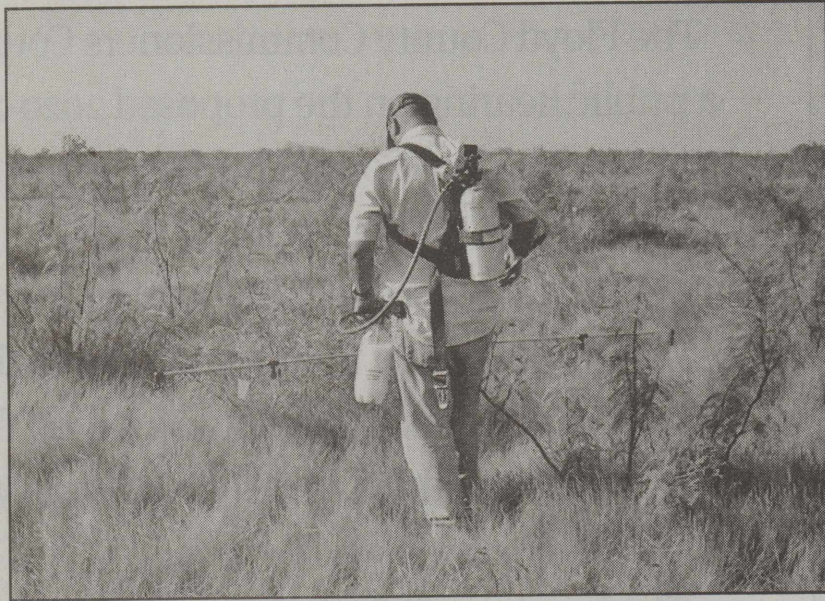
PAUL SCHATTEBERG, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer online training Aug. 12 for landowners wanting information on fall herbicide application and sprayer calibration.

The training, which will be led by Bob Lyons, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension range specialist, Uvalde, will be from noon to 2 p.m. on the Microsoft Teams platform.

The cost for the program is \$15. Checks can be made payable to the Bexar Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee.

To register for the webinar, email Sam Womble at s-womble@tamu.edu.



WEB-BASED TRAINING The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer online training Aug. 12 for landowners wanting information on fall herbicide application and sprayer calibration. | COURTESY PHOTO

WEBINAR CONTENT

"Along with the discussion on fall herbicide applications and calibration, the webinar will offer picolinic acid chemistry training," said Sam Womble, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Bexar County. "The PAC training covers the application requirements for the use of Invoira herbicide for brush and weed management on rangeland sites."

He noted applicators must complete picolinic acid chemistry training every two years and the training is required prior to their being allowed to apply Invoira herbicide on rangeland.

The program will offer two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units—one each in laws and regulations and integrated pest management.

Cattle Market Report, week of July 29, 2021

	Lubbock 7/27/21	Tulia 7/29/21	Hollis 7/24/21	Floydada 7/28/21
Steers	200-300			170-215
	300-400	160-173.5		160-186
	400-500	150-170	179-207	165-198
	500-600	150-165	160-174	155-180
	600-700	140-155	160-167	148-175
	700-800	130-152	142.5-152	135-164
	800-900+			112-153
Heifers	200-300			150-180
	300-400	150-160		145-175
	400-500	140-160	153-154.5	130-160
	500-600	135-158.5	153-158	125-159
	600-700	130-145	131.5-157	120-153
	700-800	120-135		115-149
	800-900+			95-132
Bred Cows	Young			1000-1225
	Pairs	1000-1350		
Packer Cows	Older	700-1000		
		65-72	50-85	
	Fat			62-66
	Boners			70-79
Packer Bulls	Thin	55-65		45-60
	High Yield			95-108
	Low Yield	90-93		85-105

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USDA announces dates for Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands signups

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FLOYD COUNTY

Agricultural producers and landowners in Texas can apply for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands signup from today until August 20. This year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) updated signup options to provide greater incentives for producers and increased the program's conservation and climate benefits, including setting a minimum rental rate and identifying two national priority zones.

The CRP Grassland signup is competitive, and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will provide for annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"USDA is excited to roll out our new and improved CRP Grasslands signup," said Eddie Trevino, Acting State Executive Director for FSA in Texas. "USDA is providing a bigger return on investment in terms of protecting natural resource benefits. The Grasslands signup is just

one of the many tools available through CRP to help protect our nation's working lands."

GRASSLANDS SIGNUP CRP Grasslands helps Texas landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as working grazing lands. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and provides important carbon sequestration benefits.

FSA has updated the Grasslands Signup to establish a minimum rental rate of \$15 per acre, which will benefit 1,300 counties.

To focus on important wildlife corridors, FSA also identified National Grassland Priority Zones, providing extra incentives to producers for enrolling

grasslands in important migratory corridors and environmentally sensitive areas – the Greater Yellowstone Elk Migration Corridor and the Severe Wind Erosion – Dust Bowl Zone. Counties within these two zones get extra ranking points as well as \$5 added to their rental rate. The CRP Grasslands Ranking Factors fact sheet has additional information.

HOW TO SIGN UP To enroll in the CRP Grasslands signup, producers and landowners should contact USDA by the August 20 deadline. Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Contact your Service Center to set up an in-person or phone appointment. Additionally, more information related to USDA's response and relief for producers can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

MORE INFORMATION ON CRP Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. The program marked its 35-year anniversary this past December.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is engaged in a whole-of-government effort to combat the climate crisis and conserve and protect our nation's lands, biodiversity, and natural resources, including our soil, air and water. Through conservation practices, USDA aims to enhance economic growth and create new streams of income for farmers, ranchers, producers and private foresters. Successfully meeting these challenges

will require USDA and our agencies to pursue a coordinated approach alongside USDA stakeholders, including state, local, and tribal governments.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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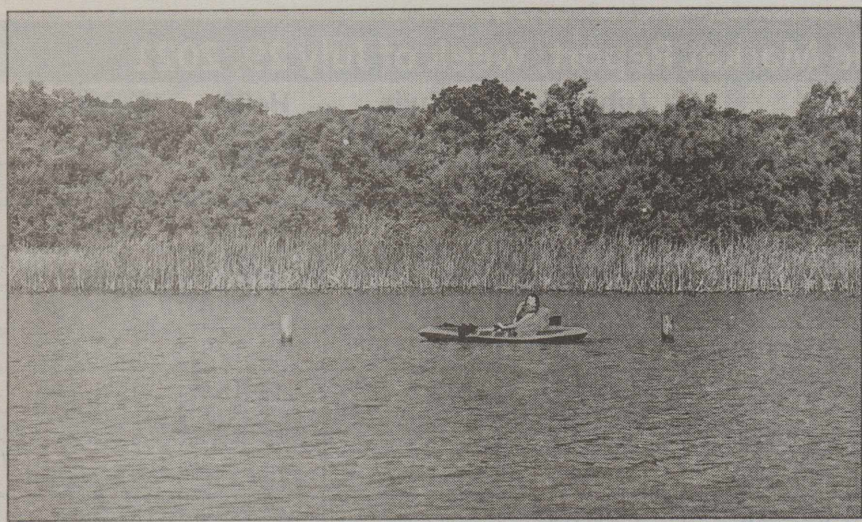
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SUMMER DAYS
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Events abound at area state parks August 7

STAFF REPORTS

CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK, QUITAQUE
Prairie Dogs: Talk of the Town, Saturday, August 7, 2 to 3 p.m.
There's lots of talk going on in town.... The prairie dog town, that is, at Honey Flat inside Caprock Canyons State Park. Join the ranger for a talk about the black-tailed prairie dog. Discover their comical behavior and important role they have in the prairie ecosystem.
This event is free with your paid park entrance.

Dirt Storm Drifters, Saturday, August 7, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Drift on over to Caprock to hear a mixture of some good music. No matter your taste in music, you're sure to find something you like with this band. The Dirt Storm Drifters will have you tapping your foot to a mixture of folk, country and Americana with some rock stirred in for spice.
This event is free with your paid park entrance fee.

COPPER BREAKS STATE PARK, QUANAH
Cowboy Coffee Saturday, August 7, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Join a park ranger, learn how homesteaders and cowboys would brew coffee while out on the range rounding up longhorns or just out on the frontier.
Meet: Day-use Area next to the Pavilion
What to bring: Bring your favorite coffee mug, and camping chair
Program may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
Program is free with paid park entrance or with Texas State Park Pass.

Trap Ball, Saturday, August 7, 6 to 7 p.m.
Join rangers to experience frontier baseball.
Before baseball there was trap ball. People have been playing outdoor games since the beginning of time. Come experience a precursor to baseball.
MEET: At Day-use Area
BRING: Water to drink, hat, sunscreen, and shoes good for outdoor activity.
FEES: Program is free with paid park admission. (\$3 per person, kids 12 years & younger are free) or Texas State Park Pass.
Program is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or other unforeseen reasons.

Night Hike with a Ranger, Saturday, August 7
Limited availability, registration required
Creatures of the night from scorpions to bats might make an appearance on this hike. Anything is possible. Join a park ranger for a hike to see some of these creatures.
This hike will be kid friendly and depending on the weather the hope is to see a variety of night creatures under the dark sky.
MEET: Bull Canyon Parking Area
BRING: Good walking/hiking shoes, appropriate attire for the weather, and personal drinking water. Optional items to bring - hiking poles/sticks, insect repellent, binoculars and head lamp/flashlight with a red filter.
FEES: Park admission fee applies. (\$3 per person, kids 12 years & younger are free). There is no extra charge for this program.
Registration required. Call park HQ (940) 839-4331 to sign up.

BISON CAFE

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Week of August 3-7, 2021

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Wednesday, Aug. 4: Closed today.

Thursday, Aug. 5: Salisbury steak, sides, dessert and drink. \$12.99

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Floyd County 4-H will have County Camp

STAFF REPORTS

Floyd County 4-H will have their County Camp on Thursday, August 12th. They will be going to Lubbock Water Rampage and the community service is donated items for SOS.

Please meet at the County Extension Office at 1 p.m. SOS items will be dropped off before we heading to Lubbock.

Please see below for a list of the items SOS is in need of the most right now. Any items are accepted and appreciated though!

The cost for the day will be \$26. All Floyd County 4-H'ers are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVP's are due by Friday, August 6th!

- SOS Items Needed Most:
- Canned goods
 - Men's jeans
 - Men's clothes
 - Kid's clothes
 - Kid's shoes
 - Blankets (always short in the winter)
 - Toys
 - Cookware/Kitchen Goods

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING - FLOYD COUNTY

FLOYD COUNTY NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Floyd County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 Floyd County Budget.

“This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year’s budget by \$62,055.00, and of that amount \$10,542.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.”

The hearing will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 8:30 AM. The hearing will be held in the Floyd County Courthouse Room 106 {County Courtroom} located at 105 South Main Street in Floydada, TX 79235.

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INVITATION TO BID - FLOYD COUNTY

INVITATION TO BID DEPOSITORY CONTRACT - FLOYD COUNTY BID NUMBER: 2021 - 09/13 - 01

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE UNTIL 12:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021, FOR THE DEPOSITORY CONTRACT FOR THE FUNDS OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 DURING THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING IN ROOM 106 {COUNTY COURTHOUSE} OF THE FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 105 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE
105 SOUTH MAIN - ROOM 105
FLOYDADA, TX 79235
(806)983-4905

LORI MORALES
FLOYD COUNTY TREASURER
105 SOUTH MAIN - ROOM 104
FLOYDADA, TX 79235
(806)983-4910

BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE WORDS "DEPOSITORY CONTRACT BID" ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BID ENVELOPE.

BIDDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE PRESENT AT THE BID OPENING TO DEFEND AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR BID. FLOYD COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT AND / OR REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

PUBLIC NOTICE - FLOYDADA CISD

FLOYDADA COLLEGIATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)—SY 2021 - 2022

The Floydada CISD, A B Duncan Elementary, High School, Junior High School announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the SY 2021 - 2022 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Floydada Collegiate Independent School District
Attention: Dr Gilbert Trevino, Superintendent
Administration
226 W. California
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Sincerely,

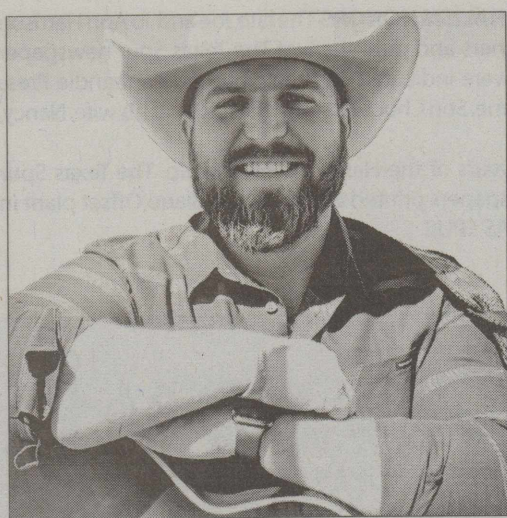
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - FLOYD COUNTY

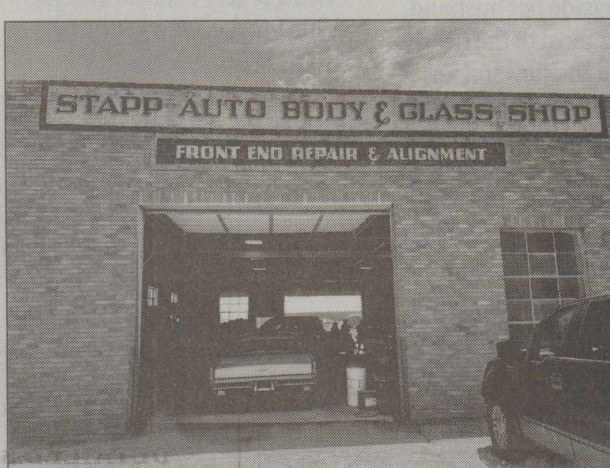
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 118.025 (g) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 9, 2021, AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM, FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 106, FLOYDADA, TEXAS, AT WHICH TIME THE COURT WILL CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL, THE ANNUAL WRITTEN PLAN FOR FUNDING THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS ARCHIVE.



Floyd County native Jason Nutt & Highway 70 to dose out Briscoe Celebration Saturday night

LIZ ADAMS | CAPROCK COURIER

This weekend's Briscoe County Celebration & Rodeo will feature music by Lubbock-based Jason Nutt and Highway 70. Members include Clint Chapman on lead guitar and Jason Nutt on lead vocals and guitar. Brady Rasco plays fiddle, and Tyler Richardson is on drums. The group formed in 2008 and produced two albums: "N. Clinton Ave." (2010) and "All Kinds of Country" (2011) before taking a break from performing. Some songs from those albums, such as "Blame It on Me," generated new fans through local radio play and made it on to the Texas radio charts. "Music has always been a huge part of my life," said Nutt, who missed performing for live audiences and made a comeback with the band in 2018. Since then, the group has played at Cook's Garage and the Cactus Theater in Lubbock and the Alley in Abernathy, and rang in the new year at Hotel Turkey. They're popular at rodeos and other events in agricultural communities. Shared interests with Weaver Live-stock have taken them to venues in other states. The cover of the newest album, "Not the Man I Used to Be," shows Nutt with a "pickle wood" guitar made in Texas with repurposed pickle barrels. The album emphasizes the unique sound of the instrument and an appreciation for the simple things. An original song that resonates with many in this region is about cattle culture. The chorus describes chasing purple banners. "Gold Buckles and Fond Memories" is also about showing cattle and rodeo life. "Better Man" is a song Nutt wrote about his children. The band performed Nutt's original "Family Farm" at Punkin Days in Floydada last October. The song describes "cotton fields and cows for as far as you can see / Corn fields and pumpkins scattered in between." "I was born and raised here in Floydada," said Nutt, whose inspirations include Bob Wills, Marty Robbins and Vince Gill. His cover of "Texas Tornado" with Brady Rasco can be viewed online. Over the years, Nutt has performed with musicians like Pat Green, Cory Morrow, Shooter Jennings and Lloyd Maines. The band will take the stage at 7 p.m. in Silvertown this Saturday during the 129th Briscoe Country Celebration and Rodeo. They will also be playing for the Roaring Springs Reunion in late August and at an upcoming event in Roby. A schedule is available at jason-nuttband.com.



"COLLISION WORK IS OUR BREAD AND BUTTER" at Stapp's Auto Body & Glass Shop in Lockney, says third-generation craftsman Andy Stapp, but for Andy, Hollywood has come calling. | HESPERIAN-BEACON

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for viewers everywhere this week.

Here's the synopsis: hile on a road trip from a long weekend at the Terlingua cookoff, four lifelong friends decide to veer off road and venture into a small West Texas town known as Marfa. What attracted them to do so? Could it be the strange unexplained ghost lights that Marfa is known for? While on a fuel stop they meet two very strange employees of a se-

cluded gas station. One of them offers them a chance to look into their future by pulling a ticket from his counter top 25 cent token fortune telling machine. What does it say? Can they trust it? When they enter Marfa, Texas they realize almost immediately that something's off. Why is this town so odd? Why are very peculiar things happening? Edén Percell, because of her desire to look into everything, begins convincing Erik that

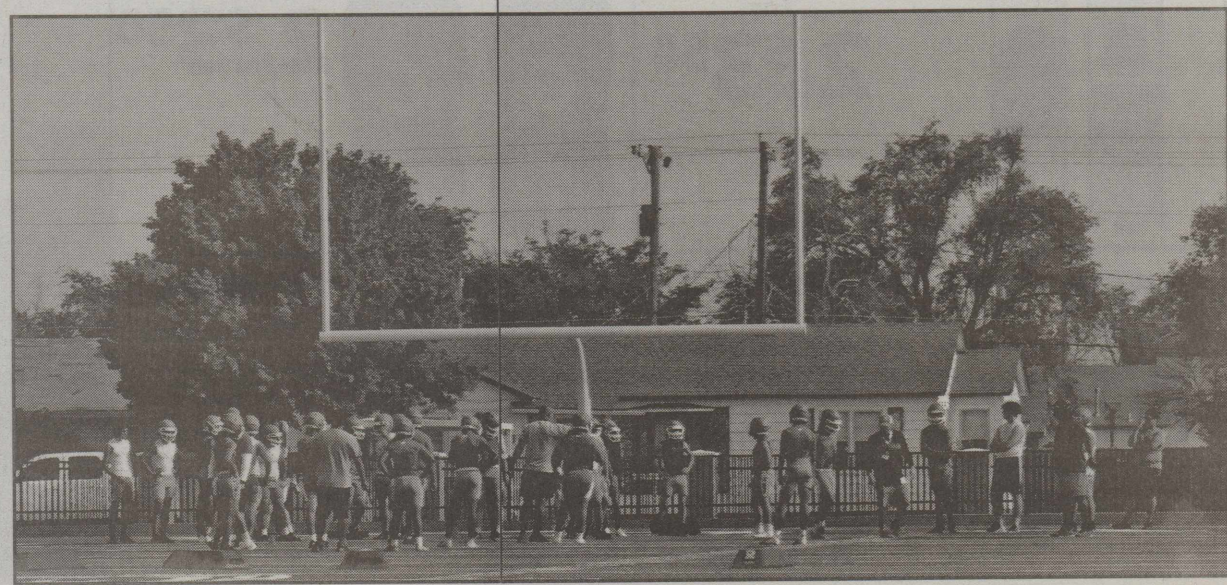
the town is full of practicing witchcraft and she even makes the statement "And I think they have gotten dang good at it." Can she convince Erik, and if so, should they risk telling the other 2 drama queens their thoughts. What is Marfa? Why are the townspeople so secretive? Will Matt, Erik, Allie, and Edén discover the truth behind the mystery of the Marfa lights? We'll be watching, Andy.



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Whirlwinds first football practice

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In the Walk Across Texas! program, participants engage in team-oriented activities. | COURTESY PHOTO

Walk Across Texas! program turns 25 years young

AUL SCHATTENBERG, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Walk Across Texas!, a community-based program helping Texans of all ages adopt a physically active lifestyle, just turned 25 years old – and it's still going strong. The program, a wellness initiative of the Family and Community Health Unit of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, challenges teams to "virtually" walk the distance across the state of Texas – 832 miles – over an eight-week period. Participants engage in friendly competition with local Walk Across Texas sponsored events facilitated by AgriLife Extension agents throughout the state, which allows for year-round participation. Program coordinators estimate that from 1996 to 2020, there have been some 618,399 participants in the Walk Across Texas! effort. "The program's 25th anniversary is an important milestone in that it recognizes a quarter-century of sustained success for a program that reflects our agency's mission of delivering science-based solutions to enhance the health and wellness of the people of Texas," said Stephen Green, Ph.D., director of the Family and Community Health Unit, Bryan-College-Station.

Walk Across Texas! 25th-anniversary initiatives In recognition of this milestone achievement, for the rest of 2021 a special Walk Across Texas! 25 Campaign and Challenge will be hosted by a committee of AgriLife Extension representatives from across the state.

The Walk Across Texas! 25 Campaign will celebrate the Walk Across Texas! program, share historical facts, recognize special contributions to the program and much more. To encourage participation in the program across Texas beginning in September, there will be mini-challenges, prizes and recognition for participants.

During the Walk Across Texas! 25 Challenge, AgriLife Extension county agents will encourage Texans to be active with exercises that are at just the right intensity for their unique situation, said Mike Lopez, AgriLife Extension health program specialist, Bryan-College Station.

"If you want to increase your physical activity in a supportive environment, no matter where you are starting from, Walk Across Texas! is an excellent option for anyone looking for a safe and effective way to become more physically active," Lopez said.

How is Walk Across Texas! unique? Lopez said one of the unique aspects of the Walk Across Texas! program is that it is a physical activity promotion program that's available to everyone.

"All Texans are encouraged to take part, regardless of fitness level," he said. "And the team-based format connects people in a positive journey toward the goal of virtually traveling across the state."

The Walk Across Texas! program is open to Texans of all ages, including youth.

Lopez said the program also offers the flexibility of selecting a favorite physical activity to contribute toward the team mileage goal. The program provides tools to convert activities such as gardening and bicycling to their walking equivalent.

"This allows each team member to be more active and support their team in their own way," he said. "And the team dynamic provides additional encouragement and support through its fun and motivating approach. It also gives participants the freedom to be engaged and active at their own pace, without setting unrealistic expectations."

Green said another unique aspect of the program is AgriLife Extension's vast network of county agents who collaborate with program partners and provide additional education, program activities and communications to engage local participation.

"This quarter-century of program success would not have been possible without the efforts of our county agents, program partners and participants across Texas who have continued to provide their support to the Walk Across Texas! program year after year," he said.

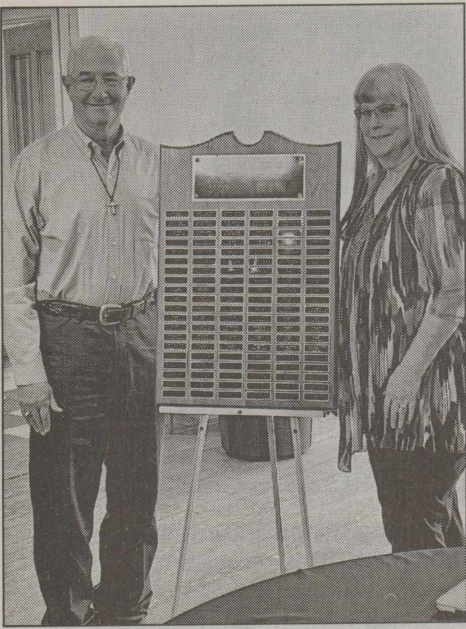
Results supported by research A research study published in BMC Public Health confirmed the effectiveness of the Walk Across Texas! program in helping people increase and maintain physical activity over an eight-week period, no matter their starting physical activity level.

The research team studying the program examined week-one to week-eight changes in self-reported physical activity in more than 11,000 adults who participated in the program.

Study results found that self-reported physical activity significantly improved from the first week to the eighth, increasing an average of nearly 5 miles per week or an additional 11,000 steps per week.

Mark Faries, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension primary investigator for the study, said one of the most encouraging findings from this study was that Walk Across Texas! attracted and helped participants from all physical activity levels.

"Participation in the program was able to help inactive and low-active participants become and remain physically active, even reaching recommended levels in as little as eight weeks," Faries said. "These results support the effectiveness of the Walk Across Texas! program to help a diverse group of Texans engage and adopt a physically active lifestyle."



REGIONAL JOURNALISM HONORS The late Joe and Jo Ann Harrison (portraits at left), owners and publishers of The Texas Spur newspaper from 1958 to 1996, were inducted Saturday into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame. Son Chuck Harrison (far left) and his wife, Nancy, accepted the honor.

During the final years of the Harrisons' ownership, The Texas Spur was among the newspapers printed weekly at the Blanco Offset plant in Floydada. | THE TEXAS SPUR

Texas Spur, Caprock Courier take Division 1 awards at Panhandle convention

Harrisons of Matdor accept journalism honor on behalf of late parents

STAFF REPORTS

At the 111th Panhandle Press Association convention July 23-24 in Amarillo, longtime Texas Spur publishers Joe and Jo Ann Harrison were posthumously inducted into the association's Hall of Fame. On hand to accept the honor were the Harrisons' elder son, Chuck, and his wife, Nancy, who currently live and work in Matador.

Additionally, The Texas Spur and its sister newspaper The Caprock Courier participated in professional development seminars, the past presidents' luncheon with keynote speaker Dr. Walter Wendler, president of WTA&M University, the association's annual business meeting, and a social night at the Hodgetown baseball park.

The newspapers each won several awards at Saturday night's presentation, including 1st place in Headline Writing for The Texas Spur, as well as 1st place in page design for The Caprock Courier and 2nd place for The Texas Spur. A full list follows.

Since 1992 the PPA Hall of Fame has inducted nearly 100 industry leaders, including former Caprock Courier publisher Douglas Meador (1993) and Pulitzer Prize winner and former Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon publisher Ken Towery, for whom the organization's annual Community Service Award is named. (The Clarendon Enterprise was presented with the 2020 award for its coverage of the Covid-19 pandemic.)

PPA president Tara Huff introduced the 2020 inductees, noting, "Grady Joe Harrison (1929-2020) and his wife and partner, Jo Ann, represent the dedication and deep community knowledge of the mom-and-pop weekly newspaper operation, as publishers of The Texas Spur for nearly four decades.

"A sports fanatic and an army veteran

who once worked on The Stars & Stripes, Joe Harrison came to Spur after graduating from Texas Tech University in 1957 and bought the newspaper the following year.

"He and Jo Ann ran the business until 1996, receiving the General Excellence Award from the West Texas Press Association, among several other awards in news writing, sports writing, column writing and advertising initiative. They shepherded the transition from linotype to phototypesetting to the digital era.

"Spur benefited from the couple's chronicling of its life, as well as their service in school, sports, church and civic activity. A journalism internship has recently been established to carry on their legacy."

Further, in speaking about Jo Ann Pirtle Harrison (1931-2020), Huff said, "Jo Ann Pirtle Harrison worked alongside her husband, Joe, at The Texas Spur for most of the nearly four decades they owned the newspaper.

"Jo Ann, who married high school sweetheart, Joe, in 1949 and came to Spur with him and their first son in 1957, parlayed her college coursework and experience as a secretary in the banking industry into 35 years as the newspaper's advertising director.

"She was also active in school, sports, church and civic life, and received the highest citizen award in the state of Texas for women, "The Yellow Rose of Texas," by then governor Mark White. She was voted Spur's Citizen of the Year in 1984.

"Joe and Jo Ann are fondly remembered by former employees for their steady principles, dedication to community, and work ethic. A journalism internship at The Texas Spur has recently been established to carry on their legacy."

PPA BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST 2020, DIVISION 1 (WEEKLIES)

Entries were from issues published in 2020

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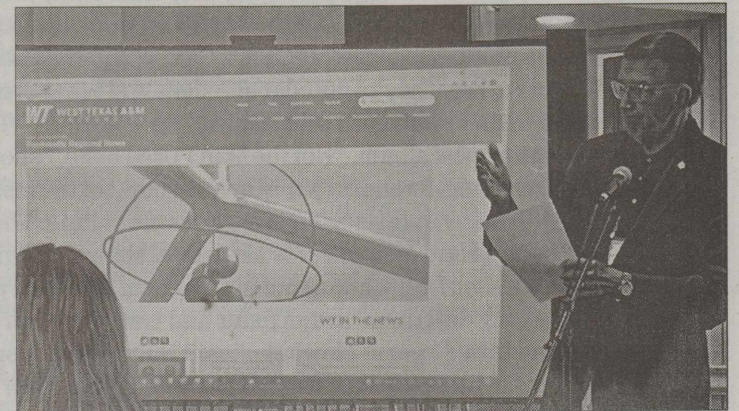
- First place, Headline writing
- Second place, Page Layout
- Second place, Human Interest Photography
- Third place, Sports Writing
- Third place, Editorial Writing
- Third place, Serious column

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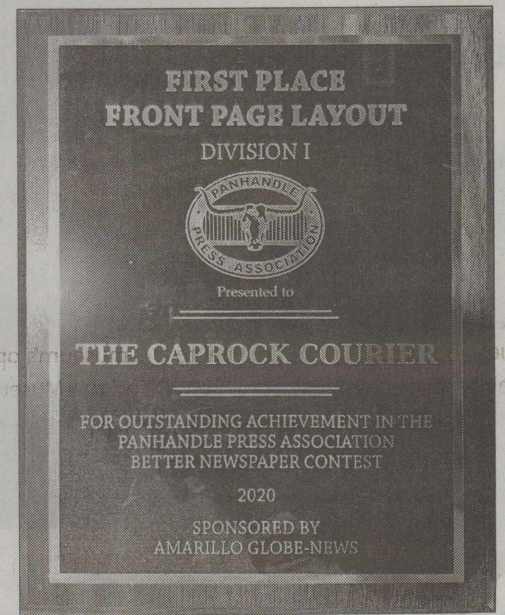
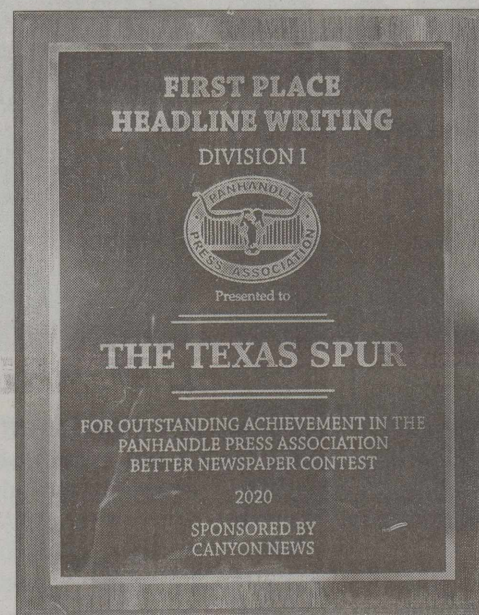
- First place, Page Layout
- Second place, Special Section
- Third place, Advertising
- Third place, Feature Writing
- Third place, News Writing



PPA PAST PRESIDENTS Among the past presidents of the Panhandle Press Association (est. 1908) attending the 2021 convention was Don Richards, formerly of Jayton and publisher of the Jayton Chronicle, in a market now covered by The Texas Spur. | THE TEXAS SPUR



NEWSPAPER CHAMPION Dr. Walter Wendler of West Texas A&M University, in his luncheon keynote talk, explained how important community newspapers are in the university's program of recognizing achievements of high school students throughout the region. | THE TEXAS SPUR



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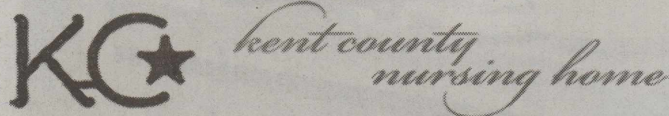
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MUSE NEWS

Floyd County's local archive benefits researchers from all over. The Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center and the Floyd County Historical Museum, across from courthouse in Floydada, Texas, provide helpful information regarding family and local history to visitors and to written requests from across the nation and the globe.

Included in the museum's collection are artifacts from the 1540 Coronado Expedition discovered Blanco Canyon and a scale model reproduction of the Montgomery Ranch House. We maintain an extensive genealogy library for Floyd county and the U.S., and our photographic collection of over 3,800 photos has been digitized for searching and printing.

Visiting the museum in person

Visitors are welcome at the Museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment, (806) 983-2415 or fchmuseum@sbcglobal.net.

Memberships and contributions welcome

Dues and contributions are vital to the museum's operation and maintenance. The Genealogy Center and the Museum welcome memberships from within and outside Floyd County at any time. Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to the family members.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to: Floyd County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 304 Floydada, TX 79235

Thank you for helping preserve Floyd County history!
www.floydcountymuseum.com

To Churches and Congregations in Our Region
Please check your directory listing!

It has been our privilege and pleasure to share directory information that helps visitors and newcomers locate your houses of worship and learn when you meet. We are grateful for the sponsors of this directory who make it possible to publish every week; please express your thanks to them as well! Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic we reminded our readers that your meeting circumstances might change on short notice. Now that most of you are back to assembling in person, we realize that your meeting times or other information may have changed. Please email us and let us know anytime we need to modify your information. Thank you! — THE EDITORS

CHURCH DIRECTORY

These local businesses invite you to visit the church of your choice in our area

Lighthouse Electric Coop
806.983.2814
703 A Matador Hwy.

Assiter Ag-Risk
120 W. California Street, Floydada, Tx.
806-983-2511

Agriculture Precision Supply
Pivots, Flow meters & Equipment
www.GoA-P-S.com
806.773.3025 • 806.253.2521

Plains LAND BANK Ryan Pierce
806-724-5828
plainslandbank.com
Part of the Farm Credit System

Payne Family Pharmacy
806.983.5111
200 S. Main, Floydada

Goen & Goen Insurance
806.983.3524
102. E. California - Floydada

Floydada Coop Gin, Inc.
319 N. 5th Street
Floydada TX 79235
806-983-2884

Barwise Gin
Barwise Community
806.983.2737

Lockney Co-op Gin
Lockney, Texas
806.652.3377

Prosperity Bank
Member FDIC
217 W. California — 806.983.3725

DARTY GIN
806.983.2956
Dougherty, TX

Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship...11 a.m.

Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada • 983-2578
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wednesday—7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Bible Study—6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening—7 p.m.

Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship—9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
West College & Third, Lockney
Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship—1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service—7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
Floydada
Bob DuPont, Minister
Sunday Bible Study—9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study—7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Mark Snowden, Pastor
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music
Ludustria Prisk, Director of

Children's Ministry
Sunday School—9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Ron Kuykendall—Worship Leader
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Gary Boles, Pastor
Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)—6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ted Wilson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
Worship Service—10:30 a.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Evening Worship—7:30 p.m.
Tuesday—8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study—9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.
Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
401 N 12th St. 983-5805
Rev. Timothy Askey
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wednesday Study—6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing—10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship—11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi, Floydada
Rev David Ramos,
Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible—10 a.m.
Morning Praise—11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5—p.m.
Wed. Worship—7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services—10 a.m.
Sunday Evening—5 p.m.
Wednesday—7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wed. Evening—7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.

Worship Service—11 a.m.
Discipleship—5 p.m.
Wed. Service—7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church
Priest—Sylvester Dsouza
Sat.—4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
Sun.—9 a.m. Mass
Mon.—9:30 a.m. Mass
Thurs.—5:30 Evening Mass

South Plains Baptist Church
Dan Beaty, Pastor
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Morning Worship—11 a.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri, 983-5286 (Church)
Joe M. Hernandez
Sunday School
English—9:45 a.m.
Spanish—11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish—9:30 a.m.
English—11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada, 983-5878
Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial
Vicar—Jacob Powell
Sunday Mass—11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass—6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat—10-11 a.m.

Templo Emanuel
607 W. Lee Street, Floydada
Pastor Rachel Castillo
Sunday School Classes: Adult Spanish class, Adult English class; All children's classes are in English. Praise/worship and sermon are bilingual.
Wednesday Bible Study—7 p.m.

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Moses Blanco
Sun Prayer Service—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Worship Service—11 a.m.
Evening Worship—6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting—7 p.m.

Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Evening Worship—5 p.m.
Wed. Service—7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service—7:00 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston, 983-5499
Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors
Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening—6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community on Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Worship Service—11 a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 or 470-0950
Sunday Worship—10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening—2 p.m.

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SPOTLIGHT ON TEXAS TECH FCU OPEN HOUSE

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financial services that enhance our members' lives," the institution states. "By providing each member with the best technology, products, services and people, we go above and beyond other credit unions or banks."

Texas Tech Federal Credit Union is located at 230 W. California St. in downtown Floydada and is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



EARLY CHRISTMAS The Lockney and Floydada Volunteer Fire Departments were each presented \$5,750 checks last week at the Lockney Firehall. The money was donated from area businesses and organizations in support of the Sixth Annual Country Christmas Ball, held July 17, benefitting the volunteer firefighters of each town. The firefighters were also presented \$5,750 checks back on Dec. 2020 for a total of \$11,500 donated to each fire department. Shown from left are Dustee Sollis, Eric Rainwater, Justin Wright, Donnie McLaughlin and Wendell Sollis. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTO

Floyd County VFDs receive additional donations from Christmas Ball

DUSTEE SOLLIS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Sixth Annual Country Christmas Ball, held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on July 17, had a record number of 600 people in attendance. The event had been postponed from December of 2020 because of the covid pandemic. Sponsors and participants were ready to socialize and enjoy the fabulous "Big Band" music of Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Stars. The Hall of Fame musicians entertained the audience with swing, country, Cajun, and Christmas favorites.

Floyd County firefighters from Lockney and Floydada had already each received a check in December of

2020 from donations of sponsors. In July 2021, because of the results of the live and silent auctions, and the generosity of the attendees, an additional \$5750.00 was given, making the grand total of \$11,500 for each group of volunteer firefighters.

We would like to thank the businesses and individuals for being a part of this record setting event. The following is a copy of the banner that was displayed that night. Sponsors were also listed in the program, displayed on a PowerPoint, and announced from the stage. The Floyd County volunteer firefighters also thank you!

Bill Wells Chevrolet

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- Aurora Agronomy
- Barwise Gin
- Brian & Dilia's Classics
- Cindy's County Quilt Shoppe
- D & J Gin
- Family Power Sports
- Floydada Coop Gin
- Floydada Livestock Sales

Western Equipment

- Fullingim Insurance
- Happy State Bank
- Hearts Desire
- Hurst Farm Supply
- Integrity Fertilizer
- Jackson Brothers Meat
- Jimmy's Woodwork
- Jones Cattle Co.
- Joyfulea Creations
- Lighthouse Electric Coop.
- Lockney Coop Gin
- Lubbock Rare Coin
- Mary Logan

Atmos Energy

- Panhandle Processors
- Payne Pharmacy
- Plains Land Bank
- Prosperity Bank
- Pumpkin Pyle
- Quality Body Shop
- Quick Foam Insulation
- Singin' R Ranch
- South Plains Electric Coop.
- Stapp Body Shop
- West Texas Investments
- XCEL Energy



TEXAS TECH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION held their postponed open house for the local community to see their remodeled office and to show their appreciation for their patronage. Refreshments and a good time were held by all.



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knew Primitive Baptists in this region of Texas, she was asked to teach at the singing school even before it was associated with the former Cone schoolhouse.

In the summer of 1963, She and her fifteen-year-old sister, Sarah Hausenfluke, started off with 36 students.

"By the end of the week, we had 72," said Winchester.

The younger Hausenfluke sister taught first through sixth graders, while Winchester taught seventh and up.

That year, the first singing school took place at the schoolhouse in Lakeview, another defunct community school near Crosbyton. Members of the Floydada Primitive Baptist Church used the kitchen to cook there each day. The girls slept on cots inside the building and the boys slept outside in tents. Although there was a large auditorium and the building had other amenities, the stench of the outdoor toilets proved too overwhelming in the summer heat to make an ideal permanent location.

The following year, the singing school took place at the church in Floydada. Winchester taught the older students in the balcony while the other students were taught in the sanctuary. Pre-schoolers and new

instructors joined over the summers of '64 and '65. By 1966, the Cone school building had become the new home of the Harmony Plains Singing School. Winchester and her mother slept in a Ford van when they attended. At that time, the community's cotton gin was still operational.

Winchester began teaching public school as an elementary music teacher in Alvin, Texas, though she soon became a high school and middle school choir teacher in Seminole. She's now retired, but for the last fifty-seven years, she has taught at Harmony Plains for one week every July. Last week she camped there with her daughter, Sarah Gore along with her own three daughters. Gore now teaches the Sunshine Class.

Like Winchester did, some of the teachers start to teach at the singing school when they are in college. Eliza Bearden, who is a Baylor student and Annie Hudson who attends Texas A&M taught younger students together during last week's session. Bearden first went to Harmony Plains when she was six months old.

"It's like Christmas because it brings everyone together," Bearden said, explaining, "This place has always been my peace. My best friends and family are here, and it's part of who I am."

Hudson described a similar experience.

"It's one of the highlights of my summer. Some of us only get to see each other here for this one week every year," said Hudson.

Of all her memories from singing school, one of her favorite things about it has been the evening prayer, which the group sings together. She and Bearden also shared memories of staying up late to create skits for the next day and singing songs written by the other members.

"It's wonderful to see the members you've come to love from seeing them once a year," said Harmony Plains administrator Richard Halbgewachs, better known as Pastor Dickie.

He moved to the area from

Austin in 1994 and became involved with the Floydada church.

Primitive Baptists are a relatively small denomination with tightly knit family connections, despite sometimes being separated by many miles. Typically, the same families attend each year.

"It's a great joy to be together all day long and hear voices lifting up the Lord in song," said Pastor Dickie, adding that the therapeutic experience of close fellowship "wafts you away from troubles. Grandparents get to spend the whole week with their children and grandchildren."

Although Pastor Dickie said his duties mostly involve the spiritual aspect of the school, like leading the morning devotions, learning to sing is an important tradition for a Primitive Baptist congregation. Several schools such as this were formed in the 1960s. The one in Azle, Texas, called Harmony Hill, meets the second week of June. Taylor's parents helped to start that school. Some churches also have their own.

Jeff and Tracey Zimmerman are from Illinois. They drove fourteen hours to see their friends, the Halbgewachs and to bring their seven children to the singing school. Their oldest is seventeen and the youngest of the bunch is two. The Zimmermans said they enjoy the fellowship, and the food is good.

Rana Hamilton, who is from Oklahoma, served dinner to a long line of hungry students and their families. Adult counselors Rhett and Jill Jackson and Bonnie Bearden helped to fill glasses of tea. Spaghetti, dinner rolls, green beans and salad were being dished out with current safety concerns in mind.

Thirteen-year-old Joseph Taylor told those gathered in the school's entrance that he has been to Harmony Plains for fourteen years—since the summer his mother was pregnant with him. He said he looks forward to being there. He likes playing volleyball and ping-pong with his friends. One of his favorite hymns to sing is number 562 in the hymnal. It's called "When Abram, Full of Sacred Awe."

Family members crowded into the rows of the auditorium one last time before the session ended on Friday evening to hear the children sing the songs they learned. They listened and sang familiar words in four-part harmony. Bonfires lit the roadside in Cone before going dark for another year.



SINGING STUDENTS (Above left: Rana Hamilton helps with dinner on Oklahoma night at Harmony Plains. At left, Joey and Barbara Lowrance, James, Joseph, and Julie Taylor, Charlotte and Dickie Halbgewachs in front of the Harmony Plains Singing School in Cone, Texas. | LIZ ADAMS PHOTOS