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Tastee Burger celebrates 30 years in business

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Feb. 1 is a day for celebrating for Silvia Guerrero and her husband, Rene. On that day back in 1990 the couple started an adventure that is still going strong today.

Silvia was raised in Lockney and was one of five children born to Thomas and Eudelia Rendon. She had two sisters, Rebecca Rendon of Lockney and Juanita Martinez of Lubbock and two brothers, Robert Rendon of Lockney and Armando Rendon of Eules, Texas.

Lockney is where she met and married the love of her life, Rene. The couple have three children, two daughters, Andrea Jones of Lockney and Leticia Williams of Ft. Worth and one son, Rene Guerrero of Lubbock. They also have five grandchildren.

Silvia recalls the 13 years she spent as a girl scout leader when her girls were growing up. "We even took a trip to Paris, we made memories that I still cherish today." The couple raised the three kids in Lockney. "There was no other choice than to raise my family right here in Lockney," said Silvia. "Lockney is the best place to raise a family."

While I sat at a table covered with a red and white checkered tablecloth, listening as Silvia tell me about her life, I was taken back to my youth. I remember going to Tastee Burger with my mom. What a special memory.

Tastee Burger was originally owned by Silvia's two aunts, Rosie Rendon and Elosia Rendon. "Tastee Burger was located on 8th Street at the time, and I remember the very

first day they opened the doors. I was there working for them," said Silvia. The two owners worked hard to keep Tastee Burger going and five years later the two decided to move on in different directions.

Silvia and Rene talked it over and decided that they wanted to keep Tastee Burger going. The building was owned by Mr. Pinner, so they bought all the equipment. "I come from a long line of cooks, my aunts who owned this place, my mother, my grandmother. It just seems to be what the Lord had in store for me from the beginning," said Guerrero. "My aunt, Elosia, went on to open Lisa's restaurant and Rosie had another job working for the State."

"For the first couple of years, it was hard. You know you sink everything you have plus some into your business to make it a go. But I didn't give up and here I am 30 years later. It just goes to show you if you have the faith and you work hard, you can do everything you dream of," said Guerrero. "I want everyone to know how very grateful I am for your business, and I couldn't have done this with each one of ya'll. I'll forever be grateful."

When I asked Guerrero, what was the secret to keep customers coming back, she said, "Oh that's easy, we only make the meals that my family would eat and having a wonderful staff that helps me to achieve this. Rosa Ruiz has been with me for 15 years, Deelisa Vasquez is another very hard-working employee and of course my part time help, LHS student, Anahi Ascencio."

Tastee Burger is open to serve you lunch, Monday -



Tastee Burger celebrated 30 years of business on Feb. 1. Today the restaurant is still going strong. Owners, Silvia and Rene Guerrero, are looking forward to many more years of serving Lockney.

Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They reopen for dinner at 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Friday. Specials are offered on Tuesday and Thursday's and on Valentine's Day they always have a special on their signature burger, the "Sweet-heart Burger" meal deal.

As she and I finished up talking about the article, we were talking about her grandkids and my son being friends. She was telling how much she

loved living in Lockney growing up. I noticed how Silvia's face would light up when she talked about her children. She told me that her son, Rene, who lives in Lubbock, recently was recognized with a heroic award.

While on the job he saved a man's life. Rene was working on the job in Hobbs, New Mexico, when he noticed a co-worker having a heart attack. He knew if they called

for an ambulance it may have taken longer than they had because they were in a very remote location. Rene wasted no time getting the co-worker to the hospital.

The community of Lockney turned out to celebrate 30 years of great food and wonderful service. Silvia said, "Here's to the first 30 years and we look forward to the next."

Valentines Dinner Dance Benefits Hospital, Clinics



WJ Mangold Hospital Foundation is hosting a Valentines Dinner Dance on Feb. 15, with musical entertainment from Jason Nutt & Highway 70, to raise funds for the hospital and clinics.

By Jennifer Harbin
 The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY - Valentine's Day is often notoriously difficult to plan and shop for, and long waits to be seated at restaurants are hardly the foundation for a fun, let alone romantic, night. Planning the perfect romantic evening for that special someone in your life just got a bit easier. So, if you are struggling to come up with a creative (and hassle-free) way to celebrate, the WJ

Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation Valentines Dinner Dance, might be your answer. And I promise, it's much easier to attend and enjoy than saying that three times.

The WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation has been busy planning their first Valentine's Day fundraiser in an effort to raise much-needed funds for their IT department.

According to the event's Facebook page, "Our hos-



The musical talents of Riley Adams Duo will open for Jason Nutt & Highway 70 at the Valentine Dinner Dance in Muncy on February 15, with all proceeds going toward replacing IT equipment at WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital and Clinics.

pital provides healthcare for not only Floyd county but also the surrounding counties. Constant changes in reimbursement and payment makes it difficult to continually update equipment for the hospital and clinics. This event will be raising funds for our IT department- upgrading the computers and phones and more. Your donations now and always mean more than you will ever know!"

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UIL realignment: What lies ahead for local school districts

By Yelena Serrato
 FHS Correspondent

Every two years, the University Interscholastic League reshuffles the deck and deals a new realignment hand for the state to abide by for the next two years. UIL adjusts classifications, divisions and districts for nearly 1400 schools across the state of Texas. UIL takes a look at two main factors during their realignment process: student enrollment and geographic proximity to decipher classification.

The 2020-2022 realignment was released on Monday, Feb. 3, for football, basketball and volleyball while district alignments for other activities will be released in the order of their seasons.

With an enrollment of 179 high school students according to UIL, Floydada will remain a part of district 2-2A-1 but their



Floydada Head Coach Scotty Bruington

football line up this year has brought in the Tahoka Bulldogs and has moved out the Olton Mustangs to District 1-2A-1 football. "I expected most of our district remaining the same," Scotty Bruington Floydada head football coach said. Nothing much See **UIL**, Page 10

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 banderson@lknews-group.com.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be preparing a Sunday dinner on February 9. We will be serving fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potato or baked potato, vegetable, salad, drink and dessert. Minimum donation of \$8.00. Door will at 11:15 a.m. and continue to serve until 1:30 p.m. Dine in, carry out, or call for delivery, 983-2032. Mark your calendars to join us.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Center will hold the "SUNDAY LUNCH" on Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We will be serving roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, mac & cheese, salad, roll. \$10 per plate. Don't miss out on this great meal and fellowship.

VALENTINES DATE NIGHT BALL

The Valentines Date Night Ball will take place Saturday, February 15 at Muncy. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. with meal beginning at 6 p.m. The entertainment for the night will be provided by The Riley Adams Duo and Jason Nutt and Highway 70. You won't want to miss hearing this local talent. The tickets are \$100 with 1 ticket getting two people in the door. Tickets can be bought from Rhonda Stovall or Alyssa McCarter at the hospital administration office, Oh Charliel, Floydada Farm Bureau, Prosperity Bank- Floydada, Social Fly, Nutthouse Designs or any Foundation Board member (Mandy Quinn, Andy Ford, Kortney DeBock, Brittany Duniven, Amos Poole, Rise Ford, Kathy Kellison, Bonnie McIntosh, Daryl Rasco).

CAPROCK BEEF CATTLE CONFERENCE

Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension Service will hold the Caprock Beef Cattle Conference on March, 26, 2020. Conference will be held at the Unity Center in Muncy. \$25 admission. RSVP by March 20 to Mark Carroll 806-983-4912 or Andy Hart 806-291-5267. Early registration is advised. Spaced is limited to first 100.

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Corrections

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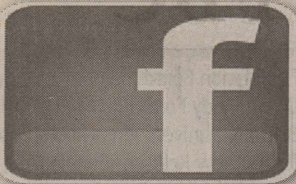
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Between the lines
Did Elvis visit Memphis again?



BRUCE W. GREEN

Elvis Presley, the "King of Rock and Roll," lived and died in Memphis, Tennessee. At least that's the official story.

There have been numerous alleged sightings of him since his reported death, including an appearance in the background scene of the 1990 movie "Home Alone." He has a big white beard in that sighting though, so I am not so sure about that one.

I have known Elvis since I was a child, about the time he released his album, "From Elvis in Memphis," and I know he would never have left his house without his blond hair dyed to his trademark black.

I read a while back that there exists an organization called The Elvis Sighting Society to monitor the various Elvis sightings. So, I googled it and, sure enough, there it was. Finally, there is a place for enthusiasts to get the unvarnished truth regarding Elvis' busy appearance schedule. Since it is on the internet, it is perfectly reliable.

I thought Elvis might have appeared again in Memphis last week, only to discover it isn't true. Turns out it was just Mark Hicks, owner of the LK Media Group, speaking to the Memphis, Texas, Lion's Club.

Hicks is an extrovert and he likes this kind of event. He can't sing "Jailhouse Rock" and you definitely don't want to see him gyrating on a dance floor, but he likes meeting small-town Texans in the Panhandle and Panhandle Plains. So, he was in his element.

Hicks and The Red River Sun editor-in-chief, Whitney Wyatt, were graciously invited to speak to the Lion's Club by Orvilla Evans, a champion for all things Memphis (Texas, that is).

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon is a sister newspaper to The Red River Sun, and, as such, it is also owned by LK Media Group.

I am advised Hicks and Wyatt had a great time in Memphis and met some delightful folks, including the president of the Lions Club, the Hall County Judge and the local pastor of First Baptist Church (and his daughter). They spoke about LK Media Group and its commitment to being a contributing part of the community.

This sort of setting is very important for a local or regional newspaper to connect to the community it serves. It puts human faces on the newspaper and human faces among the community. And it often facilitates a better partnership and better news coverage.

This is important because a small-town newspaper's ability to serve its community depends in large measure on the people within that community. The people in the community are the best reporters and interviewers a newspaper can have.

The face of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon is our editor, Barbara Anderson. Hopefully, the folks of Floyd County will be meeting others from LK Media as the opportunities present themselves.

But your editor needs to regularly hear from the people in Floyd County. We want to know the events all over the county, what happened where and who was involved. We need regular onsite correspondents who push news and information to the editor every single day. If you like to write, you might even end up getting a byline in your newspaper.

You might be interested to know that this is already taking place. The Hesperian-Beacon has just added two excellent freelance reporters - Teresa Bigham and Jennifer Harbin. Anderson is also in the process of adding high school age correspondents to cover events. You will be hearing more about them and from them in the future.

The Hesperian-Beacon is your newspaper, and, in large part, it will be what you make of it by becoming a source of news and a cheerleader for your community. So, please forward your events, news and ideas to the editor and to Bigham and Harbin.

As for Elvis coming to Memphis, or to Floyd County, I doubt it will happen. He never even drove across town to speak to his hometown Memphis, Tennessee, Lion's Club, much less get up at 2 a.m. and drive seven hours to speak in the Texas Panhandle.

That's because Elvis, wherever he is, doesn't own or work for LK Media Group, and he doesn't love the Panhandle and the Panhandle Plains, or their people. Send me your Elvis sightings at bgreen@lknewsgroup.com.

Early Voting for March Primary Begins Feb. 18

By Jennifer Harbin
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - With the March primary around the corner, Floyd County citizens can exercise their civil duty by taking advantage of early voting February 18 through February 28. Eligible residents wishing to vote by mail must meet the February 21 deadline to apply for an application for the March 3, 2020 election.

Of the seven candidates running, all are on the Republican ballot with only one position contested. They are as follows:

- District Attorney**—Wade Jackson (uncontested)
- County Attorney**—Lex Herrington (uncontested)
- Sheriff**—Cory Speed
- Sheriff**—Paul Raissez (contested)
- County Tax Assessor Collector**—Delia Suarez (uncontested)
- Commissioner Precinct #1**—Tanner Smith (uncontested)
- Commissioner Precinct #3**—Nathan Johnson (uncontested)

There are no Democratic candidates.

Votes can be cast at the Courthouse Annex, 110 S. Wall, in Floydada and First United Church, 102 W. Poplar Street, in Lockney. Early voting and election day hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Floydada; Lockney polls are open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. According to the webpage for Texas Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs, to be eligible to register to vote in Texas, a person must be: a United States citizen; a resident of the Texas county in which application for registration is made; at least 18 years old on Election Day; not

finally convicted of a felony, or, if so convicted must have (1) fully discharged the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or (2) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and not determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

The website also states, "a voter who has not been issued a driver's license or social security number may register to vote, but such voter must submit proof of identification when presenting himself/herself for voting or with his/her mail-in ballots, if voting by mail."

- Seven acceptable forms of voter identification:
- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 - Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
 - Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
 - Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
 - U.S. military identification card that has a photo
 - U.S. citizenship certificate with a photo
 - U.S. passport

Although it is too late to register to vote in this election, to register to vote in future elections contact the Voter Registrar Delia Suarez in the Tax Assessor-Collector Office at the Floyd County Courthouse.

For more information on voting by mail, contact County Clerk Ginger Morgan at 806-983-4900.

For general questions on voting in Texas, visit the Secretary of State website at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/>

Stone to perform at First Baptist Church

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY—Jack Stone will be on concert at Lockney's First Baptist Church on February 9th at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Joseph Tillery invites everyone to come out and enjoy some of the best Christian music around.

Stone grew up in West Texas as a preacher's kid. At the age of 28, he began pastoring along with his wife, Deb and their three children. He began his singing career in 1994.

As a strong vocalist, he has been given many opportunities to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As the Lord opened doors for Stone, he would willingly walk through them.

In March of 2007, Stone was able to release his first single nationwide entitled, "Jesus is Enough" written by Russ Murphy. The single went to number 16 on the Christian Country Music Charts.

In the fall of 2007, Stone took a step-in faith and launched out



Jack and Deb Stone

Courtesy Photo

into full time music ministry. Stone said, "Our Mission is simple, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and in song through concerts, speaking engagements and any other doors that the Lord may open

and to bring people to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pastor Joseph Tillery encourages everyone to come out to rejoice in the Lord's name. "Mark your calendars for February 9th," said Tillery.

How to Survive Flu, Cold Season

By Jennifer Harbin
The Hesperian-Beacon

With daily international headlines searing fear into the readers' minds surrounding the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that is spreading outside of China, it's good to step back and take stock. Although Floyd County, and the state as a whole, have no reported coronavirus cases, we can reevaluate what we are personally doing to fight an annual common enemy, the flu and cold viruses.

The Facts

"There is no cure for any viral infections—the common cold, the flu, RSV—we treat it supportively, but there is no cure," shared Jennifer Haterius, Family Nurse Practitioner at West Texas Family Medicine in Floydada.

Vaccinations are not where they should be, however, with vaccination coverage in the 2018-2019 flu season among children 6 months through 17 years at 62.6%, an increase of 4.7 percentage points from the 2017-18 flu season, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website. For adults, less than half of the

adult population was vaccinated in the 2018-2019 flu season. Only 45.3% of adults 18 years and older were vaccinated, though it did increase 8.2% from the previous flu season.

Haterius states that "this year we're expected to have high flu rates. They (CDC) predicted it a while ago and we've already seen that in Texas we have high flu counts."

How It's Spread

The consensus among experts, according to the CDC, is that flu viruses spread by tiny droplets the human body excretes when coughing, sneezing or talking. When they land on the mouths or noses of another person nearby, the virus can spread. And less commonly, viruses can be transferred onto an object or surface by a sick person and, in the course of the day, a person touches their own mouth, nose or eyes, effectively infecting themselves.

Who's at Risk

Those at higher risk are "the very young and the very old, anyone who has a comorbid condition—diabetes, heart disease, cancer, autoimmune—makes you higher risk for catching the flu. If you get the flu, the

symptoms can be more severe."

Also, at risk are pregnant women, those with asthma, and babies under 6 months who cannot get the flu vaccine.

Anyone can get the flu, the CDC explains, even healthy people, and serious complications can occur at any age. Some people are more susceptible, though, and can develop serious flu-related complications.

A problem Haterius has seen is healthy adults often don't get vaccinated, because they think they have a better change of not getting the virus.

"But, getting the flu shot actually protects the community. We call it herd immunity. Everyone has the flu shot, so we're all protected. So even if you're healthy, get the flu shot so you protect your grandparents, young children," and anyone else who might be vulnerable.

"It's very rare, but occasionally people get pneumonia," Haterius reiterated. "So, if for some reason you're concerned and not getting better, we recommend getting checked out. And then if you have any comorbid conditions like pregnancy, diabetes, heart

condition, autoimmune, the very young and the very old, they always need to be seen because they're the vulnerable population."

How to Protect Yourself and Others

The first line of defense is to get a flu vaccine. Even though the flu season is in full swing, Haterius suggests you still come in to be vaccinated.

"I can tell you that this year's flu has been pretty bad with fever, chills, and body aches...and there are medications that we can prescribe. But the main thing is to go to hand washing," she shared. Anti-viral medications like Tamiflu only work within the first 48 hours of onset of symptoms to stop the virus replicating within the body. After that, there is little to no effectiveness.

"If you're running a fever, stay home from work, school, the grocery store, church...and then it's not too late to get your flu shot."

If you are concerned, you're having flu symptoms or want a flu vaccine, see your general practitioner or visit West Texas Family Medicine Clinic in Floydada or Cogdell Clinic in Lockney.

SOCIETY

Lions Take to Radio Waves Feb. 15

By Jennifer Harbin
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—On Saturday morning, February 15, the Floydada Lions Club will fill the radio waves at FLIP FM 106.1 for their annual Radio Day fundraiser.

Every year the philanthropic non-profit sells ads locally and then members read them over the air, interspersed with entertaining commentary from radio station owner and host Tony St. James, from 8-11 a.m.

Proceeds from the event go to support causes the Lion's Club is known for, such as Lions Crippled Children's Camp, Eyeglasses for Needy Children, local Scouting programs, local youth activities, Lions Diabetes Camp, and Lions Eye Bank.

The Lions Club website states that they serve in over 200 countries and geographic areas, with 48,000 clubs and 1.4 million members "helping others and making communities better."

Their website banner reads: "When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and

take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives."

One of the club's causes, Eyeglasses for Needy Children, strives to collect no longer used glasses to share with others. If you have old eyeglasses you would like to donate, they can be dropped off one of their many Lions Club collection boxes around town. Collection boxes in Floydada can be found at 1st National Bank, Prosperity Bank, Payne's Pharmacy, Script Printing and the State Farm/Chappell building on the corner of California and 5th Streets.

And, although the ad drive for Radio Day is concluded, if you would like to donate to the Lions Club to help important causes or become a Lions Club member, contact Tommy Ogden at 806-292-7883 or talk to any local Lions Club member.

DAR Meeting Features Johnny Appleseed's Hero



Courtesy Photo

The Buffalo Grass Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met January 28 at the Senior Center in Lockney. Those attending were Virginia Taylor, Janis Julian, Sherry Heitzenrater, June Sherman, Nancy Marble, Susan Dunavent, and Dorothy Hodges.

By Sherry Heitzenrater
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Buffalo Grass Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met January 28 at the Senior Center in Lockney.

June Moosberg Sherman, Regent, called the meeting to order. The pledges to the American and Texas flags, the American's Creed, and the Preamble to the Constitution of the US were repeated by all. For the "Flag Minute" Nancy Marble reported that many people fly the US flag incorrectly at night. After dusk, the flag must be fully illuminated. For the "Indian Minute" Sherry Heitzenrater discussed the colonists that dressed like Mohawk Indians when they threw all the tea into Boston Harbor on December 16, 1773.

Johnny Appleseed's Hero

was his father, Nathaniel Chapman. Sherry Heitzenrater spoke about Nathaniel Chapman's commitment to the "Minutemen" and his presence at the Battle of Concord and the Battle of Bunker Hill. Later he joined the Continental Army in 1777 and served until 1780. He was made Captain over the wheelwrights and the carpenters and served at Valley Forge with George Washington.

Because Johnny's dad fought for freedom for the colonies, Johnny was able to move freely around the country as an adult. At age 18 he and his half-brother left the home in Massachusetts and traveled the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania and canoeed on the Ohio River. From 1797 until his death in 1845 Johnny planted and raised native apple trees from western Pennsylvania to the center of

Ohio. He became a legend because his father was committed to fighting for a better life for Johnny, his entire family, and this great nation.

Those attending the meeting were Renee Armstrong, Susan Dunavent, Dorothy Hodges, Janis Julian, Nancy Marble, June Sherman, Virginia Taylor, and Sherry Heitzenrater. Janis served her delicious Almond Tea in cups featuring apples, and Sherry presented "Tea" sandwiches and cookies with tea leaves incorporated into the dough.

For more information about the Buffalo Grass Chapter of the DAR, or a question about genealogy, please contact June Moosberg Sherman at 806-652-3436.

The next meeting will be February 25 and all ladies interested in their American Revolutionary War roots are welcome to attend.

Floydada Senior Center Fundraiser

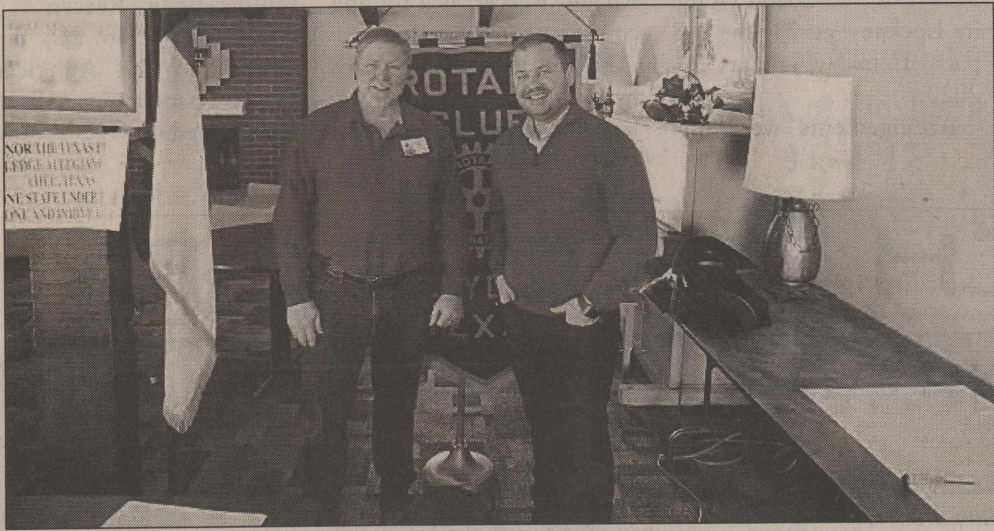
FLOYDADA—The Floydada Senior Citizen Center is whipping up some down-home delicacies for their upcoming February 9 fundraiser. Sunday's meal in-

cludes fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert and a drink for a minimum donation of \$8.

Plates will be served from

11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Floydada Senior Citizens Center, 925 W Crockett Street, for dine in, carry out or delivery by calling 983-2032.

Floydada Rotary



Courtesy Photo

Leslie Gattis, Assistant District Governor, updated Taylor Sue and the rest of the Rotary Club on Wednesday, January 29th, about the progress eradicating polio in the world.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY—The Center will hold the "SUNDAY LUNCH" on Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We will be serving roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, mac & cheese, salad, roll. \$10 per plate. Don't miss out on this great meal and fellowship.

The Center is now serving a BREAKFAST BUFFET on Wednesdays ONLY! Times: 5:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. \$6.00 per plate + Coffee or juice - \$1.00.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

Feb. 9 - Sunday Lunch
Feb. 14 - Family Night Fish Fry - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. All you can eat \$12/plate
Feb. 17 - Bingo Night
Feb. 24 - Board Meeting **
Feb. 28 - Family Night Fish Fry - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. All you can eat \$12/plate

Lockney Senior Citizens is a 501 c3 non-profit organization, we receive no government

funding, we rely on the generosity of our community. We appreciate any and all donations.

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 to come exercise with us on Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

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

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

MENU

February 10 - February 14

Monday - Meatloaf
Tuesday - Taco salad
Wednesday - Baked chicken
Thursday - Salmon patties
Friday - Hamburger steak

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Center will be preparing a Sunday dinner on February 9. We will be serving fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potato or baked potato, vegetable, salad, drink and dessert. We ask for a minimum donation of \$8.00. We will open the doors to serve at 11:15 a.m. and continue to serve until 1:30 p.m. Dine in, carry out, or call for delivery, 983-2032. Mark your calendars to join us.

Our Second Tuesday Bingo has been changed to 2nd Thursday Bingo. Next bingo date will be Feb. 13. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and play will begin at 6 p.m. Bingo special includes: 2 cards, meal, drink, dessert for \$5.00. Extra cards: 3 for \$2.00 or \$1.00 a card. Prizes include meal vouchers, cash, and household items. The Progressive Bingo game is over \$125.00 cash.

MEMORIALS:

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In Memory of Bo Poage - Wes & Lynn Campbell

In Memory of Willie Mae Ferguson - Wes & Lynn Campbell

We are in need of a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. You will receive a delicious meal as payment for your time. The driver will report to the Center at 11:15. The deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4.00 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

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

February 10 - February 14

Monday - Meatloaf
Tuesday - Crispy chicken salad - \$4
Wednesday - BBQ on bun
Thursday - Spaghetti
Friday - Salmon croquettes

Dr. Rogers holds study of Revelations at FBC

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LOCKNEY - On Sunday morning, Feb. 2, at First Baptist Church in Lockney, a study of Revelations, Chapters 4,5,6 was held by Dr. Randy Rogers.

Dr. Randy Rogers has been serving as an Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Wayland Baptist University since 2013.

Prior to his work as a professor, he served 20+ years in local church ministry, most recently as pastor of the Shadow Hills Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. His favorite

classes include Elementary Greek, Jesus and the Gospels, and anything to do with the book of Revelation. His passion for training ministerial students, highlighted by high energy and a quick wit, has made him one of the most popular teachers on campus.

In addition to his work at Wayland, he also spends a great deal of time in the local church as preacher, teacher, and worship leader.

His greatest joy is his family. He and his wife, Leeta, have been married for 28 years, and his four children are a source of great pride



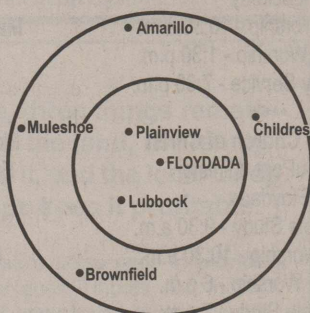
Dr. Randy Rogers

and joy. He currently resides in Plainview in order to minister more effectively to students and local churches in West Texas.

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Gregory Brown Bishop

Gregory Brown Bishop passed away Friday, January 31, 2020, at the age of 62 after a long battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2020 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Richard Shaw and Mark Snowden officiated.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

A family visitation was held from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Greg was born in Lubbock on January 4, 1958

to Howard Gene Bishop and Nancy Alice (Brown) Bishop.

He married his late wife, LeAnn (Evans) Bishop, on September 13, 1997. He was a devoted husband to LeAnn, father to their daughter, Sydney, and farmer to his community. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1976 and from Texas Tech University in 1980. Despite his lengthy and difficult battle, Greg always kept a smile on his face and a positive attitude towards life.

Greg was preceded in death by his wife in 2011 and their twins, Evan and Erin Bishop, in 2000.

He is survived by his daughter, Sydney Bishop; his brother, Mike Bishop and wife, Rozanne; his



GREGORY BROWN BISHOP

mother, Nancy Lawson; his step-brother, Rex Lawson and wife, Karen; his mother-in-law, Alyne Evans; his brother-in-law, Ray Evans and wife, Denise; his brother-in-law, Joel Evans and wife, Ann.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Greg Bishop's name.

Virginia Pyle

Virginia Pyle, age 90, passed away at her home on January 31, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Monday, February 3, 2020 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Born July 12, 1929 in Thalia, Texas to Less and Hester Hammonds. She

married Louis Warner Pyle on October 4, 1947 in Thalia, Texas. Virginia was a mother, housewife, caretaker to all and most of all a Christian. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Louis Pyle of 67 years, a granddaughter, Leslie Mills, three brothers, Robert, Weldon and Billy Hammonds, and one sister, Anna Belle Henry.

She is survived by her children, Iantha Smith of Floydada, Robert Pyle and wife, Paula of Floydada, Janie and husband, John Mills of Dallas, and David Pyle



VIRGINIA PYLE

of Floydada; seven grandchildren, Scott Smith, Jason Pyle, Michelle McRee, Amber Parkhurst, Nathan Mills, Adam Pyle and Brayden Pyle; 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Katy Fewell Ansley

Katy Fewell Ansley, 75, of Aubrey, passed away on January 4, 2020. She was buried at the Lockney Cemetery on January 11, 2020.

Obituary policy

The Hesperian-Beacon will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

Lloyd Paul Reecer

Lloyd Paul Reecer, 92, formerly of Lockney, passed away January 28, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Kyle Brock officiated.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery.

Visitation was held at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney at 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday, January 30, 2020.

Arrangements were un-

der the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Paul was born October 21, 1927 in Lockney to Loren and Clara (Combee) Reecer. He and his parents were the owner/operators of Reecer's Cleaners in Lockney for many years. Following that, he had a second career working with his brother, Ronald Reecer, as a roofing contractor in Plainview.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Joann Smith, Donald Re-

ecer and Ronald Reecer.

Paul is survived by his wife, Zora, of 56 years as well as a daughter, Jana Hill, son, Randy Reecer and wife, Sharon, Chris Reecer and wife, Marni, Jeff Reecer and wife, Dena, and Robin Roland and husband, Jeff; 15 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a brother, Benny Reecer.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association will be appreciated.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Heavenly View

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. - Colossians 3:2 (NIV)

The old birch tree that used to grow in front of my bedroom window had a huge crown of branches and leaves. I loved watching it as the seasons changed each year. Recently an accident caused my birch tree to die. First I was sad because the view of the outside from my window looked so empty and desolate. Then I noticed while lying in my bed that for the first time I was able to see the sky from my window. Now I enjoy the many colors of the sky — white clouds and bright blue by day and stars and moon by night. During my quiet time with God, I have a view of the heavens

that fills my heart with joy.

However, at times our Nordic sky is low and gray, making it difficult to see the sun and the night's stars. Similarly, in our spiritual lives, our mistakes and difficulties can sometimes distract us from fellowship with God, even though God's mercy never changes. Rather than focusing on what distracts us, we can decide to focus on our relationship with God.

—Maire Simm (Tallinn, Estonia)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, give us the wisdom to focus on your constant presence rather than our difficulties. Amen.

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810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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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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
Bob DuPont, 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
Ludustria Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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
Gary Boles, 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 Sty. 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
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi
Floydada

Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

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 - 6:00 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

McInvale wins at Fort Worth Stock Show

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FORT WORTH - The county's FFA and 4-H youth have traveled to Ft. Worth with their cattle. The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon would like to congratulate each one for your hard work and deduction.

Kaylee McInvale of Lockney captured Reserve Junior Champion Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, and first in Showmanship with FBFS Francesca 305F in the Junior Simmental Heifer Show.

Brailey Kidd of Lockney placed fourth with her Simmental, Hartley Battey of Floydada placed seven-



Courtesy Photo

Aerial view of playa basins in the Texas High Plains

teenth with her Simmental, Aaron Rexrode of Lockney placed fifth with his Her-

eford, Audrey Rexrode of Lockney had a ninth place in the AOB class and Av-

ery McInvale of Lockney placed fourth in the AOB class.

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Floyd County Gins Produce over 134,203 Cotton Bales

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - Producers in Texas Cotton Belt reported lower than expected yields as a result of a tough beginning, middle and end to the 2019 growing season, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Extreme weather conditions such as extended rain & high temperatures caused many to miss their deadline to have seed in the ground as well as causing stressed plants drop their blooms & boils which reduced yields and led to quality problems.

Yields didn't meet expectations due to drought and high temperatures above 90 degrees for 27 days in July and 29 days during August, while rainfall amounts for the month were about 6.5 inches. Irrigated fields produced 1.5 to 2 bales per acre, while dryland fields produced one quarter to half a bale per acre.

The weather even challenged irrigated fields, conditions created high evaporative water demand that made it difficult for pivots to keep up, according to the American Cotton Growers Association.

Area gains in 2019: Floydada CO-OP Gin recorded

to have ginned 65,829 bales, which of course was down from there just over 100,000 bales ginned last year.

McCoy Gin finished up with a total of 17,068 bales. Making their total 9,118 bales short from last year's count. Andy Rainwater said "it wasn't the best year we've had but not the worst year, we are very grateful to all our producer's and we'd like to say thank you to each and every one for making this year

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AUCTION CALENDAR

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Maxey Reasoner - Estate Sale • Idalou, TX
Selling: 6 JD Tractors, Combines, Cotton & Farm Equipment

Wed., Feb. 5, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
(Brownfield Area)
Alan Freeman - Owner • Loop, TX
Selling: 7 JD R Tractors, 2 JD Stripper/Balers, 24 Row Equipment

Sat., Feb. 8, 2020 • 9:30 a.m.
Knights of Columbus Consignment Auction
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Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Sat., Feb. 15, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
David Wigley Estate • Crosbyton, TX
Selling: Kubota Tractor, 2 Antique Vehicles Restored, 50 Guns, Ammo & Shop Equipment

Tues., Feb. 18, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
Randy Campbell, Retirement • Edmonson, TX
Selling: Tractors, Cotton Equip., Combine Equip., Farm Equipment

Thurs., Feb. 20, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
Terry Parham, Retirement • Lazbuddie, TX
Selling: Tractors, Farm & Ranch Equipment

Tues., Feb. 25, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
Gary Evitt, Retirement • Idalou, TX
Selling: 7 late model JD Tractors, 1 JD Sprayer, 2 JD Strippers & Farm Equipment

Wed., Feb. 26, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
Raymond & Kenneth Schlabs Estates - Owner Hereford, TX
Selling: J.D. Tractors, Farm & Ranch Equip.

Thurs., Feb. 27, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
John Vars - Retirement • Tulia, TX
Selling: Farm & Ranch Equip.

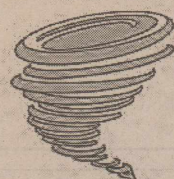
Wed., March 4, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
Gary DeBusk, Retirement • Idalou, TX
Selling: 12 JD Tractors, Cotton & Farm Equipment and 100 Guns

Thurs., March 26, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.
Leo Luttrall, Retirement • Amarillo, TX
Selling: Farm & Ranch Equip., Trucks & Trailers

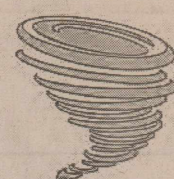
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Floydada Whirlwinds



Floydada Whirlwinds race to victory over Hale Center Owls

By Ruth Ramirez
FHS Correspondent

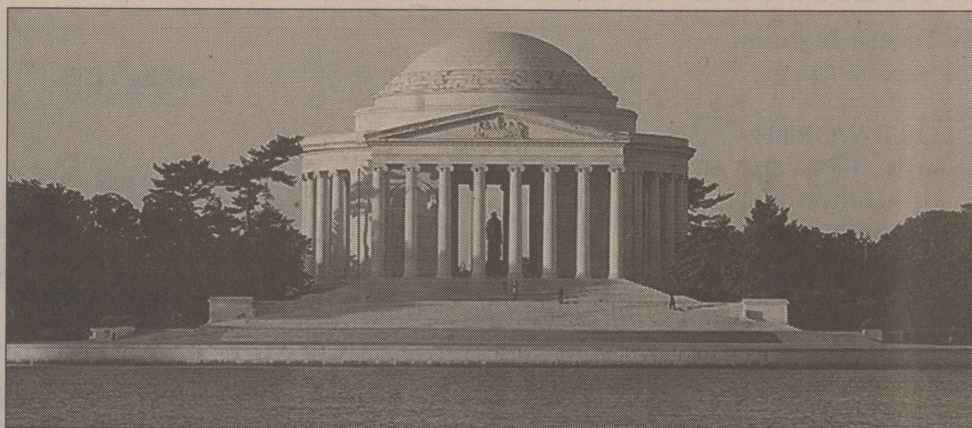
FLOYDADA - Shrugging off the jitters and a cold shooting hand, Floydada raced past the Owls 79-40 last Friday night. Losing is not something the Whirlwinds are used to and you could defiantly tell with their win over the Owls.

The Whirlwinds played a tough game Tuesday night (Jan. 28) against the New Deal Lions. A lot of things lead up to this loss, Coach Adam Zepeda said that they were defiantly not at their best. Zepeda stated, "There

were times in the game where we just rushed through things. Defensively we weren't on our best and we missed some shots that normally fall." "When you get a team like New Deal you have to be on your game. You have to be at your best."

The Whirlwinds fell short in overtime with a score of 73-71. The Whirlwinds currently hold #10 rank, and have a record of 4-1 in District 2A, and are tied in first place with the Post Antelopes and New Deal Lions.

This week all the teams will start back up to determine who will be the 2A district champs.



Students selling raffle tickets for trip to Washington, D.C.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Floydada students traveling to Washington, D.C. are selling "Sweetheart 50/50" raffle tickets now through Tuesday, February 11.

The winner wins half the money we've collected! Help our students get to Washington and you might win a sweet prize for your Valentine.

For tickets see Brae Ballesteros, Zayli Crone, Jakob Cuellar, Abram Delafuente, Desiree

Delafuente, Mariah Garcia, Josemaria Lara, Robert Luna, JP Ovalle, Ariana Sanchez, Mia Snowden or Sierra Snowden for tickets.

Is your student interested in traveling to Washington, D.C.? It's not too late to sign up for our May 2020 trip.

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We are also planning our next trip in May 2021, more details to come soon!

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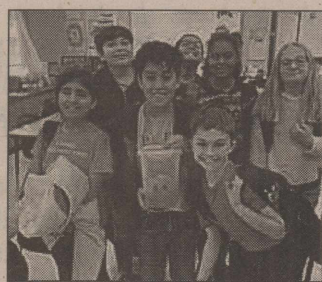
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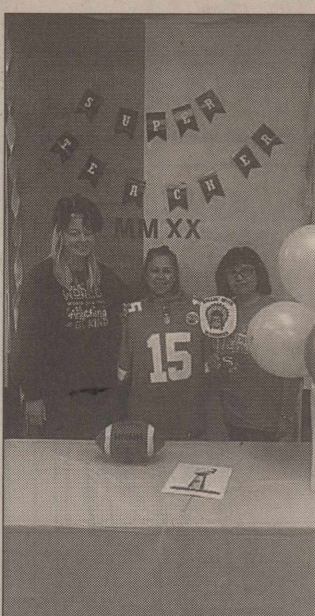
Duncan Elementary

Courtesy Photo
Duncan Elementary 5th grade is doing an experiment on decomposition. In November they put a pumpkin in an air-tight container and have been watching the changes that are taking place. The class named the pumpkin "Alexander" and they are recording changes in their science journals. Last Friday they noticed that there is



more mold and juice in the container. We can't wait to see what happens next!

Duncan Super Bowl



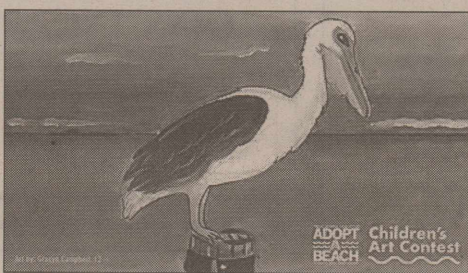
Courtesy Photo
Duncan Elementary celebrated its Super Staff with a Super Bowl Celebration. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and cookies were provided. Staff members were able to participate in a Super Bowl Trivia game during their lunch break and prizes were awarded to the winners. Our staff at Duncan is dedicated to the students! We appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Checking blood



Ms. Morales' class is learning how to check their blood types

2020 Treasurers of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest



Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - The Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced that the 2020 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest is now open for entries.

Artwork should be based on the theme "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and depict why the Texas coast is important or special to the participating student. The top 40 pieces of art will appear in a 2021 calendar which will be distributed throughout the state.

"The Texas Coastline is one of the many treasures that makes our great state unique," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "The Adopt-A-Beach Art Contest gives children an early opportunity to learn more about the Texas coast and discover the importance of keeping it clean. It is encouraging and inspiring to see children appreciating the wildlife and natural beauty of our coast through their own artwork and talent."

All 40 winners will receive a ticket to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, two tickets to the Houston Zoo, a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium, two all day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Galveston, prizes, a certificate of recognition from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

In addition, one Grand Prize Winner will be selected to receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any destination in the 48 contiguous

United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International departing out of Galveston, Miami, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico, and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Galveston.

The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive a prize package to include two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean International.

The winning artwork will be on display in the South Central Gallery at the state capitol May 20th through 27th. Special thanks to State Representative Dennis Paul for sponsoring the exhibit this year.

All entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Guidelines and Entry Form for the art contest can be found on the Adopt-A-Beach website.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU February 10 - February 14

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Breakfast - Savory breakfast on a stick, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Golden chicken corn dog, chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast - Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken & cheese tamales, refried beans, rice, chicken fried steak, tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast - Cheesy egg & turkey burrito, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Turkey & cheese sub, breaded chicken sandwich, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
Thursday
Breakfast - Sausage & cheese biscuit sandwich, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Baja fish strip, roll, bean & cheese burrito, Crinkle cut fries, green peas, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
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Breakfast - Morning roll, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Salisbury steak, roll, rice, popcorn chicken, spiced corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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Lockney Longhorns

Local 4-H's make National Shooting Sports Teams

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - Wyatt Bigham attended the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Team Rendezvous on February 1 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.

4-H members from across the state met to prepare for the 4-H National Shooting sports competition this summer in Nebraska.

Thirty-six Texas 4-H members from across the State were chosen to represent the great state of Texas against 48 other states. The Nationals will be held in June.

Two of Floyd County 4-H's, Ryder Glass and Wyatt Bigham, will have the honor to represent Texas.

Ryder Glass is a member of the Recurve Archery team and Wyatt Bigham is a member of the Hunting and Wildlife team and is on the smallbore pistol team.



Wyatt Bigham stands proudly in front of the 4-H Clover that's located at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.

Lockney Band students auditioned for All-Region Band

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney band students auditioned for All Region Band on January 25th at the Lubbock Civic Center for an opportunity at making the team.

The students that were selected were given an opportunity to perform alongside with some of the best musicians in our area.

"It takes a lot of practice and dedication on these kids' parts and they all did an amazing job. I couldn't be prouder of them," said Lockney Band Director, Mr. Rodriguez.

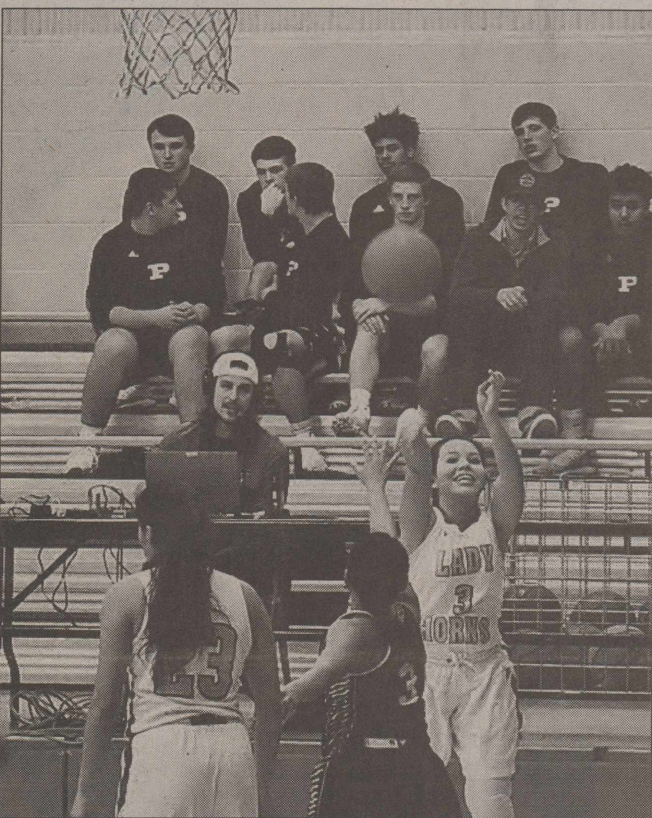


LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL ALL-REGION BAND MEMBERS are (left to right) Brett Moore, Austin Rodriguez, and Hunter Lefevre.



LOCKNEY JUNIOR HIGH ALL-REGION BAND MEMBERS are (left to right) Colby Guerrero, Alberto Sotogonzalez, Jisiah Lara, Eric Martinez, Haygen Lefevre and Bryson Klein. Also pictured is Lockney Band Director, Mr. Rodriguez.

Lady Horns vs Post



Teresa Bigham/Hesperian-Beacon

Varsity Lady Horns took on the Lady Lopes on Tuesday, January 28th in Lockney. Jessica Hernandez, #3, busted a three pointer during the second quarter. The Lady Horns took the win with a score of 62 to 32.

Powerlifting team takes home 3rd

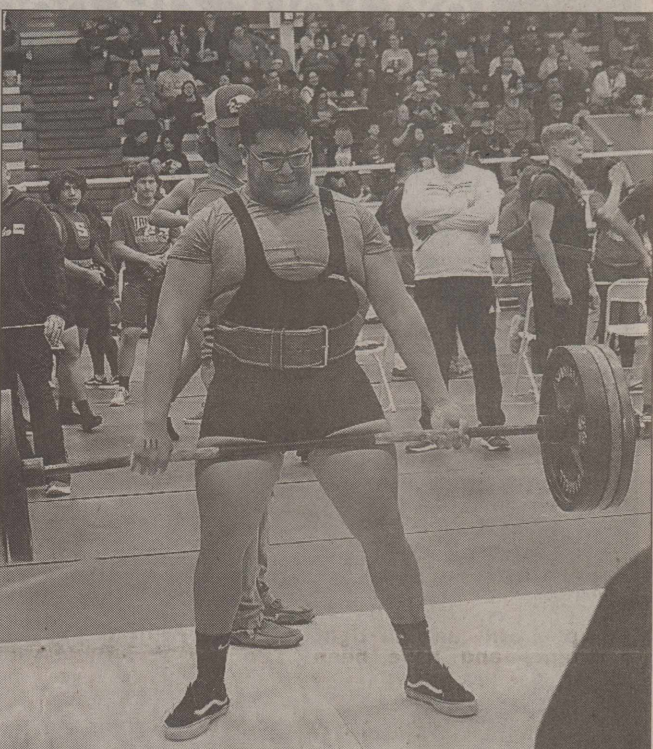
By Amanda Thompson
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TAHOKA - Lockney's powerlifting team took nine kids to the Tahoka powerlifting meet Thursday, January 30th where their hard work and dedication have shown improvement and allowed both teams to take 3rd place in the meet.

In 114 weight class Damion Gonzales took 2nd, in the 148's Elias Alvarez took 8th, in the 198-weight class Silas Urrutia took 5th, in the 242's Andrew Sanchez took 2nd. In the girls division in the 105's Hanna Reyes took 1st, in the 132's Cassandra Ramirez took 5th, in the 181's Yamilette Martinez took 1st, and in the 259's Hailee Widener took 1st.



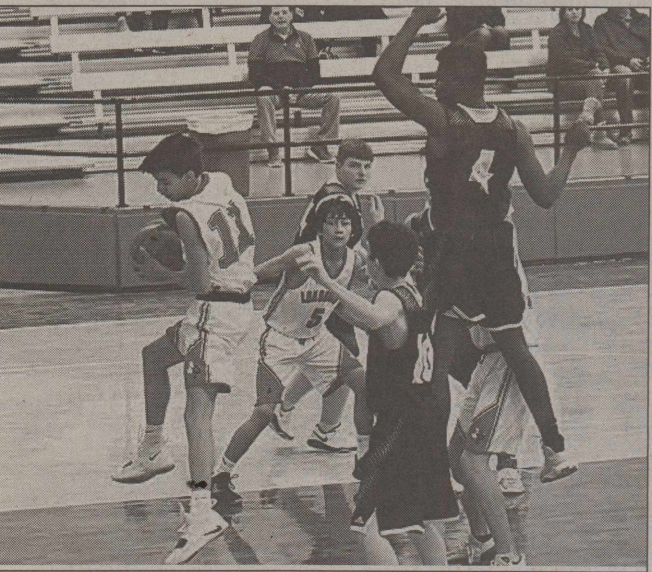
Lockney High School powerlifting team members are (left to right) Clay Moore, manager, Elias Alvarez, Damion Gonzales, Andrew Sanchez, Silas Urrutia, Cassandra Ramirez, Yamilette Martinez, Hailee Widener, and Jordyn Varner (injured); and (Front) Coach Pritchard.



Courtesy Photos

Miguel Lara, a junior at Lockney High School, competes at the Powerlifting Meet held in Tahoka. He pushes through and gives it his all.

Lockney JV Post game



Teresa Bigham/Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney JV Longhorn #11, Payton Butler goes in for a rebound, dripples down court and makes 2 points. The final score had Lockney winning over Post by a score of 48-32.

Kindergarten students recognized for reading

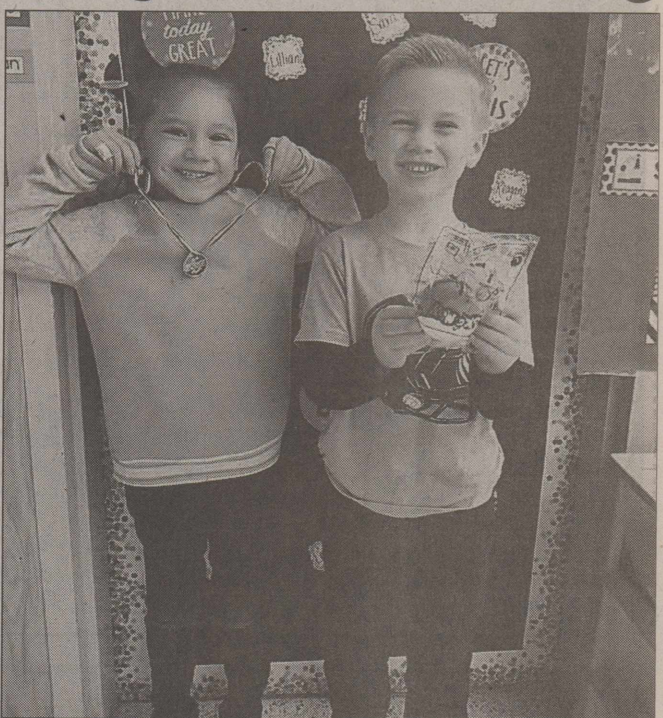
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LOCKNEY - Sara Sanchez and Davis Duniven, Kindergarten students were recognized by Lockney Elementary School for conquering the task of reading 100 sight words.

Sight words is a common term in reading that has a variety of meanings. When a sight word is applied to early reading instruction typically

refers to a set of about 100 words that keep reappearing on almost any page, for example words like who, the, does, etc.

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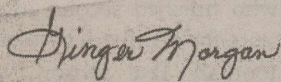
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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the **Primary Election** held on **March 3, 2020** will be tested on **Monday, February 10, at 2:00 P.M.** in the **Floyd County Courthouse in room 208**, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices, and on all measures.

Aviso público DE PRUEBA DE EQUIPOS DE tabulación automática

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Ginger Morgan, Election Official

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EARLY PRICE PRITCHETT

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of EARLY PRICE PRITCHETT, Deceased, were issued on January 21, 2020, in Cause No. 6110 pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to EARLY PRICE PRITCHETT III, as Independent Executor of the estate.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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DATED January 21, 2020

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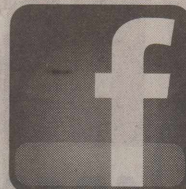
All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them within the time prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is:

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Meme. Rhymes with theme. By definition, in today's parlance: "An image, video, phrase, etc., passed electronically from one Internet user to another."

When I look at memes, I have mixed feelings. So do the memes. Many represent negative ways of dealing with negativity. Some are inscrutable to me because I'm operating on a different frequency. (I like to think a higher frequency.) I think maybe some memes try to nail down existentialism. Good luck. Some are labeled "dank."

Whatever.

But, a ray of light! Among visual memes, there's the Canberra possum. Not that the brushtail possum looks happy. He doesn't. (Even grinning possums don't look happy.) But he's cute. He's got his American cousins beat in the cute category, if they're even cousins.

The Down Under marsupial gained meme status by falling through a ceiling in Canberra and, in one weekend, trashing the office of a woman who thought he was too cute to terminate. Instead, she took a picture of him seated possum-fashion behind her computer monitor. (If you don't know how a possum sits, Google "Canberra possum meme.") People were soon adding captions to the picture. Apparently that's part of how you get to be a meme. You acquire at least one caption. It helps if you're a befuddled animal.

The possum garnered several labels. I liked "me most Mondays" best. Yes, he has a Monday look in his eyes. Clueless. What am I

doing here? Need coffee.

Or, better yet, "If only I'd clicked 'save.'" I think that one really fits. I wrote it.

Maybe I can become a meme writer.

Meanwhile, I'm thinking of my late friend Charles, cartoonist. He took pen in hand every week to create an India ink cartoon for the editorial page of the Vernon paper. His reappearing character was Vern. Every week Charles wrote a caption. Most weeks the editor changed the caption because the words Charles had written didn't suit him. Eventually Charles started embedding the captions in the cartoons so they would be almost impossible for the editor to change. (Photoshop was yet to be invented.)

Too bad both Charles and the editor (Vernon folks have already figured out I'm talking about Charles Norwood and the late Orlin Brewer) didn't just leave those cartoons caption-less and let readers suggest captions. Best caption wins dinner for two at the Canton Café. Something like that.

Yes, in a way, life is just meme after meme. What really matters? Just the captions. Quote me. Maybe that'll become a meme, and I'll be fameous.

One more pre-meme memory:

After my high school class read Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," our English teacher, the late Charlene Alexander, tasked us with finding current political cartoons and replacing the captions with quotes from the play.

Amazingly it was doable. My downfall was misspelling Caesar 11 times. There went 11 points off my grade. I've spelled Caesar right since.

Last words. Even without the Internet, the dying Caesar managed to leave us with a meme of memes:

Et tu, Brute?

BENEFIT

From Page 1

The Valentine's Dinner Dance will take place at the Unity Center in Muncy on Saturday, February 15, complete with a four-course ribeye steak dinner cooked by the Lockney and Floydada Fire Departments and a loaded cheesecake bar for dessert. Doors open at 5:15 pm and dinner is served at 6 pm. Also, on offer are a coffee and cash bar. The country sounds of Jason Nutt & Highway 70, opening by Riley Adams Duo, will both entertain and maybe even get you out on the dance floor.

WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation Member, Kortney DeBock, shared that throughout the evening, a variety of gifts will be on display to bid on in both live and silent auctions. A few of the items include several Moore Maker knives, an American flag that has flown over the capital building from Jodey Arrington, U.S. Representative for Texas's 19th congressional district, One Way Vineyard wine basket, jewelry from Kendra Scott, Thacker Jewelry, and Kori Green Designs, Lesca's Famous Fudge, a Henry Yellow Rose 22 rifle, and several gift cards from local vendors around Floyd County. Attendees may also bid on a romantic getaway.

There will be live cash drawings all night, according to DeBock, that all attendees will be entered in at no extra cost. Every 20th person gets \$100.

If you've attended Punkin' Day or other events in the county, you might have heard the country stylings of Jason Nutt & Highway 70 who will headline for the evenings dinner and dance. They have a new album out called "Not the Man I Used to Be" available for purchase on iTunes. Opening for them will be Riley Adams Duo singing various genres of music.

Tickets can be purchased in Floydada at Farm Bureau, Prosperity Bank, Social Fly, and Nutthouse Designs; in Lockney at WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital Administrative offices and Oh Charlie. One ticket costs \$100 and admits two people or a couple.

Leading up to the event, the Foundation is giving away one ticket (that admits two people) through the

Valentines Dinner Dance's Facebook page called "It's a Valentines Lovers Ball". You must act fast, though, since February 7 is the last day to participate. To enter, visit the Facebook page called "It's a Valentines Lovers Ball" and follow the instructions with a 'like', share the post and tag a friend. A winner will be announced the same day.

So, if you would like to have a Valentine's evening to remember without the hassle of driving too far that also supports a valuable community cause, get

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Nothing much has changed for the Floydada Whirlwinds as they will continue facing Hale Center, New Deal, Post and Sundown for the 2020 football season making it one of the "toughest districts in the state" according to Coach Brunnington. Floydada will have non-district games against Tulia, Lockney, Smyer, New Home and Lubbock Roosevelt.

"Football was a curveball," Athletic Director Stacy Ward of Lockney said. Lockney with an enrollment of 128 students, will start next season in a new region alongside Ralls and Crosbyton in conference 2A division 2 football. The Lockney Longhorns are now a part of District 5-2A where they will face two new teams, Hamlin and Roscoe Collegiate. "UIL does the best they can so we are pretty satisfied with the way things turned out," said Athletic Director Stacy Ward. Lockney will have non-district games against Floydada and other opponents will soon be determined.

As for Whirlwind and Longhorn basketball, both schools will suit up against each other, Hale Center, New Deal and Ralls in District 4-2A. Floydada will be playing Olton, Post, Ropes and Lorenzo, Roosevelt and Littlefield in non-district games. The Post Antelopes have been assigned to District 6-2A and will no longer face Lockney or Floydada in district. The Antelopes new basketball district will consist of New Home, Ropes, Smyer and Tahoka. "I am thankful and excited for the upcoming season, we picked up a few

a ticket now for the Valentines Dinner Dance. All you have to do is show up, have fun and know that your support keeps the hospital and clinics upgraded, functioning and available to the community.

"Keeping rural health care going in these small towns is now more important than ever," De Bock reiterated. "We're really lucky to have a hospital in Lockney, the next closest is in Plainview or Lubbock. If we lost that, we would feel the effects. We need to do all we can to keep that going."

3A schools for non-district games who will be tough and help us prepare for district," head basketball Coach Adam Zepeda said.

As for other local schools in our region, Plainview will stay assigned to District 3-5A-2 where they will be face Abilene Wylie, Canyon Randall, Lubbock Cooper, Wichita Falls and Wichita Falls Rider in the upcoming football season. In basketball, the Bulldogs will be competing against Amarillo High, Amarillo Caprock, Amarillo Palo Duro, Amarillo Tascosa and Canyon Randall. The Lady Bulldogs will be going against Abilene Wylie, Canyon Randall, Lubbock Cooper, Wichita Falls and Wichita Falls Rider in the 2020 volleyball season.

In Class 1A Division 1 football, Valley stays put in District 1-1A-1 with Claude, Happy, McLean and White Deer. In basketball, the Valley Patriots will be in district 2-1A along with Claude, Groom, Hedley, Silvertown and White Deer. Lorenzo and Petersburg will suit up against Springlake Earth, Kress and Nazareth next year in football and the Motley County Matadors, who finished second in the state for 1A district 7 6-man football last season, will compete against Afton Patton Springs, Guthrie, Jayton and Southland next year.

Schools may discuss scheduling possible games beginning on February 3rd, but cannot actually contract until February 26th. District schedules cannot be finalized and official until the alignment is finished.

To the teams in our region, best of luck next season and take these wise words from Athletic Director Stacy Ward of Lockney with you, "week in and week out, go out and play."

WJ MANGOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION PRESENTS



FEB 15 2020

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VALENTINES
Dinner Dance

With entertainment provided by:
JASON NUTT & HIGHWAY 70
Opening by Riley Adams Duo

Cash Bar
Silent and Live Auctions
All proceeds go towards hospital upgrades

FLOYD COUNTY UNITY CENTER

Doors to open at 5:15pm and Dinner served at 6pm

Each ticket admits one couple- \$100/ticket

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In Floydada: Farm Bureau, Prosperity Bank, Social Fly & Nutthouse Designs

UPCOMING

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CITY OF LOCKNEY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up June 15 - 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Drop-off point for junk/trash will be at the 600 block of Main Street (old Webster's gas station). For more info call the City of Lockney at 806-652-2355.

BALES

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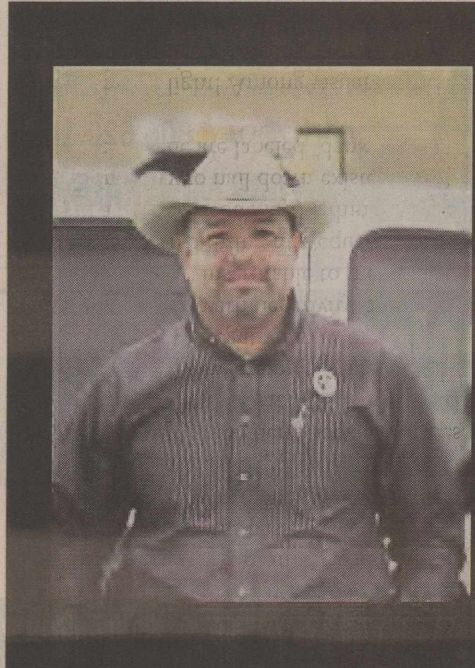
a good one."

Lockney CO-OP Gin had a count of 10,012 bales ginned. They ginned just over 33,000 bales the year before.

D & J Gin- recorded ginning 22,391 bales, which was down around 24,000 bales from last year. Not a

record year but not a bad year either considering the weather conditions.

Barwise Gin- According to Chance Cornelius "it was a slim year, but we ginned 6,897 bales and we would like to thank our producers and landlords for the best year possible."



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