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FEBRUARY STORM WALLOPS THE SOUTH PLAINS

A camp man's winter work

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON PHOTOS BY SARAH REESE

"ANOTHER DEAD ONE..." WERE THE WORDS JACE PFENNINGER SAID as he hopped out of the pickup to load up the calf's cold, still body.

Pfenninger is a camp man for 3B Cattle Company, located north of Floydada in Floyd County, and is employed by Todd Beedy of Floydada. Pfenninger tends to around 500 head of cattle on 3B range each day. But the job is in his blood; his father, Dave, is livestock manager at the Finney County Feedyard in Garden City, Kansas.

He told us his story through his words, but perhaps most powerfully through the photographs taken by his fiancée, Sarah Sanders Reese of Floydada, a full-time portrait and western-lifestyle photographer.



CALF RESCUE Jace Pfenninger rescues another just-born calf in the pasture. Ensuring the new calves survive has been a challenge in brutal winter weather. | SARAH REESE PHOTO

Reese is also a pretty good hand herself: she started working at the Floydada Livestock Sale during high school in 2010, and a few years later she was handling the scale and by 2018 was running the chutes as well. When previous owner LaNell McCandless retired from the office in 2019, Reese took the office manager job.

"Calving in weather like this is something I really haven't ever had to deal with," said Reese. "I have watched my friends on Facebook for years put calves in their bathtubs with a blow dryer, in their garage with a propane heater, in the floorboard of their pickup trying desperately to warm the frozen calf up. My heart would literally break for them."

Spring calving season was already well under way when this past week's snow, ice and extreme temperatures swept through. "We know quite a few calves hit the ground last week," said Reese. Many are turned out on the caprock. It's Pfenninger's job to help find and save them.

To locate the calves in the snow, Pfenninger leaves early in the morning and doesn't get home until after dark. He feeds animals and breaks ice on water tanks for the livestock to get a drink.

"Usually when a cow is calving she goes off my herself," explained Reese. "Sometimes those first-calf heifers (like the one in the photo above) get a little overwhelmed and just do not know what to do. We waited a bit to give that heifer a chance to clean the calf before Jace jumped out and grabbed it."

Even in temperate winters, calves are extremely vulnerable to cold in the first few days after birth, and keeping them warm is a challenge. But with below-zero temperatures such as the South Plains saw last week, ranchers must resort to bringing newborns inside barns or their own houses and bottle-feeding them until they're strong enough to return to their mothers.

The coldest temperature of last week, according to the Lubbock Weather Service, hit the area on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 14 and 15. For both days the high temperature was 14 degrees and low was 0, but with the blistering winds the wind chill was minus 16 to minus 20 degrees.

"I just think it's super important for people to realize that ranchers/farmers do not get days off," said Reese. "When the weather is

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Floyd County weathers tough winter storms

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYD COUNTY—Despite major water line issues and frozen equipment, Floyd County got through last week's historic winter storms with the joint efforts of community members who pitched in to keep everyone safe.

The city of Floydada, along with Floydada Collegiate ISD, voluntarily reduced electricity usage. Lockney City Hall closed early, and students went to remote learning to conserve energy as well. Only tessential

government buildings, like the Texas Department of Transportation district office, and the utilities, did not close.

"Everybody cut back on power usage," said Floydada City Manager Daryl Gooch, though neither Floydada nor Lockney experienced outages of the kind that occurred elsewhere in the region and state. The courthouse was able to reopen on Thursday.

A backhoe broke down and parts couldn't be obtained to repair it due to the icy roads,

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WINTER WATERING Across the region, fire departments and other volunteers supplied water for herds. | COURTESY PHOTO



WHIRLWINDS WIN | SEE PAGE 5 24th-ranked Floydada beats Bovina, advances

Lockney to hold city council, school board elections

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYD COUNTY—Although Friday, Feb. 12, was the last day to file for area city councils, due to the recent winter weather emergency not all reports were available to the Hesperian-Beacon by deadline time last week.

An election will be held to determine which candidates will serve on the Lockney City Council in Districts 1 and 3. Incumbent Donnie McLaughlin has filed for reelection to District 1, along with challenger Saul Rodriguez. For district 2, incumbent Aaron Wilson will serve another term. However, District 3 has two candidates. Alberto Soto-Gonzalez is running against incumbent Dart Carthel.

Kayla Sherman initially filed for the Lockney ISD School Board Precinct 2 seat currently held by Mike Lass on February 1 but withdrew after Lass filed on February 10. Sherman has now refiled for Precinct 1, running against incumbent Tyler Duvine, who filed on February 9.

Voters will determine which candidates fill these positions on Saturday, May 1, 2021. When filing closed Friday, February 12, for elected incumbents had filed for the Floydada City Council and Floydada Collegiate ISD Board and remained unopposed. Bobby Gilliland will continue to serve as the Mayor of Floydada, while incumbents

UPCOMING

LOCKNEY CHAMBER BANQUET NOMINATIONS

The Lockney Chamber will not have an actual Chamber Banquet due to Covid-19 but still wants to honor a Citizen and a Business of the Year for 2020. Nominations will be taken through Monday, March 1. To submit a nomination please mail to Box 477, Lockney, TX 79241. The chamber will have a Facebook Live presentation on Friday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

WHIRLWINDS RELAYS

The Floydada Whirlwind Relays will be held March 4-5 at the Tyer Stadium. The junior high meet will be held on Thursday with the high school meet held on Friday. More information will be posted on the school's Facebook page and in the March 4 issue.

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

Dana Crossland and Steve Lloyd will serve districts 2 and 3 for another term.

Roger Hughes and Brianne Glasscock will serve another term on the FCISD School board.

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BACK STAGE

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Power Failure

"Backstage" headlines are based on song titles appropriate to the topics of the week's current events. Music is one of the ways we record and collect our thoughts on history and the column often comes from a sense of touring for observation.

Though some of the song titles are easily recognized, others, like this one, may be more obscure. Procol Harum rockers Gary Brooker and Keith Reid sparked some interesting but probably long forgotten discussions among fans about the 1971 album "Broken Barricades" with the "live" recording of the song "Power Failure" on the B side that wasn't actually live.

Since the song was supposedly about the literal loss of electricity to the organ during a live show, drummer B.J. Wilson was left to carry the performance. But the song offers a more poetic interpretation with lyrics like "falling over burning chairs." Maybe they meant furniture, though it has been pointed out that a 'chair' is also a leadership position. It works on both levels.

From backstage last week, I watched as news outlets reported that over four million Texans were left without heat when temperatures dropped below freezing. Icy roads, power outages and water leaks made for hazardous conditions throughout other parts of the state.

But for very few exceptions, the power here was on. City governments, school districts, and organizations worked together with citizens to conserve energy. Customers in Guthrie, Paducah, Turkey, Silverton, Matador, Roaring Springs, Dickens, Spur, Floydada, and Lockney are on the Texas grid that supplies power to ninety percent of the state.

From Floyd to Cottle, judges, county commissioners and sheriffs all rose to the occasion and displayed effective leadership. Mayors, city managers, city secretaries, city council members, and public works and sanitation crews demon-

strated great teamwork to protect everyone. No power failure there.

The Texas Department of Transportation kept Highway 86 clear and safe to drive. Business owners pitched in. The water leaks got fixed. That's power to the people.

Although this particular pair of storms was more extreme than others in the state's history, Gov. Greg Abbott has had opportunities to learn from one crisis after another. His own appointees on the Public Utility Commission oversee the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, yet he sneered they were "anything but reliable" and called for resignations.

Frankly, ERCOT had been warned. They knew the Texas power grid needed to be improved, but ERCOT doesn't require the power plants to maintain or protect their pipes and equipment. They can't enforce regulations that don't exist.

Where these outcomes were preventable was in the Texas legislature. The policy makers decided not to require the winterization and modernization that every other state in the U.S. does.

Texas Senator Ted Cruz, U.S. Representative Dan Crenshaw, and Ag Commissioner Sid Miller want you to believe that wind farms (which are prominent in this region and only expected to contribute about 7% of the state's power in winter) are to blame for leaving Texans in the cold. Others, like ERCOT senior director Dan Woodfin, say the culprit is natural gas, which underperformed only because well-understood prerequisites for operation in the cold were not met.

As Attorney General Ken Paxton earlier pointed out when natural disaster struck California, the responsibility for this debacle rests squarely on the state's politicians. They lied to fuel agendas instead of homes.

But the government works for you at every level. When state leaders disregard your safety, the result is, indeed, a power failure.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Millions of Texans dealing with water supply issues

AUSTIN—Warmer temperatures over the weekend and continuing this week melted most of the snow from the state's roadways and roofs. But Texans are still dealing with broken pipes that flooded homes and businesses, damaged municipal water systems, and continued power outages in scattered areas, mainly in East and Central Texas.

At the height of the power crisis, more than 4 million Texans were without electrical service—a number that shrank to less than 32,000 as of Sunday, according to the PowerOutage.Us website.

As of last weekend, more than half the state's population had some type of disruption in their water service, from having no water to low pressure, which made it necessary to boil water before safely using it for drinking, cooking or bathing. Tiffany Young, spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, reported Friday that more than 1,300 water supply systems and 62% of Texas counties were affected.

Federal disaster declaration partially granted. Gov. Greg Abbott's request for a federal disaster declaration was partially granted on Saturday. President Joe Biden granted the request for individual assistance in 77 Texas counties (https://tinyurl.com/3doyhwnt). Individuals and business owners in counties included in the federal disaster declaration can begin applying for assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585.

State's power grid 'minutes' from failing; Abbott urges legislative action. As electricity demand overwhelmed capacity last week during the height of the storm, the chief of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates the power grid

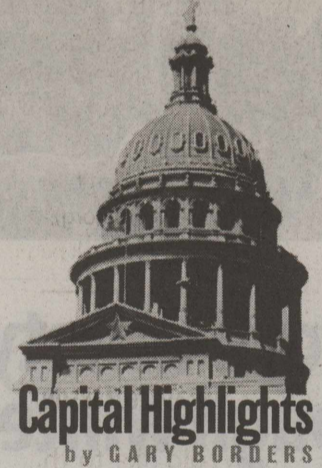
for most of the state, told the media that the grid came close to having a catastrophic failure that could have taken months to repair. Grid operators began rolling blackouts to cut demand. "It needed to be addressed immediately," said Bill Magness, president of ERCOT. "It was seconds and minutes (from possible failure), given the amount of generation that was coming off the system."

Abbott last Tuesday added reform of ERCOT as an emergency item this legislative session, calling the organization "anything but reliable." Also, Attorney General Ken Paxton has issued civil investigative demands to ERCOT and 11 power companies demanding documents and data related to the power outages, emergency plans, energy pricing and other items related to the winter storm power failures. Paxton said in a press release that ERCOT and other entities "grossly mishandled" last week's winter disaster.

Abbott met with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dade Phelan and eight members of the Legislature on Saturday to discuss how to address the spike in energy bills affecting many Texans after the power outages.

The Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT, also has begun an investigation into the outages. Chairman DeAnn Walker said, "We must act swiftly to discover not only how this crisis came together, but also take meaningful steps to protect electricity customers."

Tips on filing insurance claims for damaged homes. The Texas Department of Insurance offers several tips if filing a homeowner's claim for damage caused by broken water pipes, downed tree limbs or other damage from the storm. TDI advises contacting your insurance company or agent as soon as possible to file a claim. Also:
• Make a list of damaged



property. Take pictures or video of the damage.

- Take steps to protect your home from further damage. Turn off the water, cover broken windows and holes in your roof if possible. Keep receipts on anything you spend to make temporary repairs.
• Try to be present when the insurance adjuster comes to inspect the damage or leave a note on how you can be reached.
• Keep a list of everyone you talk to at your insurance company.
• Get more than one bid, check references, and don't pay up front.

Storm slows rate of vaccinations across Texas. Scheduled COVID-19 vaccinations were rescheduled in metro areas and vaccine hubs throughout the state due to the storm.

People in Texas vaccinated with at least one dose passed the 3 million mark, and 1.313 million people were fully vaccinated as of Sunday. COVID-19 vaccine distribution will ramp back up as the state recovers from the winter storms, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Nearly 600,000 first doses are coming this week from the Centers for Disease Control and are being shipped to 563 providers in 230 Texas counties.

In addition, the state has ordered 364,830 second doses intended for people first vaccinated a few weeks ago. A TDSHS news release stated

FROM SEN. CHARLES PERRY Winter Storm Disaster & Assistance Update

Dear Fellow Texans,

Below is an update on the after effects of the winter storm, how to help get your community assistance, and my statement on the state of our electrical grid.

If you or your business were impacted by the winter storm, please click on this link and fill out the Texas Disaster Impacts Self-Reporting Tool. Please forward this information to your friends and family!

The good news is that the White House approved Public Assistance for Emergency Protective Measures in all 254 counties. The bad news is that Individual Assistance was only approved for 77 counties. You can click here to see if you already qualify. The state is working to get all 254 counties included for Individual Assistance, but you need to fill out the survey so we can help show the White House how bad the damage really is to get your county included.

Your County Judge or Emergency Management Coordinator will be doing something similar for the public infrastructure that was damaged during this storm. They are also turning in State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) for local needs whether that is bottled water shipments, food distribution, or generators and fuel. Distribution sites run by local jurisdictions are reimbursable under the disaster declaration.

Many of you are still on a boil water notice. There are about 1,400 water systems or 15 million people that were impacted by this storm. Local governments are working around the clock to get their water systems running normally again. It takes 24 hours for the labs to confirm water quality is back to normal when the water system is fixed.

Positive stories of neighbors helping neighbors are starting to emerge and they are inspiring. The people of Texas are resilient and we will come out of this stronger.

We will also hold the people that failed us accountable. There will be more updates on this later.

Lastly, if you see scams or price gouging taking place, report it to the Texas Attorney General immediately by clicking here. It is absolutely unacceptable for anyone to do this during these difficult times. These individuals will be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

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2021 Community Calendar

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANKS—FLOYDADA—Spirit of Sharing (SOS), 925 Crockett St., Floydada, Mon. and Thurs. 2–4:30 p.m. (806) 983-5874.

LOCKNEY—Lockney Salvation Army, 108 S. Main, Lockney. (806) 652-2448. PLEASE CALL FOR HOURS DUE TO COVID-19.

LOCKNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 124 S. Main, Lockney, Mon.–Thurs., 1–5 p.m. and Fri. 9 a.m.–1 p.m. (806) 652-3561.

FLOYD COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 S. Wall St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (806) 983-4922.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 925 W. Crockett St., Floydada, serves lunch 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Wed. and Thurs. only during February. Dine-in, delivery in Floydada, or pickup. (806) 983-2032.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 118 W. College St., Lockney, serves lunch Mon.–Fri. 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Dine-in, delivery in Lockney area only, and curbside pickup. (806) 652-2745.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 105 E. Missouri St., Floydada, is open weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment. (806) 983-2415.

FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, 105 S. 5th St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (806) 983-3434.

COMMUNITY CHANGES AND CLOSURES City of Floydada office is drive-up only due to Covid-19.

PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT Mon., March 8, 8 a.m., County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Floydada.

FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Thurs., March 11, at 6 p.m., Fisd School Administration offices, 226 W. California St., Floydada.

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tues., March 16, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tues., March 16, 7 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

- LIONS CLUB AND ROTARY
Floydada Rotary Club—Wednesdays, 12 noon, Floydada Senior Citizens Center.
Floydada Lions Club—Thursdays, 12 noon, Floydada Senior Citizens Center.
Lockney Rotary Club—Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

that people who had their second dose appointments delayed by the winter weather "should rest assured knowing that vaccine will be available, and their appointments will be rescheduled."

For more information, go to this site: https://tinyurl.com/duocrcgb. People without internet access can dial 2-1-1 to access information about vaccine providers.

Covid-19 cases in state continue to drop. While some reporting may have been delayed because of the storms, the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine reported 33,423

cases in Texas last week—fewer than half reported the previous week. The number of new deaths also dropped by more than half, with 892 reported. Again, the numbers may be skewed by the storm's effects on power outages at Texas hospitals and other factors. We'll see what next week's numbers indicate.

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.



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Foodbytes

ANGELINA LARUE

Homemade chicken and dumplings stick to your ribs in winter

If you read this column often, you know I've never met a dumpling I didn't like, so I'm prone to experimenting with my basic ideas.

I often like to make chicken and dumplings like a "stew." I add whatever veggies I have in the crisper, but particularly onion, celery, and carrot. Corn, green peas, or green beans are also good.

To add flavor to the chicken, I sear it with a little butter. The pan will then have lots of brown bits that really add depth and richness to the broth.

Any type of dumpling will work. Homemade, biscuit-mix variety, or even a can of biscuits torn into little pieces, will all do well and taste great.

Next time you crave a down-home, country, home-style dinner, this is perfect. Make it for a cold winter evening, or a Sunday meal after church. Warm, cozy, comforting one-pot meals are perfect to serve this time of year. Or complete it with a tossed salad, and maybe a Texas Sheet Cake for dessert.

Enjoy food make fresh!

Homestyle Chicken and Dumplings

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, or other chicken to shred
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced
- 2 stalks celery, trimmed and diced
- 1/2 onion, peeled and diced
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, or 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 (15-ounce) can chicken broth
- 6 cups water



DUMPLING DELICIOUSNESS Homemade dough, biscuit-mix variety, or even a can of biscuits torn into little pieces all serve well for making dumplings to accompany a chicken "stew." | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 40 (1-inch balls) biscuit dough
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

Melt butter in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken pieces, seasoned with 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Brown on both sides, this will take 3 to 4 minutes for each side, (chicken will finish cooking when added back to the pot). Remove chicken and set aside.

Add carrot, celery, and onion to the Dutch oven and sauté over medium heat until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes, stirring often. Add garlic and rosemary. Stir to combine.

Pour chicken broth into the pot with the veggies. Deglaze the pot by scrapping the brown bits off the bottom. Add chicken and water. Bring to a boil over high heat then reduce to medium. Continue cooking chicken until fully cooked; time will vary. Turn heat to low and remove chicken from pot to let cool. When cool enough to handle, shred chicken and return to pot. Add cream, and stir.

Increase heat to medium-low. Drop balls of biscuit dough in, slowly. Cook for approximately 5 minutes until biscuit dough forms dumplings that are dense and chewy. Season with remaining salt and pepper. Serve warm. Makes about 8 servings.

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

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Dr. Phil and doing good

The nice thing about watching Dr. Phil is seeing messed up people promise to do better.

There's also the soap opera angle: We feel better about ourselves when other people's lives, real or imaginary, are worse than ours.

Voilà. Two reasons to watch Dr. Phil.

As for that second concept, I borrowed it. So let's talk about the first one instead. Promises.

We're all a little messed up. We're may not be on national television about to get our children taken away or slated to go to prison if we break the law once more, but most of us keep promising ourselves we'll do better about one thing or another. I jump from thing to thing.

Lately I've added a few more. Maybe you have too.

I promise as soon as the weather warms up I'm going to see why the generator won't start.

The next time we are expecting record lows, I'm going to buy a whole pickup load of sacked cow cubes before they're all gone. I promise.

Along about July I'll dig around that outside water hydrant to see if it's leaking deep underground. I promise. Just not today.

Every other month I'm going to check the air pressure in those little front tires on the tractor, I promise. I won't wait until it's time to spear a big bale of hay. Not that those front tires are really little. Otherwise I'd be able to lift them into the back of my car instead of rolling them up a long ramp. And regular tire places wouldn't mind fixing them. Don't ask me how I know. Just imagine one tire-off-the-rim day followed by another tire-off-the-rim day.

I promise to bake cookies for Joseph and his cohorts at Discount Tire. Good work, guys.

Back to those cubes. I did buy several sacks before temperatures plunged. I wish I'd bought more. Cubes turned out to be the agricultural version of pandemic toilet paper. Every farm store ran out. Trucks did not arrive to replenish the depleted supplies. Does "depleted" mean exhausted? If not, substitute "exhausted."

That word describes me too. Which one? Both. Plus zapped.

By the time you read these musings, the record-breaking cold snap of February 2021 will be history. Old news. You will have survived. Congratulations. My apologies for not addressing a more timely topic. But at the moment I'm not inspired to write about the low 50s.

My husband, Hugh, is stranded at our house in Abilene. He's been my long-distance adviser. I'd call him lucky, but guess who's got no water? Hugh.

All three municipal water treatment plants shut down for lack of electrical power.

Currently (pun) all-electric Hugh said it would be nice if our walled-up fireplace could be put back into service. I couldn't believe my ears! Just what I've always wanted! A fireplace!

I'll be unhappy when his resolve melts in the warmth of spring. But life will go on. Things won't be bad enough to bring in Dr. Phil. I promise.

CrossView Festival of Tables
"Puttin' On The Ritz"

Saturday, March 20, 2021
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Turkey Church of Christ
Turkey, TX

Entertainment, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, & Catered Lunch

CrossView Festival of Tables reservation deadline March 1

STAFF REPORTS

The annual Festival of Tables event benefiting CrossView Christian Camp will be Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Turkey Church of Christ, 501 Bell Ave., Turkey, TX 79261.

The theme is "Puttin' On the Ritz" (1920s Jazz Age). A lunch featuring lasagna, tossed green salad, a dinner roll, and iced tea will be served, with coffee and cake following for dessert.

"The silent auction has great items and gift cards to bid on," said CrossView camp director Kassi Appleton, "some from the area and some from Lubbock."

There will be a presentation about CrossView and the plans for summer 2021. Participants will also enjoy worship and fellowship together. Proceeds from the event (tickets, silent auction, and donations) will go towards making summer camp 2021 happen.

"We're excited to get the community together after so much rescheduling," said Appleton.

Those interested in hosting a table must reserve by March 1, by emailing info@crossviewcamp.org, calling (806)294-5021 or messaging on the organization's Facebook page.

Lockney Senior Center News

DONNA WEBB/AIMEE JACKSON | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

We would like to thank Mike Myers for delivering meals for the Center during the bad winter storm. We appreciate it very much.

Also, thanks to everyone who purchased carry-out plates or dined in during our special Valentine's Day fundraiser. The fundraiser was a great success.

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 serves 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, MARCH 1** Chicken spaghetti, bread sticks, glazed carrots, chocolate cake
- TUESDAY, MARCH 2** Cheese hamburger basket, French fries, chocolate chip cookies
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3** Beef stew, sweet Hawaiian rolls, peach cobbler
- THURSDAY, MARCH 4** Deluxe chef salad with turkey, ham, boiled eggs, banana pudding
- FRIDAY, MARCH 5** Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy/sausage, coffee, juice
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, tortillas, side salad, orange sherbet

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Floydada Senior Center News
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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.

FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

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MENU
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24 Beef tacos
THURSDAY, FEB. 25 Meat loaf

(Menu subject to change without notice)

TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Governor Abbott declares Texas broadband development top priority

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Unserviced and underserved rural areas in Texas have a better shot at getting reliable internet service with the help of the Texas Broadband Development Council now that Governor Gregg Abbott has declared broadband expansion the top legislative emergency item in his 2021 State of the State address. The fifteen-member council, which includes county judge Marty Lucke of Floydada, submitted its first report last November.

The report contained recommendations to open a state broadband office and a plan for extending broadband to every part of Texas. Senator Charles Perry filed SB 154 to establish the office as part of the Public Utility Commission.

Abbott said he considers access to broadband "an essential tool that must be available for all Texans."

The council, which holds its monthly meeting through Zoom, met with the Pew Charitable Foundation on Friday as a possible funding source. Federal money is also available, according to Lucke, who explained that the expense is the biggest barrier.

"The operation is not as costly as laying fiber optics and building towers. We have great providers, and we can also learn from those who have accomplished what we are setting out to do," Lucke continued, remarking that the Floyd County courthouse just got access to fiber optic cable last year.

CEO Kirk Perry of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, from Vernon, is also serving on the broadband council with Lucke. Petty said, "the availability of broadband is vital to the future of Texas for economic development—to attract businesses or businesspeople who want to work from home in these rural areas."

In addition, said Lucke, "The pandemic has highlighted the need for access to things like telemedicine and remote learning." School districts, hospitals, law enforcement, nursing homes, public libraries, businesses and families have all come to rely on broadband even more heavily over the past year.

Jim Whitefield, executive vice president and general manager of Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc., described a steady uptick in demand, not just from new accounts, but also in increased speeds as more people have been working or attending classes from home.

"We want to provide the best, most reliable technology out there," Whitefield said. "It's a matter of dollars to invest in initial costs and maintenance. You can't carry much on old copper. We are in the seventh year of a ten-year plan implemented in 2014."

When asked what is needed most in order to expand, Whitefield responded that, though the company reinvests its own earnings to make improvements, "good low-interest loans and grants could help."

According to Lucke, small providers attempting to build their way across vast miles into places that may lack other utilities like electricity to run the towers face the added burdens of not being able to easily buy in bulk like larger providers can. The council hopes providers might combine their efforts.

Cap Rock Telephone is a member-owned co-op that serves eleven counties, including Briscoe, Hall, Motley, Cottle, King, Dickens, Kent, and a small number in Floyd. Their infrastructure comprises nearly fifteen hundred miles of fiber optic cable and close to twenty-five hundred miles of copper cable to reach residential and commercial customers over five thousand square miles of the rolling plains. There are dozens of other providers across the state of Texas, such as South Plains Cooperative, which also offer fiber optics.

General manager Andrew Vargas has been with Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative for nearly ten years.

"We've seen a greater demand for faster high-speed internet and the need to upgrade our facilities," said Vargas. "Streaming today's video uses five times the bandwidth it might have ten years ago."

Mid-Plains serves three thousand customers with fiber in five counties, including Briscoe and Swisher, and receives state and federal assistance to do that. Vargas and his team work with a rural broadband association called Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (TSTCI) to navigate legislative relationships for support.

"Texas Universal Service Fund helps. As a smaller company, we have lost half a million in funding this year and other providers have, as well. We don't want anyone left unconnected. More and more students and teachers are at home and more people are working from home. We have plans in place," said Vargas, though some must be put on hold without support for rural expansion. Like Whitefield, Vargas expressed concerns that although the demand is likely to continue to grow, truly rural areas may be overlooked.

"My nearest neighbor is half a mile away and we don't want to have second- or third-class service," Vargas explained. "We want the best service for these areas."

Members of the Texas Broadband Development Council were appointed in 2020 to serve through August 2024. The council's annual reports are due each November. "We make the suggestions," Lucke explained, but "it's up to the legislature" to take it from there.

OBITUARIES

Bille Jo Cantrell Jordan, 1929–2021



FLOYDADA—Billie Jo Cantrell Jordan, 92, of Floydada passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Mrs. Jordan was born on January 2, 1929 in Slaton to Ruie and Elva Cantrell of Tulia.

On June 9, 1949 she married Jack Jordan, also from Tulia. Dr. and Mrs. Jordan settled in Floydada in 1953, where they raised three children and continued to live until their deaths.

Mrs. Jordan frequently volunteered with many local organiza-

tions, including the 1950 Study Club, Spirit of Sharing, Camp New Dawn and First United Methodist Church of Floydada, where she and Dr. Jordan were active members.

Mrs. Jordan attended Texas Tech University and later earned her nursing degree from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1968. She co-founded and served as a registered nurse at Floyd County Migrant Health clinic until 1980. She also worked as a school nurse at A.B. Duncan Elementary School in Floydada until her retirement.

During her lifetime, Mrs. Jordan received numerous honors and awards, including Floydada's Woman of the Year and Caprock Girl Scouts Council Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Jordan is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Jack Jordan, and son, Larry Jordan.

She is survived by her sister, Pat Ferguson of Lawrenceville, Georgia; daughter, Annette Jordan Bonds of Granbury; son, Rick Jordan of Cleburne; one son-in-law, Tom Bonds; three grandchildren, Nikki Taggart of Dallas, Jordan Bonds of Lubbock, and Channing Jordan of Dallas; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

Mrs. Jordan was buried in Tulia next to her family.

Visitation was held from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, February 21, 2021 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Donations in Mrs. Jordan's name can be made to First United Methodist Church of Floydada or a charity of your choice.

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

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and "crews spent two days up to their necks in water," Gooch said.

Floydada City Secretary Patti Lawrence held down the fort at city hall, while everyone from public works, the landfill, sanitation, and the parks department all jumped in to help repair water leaks and prevent disruptions in the water supply, avoiding the need for boil water notices. Sanitation was down for a few days, but it is back up and running now and it's safe to drive on the streets.

"Water superintendent Albert Chavarria was outstanding," Gooch stated, also praising Ray Perez and the electric crew, Eddie Sanchez and the sanitation crew, and Julian Alaniz with the parks department for their contributions.

"The police were out pulling people out of ditches and bringing coffee to the water guys. I can't say enough how proud I am of all of them," said Gooch, adding, "Neighbors checked on each other. We take care of our town."

Lockney city manager G.A. "Buster" Poling expected rolling blackouts due to updates from Xcel, but the worst of

the storms and low temperatures passed without power loss. "The SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system that maintains water level in the tower has been down since last weekend, and the gauges outside the storage tanks froze," Poling explained.

The city has been in the process of updating the SCADA system with a Community Development Block Grant. Crews repaired three major water line breaks, but public works had to use their best estimates without the usual instruments.

"Brent Poole and the entire crew went above and beyond," said Poling.

Though more leaks may be detected as it warms up, the emergency is over and those will be easier to fix when it is not freezing. Water pressure throughout Lockney was still very low Friday morning, but normal pressure had returned by that afternoon and minor sewer issues had been resolved.

Floyd County is recovering, thanks to its resilience, though Poling said, "I don't know about anyone else, but I'm ready for July."

TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Senate panel warns energy price gougers

RICHARD LEE | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Those trying to take advantage of people in the wake of last week's devastating winter storm will face consequences from the state, according to members of the Senate Finance Committee. Meeting Monday for the first time since the storm shut down the state, senators expressed anger at media reports of price gouging and electric bills in the multiple thousands of dollars. "Hopefully the discussion we had in this committee will go out to those that are gouging and those that are contemplating that, that we'll use the full force of available statutes, and see what additional laws need to be made to address this," said Houston Senator John Whitmire. "Gouging should end immediately or you will be held accountable."

Saturday Governor Greg Abbott held a call with key members of the Senate and House regarding this issue. Finance Committee chair and Flower Mound Senator Jane Nelson, who was on that call, said addressing price gouging is a top priority for state leadership. "Other than ensuring that people are safe and have food to eat and water to drink, it is the number one priority this week to make sure that stops right now."

Sunday, Abbott announced that the state's Public Utility Commission had temporary halted all electric service disconnections for non-payment while the state looks at this issue. Those who see or experience price gouging can report it to the Office of the Attorney General.

Also Monday, the Finance Committee got an update on potential budget impacts of last week's storm from Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Director Nim Kidd. The governor requested a disaster declaration, and the access to federal aid funds that comes with it, for all 254 counties in the state. Only

seventy-seven were initially approved, with a further 31 added late Monday afternoon. "I genuinely believe, based on my personal experience, that they're all going to qualify," said Kidd.

One reason that hasn't happened yet, he said, is that damage reporting has been limited. Following a disaster, FEMA assessors would normally comb the state looking for storm damage, but COVID protocols are hampering those efforts. Kidd said that almost all reports of damage from the winter storm have come through a new self-assessment tool TDEM released earlier in the year. This could be hiding the true scope of the disaster to federal assessors. "I think there's a belief that homes built in the south are built like in the north and a little bit of cold weather won't have the same impact," he said. "We're going to continue to flood them with data and that's why this self-reporting tool is so important." The application can be used to take photos of busted pipes, fallen trees or other storm-related damage and submit them to FEMA for review.

Besides the impact on drawing down federal funds, Kidd said the reporting tool allows for quick turnarounds on disaster aid requests. As of 7:30 Monday morning, he said, 114,000 homes had been registered with FEMA through this tool, and more than \$600,000 in disaster aid had already been distributed from the agency. "If they do another \$400,000 today, we will have hit a million dollars of FEMA funds into Texas households within three days," said Kidd. "In all past disasters, it takes three days to get people into the field to start doing damage assessments." The self-reporting application, titled "Texas Individual Assistance Reporting Tool" can be accessed at tdem.texas.gov/warm.

The Senate reconvened Tuesday, February 23 at 4 p.m.

Plains Land Bank distributes record \$8.8M in patronage to stockholders

STAFF REPORTS

Plains Land Bank has good news for its stockholders. It will distribute a record \$8.8 million in cash patronage to its stockholders in April.

The rural lending cooperative declared the patronage distribution based on its strong financial results in 2020.

"For our Association, 2020 was a fantastic year," said Gregg Lloyd, Plains Land Bank chief executive officer. "We are pleased to be able to return a portion of last year's earnings to our stockholders, particularly during this era of uncertainty. Our focus is our stockholder's success and well-being and seeing them through these challenging times."

As a cooperative, Plains Land Bank is owned by its stockholders — farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, rural homeowners and landowners. When the co-op does well, it retains only enough income each year to cover operating expenses. The surplus is returned to stockholders as patronage, which effectively reduces their interest rate along with their cost of borrowing.

Plains Land Bank provides mortgage financing for agricultural producers and rural property owners. Part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, the Amarillo-based lending cooperative has branch offices in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

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Floydada Whirlwinds

24th-ranked Floydada beats Bovina, advances

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The 24th ranked Floydada Whirlwinds ran over Bovina 92-55 in the bi-district round of the Class 2A boys basketball playoffs on Thursday, Feb. 18 at Littlefield. This marks the third straight year the Whirlwinds have earned a victory in the first round of the playoffs.

Senior Quincy Gonzales (1) led the scoring for the Whirlwinds with a game-high 20 points. Sophomore Jayson Cooper (4) and freshman Aiden Trevino (11) came off the bench and contributed in a huge way to the victory with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

It was an all-round team effort as all 13 Whirlwinds players got in on the scoring to seal the victory.

"I'm so proud of the way the boys played. When we play like we are capable of playing, we are definitely a tough team to beat," said Head Coach Adam Zepeda. "We jumped on Bovina early and we were able to get them out of rhythm. We strive everyday to defend the culture we have built."

The Whirlwinds wrapped up their regular

season record 19-4. The Gruver Greyhounds are the defending 2020 Region 1 Champions but didn't play at the State Tournament last spring due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Floydada advances to the quarterfinals and will face the winner of the Tuesday, Feb. 23 Farwell/Clarendon area game.

Floydada students named to SPC Fall 2020 President's, Dean's lists

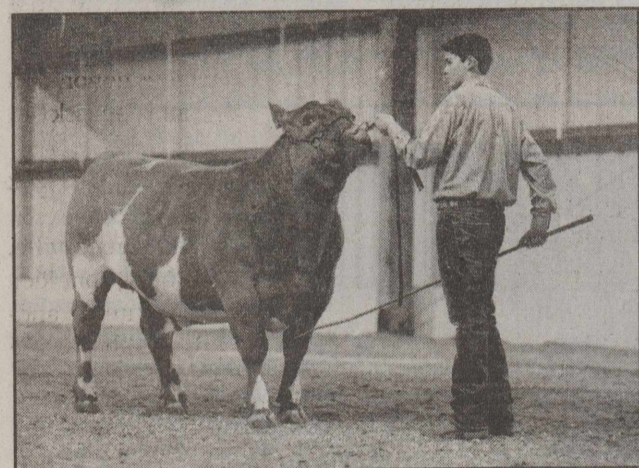
STAFF REPORTS

LEVELLAND— South Plains College congratulates Azalea Garza of Floydada for being named to the Fall 2020 President's List.

The college also extends congratulations to three Floydada students for being named to their 2020 Fall Dean's list. Students recognized are Jessica Cervera, Brittany Pena and Jonah Trevino.

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Hinselys excel at recent stock shows



STEERING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION Floydada student Hagen Hinsley placed sixth at the San Angelo Stock Show with his heavy other cross steer named Bandit. He is the son of Chad and Kelli Hinsley. Hinsley also placed third with his Horned Hereford steer at The Sandhills Stock Show held in Odessa January 6-16, 2021. Hinsley, son of Chad and Kelli Hinsley, also received tenth place in the senior showmanship. Rilyn Hinsley, daughter of Chad and Kelli, placed second with her medium black cross steer named Skunk at the San Angelo Stock Show. | COURTESY PHOTOS



SANDHILLS STOCK SHOW AND RODEO Hinsley family at the Sandhills Stock Show. | COURTESY PHOTOS

Floydada FFA'ers exhibit animals at San Angelo Stock Show

ALEJANDRA RAMIREZ, FLOYDADA AG SCIENCE TEACHER | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

SAN ANGELO—Floydada FFA students exhibited their animals at the San Angelo Stock Show held February 3-21 at the Texas Elite Showcase in Kerrville.

Stock Show results are as follows:

JUNIOR STAR GILT SHOW
 Reyna Sanchez—2nd Place Cross, 4th Overall Light Cross Bred Gilt; DJ Sanchez—7th Place Cross; Miranda Reyes—8th Place Chester; Allyson Romero—9th Place Poland BREEDING SHOW
 Edgar Cervera—8th Place Duroc (Shown by Carisa Fernandez)

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS
 Derrik Suarez, Abigail Reyes, Miya Fipps, Carisa Fernandez, Peyton Anderson TEXAS ELITE SHOWCASE, KERRVILLE
 Braeson Ballestros—9th Place Spot (Shown by Kalebh Cook)
ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS
 Katelyn Vega, Armando Chavarria III



DJ SANCHEZ RECEIVED 7th place with his Cross Gilt in the San Angelo Stock Show on February 14. | COURTESY PHOTOS



REYNA SANCHEZ PLACED 2nd with her Cross Gilt and received 4th Overall Light Cross Gilt at the San Angelo Stock Show. | COURTESY PHOTOS

Floydada 4-H presentations



FLOYD COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS Tyann Phillips, Jack Brooks and Karis McIntosh, entered the District 2 Educational Presentation Virtual Contest, and all of them placed in the top three. Karis McIntosh (inset photo) won 1st Place in Junior Health & Wellness for "The Impact Artificial Food Coloring Has on Our Health." Tyann Phillips (top photo, above) won 2nd Place in Senior Health & Wellness, for "Teens and Social Media." Jack Brooks (below) won 3rd Place Senior Beef, for "Why We Still Brand Cattle." Brooks and Phillips will both advance to State 4-H Roundup, where senior age 4-H members compete for the state title this June. | COURTESY PHOTOS



FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU MARCH 1-5

- MONDAY**
 Breakfast – Turkey sausage & cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch – Breaded spicy chicken pizza, BBQ Philly beef steak sandwich, seasoned peas & carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- TUESDAY**
 Breakfast – Cinnamon glazed French toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch – BBQ beef dippers sandwich, beef soft flour tacos, seasoned curly fries, vegetarian baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- WEDNESDAY**
 Breakfast- Golden sausage morning roll, fruit, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch – Classic mac & cheese, spicy buffalo chicken stacker, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- THURSDAY**
 Breakfast- Mini cinnamon waffle, fruit, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch – Chicken nuggets, roll, Grande beef & cheese fajita, green beans, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- FRIDAY**
 Breakfast – Banana muffin, fruit, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch – Seasoned chicken parmesan, roll, breaded chicken patty sandwich, steamed corn, vegetarian baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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LONGHORN PRIDE SPOTLIGHT

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON
The Pritchard brothers share a passion for Longhorn sports. Caden played junior varsity football, while Caleb played on the varsity team. Caleb was also a member of the Longhorn basketball team. Both brothers are on the powerlifting team.



CADEN PRITCHARD (LEFT) AND BROTHER CALEB PRITCHARD | TERESA BIGHAM



Caleb is a junior at Lockney High School, and Caden is a freshman. The brothers enjoy shooting hoops and spending time with family and hanging out with friends. Caden is a member of Floyd County 4-H, where he is a member of the rifle project. The brothers are looking forward to playing football on the same team next year.

Lockney Longhorns

Lockney 4-H livestock exhibitors



LOCKNEY LIVESTOCKERS Lockney Junior High and High School students participated in recent livestock shows, in San Antonio on Feb. 11 and the San Angelo Stock Show on Feb. 13-18. From upper left, freshman **Wyatt Bigham** showed his Spot Gilt at San Angelo. He is the son of Clint and Teresa Bigham. Eighth-grader **Kaileigh Cook**, daughter of Chad and Katie Cook, has been showing since she was in the third grade. "I love the stock show life," Cook said. "The hard work is really rewarding, and it has taught me so many life skills." Cook placed 10th with her Spot Gilt. Senior **Kaleb Cook** had a winning Duroc at the 2021 San Antonio Gilt show Feb. 11 and went on to win 4th overall. "Winning a banner at a major stock show has been an amazing achievement that I have always dreamed about," he said. He also had a class winner and a second at the Kerrville Stock Show Feb. 13. He is the son of Chad and Katie Cook. **Brinley Lefevre**, an eighth-grader and the daughter of Billy and Kristy Lefevre, showed her Poland Gilt at the San Angelo Stock Show Feb. 13. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTOS

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU MARCH 1-5

MONDAY

Breakfast - Pancakes & sausage, or cereal & toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken fried steak, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or PBJ, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Crispy tacos or enchiladas, salsa, cucumbers, beans, Rosy applesauce, milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast - Eggs, biscuit, gravy & bacon or cereal & toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Cheeseburger, sweet potato fries, steamed broccoli, mixed fruit, cookie, milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast - Banana bread, cheese stick or cereal bar & yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Pizza, garden salad, steamed carrots, apple slices, milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast - Breakfast sandwich or cereal & toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Fish sticks or BBQ sandwich, mac & cheese, coleslaw, green beans, oranges, cookie, milk

Lockney students named to SPC Fall 2020 President's, Dean's lists

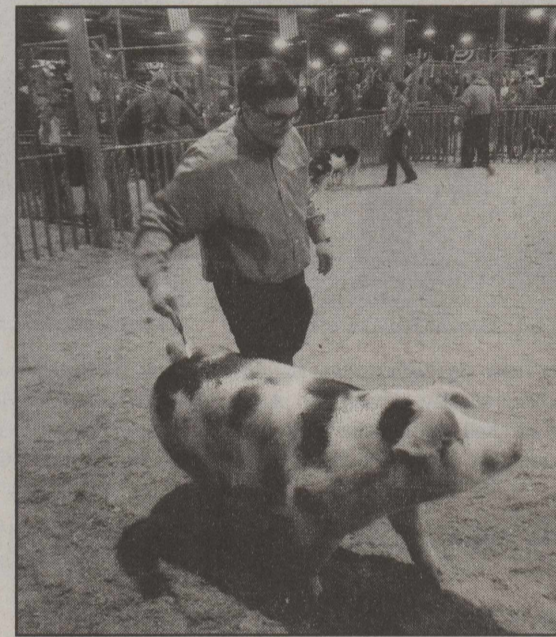
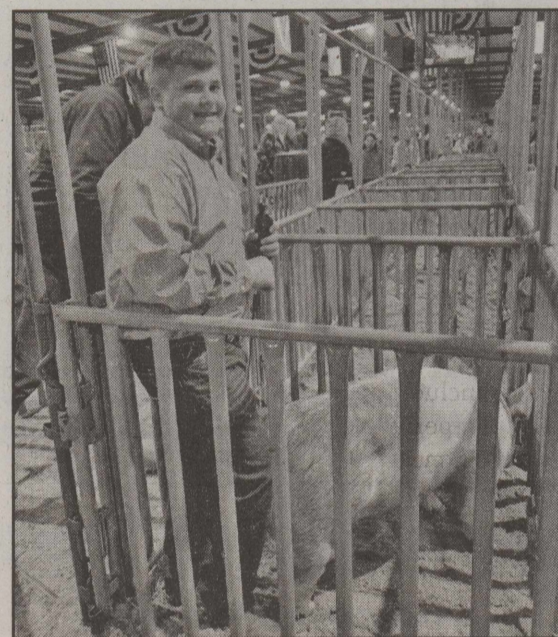
STAFF REPORTS

LEVELLAND— South Plains College congratulates Hunter Lefevre of Lockney for being named to the Fall 2020 President's List.

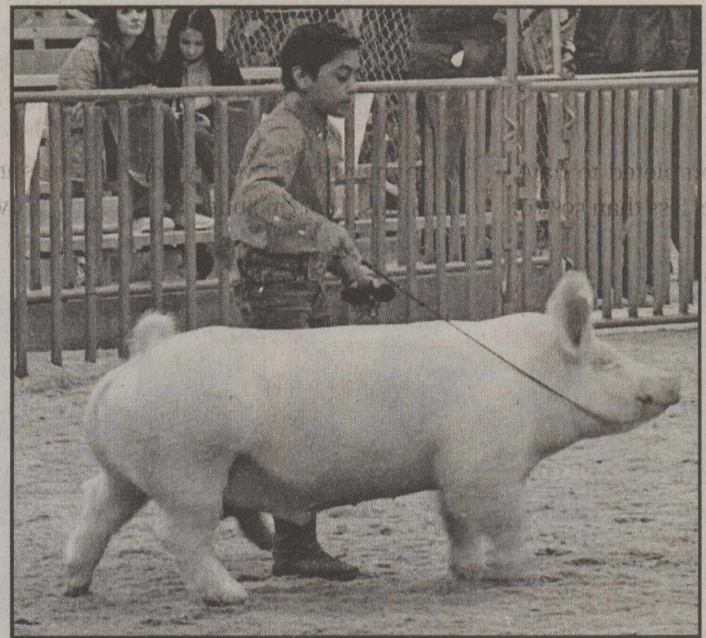
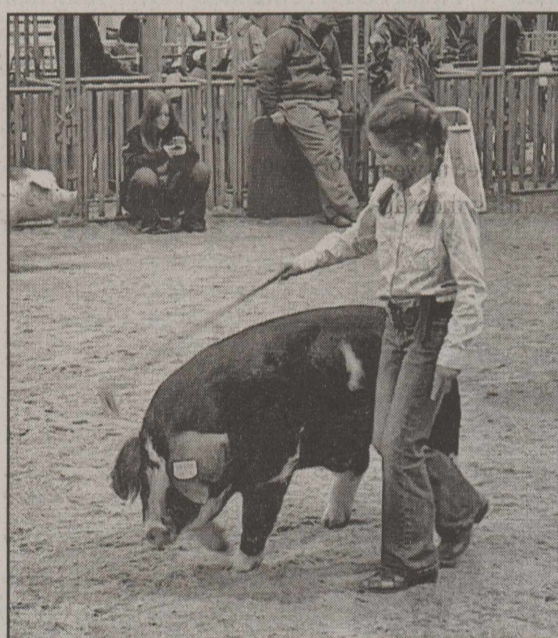
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Students recognized are Jessica Fernandez, Angeliq Ramirez, Isabel Cruz, Pedro Silva Pacheco and Audrey Rexrode.

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STOCK SHOW STARS From upper left, Lockney eighth-grader **Haygen Lefevre**, son of Billy and Kristy Lefevre, waits in the holding pen at the San Angelo Gilt Show Feb. 13. Senior **Hunter Lefevre** showed his Spot Gilt at San Angelo. He is also the son of Billy and Kristy Lefevre. **Scout Rogers**, a third grader at Lockney Elementary, has her first major stock show under her belt. On Feb. 18 Rogers showed her Spot Barrow at the San Angelo Stock Show. She is the daughter of Jason and Tessa Rogers. **Casen Villareal** of Lockney worked hard at the San Angelo event Feb. 18, showing his York Barrow. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTOS



4-2A BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Farwell ends Lockney's season

COMPILED FROM MEDIA REPORTS

LITTLEFIELD—Juniors Grayson Waldrop and Leo Nunez hit 3-point shots on Farwell's first two possessions and the Steers were off and running toward a 65-37 victory over Lockney on Friday night in a Class 2A boys bi-district playoff clash, played at Littlefield High School.

The Steers converted five 3-pointers in the contest, and all came before the midway point of the second period en route to a 29-5 lead over the Longhorns (13-9). It was 37-16 at halftime.

Farwell went on an 11-0 run late in the first quarter to take control.

Meantime, Number 24 Floydada topped Bovina's boys (8-8) 92-55 in their Class 2A bi-district contest played at Littlefield.

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Deadline to enroll for 2021 Agriculture Risk Coverage Price Loss Coverage programs is March 15

STAFF REPORTS

WASHINGTON, DC—Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2021 must do so by March 15. Producers who have not yet



signed a 2021 enrollment contract or who want to make an election change should contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to make an appointment. Program enrollment for 2021 is required in order to participate in the programs, but elections for the 2021 crop year are optional and otherwise remain the same as elections made for 2020.

"FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. Because of the importance and complexities of the ARC and PLC programs, and to ensure we meet your program delivery expectations, please do not wait to start the enrollment process," said FSA Acting Administrator Steve Peterson. "I cannot emphasize enough the need to begin the program election and enrollment process now. This process can be completed when applying for other FSA programs as well."

ARC and PLC provide income support to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

Although 1,033,310 contracts have been completed to date, this represents less than 59% of the more than 1.7 million contracts anticipated by the Agency. By enrolling soon, producers can beat the rush as the deadline nears.

Producers who do not complete enrollment by close of business local time on Monday, March 15 will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2021 crop year

and will be ineligible to receive a payment should one trigger for an eligible crop.

ARC and PLC contracts can be emailed, faxed or physically signed and mailed back to FSA. Producers with level 2 authentication access can electronically sign contracts. Service Center staff can also work with producers to sign and securely transmit contracts electronically through two commercially available tools: Box and OneSpan. You can learn more about these solutions at farmers.gov/mydocs. Producers may also make arrangements to drop off signed contracts at the FSA county office. Please call ahead for local mailing or drop off information and options for submitting signed contracts electronically.

Producers are eligible to enroll farms with base acres for the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, cramble, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium- and short-grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Yield data and web-based decision tools available. FSA recently updated the annual and benchmark yields for ARC/PLC program years 2019, 2020 and 2021. This data is useful to producers in choosing to participate in either ARC or PLC.

For added assistance with ARC and PLC decisions, USDA partnered with the University of Illinois and Texas A&M University to offer web-based decision tools to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Tools include:

- Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, the University of Illinois tool that offers farmers the ability to run payment estimate modeling for their farms and counties for ARC-County and PLC.
- ARC and PLC Decision Tool, the Texas A&M tool that allow producers to analyze payment

yield updates and expected payments for 2019 and 2020. Producers who have used the tool in the past should see their username and much of their farm data will already be available in the system.

Crop insurance considerations. Producers are reminded that enrolling in ARC or PLC programs can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products. Producers who elect and enroll in PLC also have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider. Producers of covered commodities who elect ARC are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres.

Unlike SCO, RMA's Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by participating in ARC for the same crop, on the same acres. You may elect ECO regardless of your farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres.

More information. For more information on ARC and PLC including web-based decision tools, visit farmers.gov/arc-plc.

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 NRCS, Farm Service Agency, 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.

Visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator to find location and contact information for the nearest FSA county office.

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USDA NRCS extends Agricultural Conservation Easement application date

STAFF REPORTS

TEMPLE—The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Texas has extended its application deadline for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) from March 1, 2021, to March 10, 2021, due to recent weather-related power outages across Texas. While NRCS accepts easement applications on a continuous basis, applications for the next funding consideration must be

submitted by March 10, 2021.

ACEP Agricultural Land Easements provide financial assistance to eligible partners for purchasing easements that protect the agricultural use and conservation values of eligible land. In the case of working farms, the program helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture.

ACEP Wetlands Reserve Easements allow landowners to successfully restore, enhance and protect habitat for wildlife

on their lands, reduce damage from flooding, recharge groundwater and provide outdoor recreational and educational opportunities. Tribal landowners also have the option of enrolling in 30-year contracts.

To learn about ACEP and other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS, call your local USDA Service Center or visit www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Livestock owners encouraged to be aware of potentially toxic plants

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Spring is getting closer and summer is not far behind. As the seasons change, it's important to be aware of the different plants growing in your surroundings and their potential toxic effects on cattle and horses.

Common plants that cause toxicity in cattle and horses. Cat Barr, Ph.D., is the toxicologist for the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, TVMDL. Each year, she works with animal owners from across Texas who need assistance identifying potentially toxic plants.

Although Texas is home to a variety of potentially toxic plant life, there are several common plants that grow across different regions of the state. For example, cocklebur seedlings grow statewide and should be a concern for cattle owners.

"Seedlings typically sprout around the edges of receding rain puddles," Barr said. "They are extremely toxic at the four-leaf stage and can cause massive liver damage and rapid death when consumed. Cattle have been found dead within one hundred yards of a plant."

Another plant of concern is singletary pea. Also called Austrian winter pea, singletary pea is mostly found in north central, northeastern and eastern Texas. Although the vegetation of the plant is not toxic, the seeds contain toxic amino acids. Singletary pea's seeds are of most concern for horse owners. Horses tend to be the most sensitive species and experience neurological issues, such as stringhalt gait, once seeds are ingested.

Situational plant toxicosis. In addition to the toxic plants that commonly grow in Texas, Barr also warns of certain situations that may cause seemingly harmless plants to become toxic or more available to animals.

High winds during the spring and early summer can result in fallen tree branches. Depending on the type of tree, fallen branches can grant animals easier access to the leaves that may be toxic.

Maple trees with wilting or dead leaves are known to cause drastic intravascular hemolysis in horses. This condition can result in weakness, ataxia, and renal failure.

Catkins, the flowers on oak trees, and the smaller leaves on the tree have high concentrations of tannins. High tannin intake can cause liver failure in horses, or capillary fragility and renal failure in cattle.

"The leaves of concern are smaller than a squirrel's ear," Barr said.

Forages with cyanide. Producers also should be aware of the forages that contain cyanide. Cyanide can cause animals to go into respiratory distress.

Choke cherry, cherry-laurel trees and plum thickets have high concentrations of cyanogenic glycoside in their leaves. Crushing the leaves, such as when being consumed, can release cyanide. Rumen microbes break down the cyanogenic glycoside rapidly, making ruminants more sensitive than other species.

Sorghum forages like johnsongrass, sudan and haygrazer are more frequently encountered causes of potential cyanide poisoning. The

cyanogenic glycoside concentration in these grasses is highest when the plants are stressed, such as when they're rapidly growing or under drought conditions.

"There have been instances of ruminants dying in as little as 15 minutes following ingestion of plant matter containing cyanide," Barr said. "It's important producers keep an eye out for fallen branches following storms. Certain tree leaves can have disastrous effects on cattle."

How can TVMDL help? TVMDL's analytical chemistry section offers several tests and services livestock producers and veterinarians may find beneficial.

One of the most frequently requested services is plant identification. This service allows producers or veterinarians to submit plants to the laboratory for identification and to determine its toxicity, if any. Clients have the option of mailing the plant to TVMDL or for a more convenient method, submitting photos of the plant via email or the TVMDL mobile app.

In addition to identification services, TVMDL performs tests on feed and forages as well as rumen and gastric intestine contents to determine toxicity levels.

Those interested in these services are encouraged to set up a consultation with one of TVMDL's veterinary diagnosticians to determine the most practical diagnostic testing route and to create a TVMDL client account.

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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.

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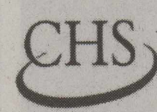
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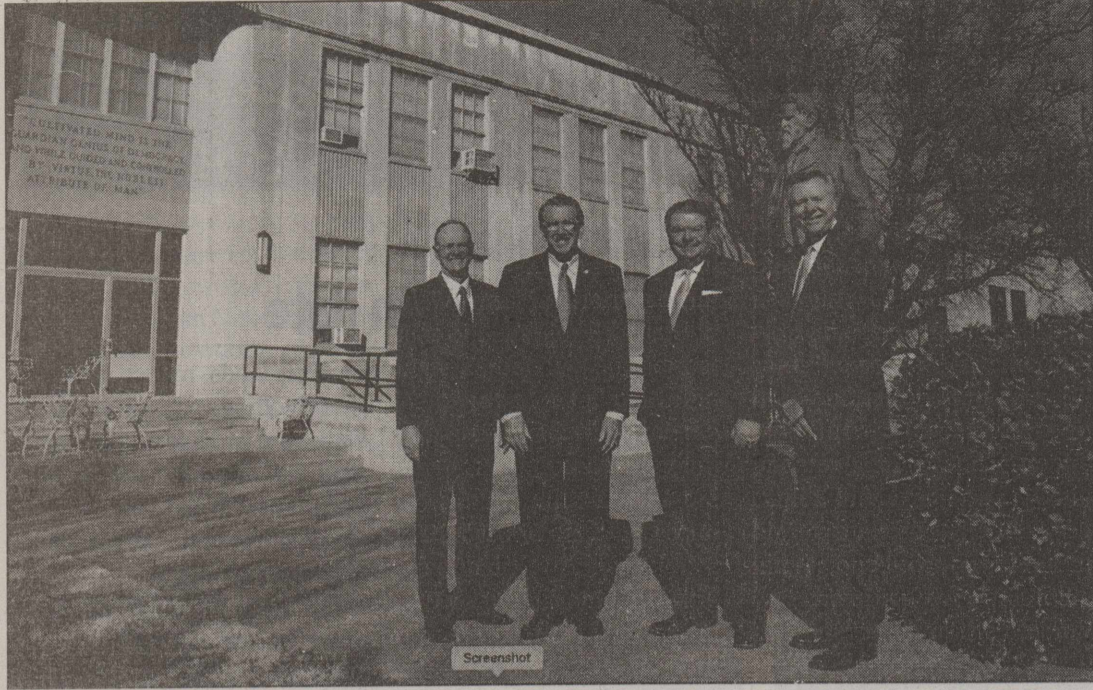
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CULTURAL FOUNDATION Joel Hogue, chair of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society board of directors; Dr. Walter Wendler, president of West Texas A&M University; J. Pat Hickman, chair of the Cultural Foundation of the Texas Panhandle advisory board; and Mark Hodges, chair of the TPHF board of directors. | COURTESY PHOTO

Cultural Foundation of the Texas Panhandle Formed PPHM and 'Texas' Musical Leadership to Be Combined Under WT Guidance

STAFF REPORTS

CANYON—A new organization that will combine the missions of two longstanding Panhandle institutions officially was announced Feb. 8 by West Texas A&M University president Dr. Walter Wendler.

The Cultural Foundation of the Texas Panhandle is an advisory body that will place Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, producers of the outdoor musical drama "Texas," under the same umbrella.

The Cultural Foundation will be led by an advisory board made up of prominent Texans with a history of service to the state who will be devoted to advancing CFTP's mission.

The board's members represent an array of business, industry, civic and education leaders:

- Brendon Anthony of Austin, director of the Texas Music Office;

- Mark Bivins of Amarillo, rancher, partner in Corsino Cattle Co., and prominent Amarillo philanthropist;

- John W. Crain of Dallas, former museum director, current chairman of the Summerlee Foundation board of directors and member of the Texas Historical Commission;

- Mike Heard of Amarillo, managing partner and general manager of Cattle Town Feeders and Spearman Cattle Feeders;

- Pat Hickman of Canyon, chairman of the board for Happy State Bank and Trust Co. and Happy Bancshares Inc.;

- Mark Hodges of Amarillo, Amarillo Market president of FirstCapital Bank of Texas;

- Joel Hogue of Amarillo, a senior member of Amarillo law firm Sprouse Shrader Smith PLLC;

- Tim Leach of Midland, vice chairman of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and executive vice president of ConocoPhillips, Lower 48;

- Amy McLane of Salado, a public relations expert who has worked for the Texas Rangers, the Dallas Stars and the AT&T Cotton Bowl;

- Will Miller of Amarillo, president and chief lending officer of FirstBank Southwest Amarillo;

- Judge Morris L. Overstreet of Amarillo, community leader and former member of the Texas State Court of Criminal Appeals;

- Jerry Patterson of Austin, former commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas and former state senator for District 11;

- Nancy Painter Paup of Fort Worth, a manager of Texas business, real estate and ranching

interests who has served on several prominent statewide boards, including the Texas State Historical Association;

- Donald E. Powell of Amarillo, former CEO of First National Bank and former chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.;

- Karen Price of Amarillo, a community leader and former television reporter;

- Rodney Ruthart of Amarillo, executive vice president and chief credit officer at First United Bank;

- Carter Smith of Austin, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department;

- Lionel Sosa of San Antonio, independent marketing and creative consultant and founder of Sosa, Bromley, Aguilar & Associates;

- Neil Terry of Canyon, WT executive vice president and provost and former dean of the Paul and Virginia Engler College of Business;

- Richard Ware of Amarillo, chairman of Amarillo National Bank;

- Walter V. Wendler of Canyon, WT president, former chancellor of Southern Illinois University Carbondale and former vice chancellor for planning and system integration with the Texas A&M University System.

Hickman will serve as the CFTP advisory board's first committee chair.

"My family home growing up was east of Canyon, just 10 miles from the state park. Both the museum and the play are near and dear to my heart," Hickman said. "It is my hope that the CFTP helps create a new passion for these Texas Panhandle icons. A strong board of directors has been assembled — individuals from all over the state, with unique spheres of influence and vested personal interests in preserving and passing the stories of our pioneers to generations to come."

CFTP will preserve the culture of the Texas Panhandle and beyond, focusing the efforts of both long-lived institutions under the oversight of WT, as a member of The Texas A&M University System.

"Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum houses the largest collection of artifacts in the state, representing what I think of as the 'real Texas,'" said Hogue, chair of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society board of directors. "We are excited because we think the foundation can help us share our history and culture to a broader audience."

"This will provide new opportunities for people to bring new ideas and innovations to the table and allow us to tap into newer technology and enhance

the audience experience," said Hodges, chair of the TPHF board of directors.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society was founded in 1921 in an effort to preserve this region's human and natural history. Construction on Pioneer Hall began in 1932, and Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, now the largest history museum in the state, opened its doors the following year on the campus of what is now West Texas A&M University.

The effort to celebrate the history of the region through an outdoor musical began in 1960 when Canyon community leader Margaret Harper reached out to playwright Paul Green. The musical, produced by the TPHF, debuted in 1966 and, until COVID-19 forced a cancellation of its 2020 season, has been performed annually before thousands of audience members in Pioneer Amphitheatre inside Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

"The Cultural Foundation of the Texas Panhandle will provide a unique opportunity to demonstrate civic pride and service to the Panhandle," Wendler said. "Both the Museum and the Foundation share a common interest in promoting an understanding of and an appreciation for Texas history. Combining their efforts will result in a regionally driven entity that will champion the Panhandle around the state, the country and the world."

WT is seeking a full-time executive director to lead CFTP's efforts for the WT campus in Canyon.

WT will coordinate the essential ventures of PPHM and TPHF, serving as a "storehouse of insights and ideas that will empower and inform future growth and service," Wendler said.

The PPHS and TPHF boards in January unanimously approved the memorandum of understanding that led to the formation of the CFTP board. The three boards will work together to support their shared missions while expanding their roles in preserving the cultural treasures of the Texas Panhandle.

Tickets are on sale now for the 55th season of "Texas," which is scheduled to run May 29 to Aug. 14. Virtual auditions have begun for the cast, and hospitality staff is being hired.

Focusing on the needs, history and future of the Texas Panhandle are key components of WT's long-term plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.

For information, visit wtamu.edu/cftp.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEATURE

Annie Taylor enrolls at Wayland Baptist 70 years ago, longtime Floydada teacher

CHRISTINA LONGORIA, WBU DIGITAL MEDIA MANAGER | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

PLAINVIEW—Annie Taylor made history 70 years ago, enrolling at Wayland Baptist College as the first black student to attend the institution.

A pioneer in her own right, Taylor was born in Washington, Texas, Sept. 26, 1901. She completed the 10th grade and took an examination to enroll as a sophomore in September 1918 at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College in Prairie View. She eventually earned her teaching degree in secondary education.

Taylor, who married Charlie Taylor on Feb. 28, 1926, moved to Floydada in 1925 to take a teaching position at the North Ward School that opened in January of 1926 with four students. She remained as the only teacher at the school until 1946. By 1951, the enrollment of the school had grown to 113 students. Taylor was teaching 5th and 6th grade reading and needed to take additional classes in elementary education to maintain her state teaching certification.

Taylor enrolled at Wayland in the summer of 1951 and took six hours of elementary education courses. At the age of 48, she was the first black student admitted to Wayland when Dr. James W. Marshall, president of Wayland from 1947-52, voluntarily opened Wayland's doors to black students. Marshall viewed desegregation as an issue of democracy and basic Christian attitude and belief.

A 1951 article in Time magazine stated, "Mrs. Annie Taylor has spent half of her 48 years as a teacher in Floydada, Texas. ... This year before she could qualify for a renewed contract, state law required that she go back to school herself for some courses in elementary education. And the most convenient place for Miss Annie to do her graduation work was Wayland College."

Taylor retired in 1972 after teaching for 50 years. On May 7, 1972, the mayor of Floydada declared "Annie Taylor Day," naming a city park in her honor. Reports of Taylor say she was "gentle, soft-spoken, kind, dynamic, cooperative and a person with a heart overflowing with love for people."

Annie Taylor passed away in 1991 at the age of 90 and is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery located east of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas.

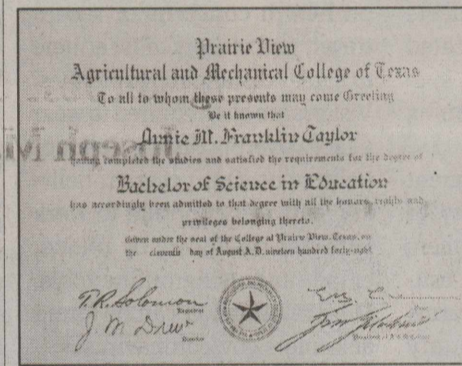


TEACHER, WAYLAND PIONEER ANNIE TAYLOR (above) posed for a picture in her house in the early 1980s. Below, Taylor (center) in 1940. | COURTESY PHOTOS

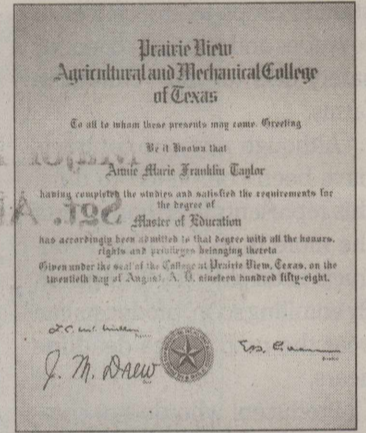


Standing on playground in 1940. Shown are Ira Jewel Taylor, Mrs. Taylor and Catherine Lacy.

For more information on Annie Taylor, visit the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada. (Information above compiled from the North Ward School records.)



COLLEGE DIPLOMAS Annie Taylor received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas on August 11, 1948. Taylor obtained her Master of Education degree on August 20, 1958. | COURTESY PHOTOS



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FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Memories 1979: Dr. George V. Smith BY ANNA HOLMES

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.

Dr. George V. Smith, pioneer Floyd County physician and surgeon, was honored by the Rotary Club in a special program here the other day. Dr. Smith was cited for his "unselfish service and devotion to the people of Floydada and the surrounding area."

Dr. Smith came to Floydada in 1908. He followed by a few months his brother, Dr. Lon D. Smith, also a physician and surgeon. The two brothers were graduates of the Fort Worth Medical College, a branch of Texas Christian University. Dr. George did some post-graduate work in Chicago for a few months between graduation from school and the time he arrived in Floydada.

Floydada was a community of only a few people when the brothers started practicing here. In fact, there were only three hundred fifty votes in the entire county. There were no roads and very few farms. The county was mostly open range. When people went to Plainview or Crosbyton, they simply took off cross-country in a direct line.

Dr. George recalls that there were thirteen automobiles in Floyd County when he arrived. Most travel was done in buggies and wagons. "My first car was an old two-cylinder Maxwell," Dr. Smith recalled. "It huffed and puffed and made a lot of racket, but it beat a horse and buggy. It was a fairly reliable old car."

"For some reason or another we had lots of fog back in those early days," Dr. Smith said. "When we would get a call to visit some remote ranch house, the owner would place a lantern high up on his windmill. This would serve as a beacon to guide us."

"It's funny how things change around," the doctor laughed. "Back when we didn't have any roads, we went to visit the patients. Now that we can reach most places on hard-surfaced highways, the patients all come to see us."

Dr. Smith said there were plenty of times when they had to battle the mud, snow, and ice. It often took hours to reach a patient.

I recall how old Dr. R. C. Andrews used to tell how he started out with a mule team one night. It was snowing so hard you couldn't see fifty feet when Dr. Andrews harnessed his mule team. He started out in the driving snow and before long he was back at his own barn again. He tried this three times and each time the mules circled back to the warm barn. Dr. Andrews went to bed to wait for the moon to come up and then he made the

trip to the patient.

There weren't any hospitals in Floydada in 1908. Most of the doctors sent or took their patients needing hospitalization to Childress or Fort Worth. About fifty years ago one doctor waited two days for the Pease River to go down so he could forge across and go to Childress.

In 1913 Dr. George and Dr. Lon Smith took over the Dr. Childress Hospital. Dr. Childress died only a few months after he had completed his building. It was a wooden structure and had eight bedrooms. In 1923 the brothers built their own large hospital, which is standing today on Main Street just one block from the square. Since the death of Dr. Lon in 1941, the hospital has been run by Dr. A. E. Guthrie.

The doctor brothers specialized in surgery and handled most of this type of practice for Floyd, Briscoe, Motley, Dickens, and Crosby counties. However, neither of them ever turned down any kind of patient that needed treatment.

Dr. George is now operating his own clinic just back of the Floydada Hospital. Every day a steady stream of patients come to see the man who has been practicing his healing art among them for forty-one years. He expects to go right on with his practice for many more years.

Just mention Dr. Smith's name in Floyd County and you will hear praise start to flow.

"Doc won't talk much about himself," said T. G. Hall, Sr., who has known Dr. Smith for over thirty years, "but I don't guess I'll ever know a better man in my life."

"Doc never seems to be concerned about the condition of a man's pocketbook," another friend stated. "Dr. George is concerned only with the man's troubles."

Whenever you go around the county, you will hear remarks in a similar vein. Dr. Smith established himself firmly in the hearts of his neighbors. They know they can count on him as they have for nearly a half-century.

Dr. George Smith was born at Houston, Mississippi, December 13, 1877. He came to Allen in Collin County as a boy and got his schooling there and in Kaufman and Wise Counties.

In June 1911, Dr. Smith married Miss Beatrice Henry at Floydada. Miss Henry's father was Floyd County's first sheriff. Dr. Smith has one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ginn, Floydada, and one niece, Mrs. Ralph Johnston, also of Floydada.



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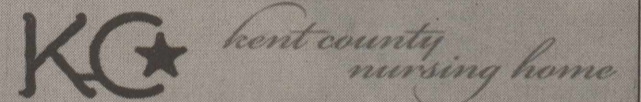
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- 9. Willy of "Free Willy"
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- 11. Always, to a poet
- 13. Reference to the writer
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- 23. *Ranger's call to Silver
- 24. Sunbaked, archaically speaking
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- 27. One of the Muses
- 28. Offspring
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- 40. *Marjorie Reynolds in "The Life of Riley"
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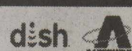
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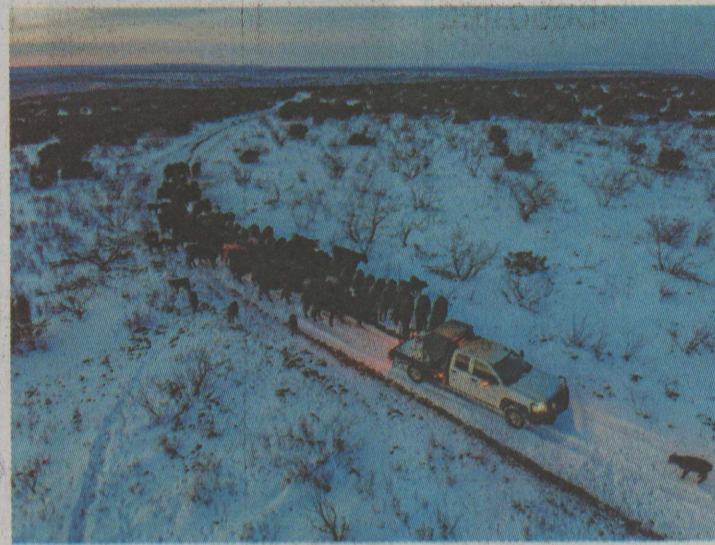
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bad, they still have to go out and break ice or haul hay and feed.”
 “If you have cattle on hot wire and you lose power,” she said, referring to ubiquitous electric fencing, “there’s a chance your cattle will get out. The people who do not raise livestock do not see this part of it. Most people just post the good, so no one really sees the hardships.”

It’s still too early to predict what the livestock loss will be. The Texas A&M AgriLife and the Southwester Cattle Raisers websites didn’t have totals as of press time, and the damage is still being assessed. But during 2016’s Winter Storm Goliath in 2016, according to the Successful Farming website, 19,000 beef and dairy cattle were lost in Texas alone.

By the weekend the region was back to the 60s and 70s, and pipes and stock tanks began to thaw. “Cows are tougher than people think, incredibly resilient,” Pfenninger said. “For how cold it got and how long it stayed, it coulda been a heck of a lot worse.”

Reese summed it up: “It’s been a long week. I hated seeing him pull up to the house with another dead calf on the flatbed. But walking into the barn and seeing a calf that you thought wouldn’t make it get up for a bottle — that makes it worth. A little light in the darkness.”

WINTER ON THE RANCH

Even in temperate winters, calves are extremely vulnerable to cold in the first few days after birth, and keeping them warm is a challenge. But with below-zero temperatures such as the South Plains saw last week, ranchers must resort to bringing newborns inside barns or their own houses and bottle-feeding them until they’re strong enough to return to their mothers. The coldest temperature of last week, according to the Lubbock Weather Service, hit the area on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 14 and 15. For both days the high temperature was 14 degrees and low was 0, but with the blistering winds the wind chill was minus 16 to minus 20 degrees.

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