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Grab life by the longhorns

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - A ram-bunctious toddler, Chris Prichard has not let any obstacle get in his way.

Born January 8, 1979 to Bruce and Rita Prichard, he was a healthy and happy baby, full of life, love and laughter.

Suffering from numerous ear infections, his parents and doctors decided to try tubes in his ears. But at the age of three, doctors discovered he had hearing loss. As a healthy toddler, hearing loss never slowed Prichard down.

"It was around the third grade when the bullying started," Prichard said. "I hated school. I developed an anger issue, and I would get frustrated easily." He said he learned to control his anger as he got older, but the bullying never stopped.

Excelling in sports, he played football, basketball, ran track and played baseball. "Football was my passion," he said.

In 1998 Prichard graduated from Edinburg High School. At that point he said he wasn't sure what his future would hold. The one thing he said he knew for sure was that God would lead him to where he was needed.



Chris Prichard, center, with his two oldest sons Caden, left, and Caleb. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

In 2000, he said God led him to the United Assembly of God, where he became the assistant minister.

"Everyone told me I would never succeed because of my hearing. Well God was guiding me in every step I took."

It was in that church where he met Brandi Wright. "I was 21 years old, and she was the prettiest 18-year-old young lady that I had ever seen," Prichard said. "I knew from the minute I talked to her that she was the one."

The pair dated just two weeks before getting engaged.

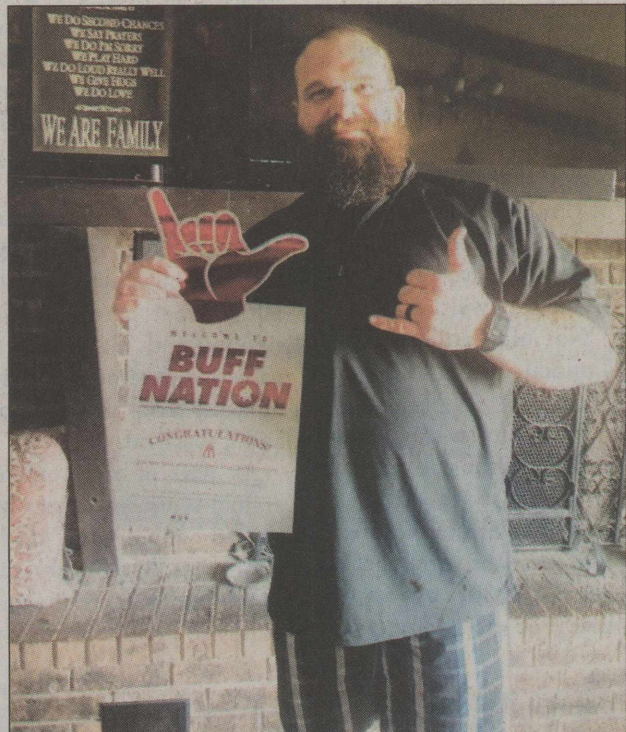
The couple planned a December wedding, but Brandi was going to nursing school and in December she would start her nursing clinicals. They moved up

the wedding date and tied the knot on October 14, 2000. They welcomed son Caleb in 2003.

While Brandi was working as a nurse, Chris worked nights at Cargill meat packing plant where he would inventory the meat. Then in 2005 the couple welcomed second son, Caden.

Prichard worked at Cargill for eight years. "Working nights was taking a toll on me, so I took a job working at 84 Lumber in Plainview," he said. "I worked there for a year. While that was a good job, it wasn't for me. I applied at Walmart Distribution."

In 2010 the Prichard family welcomed a third son, Carson. "Our little family was complete. We had three of most beautiful boys. I'm still overwhelmed



South Plains College graduate Chris Prichard isn't stopping with his associate's degree. He is headed to West Texas A&M University for his master's degree. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

at the blessing the Lord has given me," Chris said.

While Chris was working at the distribution center, he faced yet another mountain to overcome. The job required wearing headphones. Hearing the orders that came through was difficult, and he said he lost that job.

But, he said, the good Lord then lead him to apply for a janitor's position at Lockney ISD, and he worked in that position for three years.

While at LISD, Prich-

ard began taking computer information systems classes at South Plains College. He said he learned an enormous amount about computers and how they work. While studying at South Plains College, he applied for a job in the school district's IT department.

Prichard has worked in the school's IT Department for two years, and during that time, he completed the programs at South Plains College and See **LONGHORNS**, Page 8

Upcoming

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CITY OF LOCKNEY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

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

FLOYDADA CHAMBER CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Floydada Chamber city-wide garage sale will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday June 20. More info will be posted on the Floydada Chamber's Facebook page or call 806-983-3434.

LIGHT THE CROSS MEMORIAL DONATIONS

"Light the Cross" Memorial Prints are available from lantha Smith or Karen Houchin Law Office. Prints start at \$20 each. Help keep the cross lit in Blanco Canyon by making memorial donations or purchasing a print. Donations may be made at First National Bank in Floydada or by mailing the donations to: lantha Smith, P.O. Box 143, Floydada, TX 79235.

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A love fund in memory of John Campbell has been set up at First National Bank in Floydada. To donate in his memory, call 806-983-3717 or stop by FNB, 124 S. Main St., Floydada.

Hesperian-Beacon gives subscriptions to high school graduates

By Barbara Anderson
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon congratulates all of the graduates from Floydada High School and Lockney High School and will be giving each a complimentary one-year subscription to The Hesperian-Beacon.

Graduates can choose from an online subscription or the printed newspaper.

"We want to give these students a way to stay connected with their hometowns and what is going on once they graduate," said Mark Hicks, owner of The Floyd Coun-

ty Hesperian-Beacon. "We hope you enjoy your graduation gift, and everyone at The Hesperian-Beacon wishes you the best."

To receive the subscriptions, graduates need to email which option they would like - online or the printed newspaper - to The Hesperian-Beacon Editor Barbara Anderson at fchb.editor@yahoo.com

"We have enjoyed covering these graduates - from school events to extracurricular activities and sports," Anderson said. "I'm going to miss seeing their faces in the paper. Graduates, good luck with your future endeavors!"



Lockney community clean-up date set

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY-The Lockney community clean-up will be held Monday, June 15, through Saturday, June 20.

Covid-19 precautions will be observed, so masks and gloves are encouraged, and officials will be spray-

ing trash and junk with disinfectant before loading.

Trash and junk can be dropped off between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each day in the 600 block of South Main Street.

To schedule a junk car haul off, call City Hall at 806-652-2355, and Dulaney's will pick it up.

Officials said disabled individuals and the elderly can call Lockney City Hall for curbside pickup of trash and junk.

Car parts, bricks and concrete, hazardous material, and any item that the landfill will not take will not be accepted. There will be a \$5 charge per vehicle tire.

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Floydada City Council extends electrical contract, discusses grants

By Jennifer Harbin
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—The Floydada City Council approved extending the contract of AEP, the electric provider for the city of Floydada, and discussed various grants during its May 19 regular council meeting.

In attendance were Mayor Bobby Gilliland; Councilmembers Gabe de la Fuente, Dana Crossland, Bettye King, Gail DuBois, Bryan Martin and Steve Lloyd; City Manager Darrell Gooch, City Secretary Patti Lowrance, Chief of Police Reuben Ramon and City Attorney Karen Houchin. Also present was Deon Zumwalt.

No one addressed the Council during the public forum.

With motions by DuBois and King, the council voted unanimously to extend the contract with AEP Energy Partners through December 31, 2030, ensuring delivery of electricity to city

consumers at a nearly \$10 per megawatt hour reduction.

City Manager updated the council on the Airport Grant under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. He said he intends to apply for a Community Block Grant to replace the above ground water tanks south of town on Hwy 62.

After discussion to participate in the TX DOT CARES Act Grant, and motions by King and Martin, councilmembers unanimously approved authorizing the city manager to sign the grant.

The council also discussed the closing of a section of unused street along 10th Street between Mississippi and California. It passed unanimously with motions from de la Fuente and Crossland.

As part of the council's annual work, members approved appointing de la Fuente as Mayor pro tem for a one-year term, with motions provided by Du-

Bois and King.

The 2020-2021 proposed budget for the Floyd County Appraisal District was reviewed and passed unanimously by council.

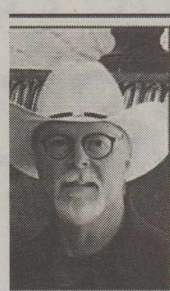
Police Chief Ramon discussed beginning the condemnation process for property located at 617 E. Grover Street, Lot 13, Block 12, Original Town, owned by Donald Campbell, deceased, with no apparent heirs. Motions were made by de la Fuente and Martin and the motion passed unanimously to start the process.

With a 6-0 vote, the council reopened the city parks and basketball courts May 20 and the pool reopened June 6, and the City Council minutes from March 31 and April 21 were unanimously approved.

After a review of cash balances and investments, March and April transfers, fixed expenses and bills, the meeting was adjourned.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is 6:30 p.m., June 16 at City Hall.

Between the lines The menagerie grows



BRUCE W. GREEN

The menagerie is growing in our backyard garden.

The readers of this column likely know we have unrentable but rideable concrete pigs taking up a corner of our small backyard. You can see them from our large den window. I have my eye on them as I write.

There is a small concrete bench behind "Maggie," our most rideable pig. In fact, we have a sign in the corner that introduces "Maggie's Garden." On that concrete bench are small human

handprints in red paint, representing our grandchildren - 17 of them at the last count.

A few of the grandchildren were a little hard to hold still, so their handprints are a bit smudged. Those grandchildren take after my wife's side of the family.

My wife is from Louisiana, but she got to Texas as quickly as she could. Her folks were longtime and proud residents of the Bayou State.

Louisianans have a vague sense that places outside their state exist, but most of them aren't sure. My father-in-law used to say, "I live in Oil City, La., garden spot of the world. Why would I ever want to live anywhere else?"

I remember how odd that sentiment sounded to me the first time I heard it. I was visiting Oil City, La., for one reason, and I was committed to getting that one reason out of town as soon as possible.

After all these years, however, it is clear to me that my father-in-law's reasoning was flawless. He was living in the wrong place, but his reasoning was watertight.

His point was that all that he built and loved was right there in that small town. He built a life and raised a family there, but that small town, and its people, built my father-in-law. Why would anyone ever want to leave the place that made us what we are?

My wife left - voluntarily. But that is often what wives do. And, besides, she was coming to Texas.

The astonishing thing about women is that they can build a home anywhere. I'm not so sure about men.

If a man doesn't have a sense of place it is hard for him to know who he is. It's not safe to uproot a man from any of the things that help him become a man.

On the other hand, all a woman needs is love and she will plant a garden, raise a family, and keep it in line - no matter where she is.

That brings me back to the menagerie in our backyard. I came home from work recently and the pigs had been joined by a couple of chickens, a rooster and a lamb. Yesterday a few oddly colored frogs even showed up.

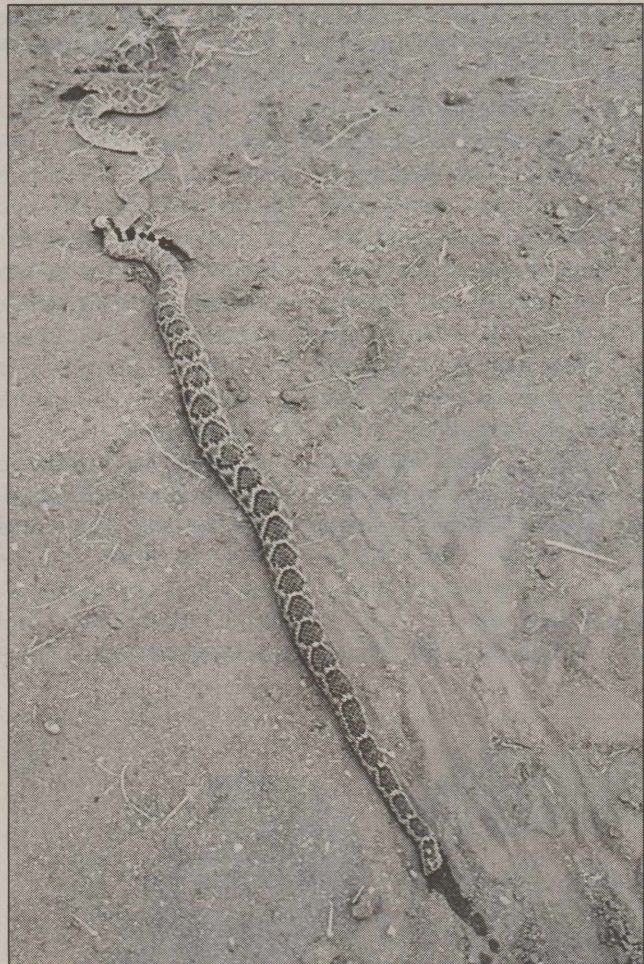
They are all situated in various parts of the corner garden, behind a new tree swing that abruptly appeared as well. There is a statue of St. Francis looming over the whole immobile barnyard.

Apparently, that corner garden and its inhabitants is supposed to attract grandchildren. Maybe the corner, and the memories of it, will contribute to the grandsons' sense of place, and just maybe the beauty and whimsy of it all will influence the granddaughters to plant a garden wherever they find themselves in the world.

God knows the world needs more boys to become men, and more girls to plant gardens and create the spaces for little humans to grow.

My wife came in from Maggie's Garden moments ago, sat down, looked out the picture window, and said, "You know, you never see seesaws anymore." Email Green at bgreen@lknewsgroup.com.

Snake season is here



Courtesy photo

sometimes snakes can be hiding in places many least suspect, including a bush or even a planter box.

Unfortunately, snakebites can happen. If bitten by a snake the Mayo Clinic advises individuals to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number, especially if the bitten area changes color, begins to swell or is painful.

Health officials warn to try and remain still and calm, remove jewelry and tight clothes before swelling starts. Also, get into a position, if possible, so the bite is at or below the level of the heart and clean the wound with soap and water.

The Mayo Clinic also said do not apply a tourniquet and do not use ice. Do not cut the wound or attempt to remove the venom and do not try to capture the snake. Try to remember the color and shape to be able to describe it or use a cell phone, if it's safe, to get a picture of the snake.

If a pet is bitten by a snake, it should be seen by a veterinarian, especially if the bite-site starts to swell. If left untreated, the bite could develop into a bacterial infection because snake mouths can harbor a variety of bacteria.

The best way to prevent any trouble with snakes this season is to treat each snake with respect and give it plenty of distance. Enjoy the outdoors but always be cautious, officials said.

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - With the warmer weather, everyone is wanting to find something to do outdoors. However, warmer temperatures also means snakes are on the move.

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, most snakes found in Texas are harmless, but residents should always

be careful.

Common garden snakes in West Texas include the rough green snake, earth snake and the rat snake. There also are non-venomous snakes in the area that may mimic venomous snakes, such as the hog-nose snake. The most common venomous snake in the area is the rattlesnake.

Residents are cautioned to do their best to avoid snakes when they are visible, but

Texas lake and river swimmers must be aware of potential health risks

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WACO - Summer is on its way, along with increasing temperatures and water conditions that are suitable for the spread of an uncommon but usually fatal illness that can occur when water is forced up the nose, usually during swimming or water recreation.

Primary amebic meningoencephalitis or PAM is a rare brain infection caused when swimmers come in contact with *Naegleria fowleri*, an amoeba found in freshwater and soil. The amoeba thrives in freshwater that is warmer than 80 degrees and stagnant or slow-moving.

PAM only infects people when water containing the amoeba enters through the nose through activities such as diving, water skiing or jumping into freshwater. The amoeba travels up the nose, making its way into the brain along the olfactory nerve, destroying brain tissue.

The infection cannot be spread from person to person or by drinking contaminated water. It is most common in children.

Those infected with PAM will usually start showing symptoms within five days following exposure. Symptoms can often be mistak-

en for the flu or bacterial meningitis, as they include headache, fever, nausea or vomiting. As the disease develops, symptoms can advance to loss of balance, stiff neck, seizures and hallucinations. The disease progresses quickly once the symptoms begin and usually causes death within two weeks of the initial infection.

While the disease is rare, there have been cases reported in Texas within the Brazos River basin. The cases identified thus far have almost always been fatal. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, four people in the U.S. out of 145 cases identified have survived the infection from 1962 to 2018.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) reports that most PAM infections occur when temperatures are hot and water levels are low. Heading into what is expected to be an average hot Texas summer, officials warn to be aware and know that there are safety precautions that can be followed.

The only way to completely prevent contracting PAM is to not participate in water-related activities. Those who decide to participate should use nose clips or See SWIMMERS, Page 8

The 501: Ticks, ants, horned toads



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Amid a catastrophic 2020, some of God's creatures are having a good year. Ticks come to mind. Just as I woke this morning, I felt one on my face. I gently removed him and crushed him with a spoon on the kitchen cabinet.

I'm hard of hearing, but I heard him die.

Yes!

I abhor ticks.

Au contraire, I have a heart for red ants. If you don't like red ants, compare them to fire ants.

We have three main gates at the farm. Each gate has its own red ant bed. Ants must like gates. I try not to kill too many

when I drive through.

As a child, I read the Walt Disney book "Living Desert" and learned that ants communicate when they meet. They don't talk. They use antics. (Had to say that.)

However, when I watch the red ants making their rounds, I've noticed they don't always interact when they see each other. Otherwise, they'd never get all their work done. (Ask me how I know.)

Do the gate ants warn each other about deadly tires rolling in their direction?

Here they come again! Quick! In the hole!

And what about that voracious horned toad on the horizon?

If ants made movies, they probably wouldn't make one about the giant monster that arrives to destroy the city. Too close to reality.

I've seen three horned toads this year - two in real life (one twice) and a cute little one on Facebook.

How do you know you've seen the same horned toad twice? OK, you don't. But I think I saw the same one twice because he was at the same ant bed. He looked like he'd been eating well.

The other horned toad, spotted (they're all spotted) near a different ant bed, looked skinnier. Maybe he wasn't grown or hadn't eaten as many ants. Or maybe the other one puffed up when he saw me. They do that.

Just for the record, the real name is Texas horned lizard. And red ants are really harvester ants. Thank you, Internet. But I'd be ill-advised to use those terms in my social circles.

Either way, let's hope Texas horned lizards are making a comeback. And here's hoping I can convince my spouse not to poison the harvester ants.

Grandkids are a factor. You don't want one to suffer an ant bite. But wouldn't it be great if they could meet their first horned toad?

When I was a kid, we played with horned toads all the time, putting them into trances by rubbing their bellies. Supposedly they spit tobacco. (Fact: They shoot blood out of their eyes as a defense against certain predators. Equally impressive.)

I've sent a picture of the twice-seen horned toad to granddaughter Emily, who is 4 and lives in a North Dallas neighborhood with manicured lawns and no horned toads. My definition of deprived.

Emily wants to be with me to meet the horned toad!

There's something special about sharing a dream with a 4-year-old.

SOCIETY

What is Lupus?

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - Lupus is a long-term autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system becomes hyperactive and attacks normal, healthy tissue.

Due to its complex nature lupus is sometimes referred to as the disease of 1,000 faces.

In 2019 the Center of Disease control reported 16,000 new cases in the United States. Lupus is not a contagious disease. A person cannot transmit it sexually or in any other way to another person.

Lupus affects women, and it is most likely to appear between the ages of 15 to 44, according to Lupus Foundation of America.

Lupus can sometimes affect the brain or central nervous system. Symptoms include headaches, dizziness, depression memory disturbance, vision problems, seizures, or strokes. Lupus also can cause inflammation of the kidneys and can make it difficult for the body to remove waste products and other toxins effectively. One to three people with lupus will have kidney problems.

Some people with lupus develop pleuritis, an inflammation of the lining of the chest cavity that causes chest pain, particularly with breathing. Pneumonia may develop. Vasculitis or inflammation of the blood vessels can also occur. This can affect the circulation.

Lupus also can cause anemia, leukopenia,

fewer white blood cells or it can cause thrombocytopenia, a decreased in number of platelets in the blood which assist in clotting.

Lupus can cause inflammation in the heart, which can result in myocarditis and endocarditis. It also can affect the membrane that surrounds the heart, causing pericarditis.

Bone tissue death also can occur with lupus. This occurs when there is low blood supply to a bone. Tiny breaks can develop in the bone. Eventually the bone may collapse. It most commonly affects the hip joints.

Underdiagnosis can occur because the signs and symptoms of lupus are not specific. On the other hand, some blood tests can lead to overdiagnosis because people without lupus can have the same antibodies as those with the condition. A doctor may request some blood test and other labs to diagnose.

Biomarkers are antibodies, proteins, genetic and other factors that can show a doctor what is happening in the body or how the body is responding to treatment. They are useful because they can indicate if a person has a condition even when there are no symptoms.

Lupus affects individuals in different ways. This makes it difficult to find reliable biomarkers. However, a combination of blood tests and other investigations can help doctors confirm a diagnosis.

There is currently no cure for lupus, but people can manage their symptoms and flare ups with lifestyle changes and medication.

Symptoms of lupus

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

Common symptoms of lupus:
• Extreme fatigue that doesn't go away with rest
• Joint pain, stiffness and swelling in two or more joints

• Fever over 100 degrees
• Muscle pain
• Hair loss
• Skin sores and rashes (which may occur in a butterfly-shaped pattern across the cheeks and nose)
• Nose or mouth sores (usually painless)
• Skin rashes after sun exposure

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THE W. H. SIMPSON FAMILY

By Doug Simpson

My parents, Walter Horace Simpson, Jr. and LaVelle Hall are natives of Floyd County, Texas. My father was born in Sparta, Tennessee, and with his family traveled by way of a Model T. Ford to the community for a better life, farming land that was fertile, and a new start. His parents, Walter Horace and Pearl Simpson, reared a family of five children in the Blanco Community where they farmed and still live today. They had migrated there partially because it was at the top of the Caprock.

My mother was born in what was once the Pleasant Hill Community in the south-eastern portion of Floyd County. Her father traveled to the county by wagon from Stephenville County as an infant. Her mother came to Floyd County at the age of two from Cottle County in 1908. My mother's parents had purchased a farm in the Lakeview Community before they had married. They met while attending school there and wed in 1923.

My great-grandfather Hall owned one of the first automobiles in Floyd County.

My father was born in 1925 and my mother in 1930. The pair met while my mother was still in school and were married in 1947, two years after my father was released from the army. They grew to love the country for its friendly residents, excellent farming industry and ideal conditions to raise a family. In the early years of my parents marriage, they each worked hard to make ends meet. It was in 1950 that their first child, Steve, now twenty-seven, was born. He is a salesman in Dallas. We have a family of six. My parents, Steve, Mike, who is twenty-five and is living in Corpus Christi, Cindi, who is twenty-two and living in Hill-sboro, and me, Doug. Each of my brothers and Cindi has an occupation related to dealing with other people. I believe this is because of the warmth and acceptance we felt at home. Because we could love ourselves, we could also love others. My parents were suc-

cessful in what they set out to do, which was to rear a happy family. Although each of us children has our own tastes, likes, dislikes, and characteristics. We maintain a never ceasing love for one another. Even today, thought our homes are spread out across Texas, we manage to enjoy each other's company several times a year.

At home, and when I was growing up in the 1960's, our family enjoyed being with others in sports, church activities, and school activities. The similarity of our interests, however, did not affect our individuality. Our hobbies range from photography and writing to cooking, skiing, and furniture refinishing.

Our family's most enjoyable holiday was and still is Christmas. Years ago, the thrill and excitement of the morning of December 25 and Santa Claus, highlighted that day. Today, as we are older and wiser, the closeness and warmth and love of God and for each other enlightens our hearts as we recollect the memories that have helped us to experience enriched lives.

AgriLife Extension project focuses on child passenger safety

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - TxDOT has been funding the Passenger Safety Project since 1988, said Bev Kellner, AgriLife Extension program manager in the agency's Family and Community Health Unit.

In 1999, the project began to focus on child passenger safety through its car seat program.

TxDOT's partnership with AgriLife Extension helps to deliver important life-saving traffic safety messages to the entire state through the agency's county agents. And Texas A&M AgriLife has injury prevention as an important part of its overall health initiative, Kellner said.

"This year, the Passenger Safety Project is adding education on seat belt use and distracted driving in addition

to child passenger safety," she said.

A case for child passenger safety:

The proper use of child safety seats reduces the risk of injury and death, leading to reduced medical costs, avoidance of lost future earnings and improved quality of life, Kellner said.

"Traffic crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children under age 14, with an estimated \$214 million total annual cost related to motor vehicle occupant-related deaths and injuries. Last year, 126 Texas children under the age of 14 were killed and 21,090 were injured in motor vehicle crashes."

Kellner said the Passenger Safety Project, which is funded through competitively awarded federal funds, conducts National Child

Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training to certify technicians to assist parents with child safety seat education.

"Through this project, trained technicians deliver educational programs on child passenger safety in their community and educate parents one-on-one about the correct installation and usage of their child safety seat," she said. "In 2018, fewer than 28% of children nationwide were properly restrained."

A fitting example: Cari Cesaro-Hoffman, a new mother who learned the correct way to restrain her daughter in a child safety seat at one of the project's car seat fittings, was one of the thousands of Texans who have benefitted from this safety initiative.

Cesaro-Hoffman attended

Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

Kristi Carstensen is providing this week's recipe. Carstensen is the director of social services at WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital. When she isn't at work, she enjoys participating in church activities and ministries. In her free time, she enjoys baking and has a passion for reading.

Married to Ricky Carstensen, pastor at the First United Methodist Church, the couple have two daughters, Sarah and Karis.

A family favorite, Carstensen is sharing her Picante Chicken.

"It's an easy dish but it taste really good," she said.

PICANTE CHICKEN

Ingredients:
4 chicken breasts
16 oz Pace Picante Sauce
3 TBSP brown sugar
1 TBSP mustard

Instructions:
Combine the Pace Picante Sauce (no substitutes) in a bowl with the brown sugar and mustard. Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and cover them with the picante sauce mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Enjoy over white or brown rice.

This makes a nice meal when you add cornbread, green beans and a salad.

You can also make this in a crock pot. Place heat high for 4-hours or on low for 6-hours.



Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA —The Center is now open for dining-in. Take-outs and deliveries are still available. Call 806-983-2032.

The center is in need of five more deliveries or take-outs per day. The staff is doing its best to stay open to deliver to those who cannot leave their homes. Everyone is still eating, even if self-quarantined. So, please order a meal to be delivered or come by for a take-out.

The prices of our meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Anyone who is breathing is eligible to eat with us or right now for a carry out or delivery.

The center also needs a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. Drivers receive a delicious meal as payment for their time. The driver will

report to the Center at 11:15 a.m. The deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call 983-2032 for home delivery by 11 a.m. Delivery drivers begin delivering at 11:30 a.m.

The mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is 983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

MENU

June 15 - June 19

Monday - Chicken strips
Tuesday - Texas Nachos - \$4
Wednesday - Salisbury steak
Thursday - Chicken fried steak
Friday - Salmon croquettes

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — The Lockney Senior Citizens board of directors voted to keep the dining room closed and suspend activities for another month during its May 26 meeting.

The board said it hopes to be able to open July 1.

The center serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive through or delivery. Anyone wanting lunch can call the Center by 9:30 a.m. daily.

Mark these dates on your calendar!

JUNE CALENDAR:

June 12 - Friday Fish Fry - 5 - 8 p.m.
June 20 - Saturday Night Supper - 5 - 8 p.m. Menu to be announced
June 26 - Friday Fish Fry Friday - 5 - 8 p.m.

Fish Fry and the Saturday Night Supper will be served curbside pickup, drive through and delivery.

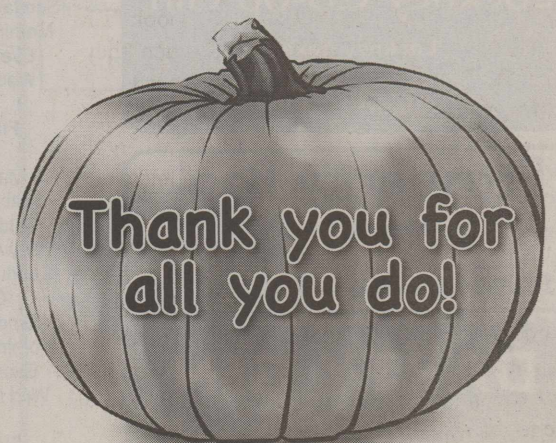
At this point, Thursday night potluck/game night is canceled until further notice.

The center's staff appreciates everyone and said they can't wait to see everyone again.

For questions, contact the center at 652-2745. Stay safe.

Karen Houchin
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806-983-5556

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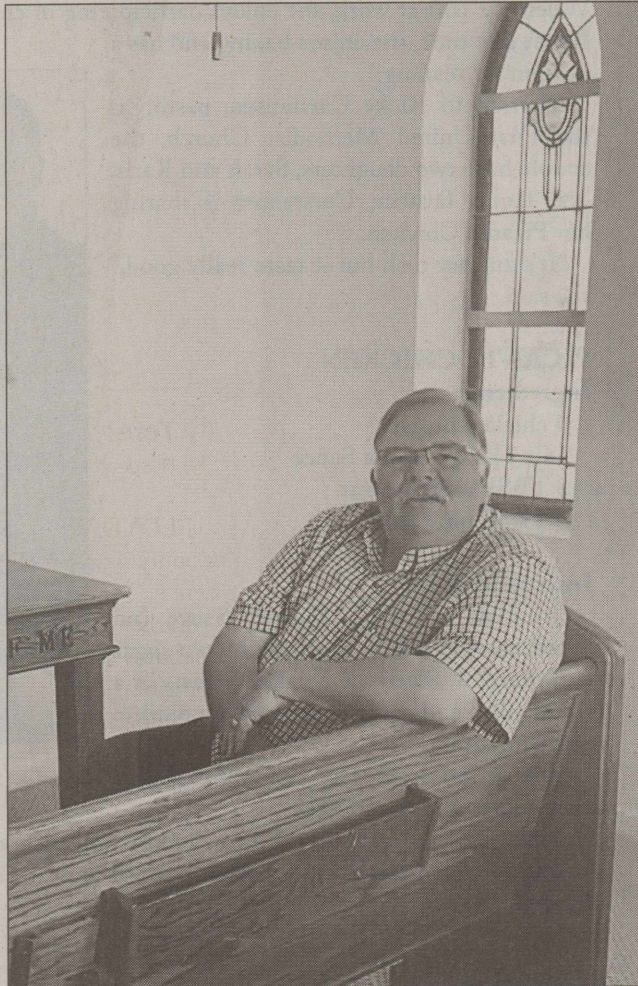
Carstensen family takes appointed position in Big Springs

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Following 12 years as pastor at Lockney's First United Methodist Church, Ricky Carstensen is leaving to take an appointment at the FUMC in Big Springs.

For many years, Carstensen and his family have been a major part of the community and stock shows as well as assisting with the 4-H rifle program.

The Hesperian-Beacon wishes them the best of luck in the next chapter of their lives.



Ricky Carstensen, pastor at First United Methodist Church in Lockney, is preparing to move to Big Springs. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLOYDADA NEW CHANGES TO SERVICES

*There will be one church service on campus at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

*We will continue to worship together in the virtual world on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for Bible Study, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Sunday School and at 10:30 a.m. for Worship.

Instructions for attending worship on campus:

- *Open to all ages.
- *Parking will be reserved for Senior Adults on Main Street and East Tennessee. Senior Adults are asked to enter the building on those sides.
- *Parking for all others will be in the rear lot off of South Wall Street.
- *All others will be asked to continue to use the door from the rear parking lot by the choir room.
- *The Parlor will be used for those wishing to attend but are considered most vulnerable. Only Senior Adults or those with a compromised immune system will be allowed to enter. You will be able to worship on campus with others as we simulcast service taking advantage of the Parlor's large screen television and sound system.
- *We also ask that you remove any personal belongings after the service including Bibles, blankets, and jackets to aid in the sanitizing protocols at the conclusion of each gathering.

Things to do before attending church:

- *Pray.
- *Take a self-assessment of COVID-19 symptoms. (A list of symptoms can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)
- *Sanitize your hands before entering the building.
- *It is also highly recommended to wear a face covering while attending services.

Parts of the church campus that will be closed:

- *The kitchen
 - *The nursery
 - *All Sunday school rooms
 - *The Fellowship Center
 - *The basement
 - *The coffee bar
 - *The church office
- The restrooms will now be available during church services.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Trusting God

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds. - James 1:2 (NIV)

During my teenage years, my greatest suffering was loneliness. Year after year, I prayed for deep Christian friendships. But year after year, God answered, "Not yet," and I wondered why. Hadn't I put effort into finding friendships? Wouldn't godly friendships help me grow in my relationship with God? Wasn't strong Christian fellowship a part of God's plan?

The book of James tells us to consider sufferings as joy because suffering strengthens and matures us into who God calls us to be. While I was alone during my teenage years, I learned to depend on God and to empathize with and reach out to those who were unpopular. I learned to value and strengthen the relationships I already had, especially with my

siblings. Lastly, being alone — reading and thinking — moved me to put those thoughts on paper and gave me the courage to share my writing with others.

God does not tell us that suffering is joyful. Suffering is suffering, and the loneliness I experienced was not in itself a good thing. Still, God tells us to "consider it pure joy." Now, I can consider that loneliness as joy because of what God has brought about through it. —Tim Pietz (Wisconsin, USA)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, through whatever we are suffering today, help us to find joy in trusting you so that we may learn to persevere and become more like Jesus. Amen.

from: <http://devotional.upperroom.org/devotionals>

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Morning Worship...11 a.m.

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

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.

Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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

City Park Church of Christ
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
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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 - 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
Priest - Sylvester Dsouza
Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
Sun - 9 a.m. Mass
Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass
Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass

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

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

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

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

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

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

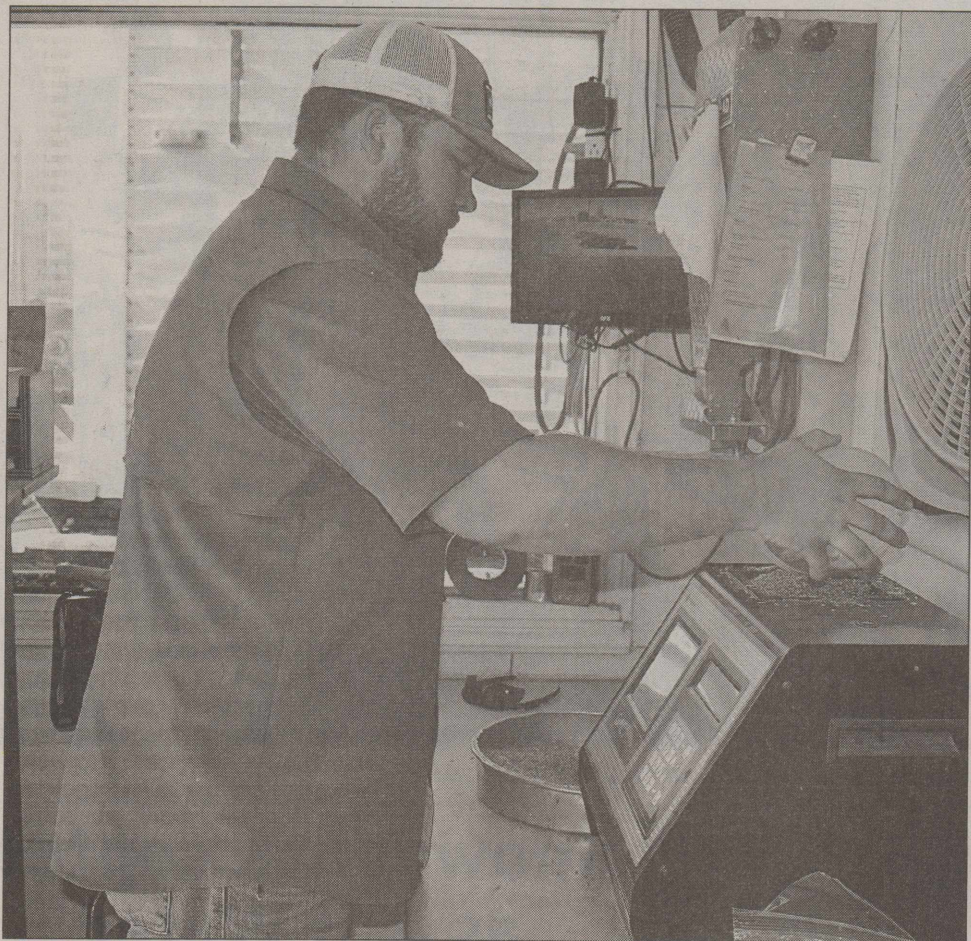
Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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

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.

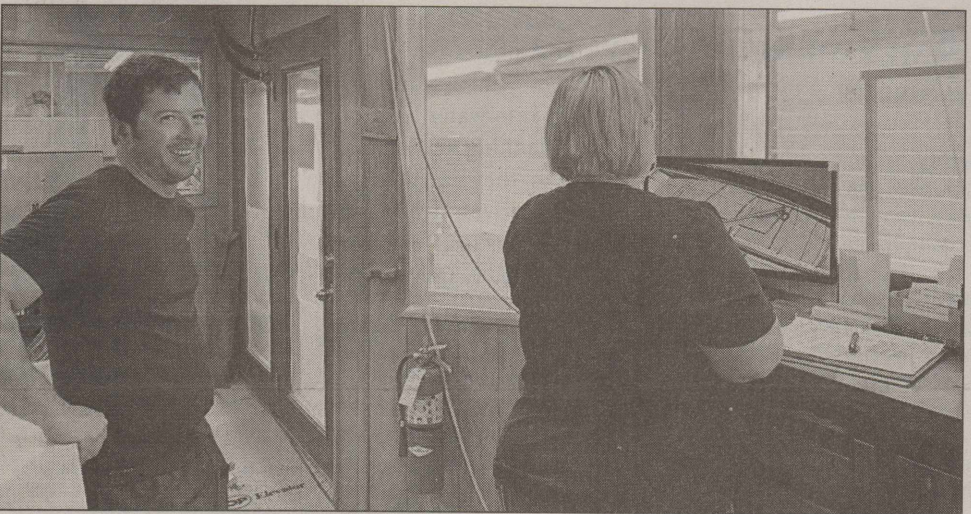
AGRICULTURE

Providence Farm Supply – Wheat Harvest begins



Lucas Hall, assistant manager at Providence Farm Supply tests a load of wheat. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Wheat harvest is in full swing at Producer's Elevator



Misty Leatherwood, employee with Producer's Coop Elevator in Floydada, tests a load of wheat brought in by Dillon Cheshshir of Covington Farms. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Wheat crops beginning to arrive at Producer's Elevator are looking good, according to local officials.

"This year's wheat crops

that are coming in have really been good," said Seth Stephens, Producer's manager. "The weights are better than we thought they would be, and the moisture levels are about perfect."

Misty Leatherwood, weighing a test load for Dil-

lon Cheshshir said the test wheat weight was 61.9 and the moisture level was 11.5 percent.

"We received our first load of wheat on Friday, May 29. Turner and Turner from Matador brought it in," Stephens said.

USDA Accepting Proposals for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement Initiative

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

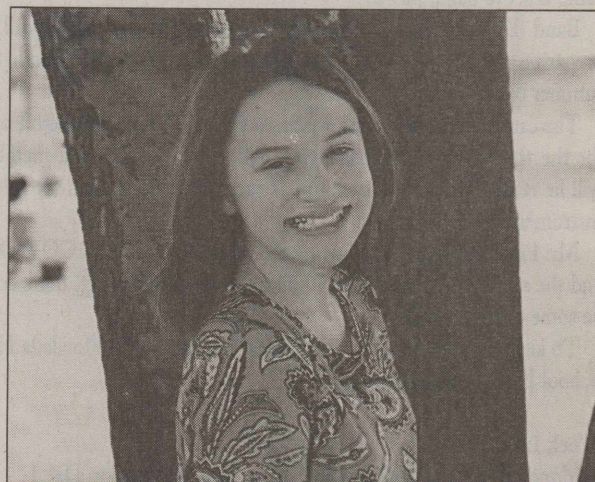
COLLEGE STATION – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting new or modified proposals from state governments for its State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative. Through SAFE, vital habitat is restored to meet high-priority state wildlife conservation goals. The deadline to submit proposals is June 19.

"Conservation is a major priority for FSA, and this program empowers landowners to create critical wildlife habitat through the establishment of wetlands, grasses and trees," said Gary Six, FSA State Executive Director in Texas. "We're proud to offer the opportunity, through SAFE, for producers, state and federal wildlife experts and those with nonprofit organizations to work together to develop and maintain high-value wildlife habitats."

SAFE practices must be used to restore animal habitats for the following categories:

- rare, threatened and endangered species

Floyd County "4-H Spotlight"



By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Makinley Whittle, this week's Floyd County 4-H Spotlight, loves spending time in her garden.

Earlier this spring she started a garden, and she said she loves spending time working in it and hopes to sell some of the produce this summer. She said she also loves spending time with her daddy on the farm.

"I really like 4-H because I get to see my friends and I enjoy shooting. I really miss archery and rifle practice," she said, adding she has not been to practice because of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Whittle said she loves hanging out with her family, but she is extremely fond of hanging out with her little cousins.

The daughter of Nathan and Kristi Whittle, she will be a sixth-grader this fall and dreams of becoming a teacher when she grows up.

• species that have suffered a significant population decline

• species that provide significant social or economic value to the community.

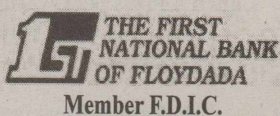
SAFE grass and tree practices were moved to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup in 2019 and competed against other offers, while buffer and wetland practi-

es remain under continuous CRP signup.

When submitted, proposals must include an overview of the project accomplishments, a list of all practices planned, the commitment of the state and participants and the planned outreach efforts.

For more information about SAFE and submitting a proposal, contact your FSA state office at 979-680-5209.

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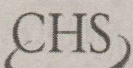
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SCHOOL NEWS

Whirlwind Band Camp scheduled to begin July 27

By Yelena Serrato
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—The three-week long Floydada High School band camp is set to begin July 27.

Band Director Mr. Piland and Co-Director Mr. Peña will be preparing band students for the upcoming school year through this summer band camp.

The camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday for the three-week long instruction. However, not all band members will be required to attend each day as each day is designated for certain instruments.

Mr. Piland anticipates following the scheduled, but with COVID-19 and the move to the new school building still in full swing, there could be some changes made.

To keep up with band camp information, follow the Floydada High School Band Facebook page.

Week 1:

- Monday, July 27, 2020: 1-4 PM Flute Day / Percussion Day 1
- Tuesday, July 28, 2020: 1-4 PM Soprano Clarinet Day/Sousaphone Day
- Wednesday, July 29, 2020: 1-4 PM Bass Clarinet Day / Baritone & Trombone Day
- Thursday, July 30, 2020: 1-4 PM Saxophone Day / Marching Horn Day
- Friday, July 31, 2020: 1-4 PM Trumpet Day / Percussion Day 2

Week 2:

- Monday, August 3, 2020: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Incoming 8th graders only
- Monday August 3, 2020: 1:00 - 8:00 PM: Full Band
- Tuesday, August 4, 2020: 1:00 - 8:00 PM: Full Band
- Wednesday, August 5, 2020: 1:00 - 4:00 PM: Full Band
- Thursday, August 6, 2020: 1:00 - 8:00 PM: Full Band
- Friday, August 7, 2020: 1:00 - 8:00 PM: Full Band

Week 3:

- Monday, August 10, 2020: 4:00 - 8:00 PM: Full Band
- Thursday, August 13, 2020: 4:00 - 8:00 PM: Full Band
- Friday, August 14, 2020: 4:00 - 8:00 PM: Full Band



2019- 2020 WHIRLWIND BAND (Photo Courtesy)

**CONGRATULATIONS
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Snowden accepted as 4-H Water Ambassador

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Sierra Snowden has been accepted as a 2020-2021 State 4-H Water Ambassador.

Water Ambassadors gain insight into water laws, policies, planning and management as they interact with representatives from state water agencies, educators, policy makers, and water resource managers.

Snowden will attend the Leadership Academy, which is a multi-day tour of Texas exposing youth to a wide diversity of water resources, water uses, sensitive ecosystems, water quality concerns, as well as the applied research and technologies employed to conserve this valued resource.

Snowden will be required to contribute 40 hours of service over a 12-month pe-



Sierra Snowden of Floydada accepted as 4-H's 2020-2021 Water Ambassador. (Courtesy Photo)

riod following the Academy.

Water Ambassadors also build an appreciation for the complexity of managing Texas surface and groundwater resources that are important to local, regional, and state economies and the responsibility to protect the valuable resource for future generations.

FLOYDADA ISD SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

AB Duncan Elementary School
1011 S. 8th Street, Floydada, Texas, 79235
June 1 – June 30, 2020
July 6 – July 23, 2020

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1:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

JUNE 15-18 MENU
MONDAY

Corndog, celery sticks, orange, milk

TUESDAY

Chicken sandwich, baby carrots, apple, milk

WEDNESDAY

Hamburger, celery sticks, orange, milk

THURSDAY

Pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, apple, milk

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LOCKNEY SUMMER MENU

June 15 – June 19

Monday

Breakfast – Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, apples, juice, milk

Lunch – Steak fingers, fries, gravy, roll, cucumber, strawberry, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Pancakes, yogurt, pineapple, juice, milk

Lunch – Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, fruit, sherbet, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Breakfast cookie, cheese, applesauce, juice, milk

Lunch – Pizza pocket, Tuscan veggies, marinara, peaches, cookie, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, banana, juice, milk

Lunch – Carne Guisada, flour tortillas, corn, veggie cup, Snowball, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Donut, sausage, oranges, juice, milk

Lunch – Pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, apple slices, milk

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Dated this 28 day of May, 2020.

Michael Lynn Bishop
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Hrbacek brings in first load to Providence



By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

PROVIDENCE — The first load of harvested wheat brought into Providence Farm Supply belongs to J.P.

Hrbacek. “The first load of wheat looks great,” said Glen Graves, manager. The test weight was 60.1 and the moisture level was 11.1. “So far this year’s wheat harvest has been a really good one.

The grain is looking very well. The test weights and moisture level is definitely better than I could have imagined. “Congratulations to Hrbacek on that great first load,” Graves said.

LONGHORNS

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graduated in May with his associate’s degree. This fall Prichard said he plans to start earning his bachelor’s degree in computer information systems at West Texas A&M, while continuing to work in the IT department. But that is not all Prichard will be responsible for at the school, he also will be the head powerlifting coach and assistant coach for baseball and football. This fall, while Prichard works on his bachelor’s degree, his oldest sons, Caleb and Caden, will be attending Lockney High School. Caleb will be a junior and

Caden will be a freshman. “I’m really glad that the both of us will be in high school at the same time. We’ll have brother time on the football field with our dad helping to coach us,” Caleb said. “My dad is a great coach, but I feel like he’s harder on us than the other kids, but I also know why it seems that way. Our dad has accomplished so much, and he wants the same for us. I want my dad to know that I am incredibly grateful for that. I love him so much.” Caden said, “Yeah my dad is the best. I remember when we were little, he also had time for us, no matter what. I remember playing basketball with him. My dad is a great man. I’m

thankful for him every day.” Prichard said he is hard on his boys. “I know what they can do, and sometimes it takes that little push. I try to be the best for my family. That is why I am going on to finish college. I plan to graduate West Texas A&M when my oldest graduates from high school, and then I’m going for my master’s degree and hopefully, God willing, I will graduate with a master’s degree when my middle son graduates high school. “I want the kids to know life is short. Live your life for today because tomorrow isn’t promised. Never give up. Grab the bull by the longhorns and hold on because each one of them is greatness.”

SAFETY

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on the driver’s side by another vehicle,” she said. “The other vehicle caused serious damage to the driver’s side and front of the SUV and pushed us onto an embankment near a set of railroad tracks.” Because Caroline was properly restrained in the back with her car seat, she came out of the accident without a scratch. “It was remarkable,” Cesaro-Hoffman said. “What I’d tell anyone about to get a child safety seat is to find out where they’re having a fitting or inspection and take the time to go through it. There’s no price you can put on your child’s life, and you’ll be a better parent for making sure your child is properly protected.” Law enforcement training: As a large part of that effort, the project conducts Operation Kids Training for law enforcement, said Mike Guidry, AgriLife Extension program coordinator and certified child passenger safety instructor. The course is designed to help law enforcement officers recognize common car seat misuse and direct caregivers to local resources where they can get help with their car seats. “We provide a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement accredited four-hour course,” Guidry said. “It covers Texas laws on car seats and seatbelts, the most common car seat misuses and mistakes and how to spot them, types of car seats



For more than 20 years, the Passenger Safety Project of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has been focusing its efforts on the proper use of child safety seats to reduce injuries and deaths from vehicle collisions. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

and how to recognize them, and the appropriate seat for children based on their age, height, weight and developmental stage. The course uses a combination of video and hands-on learning.” Kellner said last year 55 child passenger safety technicians were certified. To date, 1,106 safety technicians, including AgriLife Extension agents and law enforcement personnel, have been certified through the project. In 2019, the project also facilitated more than 2,000 child safety seat inspections and distributed more than 1,400 child safety seats to Texans in need. Helping low-income, other Texas families: Kellner said the project is designed to reach all the public, but aspects are tailored to make sure low-income Texans have access to child safety seats.

“The lack of access to affordable child safety seats contributes to a lower usage rate among low-income families,” she said. “Although the project reaches a variety of audiences across the state, most of the clientele are low-income and/or minority families. When needed, a replacement seat is issued at no charge to parents or caregivers at child safety seat checkup events and at fitting station appointments.” Kellner said the Passenger Safety Project brings a much needed and measurable benefit to Texans. “Child safety seats are 71 percent effective in reducing fatal injury for infants and 54 percent effective for toddlers,” Kellner said. For more information, go to <https://passengersafety.tamu.edu>.

SWIMMERS

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hold the nose shut while jumping into the water. With the amoeba often found in soil, it’s best to avoid stirring up underwater sediment. Texas Health and Human Services also recommend avoiding water activities in bodies of warm freshwater with low water levels. Avoid stagnant or polluted water and take “No Swimming” signs seriously. Swimming

medical professionals are not aware of the potential exposure to the amoeba, valuable time may be lost before a proper diagnosis is made, and life-saving treatment may begin. By being aware and educating others, everyone can stay safe this summer on the Brazos River basin. For more information about PAM, contact the local county health department or the Texas Department of State Health Services at 512-776-7111. For toll-free, please dial 1-888-963-7111.