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## Floydada Native breeds Houston Livestock Show Grand Champion

**By Kelli Childre**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

HAMLIN, TX - Tears and applause filled the NRG Center East Arena at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo as the winner was announced for the Junior Market Barrow Grand Champion on March 14. Exhibitor Karley Willenborg, 14, from Waco and McLennan County 4-H, took home the Grand Champion trophy, as did her dark crossbred barrow's breeder, Shannon Barbee.

Barbee is a Floydada native, graduating from FHS in 1987. He showed pigs from 1978 through his senior year. During his later years as a youth exhibitor he bred and raised swine. Although his career took him down the path of banking, he still had a love and desire for raising show pigs. In 2010, he started Shannon Barbee Show Pigs in Hamlin, where he now resides. Two years ago, he left his banking job to concentrate fully on his breeding business.

He takes a very hands-on approach with the show pigs he sells and keeps in contact with the buyer to offer advice and support on getting the animal to its full show potential. He attends all the major stock shows and makes the rounds to follow-up with and

be a support to the exhibitors that are showing a pig he has bred.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is the world's largest livestock show, and winning the show

daughters, had a large crowd surrounding them during the grand champion drive. Before the champion was named, the judge talked about regardless of where you place in a show you'll always remember

during the grand champion drive. Childhood friends, Coy LaBaume of Plainview and Kelli (LaBaume) Childre of Cedar Park, were sitting beside Larry. They grew up as neighbors and shared pig

moment taking the four of them back to where Barbee started raising pigs on his great-grandfather Bennett's small plot under 2 acres down a dirt road on the east side of Floydada.

Jackie and Jon Hodges, Gary Lawrence - Aura Engineering LLC, Stronghold Companies, and Shannon and Joe Underwood broke a world record with their \$245,000 bid for Willenborg's barrow at the HLSR Junior Market Barrow Auction on March 15. The HLSR establishes a guaranteed minimum payment for each exhibitor qualifying for a junior market auction. Willenborg received the guaranteed minimum of \$40,000 for the Grand Champion Barrow. The additional funds are used to bring other exhibitors to the guaranteed minimum for their placing and go into the HLSR's Educational Fund to be used for scholarship and grant recipients.

In addition to the Grand Champion Barrow, Shannon Barbee Show Pigs had several barrows that made the cut for exhibiting in Houston with two of them placing 1st and 4th in the dark crossbred division.

Barbee is the grandson of Floydada resident, Harold Wayne Bennett, and the late Geneva Bennett.



Courtesy Photo

**Karley Willenborg (left), from Waco and McLennan County 4-H, took home the Junior Market Barrow Grand Champion trophy, as did her dark crossbred barrow's breeder, Shannon Barbee (right) at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.**

is a dream come true for an exhibitor and breeder. The Willenborg family, Barbee, his wife Tammy and their two

friendships and memories you make along the way. Barbee's dad, Larry Barbee, of Tyler, was sitting behind him

and traveled to stock shows together. When the barrow was named Grand Champion, it was a surreal

## Finally, "Fitness on the Square"

**By Deon Fincher**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - "It's my passion—it's my calling. By the grace of God, I am able to help people through their grieving during the daytime hours, and at night, I come here and laugh and help others through this process—whether that be fitness, support, or those just needing time out of the house."

Amanda Perales met me at the door of her newest home—inside the building on the corner of Main Street and California, the Arwine Drug building. The signs aren't up yet, but Fitness on the Square is up and running. The building began its transformation on March 1st. Nineteen days later, Mandy was putting in the finishing touches in preparation for her "TABATA ladies."

"If you would have told me 10 years ago, that I would be a fitness coach and that I would have a place of my own," relates Mandy, "I would have laughed at you! But, I truly believe that this is my calling."

Her 'calling' has been a work in progress. "I was at home with my kids. I was depressed," she explains. "There was no gym, I was too busy, my kids needed me, there was no place to meet with a support group—I used every excuse I could come up with." They were just excuses resulting in tamping down her confidence and spoiling her health.



Courtesy Photo

**Amanda Perales (R) with Master Trainer, Jessica Wiggins Balliew (L), upon the completion of Perales's BARRE Certification. Perales has opened Fitness on the Square in downtown Floydada. She offers TABATA, BARRE and ZUMBA fitness classes.**

"I knew that there were so many women that need just a little motivation, just like me. That's why I started."

Initially, it was ZUMBA, a dance-type cardio workout set to music, that fueled Perales. She taught classes for three years in Lockney, Ralls, Petersburg, and Floydada every day. "I started noticing that my students wanted more than dancing," reminisced Perales.

"They wanted core training and glut strengthening—they wanted to work out." So, last summer, Mandy signed up to get certified to teach TABATA. "The coach that trained me told me, 'Mandy, you can do Cross Fit, P90X, HIT...everything falls under this one TABATA certification, and then you can do so much!'"

"Honestly, I had to Google TABATA!" said Perales. "It sounds See **FITNESS**, Page 10



Courtesy Photo

**Lockney's FCCLA students gathered loads of supplies to fill backpacks that will be given to children serviced by CASA. These kiddos are removed from abusive situations and placed in foster care; the backpacks give them something of "their own" to hold onto and use. Executive Director, Shay Price, accepted the donations for Great Plains CASA for Kids.**

## FCCLA focuses on Child Abuse

**By Deon Fincher**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Lockney FCCLA, the Family & Consumer Sciences' student organization, has had their sights set on this spring's Regional meeting and the STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) that recognize members within the chapter and through individual projects. For good reason, the members have been diligently working on their projects.

There are 20 members within the Lockney Chapter, with 14 that attended the Regional meeting. It is at the Regional meeting that these students finally get to introduce and explain the numerous projects in

which they have been involved and advance to the next level of competition.

One of the key projects that the entire membership worked on this year was the organization's Community Service Project. They partnered with Crisis Center of the Plains for the education segment of the project. Staff from the women's crisis center met with the students, bi-weekly, to discuss sex trafficking, domestic violence, and child abuse. Through this education process, the students came up with their projects—each of which centered around the kids that are serviced through CASA.

Austin Rodriguez, David Amaya and Michael Luna wanted to provide backpacks for the CASA kids

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## 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

### FLOYD COUNTY BURN BAN IN EFFECT

**FLOYDADA SENIOR  
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The Floydada Senior Citizen's Center will be having a Sunday meal on April 7 featuring their famous chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, drink, dessert. Doors will open at 11:15 a.m. Minimum donation is \$8.00. Dine in or take out. Delivery available, call 806-983-2032

### LHS CHEERLEADERS FUNDRAISER

The Lockney High School cheerleaders will have a fundraiser on Sunday, April 7th at the Lockney Senior Citizens building. Brisket meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Generous donations welcomed.

### FLOYD COUNTY PIONEER ASSN.

The Floyd County Pioneer Association (Old Settler's) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the First National Bank's Community Room. Discussion will be held about the Old Settler's Reunion 2019. Everyone is welcome.

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### OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday, May 11th is the 2019 Old Settler's Reunion! Downtown Floydada - Lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy. Mark your calendars now!!! Watch in the Hesperian-Beacon's upcoming issues for more info on all the activities.

### LIGHT THE CROSS MEMORIAL PRINTS

"Light the Cross" Memorial prints are available at Script Printing, Cathy's Floral or Karen Houchin Law, starting at \$20.00 each. Help keep the Cross lit in Blanco Canyon by making a donation or purchasing a print. They make great and unusual gifts. Donations may be made at First National Bank, Floydada.

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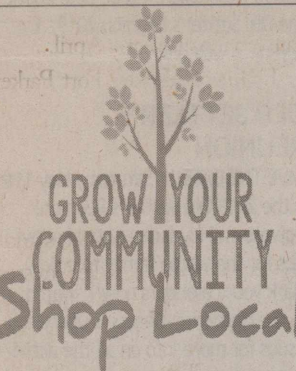
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## ABOUT THE COUNTY

By: Marty Lucke, County Judge

The Floyd County Commissioners Court enacted a Burn Ban at the March 11th meeting that immediately went into effect. The Burn Ban was encouraged by the Fire Departments in the County and is necessary to qualify for Federal Assistance in case of a disaster. As we all continue to pray for rain in moderation, let's keep our First Responders in our prayers also.

The 86th Texas Legislature is more than half over and many bills are starting to be debated in the House and Senate. Many of these bills are not beneficial to local government and take away from local control of local tax dollars. There is no better measure of the manner that local tax dollars are being spent than the local tax payer. In large urban areas the elected officials, of all levels, are a name on a ballot and are generally not recognized in public. Out here in rural Texas, everyone knows who the elected officials are. It is hard to try and explain this to urban area elected officials and even harder to try and explain that "one size fits all" government is not good policy.

This month I'm starting to highlight a County office each month. This month I am going to highlight the office of County Treasurer. The Floyd County Treasurer is Ms. Lori Morales. She was appointed to the office in March 2014 and was elected to the position in November 2014 and November 2018. What is a County Treasurer? The County Treasurer is the chief custodian of county finance and is charged with the safekeeping and investing of county funds. This includes the maintenance and recon-

ciliation of all checking accounts under the care of the County Treasurer and the disbursement of funds. That is the basic description of the office of County Treasurer.

What does a County Treasurer do? A County Treasurer has the following duties and responsibilities: (1) Receives and deposits all county revenues, (2) Acts as the chief liaison between the county and depository banks, (3) Prepares the county payroll, (4) Disburses funds upon the order of the Commissioners Court, (5) Records receipts and expenditures and reconciles bank statements, (6) May be designated as the county's investment officer and required to submit regular reports on county finance to the members of the Commissioners Court, (7) May also act as the county's human resource officer, employee benefits coordinator, risk manager and insurance coordinator, and (8) Has the responsibility of assisting and preparing information for the audit in counties without an auditor.

The Floyd County Treasurer has all these duties and responsibilities and attends all Commissioners Court meetings. The Treasurer makes all required reports to the Texas State Comptroller's Office and the Internal Revenue Service. She is also required to receive continuing education in the operation of the office of County Treasurer and county investment officer. She also needs training in human resources, risk management and employee benefits. She also assists the County Judge in preparing, presenting and implementing the county budget.

Until next month - "Bye y'all!"

## The 501: Going Laptopless

"I take pen in hand to type you this letter."

That was the opening line of a silly letter making the rounds in the pre-Facebook days of my youth. At age 12 I thought it was pretty funny. I still do.

I'd look it up on the Internet if I could. Someone has probably added it to the great body of trivia that clogs cyberspace. But I forgot my laptop when I left the big city for the farm. Alas.

You guessed it. Here I sit with a felt-tip pen, scribbling 501 words on a yellow legal pad. No kidding. Most of what I've written so far is scratched out. I miss my delete key most

of all. Just think. A whole delete-key generation has come of age. Maybe that's what's wrong with society. (Something is always wrong with society.)

Meanwhile, more of that letter comes to mind:

"I mailed you an overcoat. I cut the buttons off to make it weigh less. They're in a pocket."

I probably remember that part because it sounds like one of my self-defeating money-saving strategies - like last night when what I wanted most was a Braum's \$1 vanilla-chocolate (emphasis on chocolate) frozen yogurt waffle cone. My Braum's closes at 10:45 sharp. I was over a hundred miles away when I realized I'd have to speed to make it. Why not just get to McDonald's by 11 p.m. and pay a little extra for a chocolate

shake?

At 10:57 at the latest I pulled up to the unblinking order-taking intercom. I waited. Silence. Cars pulled in behind me. After about three minutes (the McDonald's definition of eternity) I pulled up to the money-taking window. No money-taker. Finally, after watching the woman in front of me get her food and drink, I drove to the last window, where I met Sapphire, a real person.

You guessed it. She told me they were closed.

I've heard McDonald's pays pretty well, but I knew they weren't paying the hapless Sapphire enough for her to listen to someone in the unhappy throes of chocolate withdrawal. What's more, she had yet to deal with those other two cars. I hoped no one was armed.

Did I get my chocolate? Yes. I paid \$1.79 for 16 ounces of chocolate milk at Allsup's, where I also hoped no customers were armed. Good old Allsup's, the only place open one Thanksgiving when my mother and I thought we'd eat out. Love those burritos. We digress.

Meanwhile again, you're still wondering what kind of idiot gets to McDonald's three minutes before closing expecting to order a milkshake. My kind. I could have written that moronic letter, but the overcoat part would have read like this:

"I mailed you an overcoat. To reduce the weight I cut off the buttons. I meant to put them in a pocket, but I forgot."

In closing (right on time), my compliments to the post office. They don't close till the very last minute. Yes, I'm their favorite customer.

## About Town

Normally, I try to use this space to bring together thoughts and ideas that will support 'small-town living,' or to inform everyone as to specific events and activities that are happening right under our noses. But, today, as I comb through my mind's ideas, all I can focus on is my hiccups.

I've often wondered what causes hiccups; I can say this because when I have hiccups, they are never, ever just a short spell...or just a series of hiccups...or one here and one there. My hiccups are full-blown, body-racking, top-of-the-scale volume, hours-long H-I-E-E-A-H-H-I-A-A-I-E-E-C-U-P...with a complimentary serving of gastric convulsions to boot!

Needless to say, I'm not answering any phone calls today. I'm not singing to the radio. I'm not really able to do much...but try different remedies for these blasted hiccups.

I tried apple-cider-vinegar hot tea first thing this morning, because my medications set the hiccups off! The tea failed to make much difference. My coffee didn't work, either. I tried some oatmeal--not helpful. I decided that I might as well try a soda, since my stomach was already balking--I hiccupped just as I swallowed, and my Dr. Pepper rudely gurgled out my nostrils. I tried laying still on my back--no change. I located my trusty heating pad and placed it on my chest while laying still...the spasms got worse. Mouthful of sugar? Tried it. Standing on my head? Tried...well, no I didn't; but I did hang off the side of my bed with my hands and head on the floor in an effort to mimic head-standing. It didn't seem to make that pocket of air in my tummy find an escape. Lunch? Yep...I tried that too--I didn't get too far into my pizza when I sucked in some of those hot-pepper flakes with one intense hiccup. I can say with certainty, that pepper flakes are not a cure...my sinuses, however, seem to be cleared out!

So, I sit here at my computer, creativity at a stand-still, waiting impatiently for the next idea to flow through my fingertips...or the next hiccup to forcibly bend my body over with its ferocity. And...neither one comes. My mind races. Are they done? Am I finally free from the inhibiting malady? Can I move forward with my life--my crazy day with all of its looming deadlines?

Silence.

Interestingly, I can't remember the last hiccup. I can remember hiccupping...but, I can't wrap my mind around that last, last, last one. Isn't that the way it goes?

H-I-I-E-E-A-H-H-C-U-U-U-P! Drats!!

## Lockney City Council Meets

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Lockney City Council met last Tuesday morning, March 19, at Lockney's City Hall.

The Items of Consent were approved unanimously.

Ryan King, from Terry & King, CPAs, PC, in Lubbock, presented the long-awaited audit report to the council. 'Long-awaited' because Manager Poling had set out to have all the years since 2012 audited. Staff, with the help of software support and financial consultants, determined that the software had become corrupted, leading to an enormous amount of reconciling work for each individual year in order to get the financial books auditable. Mr. King stated that this year's audit "was a pleasure. Laurie and Amy are taking care of things at the highest standard of accuracy."

The audit revealed that there has been an increase in cash--an accomplishment, stated King, based on the condition of the financial records. King stated emphatically, "You've done really well, and the City is in sound financial condition." Council members approved the 2018 A+ Audit Report unanimously.

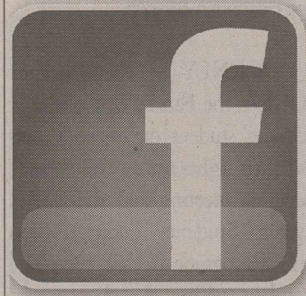
City Manager Poling report-

ed on the status of the CDBG (State's Community Development Block Grant) Grant. The application is in the last stages of writing, and then will be compiled and sent to the state. Poling stated that the initial score-card was positive, so there is a good chance that the City will be awarded the grant monies. Poling stated that the funding will be used to upgrade the pumps and sewer lifts of the city's sewer system. Both the West and Eastern sewer lifts are included in this grant application.

The council broke into executive session. Upon reconvening, the council announced that Manager Poling had been offered a 2-year extension to his current contract. In addition, his base salary will be increased by \$375/month (car allowance) and with a change in insurance, the manager will be able to convert to the Texas Municipal League insurance if available. If Manager Poling agrees to the changes, the revised contract will become effective April 1, 2019.

Councilmembers in attendance: David Cole, Aaron Wilson, Dart Carthel, Donnie McLaughlin and Mayor Michael DeLeon. Others in attendance were City Attorney Lanny Voss, Manager Buster Poling and City Secretary Laurie Garcia.

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## May General Election News

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - May 4, 2019 is this Spring's General Election day in Floyd County.

There were no candidates running against the Floydada City Council members whose terms are up for re-election. Those members have agreed to serve another term in their positions. Mayor-Bobby Gilliland, District 2 Council Member-Dana Crossland, and District 3 Council Member-Steve Lloyd.

Offices for election/re-election in Lockney's General Election are as follows: Council Member District 1 Candidates: Incumbent Donnie McLaughlin and Lee St. Dennis; Council Member District 2-Aaron Wilson; Council Member District 3-Dart Carthel. Early voting for the Lockney election will take place by personal appearance each weekday at Lockney's City Hall, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. between April 22, 2019 and April 30, 2019. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 23, 2019.

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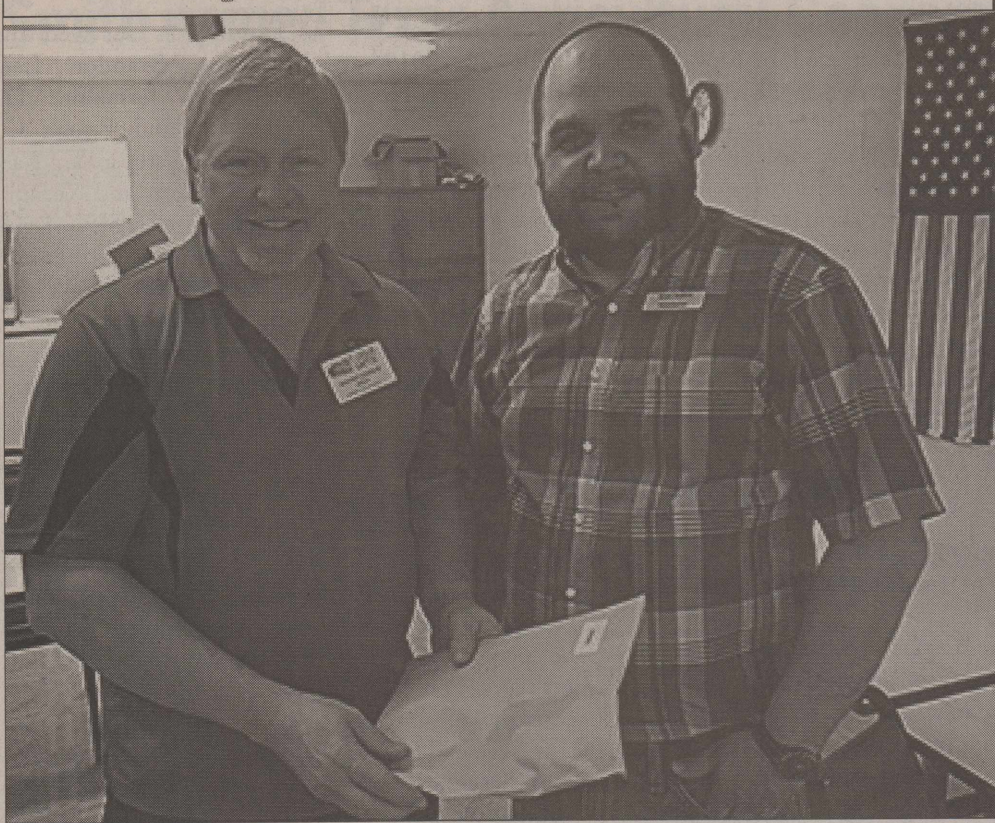
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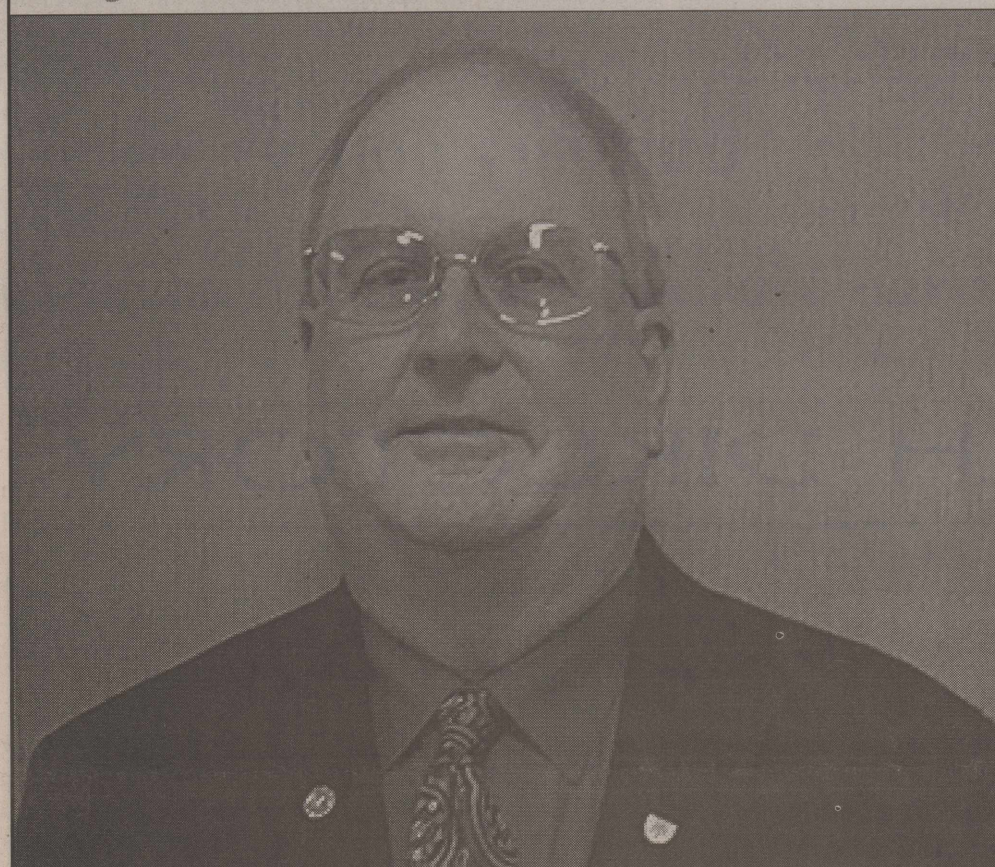
## Lockney Rotary



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**LOCKNEY ROTARY** - (L) Leslie Gattis, Assistant Rotary Governor Area 5 ,shares Rotary raffle tickets with (R) Brant Guthrie, Club Treasurer. Brant shared that we are making progress on the "Welcome to Lockney" sign.

## Floydada Rotary



Courtesy Photo

**FLOYDADA ROTARY** - Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke updated the Floydada Rotary Club on the progress made by the county government.

## Floydada Senior Citizen's News

By LuAnn Collins  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

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We have monthly menus available at the center or we will deliver one to you. Call the Center at 806-983-2032 and ask for a menu to be delivered.

We are continuing our \$4.00 Tuesday Meals. Eat in, take out,

or have a meal delivered to you at no extra charge. Remember our 2nd Tuesday bingo each month. April bingo night is April 9. We start play at 5:30 p.m. and play until 7:30 p.m. We always have a progressive cash bingo game, which means that we play for a cash prize each week. If there is no winner, the cash "pot" grows until we do have a winner. Our cash prize is now at \$141.00. The cost to play is \$2.00 for 3 cards, or \$1.00 per card. We will also serve Texas Nachos, drink, and 2 cards for \$5.00. Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11:00 a.m. Our delivery drivers will

begin delivering at 11:30. 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 April 1 - April 5

- Monday** - Baked beans & pork chops
- Tuesday** - Taco salad - \$4.00
- Wednesday** - Ham
- Thursday** - Sirloin pattie w/grilled onions
- Friday** - Fish fry  
(Menu subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizen's News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**LOCKNEY** - We hope you are all having a great week! Come and eat with us and enjoy the fellowship!

Mark these events down on your calendar!

- APRIL CALENDAR:**
- 5th** - Fish Fry
  - 7th** - LHS Cheerleaders brisket lunch
  - 15th** - Bingo night
  - 28th** - Sunday Lunch
- Breakfast is served here

at the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday only. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat lunch at the Center. Our phone number is 806-652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Coffee time - Monday-Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Our Thursday night pot luck is from 5-9 p.m. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards.

### MENU April 1 - April 5

- Monday** - Skip
- Tuesday** - Tacos
- Wednesday** - Grilled chicken
- Thursday** - Club sandwich
- Friday** - Meatloaf  
(Menu subject to change without notice)

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

LEIGHTON HOLLAND MAGGARD

Leighton's maternal grandfather, Orlando Holland, was born in Georgia and came to Hillsboro, Texas where he was a surveyor. He married Laura Burgess and they came to Plainview, Texas in the early 1900's. He was county surveyor and surveyed part of the original town of Plainview.

Orlando and Laura had three children, Vera, who married Ralph L. Maggard; Nell who married Herman Krausey of Petersburg and Burgess, who attended West Texas Normal College at Canyon.

Ralph Maggard, Leighton's father, was born in Arkansas and the family traveled by wagon to Epworth, Texas-near Hale Center. Enroute to Texas, his father drank from a contaminated river, contracted typhoid fever and died. His widow continued alone with their four children; Silas, Ruth (married John Bates), Blanche (married E.E. Spencer), and Ralph, who was two years old when his father died. She raised the kids alone-no easy feat for a widow in the late 1800's.

Ralph and Vera Holland were married in Plainview and moved to Okmulgee, Oklahoma in 1923 where he worked in a hardware store and had a dairy. They had two children, Leighton Holland, born in Plainview and Laura Belle, born in Okmulgee.

Ralph, Vera and children moved back to Lockney in 1931. Ralph was the Phillips agent from 1931-1943. He was popular with the younger set for his ability to sound like two cats fighting! From 1944-1947 he was associated with Hammond Implement. He was elected Mayor of Lockney 1945-1948. He died of a heart attack in 1948.

Vera taught school for a few years in a community north of Plainview. In Lockney she was a member of El Progreso Study Club and taught Sunday School in the Baptist Church. She died of cancer in 1947.

Leighton and Laura Belle graduated from Lockney Schools. Laura Belle married J.M. Carter and they farm north of Providence.

Leighton went to Watson's Business College in Plainview. He then worked in the bank at Lockney for four years. While at the bank, Leighton and Hall Nall organized the Lockney Retail Merchant's Association-a credit bureau. They were also general insurance agents from 1939-1942. When World War II began, the agency was sold to Frank Perkins Insurance.

Leighton met and married Doris Jordan of the Center Community in 1942. She then worked in the ASCA office in Floydada and happened to be in Lockney with G. B. Johnston, Sr. on business.

Leighton, for two years, was a civilian flight instructor in Plainview (pre-glider school), and then later at Lamesa. From 1944 to 1945 he was with the Air Transport Command in India.

IN 1945, Maggard and Nall moved to Plainview and formed Maggard-Nall Motor Co., still in operation today. At that time they handled DeSoto and Plymouth.

Leighton and Doris have three children, all married. They are Leighton Ernest of Houston, David Ralph, also of Houston, and Judith Ann. Judy married Clar Schacht of Lockney. Clar farms southwest of Lockney and Judy presently teaches fifth grade in Lockney.

## Where to Find Spring Bling



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Texas Parks & Wildlife

**TEXAS STATE PARKS** - Texas wildflowers are world famous, and your state parks offer many opportunities for picnics and photos among the blossoms. From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, springtime brings wildflowers that brighten the Texas landscape. Here are a sampling of state parks and their native flowering plants.

**Big Bend Country:** Three-foot-tall Big Bend bluebonnets and colorful cactus blooms can be seen at the Big Bend Ranch State Park.

**At Franklin Mountains State Park** in El Paso, golden California poppies spread color across the slopes in March and April. For great views of the flowers, visitors can ride the Wyler Aerial Tramway.

**Gulf Coast:** Bluebonnets and other wildflowers bloom in abundance at Lake Corpus Christi State Park.

Bluebonnets and Indian

paintbrushes surround the stately plantation house at Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site.

**Hill Country:** March and April are the best times to see fields ablaze with color at the Lyndon B. Johnson State Historic Site. Wildflowers include bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes, Fire-wheels and Mexican hats.

Highways lined with wildflowers lead to Enchanted Rock State Natural Area and Inks Lake State Park.

**Panhandle Plains:** A variety of flowers bloom from March through October along Palo Duro Canyon State Park's 16 miles of roads. May and June are the best times to visit, when plants such as spiderwort, Texas thistle, yucca, Indian blanket and Mexican hat are in full flower.

**Pineywoods:** Flowering dogwood, redbuds and fragrant wisteria blossoms make springtime at Daingerfield State Park a beautiful time to visit. Passengers on the antique Texas State Railroad see the region's beautiful displays of flowering dogwoods in

late March and early April.

**Prairies & Lakes:** Fort Parker State Park near Mexia boasts a wonderful wildflower season that runs from early March through June. Among the blooming plants are Indian blanket, standing cypress, phlox, ladies'-tresses, evening primrose and wine cups. Bluebonnets and other spring flowers abound in Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. South Texas Plains-Goliad State Park has wonderful displays of bluebonnets and Indian paintbrushes that bloom through April, as well as phlox, lantana and wine cups. Visitors can see concentrations of flowers along Highway 59.

Springtime visitors to Bentzen-Rio Grande Valley State Park will see dense growths of flowering shrubs such as blackbrush and cenizo. Wildflowers include sand verbena, sleepy daisy, wild phlox and huisache daisy.

Before you head out, you may want to check with the park to be sure the wildflowers are still in bloom: <https://tpwd.texas.gov>.



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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Frank Langley Covington

Frank Langley Covington, age 70, of Dougherty, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Roaring Springs Church of Christ in Roaring Springs.

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

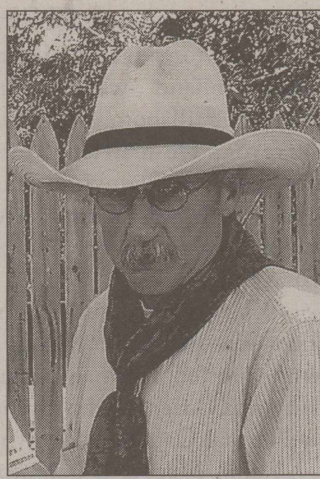
Frank was born November 12, 1948, in Matador to Bobby Hall and Eunice (Langley) Covington. He married Tomi Dycus on May 15, 1970. Frank was a man that could do many things and had many diverse interests. He was not only a wonderful chuckwagon cook but built chuckwagons too. He did all types of fencing and cattle work for his cousins. He could build or make whatever he needed.

He loved animals especially horses and dogs.

Frank also enjoyed vintage cars, motorcycles, target shooting and even poetry. Other activities Frank participated in were a school TV and computer assistant, he assisted with fire truck maintenance for the Dougherty Volunteer Fire Department, and was a participant in the 1984 Olympic Trials in Archery. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Tomi Covington; his brother, Robert Covington and wife, Sylvia; his nephew, Eric Covington; his niece, Erin McCaskill and husband, Jimmy and their daughter, Paige and son, Kelton; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Frank's name to The American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chi-



FRANK LANGLEY COVINGTON

cago, Illinois 60601: The American Heart Association, 10900-B Stonelake Blvd., Suite 320, Austin, Texas 78759; The Children's Home of Lubbock, 4404 Idalou Road, Lubbock, Texas 79403; or to a favorite charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## Dorothy Nell (White) Wickware

Dorothy Nell (White) Wickware, age 65, of Floydada, grew her heavenly wings and joined her husband of 42 years to embark on eternal adventures on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 23, 2019, at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Visitation was held on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel.

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

Dorothy was born in Limestone County, Texas on May 8, 1953, to Henry and Roberta Inez (Chambers) White.

Dorothy is survived by her sons, Brandon Lee Wickware, Jermaine D. Wickware, and Enoch C. Wickware; stepsons, Ramon McCann and Vernon Lee Ramirez, her sister, Mary (White) Simmons; her brother Johnny White and 24 grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

see the world hath more fools in it than ever.

- Charles Lamb

So me people can't be fooled on April Fool's Day because they were fooled too many times during their entire lifetime.

- Akash B Chandran

The April winds are magical, And thrill our tuneful frames; The garden-walks are passionall To bachelors and dames.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

If April showers should come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May.

- T.S. Eliot

Here cometh April again, and as far as I can

- Buddy de Sylva

The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.

- Mark Twain

Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers.

- Byron Caldwell Smith

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.

- Christopher Morley

April Fools gone past, and you're the biggest fool at last.

- unknown



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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Faithful Service

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord . . . It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

—Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

As a new social worker, I quickly realized that counseling teens through trauma, anxiety, depression, and conflict can be draining and overwhelming. I began to feel discontent with the job I had dedicated years of education to and was discouraged by the problems that never seemed to be solved in the lives of my clients.

When I started attending a new church, I wondered about their logo — a series of arrows pointing upward. The pastor talked about the idea of "vertical living": doing everything for the glory of God. It took time for this radical idea to sink in. Going to church, reading the Bible, praying, donating to those in need — these aren't the only

ways to bring glory to God. When my view of doing everything for the glory of God expanded to include the mundane details of my life — cleaning the house, taking care of my family, showing love to my friends, and even going to work every day — the burden of being unable to solve all of my clients' problems lifted. I realized that my role was not to solve every problem but to be the light of Christ in their lives, to bring God the glory through my faithful service. That has brought new meaning to my life's work, no matter how mundane at times — eternal meaning that surpasses any earthly satisfaction. To God be the glory!

—Heather Artushin (Michigan)

### TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, help us to commit every moment of each day to you. Walk with us, and guide our words and actions so that we show your love to all. Amen.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
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Sunday School...10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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

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Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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

**City Park Church of Christ**  
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.

**First Baptist Church**  
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.

**First Baptist Church**  
Lockney  
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.

**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.

**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.

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

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

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

**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

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

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

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Discipleship - 5 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

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

**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
Rev. Renato Cruz  
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell  
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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**Templo Nueva Vida**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

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

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

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



# AGRICULTURE

## Smith named Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council's "Cooperator of the Year"



Pictured: Eddie Smith and his wife, Jennie Sue.

Courtesy Photo



This past week I had a friend join me in my car. As she naturally looked for someplace to put her drink, I chuckled to myself. My cupholders were full of seed packets that had been pulled from my pants' pockets, initially being stuffed into those pockets as I finished planting. Yep! I planted lettuce and greens this last week—just in time for this gorgeous sunshine!

As I am stuck inside writing on this beautiful Sunday, My Sweet Terry is outside preparing our gardens for planting. (Bless his heart!) As I have said before, I love above-ground garden boxes; however, they take a good amount of sweat and moved-dirt to get them ready for the season. Terry is out there filling them up for me.

This year, in addition to the larger keyhole garden-boxes that we incorporated last year, we are adding some smaller boxes that will serve as the corners to our large wire arbor. The boxes will hold our tomato plants. The arbor will have cantaloupes, watermelons and spaghetti squash growing up and over it.

We are striving to incorporate as much vertical gardening surfaces as we can, efficiently. Our dirt is so hard, and we have been unable to get a loamy consistency, even with the added compost elements. We will continue to add compostable elements to our soil beds this year, and planting those seeds that grow into tall plants, but the majority of our veggies will be housed in our boxes.

The arbor will get our melons and squash off of the ground, which will help with mildew and reduce our watering requirements. We will also be planting our cucumbers, vining okra, peas and beans next to our pallet fence so that those plants have that built-in support to grow vertical. New this year, I will be using the top sections of our pallets for our shallow-rooted selections—lettuce, radishes, greens, onions, garlic, and a bunch of herbs. I will utilize planting fabric, diapers, and dirt for this pallet-garden. Basically, the garden fabric is stapled inside the top rows of the pallet boards like a narrow hammock. The diaper is placed in this hammock—it helps to hold moisture and dirt in its place. The pocket is filled with dirt and then plants. A drip-system will provide the consistent water to these mini-gardens—being shallow, they need more watering. Not only will the pallets become lush gardens themselves, but the extra garden space will allow for our black-eyed peas to be planted in one of the keyhole gardens—free from wild grass and weeds.

The last vertical planting space I am working on is a strawberry tower. I am bringing fruit into our gardens this year, and the strawberry towers just seemed a natural fit. These towers are made by attaching four fence pickets together in a tall box-like structure. Holes are drilled out of the pickets where dirt is filled and then the strawberry plants are tucked into the dirt. The strawberry plants 'spill' out of the tower allowing the strawberries to gently hang, and again, the fruit is up off of the ground and out of harm's way of weeds, grass, worms and crawling bugs. The result should be more strawberries for me and Terry—Win! Win! And, isn't that what we all want?

Please feel free to send me comments, tips, suggestions, and any other information regarding gardening to [deon.floydcountynews@gmail.com](mailto:deon.floydcountynews@gmail.com). Spring is here—I hope to see y'all in the garden!

## Cattlemen Announce Annual Convention Details

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FORT WORTH, Texas — The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Friday announced details of their annual Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo, to be held March 29-31, 2019, at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

The 2019 Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo is the largest ranching event of the year in the Southwestern United States. It will feature programs and activities of interest to cattle raisers, landowners and the general public, with opportunities for everyone to participate.

"If you own land or livestock in Texas or the Southwest, the Cattle Raisers Convention is an excellent investment of your time," said TSCRA President Robert McK-

night Jr. "I am confident you will find opportunities to further your education, gain industry information, make useful business connections and have some fun."

Ranchers are invited to attend professional development classes offering practical education at the beginner and advanced levels. This year's School for Successful Ranching will offer learning sessions and live demonstrations on topics including cattle health, legal issues, range and pasture management and marketing.

Two evening classes are being offered in 2019. On Thursday, March 28, at 6 p.m., the Ranch to Retail Workshop will showcase how beef carcasses are transformed into the retail cuts valued by consumers. The second workshop will be Friday, March 29, at 6 p.m. and offers in-depth livestock handling

instruction from stockmanship and stewardship expert Curt Pate.

This year will feature the largest Expo in the history of the Cattle Raisers Convention with more than 250 booths offering a vast array of ranching supplies, services, jewelry, clothing, local food and more.

Industry experts will also be on hand for a variety of information sessions on issues that have a direct impact on cattle raisers, landowners and consumers. Included in these sessions will be updates on federal and state legislation, international trade, an explanation of how Alexa, Siri and now "Chuck" are changing the way consumers find health and nutrition information, and efforts to reform Texas' eminent domain laws.

Much more is on the agenda, and registration is now open. Visit

[www.CattleRaisersConvention.com](http://www.CattleRaisersConvention.com) for more information and to register to attend and reserve hotel rooms at the headquarters hotels. The deadline for early registration and to reserve a room at the 2019 Cattle Raisers Convention rate is Friday, Feb. 15.

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**TEXAS WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**  
Week ending March 23, 2019

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers sold mostly 2.00 to 5.00 higher. Trade was active on good demand. Spring has officially begun, and the local pastures are in good shape due to recent rains. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00-3.00 lower. Trade fairly active. Demand fairly good. All hay classes sold fully steady as most hay has been contracted. Hay is only trickling out of the barns this time of year as the wait for new crop is in full swing. In the Texas High Plains grain markets the bulk of bids were 2 to 6 cents higher on grain sorghum; 2 cents lower on wheat; mostly 2 to 4 cents higher on corn.

- USDA Livestock & Grain Market News.  
[www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketnews](http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketnews).

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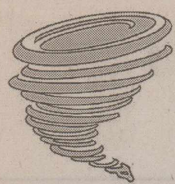
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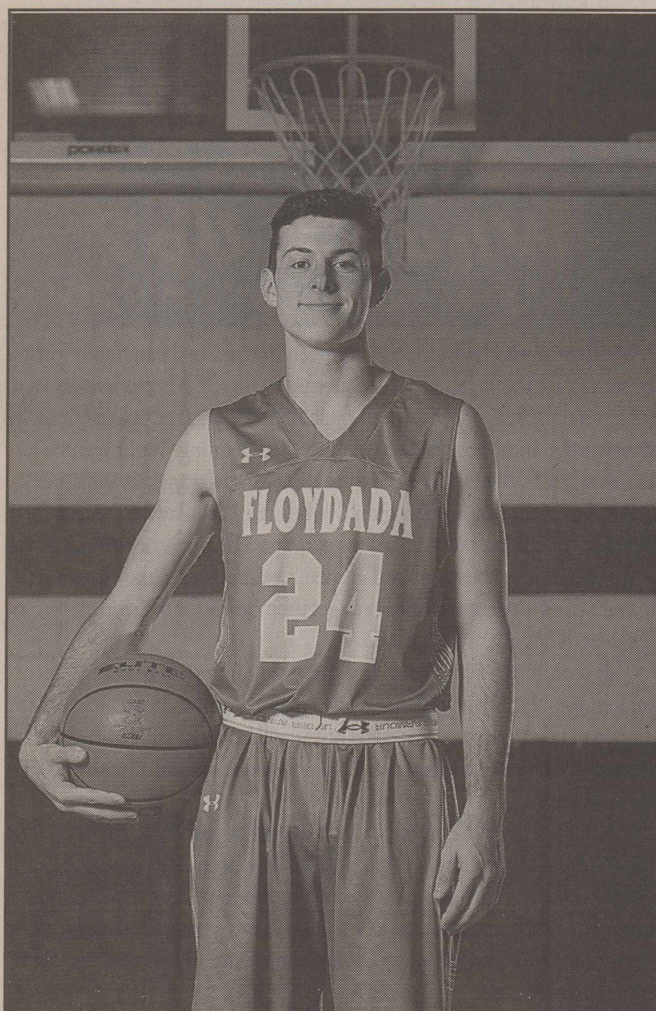
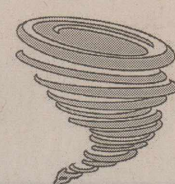
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# Floydada Whirlwinds



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## Lady Winds stumble against Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON – Crosbyton held the Floydada Lady Winds to only four hits as Crosbyton took the 10-0 victory on Tuesday, Mar. 19.

Floydada loaded the bases in the top of the first as Clarissa DeLaFuentes singled to lead off then Hannah Morales and Erin Trevino were both hit by a pitch but a double play and strike out end the threat. Crosbyton went three up and three down in the bottom of the first as the score remained tied, 0-0.

In the top of the second, Angela Vega was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning then with one out, Emily Cisneros singled but the next two batters were unable

to send runners home. Crosbyton, again, went down in order in the bottom of the inning and the score remained 0-0 after two innings.

Morales and Trevino led off for the Lady Winds in the top of the third with back-to-back walks but the next three batters couldn't bring home the runners. In the bottom of the inning for Crosbyton, Courtney Fira led off by reaching on an error then with one out, Emily Reyna singled and Fira scored from second. With two outs, Bianca Garcia singled and on the throw, Reyna scored as Garcia moved to second. Hannah Haynes singled, moving Garcia to third and an error moved H Haynes to second and allowed Garcia to score. Courtesy runner

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## Whirlwinds pound the Crosbyton Chiefs, 25-1

By Charles Keaton  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

CROSBYTON – Floydada pounded out 27 hits as the Whirlwinds cruised to a 25-1 victory over the Crosbyton Chiefs on Tuesday, Mar. 19.

The Whirlwinds jumped out to the early lead in the top of the first, scoring four runs. Jose Lira walked to lead off the game and Gabe DeLaFuentes came in as a courtesy runner. A passed ball allowed G DeLaFuentes to score then Angel Cervera walked. Mike DeLaFuentes tripled to left, driving in Cervera. A single by Devan Perez scored M DeLaFuentes. Luke Holcombe singled and Eric Johnston walked to load the bases. Hermilio Martinez singled to drive in D Perez, giving the Whirlwinds a 4-0 lead. Crosbyton went down in order in the bottom half.

In the top of the second, Floydada added five more runs. With one out Marcus Perez singled the Cervera walked. M Perez and Cervera executed a double steal then both scored on a single by M DeLaFuentes. D Perez singled then with two outs, Johnston singled to load the bases. M DeLaFuentes stole home and D Perez scored on an error. Martinez singled as Johnston moved to second. Andrez Suarez singled to load the bases then Johnston stole home, making it 9-0. Crosbyton put two runners on in the bottom half but a double play ended the threat by the Chiefs.

Floydada continued their scoring barrage with nine runs in the third. M Perez led off with a walk then Cervera hit an inside-the-park home run. M DeLaFuentes walked and D Perez doubled. M DeLaFuentes scored on a wild pitch then Holcombe singled to drive in D Perez. Johnston was hit by a pitch then Holcombe and Johnston executed two consecutive double steals, allowing Holcombe score. Martinez and Suarez walked to load the bases then, with one out, M Perez walked, forcing in Johnston. With two outs, Martinez stole home then M DeLaFuentes walked to load the bases again. D Perez doubled, driving in Suarez and M Perez and giving the Whirlwinds an 18-0 lead. Crosbyton could not score in the bottom half of

the inning.

In the top of the fourth, the Whirlwinds added five more runs. Johnston singled to lead off the inning. G DeLaFuentes pinch hit for Martinez and singled to send Johnston to third. Lira singled to drive in Johnston. M Perez reached on a fielder's choice as G DeLaFuentes was forced out at third. With two outs, Cervera singled to score Lira then M DeLaFuentes singled to drive in M Perez. D Perez singled to drive in Cervera then Holcombe singled to load the bases. Johnston singled to drive in DeLaFuentes, giving Floydada a 23-0 lead. Crosbyton went down in order in the bottom half of the inning.

Floydada added two more runs in the top of the fifth inning. With two outs, Lira doubled then M Perez singled. Cervera doubled to drive in Lira then M DeLaFuentes singled to drive in M Perez, giving the Whirlwinds a 25-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, the Chiefs added scored their lone run. With one out, Billy singled, Nick walked and Luke singled to load the bases. A single by Landon drove in Billy but that was all Crosbyton could muster up, as the Floydada Whirlwinds took home the 25-1 victory.

For Floydada, M DeLaFuentes pitched three innings, allowing two hits and three walks while striking out two and D Perez pitched two innings, allowing one run on three hits and one walk while striking out one. At the plate, M DeLaFuentes went 4-4 with four runs scored and five RBIs, D Perez went 5-6 with three runs scored and four RBIs, M Perez went 3-4 with five runs scored and one RBI and Cervera went 3-4 with four runs and four RBIs.

For Crosbyton, Manny pitched two innings, allowing eight runs on 10 hits and three walks while striking out three, Nick allowed eight runs on three hits and four walks and Luke pitched three innings, allowing eight runs on 14 hits and two walks while striking out three. At the plate, Billy went 1-2 with a run scored and Landon went 1-2 with one RBI.

In other District action, Ralls defeated Springlake-Earth 14-3, New Deal defeated Hale Center 9-6 and Lockney defeated Olton 13-3.



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LADY WINDS VARSITY vs SUNDOWN

## Lady Winds shut-out the Roughettes in district game, 11-0

By Charles Keaton  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada shut out the Sundown Roughettes, 11-0, on Saturday, Mar. 23 in District 2-2A softball action. Lady Winds pitcher Hannah Morales limited Sundown to only four hits.

After sending Sundown down in order in the top of the first, Clarissa DeLaFuentes singled to lead off for the Lady Winds. DeLaFuentes stole second then with one out, Erin Trevino singled, moving DeLaFuentes to third. DeLaFuentes scored on an error as Trevino moved to second. Kylie Ricketts singled then moved to second on a dropped third strike. With two outs, Trevino stole home, giving the Lady Winds a 2-0 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, Sundown put two runners on with one out, but the lead runner was picked off at third then a pop out ended the threat. In the bottom of the inning, Kailee Sanchez led off for Floydada with a single. Emily Cisneros singled then Denise Riojas singled after Sanchez was picked off. DeLaFuentes doubled to drive in Cisneros then Riojas scored on a passed ball. Morales doubled in DeLaFuentes, giving the Lady Winds a 5-0 lead after two innings.

For Sundown, Alex DeLaCerde led off with a single then with two outs Ariel Loftin doubled but both runners were left stranded on the bases. Angela Vega led off with a single for Floydada in the bottom of the inning. Alyssa Obregon was hit by a pitch then with one out, Cisneros reached on an error to load the bases. Riojas grounded out but Vega scored on the play. DeLaFuentes singled

to drive A Obregon then Morales walked to load the bases again but a pop out end the inning with Floydada leading 7-0.

In the top of the fourth, Lindi Richardson singled to lead off for Sundown but a ground out, a pick-off and a strike out end the Sundown at bat. For the Lady Winds in the bottom of the inning, Ricketts led off with a single, stole second then Vega singled as Ricketts scored on the throw. After one out, Sanchez walked then Vega and Sanchez executed a double steal. Cisneros singled to drive in Vega as Sanchez moved to third. Sanchez scored on a passed ball as Cisneros moved to third. Riojas singled then with two outs, Morales doubled, driving in Cisneros and giving the Lady Winds an 11-0 lead.

Sundown went three up and three down in the top of the fifth, giving the Lady Winds the 11-0 victory.

For Floydada, Morales pitched five innings, allowing four hits and striking out four. At the plate, DeLaFuentes went 3-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs, Morales went 2-3 with two RBIs, Vega went 2-3 with two runs scored and one RBI and Cisneros went 2-3 with two runs scored and one RBI.

For Sundown, Ashton Richardson pitched four innings, allowing 11 runs on 15 hits and two walks while striking out three. At the plate, Loftin went 1-2, L Richardson went 1-2, Sahara Reyes went 1-1 and DeLaCerde went 1-2.

In other District action, Ralls beat Crosbyton 11-1, New Deal beat Lockney 7-2 and Hale Center was open. Current District

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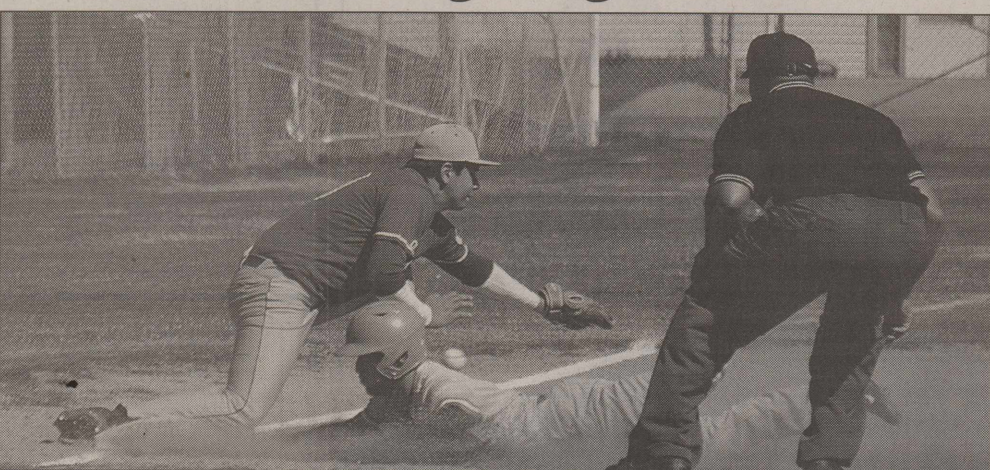
## Winds hold off Olton Mustangs to get district win

By Charles Keaton  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada used a five-run second inning to take a lead they never relinquished as they defeated the Olton Mustangs 16-7 in District 3-2A baseball action on Saturday, Mar. 23.

The Mustangs took the early lead in the top of the first with two runs. With one out, Brian Capen, Zane Gunter, Josh Casares all singled to load the bases. Alberto Dorantes drove in Zeke Molina (courtesy runner for Capen) with

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# Lockney Longhorns

## Longhorns corral Olton Mustange 13-3

By Charles Keaton  
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OLTON – Lockney used a seven-run fifth inning to put the Olton Mustangs out of reach as the Longhorns came home with the 13-3 District 3-2A Baseball victory on Mar. 18.

The Longhorns jumped out in front in the top of the first and never gave up the lead. With one out, Noel Cenicerros walked then moved all the way to third on a passed ball before scoring on an error. Clay Moore then walked, moved to second on an error and advanced to third on defensive indifference. Devin DeLeon double to drive in C Moore. DeLeon stole third then scored on an error, giving Lockney a 3-0 lead. For Olton, in the bottom of the first, Zane Gunter doubled with two outs then scored on a single by Josh Casares. A single by Alberto Dorantes moved Casares to third. After Dorantes moved to second on an error, a balk brought Casares in but after one, it was still Lockney leading 3-2.

Neither team scored in the second inning. In the top of the third, Bryce Reese led off with a walk then moved to second on an error. Brett Moore singled to drive in Reese, giving Lockney a 4-2 lead. In the bottom of the inning for the Mustangs, Brian Capen singled but was caught stealing. Gunter was hit by a pitch and then advanced on a sacrifice. Dorantes singled to drive in Gunter but the Longhorns still led 4-3 after three.

Lockney added another run in the top of the fourth when Noel Cenicerros led off with a double then stole third. With one out, Noel Cenicerros stole home, giving Lockney a 5-3 lead. Olton could not score in the bottom of the inning despite loading the bases with two outs.

With one out in the top of the fifth, Silas Urrutia

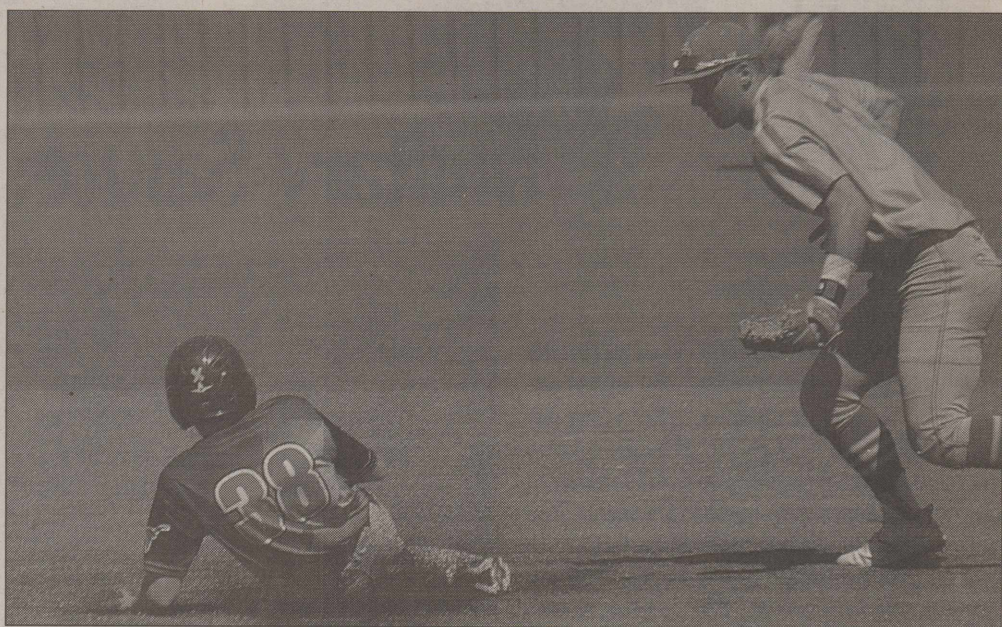
doubled then with two outs, Ashton Urrutia doubled to drive in S Urrutia. Noel Cenicerros singled to drive in A Urrutia, then C Moore walked. DeLeon was hit by a pitch to load the bases then Reese walked to force in Noel Cenicerros. Brett Moore singled to drive in C Moore and DeLeon. B Moore stole second and Reese stole home then Cristian Gonzales singled to drive in B Moore giving the Longhorns a 12-3 lead. Olton did not score in the bottom of the fifth.

In the top of the sixth with one out, A Urrutia singled, Noel Cenicerros was hit by a pitch then C Moore doubled, driving in A Urrutia as the Longhorns stretched their lead to 13-3. Olton loaded the bases with two outs but were unable to score, giving the Longhorns the 13-3, 10-run rule victory.

For Lockney, Reese pitched four innings, allowing three runs on eight hits and two walks while striking out two and C Moore pitched two innings, allowing two hits while striking out five. At the plate, Noel Cenicerros went 3-3 with three runs scored and one RBI, A Urrutia went 2-5 with two runs scored and one RBI, B Moore went 2-4 with one run scored and three RBIs, C Moore went 1-3 with two runs scored and one RBI, DeLeon went 1-3 with two runs scored and one RBI, Reese went 1-1 with two runs scored and one RBI and S Urrutia went 2-3 with one run scored.

For Olton, Gunter pitched three innings, allowing four runs on four hits and six walks while striking out six, Chris Urbina pitched two innings, allowing eight runs on seven hits and three walks while striking out two and Casares pitched one inning, allowing one run on two hits.

In other District action, Ralls beat Springlake-Earth 14-3, New Deal beat Hale Center 9-6 and Floydada beat Crosbyton 24-1.



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LONGHORNS VARSITY vs NEW DEAL

## Horns stumble against Lions

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – New Deal limited Lockney Longhorn hitters to only three hits, as the Lions took home a 12-0 District 3-2A baseball victory on Saturday, Mar. 23.

New Deal went up 1-0 in the top of the first. The Lions singled, got hit by a pitch then singled twice more to drive in their first run. Noel Cenicerros walked with one out for the Longhorns but Lockney could not move him up and the Lions led 1-0 after one inning.

In the top of the second, the Lions were unable to score, leaving two runners on base. Lockney went down in order in the bottom of the inning with New Deal still leading 1-0.

For New Deal in the top of the third, a hit batter, and double and an error allowed two runs to score. Another hit batter and a singled scored the Lions third run of the inning, giving New Deal a 4-0 lead. Ashton Urrutia singled with two outs but was caught stealing to end the inning with the Lions leading 4-0.

In the top of the fourth with

one out, a hit batter, a double and an error allowed New Deal to score two runs. A triple drove in New Deal's third run of the inning then a tag up after a pop out allowed the fourth run of the inning to score and pushed the Lions' lead to 8-0. In the bottom half, Noel Cenicerros led off with a single, stole second and moved to third on a ground out but was left stranded as New Deal held onto their shut-out, leading 8-0 after four innings.

With one out in the top of the fifth, New Deal added a run. A triple and an error allowed the first run of the inning to score. A walk put runners at first and second then a single drove in a run. With two outs, a single drove in two runs, giving the Lions a 12-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, the Longhorns' A Rodriguez walked to lead off then with two outs Brett Moore singled but a ground out end the game with the 10-run rule as the New Deal Lions took the 12-0 victory.

For Lockney, B Moore pitched three and one-third innings, allowing eight runs on nine hits and Noel Cenicerros pitched one and two-third in-

nings, allowing four runs on three hits and one walk while striking out one. At the plate, A Urrutia went 1-3 Noel Cenicerros went 1-1 and B Moore went 1-2.

For New Deal, players names were not reported. Their pitcher, in five innings, allowed three hits, two walks and four strikeouts. New Deal batters had 12 runs on 12 hits.

In other District action, Floydada defeated Olton 16-7, Ralls defeated Crosbyton 3-1 and Hale Center defeated Springlake-Earth 24-2. Current District standings are: New Deal 3-0, Hale Center 2-1, Ralls 2-1, Floydada 2-1, Lockney 1-3 and Olton 0-4. Crosbyton and Springlake-Earth have not played yet.

On Mar. 26, Crosbyton was at Springlake-Earth, Lockney was at Hale Center, Ralls was at Olton and Floydada was at New Deal. On March 30, Springlake-Earth is at Lockney, Olton is at Crosbyton, Hale Center is at Floydada and New Deal is at Ralls. On Apr. 2, Springlake-Earth is at Olton, Lockney is at Floydada, New Deal is at Crosbyton and Hale Center is at Ralls.

## Lady Horns fail to hold off New Deal



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LADY HORNS VARSITY vs NEW DEAL

By Charles Keaton  
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LOCKNEY – New Deal came from behind to defeat the Lockney Lady Horns, 7-2, in District 2-2A Softball action on Saturday, Mar. 23. New Deal improved to 4-1 and Lockney fell to 1-4 in District.

Neither team was able to push any runs across for the first two and one-half innings.

In the bottom of the third, Miranda Sarinana led off with a single for the Lady Horns. RyAnn Castillo reached on an error that allowed Sarinana to advance to third. After Castillo stole second, Reagan Nuncio smashed a double to left, driving in Sarinana. An error allowed Townlei Hernandez to reach base and Castillo to score, giving Lockney a 2-0 lead after three

innings.

Neither team scored in the fourth inning.

In the top of the fifth inning, with two outs, the Lady Lions lit up the scoreboard with four runs. Gonzales doubled then Valdez and Hernandez walked to load the bases. Romero singled to drive in Gonzales and Valdez. Houston followed with another single to drive in Hernandez and Romero, giving New Deal a 4-2 lead. For the Lady Horns, Nuncio singled with one out but was left stranded as the Lady Lions held on to the 4-2 lead after five innings.

New Deal added two more runs in the top of the sixth. Rodriguez led off with a walk then with one out, Monesterio singled and Rodriguez and Monesterio moved up to third and second on the throw. Gon-

zales hit a sacrifice fly to center that allowed Rodriguez to tag up and score. A single by Valdez drove in Monesterio, giving the Lady Lions a 6-2 lead. Lockney failed to score in the bottom of the sixth.

In the top of the seventh, the Lady Lions added one more run. Romero led off with a double then with two outs, Romero scored on an error to make it 7-2. Lockney then went three up and three down in the bottom of the seventh and the New Deal Lady Lions went home with a 7-2 victory.

For Lockney, Nuncio pitched seven innings, allowing seven runs on seven hits and five walks while striking out six. At the plate, Nuncio went 2-4 with one RBI, Castillo went 0-3 but walked once and scored one run and Sarinana went 1-3 and

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SUNDOWN – Sundown took advantage of eight Lockney Lady Horns errors and used a four-run fourth inning to pull away to an 8-6 victory in District 2-2A softball action on Tuesday, Mar. 19.

The Lady Horns jumped out to an early lead in the top of the first when Ryann Castillo led off with a double and moved to third on the throw. Gabby Cervantes hit into a fielder's choice that allowed Castillo to score, giving Lockney a 1-0 lead. The Sundown Roughettes went down in order in the bottom half with Lockney leading 1-0.

In the top of the second, the Lady Horns went down in order. Sundown took the lead with two runs in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Lindi Richardson walked then an error allowed Sahaira Reyes to reach all the way to second and L Richardson to move to third. Miranda Franco came in to run for Reyes. Ashton Richardson grounded into a fielder's choice that scored L Richardson. An error allowed Alex DeLaCerde to reach base and Franco to score, giving Sundown a 2-1 lead after two innings.

Neither team was able to score in the third inning.

In the top of the fourth, Reagan Nuncio led off with a double then stole third. A fielder's choice allowed Madai Chavira to drive in Nuncio. With two outs, Tatyanna Cienfuegos reached on an error then Yanellie Bernal singled sending Nuncio to third. Miranda Sarinana was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Isabel Cruz reached on an error that allowed Cienfuegos to score, giving Lockney a 3-2 lead. For the Roughettes in the bottom of the inning, L Richardson led off with a walk then Reyes was hit by a pitch. An error on a line drive by A Richardson, allowed L Richardson and Franco (courtesy runner) to score. A Richardson was caught stealing then with two outs, Courtney Black reached on an error. With Black on second, Sydney Phelan reached on an error that scored Black. A single by Ariel Lofin moved Phelan to third then an error allowed Phelan to score, giving Sundown a 6-3 lead after four innings.

Lockney added another run in the top of the fifth when Chavira singled with two outs, then stole second. Elida Mendez reached on an error then Cienfuegos singled to drive in Chavira,

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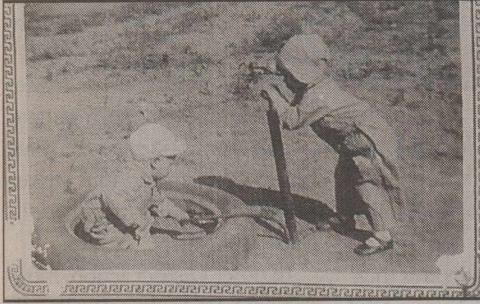
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**By Tesha Gaither**  
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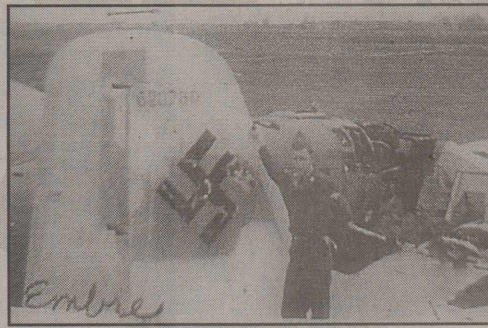
Embre grew up in Cedar Hill where his first job was changing a tire with his sister at a service station when he was just a toddler. After a long day they rested on the front porch. His eyes light up when he talks about growing up with his family in Cedar Hill, Plainview, and even in California. You can see the years pass before his bright eyes.

When he joined the Army, he was still too young to join on his own. His dad had to sign a form, allowing him to join. He joined the year WWII ended and went to Fort Eustis, VA for basic training then on to Fort Bliss, TX for more training. While in Germany, he was a part of the United States Constabulary and aided in disbanding the black market and restoring the order back to Germany. He stayed in a barrack in an old school in Sandtoft, Germany. He helped guard the Russian border in M8 where there was resis-



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**Embre Douglas' and his sister's first job changing tires at the station in Cedar Hill, as little tikes. Douglas speaks fondly of their rest times on the porch.**



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**Douglas standing next to Nazi plane.**

tance from time to time both from Russia and from Nazi soldiers.

He described how he would always remember some of the Germans being so hungry that some of the soldier would save their food to give to them so that they had something, anything. Some of the Germans didn't ask to be there, it really wasn't their fault. They were brought up in a society that they were taught no other way. I watched Embre's face change,



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**Embre and two battle buddies at a rodeo while serving in the Military.**

and he stated, "It wasn't their fault, they weren't all bad. They didn't deserve to be starving, so we helped as much as we could."

One of his fond memories was when he drove a jeep for General Ernest N. Harmon and General Isaac D. White. He was driving the Inspector General around to different bases for inspections. When they arrived back at their base, his section was in line ready for their own inspection. All the jeeps were clean and well maintained, each with their hoods opened. He was instructed to fall in



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**Embre Douglas' as a young service man serving in Germany after WWII as a member of the United States Constabulary.**



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**Embre Douglas, as a civilian, after his years of Service to the United States.**

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the Mustangs' fourth straight single. An error allowed Gunter to score as Olton took a 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, the Whirlwinds scored their first run. Jose Lira led off with a single. Gabe DeLaFuenta came in as a courtesy runner. A balk move G DeLaFuenta to second then a single by Emanuel Torres drove in G Delafuente but that was all the Whirlwinds could plate as Olton held a 2-1 lead after one inning.

In the top of the second, Sergio Guerrero led off with a single but the next three Mustang batters went down in order. In the bottom of the inning, Floydada scored five runs to take the lead for good. Devan Perez led off the at bat getting hit by a pitch. Alexyz Alvarado came in as a courtesy runner. Luke Holcombe doubled then Eric Johnston laced a triple to right, driving in Alvarado and Holcombe. Herminio Martinez doubled to drive in Johnston then Andrez Suarez doubled. With one out, Torrez singled to drive in Martinez and Suarez, giving the Whirlwinds a 6-2 lead after two innings.

Olton, in the top of the third, again but the leadoff batter on base but the next three batters went down in order. With one out in the bottom of the inning, Floydada's Johnston singled, stole second and third then Martinez walked. Suarez singled to left to drive in Johnston and stretch the Whirlwinds' lead to 7-2 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Olton put their first two runners on base but Floydada picked off the runner at second then retired the next two batters. Floydada added another run in the bottom half of the inning Angel Cervera singled to lead off then Mike DeLaFuenta walked. Devan Perez

hit into a fielder's choice where M DeLaFuenta was forced out. Holcombe singled to load the bases then Cervera stole home, giving the Whirlwinds an 8-2 lead after four innings.

Olton narrowed the gap with two runs in the top of the fifth. Capen led off with a single then with one out, Casares singled. Capen was picked off at second base then Dorantes singled. With two outs, Abel Esquivel doubled to drive Casares and Dorantes but the Mustangs still trailed, 8-4. Floydada answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Lira singled and G DeLaFuenta came in to run. G DeLaFuenta stole second the Torres was hit by a pitch. Cervera doubled, driving in G DeLaFuenta and moving Torres to third. M DeLaFuenta lined out to left but Torres tagged up and scored, giving the Whirlwinds a 10-4 lead after five innings.

Guerrero led off the top of the sixth for the Mustangs with a single. Drew Garza walked then Nate Zamora doubled, driving in Guerrero. With one out, Gunter was intentionally walked to load the bases then Casares singled, driving in Garza. With two outs, Zamora stole home but Floydada still led 10-7. In the bottom of the sixth, Floydada added six runs. Holcombe led off getting hit by a pitch. Alvarado came into run for Holcombe then Johnston was hit by a pitch. Ryder Glass walked to load the bases. Martinez came in as a courtesy runner. Suarez singled to drive in Alvarado and Johnston. Lira hit into a fielder's choice as Martinez was forced out. G DeLaFuenta came in to run for Lira. Torres singled, driving in Suarez then Cervera blasted a three-run home run to center field, scoring G DeLaFuenta and Torres with the hit. Floydada

led 16-7 after six innings.

Olton did not score in the top of the seventh and the Floydada Whirlwinds claimed the 16-7 victory.

For Floydada, D Perez pitched five innings, allowing seven runs on 14 hits and one walk while striking out five and Holcombe pitched two innings, allowing one hit and two walks while striking out two. At the plate, Torres went 3-4 with two runs scored and four RBIs, Cervera went 3-4 with two runs scored and four RBIs, Johnston went 2-4 with three runs scored and two RBIs and Suarez went 3-4 with two runs scored and three RBIs.

For Olton, Capen pitched four innings, allowing eight runs on 12 hits and three walks while striking out three and Casares pitched two innings, allowing eight runs on six hits and two walks. At the plate, Casares went 3-4 with one run scored and one RBI, Guerrero went 3-4 with one run scored and Esquivel went 1-4 with two RBIs.

In other District action, New Deal defeated Lockney 12-0, Ralls defeated Crosbyton 3-1 and Hale Center defeated Springlake-Earth 24-2. Current District standings are: New Deal 3-0, Hale Center 2-1, Ralls 2-1, Floydada 2-1, Lockney 1-3 and Olton 0-4. Crosbyton and Springlake-Earth have not played yet.

## STUMBLE

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Alexis Gonzalez entered the game for H Haynes. Marissa Rodriguez reached on an error then Gonzalez stole home, giving Crosbyton a 4-0 lead after three innings.

Floydada failed to score in the top of the fourth. With one out in the bottom of the inning, Fira doubled for Crosbyton then Courtney Guzman singled, driving in Fira to make it 5-0 after four innings.

Morales led off the top of the fifth with a double for the Lady Winds but was picked off at second. Trevino walked but was left stranded as the next batter popped out and the third out came from a strike out. In the bottom of the fifth, Guerrero walked to lead off for Crosbyton then Garcia singled as Guerrero moved to third. H Haynes reached on an error as Guerrero scored. With one out, Saron Haynes singled as Garcia scored and H Haynes moved to third. Rebekah Haynes singled to

drive in H Haynes and S Haynes. With two outs, Guzman singled to drive in the winning run as R Haynes crossed the plate, giving Crosbyton the 10-0 victory.

For Floydada, Morales pitched four innings, allowing eight runs on six hits and one walk while striking out three and DeLaFuenta pitched two-thirds of an inning, allowing two runs on three hits. At the plate, Cisneros went 2-2, Morales went 1-1 and DeLaFuenta went 1-3.

For Crosbyton, S Haynes pitched five innings, allowing four hits and three walks while striking out five. At the plate, Garcia went 2-3 with two runs scored and one RBI, H Haynes went 1-3 with one run scored, Guzman went 2-3 with two RBIs and R Haynes went 1-3 with one run scored and two RBIs.

In other District action, New Deal beat Hale Center 21-5, Sundown beat Lockney 8-6 and Ralls was open.

## LADY WINDS

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standings are: Floydada and New Deal, 4-1, Ralls 3-2, Sundown 2-3 and Lockney and Hale Center 1-4.

On Mar. 26, Ralls traveled to Sundown, Lockney traveled to Hale Center, Floydada traveled to New Deal and Crosbyton was open. On Saturday, Mar. 30, Hale Center travels to Floydada, Sundown travels to Crosbyton, New Deal travels to Ralls and Lockney is open. On Tuesday, Apr. 2, Hale Center travels to Ralls, New Deal travels to Crosbyton, Lockney travels to Floydada and Sundown is open.

## LADY HORNS

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scored a run. For New Deal, Valdez pitched seven innings, allowing two runs on four hits and one walk while striking out 14. At the plate, Romero went 2-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs, Houston went 1-4 with two RBIs, Gonzales went 2-4 with one run scored and one RBI and Valdez went 1-3 with one run scored and one RBI.

In other District action, Ralls defeated Crosbyton 11-1, Floydada defeated Sundown 11-0 and Hale Center was open. Floydada and New Deal are tied for the District lead with 4-1 records, Ralls is 3-2, Sundown is 2-3 and Lockney and Hale Center are 1-4.

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## LADY HORNS/SUNDOWN

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making it 6-4 in Sundown's favor. For Sundown in the bottom of the inning, Taylor Neuenschwander hit a lead off double. L Richardson followed with a walk then Reyes singled to drive in Neuenschwander. A Richardson reached on an error that also allowed L Richardson to score, giving Sundown an 8-4 lead.

In the top of the sixth, Sarinana singled to lead off for the Lady Horns. Sarinana moved up on a fielder's choice then Castillo doubled to drive in Sarinana. The throw to home allowed Castillo to move to third. Cervantes grounded out but Castillo scored on the play making it 8-6 for Sundown. Sundown did not score in the bottom of the sixth.

Lockney was unable to score in the top of the seventh as Sundown claimed the 8-6 victory.

In other District action, New Deal defeated Hale Center 21-5, Crosbyton defeated Floydada 10-0 and Ralls was open.

For Lockney, Nuncio pitched six innings, allowing eight runs on four hits and four walks while striking out seven. At the plate, Castillo went 2-4 with two runs scored and one RBI, Chavira went 1-4 with a run scored and an RBI and Cienfuegos went 1-4 with a run scored and an RBI.

For Sundown, L Richardson pitched seven innings, allowing six runs on nine hits while striking out six. At the plate, L Richardson went 1-0 but walked three times and scored three runs, Reyes went 1-3 and Franco scored two runs as a courtesy runner.

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**FITNESS**

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yummy!" because I thought it was a salad or something." She laughs.

That same Master Trainer stayed in touch with Amanda and helped her get her TABATA classes going. "I had no idea how this training would go—I just hoped I'd get a dozen ladies that shared my passion," Peralta smiled. "God laughed at me! He said, 'You're getting 48 ladies, and you're gonna figure it out.'"

The TABATA classes run for 6-week windows. Peralta does an informal "fit test" during the first class, then after the six weeks, each student does the fit test again. "My reward is seeing the realization that my students can do more than what they had imagined at first." It's not the smaller dress sizes, although that is a benefit, but for Peralta and her 'ladies' it is the heightened confidence, the strength of spirit, and the renewed energy that is the reward. "We become a sisterhood in which we can confide in, laugh with, and gain strength from." Peralta explains the 'closed group' on Facebook of her TABATA students. "We are so close, and they really depend on these classes for

so much! If I have to cancel, everybody is disappointed and eager for the next meeting."

Currently, Peralta is in the middle of her current 6-week TABATA class. That class will come to an end, April 11th with a new class set to start on April 28th. The classes meet three nights a week for the full 6-weeks. The cost to commit to the 6-week program is \$50.

Not that Amanda needs more transition right now, but new things are on the horizon for the 'home place' on the square.

This past Saturday, Peralta got certified to teach BARRE. "If 'yoga' and 'pilates' got together and had a baby, BARRE would be that baby!" It is a workout patterned after ballet training in which students utilize a ballet bar for stabilization for the stretching and core strengthening exercises. "Some people want the hard-core workout that comes with TABATA...some want a soft-core workout that will be found with BARRE." Due to the space requirements, and the actual ballet-bars, the class size will be limited to 15 students. Classes will meet three times each week for a month. Cost

of this class will be \$35 for the one-month period.

"I still want to work in ZUMBA—maybe on Friday nights—just because we have so much fun with it!" Something about the music—which can be anything from 80s pop to rap to Latin-inspired songs—the movements, the dancing, "I love the laughing that comes out in ZUMBA!" said Peralta. Watch for Aqua-ZUMBA classes to be featured at the swimming pool this summer.

Amanda doesn't stand on a corner, posing, for all to see her muscles or brag about her fitness level. She believes that her success has come from one fundamental truth—she is a beginner, just like many of her students. Her work ethic is simple: "I'm with you. I'll motivate you, show you the right way and the wrong way to do things, but I'll be right there with you. I have the same battles, the same struggles... but, we overcome those together."

It has been decades since there has been activity on Floydada's square during the evening hours. Thanks to Amanda Peralta that is about to change "big time!"

**FCCLA**

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filled with personal hygiene items, school supplies, and blankets. The members set up at Walmart in Plainview to visit with customers for their help in obtaining these much-needed items. The generosity of people in our area shown that day; through item donations and cash donations, FCCLA collected or purchased 23 blankets, 19 backpacks, 9 stuffed animals, 8 coloring books, 75 personal items (hairbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), and 50 school supply items.

The Executive Director of Great Plains CASA for Kids, Shay Price, traveled to Lockney to pick up the collections and was thrilled with the results.

Rodriguez, Amaya and Luna took their project to Regionals and participated in Community Service Project Display. They were required to put together a poster detailing the service project.

Also competing at Regional was Audrey Rexrode, with her Illustrated Talk; Aiden Bustillos, Isabel Cruz, and Aurelia Cruz with Focus on Children, and Courtney Isom whose display focused on Advocacy for child abuse. Isom took 5th place in the STAR Event Advocacy and will be advancing to



Courtesy Photo

Courtney Isom (Soph) presents her Advocacy presentation at the FCCLA Regional Meeting, March 1, in Odessa. Isom took 5th place within the region which qualifies her project for the state competition.

State, April 4-5 in Dallas.

Congratulations to all these students who work diligently throughout the year to help oth-

ers not so fortunate, and who represent Lockney with the highest standard of excellence in their projects.

**Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers**

New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Floyd County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

This includes information about the following programs:

- **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** – The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U. S. armed service members killed in action.
- **Property Tax Exemptions- Non-profit organizations** that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install, or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.
- **Rendering Taxable Property** – If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.
- **Appraisal Notices** – Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.
- **Property Taxpayer Remedies** – This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider, and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.
- **Homestead Exemptions** – A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.
- **Productivity Appraisal** – Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes, or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value.
- **Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** – Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraisal value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.
- **Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled or Disabled Veteran Homeowners** – Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, or who qualify for a disabled veteran exemption may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at 5 percent per year on the unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district office.
- **Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** – In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.
- **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** – Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Floyd County Appraisal District by calling 806-983-5256 or at the appraisal district office located at 104 E California, Floydada, TX. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/).

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April 1 – April 5

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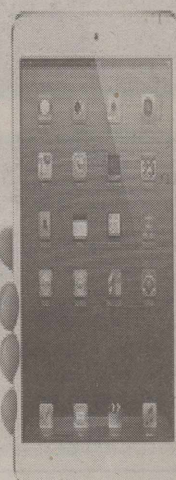
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# Floydada's new school site completes areas of construction



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203 West Kentucky, Floydada

## Meal for Missions

**Sunday, March 31**  
11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.



### Hamburger Meal

Hamburger Chips Drink and Dessert  
Meal served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Dine in or Take out -Donations taken

All proceeds go to the Covington's Mission work in India.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Three of the four light poles for the new Whirlwind Stadium have been placed. The walls of the field house and weight room on the southwest side of the building are almost complete. The fourth light pole will be placed as soon as the scaffolding can be moved from this area. With the placement of the fourth light contractors for the football field and eight-lane track will be able to begin this construction.

The lights for the football field are LED, and a driver that monitors the output of light controls each fixture.

Any indication of fluctuation or other problem is sent by cellular link to the company for diagnostics in order to repair or replace the fixture. Computer design and aiming of each fixture will ensure even light placement over the football field and track. The design of the LED fixtures will direct most of the light toward the field with very little light being projected upward. Each pole will have one fixture near the base that shines upward that will illuminate the underside of the football for receivers during passes or punts.

The concrete top of the basement is complete. The steel understructure for the

roof of the band hall and auditorium has been placed. Concrete will be placed over this roof when the walls are completed.

The concession stand and restrooms for the football field and track is complete with the exception of adding fixtures.

Delivery of the steel and other building materials arrive weekly and are placed as sections of walls are completed.

Local tradesman and city inspectors will be given tours of the building and construction as it progresses for them to gain understanding of the different systems and any input they might have.



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**APRIL 18**

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