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Loaded up and headed to the Collection Center in Lubbock. First Baptist Church Floydada collected 122 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and with the surrounding communities and others churches in Floydada, the total

Area Sends Almost 500 Gifts to Needy Kids

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

Operation Christmas Child wrapped up November 22 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada, and volunteers from Floydada, Matador, Roaring Springs, Lockney, and Silverton packed 487 shoeboxes with gifts for children in poverty-stricken and war-torn areas around the world.

"One hundred and twenty-two of the gifts came from First Baptist Floydada alone," said volunteer coordinator Ludustia Prisk. Prisk has headed up FBC's efforts with Operation Christmas Child since 2011.

All of the shoeboxes were packed into bigger boxes to go to a collection center at Southcrest Baptist in Lubbock. Eventually they will be flown from Dallas to drop-off locations around

Pastors around the world host shoebox distributions in places where they can share their ministry. Other churches use the boxes as resources for outreach in orphanages and other atrisk areas.

Mangold to hold its 24nd health fair Feb. 4



The Mangold Health Fair has historically been held the first Saturday in December. This year's event—their 24th Health Fair—will be held the first Saturday in February.

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital will hold its 24nd Annual Health Fair Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. until noon in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Admission to the health fair will be one canned good to be donated to the Salvation Army.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma

checks, cholesterol screens and blood sugar and blood pressure checks. There will also be booths where you can consult with professionals regarding dentistry, hospice care, optometry and

The health fair will also provide Children's Photo Identification Cards, which will show a picture and current information about your child. The Children's Photo Identification Cards are being offered as a free public service to families in the

The booths at the "Holiday Health Fair" will be manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths. Local and area merchants will provide door prizes.

For more information about the event call 806-652-3373 x205.

Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

COVENANT HEALTH MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

On Monday, December 5th, the Covenant Health's Mobile Mammography- Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center bus will be in Lockney at the Lockney Elementary School gym parking lot located at 310 SW 8th Street. For appointments please call 806-725-6579 or 1-877-494-4797. Their next quarterly visit to Floydada will be in February 2017.

NATIVITY SHOWING CAROLYN CUMMINGHAM

The 2nd Bi-Annual Nativity Showing by Carolyn Cunningham will be held Thursday, December 8 thru Sunday, December 11 at the Dove Room located at 305 N. Main, Lockney. The showing will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. On Sunday, they will be open from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. The showing is sponsored by Hospice Hands of West Texas. (NOTICE TIMES AND DATES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED)

2nd ANNUAL COWBOY **CHRISTMAS BALL**

The 2nd Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band, will be on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center beginning at

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Community Pitches In for 'Spirit of Christmas'

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

The 'Spirit of Christmas' is a volunteer program that

has helped make a brighter Christmas for hundreds of shut-ins, needy and elderly residents in Floydada, Lockney, Plainview and those staying at the Lubbock Ronald McDonald House for 34 years. Volunteers are gearing up for 2016.

"We can always use more volunteers," said Corey Johnston of Floydada with KFLP radio whose family has participated in the program for years.

Generosity comes from every corner of the community for the Spirit of Christmas. "When turkeys go

sale, Teddy Summers with Lowes has called me, and because of his interest in our program, we saved hundreds of dollars. Teddy has even opened the store on Christmas morning when we needed broth." Nielsen's has helped us order supplies for this program, so we get the best prices possible," Johnston said, "And the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department cooks the turkeys.'

The First Baptist Church makes their kitchen available to cook the sides.

In assessing needs for the upcoming meals to the needy program on Christmas morning Johnston said, "We can always use donations, and we take checks



Spirit of Christmas volunteers have assisted in putting together hundreds of meals for those who had no way to have a hot Christmas meal. The program is in its 34th year.

what they really need is to know is if there's someone who will be alone and may

In addition Johnston said not be able -either physi- the folks that we're bringing cally or financially—to cook a nice Christmas meal. "We also need a way of letting

a meal to know that we're coming. Sometimes, they See SPIRIT, Page 5

News on the go

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Floydada County Sherriff's office crime report

Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of SE 2nd Street in the city of Lockney in reference to a Theft of some lawn equipment. Owner stated that when she arrived home that evening she noticed her lawn mower and gas can missing.

Deputy was dispatched to US Hwy 62 in reference to a one vehicle crash, upon arrival the subject had already left the scene, no injuries were reported.

Deputy was dispatched to a crash on FM 788 in reference to a vehicle striking a calf. No injuries were reported.

10/16/16

Deputies responded to the 300 block of W. Washington in the City of Lockney in reference to a burglary of a residence. Owner of the residence reported that several electronics were taken and the estimated loss of property is \$770.

Deputy arrested Isael Morales Diaz 25, of Humble, TX south of Floydada on TX 207 near Scotts' Gin for Wreckless Driving. He was transported to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office for booking then released to Garza County for housing.

10/18/16

Deputy was dispatched to a crash on TX Hwy 207 in reference to a vehicle striking a deer. No injuries were reported.

Deputies were dispatched to US Hwy 62/70 and FM 651 in reference to a traffic accident. Upon arrival Deputies made contact with Joseph Jeremy Silva 44, of Plainview, upon further investigation it was determined that Silva was intoxicated he was arrested for DWI and transported

to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office for booking then released to Garza County for

10/23/16

Deputy was dispatched to a crash on CR 144 and CR 77. No injuries were reported.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on US Hwy 70 approximately 2 miles west of Lockney on a 2013 Ford Edge for speeding, upon contact with the driver Keisha Nicole Ross, Deputy could smell an odor of marijuana coming from inside. K-9 was deployed and ran on exterior of vehicle, K-9 alerted to the odor of marijuana in the vehicle. Deputies searched the vehicle and found a small baggy containing marijuana in the center console. Driver was given a criminal citation for POM under 2 oz and released.

10/28/16

Deputy responded to a call in the 100 blk of NE 8th street in Lockney in reference to a traffic accident that had already occurred, upon arrival and further investigation the accident occurred on private

10/30/16

Deputy was dispatched to a crash on FM 2883 in reference to a vehicle striking a cow. No injuries were reported.

09/11/16- UPDATE

Deputy was dispatched to the 2600 block of FM 1958 in reference to a stolen vehicle. Owner reported that the vehicle was last seen on 9/10/16 at about 7:00 am. The vehicle that was taken is a white 2003 Chevy bearing Texas registration CMH3491. The vehicle has damage to the left rear fender. The estimated value of the vehicle is \$2,500. Vehicle was recovered by Hale County Deputies abandoned in a field on 10/08/16.

The 501

Cranes above, rats below, Christmas ahead

season and cold weather have ar- have been an all-around weathercaster. paid more mind to those noisy sand hill cranes, although they've been a picture of confusion this year, formations meeting each other, noticeably fragmented with

stragglers acting just as lost, none of them sticking to textbook south. I wouldn't watch the lanky harbingers if they weren't always honking at me. My husband says geese honk and cranes screech. Whatever.

At ground level I HANABA should have gotten the cue when the grassburs MUNN quit popping out and the WELCH rats showed up - cute little Norway rats this year,

if I've got them properly pegged. They're everywhere. Lift almost anything off the ground and there's a rat under it, either looking at you with an innocent face between two stubby ears or scurrying away.

For a while, a stray cat was hanging around the farm. Haven't seen her lately. Given the magnitude of the moveable feast, she may have eaten herself to death. Do cats do that? Mother said Thomas Cat died after he ate too much liver at a hog killing. I believed her. Death by raw liver isn't the kind of story you fabricate for a 5-year-old. Besides, Mother didn't make things up anyway or beat around the

've been snuck up on. The holiday bush. In the weather vein, she could not

rived surprisingly soon. I should have Have you noticed that meteorologists of the flat screen are masters of not getting to the point? It's a skill they turn off and on. Give them only 30 seconds, and they shoot off salient facts like a machine gun. Give them five minutes with four commercial breaks, and you hear everything but what you want to know.

> Now that I've discovered we're in late November, all I want to know is whether it's going to freeze. My question gets ignored, put off by chill factors scattered over the map. We viewers get told to grab a jacket and maybe put one on the outdoor pet. I envision a sizable mixed-breed canine wearing an embroidered cloak that looks like it came from a Romanian sheepherder. One's mind wanders while waiting for answers.

> What makes it all so strange is how the weathercasters act like they're telling you all you need to know even as they tell you to stay tuned for the complete forecast. Tell me now!!! That's what I scream at

> On the other hand, if weather news is a form of journalism and you even have to know some math, why shouldn't I lighten up and cut the verbal meteorologists some slack? If they don't get it right, no matter how long they take to tell it, they know they'll be held accountable -- more than can be said for some of today's news reporting.

Hmmm. Let's end with that thought. And that's why I'd make

a poor weathercaster. I know how to take time to make a point. I just never know in advance what it's going to be.

The Paperboy Recounts add to uncertainty

m I the only one who thinks this recount business is little more than sour grapes? Where is the pride of those involved?

With all of the hate and anger that has been spewed over the better part of 2016, this should be a time of decompression, politically speaking.

I'm certainly not going to lose sleep over it unless I sense some shenanigans going on. But after this election,

I honestly don't think the country can

handle much more drama. We'd be better served if this was all

behind us and we were able to move forward with certainty.

And maybe that's at the core of these recounts. Maybe they're being done as another effort to cause uncertainty. It's strange it's being called for by the same people who ridiculed President-elect

CHRIS Trump just a month ago.

BLACKBURN

I cannot remember a fall this mild. It's been a strange year weather-wise. Be-

tween a real spring, mild summer and mild fall, it's been really nice. We've also had above average rain fall and that

By contrast, I often think back to the extremes of 2011. That was an unbelievable drought with the kind of heat that I hope we never have to experience again.

Yet, hear we are. Cotton farmers are still in business as are most of the ranchers. In addition, and just as important, we did not run out of drinking water when at times, the future looked bleak.

Hopefully, I have not jinxed us with this observation. If it suddenly gets 20 degrees, take it easy on me please.

You know our government lies to us don't you? In fact, they've been lying to us for years.

While I don't wish to delve too deep into their lies, I can

The U.S. Government has denied the existence of Area 51 forever. For a long time, decades in fact, their lies were believable. But as technology has improved, they've been exposed as have many of their secrets.

Don't believe me?

All you have to do is look at the satellite images on Google Earth or other map apps. What you'll see about 60 miles northwest of Las Vegan, Nevada, is a large base that does not appear on the maps. It's as clear as day and has been there for some time.

One of my hobbies is studying maps and satellite images. I first noticed Area 51 a few years ago and judging by the current image of the base, we've been expanding.

In my opinion, that is where the government works on Black Operations projects. That's where our next wave of weapons are developed.

It's kind of humorous that on Google Maps, when you try to get to "street view," it has a little UFO icon.

Anyhow, check it out on your computer or even your phone. In fact, study the whole world. It's fascinating!

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SPC Plainview Center announces online registration

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

PLAINVIEW - Online registration for spring 2017 continues for South Plains College Plainview Center. SPC Plainview will offer extended office hours from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 9; 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 10-12; and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 13.

Spring classes will begin Jan. 17.

Current or new students who need assistance should contact their academic advisors or the Main Office. The list of advisors can be found online under myspc. Late registration is sched-

uled for 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 17-19 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 20. Payments are due at the time of registration.

Students can register at online at www.myspc. southplainscollege.edu. Registration opened on Nov. 10. For more information,

contact Gracie Quinonez, SPC Plainview Director, at (806) 296-9611, ext. 4301, or call the main office at (806) 296-9611 ext. 4302 or 4304.



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This New Technology Could Prevent a Leading Cause of Death

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What do Casey Kasem, Christopher Reeve and Muhammad Ali have in common? They all died of sepsis: a rapid, potentially deadly reaction that affects about 1 million Americans each year.

In the medical community, sepsis can be a scary word. It means the body's own immune system is going into overdrive trying to kill a blood-borne bacterial infection. It's an easily treated condition, but if left untreated can kill a person in two days.

The even scarier part? Normal methods of detecting sepsis take at least that long.

But researchers in the Texas Tech University Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry have found a new way to significantly reduce that detection time, giving medical professionals a greater window of time in which to treat the patient.

"Normally when you detect sepsis, you do it through bacterial culture; that takes two days on the short end to 15 days on the long end," said Dimitri Pappas, an associate professor of chemistry. "Most people die of sepsis at two days. The detection currently is on the exact same time scale as mortality, so we're trying to speed that up.

"Instead of the bacteria, we're looking at the body's immune response to those bacteria, because that's what you really care about. The bacteria cause the infection, but it's the body's response that causes sepsis."

Working in a field known as microfluidics, Pappas and graduate student Ye Zhang recently filed a provisional patent for a tiny glass-and-plastic chip that can confirm a sepsis diagnosis in just four hours.

"With early diagnosis, appropriate treatments can be conducted in time and sepsis progression can be controlled," Zhang said. "Many lives can be saved with this project by shortening diagnosis time and speeding up intervention time."

In a nutshell, sepsis is a runaway immune response, wherein the body's act of saving itself can actually be lethal. It begins with what's called systemic inflammatory response syndrome – that's the body ramping up the immune system to fight the bacteria. From there, it progresses into sepsis and eventually septic shock, in which blood pressure plummets, organs fail and eventually the patient dies.

"It is estimated there are 1 million new cases of sepsis in hospitalized patients per

year in the United States," said Dr. John Griswold, professor and chair emeritus in theDepartment of Surgery at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. "Sepsis is the leading cause of death in intensive care units in the United States, and patients with the diagnosis of sepsis have a minimum of a 30 percent chance of dying of their disease; if their vital organ systems – brain, heart, lungs, liver, kidneys – are affected, they have a 70 percent chance of dying. The elderly have the highest rate and, in some studies, death is over 85 percent in those over the age of 75."

In addition to mortality, sepsis can result in amputation of limbs or prolonged hospitalization. Griswold said it's considered one of the most costly diseases in health care, amounting to a staggering \$22 billion to \$25 billion each year, a cost that's increasing by 11 to 12 percent each year.

"The way they treat sepsis right now is through a massive antibiotic administration," Pappas said. "That's good, actually, but if you do it prophylactically and when it's not needed, you're basically helping create drug-resistant bacteria. So there's a need to detect sepsis and to treat it but not to over treat it as well, because over treating it leads to additional problems."

The chips are designed to look for the activation of certain white blood cells, which would indicate the immune system was going to work to fight the infection. The chip requires less than a drop of blood for an accurate test, so doctors can test multiple times to determine the occurrence of sepsis as well as retest periodically after administering antibiotics to make sure the body's response is returning to normal.

At this point, all testing has been done with the help of stem cells. Because of the chip's success, the next step is to test with human blood. And thanks to a collaboration with Griswold and the Health Sciences Center, Pappas will start enrolling patients in November.

"Through the ingenuity and creativity of our faculty, a solution to this problem is now within grasp," said Guy Loneragan, interim vice president for research. "This ingenious discovery illustrates the value to society of the continued commitment of Texas Tech to encourage and celebrate intellectual curiosity in research and scholarship. This discovery can transform medical care and, in time, could save countless lives."

Texas A&M research provides possible explanation for recurring breast cancer

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS — Researchers at the Texas A&M College of Medicine have discovered that dormant cancer cells could camouflage themselves from treatment because they cannibalized—basically ate—the body's own stem cells. The study was recently published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

The team had been working on teaching adult stem cells from bone marrow, called mesenchymal stem/stromal cells (MSCs), to fight cancer when they noticed that the MSCs were disappearing from the cell cultures.

"We actually thought we made a mistake or were witnessing an anomaly or negative result," said Thomas J. Bartosh, PhD, assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Medicine and first author of the study. "We eventually realized that the breast cancer cells were eating the stem cells. What was really interesting was what happened next: The breast cancer cells that had taken in the stem cells went dormant—essentially became 'sleepy'—but at the s

ame time they became much more difficult to kill."

Bartosh and the team realized that if breast cancer cells in the body behave the same way, it might explain cancer recurrence.

The cancer cells that have cannibalized MSCs are highly resistant to chemotherapy and nutrient deprivation that fairly effectively kills other cancerous cells. Because there are only a few of them, the surviving cells are not detected with existing scanning methods. "Then one day, when conditions are right, the

cells 'wake up' and start growing again," Bartosh said. "This is when the cancer recurs, and because the cells are treatment-resistant, the recurrence can be very difficult to combat.

The hope is that now a possible mechanism for recurrence has been explained, a treatment could be found that would keep those cannibalistic cells dormant, and doing no harm, for the rest of the person's life. Another possible avenue for drug development would be something that would stop breast cancer cells from eating MSCs in the first place. Bartosh and the team are also working on exploiting the cannibalistic activity of some cancer cells to potentially feed them toxic agents, using MSCs as the delivery vehicle that can target cancer cells specifically, like a tumor-seeking missile.

"The biology of the process is intriguing. It's one mysterious phenomenon—cell cannibalism—that might help explain another mysterious phenomenon: tumor dormancy," Bartosh said. "If these findings do translate to humans, the implications for patients would be enormous."

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Pet Talk

Many people remember caring for their childhood pet and the joy they felt from developing a relationship with an animal. Although welcoming a pet into your home is a big commitment, children can learn responsibility by learning to care for pets with adult supervision. In addition, childhood pets can also introduce children to friendship and family bonding.

"Children learn about responsible pet ownership by observing their parents," said Dr. Sara Griffin, lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "As a child gets older, their responsibilities with pet care can increase. Children who learn to take on responsibilities appropriate for their age will gain self-confidence and grow up to be responsible adults."

Additionally, family pets can encourage family bonding. Pets need daily exercise, so daily walking with the pet may provide good quality time for the family. Playing or interacting

with the pet in the house can take the focus off the TV or computer and also encourage family interactions.

While children are learning to care for their pet, they may also develop a loving relationship with them. This companionship may provide children comfort and emotional support. "Positive pet interactions with children can help develop non-verbal communication skills, compassion, and empathy in children," Griffin said. "Pets can provide children with a listening ear and friendship.



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LOOK WHO'S NEW



HADLEE RAE CORNELIUS

Jordan and Teysha Cornelius of Floydada is proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hadlee Rae Cornelius.

Hadlee was born at 11:19 a.m., Friday, November 4, 2016 at Covenant Lakeside Hospital, Lubbock, Texas. She weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Clay and LeAnn Matthews of Bushland, Texas and Eric and Julianne Cornelius of League City, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Bill and Jody Matthews of Plainview, Texas, Susan Allen of Amarillo, Texas, Jim and Pat Cornelius of Possum Kingdom Lake, Texas and Joyce Lipham of Texarkana, Texas.

Hadlee's great-great-grandmother is Helen Horn of Cleburne, Texas.



Courtesy Photo The Floydada Post Office will have a special cancellation event on Thursday, December 1st during normal business hours. The cancellation will be available for cards and letters throughout the month of December. Please ioin us as we celebrate this special time of the year.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving, now to get back to the normal.

The Center will be open on Sunday, December 11th for lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We will serve soup, and cornbread, salad and dessert. Come out to eat a great meal and enjoy the fellowship.

Hospice Hands of West Texas will have their 2nd Bi-Annual Nativity Showing by Carolyn Cunningham from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the Dove Room, located 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

at 305 N. Main, Lockney. Please mark your calendars for both events.

Also mark your calendars... the Center will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday.

Breakfast is served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday only.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone num-

ber is 652-2745. Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,

Coffee time - Monday-Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday night pot luck. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards. $5 - 9 \, \text{p.m.}$

Hope you all have a great

MENU December 5-9

Monday - Baked potatoes Tuesday - Spaghetti Wednesday - Fried chicken Thursday - Salmon Friday - Steak

(Menus subject to change without notice)

RSVP hosts Breakfast with Santa



Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Have you heard, Santa Claus, that jolly and generous spirit of Christmas frolic, is traveling from the North Pole to the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview to meet and greet good little girls and boys at 'Breakfast with Santa".

Running Water Draw RSVP and partner Hale County 4-H welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus each year as they take time out of their busy North Pole schedules to join RSVP and their volunteer helpers to share Christmas joy at the annual Breakfast with Santa from 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 3.

All children attending will get to tell Santa what special toy they're wishing for. I've even heard that all of Santa's helpers have been busy preparing a gift sack of goodies for each child.

The morning fun includes drawings for toys, culminating in a drawing for a girl's and a boy's bicycle and head gear also. Activity booths will include face-painting along with a variety of crafts for

the children. The breakfast menu includes a McDonald's sausage biscuit and 2 cookie pack with coffee available for the parents. Tickets for the event are \$5 for children and \$5 for parents who eat breakfast with their child. There is no cost for parents who do not eat breakfast.

Tickets may be purchased at the RSVP office at 825 Austin (basement of Unger Library) or at the door. Call RSVP at 291-1223 for more information. While RSVP will not take pictures, parents are encouraged to bring their cameras and capture the moment with Santa.

Breakfast with Santa is not a fundraiser, but a gift to area children and a longtime tradition of the RSVP Advisory Council. Santa's helpers, who also serve on the RSVP Advisory Council, are Elsa Cooper, Joe Provence, Nicki Logan, Norvene Owen, Mary Parrish, Rosie Rendon, Emma Herring, Sally Phillips, Alice Rey, Carol Schulz, Gail Thrasher, Gail Williams, Bobbye Dennis, Gary Stennett and Rodney Watson. (It is rumored that Rodney Watson and Inez Hillman have a special friendship with Santa and Mrs. Claus.)

Breakfast with Santa is a great way to start the Holiday Season. RSVP hopes to

Miracles Christmas Parade

LUBBOCK...The deadline to be a participant in the United States Marines this year's 12th Annual Toys for Tots campaign. Miracles Christmas Parade The marines will be parade is looming. The final deadline to file an application to cial mission of transporting be an active parade partici- Santa down the two-mile pant is December 2nd. Apparade route on their truck, plication forms and com- the final float. While doplete parade rules and safety ing so, uniformed marines information is available on will be walking and collectline at www.miraclesparade. ing unwrapped toys from com. The parade begins the general public to supat 6pm Saturday, December port the need for toys for 10, 2016 down 34th Street area youth who might not in Lubbock from Avenue Q have a toy this Christmas. west to Indiana Avenue.

in the nighttime, lighted Christmas parade have Scarborough continued.

parade watchers, families, Saturday, December 10th. participants and organizers with a free festive pa- pected to draw more than rade for establishing fam- 35,000 excited citizens ily Christmas traditions. from not only Lubbock, Parade Grand Marshall is but also the entire South the entire membership of Plains. The free parade is South Plains Electric Co- expected to create fabu-

An important benefi- 90 minutes as it moves east

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon ciary of the annual parade is the donation and collection of unwrapped toys for participants with the spe-Parade watchers are being "Invitations to participate urged to bring toys for the marine collection efforts.

Year round toy collectors been extended to local and for this event are David and area groups, including area Lavell Baker of Lubbock. chambers of commerce," The Bakers have worked said Scott Scarborough, every week this past year Parade Chairman "Par- collecting toys from area ticipants will include two stores and groups. Sevmarching bands from Lub- eral thousand toys have bock ISD. The Lubbock been collected and will be High Westerner Band will presented to the marines join the Mustang Marching during the parade. These Band from Coronado High amazing extraordinary ef-School in setting the festive forts by the Bakers still do mood the parade offers visi- not fill the anticipated need tors as they watch and cheer, for toys, thus the request for additional unwrapped The purpose of the annu- toys from parade observal parade is to bring joy to ers the night of the parade,

This year's parade is exlous excitement for about to west down 34th Street. Parade units and floats will be adorned with thousands of lights and spectacular special will be 2 bingo cards, decorations. At least one sandwich, chips, drink, for car club has entered, along with the antique tractors p.m. Join us for a night from the South Plains An- full of fun! Bingo Night is tique Tractor Association. open to anyone ages 16 and The public is invited and over. urged to attend this free parade December 10th in Center is open to people of Lubbock. For more infor- all ages. You do not need mation go to www.mira- to be a senior citizen, nor clesparade.com

By LuAnn Collins Special to The Hesperian-Beacon bership fee. FLOYDADA - The Center's "Bingo Night" is held the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This month, De-

cember, it will be on Tuesday, the 13th. This month's \$5.00. Doors open at 6:30

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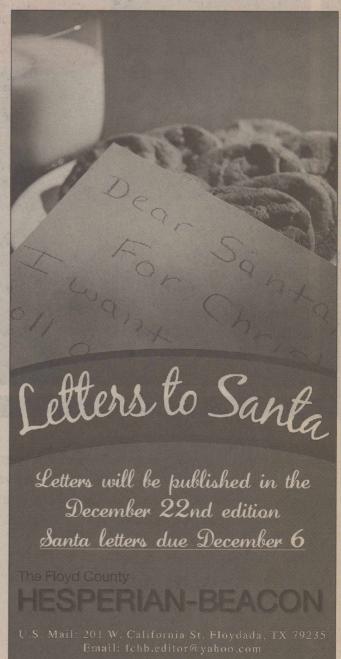
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OBITUARIES/CHURCH



Why Strong Families?

Will you spend a very dim one. If our own fathers some extra time were distant, how shall understand with your family God as an intimately close parent? this week? If If our fathers never disciplined us, Levi Sisemore you do, here's how shall we comprehend the times something to consider in your of teaching and growth given to us

by God? If we are estranged from Over and over the Scriptures our siblings, how shall we feel the rely on the metaphor of family to sting of loss when a brother or sister

describe spiritual relationships. leaves the Christian fellowship? For example, God is our father, In other words, our own family Jesus is our elder brother, and we life strongly influences how we who are in Christ are siblings of understand the Christian family. one another. The church is the You and I owe it to Christ to have family of God (Mt. 12:46-50) and good marriages for many reasons, elsewhere his "household" (Eph. not the least of which is that to 2:19). The parable of the prodigal understand the unity and intimacy son strikes a chord with us because of husband and wife is to glimpse it is a display of love from the father the way Christ loves the church and a yearning for home by the (Eph. 5:2). You and I, as parents, son (the tragedy is the brother who owe it to God to be good role remains hard-hearted). Such family models for our children, because in relationships and love characterize the same way children grow up to the very best of who God's church be like their parents, you and I are can be when we remember that called to "be imitators of God, as blood is thicker than water - the dearly beloved children" (Eph. 5:1) blood of Jesus, that is.

Metaphors and illustrations its most beloved member is what like those above are a means of the church ought to do for its own communicating many, many members (favorite or least favorite), things quickly. To call God "father" You and I quickly to be interested. You and I ought to be interested should evoke innumerable images, in having the strongest families sights, scenes, and emotions. To because strong families make ask someone to tell everything they strong churches. Strong churches know about "father" from their own lead people into God's presence, experiences would be a book unto now and in eternity. itself. But to call him "father" brings

the forefront of our minds and says 37th Street church of Christ, meeting - in a single word - what would Sunday for Bible Classes (9:30 AM), have taken us pages to write. Worship (10:30 AM & 5:00 PM); As beautiful as those potentially Wednesday for Bible Classes (7:00 PM). pictures are, they are of very limited snyder37church@gmail.com use if our own picture of "father" is

Wit and Wisdom

(All quotes from Aesop)

Better be wise by the misfortunes of others than by your own.

In critical moments even the very powerful have need of the

It is with our passions, as it is with fire and water, they are good servants but bad masters.

Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.

Obituaries

Barbara Conner Kayler

Barbara Conner Kayler, 76, of Halfway, formerly of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas and Lockney, passed away on Friday, November 25, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2016 at Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. Kyle Brock and Pastor Ricky Carstenson officiated.

Interment followed at Parklawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were under the care of Lemons Funeral Home.

SPC to celebrate Fest Week Dec. 5-8

LEVELLAND - South the Plains will play at 5 p.m.; the Good News Gazette will Plains College's Creative Arts department will host Fest Week from Dec. 5-8 in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio. Each night of the festival will showcase different music ensembles.

There is no admission charge, and the public is invited to attend.

Country Fest is Dec. 5 (Monday), and will feature modern country, traditional country, swing, Texas and southern style country music. The show will begin at 5 p.m. The bands are Pickin' on

Floydada's 2nd Annual

"Santa on the Square", a

the Floydada Chamber of

mini event being hosted by

Commerce and Agriculture is

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10, 2016, and will be open

p.m., downtown Floydada

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our community and ring it in

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to the public from 1 p.m. - 4

South Plains Playboys to perperform at 5:45 p.m.; Subdiviform at 5:45 p.m.; Ghost Rider will perform at 6:30 p.m.; O-Negative will play at 7:15 Country Jukebox will per- p.m.; the Kings and Queens form at 7:15 p.m.; Red Dirt of Wallney will play at 8 p.m.; Ramblers will play at 8 p.m.; Euphoria will perform at 8:45 Murky Waters will perform at 8:45 p.m.; and Black Water take the stage at 9:30 p.m. Revival will take the stage at 9:30 p.m.

sion will play at 6:30 p.m.; Tate p.m.; and Mousse Abuse will

Groove Fest is Dec. 7 (Wednesday), and will fea-Rock Fest is set for Dec. ture modern and traditional 6 (Tuesday), and will feature jazz, R&B and blues music. classic, metal, alternative rock The show will begin at 5 p.m. as well as rock and roll. The Electric Jazz will play at 5 show will begin at 5 p.m. The p.m.; Real Book will perform bands are SPC Youth Live at 5:45 p.m.; TBA is slated who will perform at 5 p.m.; to play at 6:30 p.m.; The Undertones will perform at 7:15 p.m.; The Road Less Traveled will play at 8 p.m.; The Blue Plate Special will play at 8:45 p.m.; and Stank Face will play at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday Night Showcase is Dec. 8, and will feature performances by SPC's premiere ensembles Thursday Night Live at 6 p.m. and Alterna TV at 7:30 p.m. The band Funky See - Funky Do will take the stage at 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Chris Hudgins, Instructor in Commercial Music/Vocals, at (806) 716-2474.

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all of that experiential knowledge to

6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at Payne's Pharmacy, D & J Gin, Dustee Sollis 806-983-6228 or Elaine LaBaume, 806-983-9153. Tickets are

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won't come to the door or they're not home, and then, we have to give that food to than a dozen turkeys, and the Senior Citizens center Spirit of Christmas will be or someone else."

Johnston starts about 5 a.m. on Christmas morn-

ing carving turkeys for the meals, and another group of volunteers shows up about 9 a.m. to cook the sides. The VFD will be cooking more preparing more than 200

They have 8 to 10 drivers

for the meals.

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Hungry and Thirsty

[God] has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

-Luke 1:53 (NIV)

"Come on, boys; dinner's ready!" My daughter called her two young sons to the table. James came running and sat down, looking to see what delicious food his mother had prepared. Jonny came slowly, bringing some of his toy cars to the table. "Put them away now, and eat up," said Mum. Jonny wriggled on his seat but made no effort to do what she said. "Jonny's been eating sweets from his friend. He doesn't want any dinner," said James smugly. "He ate the whole bagful." Jonny had come to a feast already full of snack food.

Sometimes, like Jonny, I need more discipline in my life. It is so easy to fill my life with books, television, and other kinds of entertainment that I don't have much of an appetite for God. Most of these pastimes are not bad in themselves, but they satisfy me only for a short time. I want to come hungry and thirsty to the feast of love God continually spreads for all.

Marion Turnbull (Merseyside, England)

Thought for the Day

What is pulling my attention away from God?

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

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

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship

Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ Matthew Benfield, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church Floydada Tim Franks, Pastor Logan Lamb, Min. Students Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

> **First Baptist Church** Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor

Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Lockney Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m. Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday - 8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. **Main Street Church of Christ**

Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church

Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m.

> **Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church** 310 Mississippi

Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor

704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista Floyada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m. San Jose Catholic Church

Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. South Plains Baptist Church

Joe Weldon, Pastor SuNday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God 701 W. Missouri

Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7 p.m.

English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

Floydada Rev. Ike Temporaza 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

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

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

Templo Nueva Vida Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m. **Trinity Assembly**

500 W. Houston Tom Ross, Pastor 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Luthern Church Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009

Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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

AGRICULTURE

South Plains College offers \$1,000 reward

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of a suspect(s) in a recent rash of property damage incidents on the main campus.

The suspect (s) is responsible for using a BB or pellet gun to shoot the windows out of various buildings on campus. In the past few weeks, the culprit has damaged windows at the Science Building and Southwest Hall.

"As recently as Thursday (Nov. 17), we've received reports of someone shooting out windows at the Communications, Law Enforcement and Mathematics buildings," said South Plains College Police Chief Nickolis Castillo.

Castillo said he thinks the suspect may be affiliated with the college. The damage total is roughly \$5,000,

"In the past few years, windows in the communeighborhoods."

If anyone has information ington, D.C. that could help authorities apprehend the suspect(s), Award honors individuals, please call the South Plains College Police at (806) 716-

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo selected scholarship

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The Houston Livestock there have been reports Show and Rodeo's commitof someone shooting out ment to education and Texas youth will be recognized on a nity," he said. "In this case, national level during the upall of the incidents have coming Scholarship America occurred on campus and National Dreams to Success not in the surrounding Awards celebration dinner on May 24, 2017, in Wash-

> The Dreams to Success companies and organizations who continue to go above and beyond to provide students with a bright educational future.

The award is a tribute to the more than 33,000 volunteers and the staff members who dedicate time and talent to supporting students through education," said Jack Lyons, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo chairman of the board. "For 2017 alone, the Show has committed more than \$26 million to the youth of Texas, which includes more than \$14 million in scholarships."

The Show will join an elite group of past award recipients, including The Osage Nation, The Travelers Companies, Inc., the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, Katie Couric and General Motors.

"The length of time and the amount of support that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has provided is among the best that we've seen, and we've been doing this for almost 60 years," said Robert C. "Bob" Ballard, Scholarship America president and CEO. "We've seen a number of programs, and it ranks among the very best."

Since 1958, Scholarship America has helped students fulfill their college dreams through scholarships and other educational support to

make postsecondary success possible for all.

To learn more about the Show's commitment to education through scholarships and educational programs, visitrodeohouston.com/Educational-Support/Commit-

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. Since its beginning in 1932, the Show has committed more than \$430 million to the youth of Texas.

For more information, visit rodeohouston.com and connect with #RODEO-HOUSTON online via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube for all of the latest news. The 2017 Show is scheduled for March

Texas State Beef Checkoff Program Begins Fiscal Year

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN, TX - With two years under its belt, the Texas state beef checkoff program began its third year of collections that fund programs aimed at strengthening and expanding beef demand.

Texas beef producers voted in 2014 to establish a state-level beef checkoff program, which was approved by a wide margin of 66 percent of voters. The Texas Department of Agriculture conducted the referendum upon petition by cattle industry organizations under the authorities designated by the Texas Legislature.

The program is funded through a refundable \$1 per head assessment on cattle at each point of ownership transfer in Texas. The funds are managed in accordance with Texas law by the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT). The BPRCT consists of 20 Texas cattle producers appointed by the Texas commissioner of agriculture. All state beef checkoff programs are overseen by the BPRCT.

The BPRCT contracts with the Texas Beef Council to conduct demandbuilding programs in the areas of promotion, research and education. Some efforts made possible by the support of state checkoff dollars in FY17 will include enhanced international marketing efforts, extending the Beef Loving Texan brand, and amplifying the MD outreach program.

"The state beef checkoff program has allowed us to enhance our efforts of growing beef demand by investing more checkoff dollars into program areas that help increase profit opportunities by keeping beef top-of-mind with consumers," said Jason Beyer, Stephenville beef producer and BPRCT chairman. "The state program has allowed us to make great strides in promoting, defending and marketing our product on behalf of my fellow Texas cattlemen and women.'

The fiscal 2017 year began Oct. 1, 2016 for the BPRCT with a budget of

The Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas per head state checkoff procom or call (800) 846.4113.

Large untapped oil desposit discovered

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The US Geological Survey announced last week that it assessed what could be the largest deposit of untapped oil ever discovered in America.

An estimated average of 20 billion barrels of oil and 1.6 billion barrels of natural gas liquids are available for the taking in the Wolfcamp shale, which is in the Midland Basin portion of Texas' Permian Basin.

Intermediate crude oil price of \$45 per barrel, those deposits are worth largest assessment of con-

By Kay Ledbetter

breweries and micro dis-

a look at the crop.

about \$900 billion.

US oil exploration companies have flocked to the superrich Permian Basin in recent years and used shale-drilling technology to create an oil boom that simultaneously helped trigger a price crash two years ago. The count of active oil rigs fell with prices, but has risen over the past few months, mostly in the Permian. Bloomberg noted that the Wolfcamp, where this deposit was found, has been one of the primary targets of shale drillers.

"The fact that this is the

Interest in barley

tinuous oil we have ever done just goes to show that, even in areas that have produced billions of barrels of oil, there is still the potential to find billions more," Walter Guidroz, program coordinator for the USGS Energy Resources Program, said in a statement.

More than 3,000 horizontal oil wells have already been drilled and completed in the Midland Basin Wolfcamp section. To get the oil, producers fracture, or "frack," the earth below with a high-pressure liquid mixture to untap oil and gas from shale rock.



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(BPRCT) administers the \$1 gram for Texas beef producers. Its mission is to improve Texas producer profitability by strengthening and expanding beef demand. The BPRCT funds beef promotion, research and education programs in Texas and also helps fund national and international beef checkoff programs to increase marketing opportunities for the entire U.S. beef industry. For more information on this and other state checkofffunded programs, please visit www. Texas Beef Checkoff.

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Currently, barley is grown on only about 30,000 acres in Texas, said Dr. Clark Neely, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state small grains specialist, College Station. It is mainly used for feed and forage for livestock. But Neely said that is expected to change somewhat in the near future due to increased interest in craft breweries and distilleries searching for locally grown malt and dis-

> tilling ingredients. The craft brewing move-

for brewing growing ment is exploding across withstand drought, disease Special for The Hesperian-Beacon the U.S., he said. Texas was home to 189 craft brewersaid. COLLEGE STATIONies in 2015-a number that Barley might not be on the tripled in the last five years top of the list as a feed and and now ranks seventh in forage for livestock, but the the country. These brewergrowing interest in craft ies produce approximately 1.1 million barrels of beer tilleries has Texas A&M annually, which requires AgriLife researchers taking roughly 200,000 tons of

> the state. The missing link is craft malt houses, where the grain is soaked and made into malt, Neely said. Breweries require malted barley and cannot purchase barley straight out of the field. Currently, Texas has only one craft malt house, but business is good and expansion is planned in the near future, he said. Another two malt houses are in the building stages, so capacity is on the rise to support the craft brewing

barley grain and could po-

tentially support 100,000

acres or more of barley in

malt barley needs. "With interest in local ingredients for these new markets along with feed barley for a growing dairy industry in the Texas High Plains, we have started looking for barley varieties that are adapted to Texas climates and those that can and pest pressure," Neely

Neely said he doesn't expect a surge in researchers screening barley germplasm or breeding new lines, but his program is beginning to evaluate existing varieties and out-of-state breeding germplasm for their viability in Texas.

In 2016, Neely's program included a study of 112 spring two-row, 113 spring six-row and 136 winter barley varieties grown in Castroville, McGregor, Lubbock and College Sta-

Initial results show a wide range of adaptation from the barley lines evaluated under Texas climates, although continued screening will look for lines with superior yields and malting characteristics, he said.

Neely said while the brewery demand for barley is growing, it remains a niche market. The largest market for barley is still as a forage. New barley variety options may provide cattle or dairy producers a more drought-tolerant, water- and nitrogen-use efficient alternative to wheat for use in forage and silage production, he said

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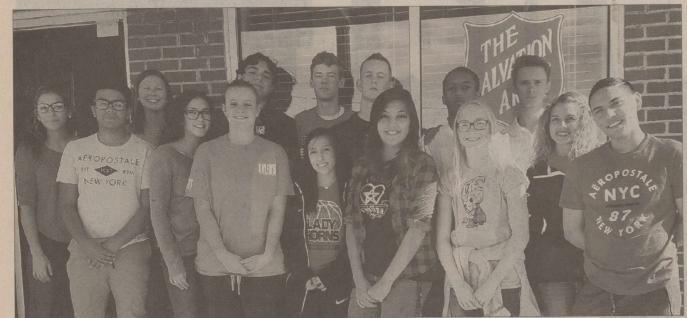
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SCHOOL NEWS

Lockney Honor Society



Courtesy phot

On Monday, November 21, the Honor Society of Lockney collected 1,270 cans from students. They delivered these to the Lockney Salvation Army Unit to serve the needy this Christmas holiday. Shown in picture above are (Back row, left to right) Nohelia Ascencio, Lizzy Belt, Nick Rendon, Tristan Schlueter, Seattle Jackson, Tavien Walrath, Luke Kasner; (Front row, I-r) Julio Lara, Alyssa Gutierrez, Shelby Dunbar, Ryiann Araujo, Valerie Hernandez, Carissa Petty, Tabitha Bigham and Ricky Cuellar.

The Lockney Salvation Army would like to thank the school and the kids who participated in helping others.



FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU December 5 – 9

Monday

Breakfast – Sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch –Beef nachos w/cheese sauce, turkey &

cheese sub, refried beans,

fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Cinnamon bun, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Creamy macaroni & cheese, chicken tostado w/rice, peppered broccoli florets, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast –Banana loaf, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch –Turkey chili dog, sloppy joe, seasoned
green beans,

fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast -Cocoa Puff cereal, graham cracker, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Chicken parmesan, breaded chicken sandwich, peppered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast –Strawberry pancakes, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Green chili chicken, enchiladas w/rice, pepperoni pizza, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk



Olton hands Lady Winds third setback

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Despite double digit scoring from Kaylee Morren and Brittney Pena, the Floydada Lady Winds were unable to keep up with the Olton Fillies, losing 63-47 Tuesday, November

Olton jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first quarter before Pena broke through with a field goal to make it 8-2. The Lady Winds continued hitting before bringing the score even at 8-8. The two teams battled the remainder of the quarter before ending the first quarter tied at 13-13.

In the second quarter, the Fillies took a 16-point lead with a 23-7 quarter. Olton used a 12-0 run early in the quarter to distance themselves from the Lady Winds

then took a 36-20 lead to the locker room.

Both teams struggled in the third quarter with Floydada outscoring Olton 11-9 to

quarter.
In the fourth quarter, Olton outpaced the Lady Winds 18-16 to seal the 63-47 victory.

make it 45-31 after the third

For the Lady Winds, Morren scored 12 points, Pena scored 11, Selena Espinosa added seven and Valerie Espinosa added six.

For the Fillies, Audra All-corn led all scorers with 20 points, Ashlynn Gunter added 15, Angelica Diaz added 11 and Isabell Hernandez added 10 points.

The Lady Winds are next in action at the Anton Tournament, December 1-3, then will host Lockney on December 6 followed by the Whirlwind Classic, December 8-10.

Longhorns defeats Ralls in season opener

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

RALLS-Lockney jumped out to a 10-point lead after the first quarter and never looked back in their basketball season opener, defeating the Ralls Jackrabbits 78-27.

Jaden Rosales scored eight points as the Longhorns jumped out to a 17-7 lead after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Lockney outscored Ralls 17-11 to take a 34-18 halftime lead.

The Longhorns put up 29 points in the third quarter while holding the Jackrabbits to only three points as they extended their lead to 63-21 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Lockney continued the pressure on Ralls, holding them to only six points while tossing in 15 more to make the final score 78-27.

Rosales led the way with 17 points, Israel Cuellar added 12 points, Jaden Butler had 11 points and Kevin Lopez and Jonathan Rodriguez each added 10 points. Lockney shot 55 percent from the floor. Rosales also had five steals. The Longhorns finished with 58 rebounds, 19 offensive and 39 defensive along with two blocks and 12 steals. Bryson Walker led all rebounders with 10 and Lopez added nine.

Lockney was scheduled to play Abernathy, Tuesday, November 29 but will play Paducah instead due to the Antelopes football team advancing in the playoffs. The Longhorns will participate in the Nazareth Tournament December 1-3.

Lockney defeats Anton 90-60

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ANTON – Five players scored in double figures for the Lockney Longhorns as they defeated the Anton Bulldogs 90-60 to move to 2- $\frac{1}{9}$ on the season.

In the first quarter, Anton and Lockney were tied four times before the Longhorns used back-to-back steals by Israel Cuellar and Jaden Rosales gave the Longhorns a four-point at 17-13 before stretching it to 21-15 after one quarter.

Anton pulled to within four points, at 23-19 before Lockney reeled off 15 straight points to take a 38-19 lead before finishing off the quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 23-11 to take a 44-26 lead into the locker room after two quarters.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs and Longhorns matched

each other with 24 points each but the Longhorns held on to a 68-50 lead.

The Longhorns pulled away in the final quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 22-10 to take the 90-60 lead.

Rosales hit 9-14 from the field to lead all scorers with 26 points, Jonathan Rodriguez added 14 points, Jaden Butler had 13 points and Kevin Lopez and Cuellar both had ten points each. The Longhorns had 47 rebounds, 26 defensive and 21 offensive, led by Lopez with eight and Butler with seven. Rosales also had five steals and two blocks to help keep Anton out of the game.

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Whirlwinds defeat Olton 61-54

By Charles Keaton
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FLOYDADA – Remington Ricketts led the Floydada Whirlwinds with 23 points as the Whirlwinds outlasted the Olton Mustangs 61-54 on Tuesday, November 22 to move to 2-0 on the year.

The Whirlwinds and Mustangs battled back and forth in the first quarter before Olton took a 15-11 lead behind White's six points.

The Whirlwinds outscored the Mustangs by seven, 17-10 to take a 28-25 lead to the locker room. Brayden Campbell led the second quarter charge with 10 points.

Olton closed the gap by outscoring the Whirlwinds 19-18 but Floydada maintained the lead after three quarters, 46-44. The Whirlwinds were paced by Ricketts eight points.

In the fourth quarter, Floydada outscored the Mustangs 15-10 to claim the 61-54 victory. Ricketts added eight more points to pace the Whirlwinds.

For the Whirlwinds, Ricketts had 23 points, Campbell had 12 points and Jesse Segura added eight points. Floydada shot nearly 57 percent from the field while Olton shot 50 percent.

The Whirlwinds are next in action at the Anton Tournament, December 1-3, then will host Lockney on December 6 followed by the Whirlwind Classic, December 8-10.

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Lunch – Steak Fingers or Pork Chop, Gravy, Roll,

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Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Spaghetti Bowl with Breadstick or French Bread Pizza, Salad, Veggie Blend, Peaches, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 7

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Lunch – Mexican Combo Plate or Chicken Quesadilla with Corn, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Applesauce, Milk

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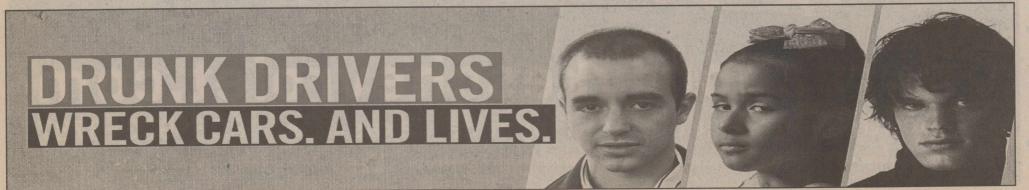
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Lunch – Teriyaki Sliders with Chips or Chili with Cornbread, Broccoli Bites, Tomato Cup, Oranges, Milk

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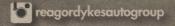
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Sergio Cuellar was arrested on November 8 after being stopped for speeding. He was in the country illegally and was transferred to the custody of the United States Border Patrol.

An officer was patrolling around the high school on November 7 when he observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed down Whirlwind Alley. The officer stopped the vehicle and could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The driver was a juvenile and He was arrested for Possession of Marijuana after several marijuana cigarettes were found in the ashtray.

Raul Mendoza Jr. was arrested on November 11 after being stopped by an officer for a traffic violation. Raul Jr. had an active warrant out of

By Jesse Finley, Public In- Hale County for Non-payment of Child Support.

> Police observed Joe Anthony Garza in the 300 block of South Second Street and attempted to arrest him for a parole warrant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. When Joe Anthony saw the officers walking towards him, he took off running into traffic on Second Street and the officers followed him on foot. Joe Anthony climbed over a residential fence in an alley and officers deployed a Taser to stop the foot pursuit into private property. Joe Anthony was taken into custody and arrested for Evading Arrest on Foot as well as the parole warrant.

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 900 block of West Kentucky on November 13. The suspect had indicated to the officers he wanted to hurt himself and he was placed under Emergency Detention to prevent him from doing any harm to himself.

Officers attempted to stop a vehicle on November 15 for a traffic violation when the driver began to evade the officers. The chased ended in the 300 block of East Kentucky where Jonathan Fowler was arrested for Evading Arrest or Detention in a Motor Vehicle. Several drug paraphernalia items were found in the vehicle.

Reinaldo Cuba was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Drug Free Zone on November 18. Officers came upon a parked vehicle Reinaldo was in and while the officers were talking to Reinaldo, they observed a small bag containing a substance believed to be cocaine or crack cocaine. The substance was sent to a laboratory for analysis.

Officers responded to a fight in progress at the High School on November 7. Two juvenile females were fighting over a cell phone that was possibly stolen.

Police are investigating an Public Information Officer assault that occurred on November 8. The suspect and the victim are juveniles so no further information will be released.

A burglary was reported to police on November 8 that occurred in the 300 block of West Jeffie. A black Xbox One was stolen and the suspect or suspects likely entered through the back door. No suspects have been iden-

Police took a report of harassment on November 10 in the 700 block of West Georgia Street after a threatening note was left on a door. The victim stated the suspect has also sent several threatening text messages. The suspect has been identified and charges are pending.

A case of criminal mischief was reported to police on November 16 in the 200 block of West Tennessee Street. An offensive word was spray-painted on the victim's vehicle sometime during the previous night. No suspects have been identified.

Floydada Police Can Keep an Eye on Your Home or Business

By Jesse Finley

The Floydada Police Department offers a service year around to keep a close watch on your home or business when you are out of town and we encourage you to take advantage of it, especially during the Holidays. If you travel out of town, we would like to know so we can keep a close eye on your residence or business to help prevent someone from taking advantage of your absence.

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- · Activate your alarm system if
- you have one · Close your curtains and blinds to prevent someone
- from looking in • Buy timers for a few lights to make it appear as if you are
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- your house · If you are leaving on vacation,

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