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## Floydada Winds Camp Grades 4-6



*Courtesy Photo*  
 Designed to teach the football fundamentals that are essential for any young player, the Floydada Whirlwinds Football Camp took place the last weekend of July. Front Row (L to R): Ethan Smith (helper), Diego Martinez, Tyrean Henderson, Logan Smith, Braun Hobbs, Brody Hughes, Andrew Vega (Helper). Back Row: Kyle Bruington (helper), Jimmy Castillo, RJ McHam, John Taylor Snowden, Jerald Henderson, Enrique Hartline, Manny DeLaFuente, Mike DeLaFuente (helper).

## Floydada Winds Camp Grades 7-9



*Courtesy Photo*  
 Floydada Whirlwinds' Football Camp 2018, hosted by the Football Coaching Staff, took place July 30-August 2. Front Row (L to R): Kason Hughes, Jaxson Smith, Dillon Bruington, O'Brian Diaz, Saul Reyes. Middle Row (L to R): Marcus Perez (Helper), Jimmy Garcia, Donovan Rocha, Luis Gonzales, Reese Hinsley, Edgar Cervera, Hagen Hinsley, Ryan Perez, Marcus Collins, Jose Lira (Helper) Andrew Vega (helper). Back Row (L to R): Ethan Smith(helper), Kyle Bruington (helper), Kyler Gillespie, Aiden Trevino, Malachi Duran, Trace Glasscock, Izaih Alvarado, Andres Mendoza, Damon Monroe, Cutter Smith (helper).

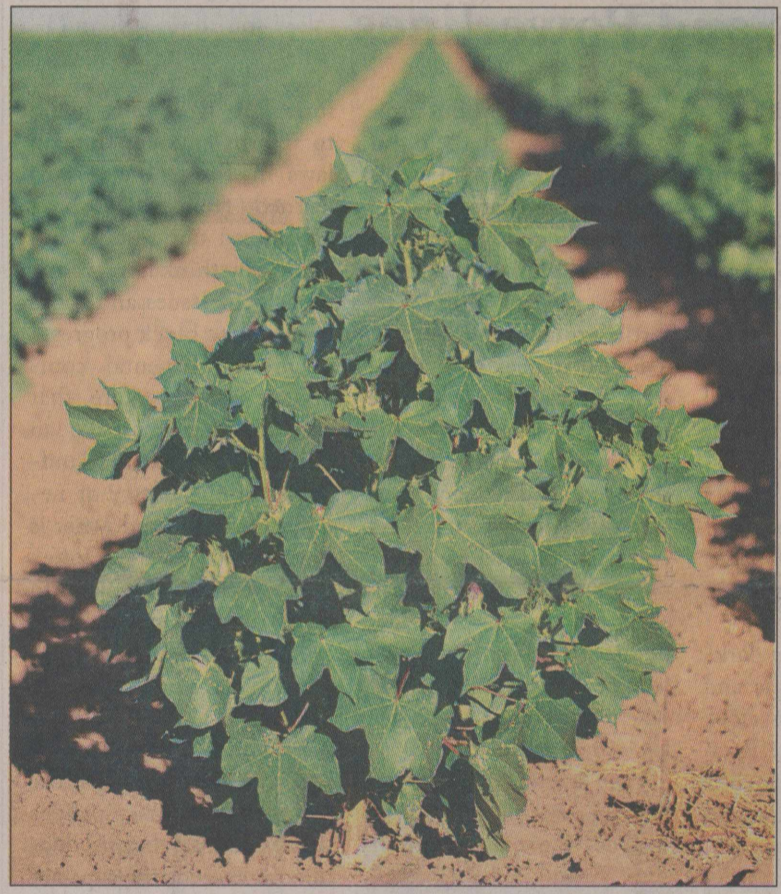
## Bankruptcy Court allows for payroll

By Deon Fincher  
 The Hesperian Beacon

Reagor-Dykes Auto Group was in the fore-front of the news last week regarding findings by Ford Motor Company. Although not as active as usual, the Chevrolet dealership in Floydada was open Friday and welcoming visitors. General Sales Manager, Michael Murphy, graciously answered our queries. "The salesmen are working. We had some come in this morning, and others will be here this afternoon." Office employees were sparse, but some of the administrative staff were on premise. Regarding the information that is circulating in the media, Murphy stated, "So much of the stuff is just not true. He's [Bart Reagor] going to come back from this and he'll be fine. This is just a bump in the road."

The following is a statement released from Reagor-Dykes Auto Group last Friday afternoon, after a bankruptcy court ruled Reagor-Dykes could pay its employees. "Reagor-Dykes Auto Group was very pleased that it was able to reach an interim agreement with Ford Motor Credit to allow us to pay our employees and their associated benefits this afternoon. There is no question that the past seven days have been difficult for the Reagor-Dykes Auto Group family, but we are determined to continue to work with Ford Motor Credit in selling our current inventory and providing the best possible service to our customers. Doors at all of our dealerships will open Monday for business and we look forward to meeting with you and providing the service you have come to expect. Our employees are the best in the business and our first priority. Thank you for your continued support."

## Cotton's looking good!



*Courtesy Photo*  
 Deon Fincher/  
 Hesperian Beacon

Cotton crops around Floyd County are spotty. Lots of the irrigated fields look good. Some of the dryland cotton is decent, but there are large areas done, dying, or never made it out of the ground. This field of John Woelfel's, just north of Floydada on the Lockney Highway, is looking pretty good!

## Texas Sales Tax Holiday This Weekend — Aug. 10-14

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon (AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller reminds shoppers the annual sales tax holiday is scheduled for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 10 – August 14. The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend. Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://TexasTaxHoliday.org). This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$92 million in state and local sales taxes

during the sales tax holiday, which has been an annual event since 1999. Retailers are not required to collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday. Exemption certificates are not required. The exemption applies to each eligible item that sells for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer. For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, then both items qualify for the exemption, even though the customer's total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$99.99. The exemption does not See **TAX HOLIDAY**, Page 4

## Tickets Available for 'Celebrate Cotton' TTU Game

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
 Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Individual tickets are available for the seventh annual Celebrate Cotton game, which will be Saturday, September 15, as the Texas Tech

Red Raiders host the Houston Cougars at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock. Kickoff is at 3 p.m. Game tickets can be purchased by visiting <http://bit.ly/TTUCottonGameTickets> and entering COTTON18, or calling the Texas Tech Ticket Office at (806) 742-TECH (8324) and asking for the Cotton Game special pricing. Individual tickets start at just \$35 each with the promo code. Season tickets also are still available for purchase.

## 10th Annual "Vamos a Pescar, Let's Go Fishing" event

Special to The Hesperian Beacon

LUBBOCK, TX, AUGUST 1, 2018 - In an effort to encourage children and families to enjoy more family time and the sport of fishing, Los Hermanos Familia, a collaborative group of men and women, organizations, and volunteers who value God, family, and community, will hold

the 10th Annual "Vamos a Pescar, Let's Go Fishing" FREE event. The "Vamos a Pescar, Let's Go Fishing" event will be held Saturday, August 11, 2018. Fishing will begin at 6 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is urged and is free, which includes lunch for registered participants, and gives the group a better count for lunch. Also, no fishing license is required for registered participants. All children up to 17 years-old must be accompanied by an adult. Families can pre-register online at [www.lets-gofishinglubbock.com](http://www.lets-gofishinglubbock.com). "We are excited to bring this free event back to families in our community once again," See **FISHING**, Page 3

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 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](mailto:fchb.editor@yahoo.com).

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**DUNCAN ELEMENTARY IMPORTANT INFO**  
 See the "Duncan Elementary Registration" and "Meet the Teacher" info on the Floydada School page in this week's issue.

**COVENANT MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY**  
 Covenant Mobile Mammography will be in Floydada on Monday, August 20th at West Texas Family Medicine (901 W. Crockett Street). For appointments call 806-725-6579 or 877-494-4797. Covenant Health & Susan G. Komen of West Texas.

**FHS YEARBOOK**  
 If you bought a 2017/2018 Yearbook and have not picked one up, the yearbooks are at the high school office. They can be picked up Monday through Thursday 8:00 - 4:00.

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# FISD proposes 2018-19 tax rate increase

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Beacon

FLOYDADA - Members of the Floydada School Board met last Monday, July 30 in regular session. Board members present were Beverly Collins, Eric Smith, Dr. William Dean, Gracie Diaz, Sue Brotherton, Roger Hughes and President Lyle Miller. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Gilbert Trevino and Business Manager Alicia Bice.

Within the consent items approved by the board were resignations and new hires. The following resignations were confirmed: Maria Martinez, James Theibaud, Thomas Fly, Juliann Runnels, Meredith Fly, David McCoun and Amy Gilly. Approved new employment: Travis Pittman, James Carthel, Bianca Cavazos, Jaden Pena, Monica Smith, Brook Hendricks and Frankie Luna.

Students, teachers and athletes will have new transportation options for this next school year. The board approved purchase of a 2012 activity. Dr. Trevino shared his desire to "...use this bus as much as we can. I want it out on the road."

Members adopted the Student Code of Conduct for the 2018-2019 school year, as well as the proposed Teacher Appraisal Calendar and the Qualified Appraisers for the upcoming year.

Dr. Trevino recommended that the board consider a change in the District compensation plan that would allow a standard step-raise for those teachers with 20+ years of service within the FISD. Currently, the compensation plan terminates step-raises at 20 years.

Superintendent Trevino updated the board regarding appraised values from Floyd County Tax Appraiser Jim Finley. According to Finley, declines in values in the I & S rate (Interest & Sinking Fund) which provides funds for payments on the debt that finances the district's facilities, declines in values of the M & O (Maintenance & Operations Fund) which provides funds for maintenance and operations within the District, are due, largely, to a curtailment of wind energy transmission due to insufficient transmission capacities on the South Plains and Texas Panhandle.

Trevino recommended that the Board propose an increase in the I & S rate to 0.455 and an increase in M & O rate to 1.17 for an overall tax rate of 1.625 for the 2018-2019 school year. The vote to approve the proposed rates was unanimous in favor.

A Public Hearing to discuss the proposed tax rate and proposed budget was set for August 28, 2018, at 6:30 in the FISD Board chambers.

The Board scheduled the next meeting for August 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

## About Town...

Have you seen the clean-up that is in process on Houston Street? If not, jump in your vehicle and take a short drive--you will be impressed.



DEON FINCHER

With an open mind and open eyes, look about. Although not overwhelming, there is a subtle clean-up movement creeping through our community. I applaud those individuals that have taken on the job of removing and relocating the clutter. Whether it is the result of those dastardly City letters, I do not know; but, I am appreciative of the work that is being done--especially on our major thoroughfares. In my opinion (which really doesn't mean a whit) cleaning up our main thoroughfares should be the priority.

One of our own was in the news this week. It is stunning, how fickle humans can be. The Reagor-Dykes Auto group has some problems that they are working to overcome; however, the news media did nothing but whip up the flames into a raging firestorm.

In the last few years, the company has publicly donated monies to different organizations, and that generosity has been reported in the news. But, most often, the company doesn't ask for any recognition when donating to a cause--especially if it has to do with kids, sports, and families. In fact, not once, in all the times I walked through the doors for funding support, did they turn me away.

Oftentimes I hear our residents strongly suggesting that the City take on the cost of different improvements around town. It is apparent that those are not aware that city taxes contribute to those projects, and a large portion of those city taxes come from the sale-tax revenue. My words of caution in relation to Reagor-Dykes Auto Group and the city of Floydada--"Don't bite the hand that feeds you."

## Opinion Texas Landowners Subsidize Pipelines and Powerlines

By Brian McLaughlin

There is no question, pipeline and transmission line projects are necessary to supply our rapidly growing state. The electric transmission capacity ensures our lights stay on and our homes stay cool during the hottest months of the year. Pipelines carrying oil and gas supply our fuel and a wide array of petroleum-based products, helping feed a booming Texas economy.

There is, however, a darker side to this pipeline and transmission line development. Every year more Texas landowners find themselves in the path of pipeline and transmission line projects.

Most of these companies have the power of eminent domain and can condemn by force the land they want. They are common carriers, meaning their pipeline or transmission lines are available for use by other companies, even though they profit from the projects.

Unfortunately, landowners facing the threat of eminent domain stand little chance of being treated justly or being paid a fair price for what is taken from them.

Some pipeline and transmission line companies are

better than others, but profits often outweigh the rights of landowners who must sacrifice their property for the public good. Lax oversight and little transparency in the process also create fertile ground for abuse.

For instance, it is common for companies to hire right of way agents to secure the easements necessary for their project. Frequently, the agents are given a set budget and then allowed to keep a portion of the leftover money if they come in under budget. It's hard to expect a fair offer from someone when they stand to pocket the difference.

We know condemnors hold a powerful tool to keep land costs low. Intimidation. The threat of being sued, having to hire an attorney and go to court are strong incentives for landowners to take less than they're owed and accept inadequate terms and conditions.

We also know the energy sector has teams of attorneys ready on retainer to counter any efforts by landowners to seek a better deal.

Something must change. As landowner organizations, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Wildlife Association have joined forces to campaign for reforms that create a better and more equitable eminent domain process.

We started the reform process during the 2017 Texas Legislative Session but encountered overwhelming opposition from condemnors who enjoy operating under the current law that stacks the deck in their favor. Ultimately, we were not successful, but we learned hard lessons, the kinds that stick with you.

The 2019 session of the Texas Legislature begins in a few months, and we fully

intend to fight once again to reform eminent domain laws in Texas. The lessons learned from 2017 have galvanized our resolve and made us rethink how we approach the issues and those who seek to block progress.

One fundamental component is to require that common carriers make an adequate offer to the landowner at the outset of negotiations. If a landowner is presented with a fair offer, he or she is more likely to be a willing seller, thus sparing both parties from time-consuming and expensive litigation.

Millions of barrels of oil and gas flow through the common carrier pipelines that exist today, but production far exceeds the capacity of these existing pipelines, especially in the Permian Basin. As an attorney based in San Angelo, I have had clients tell me of initial offers that are a pittance compared to the value of the millions of dollars' worth of product that will flow through the pipelines.

It's time that companies with the power of eminent domain begin treating landowners more like a partner and less like a commodity. We need to ask why the pipeline and transmission line industries are being carried on the backs of private property owners.

To create the kind of change that is necessary to protect landowners from abusive eminent domain processes, we must educate our elected officials on the realities we face when that right-of-way agent comes knocking.

Lawmakers will face intense pressure to keep the eminent domain laws as they are. We need to show how the eminent domain process works and where the abuses lie.

If you have had an experience with a pipeline or electric company in a condemnation process, we want to hear from you. Your experiences can help show the public and the legislature how dire the situation is for their constituents, Texas landowners.

Brian McLaughlin is the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association director.

## The 501: Farm truck luck

Lucky me. Both times when our trusty farm truck has failed me recently, I've had my new car in tow.

Handy. I'm also fortunate to have a sequel to my last week's vehicular breakdown story.

Yes, I see the proverbial glass as half-full.

SHORT BACKTRACK: If you missed last week's steering column, I'll spare you a synopsis. But, not wanting to spread fake news, here's a more accurate analysis of what caused the front transmission seal to fail in Sherman. The mechanic reported an impressive accumulation of red farm dirt had made it overheat. I had thought it was because I had not taken the pickup out of overdrive to pull the car-laden trailer. Mea non culpa after all. Who thinks about cleaning road dirt off whatever it is you're supposed to clean it off of? Neither my husband nor I. Lesson learned.

SIDENOTE: Isn't it curious the mechanic would mention the dirt was red? I suspect they don't see much reddish dirt in the black-dirt Sherman area. Do they even kick up dust when they ply Grayson County's unpaved roads? Once they got our truck on the rack, maybe they all gathered under it and gawked, like interns summoned to watch a surgery--just looking up instead of down.

Enough backtracking and digressing. Suffice it to say Dayton Tire (plug) fixed the truck. Having driven my newly purchased 2006 Santa Fe home, I drove it back to load it again onto the trailer (left in Sherman with the truck) for the trip home, which had been my original intent, having bought the car in nearby Whitewright and having made it only to Sherman before the breakdown. (Sorry. A synopsis begged to be written. At least I left out the guitar part.)

This time I made it to Whitesboro before the truck failed me. Twenty miles.

When the engine died, it somehow reminded me of vapor lock on the '54 Chrysler in the Colorado Rockies--sort of a nice memory because car trouble can be fun when you're a kid and everybody's car is vapor-locking and you're on a steep mountain road with pine needles on the drop-off shoulder. Daddy would have a different recollection.

My latest luck: The truck engine quit right before an exit ramp. I took it, closely tailed by a huge RV that didn't hit me. I managed, even without power steering (not my first rodeo) to turn the truck and trailer onto a handy side road just before (slow-motion scenario) rolling to a stop. The perfect coast. I spied a Ford dealership just on the other side of the crossroads. The truck's a Ford.

Long story short, they took me in right before closing and determined it's a whole new problem.

So, once again, I drove my car home, feeling lucky indeed. The timing had been perfect for the Whitesboro ramp. I'd enjoyed childhood memories of vapor lock.

Which Braum's waffle cone guy told me to have a blessed day? I don't remember. But I did.

Lockney Library List August 2018		
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The Other Woman	Daniel Silva	Suspense
Murder in Paradise	James Patterson	Suspense
The Mark No.5	Janet Evanovich	Mystery
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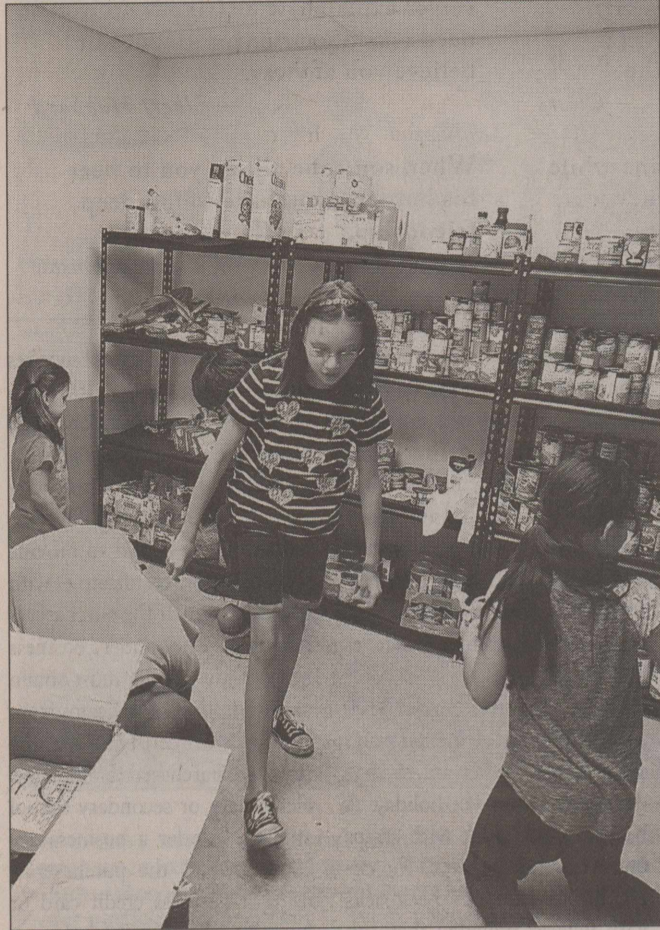
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# SOCIETY

## Lockney Salvation Army gets goods



## Lockney Campers



Courtesy Photos

The Lockney Salvation Army would like to thank our community for their support, because of you we were able to send kids to camp. Donations are accepted! We have a donation box in the back or you can call Alice Luna at 806-283-6452 or 652-3770. All donations are appreciated. Shown (left picture) are Kid Campers (10 to 12 years old) and went to camp June 18-23. (Back row, l-r) Carmen Gallegos, Joseph Nunez, Jessal Naranjo, Allison Torres, Mijoy Pedroza; (Front row, l-r) Samuel Garcia, Kailyn Sanders, Kilah Pedroza, Stephen Torres, Journee Cienfuegos, Sponsor Teresa Gonzales. Shown (right picture) are Teen Campers (13-15 years old) and went to camp July 16-19. (l-r) Sponsor Teresa Gonzales, Johnathan Cienfuegos, Aiden Bustillos, Andrew Bustillos, and Joshua Cienfuegos.

Courtesy Photo  
The Lockney Salvation Army would like to thank the Providence Lutheran Church for collecting 185 canned goods. Donations are accepted, and appreciated. Shown are the kids putting cans on pantry at the Lockney Army. They are Carmen Gallegos, Noah Gallegos, Kara Sanchez, Sara Sanchez, and Joseph Nunez.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY- The 2018 membership dues are due now - \$15 per person. 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.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada Senior Citizen's Center would like to thank everyone for all the donations to the Center in "Memory of Butch Gilliland" - Margaret Soudelier, Laveta Morren, Class of 1964, Nancy Shiess, R James Ross, Jerry McAlister, Gary and Nancy Campbell, Jerr Mechell, Valerie Johnson, Janie Mechell, Shelly Allright, Sue Moore, Floydada Lions Club, Nancy Lawson, Mike and Greg Bishop, Alyne Evans, Fredrick and Andrea Bermudez, Iantha Pyle, Virginia Pyle, Gary and Linda Matsler, Glenna Ross, Tommy C. and Sallye Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hendricks, Jimmy and June McGaugh, Dr. Thomas and Barbara Sanders. Floydada Senior Citizen's Center appreciates all memorials and donations given. Our next Bingo night

will be the second Tuesday in which is August 14. We open the doors at 5:30 p.m. 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 \$50.00. We also play for a cash prize each time. Mark your calendars and join us. Accolade Home Health is planning on a blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar clinic once a month on the first Wednesday of the month. As we gather more information, it will be announced. Freida Dunn, BSN,ET, is present the 4th Thursday of the month for a blood pressure clinic, beginning at 11:30, weather permitting. Next clinics will be August 30. 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. Please try to call before 10:45 so that we can prepare for delivery. We do have memberships available, at a cost of \$25.00 per year. This membership allows you to purchase the meal for \$5.00 instead of \$6.00. 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.

**MENU**  
**August 13 - August 17**  
**Monday** - Sirloin pattie w/ natural gravy  
**Tuesday** - Meatloaf  
**Wednesday** - Chicken strips w/gravy  
**Thursday** - Spaghetti  
**Friday** - Fish fry  
(Menus subject to change without notice)

## FISHING

From Page 1  
said Frank Garcia, co-chair. Adding that 32 organizations, as well as sponsors, and volunteers would be on hand to help bring this free event into fruition. "We are committed to creating opportunities for families to build their relationships and memories and have a good time before they return back to school." She further added that the lake west of University prior to

the event, at Buddy Holly Lake on the West side of Cesar E. Chavez Drive, will be stocked with hungry catfish. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USWS) will provide channel catfish 16 inches in length (About 1,100 pounds), for the 10th Annual "Vamos a Pescar, Let's Go Fishing" event! The fish were raised at Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery in Oklahoma. A reminder that No fishing license will be needed during that designated time and in the designated area only for registered participants. Participants are

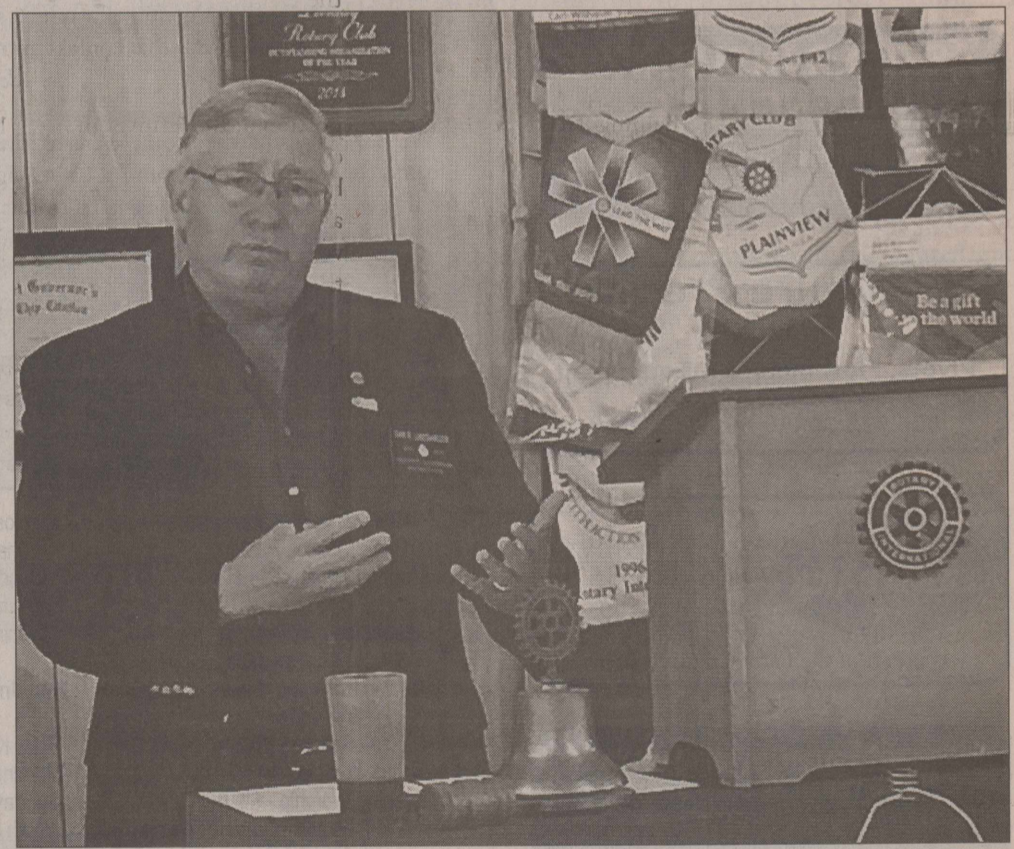
encouraged to bring fishing gear and necessary items to protect themselves from the elements, and enjoying a day out for fishing. Also, the first 500 kids and first 500 adults that check in will be given a goody bag, also, projects, and fishing games will be on hand to assure outdoor fun for everyone! Interested participants are encouraged to pre-register online at [www.letsfishingclubbock.com](http://www.letsfishingclubbock.com), or, they can register onsite at the fishing event to be held Saturday, August 11, 2018, between 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Lockney Rotary Club



Courtesy Photos

Keith Marble is installed as President of Lockney Rotary Club by Leslie Gattis, District Governor.



Dan Lineberger, Rotary Governor speaks at the Lockney Rotary Club. Lineberger and his wife, Kim, live in Midland. They also work with Reflection Ministry dealing with human trafficking.

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## The Floyd County Historical Museum Memories 1979

SUMNER COMER

By: Lela Comer Fore

My parents were Sumner and Cora Lee Adams Comer. They met and married in Providence, Carter County, Oklahoma, March 26, 1910. Two daughters were born; Oneta Comer (Barrett) ,May 20, 1911; Lela Comer (Fore) ,October 15, 1914. They lived in Providence, Oklahoma until 1915. My father wanted to move to the beautiful plains of Texas, so they moved to Floyd County, Texas. They farmed in the Irick Community first. When we lived there quail would come up and eat with our chickens. There was water in the Draw then.

We moved from the Irick Community to Bobbitt Community in 1918. My brother Leo Comer was born August 8, 1918. Some of our neighbors were Copelands, Carthels, Tannahills, and Frizzell.

About 1920 we moved to Lockney, north of town; my brother, Lon Comer was born October 9, 1921. Our neighbors were Ashly, Collier, Jarboe, Blanton, whom

we had known in the Irick Community.

My folks sent all four of us through public school and a business course of college. Oneta finished Lockney High in 1930, Lela finished in 1933, Leo finished High school in 1938 and Lon finished in 1939.

My father worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for many years. He was working on the railroad one time when we had a terrible sandstorm. The wind was very strong. A box car filled with wheat got loose in Plainview and blew to Floydada, spilling all the wheat.

We always had the King James Bible to read, Hollands Magazine, Progressive Farmer and other farm magazines, books of poetry and our school books. We always had plenty of work to do.

Lockney was noted for its many windmills.

My father loved Lockney and the plains. My mother being from Oklahoma never did get used to the sandstorms.

My mother was a triplet;

two girls and a boy. They loved to sing and go to singings. They always had plenty of people around to sing to. In later years the triplets loved to celebrate their birthday.

Oneta Comer married Price Barrett and has lived in Shamrock, Texas teaching in the Shamrock Schools; she has one daughter.

Lela Comer married O.B. Fore and have lived most of their lives in Plainview, Texas. They have two boys and a daughter. She has worked for the Plainview Schools.

Leo Comer married Wilene Bomar and they had one daughter and three sons. He has farmed most of his married life at Silverton, Texas.

Lon Comer married Mignon Womack and they have two daughters and one son. They have lived most of their married life at Plainview, Texas.

My father died July 3, 1957 and was buried at Lockney. My mother died November 25, 1969 and was buried at Lockney.

# Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends.

—Czech Proverb

Misfortune shows those who are not really friends.

—Aristotle

Being friendless taught me how to be a friend. Funny how that works.

—Colleen Wainwright

Without friends no one would choose to live, though he had all other goods.

—Aristotle

Never explain--your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe you anyway.

—Elbert Hubbard

The shifts of Fortune test the reliability of friends.

—Cicero

Friends were like clothes: fine while they lasted but eventually they wore thin or you grew out of them.

—David Nicholls

When someone allows you to bear his burdens, you have found deep friendship.

—Gordon Atkinson

## TAX HOLIDAY From Page 1

apply to the first \$99.99 of an otherwise eligible item that sells for more than \$99.99. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of pants that costs \$110, then sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

The exemption also does not apply to sales of special clothing or footwear that the manufacturer primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and that is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which the manufacturer designed the article. For example, golf cleats and football pads are primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and are not normally worn except for those purposes; they do not qualify for the exemption. Tennis shoes, jogging suits and swimsuits, however, are commonly worn for purposes other than athletic activity and thus qualify for the exemption.

The sales tax holiday exemption does not extend to rental of clothing or footwear; nor does it apply to alteration (including embroidery) or cleaning services performed on clothes and shoes. Additionally, tax is due on sales of accessories, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches and similar items.

Backpacks priced under \$100 sold for use by elementary and secondary students are exempt during the sales tax holiday. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags.

The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffel/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

Texas families also get a sales

tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

Persons buying qualifying school supplies during the holiday are not required to provide an exemption certificate – with one exception. If the purchaser is buying the items under a business account, the retailer must obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser certifying that the items are purchased for use by an elementary or secondary school student. "Under a business account" means the purchaser is using a business credit card or business check rather than a personal credit card or personal check; being billed under a business account maintained at the retailer; or is using a business membership at a retailer that is membership based.

A sale of a qualifying item under a layaway plan qualifies for exemption if the customer places the qualifying merchandise on layaway during the holiday or makes the final payment during the holiday. See Rule 3.365(i).



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Can't Stop Praising

Through [Jesus] . . . let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

—Hebrews 13:15 (NRSV)

We can tell easily when someone is in love. This person is full of life and can't stop talking about his or her significant other. I could see this when my niece interviewed a couple for a school project. When they were asked to describe each other, Mary said of her husband, Eric: "I am blessed to have him." "She's a great woman," Eric responded. "No, you're the best," Mary replied. Neither wanted to be the one to stop first.

Similarly, those who love the Lord are full of life and hope, knowing that the love they've found surpasses any relationship that the world can offer. Because of this, they can't stop praising God. All relationships, even our relationship with the Lord, go

through challenges. Can we still praise God when our prayers seemingly go unanswered or when plans that seemed like God's will don't turn out the way we expect?

The last question my niece asked the couple was: "How has your relationship lasted all these 30 years?" Both agreed that communication sustains a relationship. Regular prayer and acts of devotion — even when we don't feel like it — sustain our relationship with God. These, along with reading the Bible, teach us how to praise God, no matter the situation.

—Juvelyn Lumberio (Cavite, Philippines)

### TODAY'S PRAYER

Loving Father, help us love you the way you want to be loved so we can praise you the way you deserve to be praised. Amen.

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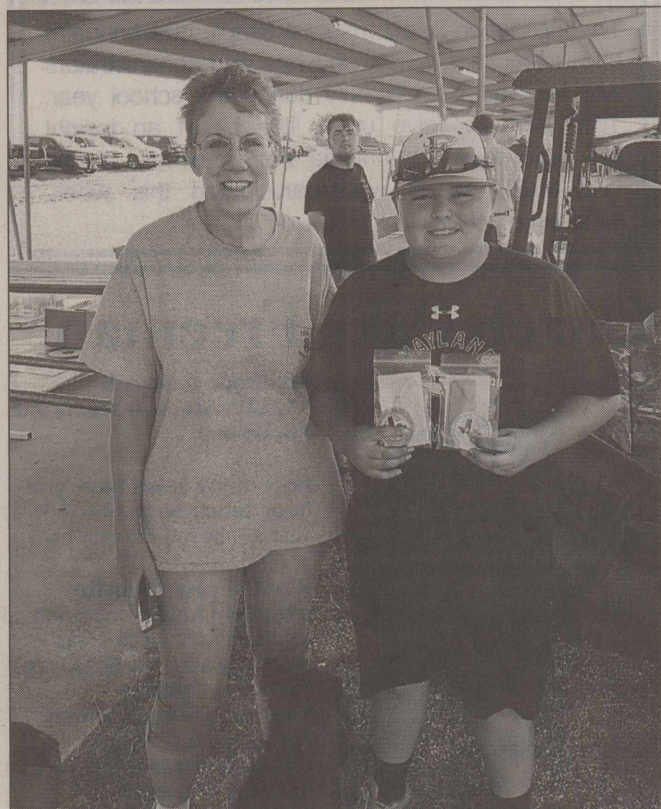
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Bible Study - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship Ashley Adams, Minister of Music Ludustia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 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><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Lockney Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m. Wed High School - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday - 8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b></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><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Floydada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> 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><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Miranda 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><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ruban Selvaraj 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel</b> <b>Spanish Assembly of God</b> Washington And 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Wed Service - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> Rev. Herman Martinez 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><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston Kari &amp; Justin Brown, Pastors 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
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# AGRICULTURE

## Glass excels in Archery at State Games



Courtesy Photo

The archery events associated with the State 4-H Shooting Games were held July 16-21 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. Ryder Glass represented Floyd County 4-H. Ryder participated in Senior 1. Ryder placed 5th in field, 4th in 3D, 3rd in clout, 5th in mod 600, 2nd in wand and was 3rd high individual. Congratulations to Ryder for a job well done and thank you to Patty Davenport for supporting him!

## Locals compete in State 4-H Horse Show

By **Cristen Brooks**  
Extension Agent  
Floyd County Texas A&M  
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The 2018 Texas State 4-H Horse Show took place Saturday, July 22nd through Saturday, July 28th at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

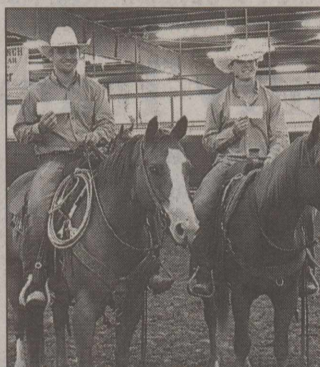
Floyd County competitors included Ethan Smith, Jack Brooks, Preslie Brooks, McKinzee Scott and Madison Scott.

The kids competed in 7 different Stock Horse Division classes including Pleasure, Trail, Horsemanship, Reining, Cow Boxing, Working Cow Horse and Ranch Sorting. McKinzee Scott and Madison Scott also competed in Speed Events including Barrels, Poles and Stakes. Jack Brooks also competed in the 3-Year-old Futurity classes. Competitors completed various patterns, exhibited their horsemanship skills, and worked cattle.

Many ribbons were earned over the week with some kids winning classes and even

taking home checks. Even though it was extremely hot and temperatures reached upwards of 100 degrees every day, the kids were tough and endured the heat.

This is one of the toughest horse shows in the state of Texas, with over 60 competitors in some of the classes and kids having to make it through multiple rounds to earn a ribbon. All exhibitors performed very well and learned a lot. Congratulations to all on a job well done, Floyd County 4-H is very proud of you!

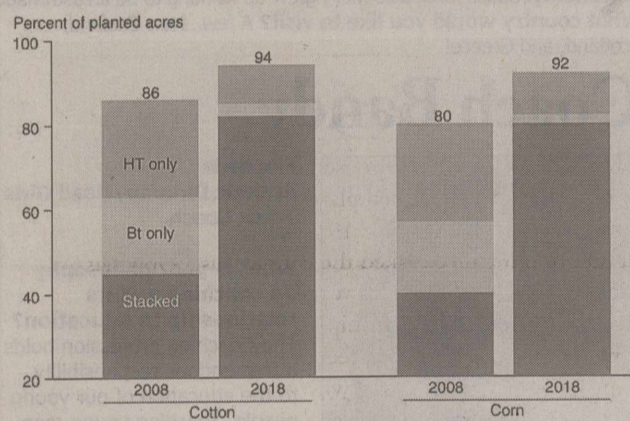


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Ethan Smith (right) and his partner Hayden Wright (left) who placed 3rd in Jackpot Ranch sorting at the State 4H horse show.

## Stacked Varieties Planted on Most Corn & Cotton Acres

Adoption of genetically engineered cotton and corn in the United States by seed trait, 2008 and 2018



Data for each crop include seed varieties with herbicide tolerance (HT), insect resistance (Bt), or both ("stacked") traits.  
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, June Agricultural Survey.

By **Tony St. James**  
www.ALLAgNews.com

(WASHINGTON, DC) Currently, over 90 percent of corn, cotton, and soybean acreage in the United States is planted with genetically engineered (GE) seeds. Most of these GE seeds are either herbicide tolerant (HT) or insect resistant (Bt). Seeds that have both traits are referred to as "stacked." A decade ago, 40 percent of U.S. corn acres and 45 percent of U.S. cotton acres were planted with stacked seeds. According to the Economic Research Service at USDA, 80 percent of corn acres and 82 percent of cotton acres were planted this year with these varieties. Soybean seeds with stacked traits are currently not commercially available in the United States. Though adoption rates for stacked seeds have slowed in recent

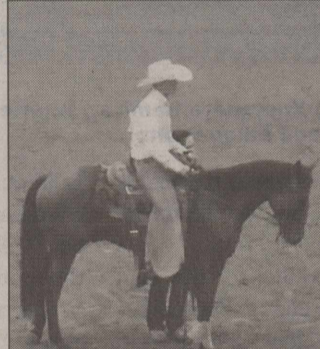
years, rates for stacked corn seeds increased by three percentage points from 2017 to 2018, while rates for stacked cotton increased by only two percentage points. The slow growth rates for stacked seeds may be due to relatively low corn prices, or because the majority of GE seeds are already stacked.

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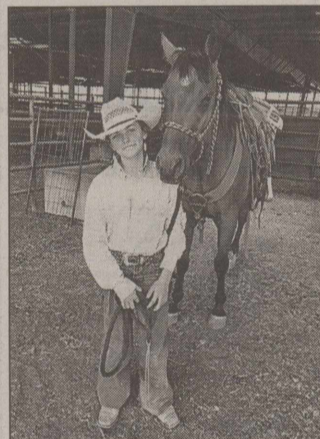
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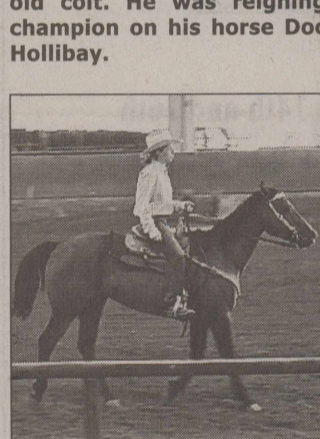
McKinzee Scott and her horse, Wicked, as they compete at the State 4-H Horse Show.



Jack Brooks on his 3-year-old colt. He was reigning champion on his horse Doc Hollibay.

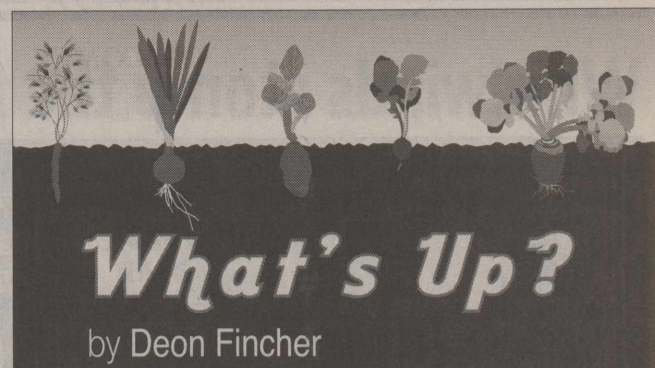


Preslie Brooks and her horse as they compete at the State 4-H Horse Show.



Madison Scott and her horse, Cutter, as they compete at the State 4-H Horse Show.

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As mentioned in a previous edition, Terry and I are getting started planning for our fall/winter garden. A proper reason to delve into gardening websites, digging (no pun intended...and yet-) for clues to what to expect from different varieties of plants.

Baker Heirloom Seed Company is my go-to for gardening seeds of all kinds. Their catalogues are overwhelming with colors, varieties, planting instructions, growing instructions, eating instructions, and to top all of that off, they also offer the history of the seeds they sell. Needless to say, just set aside a day for this one.

Deciding to go to their website, I was thinking that I might not get pulled in so intensely.

I need to explain something here. Shopping for seeds and plants for me is much like other women shopping for wedding decorations. Honestly...I have to have everything I see!

When I get serious about shopping, lists are futile. Thankfully, the company understands gardeners like me and offers four distinct categories from which to choose. As I click on VEGETABLES, my eyes catch that little-print number off to the side of the category--There are 1,480 different vegetable seed offerings!

With a commitment to reason and sanity, I stare at the left-hand list of vegetable choices sorted alphabetically: Amaranth-yes! Artichoke-no. Asparagus-no. Be...moving on down. Brussels Sprouts (I didn't know they were called Brussels Sprouts. Shouldn't there be an apos-

rophe somewhere?) - yes. Cabbage-yes...There are 20 different choices of cabbage! How, in the world, does one make those selective picks? I click on that category.

After reading the descriptions on the first four, already overwhelmed with the information I have bouncing around in my head, I decide to choose from the pictures.

Cauliflower, Collards, Garlic, Greens, Kale... a never-ending list through the alphabet. Probably not every one of the 1,480 offerings, but I'm fairly certain that I looked through at least a thousand.

I hear the faint ticking of the clock. It's been well over an hour since I began this project. Click. Click. Click. Click. Click. Click. Click...no...remove that one...Click. Click. Click.

The last vegetable category: William Woys Weaver. Click.

A whole category dedicated to one man's seeds. Now, THAT could become a personal goal.

Clicking back to Home, it's time to review my shopping cart.

A flashy-fonted word catches my eye-Herbs. Yikes! That borders on Pandora's Box for me!

Long-story-short...I didn't do too bad. "It's for our health!" I rationalize. And yet, as I ponder the selections of seeds that will be shipped to my door in "3-4 business days" I wonder where I am going to get everything planted, and how? Rows...or broadcasting?

Back to my research! (Sigh) I forgot to order garlic...back to the website!

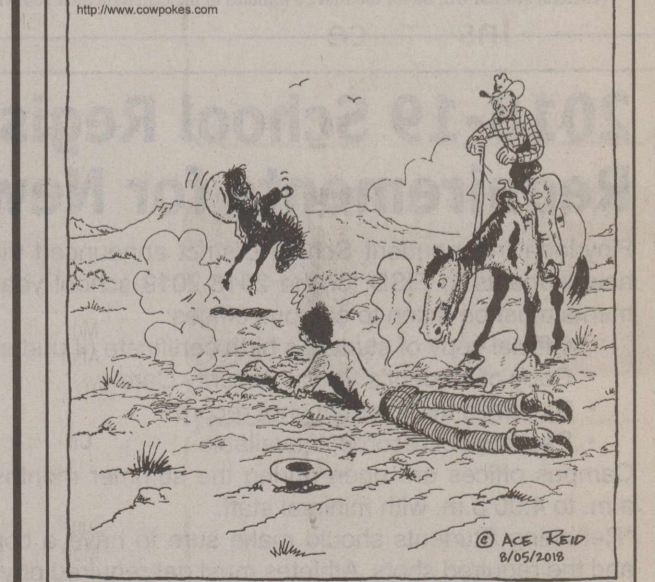
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## COWPOKES By Ace Reid



"Oh, I can ride 'em as good as I always did, it's gittin' up that's so hard for me."

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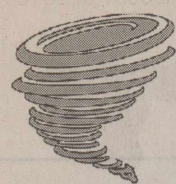
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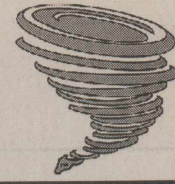
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# Floydada Whirlwinds



## Whirlwinds stomp the field



Deon Fincher/Hesperian Beacon

The Whirlwinds team runs through drills during the first of the 2-A-Days practices, Monday, August 6. The first game for the Floydada Whirlwinds will be against non-conference Ralls at Jackrabbit Field, August 23, 5:00 p.m.

## Floydada Cross Country Team Takes Off



Deon Fincher/Hesperian Beacon

Members of the Floydada Cross Country Team 2018 (L to R) Kassandra Ramirez, Audrie Strange, Avery Silva, Clarissa Delafuente, Kyle Bruington, Pablo Mendoza, Andrez Suarez and Caleb Crohn.

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Beacon

Floydada's Cross-Country Teams had their first workout early Monday morning, racking up well over 2 miles of running.

Coach Wheeler welcomed the teams by stating, "This is the hardest day of the season and the easiest."

Six meets are scheduled for the year, August 25-LCU Relays, September 1-Plainview, September 8-Lubbock, September 15-Lockney, September 22-

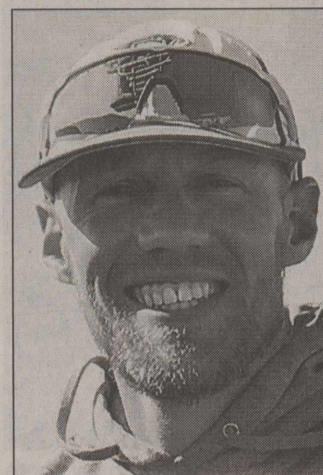
Lubbock, September 29-Abernathy; culminating in the District Meet-October 9, Regional Meet-October 22 and the State Meet -November 3.

The cross-country team will be available at the Meet the Whirlwinds event, August 17.

## INTRODUCING...

The Hesperian-Beacon sent a simple questionnaire to our teachers, aides, coaches and administrators who all work so diligently during the school year. Their answers give us a little bit of an insight into who they are outside the classroom. A big "THANKS!" to all who participated this week.  
— Deon Fincher

## Coach Pake Freeman



9th Grade Biology & 11/12th Grade Anatomy and Physiology

**How many years have you been teaching in FISD?** This year will be my 7th year here at FISD.

**What is your favorite cafeteria food?** I haven't had cafeteria food since I was in the 8th grade, but Pizza was always my favorite!

**Your favorite afternoon "pick-me-up" snack?** Usually fruit and usually a hand full of grapes!

**As a student, who was your favorite teacher and why?**

My favorite teacher when I was in school was Ms. Witherspoon. She was my 3rd grade teacher and is still a great family friend today. Her classroom was always full of excitement. There was no let down between subjects. She made every subject a fun and exciting lesson to learn. Most of all though, she kept up with me all the way through my college football years at Hardin-Simmons and even still today. She genuinely cared about my success as a student-athlete and as a person. I try to pay-it-forward every day with my students/athletes.

**Name one "thing" on your bucket-list that you still have to do:** Several years ago I set a goal to qualify for and run in the Boston Marathon. I'll work towards that goal for as long as I need to in order to mark this one off!

**Where is your "happy place"?** I absolutely love my job and love being around my school family and our students/athletes. My happy place is anywhere they are. Whether it be in class, practice or competition I'm happiest when I'm around them.

**Away from the classroom, what is/are your hobby/hobbies?**

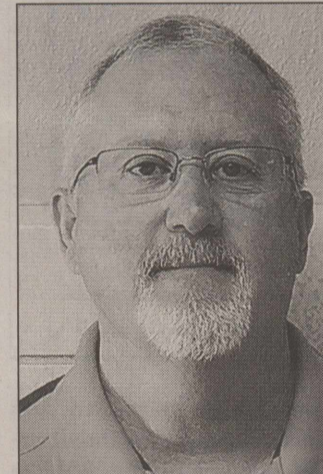
More often than not you can catch me at the track or around town running or working out. Part of it is working towards my goal of the Boston Marathon and part of it is just the enjoyment of a healthy lifestyle.

**What is your favorite teaching "prop"?** A yardstick. I don't know why, but I usually end up with a yardstick in my hand. Sometimes a lightsaber...big Star Wars fan!

**If you could study one more topic, what would that be?**

**Astronomy.** Space fascinates me. I grew up wanting to be an astronaut. **What country would you like to visit?** A few...New Zealand, Scotland, and Greece!

## Coach Bandy



Floydada Athletic Director/Head Girls Track Coach

**What is your philosophy on coaching and its relationship to education?**

The Coaching profession holds a tremendous responsibility to the education of our young people. Teaching young men and women to set goals that are reachable, to work hard as they can to achieve those goals, will not only carry over to the classroom but also into their life beyond public education to become successful citizens of our communities. Coaches

expect their athletes to perform at the highest level and go above and beyond what athletes think they can achieve. Coaching also teaches athletes to continue to improve in all aspects of their life and that there are not any obstacles to hard to overcome.

**What do you want to pass on to your athletes this year?** ACT RIGHT, DO RIGHT, BE RIGHT!!

**Who do you consider your role model?** My Father - teaching his sons that working hard and serving others is very important. My Mother - teaching her sons to care about everyone, no matter the circumstances. My Wife - loving, trusting, and loyalty through all the good and the bad.

**What is your favorite movie?** Sports Movie - Brian's Song (1971); Other Movie - The Man From Snowy River (1982)

**Favorite Rock Band?** never listened to rock

**What One word do you want people to associate with your name?** Christian Coach

## Coach Wheeler



Floydada Head Cross Country, JV Girls Basketball, Assistant Girls Track

**What is your philosophy on coaching and its relationship to education?**

Both require the student-athlete to be hard working, dedicated, and also teaches them to persevere when the going gets tough.

**What do you want to pass on to your athletes this year?** The ability to have courage and push through tough trials to reach their goals.

**Who do you consider your**

**role model?** My high school coach, Traci Read.

**What is your favorite movie?** Facing the Giants (2006)

**Your favorite classic rock band (1960-1990):** Don't really listen to classic rock but I love Hillsong United!

**What one word do you want people to associate with your name?** Competitive!

### DUNCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### Duncan Meet the Teacher Nights – August 14th and 16th

We will be having two types of informational sessions general and grade level specific. Topics for the sessions will be:

- General:
  - Attendance
  - Discipline
  - Fundraising and End of Year Field Trip
- Before and after school support systems to help you child be successful
- Grade Level:
  - Classroom procedures and expectations
  - Positive contacts
  - Homerooms
- Teacher contact information and conference times
- Registration

\*\*\*We encourage you to attend these sessions with your child\*\*\*

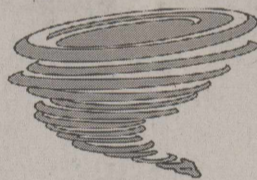
#### OUR SCHEDULE WILL BE:

Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> -  
PK/1<sup>st</sup> - 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
3rd/4th - 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 16  
K/2nd - 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
5th/6th - 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

(General session will be for the first 20 minutes in the Cafeteria then you will meet with grade level teachers)

## 2018 FLOYDADA CROSS COUNTRY



August 17 - Meet the Whirlwinds

August 25 - LCU Relays

September 1 - Plainview

September 8 - Lubbock

September 15 - Lockney

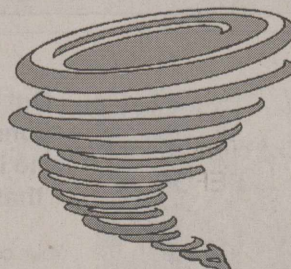
September 22 - Lubbock

September 29 - Abernathy

October 11- District

October 22 - Regional

November 3 - STATE



Go Winds

## 2018-19 School Registration Requirements for New Students

Floydada Independent School District announced the record requirements for new students to FISD for the 2018-2019 school year. All three of these documents must be taken to campus offices:

- Official copy of student's birth certificate (if under 12 years of age)
- Copy of student's Social Security Card
- Student's most recent shot record
- Past school records, if available

Campus offices are open during the summer months, Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with minimal staff.

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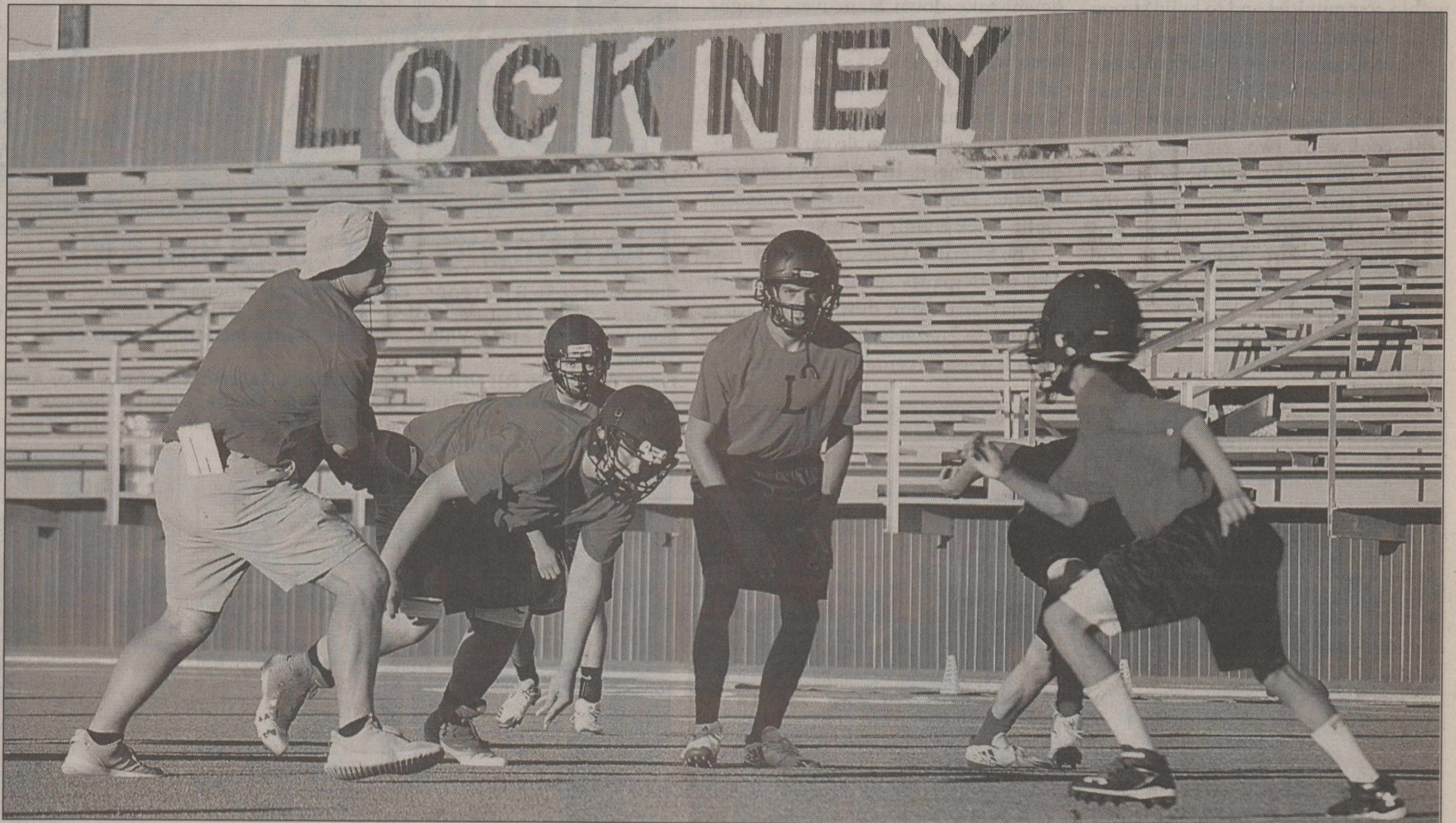
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# Lockney Longhorns

## Longhorns begin 2-A-Days practices



Deon Fincher/Hesperian Beacon  
**Coach Stacy Ward runs members of the Longhorn team through drills during the first of the 2-A-Days practices, Monday, August 6. The first Longhorn game will be against non-conference Springlake-Earth at Longhorn Field, August 23, 6:00 p.m.**

### Lockney H.S. Parking Spaces

The Lockney High School will be assigning parking spaces in the following order:  
 August 14 - Seniors  
 August 15 - Juniors  
 August 16 - Sophomores and any other needed parking

### INTRODUCING...

With the start of the 2018-2019 School Year, The Hesperian-Beacon introduces our coaches to our readers. These men and women work tirelessly with our athletes, and we are thrilled to spotlight each of them. Their answers to a short questionnaire give us a little bit of insight into their values and beliefs. A big "THANKS!" to all who participated this week. -- Deon Fincher

### Coach Gutierrez



**Lockney Head Boys' Basketball, Football, Softball**

**What is your philosophy on coaching and its relationship to education?** We work for the students. We have to be leaders for our students/athletes and model the behavior we expect from our students.  
**What do you want to pass on to your athletes this year?** Understand the value of being disciplined, committed, and dedicated.  
**Who do you consider your role model?** My Father  
**What is your favorite movie?** Dark Knight (2008)  
**Your favorite classic rock band (1960-1990):** Def Leppard  
**What one word do you want people to associate with your name?** Loving

## Longhorn Band sets start date

Summer Band will start on  
**August 13th**  
 Monday to Thursday  
**7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**

### Coach Ward



**Lockney Athletic Director Head Football, Track**

**What is your philosophy on coaching and its relationship to education?** Taking students to where they haven't been before by building relationships.  
**What do you want to pass on to your athletes this year?** Trust the process, I continual improvement every day.  
**Who do you consider your role model?** Steve Parr, and High School coaches who left a legacy on my life to do what I do.  
**What is your favorite movie?** Goonies (1985)  
**Your favorite classic rock band (1960-1990):** Aerosmith  
**What one word do you want people to associate with your name?** Family, work, love

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### Coach Wilson



**Lockney JH Girls' Basketball**

**What is your philosophy on coaching and its relationship to education?** I believe that athletes and students alike need to learn the importance of working hard. Kids who learn the importance of striving for excellence in everything they do (whether in the classroom or on the court) become successful adults.  
**What do you want to pass on to your athletes this year?** Hard work, team work, love for basketball.  
**Who do you consider your role model?** Coach Alfaro has been such a great role model for me. He has helped me develop as a coach.  
**What is your favorite movie?** There's too many good ones.  
**Your favorite classic rock band (1960-1990):**  
**What one word do you want people to associate with your name?** Genuine

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# Law Enforcement hosts Night Out

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Beacon

Held annually on the first Tuesday of August across the United States, National Night Out is a community-police educational event meant to increase awareness of police programs within communities and to build strong Police-Community partnerships.

Floyd County Sheriff's Office organized the event held at the courthouse on Sunday. Kids were entertained and kept cool with two gigantic water slides, as the adults watched demonstrations and presentations from the Sheriff's Department, Floydada Police, Floydada Fire department, and EMS. In addition, the Aero-Care helicopter dropped in.

Attendees were provided hamburgers and hot dogs to munch on while

others watched the jaws of life tear into a car, experienced an accident with the roll-over simulator, and tried their skills at driving a go-cart while wearing a pair of drunk-goggles.

The Floyd County Sheriff's K-9 unit was out and about as well, demonstrating their elite training and efficient take-down maneuvers. Angus, a 2-year-old Dutch Shepherd, has been with the Sheriff's Office for the last 12 weeks. His handler, Deputy Cruz Vasquez, keeps Angus close, providing all reasonable care that Angus might need. In order to become a handler, Deputy Vasquez attended an eight-week training course.

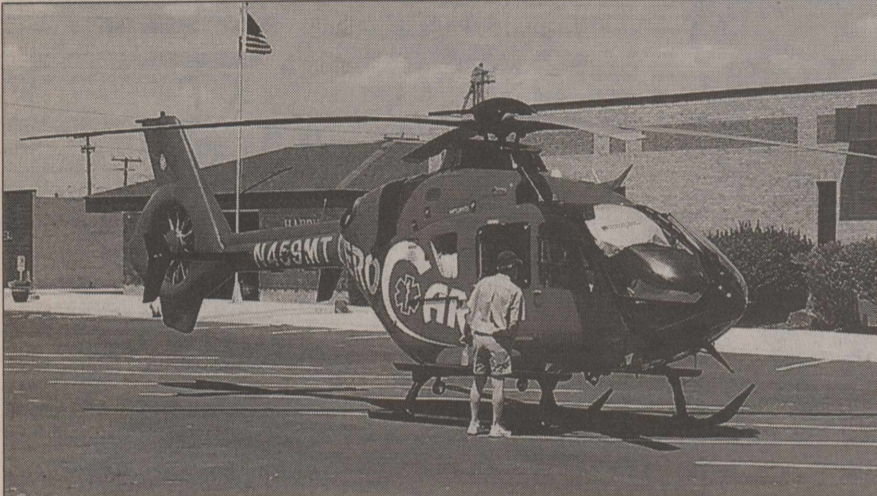
The Sheriff's Office estimated that 150 participants spent some of their Sunday afternoon downtown participating in the activities and visiting with law-enforcement personnel.

Courtesy photos



**Floyd County Police, Fire and EMS**

Back Row (L to R): Trooper Enrique Garcia, Trooper Nathaniel Washburn, Trooper Alison Middleton, Trooper Ricky Walters, Officer Raul Garcia, Deputy Cruz Vasquez, Officer Landen Walker, Crosby County Sheriff Ethan Villanueva, EMT Marty Medellin, EMS Director Katrina Gooch, and Aero-Care's James Edgar.  
Front Row (L to R): Officer Joel Martinez, Interim Chief of Police Reuben Ramon, Sheriff Paul Raiserz, Deputy Marco Martinez, Deputy Cade Morris, Deputy Alex Gutierrez, Sgt Ruben Deleon, Crosby County Deputy Adam Ortiz, Aero-Care's Bobbie Sanchez, Game Warden Josh Gordon and State Park Police Officer Dawson Enloe.



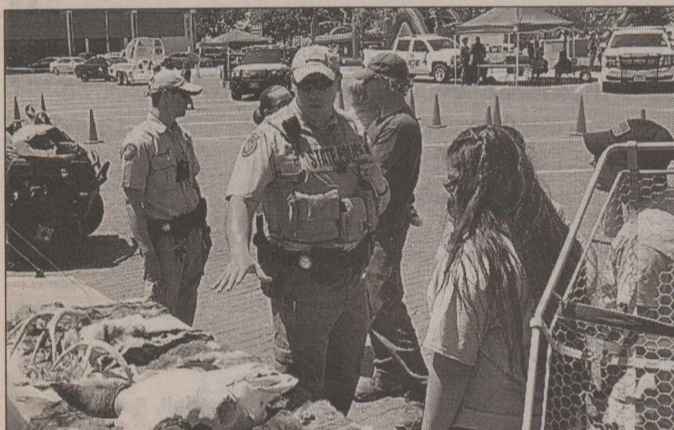
Aero-Care Lubbock attended the Floyd County 2nd National Night Out held Sunday at the courthouse pavilion. The chopper landed on East California Street, and was open for visitors' viewing.



Angus, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit, demonstrates his take-down skills assisted by his handler, Deputy Cruz Vasquez.



The Floyd County 2nd Annual National Night Out provides numerous hands-on activities. While wearing drunk-goggles, a participant makes his way through the cones in the go-kart. Drunk-goggles simulate the vision changes occurring in an intoxicated state.



The Texas State Park Police Officer Dawson Enloe and Game Warden Josh Gordon show participants the different animals that can be found at Caprock State Park-Quitaque, and demonstrate their rifle-resistant body armor.



During the 2nd Annual National Night Out, the members of the Floydada Fire Department demonstrated how they utilize the jaws of life to rescue crash victims.

The Floyd County 2nd Annual National Night Out that took place in Floydada last Sunday brought out a great crowd. Burgers, hot-dogs, music and water slides were provided for attendees.



50-280  
(Rev. 4-16/3)

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

The Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., August 28, 2018 in Board of Trustees meeting room at 226 W California

Floydada, TX

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

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

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.1700 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)  
School Debt Service Tax  
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.4550 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

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

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

Maintenance and operations	% increase or	23.96	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase or	4.82	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase or	19.91	% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,076,759,540	\$ 978,271,636
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 446,695,990	\$ 1,000,000
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 898,173,623	\$ 805,138,561
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 446,695,990	\$ 1,000,000

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

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 36,145,000

\* Outstanding principal.

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

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.42900*	\$ 1.59900	\$ 10,762	\$ 6,581
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.21837	\$ 0.45409*	\$ 1.67246	\$ 11,297	\$ 6,327
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.45500*	\$ 1.62500	\$ 10,955	\$ 6,327

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,596	\$ 36,070
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 21,383	\$ 21,853
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.6100	\$ 1.625
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 344.27	\$ 355.11
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 10.84

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

### Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,595,530
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0



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(Regular/Especial/Primaria) de Lockney General Hospital District se pueden presentar (marcar una con círculo) (nombre de la subdivisión política/partido)

durante el siguiente horario:)

### Filing Dates and Times:

(Fechas y Horario para Presentar Solicitudes)

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(Fecha Inicio) (Fecha Límite) **Viernes, 16 de febrero de 2018,**  
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## Public Notice

FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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The Floydada ISD, A B Duncan Elementary, High School, Junior High School announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Floydada Independent School District  
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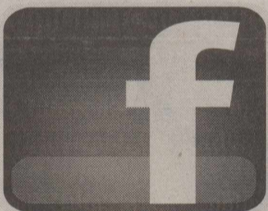
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Kathy Kellison - "Thankful, Grateful, Blessed."



Elegant, formal table settings delight attendees.



Cheryl Teeter - "A Season of Rejoicing."



Lou Ann Barker and Brittany Dunivan - "For Everything There is a Season"



Maureen Lass - "God's Plan"



Charlotte Brock & Virginia Taylor - "Count Your Blessings"



Amy Kellison - "A Little Bit of Coffee & A Whole Lot of Jesus"



Cindy Huffman - "Nancy Jordan Barlow"



Andy Ford - "America's First Thanksgiving"



Charlotte Mitchell - "Newness of Life"



Sherry Heitzenrater - "America's Armed Forces"

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Fincher

Members of the First United Methodist Church in Lockney transformed the fellowship hall into an elegant, decadent luncheon

setting last July 28th. Tickets to attend the event are sold by the volunteers and decorators. This annual fundraiser supports the Snack Packs for Kids program at the school and the FUMC Mobile Food Pantry.

Celebrating this year's theme, "In All Things Give Thanks" the volunteer decorators chose keepsakes that represented the theme, producing a room full of individual and diverse table settings.

The artistic displays included dishes from weddings, bibles from baptisms, gifts from friends, trees from backyards turned candles, stunning floral arrangements, and tributes to organizations or groups.

Not only were the table settings remarkable, but the meal served on the opulent settings was scrumptious. Shownda Foster and her daughters, Segayle, Senee and SyAnn prepared a mouthwatering traditional turkey, cornbread and sweet potato casserole dinner. Unique to this event are the servers. Elders and deacons from the congregation don white shirts and cloth napkins as they serve elegant plates and keep delicate glasses and cups filled. A table "God's Faithful Servants" was decorated in appreciation of the part these men give in service, not only for this activity but throughout the year.

Entertainment for the luncheon was provided. The Rucker Sisters harmonized together as they have done for over 60 years. Favorite hymns were selected for the performance.

Breann Barker, daughter of Brent and Lou Ann Barker, delighted the attendees with an impressive and beautiful Handbell performance.



Entertainment - The Rucker Sisters



Breann Barker, daughter of Brent and Lou Ann Barker, entertained the crowd with her talents with the Handbells.

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