

\*\*\*\*\*5-DIGIT 79235  
 426 07-30-21 98 1N  
 FLOYD COUNTY HISTORI MUSEUM \*\*B003  
 PO BOX 304  
 FLOYDADA TX 79235-0304

Lockney girls defeat Floydada,  
 earn playoff spot PAGE 5

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK FEB. 1-5  
 A salute to some of our local school  
 counselors, Page 4

Valentine Brag Photos  
 IN THIS ISSUE

News you can trust for  
 FLOYDADA • LOCKNEY • DOUGHERTY  
 AND SURROUNDING AREAS Since 1896

# The Floyd County HESPERIAN BEACON

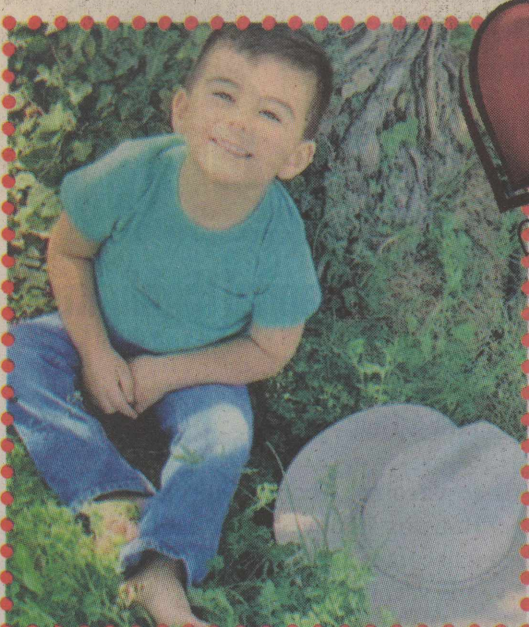
Vol. 124 No. 40 | Thursday, February 11, 2021 | www.HesperianBeaconOnline.com | ONE DOLLAR

## Valentine Brags 2021

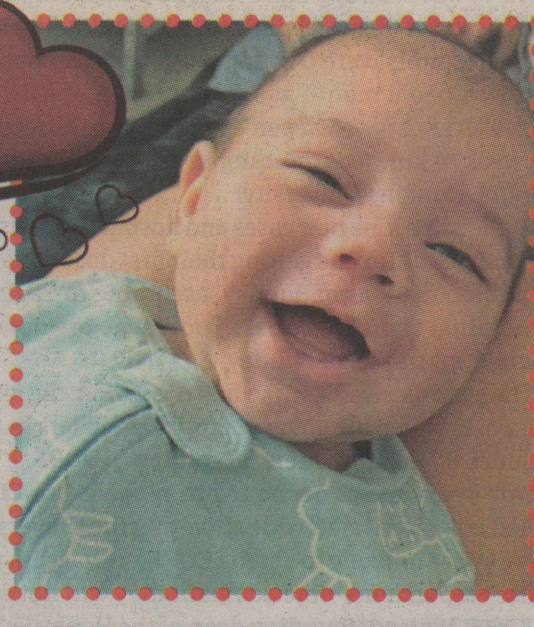
MACKENZIE MARTIN (right), age 3, is the daughter of Bryan and Kalli Martin of Floydada. Grandparents are HG and Cathy Graham of Lockney, Larry Ferguson of Floydada, Lane Martin of Lubbock, and Ronnie and Renee Guthrie of Clovis, New Mexico. Great-grandmother is Wanda Flippin of Plainview.



HOLDEN SAUL LOPEZ (left), age 1, is the son of Lupe and Ashley Lopez of Lubbock. Grandparents are Arnaldo and Susie Lopez and Marty and Delinda Lucke, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Demencio, Sr., and Juana Lopez and Linda Jackson, all of Floydada.



KEVEN ISAIAH ROMERO (above left), age 4, is the son of Sarah Romero and Anthony Kennedy. Grandparents are George and Casey Romero of Floydada.



TYLER JAY ALEXANDER ROMERO (above right), 3 months old, is the son of Steven Romero and Bri Castro of Springs, Texas. Grandparents are George and Casey Romero of Floydada and Stivins and LuAnn Castro of Springs, Texas.



LEVI BRADLEY MITCHELL (left), age 10, is the son of Liz Adams and Chris Adams, and the grandson of Barbara Brannon and Kay Ellington.

PAGE 10 More  
 Valentine Brags

Happy Valentine's Day!



JACKSON TAYLOR of Lockney will compete for big prizes on the upcoming season of "Ultimate Cowboy Showdown" starting Feb. 24. | COURTESY PHOTO

and Montana and his self-described wild personality are likely to contribute to his successes as he strives to outdo his rivals. It will be tough competition indeed, with other bull riders, horse trainers, and experienced ranchers. Taylor and several other contestants have gained expertise passed down through their families for generations.

"I'm an everyday cowboy," Taylor said in a promotional video for the show, "and that's what I like best."

See ULTIMATE, page 10

COMING UP ON INSP

## Lockney native Taylor featured in "Ultimate Cowboy Showdown"

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

LOCKNEY—When season two of "Ultimate Cowboy Showdown," hosted by country musician Trace Adkins and filmed in Edgewood, Texas, premieres on Wednesday, Feb. 24 on the INSP television channel, local viewers may spot a familiar face.

Lockney native Jackson Taylor will be featured along with nine other men and four women who will participate in challenges of wit and strength over the course of ten episodes in teams and individually. Each competitor will attempt to win his or her own herd that can be taken to market, a portable corral, a cattle chute, and a prize belt buckle.

Texas Panhandle cowboy Jackson Taylor is characterized in his biography as "daring by nature." His years of work on large ranches in Texas, New Mexico

## EARLY VOTING BEGINS FEB. 16

### HD68 runoff set for Feb. 23

KAY ELLINGTON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Even though the 87th Texas legislature has been under way since January 12, 2021, this area, served by House District-68, has not had a state representative in the House.

Former state Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, vacated the seat when he successfully ran for Texas Senate District 30 in November.

On January 23 there was a five-way special election in which David Spiller, a Jacksboro attorney and school board trustee, and Craig Carter, a Nocona businessman, qualified for a runoff. Spiller finished first, getting 44 percent of the vote in the 22-county district, and Carter was the runner-up with 18 percent.

Since the special election, news about this race has been dominated by the tragedy striking Carter's life. His four-year-old daughter and his mother-in-law were killed in a hit-and-run vehicle crash on I-35, and his three-year-old son has been in intensive care since the incident.

Carter said in a Feb. 7 statement, "I prayed for hours about dropping out of the race. I believe I owe it to my family and our community to finish this race. I am a rancher and a business owner, not a politician. I will never forget what I owe this community, and I will fight for you and your family every single day."

Among the many people expressing support for Carter's wife and family were his opponent, Spiller, who said, "My wife, Ginger, and I were shocked and saddened to hear of



CRAIG CARTER (R)



DAVID SPILLER (R)

the tragedy devastating the family of Craig Carter. I would ask everyone to join me in continuing to pray for the Carter and Morgan families for their losses and for the treatment and recovery of Craig and Leigha's son, Rex."

Spiller planned a Feb. 9-10 tour of cities in the western portion of the district. "Thank you to the nearly 10,000 voters who came out to vote in this important election," said Spiller, who secured the endorsements of the other two Republican candidates in the original race as well as that of former governor Rick Perry.

On Thursday, Texas House speaker Dade Phelan announced committee assignments, including those for HD-68.

Friday, Feb. 5, Gov. Greg Abbott announced Feb. 23 as the date of the runoff of the HD 68 special election. Early voting for the runoff will begin Feb. 16.

The counties in this area that HD-68 represents include Cottle, King, Dickens, Kent, Motley, Hall and Floyd.

## UPCOMING

**LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS VALENTINE FUNDRAISER**  
 will have a special Valentine fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Plates are \$10 each and can be delivered or carried out. Special seating (dine-in) is offered

with reservations only. Ten couples will be seated at 5:15 p.m. and another 10 couples will be seated at 7:15 p.m. An Italian meal will be served. Call (806) 652-2745 to make your reservation or to place an order. For more info, see the Center's article in this week's issue.

**LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS** has partnered with the South Plains Food Bank (SPFB) in a commitment to make sure no food is wasted. Food boxes with pantry items are available every Thursday at the Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are no income or age requirements. Everyone from Floydada or Lockney is eligible. If you are homebound or Covid-19 positive, please call (806) 652-2745 to arrange for a porch drop.

**FBC FLOYDADA REVIVAL**  
 The First Baptist Church of Floydada will hold a revival on Sunday, Feb. 21 (10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.) and Monday, Feb. 22 through Wednesday, Feb. 4. A meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. Revival service will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be led by evangelist Herman Cramer. Music will be led by Paul and Christy Newberry.

**BURN BAN** The Floyd County Commissioners' Court has extended the burn ban for Floyd County until April 12, 2021.

**BARWISE**  
**GIN**  
 Chance and Trina Cornelius  
 205 FM 784, Floydada, Texas 79235  
 806-983-2737 (office) • 806-983-6146 (cell)

**Baby Shower Selections**  
 Seth and Jessica (Prisk) McCandless - Baby Girl Shower - February 13  
**Payne Pharmacy**  
 200 S. Main St. Floydada (806) 983-3111 • (800) 343-7961 Denise Payne, R.Ph.



The Floyd County  
**HESPERIAN-BEACON**

Vol. 124, No. 40 (USPS 202-680)  
Periodicals postage paid at Floydada, Texas.

THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN-BEACON is a weekly publication owned, published and printed in West Texas, covering Floydada, Lockney, Dougherty, and other communities of Floyd County. All submissions are run at the discretion of the editors.

POSTMASTER Send address changes to P. O. Box 430, Spur, TX 79370

PARAGRAPH RANCH LLC  
PUBLISHER KAY ELLINGTON  
kay.ellington@thetexaspress.com  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER  
BARBARA BRANNON  
spur@thetexaspress.com

MANAGING EDITOR  
BARBARA ANDERSON  
fchb.editor@yahoo.com; (806) 787-1334  
CONTENT EDITOR LIZ ADAMS  
lizadams.news@gmail.com; (806) 412-8200  
WRITER TERESA BIGHAM  
BUSINESS spur@thetexaspress.com  
(806) 271-3381

Please send ads, announcements, calendar events, and news items to fchb.editor@yahoo.com  
Information may be dropped off at 201 W. California St., Floydada

CONTENT SUBMISSIONS Deadline for ad submissions, announcements and news is Friday at noon.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are \$40/yr for subscribers living in Floyd County; \$50/yr elsewhere in Texas and out-of-state; and \$29/yr or \$5/mo for online subscriptions.  
Visit www.hesperianbeacononline.com to subscribe using PayPal, or send payment to P. O. Box 430, Spur, TX 79370.

ADVERTISING display rates are \$5.00 per column inch local and \$8 per column inch national. Obituary notices, classified ads, and text-only legal notices are \$10 for the first 35 words plus 25¢ for each additional word; photos are \$5.00. In display format, such notices are \$5.00 per column inch. Engagement, wedding, anniversary, and birth announcements are free (500 word / 1 photo maximum).

Copyright © 2021 by the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. The entire content of each issue of the Hesperian-Beacon is protected under the Federal Copyright Act. No reproduction of any portion of any issue will be permitted without the express consent of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.  
WWW.HESPERIANBEACONONLINE.COM



We welcome letters to the editor via mail or email—to thank a group or organization, suggest an idea, or state an opinion, for instance. Be sure to provide your name and address to verify your identity.

Contact your elected officials

- PRESIDENT  
**Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**  
www.whitehouse.gov/contact
- GOVERNOR OF TEXAS  
**Greg Abbott**  
www.gov.texas.gov/contact
- UNITED STATES SENATE  
**Sen. John Cornyn**  
517 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-2934  
www.cornyn.senate.gov  
Lubbock Office  
Wells Fargo Center  
1500 Broadway, Suite 1230  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 472-7533  
**Sen. Ted Cruz**  
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.,  
Ste. 5DB-40B  
Washington, DC 20510  
west\_texas@cruz.senate.gov  
www.cruz.senate.gov
- U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Congressional District 13  
(including parts of Floyd County)  
**Rep. Ronny Jackson**  
620 South Taylor St., Suite 200  
Amarillo, TX 79101-3541  
(806) 371-8844  
www.jackson.house.gov
- U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Congressional District 19  
(including parts of Floyd County)  
**Rep. Jodey Arrington**  
1312 Texas Ave., Ste. 219  
Lubbock, TX 79493  
(806) 763-1611  
www.arrington.house.gov
- TEXAS STATE SENATE  
District 28  
(including Floyd County)  
**Sen. Charles Perry**  
11003 Quaker Ave., Ste. 101  
Lubbock, TX 79424  
(806) 783-9934  
charles.perry@senate.state.tx.us  
www.perry.senate.state.tx.us
- TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
District 68  
(including Floyd County)  
**Rep. Drew Springer**  
District Office:  
406 E. California St.  
Gainesville, TX 76240-4102  
(940) 580-1770  
Drew.Springer@house.texas.gov  
https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page?district=68

The Hesperian-Beacon encourages citizens to consult [www.ballotpedia.org/Who\\_represents\\_me](http://www.ballotpedia.org/Who_represents_me) for a list of all their elected officials at every level of government.

**BACK STAGE**  
LIZ ADAMS lizadams.news@gmail.com

**Endless Love**

Texas lovebirds hoping for a romantic weekend with their valentines may have been early birds, planning for weeks ahead of this coming holiday of hearts. However, if you are a last-minute Romeo or you just caught Cupid's arrow, you can still make your sweetie feel special. Beautiful historic hotels in Roaring Springs and Matador may have room for one more couple getaway. Hotel Matador even offers massage and has a special jacuzzi suite. If you hurry, you might still be able to reserve a table Sunday evening at Hotel Turkey for music and a prime rib dinner. The Bison Café in Quitaque requires no reservation and will be open for lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday. In Floydada, you could take your honey out for sushi at Vito's Grill or get an ice cream cone at The Scoop. Coffee at the Night Owl in Silverton would be a lovely treat before heading out for a drive in Caprock Canyons State Park. If you're around Paducah, Get Dun Up Boutique and Salon has gifts as well as opportunities for pampering

your partner. You can stop by Heart's Desire in Lockney for flowers. A gift from Thacker Jewelry in Roaring Springs or a unique find from Matador's Better than a Biscuit would definitely delight. Perhaps you want to make something personal for your beloved. Even if you don't have advanced crafting skills, you can find construction paper to make a book about the reasons you fell in love. Another homemade gift anyone can make is a "met map." Purchase or print an inexpensive map of the city or town where you and your darling met. Wrap the paper map around a piece of wood or in a frame. Place a heart sticker or paint a heart at the location where you went on your first date and write the date on the map. For the muse you adore, punch a small hole in a guitar pick and put it on a chain to make a necklace. Oh, and FYI, Texas Highway 70 is the best for a stargazing cruise while playing "your song."

**Floydada incumbents unopposed so far, Lockney candidates face off**

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Filing remains open through Friday for elected positions in Floydada and Lockney. Voters will determine which candidates fill these positions on May 1, 2021. In a correction to last week's story, at this time, incumbent Bobby Gilliland is up for reelection for Mayor of Floydada but has not filed. No other candidates have filed for the position. Floydada city council incumbent Dana Crossland has filed

for re-election to District 2, and incumbent Steve Lloyd has is up for reelection, but not filed for District 3. All are unopposed at this time. The Floydada Collegiate ISD school board has two positions up for reelection. Incumbents Roger Hughes (District 1) and Brianne Glasscock (District 2) have filed. Both are unopposed at this time. In Lockney, three incumbents have filed for re-election to their city council seats. In District 1, incumbent Donnie

McLaughlin is running unopposed at this time. Incumbent Aaron Wilson (District 2) is also running unopposed at this time. In District 3, Alberto Soto-Gonzalez has filed challenging incumbent Dart Carthel. Two Lockney ISD school board seats are up for re-election. For Precinct 1, incumbent Tyler Duniwen has filed in Precinct 1 and runs unopposed at this time. In Precinct 2, Kayla Sherman has filed to run against incumbent Mike Lass. Lass filed for reelection last week.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**  
**HD68 runoff candidate Spiller on return visit to region**

Dear Editor:  
As you know, I am running for the seat for House District 68. The election was held on January 23, and I received 44% of the vote in a 5-person race. However, since I was not able to get over 50% of the vote, there will be a runoff. The governor has just scheduled the runoff election date for Tuesday, February 23, and early voting to begin on Tuesday, February 16. My opponent received 18% of the vote, but the third-place finisher, John Berry, who received 17% of the vote, and the fourth-place finisher, Jason Brinkley, who received 16% of the vote, have joined former governor Rick Perry in endorsing me. However, I can't assume anything, I will continue to work hard, and it will be extremely important for everyone to vote in the runoff election.

I am the only candidate that has campaigned, visited and held meetings in each of the 22 counties of House District 68. I believe that it is very important to personally meet with – and hear from – everyone I can in every county, and is symbolic of the type of representation that HD 68 will get from me. I will be responsive and accessible. I am planning another trip to the southern counties of the western part of HD 68 on Tuesday, February 9. I plan on meeting on the steps outside the Courthouse at each location, unless a different location is determined prior to my visit. For those that may not have met me (and for those that have some time to visit again) I would like to have the opportunity to introduce myself, tell you about my background and qualifications, tell you what I stand for, and listen to your concerns. I want to be your State Representative and want to be responsive to your needs and concerns. Unfortunately, due to the extremely short time before the election, I can't visit long. I plan to only be at each location for thirty (30) minutes for this visit, and will need to leave after that to travel to another county. I also plan on having another series of Zoom meetings between now and the runoff election day. I will send Zoom invitations prior to those meetings.

I anticipate that the scheduled stops that I have for Wednesday, February 10, will be as follows:  
8:15 Memphis 3:15 Quanah  
9:30 Wellington 4:30 Vernon  
11:00 Wheeler 6:30 Paducah  
12:00 Shamrock (Lunch Meeting)  
2:00 Childress 7:45 Guthrie

If you want to know more about me, my website is: Conservative David Spiller for Texas  
It would be great if you could have everyone you know like and share my Facebook page. It's David Spiller for Texas House. Thanks.  
I know it's short notice and everybody has a lot going on, but I hope to be able to visit with as many people as I can. I'm looking forward to it. Please pass this information on to everyone you can in your community. Thank you.

David Spiller  
SPILLER FOR TEXAS  
Editors' note: We have included only the dates of Mr. Spiller's campaign stops that were not already past at the time the printed edition of The Texas Spur reaches newsstands on Wednesday. We shared the full slate of announced stops on our social media.

**Karen Houchin**  
**Attorney**  
**806-983-5556**



VETERANS of the VFW Post 5616 donated \$3,000 Feb. 8 to Floyd County—as well as their assistance—for flag maintenance. | LIZ ADAMS / HESPERIAN-BEACON

**VFW presents Floyd court with donation for flag maintenance; Smith family donates framed drawing**

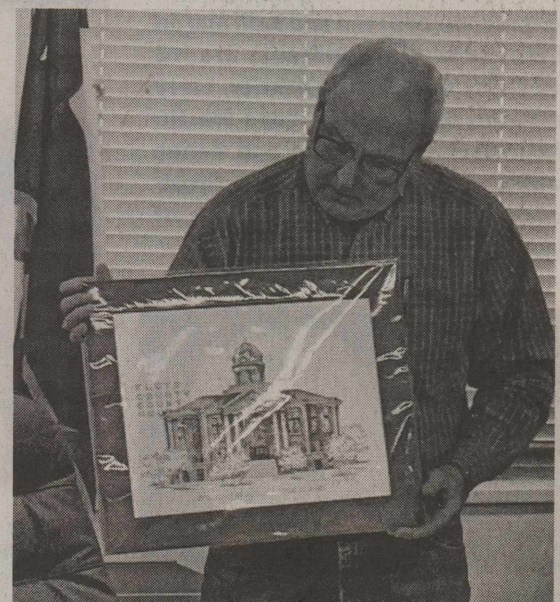
LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

In the regular meeting of the Floyd County Commissioners Court, held Monday, Feb. 8, a motion was approved to amend the Sheriff's Office budget due to receiving grant proceeds. Due to the closing of the V.F.W. Post 5616, commissioners voted to accept a donation from the organization and agreed to undertake flag maintenance previously attended by members of the organization. Quartermaster Kendis Julian

presented the court with a check for over \$3,000. The court accepted a donated limited edition drawing from the Choise Smith family and agreed to frame and hang it in the courthouse. Commissioners discussed the cost of TAC email services and the need for cybersecurity. Further discussion may be expected before action is taken. The court followed with a closed session regarding personnel matters.

**COURTHOUSE**

ART Members of the Choise Smith family donated a matted, limited edition print of a drawing to the commissioners' court, to be framed and displayed in the courthouse. | LIZ ADAMS / HESPERIAN-BEACON



**CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**Covid-19 vaccine pace rises while statewide hospitalizations drop**

AUSTIN—The number of people in Texas hospitalized with Covid-19 has declined more than 28 percent in the past month, according to the Texas Department of Health Services. As of Feb. 7, Texas hospitals were treating 9,957 Covid-19 patients, down from nearly 14,000 a month ago. The number of new cases in the past week was 123,239 — a 22 percent drop from the record high of 158,922 the week of Jan. 10, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

At the same time new cases and hospitalizations were decreasing, the number of Texans getting their first dose of vaccine crossed the 2.3 million mark as of Sunday, according to TDHS. That's 700,000 more initial shots in a week. Those who are now fully vaccinated reached 733,287 as of Sunday. The state received 401,750 first doses from the federal government this week, which are going out to 358 providers in 135 counties. That includes 85 hub providers, according to TDHS.

Not everyone is on board to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. About one-third of Texans polled in a recent statewide survey by the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs say they are unlikely to get the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. More than one out of five respondents were adamant they will not receive the vaccine.

Kirk P. Watson, founding dean of the Hobby School, said he hopes the survey will help public health officials address concerns of those unwilling to be vaccinated. "More than 60% of people who are hesitant to be immunized had concerns about potential side effects and worried that the vaccine is too new," Watson said in a news release. "Understanding why people resist immunization is an important step in reaching herd immunity."

Most of those polled who say they are certain or likely to refuse vaccination asserted they don't trust the government or pharmaceutical companies to ensure the vaccine is safe. Health experts say that between 70% and 90% of the population must be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity, according to the press release.

On the flip side, more than 40% of Texans say they will get the vaccine when available, or they have already gotten at least one dose, while 18% said they would probably get it.

Abbott gets behind rural broadband expansion. Gov. Greg Abbott made expanded broadband service an emergency item during the current legislative session, saying it is necessary for providing telemedicine care to patients regardless of where they live, and for improving educational access.

"From medicine to education to business, broadband access is not a luxury — it is an essential tool that must be available for all Texans," Abbott said in his State of the State address last week.

As previously reported, a pair of lawmakers intend to file legislation aimed at expanding critical broadband services throughout the state. Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin, are calling for creation of a statewide broadband plan no later than a year after enabling legislation is passed. Texas is one of only six states that does not have such a plan.

One Capital Highlights reader, a Houston resident who owns a second home on Lake Murvaal in Panola County, recently wrote to bemoan the lack of connectivity in rural East Texas: "It's a no-internet/no cell bars jungle over there. At Lake Murvaal, I have installed a cell phone booster on a 20-foot antenna so that my phone has enough signal strength to be a hot spot. Then I had to upgrade my "unlimited" plan, only to find out that after 30GB of being a passable hot spot, it meters down to a trickle that won't even let me view the latest Bernie Sanders meme." He added, "I have parked in the lot at the library just to download Kindle books and Prime Video. Primitive!"

Emergency SNAP food benefits extended through February. Emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits have been extended through February, with \$300 million in benefits provided. The move came after the Texas Health and Human Services Commission received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which funds the program. Recipients will also continue to receive a 15% increase in their total benefits, at least until June.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: [gborders@texaspress.com](mailto:gborders@texaspress.com).

CORRECTION In last week's feature on Floydada ISD superintendent Gilbert Trevino, we misstated his father's place of employment as Excel Energy. It should have been the Excel Beef Processing Plant, which area readers know as the predecessor to the now-closed Cargill plant, in Plainview. We regret the error.

Keep up with your area's news every day in FCHB social media







CUISINE & CULTURE | ANGELINA@ANGELINALARUE.COM

Food bytes

ANGELINA LARUE

## Decadent Heart Meringues easy to make for Valentine's

My husband loves chocolate covered cherries, so I know the way to his heart is with any dessert containing those flavors. Meringues are delicate and look so elegant, but are very easy to make. There are several techniques. Most are baked low and slow.

I like the meringues that are crisp on the outside but softer and a bit chewy on the inside, like a marshmallow.

I top these meringues with drizzles of chocolate ganache, which only has 2 ingredients and is the easiest, most decadent sauce one could ever make. It contains equal parts cream to chocolate pieces—that's it.

Keeping frozen fruit in the freezer is convenient for making anything from smoothies to sauces, or even pies and cobbles. I especially like to use frozen fruit in the winter when fresh fruit is not at its optimum quality. A quick cherry sauce can be created in just a few short minutes to add to the chocolate drizzle, and really top off this sweet confection.

Have a beautiful Valentine's Day! Be sweet to your loved ones, your neighbors, co-workers, or to yourself, and bake up a batch of meringues. Enjoy food make fresh!

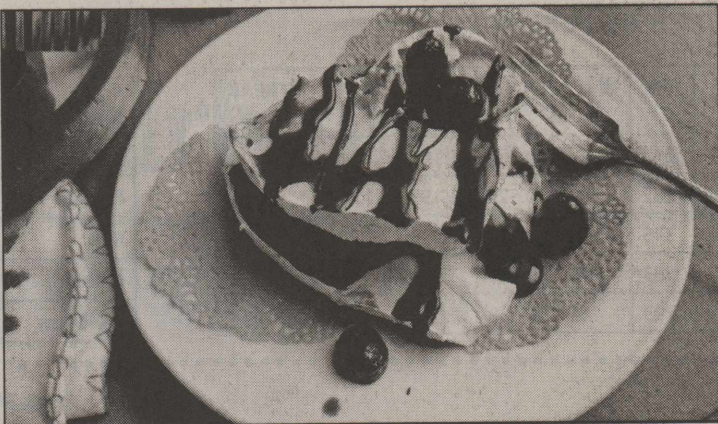
### Heart Meringues with Chocolate and Cherries

- 2 1/4 teaspoons cornstarch
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3 large egg whites
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 250° F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. In a small mixing bowl, stir together cornstarch and sugar. Set aside.

In a clean, large mixing bowl, add eggs, cream of tartar, and salt. Whisk on low with an electric mixer until the mixture begins to thicken and look dense, a minute or so. Add sugar and cornstarch, salt, and vanilla and continue whisking, increasing speed to medium-high, until stiff peaks form (peaks that stand on their own), which will take another 30–60 seconds.

Using heart-shaped cookie cutters as molds, drop by spoonful onto prepared baking sheets; spread to even out and reach every surface inside the heart, making the meringue about 1/2-inch deep. Gently remove the cookie cutter, pulling straight up. Or use a pip-



LOVE MERINGUES? Meringues are delicate and look so elegant, but are very easy to make—for your loved ones, your neighbors, co-workers, or just yourself. | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

ing bake, fitted with a large star tip to create the hearts. (They can be shaped freehand, as well.)

Place into preheated oven and immediately reduce the heat to 225° F. Bake for 25 minutes, then turn the pan 180 degrees to ensure even baking. Bake for approximately 20 minutes longer. If at any time they begin to darken in color, reduce the oven temperature to 200° F.

Let cool and prepare serve with Chocolate Ganache and Cherry Sauce, (recipes follow). Or store in a covered container or bag for up to one week until ready to serve. Makes 6 to 8 large hearts.

Tip: Make sure there is no oily residue on any of the utensils or the mixing bowl, as this will keep the eggs whites from stiffening properly.

#### CHOCOLATE GANACHE

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips

Heat cream in a small saucepan over medium heat. When it just begins to bubble, remove from heat and stir in chocolate chips. Stir until chocolate is melted and sauce is smooth and silky.

#### CHERRY SAUCE

- 1/2 cup frozen, dark sweet cherries
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

In a small saucepan, combine cherries, water, sugar, and lemon juice. Cook over medium heat until cherries are softened and sugar is dissolved, about 3 or 4 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool and thicken.

Serve sauces over prepared meringues.

Angelina LaRue, author of "The Whole Enchilada," grew up at White River Lake in Crosby County, Texas, and writes a weekly food column for local newspapers.



COMMENTARY

## The 501

HANABA MUNN WELCH

### Garage door spouse

Resumés are paradoxical.

You write them when you're young and need a job. You scrape for content. Then when you're old and don't need a job, your resumé is at its best, albeit irrelevant. Maybe you even keep adding stuff to it. Go for it.

My husband just installed his first garage door. I'm old, but he's older. He's too old to add garage door installation to his resumé, but he did. I refer, shall we say, to all the resumé addenda that round out a life but never end up on paper. (Unless you somehow work something into the obit: learned garage door installation late in life.)

As years turn golden, the good thing about accumulating extra job skills that don't turn into real jobs is that they don't turn into real jobs.

Another positive thought for seniors:

When you're old you see a bigger picture. You enjoy a greater context to stick things into, so to speak, and thereby you become an authority on many different aspects of life, at least from your own vantage point. It's a valid perspective.

If you're old you can say things aren't made like they used to be. You speak from experience. You can say a lot of things. You can opine that the garage door manufacturers don't write clear instructions. You know stuff. Really.

If youth is wasted on the young, wisdom is wasted on the elderly.

Meanwhile, regarding resumés, it should be noted that not all retirees use retirement to branch out and learn various new skills. Some just keep working at what they know best but for free.

Here's a true story:

Lyle, a retired electrician who can plumb too, just installed a replacement water heater for my friend Beverly. I won't go into detail, but Beverly suddenly has hot water flowing the way it should have been flowing since her house was built – in abundance and with good pressure. Lyle did the work for free.

Why is 78-year-old Lyle still crawling under houses? The one-word answer is Marie, his wife. Her favorite expression is "Lyle can fix that," which is exactly how Lyle ended up under Beverly's house, executing the water heater project to perfection and unavoidably calling into question the original installation of the original equipment by the original plumber and the one hired later who couldn't get things to work right either.

Lyle and Marie go to church with Beverly. See Galatians 6:10.

Marie, however, just quotes what has become quintessential chimney corner scripture: "Pay it forward."

I think that principle means Beverly can just give me that malfunctioning water heater that didn't work right from day one, possibly through no fault of its own. I think I can fix it. I'm adding water heaters to my resumé. Thermostat today, thermocouple tomorrow.

Eventually, barring explosions, it'll be my turn to pay it forward. No problem. I have a friend with a troublesome garage door. I have a garage door husband.

"Hugh can fix that," I'll tell her.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN-BEACON  
Available every Wednesday  
on newsstands at convenience stores  
Payne Pharmacy, and Lowe's Grocery Stores  
in Floydada and Lockney

## Lockney Senior Center to host Valentine fundraiser Friday

SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Lockney Senior Citizens Center will be having a special Valentine fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Plates are \$10 each and can be delivered or carried out. Special seating (dine-in) is offered with reservations only. Ten couples will be seated at 5:15 p.m. and another 10 couples will be seated at 7:15 p.m. An Italian meal will be served which consists of two different pastas, parmesan and garlic bread sticks, house salad, and then topped off with desserts of raspberry drizzle or chocolate silk cheesecake. Call (806) 652-2745 to make a reservation or order your plates. Tables will be placed approximately 10-feet apart, servers will be wearing masks and all sanitation protocols will be strictly adhered to so you may feel safe as possible.

The Lockney Senior Citizens' Center has partnered with the South Plains Food Bank (SPFB) in a commitment to make sure no food is wasted. Food boxes with pantry items are available every Thursday at the Center from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Everyone is eligible, there are no income or age requirements. If you are homebound or COVID-19 positive, please call (806) 652-2745 to arrange for a porch drop. All Lockney and Floydada residents are eligible to obtain the food boxes.

The Center has been partnered with SPFB since January and will continue through the months of February and March. The program will be evaluated at the end of March to see if it will continue.

Breakfast is served at the Center each Friday morning from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. by dine-in or carry-out only. Cost is \$5 per plate.

The Center will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery. Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

The Center's staff appreciates everyone.

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

#### MENU

- MONDAY, FEB. 15 Baked potato w/butter, sour cream, cheese and bacon, veggie sticks, pecan pie
  - TUESDAY, FEB. 16 Burger basket, French fries, side salad, brownie
  - WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17 Beef stew, roll, fruit cocktail, chocolate cream pie
  - THURSDAY, FEB. 18 Chef salad, orange sherbet cup
  - FRIDAY, FEB. 19 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy/sausage, coffee, juice
- Lunch: Crispy chicken salad, chocolate chip cookie

(Menu subject to change without notice)

## Kitchen and Alter exchange vows

STAFF REPORTS

Curtis Alter and Ariel Kitchen were married on Monday, September 21, 2020 in the Florida Keys.

Curtis and Ariel were married on a sailboat and had a wonderful time.

Mother of the bride is Carol Kitchen of Jackson, Missouri. The bride's father is Randy Kitchen of Jackson, Missouri.

The parents of the groom are Cary and Lisa Alter of Herculaneum, Missouri.

Grandparents of the groom are Dennis and Mary M. Cope Carter of Lockney, Texas.

The couple will reside in Chaffee, Missouri.



MR. AND MRS. CURTIS ALTER | COURTESY PHOTO

### THANK YOU FOR ADVERTISING! DEADLINE NOON Monday

All news and advertising items intended for each week's print and online edition must be received no later than noon on Mondays. Items submitted are subject to holdover for future editions, depending on size, content and available space. No guarantees or assurances are made to when articles or photographs will appear in the newspaper.

### Floydada Senior Center News

LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday during the month of February. Patrons may either dine in or have the meal delivered. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. For members, the cost is \$6 per plate; for non-members, \$7.

For delivery, please call (806) 983-2032. Membership fee is \$25 per year per person. The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

#### MENU

- THURSDAY, FEB. 11 BBQ ribs
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17 Salisbury steak
- THURSDAY, FEB. 18 Chicken fried steak
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24 Beef tacos
- THURSDAY, FEB. 25 Meatloaf

(Menu subject to change without notice)

### COWPOKES® By Ace Reid



"Yep, they're shore gentle – jist walk right up to 'em anywhere."

FEATURE IS SPONSORED BY THE

Financing for: Farms, Ranches, Rural Recreational Properties and Rural Homes



Ryan Pierce  
806-724-5828

plainslandbank.com

Part of the Farm Credit System



Basketball Standings week of February 9

4-2A Girls basketball	*W-L	*PCT.	*PF	*PA	W-L	PCT.	PF	PA	STREAK
New Deal	7-0	1.000	417	243	16-7	0.696	1,194	941	7W
Rails	5-2	0.714	390	282	12-11	0.522	1,159	1,146	1W
Hale Center	2-4	0.333	248	345	5-15	0.250	903	1,202	2L
Floydada	1-6	0.167	192	283	5-10	0.333	500	652	2L
Lockney	2-5	0.167	199	293	7-9	0.438	690	703	1W

4-2A Boys basketball	*W-L	*PCT.	*PF	*PA	W-L	PCT.	PF	PA	STREAK
New Deal	5-1	0.800	350	249	18-3	0.857	1,272	881	6W
Floydada	6-1	0.800	330	293	15-2	0.882	1,121	904	1W
Rails	3-3	0.600	297	265	9-6	0.600	784	724	1L
Lockney	2-3	0.250	224	260	10-6	0.625	945	808	1W
Hale Center	0-7	0.000	191	325	0-14	0.000	477	831	15L



NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK FEB. 1-5

School counselors work hard to make a difference in students' lives, in school and out

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA— All around the world educators and families take a time out of the week to appreciate school counselors for all that they do.

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), is celebrated from February 1 to February 5. The ASCA highlights the great impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Becoming a school counselor has many obstacles, such as holding a master's degree in counseling and completing 48 to 60 credits in a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved institution. Applicants must also apply for a school counselor's license.

Kristi Rehkopf of Floydada CISD obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Rehkopf has been counseling for 13 years, six of those with Floydada Collegiate Independent School District as the high school counselor. She has been an educator for 16 years overall.

Before becoming a counselor, Kristie taught pre-kindergarten for three years.

"Growing up as a first-generation student I knew firsthand how scary, confusing, and overwhelming the college/career process could be," said Rehkopf. "I knew my passion was to help people, however I wasn't sure in what capacity."

Rehkopf said that after changing her degree plan several times, she finally realized her way of helping others was through school counseling. "As a school counselor, not only can I help students work through social and emotional issues, but I also love helping students explore different college and career options, apply to college, fill out scholarships, search job opportunities and get ready for life after high school."

Nikki Smith received her associate's degree from Frank Brown College. Upon graduation she went to West Texas A&M University in Canyon to obtain her bachelor's and master's degrees.

Smith has been a counselor for 18 years and is going on her 21st year in the Floydada CISD. She is the junior high school counselor.

An educator for 30 years, she has taught seventh and eighth grade English and Science.

"My passion is for children. I became a counselor because I wanted to help students navigate the struggles, joys and big decision in life," said Smith. "One of my favorite blessings of my job is when I see students that are now adults and they thank me for the advice and skills that I helped them acquire."

Smith added, "School counselors are one of the many educators that play an enormous role in students' lives and they truly do live up to the counselor's saying, 'Helping Build Better Humans.'"

Jennifer Gonzalez attended Wayland Baptist University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in biology. She returned and pursued her emergency permit and completed her education certification through Wayland as well. After many years in education, she was able to earn her master's degree in counseling from her alma mater.

Ms. Gonzalez has been a counselor at Floydada's A.B. Duncan Elementary for three years. She had the opportunity to teach one year of fifth-grade Math for FCISD before leaving to pursue a job closer to her kids and to work on her master's degree.

"I loved Floydada and was so excited when I had the opportunity to return to this district to be their elementary counselor," Gonzalez said. "This is an amazing district and I'm blessed to work with great student and staff."

Gonzalez had been a counselor for almost five years. She also worked as a substance abuse counselor before coming back to FCISD. She also works with an online organization called LifeRecovered that provides counseling to ministries and their families. "All of these experiences have helped me better understand myself and my clients," added Gonzalez.

Most of her teaching career has been in middle school science, although she has taught elementary math, biology, anatomy and physiology, and all high school English classes. She also taught One Act Play for two years. Gonzalez was in the classroom for 15 years before leaving to pursue counseling.

"Most people and students just need to know that they have someone in their corner. I want to be that person," Gonzalez said. "I get to visit with kids that are dealing with hard things: grief, anger, divorce, abandonment, failure, and so much more. I have the privilege of walking with them, and sometimes their families, through these times. Being able to show them that there is hope is inspiring. Their resilience always amazes me," she added.

Whether we are learning new coping skills to help us in class, or resolving a conflict between friends, her job—and that of all school counselors—is to help students maneuver life successfully.



KRISTY REHKOPF



NIKKI SMITH



JENNIFER GONZALES



PAYNE PHARMACY in Floydada has administered more than 200 doses of Covid-19 vaccine to date and is keeping a waiting list of patients. HESPERIAN-BEACON PHOTO

Area vaccine locations await more doses

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Payne Pharmacy has vaccinated over two hundred on the waiting list with all of its available doses. Like other area distributors, they are awaiting notification of the next delivery to begin making appointments for those next in line. Pharmacist Denise Payne said, "we are on alert for an email letting us know they are on the way."

Cogdell Clinic in Lockney received two hundred doses since its February 1. Although second round immunizations are still being given on Saturday, Feb 13, no first doses will be administered until a new shipment can be distributed.

In Silverton, no updates were available from Cogdell Clinic.

Crosbyton Clinic Hospital has given over a thousand doses in the last two weeks. One hundred doses of the Moderna vaccine were administered to its employees and Nine hundred seventy-five people received the Pfizer vaccine in Crosbyton by February 1. Although another shipment of 200 doses has arrived, the clinic has a procedure to follow in order to be placed on the wait-ing list and called for an appointment. (806) 675-2382 is the number to call for further information or to join the waiting list. Dial extension 202 or 266. The staff is unable to return voicemail at this time. A staff member must answer to record patient information.

As of Friday, February 5, Swisher Memorial Foundation in Tulia had given the Moderna vaccine to those on its waiting list and had approximately fifty doses remaining for anyone who qualified under 1A or 1B categories. The clinic urged first responders, front line workers, those over the age of sixty-five, and those with chronic conditions to call and be placed on the waiting list.

A State Mobile Vaccination Pilot Program team was deployed to Matador on Friday, February 5, which provided one hundred immunizations administered at the Motley County Library Annex. Judge Meador has not yet received word on the date the second round will be available, or whether more of the vaccine will arrive for those taking the first dose. Contact Judge Meador's office for more information at (806) 347-2334.

Staff at Childress Regional Medical Center were able to give an additional two hundred sixty-four people their second dose of the vaccine last week and continued making appointments for those who needed a second dose. Fox Clinic has applied to become a rural vaccine hub location with the state but has not received additional doses.

South Plains Genealogical Society to hold virtual meeting

STAFF REPORTS

The South Plains Genealogical Society is continuing to meet virtually. The virtual meeting will be held 10 a.m.- 12 noon, Saturday, Feb. 13.

Discussion will be held on Introduction to Your Test Results followed by a question-and-answer session.

Please do not let "meet virtually" discourage you—contact us at spgsnews@gmail.com today and we will teach you how to join our meeting from the comfort and safety of your home. You can also find information on our website: https://spgstx.org .

Mark your calendars! The 2021 Caprock Genealogy Conference is Saturday, April 17. Our speaker will be Billie Stone Fogerty who will be discussing Oklahoma research, Social Security Death Index, the National Archives, and Using Other's Research Wisely.

Visit the website at: https://www.caprockconference.org/register or email us at: caprockconf@gmail.com.



TAYLOR TIME Jackson Taylor of Floydada earned his spurs growing up in Lockney, and competing in 4-H events. | COURTESY PHOTOS



C. Jackson Taylor 4-H State Horse Show 2006

ULTIMATE FROM PAGE 1

Taylor spent much of his early childhood on the family ranch, learning from grandparents Joe and Virginia Taylor. He takes after his grandfather, who taught him as a teen to drive on dirt roads near Quitaque. He said he has always looked up to his dad, as well.

According to Greg Taylor, his son is "full of energy.—never met a stranger," adding that he is most proud of his tenacity. "He never gives up," the senior Taylor said.

Although his parents moved from Lockney when he was thirteen, Taylor still remembers hanging out at Main Street Pizza in his hometown. He and his two sisters still frequently visit their parents, Greg and Cris Taylor, in Floydada, where his mother teaches elementary school.

Taylor said that he was grateful for the influence of a longtime friend and fellow cowboy from Memphis, Texas, named Willie McCleskey, whom he described as "one heck of a horseman."

After earning a Ranching and Feedlot Operation Certificate from Clarendon College, Taylor began training horses. A good buddy discovered the website for Adkins' show and urged Taylor to become a contestant. According to Taylor, people have always told him he was made for TV.

Although he wasn't used to being surrounded by cameras and microphones, he went on the show to open more doors. Though it was initially overwhelming, Taylor said he was glad to get the chance to interact with people who come from a ranching background in other parts of the U.S. All the contestants were eager to grab any opportunities to chat with celebrity host Trace Adkins. Taylor said that despite all the new experiences, he has to be himself.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions," said Taylor, along with advice to aspiring young cowboys: "When the going gets tough, just grit your teeth and keep going. We don't know what the word quit means."

"At the end of the day this is a competition, and I am here to win," said Taylor.

Viewers can watch "Ultimate Cowboy Showdown" on Dish Network channel 259, DirecTV channel 364, Verizon FiOS channel 286, and AT&T U-verse channel 564.

USDA extends general signup for Conservation Reserve Program

STAFF REPORTS

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup period, which had previously been announced as ending on Feb. 12, 2021. USDA will continue to accept offers as it takes this opportunity for the incoming Administration to evaluate ways to increase enrollment. Under the previous Administration, incentives and rental payment rates were reduced resulting in an enrollment shortfall of over 4 million acres. The program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for 10 to 15 years for land devoted to conservation purposes, as well as other types of payments.

Before the General CRP signup period ends, producers will have the opportunity to adjust or resubmit their offers to take advantage of planned improvements to the program.

"The Conservation Reserve Program provides a tremendous opportunity to address climate change both by retiring marginal cropland and by restoring grasslands, wetlands, and forests," said Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. "CRP has a 35-year track record of success beyond just climate benefits, by providing income to producers, improving water quality, reducing erosion, and supporting wildlife habitat and the hunting and fishing opportunities that go along with it. By extending this signup period, we'll have time to evaluate and implement changes to get this neglected program back on track."

As one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States, CRP provides both economic and conservation benefits by taking land out of agricultural production. Program successes include:

- Sequestering in soils and plants over 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e), or about the same amount that the entire state of Delaware emits annually.
- Preventing more than 2 billion tons of soil from being blown away by wind erosion over the life of currently enrolled acres.
- Reducing phosphorous reaching streams by almost 85 million pounds, nitrogen by nearly 450 million pounds, and sediment by over 160 million tons in 2020 alone.
- Creating more than 2.3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 177,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times.
- Establishing over a half million

See CRP, page 7



# Floydada Whirlwinds

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	E
MLSH	2	4	0	0	1	X	7	11	0		
FLOY	1	2	1	4	0	7	8	9	4		

FLOYDADA											
LINEUP	AB	R	H	RR	BB	SO					
A Obregon (P)	2	2	2	0	2	0					
C Fernandez (1B)	1	1	1	0	1	0					
J Coronado (3B)	0	0	0	0	1	0					
M Garcia (3B)	2	1	0	1	0	1					
M Obregon (C)	3	1	3	3	0	0					
S Garza (SS)	3	0	0	2	0	0					
J Martinez (2B)	2	0	0	0	0	1					
A Vasquez (CF)	3	0	1	0	0	2					
Y Garza (RF)	1	1	1	0	0	0					
Z Crane (RF)	2	0	0	0	0	1					
V Cervera (LF)	2	2	1	0	1	0					
TEAM	21	8	9	6	5	6					

## Lady Winds whistle by Muleshoe

GAMECHANGER | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA—The Floydada Lady Winds varsity stole the lead late in the game in an 8-7 victory over Muleshoe on Saturday, Jan. 30 at Annie Taylor Park in Floydada.

The Lady Winds trailed 6-5 in the bottom of the fourth inning when Marissa Obregon doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs.

Muleshoe scored four runs in the second inning, but Floydada still managed to pull out the victory. In the first inning, Muleshoe got their offense started with a homer on a 1-0 count, scoring two runs. Alyssa Obregon earned the victory in the pitcher's circle for the Lady Winds. Obregon allowed 11 hits and seven runs over five innings, striking out nine, walking one and has 21 first-pitch strikes.

The Floydada Lady Winds racked up nine hits in the game. Alyssa Obregon and Marissa Obregon both managed multiple hits for the Lady Winds. Marissa Obregon went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Floydada in hits. Victoria Cervera led Floydada with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with four stolen bases.

Muleshoe totaled 11 hits and was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Lady Winds committed four errors.

On Thursday, Feb. 4 the Lady Winds scrimmaged Trinity Christian in Floydada. The game was called after playing five innings with Floydada winning, 14-10. Alyssa Obregon got the win in five innings. Marissa Obregon went 3-for-3 at the plate followed by Carissa Fernandez going 2-for-4. Victoria Cervera and Marissa Obregon each had two stolen bases.

The Lady Winds varsity will have a scrimmage game against Tulia at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. Their regular season will start against the Post Lady Lopes on Monday, Feb. 15. The junior varsity game will start at 5 p.m. with the varsity game starting at 7 p.m. The games are scheduled to be played at the Annie Taylor Park in Floydada.

FLOYDADA											
2B: M Obregon 2, A Obregon											
TB: M Obregon 5, A Obregon 3, C Fernandez 1, V Cervera 1, A Vasquez 1, Y Garza 1											
HR: C Fernandez 2, J Martinez, M Garcia											
SB: V Cervera 2, Y Garza 2											
CS: J Coronado											
E: S Garza, J Coronado, M Obregon, M Garcia											

PITCHING												
SP	H	R	ER	BB	SO							
A Obregon	5.0	11	7	4	1	9						
TEAM	5.0	11	7	4	1	9						

Pitches-Strikes: A Obregon 66-56  
Batters Faced: A Obregon 29

GAMECHANGER | COURTESY GRAPHICS

## WHIRLWIND SPOTLIGHT

**ETHAN JIMINEZ** makes All-Region Honor Band. A FHS junior, Jiminez is a Contra Alto Clarinetist in the Whirlwind Spirit Band. The All-Region Honor Band auditions were held Dec. 9. He advanced to Area Honor Band auditions held Jan. 9 where he placed 3rd chair. This is a tremendous accomplishment as he was only two chairs away from state advancement in one of the state's most competitive audition processes. Both events were held virtually. "We're so proud of Ethan for all his hard work, great attitude, and dedication to making exceptional music," said Mr. Franklin D. Piland, Floydada Band Director.



COURTESY PHOTO

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU FEBRUARY 15-19

MONDAY HOLIDAY-NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY

Breakfast - Turkey, ham, & egg sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Hamburger, chicken teriyaki w/noodles, green peas, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast- Mini chocolate chip pancakes, fruit juice, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch - Chicken patty sandwich, Sloppy Joe sandwich, seasoned curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

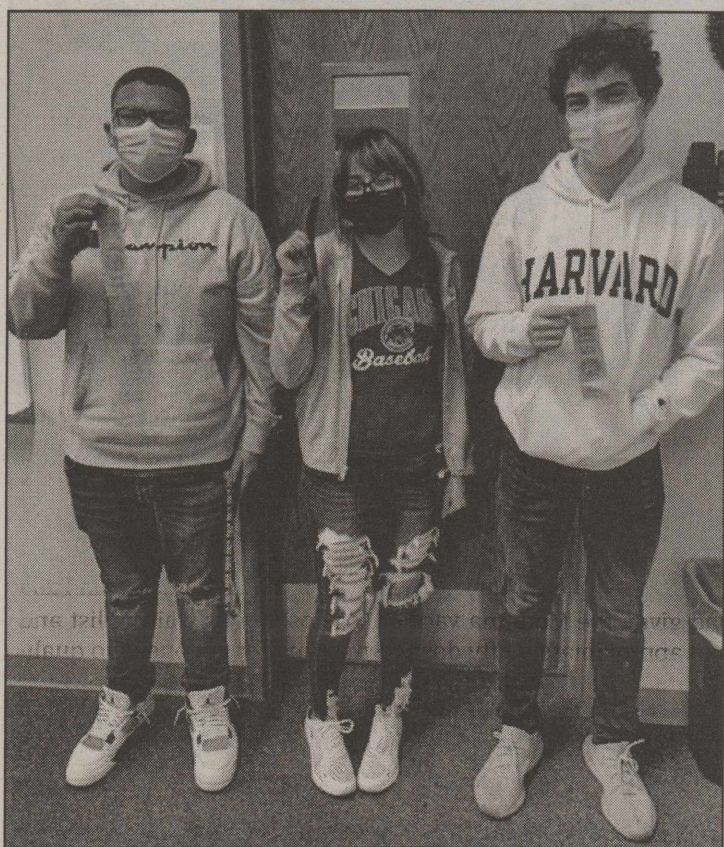
THURSDAY

Breakfast -Banana muffins, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Spicy chicken patty sandwich, cheese pizza, chilled corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast -Egg & cheese big bite sandwich, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Chicken fried steak, roll, fajita chicken salad wrap, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

## FHS students take part in UIL contests



FHS STUDENTS TOOK PART in the Red Raider Classic UIL Math competition virtually on Saturday, Jan. 16. Every team member brought home an award. Anthony Garcia (left) placed fifth in the sophomore division. Erin Trevino (middle) placed second in the junior division and Kyle Bruington (right) placed fourth in the senior division. Not pictured was Edgar Cervera placing third in the freshman division. Congratulations! | FCISD PHOTOS



FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE UIL students competed at the Texas Tech Red Raider Classic on Saturday, Jan. 16. Lailah Burks received first place and Devin Reyes placed fourth in the sophomore division. Audrie Strange received ninth place in the senior division and Sierra Snowden placed seventh in the freshman division. Congratulations to these students!

## WAY TO GO WINDS

These businesses support Floydada's schools, teachers, administrators and students.

**ZIMMATIC**  
BY LINDSAY

**Shannon Shurbet**

# Caprock Irrigation Systems

609 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Floydada, TX  
(806)983-8095

# ASSITER & ASSOCIATES

REALTORS AUCTIONEERS • APPRAISERS

Office: 806-983-3322 • www.assiter.net • www.assiter.auction  
Tim Bandy Assiter Broker #533147

The Families of

# Pumpkin Pyle

wholly support our community's students, athletes, teachers and administrators.

Thank you for all you do!

### THE Place to buy your new Boat or RV!

South East Texas

# BOAT, SPORT & RV SHOW

March 5-6-7  
Ford Park Beaumont Texas

See 50 Boat and RV Brands in 1 Location!  
SouthEastTexasBoatRVShow.com

## LADY WINDS

2020-2021				
DATE	OPPONENT	VARSIITY	JV	
Saturday January 30	(Scrimmage) Muleshoe	12:00		
Thursday February 4	(Scrimmage) Trinity Christian	5:00		
Saturday February 6	(Scrimmage) at Idalou	12:00		
Tuesday February 9	(scrimmage) at Littlefield	5:00		
Saturday February 13	(Scrimmage) at Tulia	11:00		
Monday February 15	Vs. Post	5:00	7:00	
Thurs-Sat. February 18-20	Tournament: TBA	TBA		
Tuesday February 23	@ Muleshoe	5:00	7:00	
Friday February 26	Vs. Denver City	5:00	7:00	
Saturday February 27	Vs. Tulia	11:00	1:00	
Tuesday March 2	Vs. WT Sinnette	5:00	7:00	
Thurs-Friday. March 4-5	Seminole Tournament	TBA		
Saturday March 6	* Vs. New Deal	11:00	1:00	
Tuesday March 9	* @ Crosbyton	4:00	6:00	
Saturday March 13	* Vs. Sundown	11:00	1:00	
Tuesday March 16	* @ Ralls	5:00	7:00	
Saturday March 20	* Vs. Lockney	11:00	1:00	
Tuesday March 23	* @ Hale Center	5:00	7:00	
Saturday March 27	* Vs. Sudan	11:00	1:00	
Tuesday March 30	* @ New Deal	5:00	7:00	
Saturday April 3	* Vs. Crosbyton	11:00	1:00	
Tuesday April 6	* @ Sundown	5:00	7:00	
Saturday April 10	* Vs. Ralls	11:00	1:00	
Tuesday April 13	* @ Lockney	5:00	7:00	
Saturday April 17	* Vs. Hale Center (Senior Day)	11:00	1:00	
Tuesday April 20	* @ Sudan	5:00	7:00	

\* District 3-2A Games  
Head Coach: Armando Morales  
Assist. Coach: Matt Rehkopf  
Home Games in Bold  
Athletic Director: Todd Bandy  
Superintendent: Dr. Gilbert Trevino  
Trainer: Michael Martinez  
Principal: Wayne Mooren  
Managers: Audrie Strange  
Natalee Romero, Jennifer Caudle

May 1 Bi-district  
May 7-8 Area  
May 14-15 Regional quarterfinal

May 21-22 Regional semi-final  
May 28-29 Regional final  
June 2-5 State Tournament

# Nutrien Ag Solutions™

(806) 983-2233  
517 E. Houston St., Floydada, TX  
nutrienagsolutions.com

# Floydada Power & Light

114 West Virginia Street  
Floydada, TX 79235  
806-983-2834

# Texas Plains Federal

Just plain Texas... Just like you!

806-983-3922 office  
800-272-6641 toll free  
806-983-3932 fax

206 W. California St.  
Floydada, Texas 79235  
www.texasplainsfederal.org

CDs • Loans • Checking • Savings



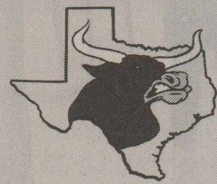
**LONGHORN PRIDE SPOTLIGHT**

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Lockney eighth-grade student **Monique Lara** has dreams of becoming a NICU nurse. She simply has a love of babies and young children. Her own nephew was in the NICU after he was born early.

Lara said, "My favorite subject in school is science. It is interesting to learn how things work."

She is a member of the eighth-grade cheer team and she plays eighth-grade basketball. She also has a love for gymnastics and dance. Lara also loves to run and staying active.



"I love how basketball is a fast pace sport," Lara said. "If I could tell girls who are just starting to play basketball a piece of advice, I'd tell them to always give it 100 percent and never quit. Reach for the stars."



MONIQUE LARA | TERESA BIGHAM

**LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU FEBRUARY 15-19**

**MONDAY HOLIDAY-NO SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY**

Breakfast - Cheese omelet or PBJ, fruit juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Meatball sub or chili, cheese tots, veggie cup, strawberries, milk

**WEDNESDAY**

Breakfast - Waffles & sausage or muffin & yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Teriyaki chicken, brown rice, eggroll, salad, grapes, milk

**THURSDAY**

Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Pizza or ham & cheese, tomato soup, red bell peppers, corn, fruit gelatin, milk

**FRIDAY**

Breakfast - Donut or cereal, toast, juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Cheeseburger or baked potato, celery, carrots, applesauce, cookie, milk

**Lockney Longhorns Baseball 2021**

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Tuesday	2-23-21	Kress	5:00	Lockney
Saturday	2-27-21			
Tuesday	3-2-21	Kress	4:30	Kress
Thursday/	3-4-21	Kress	10:00	Crosbyton
Saturday		Crosbyton	12:00	3-6-21
		Valley	10:00	
Tuesday	3-9-21	Open		
Saturday	3-13-21	Floydada	11:00	Lockney
Tuesday	3-16-21	Ralls	5:00	Lockney
Saturday	3-20-21	New Deal	11:00	New Deal
Tuesday	3-23-21	Hale Center	5:00	Lockney
Saturday	3-27-21	Post	11:00	Lockney
Tuesday	3-30-21	Olton	5:00	Olton
Saturday	4-3-21	New Deal	11:00	Lockney
Tuesday	4-6-21	Crosbyton	4:00	Crosbyton
Saturday	4-10-21	Springlake	11:00	Lockney
Tuesday	4-13-21	Hale Center	5:00	Hale Center
Saturday	4-17-21	Post	11:00	Post
Tuesday	4-20-21	Ralls	5:00	Ralls
Saturday	4-24-21	Olton	11:00	Lockney
Tuesday	4-27-21	Open		

**Lockney Longhorns**

**Longhorns lift off in Dimmit contest**

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

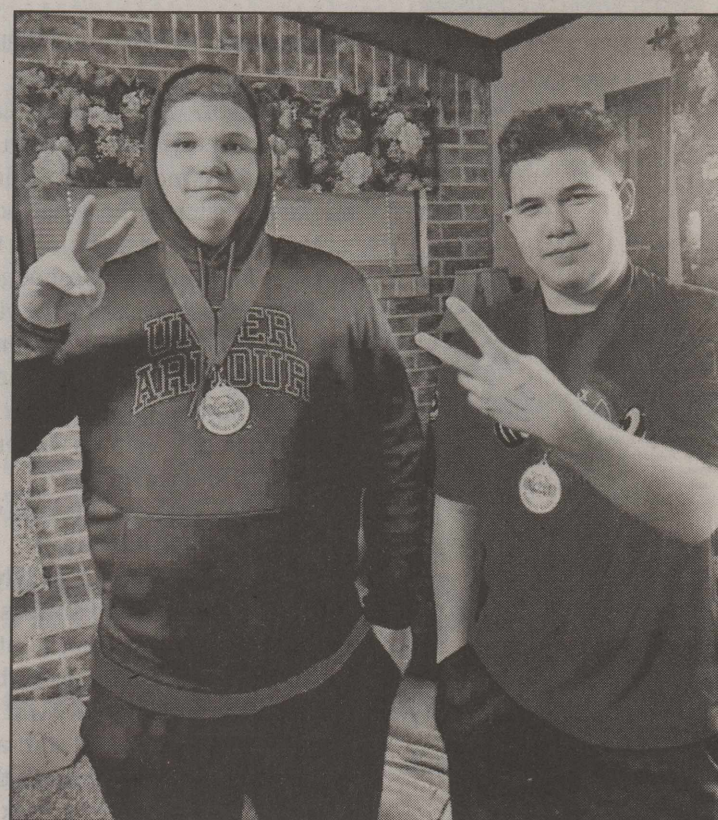
On Saturday, Jan. 30, the Lockney powerlifting team traveled to Dimmit for competition. The powerlifting coach Chris Pritchard said, "I am so proud of this group of kids. They have worked so hard and are so dedicated. All their hard work is truly paying off."

On the girls side, Jordyn Varner took third place in her weight class while Jenny Vaquera placed fourth in her weight class.

For the boys, Damion Gonzales took second place and Caleb Pritchard and Caden Pritchard both took second in their weight class.

Gonzales was in the 114-pound weight class. He squatted 290 lbs., benched 165 lbs. and deadlifted 305 lbs., giving him a total of 760 lbs. Caleb Pritchard was in the 198 weight class division. He squatted 365 lbs., benched 225 lbs. and deadlifted 350 lbs., giving him a total of 940 lbs. Caden Pritchard was in the 308 lb. class. He squatted 300 lbs., benched 200 lbs. and deadlifted 300 lbs., giving him a total of 800 lbs.

In the girls division, Varner was in the 132 lb. class, where she had a score of 225 lbs. in the squat division, she benched 130 lbs. and had 225 lbs. in the deadlift, giving her a total of 580 lbs. For Vaquera, she squatted 240 lbs., benched 135 lbs. and in the deadlift competition she had 255 lbs., giving her a total of 630 lbs.



**THE PRITCHARD BOYS** (above) both placed second during the Dimmit Powerlifting meet in their weight class. From left, LHS freshman Caden Pritchard, and LHS junior Caleb Pritchard.

**Lockney girls defeat Floydada, earn playoff spot**

ABERNATHY - The Lockney Lady Horns defeated Floydada to earn a ticket to the basketball postseason, 37-29.

The two Floyd County teams had to have a one-game playoff to determine the fourth and final seed in District 4-2A after splitting games earlier in the season.

With the win, Lockney will play either Farwell or Vega in the Bi-district round next week.

**SPC to host virtual Senior Sneak Feb. 19 for high school students**

STAFF REPORTS

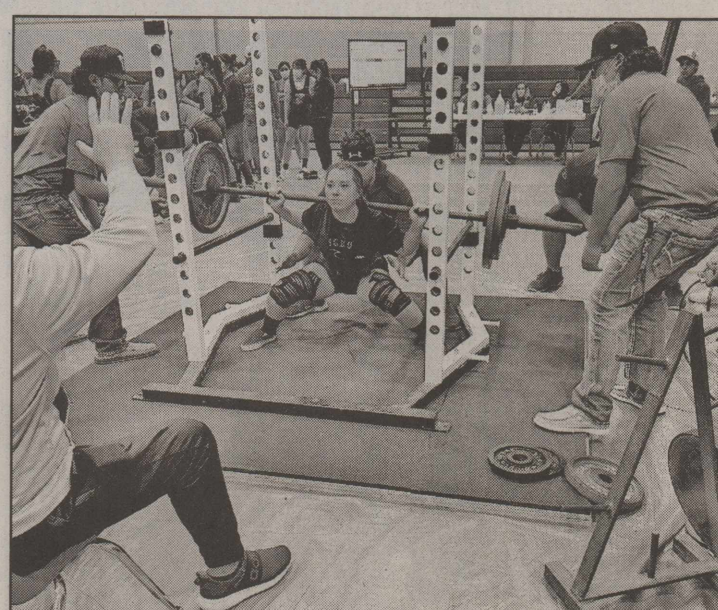
LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host a virtual Senior Sneak program for area high school seniors at 10 a.m. on Feb. 19 (Friday). The hour-long program will contain many of the traditions of the on-campus event including a welcome video from the president, a video tour and a variety of video clips to guide students through the registration process.

According to Chase Dunn, coordinator of new student programs at SPC, "In these unprecedented times, our challenge is to provide area high school students with information about attending college, and particularly, college life at South Plains College."

This year, Dunn and SPC recruiters contacted area high school counselors to help conduct the virtual event. Each school will deliver its own viewing via Zoom in either an auditorium, a classroom or a computer lab. The event will have an interactive portion which will allow students the opportunity to visit with SPC faculty members in their area of interest.

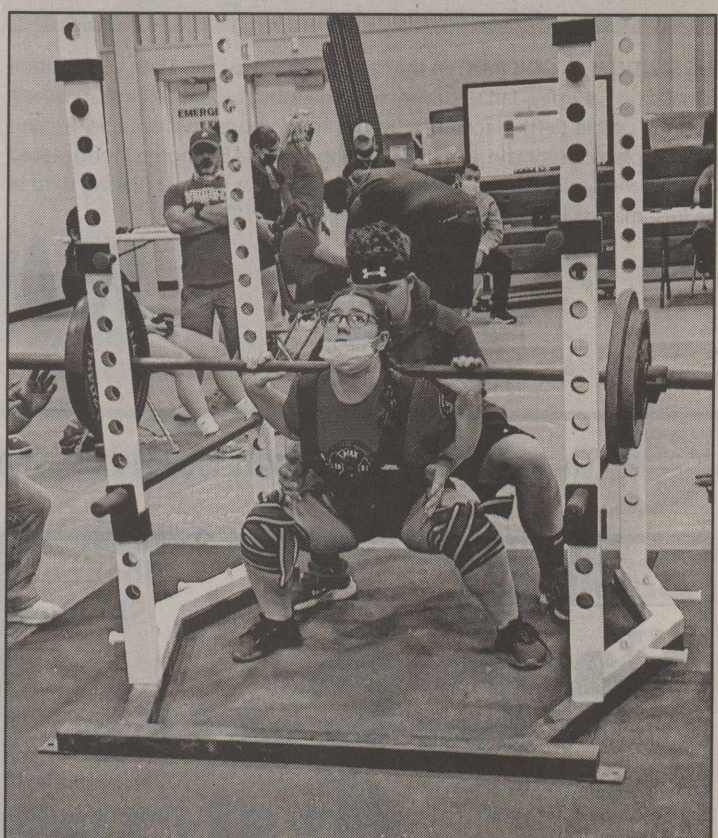
Parents who want information regarding South Plains College are encouraged to contact Dunn.

For more information, contact Dunn at (806) 716-2116.



**LHS SENIOR JORDYN VARNER** (above) competed in the squats. She received a medal for placing in her weight division.

**SOPHOMORE JENNY VAQUERA** (below) competed in the deadlift. She placed fourth in her weight class. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTOS



**These businesses support Lockney's schools, teachers, administrators and students.**

**Wright's Auto Service Parts and Repairs**  
105 East Locust Street | Box 931 | Lockney, TX 79241  
806-652-2335 • Fax 806-652-2762

W.J. **MANGOLD** MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
320 N. Main • Lockney, Texas • 806-652-3373

**Advertise Here!**  
Be a advertising sponsor for your school's youth \$10 a week

DAVID & DAR LEE FOSTER | JODY & SHAWNDA FOSTER  
**D & J Gin**  
LESCA DURHAM Marketing Specialist | SEGAYLE FOSTER Admin. Assistant  
806-652-3351 | 306 E. Shurbet St. Lockney, TX 79241  
806-652-3738 (Fax)

**Lighthouse Electric Co-Op**  
806-983-2814  
703 A Hwy 70 E  
Floydada TX  
Floydada - Memphis, Texas

**WILBUR-ELLIS®**  
Tyler Kidd-Manager • 806-652-2544  
803 E HWY 70, Lockney TX



# Southwest Beef Symposium Feb. 23-25 via Zoom to address ongoing drought

KAY LEDBETTER | Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

The annual Southwest Beef Symposium, jointly hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, is set for Feb. 23-25 and will be conducted as a Zoom series this year.

"Dealing with Drought" is the theme of this year's conference. Registration is free and now open. The program will run from 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 23-24 and from 4-5 p.m. on Feb. 25.

"Once again, drought has stricken West Texas and New Mexico with a vengeance, which has producers trying to cope the best they can," said Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Ft. Stockton. "This year's Southwest Beef Symposium will focus its topics on drought management to assist area producers through this trying time."

Feb. 23  
- Weather Outlook 2021 and Beyond, Brian Bledsoe, consultant, chief meteorologist/climatologist, KTTV, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

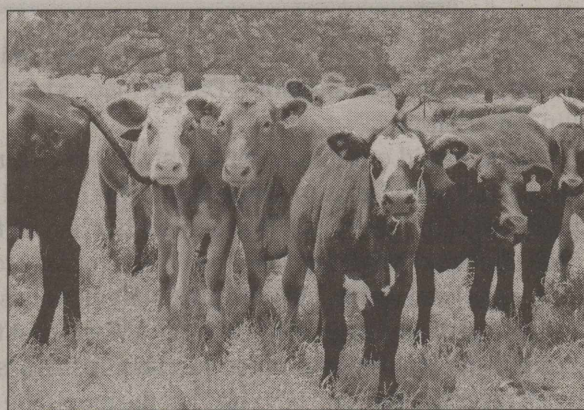
- Cattle Market Outlook and Strategies for Buying Back In, David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan-College Station.

Feb. 24  
- Nutritional Considerations and Options During Drought, Eric Scholljegerdes, Ph.D., New Mexico State University associate professor-ruminant nutrition.

- Drought Management Rancher Panel Discussion, Wesley Welch, Spade Ranches, Lubbock; Neil Woodward, Pecos County; Dennis Webb, Rocker b Ranch, Irion and Regan counties; and Branson Corn, Corn Ranch, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Feb. 25  
- Estate Planning: Contingency Plans When Dealing with Extreme Drought, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo.

For more information, email Carpenter or call (432) 336-8585 or contact Marcy Ward, NMSU Extension livestock specialist, or (575) 644-3379.



## Cattle Market Report, week ending Feb. 2, 2021

	Lubbock 2/2/21	Tulia 2/4/21	Hollis No Data	Floydada 2/3/21
<b>Steers</b>	200-300			150-204
	300-400	160-180	208	150-187
	400-500	150-170	180-183	140-176
	500-600	140-160	145-173.5	130-165
	600-700	125-145	139	110-148
	700-800	120-135	131-136	90-132
	800-900		131-133.25	85-120
	900-1110		128.5-131	
	<b>Heifers</b>	200-300		
300-400		140-165	173	110-150
400-500		130-150	144	100-135
500-600		130-150	137-151	90-137
600-700		115-132	121-129	90-123
700-800		110-125	127-129	75-122
800-900			118-127.5	
900-1000			116.5	
<b>Bred Cows</b>		Young		
	Older			600-900
<b>Pairs</b>	Young	1000-1150		1100-1400
	Older	900-1000		900-1050
<b>Packer Cows</b>		55-66		
	Fat			50-58
	Boners			57-65
	Thin	42-55		25-40
<b>Packer Bulls</b>		80-96.5		
	High Yield			80-96
	Low Yield			60-80

this report brought to you by **Emily Teegardin, Attorney** 806.823.2132 office • 806.994.8400 cell  
415 Main, Silverton  
Appointments available by request at 111 Main, Quitaque

## New date announced for Caprock Crop Production Conference

The Floyd and Crosby County AgriLife Extension offices have announced a new date for the 2021 Caprock Crop Production Conference. The one-day event will take place on Thursday, April 1, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy. The conference was originally scheduled for January 22 and was to be an online-only event but was pushed back until an in-person meeting was possible. The Extension Agency announced the new date on Friday.

The conference, sponsored by the Floyd and Crosby County extension offices, will feature Jacob Reed of BASF, Robert Wright of Phytogen, ag law specialist Dr. Tiffany Lashmet and weed specialist Dr. Peter Dotray. Six Continuing Education Units are up for grabs at the event. The cost to attend the conference is \$45 per person and registration must be completed online prior to the event at this link. Questions can be directed to the Floyd County Extension Office at (806) 983-4912.

## Ogallala Aquifer Virtual Summit set for Feb. 24-25

CARMON McCAIN, HPWD  
SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

LUBBOCK—What are the major challenges in conserving groundwater in the Ogallala Aquifer region? What strategies are needed to help preserve this natural resource? What can be done to help sustain rural communities that depend upon irrigated agriculture for their local economy?

These and many other questions will be addressed during the Ogallala Aquifer Virtual Summit to be held Feb. 24 and 25 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) in Lubbock invites all interested persons to participate in this two-day virtual event.

Persons are encouraged to register by Feb. 23. There is a \$40 general admission fee and a \$20 fee for ag producers and students. Speak-

ers, panelists, and media representatives can register free of charge. Zoom meeting details will be shared with attendees after sign-up.

"The 2021 Ogallala Aquifer Virtual Summit gives producers and water management leaders an opportunity to connect and hear from one another on many important dimensions of the water-dependent future of this region," said Dr. Brent Auvermann, director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo. He is a co-chair of the event.

The Ogallala Aquifer underlies portions of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

While many agricultural producers/organizations will likely participate, organizers see this as an excellent opportunity for bankers, city managers, teachers, utility directors, and other interested persons to learn about the Ogallala Aquifer and discover ways to conserve it for future use.

"Water conservation technologies are helpful—and we need more of them. However, human decision-making is the real key to conserving the Ogallala," said Auvermann.

That decision-making process can be enhanced by mak-

ing sound, science-based water data available to the public. HPWD education and outreach coordinator Katherine Drury is one of the panelists for the Feb. 25 session, "Effective Communications and Training the Next Generation of Water Leaders."

"Members of this panel will provide a brief overview of the ways that people get their water information. They will then discuss methods to improve learning opportunities for maximum impact," said Drury.

In addition to panels and facilitated workshops, the meeting will also feature updates on projects, new programs, activities, and policies resulting from the 2018 Ogallala Aquifer Summit in Garden City, KS.

The Virtual Summit is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Ogallala Water Coordinated Agriculture Project team, Texas A&M AgriLife, Kansas Water Office, the USDA-ARS Ogallala Aquifer Program, and other agencies in the Ogallala Aquifer region. HPWD is among the supporters of the 2021 Virtual Summit.

The conference agenda and other information is available at ogallalawater.org.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Water District works to conserve, preserve, protect, and prevent the waste of underground water within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas. For more information visit www.hpwd.org.

## Lockney Chamber of Commerce calls for nominations for Citizen, Business of the Year

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce has announced that it will not hold its annual banquet this year. However, there are still plans to recognize a Citizen of the Year and a Business of the Year for 2020. The chamber is requesting nominations for both awards from the community. A Facebook presentation will be live on March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Nominations can be mailed to P.O. box 477 Lockney, Texas 79241. All nominations are due by March 1.

**LOCKNEY CO-OP GIN**  
The Gin of Choice  
806-652-3377  
LOCKNEY, TX.

1000 West Locust Street  
Clay Lowrance – Manager  
lockney.coop\_mgr@pcca.com

**BRIAN & DILIA'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CENTER**

Brian and Dilia Emert  
611 East Houston Street  
Floydada, Texas  
(806)983-9368

"Come see us when your engine light comes on—we can scan your vehicle! James is 'Dealer-level Certified' and can get you back on the road!"

Specializing in John Deere Tractor and automotive repairs  
"Proud to use GoldenWest Hydraulic Oil"

**First National Bank of Floydada**  
983-3717  
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FLOYDADA  
Member F.D.I.C.

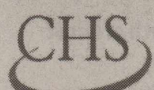
**FLOYDADA COOPERATIVE GINS, INC.**  
COOP  
Floydada • 983-2884



Out here, three things remain constant: the land, the family who farms it, and the local co-op that helps keep it profitable.

Your cooperative takes pride in providing you with the quality inputs and the risk management, agronomic and other services that are right for your operation. Out here, the co-op's commitment to the success of its members never wavers. As long as you have a local cooperative, you never farm alone.

Your cooperative. Local. Loyal. Trusted by generations.



1002 FM 786, Lockney, TX 79241  
(806)652-3389 | jimmy.cervantes@chsinc.com

AN OWNER OF THE CHS® COOPERATIVE SYSTEM

**Diversity D**  
specializing in drip irrigation

We are committed to offering state of the art irrigation solutions to meet your every need.

Nick Joiner-Manager  
Cell: 806.983.3532  
117 E. Locust St., Lockney, TX • 806.652.5000



FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Memories 1979: The Lorin Leibfrieds

As part of its mission to preserve local history, the Floyd County Historical Museum has recorded and transcribed oral histories and other documents over the years.

I, William Lorin Leibfried, was born June 22, 1905 in Roby, Fisher County, Texas, and moved to Owensboro, Kentucky with my parents soon after birth. Moved back to Roby, in 1913 and graduated from high school in 1923.

I came to Floydada in the fall of 1923 to visit friends and met the girl who was to be my wife. Bennie Sanders and I were married at Floydada in 1924. She had moved with her parents to Floydada from Parker County in 1922. We have made Floydada our home all our married life except for about 6 months when we were on a rural route near Paris, Texas. We have one child, a daughter, Lajuana who graduated from Floydada High School, graduated from Texas Tech. She married Chester F Jackson Jr. They live in Perryton, Texas and are employed by the public school system there. They have three children, Suzy, Rusty, and Mike. Suzy is a teacher. Rusty is married to the former Virginia Frazier, and they live in Lubbock. Mike, the youngest graduated from West Texas State University in 1977 and is employed with a firm in Norman, Oklahoma.

We lived on the farm for the first few years of our marriage. In 1928 I moved to Floydada and took employment as a part time clerk in the local post office, working 3 hours per day at \$.65 per hour, and supplemented that with employment at Loopers Grocery Store. After a year and one month as clerk I became the first letter carrier in Floydada when city delivery was established here on Sept. 1, 1929. I served in this position for 23 years, transferring back to full time clerk with Mrs. Barbara Smith as postmaster. On January 1, 1963, I accepted a position as rural carrier on route 1, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of S. L. Powell. On October 14, 1965, I transferred to route 2, the position left vacant by the retirement of L.J. Welborn. I continued serving that route until June 23, 1972. At that time I retired from the postal service, having worked in the post office for 44 years. I am now enjoying retirement with no schedule. Floydada is still my home and Bennie and I cherish the memories of our life here and the friends who are an important part of our feeling that Floydada is really a great place to call home.

CRP from page 7

acres of dedicated pollinator habitat and nearly 15 million more acres of diverse plantings that provide forage for pollinators.

- Increasing populations of ducks and other game birds, prairie chickens, and such grassland songbirds as Baird's Sparrow. CRP in the Northern Great Plains supports an estimated 8.6% of the grassland bird population.
- Increasing habitat that supports economic opportunities, such as job creation, related to hunting and fishing activities.

This signup for CRP gives producers an opportunity to enroll land for the first time or re-enroll land under existing contracts that will be expiring Sept. 30, 2021. All interested producers, including those on Indian reservations and with trust lands, are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center for more information.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

B	E	S	T		D	U	N		P	O	I			
A	C	H	E		R	E	N	O		G	H	E	N	T
W	H	I	P		E	T	A	S		R	O	S	E	S
L	O	V	E	S	T	O	R	Y		O	U	T	S	
			E	P	O	X	Y		N	U	S			
V	A	S	S	A	L			S	O	T	T	I	S	H
E	W	E		C	D	R	O	M	S		O	N	C	E
N	A	N	C	Y		E	D	O		A	N	T	R	A
U	R	S	A		B	A	D	G	E	D		E	E	R
S	E	E	D	I	E	R			G	A	R	R	E	T
			B	L	T		S	I	G	M	A			
	C	A	U	L		C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S
A	Z	U	R	E		H	I	K	E		T	A	L	A
S	A	T	Y	R		A	V	E	R		E	M	I	T
P	R	O				R	E	D			D	A	T	E

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

I will never forget Valentine's Day in 1946, when I was in Mrs. Alred's sixth grade class in Collin, Mississippi.

Mama had said our family could only afford to buy one pack of 24 valentines, and that my siblings and I would have to divide them. This meant I had six valentines and I could hardly wait to put them in the pretty box that our teacher had let the class decorate.

The cold wind blew in my face as I made my way to the bus stop that morning. As I drew my coat close to keep warm, I felt the precious valentines in my pocket.

I was so glad Mrs. Alred had given me a warm coat to wear, and I was especially thankful that she didn't give it to me in front of the class. Instead, she waited until the last recess of the day. After all the other girls and boys had left the room, she asked me to stay a minute longer, then she told me her daughter had outgrown the coat and there wasn't any use letting it hang in her closet.

"I'll hang it here with the other coats," she said, "And you just take it when you leave to get on the school bus." From then on, I wore the coat whenever it was cold.

Finally, the bus pulled into the little road near our mailbox. All the way to school, I thought about the valentine box and wondered how I could stand to wait until Mrs. Alred took the top off and distributed all the cards. At last, our schoolwork was over and we were ready for our party. As the room mothers arranged cupcakes on a table, Mrs. Alred took the cards out of the valentine box. As she called out our names, we went to the front of the room.

When the last name had been called, we began opening the valentines and exclaiming at the cute and funny messages. We discovered that Mrs. Alred had bought each of us a valentine all alike. Oh, how beautiful they were! There was a picture of Cinderella with a long flowing dress attached to a red lollipop. I carefully tucked the valentine away. Now, 64 years later, this is the only valentine box I remember, thanks to a very special teacher, Mrs. Alred.

NEW YEAR SNOW

Motley County had a blanket of snow January 9-10, and no school on Monday, January 11. Early morning dense fog the last week of January and the only rain the county got was January 25. Gusting winds with a dust storm was Saturday, January 30. The majority of the month had below freezing temperatures. Livestock grazing, feed and wheat land will not be harvested.

The total moisture in Motley County in January 2021 reported by the National Weather Bureau in Lubbock: Roaring Springs, 2.11 inches; Matador, 1.40 inches; Northfield, 0.67; Flomot, 0.98 and Whiteflat, 1.22.

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kendall of Quitaque are proud to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Mason, born Thursday, January 14, 2021, at the Covenant Hospital in Plainview. He weighed six pounds and fifteen ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall of Flomot and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall of Flomot.

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM WEEK 2-1-21

- Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited Mrs. Carolyn Ewing in Claude Friday night.
- Brooke Sehon of Wolforth visited last weekend with her grandparents, Clois and Kathy Shorter.
- Mrs. Janice Hughes attended to business in Plainview Monday.
- Richard Rogers of Lubbock visited recently with Donnie Rogers.
- Danielle Gwinn and daughter, Revel, of Plainview, visited last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn.
- Dr. David Martin accompanied his father Wilburn Martin to Amarillo, Thursday where they met his sister, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger. Wilburn returned home with her to visit.
- Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. visited from Thursday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. Visiting recently with Shonda and Roger Lee were her sister and husband, Penny and Bud Taylor.

Earlyne Jameson is a longtime resident of the Whiteflat Community in Motley County. She is married to H.R. "Skeet" Jameson, a lifelong farmer. They have two sons, Shannon, who lives in Santa Fe, NM, and Lance Jameson of Vernon. She is a 1946 graduate of Matador High School and attended Texas Tech and Hardin-Simmons Universities. She is an accomplished pianist, former chair of the American Heart Association in Motley County; and has worked for the Matador Tribune, now Motley County Tribune, for more than 60 years.

These local businesses invite you to visit the church of your choice in our area  
**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

During the current conditions of maintaining social distance, we encourage members and visitors check with churches in advance regarding the best ways to join in worship.

**Lighthouse Electric Coop**  
806.983.2814  
703 A Matador Hwy.

**Assiter Ag-Risk**  
120 W. California Street, Floydada, Tx.  
806-983-2511

**Agriculture Precision Supply**  
Pivots, Flow meters & Equipment  
www.GoA-P-S.com  
806.773.3025 • 806.263.2521

**Plains LAND BANK** Ryan Pierce  
806-724-5828  
plainslandbank.com  
Part of the Farm Credit System

**Payne Family Pharmacy**  
806.983.5111  
200 S. Main, Floydada

**Goen & Goen Insurance**  
806.983.3524  
102. E. California - Floydada

**Floydada Coop Gin, Inc.**  
319 N. 5th Street  
Floydada TX 79235  
806-983-2884

**Barwise Gin**  
Barwise Community  
806.983.2737

**Lockney Co-op Gin**  
Lockney, Texas  
806.652.3377

**Prosperity Bank**  
Member FDIC  
217 W. California -- 806.983.3725

**DARTY GIN**  
806.983.2956  
Dougherty, TX

**Aiken Baptist Church**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship...11 a.m.

**Bible Baptist Church**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada • 983-2578  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
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**  
Floydada  
Bob DuPont, Minister  
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  
Ron Kuykendall—Worship Leader  
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  
Pastor E. C. Ice, III  
Sunday School—9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service—10:30 a.m.

**Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ**  
Floydada  
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  
401 N 12th St. 983-5805  
Rev. Timothy Askey  
Sunday School—10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship—6 p.m.  
Wednesday Study—6 p.m.

**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing—10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship -11 a.m.

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

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

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Floyada  
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.

**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.

**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.

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

**St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
Floydada, 983-5878  
Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial  
Vicar—Jacob Powell  
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  
Sun 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, 983-5499  
Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors  
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.



# Hesperian • Beacon MARKET PLACE

806.271.3381  
201 W. CALIFORNIA, FLOYDADA  
FCHB.NEWS@GMAIL.COM

READ THE HESPERIAN-BEACON ONLINE

Digital subscription special through FEB. 28, 2021

## COMBO PACKAGE

If you're already a current print subscriber, EMAIL US and we'll sign you up for 3 months

**FREE!** Delivered right to your inbox every Wednesday morning

# HAY TAYLOR

4x5.5 net wrapped  
20/20 cow hay,  
weed sprayed  
Delivered within  
60 miles  
of Matador, Texas  
**\$65/bale**  
by the truckload



**Call Danny, (940) 389-3068**

## AUCTION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 - SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
LOCATED: FROM LOCKNEY, TEXAS 1/2 MILE EAST ON HWY 70 (SOUTH SIDE)

**SHIRLEY SUTTERFIELD & GLENN SUTTERFIELD - OWNERS**

FOR INFORMATION PHONE: GLENN (806) 292-9747 OR 5 STAR AUCTIONEERS:  
JIM (806) 292-2149 OR JIMMY (806) 774-2684

WE ARE RETIRING FROM FARMING AND THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION  
"LOCAL AREA CONSIGNMENTS WELCOME"

NOT MANY SMALL ITEMS .... PLEASE BE ON TIME!

LUNCH BY PLAINVIEW CATERING - LOADING AVAILABLE SALE DAY ONLY - CASH OR CHECKS ONLY, NO DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS  
LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE LISTING & PICTURES: www.5starauctioneers.com

**TRACTORS, ANTIQUE TRACTORS,  
GPS UNITS -**  
1 - 2009 JOHN DEERE 8330 MFWD DSL TRACTOR,  
CAB, A/C, HTR., RADIO, P/S TRANS., 3 PT. 4  
HYD., WTS., Q.H., 420/90R30 FRONT RUBBER,  
480/80R46 RUBBER, DUALS, DUAL SPACERS  
(225 H.P.) - 3389 HRS. - SN 47011 (SHEDDED)  
1 - 2005 JOHN DEERE 8320 MFWD DSL TRAC  
TOR, CAB, A/C, HTR., RADIO, P/S TRANS.,  
3 PT. 4 HYD., WTS., Q.H., 420/85R30 FRONT  
RUBBER, 480/90R46 RUBBER, DUALS, 215 H.P., 6448  
HRS. - SN 36713 - (SHEDDED)

1 - 2003 JOHN DEERE 8120 MFWD DSL TRACTOR,  
CAB, A/C, HTR., RADIO, P/S TRANS., 3 PT. 4  
HYD., WTS., Q.H., 380/85R34 FRONT RUBBER,  
480/80R46 RUBBER, HUBS, 170 H.P., 5950 HRS.,  
SN - 14905 (SHEDDED & I OWNER)  
1 - 1960 MASSEY FERGUSON T035 DELUXE GAS  
TRACTOR, 3 PT. PTO, FENDERS, 12.4 X 28 RUB  
BER, (2278 HRS. SHOWING) - SN 205771 - (SHED  
DED)  
1 - ANTIQUE 1941 JOHN DEERE H GAS TRACTOR,  
NARROW FRONT DRAW BAR, PTO, RUNNING  
WHEN PARKED - SN H23863 - (SHEDDED)

1 - ANTIQUE MASSEY HARRIS 44 GAS TRACTOR,  
NARROW FRONT, DRAW BAR, PTO, RUNNING  
WHEN PARKED (SHEDDED)  
2 - JOHN DEERE 2630 GPS UNITS W/ STARFIRE 3000  
\*GLOBES (WILL SELL FOLLOWING J.D. TRAC  
TORS)  
FARM EQUIPMENT, WATER TRUCK,  
SPRAY EQUIPMENT, SEED TENDERS,  
TRAILERS, TANKS, U.T.V., FORKLIFT,  
BOX CAR, IRRIGATION, TRACTOR &  
TOOLBAR MAKE-UPS, LIVESTOCK  
EQUIPMENT

JIM SUMNERS.....(806) 292-2149  
(10006)  
JIMMY REEVES.....(806) 774-2684  
(Clerk)  
DONNA TODD.....(806) 292-1990  
(Secretary)

### Five Star Auctioneers

OFFICE: (806) 296-0379 — P.O. BOX 1030 — PLAINVIEW, TEXAS 79073-1030  
WEB SITE: WWW.5STARAUCTIONEERS.COM

Terms of Sale: Cash, Personal or Business Check - No  
Debit or Credit Cards - All Accounts Settled Day Of Sale

NOTE: Please Bring Your Own Check Book  
WINCH TRUCK AVAILABLE ON SALE DAY  
BRING YOUR TRUCK OR TRAILER • WE ARE AGENTS AND AGENTS ONLY

## CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10		
11					12				13	14			
15					16				17				
18					19				20				
			21					22					
23	24	25					26			27	28	29	
30					31		32	33			34		
35				36			37				38		
39					40				41			42	
43					44				45		46		
					47				48	49			
		50	51								53	54	55
56							57				58		
59							60				61		
62							63				64		



**Blazing Fast Internet!**  
ADD TO YOUR PACKAGE FOR ONLY  
**\$19.99** /mo.  
where available

**BRING EVERYTHING YOU LOVE TOGETHER!**

**2-YEAR TV PRICE GUARANTEE**

**\$59.99** MO. **190 CHANNELS**  
Including Local Channels!

CALL TODAY - For \$100 Gift Card Promo Code: DISH100

**1-888-416-7103** Offer ends 1/31/21.



All offers require credit qualification, 24-month commitment with early termination fee and setup fee. Prices include Hopper Duo for qualifying customers. Hopper, Hopper w/Sling or Hopper 3 (\$5/mo. more). Upfront fees may apply based on credit qualification.

## HELP WANTED

**HAMMOND SHEET METAL** is looking to hire an Installer. Must pass background check. Must be able to register with the State of Texas. Must be in good physical condition and be capable of working in attics and under houses. Pick up application at 105 N. 5th Street, Floydada. tfn

**Children's Eye Exams**  
Medicaid, Chip, Most Insurances  
3415 19th Street Lubbock  
806-796-2020

**THANKS FOR READING!**

Advertise your business or product here! (806) 271-3381 • fchb.editor@yahoo.com

## DEADLINE

**NOON Monday**

All news and advertising items intended for each week's print and online edition must be received no later than noon on Mondays. Items submitted are subject to holdover for future editions, depending on size, content and available space. No guarantees or assurances are made to when articles or photographs will appear in the newspaper.

## HELP WANTED

# Nutrien Ag Solutions™

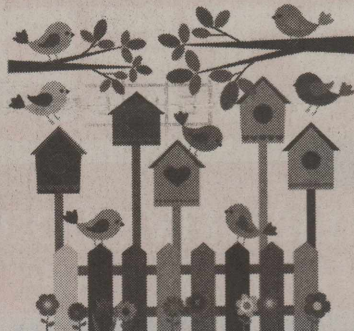
**NOW HIRING**

**CDL DRIVER**  
517 E. Houston ST  
Floydada, Texas  
806-983-2233

- Valid Driver's license is required
- A CDL and willing to obtain endorsements
- Able to lift/carry up to 75
- Must meet DOT company requirements
- Ship, receive, verify and process orders
- Other duties as assigned

## EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME!

# Golden Triangle HOME GARDEN SHOW



**March 5-6-7**

**Ford Park  
Beaumont  
Texas**

See a multitude of Home Improvement Professionals in 1 location!  
[GoldenTriangleHomeAndGardenShow.com](http://GoldenTriangleHomeAndGardenShow.com)

## WANTED:

# LAND IN FLOYD COUNTY

I am looking to buy land in Floyd County, Texas. Generally, in an area North-Northwest to North-Northeast of Floydada then North to the Briscoe County line. Preferably cultivated dryland farmland, CRP, expired CRP, or expiring CRP. If you are interested in selling your land or discussing this further, please call: Larry Bramlet – 806-983-7731 (cell).

**SOLUTION FIND ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE • 9**

## CROSSWORD THEME VALENTINE'S DAY

### ACROSS

- "You're the \_\_\_!"
- Horse color
- Interesting person, acr.
- Nevada city
- City in Belgium
- Use a whisk
- Greek H's
- \*Popular Valentine's Day delivery, pl.
- \*\*"Love means never having to say you're sorry" movie
- Ballpark calls
- Strong adhesive
- Greek letter N, pl.
- Lord's subordinate
- Given to drinking
- Ovine mom
- Old storage medium
- Fairy-tale beginning
- Politician Pelosi
- Tokyo, once
- Bone hollows
- Sky bear
- Fitted with a name tag, e.g.
- "Ever" to a poet
- With more seeds
- Attic
- Summer sandwich?

### DOWN

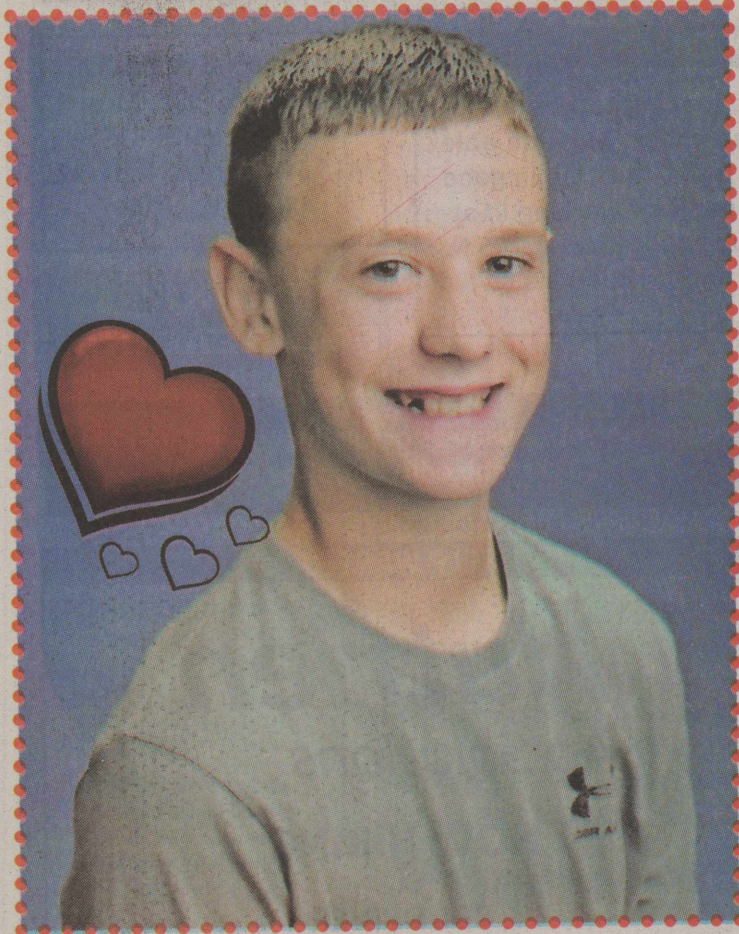
- Cry like a baby
- Canyon sound
- Convict's weapon
- Conical dwellings
- Get on juice diet, e.g.
- Opposite of binary
- Like a gossipmonger
- Exterminator's target
- Change for a five
- Part of T.G.I.F.
- Like an abridged classic
- Tiler's paste

- \*"I Will Always Love You" singer
- Stupefied
- Us, in Mexico
- \*Cupid's mother
- In the know
- Common thing?
- Smoke plus fog
- Lay to rest
- Rocks at mountain base
- \*Symbol of Valentine's Day
- Give off
- Plays for pay
- \*Color of Valentine's Day
- \*Lovers' reunion
- Apple
- Risk something
- Between eggy and eggie
- Feeling worse than before
- Gave away
- Thin piece
- Annoyed
- Russia's alternative to caesar
- Aries or Taurus, e.g.
- Bum to a crisp
- MADD member, colloquially
- Climbed down, as from a carriage
- Fill beyond full
- Pharaoh's cobra



## SPOTLIGHT ON VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE

# Valentine Brags



**PEYTON MICHAEL ANDERSON** (above), age 13, is the son of Monty and Ginger Anderson of Celina, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Lubbock and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr., and the late Louis and Ferne Anderson.



**BELLA RYAN ANDERSON** (above), age 10, is the daughter of Dusty Anderson of Prosper, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Lubbock and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr., and the late Louis and Ferne Anderson.

**BRYNLEE ANNE ANDERSON** (right), age 7, is the daughter of Dusty Anderson of Prosper, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Lubbock and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr., and the late Louis and Ferne Anderson.



**CHLOE LILYANN ANDERSON** (right), age 9, is the daughter of Monty and Ginger Anderson of Celina, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Lubbock and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr., and the late Louis and Ferne Anderson.



**JACKSON DONALD CROW**, (left) age 6, is the son of Danny and Melanie Crow of Floydada. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Lubbock and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr.

VOTE TUESDAY FEB 23

# CRAIG CARTER

THE CONSERVATIVE FOR TEXAS STATE HOUSE

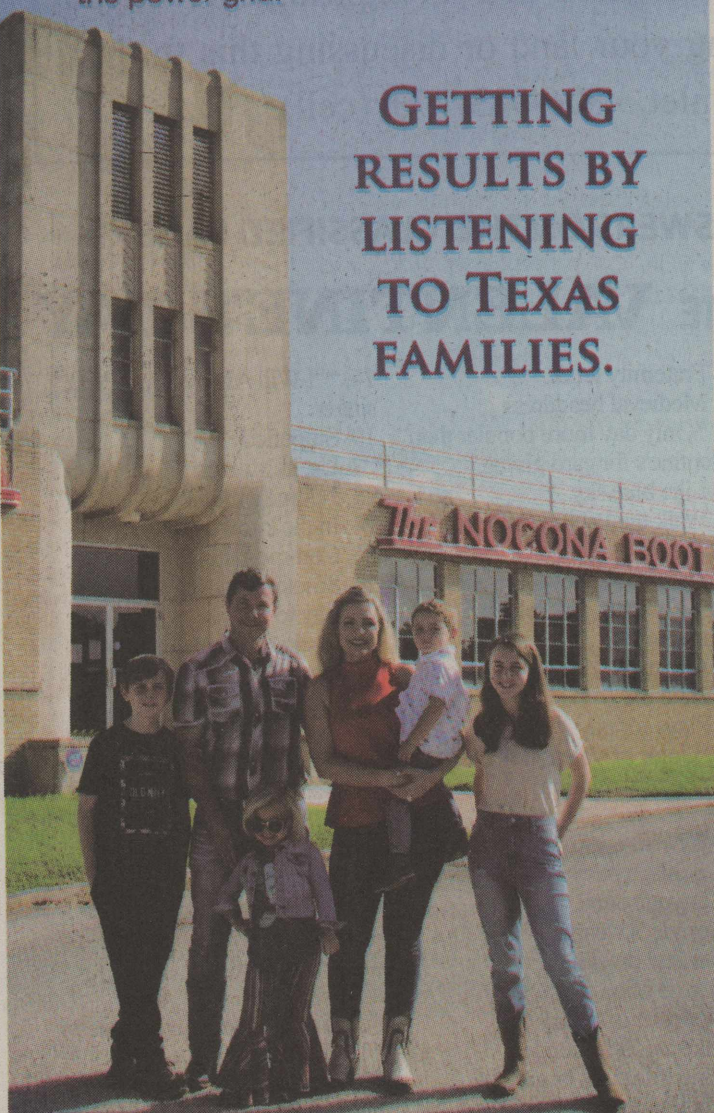
**As our State Representative, Craig Carter will focus on:**

- Reducing property taxes.
- Protecting the unborn.
- Defending Second Amendment Rights.
- Creating good paying jobs.

**As a leader in House District 68, Craig Carter has:**

- Created more than 100 jobs in Texas.
- Founded the Hope 29:11 Food Bank that feeds 30,000 people per year.
- Worked to bring High Speed Internet to rural communities.
- Successfully accomplished updates to the power grid.

GETTING RESULTS BY LISTENING TO TEXAS FAMILIES.



CRAIGCARTERFORTEXAS.COM

Pol. Ad Paid for by Craig Carter or Texas House Campaign  
901 East Highway 82 Nocona, TX 76255

## Valentine's Day, second most celebrated holiday

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day contains relics of both Christian and ancient Roman custom.

According to History.com, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend states that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the unfairness of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When Valentine's actions were exposed, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. According to History.com others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured, according to History.com.

One myth, an imprisoned Valentine sent the first valentine greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl possibly his jailor's daughter who visited him during his detained. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed from your Valentine, an expression that is still in use today.

Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a compassionate, brave and most importantly, passionate figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this status, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

History.com also reports that while some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to celebrate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial which probably occurred around A.D. 270 others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to Christianize the pagan celebration of Lupercalia, according to History.com.

Valentine greetings were common as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was confined in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. Several years later, it is believed that King Henry V hired a writer named John Lydgate to write a valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the Mother of the Valentine, made sophisticated creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures. Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year, Christmas comes in first.



## Fresh flowers for Valentine's Day

Fresh-cut flowers are the perfect Valentine's gift. This time of year most of us do not have any blooms from our personal gardens, so it's off to the florist. Some of the most popular flowers for gifting are Alstroemeria, Calla lilies, carnations, tulip, and rose.

Put a personal touch on your gift bouquets from store-bought flowers with these tips:

- Make fresh cuts before placing in water, as edges of flower stems that have been out of water for a time will have sealed over, preventing water uptake.
- Use knives or pruning shears to make cuts. Scissors will crush stems, clogging up the vascular system and preventing water absorption.
- Cut stems under water. Air bubbles get trapped when stems are cut in the open, preventing water uptake.
- Make new cuts at 45-degree angles, increasing the surface area for water uptake.
- Lower leaves submerged in water harbor bacteria, indicated by cloudy water and foul smell.
- Rehydrate freshly cut stems in lukewarm water as molecules of warm water move faster than cold molecules. After stems and flowers are fully turgid and hydrated, replace with cold water.
- Preservatives can increase floral life of cut flowers. Three ingredients in any preservative are carbohydrates, biocides, and acidifiers in a 1:1:2 ratio added to water: 1 teaspoon sugar as the carbohydrate; teaspoon bleach as biocide to reduce bacteria; 1 teaspoon citric acid, lemon or lime juice or acidifiers to adjust the pH of water that facilitates water uptake.

Once flowers have been prepped you are ready to make the arrangement. Choose narrow vases for fewer flowers and vases with a wide mouth for large bouquets. Start with the largest and most colorful as focal point flowers then fill in with smaller, accent flowers, filling empty spaces with the smallest flowers.

When assembling a flower arrangement, it's always good to start with a layer of greenery. It helps make the vase look more full and softens the look. If your bouquet didn't come with greenery, you can use sprigs of eucalyptus or fern fronds. Next, add focal point flowers, which are usually the largest and most colorful in the group. Add accent flowers (which are smaller) around the focal point flowers. Then, use more delicate flowers to fill in the empty gaps.

And while you are thinking of gifting someone flowers for Valentine's Day, why not treat yourself also!