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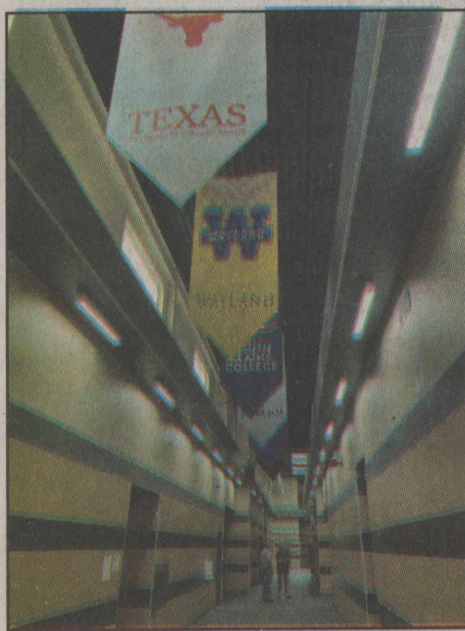
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Floyd County year in review 2021 Tops in '21: FCISD unveils new high school with state-of-the-art facilities

KAY ELLINGTON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

In May of 2017 Floydada voters decided 406-283 to invest in their secondary schools. They chose to replace a 62-year old aging high school with a state-of-the-art facility that would provide students with a safe campus and innovative learning environment.



The new school bonds also allowed the district to construct an Ag/Building Trades facility; a new football stadium and track located next to the secondary campus; additional parking; a new transportation facility with covered parking for district buses; a new softball field; and renovations to Watson Field and new tennis courts.

According to school officials at the time, wind farms within the district would end up paying 73 percent of the cost of the bonds, with homeowners and other FISD property owners responsible for the remaining 27 percent.

Now, more than four years later, those dreams have become a reality. Faculty, staff and students celebrated their new school facilities with an Open House in April, but the accomplishment remains noteworthy all year long, and thus, becomes the story of the year.

Here are other notable events from 2021 in the Year in Review:

SOARING FOR THE HEIGHTS In April 2021, Floydada Collegiate ISD put its newly remodeled school facilities on tour for the public. | HESPERIAN-BEACON

JANUARY

Payne Pharmacy in Floydada was one of the first places in the greater Floyd County area to offer Covid-19 vaccines. The pharmacy registered to be a vaccination site, and in early January received 100 doses, which were quickly exhausted in two days. A waiting list was created by the pharmacy for the next shipment.

the ginners had seen in previous years. Mixed weather conditions kept the 2020 harvest from being a bumper crop.

Floydada announced a new head football coach in January. J.R. Compton brought more than 30 years of teaching and coaching to FCISD, most recently from Lubbock Coronado.

Four candidates for state

County gins produced more than 147,000 bales of cotton, a more modest harvest than many of

house district 68, made open by Drew Springer's decision to run for the state senate barnstormed across the region, including Floyd County.

FEBRUARY

The owners of The Texas Spur and The Caprock Courier added the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon to their group of newspapers by acquiring the weekly from LK Media of Lufkin. The Hesperian-Beacon marked

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First Day Hikes a great start to new year



STAFF REPORTS

If you're making a New Year's resolution to be more active in 2022 and are looking to enjoy temperate weather across most of the state, the Texas State Parks have a tradition of First Day Hike activities that you can take advantage of. Nearly 100 First Day Hike events are planned from late evening Friday, Dec. 31, throughout New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2022.

Here are a few within a few hours' drive of Floyd County.

Friday, December 31, 10:30 p.m. San Angelo State Park

New Year's Eve Midnight Hike

Friday, December 31, 11:00 p.m. Palo Duro Canyon State Park

Start the New Year with a First Day Hike - Midnight

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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH
 State Farm
 is there...
 as Floydada Chamber
 honoree



THE FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE chose State Farm Insurance Agency as their November Business of the Month. Agent Rex Teachenor (right, with staffer Ana Scarinzi) took over the agency in February 2021. "Rex is relatively new to Floydada and in the State Farm office, but he does a lot to stay involved with the community and our local organizations," said chamber manager Kortney DeBock. Give the office a call for any of your insurance needs at (806) 983-3441. | COURTESY PHOTO

YEAR-END GIVING

FNB Floydada donates \$5K to Motley Fire Department



DOLLARS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT First National Bank of Floydada recently gave a donation of \$5,000 to the Motley County Volunteer Fire Department. Vice president T.K. Farris (right) presented the check to VFD representative Craig Turner. | COURTESY PHOTO

Country Christmas Ball gives \$10K to each VFD



LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS GET DONATION Wendell and Dustee Sollis presented the Floydada and Lockney Volunteer Fire Departments each with a \$10,000 check from the annual Country Christmas Ball held Dec. 4 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy. Shown in front of Floydada VFD's new fire truck, above from left, are Dustee Sollis, Chad Guthrie, Eric Rainwater, Donny McLaughlin, Abel Luna, Lyndall Stapp, and Wendell Sollis. | COURTESY PHOTO

UPCOMING

THE LOCKNEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Happy State Bank in Lockney, 201 N. Main Street. If you've donated to the Lockney Cemetery Association or have a plot, you are a member. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and transact any other business.

THE LOCKNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is now taking nominations for both Citizen and Business of the Year for 2021 through December 31. Nominations must be made through a letter and mailed to P. O. Box 477, Lockney, TX 79241 or given to a Chamber member. The winners will be announced and honored at the banquet on January 15, 2022. Please help us honor some deserving community members!

THE LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY is in need of winter coats and clothing. They are also in need of non-perishable food. Their new store hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign up for Christmas baskets is also available. The distribution of Christmas baskets for seniors will be on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Family baskets will be distributed on Dec. 18 between 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

State steps up DUI enforcement during holidays

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of Transportation has kicked off its statewide “Drive Sober. No Regrets” drunk driving prevention program for the holidays. Throughout the month, TxDOT has released videos of people who deal with the daily consequences of driving while impaired, either as an offender or survivor.

The stories and facts about drunk driving can be found at SoberRides.org.

“It is our hope that these moving, first-hand accounts will encourage all of us to make the right choice and not ever drive after drinking or doing anything that can alter our judgment,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “We don’t want to turn a happy time of year into one that could be marked by tragic loss caused by someone’s poor decision to drink and drive.”

During the December holiday season last year, there were 2,462 DUI-alcohol related traffic accidents, killing 93 people and seriously injuring 215.

TEXAS TO DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL \$123.3 MILLION IN ED FUNDING. The state will invest an additional \$123.3 million in federal funds provided through pandemic relief legislation.

“The state of Texas remains committed to students and their success in our education systems — that includes ensuring parents have an option to send their kids to a high-quality charter school and providing direct support to families with children who have special needs,” Gov. Greg Abbott said.

This final round of funding includes money for students with severe cognitive disabilities; charter school grants; financial aid for nursing students; short-term credential training for front-line health care workers; initiatives to improve student enrollment and retention; financial aid programs for higher education; cybersecurity enhancement; and aid for those seeking commercial driver license training.

“For some of our most at-risk students, this significant new round of funding will prioritize getting families across Texas direct access to special education and other targeted supplemental services to support their children’s varied educational needs,” said Mike Morath, Texas education commissioner.

USED VEHICLE PRICES AT RECORD HIGHS. The average listing price for a used vehicle topped \$27,000 for the first time, according to a report from Cox Automotive. A primary reason, according to a story in the San Antonio Express-News, is the relative scarcity of new vehicles because of supply-chain disruptions and an initial drop in demand when the pandemic struck.

For example, Toyota stopped production at all its plants across North America and in Southeast Asia, except for its San Antonio factory. The company had hoped to return to full production in December but has again suspended work at some plants as a shortage of computer chips has stymied vehicle production.

The spike in used vehicle prices has benefited car owners looking to sell.

“With the way the market is right now, I’ve seen people make money on their vehicles, especially with diesel. It’s crazy,” Zachary Gilman, a salesman at the Jordan Ford dealership in Live Oak, told the Express-News.

MORE FUNDING FOR OPERATION LONE STAR. The state’s Public Safety Office has awarded an additional \$38.4 million in funding to cities and counties along the Texas-Mexico border for law enforcement efforts. That amount doubles the funding provided for those counties since last March.

The funding is for specialized law enforcement equipment, labor costs including overtime, construction of additional communication towers and increased jail capacity and travel costs for law enforcement personnel from non-border coun-



ties that provide assistance.

“This additional funding will strengthen our response to the border crisis and ensure our law enforcement and local partners have the resources they need to keep our communities safe in the federal government’s absence,” Abbott said.

COVID-19 CASES SPIKE; OMICRON VARIANT SPREADS. As Texans continue to navigate life during a nearly two-year pandemic, the number of new cases of Covid-19 rose during the past week to 51,479, an increase of 41% from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped to 266, a decrease of 44%, however. Researchers have said that while the omicron variant is more contagious than the delta variant that sparked the last wave, its symptoms thus far are not as severe.

The number of lab-confirmed hospitalizations of Covid-19 patients stayed at about the same level as the previous week, with 3,376 reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated stood at 16.36 million as of Sunday, which is 56.1% of the state’s population. In addition, 4.35 million of the state’s residents have received an additional dose, according to DSHS.

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2021 Community Calendar

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 925 W. Crockett St., Floydada, serves lunch 11:15 a.m.–1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday (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.

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

PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP

FLOYDADA CISD Monday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. - FCISD School Administration offices, 226 W. California St., Floydada.

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT Monday, Jan. 11, 8 a.m., County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Floydada.

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

WJ MANGOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (LOCKNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT) Wednesday, Jan. 26, 12 noon., Hospital Annex, 320 N. Main, Lockney.

FLOYDADA LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS are currently meeting together Tuesdays, 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Floydada.

LOCKNEY ROTARY CLUB meets Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

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It has been our privilege and pleasure to share directory information that helps visitors and newcomers locate your houses of worship and learn when you meet. We are grateful for the sponsors of this directory who make it possible to publish every week; please express your thanks to them as well! Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic we reminded our readers that your meeting circumstances might change on short notice. Now that most of you are back to assembling in person, we realize that your meeting times or other information may have changed. Please email us and let us know anytime we need to modify your information. Thank you! — THE EDITORS

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HIKES, FROM PAGE 1

• Friday, December 31, 11:00 p.m. Lake Mineral Wells State Park & Trailway
First Day Hike – Midnight Hike

JANUARY 1, 2022 EVENTS IN WEST TEXAS

• Lake Colorado City State Park
The First Day Hike will take place on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 at 10 a.m. as a guided tour around the Roadrunner Loop trail. Hikers will learn about the history and natural environment of Lake Colorado City State Park.

The First Day Hike at Lake Colorado City State Park will be about a two-mile hike through various terrains. The hike could be considered challenging.

Interpreters will discuss the history of the park, the plants and animals that call the park home and some general park updates for the New Year.

For more information, contact Leslie McGuigan at (325) 728-3931 at leslie.mcguigan@tpwd.texas.gov

• Caprock Canyons State Park
Hikers for the First Day Hike at Caprock Canyons State Park will meet at the Upper South Prong trailhead at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022.

As the hike explores the state park, interpreters will discuss how nature can help in everyday life and also how to better connect with it through color. You’ll be glad you joined this hike to start your new year off with nature. Please bring comfortable hiking shoes and clothing and bring water with you. The entire hike should take about one hour.

For more information contact LeAnn Pigg at (806) 455-1492 or leann.pigg@tpwd.texas.gov

• Palo Duro Canyon State Park
4:30 p.m. Ring in the New Year right with a First Day Hike! Join Ranger Mark and Ranger Bradley for a brisk, evening hike on the CCC and Triassic Trails right as the sun sets over the rim of the canyon!

• San Angelo State Park
Join a park ranger for the first trail hike of the New Year. 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
New Year’s Day Trail Ride
Come join us for a New Year’s Day horse trail ride at San Angelo State Park. 10:30 a.m.
First Day Bike Ride
Come join us for a New Year’s Day guided bike ride at San Angelo State Park. 2:00 p.m.

• Lake Mineral Wells State Park & Trailway
First Day Hike! - Penitentiary Hollow Wild Walk
Start your New Year in the great outdoors! Reservations required. Explore beautiful sandstone formations in remote areas only accessible on this guided hike. 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

• Lake Brownwood State Park
First Day Hikes - Easy Guided Ranger Hike
Start the New Year off with a guided ranger hike! 10:00 a.m.

• Abilene State Park
Late Risers First Day Hike
A hike for those that want to sleep in. 2:00 p.m.





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Food bytes

ANGELINA LARUE

Peppermint meringues put a bit of pizzazz in the new year

Who's ready to ring in 2022? Bidding farewell to 2020 was long awaited with the year we had. But I'd say 2021 has brought its own share of challenges. I do try to focus on some of the wonderful aspects of this past year; there were certainly many things to be thankful for. But I'm also excited to move forward to a time when outings and experiences we used to take for granted will be completely safe again. I know we all long for that. And for alleviating some of the fear of loved ones falling ill.

I want to ring in the new year with a cup of hot chocolate, and something a little decadent but not too heavy. We've enjoyed lots of sweet treats and other rich Christmas goodies and meals, so for New Year's Eve, I want to lighten it up.

Meringues and meringue cookies are a wonderful way to partake in a sweet confection without indulging in a heavy dessert.

Meringues are very easy to make, and very cost-conscious. Just a few simple ingredients, an electric mixer, then a slow bake in the oven and these cloud-like puffs can be accomplished. The outside is crisp, and the inside soft and marshmallow-y.

Tip: I store them in an airtight container, but if they lose a bit of their crispness, I place them back into a 200-degree oven for about 10 minutes.

Enjoy food made fresh and have a happy, healthy 2022!

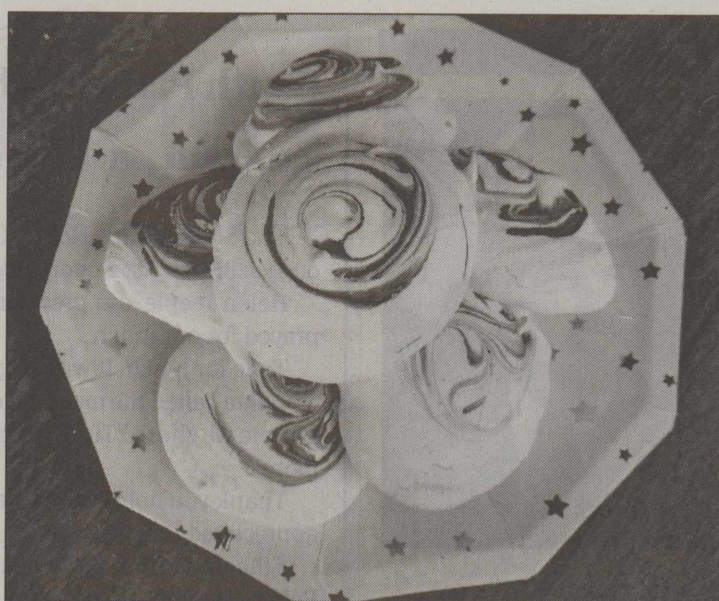
Peppermint Meringues

- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 4½ teaspoons cornstarch
- ¾ cups egg whites (about 6 eggs)
- ½ teaspoon cream of tartar (found on the spice aisle)
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1½ teaspoons peppermint extract
- Red food coloring

Preheat oven to 250° F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a small mixing bowl, stir together sugar and cornstarch. Set aside.

In a clean, large mixing bowl, add egg whites, cream of tartar,



MERINGUE MAGIC The outside of these cloud-like puffs are crisp, and the inside soft and marshmallow-y. | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

and salt. Whisk on low with an electric mixer until the mixture begins to thicken and look dense, about a minute or so. Add sugar and cornstarch, salt, and peppermint extract and continue whisking, increasing speed to medium-high, until stiff peaks form (peaks that stand on their own), which will take another 30 to 60 seconds.

Drop by spoonful onto prepared baking sheets. Place several drops of food coloring into a small dish. Dip the end of a wooden skewer, or toothpick, into the food coloring. Place the tip with food coloring into each meringue and swirl to make a pretty design. Pull up when taking it out, to create a little peak atop each meringue. Re-dip the skewer in the food coloring, as needed.

Place into preheated oven and immediately reduce the heat to 225° F. Bake for 25 minutes, then swap which rack the baking sheets are on and turn them 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 completely and serve. Or store in a covered container or bag for up to one week. Makes 24 to 30 meringues.

Note: 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.

Angelina LaRue, author of "The Whole Enchilada: Fresh and Nutritious Southwestern Cuisine," grew up at White River Lake, lives in Idalou and writes a weekly food column for local newspapers.



COMMENTARY

The 501

HANABA MUNN WELCH

Safely gifting soapberries

If you can't be recyclable, at least be biodegradable. The first option is for reincarnationists. It's dust to dust for the rest of us. Deep subject.

Oddly enough (I'm good at odd) it was this year's quintessential Christmas gifts for hard-to-buy-for family members that prompted that opening slogan, if not that half-baked afterthought. I refer specifically to tamale sacks filled with soapberries. You can also call them soap nuts but that makes them sound edible. They are not.

Ever heard of a tamale sack? Me either until my husband brought home some lard- and gluten-free tamales packaged not only in perfunctory corn husks but also in plastic (necessary evil) and then in a cloth sack with a drawstring.

Word switch notice: Sack to bag.

Me, I'd been looking for cloth bags with drawstrings for the soapberries I planned to give as Christmas gifts. Tamale bags would work! Never mind that the little bags are emblazoned with tamale graphics and information. It's not like I was going to find soapberry bags.

No, I've never washed clothes with soapberries, but I know someone who does. You put some in a little cloth bag and toss it into the washer with your dirty clothes. You can use a bag of soapberries several times before the berries quit producing enough saponin (essentially a fancy word for soap) to work effectively.

Anyway, enamored of the tamale packaging, I went to the supermarket and bought another five dozen tamales for the bags. Then I called the corporate tamale headquarters to give them a positive review of their product and to get bag specs.

Good news:

The tamale bags are 100-percent cotton. Perfect for soapberries. Furthermore, the tamale person told me the ink used on the bags is food-based. I could tell she was very bag-proficient. She must routinely get bag questions, especially from people concerned about planet Earth.

The little bags for their various tamales (they even make bean tamales and Hatch chili tamales, presumably for vegans but I bought some too) feature the Go Texan logo, making them perfect gift bags for our Okie kin.

Soapberries are not good gifts for children, but I picture 5-year-old granddaughter Emily going back in 2022 to kindergarten (or whatever they call it now) with a bag of soapberries for show-and-tell, if they still have show-and-tell. She could say something like "This is what my crazy grandmother (as opposed to her sane grandmother) got everybody for Christmas, except I didn't get any because they can be poisonous if you eat too many, and if you want to make a necklace out of them it's too dangerous because you have to use a real needle. She put them in a tamale bag. I'm not sure why."

I fantasize.

Meanwhile, yes, you can buy soapberries. Amazon offers a 35.27-ounce burlap bag of wild soap nuts handpicked at the base of the Himalayas for \$39.80.

Sounds almost as good as handpicked Texas wild soapberries packaged in recycled San Antonio gourmet tamale bags.

Almost.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a veteran correspondent and columnist who unfailingly sums up her weekly thoughts in 501 words and dashes. Farm life often inspires her writing. Hanaba@copper.net

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CORRECTION In Mary M. Carter's column of Dec. 16 regarding the Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters shared Dec. 6 Christmas luncheon in Plainview with the Royal Swisherettes of Tulia, some information was described incorrectly by mistake.

Innkeepers Mike and Deb Melcher became owners of the President's House Bed & Breakfast after the it was discontinued as an executive residence by Wayland Baptist University. Laurie Hall, who was helping the owners that day, shared information about the President's House and was incorrectly noted as owner of the property.

We regret the error—thank you for understanding! —THE EDITORS

Lockney Senior Center News

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

Annual membership dues for the Center for 2022 are now due and can be sent to the Center. Membership fee remains the same at \$30 per year per person. Membership fees go directly into our building and maintenance fund and are essential for continuing operations.

We will NOT be serving breakfast till further notice.

The Center is available for rentals for your dances, reunions, baby showers. Day rentals are \$75 and day/evening (night parties) are \$125. Please keep us in mind. Call the Center to reserve.

The Center is now accepting credit and debit cards. The Center will be operating and serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by dine-in, pickup, or delivery in Lockney only. Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

The Center would like to invite game players to come join us every Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. You can join in on dominoes (all kinds are played) or a variety of card games, or even work on a puzzle and enjoy conversations and companionship! Drinks are provided at no charge, and there's always a hot pot of coffee.

Also, chef salads can be ordered from the Center any day of the week. We will be slowly adding more things that you can order on any day.

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

MENU

Monday, Jan. 3 – Chicken Cordon Bleu w/veggies

Tuesday, Jan. 4 – Chili cheese dog w/chips

Wednesday, Jan. 5 – Beef stew w/rolls

Thursday, Jan. 6 – Chef salad or enchiladas

Friday, Jan. 7 – Beef fajitas

(All meals are served with dessert)
(Menu subject to change without notice)

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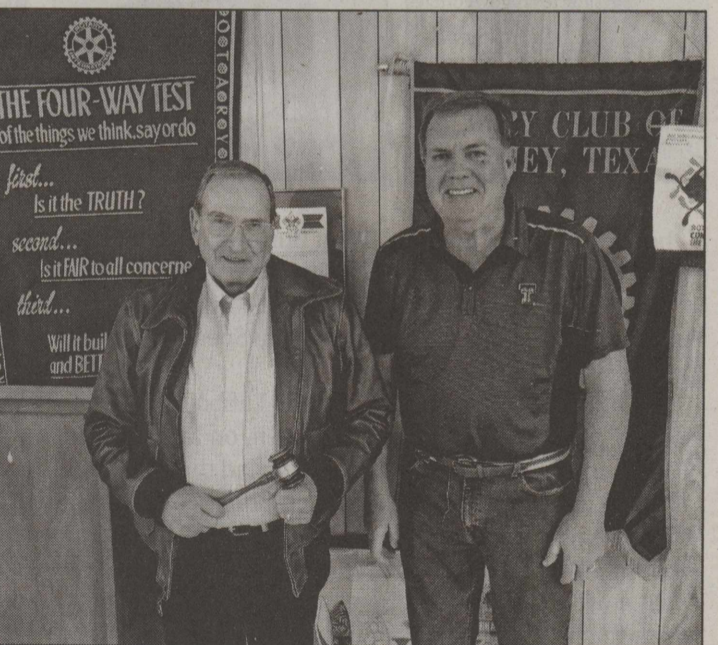
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LOCKNEY ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED Buster Poling, city manager of Lockney (left), was elected president of the Lockney Rotary Club during their meeting held on Friday, Dec. 17. Brent Barker (right) was re-elected vice president and treasurer of the club. The Lockney Rotary Club's next meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 7, at the Lockney Senior Citizen Center. | COURTESY PHOTO

Floydada Senior Citizens News

LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Center is now open three days a week. We are serving lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We offer dine-in, carry-out or delivery. On Wednesdays we will be selling meals to go for \$5. Meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays are \$7.

Please call (806) 983-2032 if you need to order meals for delivery or carryout. For delivery, please call before 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. through 1 p.m. There is no added fee for delivery.

Membership fee is \$25 per year per person.

The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is (806) 983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials. Every donation or memorial is greatly appreciated and helps the Center stay open.

(No menu available this week)

OBITUARIES

George Byron Brock, 1940–2021

PLAINVIEW—Byron Brock, age 81, passed away at his home surrounded by family on Thursday, December 23, 2021 in Plainview, Texas.

Byron's celebration of life was held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney, Texas.

Burial followed in the Lockney Cemetery. A visitation was held at Moore-Rose Funeral Home on Monday, December 27, 2021 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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

George Byron Brock was born August 25, 1940 in Godley, Texas, in Johnson County, to George Melvin and Grace Himmel Brock. Our husband, dad and papa was blessed with some great days, but December 23, 2021 was the greatest day in his life because he died peacefully and entered into the eternal arms of his Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Byron moved with his family to Crosby County in 1949 on the edge of the Blanco Canyon, then moved to the Lone Star community in Floyd County in the fall of 1953.

He was actively involved in the Lone Star baseball team. He was a standout football player at Lockney High School and was a member of the 1957 Lockney High School football team that were bi-district champions. He was heavily involved in FFA showing animals and in agriculture production projects. He graduated Lockney High School in 1959.

Byron married his high school sweetheart, Charlotte Taylor Brock, on her 18th birthday, September 30, 1961, because MaMa Josie wouldn't give her blessing until Charlotte turned 18. They were blessed to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this past September.

Byron started farming with his dad, Melvin, and brother, Harold. Together they built a small feed yard then in 1969 added a 1,200-head feeder pig operation. Also during this time, Byron ran wheat pasture cattle first for the Matador Ranch and later for Les Cooper Cattle Company out of Wichita, Kansas, as well many others. He ran thousands of cattle on wheat pasture for over 40 years.

Byron was an innovative forward thinker and always was willing to try new agricultural techniques. He was one of the first farmers in the Lockney area to put his cotton in a module builder. He also was one of the first cattlemen to use the now famous portable wheel corrals, and he was a dedicated member of the Lockney Coop Board.

In his retirement his passion became restoring and showing antique family farm equipment. He and Charlotte travelled all over the nation to tractor shows, and they coordinated and hosted the 2000 National Minneapolis Moline convention in Plainview, Texas.

Byron has passed down his Christian values and his impeccable work ethic to his children and grandchildren, and it is even evident in his great-grandchildren.

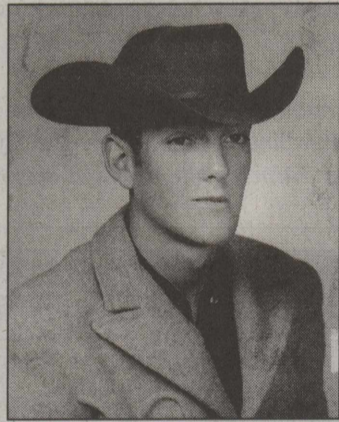
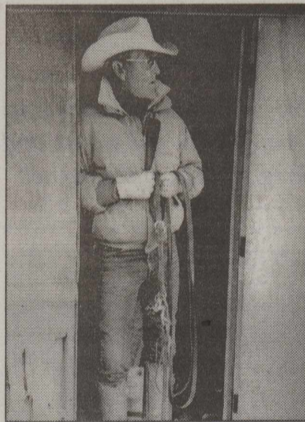
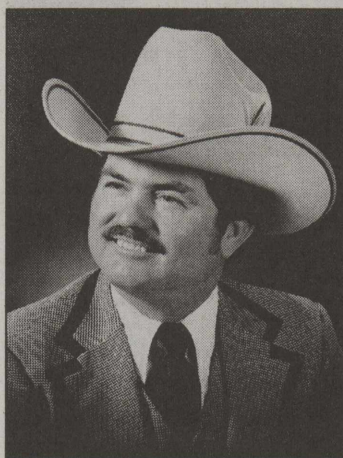
Byron is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Harold (Marie) Brock, and his infant brother, Gary Lynn Brock, and also his father-in-law and mother-in-law, CJ and Josie Taylor.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, and three children, Clifford Byron Brock and his wife, Shelley; Martin Kyle Brock and his wife, Kay; and Shawnda Ann Brock Foster and her husband, Jody. He is survived by grandchildren Beau (Kylie) Brock, Brooks (Kelby) Brock, Ashley Brock (Brian) MacGillivray, Taylor (Marissa) Brock, Heather Brock (Drew) Carson, Matt (Sarah) Reay, Micah Sparkman, Seneé Foster (Asa) Cole, Segayle Foster, and SyAnn Foster (Chase) Young. Also, he had 22, plus one on the way, great-grandchildren and some very special nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Kevin Stennett and the Mangold Memorial Hospital staff as well as Donna Moreno and her staff and Tradition Hospice for making the last days of his life as comfortable as possible.

In lieu of flowers any memorial donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lockney, Floyd County Friends, Inc., or the Silverton Downtown Association.

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



Jimmy Garland Burrows, 1940–2021

GRAHAM—Jimmy Garland Burrows, a cowboy and long-term resident of Eastern New Mexico and West Texas, passed away on Friday, December 24, 2021 in Graham, Texas. He was 81 years old.

Jimmy is survived by his twin boys, Chet (Eden) Burrows and Bret (Mary Jen) Burrows, as well as his grandchildren, Tanner (Charitie)

Kube, Hoyt (Kaitlin) Burrows, Wyatt Burrows, Cauby Burrows, Clayton Burrows, and Abigail Burrows, and one great-grandson, Zayn Kube.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Carolyn Ann Burrows; his daughter, Shannon Denise Burrows; his grandson, Spencer Drew Kube; his brother, Roy Dennis Burrows; and his sister, Betty Shook.

Jimmy was born on April 24, 1940 in Lubbock, Texas, to Roy and Lotella Ann Burrows. He married his sweetheart, Carolyn Ann Warren, on June 29, 1961 and remained happily married for over 56 years until her passing in 2017. They had three children, Shannon, Bret and Chet.

Jimmy was a devoted father and grandfather. He grew up in the Lubbock area and started working at the Matador Land and Cattle Company at the tender age of 13, first as a cook's helper (hoodlum boy) and later as a full-fledged cowhand. He was a cowboy through and through and spent most of his life riding some of the best horses in the country. He always took pride in doing things the "old way" and was always quick to point out how "if you can't do it horseback, it ain't worth doin'!" He was truly memorable.

A memorial service will be scheduled in the near future. If you would like to attend, please contact Bret Burrows of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, or Chet Burrows of Olney, Texas.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lunnfuneralhome.com.



Jennifer Yeary, 1952–2021

Jennifer Yeary, age 69, passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021.

Cremation arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Jennifer was born March 7, 1952 in Floyd County to Jack and Betty (Beard) Yeary.

Jennifer received her bachelors' degree in nursing and worked for many years as a registered nurse.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jason Barker; and a sister, Jackie Owen.

Jennifer is survived by her son, Obryan, and his wife, Vera; two grandsons, Albert Barrientos and Obryan Barker, Jr., and his wife, Katie; his stepchildren, Blake and Julie Jarret; seven great-grandchildren; her brothers, Rex Yeary and his wife, Brenda, and Max Yeary and his wife, Vikki; her faithful companion, her dog Daisy; numerous nieces and nephews; and many loving friends who will miss her dearly.

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



South Plains Hobby Club holds Christmas luncheon

MARY M. CARTER | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The South Plains Hobby Club met the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas, on Dec. 8, 2021 at 12 noon for our Christmas luncheon.

Helen Teeple, our president, read a prayer written by Robert Louis Stevenson and afterward prayed for our lunch.

Time for lunch. It was so good with everyone bringing a dish. I enjoyed every bite.

Helen called the meeting to order. First thing on the agenda was our charity to be nominated. By vote we chose "The Closet" in Lockney. It is a new one. It helps kids with clothing needs and more.

Thank-you notes were received from Margie Young and Maj. Gen. Robert (Bob) Dempsey. We appreciated them very much.

Ethelyn Vernon picks out the best readings. This month it was a book called "Texas Night Before Christmas" by James Rice. It was read with a Texas drawl. It was funny, and the illustrations were very good and helped explain what the book wanted even more. My take on it anyway. I ordered one myself the next day to take and have my husband read to our grandkids and great-grandchildren too. That's how much I liked it. Thanks, Ethelyn!

Next, we did our Inspirational Christmas Book exchange. When the number you picked is called, you go to the table and pick out a book that sparks your interest. There are enough books that if someone gets the book you like, you are sure to find another one to enjoy. We all like the book exchange because it is fun and interesting.

I was thinking we should sing some Christmas carols and Ethelyn said, I have a game in the car. We had fun with her game and glad she had it handy.

Merry Christmas to y'all, and have a happy and safe New Year. God bless each of you!

Those attending were Ethelyn Vernon, Carolyn Marble, Virginia Taylor, Peggy Roberts, Janis Julian, Helen Teeple, Neta Marble, Glenda Ford, Sue Daniels, Kathy Mulder, and Mary M. Carter.

Note: I got to be there. What a blessing to see my friends! Mary M.

MUSE NEWS

Floyd County's local archive benefits researchers from all over.

The Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center and the Floyd County Historical Museum, across from courthouse in Floydada, Texas, provide helpful information regarding family and local history to visitors and to written requests from across the nation and the globe.

Included in the museum's collection are artifacts from the 1540 Coronado Expedition discovered Blanco Canyon and a scale model reproduction of the Montgomery Ranch House. We maintain an extensive genealogy library for Floyd county and the U.S., and our photographic collection of over 3,800 photos has been digitized for searching and printing.

Visiting the museum in person

Visitors are welcome at the Museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment, (806) 983-2415 or fchmuseum@sbcglobal.net.

Memberships and contributions welcome

Dues and contributions are vital to the museum's operation and maintenance. The Genealogy Center and the Museum welcome memberships from within and outside Floyd County at any time. Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to the family members.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to:

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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H NEWS & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

STAFF REPORTS

JANUARY

- 4: Meat Judging 5 p.m. in Plainview (Meet @ the Lockney Ag Farm)
- 10: Floyd County Stock Show Setup 8 am @ UC
- 10: Educational Presentation/Public Speaking Videos Due
- 13: Floyd County Stock Show Cattle & Rabbits 5 p.m. @ UC
- 15: Floyd County Stock Show Pigs, Goats & Lambs 8 a.m. @ UC
- 16: Floyd County Stock Show Cleanup at 1 p.m. @ UC
- 17: Rifle Practice 6 p.m. @ UC
- 18: Archery Practice 6 p.m. @ UC
- 20: Rifle Practice 6 p.m. @ UC
- 24: Rifle Practice 6 p.m. @ UC
- 27: Rifle Practice 6 p.m. @ UC
- 28: December Point Sheets due

2022 FLOYD COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

The date has been set for the 2022 Floyd County Stock Show. This tentative schedule is as follows:

THURSDAY, January 13

- 10:00 am - Barn Opens
- 1:00 - 3:00 - pm - Cattle weigh in
- 5:00 pm - Beef and Dairy Cattle Show
- Rabbit Show will immediately follow the beef and dairy cattle show

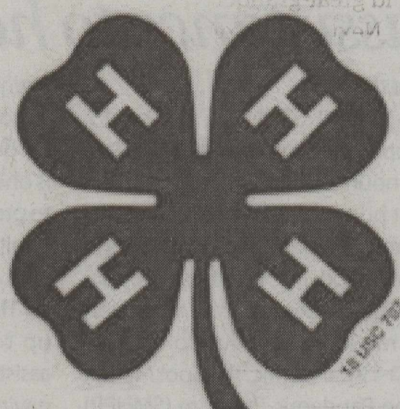
FRIDAY, January 14

- 9:00 am - Barn Opens
- 1:00 - 4:00 pm - Lambs, goats and swine weigh in and in place

SATURDAY, January 15

- 8:00 am - Gilt Show
- Barrow Show
- Approx. 12pm Lunch Break
- Goat Show
- Lamb Show
- Approx. 4 pm - Set up Premium Sale
- Approx. 5 pm - Buyer's Meal
- Approx. 6 pm - Premium Sale

SUNDAY, January 16 2:00 pm - Mandatory cleanup @ Unity Center



FLOYDADA ISD STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS RECOGNIZED Nine students and three educators were honored at the Floydada Collegiate ISD board meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Elementary students recognized were pre-kindergarten students Carson Kellison, Lilianna Martinez and Amaya Cervera along with third graders Matthew Castillo-Reyes and Parker Kellison. The elementary educators recognized were first-grade teacher Kellye Lane and teaching assistant Brittany Perez. The secondary campus students recognized were sixth grader Kaidn McHam and seventh grader Nori Medellin. Floydada High School students recognized were Monroe Garcia and Nicholas Garcia. The high school educator recognized was Coach Jesus Quinonez. Shown (front row, from left) Carson Kellison, Amaya Cervera and Lilianna Martinez; (back row, from left) Kellye Lane, Nori Medellin, Parker Kellison, Jesus Quinonez, Kaidn McHam and Brittany Perez. | FISD PHOTO

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU WEEK OF JANUARY 3-7, 2022

MONDAY
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WEDNESDAY
Breakfast- Blueberry muffin, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken corn dog, country fried steak, seasoned mash potatoes, gravy, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast - Glazed cinnamon rolls, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Hamburgers, chicken teriyaki w/noodles & veggies, zingy fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast - Chicken biscuit sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Sloppy Joe sandwich, BBQ chicken sandwich, Homemade seasoned baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Nominations for Marine Corps Heritage Foundation award program deadline Jan. 15

STAFF REPORTS

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce the return of their annual award program after a one-year hiatus with nominations now open. Each year the Foundation presents a series of awards for creative works preserving or advancing Marine Corps history, traditions, culture or service. Marines and civilians are eligible to submit their own artistic entries or the distinguished work of others. Awards are scheduled to be presented during the Foundation's in person annual awards ceremony on April 30, 2022 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2022.

The annual awards are presented in 17 categories including journalism, documentary, literature, screenplay, photography and poetry. A panel of experts from major regional and national media outlets, authors, noted photographers and Marines will judge the submissions. Entry is free. Winners will receive a gold medallion award, commemorative brick in Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, and a \$2,000 cash prize if applicable.

"The annual awards program provides the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation the invaluable opportunity to celebrate and recognize those who educate our nation on the service and sacrifice of all Marines," said MajGen James Lukeman USMC (Ret), president and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. "We are pleased to invite writers, photographers, artists and others whose work focuses on the Marine Corps to submit their work."

For a detailed list of the awards as well as submission requirements, please visit <https://www.marineheritage.org/awards.html>.

Jahay, Muniz on WBU's honor lists

STAFF REPORTS

Wayland Baptist University released its President's and Dean's lists for the Fall 2021 academic term.

From Floydada, Karissa Jahay was named to the President's List, and Allison Muniz made the Dean's List.

The President's List recognizes students who completed at least 12 hours in a 16-week semester with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The Dean's List recognizes students who completed at least 12 hours in a single semester with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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Cotton seed price/marketing figures issued

Cumulative Upland Cotton marketings for the first three months of the 2021 marketing year totaled 1.625 million bales according to information released November 30 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Only 296,000 bales off the pace set during the same period last season, shipments for the first quarter of the 2021 Upland Cotton marketing year is good news to growers. Equally favorable to growers with cotton to sell is the upswing in cotton prices seen during the harvest season.

The first month of the marketing year included August prices that averaged 73.2 cents per pound and total marketings of just over 600,000 bales. September brought a 3-cent jump in the average price received to 76.3 cents per pound, but a decline in total marketings which totaled only 263,000 bales for the month.

According to USDA figures released November 30, October 2021 cotton marketings totaled 753,000 bales with an average selling price of 84.4 cents per pound which reflects the stronger prices that were beginning to settle in at that time.

So far, the 2021 Upland Cotton Weighted Average Price, calculated through October 2021, stands at 78.9 cents per pound. This figure should continue to rise as more 2021 bales are shipped.

Cottonseed prices have been equally strong throughout the harvest season averaging \$255 per ton in August, \$235 per ton in September, and \$244 per ton in October.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1 through October 31, 2021.

For cotton, the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2021 marketing year. The 2021 cotton marketing year began on August 1, 2021 and ends July 31, 2022.

Average Price Received For 2021-crop Upland Cotton

(Weighted by Marketings)

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	609	609	73.20	73.20
September	263	872	76.30	74.10
October	753	1,625	84.40	78.90

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

The combination of the national average price received for cotton lint and for cottonseed is used to calculate the final market year average (MYA) price received for Seed Cotton. This figure is used by the USDA Farm Service Agency to determine final payment rates for the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) programs authorized under the 2018 Farm Bill. Preliminary estimates from the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Current projections for the 2021-crop national average price received by growers for Seed Cotton, released by the USDA Farm Service Agency on December 9, estimates a MYA price of \$0.4595 per pound. That puts the estimated 2021-crop MYA price for Seed Cotton 9.25 cents per pound above the \$0.3670 reference price Seed Cotton.

NO CATTLE SALES LAST WEEK DUE TO HOLIDAY

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Floyd County designated eligible for USDA natural disaster relief

STAFF REPORTS

Earlier this month Floyd County was listed among 17 contiguous counties and six primary counties in parts of Texas eligible for natural disaster emergency assistance due to a triggering disaster of excessive moisture that occurred during May 1 through Sept. 30, 2021.

Within Texas, primary counties eligible due to recent drought are Castro, Hale, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Nueces and Willacy. These con-

tiguous counties are also eligible, according to an FSA bulletin: Aransas, Brooks, Cameron, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Duval, Floyd, Hidalgo, Hockley, Kenedy, Lamb, Live Oak, Lubbock, Parmer, Randall, San Patricio and Swisher.

This natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering

from natural disasters through emergency loans. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

The application deadline is August 8, 2022.

USDA provides additional pandemic assistance to hog producers

STAFF REPORTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a new program to assist hog producers who sold hogs through a negotiated sale during the period in which these producers faced the greatest reduction in market prices due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP) is part of USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative and addresses gaps in previous assistance to hog producers. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications Dec. 15, 2021 through Feb. 25, 2022.

SMHPP provides assistance to hog producers who sold hogs through a negotiated sale from April 16, 2020 through Sept. 1, 2020. Negotiated sale, or negotiated formula sale, means a sale of hogs by a producer to a packer under which the base price for the hogs is determined by seller-buyer interaction and agreement on a delivery day. USDA is offering SMHPP as packer production was reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic due to employee illness and supply chain issues, resulting in fewer negotiated hogs being procured and subsequent lower market prices.

"Previous pandemic assistance used flat rates across the hog industry, and this didn't take into account the various levels of harm felt by different producers," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "We worked closely with industry partners and USDA's Agricultural Mar-

keting Service to target assistance to hog producers who were hit the hardest during the pandemic. This is one more example of our efforts to provide new, broader, and more equitable opportunities for farmers, ranchers and producers."

The Department has set aside up to \$50 million in pandemic assistance funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for SMHPP.

SMHPP PROGRAM DETAILS

Eligible hogs include hogs sold through a negotiated sale by producers between April 16, 2020, and Sept. 1, 2020. To be eligible, the producer must be a person or legal entity who has ownership in the hogs and whose production facilities are located in the United States, including U.S. territories. Contract producers, federal, state and local governments, including public schools and packers are not eligible for SMHPP.

SMHPP payments will be calculated by multiplying the number of head of eligible hogs, not to

exceed 10,000 head, by the payment rate of \$54 per head. FSA will issue payments to eligible hog producers as applications are received and approved.

APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE

Eligible hog producers can apply for SMHPP starting Dec. 15, 2021, by completing the FSA-940, Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program application. Additional documentation may be required.

Visit farmers.gov/smhpp for a copy of the Notice of Funds Availability, information on applicant eligibility and more information on how to apply.

Applications can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. To find your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator. Hog producers can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

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All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone.

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the School of Business who help develop the business model for the idea. The competition is open to entrepreneurs with an idea for creating a new business or expanding an existing business. All ideas must benefit the Plainview economy and entrepreneurs can register for the competition at www.wbu.edu/spark. Entrepreneurs will work with teams of students throughout the spring semester. The final plans will be presented to a panel of judges. The entrepreneur with the best plan will be awarded \$5,000 for use in starting

the new endeavor. Students on the winning team also earn a small cash prize. In April 2021, Magline walked away with the \$5,000 prize. Magline, an existing business, had a plan to expand into additional markets. An agriculture business with a special plant-based technology that increases yield, Magline was looking at expanding into landscape and reforestation efforts. Applications are due no later than Feb. 26, 2022.

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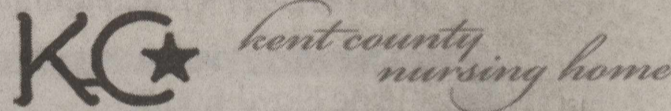
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Wed. Evening—7 p.m.

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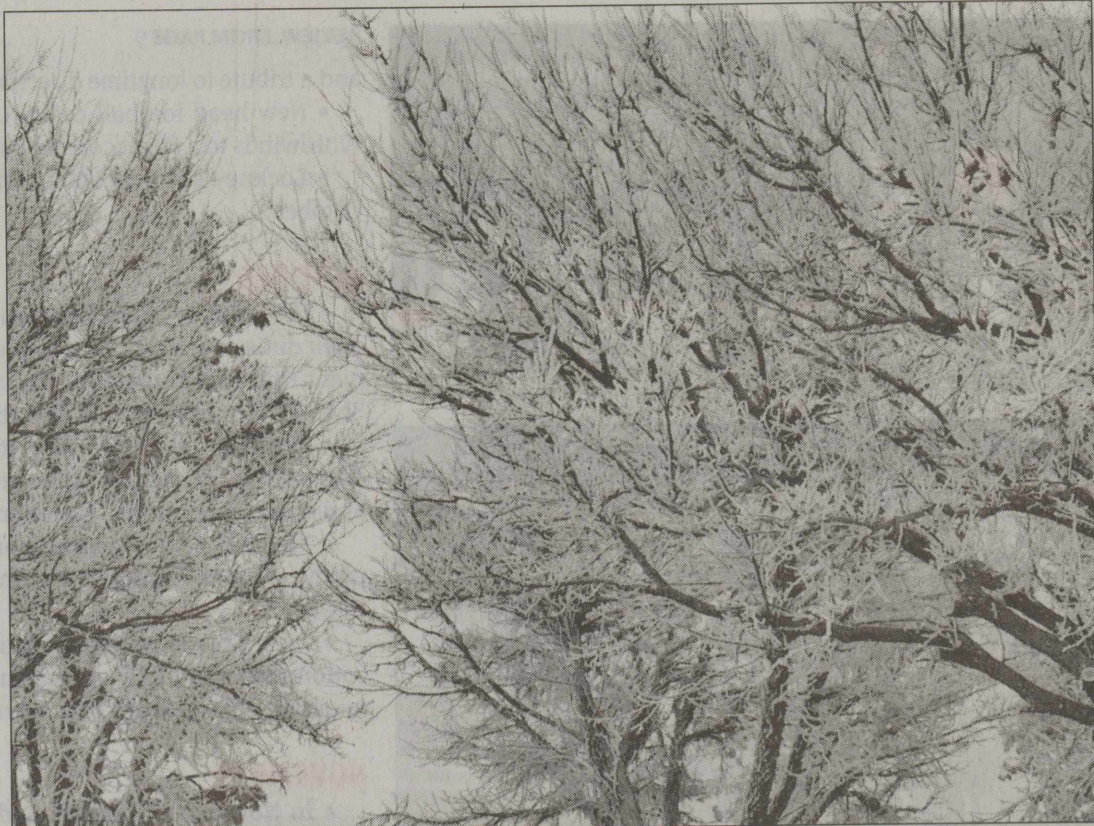
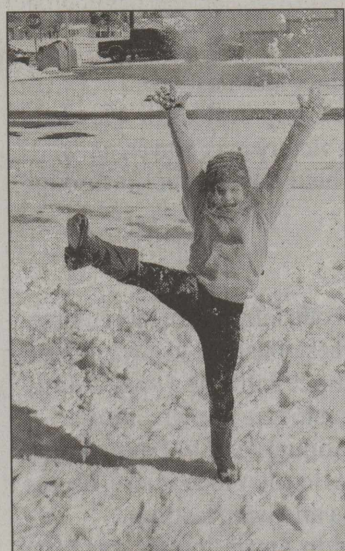
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its 125th anniversary year in January 2021.

- Winter Storm Uri, Feb. 13-17, leaves many homes and businesses across the region without electrical power, heat and water. Nursing-home residents are put at risk, and damage forced utility crews to work around the clock; repairs take weeks to complete.
- Republicans David Spiller and Craig Carter faced off in a runoff for HD-68 state house seat on February 23. Spiller, an attorney from Jacksboro, won.
- Floydada's Serrato sisters launched a new downtown market and event venue.

Covid-19 vaccination programs at either Payne Pharmacy or the Plainview Health Department.

- Floydada hosted the district and bi-district One Act Play contest in March, capitalizing on its new state of the art auditorium, a part of the enhancements at the school provided by 2017 bond approved by voters. Floydada's OAP entrant "Any Body for Tea" advanced to bi-district.
- Mangold Hospital provided Covid-19 vaccines for all adults beginning March 29.
- New healthcare professionals joined the community: Dr. Thomas Stewart opened a den-

MAY

- Lockney High athlete Jayda Rosales signed a letter of intent with Lubbock Christian University's track and field squad.
- Two new city council members were elected in Lockney's municipal election in very close races in May. Incumbents were unseated by one-vote margins in both of the contested city council races. According to results provided by the city, challenger Saul Rodriguez defeated incumbent Donnie McLaughlin seven votes to six in the District 1 city council race and Alberto Soto-Gonzales beat incumbent Dart Carthel 11 votes to 10 for the District 3 council seat.
- In May the Lady Winds softball were ranked #2 in the state, were 25-0, took the bi-district title by defeating Seagraves 15-1, and took the area championship by beating Sanford-Fritch 9-5 and 25-0.
- The 91st Annual Old Settlers Reunion was held in downtown Floydada with parades, booths, a program that recognized pioneers, and music.
- The Lockney ISD school board voted during their May meeting to go to a four-day school week in 2021-22.
- Seventy-nine seniors graduated from Floyd County schools in May.



as superintendent at Lamar Consolidated ISD, near Houston. Morren had served as principal in Floydada for 20 years.

- Floydada High School assistant principal Dara Ware was promoted to school principal.
- FCISD's Luke Holcombe and Ryder Glass were selected to play in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association 2021 All-Star Small School Baseball Game. Holcombe had won the gold medal in State shot-put in May and signed to compete in athletics for WTAMU, while Glass also received numerous scholarships.
- Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All-Star Band put on a successful Christmas in July fundraiser for area fire departments, selling out the Unity Center after delaying its December 2020 event due to

Covid-19 concerns.

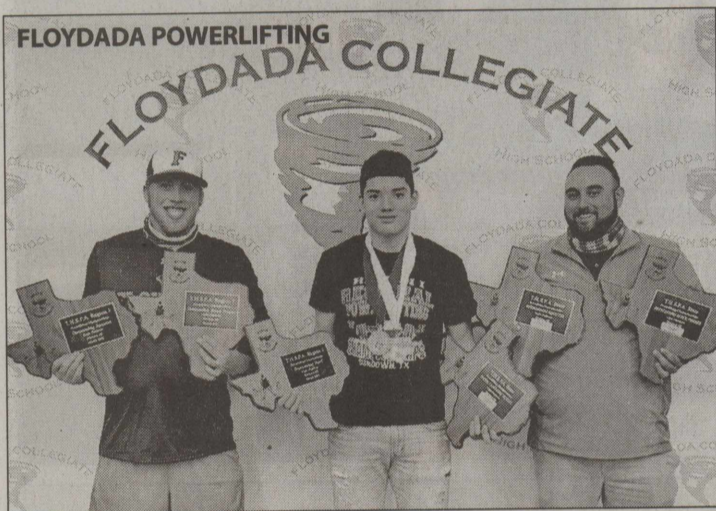
- Lockney ISD named Cory McCombs, formerly the defensive coordinator for Georgetown, athletic director as well as head football coach.

ondary students and staff facing issues with Covid-19. By late-August both elementary and secondary school had individuals in quarantine.

SEPTEMBER

- Floydada celebrated its Homecoming on September 7.
- Floyd County's pumpkin harvest got underway.
- In the football battle of Floyd County, Lockney wrested the trophy from Floydada for the first time in five years.
- The Floydada Historical Museum celebrated its 50th Anniversary with an open house

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tal practice in Floydada, and Heather Harger took the reins of Lockney Health and Rehabilitation as administrator.

APRIL

- Floydada senior Alex Carmona won the state championship in the 165-pound class of Division 3 Texas High School Powerlifting Association state championships that were held in Abilene.
- The Lady Winds softball team created a stir early in the season as its star pitcher, Erin Trevino, pitched two no-hitters in the first month of season.
- Faculty, administrators and staff provided the public with tours during an open house for the new FCISD high school, the culmination of four years of work after the bond election of 2017.
- Covenant Plainview acquired West Texas Family Physicians of Floydada in April, bringing access to a larger medical group to Floydada.

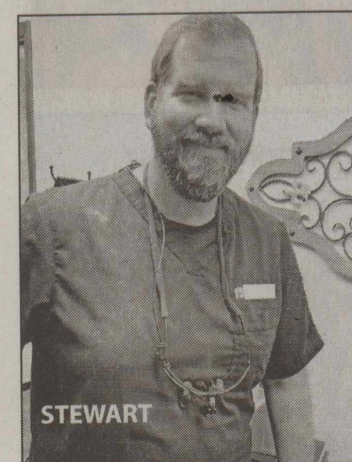


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- The City of Floydada began the process of acquiring a ladder fire truck to accommodate taller buildings, such as the new schools in Floydada and Lockney.
- The Dixie Dog restaurant reopened in Floydada under new ownership.

JULY

- FCISD principal Wayne Morren accepted a new position

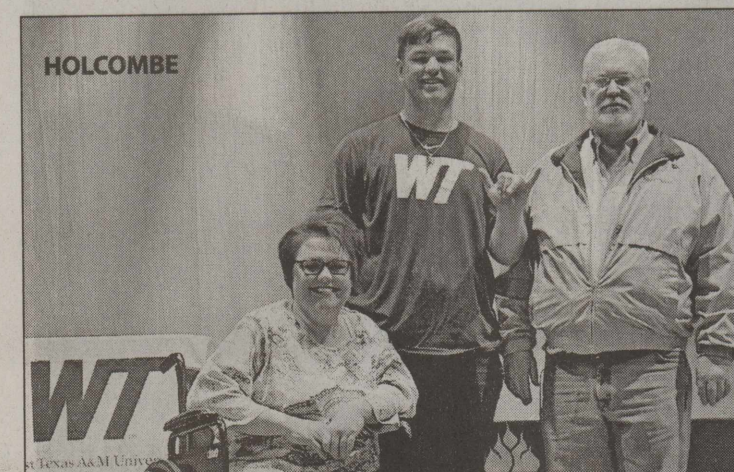


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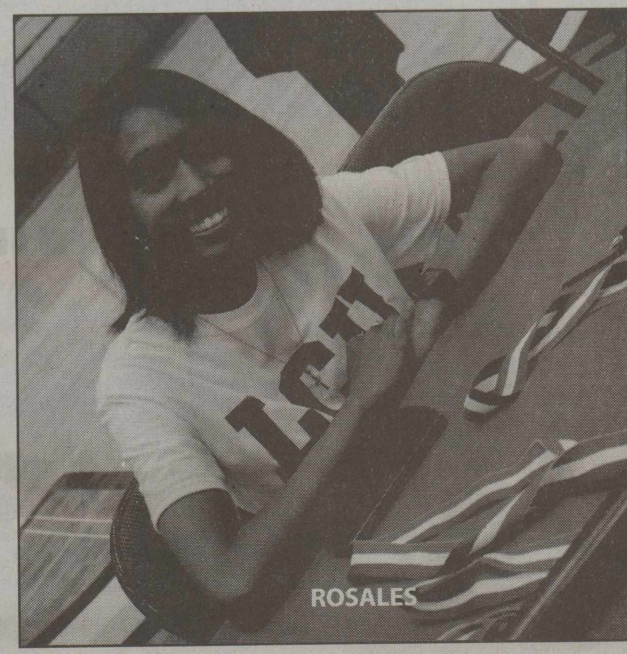
- Teachers were listed as priority recipients for Covid-19 vaccines in March, and many were able to take advantage of the



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SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR IN REVIEW 2021



FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS

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and a tribute to longtime director Nancy Marble.

- New head football coach J. R. Compton led the Floydada Whirlwinds to a Homecoming game victory over Smyer, 34-8.
- Lockney's Homecoming was held September 30 through October 2.

OCTOBER

- The Lockney Police Department officially began law enforcement duties on Friday, Oct. 1, after reestablishing its own department this summer, ending its contract with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and advertising to hire its own officers.
- Floydada celebrated the 34th Annual Punkin Days with an estimated 15,000 visitors in downtown to enjoy food trucks, booths and music—and its first-ever mimosa and wine tasting.
- The first bale of cotton ginned in Floyd County was from producer Jimmy Collins. D & J Gin in Lockney ginned it Thursday, Oct. 9.
- Area ginners were optimistic in mid-October that the 2021 cotton crop would far exceed the 2020 harvest, and prices are much better also. Prices have averaged in the \$1.00 a pound range.

NOVEMBER

- In November Floydada and Lockney football teams both earned a trip to the playoffs.
- Redistricting at the state and federal level brought relatively little change to Floyd County. In the U.S. House both Lockney and Floydada will now be in U.S. House District 19, represented by Jodey Arrington of Lubbock. Previously, Lockney was in U.S. House District 13, represented by Ronny Jackson. At the state level, Floyd County will now be in state house district 83, currently represented by Dustin Burrows of Lubbock.

DECEMBER

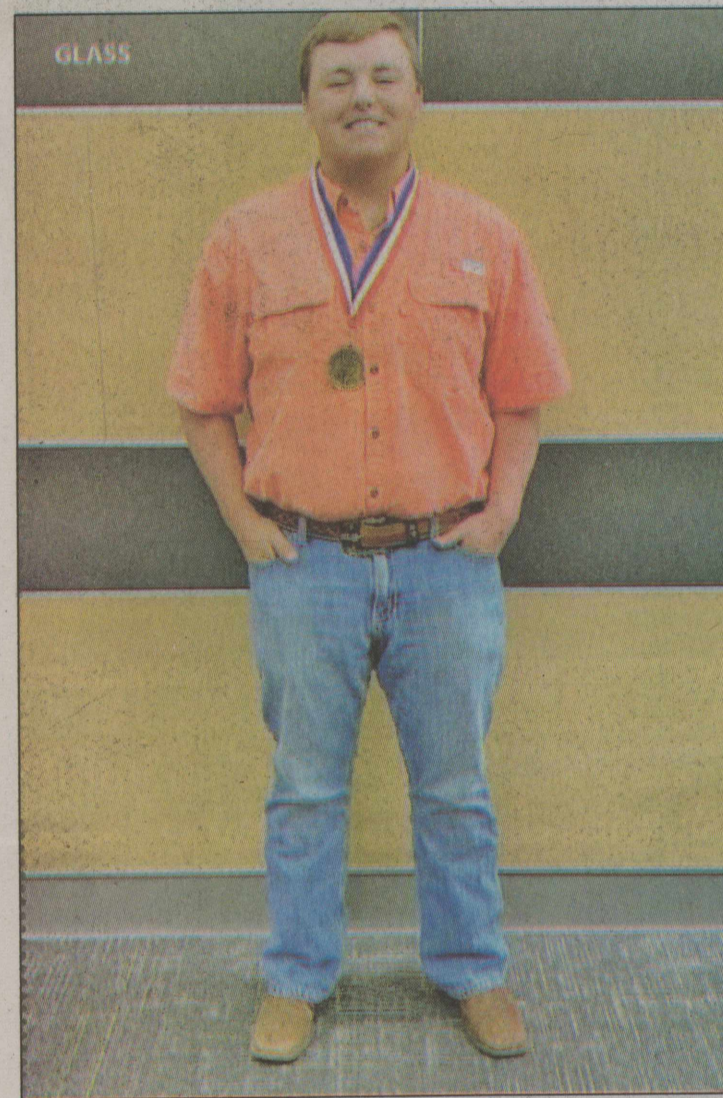
- Lockney Downtown Christmas was hosted by the Lockney Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Dec. 11 with shopping, local food vendors, Christmas music and Santa.
- The Floydada Chamber of Commerce celebrated Santa on the Square Thursday, December 16 at Nutthouse Designs with a hot chocolate bar, crafts for the kids and shopping. The city also turned out for its first-ever Lighted Christmas Parade, organized by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Floydada Police Department.



LOCKNEY LONGHORNS



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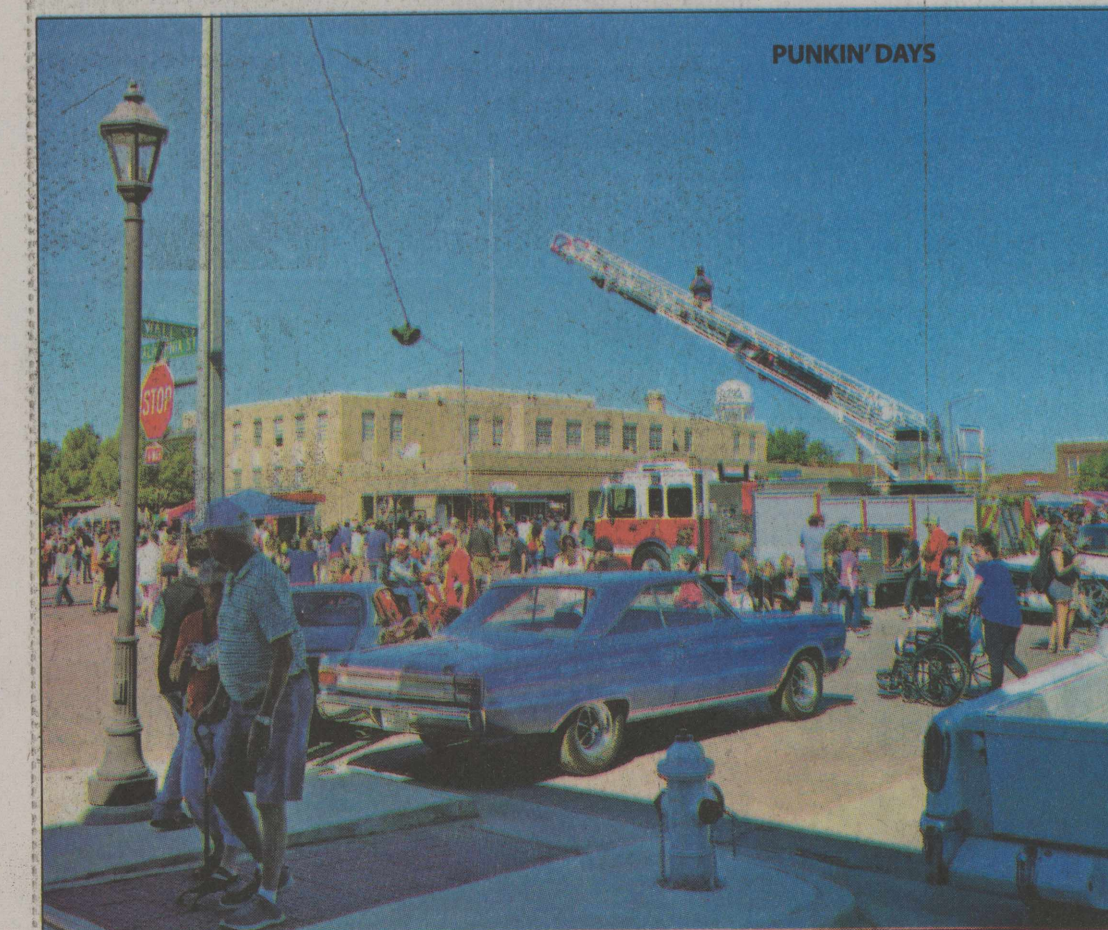
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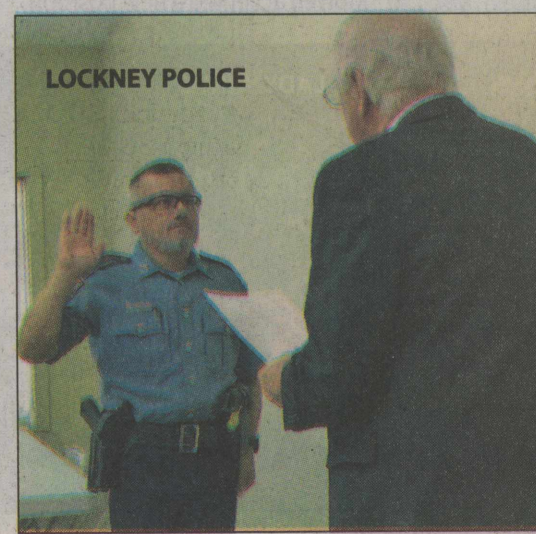
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COTTON HARVEST



PUNKIN' DAYS



LOCKNEY POLICE

