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## Lockney joins other squads supporting Iraan



Lockney cheer squad roots for Iraan in state playoff game in Abilene. Iraan prevailed and is going to state championship for the second time in the school's history. Last time was 20 years ago.

A King's Highway bus chartered to Abilene to support Iraan-Sheffield ISD carried Plainview, Lockney, Springlake-Earth and Crosbyton cheer squads to the state playoff game.

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney's cheerleaders joined pep squads from throughout Texas and New Mexico in supporting Iraan in that community's state semi-final football playoff game Friday against Wellington in Abilene.

Iraan continues to heal following a bus accident that killed one of the high school's cheer sponsors. Support is pouring in from across the region, starting with a Facebook page created by an Iraan cheer alumna.

The goal of the page was to gather cheer squads to travel to Iraan's game in Abilene this Friday, and the response was amazing in just a short time.

It was called Brave Strong Cheerleaders. It began with an initial post from Iraan alumna Starla Warren. She simply asked surrounding cheer coaches to bring members of their team to Iraan's game Friday night.

Lockney answered the call. "I felt it was something we had to do," said Lockney cheerleader sponsor Pam Fulton. "It could have been any of us. Iraan is about the same size as Lockney. Their colors are red and black. Their fight song's the same as ours."

"I've been doing this for 26 years," she continued, "and there's always that risk. I'm just glad it doesn't happen more often."

Cheerleading squads from

throughout region participated in the show of support to honor the memory of Elizabeth Pope, an Iraan-Sheffield ISD teacher and cheerleader sponsor who was killed a week earlier in a bus crash on Interstate 20 near Big Spring.

Members of the LHS Longhorns cheerleader squad were picked up Friday afternoon in Lockney on a Kings Highway charter bus from Amarillo.

Iraan faced Wellington at 7 p.m. Friday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene, and organizers packed the stands with cheerleaders and fans.

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As the game was about to start, close to 1,000 cheerleaders representing more than 50 schools were on hand to support the grieving Iraan community.

Sports has long helped the healing process after tragedies, and Friday night was no dif-

ferent at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. After seeing their cheerleader sponsor die in a car wreck last week, the Iraan Braves got back on the football field and clinched a spot in the Class 2A Division II state championship game with a 42-21 win over the Wellington Skyrockets.

Iraan advances to play Bremond in the state finals 20 years after winning its only title.

## 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.

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The First National Bank of Floydada will be holding their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, Dec. 16th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the refreshments and fellowship.

### 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.

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## Carr's Chapel celebrates 112th Christmas Eve service

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The historic Carr's Chapel, located in the southwest corner of Floyd county on farm to market highway 378, will celebrate its 112th Christmas Eve service.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, the program will consist of congregational singing of familiar Christmas hymns, the reading of the Christmas story from Luke, and a seasonal meditation. The children in attendance will be invited to present musical selections, poems, and readings.

An offering will be taken to be donated to the Carr's Cemetery Association.

Santa Claus will make his usual appearance to the congregation's singing of "Jingle Bells". He will listen to the children's Christmas wishes and help distribute sacks of candy and apples to the congregation. After which, Santa will leave to go on his traditional Christmas Eve rounds around the world.

Everyone in the surrounding communities is invited to help celebrate Carr's Chapel's 112th Christmas Eve observance.

## Floyd County Gets Good Audit

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

"Least amount of audit adjustments ever," said Rick Knapp of Knapp and Company, Certified Public Accountants in describing the Floyd County annual audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 in the December meeting of the Floyd County Commissioners. "All good news," he added.

Wind energy development has provided significant tax funds for the county, noted Marty Lucke county judge.

The biggest liability for the county had previously been an

\$1.3 million obligation to the pension fund. But this year, the county had made payments of \$1 million and \$100,000 to address that liability.

Knapp said that the felt that with the county's return on investments, that the pension liability could be taken care of by the end of 2017.

The county's year-over-year net position showed an improvement over 2015 by almost \$400,000.

The total net position in 2015 was \$4,038,716 and in 2016 the total net position was \$4,434,637.

In other court action, commissioners received a presen-

tation from Wholesale Payments on credit card processing services.

Other court topics included the latest wind energy developments in the county. Lucke noted that he had heard that Invenegy was looking to lease additional land in Floyd County.

The commissioners approved a new board member for the Floyd County Historical Commission. Connie Perales will replace outgoing board member Hulen Carthel.

Finally, commissioners set the swearing-in date for new elected county officials for December 29 at 10 a.m.

## Cowboy Christmas Ball to be held Saturday

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Dance all night, dance a little longer, or just sit and visit with the neighbors and friends. Music from Wendell Sollis and THE SIDE-

KICKS ALL STAR BAND will live up the Floyd County Friends' Unity Center, Floydada, Texas, on Saturday, December 17th, 2016 beginning at 6 pm with a catered meal. The night's other

festivities will include auctions, drawings, and vendors. "This is an awesome band, performing Western Swing, Classical Country, Cajun, and Big Band", said Wendell

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## Correction

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## Floyd County Stock set for Jan. 5-7

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY – Animals will again fill the Floyd County Friends Unity Center when Floyd County holds its annual Junior Stock Show January 5-7.

According to Board of Directors President Billy Lefevre, the barns will open at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 5. Heifers and Steers will weigh in from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. The Dairy Heifer, Heifer and Steer Show will begin at 5:00 P.M.

On Friday, January 6, the barns will open at 9:00 A.M. with Swine, Goats and Lambs weighing in between 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 7, the Gilt show will start followed by the Barrow show. There will be a break for lunch around 12:00 P.M. then the Goat show and Lamb show will follow.

About 4:00 P.M., everyone will help set up for the Premium Sale. The Buyer's Meal will take place around 5:00 P.M. immediately followed by the Premium Sale.

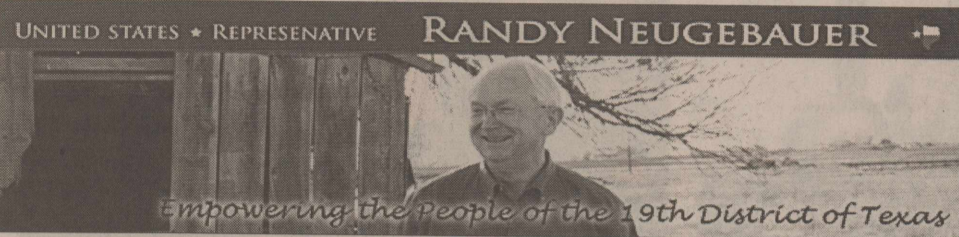
Animals cannot leave the barn without the Superintendent's approval until after the conclusion of the Premium Sale.

Everyone is asked to come back to the Unity Center at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 8 to help clean up.

General Superintendent is Clint Bigham and animal superintendents for this year are Mike Lass for Lambs and Goats; Todd Beedy for Cattle; and Ted Young for Swine.

Officers for the Junior Stock Show are Billy Lefevre, president; Clint Bigham, vice-president; Robin Nixon, secretary; and Katie Cook, treasurer.

The public is invited to attend the show and the sale. Floydada FFA will run the concession stand during the show.



December 12, 2016

- For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
- a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to cast away stones, and a time to

As the scripture says, there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.

I am writing this letter as my season as your Congressman is coming to an end. This season began June 5, 2003, when I was sworn in as only the fourth Member of Congress for the 19th District of Texas, the 236th Member of Congress from Texas, and the 9833rd American citizen to serve in Congress. To say holding this position has been an honor and a privilege is an understatement.

I wish I could play a video for you of all the wonderful experiences and memories I have had the past 13 years. These memories stretch across 29 counties and 29,000 square miles and to places around the world where our brave men and women de-

fend our liberty and freedom. Someone asked me what I was going to miss the most, and that was an easy question. I will miss the people. Dana and I have met thousands of people along this journey, and we often remark what a blessing that has been. So many of you have been such an encouragement to us with your prayers and kind words.

When I began this season, I pledged to work hard every day to ensure that the values of the people I represent were represented in Congress. You may not have agreed with every vote I cast or every position I took, but what you can know is that each vote was cast with careful and prayerful thought and that I believed it was in the best interest of America.

I am amazed at the foresight

- gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

our Founders had as they laid the cornerstone of this great nation with the Constitution. There are those who think the Constitution is out-of-date, but after serving in this great institution for seven terms, I am convinced it is as relevant today as it was the year it was signed. Yet, as I have served, I realize the freedoms and liberties we have enjoyed for over 200 years are at risk every day. The oath I took was to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." Every day, our brave men and women are protecting our nation from foreign enemies that seek to bring our great nation harm. I have been to the places where they stand in our stead. My role has been to make sure the very nation

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## The 501 Strips to Chips

We are a nation in transition. Who could have predicted we'd be trading our strips for chips?

I exaggerate. McDonald's may never give up the conventional machines that let you slide your credit-debit card through a slot. Time matters when fast food is at stake. Nothing beats a fast swipe – not even exact change. I've been practicing the art of fast swiping. Someday there might be a contest.

Inserting the chip end of a card instead takes an eternity. First you have to find the slot and ascertain which end of your card has the mysterious chip. Then you wait on the omnipotent card reader to pronounce its blessing. And wait. And that's after you mistakenly try to swipe the card first.

I've heard rumblings we're headed toward a moneyless society. We'll all enjoy common wealth. We'll need neither cards with magnetic strips nor imbedded chips and certainly not coins and long green or checks. Remember checks?

McDonald's will adjust. The whole restaurant will be one big automat manned by automats, possibly wearing nostalgic MacDonald's

T-shirts. Who'll order from the cheaper end of the menu? Not me. I'll be dead.

We digress. Back to checks. Remember when every respectable merchant had counter checks from various banks in a holder near the cash register? Remember cash registers? Remember merchants?

If you didn't have one of your own checks in hand, you used a counter check. If they were out of your bank's checks, you used one of the others, scribbling in your bank's name. All you had to do was remember you wrote the check. Mother sometimes forgot. My parents never raised their voices at each other except when she neglected to tell Daddy she'd written a counter check – an oversight that came into play when an overdraft arrived in the mail. In retrospect, maybe that's why it was usually Mother who got the mail.

Back to those chips in our credit cards. Someone has written a book on the habits of successful people, success being measured in terms of wealth. I don't remember the author's name, but I've twice heard him interviewed – once on TV and once on the radio. In writing the book he discovered that one habit shared by over 80 percent of his exemplary very rich people is that they devote time to meditation. He agreed with an interviewer that prayer counts as meditation.

So there you have it. Instead of counting all that chip-reading time as lost, we should simply make use of the long seconds to meditate or pray. During the Christmas season, a lot of prayers could emanate from checkout, both from clerks and customers. Someone with a cause might even coin the term "chip prayer" and launch a campaign.

It might work. Peace on Earth could be the inaugural theme. Chip readers allow ample time for that simple prayer, no matter how richly peace is defined. For chanters who take up the mantra, they'll get to say it enough times for it to count.

## The Paperboy

Retired Marine Col. Jeffrey A. Powers wrote an open letter back in September to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, I offer the letter without comment other than to say that I wholeheartedly agree with it.

Commissioner,

I've been a season pass holder at Yankee Stadium, Yale Bowl and Giants Stadium.

I missed the '90-'91 season because I was with a battalion of Marines in Desert Storm. 14 of my wonderful Marines returned home with the American Flag draped across their lifeless bodies. My last conversation with one of them, Sgt. Garrett Mongrella, was about how our Giants were going to the Super Bowl. He never got to see it.

Many friends, Marines, and Special Forces Soldiers who worked with or for me through the years returned home with the American Flag draped over their coffins.

Now I watch multi-millionaire athletes who never did anything in their lives but play a game, disrespect what brave Americans fought and died for. They are essentially spitting in the faces and on the graves of real men, men who have actually done something for this country beside playing with a ball and believing they're something special! They're not! My Marines and Soldiers were!

You are complicit in this! You'll fine players for large and small infractions but you lack the moral courage and respect for our nation and the fallen to put an immediate stop to this. Yes, I know, it's their 1st Amendment right to behave in such a despicable manner.

What would happen if they came out and disrespected you or the refs publicly?

I observed a player getting a personal foul for twerking in the end zone after scoring. I guess that's much worse than disrespecting the flag and our National Anthem. Hmhmhm, isn't it his 1st Amendment right to express himself like an idiot in the end zone?

Why is taunting not allowed yet taunting America is OK? You fine players for wearing 9-11 commemorative shoes yet you allow scum on the sidelines to sit, kneel or pump their pathetic fist in the air. They are so deprived with their multi-million dollar contracts for playing a freaking game!

You condone it all by your refusal to act. You're just as bad and disgusting as they are. I hope Americans boycott any sponsor who supports that rabble you call the NFL. I hope they turn off the TV when any team that allowed this disrespect to occur, without consequence, on the sidelines. I applaud those who have not.

Legends and heroes do NOT wear shoulder pads. They wear body armor and carry rifles.

They make minimum wage and spend months and years away from their families. They don't do it for an hour on Sunday. They do it 24/7 often with lead, not footballs, coming in their direction. They watch their brothers carted off in pieces not on a gurney to get their knee iced. They don't even have ice! Many don't have legs or arms.

Some wear blue and risk their lives daily on the streets of America. They wear fire helmets and go upstairs into the fire rather than down to safety. On 9-11, hundreds vanished. They are the heroes.

I hope that your high paid protesting pretty boys and you look in that mirror when you shave tomorrow and see what you really are, legends in your own minds. You need to hit the road and take those worms with you!

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## LOCKNEY BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

The Lockney Boy Scouts will be picking up cans and non-perishable items for the Salvation Army on Saturday morning, Dec. 17th. If you want to donate, please place your items in a grocery sack and leave on your front porch.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Had a friend drop off a copy of your December 7, issue of the Hesperian and felt compelled to reply to your story about higher education, particularly your ending statement, "this world owes you nothing and you can either sink or swim."

It reminded me of an incident that happened to me when I was fourteen or fifteen years old and had unintentionally overheard a conversation of my Dad firing a driver who had told him that he would no longer be loading or unloading merchandise, but, rather, would only be a driver. After a very brief discussion the driver's employment was terminated and my Dad turned to me and said, "If you don't ever learn anything else from me, you learn this: 'nobody owes you and nobody owns you'."

That was about 65 years ago and I never forgot it. I was born and finished High School in Floydada but have lived in Flagstaff for the last 50 years.

Elton Turner  
3608 N. Paradise Road  
Flagstaff, Az 86004

# Quilts from the Floydada HS Fashion Design class



This semester, students in Ms. Dana Crossland's Fashion Design class at Floydada High School have been making gorgeous quilts. A few of them are shown.

## UPCOMING From Page 1

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.

### BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA SR. CITIZENS

Bingo night is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bingo Night is open to anyone ages 16 and over. Watch for January's special in the Hesperian-Beacon. Date and info to be announced soon.

### 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.

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## Lockney Girls Scouts



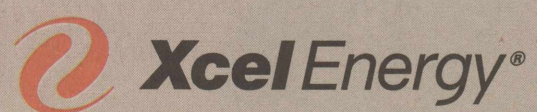
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The Lockney Girl Scout Troop #6207 helped the Lockney Salvation Army fill the Family Christmas baskets last week. The Salvation Army has filled 125-130 Christmas baskets that will be handed out to seniors and families during the Christmas season. The senior citizen's baskets will be handed out on Friday, Dec. 16th and the family basket's will be handed out on Saturday, Dec. 17th. The Salvation Army would like to thank the Lockney Girl Scouts, Lockney Lowe's, United Supermarket in Plainview, Happy State Bank of Lockney, West Side Church of Christ in Lockney, the numerous volunteers that help deliver the baskets and all the people that make donations all during the year. Santa Claus will be at the Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec. 17th for all the children to see from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. If you would like to donate, the Salvation Army is in need of jackets and blankets. Shown in picture are Lockney Girl Scout members (l-r) Alaina Arguello, Kara Sanchez, Ellie Vassquez, Elayna Morales, Mireyah Lara, and Adrielle Martinez.

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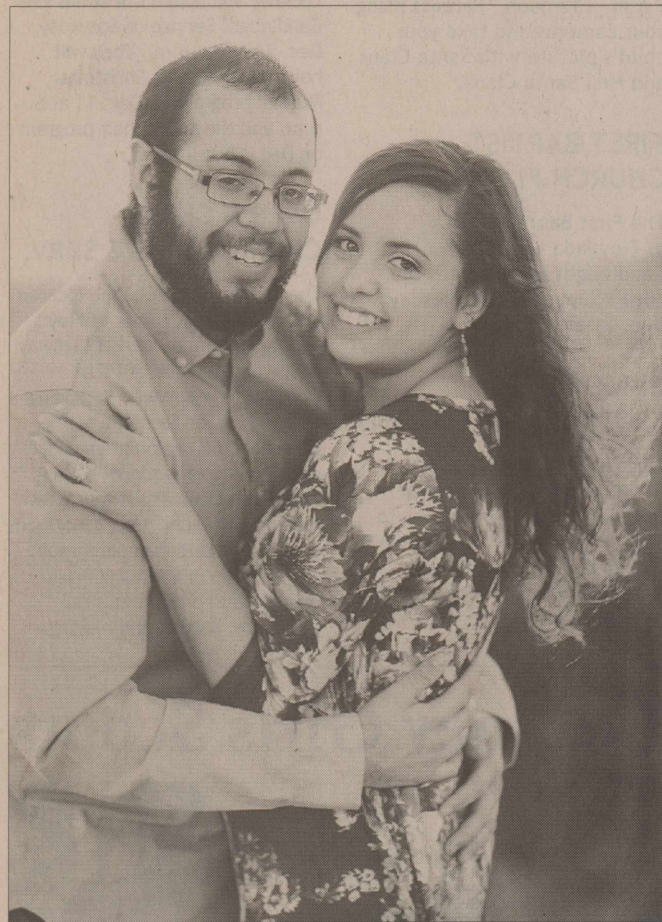
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# SOCIETY

## Muniz and Longoria Museum Archives to marry



CHRISTINA MUNIZ AND DANIEL LONGORIA

Mike and Jana Muniz of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Christina Elizabeth Muniz to Daniel Edward Longoria, son of Leonel and Benita Longoria of Floydada.

Christina is the granddaughter of Eduardo and the late Mary Muniz of Floydada, and Jerry and Julie Finley of Floydada.

Daniel is the grandson of Servando and Josefina Longoria of Floydada and the late Gregorio and Beatrice Degollado of El Mirage, Arizona.

The bride-elect is a 2013 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2015 South Plains College graduate

where she obtained an Associate of Applied Science in Graphic Design degree. Christina is currently owner of Christina Elizabeth Photography and is employed as a receptionist at Assiter Insurance Agency, LLC. in Floydada.

The prospective groom is a 2010 graduate of Floydada High School. He attended West Texas A&M University and studied Business Management. Daniel is currently Manager of the Buffalo Wild Wings in Amarillo.

The couple plans a June 3, 2017 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. After the wedding the couple will reside in Floydada.

A through-and-through Texan, John A Lloyd was born in Brazos County near Bryan in 1890, and moved to Wichita Falls with the family when a young man of twenty. Mrs. Lloyd, whose maiden name was Goldie Joesphine Barger, was born in Tell City, Indiana in 1896. Though not a native Texan, she moved with her family when still a child to a farm near Wichita Falls in 1905.

It was in this city that the young couple met, courted, and were married three days before Christmas in 1912. They continued to live there until 1916 when the decision was made to move to Floyd County. As was common in those days, a box car was rented, loaded with family possessions, farming equipment and even animals to start the railroad trip to Roaring Springs. Here he was met by a friend, Tilford Taylor, who had brought wagons to take things to their new location in the Lakeview Community. For many years he and Tilford worked

together with a thrasher harvesting wheat and milo along with their own farming. During this time John bought his first car, a Model T. Not any of the roads were paved. Soon after their arrival in Lakeview, Goldie began writing to the Postmaster-General about establishing a rural mail route as they had to go 5 miles to where they had a box. After about 3 years the route was established. The Lakeview Community was part of their lives for many years. John was a trustee in the school and when it burned he was one of the ones instrumental in building a new one. Five of the children attended school there. When land was purchased just south of Floydada in 1938 the family moved to this location where they still live today.

The Lloyd children are Alta, Ray, Hazel (deceased at age 7), Fred, Florence Ann, Louis, Johnny and Janet. Alta and G. W. Smith, Ray and Ella (Breed), Fred and Joyce (Kessie), and Louis and Janice

(Thompson) all reside in the county. Florence Ann and Russell Dorsey live in Big Spring, Johnnie and Willie May (Tanner) in the Republic of South Africa, and Janet and Wayne Webb make their home in Annandale, Virginia. With this large family, the Lloyds have been doubly blessed with twenty-four grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

Goldie was a member of the First Baptist Church and John a member of the Primitive Baptist Church where he has been a deacon for many years. Goldie was active in Home Demonstration Club work. Among her hobbies were growing flowers, sewing, crocheting, and quilt making, "knowing people" and certainly cooking and canning! Many people call cooperative work their hobby, but with John Lloyd, it has been a way of life. Among the cooperative organizations he has helped to found or to which he has rendered long, faithful service

are the Producers Elevator, of which he was president for six years, the Consumers Fuel Association, as board member for 10 years, and as president eight; the Coop Gin, the Co-operative Creamery of Plainview; and a cooperative frozen food locker. He also served on the Floydada School Board, Hospital Board; the local Farm Bureau and the Federal Farm Loan Association.

Goldie died January 23, 1968 after being in failing health for several years. Following her death John married Myrtle Lewis and after five years of marriage Myrtle died on February 27, 1973. On December 8, 1976, John married Joanna Earl Woodson of Martinez, California, a long time friend of the family.

John notes some of the biggest changes that he has seen are in farming, since he started with one-row equipment with a horse, to the present 12-row equipment using 175 horsepower; and the roads being paved.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

"I can't stand winter," said Herb Collins, who had dropped in at the Mule Barn's philosophy counter for a quick cup. "There's nothing to do."

"Get out and enjoy it," suggested Doc. "Go skiing. Go ice fishing. Build a snowman. Do something. Then you'll feel better."

"I don't think your advice will take," said Dud. "Herb seems to be intransigent on this one." We all looked at Dud.

"You see, he said he couldn't stand winter," Dud continued, "which shows he has a proclivity for intransigence on that particular subject."

We looked at him some more.

"If he were to take up a winter hobby," he continued, "he could stop being intransigent and enjoy things more."

Even Herb was staring at him now.

"I usually," said Herb, "enjoy a proclivity in that direction, but winter is pretty boring, so

maybe I really should be intransigent on this point."

"Well Herb," said Dud, "even though you might have a proclivity this season for being intransigent on your attitude about winter, you could kinda ease up and consider a hobby. That way you'd be showing a proclivity for transigence."

"Transigence?" said Doc. "I thought those were people who lived under bridges. You might want to look that one up, Dud."

Dud blushed as we laughed.

"Say Dud?" said Steve, the cowboy. "Wasn't proclivity last month's word?"

"Yes," said Dud, "and I believe I've used it a couple of dozen times already."

"And now this month's word is intransigence, right?"

Dud nodded. "Well then," said Doc, "it looks like you are going to have a proclivity for saying intransigence this month. That's a veritable plethora of proclivity my friend."

Dud pulled out a pencil and grabbed a napkin.

"How do you spell it, Doc?" "Spell what?" "Plethora."

We just groaned. Sometimes education can be ugly.

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## 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. 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 Citizens 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 19-23

- Monday – Salisbury steak
- Tuesday – Tacos
- Wednesday – Spaghetti
- Thursday – Jerlean's fried chicken
- Friday – CLOSED  
(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – 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- Satur-

day - 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 19 - 23

- Monday – Roast beef
- Tuesday – Enchiladas
- Wednesday – Meatloaf
- Thursday – Chicken & dumplings
- Friday – CLOSED – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
(Menus subject to change without notice)

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## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling.  
Edna Ferber

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.  
—Roy L. Smith

Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.  
—Winston Churchill

Don't let the past steal your present. This is the message of Christmas: We are never alone.  
—Taylor Caldwell

Christmas gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us - a time when we can look back on the year that has passed and prepare for the year ahead.  
—David Cameron

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.  
—Alexander Smith

Christmas... is not an external event at all, but a piece of one's home that one carries in one's heart.  
—Freya Stark

Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!  
—Charles Dickens

It's true, Christmas can feel like a lot of work, particularly for mothers. But when you look back on all the Christmases in your life, you'll find you've created family traditions and lasting memories. Those memories, good and bad, are really what help to keep a family together over the long haul.  
—Caroline Kennedy

Christmas is far and away my favorite holiday. I love everything about it, from the event that inspired it, hoping for a white one, to wrapping presents. But mostly I love having family and friends gathered, and sharing traditions.  
—Ellen Hopkins

# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Mary Joan (Jo) Boyd Payne

Mary Joan (Jo) Boyd Payne, 84, of Floydada, Texas, left this world peacefully on Monday, December 5, 2016 at her recent home at Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living Center in Floydada.

A celebration service for her home-going was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Graveside service followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

A time of visitation for friends & family was held on Friday, December 9, 2016 from 5-8 pm at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

All arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Jo was brought into this world on January 4, 1932 in Bemis, Tennessee. She was the firstborn of 4 to

her father, Joshua Truman Boyd, and mother, Mattie Lee Jones Boyd, later to be, Wester.

As a student, Jo attended the California Vocational Nursing School in Los Angeles and became an LVN for 7 years, before returning to West Texas in 1950 and attending Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, where she graduated with a BA in Elementary & Secondary Education, with a minor in English.

Jo was a gifted singer and piano player which led her to meet her teacher/preacher husband to be, Hollis C. Payne. They were married in Arney, Texas in 1959, where she would become a pastor's wife for 43 years. She also taught school in Floydada, Texas as a bilingual 1st and 5th grade teacher for 23 years where she received the Outstanding Teacher Award.

During her time in West Texas she was active in the 1950 WBU Study Club & the Wayland International Choir. She also enjoyed being a part of the Floydada Whirlwind Sams Travel Club, Jubilee Singers and Six Dots and a Dash singing groups. After retiring in 1986, she moved with her husband to the little town of Vigo Park, Texas where she continued serving as a church musician and pastor's wife, before returning to Floydada in 1992.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband, H.C. Payne in May of 2002, as well as her brother, Larry T. Boyd of Beaumont, Texas.

She is survived by her children, a daughter, Tammy Payne Aten of Granbury, Texas and a son, Hollis Joe (Joey) Payne of Plainview, Texas and four grandchildren, Joshua Lee Aten and Tamara LeBrooke Aten of



MARY JOAN (JO) BOYD PAYNE

Granbury and Breanna Kay & Kristen Leigh Payne of Plainview, a sister, Janey Westrich of Chandler, Arizona and a brother, Edgar L. Boyd of Shallowater along with many nephews and nieces and even those cousins who would call her Auntie Jo & Sis.

Those not able to attend may watch via livestream by clicking the Watch Live tab at [www.fbcfloydada.org](http://www.fbcfloydada.org)

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## James R. Leach

February 6, 1931 - November 25, 2016

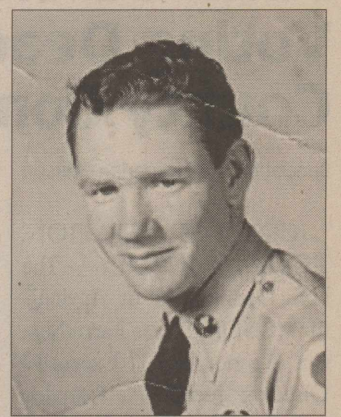
James R. Leach, age 85 of Mt. Vernon, Texas, formerly of Lockney, Texas, passed away Friday, November 25, 2016 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

James R. Leach was born on February 6, 1931 in Lockney, Texas to the late James Warnie and Luna Massengale Leach.

James served with the Second Calvary during the Korean War earning several medals including the Purple Heart. James worked in automotive part sales in Arizona until he retired and moved to Mt. Vernon, Texas.

James was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Eugene and Kenneth, sister, Letta and one great-grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; his daughter, Ritha Webber and husband, Roger of Mt Vernon; son, James L. Leach and wife, Brenda



JAMES R. LEACH

of Lewisville, Texas; brothers, Earl Dean and wife, Annabell of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Lloyd (Babe) and wife, Dot of Gainsville, Texas, and Bobby (Peat) with Barbara Hanzik of Spring, Texas; sister, Anna Mae Cross with Bob Hooper of Breckenridge, Texas and multiples of nieces and nephews.

James is also survived by four grandchildren, Niki Huggins and husband, Scott, Sami Muniz and husband, Arturo, Vanessa Gillihan, and Jeremiah Gore and by six great-grandchildren.

## Raymond "Buddy" Lutrick

Raymond "Buddy" Lutrick, age 92, of Floydada, passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Tim Franks and Ken Peterson officiating.

Visitation was held from 5 - 7 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2016 at Moore-

Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

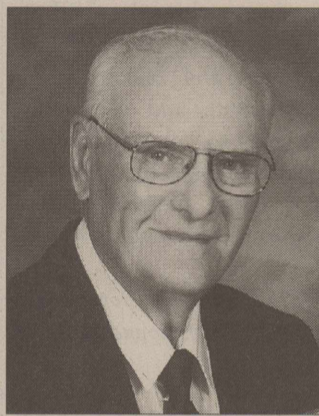
Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Buddy is preceded in death by his first wife, Sandy Lutrick, his parents, and brothers, Gene and Bobby Lutrick.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Lutrick of Floydada; three sons, Terry

R. Lutrick of Tucson, Arizona, Tim Lutrick of Amarillo, and Roby Lutrick of Amherst; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one sister; Nita Beth Lee of Lubbock and sister in law, Pearlene Lutrick of New Mexico.

Memorials may be sent to the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174



RAYMOND "BUDDY" LUTRICK



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### God's Direction

A person's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand their own way?

—Proverbs 20:24 (NIV)

As my college graduation approaches, I have a million thoughts running through my mind: Where will I work? Where will I live? How will I pay my bills? My five-and-a-half-year journey through college has taught me that life is uncertain and that God provides.

After my first year of college, I had to take a year off to make money so I could return. I had no work experience, but God provided. I got a fantastic job at a local hospital that paid well and allowed me to work nearly 70 hours a week. It wasn't long

before I made enough money to return to college, and my boss let me continue to work during my breaks from school. That job was God's provision to allow me to finish paying for college.

Today's verse reminds me that I don't need to have all the answers right now. I can trust that God will lead me to opportunities. God has always been faithful to me and my family, and we believe in the promise of today's scripture reading that God cares deeply for each of us and our needs. God loves us and will provide a way for us.

Michael Eaton (Texas, USA)

#### Thought for the Day

How has God led me to where I am today?

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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 Sty. 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 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.  
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

## Farm Service Agency Extends Voting Deadline for County Committee Elections

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS) Nov. 29, 2016 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, today announced that the deadline to submit ballots for the 2016 County Committee Elections has been extended to ensure farmers and ranchers have sufficient time to vote. Eligible voters now have until Dec. 13, 2016 to return ballots to their local FSA offices. Producers who have not received their ballot should pick one up at their local FSA office.

"We're extending the voting deadline to Dec. 13 to give farmers and ranchers a few additional days to get their ballots in," said Canales. "I urge all eligible producers, especially minorities and women, to get involved and make a real difference in their communities by voting in this year's elections. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

FSA has modified the ballot, making it easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 13, 2016. Newly elected

committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2017.

Nearly 7,700 FSA County Committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of County Committee seats are up for election each year. County Committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support, conservation, indemnity, disaster and emergency programs.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the County Committee election. Approximately 1.5 million producers are currently eligible to vote. Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, also may be eligible to vote.

For more information, visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections). You may also contact your local USDA service center or FSA office. Visit <http://offices.usda.gov> to find an FSA office near you.

USDA works to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs,

provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. Since 2009, USDA has provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; and extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,700 bio-based products through USDA's Bio-Preferred program; and invested \$64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/results](http://www.usda.gov/results).

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## USDA Partners with Farmers and Ranchers to Protect More Than 500,000 Acres of Working Grasslands

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 2016 — Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Deputy Under Secretary Alexis Taylor today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept more than 504,000 acres that were offered by producers during the recent ranking period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands enrollment. Through the voluntary CRP Grasslands program, grasslands threatened by development or conversion to row crops are maintained as livestock grazing areas, while providing important conservation benefits.

USDA will accept more than 2,100 offers totaling more than 504,000 acres across 34 states. Over 70 percent of the acres are from beginning farmers, veterans and underserved producers. About two-thirds of the acres are in counties with the highest threat for conversion. Additionally, nearly 60 percent of the acres are in wildlife priority areas and nearly three-fourths of the acres will have a wildlife-focused conservation plan as part of the operation.

"This 15-year commitment on more than half a million acres demonstrates that voluntary, incentive-based conservation methods benefit producers and help to preserve our natural resources," said Taylor. "Combining conservation and wildlife benefits, while still supporting livestock production, is a clear example of how agriculture and conservation can go hand-in-hand."

USDA is also reminding producers that it is still accepting additional offers for CRP Grasslands. The current ranking period that closes on Dec. 16, also includes a new CRP Grasslands practice specifically

tailored for small-scale livestock grazing operations to encourage broader participation. Small livestock operations with 100 or fewer head of grazing dairy cows (or the equivalent) can submit applications to enroll up to 200 acres of grasslands per farm. USDA's goal is to enroll up to additional 200,000 acres. The new practice for small-scale livestock grazing operations encourages greater diversity geographically and in all types of livestock operation. Small livestock operations are encouraged to contact their local Farm Service Agency office to learn more about this program before Dec. 16, to be considered as part of the current ranking period.

Participants in CRP Grasslands establish or maintain long-term, resource-conserving grasses and other plant species to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. CRP Grasslands participants can use the land for livestock production (e.g. grazing or producing hay), while following their conservation and grazing plans in order to maintain the cover. A goal of CRP Grasslands is to minimize conversion of grasslands either to row crops or to non-agricultural uses. Participants can receive annual payments of up to 75 percent of the grazing value of the land and up to 50 percent to fund cover or practices like cross-fencing to support rotational grazing or improving pasture cover to benefit pollinators or other wildlife.

USDA will select offers for enrollment based on six ranking factors: (1) current and future use, (2) new farmer/rancher or underserved producer involvement, (3) maximum grassland preservation, (4) vegetative

cover, (5) environmental factors and (6) pollinator habitat. Offers for the second ranking period also will be considered from producers who submitted offers for the first ranking period but were not accepted, as well as from new offers submitted through Dec. 16.

Small livestock operations or other farming and ranching operations interested in participating in CRP Grasslands should contact their local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>. To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation).

Throughout the Obama Administration, USDA has generated thousands of critical partnerships to conserve and protect our natural resources on working landscapes, while enrolling a record number of acres in conservation programs. Seventy-percent of the nation's land is owned and tended to privately, and America's farmers, ranchers and landowners have willingly stepped up to address the growing impacts of a changing climate. With USDA's support, they work to implement voluntary practices that improve air and water quality, prevent soil erosion and create and protect wildlife habitat. Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide. Read more about USDA's record conservation outcomes under this Administration at Caring for our Land, Air and Water: Preserving Precious Natural Resources for Tomorrow.

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## Congressman-elect Jodey Arrington Announces Key Staff Hires

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK, TX: Congressman-Elect Jodey Arrington is pleased to announce key staff hires who will assist him in ensuring the people of District 19 are well-represented.

Russell Thomasson, of Lubbock will serve as his Chief of Staff. Thomasson and Arrington have worked together extensively in their previous roles at Texas Tech. Arrington

also selected Jay Hardaway of Abilene to serve as District Director, and Mary Whistler of Lubbock as the Deputy District Director.

In addition to these key hires, Arrington will be consolidating the three existing offices into two - a district headquarters in Lubbock, and a regional office in Abilene. Of the office space reduction, Arrington said, "We are re-prioritizing our resources to focus on people and time spent in communities throughout the District - not on unnecessary office space. I don't want people sitting at a desk, I want our team in the coffee shops, cotton gins, and school cafeterias connecting with the people of West Texas." Thomasson is graduate of both Coronado High School and Texas Tech University. Thomasson graduated from Texas Tech University in 1998 where he served as student body president and received his BBA in Accounting.

He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 2001 and

was in private practice in Dallas and Lubbock before serving as senior advisor and Chief of Staff to Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance. Thomasson is currently focused on securing investment for start-up companies and technologies based on university innovations. Thomasson was recognized as a top 20 under 40 by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Young Professionals of Greater Lubbock. He is married to Gracelyn Thomasson, and they have five children. He and his family are active members of Melonie Park Bible Church in Lubbock, where he serves in ministry leadership.

Of Thomasson, Arrington said, "I am thrilled Russell is willing to serve as my Chief of Staff. Russell grew up in West Texas and embodies our values, including a strong faith, a diligent work ethic, and principled leadership. Russell is one of the best administrators and problem solvers I've worked with in my career. Like me, Russell has a young family, and shares my desire to change the course and culture of Washington so our kids grow up with the same freedoms and opportunities we've enjoyed. Having been raised in West Texas, Russell is familiar with the interests of our region, and will bring an outsider's perspective to Wash-

ington - having never worked in politics.

The people of District 19 will be well served with Russell leading our team." Mr. Hardaway was born in Abilene, and is a graduate of both Abilene Christian High School and McMurry University. Mr. Hardaway is a businessman who helps run a multi-generation family business, headquartered in Albany. Jay currently serves the City of Abilene as a member of the City Council and has been a strong advocate for careful stewardship of tax dollars, strengthening Dyess Air Force Base, and promoting transparency in government. Hardaway also serves his community on multiple boards and foundations. Jay and his wife, Lindsay, a graduate of Abilene High and Texas Tech University, have three children, Lucy, Claire, and Nellie Cate. Of Hardaway, Arrington said, "Jay is a native West Texan, a fam-

ily man, and an effective leader. Jay brings a passion for public service, a record of conservative leadership, and a strong relationship with Dyess Air Force Base. Too often, Washington operates without consideration of the consequences to local government, making Jay's experience in city leadership an invaluable contribution to our office. Jay's deep roots in Abilene and the Big Country will bring a balanced perspective to the needs of the entire district. We are fortunate to have a capable and energetic leader like Jay at the helm of our district operations."

Ms. Whistler is a graduate of Texas Tech University, and has an impressive career serving the people of West Texas for 30 years under Congressmen Combest and Neugebauer in the Lubbock office. Ms. Whistler will bring a breadth of experience and knowledge of district operations to the team.

Mary is a long-time member of the Lubbock Area Republican Women, and has been recognized as "Volunteer of the Year" by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. Of Ms. Whistler, Arrington said, "While Mary may be new to our team, she has dedicated her entire career to serving the people of District 19. There are few who know these 29 counties and 75 cities in West Texas like she does. Mary will continue to run the day-to-day operations in our district offices, and will manage a strong constituent service team. Mary has a remarkable record of service to West Texas, and will maintain her active presence throughout the District. After 30 years of serving our region, I know Mary will be a pillar of experience and a steady hand of continuity for our office. We are grateful Mary has agreed to join our team - she is the epitome of a true servant leader."

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## Texas Cotton Crop Estimates Increase

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
Plains Cotton Growers

Texas High Plains cot-

ton growers remain on pace to produce their largest crop since 2010, according to the latest upland cotton produc-

tion estimates released today by the National Agricultural Statistics Service in their December report.

Estimates for the region now are at 4,670,000 bales, up 295,000 bales from the November NASS report. The Northern High Plains almost will double their production from 2015 to 2016 - from 731,500 bales to surpassing the million-bale mark in 2016 at 1,310,000, and the Southern High Plains is ex-

pected to produce 3,360,000 bales.

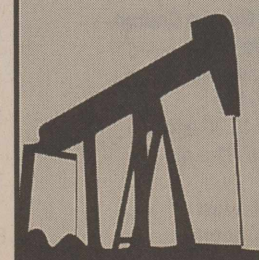
Yield per acre for the Northern High Plains is 844 pounds, and 604 for the Southern High Plains. Harvested acres remain at 745,000 in the NHP and 2,670,000 in the SHP. The abandonment rate still stands at 8.3 percent.

Statewide, the production number increased to 7.4 million bales, up 500,000 from the projected 6.9 million in the November report. The nationwide estimate for upland cotton increased to 16 million bales, up 400,000 from an estimated 15.6 million in the November report and up 28 percent from 2015.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Lockney basketball



Courtesy photo

The Lockney Longhorn varsity boys team beat Abernathy and Idalou on Thursday, then Saturday beat Slaton in overtime 88-81 to win the Abernathy tournament.

## Whirlwinds slip past Longhorns 66-65

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Garrett Hobbs scored 23 points to lead the Floydada Whirlwinds to a 66-65 victory over the Lockney Longhorns who were led by Jonathan Rodriguez who scored 20 points. The game, played December 6, was a back and forth all evening.

The Winds jumped out to a 24-22 lead after the first quarter. The score was tied eight times during the quarter. Hobbs tallied seven points in the period for the Winds and Rodriguez had eight for the Horns.

In the second quarter, Lockney closed to within one as they outscored Floydada 16-15 but the Whirlwinds took a 39-38 lead into the half. The teams were tied three times during quarter.

The Longhorns outscored the Winds 16-10 in the third

quarter to take a 54-49 lead. Trevor Ascensio hit two big three pointers to help give the Longhorns the lead going into the fourth quarter after four more ties in the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Whirlwinds outpaced the Longhorns, 17-11 to claim the victory. Hobbs scored 12 points to lead the Winds comeback victory as Remington Ricketts hit the game winning shot. The game was tied two more times in the quarter.

For the game, Lockney hit 35 percent from the field and 67 percent from the line while hauling in 41 rebounds and committing 20 fouls. Floydada hit 38 percent from the field and 54 percent from the line while hauling in 45 rebounds and committing 17 fouls.

For the Longhorns, Rodriguez had 20 points, Jaden

Rosales had 14 points, Ascensio had 10 points, Jaden Butler had 10 points, Chris Emert had eight points, Bryson Walker had two and Tavian Walrath added one.

For the Whirlwinds, Hobbs had 23 points, Jesse Segura had 15 points, Ricketts had 11 points, Brayden Campbell had 10 points, Andrew Vega and Abraham Perez had three points each and Albert DeHoyas added one point.

Lockney played New Deal on December 13 and will participate in the Lockney Tournament December 15-17 then will travel to Plainview Christian on December 20.

Floydada played Farwell on December 13 then will travel to Sudan on December 16 and will participate in the Caprock Tournament December 29-31 before traveling Lubbock Trinity January 3.

## Lady Horns defeat Lady Winds 50-42

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Alyssa Barratero scored 23 points and Reagan Nuncio added 13 as the Lockney Lady Horns defeated the Floydada Lady Winds 50-42.

The Lady Winds to an early 4-0 lead before Barratero hit a three-point shot to tie the game at 5-5. The two teams continued to battle back and forth in the first quarter before Lockney took a 10-8 lead after the first quarter.

Lockney extended their lead in the second quarter by outscoring Floydada 14-10 to take a 24-18 lead into the locker room. The Lady Winds tied the game at 17-17 and briefly took an 18-17 lead before Lockney responded with a 7-0 to finish the quarter.

In the third quarter, the Lady Horns outscored the Lady Winds 9-8 to stretch their lead to 33-26. Floydada moved to within four points before Lockney stretched it to 10. Both teams were plagued with turnovers throughout the third quarter.

Lockney added 17 more points to Floydada's 16 points in the fourth quarter to give the Lady Horns the 50-42 victory. Kylie Ricketts >> hit a free throw to draw the Lady Winds within two points at 37-35 before Lockney went on a 13-7 run to close out the game.

As a team, Lockney hit 31 percent from the field and 40 percent from the line while hauling 47 rebounds and committing 24 fouls. Floydada hit 21 percent from the field and 47 percent from the line while grabbing 57 rebounds and

committing 24 fouls.

For the Lady Horns, Barratero had 23 points, Nuncio had 13, Haley Walker had 11 and Madai Chavira had three.

For the Lady Winds, Valerie Espinosa had 12 points, Kaylee Morren had 11 points, Ricketts had seven, Brittany Pena had four, Selena Espinosa and Brooklyn Smith each had three and Hannah Morales had two.

The Lady Winds traveled to All Saints on December 13 and will travel to Sudan December 16 then will not play again until January 3 when they travel to Ropes.

The Lady Horns played New Deal on December 13 and will participate in the Lockney Tournament on December 15-17 then travel to Plainview Christian on December 20.

## Ten Whirlwinds Named to Honorable Mention All-District

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**OFFENSE:**  
Running back: Corey Mathis  
Tight end: Jessie Segura  
Center: Carson Turner  
Guard: Ethan Ibarra, Cardell Wickware  
Tackle: Arnaldo Martinez

**DEFENSE:**  
Defensive Line: Ethan Ibarra  
Inside Linebacker: Albert Dehoyos, Cutter Smith  
Outside Linebacker: Alfonso Mendoza  
Cornerback: Gerry Reyes  
Utility player: Michael Crone

## Enactus, Central Plains team up to sell soap

By Jonathan Petty  
Director of Communications  
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW – The Wayland Baptist University chapter of Enactus, an international student business organization focused on changing lives through entrepre-

neurial action, has developed a new project, working with the Central Plains Center (CPC) in Plainview to create, develop and sell Diamond Suds fragrant soap.

Through the project CPC clientele with intellectual and developmental disabilities work in their own soap-making business to cre-

ate, package and sale the Diamond Suds product.

Wayland's Enactus group looks for new projects each year that meet a need in the community. Business students then develop the business plan and marketing and management objectives necessary to meet those needs. The Central Plains Center, an organization that assists intellectually and developmentally disabled (IDD) individuals, needed a project or program to raise funds and employee clients.

"Enactus is always looking for new projects every semester," said Obet Medina, a sophomore business major from Plainview. "The project we developed is to make hand-made soap and let the clients at CPC make it and sell it. The profits made from the soap will benefit the CPC, and the clients also get paid to do this."

IDD Director Brenda Garcia said the project means a lot to the clients working in the business.

"They love it when we make soap," she said. "They love the new product. It brings worth to them. It's something they enjoy doing. They get to take home a paycheck and that means something to them."

Medina, the Enactus social media and marketing officer, said making the soap is a fairly simple process. After determining the best method of production, Wayland students developed a poster that explains the process, then spent each Friday afternoon for about 5 weeks working with clients to teach them how to make the soap.

"We taught them how to mix it up and put it in the molds," Medina said.

The soaps come in a variety of fragrances including: lavender, green tea and ginger, lemon, pumpkin and brown sugar, mint chocolate chip, hot cocoa, cinnamon and sugar, and rustic winter and rum. Some of the fragrances are seasonal and were developed for the holiday season.

Wayland students also developed a website www.diamondsuds.com where people can view the inventory and order the soap. The

cost is \$7 per bar on the website, which includes shipping costs, or \$4 when purchased at the Central Plains Center. All proceeds benefit the Central Plains Center and its clients.

Dr. Barry Evans, dean of the School of Business at Wayland explained that projects like this not only benefit the CPC clients, but the education benefit to his students is priceless.

"Wayland students get to see and work with a start-up business created from scratch. The students are integrally involved in starting a brand new business," Evans said. "They do everything that anybody starting a new business in Plainview will do."

Evans explained that the students are in charge of everything from determining a need and target market to delivering the product. Students had to develop a business plan that included securing appro-

priate facilities, securing raw materials, purchasing production equipment, determining cost and resale, how to market the product, and the logistics of shipping the product to meet the needs of those who order it. Enactus students also got some unique management experience in training individuals with disabilities to produce the soap.

"You could put together seven or eight classes in the School of Business, and the students get

real-world experience on how it all works," Evans said.

The Wayland Enactus team consists of 11 business students. The group will present its project analysis at regional and national competitions next May. Medina said the group is already looking into a project for next semester that will involve setting up a small retail shop to sell toiletries, some food and snacks, and other necessities to dorm students.

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU December 19 – 23

#### Monday

**Breakfast** – Sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Beef nachos w/cheese sauce, chicken salad wrap, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Tuesday

**Breakfast** – Cinnamon bun, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Sweet & sour chicken w/rice, turkey & cheese sub, peppered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Wednesday

**Breakfast** – Cocoa Puffs cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Beef tostado w/rice, hamburger, spicy pinto beans,

fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Thursday

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

#### Friday

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU December 19 – 23

#### Monday

**Breakfast** – Sausage Biscuit, Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Enchiladas or Taquitos with Queso, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

#### Tuesday

**Breakfast** – Breakfast Boat, Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Meatball Sub with Tots or Chili Cheese Tots, Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit, Pudding, Milk

#### Wednesday

**Breakfast** – Chicken-n-Waffles, Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Pizza Choice, Garden Salad, Tomato Cup, Fruit Cup, Milk

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**Breakfast** – Stuffed Bagel, Sausage, Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – SACK LUNCH

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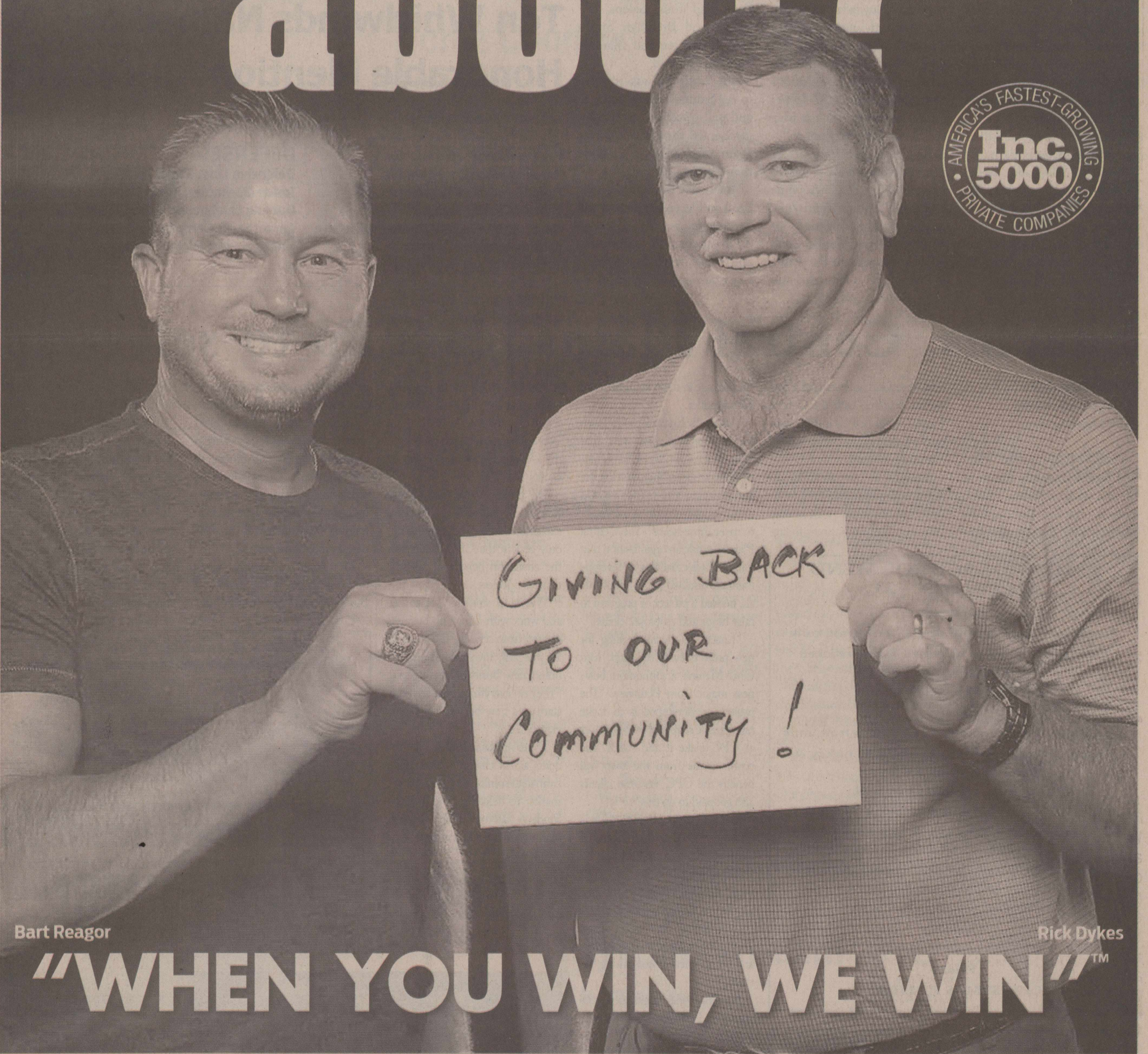
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF FLOYDADA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Floydada will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on December 19, 2016 at Floydada Council Chambers in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Small and Micro-Enterprise Revolving Loan Fund grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Jeff Johnston, Floydada, City Manager, at 806-983-2834; Floydada City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Floydada to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Floydada at least two days before the meeting, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para mas informacion en espanol, comuniquese con Jeff al 806-983-2834.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF FLOYDADA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The City of Floydada will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on December 19, 2016 at Floydada Council Chambers in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2017/2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Community Development Fund grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Jeff Johnston, Floydada, City Manager, at 806-983-2834; Floydada City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Floydada to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Floydada at least two days before the meeting, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para mas informacion en espanol, comuniquese con Selia al 806-983-2834.

### Request for Qualifications

The Board of Trustees of Floydada ISD is requesting qualifications for architect/engineer services relating to possible new construction and/or renovation of existing school facilities. Qualifications will be accepted until 1:00 pm on January 5, 2017 (the "deadline"). Interested parties may request an information packet and questionnaire from Gilbert Trevino, Superintendent, at (806) 983-3498, or from the District's website at [www.floydadaisd.esc17.net](http://www.floydadaisd.esc17.net). Please enclose one (1) original and eight (8) copies of your completed response with the appropriate annotation. All responses are due no later than the deadline at the following address:

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# Santa



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The Second Annual Santa on the Square celebration took place Saturday, Dec. 10 in downtown Floydada, sponsored by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Claus arrived by Jeep for the festivities.

## USDA Announces New Conservation Opportunities to Improve Water Quality and Restore Wildlife Habitat

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 7, 2016 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer farmers and ranchers more opportunities to participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The announcement includes new CRP practices to protect water quality and adds an additional 1.1 million acres targeted to benefit wildlife, pollinators and wetlands.

“The Conservation Reserve Program is an extremely popular voluntary program that offers producers and landowners a wide variety of opportunities to prevent erosion, protect wildlife habitat and reduce nutrient runoff,” said Vilsack. “With the program close to the legal enrollment limit of 24 million acres, USDA has been working to use all of the tools at our disposal to maximize benefits by combining multiple soil, water and wildlife objectives in the areas where it is needed most.”

Vilsack unveiled a new conservation initiative known as Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR), which will add new tools to CRP that can help to improve water quality. CLEAR will assist landowners with the cost of building bio-reactors and saturated buffers that filter nitrates and other nutrients from tile-drained cropland. Early estimates indicate that CLEAR could help to reduce nitrate runoff by as much as 40 percent

over traditional conservation methods. CLEAR may cover up to 90 percent of the cost to install these new practices through incentives and cost-share. These new methods are especially important in areas where traditional buffers have not been enough to prevent nutrients from reaching bodies of water.

USDA will also add an additional 1.1 million acres to a number of key CRP practices that are critically important to wildlife and conservation. These include 700,000 acres for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) efforts, which restore high-priority wildlife habitat tailored to a specific state’s needs. In addition to SAFE, 300,000 acres will be added to target wetlands restoration that are nature’s water filters and 100,000 acres for pollinator habitat that support 30 percent of agricultural production.

The continued strong demand for CRP combined with the limited acreage available for enrollment and lower land rental rates, allows USDA to modify certain program components without affecting the integrity of the program. Signing incentives are being reduced by \$25 per acre on certain practices for fiscal year 2018 enrollments (incentives are currently between \$100 and \$150 per acre) and a cap on the maximum soil rental rate is being instituted for Continuous CRP at \$300 per acre. The savings from these changes are being reinvested back in CRP, including the

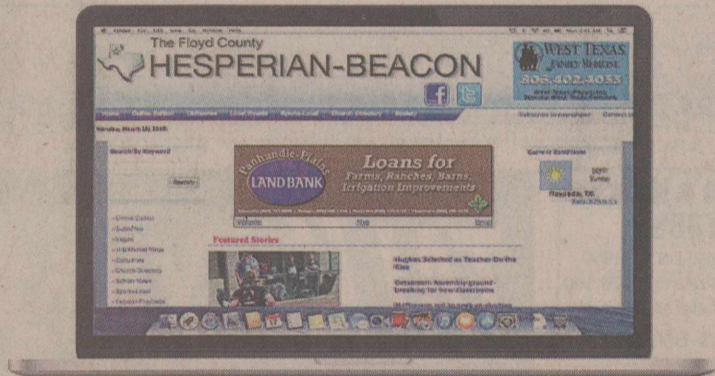
additional acres for SAFE, pollinator habitat and wetlands restoration.

To learn more about FSA’s conservation programs, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation) or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Throughout the Obama Administration, USDA has generated thousands of critical partnerships to conserve and protect our natural resources on working landscapes, while enrolling a record number of acres in conservation programs. Seventy-percent of the nation’s land is owned and tended to privately, and America’s farmers, ranchers and landowners have willingly stepped up to address the growing impacts of a changing climate. With USDA’s support, they are working to implement voluntary practices that improve air and water quality, prevent soil erosion and create and protect wildlife habitat. Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide. Read more about USDA’s record conservation outcomes under this Administration at Caring for our Land, Air and Water: Preserving Precious Natural Resources for Tomorrow.

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they are defending is following the blueprint our Founding Fathers laid down to ensure that every American can enjoy “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

As I write this last Roundup, I want to close with these words. First, thank you. Thank you for entrusting me with the important role of representing you in the United States Congress. Second, don’t give up on America. While we have our challenges, ours is still the greatest country in the world. Where else could a young couple from West Texas experience the wonderful opportunities God has given Dana and me?

We feel truly blessed for every season we have traveled and feel especially blessed to have participated in this one. As we move into the next season in our lives, we pause to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas as we celebrate one of the most important seasons of all, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May God bless you and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

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Sollis, who is the leader of the SIDEKICKS ALL STAR BAND, and plays the banjo.

Ronny Dale Shultz will direct the stage, as lead guitarist and vocalist. His past performances include Bob Wills’ Texas Playboys, and Red Steagall.

The rest of the lineup features hall of fame musicians: steel player, Bob Baker, trombone Steve Ham, and clarinet/tenor sax Steve Wilkerson. From Bob Will’s Texas Playboys playing sax is Larry Reed. On bass is Rodney LAY, who directed Roy Clarks’ band in the days of “Hee Haw”. Brady Bowen and Greg Gibbs, both recipients of the Cowtown Society Western Swing Award, will be fiddlers, along with Brady Rasco, former fiddler of Tarleton’s Cross Timbers Opry. Terry Thompson of the Texas Playboys will be on the drums. Ginny Mac, who’s performed at the Grand Ole Opry and MGM Vegas, will be on the accordion. Lucy

Dean Record, is an Instrumentalist of the Year, a 92-year-old keyboard player, from Lockney, Texas.

Special Guest: Cathy Whitten is GM of KSSL 107.3 & 94.1 FM Radio, kssl-fm.com. The station has been nominated for Radio Station of the Year and Cathy as Radio Personality, Songwriter and Female Vocalist of the year. Cathy stayed at #1 for 5 weeks with her song “You and Me” on the Independent Music Network (IMN) charts.

For Information and Ticket Purchases: Elaine LaBaume 806-983-9153; Dustee Sollis 806-983-6228; D&J Gin Lockney; Payne’s Pharmacy Floydada. Tickets: Individual-\$35. Tables for 8-\$350. Meal is included, serving at 6:00 pm.

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