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2019 PIONEER COUPLE Joe and Margie Rexrode

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

A 100-year family tradition of farming in Floyd County was initiated by W.S. and Bessie Rexrode who brought their five children from Oklahoma to settle in the Lone Star Community area in 1916. The Lone Star Community is located about eleven miles northeast of Lockney where the Rexrodes purchased several acres of land in this area, much of which is still farmed by the family today.

While farming and caring for livestock, the Rexrode children also attended the small community school. After some time, four of the children left the areas. The second oldest child, Jewel, chose to remain and farm with his dad. After the passing of his father, Jewel

took over the farm business and carried on the farming tradition by continuing to develop the land and try new farming procedures.

Jewel married Tina Pinner in August 1935. Three years later they moved from the old home place into a two-room house located one mile east of Lone Star on land that was originally purchased by his father, W.S. Jewel bought this area of land and the house from his father. Jewel and Tina had one son named Joe who was born in 1940.

Joe attended the small school at Lone Star until he completed the eighth grade, then went to school in Lockney where he graduated in 1958.

While Joe carried on the tradition of farming with his dad, their

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History Made! Lady Winds Seize Regional Quarterfinal Championship



Courtesy Photo

On a cold, wet day in Lockney, the Floydada Lady Winds captured the Regional Quarterfinal Championship, defeating the West Texas Lady Comanches, 29-6. The Lady Winds will take on the Archer City Lady Cats in a three-game series on Thursday, May 16 and Saturday, May 18 at Abilene Christian University. Pictured are (Back row, l-r) Coach Morales, Laisha Reyes, Emily Cisneros, Celese Wickware, Denise Riojas, Coach Perez; (Middle Row, l-r) Alexis Cruz, Alexis Hernandez, Lindsey Marquez, Gina Vega, Hannah Morales, Kiarra Collins, Arianna Diaz; (Front Row, l-r) Alyssa Obregon, Kailee Sanchez, Alyssa Obregon, Nicole Rodgers, Erin Trevino, Allison Orr, Clarissa de la Fuente. Not pictured was Kylie Ricketts.



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2019 Pioneer Man: Tom Noble Emert

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Tom Noble Emert was born 95 years ago on June 6, 1924 to A. T. and Audry Emert. He was the 5th of 7 sons born in the family home North West of Dougherty. Tom's dad came to Floyd County in 1905 with his parents from Tennessee.

Tom began working on the family farm at age 5 and at age 12 was boss over a crew of 80 cotton pickers. On the 5 mile walk home from school, he often stopped to make friends with the skunks along the way, never getting sprayed. That friendship has rolled over to a skunk collection. Sometime during the 1930's he witnessed a huge fire

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Lady Winds continue playoff run, defeat West Texas 29-6



Deon Fincher/Hesperian-Beacon

WITH THE RAIN pouring down, the Lady Winds dominated the hitting and base-stealing in the contest against West Texas last week that earned the Ladies the title of Regional Quarterfinal Champs—priceless!!

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - An 11-run third inning, gave the Floydada Winds a lead that the West Texas Lady Comanches could not overcome as the Lady Winds' Hannah Morales limited West Texas to only four hits in a 29-6 victory in the Regional Quarterfinals.

Floydada took an early 4-0 lead in the top of the first. Clarissa DeLaFuente walked to lead off the

game then stole second and third. Morales followed with a walk then stole second. Alexis Cruz came in to run for Morales. Erin Trevino drew a walk to load the bases. The fourth straight walk put Kylie Ricketts on base and forced in DeLaFuente. Angela Vega drew another walk, forcing in Cruz. After a strike out Kailee Sanchez singled to right, driving in Trevino and Ricketts to give the Lady Winds a 4-0 lead. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Comanches tied the game

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Cattle Drive sets Facebook on Fire!



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A CATTLE DRIVE THROUGH FLOYDADA? Yessir-ee! And what a hit it was on Facebook! Statistics for the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Facebook page show that this was a favorite. As of Monday, May 13, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. (just short of a full week) the post had reached 109,803 individuals on Facebook, 41,212 of those had 'clicked' the page to see the details, 926 people felt strongly enough to 'share' the page with friends, and 252 individuals wrote a comment in the post. Social media catapulted Floydada into over a hundred-thousand homes! That's pretty neat!

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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.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS SUNDAY MEAL

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be having a "Take-Out Hamburger Meal" on Sunday, May 19. We will serve from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The brown bag lunch will include hamburger with fixings, chips, and a drink.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS SUNDAY MEAL

The Lockney Senior Citizens Center will have their "Sunday Lunch" on Sunday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We will be serving chicken fried steak.

FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE

Floydada High School will hold its Baccalaureate at 6 p.m., Sunday, May 19 at First Baptist Church of Floydada.

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

Duncan Elementary will hold the Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 22.

FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

The Floydada High School Graduation Ceremony will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 23 at the Whirlwind Gym.

LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATION

Lockney High School will hold its Baccalaureate and Graduation Ceremonies at 7 p.m., Friday, May 24 at the Longhorn Gym.

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Corrections

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ORDER TO RESCIND BURN BAN

BY ORDER OF THE FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE

State of Texas

County of Floyd

ORDER RESCINDING BURN BAN

WHEREAS, the Floyd County Commissioners Court adopted an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning on March 11, 2019.

WHEREAS, the County Judge may rescind the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning in Unincorporated areas of Floyd County upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

WHEREAS, I find that the drought conditions have improved enough to allow outdoor burning at this time and pray that extreme caution be exercised.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Floyd County Judge that outdoor burning will be permitted in the unincorporated areas of the county. This Order is pursuant to local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes.

Ordered this 7th day of May, 2019.

Marty Lucke
Marty Lucke
Floyd County Judge

Attest:

Ginger Morgan
Floyd County Clerk
by Jerrisa Smith deputy

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A. S. O'Clock, A.M.

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GINGER MORGAN, COUNTY CLERK
FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY JERRISA SMITH, DEPUTY

The 501: Miss Missing Sock Day?

Did you know May 9 was Lost Sock Memorial Day in the United States? Makes me wonder if other countries also observe May 9 or if they prefer a different date.



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My rural Internet connection lasted just long enough for me to confirm it's a trend in some circles, apparently among Millennials. Good for them. I typically blame Millennials whenever something goes wrong, calling them out for their passiveness, ambiguity and lack of attention to detail. Of course, they're not listening. But regarding socks, I applaud Millennials for the bold stroke of genius. Their sock fad caught me off guard. But I like it.

Of course, if you're gonna wear mismatched socks, it's like holes in jeans. Not every mismatch is acceptable. They must clash just right. Still, it's a step in the right direction. Maybe someday a toned-down version of the fashion will allow pairing of all mismatched socks, including some that almost match. Socks like that hang out in our laundry room. I'd like very much to put them back in service. They look so sad.

The late Erma Bomback once wrote about socks without mates. She theorized that

somewhere there was a lonely sock club for the lost ones. I hope she was right.

As for May 9, is it really Lost Sock Memorial Day? My source was credible only in the sense that he makes himself sound believable. I'd better investigate.

ANOTHER RESEARCH PAUSE.

Sure enough, this special day has been around for years. And just in case you're as uninformed as I, here's how you're supposed to celebrate:

Toss your single socks.

Really? That's like euthanasia. I'm not ready for such a drastic measure. I've got single socks that date from the previous century. You might say I'm running a home for single socks. And now that I'm married, my husband's single socks are spending their last days there too.

Why can't all the people who feel compelled to write stuff about Lost Sock Memorial Day come up with some better ways to observe the holiday than simply tossing mate-less socks? Where is our new National Religion in the scheme of things? I'm referring to Recycling.

Why not sew together single socks for mufflers for indigent people in cold climates? Answer: Because indigent people mostly live in the warm climes of the world. And I don't blame them. But even in Texas, you can use a muffler in the winter. Or a sock quilt.

So let's remove "Memorial" from the name and observe the day by giving new life to single socks.

Motto: Socks Alive!

Celebratory food tradition: Sock-It-To-Me cake.

I can't help but say it's a darn good plan.

the path to success."

—Tory Burch

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

—Mark Twain

"Now the first suggestion is to aim high, but be aware that even before you have reached your ultimate professional destination, if you always strive for excellence, you can and should have a substantial impact on the world in which you live."

—Sandra Day O'Connor

"Now go, and make interesting mistakes, make amazing mistakes, make glorious and fantastic mistakes. Break rules.

2019 PIONEER WOMAN Myrtie Gibson

Myrtie was raised in Hurlwood, TX. She was the oldest of 5 children born to Otho and Mary Gaskins. Growing up, her parents taught the children the value of always helping someone in need and building trusting relationships with friends and neighbors in the community where you live. At a young age, Myrtie learned the value of working by helping take care of chores around the house. One of those chores included learning to cook biscuits, which her Dad gladly taught her in the early morning hours before sunrise.

She attended Frenship School District in Wolfforth, TX, where she met Jack Gibson who rode the same school bus. One day on the bus she was not moving fast enough and Jack pokes her in the ribs to get her moving faster, but instead she turned around and slapped him. From that incident a friendship and later a 61 year marriage developed.

Myrtie had family who lived in Lockney, including Grand Parents, Daniel and Myrtie Handley and uncle, Joe Handley. Joe owned and operated a well pump service for Lockney and the surrounding communities and this provided a job for Jack in the early years.

In 1956, Jack and Myrtie moved to Lockney where they raised their family of 3 boys and 1 girl. During the years when their children were young, Myrtie babysat and sewed for the community. Once all of her children were in school, the house was too quiet so she decided it was time for her to venture into a career. December 11, 1981, she received her LVN Nursing Licenses and began her 22 year career in nursing.

After retiring, Myrtie has continued serving and volunteering in the Lockney community, including Church Service at the Lockney Nursing home on Sunday morning and exercise at the Lockney Senior citizens 3 days a week.

Floyd County Memorial Library -New and soon to be released Titles- MAY 2019/ JUNE 2019

- Sunset Beach by Mary Kay Andrews
- The Kremlin Strike by Dale Brown
- Resistance Women by Jennifer Chiaverini
- The Oracle by Clive Cussler
- It's a Christmas Thing by Janet Dailey
- The Never Game by Jeffery Deaver
- The Road Home by Richard Paul Evans
- Queen Bee by Dortha Benton Frank
- The Summoning by Heather Graham
- Robert B. Parker's Buckskin by Robert Knott
- The Night Widow by Dean Koontz
- Hot Shot by Fern Michaels
- The Yankee Widow by Linda Leal Miller
- Tightrope by Amanda Quick
- Blessing in Disguise by Danielle Steel
- Their Little Secret by Mark Billingham
- Whiskers in the Dark by Rita Mae Brown
- A Dangerous Man by Robert Crais
- Sisters of Summer's End by Lori Foster
- The Friends We Keep by Jane Green
- Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand
- Falling like Snowflakes by Denise Hunter
- Paranoid by Lisa Jackson
- After the End by Clare Mackintosh
- The Summer of Sunshine and Margot by Susan Mallery
- The Summer Guests by Mary Alice Monroe
- My Life as a Rat by Joyce Carol Oates
- Unleashed by Diana Palmer
- Unsolved by James Patterson
- Lost and Found by Danielle Steel
- Backlash by Brad Thor
- Skin Game by Stuart Woods

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—Neil Gaiman

"If you want something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you've never done."

—Thomas Jefferson

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

—Thomas Edison

Wit and Wisdom:

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

"Life is my college. May I graduate well, and earn some honors!"

—Louisa May Alcott

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

—Benjamin Franklin

"You don't go to university so you can punch a clock. You go to university so you can be in a position to make a difference."

—Janet Napolitano

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SOCIETY

90th Old Settlers' Reunion Awards

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 90th Floyd County Old Settlers' Reunion took place this past Saturday in downtown Floydada. **2019 Old Settlers' Reunion Parade** extended from First Baptist Church to the square, where it veered east and traveled down California Street. Parade viewers were graced with club and commercial floats, bicycles, motorcycles, 4-wheelers, tractors, and horses.

The following awards were given to entrants in the different categories: **Best Commercial Float**-Girl Scout Troop 6210 (\$200), **Best Club Float**-1st Floydada Junior High Cheerleaders (\$200), 2nd Floydada Senior High Cheerleaders (\$100) **Best Decorated Bicycle**- Kent Crowell of Lubbock - 1st, 2nd & 3rd (\$75), **Best Decorated ATV/Motorcycle**- 1st Karen Lira (\$30), 2nd Kyler Gillespie (\$20), 3rd Cooper Hinsley (\$20), Old Time Cowgirl- Dara Ware of Lockney (\$50), **Best Unique Auto**- Robert Kelly of Lubbock (\$100), **Best Unique Tractor**- Isaac Martinez of Floydada (\$100), **Best Unique Truck**- Nick Joiner of Floydada (\$100), **Best Restored Auto**- Janet and John Blackburn of Amarillo (\$100), Special Award- Texas Panhandle Pistoleros (\$200).

2019 Wildflower Show - The Trudy Taylor Award was presented to Jennifer Harbin. **Miniature**- 1st Sherry Heitzenrater, **Unusual Container**- 1st Jennifer Harbin, **Antique**- 1st Carolyn Cunningham, Mens- Travis Jones, Youth- Crew Reddy, **Miscellaneous**- 1st Jennifer Harbin, **Old Fashioned Mix**- 1st Carolyn Cunningham, Dried Flowers- Sherry Heitzenrater.

2019 Quilt and Bonnet Show - The People's Choice- Sandy Moore, **The Antique People's Choice**, Travis Jones, **The People's Choice Bonnet**, Sue Daniels, **Quilt Pieced**- 1st Sandy Moore, 2nd- Taylor Molly Sue, 3rd- Giselle Brock, **Mix Technique**- 1st Giselle Brock, 2nd Carol Huggins, 3rd Stacy Reeves, **Youth**- 1st Izel Pachecn, 2nd Xavier Barrientos, 3rd Samantha Machado, **Other**- 1st Sue Ward, 2nd Sue Ward, 3rd Sandy Moore.

Congratulations to all entrants of these contests.



Courtesy Photo

Mark Carroll-Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Floyd County.

Floyd County hires Carrol as Agrilife Agent-Natural Resources

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - The Floyd County Commissioner's Court approved unanimously Mark Carroll's application to return to Floyd County as the new County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. Carroll has been serving AgriLife Extension Service for the past 12 years. He is currently the Director at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, Texas.

Carroll was recommended highly by Mr. Michael Clawson, Texas A&M AgriLife's District Extension Administrator in County Programs. "Mark is a long-time employee of the agency and we are thrilled that he has the desire to move back into the field," stated Clawson during his statement to the Floyd County Commissioners.

Many will recognize Mark as the Extension Agent in Floyd County during 2010-2011. He will begin his duties in Floyd County August 1st.

"We are beyond excited to be welcoming Mark back and look forward to the many opportunities this will bring!" commented Cristen Brooks, Extension Agent - Family and Community Health, Floyd County.

Record's students to perform Recitals

By Lucy Dean Record
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Mrs. Lucy Dean Record will present her students in a Musical Recital, Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney.

Awards will be presented and the public is invited. Those playing piano from Lockney are Mattee Rehkoph, Carter Duniven, Bryson Klein, Hailee Widener, Amelia and Austin Phillips.

Also playing are Aubrey Francis from Silverton, Makinlee Lemons from Quitaque, Devin Reyes from Floydada, and Henley and Cathan Stoerner from Plainview

Playing guitar will be Colton Moses, Deacon Widener, and Jerry Franklin, all from Lockney.

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!

MAY CALENDAR:
19th - Sunday lunch
20th - Bingo
24th - Fish Fry
27th - Center CLOSED
- In observance of Memorial Day

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.

Floydada Senior Citizen's News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - On Sunday, May 19, we will be serving a take-out hamburger meal. SAVE THE DATE. and take home a hamburger for Sunday lunch. We will serve from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The brown bag lunch will include hamburger with fixings, chips, and a drink. Minimum donation is \$6 per person.

Our \$4.00 Tuesday meals are still in effect. Check the menu to see what we are serving.

We will report on the "Second Tuesday" Bingo in next week's paper. I do know the Progressive Bingo game cash prize is over \$200. Perhaps we will have a winner on Tuesday, May

14th. Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11:00 am. 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
May 20 - May 24
Monday - Christy's enchiladas
Tuesday - Hamburgers - \$4.00
Wednesday - BBQ ribs
Thursday - Chicken & rice
Friday - CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY
(Menu subject to change without notice)

mother had been upstairs, heard the car leave and saw me running, but did not recognize me. She saw the baby on her bed and thought it was abandoned. She started screaming "Come back and get this baby!". When I returned to Erath County, I persuaded my husband to move to Lockney, too. We came by train July 1916. We lived in the Lakeview Community for 29 years-seventeen years on one rent place, that of Mrs. Leota Daniels. Our children went to Lakeview School and Baptist Church. All the children except Agnes, started to school to Mrs. Celia Ross. Lakeview was a "real live wire" school-won many honors in Interscholastic League and basketball and have trophies to prove it.

Our children were Agnes who married Raymond A. Baker; Hazel married Frank Counts, (2) Milton Brown; William Roscoe married Juanita Vickers; R. L. died age 19, buried Lakeview Cemetery; May, Mrs. Lonnie (Bud) Pope; Ruth, Mrs. Jimmie Ray Jones-deceased, buried Tulsa, Oklahoma; My husband died October 30, 1958, buried Lakeview Cemetery.

We made our living at home-cured our own pork (the best hams ever!) made sausage, lard, made our own soap and hominy, had our own beef and chickens, a big garden and canned hundreds of cans of vegetables and dried fruit. It was hard work, but everybody helped, and we ate well.

By Grace Fulkerson Riggle

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

FULKERSON-GORDON-RIGGLE

Thomas Wilson and Emma Louise Gordon, my parents, Uncle A.A. Gordon's family, and Felix Thornton's family (a cousin), left Erath headed for Floyd Co., hoping for better farming opportunities and a better climate, Felix stopped at Spur, the others got to Lockney, Dec. 1915. T. W. Fulkerson was born May 24, 1864 (had a twin bro. David) in Van Buren Co., Arkansas; died June 1940. Emma Fulkerson born April 26, 1870, Erath Co., Texas, died July 18, 1946. Both are buried Wichita Falls, Texas. Their children-all born in Erath County, Texas; Henry D.-died young; Foster married Mary Hanna-deceased; Eula May married Raymond L. Carr- deceased; Savola married 1st Tommie Harding, 2nd Dave Sechrist-deceased; Charley married Nellie Goins; Gracie married Wm. Ueal Riggle; Ralph married Lucy White; Calista married Sam Vernon; Leona married Howard Shoup; Mineola married Dave Metcalf-deceased; Ruth married Raymond Shoup-brother to Howard.

I married Wm. Ueal Riggle, Feb. 25, 1915, in Eastland Co. My first child, Agnes, was born March 21, 1916. I was anxious to "SHOW HER OFF". When she was a month old, I came by train to Lockney-unknown to my folks. A man carried me to my dad's place. He had rented a farm from R. C. Bennett, east-of town. It had a two-story house on it. I saw my dad in the field and no one else about--I supposed all were in the field. I laid my baby on the bed and started running toward Dad. My

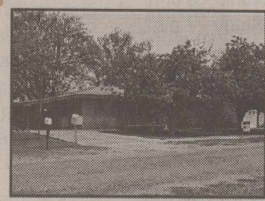
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And
Penny Giesecke

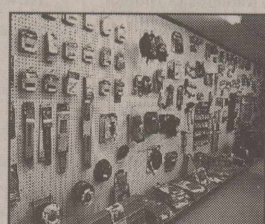
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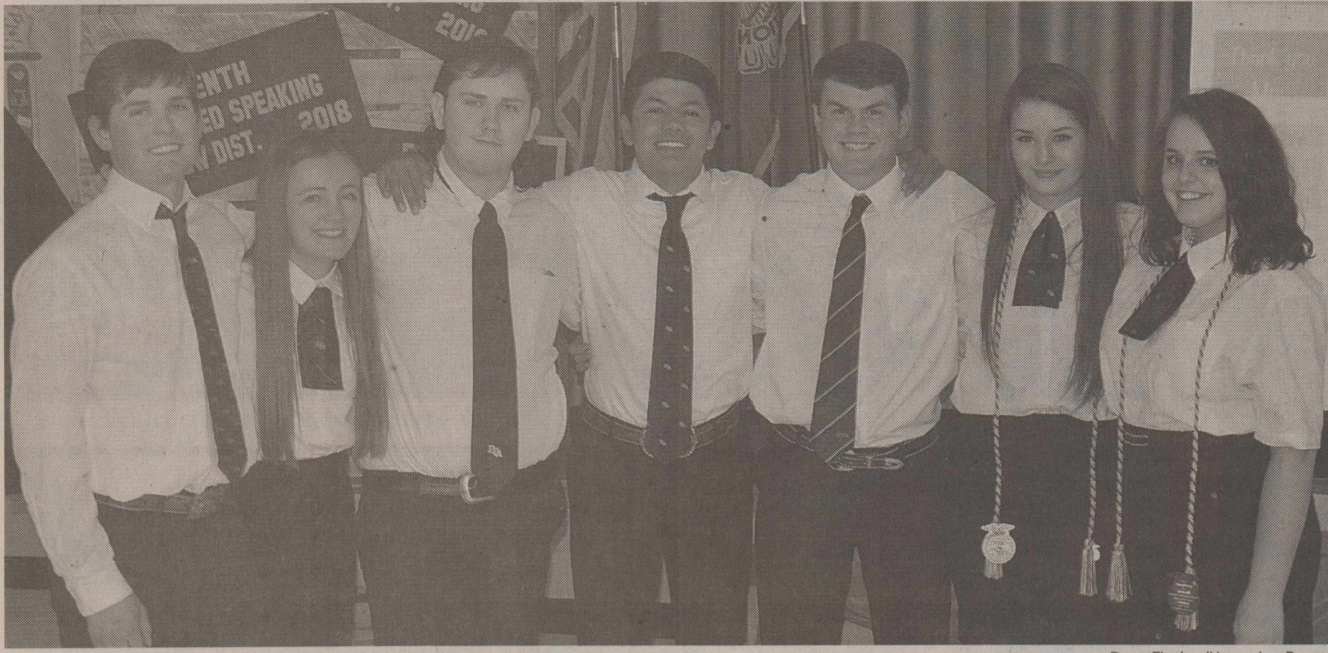
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AGRICULTURE

Floydada FFA Chapter Awards



Floydada FFA's Senior Members (L to R): Hunter Smith, Allison Orr, Monty Stambaugh, Andrew Vega, Cutter Smith, Kelsey Ware and Trina Adams. These seniors will be headed off to colleges and careers in the Ag Industry.

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The Floydada FFA Chapter held their 2019 Awards Banquet, May 7th. This was the first awards banquet for the chapter in decades and after the impressive organization and presentation by the students, this event will become an annual awards ceremony.

When student's names are consistently appearing in the newspaper, it is easy to lose track of all the achievements this group has made this past year. It is a pleasure to list all of the awards that were earned

by each and every one of these leaders in agriculture. It is an honor to give the space to these impressive accomplishments.

Leadership Development Events Awards: Radio Broadcasting 10th - Jose Lira, Andrez Suarez, Ruth Ramirez, Ethan Smith, Andrew Vega, Sydney Langdon. **Ag Advocacy- 1st District/5th Area** - Allison Orr, Cutter Smith, Ryder Glass. **Job Interview** - Monty Stambaugh 13th, Kelsey Ware 12th. **Greenhand Creeds** - Ashlyn Green 8th, Kaitlyn Vega 7th. **Sr. Creed** - Allison Orr 10th, Ryder Glass 18th. **Spanish Creed** - Ruth Ramirez

3rd. **Greenhand Quiz** - Kaitlyn Vega, Ashlyn Green, Jazmin Pacheco, Peyton Anderson, Serina Arellano. **Sr. Quiz** - McKayla Garcia, San Juanita Arellano, Izel Pacheco, Myra Garcia, Sydney Langdon, Hanna Hernandez, Andrez Suarez, Litty Moreno.

Speaking Awards: Jr. Prepared - Ashlyn Green 5th in District, Kaitlyn Vega 6th in District. **Ag Policy** - Cutter Smith 4th in District. **Ag Technology & Communications** - Allison Orr 2nd in District, Ryder Glass 5th in District. **Ag Business** - Ruth Ramirez 4th in District. **Extemporaneous** - Triana Adams 6th in District.

Career Development Awards: Cotton 6th in District - Ruth Ramirez, Ryder Glass, Avery Silva. **Dairy Cattle 5th in District** - Mike Delafuente, Eric Johnston, Jose Lira, Andrez Suarez. **Farm Business Management 4th in District** - Monty Stambaugh, Jonah Trevino. **Horse Judging 3rd in District** - Ethan Smith, Izel Pacheco, Kelsey Ware. **Livestock 11th in District** - Cole Pitts, Ruth

Ramirez, MaKayla Garcia. **Poultry 1st in District** - Kaitlyn Vega, Ashlyn Green, Jazmin Pacheco.

Recognition of Supervised Agriculture Experiences Participants: Showed Sheep - Allison Orr-State Fair of Texas, Floyd County Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, and Houston Livestock Stock Show and Rodeo; Sydney Chesshire Show Lambs- State Fair of Texas, Floyd County Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Stock Show and Rodeo, Rodeo Austin. **Showed Cattle** - Kelsey Ware-Show Cattle- Panhandle South Plains Fair, Floyd County Show, Houston Livestock Stock Show and Rodeo; Cutter Smith- Show Cattle- Floyd County Show; Ryder Glass-Showed Dairy- Panhandle South Plains Fair, State Fair of Texas, Floyd County Stock Show, Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo; **Showed Swine** - Andrew Vega- **Show Swine**- Floyd County Show, San Angelo Stock Show

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It is Monday and I am hurriedly pulling pictures from files, stories from notes, and formats from past precedents. The looming press deadline hanging over me—the last thing I need to be doing is getting up from my computer. And yet, the sunshine keeps calling my name! Surely, a short break will do me good!

Free from my computer, phone and my duties, I step out to breathe in the sweet scent of my front flowerbed. Pink, red, fuchsia and purple blooms stand regally against the background of bright green. As I take in the scene, movement catches my eye...a Black Swallowtail Butterfly!

I reach toward my pocket to pull out my phone, only to find my pocket empty. As slowly and quietly as I can, I move away from the garden and back to the front door. I want to grab my camera and capture this beauty!

Upon reaching the garden once more, I am delighted to find a second specimen delving into the centers of my flowers. Catching one butterfly as it stills is hard enough... now I am tip-toeing around the garden, striving to keep the sun in the right spot, hunching over to get down to eye-level, moving back and forth between two fluttering wisps.

As is my norm, I shoot-shoot-shoot-shoot...shoot-shoot-shoot-shoot...and then I shoot some more. As bright as the sun is, I can't really see the view-finder image so I am just trying to catch ALL movement from both of them.

After a bit, the circulation in my legs has been stymied, so I gingerly raise up and put down my camera. My subjects are more restless now, and are taking flight around the yard, so I decide to be the responsible grown-up and get back to work. But...there are unseen pictures

calling to me from my camera's memory card. "Deon! Aren't you curious as to the pictures you took? Don't you want to see if the saturation is right? See if the sun lit up the wings of the butterflies? See if there is that "one" spectacular, once-in-a-lifetime shot? Hey! Hey!! Look at these pictures!"

Am I so controlled that I resist the distraction from my work? ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Long story short, within a 17-minute span, I had clicked my way through 128 pictures! Did I get that perfect photo? I got some exceptional shots—even a few that will take one's breath away, but I've still got some work to do with my lighting and saturation settings.

That's okay, though. This is the second day those butterflies have indulged in brunch in my gardens—I suspect I will get a few more chances. The thing is, my photography is really just a hobby—an addicting hobby, but, truly, it is just for me. And, my gardens provide unending photo opportunities. They way I see it—I'm in a win-win situation!

To see some of the photos of these beauties, visit my Facebook page: DeonFincher.

Ag Texas Farm Credit awards \$1,000 to Allison Orr



Congratulations to Allison Orr on receiving a \$1000 scholarship from AG Texas Farm Credit Service! Nine students in the Panhandle Region of AgTexas won a \$1,000 scholarship at the May 7th banquet.

Floyd County's "AG Youth of the Month" Recipients this year: Ethan Smith, Allison Orr, Andrew Vega, and Monty Stambaugh (not pictured).

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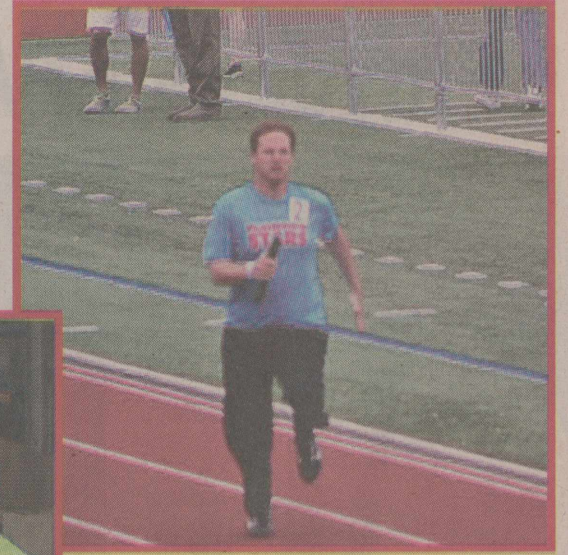
Local Olympians dominate at State



Kami Holbert-competing in the running events.



Sprint Relay Medal Ceremony- (Lower Row, L to R): Paul Lopez and Joshua Armstrong.



Joshua Armstrong-Shot Put Medal Ceremony (Gold).



Kami Holbert with all her medals.



The Plainview All-Stars Olympic Team



Paul Lopez, Coach Johnny Arjona, Renee Armstrong, and Joshua Armstrong.



The AllStars' Sprint Relay Team took Gold this past weekend at the Lubbock, Texas Meet. Pictured L to R: Joshua (Plainview), Paul (Lockney), Joshua (Lockney) and Danny (Plainview).

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANTONIO – The Plainview Stars Special Olympics team traveled to San Antonio to participate in the 50th Annual Texas Summer Games last week, May 1-5. Special Olympics Texas provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Three-thousand athletes, together with parents and volunteers (over 11,000 individuals) attended the Summer Games competition which was sponsored by San Antonio's special needs-oriented theme park. The athletes competed in five different sports over the week: track and field, cycling, gymnastics, soccer and tennis.

Along with 17 counterparts from the Plainview area, three Floyd County athletes were represented at this year's Texas Summer Games. Coach Johnny Arjona (Lockney) has been a major figure with the Special Olympics program in the South Plains area. He has recruited and assisted athletes as they move from competition to competition

throughout the entire year. Coach Arjona, Stephanie Holbert, and Robert and Renee Armstrong traveled with the Plainview All-Stars Team last week to San Antonio.

With all the pomp and circumstance of the World's Olympics, the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games began. Dressed in bright, green t-shirts, all the participants paraded into Toyota Stadium, paving the way for the torch that was held aloft by a Morgan Hartman. Upon lighting the torch, the crowd of athletes celebrated with shouts, claps, and a thunderous roar of foot-stomping on the bleachers. Actress and Eva's Heroes co-founder Eva Longoria emceed the program.

In the Track and Field events, our county's athletes rose to the occasion. Joshua Armstrong (Lockney) took Gold in the Shot Put, Silver in the 100 M Run, and Bronze in the Sprint Relay. Kami Holbert (Floydada) ran for a Silver in the Sprint Relay, a Bronze in the 100 M Run, and she took the Bronze in the Softball Throw. Paul Lopez (Lockney) grabbed a Silver-100 M Run, Bronze-Shot Put, Bronze-Sprint Relay.

In Special Olympics competitions, athletes of all ability levels are encouraged to participate, and every athlete is recognized for his or her performance. Through a process called divisioning, Special Olympics competitions are structured so that athletes compete with other athletes of similar gender, age and ability in equitable divisions.

As the host for the competitions, Morgan's Wonderland, a non-profit, award-winning theme park which is completely wheelchair-accessible, gave athletes and their families a light-hearted activity full of fun and memories. The park was designed with special-needs individuals in mind and built for everyone's enjoyment. Just across the way is the ultra-accessible™ Morgan's Inspiration Island Splash Park which incorporates the special-



Paul Lopez competing in the Shot Put. He received Bronze.



Stephanie and Kami Holbert at Morgan's Wonderland.



Coach Johnny Arjona, Kami Holbert, Joshua Armstrong and Paul Lopez.

needs-designs within the bounds of waterpark inspired activities. In addition, our local athletes were treated to an all-inclusive San Antonio Riverwalk Experience together with a meal in a Riverwalk restaurant.

Our athletes' expenses are completely funded by the Bake Sale that takes place in at the Lockney Senior

Citizens building in April each year. No funding is obtained from Special Olympics Texas. Special Olympics sanctions year-round athletic competitions open to all physically and intellectually disabled individuals from 8 years old and up. To become involved, either as an athlete or a volunteer, contact Renee Armstrong (806)983-4335.

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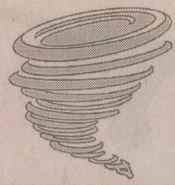
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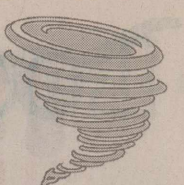
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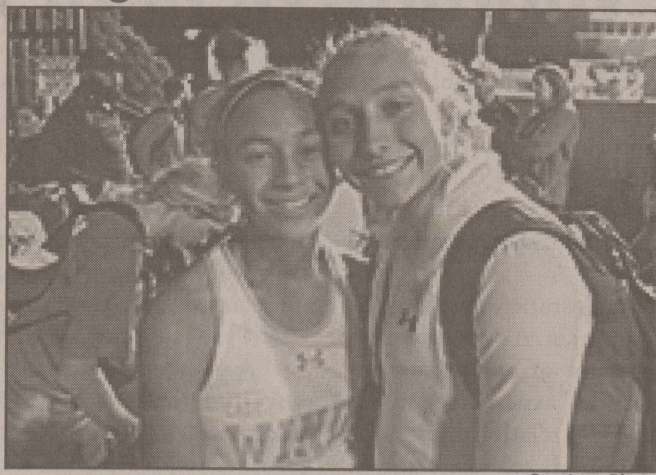
Floydada Seniors Finish Strong in State Track Meet

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – A strong performance from seniors Kiana Brown and Kylie Ricketts led Floydada to a top fifteen finish at the UIL State Track and Field Championships on Saturday, May 11.

Brown finished fifth in both the 100-meter sprint and 200-meter sprint while Ricketts took second in the high jump and fourth in the 400-meter run. The duo scored enough points to finish in 14th place in the team standings. Sunray won the Class 2A State Team Championship. From around the area, Post Lady Lopes finished sixth and the Sundown Lady Roughnecks finished 15th.

Luke Holcombe, a sophomore, was the lone representative for the Whirlwinds and competed in the 2A Boys Discus.



Courtesy Photo
Kiana Brown (left) and Kylie Ricketts competed in a total of four different events at the UIL State Track and Field Championships on Saturday, May 11 in Austin.

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and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Stock Show and Rodeo; George Torres- Show Swine- Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo; Monty Stambaugh- Show Swine- Floyd County Show, Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, Texas Elite Showcase; Denise Riojas- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Andrez Suarez- Show Swine- Floyd County Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Jose Lira- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Myra Garcia- Show Swine- Floyd County Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo; Hanna Hernandez- Show Swine- Floyd County Show, Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo; Ruth Ramirez- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Litty Moreno- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Sydney Langdon- Show Swine- Floyd County Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo; Ashlyn Green- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Peyton Anderson- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Kaitlyn Vega- Show Swine- Floyd County Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo; Edgar Cervera- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Alea Lira- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Derrik Suarez- Show Swine- Floyd County Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Stock Show and Rodeo; Matthew Luna- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; Peyton Shuping- Show Swine- Floyd County Show, Texas Elite Showcase, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Stock Show and Rodeo, Rodeo Austin; Clarissa Garcia- Show Swine- Floyd County Stock Show

Emily Garza- Show Swine- Floyd County Stock Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo; Jenna Martinez- Show Swine- Floyd County Stock Show; Armando Chavarria III - Show Swine- Floyd County Stock Show, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Aaron Lechwar- Show Swine- Floyd County Show; James Bustamante- Show Swine- Floyd County Stock Show.

Jr. FFA Recognition - Derrik Suarez, Edgar Cervera, Alea Lira, Matthew Luna, Sydney Chesshir, Payton Shuping, Clarissa Garcia, Aaron Lechwar, James Bustamante, Armando Chavarria III, Emily Garza, Jenna Martinez.

Greenhand Degree Recipients - Kaitlyn Vega, Litty Moreno, Ashlyn Green, Peyton Anderson, Jazmin Pacheco, Ma'Kayla Garcia, Izel Pacheco.

Star Greenhand: Given to first-year member who has a strong Supervised Agricultural Experience Program and has demonstrated leadership. Two members made their mark this year: Ashlyn Green and Kaitlyn Vega.

Chapter Farmer Degree - Ryder Glass, Sydney Langdon, Hanna Hernandez, Myra Garcia, Ruth Ramirez, Andrez Suarez, Jose Lira.

Star Chapter Degree: Given to outstanding Supervised Agriculture Experience Program and demonstrates the most involvement in all phases of the Chapter's activities. This year, the award was given to two students: Ruth Ramirez and Ryder Glass.

Scholarships: Some of the scholarships for this year include: Texas FFA State Finalist - Allison Orr

Her application will be judged May 20th and we will find out if she advances to Stephenville June 6th; Floyd County Stock Show Scholarship - Allison Orr- \$1000, Andrew Vega- \$1000, Cutter Smith- \$1000, Monty Stambaugh- \$1000; Floyd County Stock Show Sweepstakes Winner - Cutter Smith- \$500; Ag Youth of the Month - Andrew Vega, Ethan Smith, Monty Stambaugh, Allison Orr \$1000; Floyd County Farm Bureau - Cutter Smith- 1st- \$1500, Jose Lira-2nd- \$1000, Ethan Smith- 3rd- \$500, Kelsey Ware- 4th- \$500; Officer Scholarship - Ethan Smith, Allison Orr, Andrew Vega, Cutter Smith, Monty Stambaugh.

Each year every FFA chapter in the state of Texas gets to give out a DEKALB Ag Accomplishment Award. This award showcases the abilities of outstanding agriculture students. The award is presented annually to one FFA student per chapter, who exemplifies scholarship, commitment and work ethic. This year the DEKALB Ag Accomplishment Award was presented to Monty Stambaugh.

FFA Graduation Cord requirements: 1) Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or greater, 2) Serve a minimum of 3 years in the FFA as an active chapter member: a. Participated on a Leadership Development event no less than 2 years; b. Participated on a Career Development event no less than 2 years; c. Successfully completed an advisor approved SAEP, d. Earned both Greenhand and Chapter Degrees, e. Participated in no less than two community service events each year of membership. Recipients are: Kelsey Ware - attending West Texas A&M University, Andrew Vega attending Tarleton State University Triana Adams attending South Plains College, Cutter Smith attending Tarleton State University, Ethan Smith attending Texas Tech University, Allison Orr attending Texas A&M University, and Monty Stambaugh attending South Plains College.

Honorary Chapter Degree - Presented to Student Teacher Clara Price from Tarleton State University.



Deon Fincher/Hesperian-Beacon
The Floydada FFA Chapter inducted its 2019-2020 slate of officers at their first FFA Banquet May 7th. Pictured (L to R): Alejandra Ramirez-FHS AG Science teacher, Kaitlyn Vega- Sentinel, Myra Garcia- Reporter, Jose Lira- Treasurer, Andrez Suarez- Secretary, Ryder Glass- Vice President, Ruth Ramirez- President.

LADY WINDS

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with four runs. Emma Jimenez led off with a single then stole second. Shelby Rios was hit by a pitch. Jimenez and Rios executed a double steal then Asya Hall walked to load the bases. Jenna Franklin doubled, driving in Jimenez and Rios. Addison Tice came in to run for Franklin. Chloe Scherer singled as Hall scored. With two outs, Tice scored on a passed ball to tie the score at 4-4 after one inning.

With one out in the top of the second, Morales doubled and Cruz came in to run. Trevino drew a walk then Cruz moved to third on a passed ball and Trevino stole second. Ricketts grounded into a fielder's choice, driving in Cruz to give the Lady Winds a 5-4 lead. West Texas went down in order in the bottom of the inning as Floydada held onto the 5-4 lead.

In the top of the third, the Lady Winds exploded with 11 runs, to take a commanding lead. Alexis Hernandez led off with a single then Sanchez singled. Alyssa Obregon singled to load the bases. Denise Riojas was hit by a pitch, forcing in Hernandez. DeLaFuente singled to drive in Sanchez and Obregon. Riojas stole third and DeLaFuente stole second. Morales was hit by a pitch to load the bases again. Cruz came in to run for Morales. Riojas scored on a passed ball. Trevino drew a walk to load the bases then Ricketts walked, driving in DeLaFuente. Vega then slammed a ball to center field for a grand slam home run, driving Cruz, Trevino and Ricketts. Hernandez walked then with two outs Riojas singled to drive in Hernandez. Riojas stole second then DeLaFuente walked. Riojas moved to third on a passed ball before scoring on another passed ball, giving the Lady Winds a 16-4 lead. In the bottom of the inning, West Texas added one run. With two outs, Scherer walked then Addie Watkins singled. Scherer and Watkins executed a double steal the Scherer stole home to make it 16-5 in favor of Floydada after three innings.

Floydada added six more runs in the top of the fourth. With one out, Ricketts singled and Cruz came in to run. Vega walked then Hernandez line a shot over the center field wall for a three-run home run, scoring Cruz and Vega. With two outs, Obregon walked, stole second then scored on a double by Riojas. DeLaFuente walked then Morales walked, driving in Riojas and DeLaFuente and giving the Lady Winds a 22-5 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Addie Couch led off with a walk for West Texas then moved to second and third on two consecutive fielder's choices. Couch then scored on a passed ball, but Floydada led 22-6 after four innings.

The Lady Winds pushed seven more runs across in the top of the fifth. With one out, Vega singled then Hernandez blasted a two-run home run to left, scoring Vega. Sanchez and Obregon drew consecutive walks, then Riojas walked to load the bases. A fourth consecutive walk put DeLaFuente on base and forced in Sanchez. Morales delivered a three-run double, driving in Obregon, Riojas and DeLaFuente. Emily Cisneros came in to run for Morales then with two outs, Cruz doubled to drive in Cisneros, giving the Lady Winds a 29-6 lead. West Texas went down in order in the bottom of the inning as the Floydada Lady Winds claimed the Regional Quarterfinal Championship with a 29-6 victory.

Floydada School Menu May 20 - May 22

Monday

Breakfast - Morning sausage roll, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti marinera w/meatballs, breadstick, chicken, corn dog, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Mini cinnamon waffles, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Beefy marinera macaroni, popcorn chicken w/roll, crinkle cut sweet potato fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Egg & cheese breakfast biscuit, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Mini chicken corn dog, grilled cheese w/tomato soup, buttered green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

NO SCHOOL - SUMMER BREAK

Friday

NO SCHOOL - SUMMER BREAK

For Floydada, Morales pitched five innings, allowing six runs on four hits and five walks while striking out six. At the plate, Vega went 2-4 with three runs scored and five RBIs including a grand slam home run, Morales went 3-4 with five RBIs, Hernandez went 3-4 with four runs scored and five RBIs, Ricketts went 1-2 with two runs scored and three RBIs and Riojas went 2-3 with four runs scored and three RBIs.

For West Texas, Franklin pitched five innings, allowing 29 runs on 16 hits and 17 walks while striking out four. At the plate, Franklin went 1-3 with two RBIs, Scherer went 1-2 with one run scored and one RBI and Jimenez went 1-3 with one run scored.

Floydada advances to play the Archer City Lady Cats in a three-game series beginning with Game 1 on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 P.M. at Abilene Christian University then resuming on Saturday, May 18 with Game 2 at 2:00 P.M. at ACU and Game 3, if necessary, about 4:00 P.M. Tickets are \$5.00 a person with no passes accepted.

In other area team action, the Ralls Lady Rabbits defeated the New Deal Lady Lions two games to one, winning Game 1, 2-0, losing Game 2, 5-2 and winning Game 3, 6-4. The Lady Rabbits will face Windthorst in the Regional Semifinals. The Crosbyton Lady Chiefs fell to the Borden County Lady Coyotes, 10-5 in the Class 1A Regional Semifinals.

In area Baseball action, New Deal defeated Sunray, two games to none, winning Game 1, 20-4 and Game 2, 17-0. The Lions will face Sundown in the Regional Quarterfinals. In Class 1A, Crosbyton fell to Kress 3-1 in the Regional Quarterfinals.

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Lockney Longhorns

Book Buddy Program: Benefits for Everyone

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The Annual Book Buddy Tea took place on Wednesday, May 8th at the Lockney Elementary School. This is no ordinary Tea. This is a special occasion and that is seen as the 2nd graders round the corner in their best dressy clothes.

If you are one of the many “Book Buddies” in the 2nd Grade program, you are an honored guest. Decorated with colorful flowers, fuzzy caterpillars and delicate dragonflies—all made by the kiddos—each guest was surrounded by beauty. These Book Buddies are special!

Book Buddies has been developing better readers in the Lockney 2nd Grade classes since 1997—That’s 22 years!! The program matches a 2nd grader with an

individual that goes to the school once a week and spends 20- or 30-minutes reading with and mentoring their assigned 2nd Grade Buddy. Book Buddies come in the form of business leaders, retired individuals, teachers and past teachers, moms and grandmas.

Mrs. Belt’s FCCLA students are thrilled to help with the program. As the group offered, “They get a lot of good from our help and we get the experience of developing meaningful relationships with younger kids.” The high schoolers agreed that before they became involved, they really didn’t pay much attention to the elementary-age kids. “Now, we watch for them at pep rallies and assemblies...” and they follow as the little ones move from 2nd grade on through elementary school. With little effort and a whole lot of ben-

efit, these young men and women are “paying it forward—or possibly backward” and offering a little bit of their time to a definite need.

Principal Williams welcomed the adult Book Buddies to the tea, stating that, “... your work does not go unnoticed and is appreciated more than you can imagine!”

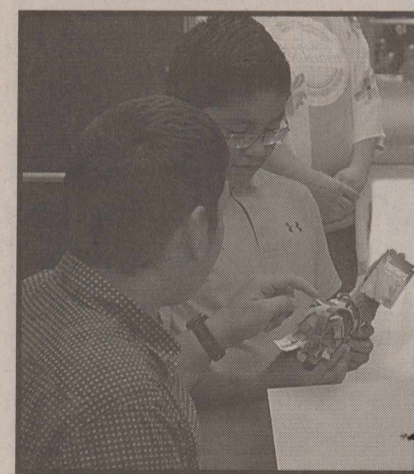
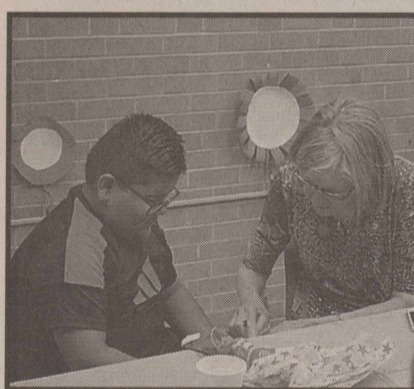
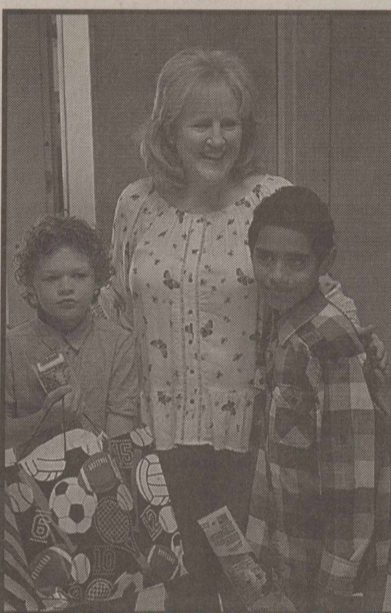
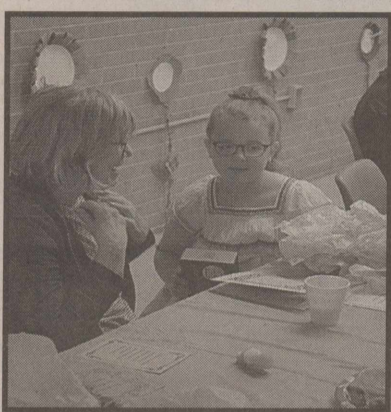
With Mrs. Tarri Wright’s retirement this year, Mrs. Victoria Chavez is stepping into the leadership position of the program. “Mrs. Wright is the Book Buddy guru,” stated teachers as we waited on the attendees to arrive, “but Mrs. Chavez is up to the challenge and has jumped in with two-feet!”

The big question on my mind is, “How can I become one of those Book Buddies?”

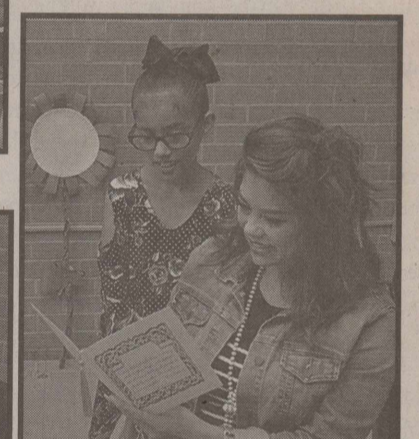
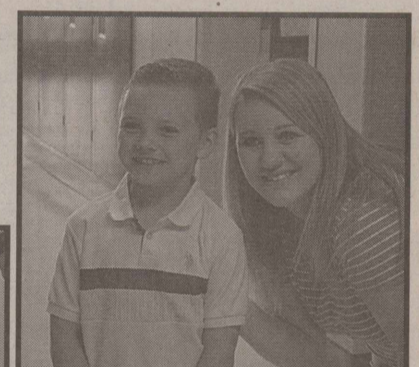
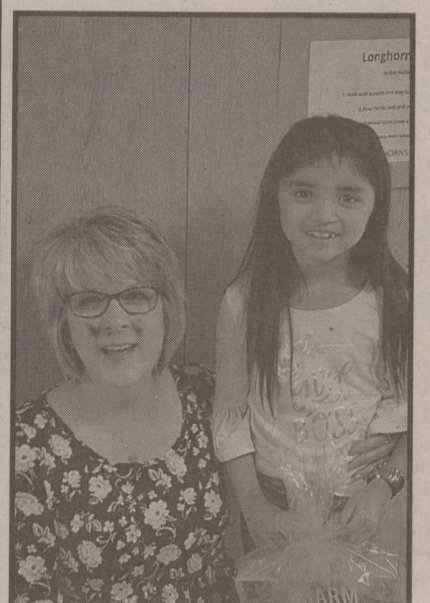
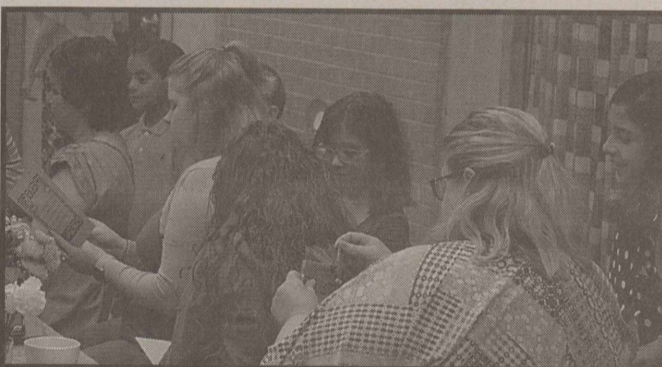
Simply contact the elementary school at (806)642-3321 and ask to be put on the

Book Buddy list. Mrs. Chavez will contact you in late summer to discuss the program and introduce you to your newest buddy!

The 2nd grade teachers wanted to express their sincere appreciation to each of the Book Buddies that participated this year: Chris Fulton, Monty Teeter, Edith Cook, Anna Sherman, Kathy Hunter, Elba Pyle, Jack Covington, Robin Sherman, Yara Poole, Dani Johnson, Kathy Kellison, Boyd Lee, Sheri Miller, Bill Hunter, Karen Wilson, Brenda Mangold, Kristy LeFevre, Shelby Madden, Taylor Winter, Linda Amador, Ashleigh Jones and Shaina Hart. The High School Book Buddies included Cindy Belt (High School teacher), Diego Azua, Hailee Widener, Aubrey Rexrode, Madison Chance, Jada Rosales, Cristian Gonzalez, Yanellie Bernal, Courtney Isom, Aurelia Cruz and Tyra Rosales.



Mrs. Tarri Wright and Mrs. Victoria Chavez look on as Principal Williams welcomes the Book Buddies to the Annual Book Buddy Tea at the Lockney Elementary School. The Adult Book Buddies received and gave lots of hugs as end-of-year presents were exchanged and kiddos celebrated these special relationships.



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PIONEER COUPLE

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business ventures led to increasing the amount of land they farmed through purchasing and leasing other acreage located in Floyd County. The Rexrodes utilized dryland farming until 1947 when they began row watering with ditches and tubes. In 1984 watering advanced to gated pipes, and eventually, to the present drip irrigation system started in 2010.

Joe married Margie Carlton in January 1968. After living in Floydada and Lockney for a short time, they purchased a ready-built house and moved it to the home place near Lone Star, living beside Joe's parents.

Margie was raised on a farm as well, so hard work and sacrifices were nothing new to her. She took care of a large garden each year and spent many hours preparing vegetables from her garden for canning or freezing. She also took many meals out to the fields during planting and harvest times and helped out by driving grain trucks to the elevators. Margie taught school for three years, took a hiatus for thirteen years to be at home with their sons, then went back to teach 23 more years at Lockney Elementary, retiring in 2004.

Joe and Margie had two sons, Wyman and Heath, who helped on the farm while growing up and attending school in

Lockney. The Rexrodes started raising Chester White pigs at local and larger stock shows for several years. During this time, Joe served as Hog Superintendent for the Floyd County Stock Shows for about five years. He was always willing and ready to help the kids with their animals.

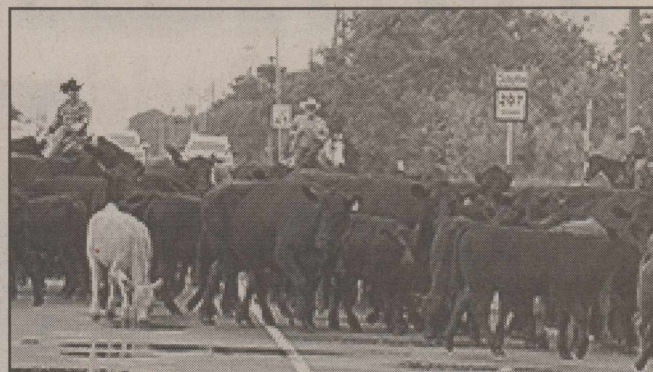
Wyman and most of his family now live in the Dallas areas, and Heath is in business farming with his dad, carrying on the legacy of farming and raising his own family on the farm.

Joe has been involved with farming in Floyd County for nearly seventy years. He has held on to this legacy of farming because it helps feed families and the world. He still enjoys working the land, planting, and watching the crops grow. Times have not always been easy and farming is becoming more complicated, but with the support of his family and the community, he vows to carry on the farming tradition. While he has had to slow down a bit, he plans to continue going out to work in the fields as long as he is able.

Joe Rexrode and his wife, Margie, are proud to be a part of the 100-plus years of their family tradition of farming in Floyd County, and wish to see it continued through generations to come.

CATTLE DRIVE

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Deon Fincher/Hesperian-Beacon

A CATTLE HERD MEANDERED UP Hwy 207 en- route to the Floydada Livestock Sales pens last week, pushed and guided by numerous cow-hands. The weather was cool and damp—just perfect for the 6-mile trek down the asphalt trail. All 400 head of cattle, cowboys, horses and dogs made it to the pens without incident. Cowboys included three generations of the Francis family: Van (Feed-truck Driver), Rob and Robert, as well as Eric Smith, Colton Russell, Stewart Ulrich, Clint Frye, Micky Bershirs and John Fortenberry.

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Last Tuesday,

our community had a rare occurrence in the form of a cattle drive. Yes, a real-life trek of cattle, cowboys and ropes, horses and cow-dogs, all moving as one through the outskirts of Floydada. That in itself was unique; however, the response that the newspaper's Facebook Page has received has been no less than extraordinary! The Cattle Drive post, with its eleven photos, has generated numbers generally reserved for "lip-sync" battles!

So, let me share the stats. As of 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 13th, the individual post has reached 109,803 people (all of those being active on Facebook. No telling how many people were simply shown this story). If you are familiar with the social-medium, you know that hundreds of posts can show up that are of little interest—it is those posts that inspire "clicks" that really measure the popularity of the information. Floydada's Cattle Drive was appreciated by so many people that this post has received 41,212 of those 'click' engagements.

Nine-hundred-twenty-six peo-

ple felt strongly enough about the event that they 'shared' it with others; and 252 comments have been posted on the Facebook post, itself.

These comments are a measuring stick of our society and it seems as though people, although accustomed to the conveniences of living in metropolitan areas, truly yearn for and dream about the peace that comes from a simpler time; of less traffic; of the relationship between man and beast; of small-town living.

Reading those comments will take hours, but, in the end, you will see that we who live here in Floyd County are the lucky ones! We are living the life that so many are hopelessly reaching toward.

A big thank you to the Francis Family for their decision to 'go old-school' and drive their herd, to Floydada Livestock Sales for offering a few hands and horses and much appreciated help, to Sarah Reese for some fabulous drone coverage and to all the City and County Law Enforcement officers that assisted with traffic control. It says a lot about our community when those in positions of service are willing to assist, at a moment's notice, in order to bring together a plan.

PIONEER MAN

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ball in the sky one morning. Could it have been the 4-pound metallic meteorite recorded in Stratford, Texas the morning of Feb. 24, 1933?

Tom left school in his sophomore year. He worked five jobs for the CCC's; his last job was in King's Canyon National Park in California as a cook. He married Lois Gorley of Floydada, July of 1942 and moved to Borger, Texas, to work for Manhattan Walco, building a rubber plant. On March 11, 1943 he joined the Army to do his patriotic duty. He trained at Ft. Sill Oklahoma, Camp Bowie out of Brownwood, Texas and then North Camp Hood. He bivouacked at Shell Camp first then South Camp Hood. That outfit disbanded and was sent to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. Their son, Tommie Douglas, was born July 27, 1943 and Tom had a 3-day pass.

In November of 1943, Tom shipped out for war, landing in England then traveled to France for Christmas to participate in the Battle of the Bulge, Dec. - Jan. of 1945. His unit, the 48th Tank Destroyers Battalion was spread out over 50 miles during that dreadful battle. Tom returned to the States in June of 1945, to await orders to be shipped out for Japan. Thankfully peace was declared and Tom was discharged Dec. 12, 1945.

Returning from service, Tom worked for Philip's at the rubber plant in Borger, Texas. Daughter Darlene was born February 17, 1947. Later, February of '48 Tom bought a farm in Dougherty, then sold it in September of 1954, to work in Floydada at the International House as a mechanic. During the late 50's, he worked for the Floydada and Plainview Police Departments while also working as a carpenter and volunteer fireman. In '61 he worked for TDC as a guard in Huntsville Wall's Unit. In early 1962 Tom began to help his brother Dale to build new houses in the Deer Park area in the wake of Hurricane Carla. He then moved to Deer Park, Texas, May of 1962 to work for NASA in Clear Lake City, Texas as a guard. There he saw moon rocks and often visited with the astronauts. Tommie Douglas had joined the Army July 27, 1960 and became a Special Forces medic, but died in Viet Nam December 13, 1964. Daughter Darlene married G.W. Hollis December 2, 1967.

In September of '63 Tom began working for Deer Park ISD from which he retired August 31, 1981. He moved to Dougherty where he built a house and began working at Covington's station February of

1987 and worked there for Producers until 2003. Darlene's son John lived with Tom in 1989 and then later joined the Navy in Lubbock June of 1990.

In September of 1993 Tom invited Darlene to join him for his Tank Destroyers reunion in Washington DC. The group was given a private tour of the White House and were each given, by their representatives, a flag that had flown over the House of Representatives. The changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was very touching. Locating his son Tommie Douglas' name on The Wall was heart breaking.

Tom and Edwina Hollums married April of 1997. They made wonderful memories such as trips to Arkansas, Tennessee, Big Bend area and visiting other Texas areas to visit relatives. Now Tom still lives at home and works on a garden every year. Each birthday he remembers June 6th is D-Day, his grandson Randall's birthday and his great-grandson Hayden's birthday too.

Tom's family now consists of 3 children, 4 grands, 10 great-grands, and 3 great-great-grands. Daughter Nancy Darlene Hollis, Grandson Randall Wayne Hollis born 1970 and his wife Chedette, Great-grandson Randall Wayne Hollis Jr. & his wife Piola, Great-great grandson Gideon. Granddaughter Jennifer, Great-granddaughter Maddison. Grandson John Douglas Hollis born 1972 and his wife Lynn, Great-grandsons - Alex and Kaleb (Kaleb joined the Marines April 2019), Great-granddaughters - Miski, Jessie, and Natalie, Great-great granddaughter - Maddison daughter of Miski. Step-son Randy Hollums and his wife Teressa, Grandson D.G. Hollums and his wife Tiffany, Great-grand daughter Gracie. Step-daughter Harriett Purvis, Granddaughter - Christi and her husband Kevin Stone, Great-grandsons Hayden and Brady.

UPCOMING

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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H DANCE

A Floyd County 4-H "End of Year" dance will be held Friday, May 31st at the Unity Center from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Live music, taco bar, nacho station, drinks, desserts and and performance by Cait's Kids. Dance is open for school-aged kids to attend. **RSVP is required by Friday, May 24th.** To RSVP call the Floyd County Extension Office at 806-983-4912 or Teresa Bigham at 806-983-4690. All kids 5th grade and under **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. There is no cost to attend.

COVENANT MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

The Covenant Mobile Mammography unit will be at the West Texas Family Clinic (901 W. Crockett, Floydada) on Wednesday, May 29th. For appointment call 806-725-6579 or

1-877-494-4797. We accept most medical insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid.

FHS CLASS OF 1969 50TH REUNION

Floydada High School Class of 1969 will hold their 50th Reunion on June 7 and June 8 at the Lubbock Embassy Suites. To register or for more information contact Penny McClintock Golightly at pdgolight@att.net or Carrie Thayer Welch at cthayer@yahoo.com.

FLOYDADA'S CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Clean out your closets now! It's time for the Floydada's City-Wide Garage Sale that will take place on Saturday, June 15th beginning at 8 a.m. thru 5 p.m. Listing your sale is FREE but you must submit the complete address to manager@floydadachamber.com or text it to 806-983-3434. The Floydada Chamber will be publicizing more info in weeks prior to the activity online and in print. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Special Education Child Find

With the assistance of the Texas Education Agency and the education service center 17, Floydada ISD must ensure that a free appropriate public education (FAPE) is provided to all individuals with disabilities, ages 3-21, who qualify for special education services. With the assistance of the Texas Education Agency, ESC 17, and the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program, Floydada ISD must ensure that early intervention services are made available for those children, ages 0-3, with an identified need.

To carry out these responsibilities, Floydada ISD must implement: a comprehensive system of "Child Find" in which the applicant agency personal actively search for all individuals with disabilities or developmental delay who are 0-21 years of age. Floydada ISD is responsible for identifying, locating and evaluating all individuals 0-21 years of age, regardless of nature or severity of disability. Once Floydada ISD determines eligibility, all individuals 0-21 years of age, regardless of the severity of the disability or developmental delay, are served by Floydada ISD [3-21 years of age] in accordance with Texas Education Code §25.001 or an ECI program [0-3 years of age] (34 CFR § §300.128,300.220,300.300,300.300 Note3; 34 CFR § §303.16, 303.321; and 19 TAC §89.1035).

For additional information about identification, evaluation, and placement please contact Special Programs Director, Jim Bob Hobbs, at the Floydada Special Education Office at (806) 983-5382.

Infantil Buscar de Educación Especial

Con la ayuda de la Agencia de Educación de Texas y el centro de servicio de la educación 17, Floydada ISD debe asegurar que una educación pública gratuita apropiada (FAPE) se proporciona a todas las personas con discapacidades, edades 3-21, que califican para servicios de educación especial. Con la ayuda de la Agencia de Educación de Texas, ESC 17, y el de Intervención Temprana de la Infancia (ECI), Floydada ISD debe garantizar que los servicios de intervención te, [rama estén disponibles para los niños, de 0-3, con una necesidad identificada. Para llevar a cabo estas responsabilidades, Floydada ISD debe implementar: un sistema completo de "Child Find" en la que el personal de la agencia solicitante tome parte activa de la búsqueda para todas las personas con discapacidades o retraso en el desarrollo que spm 0-21 años de edad. Floydada ISD es responsable de identificar, localizar y evaluar todas las personas 0-21 años de edad, independientemente de la naturaleza o la severidad de la discapacidad. Una vez Floydada ISD determina la elegibilidad, todao los individuos 0-21 años de edad, independientemente de la severidad de la discapacidad o retraso en el desarrollo, son atendidos por Floydada ISD [3-221 años] de conformidad con el Código ed Educación de Texas § 25.001 o un programa de ECI [0-3 años de edad] (34 CFR § § 300.128, 300.220, 300.300 Nota 3, 34 CFR § § 303.16, 303.321, y 19 TAC § 89.1035).

Para obtener información adicional acerca de identificación, evaluación, por favor contacta, la Director de Educación Especial, Jim Bob Hobbs en la oficina de Educación Especial en Floydada (806) 983-5382.

Floydada ISD Special Programs
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Floydada, Texas 79235
Phone: (806) 983-5382 FAX: (806) 983-4990

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Floydada ISD Special Education Department intends to destroy records of students who received special education services prior to 2012. These records include only those located at the Floydada Special Education office at 622 Whirlwind Alley, Floydada, Texas. Records herein described include students receiving special education services in the Floydada school district. Legal parent/guardian or adult students with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting the Floydada Special Education office at 622 Whirlwind Alley, Floydada, Texas 79235, phone number 806-983-5382 by June 13, 2019.

AVISO

Aviso esta dada que Floydada ISD Special Education tiene intencion de destruir documentos de estufiantes que recibieron servicio de Education Especial antes y durante el Ano 2012. Los unicos documentos que van estar destruidos son los que stan en la oficina de Floydada Special Education localizada en 622 Whirlwind Alley en Floydada, Texas. Documentos enesto sonde estudiantas que recibieron servicio de distrito en sugida: Floydada ISD. Padres/guardian legal o esestudiantes adultos con incapacidades fisica/ mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos. Pueden llamar o escribir a la oficina de Floydada Special Education, 622 Whirlwind Alley, Floydada, Texas 79235. Numero de telefona es 806-983-5382 antes de June 13, 2019.

§504 Child find Notice

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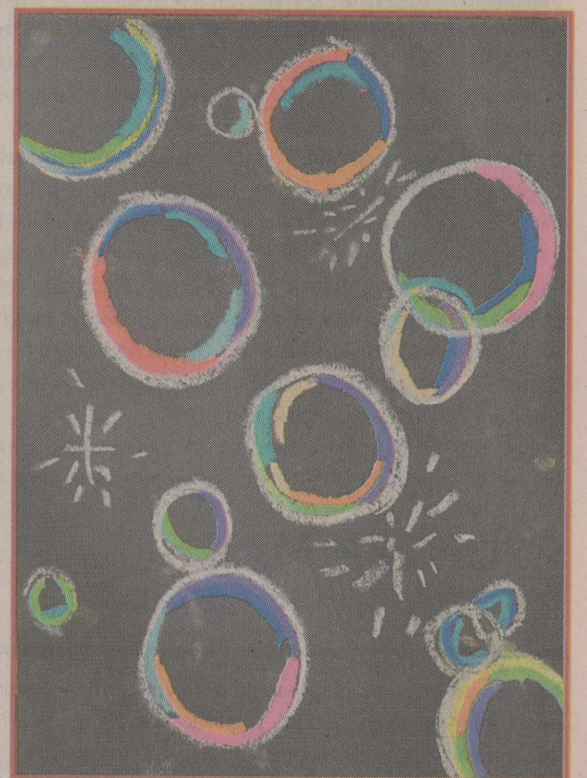
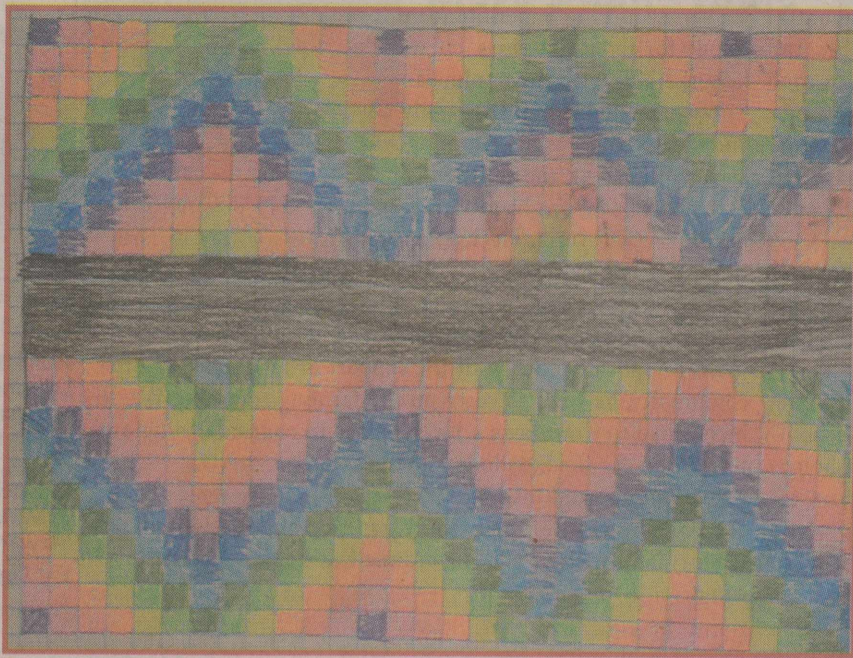
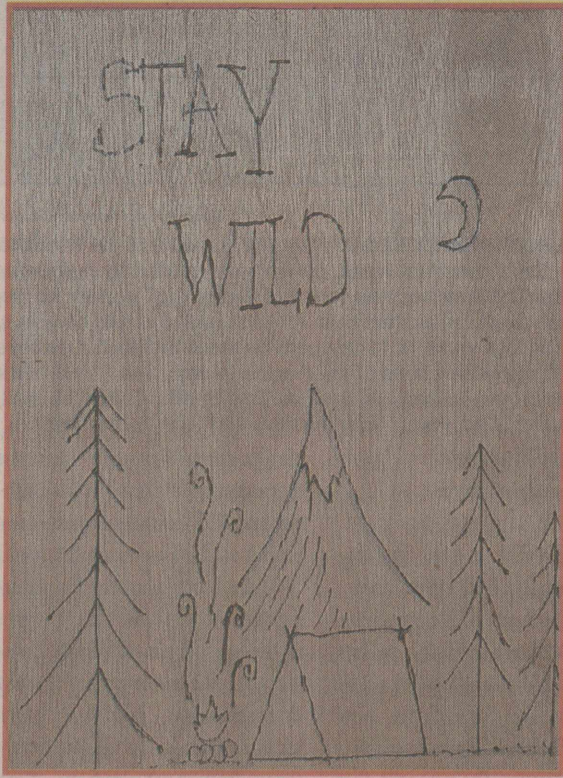
Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled student. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504 Programs, Please contact the District's Director of Special Programs, Wendy Valdivia at (806) 983-5382 or by mail at 226 West California, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Aviso Sobre La Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados Bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a estudiantes incapacitados que califican para recibir servicios bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de Wendy Valdivia 504 del Distrito al numero (806) 983-5382, opor correo a la siguiente dirección: **226 West California, Floydada, Texas 79235.**

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ACE ART SHOW IMPRESSES



By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The Lockney ACE program's Annual Art Show took place last week featuring stunning artistic pieces that the kiddos have been working on throughout the year.

These kids are exposed to a variety of processes—woodburning, foil painting, block drawing, chalk art, color-outlining and more. It was inspiring to be, literally, surrounded by art and color and numerous mediums, knowing that behind each masterpiece there was a student and giving mentor.

As I walked around taking pictures, youngsters with Mom or Dad in tow would press toward the front, searching for one specific piece. “There it is! That’s mine!” was heard. Or, “Wow! You did this? It’s beautiful!” Time, appreciation, and togetherness was theme of the evening.

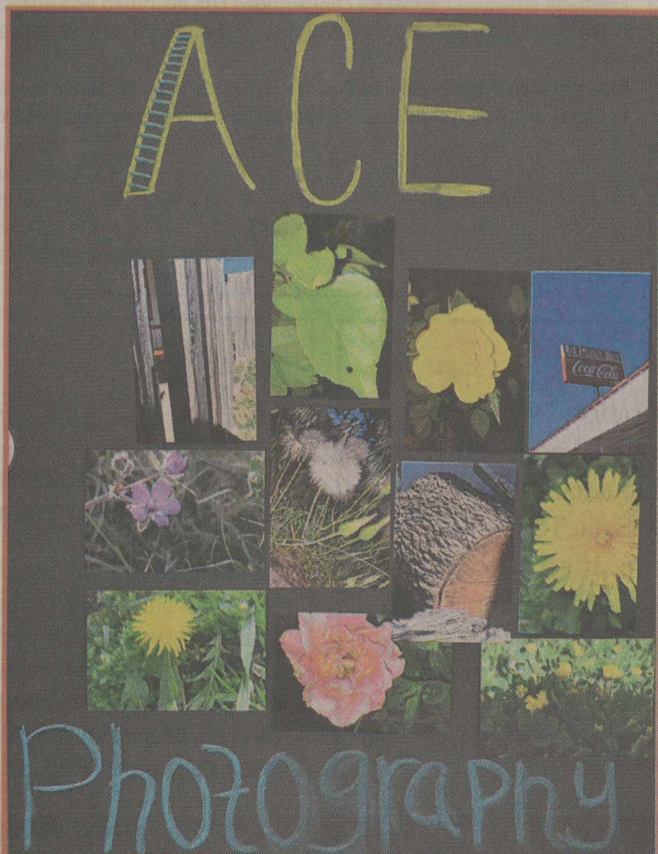
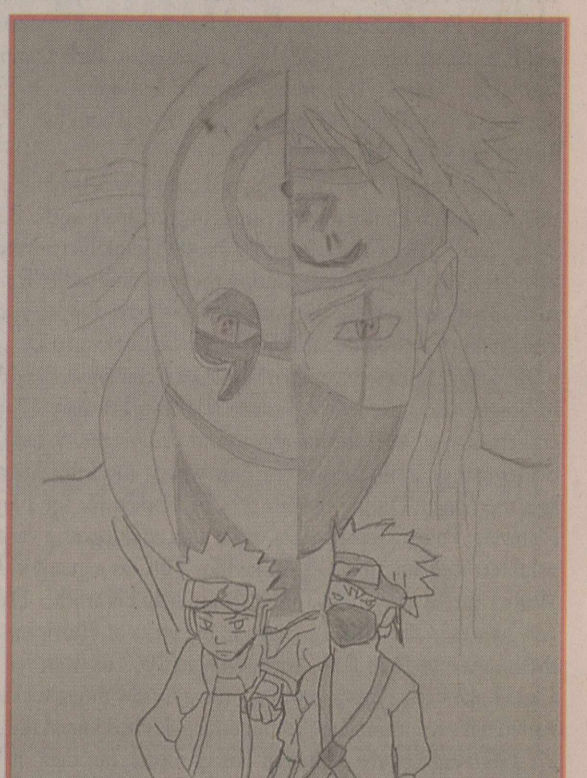
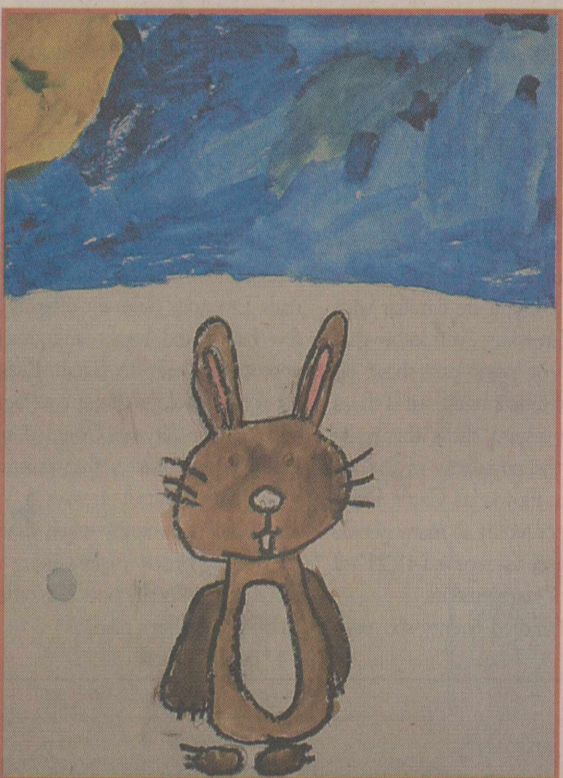
Shaina Hart, Elementary Site Coordinator, and Jessica Naranjo, Junior High Site Coordinator, have been working with the Communities in Schools grant for the Afterschool Center for Education program in Lockney for the past three years.

The mission of the program is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. From some of the stories that Hart shared, the coordinators are succeeding.

“The program is not meant to be making huge strides toward academic improvement” commented Hart, “but, more importantly, we are certain that there are specific students that are gaining in social and emotional improvements because we’ve witnessed those changes. Despite what is going on at home, and sometimes what isn’t going on at home, these kids are getting a ton of love, they are off the streets, they aren’t home alone, they are safe for a few more hours, and they are getting fed.”

The two coordinators work hard to bring different experiences to the children that will help them prepare for some of the biggest decisions in their lives. Together with subject mentoring, they provide some career readiness activities inviting firefighters, dentists, nurses, farmers and others to talk to the students about their respective career and visit one-on-one with each and every child. “We try to discuss options: trade-school, college, or transitioning straight into a career. Then we talk about the path to get there.”

As mentioned, the ACE program hosts Parent/Family nights monthly; however, those simply interested in the program are welcome to attend. “Once the grant ends, we have to go!” stated Hart. “We are given these five years to build up the program, to get it well-supplied, and to create the means to fill the need. It is our primary concern during this time to find a private entity or individual that will take over and build on the foundation we have built.”



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF LOCKNEY

FIRE, AMBULANCE, SERVICE TRUCK FUND (FAST) - TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Lockney will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on May 20, 2019, at Lockney's City Hall at 218 E Locust Street regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Buster Polling, City Manager at Lockney's City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Lockney City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para más información en español, comuníquese con Laurie Garcia, 806-652-2355.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Floydada

Condemnation Proceedings for the following described property:

101 E. Crockett - Lot 11-13, Block 138, Original Town
Owner -Carolyn Nichols

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 AT 6:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT FLOYDADA CITY HALL IN REGARD TO CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PROPERTY LISTED ABOVE. PERSONS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY HALL AT 983-3834 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

LEGAL NOTICE

An original Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by Dolgencorp of Texas Inc. d/b/a Dollar General Store #19922 located at 515 W. US Hwy 70, Lockney, Floyd County, TX 79241. Officers of said Corporation are Steven R. Deckard, CEO, John Garratt, CFO, and James W. Thorpe, Secretary/CMO."

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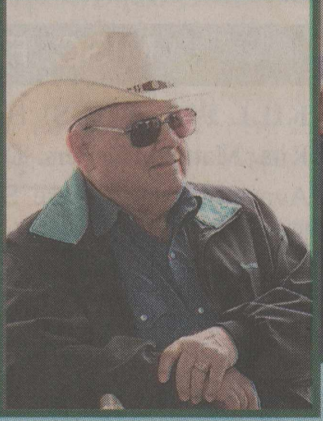
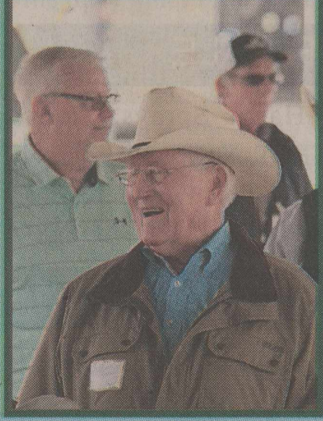
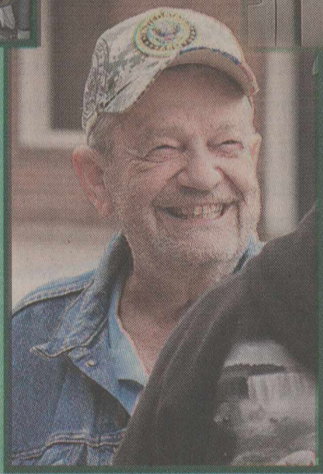
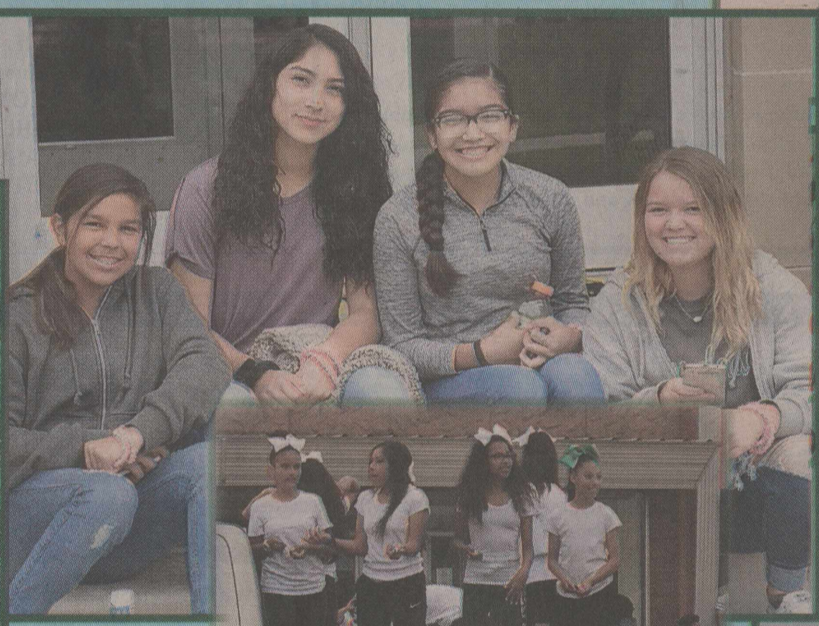
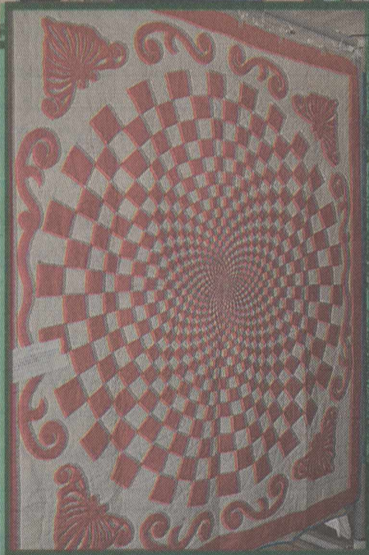
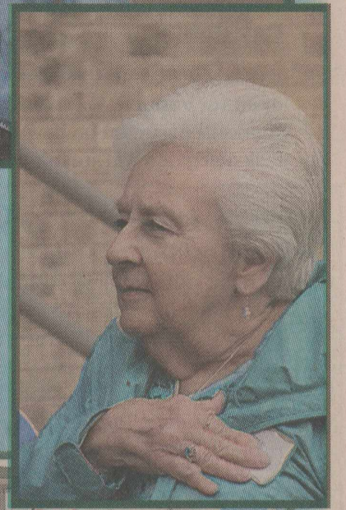
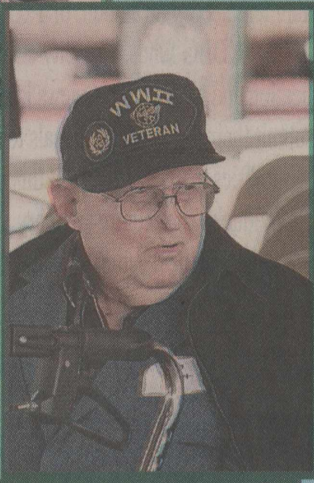
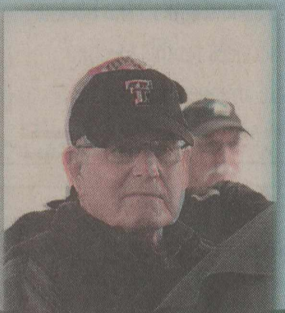
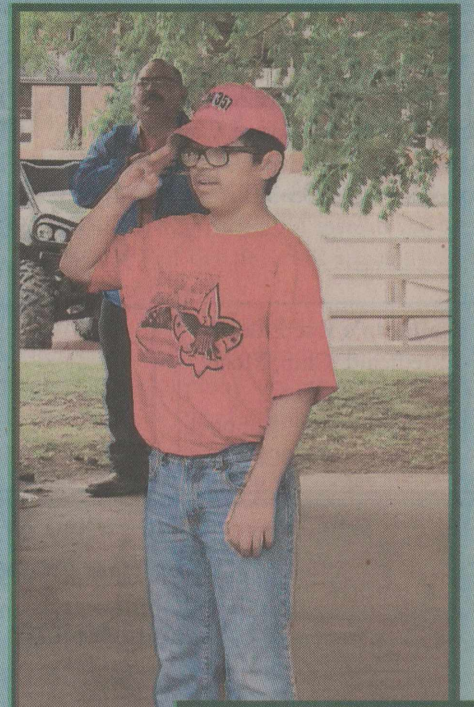
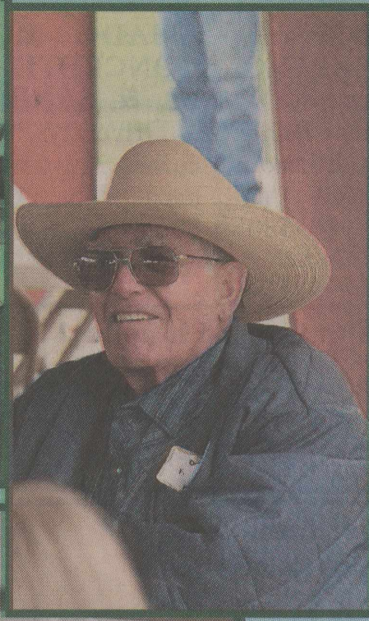
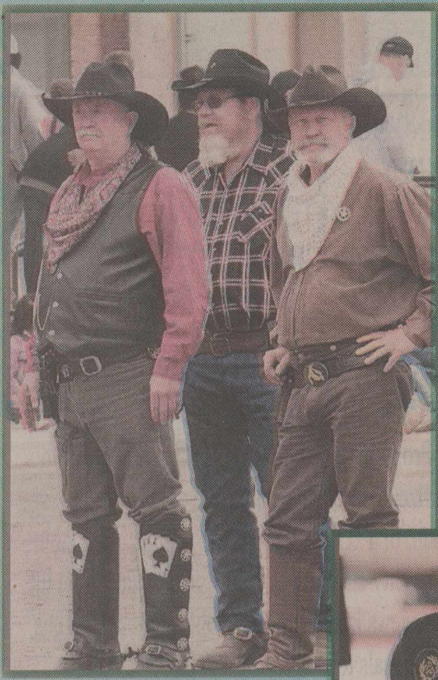
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