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## Filings for City, School Posts Now Open

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Candidates wishing to file for positions on their respective city councils and school districts in Floyd County can begin filing now at their city halls and school district offices until Friday, Feb. 17 for the election that will be held Saturday, May 6.

Several candidates have already filed.

In Lockney, council positions 1, 2, and 3 are on the ballot this year.

In District 1, Aaron Wilson was appointed to serve out that term, but he is not running for District 1. He has filed to run for District 2 which is currently being served by incumbent Rosie

Rendon. Rendon has filed for re-election, so that will be a contested race.

Ray Jimenez has filed to run in District 1.

The District 3 position which is currently held by Dart Carthel who was appointed to the seat is also on the ballot.

The Lockney City Council positions are two-year

terms.

The Lockney Independent School District will have two three-year positions up for election this year—place 5, occupied by Jimmy Kemp, and one at-large seat, occupied by John Quebe.

The Floydada City Council will have three positions on the ballot—Mayor At Large, currently held by incumbent

Bobby Gilliland; District 2 Dana Crossland; and District 3 Steve Lloyd. Lloyd has already filed, and so far, none of the three are opposed.

For the Floydada Independent School District the At Large trustee position currently held by incumbent Lyle Miller and the District 3 position currently held by Gracie Diaz will be on the ballot.

## 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.

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN TAMALES

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada will be selling tamales on Friday, February 10th starting at 8 a.m. The cost is \$10 per dozen. You can come by the church to purchase or call 806-983-6019 now to reserve your tamales. (Please leave a message if there's no answer).

### LOCKNEY CEMETERY MEETING

The Lockney Cemetery Association will hold the annual meeting on Monday, February 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the back room of the Lockney Senior Citizen's Center.

### 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" for February has been changed to Tuesday, February 21st from 6-8 p.m. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the fun. The Bingo Night has been changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month permanently.

### 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.

## Lockney ISD Begins Superintendent Search

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Independent School District has begun its search for a new superintendent.

Phil Cotham, the current superintendent, announced his retirement at the January 12 school board meeting. Cotham has worked for Lockney ISD for 35 years, the past 10 as superintendent. His last day will be June 30.

A 2A school district, Lockney ISD has approximately 465 students housed on three campuses: 1 elementary campus, 1 junior high campus and 1 high school campus.

The deadline for submitting a resume is March 3, 2017 @ noon.

The anticipated first round of interviews will be the week of March 20. The second round of interviews will be the week of April 3.

The lone finalist will be named on April 13.

Qualifications: 1) must have a minimum of 4 years

of successful teaching experience; 2) must have successful experience as a principal or other school administrator; 3) must possess Texas Superintendent certificate or be able to obtain a temporary certification; and 4) must live in or move into the boundaries of the district.

Compensation will be competitive and commensurate with experience and capability of the candidate.

Application requirements: 1) Submit a detailed resume that outlines relevant work experience, related activities, organizations, education, references, and community activities; 2) Submit a copy of college transcripts. References will not be contacted prior to the first round of interviews and without prior knowledge of the applicant.

Mail resumes and transcripts to: Phil Cotham Lockney ISD P.O. Box 428 Lockney, Texas 79241 OR Email to: cotham.phil@lockneyisd.net

## FISD Sets Special Board Meeting Feb. 9 to Finalize Bond Proposal

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Independent School District will hold a special meeting Thursday, Feb. 9 to determine the final direction of the bond proposal they will put forth to the community.

The need for the bond was driven by two facility assessments of Floydada High School—one performed by the Texas Association of School Boards in 2014 and one performed by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Architects and Engineering in 2016 that showed the campus cannot be secured from uninvited individuals. In addition, the building—built in 1955 with a wing added in 1967—has issues with its foundation, plumbing and electrical. Because of these concerns, along with the development and launch of five new wind farms within the Floydada Independent School District boundaries, FISD is readying for a school bond election in May.

The assessments said that the school campus could not be made safe from shootings because it is so spread out.

Other key vulnerabilities included outdated fuse boxes and electrical wiring. Plumbing that is continually backing up and not functioning. Assessments noted it would take \$15 to \$20 million to bring the current campus up to code.

Instead, the FISD is proposing a bond election that the wind farms will pay 73% of, and the local homeowners—under the age of 65—will pay 27% of.

Here's how the FISD data breaks out:  
 Longhorn Wind \$57,132,000 EDF Renewable  
 Wake Wind \$182,976,349 Invenegy  
 South Plains Wind \$220,667,696 Apex  
 Cotton Plains Wind \$64,125,000 Apex

Old Settler	\$194,400,000	Apex
Total values:	\$719,301,045	
Assumed base value of the district:	\$272,303,562	
	\$719,604,607	Wind farms
	\$991,604,607	Total values

The construction being considered in the school bond includes:

- A new 6 to 12 grade campus
- Demolition of the old junior high building and other district buildings as they become vacant.
- Renovations to Wester Field
- New transportation/maintenance facility
- New softball field
- New baseball field
- New track
- New tennis courts

While the school district doesn't have all of the information yet—the final costs of the project won't be known until February 16—if the bond passes, the FISD will attempt to pay off the 2007 bond that was used to construct A.B. Duncan Elementary.

While the cost of the project won't be known until February 16, based on the current values, the impact on the tax rate will be as follows:  
 --\$30,000,000 will increase the I&S rate by 15 cents  
 --\$35,000,000 will increase the I&S rate by 20 cents  
 --\$40,000,000 will increase the I&S rate by 25 cents  
 (With this scenario, if FISD pays off the current bond, then taxes will increase only by 6 cents based upon this year's I&S tax rate of 19 cents)

If the school district is able to pay off their current bond and pass another bond for \$40,000,000, that would increase the tax rate by about 6 cents. The impact would be \$60 a year on a \$100,000 home, and the term would be 20 years.

Any homeowner 65 and over is exempt from the tax increase due to the homestead exemption.

## City of Lockney Advertising for its First City Manager

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

On May 7, Lockney voters approved 271-93 to change from the city secretary style of municipal administration to the city manager system.

After the vote, city attorney Lonny Voss told the Hesperian-Beacon that it would take a few months for the city to systematically get ready for the change of system, and when they did, they would advertise for a city manager on Texas Municipal League website.

On January 3, Lockney

began advertising for a city manager on the TML website.

According to the job posting, the new Lockney city manager "Appoints, manages, and disciplines all heads of departments and subordinate officers and employees of the City" and the city manager "reports to the City Council and Mayor."

Other responsibilities for the new city manager include: Having regular contact with the general public, elected officials, city employees and representatives. See CITY MANAGER, Page 7

## Mangold Hospital



Saturday morning, Mangold Hospital provided its 24 Health Fair to assist area residents with wellness screenings. Left to Right: Elnetia Hill, Elionor Barrientoz, Lori Flores, Dina Enriquez, Olga Cera, and Amy Leatherman. See MANGOLD, Page 8

## Correction

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## DCHHS Reports First and Second Flu Related Deaths of Season

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

DALLAS (Jan. 25, 2017) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting the first and second flu related deaths in Dallas County for the 2016-2017 season.

The 95-year-old and 89-year-old residents of Dallas died after complications from the seasonal flu. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

“Our sympathies go to the families and loved ones of the individuals who has passed away,” said DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson. “These deaths are an unfortunate reminder that the flu virus is circulating in Dallas County, and does have the potential to cause severe illness and death.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for all persons aged 6 months and older, with rare exception. Individuals should discuss flu vaccine concerns with a health care provider.

The flu vaccine DCHHS provides is an all-in-one shot that protects against multiple flu strains including the H1N1 virus.

The adult vaccine is given in the adult immunization clinic on the first floor at the DCHHS building located at 2377 N. Stemmons Frwy in Dallas. The children's vaccine is available at all DCHHS immunization clinics.

Clinic hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments aren't necessary. For more information call 214-819-2162.

**Several simple things can help prevent the spread of seasonal influenza:**

- Cover your cough with a tissue or cough into your sleeve.
- Wash your hands and keep your hands away from your face.
- Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or appear ill.
- Stay home if you are sick or keep family members home if they are sick.
- If you haven't done it already, consider protecting yourself with a flu vaccination.

## The 501 It's all about less and less about more

Less is more.  
What's more, less is trending.  
My latest clue?

Calligrapher granddaughter Rylee, 14, has opted for stark. She's painted her room a nondescript gray. The bedspread is gray too. A sparse collection of decorative items is displayed thoughtfully in one corner. Above her chest of drawers is a three-word hymn excerpt written on a piece of letter-size white paper simply stuck to the wall. Around the words hangs a narrow gold frame – one with no glass. The quote, executed in her signature artful lowercase script: “it is well.”

Inspired by her exemplary well-done minimalism, I spent all morning and part of the afternoon getting rid of stuff in my closet. I feel better already. My next stop is Goodwill. Here's hoping I don't buy anything there.

PAUSE TO THINK.

If less is more, the converse must be true:

More is less.

Maybe I'll get Rylee to write those three words on a piece of paper for me to hang somewhere, if I can find a place.

It's true. The more stuff we have, the less space we have. And when we take care of more stuff, the less time we have. And the more money we spend on stuff, the less money we have. More is less indeed.

No wonder minimalism is crowding out maximalism, and tiny houses are suddenly chic. Whether people really can downsize

enough to move into smaller spaces, an excess of websites caters to the fantasy. I've clicked on most of them.

Think of it as the latest pendulum swing. Hang on for the ride.

It's happened before. As the Italian Renaissance wound down, so did art. Smaller fine objects vied with grander ones. At least that's how I remember the phenomenon from my time as a student of art history. I just did a cursory search on the Internet and cannot find confirmation of any such trend, but I remember a paper assigned to me on the topic. I took the easy way out and said the Medici had fallen on hard times and could no longer afford to support grand undertakings; hence, the interest in smaller stuff. My professor disagreed and minimized my grade accordingly.

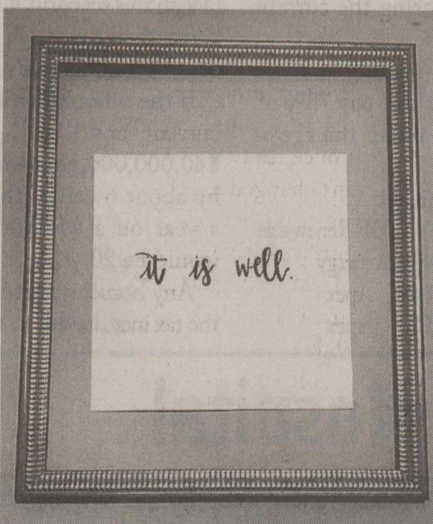
So, to set the record straight, I'm saying now an introspective interlude prevailed before Baroque took over. Sounds good, and maybe it's true.

Meanwhile, I've researched “less is more.” Robert Browning didn't invent the concept, but he served up the phrase for public consumption. You can find it a third of the way into his 2,167-word poem about the Renaissance painter Andrea del Sarto. I read the whole thing. Before it was over I was wishing Browning had taken the motto to heart.

Another line from the same poem: “Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, Or what's a heaven for?”

He might be saying we can't live long enough to strip our lives bare of what doesn't matter if that's our aim.

If Browning's words mean something else, then move over Browning. I'm saying it.



## Oped Congress strikes back against Obama midnight regs

By Natalia Castro

Congressional Republicans have made use of a 20-year old tool for success to employ this year to combat the regulatory state the Obama Administration created; the Congressional Review Act (CRA) of 1996. In its history, the CRA has only successfully overturned one executive branch regulation, but the Republican-led congress has already used it to overturn two of Obama's regulations, and it is ready for more.

The CRA provides Congress with oversight over regulations issued by federal agencies and the ability to overturn them provided a joint resolution of disapproval is passed within the first 60 legislative days after a regulation is finalized. Then, the overreaching regulations are effectively erased from the law, and would require a vote of Congress to re-enact them.

With no possibility for filibuster with CRA action in the Senate, Republicans simply need a simple majority to terminate those regulations passed in the waning days of the Obama administration for good.

The House has already passed five CRA bills to nullify regulations including those related to the environment and other issues. Two, eliminating the Department of Interior so-called Stream Protection Rule and another, blocking the Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers regulation, have already been passed by the Senate and go to President Donald Trump to sign.

An Associated Press report from Feb. 2017 explain, the Stream Protection rule blocks 6,000 miles of streams and 52,000 acres of forests from being mined near by coal miners, citing debris being entering nearby waters. However, Republicans and even some Democrats found the rule would eliminate thousands of coal related jobs and ignore dozens of federal, state, and local regulations on the industry already in place; effectively destroying the coal industry in key coal producing states such as Kentucky.

The regulation was disapproved by the House in a 228 to 194 vote. In the Senate, it was also disapproved on a 54 to 45 decision.

Democrats cannot even be bothered by the Republicans' reversal of Obama regulations. In reference to the CRA, which as passed under the Clinton presidency, even former Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) once said, “[t]his legislation will help to redress the balance [between the branches], reclaiming for Congress some of its policymaking authority,” echoing the bipartisan agreement for congressional oversight.

Other CRA bills are still awaiting Senate action. The first, H.J. Res.40, removes additional background checks on Social Security recipients for gun ownership. NPR of Feb. 2017 estimated this regulation would prevent about 75,000 people found mentally incapable of managing their own finances from purchasing gun. Republicans have vigorously fought this regulation as a violation to the Second Amendment without proper due process, since Americans would be losing their rights without having ever committed a crime.

With Republican control over Congress and the Presidency, the remaining regulations in these regulations are expected to be repealed as well.

The CRA was established to provide congressional oversight over the executive branch and the agencies of the administration. Now that President Obama is gone and Republicans are in control, more and more regulations crippling the economy will be effectively removed using these tools of Congress. The CRA might have remained dormant for its first two decades of existence, but thanks to Obama's overreach, it is finally being wielded in this Congressional term.

Natalia Castro is a contributing editor at Americans for Limited Government.

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

(All quotes this week are from various US Presidents.)

As long as our government is administered for the good of the people, and is regulated by their will; as long as it secures to us the rights of persons and of property, liberty of conscience and of the press, it will be worth defending.

—Andrew Jackson

Outside of the Constitution we have no legal authority more than private citizens, and within it we have only so much as that instrument gives us. This broad principle limits all our functions and applies to all subjects.

—Andrew Johnson

## SPC Foundation announces new scholarship for education students

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND -- For everyone who had the opportunity to get to know her, each would say Jeanette Swaringen did not like the spotlight. She would rather stand among the crowd applauding the efforts of everyone else instead of being singled out.

In January 2017, the counselor from Capitol Elementary School went to heaven. Her husband, David Swaringen, said she was strong in her faith and he knew his time with her as a God-thing.

Jeanette was raised in Houston, and she would come to West Texas in the summer to visit relatives in the area while growing up. She loved the wide open spaces, big blue skies as well as picturesque sunrises and sunsets known to this region. David and Jeanette

met in 2000 at the Divorce Care program offered at First United Methodist Church. Mutual friends introduced the pair and they dated a few times but nothing ever came of it.

One year later, the pair ran into each other at Divorce Care. This time, David was helping to teach the class and Jeanette was there to fellowship with the participants.

“I had two tickets for a George Strait concert, and I asked her to go with me,” David said. “She said yes, and we started dating again.”

“Since we were both divorced and had kids, we were very cautious about things,” he said. “And then God stepped in and melted our hearts. After five years of dating, we were married in 2007.”

After graduating from Texas A&M University, Jeanette taught kindergar-

ten, first and second grade for Levelland Independent School District. She returned to school and earned a master's degree in Counseling at Texas Tech University. She spent the next seven years at the Intermediate School as a counselor before moving to Capitol Elementary for the last three years.

“She had a passion for the little kids and even though she hated to leave the Intermediate School, she was excited about the new challenges at Capitol,” David said.

With Jeanette working in Levelland, and David working in Brownfield, he said his goal was to get her off the road to end the commuting. Their youngest son, Rider, is a senior at Brownfield High School. David said the couple planned to move to Levelland after he graduates in May. Tragically and un-

expectedly, Jeanette died on Jan. 18, 2017.

David said he knew he wanted to do something to honor his late wife. After conversations with friends and her colleagues at Capitol Elementary, David was given the name of a contact at South Plains College who could help him establish a scholarship.

“I know that God had a hand in this because once I made the connection to Julie (Gerstenberger) at the college, it was so easy,” he said. “God opened the door and everything fell into place.”

David recently established the Jeanette Swaringen Memorial Scholarship Endowment to assist SPC students. The recipient of the scholarship must be a graduate of Levelland High School and an Education major.

“I know that this is what I'm supposed to be doing,”

David said. “Through this scholarship, this will be a gift to the kids and will benefit future kids.”

“She worked in Levelland and touched a lot of people,” he said. “They will be the ones who will benefit from the scholarship, and they will remember the person that it honors.”

In May 2017, the SPC Foundation will award an impact scholarship on behalf of David. He plans to fund an impact scholarship annually for the next few years until the endowment reaches maturity.

For more information on the scholarship, to make a donation or for more information about ways to support scholarships and students at South Plains College, please contact Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at (806) 716-2020.

# SOCIETY

## The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County February 2, 2017

By Mary M. Carter

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society met February 2, 2017 in Turkey, Texas at JB'S BAR BQ. The time was 11:30 A.M.

We had lunch first. The blessing was said by Mary Lou Zinck. We had the loaded baked potato. It was done to perfection and it had BBQ beef, cheese, with sour cream and butter. The sour cream and butter could be in it or on the side. I like a little sour cream here and there with my potato so that made it great for me. It was very good and filling as our lunches usually are. Along with that were our drinks, jalapeno peppers and onions. Then to top that off we had a tasty cherry cobbler. Our waitresses were Gayleen Garrett and Shanlee Meyer. They were making sure we had all we needed during the meal. As my Gram would say, "they were Johnny on the spot!"

Here is some information about JB'S Bar BQ. The owners are Joe and Gayleen Garrett. They will be opened one year on Bob Wills Day which is on April 29, 2017 this year. They are located across from Bob Wills and north of the monument on Main Street in Turkey, Texas. That is back to the old country way of getting your directions. Don't you love it! I do. Their phone number is 1-806-423-1512. They are open on Wednesday through Saturday and their hours are 11:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. They have lunch specials... Wednesday is Enchilada, Thursday is

Meat loaf, and Friday Lasagna and the price is \$10.99 including the drink. They also do catering and full meat by the pound. They have brisket, pork, and sausage, etc. The menu has plate meals with sides, sandwiches, baked potatoes, and frito pies. Give them a call for your occasions and prices for menu items.

Joe and Gayleen have a new event room that can seat up to 35 people. It was finished just in time for our group to meet there. It was kind-a fun to be the first group. It is nice and can be close off for business meetings. We enjoyed having our meeting there.

Virginia Taylor, our Queen Mother, called our meeting to order. She welcomed our guests and they were Pat Alford and Sherry McKay. Virginia told us the Annual Spring Fling will be at W.T. in Canyon, Texas on April 8, 2017 this year. More information coming next month. She reminded us about the upcoming Festival of Tables fundraiser for Crossview Camp on March 25, 2017. It starts at 11:00 A.M. and lunch is served at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$25.00. It is a camp for children at risk. There will be a silent auction also. It will be held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Church in Turkey, Texas.

Sherry, one of our guests, told us about a fundraiser on February 5, 2017 for Bill and Aleta Sperry. There is illness in the family. If you know them or would like to contribute, send it to Mrs. Sperry. I'm sorry I

don't have the address. Call a friend in Turkey, Texas to find out where you can send it. I know this is late for the paper this column will be in but I thought just in case you might like to help. She also told us of Donald and Cindy Beard who are adopting their third foster child. They are having a dinner for them on February 25, 2017 at the Hope Center in Quitaque, Texas from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. This is by donation. There will be a silent auction during the evening.

There were no meetings in December or January so we got a neat surprise. Virginia gave us Christmas gifts. We received decorated wine glasses filled with candy. She had a story behind this gift. She had a good friend who was getting ready for a wedding and she was collecting wine glasses where ever she could get them. She managed to accumulate a lot. So when the wedding was over - she looked at Virginia and said, "You are the only one I know who can do something with these, HERE!" So we each got a lovely wine glass filled with candy today. Thank you, Virginia! Then she turned around and gave us a Valentines gift. We were doubly blessed. Again, Virginia, thank you for being so sweet to always think of us. It is very special to each one of us.

We welcomed Pat Alford who brought our program today. She lives in Turkey, Texas with her husband who is in the cattle business. She is an artist. The way Pat paints, you just en-

joy looking at it. She brought some of her art works. Beautiful paintings and some gourds she had done. She is going to start doing gourd lamps. She has gotten back into painting in later life so she says it is never too late to do what you love. Pat likes working with paints, charcoal pencil, and just branching out to new art projects too. She doesn't have television. She gets up in the morning thinking art and excited to get started. If at 80 years old she can start her day with a God given talent that fulfills her and is peaceful to her, we need to think about that for ourselves. We just need to make the time! She gives lessons on Monday and Wednesday, 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. She likes three students per class. Pat donated an art piece to the silent auction for Crossview Camp fundraiser. Thank you Pat. It is appreciated. We enjoyed her program. She is a delightful and fun lady. Her phone number is 1-806-204-1470.

Or hostesses were Joy Turner and Mary Lou Zinck. Thank you ladies for good food, a good afternoon, and a fun program.

Those attending were Virginia Coker, Betty Jean Williams, Ethelyn Vernon, Sue Daniels, Mary Lou Zinck, Joy Turner, Sandy Fuston, Carolyn Cheek, Virginia Taylor, Gloria Fannon, Margie Sue, Melinda Collins, and Mary M. Carter. Our guests were Pat Alford, our guest speaker, and Sherry McKay. Welcome again to our guests.

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE W. P. DAILYS

Our parents, William Pleasant Daily, born in 1865 and Lillie Belle Talkington, born in 1868, were married December 10, 1885 in Pope County, Arkansas. Their children were Fred, Harriet, Ethel, Adeline, Irene and Bill.

They farmed and owned grocery stores in Arkansas until 1907, and in 1907 Papa went to investigate a land boom in Plainview, Texas. Since he had to lodge in a livery barn, he was inspired to build Plainview's first hotel. He returned to Russellville. sold some grocery stock, and loaded three railroad cars, with groceries, store fixtures, horse and buggy, household goods and enough lumber to build the hotel. The family rode on the passenger train.

The Daily Hotel was three stories, thirty-four rooms and a dining room. We recall it as an illustrious booming business, also a meeting place for prospective buyers and realtors. The Daily Hotel was built at Eight and Ash Streets.

The fourteen-room home was located on Seventh Street. While living in Plainview, Fred married Mary Dalton. Their children are Dalton, Bill, J. B. Doris, Pauline, Genevieve, Irene, Jack and Bobby. Ethel married Edward Morehead and then children are Lucian, Richard, Dorothy (Hotchkiss) and Margorie (Overly). Harriet moved to California.

In 1912 Papa sold the hotel and home and moved to Floyd County on a Lockney farm. After a couple years he sold the farm and moved to

Floydada. Household goods were moved by wagon and team and the family by buggy.

The Commercial Hotel, now the Lamplighter Inn, was built in 1914, on lots purchased from the Bishops. The hotel was considered a "show place" with design and even electricity. Papa fetched the drummers (salesmen) by horse and buggy from the rail station to spend the night. They used the lobby to display wares for the merchants. Mama supervised the dining, three meals a day, served on linen table cloths. Steak was twenty-five cents.

Both were active church members, enjoyed dominoes and trips to Arkansas each May. Papa exchanged yams with the drummers and liked ball games, while Mama did fancy handwork.

Adeline married Ross Henry in 1917, their children were R. C. and Billy. Bill married Evelyn Kizziar in 1927 and their children were Jo Ann (Wertheimer) and Billy Jay. Irene married George McAllister in 1932.

Mama and Papa sold the hotel to the Moreheads in 1940 and moved next door. Papa died in 1941 and Mama in 1948. The Moreheads sold the hotel to their daughter Dorothy and her husband John Hotchkiss in 1946. The Lamplighter Inn has visits from R. C. and Billy Henry, Jo Ann and Billy Jay Daily. It holds many Morehead reunions. These families enjoy nostalgic views of the buildings, design and furniture selections made by then-grand or great grandparents, the Dailys.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

In the week before Valentine's Day, Marvin Pincus had two new customers for his (free of charge, of course) love advice and fly-tying consultation services. He tied up a midge for one client, a salmon streamer wrapped in lead for another, and wished them well. This was his busy time, of course. He knew another would come in mid-May, in desperate anticipation of June weddings.

"Marge," he said, sipping coffee and looking out at the snow, "I think we need

a vacation."

Marjorie Pincus smiled. They'd both been retired and on permanent "vacation" for years now.

"I'll go if it means I don't have to make the beds or do the dishes," she said.

"The only thing is, what if someone needs the fly tying love advice service while we're gone?"

This bothered Marvin. A man who spent more than 40 years being dependable every day can't be expected to just turn it off like a faucet.

"Honey," Marge said, "maybe you could designate someone to be on call? Like

a doctor does? You know?"

Marvin thought about that and buttered some toast. "Only one I can think of who could tie flies well enough would be Delbert McLean, our chamber of commerce. Knowing him, instead of giving love advice, he'd talk them into starting a business here."

"You have a point," Marjorie said, laughing. "But what would be wrong with just going away for a week and letting people figure out their own love lives for a while?"

Marvin sat quietly and Marjorie looked at him and thought how maybe she should be his customer. She was under no illusion about

her looks. She was old. Old and wrinkled. She was hoping Marvin wasn't just married to her because he was used to it. She studied his face, and strangely, didn't really notice his wrinkles.

Marvin smiled at Marjorie then. "Any vacation ideas?"

She shook her head. He saw in her the years of love and friendship, and he saw, right in front of him, the same gorgeous, sexy young woman he was once ready to kill for. She hadn't changed a bit.

He took her hand. "How about we drive for a hundred miles, get a motel room, watch old movies and eat take-out pizza?"

"You're on!"

## 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 Citizen's Center is open to people of

all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, all you need do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee.

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

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

**MENU**  
**February 13 - February 17**

**Monday** - James' swiss steak  
**Tuesday** - BBQ chicken  
**Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak  
**Thursday** - Salisbury steak  
**Friday** - Chicken & dumplings  
(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The Center will be open on President's Day, Monday, February 20th. "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 13 - February 17**  
Unavailable



## Will Texas raise smoking age to 21?

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—Some Texas lawmakers are seeking once again to become the next state to raise the minimum smoking age to 21.

"We have as good a chance as we've ever had," Sen. Carlos Uresti told the Dallas Morning News. "I'm just glad I welcome all the support we can get." Uresti has been trying to convince lawmakers for the last 10 years.

He does have the support of Sen. Joan Huffman and Rep. Donna Howard.

Texans who use tobacco products has decreased over

the last decade, with more than 15 percent of residents admitting they smoke or chew tobacco. A report from the National Academy of Medicine says that number could decrease to 12 percent should the minimum age to purchase products is increased.

The state could potentially save money as well because they might have to care for as many people with tobacco-related diseases. However, the lawmakers are expected to get some push back as an analysis of Uresti's past bills shows that Texas could lose up to \$100 million in taxes if the age is raised.

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Lorane Butler Meriwether

Lorane Butler Meriwether, 94, of Plainview passed from this life on February 5, 2017 in Plainview, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 2 P.M. Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Lockney Cemetery in Lockney, Texas. Bill Sherman officiated and assisted by J.W. Hamby.

Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Lorane was born August 21, 1922 in Binger, Oklahoma. In 1929, she moved with her parents, Thomas "Green" Butler and Edna Butler, to the Sandhill's area between Olton and Littlefield. She graduated from Olton High School and then in 1940 she moved to Plainview to attend Lipert's Business College.

While living in Plainview, she met Austin B. Meriwether of Lockney

and they married in August of 1941. Shortly after they married, Austin joined the Army Air Corp and flew as a bomber pilot in World War II. Lorane and Austin lived and farmed in Lockney many years and then in 1970 moved to Plainview.

Lorane and Austin enjoyed traveling and playing bridge with their friends. She also enjoyed many years as a member of the Plainview Hospital Auxiliary and singing with the Millennium Singers. Lorane and Austin were members of Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney and after moving to Plainview, they joined the Garland Street Church of Christ, where they served for many years.

Lorane is preceded in death by her husband, Austin, in 1998, her parents and a sister, Ozella Buck.

She is survived by one



LORANE BUTLER MERIWETHER

daughter, Melinda Pratt, of Lubbock, one granddaughter, Shannon Womack, also of Lubbock, and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Westridge Manor who took such good care of Lorane for the last 5 years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Lubbock Children's Home or the Covenant Plainview Hospital Auxiliary.



## God's Will for Me

Spiritual people ask many questions with this theme: *What is the will of God?* Sometimes it's in regard to a specific situation (Should we buy the house or not? Should I marry Bob or Jim?). Sometimes before a life-changing episode we often question our own wisdom – and rightly so – and pine for the sweet will of God to be made known. The Bible does give hope to the man who recognizes the limits of his own human wisdom: "Let him ask God [for wisdom] ... and it will be given him" (Jas. 1:5). Yes, God encourages those who seek his will!

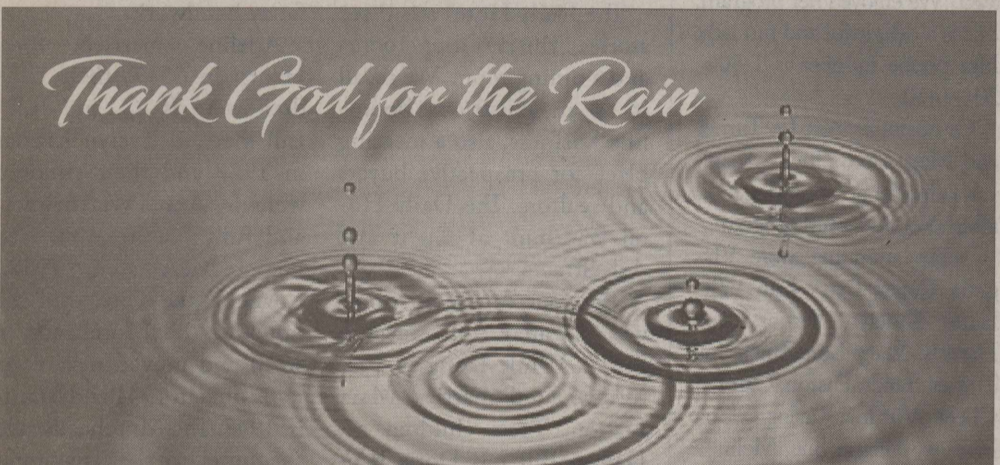
I wonder, though, if it's so much about God's will in the details of our lives or if He is a "big-picture God." I know He *could* be interested in the finest detail of my life. After all He counts the hairs on my head and knows the color of each one (Mt. 10:30; 5:36). I don't want to give the impression that He's "too big" a God to care for "little me," but I think we – in our limited human perspective – consider the pressing issues of the moment, the urgent things in our lives, to be the main item on God's agenda, too. I get the feeling that we're less interested in being in tune with God's will for our lives (and for the cosmos itself) and more interested in God tuning into our own personalized episode of the soap opera of life (something with a self-centered title like *Days of My Life* or *As My World Turns*).

Somehow we expect God to zoom in and adjust to us, to cater to us, to focus on us! We expect Him to have a specific ruling, an intentional plan, a premeditated scheme for every moment of our lives. After all, David wrote that God had written

down all the days of his life while the future king was yet an "unformed substance" (Ps. 139:16). And I believe *God has* done those things, that He did turn the universe upon its ear just for me: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16). "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 Jn. 2:2). "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Yes, the world is a different place *for me* because of God's love, eternal life is mine because of Christ's sacrifice, this world of *ours* has hope because of the satisfaction that Christ brings to the wrath of God, *I am* crucified to the world and the world to me – yes, God has "regarded *my* helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for *my* soul!"

The question is not what is God's will regarding what I will eat or drink, what about my clothing – those are minor details: "Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (Mt. 6:25). Seeking God's will is not about what to plant and when to harvest. The Lord said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" and everything else will take care of itself by God's providence. Keep your eye on the kingdom and righteousness!

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). [snyder37church@gmail.com](mailto:snyder37church@gmail.com)



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### In God's Hands

With a strong hand and outstretched arm — God's faithful love lasts forever!

—Psalm 136:12 (CEB)

Several years ago, my thirteen-year-old daughter needed back surgery to straighten her spine. The diagnosis terrified us. The curve in her back was extensive, and the surgery would be long.

During the surgery, my husband and I prayed with family and friends. About four hours into it, a friend came by the waiting room and handed us a small statue of two hands holding a praying angel. The statue was engraved, "God is holding you in the palms of his hands." I was immediately comforted. The image of God holding our daughter and us during the surgery was a powerful reminder that we are

never alone in our fears and struggles. Our daughter made it through the surgery and is fine today. My little statue holds a prominent place in my living room and has remained for me an image of God's comfort.

I have returned many times to the image of being held in the hands of God. Throughout their history, the people of God suffered; but Isaiah reminded them that no matter what they were going through, God was holding them. We also have struggles and pain as we journey through life. But God is not only with us; God holds us.

Patricia M. Daniels (Florida, USA)

Thought for the Day  
God tenderly holds me every day.

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

**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon  
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

**South Plains Baptist Church**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
SuNday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

**Templo Getsemani Assembly of God**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe M. Hernandez  
983-5286 (Church)  
Sunday School  
English - 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish - 11 a.m.  
Worship  
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.  
English - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Trinity Community Church**  
Providence Community On Fm 2301  
293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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

# AGRICULTURE

## Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program set for summer debut

By Texas A&M AgriLife  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION – The new Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program kicks off this summer providing youth a wealth of experience about water resources and infrastructure while touring the Lone Star State.

The program is geared towards high school students seeking leadership skills and career preparedness, said David Smith, 4-H20 program coordinator with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, College Station. Ambassadors will gain insight into water law, policy, planning and management as they interact with representatives from state water agencies, educators, policy-makers and water resource managers.

“Water Ambassadors will also gain an appreciation for the complexity of managing Texas surface and groundwater resources, its

importance to local, regional and state economies, and the responsibility we all have to protect this valuable resource for generations,” Smith said.

“The first part of the program will be a training component held in mid-July. The goal, contingent on funding, is to have a 10-day tour of Texas,” he said. “After that, there will be a service component where the participants will go out in their communities, go back to their 4-H clubs and provide education, and also go to schools, Rotary clubs and host educational booths at fairs.”

Smith said one of the objectives of the program is to get the participants acquainted with

water leaders in their communities and water conservation district officials.

“This program is a great opportunity for participants to become engaged in water issue discussions on local and larger scales,” said Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension program leader for engineering in Lubbock. “They will gain valuable knowledge and skills they can use to develop solutions to water needs in the future.”

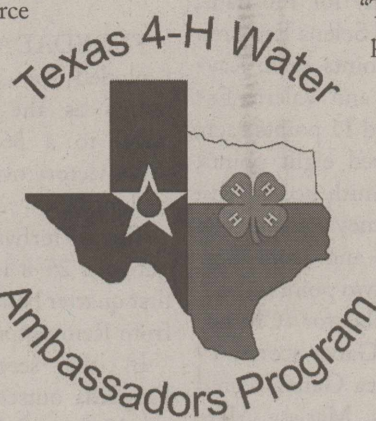
Smith said Ambassador service credits can also be earned by participating in regular webinars and assignments such as interviewing local water officials in their communities. To help fund the program and educational tours, Smith said they

are seeking sponsorships.

“We are hoping to get support from the industry, and we have received a few commitments already,” he said. “We are seeking these sponsorships to help fund travel throughout Texas and other learning opportunities as part of the summer program. Our goal is to get representation statewide in the 16 water planning areas. We’d like to see two representatives from each of these areas.”

Smith said he would like to see the initial 32 participants “engaged for about two to three years, and provide opportunities for advanced training beyond year one.

“Funding for this program will go through the 4-H Foundation,” he said. Sponsorship levels are signature, \$5,000 and over, Legacy \$2,500-\$4,999, Advocate \$1,000-\$2,499, and Stewardship \$500-\$999. For more information, contact Smith at 979-862-1989 or email [davidsmith@tamu.edu](mailto:davidsmith@tamu.edu).



## Next farm bill ‘will do something about cotton’

By Ron Smith  
Southwest Farm Press  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Cotton should be included as a covered commodity in the next farm bill, and trade remains a critical factor in commodity prices, says Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension economist.

Joe Outlaw expects cotton to be a covered commodity in the next farm program. “We have to do something about cotton,” the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension economist at College Station said at the recent Red River Crops Conference at Childress.

The insurance option created in the Agriculture Act of 2014 — the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) — has not been an effective safety net, he says. “STAX would work pretty well with cotton prices at 75 cents to 80 cents, but not at current prices.”

Cottonseed will be included as a Title 1 covered commodity, he says. He expects some blowback from the World Trade Organization with cottonseed covered, but says the WTO agreement to settle the Brazil dispute indicated the U.S. would not support lint.

Putting cotton back into the commodity title will reduce payments for peanuts, as generic acreage will go back into cotton base. “Peanuts will get a sizeable payment from the farm program,” Outlaw says. “The price has dropped significantly.”

He expects debate on the next farm bill to begin soon, with some indication that preliminary talks will begin in 2017. “Now is not too early to start talking about a 2018 farm bill. We started the last one in 2010, and if we start now we will be lucky to get a bill done in 2018 — and we need to do that.”

Outlaw says he hopes organizations present a more unified front in the next farm bill debate than they did for the last one.

“We saw a lot of squabbling, and no widespread coalition of farm interests. Our current environment is not good. Farm level economics are bad, and no one saw that coming when they debated the 2014 farm bill. Nobody knows what’s going to happen now.”

The thinking during the last farm bill debate, he says, was that prices were strong and would stay that way. “Some wondered if we even needed a safety net. But we know that agriculture is cyclical. Now, we ask what will price improvement come from — competitors, drought?”

Recalling that corn prices at the time of the last farm bill were running from \$4.50 to \$5, a range that was expected to last for the life of the farm bill, Outlaw says projections now show prices holding at around \$3.50 for several years out. “That’s below the cost of production, and the only way farmers can come out ahead is by making

big crops. They can’t depend on that every year, even though West Texas cotton farmers did it in 2016.”

Farm crop income dropped by \$20 billion in 2014 and 2015, he notes, and the farm program safety net made up only \$10 billion of those losses in payments to farmers. “Farmers can’t make up those losses, but some legislators in Washington only want to cut spending.”

With the 2014 farm program at its midway point, Outlaw notes that the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) program offered participants payments early. “I hope they held onto [the payments], because ARC payments are going away. Some ARC participants are asking Congress to pass a farm bill early to help them out, but they knew the potential for losses at the outset.”

If farmers had used the decision tool to select a safety net program, he says, they would have determined that the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program was better for wheat.

He’s also concerned about budgets. The 2002 farm bill had about \$142 billion to work with. In 2016, that number has shrunk to one-third of that. The 2014 program has worked reasonably well, he says, “considering the money available. Programs helped farmers when prices were low, but those payments made no one whole. It’s not perfect, but overall, I’d give the Agriculture Act of 2014 a solid B.”

The program was not strong enough to keep every farm solvent, Outlaw says. “We’ve lost a lot of farmers recently. Some bankers will not approve operating loans this year because they want their clients to have some equity left to live on for the rest of their lives.” In the next farm bill, he says, “We won’t have enough money to keep every farmer in business.”

Planted acres versus base acres may be an issue in the coming debate, he notes, but he expects base acre payments to remain in place. A planted acre program would eliminate some questionable practices. “I travel all over the country, and I see some people not breaking the law, but taking advantages of loopholes.”

Nutrition programs will remain in the farm bill, he says. “It’s hard to get 218 House

members to vote for a farm bill without the nutrition program, which gets a lot of money, but does not take any money away from agriculture commodity programs.”

The farm bill is an easy target for budget cutters, he says, because farmers make up a small portion of the electorate. “The farm bill represents one-fourth of 1 percent of the \$3 trillion U.S. government budget.” Yet, it remains a favorite target of budget cutters.

He says he is “trying to be optimistic about the new administration. We do see some red flags about trade, especially with regard to China. I’m also trying to be optimistic that we will negotiate better trade agreements and that we will sell more agricultural products. Agriculture is important to U.S. trade — it’s the only segment that has shown a positive trade balance. I hope President Trump makes NAFTA better for agriculture.”

Figures show how vital exports are to the agricultural economy, Outlaw says. Commodity export percentages are: wheat, 49 percent; corn, 15 percent; grain sorghum, 52 percent; soybeans, 50 percent; rice, 52 percent; and cotton, 73 percent.

“That’s what we need to export just to get the estimated crummy prices available. Exports are important. If something happens to exports, those prices will go even lower. I will stay positive for as long as I can stay, but trade is crucial for agriculture.”

Farmers need to understand farm program policy, Outlaw says, because it helps them manage risk. “When things go bad, the safety net helps farmers stay in business.”

While farmers can do nothing about prices and commodity payments, he says, they can manage risks. “Crop insurance decisions are critical.” The Texas A&M Agriculture and Food Policy Center has a decision aid tool to help. It’s available at <https://decisionaid.afpc.tamu.edu/>

Even with a transition of power and new secretaries, under secretaries, and administrators in charge of key agencies and departments, much will remain the same, Outlaw says. “Career people are still there — the ones who do the work.”

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 6 Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager employed by that establishment.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Hale County, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$125.00 on Wednesday, March 1 (9AM to 5PM) and Thursday, March 2 (9AM to 5PM) at 225 Broadway, Suite 6 in the Justice Center in Plainview, TX. Cost includes training, materials, and a national food manager certification examination. The food manager’s certification will be valid anywhere in the state of Texas for five years. Registration deadline is February 15, 2017.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the

safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- \*Increased customer satisfaction
- \*Improved relationships with health officials
- \*Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness
- By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:
  - \*identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
  - \*preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
  - \*teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
  - \*complying with government regulations
  - \*maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
  - \*controlling pests
- Foodborne illnesses can be

prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, called “Food Safety: It’s Our Business,” call Deana Sageser, CEA-FCS at 806.291.5270 or e-mail [DLSageser@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:DLSageser@ag.tamu.edu) or come by 225 Broadway, Suite 6 in Plainview.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in Extension sponsored meetings are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office at 291-5270 by February 15th to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

*Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating*

## SPC to offer Women’s Introduction to Pistols on Feb. 11

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LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer Women’s Introduction to Pistols class on Feb. 11 in Room 115 of the Law Enforcement building. The cost is \$85.

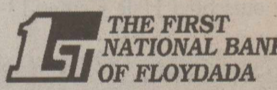
This introduction class is for women only. The class will meet at 9 a.m. and will be taught by female instructors.

Pistols, ammunition, eye and ear protection will be provided. Students will have the opportunity to fire differ-


ent kinds of handguns for an extra \$10 to cover the ammunition costs.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email [kreyes@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:kreyes@southplainscollege.edu).

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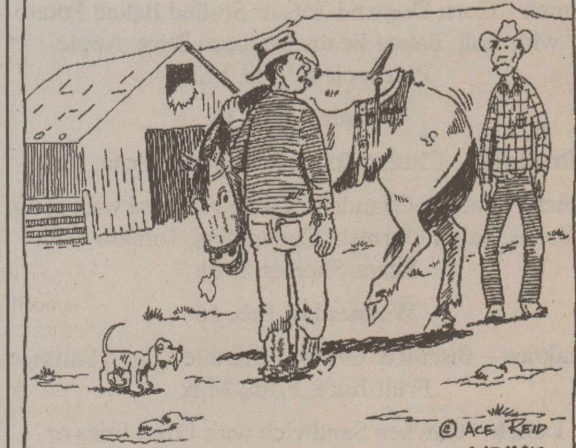
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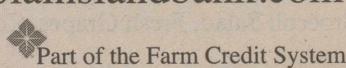


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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Lady Winds take down Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada Lady Winds limited Crosbyton to nine points total in the second and third quarters as they claimed a 64-42 victory in District 4-2A on Jan. 31.

Crosbyton held a 16-15 lead after the first quarter. Selena Espinosa led the way with five points in the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Lady Winds defense shut down Crosbyton, outscoring them 19-5 to take a 34-21 lead at half time. Kylie Ricketts scored six points to lead the Lady Winds in the

quarter.

Floydada limited Crosbyton to four points in the third quarter, outscoring Crosbyton 16-4 in the quarter and taking a 50-25 lead into the fourth quarter. Valerie Espinosa scored eight points to lead the Lady Winds.

Crosbyton outscored the Lady Winds, 17-14, in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough as Floydada took home the 64-42 victory. Brooke Galvan scored four points to lead the Lady Winds in the quarter.

For the game, Floydada shot 36 percent from the field and grabbed 48 rebounds. Crosbyton shot 32 percent

from the field and grabbed 39 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada, Ricketts and Selena Espinosa scored 12 points each, Kaylee Morren and Valerie Espinosa scored 11 points each, Galvan scored eight points, Brooklyn Smith scored five points, Brittney Pena scored three points and Dora Cervera scored two points.

Individually for Crosbyton, Corey Garza scored 19 points, Bianca Garcia scored eight points, Marissa Marquez scored seven points, Emily Reyna scored four points and Mdison Fanelli and Audrey Marquez scored two points each.

## Whirlwinds outlast Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada exploded for 37 first half points as the Whirlwinds raced to a 56-38 District 4-2A victory over Crosbyton on Jan. 31.

The Whirlwinds jumped out to a 25-8 lead after the first quarter behind 11 points from Remington Ricketts.

In the second quarter, Floydada outscored Crosbyton 12-9 to take a 37-17 lead into the locker room. Garrett

Hobbs led Floydada with five points in the quarter.

Floydada took a 47-25 lead after three quarters, outscoring Crosbyton 10-8 in the quarter. Hobbs led the scoring with four points.

In the fourth quarter, Crosbyton outscored Floydada 13-9. Hobbs scored four points to lead the Whirlwinds.

For the game, Floydada shot 35 percent and grabbed 45 rebounds. Crosbyton shot 31 percent and grabbed 38 rebounds.

Individually for Floydada,

Hobbs scored 20 points, Ricketts scored 13 points, Albert Dehoyos scored eight points, Abraham Perez scored six points, Jesse Segura scored four points, Brayden Campbell scored three points and Andrew Vega scored two points.

Individually for Crosbyton, Maurice Carr scored 15 points, Tim Childers scored eight points, Kenley Henn scored six points, Troy Kesey scored five points and Drake Reed and Brandon Flores scored two points each.

## Lockney upsets Farwell

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FARWELL – After trailing at halftime, the Lockney Longhorns outscored the Farwell Steers 28-23 in the second half to take home a 52-49 victory in District 3-2A on Feb. 3. The Longhorns victory put them in a tie with Farwell for the District lead with three games to play.

Lockney took the initial lead after the first quarter, 16-14. Jaden Rosales led the Longhorns with seven points in the quarter.

Farwell outscored the Lockney 12-8 to take a 26-24 lead into the locker room. Rosales led the Longhorns with four points.

In the third quarter, Lockney

outscored Farwell 9-6 to take a 33-32 lead into the final quarter. The Steers scored six straight points before the Longhorns went on a 9-0 run to end the quarter. Chris Emert scored five points to lead the Longhorns.

Lockney outscored Farwell 19-17 in the fourth quarter to take home the 52-49 victory. Rosales scored five points to pace Lockney in the quarter.

For the game, Lockney shot 37 percent and grabbed 32 rebounds. Farwell shot 37 percent and grabbed 31 rebounds.

Individually for Lockney, Rosales scored 16 points, Emert score 11 points, Israel Cuellar scored eight points, Jonathan Rodriguez

scored seven points and Trevor Ascencio and Jaden Butler scored five points each.

Individually for Farwell, #24 scored 18 points, #23 scored 15 points, #10 scored six points, #12 scored five points, #3 scored three points and #33 scored two points.

Lockney hosted Sudan on Feb. 7 and will host Olton Feb. 10 then travel to Bovina, Feb. 14, for the final game of the year. At press time, Lockney and Friona were both 6-1 and had clinched playoff berths, Olton was 4-2, Bovina was 3-4, Hale Center was 1-5 and Sudan was 0-7. Farwell played Olton on Feb. 7 and will play Bovina Feb. 10 and Hale Center Feb. 14.

## Lockney hands Hale Center 63-54 defeat

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – After holding an 11-point lead at halftime, the Lockney Longhorns struggled in the third quarter but managed to hold on the fourth quarter to defeat the Hale Center Owls 63-54 in a District 3-2A contest on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The Longhorns jumped out to a 19-9 lead after the first quarter behind seven points from Jaden Rosales. Lockney held a 17-2 lead before the Owls went on a 7-2 run to end the quarter.

In the second quarter, Lockney outscored Hale Center 13-

12 to take a 32-21 lead into halftime. Rosales led the Longhorns in scoring with five points.

Hale Center roared back in the third quarter, outscoring the Longhorns 20-10 to close the gap to 42-41. Jaden Butler led Lockney with four points.

In the fourth quarter, Lockney came back, outscoring the Owls 21-13 to claim the 63-54 victory. Rosales scored eight points in the quarter to lead the Longhorns.

Statistically, Lockney shot 44 percent from the field and grabbed 39 rebounds. Hale Center shot 43 percent from the field and grabbed 31 rebounds. Individually for Lockney, Ro-

driguez scored 22 points, Jonathan Rodriguez scored 11 points, Butler scored 10 points, Chris Emert scored eight points, Israel Cuellar scored five points, Bryson Walker scored three points and Trevor Ascencio and Tavien Walrath scored two points each.

Individually for Hale Center, Ja. Cannon scored 16 points, Je. Cannon scored 13 points, Alcalá scored eight points, Burjas scored seven points, Sifuentez scored five points, Gonzales scored three points, Richards and Tiner scored two points and Castillo scored one point.

## Texas Chosen as Testing Grounds for Automated Vehicle

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has named Texas a national Automated Vehicle (AV) Proving Ground for the testing of connected and automated vehicle technologies. The designation establishes Texas as a leader in the research and development of new transportation technologies that could make roads safer and less congested.

“With five of the nation’s 15 fastest-growing cities in Texas and our population expected to potentially double by the year 2050, Texas must be a leader in new technology that addresses transportation challenges,” said Texas Department of Transportation Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams. “This partnership puts Texas at the forefront of automated vehicle technologies that likely will shape the future of transportation around the world.”

Texas’ booming population and economy make it an ideal test site for automated and connected vehicle technology. This technology is increasingly being developed and tailored to address congestion and increase safety, by reducing human error. It also offers opportunities to improve how people and goods move throughout their communities and the nation at large. Testing it, in different environments and uses, is an important step in assuring these technologies will be safe and reliable.

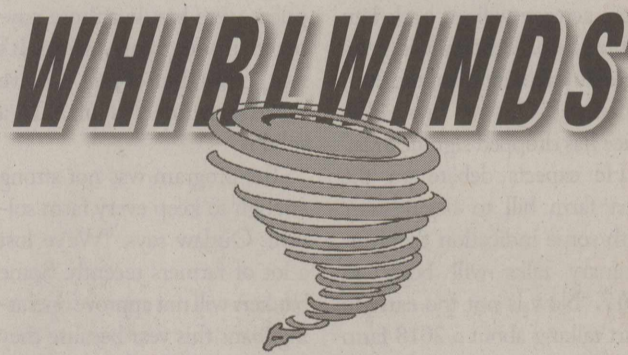
Texas was one of 10 regions selected from an applicant pool

of more than 60. Texas offers a unique statewide capability, starting with existing controlled environments on research campuses such as Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin and the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) Campus in San Antonio. Texas’ additional testing environments are available in several municipal and regional areas, and include unique settings such as barrier-separated lanes, medical districts, transit bus corridors and border crossings. These varied and unique test sites will help the USDOT develop guidelines for automated vehicle technologies.

The rapid rate at which this technology is progressing will ultimately require a formal testing plan to be developed and approved by the appropriate state and local agencies, including the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Until then, initial testing will take place on closed research proving grounds.

TxDOT joins the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), The University of Texas at Austin’s Center for Transportation Research (CTR), Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) and 32 municipal and regional partners to form the Texas AV Proving Grounds Partnership.

Contacts:  
Texas A&M Transportation Institute: Dr. Christopher Poe, P.E., Assistant Agency Director, Connected and Automated Vehicle Strategy, cpoe@tamuedu, (972) 994-2206



## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 13 – February 17

Monday

**Breakfast** – Egg, cheese & turkey sausage burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Chicken salad wrap, hamburger, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast** – Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

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

Wednesday

**Breakfast** – Apple frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Beef tostada w/ rice, hamburger, spicy pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

**Breakfast** – Pancake on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Chicken nuggets w/ roll, bean & cheese burrito, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

**Breakfast** – Blueberry snack n’ waffle, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

**Lunch** – Spaghetti w/ meatballs & breadstick, chicken corn dog, buttered green peas, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk



## LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

February 13 – February 17

Monday Feb. 13

**Breakfast** – Pancakes, Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Corn Dog and Tots or Stuffed Baked Potato with Roll, Baked Beans, Broccoli Bites, Apple-Pineapple D’Lite, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 14

**Breakfast** – Cheesy Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Nachos Grande or Grilled Cheese with soup, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Cucumbers, Tomato Cup, Pears, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 15

**Breakfast** – Biscuit & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Chicken Sandwich with Oven Fries or X-Treme Burrito with Corn, Veggie Cup, Garnish, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 16

**Breakfast** – Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Country Pot Pie or Salisbury Steak, Biscuit, Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Feb. 17

**Breakfast** – Breakfast Burrito or Hash Brown, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch** – Pizza Choice or Hot Dog, Corn Chips, Baby Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Grapes, Cookie, Milk

# Floyd County Sheriff's Office Crime Report

1/02/17

Deputy stopped a vehicle on US Hwy 70 north of Floydada for speeding. During the stop, the driver of the vehicle gave the Deputy consent to search his vehicle. Upon the search of the vehicle the Deputy located Marijuana in the center console of the car. George Martinez 40, of Albuquerque, New Mexico was arrested for Possession of Marijuana under two ounces.

1/04/17

Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of SW 7th Street in the City of Lockney about a Criminal Mischief that had occurred sometime during the night. The complainant stated that they noticed that the passenger side of their work vehicle had been egged.

Deputy responded to the 700 block of SW 2nd Street in the City of Lockney about a domestic. The caller stated that his neighbors were outside arguing. Jerald Johnson 49, of Lockney, was arrested for Assault and Interfering with a 911 Call.

1/05/17

Deputy was dispatched to the Allmon Community about a theft that occurred during the weekend. Employees of Hi-Plains Drilling of Abernathy, Texas noticed that their portable welder was taken from their work truck. The Deputy was advised that the vehicle had been parked at the old Allmon elevator located on FM 54 throughout the weekend. They described the welder as a Pro

304 Miller Welder worth about 3,000 dollars.

1/09/17

Deputy responded to the 100 block of West Washington about someone looking through windows. Deputy noticed graffiti on the wall of a storage building. Upon further investigation, Deputies arrested William Means 23, of Lockney for Graffiti. Pecuniary loss >30,000. This case is still under investigation.

While on patrol in the City of Lockney, Deputy contacted two male individuals in the 100 block of NE 4th Street. While speaking with the two individuals, the Deputy noticed one of the individuals kept placing his hand in his pockets. After multiple request not place his hands in his pockets. A search was conducted and revealed that he had a prohibited weapon (Brass Knuckles). Jose Hernandez 19, of Litchfield Park, Arizona was arrested for Possession of a Prohibited Weapon.

1/14/17

Deputy conducted a traffic stop at about 1:18 am on US Hwy 70 in the City of Lockney. During the traffic stop, the driver was asked for consent to search the vehicle. While searching the vehicle, a handgun was found underneath the driver seat, and one of the passengers was found in possession of a controlled substance. The Driver Jerry Ramirez 50, of Plainview, Texas was arrested for Felon in possession of a firearm and a Misdemeanor pos-

session of controlled substance (Codeine). Breann Pena 19, a passenger in the vehicle also was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Meth)

1/18/17

Joe Edward Castaneda was arrested in the 400 block of West Virginia in the City of Floydada on a Failure to Appear Criminal Non-Support warrant.

1/20/17

Sheriff Raissez received a call for the Lockney Coop that they had received a call from an individual stating that someone was using their lost debit card at Longhorn fuel station on Shurbet Street. Sheriff Raissez contacted the owner of the lost debit card and was told that the card was lost in Lockney on the 19th and she noticed on her on-line banking that someone had purchased gas at Longhorn fuel station and attempted to get money out of ATM at Happy State Bank. Darryl Stafford 56, of Lockney, was arrested for Debit card abuse.

1/21/17

Deputy responded to 1100 block of CR 27 to a Burglary of a building. The Owner stated that someone had made entry in his barn and had taken several items. Deputy was told that two impact drills, battery charger, cutting torch with bottles, STHL leaf blower, two angle grinders and a Lincoln grease gun were missing. A suspect has been identified in this case.

1/27/15

The Sheriff Office assisted

Crosby County sheriff's Office in a vehicle pursuit that started in Garza County that ended in Floydada by Ace hardware. Floydada Police disabled the vehicle's left front tire, and the driver was taken into custody by the Floyd and Crosby County Sheriff's Office. Caleb Deshawn Green 21, of Snyder, Texas was arrested for Evading arrest detention with a vehicle. Green was released to Crosby County Sheriff's Office.

1/26/17

Deputy arrested Jose Navarrete 24, of Floydada, Texas on a Burglary of Habitation warrant out of Dickens County.

Sheriff's Deputy and the Floydada Police arrested Guadalupe Gonzales in the 500 block of E California on a Burglary of Habitation warrant out of Dickens County.

1/25/17

Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of South Main Street in the City of Lockney. When Deputy made contact with the driver, he noticed marijuana in the driver's purse. The driver was identified as Christine Thompson 45, of Lockney, Texas. She was given a citation for possession of Marijuana under two ounces and given a court date to appear in County Court.

1/29/17

Deputy arrested Augustine Alcozer 25, of Kress, Texas in the 500 block of South Wall on a Hale County warrant.

# DCHHS Confirms First Mumps Case of 2017

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

DALLAS – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed the first case of mumps in Dallas County for 2017. The exposure to mumps for this case occurred locally and is not associated with any other reported case.

The patient is a Cedar Hill resident who is of adult age. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

DCHHS Health officials are urging immunization to protect against and prevent the spread of mumps. People who have had two mumps vaccinations (such as two MMR vaccines) are usually considered immune from mumps.

"At two doses, the MMR vaccine has 88% effectiveness," said Dr. Christopher Perkins, Dallas County medical director/health authority. "Getting vaccinated is the best option for protection in addition to washing hands frequently and cleaning/disinfecting objects or surfaces that may be contaminated with germs."

DCHHS provides the MMR vaccine for children and adults at the main clinic located at 2377 N. Stemmons Frwy in Dallas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The increased number of mumps cases reported in the

North Texas area underscore the importance of getting vaccinated," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director.

## About Mumps

Mumps is a highly contagious viral disease that is spread by droplets of saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose or throat of an infected person, usually when the person coughs, sneezes or talks. Items used by an infected person, such as cups or soft drink cans, can also be contaminated with the virus, which may spread to others if those items are shared.

Symptoms of mumps are characterized by fever, headache and swelling of the salivary glands, fatigue, muscle aches and loss of appetite. After a person is exposed to mumps, symptoms usually appear 16 to 18 days after infection, but this period can range from 12-25 days after infection.

What to Do if You Become Infected with Mumps:

1. Contact your health provider
2. Stay at home for five days after symptoms begin.
3. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
4. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

For information about mumps, measles and rubella call 214-819-2163 or visit the DCHHS website <http://www.dallascounty.org/department/hhs/measles.html>

# Texas Beef Council Announces Search for Best Butcher in Texas

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Beef Council (TBC) is proud to announce a statewide search to find the rarest of them all: Beef Loving Texans' Best Butcher in Texas. Applications for the contest will be accepted through February 12, and a grand prize of \$5,000 will be awarded to the winner. Celebrating Texans' pride in tradition, Beef Loving Texans' Best Butcher in Texas competition will allow the best of the best butchers to showcase their skills. In line with Beef Loving Texans' value of tradition, the competition will also explore the different aspects of beef butchery that remain a key element in Texas' cultural heritage.

"The competition celebrates the important role beef has played in Texan traditions and

recognizes the people involved in bringing it our tables," said Jason Beyer, TBC chairman and cattleman from Stephenville. "Through this competition we'll be able to build on the checkoff-funded Beef Loving Texans brand and further enhance our efforts of reaching consumers. The art of butchery has been a Texas tradition for hundreds of years. We want to highlight the butchers behind the counter who prepare beef for markets, grocery stores and restaurants across our great state."

By entering the contest, competitors will have the opportunity to win cash prizes and travel to different parts of the state for one regional semifinal competition and the final round. Finalists (the winners of each regional semifinal) will receive a \$2,500 cash prize and gain a seat on the Beef Loving

Texans' Best Butcher Council. The Best Butcher in Texas will receive an additional \$5,000 grand prize, as well as inclusion in a one full-page co-branded ad in Texas Monthly. Regional semifinal rounds will take place in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio. The final round will be held in Austin at the Austin Food + Wine Festival.

To enter, interested butchers should visit [beeflovingtexas.com/best-butcher-in-texas/](http://beeflovingtexas.com/best-butcher-in-texas/) to find the entry form and detailed contest information. The deadline to submit entries is Feb. 12, and semifinalists will be notified by Feb. 17. Those who are selected for the regional semifinals will compete in one competition to take place in the city designated for their region.

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) conducts the \$1 per head national checkoff program

for Texas beef producers and is also the contractor for the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT), which administers the \$1 per head Texas state checkoff program. TBC's mission is to increase beef demand in the state through programs of beef promotion, research and education. TBC also helps fund national and international beef checkoff programs to increase marketing opportunities around the globe. The BPRCT's mission is to improve Texas producer profitability by strengthening and expanding beef demand. The TBC and the BPRCT are directed by a 20-member board of cattlemen and women representing the state's beef producers. For more information on this and other checkoff-funded programs, please visit [www.TexasBeefCheckoff.com](http://www.TexasBeefCheckoff.com) or call (800) 846.4113.

## 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

# DCHHS Confirms Third Mumps Case in Dallas County

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DALLAS – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed the third case of mumps in Dallas County for 2017. The exposure to mumps for this case occurred locally and is not associated with any other reported case.

The patient is a Dallas resident who is in the age range of 45 to 55. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

DCHHS Health officials are urging immunization to protect against and prevent the spread of mumps. People who have had two mumps vaccinations (such as two MMR vaccines) are usually considered immune from mumps.

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with germs."

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"The increased number of mumps cases reported in the North Texas area underscore the importance of getting vaccinated," said Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director.

## About Mumps

Mumps is a highly contagious viral disease that is spread by droplets of SALIVARY (Feb. 2, 2017) saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose or throat of an infected person, usually when the person coughs, sneezes or talks. Items used by an infected person, such as cups or soft drink cans, can also be contaminated with the virus, which may spread to others if those items are shared.

Symptoms of mumps are characterized by fever, headache and swelling of the salivary glands, fatigue, muscle aches and loss of appetite. After a person is exposed to mumps, symptoms usually appear 16 to 18 days after infection, but this period can

range from 12-25 days after infection.

What to Do if You Become Infected with Mumps:

1. Contact your health provider
2. Stay at home for five days after symptoms begin.
3. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
4. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

For information about mumps, measles and rubella call 214-819-2163 or visit the DCHHS website <http://www.dallascounty.org/department/hhs/measles.html>

## CITY MANAGER

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from other localities and maintaining relationships with representatives or regional and state agencies; and monitoring city projects, grants, procurements, etc. The new city manager will also oversee economic development.

Qualifications for the position include: A Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Political Science, Business Administration or Management, or other related field highly desired plus at least five years of progressively responsible experience in Public Administration or related field. It notes that a Master's degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or additional experience in the field and/or equivalent

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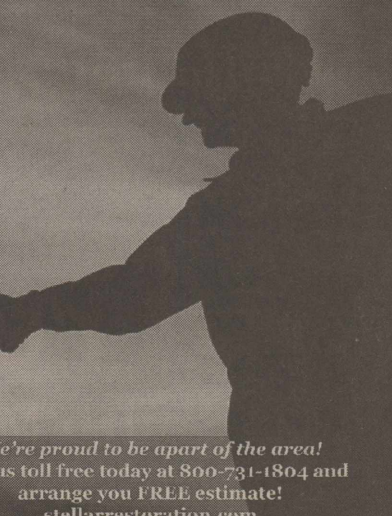
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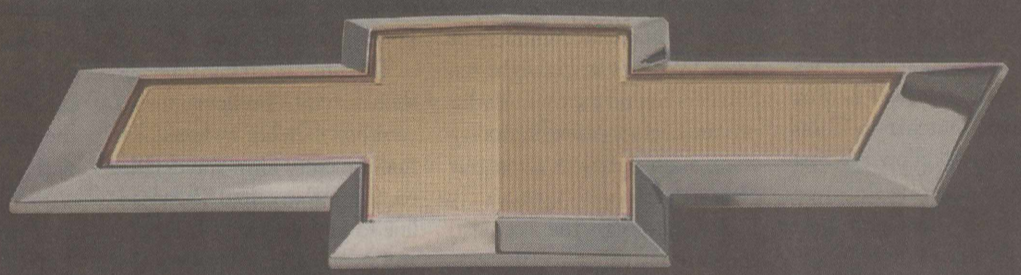
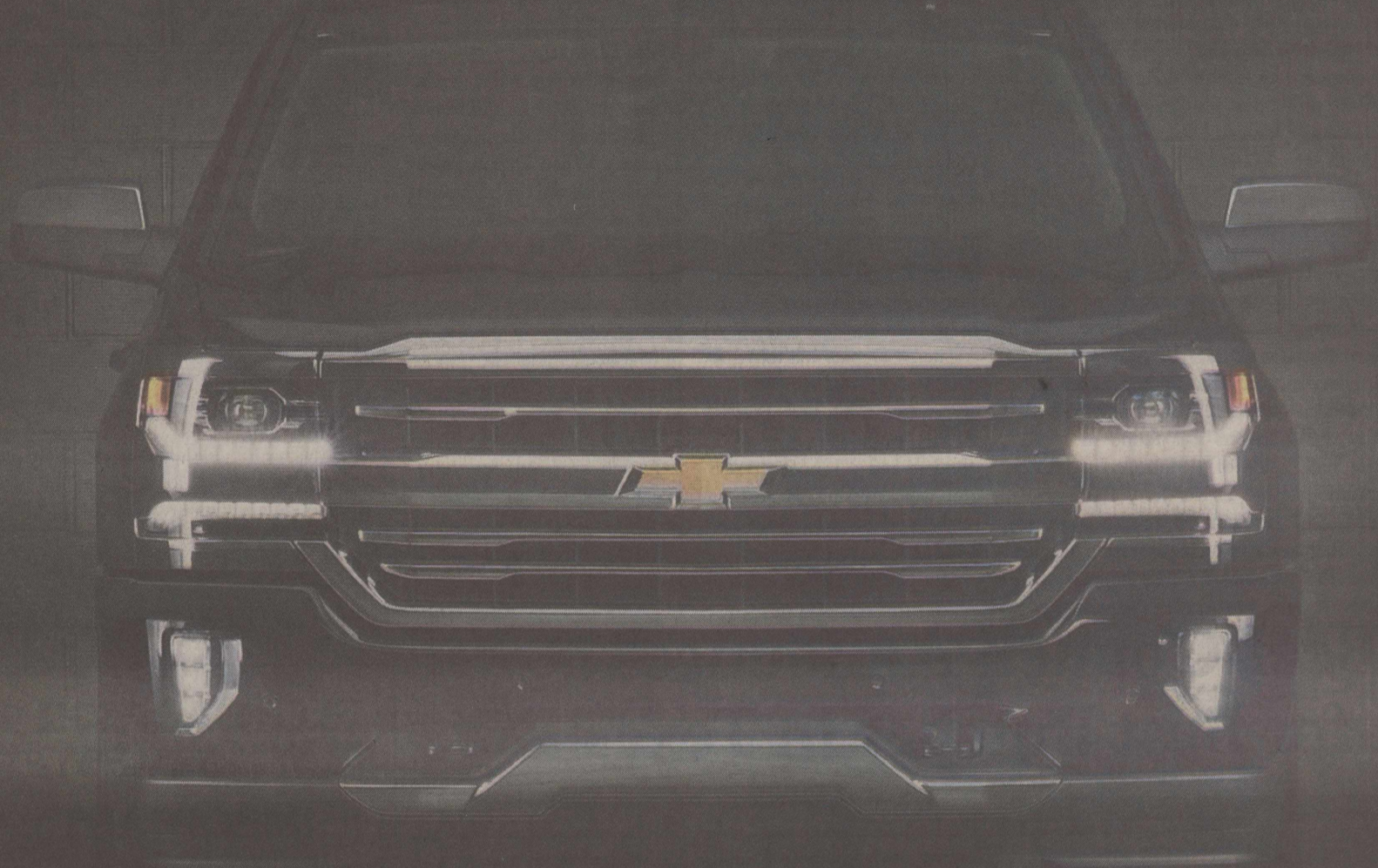
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SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017. BIDS SHOULD BE DELIVERED OR MAILED TO: CITY SECRETARY, 114 W VIRGINIA STREET, FLOYDADA, TX 79235. THE ENVELOPE SHOULD BE MARKED "SURPLUS REAL ESTATE."

THE CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to section 59 of the Texas Property Code, NSS Management will hold a public auction in order to satisfy a landlord's lien of personal property for Floydada Storage Station.

110 N. 5th St Floydada, Tx. 79235

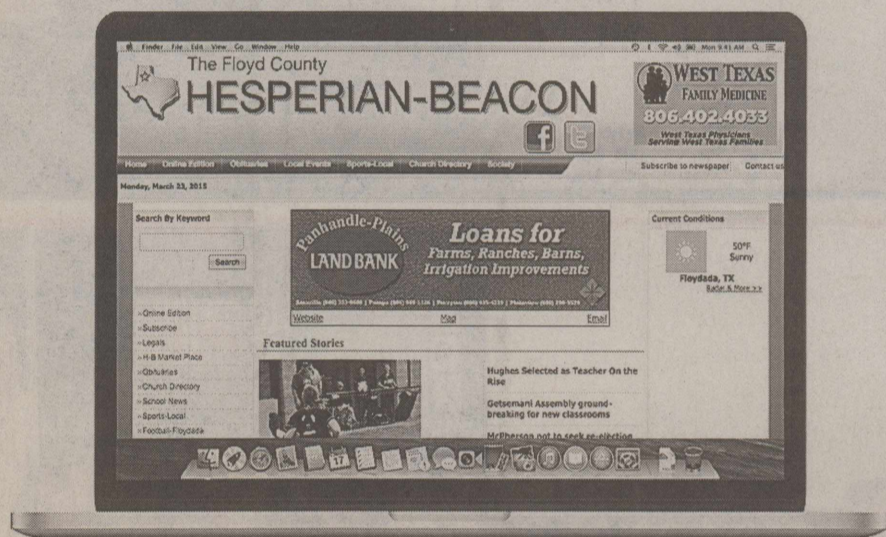
Auction will close Feb. 24, 2017 approx. 12pm CST.

The Auction will be held online at [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com). Storage units are believed to contain general household items.

Units to be auctioned include: Lupe Ortegon, Dolores Deanda, Karen Davis, Lupe G. Gutierrez, Sandra Coleman, Olga Alvarez, Timothy Ruff, San Juanita Duran, Sheena Mallory, Veronica Morales, Tiffany Hughes, Ashley White, Crystal Barrientos

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### SPORTING EVENTS

**The Yards of Cameron** opening day! Pitch ceremony. Run the bases ages 4 to 9. Farmers market. Wiffle Ball Tournament. Home Run Derby. CH Yoe High Alumni Game! Saturday, February 18th 9am-4pm.

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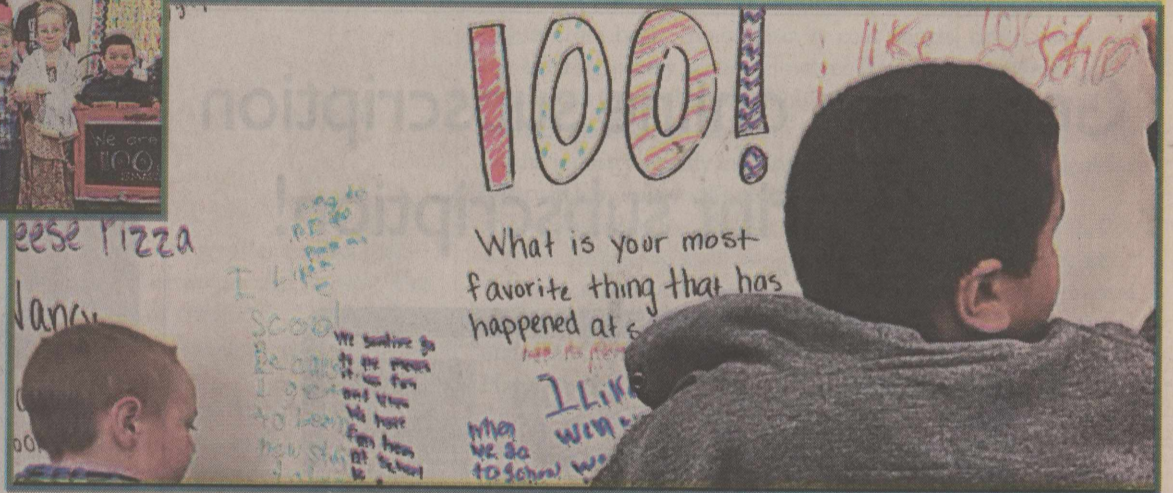
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# 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL...

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Students from Floydada and Lockney got into the spirit of celebrating 100 Days of School. Teachers joined in to make learning fun.



## Mangold Hospital's 24th Health Fair

**MANGOLD**  
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Photo 1:

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Mangold Hospital held its 24th Health Fair Saturday at Lockney Elementary with a variety of health screenings, offering valuable services to the community.

Photo 1: Compassionate Care Pregnancy Center representative

Photo 2: Brenda Pallas and Kristi Carstensen

Photo 3: Roxanne Martin, Rhonda Stovall, and Jim Martin



Photo 3:



Photo 2: