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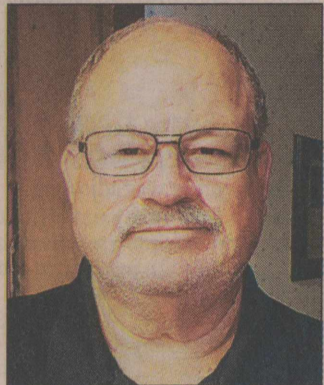
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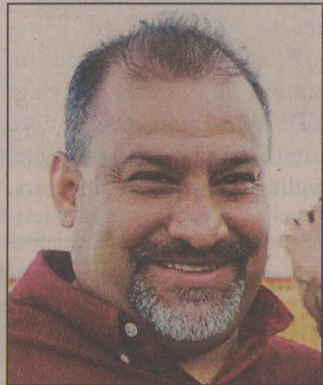
By Deon Fincher
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Three candidates are vying for the Mayoral position in Lockney. Early voting began April 23, and the election is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018.



Lockney Mayoral Candidate- Archie Jones

Archie Jones was born in Olton, Texas growing up in and around Lockney. He has lived in Lockney close to 45 years. Jones is married to Glenda, and they raised their two children in the Community. Adam resides in Canadian, Texas. Ashleigh lives in Lockney, Texas. Glenda, Archie's wife, taught school in Lockney for 38 years. Jones currently works with Atmos Energy. When asked why he decided to run for Lockney Mayor, he stated that he would like to be re-elected "...to finish what was started when I took over." If re-elected See **JONES**, Page 9



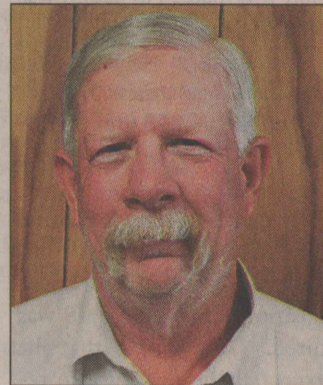
Lockney Mayoral Candidate- Michael DeLeon

Michael D. De Leon was born and raised in Lockney, Texas, graduating from LHS with the class of 1989. He married his wife, Amy 28 years ago. They have three children—Desiree, Destinee, and Dillon all of whom graduated from Lockney High School. DeLeon opened Main Street Pizza in March of 1991 and has been serving pizza to Lockney and the surrounding areas those 27 years. When asked why he decided to run for mayor, DeLeon replied stating, "I have always had a passion to get involved with my community. With 10 See **DELEON**, Page 9



Lockney Mayoral Candidate- Joey A. Smith

Lee A. Smith was born into a military family in Part Lavaca Texas. He grew up "...all over..." in Texas, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and for a short time, lived in the Azores. Smith graduated from high school in Clovis, New Mexico and enlisted in the Air Force. Smith came to Lockney in 2010 after separating from the military. For four years, Smith has worked at the Parent Adolescent Center (PAC) in Floydada where he works with a diverse group of students from various locales. When asked why he decided to run for mayor, See **SMITH**, Page 9



Lockney City Council, Dist. 4- David Cole

David Cole was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. He and his wife, Gayle, have been married 22 years and have three adult children. Those children have blessed them with three grandkids. In 1983, Cole graduated from Sam Houston State University with a BS in Law Enforcement and Police Science. The Coles moved into West Texas in 1996 and became residents of Lockney in 2004. With 27 years under his belt with the Texas Prison System Cole retired, and he and Gayle chose to stay in Lockney. When asked why he decided to run



Lockney City Council, Dist. 4- Lee St. Dennis

Loren Lee St. Dennis was born in Vancouver, Washington and was raised in that state. St. Dennis graduated from Ridgefield High School with the class of 1977. St. Dennis enlisted in the Air Force in 1980 and served 10 years as Supply/Logistics Management. St. Dennis came to Texas while in the service. St. Dennis married Teresa Luna in 2001, and they have six children. The St. Dennises moved to Lockney in 2010 to be close to family. St. Dennis works with the Central Plains Center in Plainview as the Military Veteran Peer Net-

The Hesperian-Beacon reached out to the three candidates and gathered basic information from each of them—Michael De Leon, Archie Jones and Joey A. Smith. Responses were printed based on alphabetical position.

Two candidates are vying for the Lockney City Council District 4 position left open by Councilman George Vilaral. Early voting has already started. That election will also take place on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

The Hesperian-Beacon also reached out to the two candidates and gathered basic information from each of them—David Cole and Loren Lee St. Dennis. Responses were printed based on alphabetical position.

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.

BOB WILLS DAY

Bob Wills Day will be held on Thursday-Sunday, April 26th - April 28th. For the complete schedule go to BobWillsDay.com

MINATURE BULL RIDING

Miniature Bull Riding on Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. Arena located north of Lockney on Hwy 378 next to the cemetery. \$3 cover. www.gombr.com.

DIAMOND DUSTERS SOFTBALL

The Diamond Dusters softball team from Floydada will be playing in tournaments in Brownfield on May 4-6, Ruidoso on June 8-10, and the Goliath Tournament in Lubbock on June 21-24. Watch for further info on times, etc. in future issues of the Hesperian-Beacon.

WHIRLWIND SPORTS BANQUET

The Floydada Whirlwind Sports Banquet will be held on Monday, May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Whirlwind Gym. Meal tickets are on sale now! See Mary Jane at the Library or any booster member for your ticket. Cost is \$12 per ticket. Meal is brisket, potato salad, baked beans, and all the trimmings along with dessert and tea/water.

See **UPCOMING**, Page 4

Correction

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

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Lighthouse Electric Co-op to Retire \$1.7m in Capital Credits

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Capital credit retirement checks will be handed out to Lighthouse Electric Cooperative members at the 79th Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday evening, April 26, 2018, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy, between Floydada and Lockney on US Highway 70. The Lighthouse Board of Directors, at their March meeting in Memphis, Texas, prior to the Hall County District Meeting, authorized the payment of \$1,700,000 in prior years' capital credit retirements for 2018.

A health fair, meal, activities for youngsters supervised by Floydada High School Band members and adult leaders, door prizes, attendance prize goodie bags, visiting with friends and neighbors, and learning more about their cooperative's business—along with the opportunity to pick up prior years' capital credit checks - serve as the draw for members who attend.

The meeting kicks off with a Health Fair at 3:30 p.m. featuring health screenings by area health care professionals and informational booths manned by volunteers from local and area organizations. Registration for the business meeting starts at 4:30 p.m., and the fish, chicken and barbeque meal catered by Danny's Fins & Hens begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The business meeting includes the election of three directors. This year's positions are Districts 2, 5, and 8. Chosen by the nominating committee to stand for election are: District 2 - Victor Smith and Wesley Campbell; District 5 - Aaron Wilson and Paul Schacht. Kreis McIntosh is not running for reelection in District 2, so Paul Schacht is the only incumbent. The District-8 nominee, elected by the membership present at the Hall County District Meeting in Memphis, Texas on March 29, is incumbent Dean Yarbrough.

Three separate drawings for prizes will be held, and the meeting will conclude with a drawing for the Grand Prize of \$750 cash.

All Lighthouse members and their guests are invited.

Local Pharmacy Uses New Technology

By Deon Fincher
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Hometown Pharmacy, Lockney, is using innovative technology to change how individuals in Briscoe county-get their prescriptions.

"Starting May 1, we will be set up to provide 'telepharmacy' care to patients of the Cogdell Clinic Briscoe County." Brant Guthrie, Pharmacy Manager/Pharmacist for Hometown Pharmacy is excited. "We are the first telepharmacy in Texas to go through the application process and get approved."

What is 'telepharmacy'? It is the newest technological process that allows pharmacies to reach into the remote, rural areas to service patients and to provide total care. The major benefit is just that—providing pharmacy services to those with no local access to a pharmacy.

According to evisit.com, telepharmacy provides, "...patient counseling, drug therapy monitoring, and refill authorization for the prescribed drugs,

monitoring or formulary compliance."

So how does it work? In Silverton, Hometown Pharmacy's telepharmacy will be housed in one of the clinic's patient rooms that has been adapted for this specific use. The doctor will see the patient, make the diagnosis, and write the prescription. The patient will go to the 'telepharmacy' right down the hall. A pharmacy technician will assist patients in communicating with the main pharmacy through an iPad. The pharmacist will be able to see and talk to the patient through iPad. The pharmacy technician will be able to fill the prescription on-site, negating long processing times or the need for the patient to drive to the nearest pharmacy.

"This technology gives us the opportunity to take healthcare to the rural areas," stated Guthrie. "It means that I will be able to see and visit with the customer. They can ask questions about medications, and it gives me, the pharmacist, opportunity to identify medication con-

flicts or problems." In the past, remote customers were having to use mail-order to get their prescriptions filled. The "live" program will speed up the processing time drastically.

Guthrie thanked the Briscoe Clinic, "The Cogdell Clinic has been more than helpful to provide a room. They have really been generous."

The 'telepharmacy' will be totally owned and operated by Hometown Pharmacy in Lockney, completely separate from the Cogdell Clinic administration.

"This is great for our community," stated Michelle Gamble, Clinic Manager for the Briscoe County clinic. "It means that our patients that are sick and really can't make the drive to a pharmacy will be able to obtain the medication, anyway."

The "next big thing" in pharmacy care has come to our area. For more information, contact Hometown Pharmacy in Lockney.

See **PHARMACY**, Page 9

New Spring Arrivals!
 Bridal Shower Selection
 Dixie Williams & Logan Everett ~ May 19

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 120 S Main Lockney (806) 652-2548

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 Baby Shower - Little & Larron Little - Baby Girl (shower 5-26)
 Wedding - Dixie Williams & Logan Everett (Shower 6-2)

Payne Pharmacy
 200 S Main St. Floydada (806) 935-5500 • (806) 935-7900 Denise Payne, R.Ph.

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Lockney School Board approves renovation plans

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Lockney ISD Board of Trustees, meeting in regular session on April 19, approved the construction and renovation plans for the Elementary School and Junior High. Following a presentation from BGR Architects and Lee Lewis Construction, the Board approved the renovation and selected the projects that fell within the budget constraints in the bond passed in 2016. In a related matter, the Board approved an agreement with Lee Lewis Construction to serve as construction manager for the projects.

In other action, the Board approved the payment of bills and financial report of \$5,482,516.88. The Board also approved extending electrical power to an additional barn at the Tye Facility prior to the insulation being installed in the new Ag/Animal Barn.

The Board approved an audit agreement with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP and an agreement with Interquest to continue supplying drug testing and the drug detection dog. The Textbook Allotment Certification was approved. A budget amendment was approved to add a line item for the purchase of a used bus from Kermit ISD.

Board members approved an amendment to the District of Innovation to allow for reduced contract days for teachers. The 2017-2018 calendar was amended to include the week of May 21-2 as instructional days due to the state pushing testing back to the middle of May. The Board also approved the 2018-2019

Instructional Calendar. In personnel matters, the Board accepted the resignations of Lucas Hall and Cash Fortune. Superintendent Jim Baum reported a total enrollment of 453 students including 215 at Elementary, 107 at Junior High and 131 at High School. The Board scheduled its next meeting for May 7 at 7:00 P.M.

Lockney City Council approves swimming pool mgmt, replaces entire EDC Board

By Deon Fincher
Hesperian-Beacon

The April 20, 2018 meeting of the Lockney City Council was called to order at the City Hall, 218 E. Locust. Those in attendance were Mayor Archie Jones, Dart Carthel-Dist. 3, Aaron Wilson-Dist. 2, Tyler Duniven-Dist. 5, George Villareal-Dist. 4, Donnie McLaughlin-Dist. 1, Lanny Voss-City Attorney, Buster Poling-City Manager and Laurie-City Secretary.

eight departments fighting the conflagration. McLaughlin proposed fining those that disregard the fire ban and initiate burning of trash. Discussion was made. No action was taken on the matter.

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Regarding authorities for signature cards, writing checks. The modification states that a member of the EDC Board together with the City Manager or Mayor would sign checks. Motion passed.

for the EDC was presented: Darrell Rasco, Abel Luna, Dan Smith, Jim Baum, Brent Barker, Keith Phillips and Brant Guthrie. Motion was made to appoint the slate of seven names present to serve as the EDC board. Motion passed. Motion to set effective date to May 1, 2018 was made. Motion passed.

Ruth Tapia requested time during the public forum. Addressing the Council, Tapia requested the city to pave the road in front of her family's property on East Bryant. She stated that the excessive speed of vehicle traffic as well as the dust created from large amounts of traffic is a nuisance. The property owners have made this request multiple times since they purchased the property in the 1950s. Discussion was made regarding the request. No action was taken.

McLaughlin reported that the Fire Department had received the \$3,800 grant monies from the Forestry Service for the recent classes.

Manager Polson stated that he would be comfortable with a review on years 2012, 2013 and 2014, then to get a certified audit report for 2015, 2016 and 2017. "Then we can move forward and have annual audits." The Council agreed.

A motion was made to remove all currently serving EDC board members. Motion passed. A list of volunteers willing to serve as directors

The meeting was adjourned.

The minutes from the March 17, 2018 minutes were distributed amongst the council. The minutes were accepted and approved.

Manager Poling reported that they had two applicants for the Water Department position. One candidate was hired. Poling said that he expected the new hire to report to work in two weeks.

There was no representation from the Lockney Economic Development Corporation; therefore, the presentation regarding Roxi's Attic was not presented.

The Council accepted a \$200 bid for the tool box by Ricky Hernandez. The Council accepted a \$150 bid for the spray rig by Michael Hernandez.

The meeting was adjourned.

Councilman McLaughlin advised the council that the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department had taken trucks out to numerous fires. The recent Briscoe County line fire had

Lee Stuckey, CPA representing Lewis, Kaufman, Reid, Stuckey, Gattis & Co. addressed the council regarding the status of the City's books, financial records and the preparations for the audit. Records beginning in 2012, and every year thereafter, will be included in the official review of documents. Stuckey projected that the audit would be costly. Due to the preponderance of documents, lack of internal controls in the early years, and present software issues, Stuckey was unsure that any auditors would be able to certify an audit. One option would be to agree to a Review, especially for the early years. Stuckey stated, "It doesn't appear, and I have found no evidence that any money was fraudulently taken. It looks

like filing issues with the tax agencies was the issue."

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Cardboard boxes unsystematically piled against the Baler room, blocking the entrance. All cardboard is required to be broken down flat and placed in designated receptacles. The continuation or termination of this cost-free program was an agenda item. The city has provided the cardboard baler as a service to community merchants.

Floydada Council addresses offenses, interim management appointment

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian Beacon

The Floydada City Council met on Tuesday, April 17 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Councilors present were: Dana Crossland, Gail DuBois, Sam Green, Karen Houchin, Steve Lloyd, Bettye King and Member at Large-Cory Speed; Mayor Bobby Gilliland, City Manager Jeff Johnston and City Secretary Silia Arrellano were also present.

'breaking down' of all cardboard boxes, and no inclusion of any type of packing material. The City employees are regularly finding un-broken cardboard boxes as well as regular trash placed in and around the baler sometime blocking safety exits to buildings. Alaniz provided numerous photographs of improper use of the baler. Other members acknowledged that this has been a constant problem.

There were no Forum Issues brought to the Council from the Public.

Johnston stated, "I hate to end a free program like this just because some businesses, flat-out, won't take the time to break down their cardboard." He added, "It's sad that abuse from a few will result in everyone losing that service."

The Floyd County Pioneer Association formally requested \$1200 from the Hotel/Motel Tax fund for assistance with the cost of the 2018 Old Settlers' Reunion event. The council voted unanimously to award those funds.

Mayor Gilliland closed the discussion stating, "People ought to take a little bit more pride in their town." Other members vocally agreed.

Two blocks of City property were proposed for inclusion to post for sale. The motion passed. The minimum bid will be the standard \$350/lot. The properties to be auctioned are Lots 2, 3, 14-15 and Lots 13-16, Block 1, Bartley Heights.

It was decided that the offenders should be contacted by written notice. If the rules continue to be broken, the cardboard baler trailers will be removed permanently.

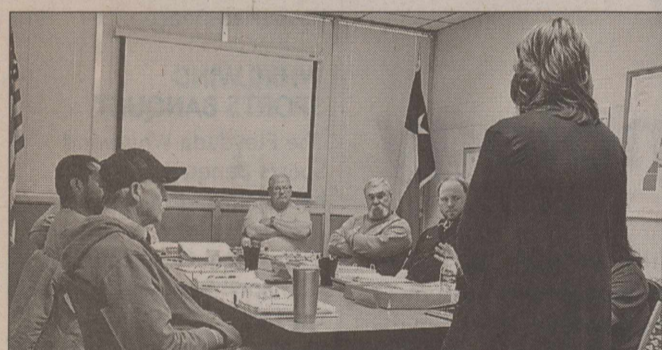
Jeff Johnston proposed that any City employees interested in obtaining their Certified Public Manager certification, a national trademark designation, be given the outlined course information. In the proposal, Johnston asked that the City pay for the course tuition. Discussion regarding the cost of the course, the students' attendance and academic requirements, and the most practical process of payment and or reimbursement was debated. Given the complexities at hand and the specific wording of the motion, it was decided to table the proposal until next meeting.

Appointment of an Interim City Manager was proposed. The council had decided in the previous meeting to table the review of applicants and the interview process until the new council members are inducted at the May 15th meeting. Concern was given for those that have already submitted complete applications. It was decided to notify them in writing as to the intent to delay the hiring process.

City employee Julian Alaniz addressed the council regarding the cardboard baler that is provided as a convenience to community businesses. Use of the baler is conditioned upon the

When asked for any candidates for the interim position, Johnston stated that Chief of Police, Darrell Gooch had expressed interest. After some discussion, the motion to appoint Gooch as Interim City Manager was put forth. The motion passed with Councilor King voting against.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Gilliland.



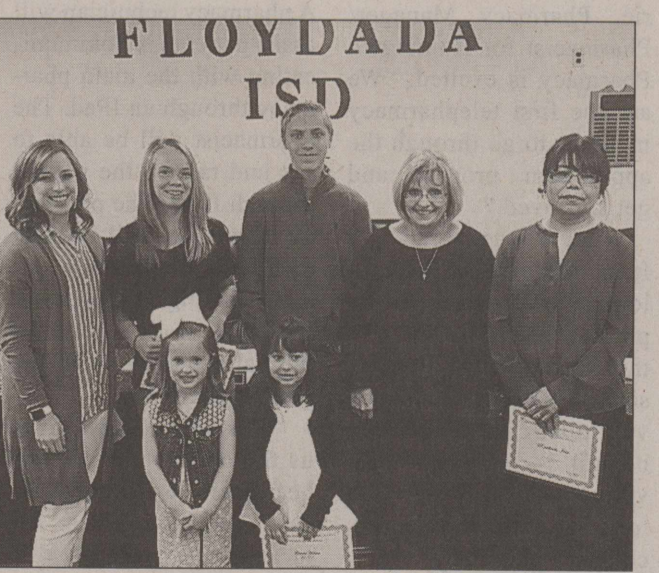
Lee Stuckey (standing) addresses the Lockney City Council regarding the audit preparations for 2012 - 2017 fiscal years. (L-R) Aaron Wilson, George Villareal, Donny McLaughlin (hidden), Mayor Archie Jones, Dart Carthel and Tyler Duniven.

FISD board renews food service agreement, accepts resignations

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

At the April meeting of the Floydada Independent School District, the board recognized the following students and educators of the month: AB Duncan Elementary Students of the Month: Parker Kellison, Sabastian Valdez, and Emma Holmes Grade-Pk Educator of the Month: Sarah Jo Graves FJHS/FHS FJH/ FHS Student of the Month: Camden Johnston-Grade-08, DJ Green Grade-11 Educator of the Month: Melva Dorman Support Staff of the Month: Linda Irlas

Roger Hughes made the motion to renew the agreement with SFE for food service management for the 2018-2019 school year, as presented by Dr. Gilbert Trevino. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.



The Floydada ISD Board met on Tuesday, April 10 and recognized the following students and staff for their efforts to make education the best it can be. Each month the staff selects students that exemplify education at its best and those students are recognized at the monthly school board meeting. The elementary students recognized were Parker Kellison, Sabastian Valdez, and Emma Holmes, Pre-K students at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The Junior High student of the month was Camden Johnston who is in the 8th grade at Floydada Junior High. The Floydada High School student recognized was D.J. Green who is a Junior. The elementary educator selected this month was Sarah Jo Graves who is a Reading Interventionist at A.B. Duncan Elementary. The secondary employer of the month was Melva Dorman who teaches 7th grade Science. Linda Irlas was also recognized for her work as the Head of Food Services for FISD.

Kay Brotherton made the motion to approve the use of TDA Equipment Grant funds to purchase kitchen and cafeteria equipment for each campus. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

In other board action, William Dean made the motion to approve the following items of consent. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. A. Approved the Minutes from March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting B. Approve May Board Meeting for May 8, 2018 C. The board reviewed payment of March 2018 Bills D. Accepted Resignations: Melva Dorman and Ernest Galvan E.

Lyle Miller presented the announcement of attendance and training hours for each board member.

TAX STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 2018			
TYPE	CURRENT TAXABLE VALUE	PERCENTAGE COLLECTED	PERCENTAGE DUE
MISO	\$2,852,286.58	\$2,757,419.62	96.47%
IAS	\$1,053,686.59	\$1,041,256.59	
MISO COLLECTED THIS TIME LAST YEAR		\$2,889,726.83	
IAS COLLECTED THIS TIME LAST YEAR		\$519,388.35	96.07%
MISO ON 313 AGREEMENTS	\$836,000.04	\$836,000.04	100%
IAS ON 313 AGREEMENTS	\$2,793,287.75	\$2,793,287.75	100%

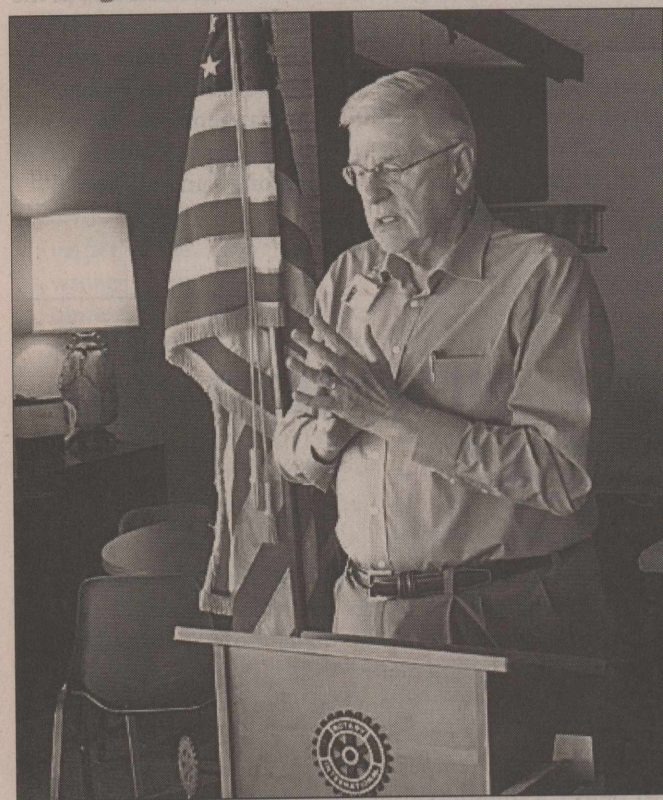
Gracie Diaz made the motion to pass a resolution authorizing participation in the Pace Purchasing Cooperative. Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Business Manager, Alicia Bice, presented the tax report and cash flow statement. FISD Board of Trustees held discussion on facility construction.

The board did not adjourn into executive session. Eric Smith made the motion to offer at-will employment to paraprofessional personnel and support staff for the 2018-2019 school year. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

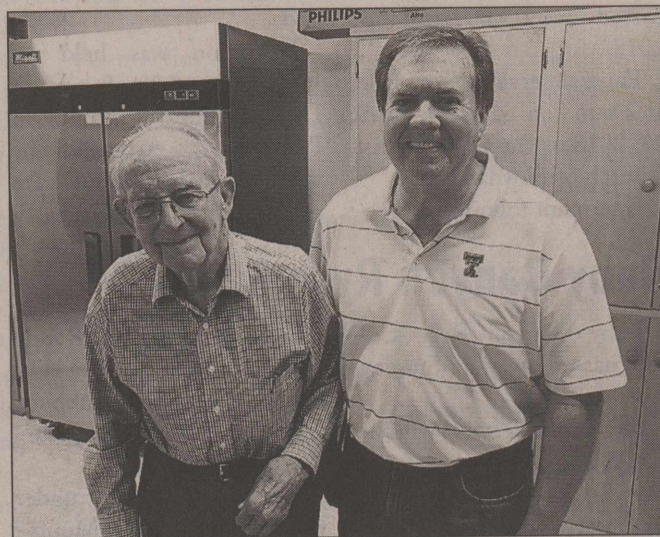
SOCIETY

Floydada Rotary Club



Jim Heitzenrater, CEO of Mangold Hospital addressed the Floydada Rotary Club on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. He spoke about the trafficking of children in this region of Texas.

Lockney Rotary Club



Courtesy Photo

One of our newest Club members, Rotarian Brent Barker, presented the program last Friday about his work. Brent works for the Federal Aviation Administration and currently serves out of headquarters in Washington, D.C. He brought a video produced by the Boeing Company on the "History of Flight." The video began with the "First Flight" by the Wright Brothers on December 17, 1903, and concluded with the Boeing 747-8 model, which began production in 2009. Brent works on a national resource team as an aviation specialist that provides technical support for all national air carriers. Brent grew up in Lockney and has returned home where he works from his home. Shown are (left to right) Claude Brown, a Rotary member for 70 years and Brent Barker, one of the newest members of the Lockney Rotary.

About Town...

Have you invested in Floydada recently? Investing in something does not always have to be done with a chunk of cash; sometimes, something as simple as a few hours of your time can make the difference.

Chris Blackburn, owner of this paper, asked me once, "What was it about this position that spurred you to contact me?"



DEON FINCHER

Without hesitation I replied, "I don't want our newspaper to disappear. Granted, right now, its value is not recognized, but by bringing the community back into the paper it, and this community, will thrive."

I guess he liked my answer; and now, that is my goal. Although I'm not throwing in a financial stake, I am, nonetheless, completely invested.

Every day I witness another dear soul that is generously giving all they have to the health of Floydada. Most often, these individuals go about their day and no one heaves them up on shoulders to recognize them, no one calls their name out to be acknowledged, no one says a simple, "Thank you." We should all be ashamed of that neglect.

Teachers, coaches, city employees, business owners-- they all are investing in this town. Truth be told, buying advertising in the paper or on the radio is a huge and much-needed investment. Taking an old building and renovating it for use is an investment. Taking that terrifying jump into business ownership is an investment--one that will change your life. Ask yourselves, "How can I invest in my community?"

Friends, its time we step off our porches and into the streets, shake hands with our neighbors, and go to work, together, on changing the image of our town. We must buy into the premise that Floydada is worth revitalizing, and under no circumstances are we going to sit back and watch it blow away.

Floydada offers City-Wide Cleanup Week

By Deon Fincher
Hesperian-Beacon

The City of Floydada announced its 2018 Spring Clean-up week scheduled May 21-27. The City encourages clean-up

efforts and provides the free landfill dumping and free drop-off locations within the city to assist its residents. During the week of May 21-27, free landfill dumping will be permitted to residents with a current City

of Floydada Utility Bill. Landfill hours are Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm, and Saturday May 26, 8 am-12pm. No tires or shingles please!

Two drop off locations will be available within the city

limits: 401 S. 2nd Street (The old Fina site) and 100 E. Virginia Street (next to the Animal Shelter). Trailers will be provided. For additional information, contact Floydada City Hall @ 806-983-2934.

Early voting in progress for May 5 elections

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

Early voting for the city council races for both Lockney and Floydada, as well as the school board race in Lockney began April 23.

Candidates running in Floydada's contested council races include Ismael Vega, Jr. who has filed to run for the District 4 position now held by Gail DuBois.

The other Floydada contested races are the At-large positions which have three candidates running for two positions. Those candidates are incumbent Cory Speed.

Those challengers for the At-large position are Tanner Batten and Gabriel de la Fuente.

District 1 Councilwoman Bettye King is running unopposed.

In Lockney, the mayor's race has three candidates. Michael DeLeon and Joe Smith will be contesting incumbent Archie Jones.

District 4 also has a contested race--Loren Lee St. Dennis has filed to run against David Cole.

District 5 incumbent Tyler Duniwen has filed once more, and he is running unopposed.

The Lockney Independent

School District has only one contested race for school board. Melinda Morales has filed to run in Place 2, currently occupied by Mike Lass.

In Place 2 Charles Keaton is unopposed. Both positions serve for three years.

The District 1 position in the Floydada Independent School District, currently held by Roger Hughes, and the District 2 position currently held by Dr. William Dean drew no opponents, so FISD will not hold a school board election this year.

The election will be held Saturday, May 5.

Old Settler's Reunion Chili Cook-Off

By Deon Fincher
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Entries for the Old Settler's Reunion Chili Cook-off are welcome right up until set-up day. The contest will abide by CASI (Chili Appreciation Society International) Rules. It is not necessary to be a member of CASI to compete.

The cook-off is located on the grass lot at Missouri Street and South 5th Street. Contestants may arrive at any time that allows for cooking on-site. Contest setup will be north of the EDC (Economic Development Commission) building. Turn-in of chili samples for judging will take place at 3:30 pm, Saturday.

Mac Sherman, Chili Cook-off Chairman pointed out, "No fillers, no beans, and no 'taters." CASI rules state that the chili must be of meat-sauce consistency.

The Pioneer Association will be awarding the following prizes to the winners of the contest: 1st Place-\$100 and a plaque; 2nd Place-\$50; 3rd Place-\$25.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada Senior Citizens is our business name, but anyone of any age is welcome to "eat in or take out, or have a meal delivered." Call us at 983-2032 for delivery service at no extra charge.

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Freida Dunn, BSN, ET, is present the 4th Thursday of the month for a blood pressure clinic, beginning at 11:30 weather permitting. Next clinic will be April 26.

Our next Bingo night will be Tuesday May 8. We open the doors at 5:30 and play from 6 to 8 p.m. We will have sandwiches, drinks and dessert available at that time. We

will also continue our progressive cash bingo game. Our "Money Pot" for the progressive blackout bingo is up to \$28.00. We also play for a cash prize each time. Mark your calendars and join us.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
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LOCKNEY - 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.

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Museum Archives

From Floyd County Hesperian Memories 1979

LOVELL L. JONES

By Lovell L. Jones

Lovell Leslie Jones was born November 29, 1899 in Springfield, Missouri to W. N. and Dora Frances Jones. He was the oldest of four children. His family moved to Electra, Texas in 1906. As the oldest, lots of duties fell to him. He remembers walking along the railroad tracks picking up coal that had fallen out of passing trains. Sometimes they would burn cow-chips for fuel. In 1916 he moved again to Floyd County into the Lakeview Community south of Floydada. His Dad left him alone at sixteen years of age to put in their first wheat crop. He slept in the barn in the loft and took his meals with the F.M. Price Family.

He recalls that he and Roe Jones (no relation) stole the clapper out of the school bell at Lakeview. Roe threw it away in a pasture as he walked home that afternoon. No one ever knew what happened to that clapper.

He met and married Alice Anderson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Anderson, also of the Lakeview Community. They went to Plainview and got married on December 4, 1923. They had \$7.50 in their pockets. They resided with his parents for a few months, until they could get a house of their own. Some six years later they had one daughter, Lovene. Times were hard and they both worked hard. Alice would cook for harvest hands. They worked day and night in shifts, so she was serving meals at all hours. In those days it took much longer to harvest the crops. To add to the family income, Lovell worked at Rutledge & Co. assembling combines. At that time, they came broken down in parts. Little by little they bought land and today he has a large number of acreage. He was a very progressive farmer and had the first irrigation well south of Floydada. Lovell bought the first

fertilizer in the county and put it on alfalfa and later tried it with success on wheat. Today fertilizer companies are big business on the South Plains.

In 1955, Alice passed away and he later married Lucille Parker Nance on September 4, 1956. He moved to Canyon to help her manage the ranch she and her late husband, George Nance, had built. Lucille and Lovell gave the ranch at a later time to West Texas University as a teaching facility.

Lucille was a collector of old world antiques and when they moved into Canyon from the ranch, they built a house designed to accommodate these antiques. In 1977, because of her ill health they moved to Lubbock. They gave the antiques to the South Plains Historical Museum of Canyon. On December 1, 1977, Lucille passed away. Lovell now makes his home at the John Knox Retirement Village of Lubbock.

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Charles Keith Bonner

Charles Keith Bonner, age 61, passed away Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Moore Rose Funeral Home Chapel of Floydada.

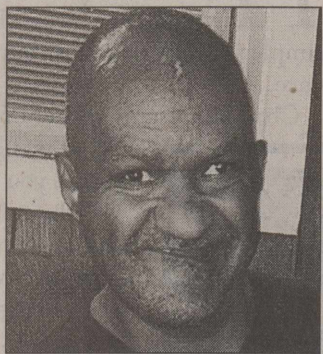
Interment followed at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Floydada.

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

Charles Keith Bonner was born on March 29, 1957 in Floydada, Texas, the youngest child of J.P. and Iva Jewel Bonner.

Charles attended Floydada schools and also participated in the Special Olympics with his classmates. An avid sports lover, Charles was the king of backyard three-pointers, as he loved to play basketball with his neighborhood friends. He loved all kinds of music and could win any dance contest with his famous "shoulder shake" and "shimmy".

Christmas was Charles' favorite holiday because he not only loved being showered with gifts, but somehow understood and embraced the true spirit of the season. Charles' favorite pastime was going for a ride to get a "Coke" and he loved to "interview" everyone that visited with his toy



CHARLES KEITH BONNER

microphone. Charles never met a stranger and his kind and sweet spirit will live on in those who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, J.P. and Iva Bonner, grandparents, Charlie and Annie Taylor, sister, Brenda Bonner and brother, Reginald Bonner.

Charles is survived by his brothers, Johnnie (Patricia) Bonner and Wilmer (Anita) Bonner; sister, Sandra (Randy) Sims; nieces, Andrea Bonner, Keisha White, Vondra (Hillis) Roberson, Regina (Corey) McCall and Angela Bonner; nephews, Charles Bonner and Carlos Miller; uncle, Charles (Gracie) Taylor; aunt, (Espernola) Fort and a host of family and close friends.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com

Doris Ledbetter

Doris Ledbetter, age 82, passed away on April 15, 2018.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Floydada.

Baby Canyon Ryse Cason

Baby Canyon Ryse Cason, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

Graveside service will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Floydada Cemetery.

Parents are Chris and Randi Cason of Shallowater.

Ben Molina Sr.

Ben Molina Sr., age 92, of Lockney, passed away on April 16, 2018.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Rosary was recited Friday evening at 6 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Lemons Funeral Home.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

The weather is nature's disruptor of human plans and busybodies. Of all the things on earth, nature's disruption is what we know we can depend on, as it is essentially uncontrolled by men.

- Criss Jami

I love to feel the temperature drop and the wind increase just before a thunderstorm. Then I climb in bed with the thunder.

- Amanda Mosher

In bad weather, I spent hours drawing action figures on paper, coloring them, backing them on cardboard, then cutting them out and creating whole stories around their lives.

- Terry Brooks

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.

- Charles Dudley Warner

Farms and ranches contend with much more than quarterly reports and profit margins - the weather can wreak havoc on their quality of life and economic viability. When natural disasters strike, we must do all we can to assist the backbone of our economy.

- Ruben Hinojosa

UPCOMING

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OLD SETTLER'S DAY QUILT SHOW

Old Settler's Day is Saturday, May 12, 2018. Something new has been added with the Quilt Show. Along with the quilt competition there will be antique Bonnet entries in the Barrow building west of the Floyd County Historical Museum. For more info, see the article in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday, May 12th is Old Settlers!!! Downtown Floydada - Lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy. Mark your calendars now!!! Watch for more info in

the upcoming weeks.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP WEEK

The City of Floydada announced its 2018 Spring Clean-up week scheduled May 21-27. The City encourages clean-up efforts and provides the free landfill dumping and free drop-off locations within the city to assist its residents. For more info see the article in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

FBC LOCKNEY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First Baptist Church of Lockney will have their Vacation Bible School on June 11-14, 2018. For more info, contact the church at 806-652-3361 or look on their website at www.fbclockney.com

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A Two-Year-Old's Plea

Jesus said, "Anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
— Mark 10:15 (NIV)

I enjoy babysitting my granddaughter, Molly. But recently she had a fever and didn't feel well. An unhappy, sick two-year-old can be a challenge. Yet Molly has taught me a lesson about God's love.

When Molly feels sad or stressed and needs comforting, she doesn't cry or demand to be held. She looks up at me and says, "I need to hold you," as if I were the one who needed comforting! How could anyone resist a plea like that?

Our relationship with Jesus can be that way as well. Too often the only time we ask for Jesus' comforting arms is when we are in trouble. What we don't realize is that, like Molly,

he is always saying to us, "I need to hold you." Jesus wants to hold us even when we don't realize it or think that we need him to. He wants to be our refuge and strength — and not just in times of trouble. How can we resist a plea like that?

We are all God's children. And, like Molly, we need to say to our heavenly Father, "I need to hold you." In Mark 10:16 we are assured of God's response: "[Jesus] took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

— Miles Q. Turner (Illinois)

Prayer for the day: Dear Jesus, we want to feel the safety of your embrace. We need your loving arms around us today and every day. Amen.

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<p>Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church 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>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. *****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ 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>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. *****</p> <p>First Baptist Church Lockney</p>	<p>Joseph Tillery, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church 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>First United Methodist Church 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>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church 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>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</p>	<p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista 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>San Jose Catholic Church Lockney Fr. Arockia Dhass Jeganathan Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study 10 a.m. - Mass Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation - CYO to follow Thurs. - 6:30 pm - Evening Mass *****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God 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.</p>	<p>Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada Rev. Ruban Selvaraj 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem 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>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly 500 W. Houston Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
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AGRICULTURE

Floydada Co-Op breaks records

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

Hollywood has its "red-carpet" event. The Floydada Cooperative Gins' Annual Meeting could be considered Floyd County's "red-carpet" affair. Don't get me wrong--there were no sequined, virtually transparent evening gowns; there were no "split-tails", cummerbunds or delicately manipulated satin bow ties. Truth be told, Wrangler brand was probably the predominate designer of the night; but in Floyd County it is common knowledge that grossly-expensive clothing is no measure of a man, or woman, for that matter. What made this meeting "the event to attend" was the Who's Who of individuals sitting in the room. There, in one, lively group (eating Bar-B-Que, no less!), sat the backbone of Floyd County's Agriculture Industry.

That's not just me blowing my trumpet. This year's numbers speak for themselves. The business ginned 126,220 bales for the 2017 season, well over last year's total bales of 112,423. This led to a solid 25% increase in total ginning sales over the previous year. When asked to comment on this past season, Hendricks joked, "They said we would have a bad year, with buying Scott Gin and all, but I'm excited!"

As the Independent Auditor's Report was being read, the crowd settled into the program. Looking around the room I saw 'oldtimers', 'baby-boomers', 'generation y-ers', and even some 'generation z-ers'. (I had to look those last two up in the internet dictionary.) This congregate was a true conglomerate of ages-including all the babies! Yes. Tomorrow's farmers were in attendance learning the ropes of annual meeting etiquette. It was crystal clear--this farming lifestyle is built around strong family bonds. Our community is built upon the families that work day-in

and day-out with very little limelight on their contributions, and the majority of the rest of our population is the support for the agricultural producers. This is often an overlooked fact.

As Hendricks was given the microphone, a moment of silence was observed for those landlords that passed this year: Dwight Teeple, Franklin Nixon and Imogene Bowman. Hendricks related activities, both pro and con, that make up the ginning season: long hours, lots of miles driven, tired employees, longer seasons, fires and mechanical issues. Even through all of the challenges, the gins exceeded last year's production. "It all starts with you," stated Aaron Hendricks, Manager of the Floydada Co-op Gins. "A Co-Op is only as strong as its members. I thank all of you here tonight for your

loyalty and for sticking with the Gin."

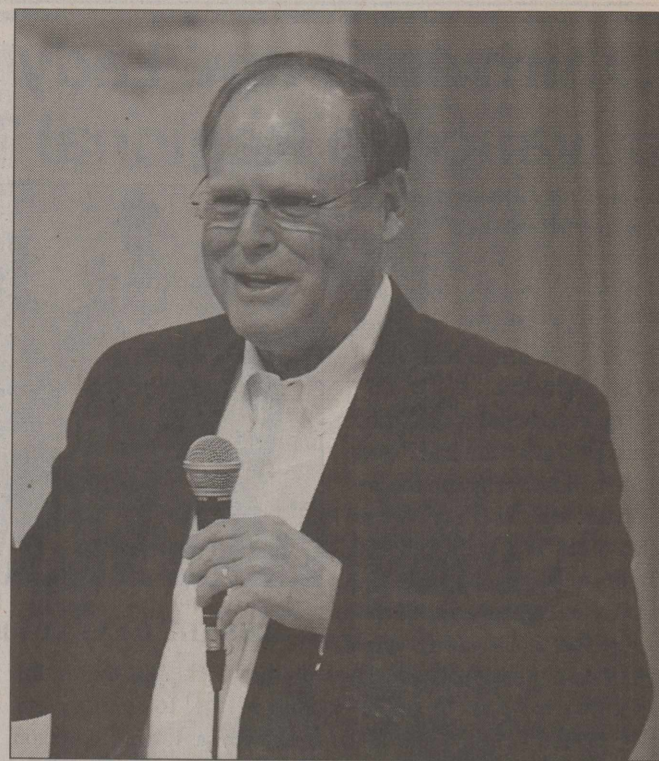
As meetings go, this one was not very different than most. Everyone enjoyed the meal that was catered by----- it was simply "good eats." Nominations for board members were presented and voted upon. Danny Nutt and Jon Jones, both incumbent directors, held their positions. After the business was concluded, everyone located their door-prize tickets, and the "gettin' got good!" Not just for the adults, but there were door prizes for the little ones as well. Through the generosity of members, suppliers, and cotton advocates the crowd was showered with everything from candles, home décor and jewelry to tools, ice chests and cold, hard cash. The kiddos got to choose from a variety of sports equipment

and toys.

With the business completed, President Mark Sanders adjourned the meeting.

Suppliers and advocates present: The Cotton Board/Cotton, Inc., Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, the National Cotton Council, Plains Cotton Growers, PYCO Industries, Plainview Co-Op Compress, Inc.

According to Cristen Brooks, Floyd County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, 202,570 acres of cotton were harvested in this county in 2017. Compared to 171,871 in 2016 and 138,822 in 2015. When asked to explain the rise in cotton acres, Brooks stated that the sorghum and corn acreage decreased primarily due to the 2015 sugar aphid and the drop in price for the resources since 2015.



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Aaron Hendricks, Manager-Floydada Co-Op Gins, gives details of the blockbuster ginning season to Co-Op Producers.

How Puts Works like Insurance on Your Crop

By Cristen Brooks
County Extension Agent
Floyd County

When someone mentions options, especially puts and calls, most producers run for the hills because it can get very complicated in a hurry. However, if you know how to use these options to your advantage they can provide a solid marketing plan to your operation. Today I'm going to describe how a put works like car insurance.

Most people would never own a car without buying insurance on it, and the same can be said for a crop. Sure most people take out crop insurance...but what about price insurance. A hail storm is not the only thing that can hurt your pocket book; in fact most producers would prefer hail over a drop in market price any day of the week.

The first thing to know and recognize is that the market is very volatile. Anything and everything can affect it, including war in a foreign country or a drought in the Midwest. Knowing this about the market, it only makes sense to take out an insurance policy against price decreases. So how does a put work like insurance on a car? Let me explain.

You take out a car insurance policy that costs you \$1000 per year. That cost is a sunk cost, you will never get that money back. It is the money you are paying to protect your car in case

of an accident. Now, is your goal to actually use that insurance policy and hope that you have \$5000 worth of repairs but it only costs you \$1000? Of course not, you don't buy the policy with the intention of cashing in on it. Because cashing in on it means that you got in a wreck! The fact is that you hope you never have to use it.

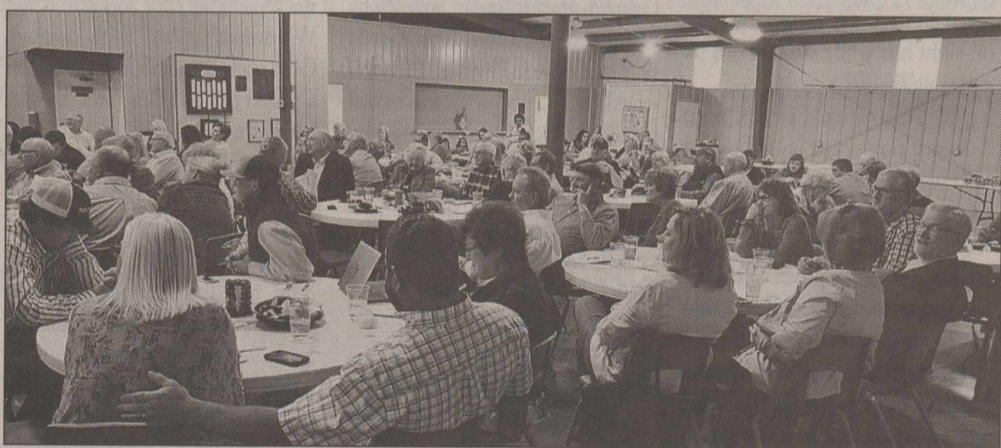
Puts works the same way. Let's look at an At the Money put on Dec 2018 corn right now. For those that don't know what "At the Money" means, it is just a term to refer to an option that is where the current market price is now. So an "At the Money" put would be a put at \$4.00 because that is where the market is currently at, or where the market was at when I wrote this article. So a \$4.00 put will cost you around 25 cents. Consider that 25 cents a sunk cost. That's your premium for your insurance policy. Just like your \$1000 you paid for your car insurance, your 25 cents per bushel is your insurance premium.

So how is this 25 cents protecting you? This 25 cents gives you a price floor. If you get into a wreck in your car you are protected. Same goes for the market on corn, if it gets into a "wreck" and drops considerably then you are protected. Your price floor is 3.90 minus your "premium" of 25 cents, or 3.75. That means if tomorrow you wake up and the price of corn drops to \$2.50, you are protected by

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2018 Floydada Cooperative Gins Board of Directors (L to R): Brian Teeple-Sec., John Jones, Taylor Beedy, Greg Bishop, Victor Smith-V.P., Danny Nutt, Aaron Hendricks-Mgr./Treas., and Mark Sanders-Pres. Not shown: Arleen Nixon-Exec. Secretary.



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The impressive number of attendees at the Annual Meeting of the Floydada Cooperative Gins, held last Thursday at the Unity Center.

Texas High Plains under extreme drought

By Kay Ledbetter
Texas AgriLife

AMARILLO – The Texas High Plains is under extreme drought and if current conditions continue, producers need to make important decisions for summer crops, said Dr. Jourdan Bell, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist in Amarillo.

"The current U.S. Drought Monitor is reporting we are in a Stage 4 drought," Bell said. "With that, many producers are having to make critical management considerations as they are approaching summer planting season."

Fortunately, the region's extended precipitation forecast is improving, she said. The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center is now predicting the region will have equal changes of above or below average precipitation.

"What does that mean for a producer? Well hopefully it will not be as dry as previously predicted, but we still do not have a positive forecast," Bell said. "Unfortunately, temperatures are still projected to be above average, and because temperatures are a key driver in crop water use, we are still at risk for crop stress under dryland and limited irrigation."

With summer planting, it is important to know how much moisture is in the soil profile, "because that is our bucket," Bell said. "With that, it's also important to know what crops

will be planted and what is their rooting depth. That will help us determine how much subsoil moisture we have and how far it will carry a crop through the growing season, especially if we don't receive timely moisture."

Many producers are having to pre-irrigate, so they can have sufficient moisture in the seed zone to germinate summer crops, she said. Under dryland situations, producers are having to decide if they are going to postpone planting.

"Our current forecast is actually calling for precipitation. If we do get rain, many producers are evaluating how soon they will plant dryland acreage," Bell said. "But even with a precipitation event, it will depend on the amount of rain we receive and the rate it falls to determine the effectiveness of the precipitation event. One rain is not going to break the drought situation we are in."

The Texas High Plains is dependent on winter precipitation in the form of snowfall to build up soil moisture during the fallow period, she said. Across the region, negligible snow fell this winter and rainfall has been anywhere from less than a tenth of an inch to about 3/10ths of an inch for the entire winter.

"On the bright side, we are very fortunate because we had very good early fall precipitation, so in many areas we still have good subsoil moisture," Bell said.

She estimated under no-till

and especially under good residue, soil moisture may be 4-6 inches deep; under cultivated or tilled ground, subsoil moisture may be 8-10 inches.

"It is important for producers to evaluate the depth to moisture before they begin to pre-irrigate," Bell said. "Soil moisture sensors are an invaluable tool not only for scheduling in-season irrigation, but also determining how much pre-irrigation is needed."

That subsoil moisture also allows dryland producers to gauge precipitation in the forecast to determine if it will give them enough moisture to plant on, she said.

"Even if we receive up to a half inch, that's probably not going to be enough, because roots will not grow through dry soil to reach the wetter subsoil."

The primary crops grown in this region under irrigation are corn and cotton, she said. As producers evaluate the forecast and probability of precipitation, many are opting to split irrigated acreage between corn and cotton so they will have sufficient water to meet critical crop water demands throughout the summer.

"For crop insurance purposes, corn needs to be planted on or before June 5 for counties in the Texas High Plains, but planting later in June shifts the critical water demand period of tasseling out of some of the hotter periods of summer," Bell said.

"Often we will see greater kernel set and sometimes benefits by planting that crop even later in the summer. So, producers have to evaluate how they manage their insurance programs with regards to their planting times."

For grain sorghum under both irrigated and dryland production systems, producers do have flexibility with planting dates, she said.

"We do find producers are able to make a very good sorghum crop, even planting into late June. That does provide a little bit of flexibility as they watch the weather," she said. "They can wait and plant the crop if we receive timely rains. Also, planting later will move that critical growth stage of growing-point differentiation and flowering later into the season when we are not as hot."

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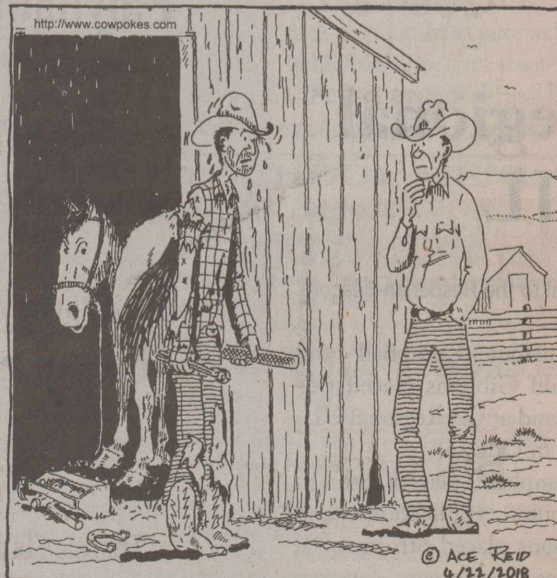
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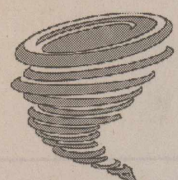
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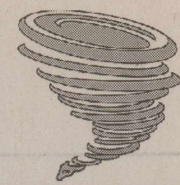
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Floydada Whirlwinds



Whirlwinds and Lady Winds advance to Regional Track Meet

By Jacob Chavarría
FHS Journalism Class

The Whirlwinds and Lady Winds competed at the Area 3-4 2A track meet Friday, April 20 in Abernathy.

The Whirlwinds varsity who placed 4th as a team had 7 boys qualify individually for the regional meet. The Lady Winds placed 3rd as a team and had 3 girls qualify individually and 1 relay to compete at the area meet. The top 4 varsity relays and varsity individuals are the ones that move on to the regional meet.

In the varsity boys division, Kaleb Crone ran a time of 11:08.00 to place 5th and will be an alternate for the regional meet. In the 800-meter run James Gibbens placed 2nd with a time of 2:08.38 while teammate Andrew Vega placed 4th with a 2:09.81. In the 800-meter relay Rosendo Reyna, Gabe Delafuente, Jerry Reyes, and Jeremiah Johnston placed 5th and ran a 1:32.84 as a team. In the 110-meter hurdles Miguel Pena came in 3rd with a time of 15.95. Alejandro Pinon placed 3rd to advance to regional with a 55.34 in the 400-meter dash. James Gibbens came out with



Photo by Jacob Chavarría

FHS FIELD EVENT REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

another 2nd place finish this time in the 1600 meter run and with a time of 5:00.66. The 1600-meter relay placed 5th with a 3:34.02, this team consisted of Jeremiah Johnston, Jerry Reyes, Rosendo Reyna, and Alejandro Pinon.

In the varsity boys field events Luke Holcombe placed 2nd in discus with a throw of 134ft. 10in. Miguel Pena placed 3rd in high jump with a jump of 6 ft. In pole vault Gabe Delafuente came in 2nd with a height of 11ft. 6in. In shot put Luke Holcombe with a throw of 40ft. 7in. put him in 6th place. Marcus Perez placed 2nd in triple jump with a 41ft. 8.75in. jump.

On the varsity girls side

Kiana Brown placed 1st in both the 100 and 200-meter dash with a 12.37 and 25.96 respectively. The 800-meter relay, which consisted of Kylie Ricketts, Dora Cervera, Azeala Garza and Kiana Brown placed 3rd with a time of 1:49.58. Kylie Ricketts jumped a height of 4ft 10in in high jump to place 2nd. Kiana claimed her 3rd individual area title this time in pole vault with a height of 9ft. 3in. In discus Ali Gonzales threw 92ft. 11in. to place 3rd. Lastly Kiana placed 2nd in triple jump with a leap of 33ft. 6in.

Good luck to these athletes that are advancing on to compete in Odessa on Friday and Saturday.

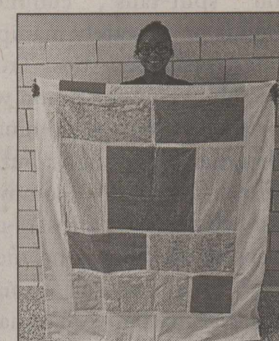
Floydada Girls Track



Courtesy Photo

Floydada High School Girl's Track team is heading to Odessa to the 2A Regional meet.
Congratulations to Kiana Brown 1st place - 100, 1st place - 200, 1st place - Pole Vault, 2nd place - Triple Jump; Kylie Ricketts 2nd place - High jump; 4x200 - 3rd place - Dora Cervera, Azeala Garza, Kylie Ricketts, and Kiana Brown; Aliana Gonzales - 3rd place - discus. Good luck girls!!!

Crossland's Quilt class



Courtesy Photos

Students show off their beautiful quilts from Mrs. Dana Crossland's class.

Lady Winds fall to Abernathy

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Abernathy pitching limited the Floydada Lady Winds to one run on two hits and clinched a share of the District 2-2A softball crown with a 9-1 victory on April 14.

In the top of the first, the Lady Lopes jumped out to a 2-0 lead. Makayla Pierson reached on an error to lead off the game. Jocelyn Alvarado followed by also reaching on an error. Pierson stole third and Alvarado stole second. With one out, Pierson scored on a wild pitch as Alvarado moved to third. Jayden Olivas-Salas was thrown out at first on dropped third strike, but Alvarado scored, giving Abernathy the 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Alyssa Obregon walked to lead off for the Lady Winds. Hannah Morales reached on an error as Obregon moved to second. Stefanni Chavarría reached on a fielder's choice but Obregon was thrown out advancing to third. With two outs, Alexis

Hernandez reached on an error that allowed Morales to score, but Abernathy held a 2-1 lead after one inning.

Neither team scored in the second inning.

In the top of the third, Pierson singled to lead off the inning the Alvarado reached on an error. Jocelyn Aguirre reached on an error that loaded the bases. Olivas-Salas drove in Pierson with a sacrifice fly then Alvarado scored on a passed ball. Ireland Caro grounded into a fielder's choice that scored Aguirre, giving Abernathy a 5-1 lead. Floydada went down in order in the bottom of the inning.

With one out in the top of the fourth, Taelor Liess doubled then Arianna Martinez was hit by a pitch. Pierson drew a walk to load the bases then Alvarado singled driving in Liess and Martinez. With Pierson on third, Aguirre drove in Pierson on a fielder's choice then with two outs, Alvarado scored on a passed ball as Abernathy took a 9-1 lead. Floydada failed to score in their half of the

fourth.

Neither team scored again in the game and the Lady Lopes took home a 9-1 victory.

For Floydada, Obregon went 2-2 and Morales went 0-4 and scored a run. Morales pitched seven innings allowing nine runs on eight hits while striking out six and walking one.

For Abernathy, Pierson went 2-3 with three runs scored, Alvarado went 2-4 with two RBIs and three runs scored and Olivas-Salas went 1-3 with two RBIs. Caro pitched seven innings allowing one run on two hits while striking out 12 and walking three.

Floydada falls to 8-3 in district but has clinched a playoff spot and currently are in third place. Abernathy improves to 10-1 and clinched at least a share of the district title. Ralls is in second place at 9-2 while Lockney is 5-5, New Deal is 4-6 and Crosbyton and Hale Center are 1-10.

Floydada played New Deal on April 17 to finish the regular season and Abernathy played Lockney.

Whirlwinds come from behind to defeat Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada scored seven runs in fifth and sixth innings to overcome a seven-run deficit to defeat Crosbyton 10-9 on April 17 in a District 3-2A baseball.

Crosbyton jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first. Landon Clark single to lead off for the Chiefs. Clark moved to second on a fielder's choice and moved to third on a passed ball before being driven in on a single by Manny Vega. Vega moved to second on an error then scored as Evan Guerrero reached on an error. Koby Houston doubled then Bryce Garcia singled to drive in Guerrero. Houston scored on an error as Garcia moved to second. Andrew Salas reached on an error as Garcia scored and Salas reached third, giving Crosbyton a 5-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Alex Glass led off with a walk then scored when Jordan Mendoza reached on an error. Mendoza scored on another error as the Winds cut the Crosbyton lead to three at 5-2 after one inning.

In the top of the second, Julius Vasque drew a lead off walk then Clark doubled. Ashton Morales singled to drive in Vasque and Clark. With one out, Guerrero doubled to drive in Morales, giving Crosbyton an 8-2 lead. The Whirlwinds were unable to score in the bottom of the second.

With two outs in the top of the third for Crosbyton, Vasque drew a walk and moved to third on a double by Clark. Morales singled to drive in

Vasque as the Chiefs stretched their lead to 9-2. Floydada was unable to score in the bottom of the third.

In the top of the fourth, Crosbyton failed to score. In the bottom of the inning for Floydada, Andrez Suarez led off with a single then moved to second on a wild pitch. Ethan Ibarra was hit by a pitch but was forced out at second as Jacob Chavarría hit into a fielder's choice that allowed Suarez to score. Crosbyton still led 9-3 after four innings.

After Crosbyton went three up and three down in the top of the fifth, Floydada added three runs. Jose Lira reached on an error to lead off the Whirlwinds' at bat. With one out, Glass walked. Lira moved to third on a passed ball and Glass stole second, but Lira was picked off at third. Mendoza reached on an error that allowed Glass to score. Marcus Perez singled as Mendoza moved to third. M Perez stole second then Suarez singled to drive in Mendoza then M Perez scored on an error, but Crosbyton still held a 9-6 lead after five innings.

Clark led off for Crosbyton in the top of the sixth by drawing a walk but was forced out as part of a double play. Crosbyton was unable to score in the inning. In the bottom of the inning, Luke Holcombe reached on an error then moved to second on a single by Mike Delafuente. Lira cleared the bases with an inside-the-park home run, driving in Holcombe and Delafuente to tie the score, 9-9. Angel Cervera doubled, moved to third on a wild pitch then scored on a triple by Glass. Glass was thrown out trying

to steal home. M Perez singled with two outs then Suarez singled to move courtesy runner Gerry Reyes to second, but a strikeout ended the inning as Floydada held a 10-0 lead after six innings.

Crosbyton failed to score in the top of the seventh as the Whirlwinds claimed the 10-9 victory.

For Floydada, Lira went 1-2 with three RBIs and one run scored, Suarez went 3-3 with one RBI and one run scored and Glass went 1-2 with one RBI and two runs scored. Devan Perez pitched one inning allowing eight runs on six hits while walking one and M Perez pitched six innings allowing one run on six hits while striking out five and walking two.

For Crosbyton, Morales went 2-4 with three RBIs and one run scored, Clark went 3-3 with two runs scored and Houston went 3-4 with one run scored.

Floydada has claimed the third seed out of the district. They were open on Saturday, April 21 and played their final regular season game against Springlake-Earth on April 24. The Whirlwinds will play the number two seed out of District 4-2A in Bi-District next week. Abernathy and New Deal are tied for the first two seeds and Lockney has the fourth seed.

Campbell, Gibbons compete at Regional UIL

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Kourtney Campbell and Donald Gibbons placed this weekend at the Regional UIL meet in Odessa.

Campbell placed 6th in computer applications and Gibbons placed 6th in social studies.

BI-DISTRICT SOFTBALL PLAYOFF GAME

Floydada Lady Winds vs. Sanford Fritch (1 game playoff)

Thursday, April 26, 2018 6:00 p.m. @ Sundown

\$3.00 students \$5.00 adults District/family passes accepted

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

April 30 - May 4

Monday

Breakfast - Cinnamon apple muffin, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk

Lunch - Breaded beef fingers w/roll, grilled cheeseburger, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Cheese enchiladas w/Spanish rice, turkey and cheese sub, seasoned refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Turkey pancake breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Salisbury steak w/roll & rice, grilled cheeseburger, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Sausage breakfast pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Crispy beef tacos w/Spanish rice, cheese pizza, seasoned Mexican pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Beef nachos, breaded chicken sandwich, seasoned refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

District 2-2A Baseball Standings

*2-2A BB	W	L
P2-Abernathy	11	2
P2-New Deal	11	2
P2-Floydada	10	4
P2-Lockney	8	6
Ralls	4	9
Olton	3	10
Hale Center	4	9
Crosbyton	2	11
P1-Springlake	0	0

P2-Clinched 2A Playoff Spot
P1-Clinched 1A Playoff Spot

*Games against Springlake do not count in district standings
Schedule for April 24 (end of season)

Abernathy vs Ralls
New Deal vs Crosbyton
Springlake-Earth vs Floydada
Hale Center vs Olton
Lockney - OPEN

District 2-2A Softball Standings

2-2A SB	W	L
DC-		
Abernathy	11	1
P-Ralls	10	2
P-Floydada	8	4
P-New Deal	6	6
Lockney	5	7
Crosbyton	1	11
Hale Center	1	11

DC - District Champs
P - Playoff Spot

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Lockney Longhorns

Lockney Elementary students 'Get Down'



Lockney PreK students do the Limbo to Rose Royce's "Car Wash" during the Movin' & Groovin' PE and Music Movement Program.



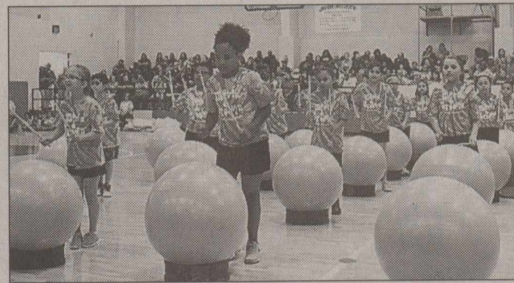
Lockney Kindergarten move and groove with a parachute choreographed to "Takin' Care of Business" by Bachman-Turner Overdrive Jock Rock Volume 1.



Lockney 1st grade students do the Limbo to Rose Royce's "Car Wash" during the Movin' & Groovin' PE and Music Movement Program.



Lockney 2nd grade students show off their boots while toe-tapping to Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots are Made for Walking."



Lockney's 3rd graders pounded to the beat of "Rock and Roll All Night" by Kiss as they moved the program along Thursday evening.



Principal Jean Anne Williams and Superintendent Jim Baum surprised the 5th grade's pillow-case routine by joining in as Sandy and Danny as the entire group 'be-bopped' to Grease's "You're the One That I Want."

Ever tried to dance horizontally? Lockney's 4th graders demonstrated their skill as the music of Santa Esmerelda's "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood" played in the background.

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Elementary presented their 7th Annual PE and Music Movement Program, last Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Julie Dorman, Kristy Lefevre and Debra Lee planned, practiced and guided the Lockney Elementary Students through this year's "Movin' & Groovin'" production.

When asked what initiated the program, PE Teacher Julie Dorman replied, "A workshop! I was too chicken to do it that first year but decided to get it started the next year. Each year the presentation brings in a packed house." Now in its seventh year, many parents begin showing up at the High School's Gym hours early, "...to make sure they get seats."

The music and dance production involved each of the elementary grades. Some routines combined all the students, and others featured one grade at a time. Depending on age, individual groups got to perform multiple routines.

Parachutes, Lummi Sticks, Basketballs, Agility Ladders, Tinkling, Hula Hoops, Limbo, Drums, Geo-Mats and Pillow Cases were some of the supporting props used during the routines. Classic titles such as "Locomotion," "Car Wash" and "The Hustle" were featured in the "groovin'" production.

"This program takes 9 weeks to put together. The younger ages have to start practicing well in advance of the performance," explained Ms. Dorman. As the kids get older, they are better able to pay attention, understand directions, and relate

the choreography to the music selections. "It was so nice when the teachers came in to learn their routine. I only had to explain once... and they all just did it the first time." The "Surprise Routine" performed by the teachers incorporated a parachute with their choreography.

Not only are the elementary students involved, but numerous others had a hand in the production. Mrs. Webb and her art students helped draw "Danny and Sandy" pillow cases that the 5th graders used to be pillow people to the tune of, "You're The One That I Want". Superintendent Baum, Principle Williams and all the elementary teachers contributed to the program through dance, music, or time. Kim & Kids Programs Unlimited assisted with the choreography of each of the routines.

Lockney UIL



Courtesy Photo

Lockney students competed in the UIL Regional Academic contest last week. Competitors included the Literary Criticism Team of Lyndee Setliff, Fernando Valdez, Kaylee McInvalde and Hunter Lefevre. They placed 3rd overall. Lyndee Setliff placed 4th individually. Hunter Lefevre and Fernando Valdez competed in Science. Fernando Valdez placed 1st in Physics and will be advancing to the state meet. Lyndee Setliff and Alexa Poole competed in Prose. Alexa placed 5th and Lyndee placed 6th. Diego Azua competed in Number Sense. Maykala Hernandez competed in Math.

Longhorns take two from Olton

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney took two games from Olton on Saturday, April 21 to take the fourth playoff spot out of District 3-2A baseball. Lockney defeated Olton in game one, 8-2 then 6-5 in game two.

GAME ONE: LOCKNEY 8, OLTON 2

For Olton in the top of the first, Corpus led off with a walk then Capen singled as Corpus moved to third. Capen stole second as Corpus stole home. With two outs, Rivera walked, and Garcia singled to load the bases but the Mustangs would not cross the plate again. Olton led 1-0 after the top of the first. In the bottom of the inning for Lockney, Clay Moore walked with one out then Nick Rendon singled. Moore scored on passed ball as Rendon moved to third. Shawn Marquez singled and stole second. N Rendon scored on a wild pitch as Marquez moved to third. Ruben Marmolejo walked then Devin DeLeon singled to drive in Marquez and Marmolejo, giving Lockney a 4-1 lead after one inning.

Olton went down in order in the top of the second. With two outs, Rendon walked then stole second and third. Marquez walked then Marmolejo singled to drive in Rendon and Marquez, as the Longhorns stretched their lead to 6-1 after two innings.

Despite loading the bases in the top of the third, Olton was unable to score. Lockney went down in order in the top of the third but still led 6-1 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Olton failed to score again. With two outs in the bottom of the inning, N Rendon singled and stole second. Marquez singled to drive in Rendon. Marquez stole second then Marmolejo reached on catcher's interference then Marquez stole third. DeLeon walked to load the bases but Lockney did not score anymore runs. The Longhorns led 7-1 after four innings.

Gunter led off for Olton in the top of the fifth with a double. Rivera hit into a fielder's choice as Gunter moved to third. Garcia singled to drive in Gunter, but Olton still trailed 7-2. Lockney did not score in the bottom the inning.

In the top of the sixth, the Mustangs went down in order. In the bottom of the inning for

Lockney, Marmolejo walked with two outs then stole second. An error allowed DeLeon to reach base as Marmolejo scored to make it 8-2 for Lockney after six innings.

Olton could not score in the top of the seventh as Lockney took the 8-2 victory.

For Lockney, Marmolejo went 1-1 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Marquez went 2-3 with one RBI and two runs scored, N Rendon went 2-3 with three runs scored and DeLeon went 1-3 with two RBIs. Marquez pitched seven innings allowing two runs on nine hits while striking out three and walking three.

For Olton, Garcia went 2-2 with one RBI, Gunter went 2-3 with one run scored and Corpus went 1-2 with one run scored. Gunter pitched three and two-thirds innings allowing seven runs on six hits while striking out four and walking six and Corpus pitched two and one-third innings allowing one run on one hit while striking out two and walking one.

GAME TWO: LOCKNEY 6, OLTON 5

Leading off for Olton in the top of the first, Corpus doubled then scored on a single by Capen as Capen moved to second on the throw. Gunter singled as Capen moved to third. After Gunter stole second, Casares drove in Capen as the result of a fielder's choice, giving Olton the early 2-0 lead. For Lockney in the bottom of the inning, Israel Cuellar singled to lead off then stole second. C Moore singled to drive in Cuellar, but Olton led 2-1 after one inning.

For Olton in the top of the second, Vasquez led off with a single but was forced out as Pedroza reached on a fielder's choice bunt Pedroza moved to second on a passed ball then Zamora reached on an error as Pedroza moved to third. Corpus picked up his second double of the game, driving in Pedroza and Zamora as Corpus moved to third on the throw. Capen hit into a fielder's choice as Corpus scored as the Mustangs stretched their lead to 5-1. In the bottom of the inning, Noel Cenicerros walked to lead off for Longhorns then moved all the way to third on a wild pitch. DeLeon drew a walk and Anson Rendon came in to run. A Rendon stole second then Bryce Reese hit into a fielder's choice allowing Cenicerros and A Rendon to score. Olton still led 5-3 after two innings.

Olton could not score in the top of the third. With one out in the bottom of the inning, N

Rendon walked then moved to second on a balk then stole third and home. Marquez drew a walk, stole second and moved to third on an error but was left stranded as Olton still clung to a 5-4 lead after three innings.

Olton was held scoreless in the top of the fourth. With one out in the bottom of the inning, Reese walked for the Longhorns then moved to second on a fielder's choice. Reese stole third then scored when Cuellar doubled. Cuellar stole third then scored when C Moore reached on an error. N Rendon singled as C Moore moved to second but a pop out ended the inning as Lockney now held a 6-5 lead after four innings.

In the top of the fifth, Olton could not score. Marmolejo doubled to lead off for Lockney in the bottom of the inning. DeLeon walked with one out but a double play ended the at bat with the Longhorns holding a 6-5 lead after five innings.

Neither team scored in the sixth and Olton failed to score in the top of the seventh as the Lockney Longhorns took the 6-5 victory.

For Lockney, Cuellar went 2-4 with one RBI and two runs scored, C Moore went 1-4 with one RBI, N Rendon went 1-3 with one run scored and Reese went 0-2 with two RBIs and one run scored. C Moore pitched four innings allowing five runs on seven hits while striking out two, Reese pitched two innings allowing one hit while striking out two and walking one and Cuellar pitched one inning, striking out two.

For Olton, Corpus went 3-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Capen went 1-4 with two RBIs and one run scored. Capen pitched four innings allowing six runs on four hits while striking out one and walking five and Corpus pitched two innings allowing two hits while striking out one.

Lockney finishes the regular season in fourth place with an 8-6 record. Olton is 3-10 with a game left against Hale Center that was scheduled for Tuesday, April 24. Lockney will face Post in the Bi-District round of the playoffs. Details are not available yet.

Abernathy and New Deal are tied for first with 11-2 records, Floydada is third at 10-4, Lockney is 8-6, Ralls and Hale Center are 4-9, Olton is 3-10 and Crosbyton is 2-11.

Lady Horns fall to Lady Lopes

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ABERNATHY - Abernathy held the Lockney Lady Horns to four runs on seven hits, defeating the Lady Horns 16-4 on April 17 in district action.

The Lady Horns got on the board first in the top of the first inning. Reagan Nuncio led off with a single, moved to second on a single by Karissa Petty. Aleah Jimenez singled but Nuncio was thrown out trying to score. Tatyana Cienfuegos singled to load the bases then with two outs, Alyssa Barretero walked to force in Petty, giving the Lady Horns a 1-0 lead. In the bottom half of the inning, Abernathy was not able to score.

In the top of the second, Madai Chavira reached on an error then Nuncio walked. Petty singled to drive in Chavira. With two outs, Cienfuegos reached on an error that allowed Nuncio to score, giving Lockney a 3-0 lead. Abernathy took the lead in the bottom half of the inning. Ireland Caro singled to lead off and Anaya Rodriguez came in as a courtesy runner. With one out, Novi Martinez singled then Arianna Martinez doubled with two outs as Rodriguez scored. Makayla Pierson singled to drive in N Martinez and A Martinez. Jocelyn Alvarado singled then Jocelyn Aguirre tripled to drive in Pierson and Alvarado as the Lady Lopes took a 5-3 lead after two innings.

Barretero was hit by a pitch to lead off the top of the third for the Lady Horns then an error allowed Cruz to reach base. A fielder's choice by Mika Williams moved Barretero to third and Cruz to second. Chavira reached on an error as Barretero scored making it 5-4 in favor of Abernathy. In the bottom of the inning, Jayden Olivas-Salas singled to lead off the bottom half of the inning for Abernathy. A single by Caro allowed

Olivas-Salas to move to third as Caro moved to second on the throw. Mikayla Williams reached on an error that allowed Olivas-Salas and Rodriguez, running for Caro, to score. Novi Martinez reached on an error as Williams moved to third. A dropped third strike allowed Williams to score as N Martinez moved to third. Abernathy held an 8-4 lead after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Jimenez reached on a lead-off single but the next three batters went down in order. Olivas-Salas doubled to lead off for Abernathy in the bottom of the inning. A fielder's choice moved Olivas-Salas to second then with one out, Williams doubled as Olivas-Salas stopped at third. A triple by N Martinez scored Olivas-Salas and Williams. Taelor Liess hit a sacrifice fly to drive in N Martinez giving the Lady Lopes an 11-4 lead after four innings.

Lockney did not score in the top of the fifth. N Pierson singled to lead off for the Lady Lopes, then stole second. With one out, Aguirre singled to move Pierson to third then scored on an error as Abernathy took a 13-4 lead after five innings.

Despite getting two runners on base, the Lady Horns could not score in the top of the sixth. For Abernathy in the bottom of the sixth, N Martinez walked

then Liess reached on an error. A Martinez then hit a three-run home run to center to give the Lady Lopes the 16-4 victory.

For Lockney, Petty went 2-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, Chavira went 0-2 with one RBI and one run scored and Barretero went 0-2 with one RBI and one run scored. Nuncio pitched three innings allowing 11 runs on nine hits while striking out one and walking three and an unnamed pitcher pitched two innings allowing five runs.

For Abernathy, Pierson went 2-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Aguirre went 3-4 with two RBIs and one run scored, A Martinez went 2-4 with five RBIs and two runs scored and N Martinez went 2-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored. Caro pitched six innings allowing four runs on seven hits while striking out six and walking three.

Abernathy claimed the district title with an 11-1 record, Ralls was second at 10-2, Floydada was third at 8-4, New Deal was fourth 6-6, Lockney was fifth at 5-7 and Crosbyton and Hale Center were tied for sixth at 1-11.

New Deal defeated Lockney 6-0 on April 21 in a make up game with the winner claiming the fourth playoff spot.

Floydada plays Sanford-Fritch Thursday, April 26 at 6PM at Sundown.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

April 30- May 4

Monday, April 30

Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Enchiladas or Taquitos, Queso, Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa, Fruit, Fruit Crisp, Milk

Tuesday, May 1

Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Meatball Sub or Chili Cheese Tots, Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, May 2

Breakfast - Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Nuggets, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Apples, Milk

Thursday, May 3

Breakfast - Pancake Wrap, Yogurt or Crackers & Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Pizza Choice, Corn, Tomato Cup, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, May 4

Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll, Sausage or Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Hamburger or Frito Pie, Cucumbers, Carrots, Applesauce, Cookie, Milk

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JONES
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ed Jones wants to work on issues centered on the City's utilities, and help work on grants to repair or replace the streets. Jones is running in the mayoral race as the incumbent.

DELEON
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years on the City Council, I am knowledgeable in the city functions, city finances, and I understand the importance of negotiating reasonable agreements between different city and local organizations." If elected, DeLeon stated, "My main focus would be to unite the city behind an agreed upon vision for the community so that we are more goal-oriented." He added that long-term solutions are essential for creating sustainable growth in the community of Lockney. Infrastructure is primary focus. "I aspire to see a change...where instead of saying, "Why we can't, we say, 'How can we?'"

SMITH
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he stated, "I made Lockney my home. I love the area, the community, the schools, and the people. As an active member of this community, I want to make it even better." If elected, Smith believes that change must happen, "...in order for this community to grow." He strongly believes that the city needs a "technology upgrade" to begin a fresh start.

COLE
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for the District 4 City Council position, Cole replied stating that his oversight experience has given him a good perspective on what it takes to, "... guide the City of Lockney into a positive direction." If re-elected, Cole stated, "I would like to continue to build on the great strides we have made with our city-manager-form of operation with emphasis on developing a meaningful and realistic schedule for replacement of equipment and infrastructure."

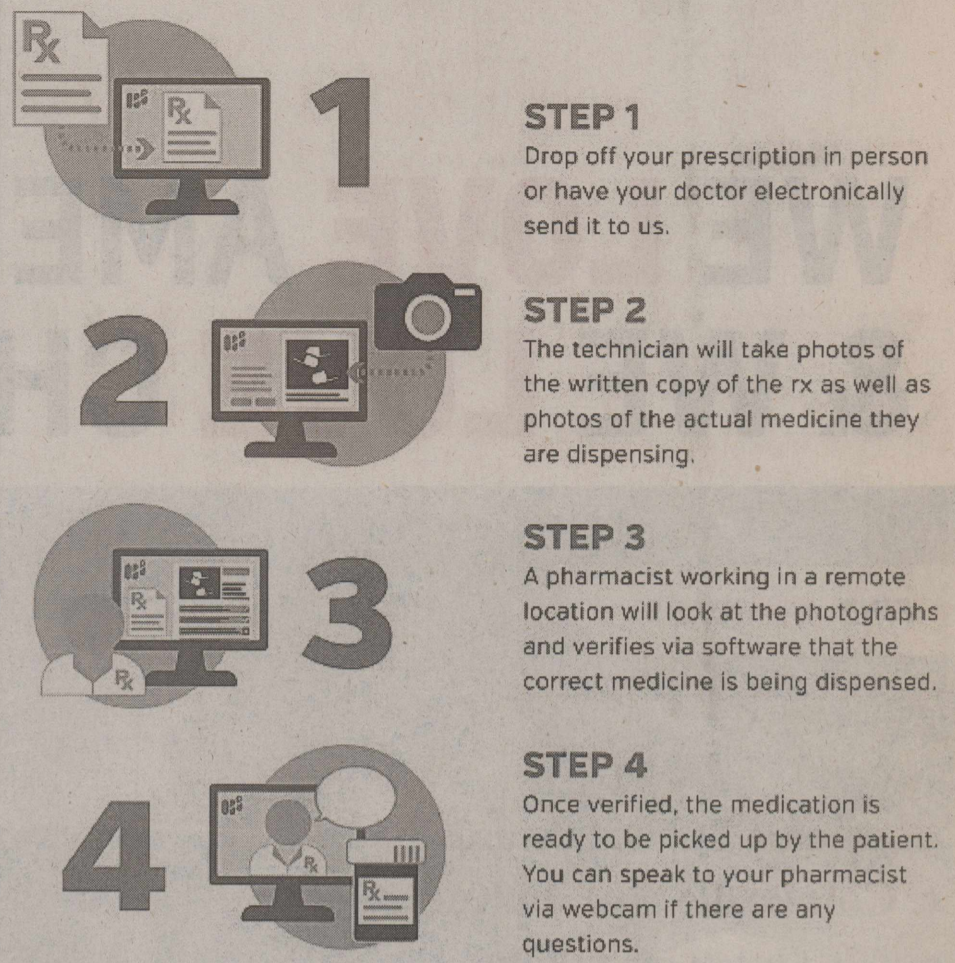
DENNIS
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work (MVPN) Peer Services Coordinator. When asked why he decided to run for the District 4 City Council seat, St. Dennis stated that he had seen small towns throughout the West prosper. "Why not here? I want to get down to the bottom of why Lockney has zero growth...I believe it is time to try something new and innovative. Fear of failure is not an excuse." If elected St. Dennis explained that consultation with successful small towns would be necessary. "We've got to motivate our youth to get involved...let them be a part of the success. Instead of asking, "Why?" we should be asking, "Why Not?"

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PHARMACY
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HOW YOUR TELEPHARMACY WORKS



DROUGHT
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Sorghum does have a little more flexibility than cotton."

When it comes to cotton across the High Plains, it is important for producers to get the crop planted in May because "we are trying to grow a perennial crop in a very short annual environment," Bell said. "In order to accumulate sufficient growing degree days or heat units to mature that crop and optimize production - not just yield but also quality - we really need to get that crop off and running in May and preferably early to mid-May if conditions are favorable."

Another challenge producers may have, especially under dryland conditions, is herbi-

cides, she said. In some years, sufficient precipitation is not received to activate some of the residual preplant herbicides.

"Preplant herbicides are very important because we want to minimize competition with our primary crop," Bell said. "We want to start the season weed free. Weeds are using water we need for the crop, so they must be managed."

All these decisions can be tricky because producers often have made their seed selection months ago, she said. So moving into a dry period there might be some limitations on the decisions a producer can make.

"Irrigation helps stabilize production and minimizes the risk we encounter under dryland," Bell said. "But across much of the High Plains, well capacities are no longer sufficient to meet

crop water demands to optimize economical production. And often our precipitation, while aiding crop water demand throughout the season, doesn't come at the most ideal time."

She said the High Plains often receives non-beneficial precipitation. Rain events may only measure a few hundredths of an inch or 2-3 inches may fall in a very short time and a large percentage of this runs off. Neither event benefits crop production.

"Really, what we want to see are those slow, steady rains that come over the course of several days and soak in, wet up that profile, and really provide soil moisture."

Traditionally the best rains in this region fall in May and June, and that offers hope for the coming crop season, in spite of the current drought, Bell said.

PUTS
From Page 5

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This is also different from forward contracting your crop which locks in a price. Not that this is a bad thing at all, because the only bad market-

ing plan is the plan that doesn't exist. However, a put is different than forward contracting because it's still letting you take advantage of an upward market. Everyone remember the year that corn went to \$8.00? It would have been great to have bought puts that year. Not because you needed the insurance, but because you were able to take advantage of that incredible market increase and still sleep at night knowing you have your price floor.

So hopefully I have not thoroughly confused you. Instead I was hoping to show you how a good marketing plan can be beneficial to your operation. If you have any questions about what I've talked about today please feel free to call the Floyd County Extension Office at 806-983-4912.

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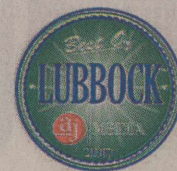
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The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 350,850
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 10,420
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 104 E California, Floydada, TX

The phone number of the Floyd County Appraisal District is: 806-983-5256
The address is: 104 E California, PO Box 249, Floydada, TX 79235

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Bids must be sealed and marked "Vehicle Bid". The bids will be opened and tallied at 10:00 a.m., May 1, 2018.

For specifications contact Dr. Gilbert Trevino at 226 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235 by calling 806-983-3498. FISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Adian Trevino, Floydada, shows off his picture-perfect pitching during last Thursday's game.

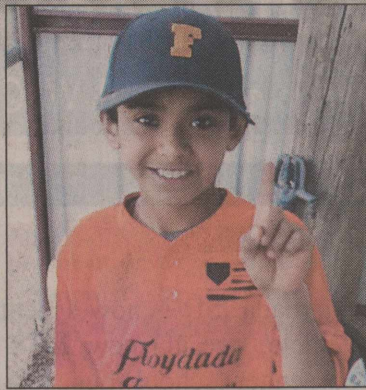


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John Carr, age 7, getting ready to play Thursday's game. He plays the right field position. John's parents are Steven and Casey Carr.

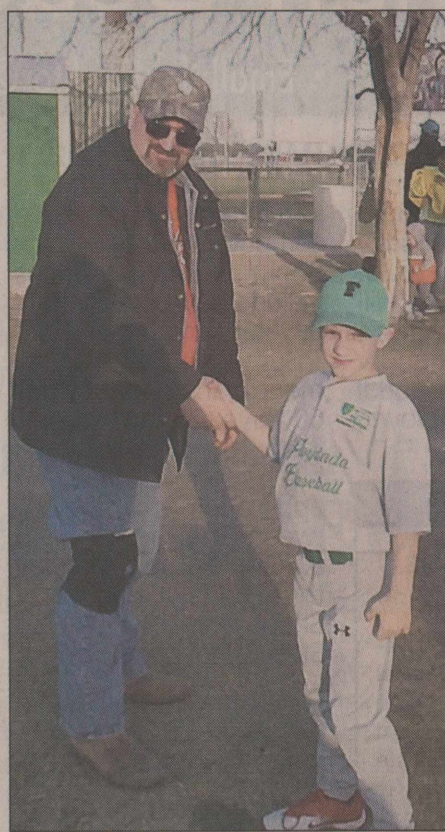


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Steven and Casey Carr brought the entire Carr family, braving the cold spell, to watch son's, Justin, game last week.

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Van Stark congratulates his son, Jacob Stark, after their Little League game last week. Jacob is 7 years old. Parents are Vance and Mariyn Stark of Dougherty. Grandparents are Michael and Cheryl Stark of Dougherty.

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By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

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May 3- 5:30 PM Black Vs. Navy @ Floydada, 6:00 PM Valley Vs. Silverton @ Valley, 6:30 PM Orange Vs. Red @ Floydada.

APRIL MINORS Schedule

April 26- 6:00 PM Black Vs. Valley @ Floydada, 7:30 PM Silver Vs. Silverton @ Floydada.
April 30- 6:00 PM Silver Vs. Lockney Blue @ Floydada, 6:00 PM Lockney Red Vs. Black @ Lockney, 6:00 PM Valley Vs. Silverton @ Valley.
May 3- 6:00 PM Lockney Blue Vs. Black @ Lockney. 7:30 PM Lockney Red Vs. Silverton @ Lockney.

APRIL MAJORS Schedule

April 26-7:30 PM Lockney Vs. Blue @ Lockney, 7:30 PM Silverton Vs. Silver @ Silverton, 7:30 PM Orange Vs. Valley @ Floydada.
April 30- 7:00 PM Silver Vs. Blue @ Floydada, 7:30 PM Lockney Vs. Valley @ Lockney, 7:30 PM Silverton Vs. Orange @ Silverton.
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