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A World of Nativity Scenes in Lockney

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

For four decades Carolyn Cunningham has collected more than 300 nativity scenes from around the world, and in the spirit of the season, she'll be sharing 200 of them with the Lockney community this week.

The Second Bi-Annual Nativity Showing by Carolyn Cunningham will be held Thursday, Dec. 8 thru Sunday, Dec. 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, it will be open from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. The showing is sponsored by Hospice Hands of West Texas.

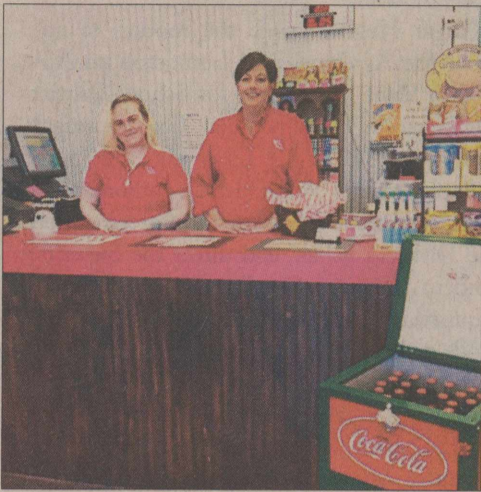
Admission to this special Christmas event is free, but donations for Hospice Hands of West Texas will be accepted at the door. All donations will go to those without insurance who need hospice care.

A Lockney native, Carolyn Cunningham said she had been collecting nativity scenes since the eighties and has collected them from more than 100 countries. "It's amazing how all of the different cultures interpret the birth of the Christ child," she said.

Cunningham worked at Lighthouse Electric Co-op in Floydada for 42 years before she retired and has always lived in Lockney.

She said her collecting has "sort of slowed down," but if a creche catches her eye—particularly if it has an international theme, she'll add it to her collection.

New C-Store 85% Ready



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County Supply has expanded to offer you a new and improved Conoco convenience store. Ready to help customers are (left to right) Juleianne Mellett and Shele Tidwell. A bigfoot cutout by local artist Charles Carthel oversees chilled beverages.



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County Supply added fuel storage, so that all of their fuel storage is in one place.

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—At press time owner Lindan Morris was expecting a new sign, a new ATM, lottery tickets, and a few more details to be

ironed out this week, but he said that his new Conoco convenience store at 420 S. 2nd Street in Floydada is "85% ready."

To celebrate their expansion Floyd County Supply is recognizing fellow mem-

bers of the community. Every Friday will be First Responder Friday, and any first responder can come in for a free fountain drink.

In 2017 Floyd County Supply will recognize Teach-

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Floydada Chamber's 2nd annual "Santa on the Square"

By Darolyn Snell
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Attention all local vendors including church groups, charitable organizations, local bakers and crafters and others, there is still time to get your applications in for the 2nd Annual "Santa on the Square", a mini event being hosted by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. We are all set for Saturday, December 10th, 2016, and will be open to the public from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. downtown on California Street. This year we really want to make this a unique celebration of Christmas in our community and ring it in with the spirit of the season!

Of course, Santa (and maybe a couple of his helpers!) will join us on the square

from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. for all the children to see! We invite you to bring the kids... and your camera! Take your own pictures of the little ones with Santa to commemorate this Christmas season!

New this year will be the Christmas cookie decorating for the kids, that will be held under the pavilion at 3 p.m. Also, the Chamber is proud to add a Christmas cookie bake-off that will be judged by Santa Clause. If you think you have what it takes to impress Santa bring your homemade cookies to the pavilion at 3 p.m. Let's show Santa our Christmas spirit and our local baking skills!

Another addition to the fun this year is a Best Decorated Home/Business competition. Get out all your Christmas lights, yard decorations, inflat-



Courtesy photo

able Santa or whatever suits your creative side and let your holiday spirit shine. Judging for the Best Christmas/holiday decorated homes and businesses will take place on Friday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. So be sure to have your lights on and display in

full swing for the judges. The top 3 homes and businesses will receive chamber bucks to spend locally this holiday season.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy this holiday season. So mark your calendars for December

10th, make note of the time from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m., and plan to be downtown on the square to help us celebrate this holiday event!

Your Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Committed to Our Community.

Mangold to hold its 24th health fair Feb. 4



Courtesy photo
 The Mangold Health Fair will be Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017.

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital will hold its 24th Annual Health Fair Saturday, Feb. 4 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 hearing.

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 area.

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

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.

NATIVITY SHOWING CAROLYN CUMMINGHAM

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LOCKNEY ROTARY

Please join the Lockney Rotary Club for a "Musical Program" on Friday, Dec. 9 at the Lockney Senior Citizen's Center at 12 noon. Entertainment will be Wendell Sollis, Betty Jones and Lucy Dean Record. Please contact the Center for meal reservations at 806-652-2745.

FLOYDADA'S SANTA ON THE SQUARE

Floydada's 2nd Annual "Santa on the Square", a mini event being hosted by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is set for Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016, and will be open to the public from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., downtown Floydada on California Street. We want to make this a unique celebration of Christmas in our community and ring it in with the spirit of the season!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Floydada Community Christmas Service will be held at the Floydada First Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. An offering will be taken for the Spirit of Sharing.

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Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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FISD Approves Improvement Plans, Wind Energy Agreements

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Targeted improvement plans for school facilities and wind energy agreements were approved by the Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District in its monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The board approved the following items of consent unanimously.

A. Approve the Minutes from October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting and October 24, 2016 Special Meeting.

B. Confirm December board meeting for December 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

C. Review Payments of October 2016 bills

D. Confirm resignation: No resignations at this time

E. Approve Employment of Personnel: Ruby Garza

Business Manager, Alicia Bice, presented the Tax Report and Cash Flow Statement.

M&O Current Tax Roll
\$3,090,766.07

Current Collections
\$1,202,030.97

I&S Tax Levy
\$536,941.33

Current Collections
\$208,288.05

Percent of Current Roll Collected
38.891%

Taxes Collected as of October 31, 2016
47.420%

William Dean made the motion to approve the Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for

Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes between the District and Wake

Wind Energy, LLC, as presented, thereby modifying the Agreement for Limitation on

Appraised Value for Application No.307, Dated October 29, 2013; and authorize the

Board President to execute the Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the District and to take

such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the

Comptroller's related rules. Kay Brotherton

seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

FISD board of trustees held discussion on the Pumpkin Farm's Application.

Eric Smith made motion to adopt Findings of Fact as presented relating to the Application of Pumpkin Farm Wind, LLC for a Limitation of Appraised Value on Qualified Property, that

such Resolution and Findings, as presented, be executed by the Board President and made

a part of the minutes of this meeting, and that Pumpkin Farm Wind, LLC's Application be

approved, all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. Roger Hughes seconded

the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised

Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with

Pumpkin Farm Wind, LLC, authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement on the

District's behalf, and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be

required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules. William

Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

FISD board of trustees held discussion on information provided by DSA Construction Management.

Gracie Diaz made the motion to accept the hot food line bid from Piper Manufacturing

Company and the Double Door Merchandiser bid from TREX. William Dean seconded

the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to renew our partnership with SPCAA Head Start for Pre-

Kindergarten services from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018. Kay Brotherton

seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve targeted improvements plans for A.B. Duncan

Elementary and Floydada Junior High School. William Dean seconded the motion. The

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The 501

Time travel on a Christmas budget

If you can't afford to go anywhere on your Christmas vacation, try time travel. It's cheap.

Yes, time machines cost money. But if you choose to travel back in time, you won't need one. You can visit relatives —

dead ones. They're the best kind -- easy to get along with, whatever their politics. You

can bring your family along. It's all the same to the deceased.

If you think I'm talking about cramming young and old into an SUV and traveling from cemetery to cemetery, I'm not, although that's

an option. Instead, you stay at home, preferably on a sofa with room for

traveling companions, who may or may not stick with you, particularly if no texting is allowed. Keep

travel rules relaxed; otherwise, you'll be traveling alone.

You start with a pile of old photographs. Chances are you won't have names for everyone or even know if they're all kin.

Mystery lends intrigue.

Maybe you can tell I've just been on such a trip myself, alone, so far. A cousin gave me a box of old pictures — both studio

portraits and snapshots, all pretty ancient, except for the ones of me. Soon, via the

Internet, I found myself in Indiana, tracking down M. E. and Salome and wondering why anyone would

name a child for a woman who danced for Herod and demanded the head of John the Baptist. Clad in a high-necked black dress with

puffy sleeves, the somewhat portly and solemn Salome in the old photograph

thankfully didn't look like she'd lived up to her racy name. M. E. looked solemn too. Smiling and saying cheese wasn't in

vogue in 1896.

Oddly enough, as I spent more time in 19th-century Indiana, I ran across other Salomes, somehow making me feel better

about M. E. marrying one, inasmuch as he turned out to be my great-uncle.

Ancestor-tracking Internet trails led me in all directions. Eventually I landed in Germany, near France, in Niederlinxweiler, where my great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather — give or take a great (I get confused) —

was a shoemaker named Johannes. Born in the early 1600s, he owned some land and his house, which he shared with six

other adults and two children.

Hats off to the genealogists who've worn out shoe leather (accidental pun) doing the real research — yea, cobbling it

together -- to pave the way for us arm-chair researchers.

The challenge to me now is to embellish the bare facts for disinterested grandchildren.

I can make Johannes the leading character in the Grimm Brothers fairy tale "The Elves and the Shoemaker."

Yeah, right.

Only if I make Johannes the muscled-up star of a video game will he possibly catch the attention of the 10-year-old.

For now, his older sister, 14, is a lost cause, who grudgingly maintains a marginal A in history. She won't be interested in extra history.

Maybe a customized rhyme will make the 8-month old smile:

"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, Made by Johannes in 1662." Gotta start somewhere.

The Paperboy Higher education produces snowflakes

I've been thinking about the student debt crisis in this country. The bottom line is this: Why should hard-working Americans foot the bill for college students?

Higher education has been in the news a lot this year and not for good reasons.

From students getting "triggered" to them needing "safe spaces," it's obvious we are not doing these young adults any favors.

College is pretty much an insulated cocoon to begin with. Now we've taken it one step further and we're creating precious little snowflakes that cry like babies when they don't get their way.

How did we get here? The simple answer is liberalism.

Most colleges and universities are governed by liberal elites who indoctrinate students into liberalism instead of educating students and preparing them for the real world.

They want their snowflakes to be tolerant and safe and that everything will be okay as long as you learn to have a fit when things don't go your way.

And now, after creating these daffodils, more and more academia snowflakes are wanting Americans to foot the bill.

I say no way!

We are producing petulant children, not tough-minded professionals ready to compete.

Higher education has become more about good feelings and being sweet and understanding instead of developing a mentality which will help you survive the bad times.

Colleges and universities have been swimming in the liberal cesspool for so long that they honestly think this is how the real world works. And many are borrowing thousands upon thousands of dollars only to prove themselves as unfit and unworthy of employment.

When a college professor is forced to give his students time off because they don't like how a presidential election turned out, that's an issue.

When a college is so liberal they protest a graduation speech by a conservative, that's an issue.

When the near entirety of our higher education system preaches that the government should take care of everyone's needs, that's an issue.

I've mentioned before that if the United States Federal Government were a stock, no one would buy it. To put it plainly, Uncle Sam wastes more money than any entity on the planet and the result is \$20 trillion in debt and \$100 trillion in unpaid entitlements.

And as bad of an investment as the government is, colleges may be even worse.

Here in rural America, it's easy of us to be reminded of the real world. There are no cocoons for the snowflakes out here.

What we have are hard-working moms and dads who have a large variety of skills, but for the most part, don't have a four-year degree. Yet somehow we are supposed to feel bad for these schools and the wimpy students they're producing? Get real!

I propose a change in our education system. I think each snowflake should be required to live and work in Rural America for one semester. I honestly think that would be the best thing for the student. At the very least, it might humble them some and teach them what real tolerance is.

Our students should be taught self-reliance, compassion and determination. They should know how to compete and how to handle failure.


In the words of President Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

It's time for students to step out of the echo chamber of college campuses and learn the most valuable lesson: this world owes you nothing and you can either sink or swim.

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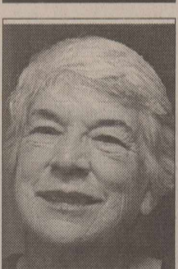
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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Perhaps I am a bear, or some hibernating animal underneath, for the instinct to be half asleep all winter is so strong in me.

—Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Every winter, When the great sun has turned his face away, The earth goes down into a vale of grief, And fasts, and weeps, and shrouds herself in sables, Leaving her wedding-garlands to decay-- Then leaps in spring to his returning kisses.

—Charles Kingsley

DCHHS Reports the 58th and 59th Human Cases of West Nile Virus

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

DALLAS (Nov. 29, 2016) — Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed the 58th and 59th human cases of West Nile infection for the 2016 season. The 58th case is a resident of the 75115 zip code of DeSoto. The 59th case is a resident of the 75217 zip code of Dallas. The patients were diagnosed with West Nile fever and West Nile neuroinvasive disease. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

"Our mosquito surveillance program and the county and municipal abatement teams are taking appropriate actions to ensure the safety of our residents. However, it is important for residents to take the necessary precautions," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director.

The best way to avoid exposure to West Nile Virus is to avoid mosquito bites. Res-

idents should use the 4Ds to reduce their risk:

- DEET All Day, Every Day: Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.
 - Dress: Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.
 - Drain: Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace.
 - Dusk & Dawn: Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- "Since there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatments for WNV infection, residents should adhere to preventive measures to protect themselves and their loved ones," said Dr. Christopher Perkins, DCHHS medical director/health authority.

For more information on mosquito prevention, go to: http://www.dallascounty.org/department/bhs/mosquito_prevention.html.

Santa coming to Post Office



Courtesy Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be visiting the Floydada Post Office on Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Parents bring your cameras and take your child's picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Simple Recipes Could Elevate Your Hosting Reputation

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The holiday season has arrived, which means it's that time of year when guests expect you to bring them some figgy pudding – or any type of pudding for that matter. After all, those guests likely subscribe to the idea that grabbing an extra slice of ham or over-indulging in that box of chocolate-covered cherries couldn't hurt the waistline all that much. "Luckily, it's also oversized sweater and sweatpants season," says Chef Blakely Trettenero, who knows a thing or two about holiday main courses and desserts, and writes about her culinary adventures on her blog, Everyday Gourmet with Blakely (www.gourmetwithblakely.com).

And if you're just as inclined as your guests to

sneak yourself an extra helping of whatever delicious dish you dream up – well, she can relate.

"I have a love/hate relationship with Christmas cookies because physically I can't stop eating them," Trettenero says. "In my family we especially love gingersnap cookies. We used to buy tins and tins of them and just go to town until they were gone."

But Trettenero also knows that hosting at the holidays comes with pressures. Relax, she says. You don't need to be the chef extraordinaire at a five-star restaurant to please the palates of the average relative or business associate who made your guest list.

She offers a couple of simple recipes that can help make holiday-hosting duties less painful so you can spend more time sipping eggnog by the fireplace.

BRAISED SHORT RIBS

Ingredients

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| 1. 4 pounds bone in beef short ribs | 8. 5 cloves garlic, minced |
| 2. Salt | 9. 2 tablespoons tomato paste |
| 3. Pepper | 10. 1 cup red wine |
| 4. Garlic powder | 11. 4 cups beef broth |
| 5. Olive oil | 12. 4 sprigs fresh rosemary |
| 6. 2 onions, diced | 13. 10 sprigs fresh thyme |
| 7. 3 carrots, diced | 14. 2 bay leaves |

UPCOMING

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LOCKNEY

The First Baptist Church of Lockney's Children's Christmas musical program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11. The Adult Choir Program will be held on Sunday, December 18. Both programs will be held at 6 p.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church in Floydada (108 E. Mississippi) will hold their Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 11. The program will start at 10 a.m.

BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS

Bingo night is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This month, December, it will be on Tuesday, the 13th. This month's special will be 2 bingo cards, sandwich, chips, drink, for \$5.00. You may also buy 3 cards for \$2.00 or 1 card for \$1.00. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bingo Night is open to anyone ages 16 and over.

FCS

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er (and administrator) Tuesdays and any educator in Floyd County can come in on Tuesday for a free fountain drink.

One of the main benefits of the expanded facility is its DEF capacity.

Morris said, "We're adding more pumps including a

2nd ANNUAL COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL

The 2nd Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band, will be on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center beginning at 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 \$350 for table of 8 or \$35.00 each. This includes a meal. Portions of the proceeds to benefit the Floydada and Lockney Volunteer Fire Departments. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED.

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, come experience the best gift ever given to man. Presented by the First Baptist Church of Floydada's Worship Choir. Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

SANTA COMING TO FLOYDADA POST OFFICE

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be visiting the Floydada Post Office

on Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Parents bring your cameras and take your child's picture with Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLOYDADA

The First Baptist Church of Floydada will hold a Candlelight Service with the Lord's Supper on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada will hold their Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, Dec. 24th at 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LOCKNEY

The First Baptist Church of Lockney will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, Dec. 24th at 6 p.m. They will hold the Children's Christmas Musical program on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. and the Adult Choir program on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.

DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fuel). It will be the only place on the main highway to have a DEF pump." Current users of DEF have to fill a portable container and then add the fuel to their tank. With the DEF pump, they can fuel DEF just like they would gasoline or diesel.

Morris noted that another of Floyd County Supply's expansion plans includes adding fuel storage, so that all of their fuel storage is in one place.

And for the general public, it's a very convenient store. "You can find any kind of snack or drink that you'd want as well," he said.

Instructions

1. In a heavy bottomed pan (or Dutch oven) heat a few tablespoons of olive oil over medium high heat and pre-heat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Completely pat dry all of the short ribs. Put them on a paper towel to soak up any moisture.
3. Heavily season the short ribs with salt, pepper, and garlic powder
4. Working in batches, sear ribs until a beautiful brown on every side. Put the browned short ribs on a plate while you work on the next batch
5. Once all short ribs have been browned, add the onions, carrots, and garlic to the pan letting it cook for a few minutes
6. To the vegetables, add the tomato paste, stirring to coat

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DECEMBER 2, 1915

100 CHRISTMAS TURKEYS FREE

At least fifty, and possibly a hundred families in Floydada and adjacent country will have the Christmas turkey problem solved for them in a novel way by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Saturday, Dec. 18th. On the afternoon of that day the hundred turkeys will be turned loose from the top of the County Court House, and will be free to the persons who catch them.

The "stunt" will be held promptly at 2 P.M. on Saturday afternoon, December 18th.

The committee who have the matter in charge states that me race for the turkeys will be free to all comers, big, little, old and young.

The turkeys in this section are all fat, and a week's pen-feeding will put any of them in good condition for the Christmas dinner table.

The Turkey Race, as it is to be termed, is a novel stunt. It will afford all the fun of a circus day with the exceptional feature that one may see all the fun with out cost- and be part

of the fun himself if he so desires.

The Turkey Race will call attention to the fast-increasing turkey production in this section. Floydada is the distributing point for a territory that last year shipped a carload of turkeys and this year will ship two cars, in carlots, besides express shipments which go out in large numbers.

The following rules have been formulated by the committee to govern the Turkey Race.

FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN DECEMBER 9, 1915

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce invites you all to join in an old-fashioned "get-together-Rally." A big time for everybody. Come and bring all the children and get a free Christmas Turkey.

One hundred fine Christmas Turkeys have been pur-

chased by the Chamber of Commerce. The turkey race will take place a 2 P.M. sharp- be on hand. "Boosting and pulling together" makes our town and country grow.

RULES GOVERNING TURKEY RACE

All persons present may

take part. No clubs, no hooks, no dogs, no guns, will be allowed used in the catching of the turkeys. Any old bachelor or widower catching a turkey will be required to give same to some widow lady in Floyd County-failure to do so will be fined \$100. There will be 10

turkeys hobbled and a weight tied to the left foot for the Fat Man Race-all men weighing over 200 pounds may enter the Fat Man's Race

The committee has all arrangements made for a big time and lots of fun for the old and young.

FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN DECEMBER 15, 1915

Christmas Turkeys will be given away December 18th. Knowledge as to the ways of the turkey is in demand in Floyd County just at this time. For be it remembered the Turkey Race, to be featured by the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, the 18th, draws close at hand and head work as well as good, wind and fleetness of

foot is likely to prove valuable when the big gobbler for the Christmas table, free for "the catching is about three paces in the lead and still going good".

Text books on turkey strategy do not seem to be available and everybody is asking his neighbor and some of the local, heavy weights are trying to come back to their

college day condition, when one hundred yards in 10 seconds flat was their record. Strategy will play a big part in the Turkey Race. If one does not successfully compete when the first turkey is turned loose, it must be remembered, there are ninety-nine more to follow. It will be a relay race with the handicap in favor of the tur-

key. The occasion is expected to afford much amusement. It will be a regular circus day in Floydada with all the trimmings, including the crowd and the ballyhoo and excepting the cost.

The turkeys will be turned loose, beginning promptly at 2 P.M., to give everybody a chance to catch a Turkey and see the Fun.

FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN DECEMBER 23, 1915

200 PEOPLE SEE THE TURKEY RACE "LOTS OF FUN AND AMUSEMENT" FOR LARGEST CROWD SINCE LAST DAY OF FAIR

Everything, including the weather, was favorable, to the Turkey Race last Saturday, and the affair was a thorough success. The largest crowd which has been on the streets of Floydada since the last day of the Floyd County Fair in September, attended.

103 turkeys were turned

loose by the Chamber of Commerce committee, who were assisted in making the plans for the affair more thorough by individual donations from business and professional men.

The turkeys were to have been turned loose on the square. Congestion of the

streets and the heavy traffic before twelve o'clock soon made it necessary for the plan to be changed, and the turkeys were turned loose from the top of the baseball park grandstand. More than three blocks of open space inside and outside the stands were covered with people from all

portions of this and adjoining counties, and everybody entered into the fun in a jolly mood. Out of the two thousand, there were one hundred and three lucky persons to secure birds.

County Commissioner R. L. Orman caught the first turkey.

Ministerial Alliance of Floydada to host community wide Christmas Celebration

Christmas is always an exciting time of the year for our community. This year the Ministerial Alliance of our community would like to add to the excitement of the season.

As our community celebrates the birthday of Jesus, the Ministerial Alliance of Floydada will host a special community-wide Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 11, 2016. The celebration will take place in the First Baptist Church of Floydada (401 South Main) at 6 p.m.

This will be a great opportunity for our entire community to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through authentic worship. There will be special music from a community choir, singing of traditional Christmas Carols, and scripture reading that will bring hope and encouragement to our lives.

Also, during the celebration we will also be taking a love offering for Spirit of Sharing. Spirit of Sharing is an integral part of our community as it helps many people that find themselves in need. This love offering will help them meet the needs of other people.

Please plan to attend this Community Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 11, at 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

1956 Study Club

By Sheree Cannon

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 1956 Study Club held its annual Holiday Auction Fundraiser at the Floyd County Library on November 10, 2016. Members brought an item (or two) to be auctioned off to the club members. The money raised will be used to support the scholarship program at Floydada High School for deserving senior girls. The auction items were met with lots of enthusiasm, and club members were generous in their bidding. Everyone was anxious and excited to see what the others brought as they could purchase something delicious

to eat, home or holiday décor, or hand-crafted gifts. All had a great time and laughed a lot.

A delicious meal was served by the hostesses Terri Bush and Linda Matsler. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized and a short business meeting was held.

Attendance was great for the meeting. Those who attended were: Sheryl Back, Sheree Cannon, Anne Carthel, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Linda Harbin, Charline Hendrix, Terry Jackson, Janis Julian, Janet Lloyd, Snow Payne, Judy Schacht, Susan Simpson, Trena Simpson, Jennisu Smith, Kay Dean Smith, and Virginia Stringer.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Center's "Bingo Night" is held the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This month, December, it will be on Tuesday, the 13th. This month's special will be 2 bingo cards, sandwich, chips, drink, for \$5.00. You may also buy 3 cards for \$2.00 or 1 card for \$1.00. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a night full of fun! Bingo Night is open to anyone ages 16 and over.

Floydada Senior Citizen's Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member,

all you need do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee.

We serve a delicious meal with salad bar at 12 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU December 12 - 14

Monday - Chalupas
Tuesday - Pork roast w/ gravy
Wednesday - Fried steak
Thursday - Sirloin pattie & natural gravy
Friday - Baked chicken (Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Center will be open on Sunday, December 11th for lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We will serve beef stew or chicken tortilla soup, cornbread, salad, dessert and drink. Donations appreciated. 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 in the Dove Room, located at 305 N. Main, Lockney starting on Thursday, Dec. 8 thru Sunday, Dec. 11. Times open are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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 number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

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 p.m.

Hope you all have a great week!

MENU December 12 - 14

Monday - Meatloaf
Tuesday - Tacos
Wednesday - Chicken fried steak
Thursday - Chicken & dumplings
Friday - Roast beef (Menus subject to change without notice)

Home Country

By Slim Randles

There is a nighttime sweetness and hope that hovers over us this time of year here at home. This is a time for summing up and looking ahead ... and a time for dreams.

And at night... ah, that's the time, isn't it? Outside it's dark, December dark, and we're inside and warm and cocooned up. The cold makes our world shrink, especially at night.

But we have our dreams.

For Janice Thomas, our art teacher at the high school, it's that painting she's planning. She makes starts at it, from time to time, but she's wise enough to know she isn't good enough to paint it yet. She

paints other things well, but that one ... it has to be perfect. It will be the painting of a lifetime, she knows.

Doc will drift off to sleep tonight thinking about that new fly rod. He has half a dozen, of course, that will take about any weight line, and let him catch anything from mouse to moose. But even the most expensive rod isn't what he dreams of. This year, for Christmas, he's giving himself a rod-builder's jig, and he will make his own rod from a Sage blank. That will be the one. It will have his own wrappings and he'll put the ferrules on it himself. He'll be able to feel the fish breathe with this one. It will be true and wonderful and last forever.

Thank You!

Retirement
Party

IN HONOR OF
BECKY MCPHERSON

Friday, December 9th
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Floyd County District Courtroom
105 S. Main Street, Floydada, Texas

110th Judicial District Attorney
January 1st, 1989 - December 31st, 2016

OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Louise Cook ("Cookie") Towery

After a lengthy illness, Louise Cook ("Cookie") Towery died peacefully in Austin, Texas, on Thursday, December 1, 2016, surrounded by family. She was 88 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Roland Kenneth (Ken) Towery.

Louise Ida Cook was born September 13, 1928 at her home in Knippa, Texas to Henry A. Cook and Anna Belle Wollschlaeger Cook. She was the second youngest girl in a family of four other sisters, Clara Cook Brucks, Helen Cook McFadin, of Uvalde, Anna Lee Cook, and the youngest Mabel Cook Paradeaux, of Luling. All the girls helped their mother and father work the family's dry-lands farm.

A 1946 graduate of Knippa, High School, Louise went to work immediately at the County Agricultural Office in Uvalde. She soon met and fell in love with Roland Kenneth Towery and they were married in Houston, Texas on May 4, 1947. Louise laughingly recalls that the courtship was a whirlwind because, "Ken was in a hurry".

Louise's life then turned

to caring for her husband, the two children to follow, Roland Kenneth Towery Jr., and Alice Towery Gilroy, and then the grandchildren. Her purpose was to serve in whatever capacity was needed to assist her husband in regaining his health after 3 1/2 years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp, in his career, and in always lovingly keeping the home fires burning for her family. She never seemed to tire and had a reputation of being able to "out work" anyone in the family. Even her neighbors were prone to call her in times of crisis including a call for her to come get a water moccasin out from under a cabinet. She was 80 years old at the time of that encounter and won the battle.

She was by her husband's side when they moved to Cuero and he eventually went to work at the newspaper as an editor/reporter. But first, she had to teach Ken how to type. The typing paid off through a series of stories Ken wrote, while at "The Cuero Record", that eventually earned him the Pulitzer Prize. She was by his side in his newspaper career covering state and na-

tional politics in Austin. Then the two moved their family to McLean, Virginia where she worked side by side with him in the world of politics and presidential campaigns.

When her husband retired, the two moved back to Austin, Texas and took on the quieter life of Political Consulting management and owning several weekly newspapers: The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, The Belton Journal, and The Crosby County News and Chronicle. She was also her husband's biggest support, research assistant, and editor for his book, "The Chow Dipper".

She was preceded in death by her husband, and sisters, Clara Brucks and Anna Lee Cook.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Leonard Gilroy, of Austin; a son, Roland Kenneth Towery Jr., of Austin; four grandchildren, Roland Kenneth Towery III and his wife, Jamie, of Savannah, Georgia; Rachel Sines and her husband, David, of Winter Garden, Florida; Athena Towery, of Baltimore, Maryland; and Brandon Gilroy



LOUISE IDA COOK TOWERY

of Austin; and three great-grandchildren, Watson Stern-er of Baltimore; and Archer Towery and Ezra Towery of Savannah.

Visitation was held Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish North Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, December 5, 2016 in the chapel of Weed-Corley-Fish. Interment followed at the Texas State Cemetery.

Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com

Arrangements under the direction of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, Austin, TX - (512) 452-8811.

R.W. "Weaver" McClure

Funeral services for R.W. "Weaver" McClure, 96 of Kress were held at 11 a.m., Friday, December 2, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Plainview. Pastor Mitch Wilson officiated.

Burial followed in the Floyd County Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.

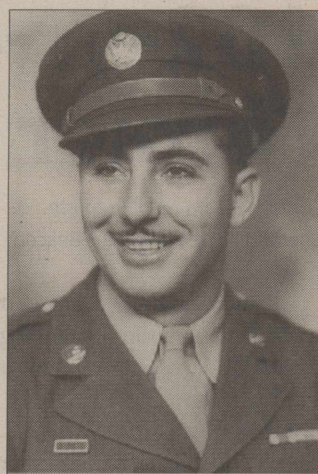
A visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the funeral home.

Mr. McClure died Tuesday, November 29, 2016 in Lubbock.

He was born on December 17, 1919 in Wise County, Texas to Claude Jackson and Betty Weaver McClure. R.W. married Peggy Ann Trice on December 27, 1946 in Big Spring, Texas.

He was a farmer and was on the Swisher County Water District Board and the Edmonson Wheat Growers Board of Directors for 21 years. He was also a Veteran of the 8th Army Air Corp.

He is preceded in death



R. K. "WEAVER" MCCLURE

by his wife, three brothers and five sisters.

R.W. is survived by one daughter, Linet McClure and husband, Gary of Cedar Park, Texas; three sons, Richard McClure and wife, Kandi of Shallowater, Texas, Weaver McClure II and wife, Jan of Denton, Texas and Jeff McClure and wife, Yvette of Kress, Texas; six grandchildren, Shawn McClure, Melissa McClure Horst, Elizabeth McClure Jacobson, John McClure, Krystal McClure, Kacey McClure and was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren.

Monarch Butterfly Habitat Enhanced by Texas Soil and Water Conservation Program

TEMPLE — The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) is working in cooperation with 143 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) to enhance and restore the Monarch butterfly habitat in Texas.

It is estimated that over the

past 20 years, the Monarch population has declined from 1 billion to less than 60 million. One of the most prominent factors that contributed to the steep population decline is the loss of habitat and food sources.

The iconic orange and black

insects are dependent on nectar producing vegetation to produce energy for their annual migration from Mexico to Canada. The Monarch caterpillar on the other hand, depends on Milkweed as a critical food source.

As a result of the decline in the

Monarch butterfly population, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have provided grant funds to TSSWCB to assist in enhancing and restoring the Monarch butterfly habitat.

The project will provide funding to develop conservation plans and plant pollinator-friendly plant species on 1,600 acres of rural Texas lands along the Monarch's migratory pathway. The funds made available to farmers, ranchers or private landowners

will pay \$375 per acre to cover seed cost, planting and maintenance of the land on tracts of land between 1 and 30 acres. Entities such as schools or municipalities qualify for funding to develop a Monarch butterfly garden between 100 and 300 square feet.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Left Hand — Right Hand

Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. —Matthew 6:3 (NIV)

My wife had surgery on her right hand and couldn't use it for several weeks. She needed help to do almost everything; so I became her right hand. Some of the work and chores were unfamiliar, and I did them poorly. This experience helped me understand the idea of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing. Nevertheless, my wife encouraged me as I took on difficult tasks, and as the weeks passed, I got better. Now that my wife is well and doesn't require constant help, we are closer for having worked together during that time.

Doing God's work is similar. God chooses to involve us in the divine work. Even after years of trying to do God's will, I am sometimes tempted to shy away rather than risk doing a poor job.

When this happens, God gently encourages me to pick up the task I am called to. Through the years I have found that the more often I try, the better I get at doing God's work. None of my efforts has been perfect; in fact, some of them have been pretty poor. But God always seems to take pleasure in the results of faithful service.

Now, when God calls me to do something, I enter into the task in prayer and faith. After years of being part of God's work, I feel a closeness to my Creator that would not have come any other way. That closeness gives me assurance and comfort each day.

—Gale Richards (Iowa, USA)

Thought for the Day
Everything I do for God matters.

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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 St. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

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

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississinpi

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
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

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.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 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 Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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

AGRICULTURE

TFB Honors 102-yr-old Farmer

Compiled from media reports
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

EDMONSON – An area farmer who has worked the soil using everything from a mule to a modern-day tractor was recognized Sunday by the Texas Farm Bureau.

Elmo Orange Snelling, 102, of Edmonson, received TFB's prestigious Pioneer Award at the farm and ranch organization's annual meeting in San Antonio.

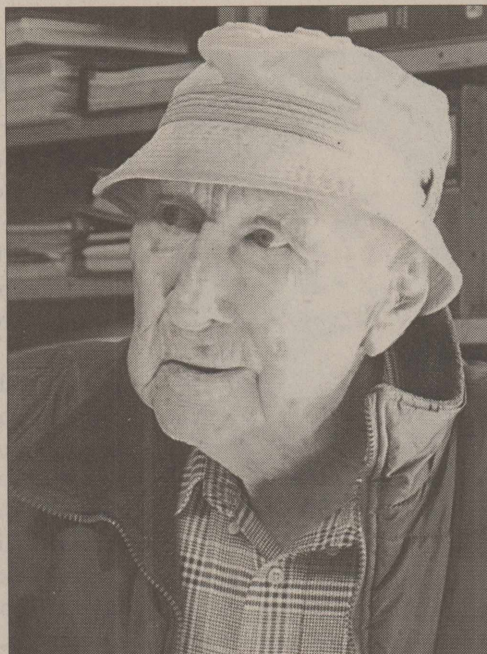
"Much like the pioneers who set the foundation for the Lone Star State, Texas Farm Bureau recognizes those who laid the foundation for this organization and helped make it what it is today," TFB President Russell Boening said. "We're proud to honor Mr. Snelling for his years of agricultural advocacy."

Snelling was one of the first members of the Hale County Farm Bureau. In the 65-plus years he has been a member, Snelling has served in many offices, including board president.

In the 1960s, Snelling had farming interests in the Hollis, Oklahoma area and in Hale County. He commuted between the two locations regularly by plane, allowing him the opportunity to impact agriculture in a greater capacity.

When he was 97, Snelling installed a drip irrigation system on his property.

"Snelling embodies the qualities of a true pio-



Courtesy photo

Elmo Snelling of Edmonson in nearby Hale County was recently honored by the Texas Farm Bureau. He is still farming at age 102.

neer," Boening said.

Snelling has also served on the boards of the local Soil and Water Conservation District and Grain Sorghum Producers. He was president of the Edmonson Wheat Growers board, the Hale County Fair Committee and volunteered with other community organizations.

He was an elder of the Church of Christ in Edmonson.

FB's Pioneer Award honors one outstanding Texas farmer or rancher in each of the organization's 13 districts, as well as one staff member. Winners are chosen annually by a panel of their peers for their exceptional contributions to agriculture and Texas Farm Bureau.

Caprock Canyons Announces Hunting Schedules

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Caprock Canyons State Park has announced its designated hunting days. The Trailway will be open, but the park will be CLOSED from 5 p.m. Dec. 6 to 2 p.m. Dec. 9, and from 5 p.m. Dec. 27 to 2 p.m. Dec. 30, 2016, and on the following dates in January ...

From 5 p.m. Jan. 10 - 2 p.m. Jan. 13, 2017.
From 5 p.m. Jan. 24 - 2 p.m. Jan. 27, 2017.

Only drawn permitted hunters will be allowed in during these dates. Contact the park for more information at (806) 455-1492.

Rain, Potential for Winter Weather Halts Regional Harvest Activity

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

Producers across the Texas High Plains worked well into the night over the past week in anticipation of rainfall and the potential for winter weather in the weekend forecast, which would bring their progress to a standstill.

Although some growers are finished with the 2016 harvest, others still have acreage to cover. In the most recent U.S. Department of Agriculture - National Agricultural Statistics Service Crop Progress report, Texas was only at 62 percent harvested, com-

pared to 71 percent at this time in 2015.

However, growers had made significant progress since the previous week's report at 47 percent, and since this week's report was a summary from November 21-27, that number likely now is much higher after this past week of constant harvest activity. PCG's estimate for the 41-county service area is at about 70 to 75 percent harvested at press time.

Overall, quality is still very good, although numbers showed the impact of earlier precipitation events on open cotton. Predominant color for the

past week in all three area classing offices - Abilene, Lamesa, and Lubbock - was 31, although predominant color for the season is still 21 in all three offices. The Lubbock office saw 11 as the predominant color for the first three weeks in November before dropping to 31 for the week ending November 24.

As of the latest reports at press time, the Lubbock and Lamesa offices combined had classed almost 2 million bales, which still could be less than the half-way mark. USDA-NASS will release their latest district production estimates next week.

TxDOT implements Safe Phone Zones

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Transportation today announced the implementation of Safe Phone Zones at 55 Safety Rest Areas and Travel Information Centers (TICs) across the state. The GEICO sponsored Safe Phone Zones are part of the Department's Sponsor Acknowledgement Program, which

seeks companies to fund various benefits for drivers - such as free Wi-Fi at Safety Rest Areas and TICs - in exchange for receiving public recognition through highway signage.

"We are pleased to partner with our first sponsor to create these Safe Phone Zones so people will pull off the road to use their phone rather than using them as they drive," said Mark Marek, TxDOT's director of

Engineering and Safety Operations. "With more than 100,000 crashes in Texas each year involving distracted driving, we hope to curb this deadly habit by encouraging drivers to pull over at TxDOT Safety Rest Areas and Travel Information Centers to use apps, check email and surf the Web in a safe location."

Sponsorship funds pay for free Wi-Fi service for travelers at high-traffic Safety Rest Areas and TICs, while the highway signs encourage safer driving habits by reminding motorists to utilize their mobile devices only while stopped at the convenient facilities. Free Wi-Fi service is available at 22 Safety Rest Areas with more available in the coming months.

"The number of traffic fatalities nationwide continues to move in the wrong direction, and distracted driving is no doubt a contributing factor," said Dan Beacom, regional vice president at GEICO's Richardson office. "GEICO is pleased that we can partner with the Texas Department of Transportation to support dozens of Safe Phone Zones, and we're confident these locations will help make highways in Texas safer for all drivers."

About TxDOT Safety Rest Areas and Travel Information Centers

TxDOT currently has 80 Safety Rest Areas and 12 Travel Information Centers (TICs) placed strategically throughout the state. These facilities are essential safety features on the highway system as they allow drivers to rest and get travel information. The TICs are staffed by professional travel counselors who welcome visitors to Texas, help with routings and provide information on points of interest, events and road conditions.

Simple steps women can take to reduce the odds of Developing breast cancer

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When it comes to breast-cancer prevention, most women are probably aware of the need for self examinations and mammograms, as well as awareness of a family history for breast cancer.

But other factors that can help women avoid breast cancer may not be as well known, or at least not as often discussed. With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this might be the right time to discuss them.

"Although breast cancer is, rightfully, a significant concern, every woman should keep in mind that there are things in her control that can help reduce her odds of developing it," says Dr. Pawan Grover (www.inovospine.net), who has treated cancer patients and has served as a medical correspondent for CNN and other news organizations.

For example, he says, it's important to understand the effect estrogen has in increasing your risk of breast cancer - and how you might encounter estrogen more than you realize.

"What many women may not be aware of is that, because of the pesticides and hormones in our food, we are bombarded with estrogen," Grover says.

That's why diet, nutrition and exercise can be so important in breast-cancer

prevention, he says. That may sound simple enough, but some people could be surprised at a few of the common things people routinely consume that may put women at greater risk for breast cancer.

No need to panic, though, Grover says. These items don't need to be eliminated entirely from your diet, but a little moderation may be in order.

• **Sugar.** Many people already avoid sugar for other health reasons, but breast cancer could be added to the list of reasons, so it might be worthwhile to avoid or at least limit sugar intake, Grover says. Too much sugar leads to excess weight gain, and being overweight can increase the risk of breast cancer because fat cells make estrogen.

• **Alcohol.** Numerous studies have shown a connection between drinking alcohol and breast cancer. The more a woman drinks, the more the risk of breast cancer increases, according to the National Cancer Institute. For example, a woman who drinks more than three drinks a day is 1.5 more times likely to develop breast cancer than a woman who doesn't drink.

• **Soy.** Studies have shown that soy could increase the risk of breast cancer because it can stimulate the genes that cause cancer to grow. But soy is likely not

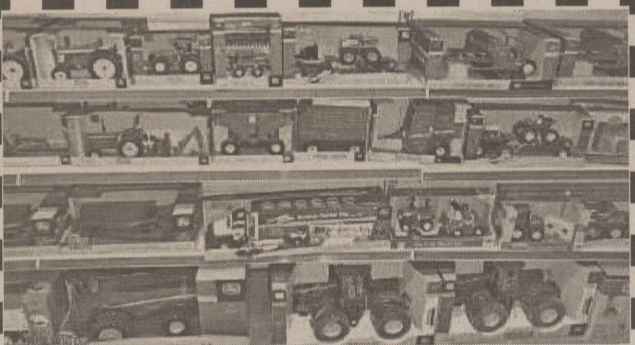
a problem if consumed in moderation. Although it's unclear from research just how much of a concern soy should be, Grover suggests it doesn't hurt to be cautious. "I would recommend minimizing it because there is still a question about the risk," he says.

About 12 percent of women - or one in eight - will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetime, according to Breastcancer.org. About 40,450 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2016 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989.

There could be several reasons for that decline, including treatment advances, early detection and more public awareness.

"Regardless of statistics, the important thing to remember is that you can take a primary role in protecting your own health," Pawan says. "Continue to educate yourself, adopt an overall healthy lifestyle and your odds of leading a long life will definitely go up."

About Pawan Grover, M.D.
Dr. Pawan Grover (www.inovospine.net), who has more than 20 years of experience as a medical doctor, has served as a medical correspondent for CNN, NBC, CBS and PBS. He is a graduate of the Rutgers University Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.



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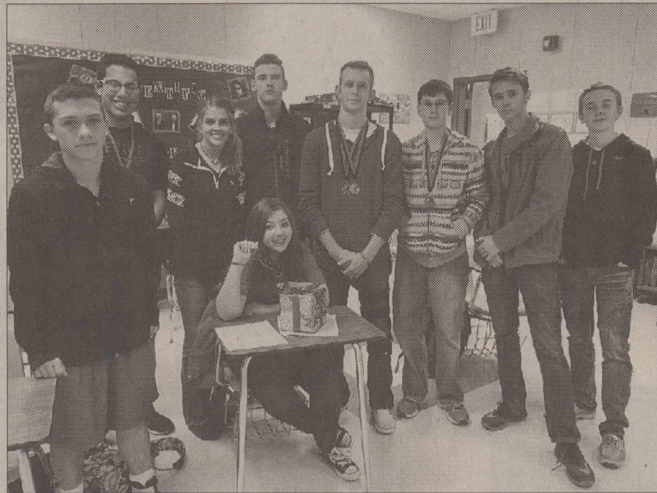
All Region Band



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FISD students selected for All-Region band: McKenzie Scott, Andrew Suarez, Holley Monroe, Alonzo Ascencio, Kyle Bruington, Angel Fipps, Kalea Britt, Katelyn Lechware, Maria Luna, Nathaniel Garza, Ryder Glass, Trace Glasscock, Dylan Ramos, Clarissa Delafuente, Charles Gwinn

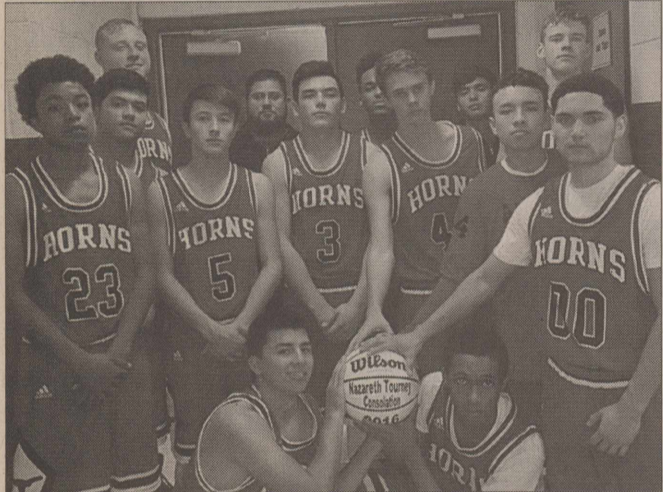
Lockney UIL competes at Tech's Christmas Meet



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Lockney UIL teams competed at the Texas Tech's Christmas UIL Math/Science Meet on Saturday December 3rd. Shown are students that competed at this meet. Standing (l-r) Fernando Valdez, Diego Azua, Tabetha Bigham, Tristan Schlueter, Seattle Jackson, Brett Moore, Luke Kasner, Bryson Hallmark; Seated - Lyndee Setliff.

LHS wins consolation



Courtesy photo

The varsity boys' basketball team participated in the Nazareth Tournament this weekend and came home with the consolation trophy. They lost to Lubbock Christian but beat Memphis, Idalou and Hale Center.

By D'lyn Morris

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Lockney UIL teams competed at Texas Tech's Christmas UIL Math/Science Meet on Saturday Dec. 3 with the following results:

In Math, Diego Azua placed 2nd in 9th grade and Fernando Valdez placed 4th in 10th grade.

In Number Sense, Diego Azua placed 2nd in 9th grade, Fernando Valdez placed 3rd in 10th grade, Freddie Bueno placed 4th in 11th grade, Se-

attle Jackson placed 2nd and Skyler Dunn 4th in 12th grade. The team won 2nd.

In Science, Diego Azua and Brett Moore tied for 1st in 9th grade, Lyndee Setliff placed 1st in 10th grade, Seattle Jackson placed 1st in 12th grade and won Top Biology, Top Chemistry and Top Physics score. The team placed 1st.

Congratulations to these students as they continue to improve their knowledge every week. The next meet will be January 14 at Texas Tech.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU December 12 - 16

- Monday**
Breakfast - Sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
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- Tuesday**
Breakfast - Breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Philly cheese steak, pepperoni pizza, steamed baby carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast - Trix cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Country fried steak w/roll, cheeseburger, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken taco w/rice, cheese pizza, vegetarian baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast - French toast, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Breaded beef fingers w/roll, pepperoni pizza, peppered broccoli florets, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

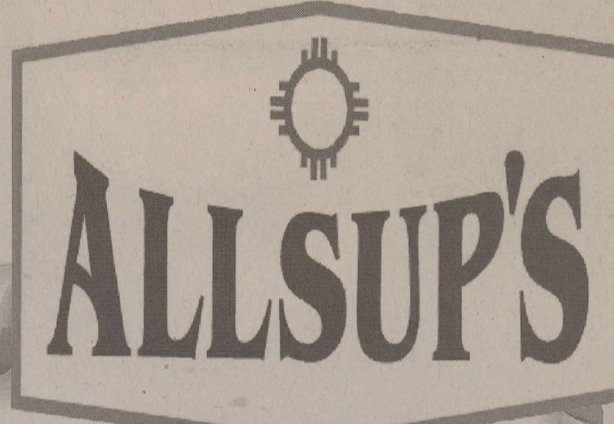
LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU December 12 - 16

- Monday, Dec. 12**
Breakfast - Waffles, Bacon, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Pizza Choice or Hamburger with Cheese, Garnish, Fries Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday, Dec. 13**
Breakfast - Biscuit & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Ham & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich or Asian Bowl with Egg Roll, Tomato/Cucumber Cup, Garden Salad, Snowball Salad, Milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 14**
Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Alfredo, Tuscan Veggies, Breadstick or Texas Basket, Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, Cookie, Milk
- Thursday, Dec. 15**
Breakfast - Sausage, Egg & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Fish Strips with Toast or BBQ on a Bun, Cole Slaw, Pinto Beans, Orange Smiles, Milk
- Friday, Dec. 16**
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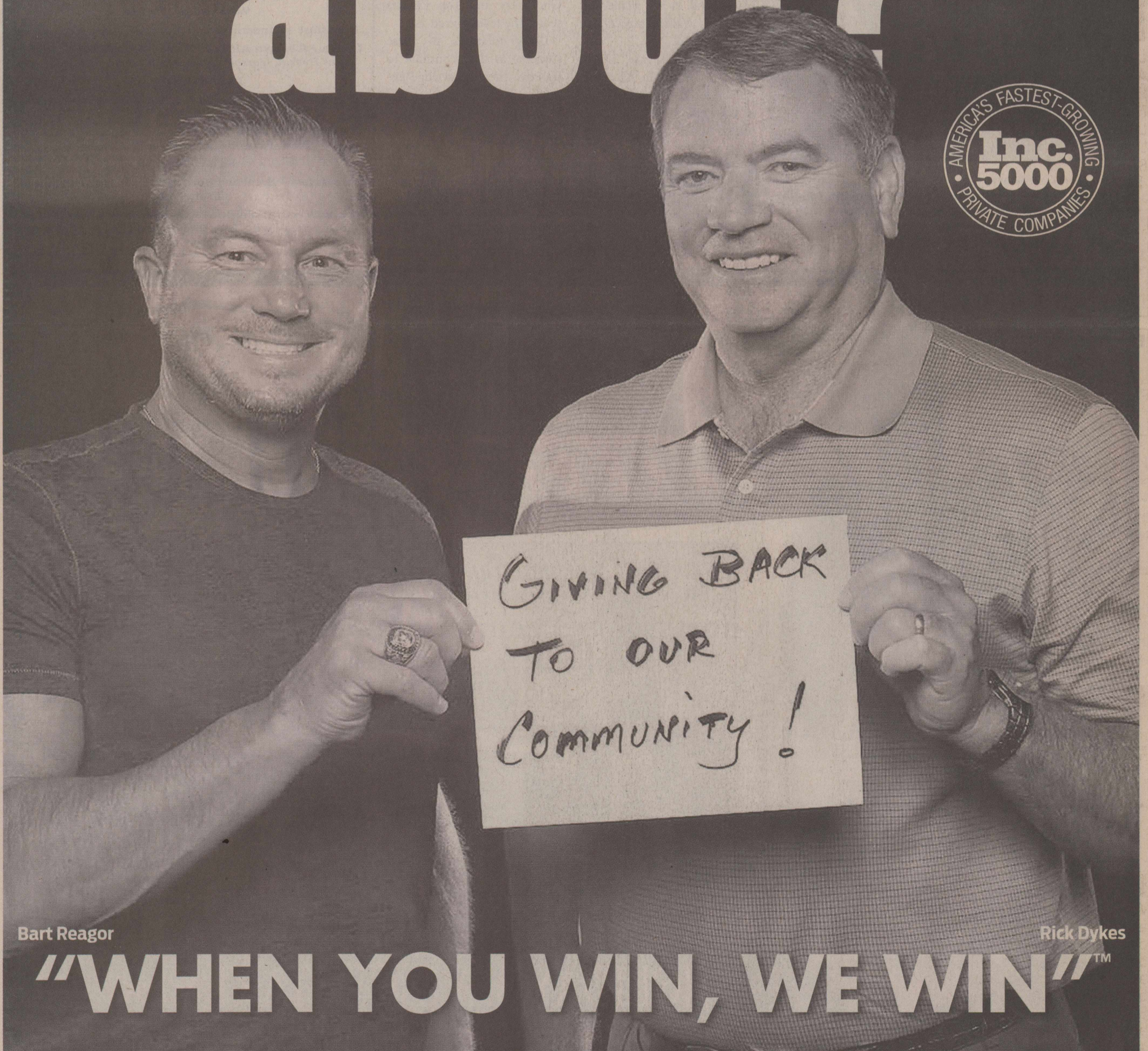
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