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New Floydada dentist following in father's footsteps

By Yelena Serrato
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—Following in her father's footsteps, Dr. Summer Ketron Roark has pursued a career that makes people smile.

"My dad is a dentist in Lubbock. I was inspired to go into dentistry because of him. I grew up around it and got to see the benefits of it," Roark said. Her father is Dr. Jay Atkins.

Roark purchased her father's Lubbock practice about a year and a half ago and soon began expanding her network, which lead her to Floydada where she purchased Dr. Randall Griffin's practice.

Roark, along with Dr. Natalie Anderson and the staff at Canyon Ridge Family Dentistry, have been hard at work for five weeks since opening their doors and beginning to offer services to residents.

"There is really just about nothing that we can't do," she said. "We do cleanings for kids and adults of all ages. We do fillings, crowns, bridges, cosmetics, wisdom tooth extractions, sedation, root canals and dentures.

"The two big things we really want to highlight is that we do implants and braces. We can do both traditional and invisalign braces. Dr. Anderson does most of that and I do most of the surgical stuff.

"There's really not much that we can't do here so I think that's a really nice because, with braces for example, you have to get checkups every six weeks. So if you are doing braces in the big city that is a constant drive for just a 15-minute checkup.



Dr. Natalie Anderson and Dr. Summer Ketron Roark of Canyon Ridge Family Dentistry (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)

That's hard when you have kids in school. So for us that's something we are hoping is going to be a lot more convenient to community members. We really feel like we have a good variety of services," explained Roark said.

Roark was born and raised in Lubbock and received her undergraduate and master's degrees at Texas Tech University before graduating from dental school at the University of Texas at Houston. She also completed her general practice residency at Louisiana State University.

Anderson also received her undergraduate degree at Texas Tech University, and she earned her master's degree from Midwestern State University before graduating from dental school in Arizona.

With the opening of Canyon Ridge Family Dentistry, several

people are employed at the new business, including dental hygienist and Lockney native Anna Kidd.

"Anna Kidd drove by one day and saw the sign and gave me a call out of the blue," Roark said.

"She said she had been practicing in Lubbock and would love to come back home and treat her people. So, we decided to bring her home and welcome her to our team. We love her."

Roark said one of the team's goals is to have somebody permanent at the new office.

"We have heard so many great things about Dr. Griffin and the Griffin family. Dr. Griffin provided great care to the community, so it was hard knowing that people were having to see a new dentist every single time. There wasn't really anyone here on a regular basis. I know it is



Canyon Ridge Family Dentistry, located on 508 South 2nd Street in Floydada, is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)

a struggle to get to Lubbock, so we want people to know we are coming to them, and we are going to be here permanently to serve the people here.

"I've always enjoyed getting to know people. Everyone here knows each other. I am excited to know that at some point I am going to know the whole town, and we are all going to be like one big happy family."

Roark said she enjoys not only meeting new people but also witnessing smile transformations.

"I feel like it can be such a change in someone's life. People come out and have so much more confidence from the transformation that we have made" she said.

Roark tied the knot last year with Mike Roark, and she gained a stepson. She also is the proud owner of a labradoodle named Knox. During her free time, she enjoys doing yard work and gardening which she says her husband finds crazy. She also loves going fishing at the Guadalupe River.

Canyon Ridge Family Den-

tistry is currently accepting new patients of all ages and is eager to build their community.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. A dentist will be in the office Mondays and Thursdays and a hygienist will be at the office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dr. Anderson will provide cleanings when a hygienist isn't available, she said.

"We are going to take care of whatever patients need regardless," Roark said, adding, "Dr. Jay Atkins, my dad, will come out here to just supplement if we aren't available.

"Dr. Anderson will be here most of the time. I will come in on surgery days when there are a bunch of wisdom or implant appointments. I will try and be here on busy days and do what I can. I kind of come and go as needed" she added.

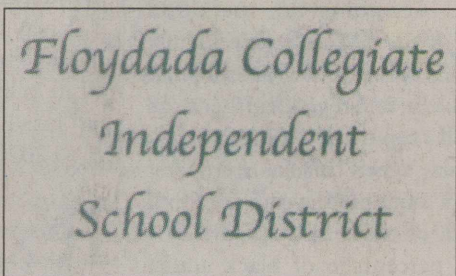
Contact Canyon Ridge Family Dentistry at 806-983-2100 to schedule an appointment.

Floydada receives approval for Collegiate School District status

By Dr. Gilbert Trevino
FISD Superintendent
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—The Floydada Independent School District received notification from the Texas Education Agency on Thursday, July 23 that the proposed partnership with Collegiate Edu-Nation has been approved, thus making FISD an In-District Charter. The district will now be called, Floydada Collegiate Independent School District and each campus will add "collegiate" to their campus name. The Texas Education Code, Chapter 12, establishes charter schools to improve student learning, to increase choice of learning opportunities, to encourage different and innovative learning methods, to establish a new form of accountability, and to create professional opportunities that will attract new teachers to school districts.

Rural school districts face many challenges in offering diverse pathways toward college and career readiness for students. In 2018, 23 percent of Texas students earned a certificate or any type of college degree. It is projected that by 2025, 77 percent of jobs will require a certificate, two-year college degree, or four-year college degree. Rural districts find it even more challenging to meet this future need by preparing students for jobs that do not exist in the work force today due to financial, human capital, program, and geographical constraints. In order to better prepare our students for post-secondary experiences, including college and the workforce,



Floydada Collegiate Independent School District continues to be dedicated to education and committed to excellence (Courtesy photo)

we pursued entering into a partnership with Collegiate Edu-Nation (CEN) in order to diversify what we are able to offer our students. The Collegiate Edu-Nation Network currently consists of 2,300 students in five districts including Roscoe, Hamlin, Throckmorton, Cumby and Floydada.

Through our partnerships with CEN, South Plains College, Texas Tech University, and West Texas A&M University, we will be able to access additional funding that is strictly available to charter schools, thus allowing us the opportunity to offer students diverse pathways that will allow them to earn two-year degrees or certifications that will prepare them for the work force, all at no cost to students or parents.

This is an exciting time for Floydada ISD and a wonderful opportunity to positively impact our community. By establishing an Early College School System, we will create a better future for our students and their families. Our district continues to be progressive and to expand opportunities for all.

Lockney Senior Citizens under new management

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Bambi Session was named manager of the Lockney Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday, July 28 by the board of directors.

Session was raised in Floydada and she and her husband, Chris have three boys, Shi who will be sophomore at Lockney High School and twin boys, Payton and Parker, who will go into the seventh grade. Her husband Chris is employed by Producers CO-OP in Floydada.

Session has been working for the center for almost a year as the assistant.

Liz McCready Widner has taken over the assistant position.

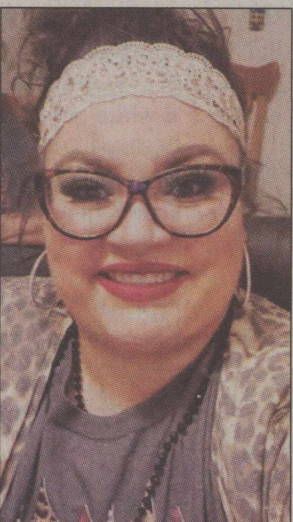
"We work so well together," Widner said. "Only good things are to come. New changes, new ideas, just lots of new things."

Widner grew up in Lockney and had moved away for a few years. She returned to the community in 2017. She has a daughter, Hailee, who graduated LHS this past year.

Lockney Senior Citizens is still only open for pickup and deliveries but that will soon change. Starting Aug. 17, the See LSC, Page 8



Bambi Session is the new manager at Lockney Senior Citizens Center. (Courtesy photo)



Liz McCready Widner is the new assistant at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center. (Courtesy photo)

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WHIRLWIND HOMECOMING

The FHS Homecoming is still scheduled for Friday, Sept. 4 at the Charles Tyer Stadium. Whirlwinds will be playing county rival Lockney Longhorns for the County Trophy! Dedication of the new Charles Tyer Stadium will also be held that night.

FLOYDADA EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Floydada Ex-Students Association has announced that the 2020 Floydada High School Homecoming activities has been cancelled due to COVID-19. For further info see the FB page of the Floydada Ex-Students Association.

CHARLES TYER MEMORIAL SERVICES

Due to the spike in the coronavirus cases the memorial service for the late Charles Tyer of Floydada has been changed to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5 at First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

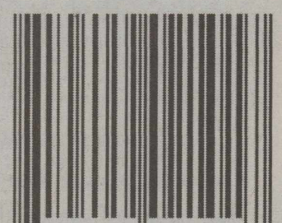
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Water/sewer improvements

City seeking grant funds for repairs, new technology

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Lockney City Council approved a grant of \$275,000 to help the city fund two major improvements to the water system.

During its July 20 meeting, the council approved the Community Development Block Grant as well as approved committing \$225,000 in matching funds, all of which will be used to replace the West Locust Street sewer lift station and install a SCADA system to better monitor and control the city's water wells, said City Manager Buster Poling.

"The city's matching funds will come from three different budget years - last year, this year and next year," Poling said after the meeting. "We planned for this."

The SCADA system monitors and controls when wells come on, go off, monitors the level of water in the tower and monitors the lift stations, Poling said. If anything goes wrong, the system

sends a message to the city.

The council also discussed continued work to bring the Akin Well back on line.

Adolfo Garcia of Brandt Engineering told the council the cost could be in the \$150,000 range but if the city does a majority of the work, the cost could be in the \$75,000 range.

The city needs approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to bring the well, which has been off line for three years, back on line, Poling said. This is a lengthy process, as the TCEQ review date is in August, and the city submitted the plan to the state agency during the first of May.

Poling said the city needs the Akin Well back on line to help provide water in the city. He added the wells west of town do not have the quantity of water the city expected them to have.

In other business, the council approved the 2020 budget for Mackenzie

Municipal Water Authority presented by Charla Nolan, manager of the water authority. The budget included the monthly bond fee the city will pay for the coming year for water from the authority.

The city's contract with Mackenzie is not changing and the monthly bond payment, Poling said, changed a little but not much.

The council also approved a bid from Franklin Legal Publishing to conduct the codification and digitalization of city ordinances. Poling said the currently the city's ordinances, which date back 100 years, are all written in books.

"Franklin, a company out of Lubbock, come in and review ordinances, index them, bring them up to date and codify them," Poling said following the meeting. "They will tell us what is current and what is not."

"The end result is we will have a new set of ordinances updated for the city, and they will be available online when we get the website up and running."

Opinion:

Is Racism Responsible for Today's Black Problems?



Walter E. Williams

The Confederacy has been the excuse for so on."

I doubt whether any American would defend the police treatment of George Floyd that led to his death. But many Americans are supporting some of the responses to Floyd's death — rioting, looting, wanton property destruction, assaults on

police and other kinds of mayhem by both whites and blacks.

The pretense is that police conduct stands as the root of black problems. According to the NAACP, from 1882-1968, there were 3,446 black people lynched at the hands of whites. Today, being murdered by whites or policemen should be the least of black worries. In recent times, there is an average of 9,252 black-on-black murders every year. Over the past 35 years, that translates into nearly 324,000 blacks murdered at the hands of other blacks. Only a tiny percentage of blacks are killed by police. For example, in Chicago this year, there were 414 homicides, with a total of 2,078 people shot. So far in 2020, three people have been killed by police and four were shot. Manhattan Institute scholar Heather Mac Donald reports that "a police officer is 181/2 times more likely to be killed by a black male than an unarmed black male is to be killed by a police officer." Crime is a major problem for many black communities, but how much of it can be attributed to causes such as institutional racism, systemic racism and white privilege?

The most devastating problem is the very weak black family structure. Less than a third of black children live in two-parent households and illegitimacy stands at 75%. The "legacy of slavery" is often blamed. Such an explanation turns out to be sheer nonsense when one examines black history. Even during slavery, where marriage was forbidden, most black children lived in biological two-parent families. Professor Herbert G. Gutman's research in "The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom 1750-1925" found that in three-fourths of 19th-century slave families, all the children had the same mother and father. In New York City, in 1925, 85% of black households were two-parent. In fact, "Five in six children under

the age of six lived with both parents." During slavery and as late as 1920, a black teenage girl raising a child without a man present was a rarity.

An 1880 study of family structure in Philadelphia shows that three-quarters of all black families were nuclear families. There were only slight differences in family structure between racial groups. The percentages of nuclear families were: black (75.2%), Irish (82.2%), German (84.5%) and native white Americans (73.1%). Only one-quarter of black families were female-headed. Female-headed families among Irish, German and native white Americans averaged 11%. According to the 1938 Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, only 11% of black children and 3% of white children were born to unwed mothers. As Thomas Sowell reported: "Going back a hundred years, when blacks were just one generation out of slavery, we find that census data of that era showed that a slightly higher percentage of black adults had married than white adults. This fact remained true in every census from 1890 to 1940."

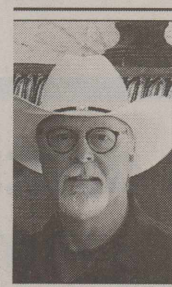
The absence of a father in the home predisposes children, especially boys, to academic failure, criminal behavior and economic hardship, not to mention an intergenerational repeating of handicaps. If today's weak family structure is a legacy of slavery, then the people who make such a claim must tell us how it has managed to skip nearly five generations to have an effect.

There are problems such as grossly poor education, economic stagnation and poverty that impact the black community heavily. I would like someone to explain how tearing down statues of Christopher Columbus, Thomas Jefferson and Confederate generals help the black cause. Destruction of symbols of American history might help relieve the frustrations of all those white college students and their professors frustrated by the 2016 election of President Donald Trump. Problems that black people face give white leftists cover for their anti-American agenda.

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Between the lines Some weeks are better when they are over



BRUCE W. GREEN

"Life has its sunshine and its rain, sir . . . its days and its nights . . . its peaks and its valleys . . ." —Marcie (from Peanuts)

It has been one of those weeks — the kind that can't even be made better with biscuits and gravy. The kind that only gets better by being over.

I don't have many weeks like that. I am a pretty even-tempered guy, so most of the days and weeks seem the same to me. Whether on the peaks or in the valleys, I pretty much appear the same.

I think it might be because I have the kind of flatline personality that only a mother or a wife could love — according to my wife.

But guys with personalities like Dick Cheney have bad weeks and need love too. And the week now mercifully in my rearview mirror was one of those weeks.

It all started when I didn't win the lottery. As if that wasn't bad enough, I began waking up at 1:30 a.m. with work on my mind.

I like my work, but I don't want it to wake me up in the morning. I have arthritis for that.

I had to make some hard decisions at the office this week and, while years of living in reality has made me good at that, being human still makes such decisions painful. I told my wife I felt like I had been stepping on puppies all week.

And then there were the family illnesses and crises that kept popping up in the midst of economic downturn, social unrest and my constant concern for the opinions of professional athletes* in the news.

I remember reading that a former flight attendant said you have a better shot at living through a plane crash if you "don't panic."

I am not sure how much comfort I will take in that advice if I ever find myself in an airplane plummeting toward earth, but I think it is good advice about going through a bad week.

Don't panic. Life has its sunshine and its rain . . . its days and its nights . . . its peaks and its valleys.

Life isn't necessarily better on peaks. Lightning frequently strikes there. If there were no rain, nights or valleys, we wouldn't be living in reality. We'd be living in Austin.

This past week I had occasion to think that living through a bad week is a lot like living a good life. There are only a handful of things that we need to remember.

We are not our own.

We can't always be fair, but we must always be just.

Be consistent and gracious in speech, quick to hear and deliberate in answering.

Take note of the difference between your table companions and your friends.

Do your duty. Never do anything to advance yourself or your own agenda.

Don't worry; things can always get worse, and they likely will.

Never be afraid.

It's good to go home tired and always go home happy.

It's been a tough week but it's over and I've seen worse. I'll probably see worse again. If I don't, I'll be thankful, and if I do I'll focus on going home happy.

This world is a great place; it's just wounded, and it takes our full attention to live well in it.

I may have the flatline personality of Dick Cheney, but I have the common-sense philosophy of Charlie Brown. "Life is like an ice cream cone . . . you have to learn to lick it!" Email Green at bgreen@lknews-group.com.

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Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug 7-9

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN — With the Texas economy slowly awakening from effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-9.

The law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The date of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"Even though significant uncertainty remains for our public and private schools as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the sales tax holiday is a perfect opportunity to save money on school supplies and other tax-free items at a time when many Texans are carefully monitoring their family finances," Hegar said. "Online shopping is covered, so I

encourage all Texans to shop online or practice social distancing when making in-store purchases. We want folks to stay safe while saving money."

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

To promote social distancing, the Comptroller's office wants all taxpayers to know that during the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) tax free, when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999, allowing Texans to save millions of dollars in state and local sales taxes each year. Uncertainty surrounding consumer activity in the retail sector coupled with a lack of clarity regarding the timing and nature of schools reopening prevents the agency from producing an estimate for dollars saved by taxpayers during this year's holiday. Last year's holiday generated an estimated \$102.2 million in savings for Texas taxpayers.

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RSVP offers volunteer kits



Elsa Cooper of Lockney, left, and Sherry Hacker of Floydada show the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program "Volunteer Kits." The two will be passing these kits out in their respective communities. The Volunteer Kits are for protection while volunteering or as you go about your day around town and include three masks, a pair of gloves, a towelette and a 4 oz. hand sanitizer. The hand sanitizer bottle can be refilled by bringing it into the RSVP office. RSVP has been in Floyd, Hale and Lamb counties for 47 years, linking volunteers age 55 and over with community service. There is no cost to join, and it is one of the largest senior volunteer organizations in the nation. The RSVP office is located at 825 Austin, inside the Unger Memorial Library, in Plainview, Texas, and sponsored by the City of Plainview. (Courtesy photo)

Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

Amanda Thompson of Lockney will be sharing her recipe for Sopapilla Cheesecake with us this week.

She is the daughter off Carla Thompson and the late Leroy Thompson. She was born in Level-land but graduated as a Lockney Longhorn some years ago.

Like most mommas, Thompson is most proud of her children. Her oldest is Jordyn, 17, and will be a senior at LHS this fall. Her baby is Kacen. He is 12 years old and all boy.

Thompson's hobbies are, of course, taking her kids where they need to go, but she also really



enjoys cheering all the kids on at school football games, powerlifting meets and 4-H events.

"I love living in Floyd County because of the people. The people are amazing. The atmosphere

Sopapilla Cheesecake

- 2 (8 ounce) packages Cheese, cream
- 1 3/4 cups Sugars, granulated
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla extract
- 2 (8 ounce) cans Crescent Roll
- 1 teaspoon Spices, cinnamon, ground
- 1/2 cup Butter, with salt
- 1/4 cup Honey

Step 1

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Prepare a 9x13 inch baking dish, with cooking spray.

Step 2

Beat the cream cheese with 1 cup of sugar and the vanilla extract in a bowl until smooth.

Step 3

Unroll the cans of crescent roll dough and use a rolling pin to shape each piece into 9x13 inch rectangles. Press one piece into the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking dish. Evenly spread the cream cheese mixture into the baking dish, then cover with the remaining piece of crescent dough. Stir together 3/4 cup of sugar, cinnamon, and butter. Dot the mixture over the top of the cheesecake.

Step 4

Bake in the preheated oven until the crescent dough has puffed and turned golden brown, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and drizzle with honey. Cool completely in the pan before cutting into 12 squares.

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979 THE ROBERT W. SMITHS

Robert Wright Smith, the son of Robert and Margaret Ellen Smith, was born in Tennessee, in 1864. His father was killed during the Civil War just a few months before he was born.

He had two brothers and two sisters older than he.

Robert's Wrights wife, Florence Laura Huckabay, was born in Tennessee of parents J. S. and Louise Huckabay, in 1869. Following her birth, her family moved from Tennessee to Dallas County, Texas. Their next move was to Erath County where the small town of Huckabay took the family name.

Robert and Florence were married November 9, 1890. They came to the Plains in 1894.

"My Papa came the summer before they moved here. He saw the grass was headed out and was about knee high. When they moved, he and a man named Kelley, bought several partnership horses that they branded S-K. When they later used the brand on a cow, it reached almost across her side," says Lizzie Smith Jack.

The Smith Family first lived northeast of Lockney. In 1889, they moved to

Lone Star, north of Lockney.

Their windmill pumped water through a milk trough to a water trough in front of the yard. The water from the watering trough ran into the dirt tank surrounded by willows.

"Papa put the water trough in front of our house because it was handy for people to stop and water teams. I used to see freighters and other people stop in front of our house. Sometimes, they would just stop, build a fire and eat. They often sat under the willows and ate in the col shade," Lizzie remembers.

The Smiths had the first telephone in the community. The barbed wire fence was used for a telephone line. If the battery became weak, voices could not be heard. The electricity for ringing was produced by a magneta-type generator turned by hand.

R. W. Smith, "Uncle Bob", as he was called, began drilling wells about 1912 with a horse-powered well digger. The horse went round and round furnishing the power for the drilling rig. At certain intervals, the bit was raised and dropped.

The average depth drilled for water was between 70 and 100 feet.

"All farming was done with horses and mules. During the planting season, the horses had to be fed before sunrise, so they would be ready for work early in the morning. They were harnessed after breakfast. The harness included a horse collar, hames, trace chains, and back bands. The horses were unhitched and fed at noon. They worked all afternoon sundown, then were turned in a pasture to graze at night," said Stella Smith Williams in a 1967 interview.

Robert W. Smith died in 1942; Florence Smith died in 1946.

"Uncle Bob" Smith and his wife always had an interest in the community where they lived. They were progressive in farming and stock raising.

"Their eight children were Robert, Roscoe, Ethel, Alma, Vera, Lizzie, Ozella, and Stella. Roscoe, Ethel, and Alma died in infancy. Vera died in her early twenties; Robert died in 1954; Stella in 1977. At this writing (1978) Lizzie and Ozella are still living.

Alzheimer's research:

The Walk to End Alzheimer's scheduled

By Scott Finley
Media Relations Mgr.
Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place as scheduled this year but will look different due to concerns about COVID-19.

Past walks have always been a gathering of a large group of participants who then traverse a set course. Due to COVID-19 concerns, that's not possible in 2020.

The overall slogan for the 2020 Walk is "Walk to End Alzheimer's is Everywhere." This year's Walk participants can walk almost anywhere - in their neighborhoods, on walking trails, wherever they can keep safe social distancing and always wear a mask.

Participants ranging from families to teams to individu-

als will all be able to connect through a new Walk phone app. This mobile app will let users not only access information and resources from the Association but also participate in the Walk's opening ceremony as well as follow a virtual walk path, track steps and distance, and manage Facebook fundraisers.

The new app can be downloaded now. New features are to be updated by early August. You can get links to Apple or Google downloads here: act.alz.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=walk_app

Because the 2020 Walk is tied together online, participants will see the opening ceremony with local speakers and emcees, as well as the Promise Flowers presentation.

Also, in the mix is the Promise Garden, where participants in the past have

written a loved one or friend's name on a flower and set it into a mass of flowers left by other walkers. This year, the Garden will be set up by Alzheimer's Association staff and volunteers, and it will be available in a view-only component.

To find your local or closest walk and sign up, visit www.act.alz.org or call the 24/7 helpline, 800-272-3900.

And just a reminder - you can always get the latest information about the Association's COVID-19 emergency preparedness guidelines for Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers in long-term or community-based care settings here:

<https://alz.org/professionals/professional-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-tips-for-dementia-caregivers>

Floydada Senior Citizens news

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Center is now CLOSED for dining-in until September 2. Deliveries are still available.

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 am. 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 806-983-2032.

Thank you for remem-

bering the Center with donations or memorials.

MENU

August 10 - August 14

- Monday - Meatloaf
- Tuesday - Taco salad - \$4
- Wednesday - Chicken strips
- Thursday - Smothered burrito
- Friday - BBQ on bun

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens news

By Bambi Session
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY- The Lockney Seniors Citizens Center is under new management. The new manager is Bambi Cochran Sessions of Lockney.

Renee Armstrong turned her resignation in to the board on Monday, July 27. Renee commented, "After 12 years of service to you I give my resignation. I appreciate the time with you all over the years."

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. Delivery in Lockney ONLY.

Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Also available to order each day from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. is: Hamburger basket - \$7; Steak finger basket - \$7; Chicken strip basket - \$7; Club sandwich and

chips - \$7; Salads (Chef, chicken & etc) - \$7; Chili cheese dog and chips - \$7. Pre-orders are welcome starting at 9 a.m.

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

For questions, contact the center at 806-652-2745. Stay safe.

AUGUST CALENDER:

- Aug. 15 - Saturday Night Fish Fry - 5 p.m. - sold out
- Aug. 24 - Bingo Night - 6 p.m.

MENU

August 10 - August 14

- Monday - Chicken fried steak
- Tuesday - Red sauce enchiladas
- Wednesday - Hamburger steak
- Thursday - Pork chops
- Friday - Pot roast

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Dorothy Fay Hall Crabb

Dorothy Fay Hall Crabb, 97, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in Lockney. Graveside services were held Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Her grandson-in-law, Dan Bragdon officiated.

She will be buried in Rush Springs Cemetery in Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

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

Dorothy was born October 20, 1922, west of Rush Springs, Oklahoma to Ray and Olive (Fisher) Hall.

She attended school in Richland and graduated from Rush Springs High School in 1940. She attended Junior College in Corpus Christi and graduated from North Texas State Teachers College in Denton in 1944.

She married Lenard Dale Crabb on December 16, 1945 in Corpus Christi when he returned from World War II.

Dorothy taught Vocational Home Economics for 13 years and grade

school for 19 years. She loved kids. She was teaching in Silverton, Texas just before she retired. She also liked to sew, knit, quilt and she was a great cook.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Lockney, when she and Lenard moved to Floydada in their later years. She loved the Lord. Her favorite times were spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Growing up, she was an only child, so she loved Lenard's family dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2007; his parents; three brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law, Bill and JoAnn Crabb, Bob and Cleo Crabb, and Alton Crabb; and her granddaughter, Amanda Crabb Ciccarelli in 2012.

Those left to cherish Dorothy's memory include her son, William Ray Crabb and wife, Miu of Sparks, Nevada; her daughter, Lenda Fay Clark and husband, Oliver of



DOROTHY FAY HALL CRABB

Floydada; seven grandchildren, Allison Martin and husband, Tony of Carrollton, Texas, Caroline Crabb of Sparks, Nevada, Rebecca Crabb Dierksen and husband, Shaun of Rowlett, Texas, Lenard Crabb of Tyler, Texas, Dorothy Crabb Pulley and husband, Will of Athens, Texas, Angie Clark Ostrander of Pflugerville, Texas and Kelli Clark Bragdon and husband, Dan of Lake Lure, North Carolina; and grandson-in-law, Ron Ciccarelli of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. She had twelve great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Betty Crabb of Rush Springs, Oklahoma; her cousin, Helen Jean Fisher of Marlow, Oklahoma and many very special nieces and nephews. She will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

Bettye Kenney Poole

Bettye Kenney Poole, 89, of Lubbock, Texas passed from this earth to her heavenly home on Monday July 27, 2020.

Bettye was born in Whitewright, Texas to Earl and Ollie Kenney on August 13, 1930.

She graduated from Floydada High School, Wayland Baptist University and West Texas State University.

Bettye and Kenneth Bain Poole were married on June 5, 1949 in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Lubbock. They lived 63 years in the Dougherty Community.

Bettye taught social studies and then was a school counselor at Floydada I.S.D. for 27 years.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, the J.D. Dodsons of Whitewright, Texas, her grandparents, George Alexander and Edna Dodson Kenney of Hagerman, Texas, her parents, her sister, Nelle Verner of Dallas and her husband.

She is survived by her son and only child, Lance Guy Poole of Dougherty; one and only granddaughter, Amber Poole Norris and her husband, Scott; two great-granddaughters, Haley and Chloe Norris; one great-grandson, Zachary Norris and wife, Cassidy and two great-great granddaughters, Kaidance and Keslyn, with a third great-great granddaughter on the way, all of Lubbock. She is also survived by two brothers, William Earl (Bill) Kenney, and Jimmy Richard (Rick) Kenney and one half-brother, Kelly Reagan Grimes.

Bettye's family was her pride and joy and we could not have asked for a better Grandmommy. She was an avid reader and loved to travel.

Bettye's family would like to thank the staff at the Isle at Raider Ranch for making the later years of both Kenneth and Bettye active, enjoyable and



BETTYE KENNEY POOLE

rewarding. Bettye was a member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

She donated her body to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine and requested that no services be held.

Memorials may be made in her memory to CrossView Christian Camp, P.O. Box 288, Dickens, TX 79229, Dougherty Cemetery Fund, c/o Tommie Covington, P.O. Box 2, Dougherty, TX 79231 or First Baptist Church of Floydada, 401 S. Main Street, Floydada, TX 79235.

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.

Billy Joe Hambricht

Billy Joe Hambricht, age 91, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020.

Graveside services were

held at 10 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2020 at the Lakeview Cemetery. Gary Boles officiated.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

God's Peace

The psalmist wrote, "I'm for peace, but when I speak, they are for war." - Psalm 120:7 (CEB)

In Psalm 120, it seems that the psalmist was getting frustrated at not finding any peace at all in his surroundings — or even the entire world. In a state of great stress and agony, he was asking God to deliver him from the corrupt minds who do not accept peace.

In today's world, we also may feel devastated because we cannot find peace. At times it seems that some people do not want peace, and as a result peace feels impossible to achieve. The stress of constant war and conflict makes us tired and discouraged. We see some people fighting for selfish interests, some for what they believe in, and some against

ideas they oppose.

The glory of God's peace is not in winning; it is about living in God's way — following the Prince of Peace who told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27, NIV). —*Aftab Yunis Hakim (Punjab, Pakistan)*

TODAY'S PRAYER

God of peace, comfort those who are living in great turmoil, and rescue those who face persecution. Grant them your peace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School....10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
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Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.
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Service Every Sunday
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Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
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Floydada
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Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
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Mark Snowden, Pastor
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Ludustria Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
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Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>First Baptist Church
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
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Gary Boles, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Rev. Timothy Askey
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship -11 a.m.</p> | <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
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Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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
*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Dan Beaty, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
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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.</p> | <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
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Rev. Renato Cruz
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell
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Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem
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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.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida
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Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
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*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
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Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors
983-5499
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Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.
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Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
*****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
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Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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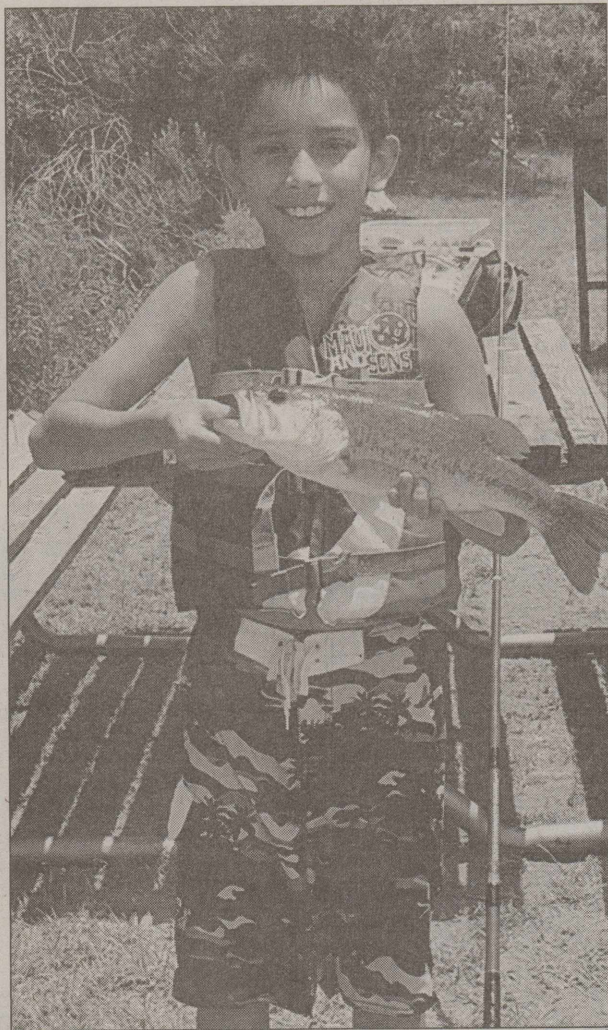
Floyd County 4-H Spotlight

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

This week's 4-H spotlight is Jaime Guerrero. He is the son of Joe Louis and Mary Guerrero. He will be going into the fourth grade this fall and loves math.

Guerrero is a first year 4-Her who took part in the rifle project and local stock show. He raised two gilts this past year. When he isn't busy with schoolwork or helping around the house, he loves playing video games, riding his bike, swimming and, of course, fishing. Over the summer Guerrero took many weekend trips to the lake.

"When I grow up, I want to work with animals. That's part of the reason I like 4-H so much, because I got to work with my pigs for the stock show," Guerrero said. "I enjoyed the rifle class, too. Being in 4-H gives me a chance to make new friends."



South Plains Livestock Judging Lubbock

Saturday, September 26

Pigeon and poultry shows at 9 a.m. in the poultry building.

Jr. market goat shows at 10 a.m. in the swine barn.

Team roping starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Livestock Pavilion 2W.

Sunday, September 27

Open youth swine show starts at 9 a.m. in the swine barn.

Monday, September 28

Dairy cattle show starts at 8 a.m. in the Livestock Pavilion 2W

Beef Cattle show starts at 9 a.m. in the Livestock Pavilion 2W

Tuesday, September 29

Open Boer goat show starts at 9 a.m. in swine barn

Wednesday, September 30

Open Southwest Regional Southdown show starts at 9 a.m. in swine barn

Open Rambouillet sheep shows immediately following the open Southwest Regional show

Thursday, October 1

Rabbit show starts at 9 a.m. in the rabbit building

Friday, October 2

Rabbit show starts at 9 a.m. in the rabbit building

Saturday, October 3

Jr Lamb show starts at 8 a.m. in the swine building

Jr Beef Heifer show starts at 8 a.m. in the Livestock Pavilion 2W

Jr Steer show starts at 11 a.m. in the Livestock Pavilion 2W

South Plains Fair Admission Prices

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Senior Citizens and Veterans day - Tuesday, September 29

All persons over the age of 60 and any veteran pay only \$5

College Night - Thursday, October 1

Present your current college ID and pay only \$5

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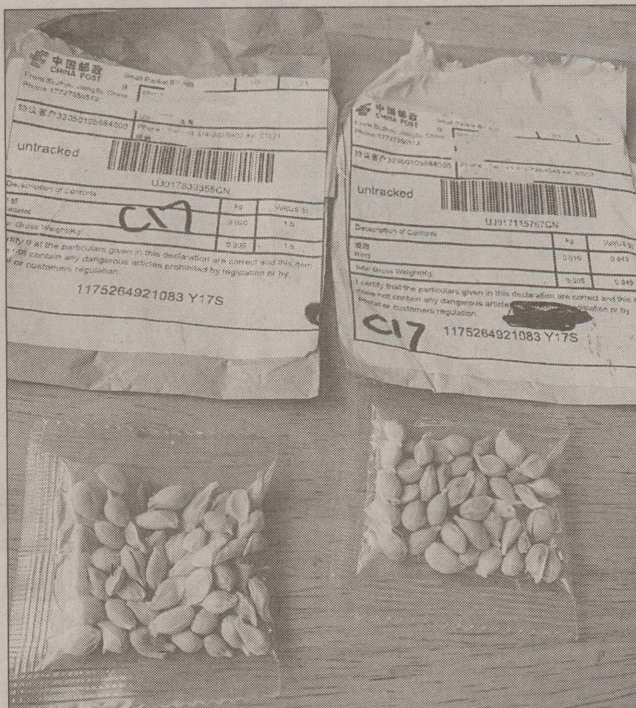
Mystery seeds from China arrive in Texas

By Kay Ledbetter
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - Texas residents are now among those across the nation receiving mysterious seeds delivered by mail in tiny bags marked as jewelry. U.S. Department of Agriculture officials are on alert because these seeds are unsolicited and are arriving in packages with Chinese writing and a return address in China.

Kevin Ong, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service plant pathologist and director of the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, said the concern arises because these packages have seeds in them instead of what is listed, and there is no information on what type of seeds they might be.

"We don't know what kind of seeds they are," Ong said. "Not knowing what the seeds are could potentially open our agriculture industry up to noxious weeds. If that proves to be the case, if they take hold, they could impact agriculture negatively."



Mystery seeds with labeling from China. (Source: Washington State Department of Agriculture)

Any Floyd County resident who receives these seeds in the mail should contact Mark Carroll or Cristen Brooks at the AgriLife

Extension Service Floyd County at 122 E. California Street, Floydada or call 806-983-4912.

According to USDA-Animal, Plant Health Inspection Service,

APHIS, the Plant Protection and Quarantine, PPQ, regulates the importation of plants and plant products under the authority of the Plant Protection Act. PPQ maintains its import program to safeguard U.S. agriculture and natural resources from the risks associated with the entry, establishment or spread of animal and plant pests and noxious weeds. These regulations prohibit or restrict the importation of living plants, plant parts and seeds for propagation.

"Seeds for planting can be produced all over the world and some you buy may come from other countries," Ong said. "Companies that sell these seeds have the necessary permits. In this situation, the source is not readily known. What USDA wants to know is why are people getting these and are they noxious weeds."

What to do with mystery seeds Do not simply discard these seeds as they can potentially germinate and escape into nature, Ong said. All cases should be reported to USDA and all packages should be

kept secure until USDA gives further instructions.

All incidences of receipt of these unrequested seeds should be reported to USDA-APHIS by sending an email to Carol Motloch, USDA-APHIS' Texas PPQ state operations coordinator, at carol.m.motloch@usda.gov. The email should include a contact email and phone number as well as a description of package information. Sending a photo of the label and material would also be helpful.

"First, if you didn't order it, we don't want anyone planting these See **SEED**, Page 8

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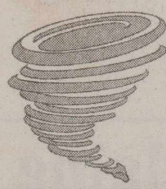
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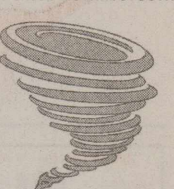
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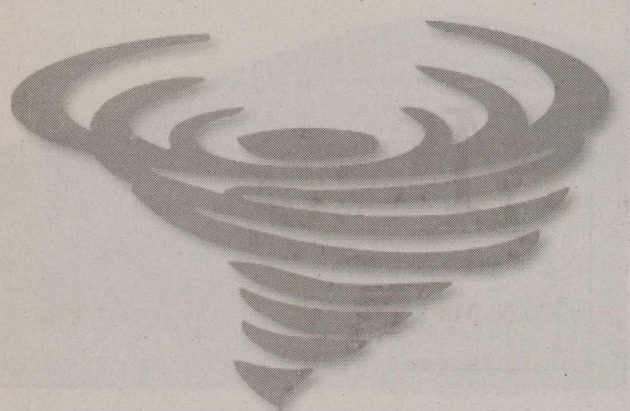
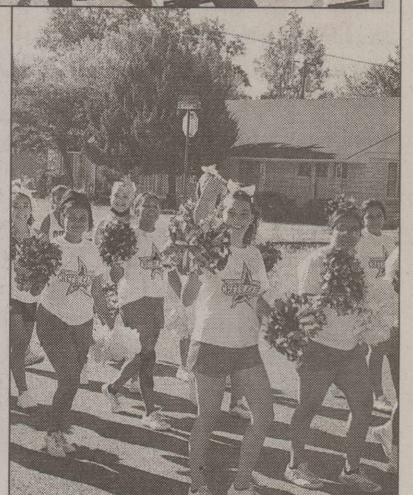
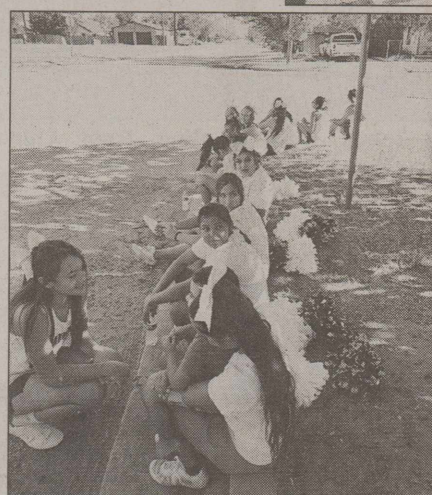
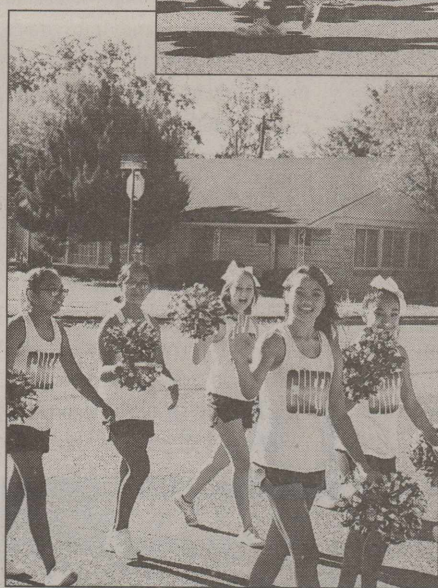
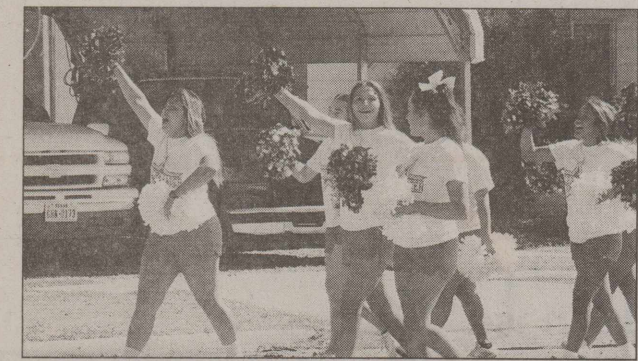
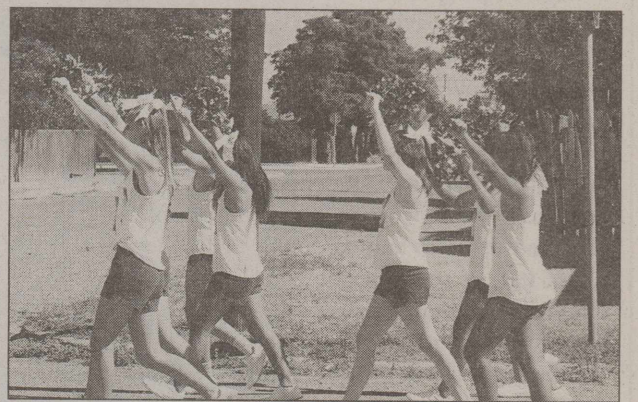
Floydada Whirlwinds



Going the extra mile

Floydada Cheer-A-Thon raises funds

The Floydada Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior High cheerleading squads participate in cheer-a-thon on Saturday morning, July 31. The young ladies walked a total of 7 miles all across town. Each mile was sponsored for their cheer fundraiser. The Floydada cheerleaders are raising money for their cheer gear for the upcoming season. As the cheerleaders marched across the streets of Floydada, escorted by Floydada Police Department, they chanted their cheers and sprinkled their spirit to each neighborhood. (The Hesperian Beacon/Yelena Serrato and Casey Fipps Romero)



Floydada Ex-Students Association cancels homecoming gatherings

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

After much consideration, the Floydada Ex-Students Association Committee has determined that the 2020 Homecoming observance and gathering needs to be

cancelled due to continued Covid 19 concerns.

At this time, the school will continue to call Friday, Sept. 4, homecoming for the students. They will proceed with the Friday night half-time festivities in presentation of

the homecoming court and the dedication of the Charles Tyer Stadium. The Whirlwinds will be playing the county rival Lockney Longhorns.


You are welcome to visit at any time. Come see the new

stadium and school at your convenience, however, no formal activities are planned at this time.

Please continue to follow us at FloydadaWhirlwinds.org and at Floydada Ex-Students page on Facebook.

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Lockney Longhorns

Parent Back-to-School letter from LISD Superintendent Baum

Dear Lockney ISD Parents and Students,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as you have anxiously awaited our plan for returning to school. Our School Board approved the plan last Thursday at our July 30 board meeting, and we can now officially share it with you.

Please note that this is a starting point for us, and we fully expect to make revisions as the guidance we receive changes and as we develop more effective strategies and practices. To say this will be a challenging return to school would be a huge understatement.

As you read through the plan, I want you to realize that the priority of this school district is to make this return as safe and healthy as possible for our students and our staff. This means that instruction and important traditions may often take a backseat to safer practices. There is nothing normal about being a student or a teacher in 2020. We cannot control that. We can, however, control our approach to the challenges so that we might make the absolute best of the situation while enjoying small victories. I'm sorry that we are going through this.

You will have a thousand questions after reading through this plan. Please note that this plan is not an all-inclusive procedural document. In fact, almost every aspect of this plan has required a sub-plan of strategies. Each of those strategies presents new challenges for implementation. This plan is a guideline that will help us interpret situations and drive our decisions. You cannot merely read this document. You must study it. We ask that you question it, but please do so in terms of whether you believe the decisions have truly been made to prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff. This is important.

There are a couple of topics within this document that were not anticipated but have been determined to be in the best interest of our students' health. First, LISD has suspended our "in-town" bus routes. The procedures demanded of our transportation department make these routes an impossibility to manage at this time. This was a very difficult decision for us to make, but the distancing and sanitation rules that govern us will prevent offering these routes. The second major decision that varies from what we have communicated up to this point is the exclusion of voluntary remote-learners from participating in UIL extracurricular activities or certain courses that require/involve extracurricular activities as part of the program. This includes athletics, band, and advanced Ag and CTE classes. In short, only students attending on-campus instruction may participate in UIL extracurricular activities and courses that require or include extracurricular activities. We needed to clear the

lens to make this decision. The only valid reason recognized for choosing the At-Home remote learning model is to limit exposure to people and the virus. The reality is that participation in these courses actually carry an increased possibility of exposure. To choose remote instruction in order to reduce reasonable exposure but engage in extracurricular activities that may involve higher risks of exposure, lacks continuity. LISD will respect the wishes of all parents regarding their choice of learning models but we will provide continuity in our programming.

While we are sharing hard news, we need to address the UIL guidelines that dictate social distancing standards to be implemented at all athletic events. Our bleachers will be limited to 50% capacity and social distancing measures that will effectively make our athletic events a family affair...much like graduation. Nobody likes this mandate, but we understand why it is in place. If this is what it takes for our Longhorns to hit the field, we will embrace it. Although this doesn't fit our tradition model, it is aligned with our health and safety priorities. In the end, that is more important. We are seeking alternatives to provide access to the game through digital media or radio. I'm sorry to have to share this news with you.

There is a lot of other information in the plan. Please read it carefully. Jot down questions as you have them but be sure to look for the answers within the remainder of the document. Again, we fully expect this plan to be revised as we receive more guidance and learn more effective practices through experience. Your participation in the process will be vital and valued. Remember, these decisions are not based on what we want. They are based on safer practices that will keep our students safe and healthy.

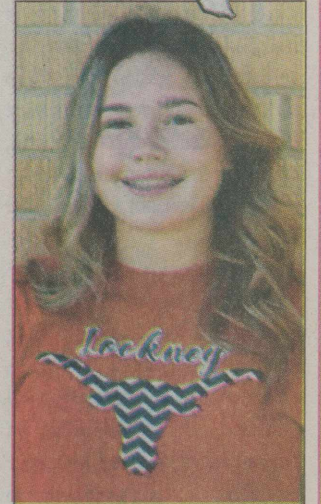
We want to see our children in school. We hate this nightmare scenario every bit as much as you do and we long for a time when we can engage each other without fear or trepidation. We know you will do a great job of helping your child understand our situation. We fully expect our kids to come out of this with a desire to attack their futures. Please feel free to share your concerns with us. Our email addresses are listed in the Back to School Plan, which you can see at www.lockneyisd.net. Go to the menu and click on "Back to School Information".

Without a doubt, we are all disappointed. Please don't allow that disappointment to become anger. There is enough of that in the world. We are in this together. We will get through it together. I am proud to be part of this community...with you.

Sincerely,
Jim Baum, Superintendent
 Lockney ISD
 July 31, 2020

Longhorn Pride Spotlight

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon



Longhorn blood runs deep in Lockney High School cheerleader Saylee Diepenhorst. She has been cheering on the Longhorns for three years.

She is the daughter of Chad and Susan Diepenhorst.

Diepenhorst will be cheering the Longhorns as a freshman this year.

She loves cheering on the Longhorns with her friends and said getting to represent LHS is the best.

"Since we only have

homecoming once every four years, that's the game I can't wait for. It's going to be the best game I have ever cheered at."

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Lockney Cheer Camp



Lockney High School cheerleaders attend cheer camp at the Rebel Cheer and Dance Studio in Plainview. They received three days of one-on-one training and conditioning and learned new cheers. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

LSC
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center will be open for breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will still offer a daily lunch plate that fits with all the food plate serving qualifications. They also offer daily specials.

"Our meals are catered to our senior community, but anyone is welcome. We serve well balanced, wholesome meals. Everything is fresh and nothing is preformed or pre-battered," Session said. "We still offer free delivery in Lockney. We've also delivered to the schools, businesses, the hospital and we are excited that will not change," said Session.

Lockney Senior Center continues to offer yearly membership for \$30, and that fee is currently being prorated. With the membership, seniors receive \$1 off every meal purchased. The center relies on these memberships and donations to be able to keep the doors open so home-bound seniors can receive those well-balanced hot meals daily. For some of those people, this is the only hot meal they eat each day.

"A household can purchase a

membership for any school age kid so that kid can come in everyday and get a hot home cooked meal for just \$6. If you do not have a membership the fee is \$7," said Session. Everyone is encouraged to become a member. To place an order, call the Lockney Senior Citizens center at 806-652-2745.

With new management, comes new ideas. Friday night fish fries will now be Saturday night fish fries and will be held once a month. "We're excited to announce that we will be serving hot, freshly battered catfish and all the trimming on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 5 p.m. till we sell out," said Session.

Bingo night will be starting back Monday, Aug. 24, and everyone is invited to join in the fun and laughs. Come out and win some prizes and have fun. The fun starts at 6 p.m. and concessions will be available to purchase, including burgers, hot dogs, chili, cheese, chips and lots more.

Bingo cards will be for sale three cards for \$3, players are welcome to buy all they play. Marker doblers also will be for sale for \$2 each.

The last Sunday of every month Loteria Bingo afternoon will be held. The fun starts at 2 p.m. and goes until 4 p.m. Concessions also will be available for purchase. The

cards will be for sale for \$1 per card with markers provided.

"I just want the people in our community to know that I love this community, and I love each person here. We are here to help our community, and we're here to serve the needs of everyone here. I have a dream for this place," Session said. "I want everyone in our community to come together and fellowship, have fun, talk, share a meal to just rejoice that we have each other. And the center is where it starts. Our doors are open for everyone of all ages, we welcome you and we do not discriminate against any age, sex, color or religion."

Starting Monday Aug. 19, the Senior Citizens Center will open its doors for Lockney ISD students' grades seventh through 12th grades. Free Wi-Fi is offered so students have a safe, controlled and supervised environment for them to get homework completed. Concession food items are available for purchase. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

"We ask that you give us a try. You will be glad you did. Each meal is served with lots of pride and love. If we would not serve it to our family, we are not serving it to the community or to you," Session said.

SEEDS
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seeds or even opening the packages," said Larry Stein, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist, Uvalde. "It could be a scam, or it very well could be dangerous."

"We recommend anyone receiving the seeds send an email to USDA and then wait to see if they are asked to send them in," Stein said. "We would not advise throwing them away until more informa-

tion is known because they might contaminate the landfill."

To date, packages containing these mystery seeds have also been received in Washington, Virginia, Utah, Kansas, Louisiana, Arizona and Texas.

Advice from Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller is that anyone receiving a foreign package containing seeds should not open it. Keep contents contained in their original sealed package.

"I am urging folks to take this matter seriously," Miller said in a

press release. "An invasive plant species might not sound threatening, but these small invaders could destroy Texas agriculture. TDA has been working closely with USDA to analyze these unknown seeds so we can protect Texas residents."

An invasive species is an organism that is not native to a particular region. The introduction of this "alien species" can cause economic or environmental harm. In agriculture, an invasive species can destroy native crops, introduce disease to native plants and may be dangerous for livestock.

The 501:
Alfred E. and Billiken: the What? Me Worry? crazes



HANABA MUNN WELCH

To be continued. At the very end of last week's essay on all things refrigerator (if you missed it, don't worry), that three-word conclusion came to me in a moment of genius inspired by a circa-1960 "MAD Magazine." That's my excuse.

The very first "MAD" to fall into my adolescent

hands had one story "continued on the back cover." It wasn't. Naively I searched the whole magazine for the ending to the cliffhanger.

I soon understood "MAD" was a this-is-not-your-parents'-magazine kind of magazine. As a new teen, I was hooked.

Some things I never quite understood - like the "MAD" icon Alfred E. Neuman. Who was he?

Not that it mattered. Back in those pre-Internet days, some things you just wondered about. Then you moved on with your life. Yes, sometimes you could find answers at the library, but for students like me the library was mainly a place to complete school assignments or to check out a novel. Not to investigate Alfred E. Neuman.

Even "MAD" wasn't all that concerned about Alfred's true identity until they got sued for stealing a copyrighted 1914 post card image. "MAD" managed to win in court by finding sufficient proof their character existed in various pre-1914 representations.

In a nutshell, an 1894 play, "The New Boy" by British playwright Arthur Law, enjoyed runs on both sides of the Atlantic. Across America, posters and newspaper ads prominently featured the "New Boy" face and not-to-be-overlooked ears that would eventually belong to Alfred E.

Neuman. Various turn-of-the-century uses popularized the image. Pity the political candidate who looked like the caricature.

Want to know more? I recommend Sam Sweet's article "A Boy with No Birthday Turns Sixty," The Paris Review, March 3, 2016.

Meanwhile, what about the "What, Me Worry?" slogan synonymous with the face? Well, the United States enjoyed an "I Should Worry" craze along about 1910, meaning, paradoxically, "I Should Not Worry."

What prompted the phenomenon? Were things happening in 1910 that people were choosing not to worry about?

RESEARCH

Sure enough, planet earth was due to pass through the tail of Halley's Comet on May 19, 1910. Widespread fear prevailed that all life would be wiped out by the comet's gases. Hucksters were selling anti-comet pills. Gas masks were popular.

All the madness called for an antidote. The impish Alfred E. Neuman-esque character fit the bill. He wasn't panicked. What? Me Worry?

Billiken wasn't worried either. Billiken? He's a chubby little Spock-eared good luck charm -- a Buddha-like version of Neuman, smiling instead of grinning. Billiken-mania swept the nation roughly from 1909-1912. Billiken became the mascot of Saint Louis University in 1911 after a sports writer noted a resemblance to an SLU coach.

So, there you have it. Billiken and Alfred E. Neuman's precursors were cousins during the early "no worries" 1900s.

The good news? If you're not worried about COVID-19 (or Halley's Comet), masks are available with both Billiken and Alfred E. Neuman motifs. Wear either one to get your point across:

What? Me Worry?

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS - Combined Notice

08/05/2020
City of Lockney
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lockney.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 24, 2020 the City of Lockney will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of CDBG Funds under Section 104 (f) of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as CDBG #7219239 for Water/Sewer Improvements. The project shall consist of rehabilitating the lift station to comply with TCEQ regulations. Contractor shall install two (2) lift station pumps, SCADA controls, electrical controls, one (1) permanently fixed generator, and all associated appurtenances, to include Administrative and Engineering fees and services. With funding of \$275,000.00 is from the Texas Community Development Block Grant funds, and \$41,250 in matching local funds from the City of Lockney.

Construction shall take place at the lift station located on W. Locust Street midway between SW 7th Street and SW 8th Street.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lockney has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to City of Lockney, 218 E Locust, Lockney, Texas 79241 or by email to buster@cityoflockney.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Lockney. All comments received by August 23, 2020 will be considered by the City of Lockney prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to City of Lockney, City Manager, at buster@cityoflockney.com. Potential objectors should contact City of Lockney via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lockney certifies to TDA that Michael DeLeon in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lockney to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Lockney certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Lockney; (b) the City of Lockney has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TDA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Texas Department of Agriculture, Environmental Review Specialist, via email at Pamela.Wozniak@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael DeLeon, Mayor of the City of Lockney

PUBLIC NOTICE

AVISO DE ENCONTRAR NINGÚN IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO Y AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR LA RENUNCIA DE FONDOS - Aviso combinado

08/05/2020
Ciudad de Lockney
PO Box 387
Lockney
(806)652-2355

Estos avisos cumplirán dos requisitos de procedimiento separado pero conexo para las actividades que llevará a cabo la ciudad de Lockney.

SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

Aproximadamente el 24 de agosto de 2020, la ciudad de Lockney presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas para la liberación de los Fondos CDBG bajo la Sección 104 (f) del Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, en su forma enmendada, para llevar a cabo un proyecto conocido como CDBG #7219239 para Mejoras de Agua/Alcantarillado. El proyecto consistirá en rehabilitar la estación elevadora para cumplir con la normativa TCEQ. El contratista instalará dos (2) bombas de estación elevadora, controles SCADA, controles eléctricos, un (1) generador permanentemente fijo y todas las características asociadas, para incluir tarifas y servicios administrativos y de ingeniería. Con fondos de \$275,000.00 es de los fondos de Texas Community Development Block Grant, y \$41,250 en fondos locales coincidentes de la ciudad de Lockney.

La construcción se llevará a cabo en la estación elevadora situada en W. Locust Street a mitad de camino entre SW 7th Calle y SW 8th Calle.

ENCONTRAR NINGÚN IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO

La ciudad de Lockney ha determinado que el proyecto no tendrá un impacto significativo en el medio ambiente humano. Por lo tanto, no se requiere una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental bajo la Ley nacional de Política Ambiental de 1969 (NEPA). La información adicional del proyecto está contenida en el Registro de Revisión Ambiental (ERR). El ERR se pondrá a disposición del público para su revisión, ya sea electrónicamente o por correo postal de los Estados Unidos. Envíe su solicitud por correo electrónico a City of Lockney, 218 E Locust, Lockney, Texas 79241 o por correo electrónico a buster@cityoflockney.com.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS

Cualquier individuo, grupo o agencia puede enviar comentarios por escrito sobre el ERR a la ciudad de Lockney. Todos los comentarios recibidos antes del 23 de agosto de 2020 serán considerados por la ciudad de Lockney antes de autorizar la presentación de una solicitud de liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar a qué aviso están dirigiendo. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y enviadas por correo electrónico de acuerdo con los procedimientos requeridos (24 CFR Parte 58, Sec. 58.76) y se dirigirán a La Ciudad de Lockney, Gerente de la Ciudad, en buster@cityoflockney.com. Los posibles objetores deben ponerse en contacto con la ciudad de Lockney por correo electrónico para verificar el último día real del período de objeción.

CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL

La ciudad de Lockney certifica a TDA que Michael DeLeon en su calidad de alcalde consiente en aceptar la jurisdicción de los tribunales federales si se lleva a cabo una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades en relación con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que estas responsabilidades han sido satisfechas. La aprobación de TDA de la certificación satisface sus responsabilidades bajo NEPA y las leyes y autoridades relacionadas y permite a la ciudad de Lockney utilizar los fondos del Programa.

OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

El Departamento de Agricultura de Texas (TDA) aceptará objeciones a su liberación del fondo y a la certificación de la Ciudad de Lockney por un período de quince días después de la fecha de presentación anticipada o su recepción efectiva de la solicitud (lo que sea más tarde) sólo si se encuentran en una de las siguientes bases: (a) la certificación no fue ejecutada por el Oficial Certificador de la Ciudad de Lockney; (b) la ciudad de Lockney ha omitido un paso o no ha tomado una decisión o hallazgo requerido por las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR Parte 58 antes de la aprobación de una liberación de fondos por TDA; o (d) otra agencia federal que actúe de conformidad con 40 CFR Parte 1504 ha presentado una constatación escrita de que el proyecto es insatisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y presentadas de acuerdo con los procedimientos requeridos (24 CFR Parte 58, Sec. 58.76) y se dirigirán al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas, Especialista en Revisión Ambiental, por correo electrónico en Pamela.Wozniak@TexasAgriculture.gov. Los posibles objetores deben ponerse en contacto con TDA para verificar el último día real del período de objeción.

Michael DeLeon, Alcalde de la Ciudad de Lockney

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Floydada Independent School District is now accepting bids for the **purchase of vehicle fuel.**

Floydada ISD anticipates purchasing approximately 17,000 gallons of gasoline and approximately 20,000 gallons of diesel fuel for the 2020-2021 school year. Any bids submitted should properly reflect a discount for the amount of fuel to be purchased.

All Bids must be submitted on the form provided to the District no later than Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at which time they will be opened. The bids shall be presented to the Board at its regular Board meeting on Tuesday, August 25th.

Floydada ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted and/or waive irregularities or informalities deemed in the District's best interest. Please note that the purchase of vehicle fuel and purchases for goods and services valued at less than \$50,000 in the aggregate for a 12-month period do not require any formal bid process. Accordingly, the District is using a compressed schedule, and shall select the vendor(s) that it determines will provide the best value for the District.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A BID OR BIDS IN RESPONSE TO ANY OF THE REQUESTS FOR BIDS ABOVE, THE VENDOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID(S), AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING A VENDOR. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE VENDOR FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT, OR ANY OF ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID(S) SUBMITTED.

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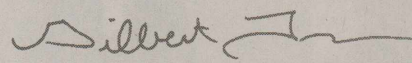
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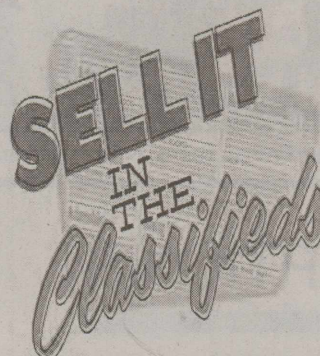
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KCBD news team focuses on Floydada

By Yelena Serrato
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—Floydada made the TV news – and it's all good news.

KCBD News Channel 11 of Lubbock kicked off the second week of its Community Wide Coverage Tour with a spotlight of Floydada on Tuesday July 28.

KCBD has been featuring surrounding Lubbock communities for 18 years, highlighting the stories of a town's history, community members, businesses and schools.

Floydada Mayor Bobby Gilliland said it's important for the community to be out in front of the people of the South Plains, and residents should be excited to be featured.

News anchors Karin McCay and Abner Euresti featured the success of local businesses, including Pumpkin Pyle, The Scoop and community legend Don Hardy and his classic cars. KCBD also featured a story on Dr. Kevin Shivley's Family Dentistry office and their work providing fitted mouth pieces to the Floydada Whirlwind football team. The custom mouth guards are provided at no cost to the players or coaching staff, compliments of Dr. Shivley.

KCBD also helped promote the fundraiser the Plains Baptist Camp and Retreat Center hopes to launch to overcome the effects of COVID-19.

Along with providing local news, KCBD brought out meteorologist John Robinson who provided the forecast live from the Assister

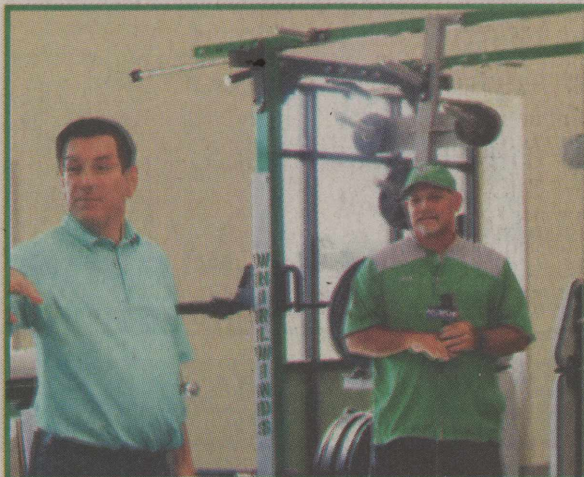
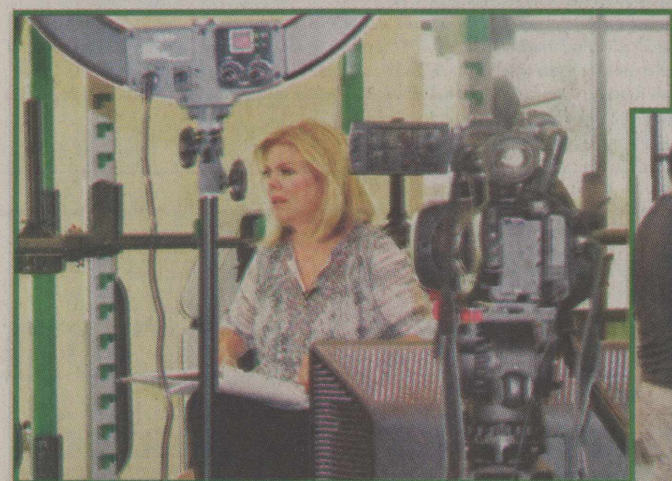
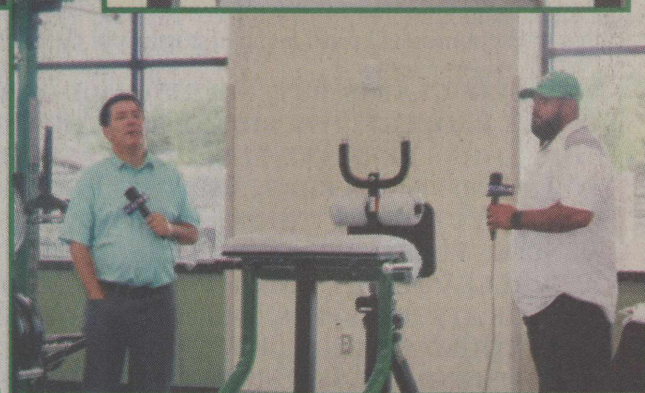
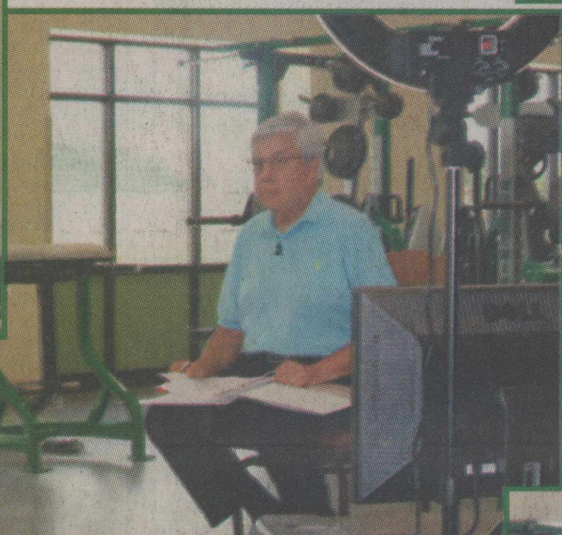
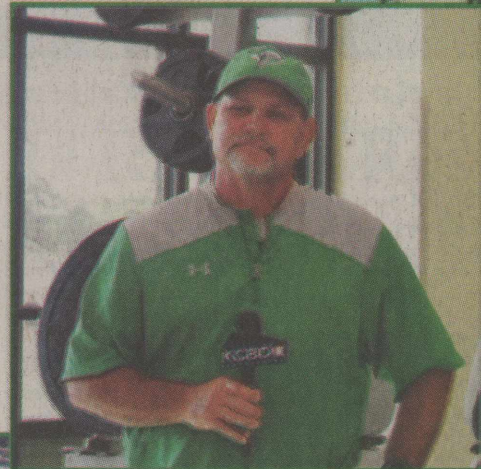
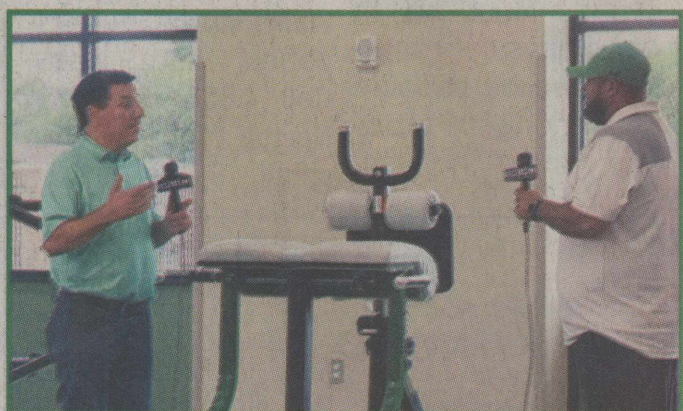
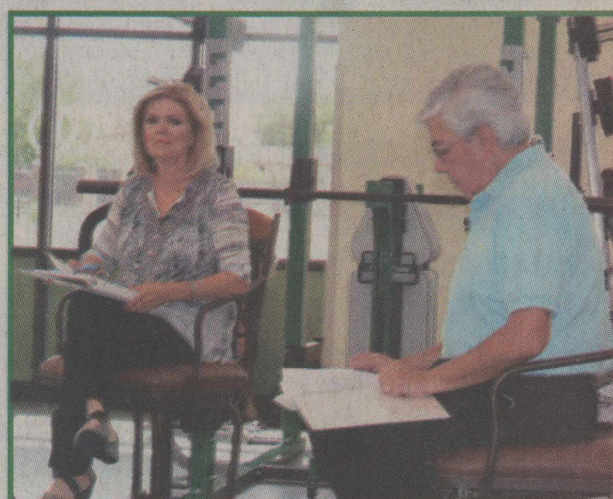
Punkin Ranch & Pumpkin Patch.

Sports Journalist Pete Christy conducted a series of interviews with Head Basketball Coach Adam Zepeda and Head Football Coach Scotty Bruington about the upcoming 2020-2021 season.

KCBD was on site with its news coverage, live from the new high school and secondary building. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no crowds were allowed during the coverage like previous years where the entire community was welcome to watch live.

Despite the restrictions, KCBD highlighted the community and townspeople that make Pumpkin Capital USA a special place to live. The stories of Floydada can be found on KCBD.com.

"This feature keeps our community out in the eye of the public. Even though we did not have a gathering, it still let's people know we are here and that we have a new business in town (The Scoop), and, of course, about the Pyle's, who are big contributors to the Floydada Chamber and the community. Pumpkin Pyle gets exposure all over the world," Gilliland said.



Behind the scenes with KCBD anchors Karin and Abner and news team. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)

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