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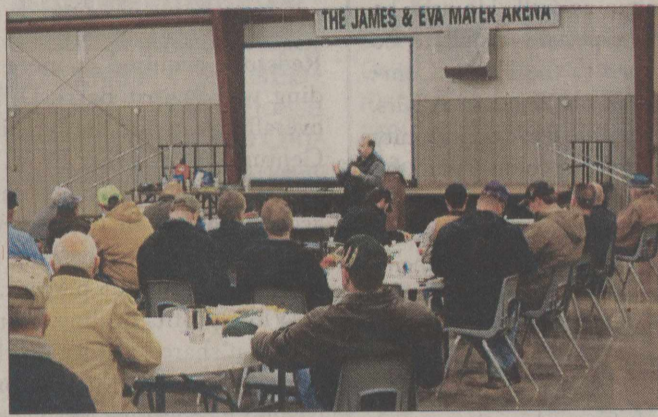
Caprock Crop Production Conference Held in Muncy

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY – Over 160 local and area producers attended the annual Caprock Crop Production Conference on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Eleven speakers and 21 vendors provided up-to-date information on laws, issues and equipment. The Conference is a producer-generated educational program that is developed by the Ag Committees of Crosby and Floyd Counties.

Speakers from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the Texas Department of Agriculture, Plains Cotton Growers and BASF spoke on a variety of topics which provided the attendees with eight Continuing Education Units including four general, one pest management, one drift and two laws and regulations. Ten Texas Certified Crop Advisor Units were also available.

The morning session included Seth Byrd, AgriLife Extension Cotton Agronomist spoke about Early Cotton Planting Strategies; Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension Weed Specialist spoke on New Weed Technologies; Jason Woodward, AgriLife Extension



Courtesy photos

Plant Pathologist spoke on Diseases Affecting Cotton and Corn Producers; Katie Lewis, AgriLife Research Assistant Professor spoke on Soil Fertility and Nitrogen Application; and Steve Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture spoke on TDA Rules and Regulations.

In the afternoon session, Tiffany Lashmet, AgriLife Extension Agriculture Law Specialist presented an Agriculture Law Update; Jacob Reed, BASF, talked about Drift Minimization; Katelyn Kesheimer and Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension IPM agents spoke about SCA and Trials Results; Shawn



Wade, Plains Cotton Growers spoke about Cotton Production Demand and Regulations for 2017; and Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension Beef Cattle Specialist spoke about VFD

Effects on Small or Large Operations.

Booth sponsors included Americot, Inc./NexGen, Assister Insurance Agency, BASF, See CONFERENCE, Page 12

Upcoming

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

COVENANT HEALTH MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

Covenant Health and the Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center will be bringing their Mobile Mammography bus to Floydada on Monday, February 6. THE BUS WILL BE LOCAED AT DUNCAN ELEMENTARY! To make an appointment please call 806-725-6579 or 1-877-494-4797. Financial assistance is available through a partnership with Covenant Health and Susan G. Komen.

BINGO NIGHT FLOYDADA SR. CITIZENS

The "BINGO NIGHT" is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. We will have sandwiches, drinks, chips, cinnamon rolls, candy, for sale. Bring your valentine for a night out playing Bingo. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome to come join us for a night full of fun! Refreshments available for purchase.

BINGO NIGHT LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS

The "BINGO NIGHT" has been changed to this month to Tuesday, February 21st (3rd Tuesday) from 6-8 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the fun.

SUNDAY LUNCH LOCKNEY SR. CITIZENS

The Lockney Senior Citizens Center will have their "Sunday Lunch" on Sunday, February 26th. We will serve fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, gravy, roll, and dessert. Donations are appreciated.

Correction

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

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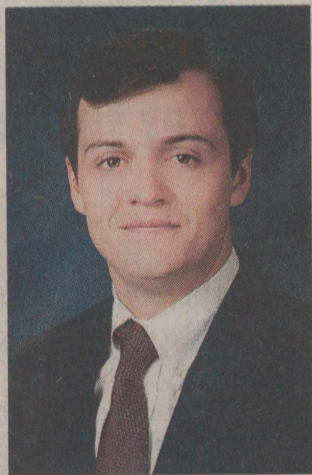
First National Bank of Floydada announces promotion

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Monte Williams, President of First National Bank of Floydada has announced that T.K. Farris, III has been named Assistant Vice President of First National Bank.

He will be working in loan review and credit administration. He has interned with the Bank for the past three years.

T.K. is a 2016 graduate of Texas Christian University with a degree in Economics and the fourth generation of his family to be associat-



T.K. FARRIS, III

ed with the First National Bank of Floydada.

Girl Scout Cookie Time in Floyd County

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA –Everyone thinks of the Girl Scouts when it's time to buy their yummy cookies in February, but they're a valuable part of the community year-round.

"Our girls are always ready and willing to help the community in any way! They have done everything from random acts of kindness, police officer appreciation bags, and packing snack packs for needy children," said Ashley Gallaty, Troop Leader of Troop 6210 in Floydada.

Girl Scouts, the largest girl-led business in the world, will conduct its cookie sale through February 26 in booths, individual sales and order-taking.

"The money our girls raise with cookie sales goes to a summer trip. Last summer we took the girls camping See COOKIES, Page 12



Courtesy photos

Helping to stuff snack packs for children who need food at home: Left to right: Hannah R.; Reagan; Hannah L.; Isabelle; Alea; Emma; Hazel; Gabby; Taniah; Cheyenne; Aphrodite; and Cristin is in the bottom row

Mangold to hold its 24th health fair Feb. 4

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - 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 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.

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Arrington: Put America's Safety First; Will Help Those With Green Cards

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON -Monday afternoon after a week-end of protests around the nation's airports Congressman Jodey Arrington TX-19 talked with this newspaper shortly after arriving back into Washington to start another week of work for the district.

We spoke specifically about the executive order by President Donald J. Trump to indefinitely bar Syrian refugees from entering the United States, suspend all refugee admissions for 120 days and block citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries, refugees or otherwise, from entering the United States for 90 days. Those countries are Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

"Congress has been advised by top intelligence officials multiple times that terrorists are targeting our refugee program to infiltrate America," Arrington said. "We have seen terrorists carry this out in other countries, including France, where at least two

of the Paris attackers posed as refugees and went on to kill at least 130 people and wounded hundreds of others. It is important that our commander in chief puts the safety of Americans first. Given concerns about the inadequate vetting of refugees and problems with our immigration system, this temporary pause is intended to ensure the safety of our citizens," he said.

"Our hearts go out to the refugees who have no agenda except to find a better life for their families, but we need to develop a process for identifying those who wish to do America harm while also finding the best way to support those who truly need our shelter," the congressman said.

When asked if any of his constituents might be naturalized citizens from one of these countries who might have problems or concerns for their families, he said, "I encourage anyone who has a green card and feels that they may be adversely affected by this executive order in some way to contact my office. I will direct my team to assist those affected by this action with

any concerns or questions."

Arrington said he had not heard of anyone being detained at the Lubbock and Abilene airports—the two commercial airports in his district.

"I want to emphasize that this action is not a slight on any one from these seven countries, and it's temporary," he said.

In other topics, Arrington discussed his committee assignments. He said he was pleased to be able to serve West Texas's farmers and agricultural communities on the Agriculture committee and as a bonus, by also being named to the budget committee, he could serve farmers and ag on that committee as well. He said he was especially proud to be named to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. "I never had the opportunity to serve my country with the military, but I now have the opportunity to serve veterans with this assignment. There are more than 40,000 veterans in my district with major facilities like the VA Hospital in Big Spring. I look forward to the opportunity to serve them."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Just wanted to let the Paperboy know how much I enjoy his column. Concerning the Jan 5, 2017 column, that is exactly how I feel about Facebook. I tried it about 4/5 months and thought I might lose my mind. Keep up the good work.

Also, would like to comment on the article in this past week's paper, the street sweeper. Mr. Johnston said, "the street sweeper hasn't been working for the past year". I'm thinking if it's the same one, it hasn't worked since about 2010, so Whoa, I didn't know we had one that worked. It's never been down my street.

—Sue Ward, Floydada, Texas

The 501 Mistakes happen

Nothing bugs me worse than making a grammatical error by mistake. Making mistakes on purpose is one thing. They slip up on you, your pride takes a hit.

Pride is like that. It begs a fall.

Just last week, I wrote "entomologist" when I meant to say "etymologist." There's a difference.

(Note my opening sentence pun.)

I like to think of my mistakes as temporary lapses in accuracy. Unfortunately, when errors end up in print they're forever. (Happily, I caught my "entomologist" error before I made it into Blackburn Media print.)

Buffalo gnats were once my downfall. I wrote they could leave whelps on your face or wherever else they bite you. A reader pointed out that whelps are puppies. Who knew?

Of course, I meant "whelts." But even if I'd gotten it right I would have been wrong. A whelt is a red mark left by a blow — not a bite. I'm almost glad I said "whelp" instead just for the image the word evokes. I picture a harried woman with about five really small puppies hanging from her face — one at every site of a buffalo gnat bite.

Oops. I just mistakenly wrote "whelt." Did you catch that? It's "welt." I knew that.

Once I made a really big mistake writing about a Texas Centennial marker at Doans, Texas. I said Will Rogers had been there for the installation. A quote from the famous Oklahoman is carved right

into the granite.

Later I learned that Rogers' words are from a letter he wrote expressing his regret at NOT being able to show up at Doans. It's a letter with some missing apostrophes. I guess Rogers wasn't into apostrophes. For that matter, the town of Doans should have one. Legend has it the Texas Highway Department lost that apostrophe years ago, leaving it off either the official state map or the road sign or both.

Rogers' typed letter, postmarked "Beverly Hills," written to Wilbarger County scion Bertha Ross:

"Was glad to get your invitation, and there is nowhere I would rather go, But you see I am in the Movies and we are supposed to be right in the middle of a Picture about that thime.

"But you write me letters on and kinder keep me posted, I want to see Mr Tom Waggoner, and all the San Antonio bunch, and also Tom Burnett.

"I am sending you fifty bucks to add to the Pot, Taint much, but you dont need much monument if the cause is good, Its these Monuments that are for no reason at all that have to be big.

"Good luck to you all anyhow, Yours, (signed) Will Rogers."

Rogers' perceptive comment about the size of monuments relative to their importance is what ended up on the marker, all necessary apostrophes added.

The great humorist-philosopher had a way of getting to the heart of a matter, breaking rules, leaving wrecked grammar in his wake, weaving prose that felt like genuine homespun truth because it was.

Anybody who really can do that deserves a namesake international airport. It ain't me.

The Paperboy Hollywood is dying

I've berated Hollywood in this column on more than one occasion. I've let you know that it angers me when people who pretend for a living hide behind their opulent castle walls with armed guards and tell the rest of us how to live and think. I've even gone as far as to say I'd be willing to bet the reason for Hollywood's recent struggles is because they continue to make half of the country mad with their politics.

I'm glad no one took that bet.

According to Vanity Fair's Nick Bilton, their is much more wrong with Hollywood economically than just politics.



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Bilton explains that the cost to make a movie have increased dramatically and the margins continue to shrink.

"Movie-theater attendance is down to a 19-year low, with revenues hovering slightly above \$10 billion—or about what Amazon's, Facebook's, or Apple's stock might move in a single day," wrote Bilton. "DreamWorks Animation was sold to Comcast for a relatively meager \$3.8 billion. Paramount was recently valued at about \$10 billion, approximately the same price as when Sumner Redstone acquired it, more than 20 years ago, in a bidding war against Barry Diller. Between 2007 and 2011, overall profits for the big-five movie studios—Twentieth Century Fox, Warner Bros., Paramount Pictures, Universal Pictures, and Disney—fell by 40 percent. Studios now account for less than 10 percent of their parent companies' profits. By 2020, according to some forecasts, that share will fall to around 5 percent."

While profits decline, costs continue to soar.

Bilton shared a story on the vast number of union employees that stand around on a set and do nothing. Hollywood has become so specialized and bloated, that it can no longer function.

Movies routinely cost over \$100 million to produce and they are flopping at the box office.

While big budgets and the rebellion of conservatives are evident, Bilton says the greatest threat to the status quo is technology.

Netflix and Amazon, each producing their own content, are hurting Hollywood. In addition, there are several other companies including Apple, Microsoft and Facebook which have taken away from Hollywood in other areas.

Bilton says as technology continues to evolve and people want their content on demand, Hollywood, and it's inability to change with the times, will continue to suffer.

Of course that means many unemployed people from the many unions which now pollute the movie industry. Some people, like the one mentioned in Bilton's piece, could have a hard time adjusting to life outside of Hollywood. It seems their unionized job was simply to dry water droplets off of the star between takes.

You read that correctly as hard as it is to believe.

If Bilton is correct and Hollywood indeed crumbles, it will be the result of many forces at play.

Will you shed a tear?

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Floydada Rotary



Rotarian Kyle Smith brought Tiffany Penne, as his program. Tiffany is from Silverton. She is a falconer, and presented a very fascinating program on her birds. She currently flies three Harris Hawks. She presented one of her birds to the club. Hawks are not as athletic as a falcon. The Falcon is much faster. The Harris Hawk is quicker than a red tail hawk, and they are more sociable and very trainable.



Photos Courtesy of Karen Houchin

Tiffany explained there is a lot of husbandry and licensing involved in the raising and training of the birds. You must be committed to the birds. She explained different types of hunting and business ventures involved in flying the hawks. The hawk she presented is a juvenile, not fully colored out. Tiffany also owns an art gallery in Silverton. Thanks to Rotarian Kyle Smith for an excellent program.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE DURWARD JACKS

Written by Durward and Flora Lee

We are not old settlers but ole timers, born in Floyd County.

Our history begins with Durward Jack born December 2, 1918, son of Hiram Samuel and Lizzie

Smith Jack in Floyd County, Lone Star Community. A family of five added to the county census;

Durward - my three sisters, Nadine, Wynona, Wanda - one brother, Delton Jack.

My mother Lizzie Smith, daughter of Robert W. Smith, Sr. and Florence Huckabay Smith, was born in Floyd County on April 27, 1899. Lizzie Smith and Hiram Samuel were married December 12, 1917 and lived in Lone Star Community over forty years. At present time Lizzie Jack resided in Lockney.

My father Hiram Samuel Jack son of Samuel Judson and Isabelle Grimes Jack was born in New Harp, Texas, January 28, 1896. Grandpa Judson died four months before Hiram Samuel was born. Grandma and family of five came to Floyd County in a wagon in 1911, since she traded New Mexico land for some land in the Lone Star Community, (twelve miles north and one mile west of Lockney). This is where I discovered America. My father passed away July 2, 1968.

Papa traded for a Shetland Pony, which gave me eight years of education at Lone Star. In September of 1946 the school bus came by and carried both Flora Lee and me into Lockney High School to graduate in the "Class of 1937"-rings and all. That is when it all started.

My wife, Flora Lee Jones

born November 28, 1920, is the daughter of Frank and Ella Jones of the Prairie Chapel Community. For our wedding date we selected December 14, 1939. We were married in Seminole, Texas. For our honeymoon we had a Carlsbad Cavern tour.

Now my diploma was not for agriculture purposes, but the marriage license could have been. Our farming consisted of cows, pigs, sheep and chickens. Flora Lee can really cook that chicken, but cinnamon rolls happen to be her specialty. She has taken good care of me.

In April of 1945, I decided to visit our Uncle Sam at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He gave me a mechanical course, then a trip to the European Theatre of Operations. Plus a U.S. Tour from Bremerhaven, Germany to Rhome Italy.

In the year of 1949, the stork made a trip and left twins, Belvred and Madonna, at our house on October 30. That exploded problems and no experience.

Exchange students were coming to Lockney in the 60's. So it was our good fortune to have a well disciplined Italian boy, Pualo Gass, in our home in 1967. Now he is a medical Doctor in Udine, Italy.

A neighbor boy, Otto Schacht, changed our household after he found Madonna on the school grounds. They now live in Bryan, Texas and have two sons, Jackie Don (four) and Byron Fritz Nelson (one).

Belvred spent some time looking around Tech. Then he spotted a tall blonde from Corpus Christi, Texas, Patty Ward. They now have one four year old son, Justin Samuel; Presently they live in Milaca, Minnesota.

Flippin To Make a Difference

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Lubbock, TX (February 2017). The Lubbock Lions Club is 'flippin' again to make a difference. Plans are underway for the 65th Annual Pancake Festival Fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, February 18th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center from 7:00 am-8:00 pm.

When the Pancake Festival's doors open at 7:00 am volunteers including local celebrities, split into three shifts, will stand behind massive grills prepared to flip pancakes throughout the day. The "all-you-can-eat" menu of light, fluffy pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee has remained very popular with our community and the surrounding area. "And for just one token you can enjoy 2 slices of freshly cooked, crispy bacon. We plan to serve 18,000 hungry people throughout the day and all of the profits go directly toward local charities", said event Co-Chair Terry Holeman.

In addition to plenty of orange juice, milk and coffee, the grocery list includes 6,000 pounds of pancake batter, 17,000 ounces of margarine, 72,000 links of sausage and 41,000 ounces of maple flavored pancake syrup including sugar-free syrup. As always, the food is freshly prepared and cooked throughout the day. There's plenty of bubble gum and cotton candy for everyone.

The atmosphere is festive and family oriented; children's activities and fantastic entertainment are ongoing throughout the day. Raffle prizes include a weekend package for 4 at the Great Wolf Lodge Resort, two high-quality televisions, a Yeti Cooler, and many other valuable items.

More than 700 volunteers, including students from Texas Tech University, will assist at the festival. They will also be available to help visitors with special needs into the Exhibit

Event Hall and carry pancakes to their tables. Look for the Special Needs entrance sign at the northeast corner of the Civic Center.

"Last year's festival raised \$122,000 to give back to charities. This year's goal is \$150,000, stated Co-Chair Colette Solpietro.

Tickets are \$6.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. Children age 2 and under eat free! Advanced tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club Member, at all Bolton locations, at the YWCA at 35th and Flint, at the Talkington Center on 62nd and Elgin, at the Catholic Charities Office at 102 Ave. J, and the Lubbock Lions Club Office located at #4 Briercroft Office Park until February 17th.

Tickets may also be purchased online at lubbocklions.org until 3:00 pm. Friday, February 17th. Pick them up at "will call" the day of the event and proceed directly

into the festival.

See you at the Pancake Festival!

About the Lubbock Lions Club: In 1953 Lubbock Lions began flippin pancakes to give back to the community. Guided by the motto "We Serve", the Lubbock Lions Club members have continued flippin. Each year they donate all of the profits raised from the Pancake Festival Fundraiser to charities. Some of the charities that benefited from the \$122,000 raised at last year's festival include the Adult Eyeglass Program, Boy Scout Troop 157, LISD Eyeglasses for Children, Children's Miracle Network, The Salvation Army, Sick Children's Clinic of Lubbock, YWCA Adaptive Aquatics Program and the Texas Lions Camp for Special Needs Children.

Founded in 1929, the Lubbock Lions Club is the largest Lions Club in the USA.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Bingo Night is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. We will have sandwiches, drinks, chips, cinnamon rolls, candy, for sale. Bring your valentine for a night out playing Bingo. Lowe's of Floydada has been very generous to donate gift cards for prizes and we will also have meal coupons, and various other prizes for the winners. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome to come join us for a night full of fun!

If you have never eaten with us, we invite you to join us from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. For new patrons, bring this article with you and pay only \$2.50 for any meal the week of February 6 - February 10. We think you will be pleased with the quality and quantity of food you will receive.

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. dai-

ly, 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

February 6 - February 10

Monday - Hot roast beef sandwich
Tuesday - Tacos
Wednesday - Spaghetti
Thursday - Smothered pork chops
Friday - Tomato soup & grilled cheese sandwich (Menus subject to change without notice)

Strikes My Fancy Spring Style Show to be held

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Mark your calendar now for the Strikes My Fancy Spring Style Show and Tea, Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m. at Casa del Sol in beautiful Blanco Canyon! The event has become an annual tradition and promises fabulous fun and fashion, all to help a great cause! Imagine sipping tea and eating cookies around an indoor pool, surrounded by the canyon, as spring bursts into bloom, all while viewing the latest in spring fashion! The hottest spring items featured in the style show will be from

Crosbyton's Strikes My Fancy. Models will be local celebrities, and 100% of the \$10 ticket cost will benefit ARCC, Animal Rescue of Crosby County.

Boutique clothing and fashion accessories will be available at the style show for purchase, and Strikes My Fancy will donate an additional 20% of purchases to ARCC. This event has become one of the most anticipated events, as it is a fun time to get out and visit other women from across the area, with lots of laughter and fun entertainment!

The event will be at Casa

del Sol, home of Terry and Martha Kirk, 2041 FM 193, Crosbyton. Directions from Crosbyton go 10 miles north on Hwy. 651. Turn east on FM 193 and go 1 mile. Valet parking will be included.

Tickets will soon be available in Crosbyton at Strikes My Fancy and Citizens National Bank, and in Ralls at Backroom Junque inside the Ralls Inn. To reserve your ticket or for more information call 806-675-1530.

Grab a friend and plan now to come out for this fun spring event!

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - There have been several of you wanting to help clean up the graffiti. We have been released from Sherriff's office to clean up. But we have still heard anything from the insurance company. We will keep you all informed through this article on when we will be able to start the cleanup.

"BINGO NIGHT" has been changed to Tuesday, February 21st, the 3rd Tuesday of each month, due to scheduling conflicts. Time is 6 - 8 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will

be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the fun.

The Center will have "Sunday Lunch" on Sunday, February 26th. We will serve fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, gravy, roll, and dessert. Donations are appreciated.

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 - 9:30 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

February 6 - February 10

Monday - Baked potatoes
Tuesday - Enchilada casserole
Wednesday - Chicken fried steak
Thursday - Spaghetti
Friday - Brisket (Menus subject to change without notice)

Home Country

By Slim Randles

The problem was Mrs. Doc, you see. Oh, don't misunderstand. She's a perfectly wonderful lady and we all think the world of her, and as far as we know she has yet to burn down a house or start a war or anything.

The problem is, we don't know her first name.

If you just come out and flat ask her, she'll smile and say, "Well, don't you think Mrs. Doc is a nice name? I've had it for a long time now." But I guess there's something deep inside us that hates a vacuum... a vacuum of knowledge, that is. We're still curious about exactly where Old Man Jenkins' cabin is, for example. While he was alive, we never thought to bug him about where he lived, because we also cher-

ish a man's right to privacy. But Jenkins died on one of his trips to town, and we still didn't know where his cabin was.

So that began a number of semi-serious expeditions into our nearby mountains to try and solve the mystery. Hasn't happened yet, but there's always hope deep in the souls of true explorers.

And so it is with Mrs. Doc. She introduced herself to all of us as Mrs. Doc, and... as wife of our local sawbones... she automatically deserves respect, even if that respect means maintaining a mystery.

But in a way, Mrs. Doc has added something tangible to our little society here in Home Country, because if we should ever falter for a subject of intense discussion, we have her first name

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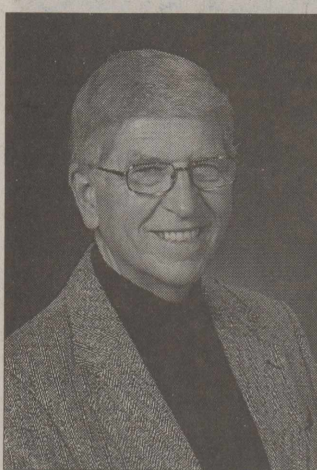
Dr. Fred Meeks, Ph.D. will be leading a study of the book of Malachi at First Baptist Church Lockney on February 5th. Dr. Meeks, a native of Dallas, Texas, became the Director of the Logsdon Seminary Lubbock Program in April 2010. Prior to that he taught courses in Bible, Theology, and Christian Ministry for 21 years at Wayland Baptist University. He also held the position of Chair (now Dean) of the Division (now School) of Religion and Philosophy at Wayland. He spent almost 25 years serving as pastor of churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Oregon. After becoming a professor and university administrator,

he served as interim pastor of 30 church, including First Baptist Church Lockney.

Dr. Meeks will begin teaching at 9:45 in the Garden Room, during the Bible Study Hour. He will be preaching during the worship service and will conclude the Bible study that afternoon following lunch.

Lunch will be the second annual Chili Cook-Off at First Baptist. Judges will determine the winner! Fritos, cheese, cornbread, onions and dessert will be provided by our Panama Mission Team. The lunch will be on a donation basis. All donations will go toward our summer mission trip to Panama.

The public is invited to join First Baptist Lock-



DR. FRED MEEKS

ney for these special events. For additional information contact the church office at 806.652.3361 or Pastor Joseph Tillery at jrtillery@aol.com. Information is also available on the church website www.fbclockney.com

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

(All quotes this week are from Voltaire, the 18th Century French writer, historian and philosopher.)

...the safest course is to do nothing against one's conscience. With this secret, we can enjoy life and have no fear from death.

Animals have these advantages over man: they never hear the clock strike, they die

without any idea of death, they have no theologians to instruct them, their last moments are not disturbed by unwelcome and unpleasant ceremonies, their funerals cost them nothing, and no one starts lawsuits over their wills.

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

Each player must accept the cards life deals him.

But once they are in hand, he alone must decide how to play the cards in order to win the game.



Levi Sisemore

Even if we do use words, we are many times ignorant of the flavors of usage that might be attached to alternate definitions (please note: I make here no *apologia* for verbosity, nor platitudinous and sesquipedalian remarks). Now I admit, I love language and - because I am a communicator - I make attempts to become more proficient and expressive with the words that I use (yes, this means I sometimes read the dictionary for fun!). A word of which I am especially fond is *noble*. I feel like the only time we use this venerable word is when we're discussing a member of a royal house of some European country.

Nobility describes the quality of being intrinsically and innately *higher*. There is a morality present within the term; there is beauty; there is righteousness; there is a mindset that refuses to be sullied and polluted with the filth that so pervades the lower stations. Nobility speaks of the very best. It was thought that royals were born with a certain greatness, bred into the very fabric of their being - and this is why they, as people, were called *noble*!

If you've ever been faced with a moral dilemma and you have chosen the high road, especially at personal cost, then you have chosen *nobility*. If you've ever chosen to forgive another, rather than to be drawn into the dramatic fracas that comes from holding a grudge, then you've chosen *nobility*. Each time you and I live up to the "high calling"

Nobility: The High Road

Why is it that (Phil. 3:14) with which we have been called, we choose Christlike nobility. It is lovely, righteous, true, and God-glorifying. These are the moments of moral excellence when the imprint of the character of the Son of God is exhibited and paraded before the world, testifying not our own power of will, but to the transforming power of the cross! To this point, read all of Ephesians 5, which begins with this quote, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children..."

The noble mind is the high mind. The highest mind ever shown to man is the mind of Christ, of which the Bible says, "Have this mind in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus..." (Phil. 2:5). The quality of nobility always chooses to what is *true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, reputable, excellent, and praiseworthy* - not for the reward for so choosing, but for virtue's sake (cf. Phil. 4:8). Friends, be true for truth's sake; be honorable for honor's sake, etc. Moreover, be right, pure, and lovely for Jesus' sake.

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:1-4

Levi Sisemore preaches for the 37th Street church of Christ, meeting Sunday for Bible Classes (9:30 AM), Worship (10:30 AM & 5:00 PM); Wednesday for Bible Classes (7:00 PM).
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Importance of Recharging

Jesus said, "Now my soul is troubled."

—John 12:27 (NRSV)

A friend of mine was showing me the features of his new smartphone. Suddenly, a shrill beeping assaulted our ears and he read a notification. Then we heard a low humming noise and the screen went black. "The battery is dead and I don't have the charger," he said with disappointment. Even with all its capabilities, the most important item of equipment needed was a simple battery charger.

In the scripture above Jesus described himself as troubled; but he was aware of the purpose of that hour and the sacrifice he would make for all of humanity. God proclaimed to all that Jesus would be glorified. A troubled Jesus and those with him needed God's words at that moment. They

needed strength.

Sometimes, like my friend's phone, we need to be recharged. Even the strongest of saints needs encouragement. We get caught up in life's challenges and stress. Our souls become troubled. That's when we can turn to God for encouragement and strength. Perhaps God speaks to us through a kind word from a friend or maybe God recharges our hearts through prayer and Bible study. When life feels draining and the next step is a mystery, we can seek the recharging power of a God whose love for us is immeasurable and unending.

Steve Burns (Arkansas, USA)

Prayer

Dear God, remind us to look to you for revitalization. Amen.

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Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
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Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
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Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
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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 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
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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.

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Rev. Timothy Askey
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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
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Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
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Rev David Ramos, Pastor
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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
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Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
English - 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
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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
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
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Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Childress Cotton Conference: Expect more of the same

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By Southwest Farm Press
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To get a good idea of what the 2017 cotton market is likely to offer, try to recall what it offered in 2016, says John Robinson, professor and Extension economist, cotton marketing, at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, College Station.

"What we've had is what we're going to get more of," he said at the recent Red River Crops Conference at Childress, Texas. The world cotton supply is shrinking, he says. "We're making progress, we're whittling down supplies—but we have a long way to go."

The \$2 cotton run-up in 2010 "distorted the market, and China kept it distorted" by buying and storing a lot of that high-priced cotton, while continuing to support internal cotton prices at \$1.40 to \$1.50 per pound.

"Cotton production for 2016 was down, and that was good," Robinson says, "but demand is still slow. Most of our cotton is exported, and becomes apparel or home furnishings. People buy cotton products when the economy is good."

The world economy has improved some, but "flat, slow growth remained in 2016 and will continue." He wonders about The Trump effect. "We see some optimism with a business-friendly administration. If he cuts taxes, we

assume consumers will have more money in their pockets, and we hope they go buy clothes. But prospects of tax cuts come with a lot of ifs."

Spending on infrastructure is another of President Trump's campaign pledges, Robinson notes. "That sounds like deficit spending—but in periods of deficit spending, commodity markets perform better. There are still a lot of ifs." A big one: "Can Trump get his programs through Congress?"

The 2016 cotton market was not all flat, he points out. "We saw some summer rallies. We saw some expansion of demand, and cotton reached 70 cents. It's still selling."

In prior short-term rallies, he says, cotton would bump up and mills would quit buying. The price would fall and they would start buying again. "We are seeing a shift in demand—but not much."

U.S. quality has been a factor, he says. "Mills have been buying quality, and the U.S. has the best quality cotton in the world. We had an excellent crop and a good harvest season in West Texas—good yields and good quality, including color and strength. Exports are up because of quality."

A puzzling decision by a major competitor also offered an opportunity for U.S. cotton, Robinson says. "There is no love lost between India and Pakistan, and for some reason India cut off cotton exports to Pakistan. The U.S. exploited that opportunity."

India also took a "huge chunk of cash out of circulation, leaving gins without cash and no way to pay for cotton. The economy ground to a halt. Will that disruption continue? I doubt it."

Another aspect of The Trump Effect may factor into the cotton market, he says. "During the campaign, we heard a lot of saber rattling over trade issues with China and Mexico—both important to U.S. cotton exports. We hope cotton doesn't get caught up in a trade war. If that happens, it will not be until next year, but it is something to watch. We have strong exports now, but I'm not sure that will continue."

China may offer a bit of a bright spot, for a change, Robinson says. "They had a 60 million bale surplus, bought at high prices. That situation is being resolved." China made something of a half-hearted attempt in 2015 to auction off some of that surplus cotton, but priced it too high and with little transparency in timing the sales. No one bought it.

In 2016, they changed tactics, set up more specific auction dates, and offered the cotton at more reasonable prices. "They sold 12 million bales out of 60 million," he says, "That's a lot of cotton, and the market didn't tank. Instead, it actually went up. I was surprised."

He thinks China will follow that same strategy again this year, a transparent auction to move more of the surplus.

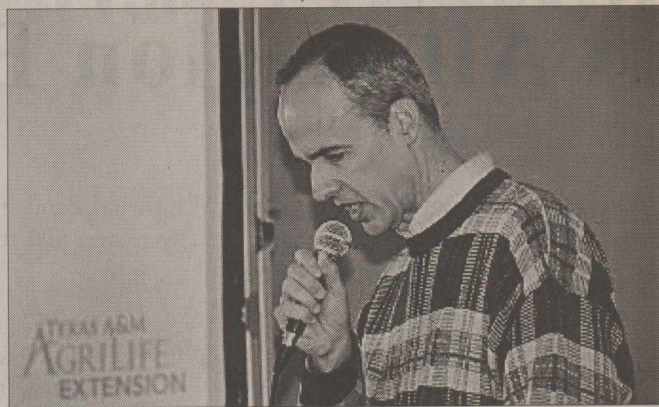
Other factors affect cotton prices, he notes. "The strong dollar is a headwind in the cotton market. It makes it more costly for foreign mills to buy U.S. cotton. It was that way last year, and it may continue. It's a headwind, but it's not a market killer."

Speculative buying also affects cotton prices, and is currently propping up the market, Robinson says. "Speculators are buying record high positions, about 1 million bales of futures contracts. But they can get in and out of the market in a hurry. Speculators gave us our highest prices last year in July and August, when cotton went to 78 cents." They can also tank the market if they get out suddenly.

Robinson thinks 2017, like 2016, could be a weather market. Some areas are currently dry as planting season nears. "I expect a hot Texas summer and increased cotton acreage—that gives us a good opportunity for a weather market, and speculators will be watching it."

Mill fixations could move the market this spring, he says. In April and May, market buying could result in short-term higher prices. "That could pull up old crop prices, and maybe December cotton. But be prepared to act quickly. Be nimble—the effect will not last long."

Overall, Robinson expects the supply/demand situation for 2017 cotton to be much the same as 2016. He anticipates 11.5 million acres planted,



Texas AgriLife Extension economist John Robinson discusses the cotton market at the Red River Crops Conference.

with a 20 million bale supply, and 5 million bales in ending stocks. With those numbers, he says, price should hold around 65 cents to 69 cents. "If yields are higher—up to 800 pounds per acre average—we could add 1 million bales easily, and prices could go down. Conversely, we could make a short crop and see price go the other way."

"But I expect more of the same for 2017, with prices ranging from the low 60s to the high 70s. It could go to 80 cents, but if it does it won't stay there. If it goes to 75 cents, it won't stay long. The slow demand won't sustain those prices."

Polyester is too cheap for cotton to maintain a higher price, he says. "At 75 cents, with polyester in the mix, we won't see many buyers. I do expect a range of 63 cents to 78 cents. But in-season volatility remains possible, spurred by politics of trade, weather,

China's supply, and the strong dollar."

He suggests looking for pricing opportunities and using forward contracts—especially if basis is favorable—to lock in "some fraction of the average production history yield. During price rallies, shop for put options or put spreads," tools he says that are relatively cheap—a few cents per pound.

Growers should also take time to study the many options available with multi-peril crop insurance, Robinson says. "It's a complicated process, and it's hard to know what's best, but producers need to take time to sit down with insurance agents." And he noted, "they don't have much time" to do that.

Another possibility is to work with a crop insurance decision tool available through the Texas A&M Ag Food and Policy Center (<https://decisionaid.afpc.tamu.edu/>).

USDA Farm Service Agency Expands Bridges to Opportunity Nationwide

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced the expansion of a unique service for farmers and ranchers. FSA's Bridges to Opportunity program provides a one-stop-shop that connects producers with resources, programs and educational services offered across the department, as well as from other USDA partner organizations. Bridges to Opportunity, which currently provides enhanced customer support to more than 150,000 customers in 20 states, will expand to serve customers across the country before the end of the month using fiscal year 2016 funds.

"By partnering with numerous local, state, regional and national agricultural organizations, FSA employees now can provide farmers and ranchers with comprehensive information about resources, grants, courses, events and activities provided throughout USDA and from external partner organizations," said FSA Administrator Val Dolcini. "Bridges to Opportunity is another example of how USDA is working to recon-

nect people to their government and provide enhanced services to farmers and ranchers, who, in turn, provide our nation and the world with safe, affordable and reliable food, fuel and fiber."

FSA's presence in over 2,100 county offices, in nearly every rural county, puts the agency in a unique position to partner with non-governmental organizations to reach thousands of agricultural producers who can benefit from the programs and services. Bridges to Opportunity allows FSA employees to search and obtain a list of all local, state, regional and national organizations that may be able assist local producers with their specific need. For example, FSA's Houston County office in Texas partnered with many agricultural organizations to serve producers affected by severe drought. When drought-stricken agricultural producers came to the county office looking for assistance, FSA employees were able to provide traditional services, such as the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency loan program administered by FSA, as well as connect local farmers with local, regional, and

national organizations that provide drought assistance and education.

Bridges to Opportunity was developed by FSA to provide producers with a more comprehensive customer service experience by connecting them with other USDA agencies and non-federal partners. Through Bridges to Opportunity, FSA county office employees have the tools to connect farmers, ranchers and anyone interested in agriculture with customized expertise on topics ranging including organic production, beginning farmer resources, integrated pest management, disaster assistance, conservation practices, agricultural educational courses, loans, grants and other financial assistance that can start, grow or benefit farming and ranching operations.

"Bridges to Opportunity embodies FSA's modernized approach to customer service. By providing a broader array of resources than FSA or USDA alone, FSA is bringing farmers and ranchers one step closer to achieving their version of the American Dream," said Dolcini.

For more information about Bridges to Opportunity, please contact your

local FSA county office. To locate your FSA county office, please see <https://offices.usda.gov>.

Over the past eight years, USDA has taken big, bold steps to forge a new era for civil rights and ensure all Americans who come to USDA for help are treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Through coordinated outreach and consistent engagement, USDA is forming new partnerships in diverse communities and regaining trust where it was once lost. Learn more about our progress during the Obama Administration to increase access to opportunity for all Americans, and to create a more equal and inclusive USDA in chapter 8 of our yearlong results project: The People's Department: A New Era for Civil Rights at USDA.

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Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of all of Hale and Swisher counties and portions of Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, and Floyd counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 9, 2017. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Texas Drilling Permits and Completions Statistics for December 2016

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) issued a total of 1,009 original drilling permits in December 2016 compared to 727 in December 2015. The December total included 909 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, 17 to re-enter plugged well bores and 83 for re-completions of existing well bores. The breakdown of well types for those permits issued December 2016 included 267 oil, 57 gas, 612 oil or gas, 62 injection, zero service and 11 other permits.

In December 2016, Commission staff processed 430 oil, 93 gas, 20 injection and two other completions com-

pared to 788 oil, 151 gas, 53 injection and one other completions in December 2015. Total well completions for 2016 are 10,468; down from 19,503 recorded in 2015.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of January 6 was 327, representing about 49 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

For additional drilling permit and completion statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/well-information/monthly-drilling-completion-and-plugging-summaries/>.

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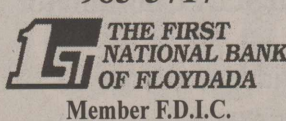
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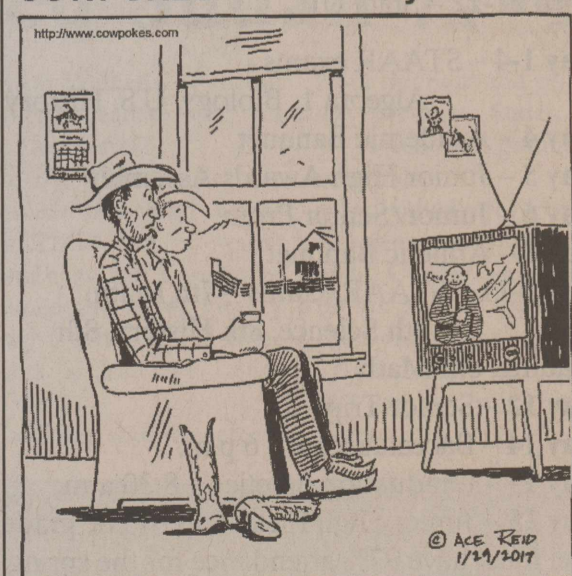


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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

FHS Qualifies 14 at All-Region Band

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On January 14, Floydada High School Whirlwind Band students auditioned at the High School All-Region Band competition. There were over 500 students that auditioned for this band and Floydada had 16 students qualify.

Joe Johnston - Flute
Allison Muniz - Flute
Cassandra Cervera - Clarinet
Donald Gibbens - Clarinet
Alyssa Vega - Clarinet
Kailee Jackson - Bass Clarinet
Lewis Alaniz - Contra Bass Clarinet
James Gibbens - Tenor Sax

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Esteban Lerma - Trombone
CJ Coronado - Baritone
Tyson Snell - Tuba

4-H Shooting Sports Project Information

By Cristen Brooks
CEA-AG/NR, Floyd County

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You may have heard of "shooting sports" here in Floyd County but have been asking yourself "What is that?" or "How do I get my kids involved?"

Shooting Sports is our largest 4-H project in the county and is growing rapidly each year. Kids from 3rd grade to 12th grade can participate in various disciplines, including rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery, muzzle loading, and hunting and wildlife. Practices are held at the Floyd County Unity Center nearly all year long, with the spring

being our busiest time with practices often held weekly. We are even getting a new building addition at the Unity Center that will be dedicated to shooting sports and should be ready to shoot in very soon. We have a number of wonderful certified shooting sports coaches that teach all of our practices. Contests for all the disciplines are held at the district and state level as well to provide kids with the opportunity to compete if they would like to. However, competing in contests is not a requirement, you are more than welcome to come out and just learn and have fun!

So how do you get your kids involved? Shooting sports is a 4-H project, so it falls under the umbrella

of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension system. Our office is located in Floydada at 110 South Wall Street, on the southeast corner of the courthouse. All that is required is for you to come by our office and sign your kids up in 4-H! Then you will start receiving newsletters and information about all things shooting sports in Floyd County. The cost to enroll in 4-H is \$25 for the year, with a small additional fee for each discipline they choose to participate in.

If you would like to know more information about this or any other project please call the Floyd County Extension Office at 806-983-4912 and we would be glad to answer any questions.

Lady Winds fall to Abernathy

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ABERNATHY - Floydada got off to a slow start in the first half and could not comeback as the Abernathy Lady Lopes cruised to a 63-41 District 4-2A victory on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The Lady Lopes jumped out to a 19-8 lead in the first quarter. The Lady Winds were led by Valerie Espinosa with four points.

Abernathy stretched their lead in the second quarter, outscoring Floydada 10-6 to take a 29-14 lead into half time. Kaylee Morren

paced Floydada with four points.

In the third quarter, the Lady Winds fought back but Abernathy paced the way with a 14-13 quarter to take a 43-27. Morren added eight points in the quarter.

The Lady Lopes closed out the game with a 20-14 run in the fourth quarter to give them the 63-41 victory. Brooke Galvan scored six points for the Lady Winds in the quarter.

The Lady Winds shot 34 percent from the field while gathering in 29 rebounds. The Lady Lopes shot 32 percent while grabbing 50 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Morren scored 14 points, Galvan scored 11, Valerie Espinosa added eight points, Kylie Ricketts, Brooklyn Smith, Selena Espinosa and Hannah Morales each had two points.

Individually for Abernathy, Bailey Houston had 15 points, Lauren Akers had 11 points, Madelyn Turner added eight points, Cheyenne Shadden and Kalli Dubose added six each, Darby Havens had five points, Wrye Akers had four points, Micheala McClenney and Samantha Richerson each had three points and Samantha Sullivan added two points.

Lady Winds stumble against Post

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

POST - Post dominated the second and third quarters to claim a 53-40 District 4-2A victory over the Floydada Lady Winds on Friday, Jan. 27.

The Lady Winds jumped out to a 16-12 first quarter lead behind eight points from Brooke Galvan.

In the second quarter, the Lady Lopes outscored Floydada 17-7 to take a 29-23 half-time lead. Kaylee Morren score

four points to lead the Lady Winds.

After the break, Post outscored the Lady Winds 13-7 to extend their lead to 42-30 after three quarters. Brooklyn Smith led Floydada with three points.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Lopes outscored Floydada 11-10 to take the 53-40 victory. Valerie Espinosa paced the Lady Winds with three points.

Floydada only shot 24 percent from the field and grabbed

40 rebounds. Post shot 41 percent and grabbed 39 rebounds

Individually for Floydada, Galvan and Morren led the way with 10 points each, Kylie Ricketts added six points, Smith and Brittney Pena had four points each and Selene Espinosa and Valerie Espinosa each added three points each.

Individually for Post, Brooklyn Courtney had 18 points, Shailey Miller had 11 points, Kelby Tidwell scored eight points, Daisha Greathouse, Leslie Gill and Baylea Pittman each had four points and Miranda Perez had three points.

As of Jan. 27 with three district games to play, Abernathy is 7-0, Post and New Deal are 5-2 each, Floydada is 2-5, Crosbyton and Ralls are 1-6 each. Abernathy, Post and New Deal have clinched three of the four playoff spots.

The Lady Winds were scheduled to play Crosbyton on Jan. 31, then they are at New Deal on Feb. 3 and end the season hosting Ralls on Feb. 7 for Senior Night.

Whirlwinds fall in overtime to Abernathy

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ABERNATHY - Floydada and Abernathy battled to a 52-52 tie in regulation before the Antelopes held off the Whirlwinds 9-2 in overtime to claim the 61-54 District 4-2A victory on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The Antelopes jumped out to a 19-13 lead after the first quarter. After an 11-0 run by Abernathy to start the game, Garrett Hobbs led the Whirlwinds on an 13-8 run with 11 points.

In the second quarter, Floydada outscored Post 19-14, trailing by

one-point 33-32 at halftime. Jesse Segura pace the Winds with 10 points in the quarter.

Floydada forced a 44-44 tie after the third quarter by outscoring Post 12-11 in the quarter. Remington Ricketts led the way with eight points in the quarter.

Each team scored eight points in the fourth quarter to make it 52-52 after regulation. Ricketts and Hobbs scored three points each with Ricketts hitting the tying free throw late in the game to send it to overtime after Abernathy missed a shot at the buzzer.

In overtime, the Antelopes outscored Floydada 9-2 to take

the 61-54 victory. Abraham Perez scored the Winds only two points.

Floydada shot 40 percent from the field and grabbed 38 rebounds. Abernathy shot 33 percent and grabbed 39 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Hobbs scored 19 points, Ricketts scored 13 points, Segura scored 12 points and Perez scored 10 points.

Individually for Abernathy, Bryson Daily scored 27 points, Kole Kurklin added 15, Miles Keith scored 10 points, Xavier Rivera added four points, Gus Diver scored three points and Joseph Sanchez scored two points.

Floydada fall short to Post

By Charles Keaton
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POST - Post jumped out to a six-point lead after the first quarter and held on to defeat Floydada 40-33 in a District 4-2A contest on Friday, Jan. 27.

The Antelopes outscored the Whirlwinds in the first quarter 16-10. Post used an 11-0 run to stretch the lead to 16-5 after the score had been tied twice, at 3-3 and 5-5. The Winds closed out the quarter on a 5-0 run. Remington Ricketts paced Floydada with seven points.

The Whirlwinds and Antelopes each scored eight points in the second quarter as the Antelopes went to halftime with a 24-18 lead. Ricketts led the Winds with six points in

the quarter.

Floydada outscored Post 10-8 in the third quarter but the Antelopes still held the lead at 32-28. Abraham Perez led the Winds with four points in the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Post outscored Floydada 8-5 to seal the 40-33 victory. Jesse Segura scored three points in the quarter for the Winds.

Floydada shot 24 percent from the field and grabbed 41 rebounds. Post shot 40 percent from the field and grabbed 32 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Ricketts scored 15 points, Garrett Hobbs scored seven points, Segura and Perez scored five points each and Brayden Campbell scored one point.

Individually for Post, Aric Garcia scored 11 points, Chance Courtney scored nine points, AJ Reed scored eight points, Deelan Reed scored six points and Jeremiah Martin, Damian Garcia and Mike Pherguson each scored two points.

Standings after Friday, Jan. 27 are New Deal, 5-0, Post, 4-1, Abernathy, 3-2, Floydada, 2-3, Ralls, 1-4 and Crosbyton 0-5 with five district games remaining.

Floydada was scheduled to host Crosbyton on Jan. 31 and will travel to New Deal on Feb. 2. They have home games left against Ralls on Feb. 7, Abernathy on Feb. 10 and Post on Feb. 14. Senior night is Feb. 7 for the Winds and Lady Winds.

FLOYDADA ISD SPRING SEMESTER IMPORTANT DATES

February 8 - National Signing Day for Seniors
February 20 - No School

March 13-17 - Spring Break
March 28 - STAAR exams - 7th Writing, 8th Math, 9th ELA
March 29 - STAAR exam - 8th Reading
March 30 - ELA II - STAAR exam

April 7 & 8 - UIL Regionals
April 17-18 - Tennis Regionals
April 18 - UIL Band
April 21-22 - State UIL

May 1-4 - STAAR exams - Algebra 1, Biology, U.S. History

May 4 - Academic Banquet
May 5 - Junior High Awards Assembly
May 6 - Junior/Senior Prom
May 8 - Athletic Banquet
May 8-11 - STAAR exams - 7th Math, 8th Science, 8th History, 8th Reading, 8th Math
May 12 - Senior Trip
May 14 - Baccalaureate - 6 p.m.
May 15 - Graduation practice - 8:30 a.m.
May 15 - Junior High Field Trip - (The grade level must have 97% attendance for the spring semester)
May 18 - Graduation - 6 p.m.
June 19 - STAAR Retest, ELA, U.S. History

FLOYDADA ISD PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MEETING

February 7, 2017

2 p.m. at the
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Norma Hernandez, Head Start Coordinator

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 6 - February 10

Monday
Breakfast - Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti w/meatball and breadsticks, chicken corn dog, buttered peas
fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast - Cocoa Puffs cereal, graham cracker, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Popcorn chicken potato bowl w/roll, pepperoni pizza, steamed baby carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast - Potato & Cheese breakfast burrito, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Savory meatballs sub, cheeseburger, peppered corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday
Breakfast - Cinnamon bun, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken taco w/rice, cheese pizza, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday
Breakfast - Sausage cheese pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Beef fingers w/roll, chicken sandwich, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk



LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns fall short against Farwell

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Farwell limited the Lockney Longhorns to five points in the third quarter to break open the Jan. 17 game and score a 76-55 District 3-2A victory.

The Steers held a 19-18 lead after the first quarter. Jaden Butler led the Longhorns with four points.

In the second quarter, Farwell outscored Lockney 15-10 to take a 34-28 lead into half time. Jonathan Rodriguez led Lockney with four points in the quarter.

After halftime, the Steers defense shut Lockney down as Farwell outscored the Longhorns 18-5 in the quarter. Chris Emert scored three points in the quarter to lead Lockney.

In the fourth quarter, Farwell outscored Lockney 24-22 to claim the 76-55 victory. Rodriguez and Jaden Rosales led the Longhorns with five points each.

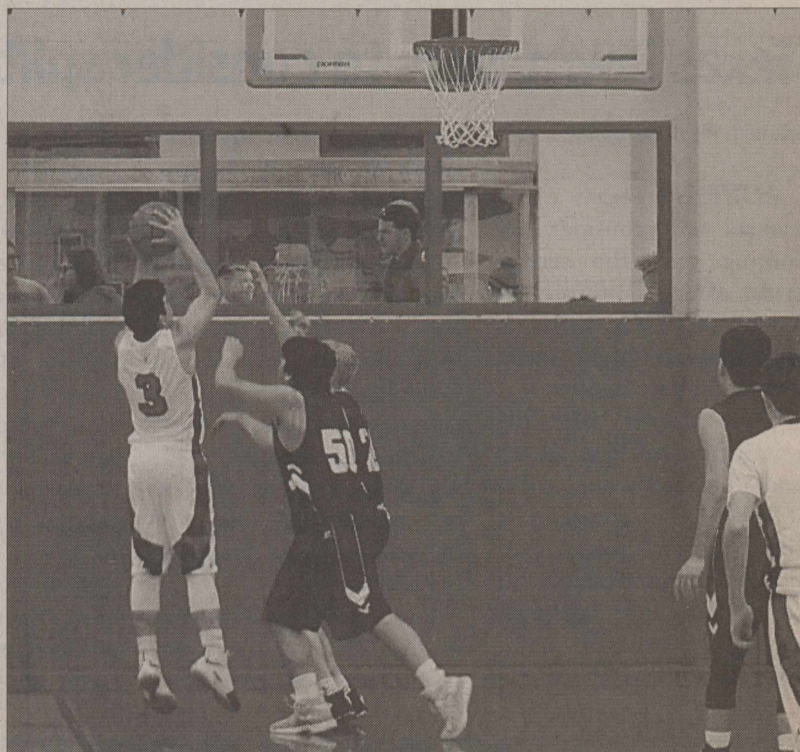
Lockney shot 34 percent from the field and grabbed 39 rebounds. Farwell shot 49 percent and grabbed 33 rebounds.

Individually for Lockney, Rodriguez scored 13 and Rosales scored 12 to lead the Longhorns.

Individually for Farwell, #24 scored 27 points, #10 scored 22 points and #23 scored 11 points.

Courtesy Photos

Lockney hosted Farwell in a battle for first place on Jan. 17. The Steers claimed the 76-55 victory. The two teams square off again in Farwell on Friday, Feb. 3.



Lockney holds off Bovina Longhorns outlast the Mustangs

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney held off the Bovina Mustangs behind 23 points from Jaden Rosales and 20 points from Chris Emert to claim a 72-61 District 3-2A on Friday, Jan. 27.

The Longhorns jumped out to a 21-17 lead after the first quarter. Emert led the Longhorns with eight points in the quarter.

In the second quarter, Lockney extended their lead by outscoring Bovina 19-16 to take a 40-33 lead at halftime. Rosales scored eight points to lead the Longhorns.

After halftime, Lock-

ney added to their lead by outscoring the Mustangs 15-12 to take a 55-45 lead after three quarters. Jaden Butler scored seven points to pace the Longhorns in the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Lockney outscored Bovina 17-16 to claim the 72-61 victory. Rosales scored seven points to lead Lockney.

Lockney shot 37 percent from the field and hauled in 50 rebounds. Bovina shot 36 percent and grabbed 43 rebounds.

Individually for Lockney, Rosales scored 23 points, Emert scored 20 points, Butler scored 15 points, Jonathan Rodriguez scored 12 points, Israel Cuellar

scored two points and Tavien Walrath scored one point.

Individually for Bovina, #1 and #13 scored 16 points each and #10 added 11 points to lead the Mustangs.

After Friday, Jan. 27, with five games remaining, the District 3-2A standings were Farwell 5-0, Lockney 4-1, Olton 3-2, Bovina 2-3, Hale Center 1-4 and Sudan 0-5.

Lockney was scheduled to host Hale Center on Tuesday, Jan. 31, then travel to Farwell, Friday, Feb. 3. They also host Sudan on Feb. 7 and Olton Feb. 10 before traveling to Bovina on Feb. 14 to close out the regular season.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

OLTON – Lockney took a 13-point into the fourth quarter and held on to defeat the Olton Mustangs 58-52 in a District 3-2A contest on Tuesday, Jan. 24 behind 24 points from Jaden Rosales and 20 points from Chris Emert.

Lockney and Olton battled to a tie at 16-16 after the first quarter. Emert scored 11 points to pace the Longhorns.

In the second quarter, the Longhorns outscored

Olton 16-8 to take a 32-24 lead into the locker room. Rosales scored 10 points to lead the Longhorns.

Lockney outscored Olton 14-9 in the third quarter to take a 13-point, 46-33 lead into the final quarter. Jaden Butler led the Longhorns with six points in the quarter.

Olton outscored Lockney 19-12 in the final quarter but it wasn't enough as the Longhorns claimed the 58-52 victory. Rosales scored five points to lead the Longhorns.

Lockney shot 35 percent

from the field and grabbed 38 rebounds. Olton shot 28 percent from the field and grabbed 50 rebounds.

Individually for Lockney, Rosales scored 24 points, Emert scored 20 points, Butler scored nine points, Trevor Ascensio and Israel Cuellar scored two points each and Jonathan Rodriguez scored one point.

Individually for Olton, #15 scored 16 points and #10 scored 13 points to lead the scoring for the Mustangs.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

February 6 – February 10

Monday

Breakfast – Sausage Kolache, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Country Fried Steak or Longhorn Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Roll, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Breakfast – Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Meat and Cheese Tostadas or Enchiladas, Cucumbers, Refried Beans, Garnish, Salsa, Rosy Applesauce, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Spaghetti or Pizza Choice, Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Orange Smiles, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 9

Breakfast – Waffles, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Soft Tacos or Frito Pie, Baby Carrots, Corn, Salsa, Garnish, Sliced Peaches, Milk

Friday, Feb. 10

Breakfast – Cinnamon Roll, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Strips or Hamburger with Cheese, Coleslaw, Sweet Potato Fries, Apple Slices, Milk

Lockney dominated Sudan 77-41

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

SUDAN – Lockney limited the Sudan Hornets to 20 points in the first three quarters as they cruised to a 77-41 victory on Jan. 20 in a District 3-2A contest.

Lockney jumped out to a 22-4 lead in the first quarter behind five points from

Kevin Lopez.

In the second quarter, the Longhorns outpaced the Hornets 32-8 to take a 54-12 lead into half time. Jaden Rosales scored the Longhorns first five points in the quarter to lead the way.

Lockney outscored Sudan 13-8 in the third quarter to extend their lead to 67-20.

Bryson Walker scored four points to lead the way for the Longhorns.

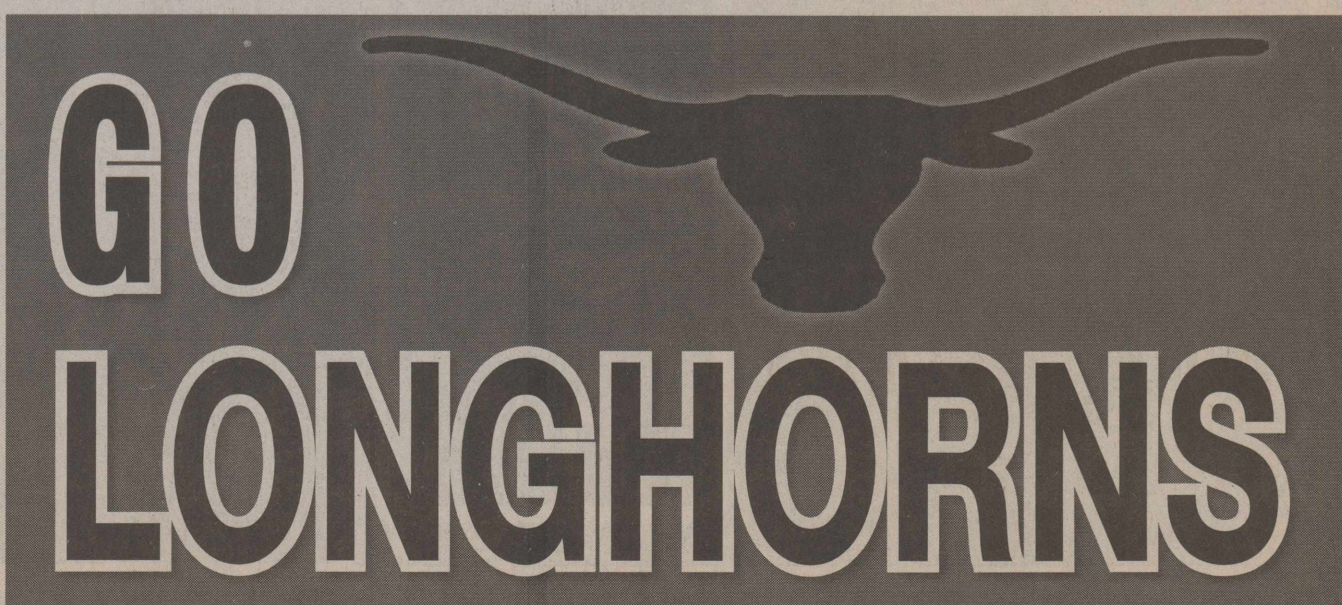
In the third quarter, the Hornets outscored Lockney 21-10 but it wasn't enough as the Longhorns claimed the 77-41 victory. Israel Cuellar scored three points to lead the Longhorns.

Lockney shot 44 percent

from the field and grabbed 49 rebounds. Sudan shot 40 percent and grabbed 22 rebounds.

Individually for Lockney, Rosales scored 12 points and Cuellar scored 10 points to lead the way for the Longhorns.

Individually for Sudan, #21 led the way with 11 points.



Spaces available for SPC's Certified Nurse Aide class

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – For anyone interested in participating in the next Certified Nurse Aide course at South Plains College, there are a few spaces still available. The class will meet from Jan. 30 to March 1 in Room 120 of the Technical Arts building.

Enrollment is limited to

10 students.

The cost is \$500 for the course and \$57 for the textbook. Clinicals will be arranged.

For the first week (Jan. 30-Feb. 3), the class will meet from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The next three weeks, the class will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Clinicals will meet

on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fifth week, clinicals will meet Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class will meet on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR since 1981, Tetanus no older than 8 years, Hepatitis B Series, and have a current negative TB

test no older than 1 year, photo identification, and social security card prior to enrollment. A criminal background check will be performed for all students.

For more information and to register, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant for the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341.

Texas Oil and Gas Production Statistics for November 2016

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN -- Production for November 2016 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) is 72,322,284 barrels of crude oil and 571,259,135 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells. These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received. Production reported to the Commission for November 2015, was: 70,969,209 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 87,022,508 barrels; and 596,523,139 mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 710,454,789 mcf.

The Commission reports that from December 2015 to November 2016, total Texas reported production was 982 million barrels of crude oil and 8.0 trillion cu-

bic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the Commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the Commission.

Texas preliminary November 2016 crude oil production averaged 2,410,743 barrels daily, compared to the 2,365,640 barrels daily average of November 2015.

Texas preliminary November 2016 total gas production averaged 19,041,971 mcf a day, compared to the 19,884,105 mcf daily average of November 2015.

Texas production in November 2016 came from 181,475 oil wells and 92,930 gas wells.

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/production-data/texas-monthly-oil-gas-production/>.

South Plains College announces Tai Chi Chih orientation class on Feb. 20

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – T'ai Chi Chih, a western style of movement that improves health and well-being, will be offered in February at South Plains College. This class involves slow, continuous, circular movements to stimulate inner en-

ergy flow. These movements also can increase flexibility and balance and the movement can be performed standing or sitting.

The class will meet for eight weeks at 6:15 p.m. on Mondays in Room 113 in the Physical Education Complex. The cost is \$50, and the first class is free

to introduce Tai Chi Chih to interested patrons. Registration will be accepted through the first night of the class.

T'ai Chi Chih is easy to learn and do and appropriate for any age group, especially seniors.

With more than 13 years of teaching experience, Cin-

dy Dunn instructs children, young adults and senior citizens on the art of Tai Chi Chih. She also teaches seated Tai Chi Chih at rehabilitation facilities.

For more information, contact Dee Dee Odorizzi, director of the Fitness Center, at (806) 716-2236.

Texas lawmakers to consider split lanes for motorcycles

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—Texas lawmakers will consider becoming only the second state, after California, to allow motorcycle riders to split lanes in heavy traffic under certain conditions.

Texas Senate Bill 228 was introduced last month and if passed would make it legal for motorcycles to ride between lanes of traffic on limited-access or controlled-access highways during periods of traffic congestion at a speed not

more than 5 mph above the speed of other traffic, and only if that traffic is moving at 20 mph or less.

Lane-splitting, which was a long-standing but legally-ambiguous practice in California until it was made legal there in 2016, is common in Europe where motorcycles typically "filter" to the front of the line at intersections and ride between lanes of traffic in crowded cities.

Lane-splitting advocates in the U.S. cite the safety of the practice overseas as

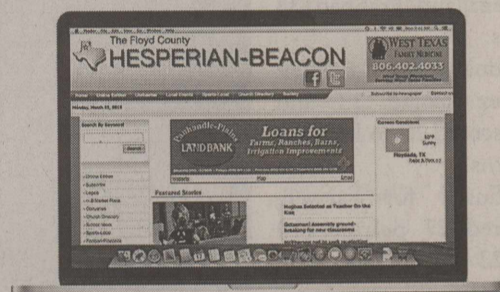
well as its effect on reducing traffic congestion.

In addition to the usual arguments that lane splitting reduces traffic jams and is safer for motorcycle riders, who are sometimes the victims of inattentive car drivers plowing into them from behind as traffic slows, some Texas lane-splitting advocates advanced the additional argument that motorcycles, especially those with air-cooled engines, can be damaged by lengthy periods of slow moving in heavy traffic in the severe Texas

heat, and that their riders are also in danger of dehydration and heat stroke.

The merits of the bill, however, might not enter into whether or not it's approved as only 20.4 percent of the 6,276 bills filed became law in the last sessions. So while lane-splitting might be a good idea for Texas, the bill legalizing it will have to compete for time and attention with potentially thousands of other bills on the state senate floor before getting final approval.

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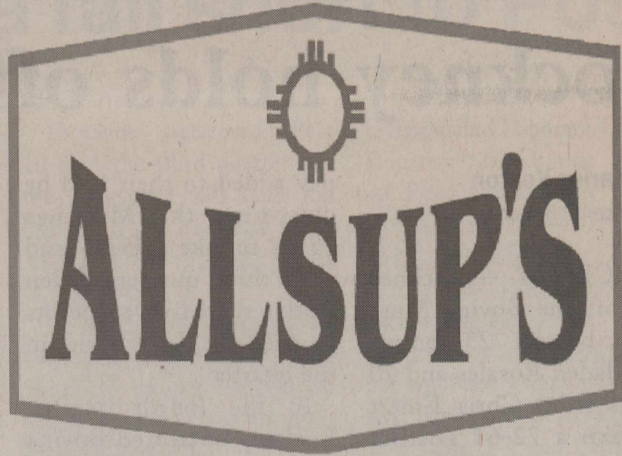


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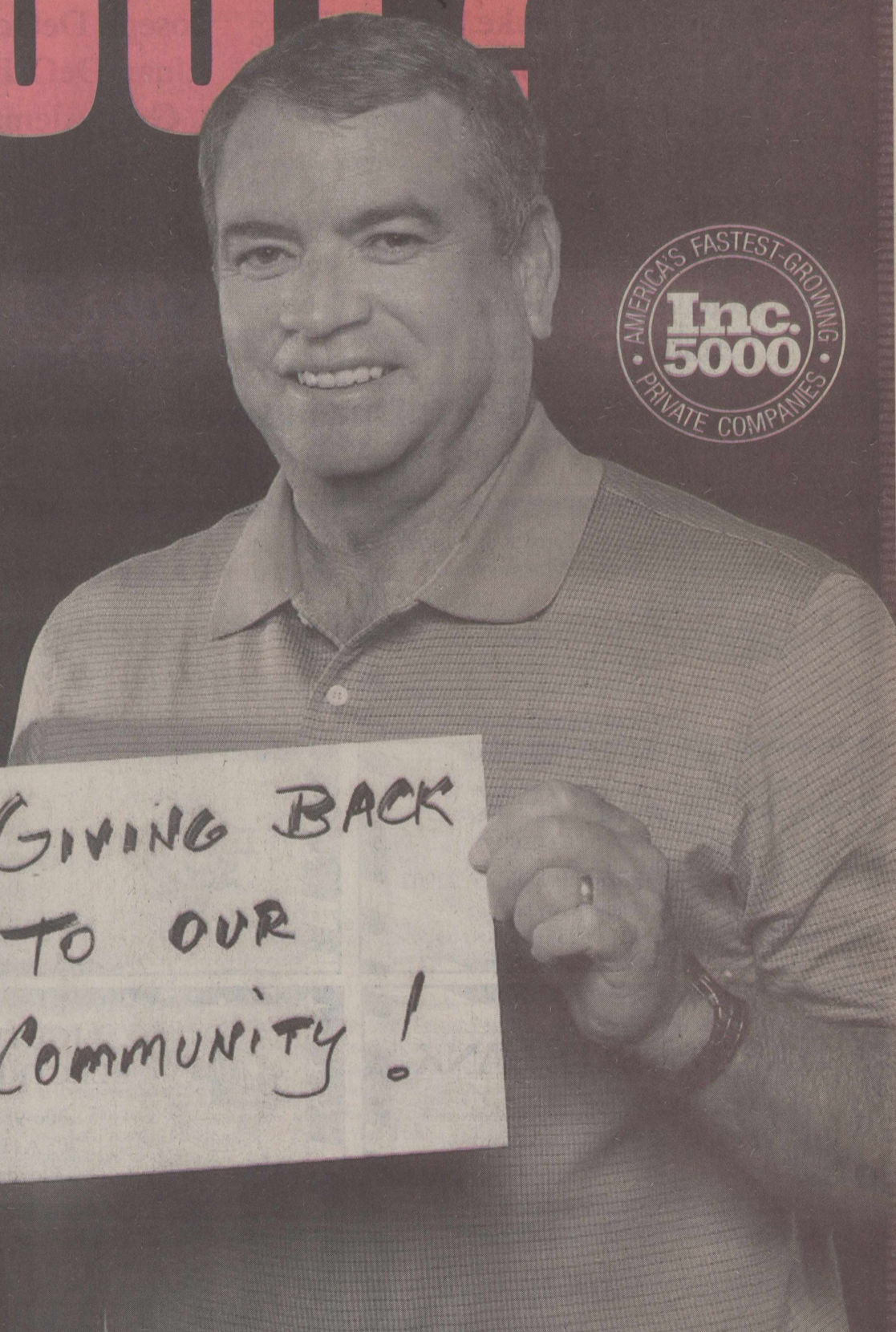
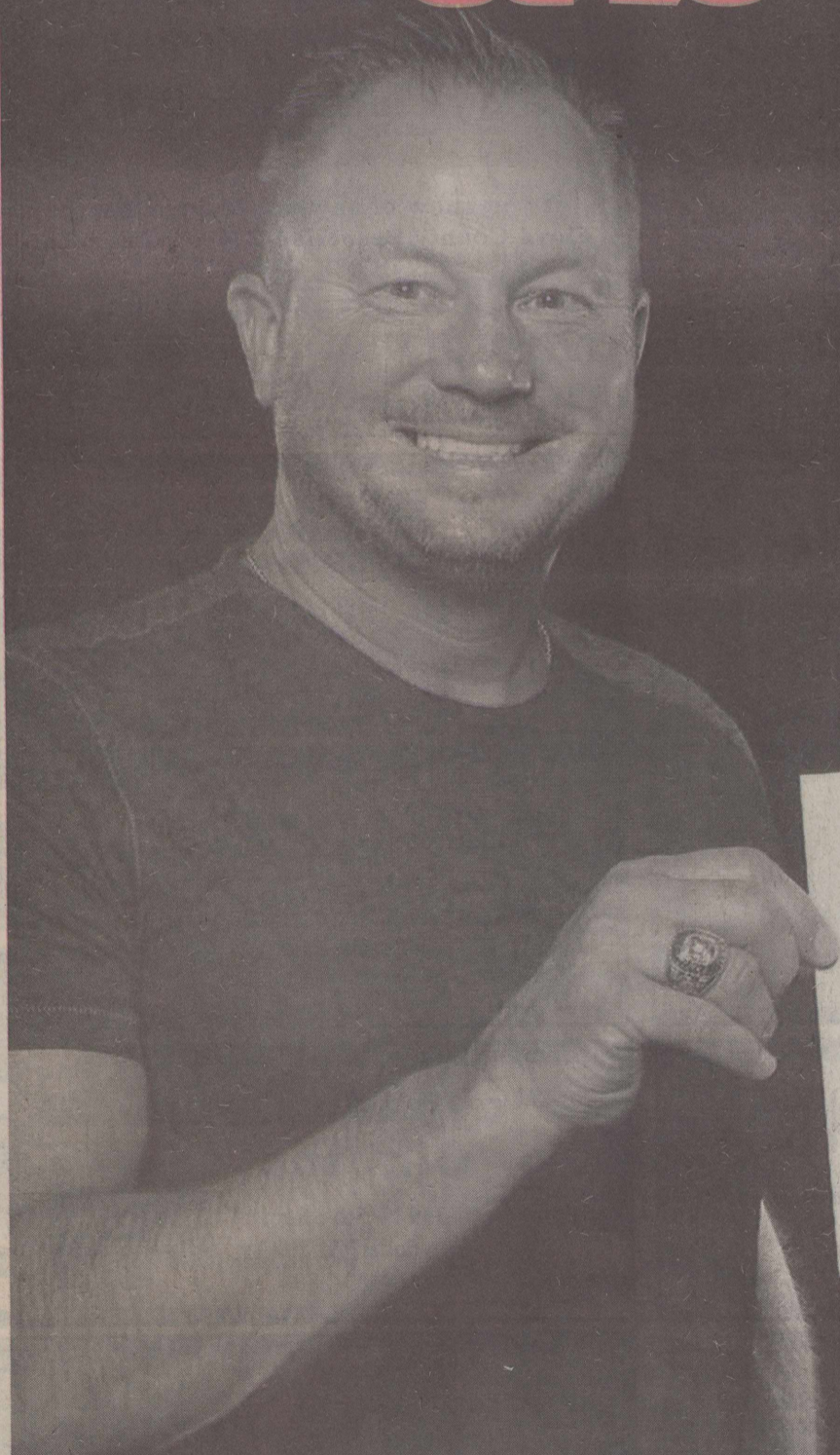
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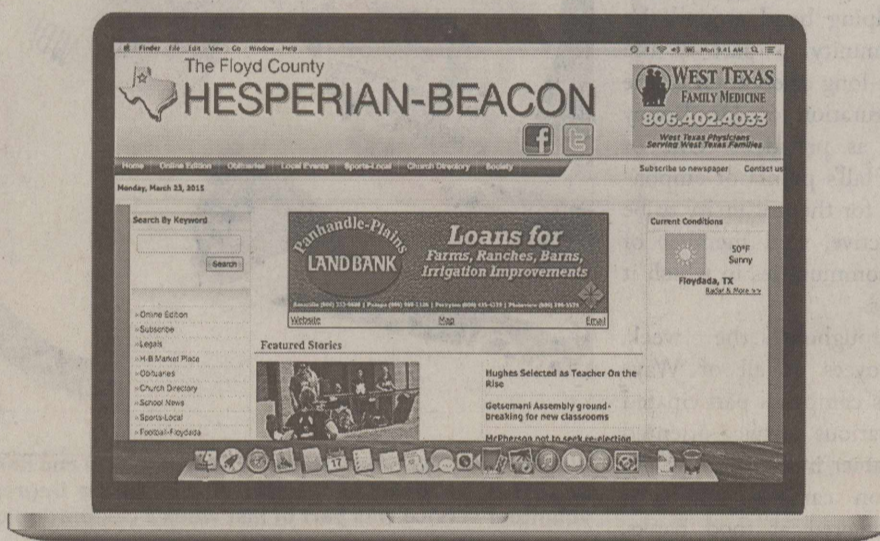
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COOKIES

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and had a blast! We did everything from hiking, learning how to fish, campfire safety, and of, course roasted hot dogs and s'mores. None of the other girls, except for mine and the other troops leader's, had ever been camping - so it was amazing to get to be with them and teach them all the ins and outs," Gallaty said.

"This year, if we make our goal, our girls would love to attend Girl Scout camp and go to the Carlsbad Caverns," she added.

All net revenue raised by cookies sold - 100 percent of it - stays with the local council and troops. Today, nearly 1 million Girl Scouts nationwide participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, generating nearly \$800 million cookie sales during the average season.

2017 celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first known sale of cookies by Girl Scouts. Well before Girl Scout Cookies were produced by licensed bakers to sell nationally, Girl Scouts baked and sold cookies on their own. Records show that the first known sale of cookies by Girl Scouts occurred in 1917, when the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma, baked cookies and sold them in its high school cafeteria as a service project. The Cookie Program has developed and evolved, teaching girls age 5-18 essential business skills, including goal setting, decision making, business ethics, people skills and money management.

The Girl Scouts are celebrating the 100th Anniversary with the introduction



Helping to sell cookies: Left to right: Hannah, Reagan, Alea, Emma, Hazel (Troop 6210)

of the brand new S'mores cookie. The new S'mores cookie is an updated version of the classic campfire snack. It's a crispy graham cookie, double-dipped in

crème icing and covered with a chocolatey coating. Floyd County area residents can experience all the flavor of this fireside favorite without the sticky mess.

Remember - cookies can only be purchased through a Girl Scout! To find Girl Scout cookies, go to www.girlscoutcookies.org and enter your zip code to find a booth near you.

You can also talk to your local Girl Scout about how you can order cookies on-line through COCO direct and have them shipped directly to customers.

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The Conference is a joint project of the Crosby and Floyd County Ag Committees and Plains Cotton Growers. Members of the Crosby County Committee are Marty Davis, Jonathan James, Matt Wilmeth, Lloyd Arthur, Connor Wilmeth, Miles Harrell, Mark

Schoepf, Brad Aycock and Regan Ware. Caitlin Jackson is the AgriLife Extension Ag Agent for Crosby County.

The members of the Floyd County Committee are Gary Nixon, Amanda Hinsley, Kellie Cantwell, Luis Cervera, Corbin Kellison, Tyler Phillips, Tanner Smith, Jason Pyle, Jim Bob Clary, Eric Smith, Chad Cook and Ivan Cervera. Cristen Brooks is the AgriLife Extension Ag Agent for Floyd County.

Vista Bank provided an Apple iPad for the grand door prize and the booth sponsors provided other door prizes. Plains Land Bank provided donuts for the morning break. Judy Schacht of Floydada catered the lunch.

WBU end inauguration week with a day of service

By Jonathan Petty
Director of Communications
Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University students and employees gathered Saturday morning to lend a helping hand around the community as part of the week-long celebration of the inauguration of Dr. Bobby Hall as president. One of Dr. Hall's points of emphasis is for the university to be an active, vital member of the communities in which it serves.

Throughout the week, employees at all of Wayland's campuses participated in various service-oriented volunteer initiatives. The extension campus employees volunteered at food banks, hosted blood drives, prepared meals at homeless shelters, collected school supplies for an elementary school among some of their projects.

In Plainview, nearly 90 employees and students conducted a number of volunteer activities for Degree of Difference Day. Many helped clean up the local parks while others worked at several non-profit organizations such as the Compassionate Care Pregnancy Center, Broadway Treasures, the Salvation Army store and Paws Pet Adoption. Needless to say, the group at Paws Pet Adoption had so much fun playing with the animals awaiting adoption that they forgot they were working.

One group helped paint the walls and trim at the Plainview Health Care Center while another group spent time singing, playing games and getting acquainted with the residents of Santa Fe Place. Some students collected bags of food in local neighborhoods that had been canvased earlier in the week. Bags were left on doors asking for donations to Faith in Sharing House. A group picked up the bags and sorted the food on Saturday morning, an activity that students found rewarding. "It was really cool picking up food from the houses," said Wayland student Melanie Panko. "The whole community got involved. This was really encouraging."



Wayland student Sarah Stinson helps sort, fold and hang clothes at the Salvation Army store as part of Wayland's volunteer efforts during Degree of Difference Day. Participating in volunteer service was part of last week's celebration of the inauguration of Dr. Bobby Hall.

Another group was working at an elderly couple's house to help clean up the yard and do odd jobs inside the residence. The couple did not speak English, which posed a problem for the group that did not have a native Spanish speaker among them. Members of the group said the most entertaining part of their day was watching a Rodrigo Silva, a Brazilian national, translate his native language, Portuguese, to Spanish and back to English in order to communicate with the couple.

Another group helped install insulation and sheet rock in a small house that had none. Working with Love in Action, the Wayland group was able to accomplish more than expected on the project. Love in Action had

recently installed a wall heating unit. The occupants had been using the stove to heat the small house. "It was amazing," said Randy Watson, the residence hall supervisor for Jimmy Dean Hall and President of Love in Action. "The Wayland students jumped in and went to work. They all cooperated and got stuff done. They got twice as much done as we thought would get."

In all, Wayland worked on 14 projects in Plainview. Watson said the attitudes and work ethic of the students involved was of no surprise. "From what I gathered talking to other group leaders it was like that everywhere," Watson said. "Wayland just kicked in and went to work."

RANDLES

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to fall back on.


Doc's a true pal, of course, but there's no way he'd betray his missus on this. We did ask him one time if he actually knew her first name. He gave us the strangest look and said, "What do you think? I met this girl in college named Mrs. Doc and asked her to marry me?"

The speculation has run the gamut of everything from her having a first name meaning a

poisonous flower, to body parts, battleships, national parks, and disastrous storms. If we did accidentally trip over her real name, neither she nor Doc would confirm it.

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The pool will be closed March

11-19 (Spring Break) and April 17 (Easter).

Community Classes are underway through May 5. Registration will be conducted at the Natatorium. The cost for the following classes is \$70.

The Early Bird Swim (lap swimming only) will meet from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. The Shallow and Deep Water Aerobics (non-instructional) will meet from 7:15 to 8 a.m. The Arthritis (instructional) class strengthens joints and muscles and will meet from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. These classes are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Water Aerobics (instructional) is a cardiovascular program that improves strength and flexibility and will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. or depending on the number of students, it may be adjusted to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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