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## First National Night Out: A Success in Floyd County

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County's First National Night Out on Sunday, Aug. 6 gave area residents a chance to get know their local law enforcement and first responders over complimentary hot dogs, hamburgers, music, bounce houses and games.

"We just want the local people to get to know us, and to see that we're just like everybody else," said Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez. "We want the public to work with us to help stop crime. We're all in this together."

Raissez emphasized that if area residents see a crime that they should call 911 and not try to intervene themselves.

The South Plains Association of Governments had a 911 representative and special educational materials on 911 for children in a booth.



On Sunday, Aug. 6 Floyd County held its first-ever National Night Out to help local residents get to know their local enforcement. Shown are: Back left: Officer Walker, Deputy Arguello, Deputy Souvannakhily, Deputy Vasquez, Sheriff Raissez, Trooper Garcia, Officer Barreto. Front left: Deputy Gutierrez, Deputy Morris, Officer Williams, Deputy DeLeon.

"We're happy to be here to get the word out on how 911 works," said Kellie Moats with SPAG. Floyd County is one of the areas that SPAG provides 911 services to.

"With the way things are today it's more important than ever that everybody work together to keep our community safe," said Floyd County Police Chief Darrell Gooch.

He added that Floydada is very good at supporting its law enforcement. "In a small town, everybody knows each other, and they especially know the families, that helps

a lot in policing."

Simulation activities provided locals a first-hand look at important public safety concerns including "drunk driving" goggles and mini-car where residents could actually see the impacts of altered sobriety on driving.

A roll-over demonstration complete with crash dummies emphasized the importance of seatbelts.

National Night Out is community-police awareness-raising event nationwide, held the first Tuesday of August. However, communities in Texas and Florida have the option to use the alternate date of the first Tuesday in October to avoid hot weather.

Raissez said they chose August because they had water activities for the kids. "We hope to make this annual event," he said.

## 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.

### SOFTBALL PITCHING CLINIC

Softball Pitching Clinic is being held in Floydada, Texas on Saturday, August 12th at the Floydada High School softball field. Times are 10 am - 12 noon for beginners and 1 pm to 3 pm for experienced pitchers. Cost is \$30. Instructor will be Monique Garcia, senior pitcher for Lubbock Christian University. All attendees will receive an autographed ball. To enroll, contact Gilbert Trevino at (806) 407-6240

### LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Lockney Senior Citizens Center will be having their "Sunday Lunch" on Sunday, August 13th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Menu will be enchiladas, tacos, rice, beans, salad and dessert. Donations are appreciated.

### LOCKNEY LONGHORN BOOSTER CLUB

The Lockney Longhorn Booster Club meeting will be holding a meeting on Monday, August 14 at 7 p.m. at the High School classitorium! Many topics for the school year will be discussed, and any questions parents may have pertaining to practice schedules, or any questions for the coaches will be answered. See you there!

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AWANA REGISTRATION

The First Baptist Church of Floydada Awana registration is coming soon. Early registration - Aug. 14-18; Registration - Aug. 21-25. Make sure your sign you children up...spots are limited.

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## I see wind turbines all over the place. How could total taxable valuation for the county go down?

By Marty Lucke  
Floyd County Judge

The answer to the question is depreciation. The depreciation of wind turbines, the depreciation of power lines and the depreciation of substations. For 2017, Floyd County had an increase of new property of \$148.5 million, but the total taxable valuation went down approximately \$28.8 million. Yes, ag values did fall (due to 2010 coming out of the average) county wide by approximately \$26 million. Ag values have always fluctuated due to being based on production and the decrease in ag values is expected. We should remember that ag values also increase as the years used in the average change. The increase in new property did not cover the depreciation of property already on the tax roll.

From the first day that I took office, I have stated the wind turbines are not the magic money machine that they are said to be by the promoters. Will the wind turbines eventually help the county? The answer is that in time they will help the county but that is several years down the road. Between now and then, it is going to be a roller

coaster ride.

You see the wind turbines, but let me tell you a couple of things that you don't see. The Floyd County Commissioners Court has worked diligently to get Floyd County out of debt from the day I took office. I inherited a budget in which Floyd County was approximately \$300,000 in debt to banks and had a \$1.6 million unfunded liability. As of right now, that debt has been reduced to approximately \$60,000 and the unfunded liability to less than \$450,000. The Commissioners Court intends for Floyd County to be debt free by October of this year. The Floyd County Commissioners Court came together and works with all the other elected officials for what is best for Floyd County. The Commissioners Court could reduce that debt by careful planning and taking advantage of the initial benefits of the wind turbines. It will get better, it just won't get better fast.

As citizens of Floyd County, I believe that you deserve an explanation. Floyd County is in good financial shape. The Commissioners Court strives to improve the County and is planning ahead to keep the County financially sound.

## Wind Farm Depreciation, Ag Income Cycle to Increase Tax Rates

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Tax rates are going up, according to Jim Finley with the Floyd County Appraisal District.

"The wind farms depreciated more than they were expected to," Finley said, "and agricultural income dropped." Finley explained that ag income is calculated on a five-year average, and this year, 2010, which was a record profit year, drops off the average, resulting in an average decline.

Finley noted other factors from the wind farms affecting the effective tax rates. "It's not just depreciation. In some cases, some of them may not be producing and selling as much electricity as they expected to."

On a related note, County Judge Marty Lucke has addressed the effects on windfarms on the county's tax base in a letter to the editor which the Hesperian-Beacon is running as a sidebar commentary to this story.

Finley said that the county has to bring in the same tax levy as the year prior, and some of the shortfalls



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Depreciation of Floyd County wind farms, such as the one shown here, may result in tax rate increases this year.

in the wind and agricultural industries may have to be made up by commercial and residential property owners.

He added that they are calculating effective tax rates now, and that statements will be sent out at the end of September.

As for the future, "Ev-

ery tax year is unique," Finley said. He added that he wasn't able to ascertain whether this year's steeper wind farm depreciation was a one-year case or if it might occur again, but said, "Wind farms have a 20-year life, and they are expected to generate income for twenty years, too."

## Former Mangold CEO Goes Home to Texas Coast

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

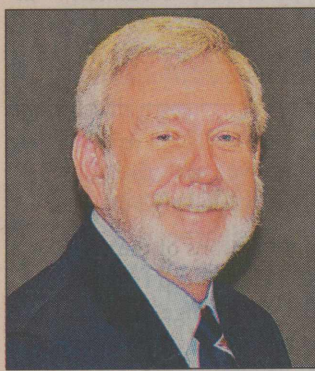
PORTLAND, TEXAS—For 34 years Larry Mullins lived in Lockney and for the last eighteen he was with W.G. Mangold Hospital, serving in recent years as its CEO.

"I am living in Portland, Texas, right outside of Corpus Christi," Mangold said via a phone interview with the Hesperian-Beacon. "This is where I'm from."

Mullins is now working with Brookdale Senior Living and is enjoying being close to family.

"It's so nice to be around my sisters that I haven't seen in so long," he said. "When you're 600 miles away, you don't get to see each other much. Now, I see them several times a week. I'm also working at the same senior living center that my parents

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Courtesy photo

W.G. Mangold CEO Larry Mullins resigned earlier this summer to relocate to the Texas coast to be closer to family. He had lived in Lockney for 34 years and had worked at the hospital for 18 years.

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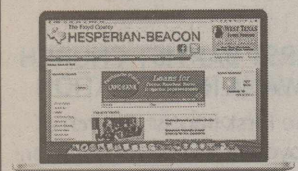
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## Mangold Announces Partnership with Waypoints Counseling

By Kay Ellington  
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LOCKNEY—W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital is announcing a new partnership with Waypoints Counseling, PLLC and will now offer individual and family therapy services for anyone ages six and up; Adolescents, Teenagers, Adults, and Elders (65+) at the hospital location on Mondays, beginning August 21.

Additionally, parenting classes will be offered as well. Waypoints will continue to provide therapy and supervision services at their main location, in addition to board-approved supervision to Licensed Social Workers.

Treatment modalities offered include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Solutions-Focused Therapy, Trauma-Focused CBT, Integrated Dual Di-

agnosis Treatment, Mindfulness Techniques, Play Therapy Techniques, Dialectical Behavior Therapy Techniques, and Psycho-education. Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy will be offered in 2018.

Waypoints Counseling currently accepts Medicare clients.

Other Insurances will soon be accepted.

Erin E. Evanson-Lass, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), is the social worker for Waypoints and she works with adults, families, children and individuals. She uses a variety of techniques based on the personal needs of the individuals.

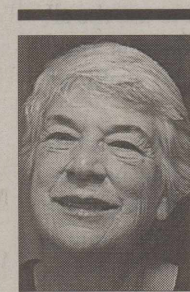
She received her undergraduate degree from Kansas State University in 2007 and her Master of Social Work Degree from Washburn University in 2010.



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**Erin E. Evanson-Lass, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) for Waypoints will begin providing counseling services for adults, families, and children at Mangold Hospital in Lockney.**

For more information visit [www.waypointscounselingpllc.com](http://www.waypointscounselingpllc.com) or see their Facebook page to learn more. Online booking is available.

## The 501 Pick one: Toe, Tea, Ants



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Here's the choice: Drop a small farm implement on your naked big toe, spill three-fourths of a glass of tea onto your computer keyboard, step barefoot into a bed of active fire ants. Pick one.

But first, pertinent questions: Why would someone working around farm equipment not be wearing Red Wings? Is there any such thing as an inactive fire ant? Was the tea sweet?

The good news: The tea was not sweet. All those things happened to me last week. Isn't it interesting how we can say things "happen" to us when we are the ones who make them happen?

The farm implement was an old made-in-the-USA non-flimsy shredder. We pull it behind our old Ford tractor and our newer Branson, which looks like it should be pulling something nicer. I was unhooking the shredder from the Branson when I let it fall on my toe. I was wearing flip-flops. My big toenail took the hit. I think that's what big toenails are for. Working around farm equipment is not what flip-flops are for. I knew that.

When it happened, I remembered hearing about adrenaline-empowered people doing amazing things, like the mother who lifted the car off her child. So I lifted the shredder off my toe. It wasn't hard.

I plan to try it again just to see if I can do without adrenaline, albeit without my

toe trapped under the thing. I'm being very nice to my toe these days.

As for the fire ants, they'd positioned themselves perfectly to get me when I opened the passenger-side door of my car. I'd just parked curbside at our house in the city, as opposed to our house at the farm where there is no curb. Fire ants cozy up to curbs and sidewalks, although this particular bunch had located their mound somewhat off-curb, possibly to escape the scrutiny of my Amdro-armed husband, their nemesis. Either way, it was midnight when I stepped in their bed unseeingly.

They crawled onto me first, and then one of them gave the signal to attack. The next day I counted 27 bites on my left foot and ankle. They got my right foot too.

They took the poison. As for my computer, I turned it upside down immediately after it took the tea. Then I drove 150 miles to Wichita Falls to see Ken, who deals calmly with all my computer crises.

He found evidence of a previous spill (when did that happen?) but no tea. Apple's Mylar under-the-keyboard shield must have worked - sort of like a toenail protects a toe.

OK, that comparison's a stretch. Better I should bring ants back into the picture by mentioning the time I dropped my cellphone into a Coke and retrieved it only to drop it soon after in the vicinity of an ant bed. By the time I found it, so had the ants.

Life is hard. What's nice is not knowing all the things that are going to happen to us ahead of time.

## The Paperboy Think before you post

What's the best thing about working at a newspaper? When you get to write about good news. On the contrary, when you have bad news to report, that's the worst thing about the job.

As the messenger between an official source and the public, many times we get blamed for the bad news we report. I guess it's just easier to pick on the publication sometimes than it is to accept the fact that people make mistakes and sometimes mistakes can lead to consequences.

I also think in today's society, people are less inclined to take responsibility for their own actions and look to blame others first. Furthermore, with the nature of social media, even the misinformed will weigh in on topics with an opinion.

Sadly, many morons on social media like to attack without the facts and posts can quickly devolve into arguments without end.

At one time, we were taught virtuous things such as patience, compassion, empathy, etc... Now, people are quick to attack, and even when proven wrong, they will stick by an erroneous argument just for the sake of pride. They simply want to believe what they want to believe regardless of how wrong they are.

I personally am not on Facebook. In fact, I'd rather be water boarded than be subjected to the hate and venom you find on Facebook.

When you think about it, the reactionary nature of Facebook leads to this hate. People are quick to react when sometimes it's better to take a "wait and see" approach to information.

In small towns, we are supposed to be a community. Instead, there are factions just drooling at the mouth to tear down people or businesses, which ruins our communities and causes divisiveness.

When you bash on something and turn out to be wrong, what good did it do?

When you blame someone or something and turn out to be wrong, what good did it do?

When you're cruel and uninformed posts hurt people, what did you accomplish?

If people would think before they post nonsense, it would likely make the experience much more enjoyable and would definitely be less destructive.

I hope this can be accomplished in the future, but I doubt it. Narcissistic people want attention. They want to be seen and heard. They think first and foremost about themselves and give little thought to those they hurt.

My prayer is people stop the bullying and think about their friends and communities first.

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(movie filmed in Plainview and surrounding areas)

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Maps available at Fair Theater (717 Broadway) and The Broadway Brew (108 E. 7th)

**5:30 p.m.**  
Reception - The Broadway Brew (filming site for the Quick Lunch from the movie) Take a moment to see where several scenes were filmed and visit with Director Richard Pearce.

**7:00 p.m.**  
Leap of Faith Movie Showing (Free)  
Fair Theater

**9:00 p.m.**  
Q & A with Director Richard Pearce

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## Downtown Plainview combining ARTWALK Plainview and Wine Walk

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

ARTWALK Plainview and Wine Walk will combine for an evening of fun and art in downtown Plainview on Friday, May 11th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Admission to ARTWALK Plainview and the Wine Walk is free.

Artists participating in the ARTWALK will be located throughout downtown. Participants can purchase the artist's work. Wine Walk

participants must start at the Fair Theater and will receive a wrist band, a map of participating stores and IDs will be checked.

"We had a great time to the ARTWALK/Wine Walk in May and are excited about this one," said Melinda Brown, Main Street Manager. "Partnering with ARTWALK Plainview is a perfect fit. We are excited to combine both events and make it a fun night for everyone."

A list of participating businesses will be available on the Main Street Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/mainstreetplainviewtx](http://www.facebook.com/mainstreetplainviewtx)) closer to the event.

For more information about ARTWALK Plainview, contact Chris Hanoch at 806.685.4859. For more information about the Wine Walk, contact Tori Huddleston at 806.293.4000 or [thuddleston@plainviewtx.org](mailto:thuddleston@plainviewtx.org)

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

(Back to School Quotes)

Asking your children about their fears or worries about going back to school will help them share their burden.

—Chuck Norris

If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job.

—Donald D. Quinn

It's one of my favorite seasons of the year: Back to School. As a kid, I loved fresh school supplies, new outfits, the change of seasons, and the chance to crack open a new textbook.

—Dana Perino

The first day back to school, you never want to wear your best outfit. You're setting the bar too high for yourself! Then the rest of the school year, you'll feel so much pressure! Wear something cute, but save your best outfit for a day when no one expects it.

—Bethany Mota

So many people have said to me that when you become a school parent, it is like going back to school yourself. Some of those insecurities come out and are projected through your child.

—Liane Moriarty



# SOCIETY



## Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

**By Deon Fincher**  
Chamber Manager

The KCBF Channel 11 Community Coverage Tour is finally here—in Floydada! This is their third visit over the years, but this time we are aiming for the “BEST” one ever. We need everyone’s help to make it that!

If you are anywhere near Floydada Park (West Georgia Street and West Crockett Street by pool and playground) around 4:30 or 5:00 you will see the hustle and bustle of the set-up crew. Of course, KCBF will have their trucks, but Atmos Energy will also be bringing their infamous trailer grill. In no time those folks will be bringing on the heat and we will be surrounded by the aroma of sizzling hot dogs. Make no mistake! These guys are professionals—they know how to feed a crowd! Do-

nations will be accepted, and all will go to The Spirit of Sharing organization.

The official activities will begin just before the six o’clock live news broadcast from the park. This is the time that we need an overwhelming representative of our community residents. The organizers have made arrangements for the Whirlwind Band to be present and playing, cheerleaders leading the school spirit, athletic teams of all kinds, the Floydada FFA, National Honor Society...really, anyone and everyone. If you’re not planning to be there, you will be missing out.

Don’t think that the show will be over after the newscast—the ten o’clock edition will also be “live from Floydada!” During the break, community officials will be addressing the crowd with the latest information about the new school and the opportuni-

ties that will be afforded through that effort.

The highlight of the evening will feature local singer, Evan Johnson accompanied by Josh Reese—known as the Riley Adams Duo. They will be putting on a high energy concert, featuring two hours of musical entertainment. What a wonderful opportunity to support and encourage our local talent.

As the ten o’clock newscast draws near, we want to be able to show our communities vigor and energy one more time. Granted, my bedtime will have already come and gone, but I will be attending all of the activities through to the end. I challenge each and every one of you to dust off those lawn chairs, spray on the mosquito repellent, pick out your grassy spot, and sit back and enjoy an evening honoring Floydada. See you there!

## Fishing to strengthen families, build community

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK, TX August 7, 2017 - In an effort to encourage children and families to enjoy more family time and the sport of fishing, Los Hermanos Familia, a collaborative group of men and women, organizations, and volunteers who value God, family, and community, will hold the 9th Annual “Vamos a Pescar, Let’s Go Fishing” FREE event.

The “Vamos a Pescar, Let’s Go Fishing” event will be held Saturday, August 12, 2017. Fishing will begin at 6 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Registration is free, which includes lunch for registered participants, and no fishing license will be required for registered participants. All children up to 17 years-old must be accompanied by an adult. Families can register online at [www.letsstofishinglubbock.com](http://www.letsstofishinglubbock.com).

“We are excited to bring this free event back to families in

our community once again,” said Frank Garcia, co-chair. Adding that 32 organizations, as well as sponsors, and volunteers would be on hand to help bring this free event into fruition.

Frank Garcia, whose father, the late Gonzalo Garcia Sr., a farmer, had made a last request to go fishing with the entire family after a heart bypass recovery. Sadly, he died the next morning.

“We know families are busy, but my daddy’s work as a farmer often prevented him from getting to participate in family outings and activities. We use fishing as a means to bring families together,” he said.

Christy Martinez-Garcia added that the lake west of University prior to the event, at Buddy Holly Lake on the West side of Cesar E. Chavez Drive, will be stocked with hungry catfish. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USWS) will provide 300 channel catfish 16 inches

in length (About 1,100 pounds), for the 9th Annual “Vamos a Pescar, Let’s Go Fishing” event! The fish were raised at Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery in Oklahoma.

A reminder that No fishing license will be needed during that designated time and in the designated area only for registered participants. Participants are encouraged to bring fishing gear and necessary items to protect themselves from the elements, and enjoying a day out for fishing. Also, the first 500 kids and first 500 adults that check in will be given a goody bag, also, projects, and fishing games will be on hand to assure outdoor fun for everyone!

Interested participants are encouraged to pre-register online at [www.letsstofishinglubbock.com](http://www.letsstofishinglubbock.com), or they can register onsite at the fishing event to be held Saturday, August 12, 2017, between 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Texas A&M experts reveal which is more important – sleep, diet or exercise

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas — As the year begins anew, so do the goals of many. One of the most commonly made resolutions is to live a healthier lifestyle. For a vast majority of people, that goal involves vowing to make improvements in diet and exercise but rarely sleep. It is easy to fall off the wagon when it comes to achieving health goals. However, Texas A&M University experts say that even with one simple modification, it is possible to get back on track to becoming a healthier you.

### Sleep

Getting the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep each night is important, but consistency in the time of day those sleep hours occur plays a major role in regulating our internal body clocks, which regulate sleep-wake schedules, metabolism and immune responses. “Our body clocks, like your watch or clock on your computer, are only good if they’re keeping accurate time,” said David Earnest, PhD, a professor at the Texas A&M College of Medicine who studies circadian rhythms (our 24-hour body clocks). “No longer are we a nine-to-five society, but as long as a person is consistently going to sleep within the same hour or two each night, the body will be able maintain its schedule more efficiently.”

Indeed, sleep, diet and exercise are each important, and if you neglect any of them, it’s not ideal. “However, sleep is often most neglected, and when sleep is compromised, it doesn’t allow people to mentally, emotionally and physically recover, which commonly holds people back from being all they can be,” said Jesse Parr, MD, a clinical professor with the Texas A&M College of Medicine and team physician for the Texas A&M University Athletic Department. And as we all know, when we are sleep-deprived, it is difficult to maintain a healthy diet or get enough exercise.

### Diet

Diet is essential to maintaining health, but the various recommendations are endless and overwhelming. Parr recommends to both his patients and athletes that they follow the guidelines of Choose MyPlate, which emphasizes that small changes—such as simply reducing the amount of sugar-loaded drinks consumed—matter.

Earnest recommends avoiding foods, like fast foods, cheeses or pizza, that contain high levels of saturated fats. You know, the good stuff we seem to crave when school

Texas A&M experts reveal which is more important – sleep, diet or exercise

or work is keeping us up late. Still, these types of foods disrupt

the internal timing of the body clocks by shifting their settings and essentially making them experience jetlag. “The whole process starts spiraling into a situation that we believe might be a critical factor in the epidemic of obesity and type 2 diabetes,” Earnest said. “If you are going to eat saturated fats, it is best to eat them in the morning, and consume fruits, vegetables or nuts if you are eating within three hours of bed.”

### Exercise

Working out tends to be one of the more difficult regimens to maintain because if results do not appear within the first couple of weeks of beginning an exercise program, people get discouraged and often give up. However, noticing results depends on what type of exercise goals were set, whether it was to be healthier, lose weight or get stronger for performance. When someone starts being active, they will use muscles they have not used before and will become sore, but people can start feeling better and notice they are getting stronger after a couple of weeks. However, exercising to lose weight takes longer, often a few months. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends getting at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of intense exercise per week. Alternating aerobic and

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## Floydada Senior Citizens News

**By LuAnn Collins**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Our NEW serving times are 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. We serve a delicious meal with salad bar Monday thru Friday. We invite you to join us. We know you will enjoy the food and fellowship!

“Bingo Night” is held every second Tuesday of the month. There will be food, prizes, and fellowship. Come and join us. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome!

Floydada Senior Citizens Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price

of \$6.00. To become a member, all you need to do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee.

Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

Hope everyone has an awesome week!

### MENU

**August 14 – August 18**  
**Monday** — Smothered burrito  
**Tuesday** — Baked chicken  
**Wednesday** — BBQ ribs  
**Thursday** — Chicken fried steak  
**Friday** — Fish fry

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

**By Renee Armstrong**

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – We be having our “Sunday Lunch” on Sunday, August 13th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Menu will be enchiladas, tacos, rice, beans, salad and dessert. Donations are appreciated.

The Griffith Family Reunion has been postponed til Saturday, August 19th. It will be held at the Center from 10 a.m. – ??

“Bingo Night” will be held on Monday, August 21 from 6 – 8 p.m. It is held the 3rd Monday of each month. Come join us for some fun!

Breakfast is served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday only.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m.

if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday night pot luck. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards. 5 – 9 p.m.

Hope you all have a great week.

### MENU

**August 14 – August 18**  
**Monday** — Meatloaf  
**Tuesday** — Tacos  
**Wednesday** — Brisket  
**Thursday** — Salmon  
**Friday** — Ham

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum “Memories, 1979”

ROBERT STANLEY BURKE

**By Geneva Stansell**

Burke County, North Carolina was the birthplace of my great-grandfather, Robert Stanley Burke, August 22, 1826. In 1849, he married Elizabeth Ann Morrow. Great Grandfather’s work, a surveyor, took him to Clark County, Arkansas. Part of their payment for services rendered was land to farm. Then into this union, eleven children were born. The eighth child, being my grandfather, Robert Standridge Burke, March 7, 1866.

Grandfather grew up and married Ada Willis. While living in Amity, Arkansas eight children were born into this family; Darrit, Annie, Ina, Sam and his twin Gilbert, (who died as a child), D. W., Ed, and Herbert. Herbert Cline Burke Sr., baby of the family was born March 26, 1900.

The Burks were known for their rather large noses, good sense of humor and pranks, especially the ones by the Burke brothers played on their sisters and each other.

The family left Arkansas and moved to Red River County

where he continued with his farming, did some preaching in the Methodist Church, and was a very good fiddler. While there, the two oldest daughters married. Grandfather took his wife and the rest of the children and moved to Atoka County, Oklahoma. He farmed there also, and lived at Atoka until he died October 23, 1917. Some of the children came on out to West Texas, one of those being my father Herbert or (Shorty) Burke, as he was known to most people in this area. He brought his wife and small son, Herbert Cline Burke Jr., that was born November 18, 1921 in Savana, Oklahoma.

My father delivered ice in Floydada for awhile. In 1924, another son was born on January 11, and was named Ocie Burke. My father was anxious to get back to farming and in 1928, he started farming again with his brother, D. W. Burke, in the Allman Community. Later on he met and married my mother Myrtle Lee Dudley, on May 28, 1931. Three years later on May 22, 1934, I made my appearance and was given the name Geneva Adell Burke.

Living on the farm was quite an adventure in itself. One incident I remember quite well was how some of the farm animals and I got along. Bill, the White Rock Rooster, chased me out of the chicken house. Beauty, one of the cows, chased me out of the lot. The landlord’s horse bucked me twice within a week. But my ever faithful collie was always near by. I decided when I grew up and married it sure wouldn’t be to a farmer! I married Keith Stansell.

Throughout my early childhood, we lived on different farms, those being in the McCoy Community, Liberty Community, and finally moved to town in Lockney in 1947. My father then did some custom work for people, was employed at Carter Gin, and also worked at John Deere implement and was employed there when he suffered a cerebral stroke and passed away July 25, 1962. My mother Myrtle Burke, resides in the the Lockney Care Center and has pretty good health. She enjoys caring for the plants, attending the church services at the center, and of course, visiting with her friends in the Lockney area.

## Home Country

**By Slim Randles**

Desdemona died sometime in the night. Aunt Ada had had the cat since she was a tiny kitten, and she was naturally heartbroken. So was Boots, Desdemona’s partner in crime and play and food and everything else that makes life worthwhile for two old cats.

Through her tears, Aunt Ada wondered if she could’ve noticed something or had done something differently that would have given Desdemona back to her for a while longer, but there just wasn’t anything. The cat had looked good at bedtime, and was gone before the sun came up.

What if? Well, what if she’d done this or that? Would it have saved the cat? No, of course not.

Even if your heart is breaking, you have to look at things logically. Cats get old and cats die. So do people. Aunt Ada Sandiford is old. Very old to some ways of thinking. But she still putters around the house and

does her own shopping and cooking. She makes it to church every Sunday, too. Years ago she sang in the choir, but she stopped doing that when she discovered her voice had gotten old.

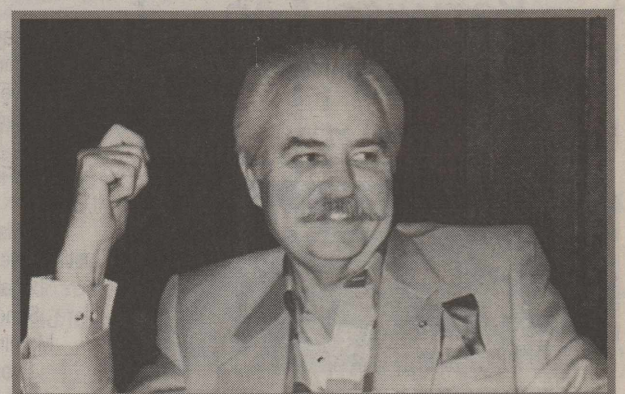
So she called a good friend and

asked her if she would look after Boots if she died before he did.

There, that was something I could do. And she went quietly out in the back yard with the shovel and said goodbye to her old friend Desdemona.

Sometimes there’s nothing left to say except I love you.

### In Memory of Billy Bybee



It’s been 15 years and I think of you every moment of every day.

—Love, Pat



# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituaries

### Mary Pearl Barr

Mary Pearl Barr, of Arvada Colorado, passed away on Monday, July 31, 2017 due to gradually declining health.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 7, 2017 at the West College and 3rd Church of Christ in Lockney.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the service from 9-10 a.m., Monday, August 7, 2017.

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

Mary was born on January 3, 1931 in Lockney Texas and died when she was 86 years of age. Her parents were Burt

Ray Carthel and Jessie Delura Belt. She had older brothers, Wayne, Jimmy and Fred and older sisters, Opal and Gladys, all of which preceded Mary in death.

Mary graduated Lockney High School in 1948 and married Raymond Elton Barr on October 8, 1948. They had 3 children, Pamela Kay Barr, Nicky Ray Barr and Kevin Jay Barr.

Mary was preceded in death by daughter, Pamela Kay on April 27, 1975. Mary and Raymond divorced on May 1994 and Raymond preceded her in death on July 4, 2004.

Nicky Ray Barr and his wife Jeanette Sue Barr reside in Westminster, Colorado and have children, Tammy Crystal

and Chris Nicholas. Tammy and her husband, Gregg Difalco have provided Mary with her only great-grandchild, Grayson Difalco. Chris is engaged to Hillary.

Kevin Jay Barr and his wife, Cindy have children, Jayson Lee and William Travis. William is married to Lindsey and Jayson is engaged to Minh.

After Lockney, Mary lived in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Westminster, Colorado. Mary's last 10 years were spent at the Colorado Lutheran Home nursing facility in Arvada, Colorado where she built many friends and was known for her "honey" greeting to everyone.

### M.T. "Jack" Isom

M.T. "Jack" Isom passed away Thursday, August 3, 2017 after a short battle with cancer.

Jack was born August 31, 1930 to Dutch and Molly Isom in Idalou, Texas. He had three older sisters and one older brother. Jack lived on the farm in Idalou. At age 7, he and his family moved to a farm outside of Cone, Texas and continued to farm. He told many stories of growing up on the farm with no electricity or running water. He helped his dad with every task around the farm, learning

many skills along the way. The family grew all their own food as well as raising livestock for meat and milk.

Jack attended school in Ralls and graduated at the age of 15. He was proud of the fact he "skipped" a grade; later admitted there wasn't a teacher for that grade, so he and two other students were "placed" into the next grade.

Jack joined the U.S. Army, completed basic training and had begun his first assignment when he was called home to help



M. T. "JACK" ISOM

care for his dad who became ill. He began farming again and met the love of his life, Willetta. They were married on September 8, 1961 and lived in the See **OBITS**, Page 7

### Avery Daniel (Danny) Bowman

Avery Daniel (Danny) Bowman, 75, of Plainview, passed away on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

A Memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Kyle Brock of Grace United Methodist Church in Plainview officiated.

Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors in Plainview, Texas.

Danny Bowman was born on June 14, 1942 in Lockney,

Texas to Harley Daniel and Helen Lavonia Hardage Wilson Bowman.

He graduated from Lubbock High School in 1960 and attended Texas Tech University. He married Bobbie Jo Barclay on November 3, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a builder for 55 years and a partner in McDonald Construction. He was also a past member of Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Joe Bowman of Plainview; one daughter, Angie Lee and her husband, Brent

of Lubbock; one son, Brad Bowman and his wife, Jonna of Sweetwater, Texas; a brother, Bob Hardage and his wife, Barbara of Flower Mound, Texas; a step-daughter, Tracie Lewis and her husband, Roy of Charleston, South Carolina; a step-son, David Painter and his wife, Michelle of Plainview; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lockney Senior Citizens, 118 W. College Street, Lockney, TX 79241

Online condolences can be made at [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com).

### Howard Staples

Howard Staples, 78 years old, of Midlothian Texas passed away on August 2, 2017 in Midlothian.

Howard was born to Harry and Carrie Staples in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

He graduated from High School at Sandford High School in Sandford, Maine. He also attended college where he met the love of his life Annelda where they were married on November 2, 1962.

He worked hard and faithfully for his family as a farmer and a truck driver until he retired. Howard never met a stranger and loved his family dearly. He was a great story teller and loved to tell people of his many travels across the

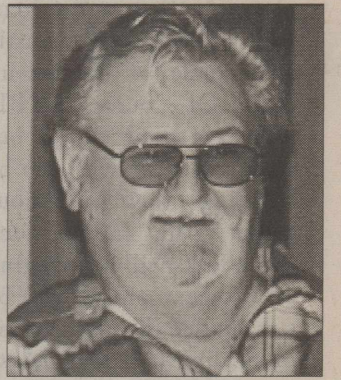
USA while driving a truck. Now he is heading down a new highway to heaven. We will miss you dad! Sundowner down and out.

Howard is survived by wife, Annelda and three children, son, Bill and wife, Mika and daughter, Baylee, daughter, Stacey, son, Kevin and wife, Nelyn and daughter, Malieya.

Howard is preceded in death by his father, Harry C Staples Sr., mother, Carrie Staples, and brother, Harry C Staples Jr.

Visitation was held from 7-9 p.m., Friday, August 4, 2017 at Wayne Boze Funeral Home, 1826 W. Highway 287 Business, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 5,



HOWARD STAPLES

2017 at Wayne Boze Funeral Home in Waxahachie. Brian Treadaway officiated. Burial followed at Midlothian Cemetery in Midlothian, Texas.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wayne Boze Funeral Home in Waxahachie.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### 10,000 REASONS

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

—Psalm 103:1-2 (NRSV)

One morning I heard a song that mentions having 10,000 reasons to bless the Lord. As I listened, I asked myself, Do I have 10,000 reasons to be grateful?

I began to think about the blessing of waking up to a new day and the blessings of my children, wife, parents, siblings, in-laws, and church family. I thought about the homes I have lived in, the clothes I have worn, and the other provisions I have enjoyed throughout my life. I thought about how each day is filled with at least one of these blessings. Waking up yesterday was a blessing just as waking up

today is a new gift and blessing from God.

I began to count my reasons to be thankful. At 39 years of age, I have 365 days multiplied by 39 years of waking each morning — 14,235 reasons to praise God! Add to that over 16 years of marriage and the blessing of having my two parents present for my entire life. As I considered all my days without accidents, days with my children, days with my best friend, and days with grandparents, in-laws, and siblings, my heart has found well over 10,000 reasons to bless the Lord's holy name. Each day God is merciful and gracious in new ways.

—Cassius Rhue (South Carolina, USA)

Thought for the Day:

What new blessing can I be thankful for today?

taken from <http://devotional.lupperoom.org/devotionals>

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<p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship..11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b> Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> West College &amp; Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b> Matthew Benfield, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Justin Ogden, Interim Minister of Worship Logan Lamb, Min. Students Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Lockney Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m. Wed High School - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b> 310 Mississippi Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor</p>	<p>Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Floyada 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. *****</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) 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. *****</p>	<p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ruban Selvaraj 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun 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. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel</b> <b>Spanish Assembly of God</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston Tom Ross, Pastor 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Luthern Church</b> Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m. *****</p>
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# AGRICULTURE

## Southeast, Far West Cotton Producers to Tour Smith Farms in Floydada

**National Cotton Council**  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Fifteen cotton producers from the Southeast and Far West U.S. cotton production regions will see cotton and other agriculture-related operations in Texas on August 14-18 as part of the 2017 National Cotton Council's Producer Information Exchange.

Sponsored by Bayer's grant to The Cotton Foundation, the P.I.E. program is in its 29th year of helping its U.S. cotton producer participants improve yields and fiber quality. The program has exposed more than 1,100 U.S. cotton producers to innovative production practices in regions different than their own. Specifically, the program helps producers improve their overall farming operation efficiency by: 1) gaining new perspectives in such fundamental practices as land preparation, planting, fertilization, pest control, irrigation and harvesting and 2) observing firsthand the unique ways in which their peers are using current technology. The NCC's Member Services staff, in conjunction with local producer interest organizations, conducts the program, including participant selection.

The tour participants are: Alabama - Phil Ashley, Fort Payne; Liz Rhodes, Guin;

Justin Smedley, Gadsden; and Adam Wilson, Jacksonville; Florida - Nick Marshall, Baker; Georgia - Dillard Cody, Damascus; and Win Rentz, Newton; North Carolina - Alex Britton and Justin Burgess, both of Conway; Virginia - Jamie Babb, Windsor; and Jameson Lowe, Wakefield; and California - Corky Pedretti, El Nido; Matt Burns and Eric Fontana, both of Dos Palos; and Wyatt McKean, Riverdale.

The tour will begin on August 14 in Lubbock where the group will get an overview of the Texas High Plains from Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett, a presentation on Texas water issues/Ogallala Aquifer from Ronnie Hopper, a Petersburg cotton producer; and a report on the e3 Sustainable Cotton Program at Bayer's Seeds Innovation Center.

The group then will travel to Brownfield for tours of Nick Seaton's and Anthony Ferguson's farms where they will see cotton production as well as production of black eyed peas, peanuts and wine grapes. They will end the day with a visit to Cotton Creek Farms in New Home and tours of other cotton farms in the area.

On August 15, the group will see cotton production on Smith Farms in Floydada; get a presentation on High

Plains farm equipment at Hurst Farm Supply in Lorenzo; and then tour PYCO and Farmers Cooperative Compress in Lubbock.

The next two days will be spent in Texas' Rio Grande Valley. On August 16, the group will begin their day in Mercedes with a look at ginning at the Ross Gin Company before observing sugar cane processing at Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers in Santa Rosa. They also will hear a presentation on trans-shipment of cotton to Mexico at Colimar International's warehouse in Alamo before touring Rio Farms in Monte Alto and visiting other farms in that area.

On August 17, the producers will begin their tour in Harlingen with visits to Valley Coop Oil Mill and then to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality where they will learn about water delivery from the Rio Grande river. They also will visit the Hidalgo Water District #5 Rio Grande River Lift Station, see agricultural traffic at the Progreso International Bridge; and tour Chris Bauer Farms and the Frank Russell Farm, both near San Benito. The group's tour will end at the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in Harlingen with an update on the status of boll weevil eradication in the Rio Grande Valley.

## 2017 Risk-Sharing Claim Deadlines Rapidly Approaching

**By Shawn Wade**  
Plains Cotton Growers

Deadlines to file 2017-crop claims for Replant and Crop Loss under risk-sharing programs offered by seed and technology providers are rapidly approaching. To assist growers in sorting out the details of the various programs offered in 2017 Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has aggregated available, printable versions of the various risk-sharing program documents available from cotton

seed providers.

As a general rule August 14 or August 15 appear to be two dates that growers need to be aware of at this time. Most companies offering replant and/or crop loss programs in 2017 have established these dates as the final dates growers may file claims for reimbursement under either of these early season risk-sharing programs.

Growers should contact their sales representative or distributor to obtain definitive information regarding deadlines and

eligibility.

It is important to note that the replant and crop loss claims process are separate from the dryland drought programs for which eligibility depends on whether the crop is ultimately harvested and, if harvested, the final harvested yields on non-irrigated acreage and typically utilize claim deadlines in early January 2018.

Documentation for the 2017 Replant, Crop Loss and Non-irrigated Drought Relief is available on the PCG website.

## Brown, Holladay Testify Before House Agriculture Committee at Listening Session

**By Mary Jane Buerkle**  
Plains Cotton Growers

Dawson County cotton producers Julie Holladay and Jeremy Brown were among those who testified before members of the House Agriculture Committee in San Angelo on Monday during one of the committee's three listening sessions held nationwide.

The sessions, titled "The Next Farm Bill: Conversations in the Field," are designed to gather input from farmers, ranchers and stakeholders as the committee works to develop a policy package for 2018. The committee hosted a session in Minnesota earlier this week and have one in California tomorrow (August 5).

Members present for the hearing included House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway (TX); Ranking Member Collin Peterson (MN); Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX); Rep. Darren Soto (FL); Rep. Rodney Davis (IL); Rep. Glenn Thompson (PA); Rep. Roger Marshall (KS); and Rep. David Rouzer (NC).

Both Holladay and Brown stressed the need for assistance for cotton producers in the next Farm Bill, particularly bringing cotton back into the commodity program.

"It is imperative that cotton be afforded the same safety net provided other commodities by inclusion in Title I of the Farm Bill," Holladay said in her remarks. "The level of support which we seek is not a windfall, nor a guarantee of profit; it merely provides stability in the farm economy to help most operations obtain financing and manage through periods of economic stress."

To illustrate some issues growers currently face, Brown spoke of a time he posted a photo on social media of a tractor displayed at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock, and someone commented that they had bought that tractor, brand-new, for \$34,000 in 1979 when he sold cotton for 80 cents a pound. Last year, the commenter said, a tractor cost him \$228,000 and he sold cotton for 60 cents a pound.

"Farmers...we're resilient," Brown said. "We do have challenges, but we'll meet those challenges; I believe that. But we're going to have to have a strong farm bill to meet those challenges....Putting cotton back in Title I is very crucial to what I do."

Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Peterson expressed their appreciation

to those testifying at the listening session in a news release.

"Agriculture is the lifeblood of Texas, and the stories we heard from farmers and ranchers today strike at the heart of why we have a farm bill," Conaway said. "The farm bill underpins the entire rural economy - an economy that has been under tremendous strain over the past four years. Improving economic conditions in farm country is instrumental in ensuring that Americans continue to enjoy the safest, most abundant and most affordable food and fiber supply in the world."

"I appreciated hearing from Texas farmers and ranchers today, and I am eager to take their input back to Washington as we continue crafting the next farm bill," Conaway said.

"It was great to be in Texas with Chairman Conaway to hear directly from the region's farmers and ranchers on what is, and maybe isn't working, in the current farm bill," Peterson said. "The Committee can use the input we gathered today when we go back to Washington to write a new bill. I thank everyone who took the time to come out and share their opinions."

## Texas Sorghum: Sugarcane Aphids Spread in Panhandle

**By Ed Bynum**  
Texas AgriLife Entomologist

The crop consultant, Jess McGee, that found sugarcane aphids in a field in Donley County has now found sugarcane aphids in a field in Gray County.

Also, Dr. Brent Bean, Director of Agronomy for the United Sorghum Checkoff

Program, has been stopping and looking for sugarcane aphids while driving across the Texas High Plains today. He was unable to find any sugarcane aphids in any of the fields, except one forage sorghum field that was west of Canyon in Randall County. He only found one single colony after scouting the field for 30 minutes.

Sugarcane aphids numbers are not very high in any of the report fields, but be these findings indicate any grain or forage sorghum field should be closely scouted for the presence of sugarcane aphids.

If you discover sugarcane aphids in a field, please contact any of the individuals listed on this site that are contributors for the Texas High Plains.

## Fishing Report

**Alan Henry**

Water clear on the main lake, stained up the river; 78-88 degrees; 3.85' low. Black bass are slow on 7" Power Worms, spoons and jigs. Crappie and bass are slow on minnows. Catfish are fair on live perch and goldfish.

**Arrowhead**

Water fairly clear; 79-87 degrees; 1.47' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to weightless flukes, Texas rigs and shallow running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around structure. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

**Coleman**

Water stained; 78-82 degrees; 1.02' low. Black bass are very good on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and chateause soft plastics. Hybrid Striper are fair on live shad. Crappie are fair on minnows and Li'l Fishies at night. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch and chicken livers. Yellow catfish are slow.

**Ft. Phantom Hill**

Water murky; 78-87 degrees; 0.15' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, squarebill crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

**Greenbelt**

31.68' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early and late, midday switching to squarebill crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair

on live minnows.

**Hubbard Creek**

Water off color; 82-91 degrees; 0.76' low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits early and late, midday switching to jerkbaits, squarebill crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

**Mackenzie**

73.95' low. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait. No reports on crappie or bass.

**Meredith**

60.14' low. Black bass are slow to fair on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and jerkbaits. No reports of small-mouth bass. Bream and channel catfish are being caught in good numbers.

**Nasworthy**

79-88 degrees; 1.16' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, drop shot rigs, Carolina rigs and weightless Senkos. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

**O.H. Ivie**

Water stained; 81-90 degrees; 34.76' low. Black bass are good on Whopper Ploppers early, later switching to weightless flukes, Texas rigs, jigs and squarebill crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

**Oak Creek**

Water stained; 79-89 degrees; 8.83' low. Black bass are fair to good on split-shot

## RRC Increases Public Access to Legal Hearings Process

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - The Railroad Commission today approved updated procedures for its administrative hearings process. The changes make it easier for anyone, including members of the public representing themselves, to prepare for and participate in hearings. The rule changes become effective Aug. 21.

Approximately 50 percent of hearings at the Commission involve people representing themselves without an attorney, said RRC's Hearings Division Director Randall Collins.

"We want the public and anyone else participating in administrative hearings before the Commission to have the greatest possible access to this important legal process. These rule updates bring greater consistency with legislative changes made to the Administrative Procedure Act, and make our processes clearer and easier to follow," Collins said.

Anyone determined to have standing in a case may par-

weighted flukes, Texas rigs and shakys. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

**Possum Kingdom**

Water off color; 81-89 degrees; 0.02' high. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to drop shot

See **FISHING**, Page 7

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Softball Pitching Clinic in Floydada Aug. 12

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A Softball Pitching Clinic will be held in Floydada Saturday, Aug. 12. The instructor will be Mo-

nique Garcia, senior pitcher for Lubbock Christian University. The clinic will be at the high school softball field. Cost: \$30. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for begin-

ners and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for experienced pitchers. All attendees will receive an autographed ball. To enroll, contact Gilbert Trevino at (806) 407-6240

## Meet the Teachers Nights Set for FISD, LISD

By Kay Ellington

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

In order to share information and to create parent-teacher partnerships A.B. Duncan has scheduled Meet the Teacher Nights for Tuesday, Aug. 15 and Thursday, Aug. 17.

According to Duncan principal Carlos Munoz, they will be having two types of informational sessions general and grade level specific. Topics for the sessions will be:

General: Attendance, Discipline, Fundraising and End of Year Field Trip, Before and after school support systems to help

you child be successful.

Grade Level: Classroom procedures and expectations, Positive contacts, Homerooms, Teacher contact information and conference times, Registration.

\*\*\*FISD encourages you to attend these sessions with your child\*\*\*

The session schedules will be:

Tuesday 8/15 Thursday 8/17

PK/1st - 5:00-6:00 pm

K/2nd - 5:00- 6:00 pm

3rd/4th - 6:00-7:00 pm

5th/6th -6:00-7:00 pm (General session will be for the first 20 minutes in the Cafeteria then you

will meet with grade level teachers.)

The first day of school in Floydada is Monday, Aug. 21.

Lockney Elementary's Meet the Teachers Night will be Thursday, Aug. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Parents or guardians should come to the main office, and they'll be directed to their students' teachers. It will be a come and go event.

Students can bring their supplies and drop them in their classrooms that evening.

The first day of school in Lockney is Monday, Aug. 21.

## Lockney Back-to-School briefs

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

### Summer Band

Summer Band will be August 14, August 15 and August 17 from 8-10 p.m.

The ice cream social will be after practice on the 17th in the band hall parking lot. All parents are encouraged to bring ice cream.

Selling Parking Spots

Lockney High School will begin selling parking spots next week. They will be \$10. Seniors can come on August 8, Juniors August 9 and everyone else August 10.

## "Meet the Whirlwinds" to be held Aug. 24

By Coach Todd Bandy

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Our first scrimmage will

be in Wellington Friday, Aug. 18th. Our second scrimmage will be vs. Ralls in Floydada, Thursday, Aug.

24th. This will also be Meet the Whirlwinds. We hope everyone will come out and support the Winds.

## Back-to-School Tips for Upgrading Students' Devices

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

(StatePoint) Back-to-school season is a popular time to replace tablets, smartphones and other mobile devices. However, while you're busy paying for books, student fees and other education-related expenses, tech costs don't have to be a burden.

Today, refurbished devices and accessories can pro-

vide a quality, reliable alternative at often less than half of what it costs to buy a new device. Indeed, more consumers are coming to that conclusion. Demand for used smartphones is forecast to grow considerably, according to several industry analyst reports.

While there's a lingering belief among many consumers that refurbished devices are those that were

broken or have had problems, the truth is that many refurbished devices come from trade-in and upgrade programs. Through these programs, owners trade in a perfectly good device so that they can get a newer model.

Whether traded in or repaired, if you do consider purchasing a refurbished device, check out reliable See **UPGRADING**, Page 7

### 2017 FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEP. 1	SLATON	FLOYDADA	7:30
SEP. 8	SEAGRAVES	SEAGRAVES	7:30
SEP. 15	LOCKNEY	LOCKNEY	7:30
SEP. 22	FRIONA	FLOYDADA	7:30
SEP. 29	ROOSEVELT	ROOSEVELT	7:30
OCT. 6	OPEN		
OCT. 13	*HALE CENTER	FLOYDADA	7:30
OCT. 20	*NEW DEAL	FLOYDADA	7:30
OCT. 27	*ABERNATHY	ABERNATHY	7:30
NOV. 3	*ASUNDOWN	FLOYDADA	7:30
NOV. 10	*OLTON	OLTON	7:30

\* District

\*SR. PARENT RECOGNITION

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AUG. 24 2<sup>ND</sup> - RALLS

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FLOYDADA - MEET THE WHIRLWINDS

### 2017 FLOYDADA JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
AUG. 31	SLATON	SLATON	6:00
SEP. 7	SEAGRAVES	FLOYDADA	6:00
SEP. 14	LOCKNEY	FLOYDADA	7:00
SEP. 21	FRIONA	FRIONA	6:00
SEP. 28	ROOSEVELT	FLOYDADA	6:00
OCT. 5	OPEN		
OCT. 12	*HALE CENTER	HALE CENTER	6:00
OCT. 19	*NEW DEAL	NEW DEAL	6:00
OCT. 26	*ABERNATHY	FLOYDADA	6:00
NOV. 2	*SUNDOWN	SUNDOWN	6:00
NOV. 9	*OLTON	FLOYDADA	6:00

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AUG. 25 2<sup>ND</sup> - RALLS

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FLOYDADA - MEET THE WHIRLWINDS

### 2017 FLOYDADA 7<sup>TH</sup> and 8<sup>TH</sup> FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEP. 14	LOCKNEY	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
SEP. 21	FRIONA	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
SEP. 28	ROOSEVELT	ROOSEVELT	5:00/6:15
OCT. 5	SLATON	SLATON	5:00/6:15
OCT. 12	*HALE CENTER	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
OCT. 19	*NEW DEAL	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
OCT. 26	*ABERNATHY	ABERNATHY	5:00/6:15
NOV. 2	*SUNDOWN	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:15
NOV. 9	*OLTON	OLTON	5:00/6:15

### 2017 Lockney Longhorn Football Schedule

Date	Team	Location	Time
Aug. 18	Dimmitt (Scrimmage)	Away	5:00
Aug. 25	Springlake-Earth (Scrimmage)	Home	5:00
Sept. 1	Smyer	Away	7:30
Sept. 9	Lubbock Trinity & Levelland	Away	6:00
Sept. 15	Floydada	Home	7:30
Sept. 22	Hale Center	Home	7:30
Sept. 29	Olton	Away	7:30
Oct. 6	Open Date		
Oct. 13	*Clarendon	Away	7:00
Oct. 20	*Memphis	Home	7:00
Oct. 27	*Wellington	Away	7:00
Nov. 3	*Ralls	Away	7:00
Nov. 10	*Crosbyton	Home	7:00

\*Denotes District Games

### REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada ISD is requesting sealed bids for the following categories of goods and services:

A. The Purchase of Vehicle Fuel

B. The Purchase of Motor Oil and Filters

C. Tire Mounting and Tire Repair Services

All of the above are separate and distinct requests and interested vendors may submit a bid for any or all of the above categories of goods and services.

Sealed bids will be accepted until Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Sealed bids are to be mailed or hand delivered to the Floydada ISD Central Administrative Office, Attn. Dr. Gilbert Trevino, 226 California Street, Floydada, TX 79235. Interested parties may request a bid packet from:

Dr. Gilbert Trevino, Superintendent  
226 California St.  
Floydada, TX 79235  
806-983-3498

All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and annotated with the following:  
Sealed Bids: Transportation Supplies Bid(s)

Failure to have a bid physically in the possession of the school district by the above deadline shall result in the bid(s) NOT being considered; fax or electronic submissions shall NOT be considered.

THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE IRREGULARITIES OR INFORMALITIES AS MAY BE DEEMED IN THE DISTRICT'S BEST INTEREST.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A BID(S) IN RESPONSE TO THIS RFB, THE VENDOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID, AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING A VENDOR. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE VENDOR FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, AND/OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID(S) SUBMITTED.



# University Interscholastic League to use Spalding balls

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—The University Interscholastic League announced a multi-year partnership with Spalding as the official ball provider of the UIL beginning in

the 2017-18 school year. Spalding will provide athletic balls for all UIL state and regional tournaments.

"We are excited to partner with Spalding and bring high quality products with a proven history of

excellence to the athletes of Texas," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt.

"Spalding is very excited to be back working with the UIL," stated John Salay, Spalding Director of Sales.

"Our partnership with the UIL and their member schools is important to our team business and we are especially pleased to be able to include gymnasium equipment support into our agreement."

## MULLINS

From Page 1

lived in until they passed away. My dad ran a cotton gin, and now I get to help with that on the weekends."

Dave Clark, a senior consultant with the Texas Rural Hospital Association, will be the interim CEO for W.G. Mangold while a search is undertaken to find Mullins's replacement.

"The people in Floyd County need to know what a jewel they have in this hospital," Clark said. "It's one of the best physician and medical facilities around. Larry did an excellent job as its administrator, and we hope to take it up even another notch."

He added, "You know people can go to Lubbock or Amarillo for medical care, but all they do is end up waiting longer to see the doctor. You can get the same quality care right at home."

## UPCOMING

From Page 1

### MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

CovenantHealth and Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center's mobile mammography will be in Floydada on Monday, August 14th at the West Texas Family Medicine clinic located at 901 W. Crockett Street. For appointments call 806-725-6579 or 877-494-4797.

## SLEEP

From Page 3

resistance exercises is important for keeping the entire body fit.

Doing a high-intensity workout later in the evening may make it difficult for the body to wind down prior to bedtime, but, according to Parr, "exercising when time is available, even if that workout occurs in the evening, is more important than not exercising at all."

**So, which is it?**

It is commonly said that health benefit ratio of diet to exercise is 80-20. However, when sleep was factored in, Earnest said his ratio analysis of the three would be 60-30-10, sleep, diet and exercise respectively. "While each factor is important individually, the lynchpin in health is how we organize our bodies in time, which consists of how our internal body clocks are regulating our sleep-wake cycles and how mealtimes fall and what energy we have for exercise," Earnest said.

All three factors are very important to overall health, and Parr concluded that all three are equally important to the trifecta necessary for a healthy lifestyle. "We're biologically designed to be active, but we can't be active unless we eat properly and get plenty of sleep," said Parr. However, he warned not to bite off more than you can chew when setting health goals. "Make one resolution you can easily be successful with, even

## OBITS

From Page 4

Aiken/Lockney communities until moving to Plainview in 2010.

Following retirement from farming, Jack began working at Cargill Hybrid Seed Company as a farm management consultant throughout central Texas. Cargill sold to Delta & Pine Land Company and Jack continued working in the same capacity. Upon retiring in 1997 at the age of 67, he began contracting to ferry various types of trucks across the nation. He retired from this at the age of 80. Jack then began working in his yard, garden and growing grapes.

Known as "Pop" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren he always had a project going. The kids were amazed that Pop could fix anything! Often it would have been cheaper and faster just to purchase a new item; but not Pop, he enjoyed tinkering and fixing things at his own pace.

Pop loved his family. He had four children, Desiree and Chris Richardson, Valerie

if it's modest, and then make new ones," he said.

Given that sleep is the most neglected, a little extra shuteye and regular sleep-wake times may prove quite beneficial to

Isom, Mike Isom of Plainview and Jeff and Kristi Isom of Odessa; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Willetta; his parents, Dutch and Molly Isom; three sisters, Marie Wideman, Helen Strickland and Louise Giddeon; one brother, Bernard Isom; an infant son, Christopher Isom and a grandson, Josh Isom.

Special thanks to Area Home Health Care, especially Julia Ontiveros.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, August 7, 2017 at Kornerstone Funeral Chapel in Plainview. Mike Isom and Dennis Butler officiated.

Burial followed in the Lockney Cemetery under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors in Plainview, Texas.

A visitation was held from 4-6 p.m., Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Kornerstone Funeral Directors.

Memorial contributions may be made to Snack Pak 4 Kids, Plainview I.S.D. 701 Park Place, Amarillo, TX 79109

## FISHING

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rigs, Texas rigs, medium running crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs and inline spinners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

### Stamford

Water stained; 79-88 degrees; 0.9' high. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early and late, midday switching to shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and finesse jigs. Crappie are good on live minnows around cover. White bass are fair to good on live bait and tail spinners. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

### White River

Water stained; 80-89 degrees; 20.41' low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

## UPGRADING

From Page 6

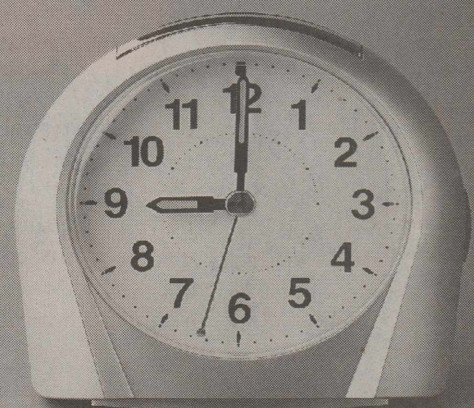
sources such as MyWit.com, where all devices undergo an extensive 65-point inspection of cosmetics and performance to ensure full functionality. These tests verify that every possible function -- camera, audio, SIM, WiFi, Bluetooth, etc. -- is in excellent working order, and only devices that score 100 percent on these tests are made available to purchase.

What's more, purchasing refurbished devices is an eco-friendly alternative, keeping used devices from ending up in a landfill and reducing the demand for new devices.

Whether you are purchasing a device as a gift or for yourself, this back-to-school season, consider upgrading devices in a smart way that's affordable and sustainable.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., August 29, 2017 in Board of Trustees meeting room at 226 W California St Floydada, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)  
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.4400 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations \_\_\_\_\_% increase or 5.5% (decrease)  
Debt service 302% increase or \_\_\_\_\_% (decrease)  
Total expenditures 19.9% increase or \_\_\_\_\_% (decrease)

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 667,742,620	\$ 1,076,759,540
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 171,862,760	\$ 446,695,990
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 563,356,672	\$ 898,173,623
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 171,862,760	\$ 446,695,990

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

#### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 44,745,000

\* Outstanding principal.

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#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.11320	\$ 0.1934*	\$ 1.3066	\$ 6063	\$ 7284
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.34544	\$ 0.4373*	\$ 1.78273	\$ 11,385	\$ 6667
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.4400*	\$ 1.6100	\$ 10,740	\$ 6667

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 36,549	\$ 35,596
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 21,292	\$ 21,383
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.30659	\$ 1.6100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 278.20	\$ 344.27
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 66.07

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.

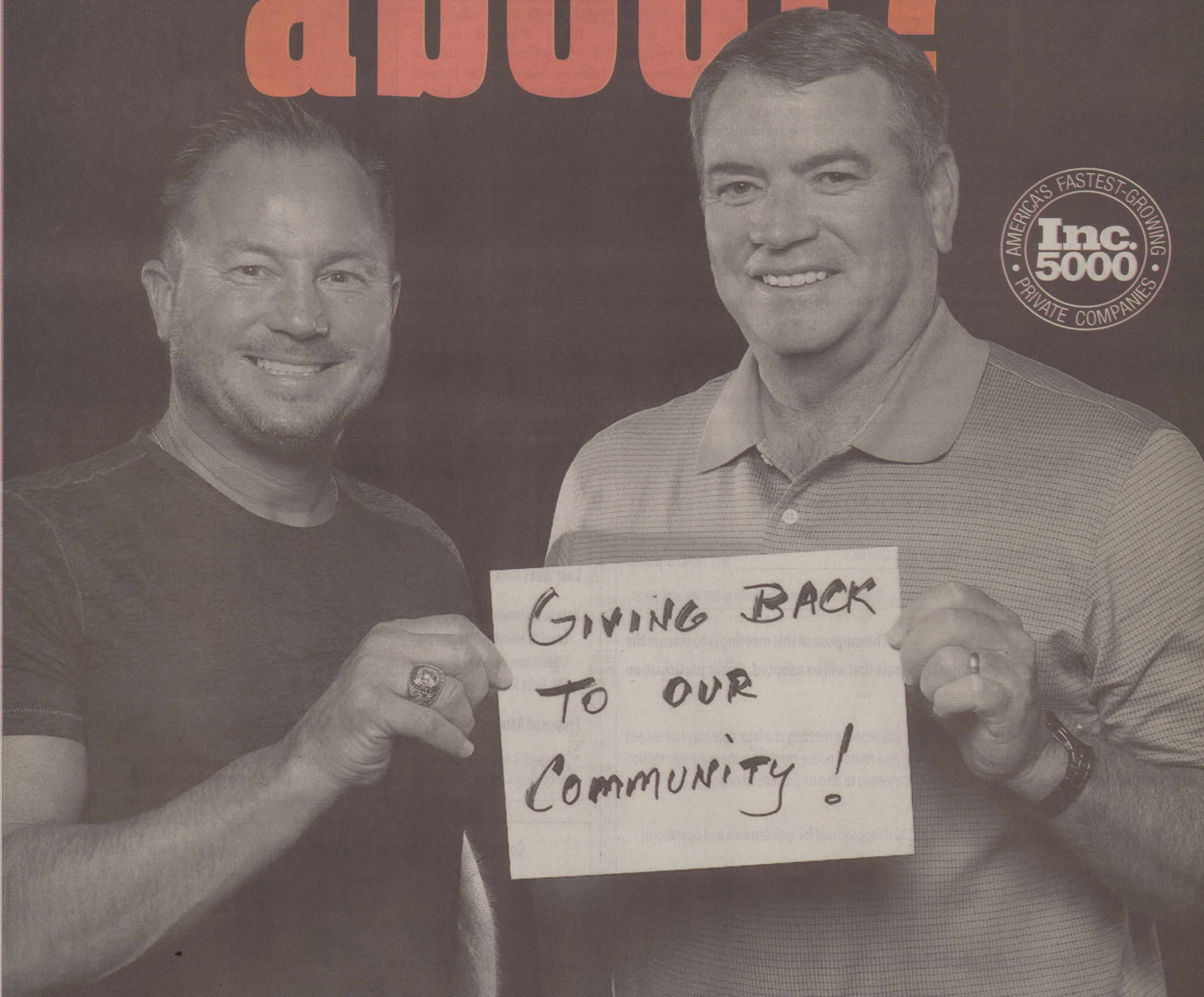
#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,452,591
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0



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




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## LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice of Effective Tax Rate

Property Tax Form 50-212

2017 (insert year) Property Tax Rates in City of Lockney (insert taxing unit name)  
This notice concerns 2017 (insert year) property tax rates for City of Lockney (insert taxing unit name)

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 143,441.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 143,441.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 34,430,365.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.41955000 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 143,441.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 36,005,220.00
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless taxing unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$ 0.3989587 /\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 143,441.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 35,953,880.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.3989587 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.443087500 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.43087500 /\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

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Insert address: 218 East Locust  
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# Floyd County's first "National Night Out"

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Floyd County celebrated its first National Night Out Sunday, Aug. 6 with community and law enforcement coming together in an atmosphere of fun to learn about public safety.



## Fourteenth edition of Keep Texas Beautiful Ornament

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The fourteenth edition of the Keep Texas Beautiful ornament honors the organization's 50th anniversary. First

known as Beauty Texas Council in 1967, the organization's goal was to clean up and beautify Texas for visitors attending the 1968 World's Fair in San Antonio, Hemi-

Fair. It was founded with support from the Texas Highway Department (now the Texas Department of Transportation), Texas Forest Service, Texas Garden Clubs, Texas

A&M Extension Service, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, U.S. Brewers Association, Dow Chemical Company, Civic Leaders of Texas and hardworking volunteers. The design of this year's ornament is a nod to Texas' history as home to Keep Texas Beautiful.

The cowboy hat has remained basically unchanged in construction and design since first created in 1865 by J.B. Stetson from Philadelphia. This western hat is worn today by more than just cowboys. It provides necessary shade to those working in the intense Texas sun and at the same time is a fashion statement for men and women alike. The brim width, crown height, or color chosen are as individual as the person wear-



ing it and a keen eye can tell where the wearer is from by the crease. The cowboy hat was chosen as the official hat for Texas in 2015.

After the Texas Revolution and Civil War, cowboys who were driving cattle across the state needed a new type of boot. As the cattle drives accelerated from the late 1800's, boot makers became

established in small towns near the primary cattle trails including Joe Justin's settlement in Spanish Fort, Texas, close to the Chisholm Trail. The contemporary cowboy boot evolved adding a pointed toe to make it easier to slip into the stirrup and a bigger, thicker, heel to not slip of the stirrup. Over time, different boots were created for riding, rodeo and walking. Today boots are very distinct in color, style, height, decoration and leather. Texas selected the cowboy boot as the official state footwear in 2007.

The lariat, lasso or riata, a well-known tool of the Tejano vaquero on the Texas frontier to control longhorns and mustangs, is made from stiff loop rope that is useful when cowboys and cowgirls are on horseback. Today while Texans still use a standard lasso for ranching, you can find lariat jewelry and neckwear ranging from leather to gold with simple and jeweled designs.

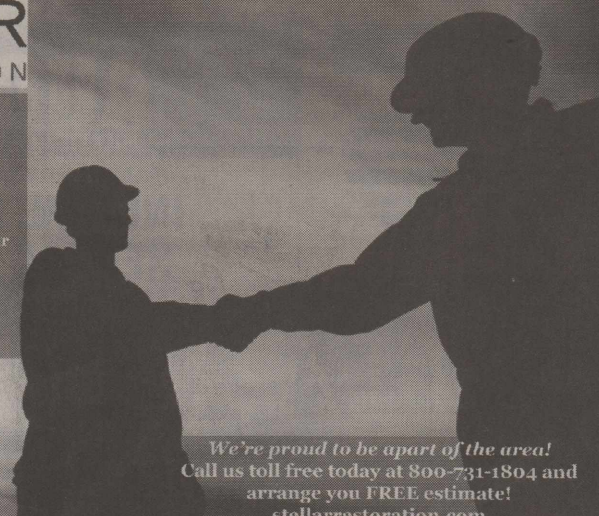
Since our beginnings, Keep Texas Beautiful has strived to counter the actions that negatively affect our environment. In 1968, Governor Preston Smith shared, "The answer to beautifications lies first in education and then a concerted action against blight of all sorts. It lies in the consciences of people and their leaders. The solutions will come when the people and the industrial community and the governmental subdivision of Texas tackle the problem together." Fifty years later we still know that Texans working together in the best solution for protecting our environment.

Cowboy hats, boots and lariats represent the Texas tradition and spirit of hard work, which is exemplified by Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates who work daily to further the organization's mission to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment.

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