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Light The Cross Memorial Fundraiser, Oct. 14

By Jennifer Harbin & Karen Houchin

When you pass through Blanco Canyon on your way to Floydada at night, it is hard to miss the large cross on the east side of the canyon rim lit up in the darkness. The landowner, Louis Pyle, erected the cross shortly after a hospitalization where he received a charge from God while in his hospital bed to build it. With the help of his sons, Robert and David, it was built on Pyle's land abutting the canyon where passing traffic on Highway 207 could see it by night or day. Memorials made in memory of loved ones have kept the cross lit over the years. However, the first fundraiser for the Light the Cross Memorial will be held at the 30th Annual Punkin' Day in Floydada on October 14.

Pyle was in the hospital after suffering a mini stroke, when he said he had an inspiration to build a cross.

"I have to build a cross, the Lord has told me I have to build a cross," his daughter Iantha Pyle Smith recalled, claiming that everyone looked at each other thinking the elder Pyle was dreaming. A couple of weeks later his wife saw him dragging pipe to the barn.

When asked what he was doing, he said again, "I have to build this cross."

He went to the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Floydada at the time, Anthony Sizemore, and talked to him about it. That year they had their first Easter sunrise service under the cross in the canyon. Louis cleared out a place in the canyon beneath the cross, set up chairs, and brought an altar down by trailer. Buses brought anyone from the community who wanted to attend down into the canyon and celebrated Easter beneath the cross and the rising sun.

The sun rose behind the cross casting its shadow over all the attendees. It was so



Photo by Jim Livingston

Prints of "Cross Before the Storm", taken by Amarillo-based photographer Jim Livingston, will be for sale Saturday, October 14, during Punkin' Day as a fundraiser for the Light the Cross Memorial.

breathhtaking and many shed tears at the beautiful sight, Iantha Pyle Smith remembered tearfully, emotion bubbling up after all these years. She claimed that her father was convicted, despite many

people calling him crazy, including his wife, and able to hear the Lord's call to him and carry it out.

One day while out on the property, he noticed the gates leading to the cross

were open. When he went to investigate, he found a father and son leaning up against the cross praying. At that moment, he knew that it was all worth it just for that moment. See **CROSS**, Page 10

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.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

The Lockney Senior Citizens Center will be having FLU SHOTS available Wednesday, October 5 at 5 p.m. Bring your Medicare card.

PUNKIN' DAYS

The 30th Annual Punkin' Days Arts & Crafts is just around the corner. It's going to be held downtown Floydada on Saturday, October 14th. The business and home decoration judging will take place Wednesday, October 11. Gather up those glue-sticks, glitter, and glam and design an outstanding display for all to see!

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

On November 18th, the Center will hold its 1st annual Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Booths will be 10x10 for \$25 each. If you would like more information on the booths please contact the Center 806-652-2745. There will be handmade crafts, retail vendors, much more!

ATTENTION!!! OLD SETTLER'S DATE CHANGE

The Old Settler's Association met and have voted on moving the Old Settler's Reunion to the 2nd Saturday of May. In 2018 the Old Settler's Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

Correction

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

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Post Office to Honor Punkin' Days With 30th Anniversary Postmark

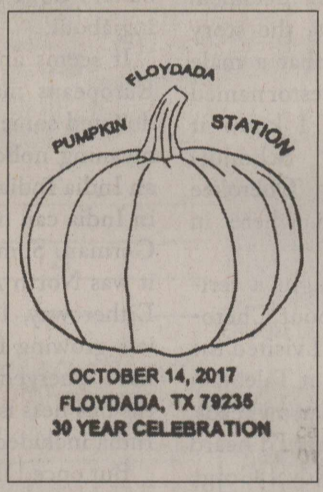
By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

All over the country people will know about the 30th Anniversary of Floydada's Punkin' Days on Saturday, Oct. 14.

"We will open the post office window on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and whatever letters customers bring in will be postmarked with this special cancellation stamp," said Altie Nelson, postmaster of the Floydada Post Office. The post office will be open just for the cancellation event.

Nelson said that when the post office has done similar Special Cancellation Events, they have had collectors all over the United States requesting this special cancellation stamp. They've done stamp cancellation events for Punkin' Days, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Christmas.

Last Christmas when they did a special stamp that said "Unto Us A Child is Born" with artwork depicting a cross, they received almost 1,000 requests across the country. On Saturday, Oct. 14,



Courtesy graphic

The Floydada Post Office will host a special cancellation event for Punkin' Days on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can receive a special 30th Celebration postmark on any letter you wish to mail.

the post office will be selling special cancellation envelopes, with a sleeve for \$3 and the design will recognize that this year's Punkin' Days is the 30th annual event.

This will be the fourth Punkin' Days Special Cancellation Stamp that the Floydada Post Office has done. The 30th Anniversary Punkin' Days is community-wide celebration that will be held in downtown Floydada on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Don Hardy to Join in Dickie Harrell Hall of Fame Induction

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

CARLSBAD, NM—Native son Dickie Harrell will be inducted into the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico Hall of Fame Saturday, Nov. 12. Before he died in 1971, Harrell and legendary auto racing, chassis builder Don Hardy of Floydada teamed up on several hot rod initiatives including the 1967 Yenko Camaro Funny Car.

Harrell's daughter, Valerie has continued Dick's legacy, and she will have her

father's historic, original 1969 AHRA World Championship Camaro funny car on display. The 1967 Yenko Camaro funny car will be on display as well.

"I started being around Dickie Harrell in 1960," said Don Hardy. "He was a showman and a gentleman."

Hardy explained that this Hall of Fame induction was for the city of Carlsbad. Harrell was a native. Harrell, like Hardy, has already been inducted into several motorsports halls of fame including the National Hot Rod Association Hall of Fame.

Hardy will be a part of the weekend's activities to



Courtesy photo montage

Hot rod racer and collaborator of Don Hardy, Dickie Harrell will be inducted into the Carlsbad, NM Hall of Fame. The funny car Camaro that Hardy built for him will be on display, and Hardy will attend and will meet hot rod fans as well.

honor Harrell, and many hot rod enthusiasts will come to the event to meet Hardy as well, a legend in hot rod circles.

Hot rod fans can also meet Dale Pulde, IHRA World Champion Funny Car Mechanic/Driver and 2007 Drag Racing Hall of Fame Inductee and Buddy

Rice, Dick Harrell's close friend, Dick's race team crew member & Harrell Hall of Fame Member.

The event is free and the induction will be at the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Museum at 4 p.m. The Dirt Dobbers Auto Club is sponsoring the event.

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Running Water Draw Arts & Craft Festival returns

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Fall is in the air, and it will soon be time for the Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival to return to Plainview at the Ollie Linder Center.

For 43 years this event has brought unique and original items for sale to decorate your home for the holidays or to purchase special gifts to go under your tree.

Applications are still being accepted if you would like to have a

booth and be part of this exciting event. If you have questions or would like to have an application for this year's show, contact Betty Foster at (806) 729-1150.

Remember, Plainview Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival is October 20 thru October 22.

3rd Annual Plainview Fall Festival to be held

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The 3rd Annual Plainview Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Square (500 Broadway) in Downtown Plainview.

The biggest draw for the festival will be unique vendors featuring clothing, vintage items, rustic items, handmade and one of a kind boutiques.

"We wanted to bring vendors with different and interesting items for Plainview residents and out-of-town guests to enjoy," said Andrea Glenn, festival organizer. "Our goal is to make this a shopping experience that only happens in downtown Plainview.

Besides shopping vendors, there will be food trucks available, a pumpkin trailer, Lorrie Burnette and her team of Hip Hop ladies will be providing a fitness routine, RUDC will be leading the DJ booth with music and games, and many activities for the kids including bouncy houses, face painting, Wayland cheer and dance team and a cake walk.

"Andrea and her team do a great job at putting on the festival," said Melinda Brown, Main Street Director. "It is a great way to showcase downtown and it is just a fun day."

Making their second debut is the Fall Fest 5K Race and Chili Cook-Off. The Fall Fest 5K race will begin at 9:00 a.m. at 7th and Broadway and the route is designed to showcase the city's parks and Hike and Bike trail to participants. Anyone interested in running can contact Manuel

Balderas at 806-729-3971 or Donita Smiley at 806-729-0437. Entry fee is \$25 and participants are welcome to sign up the day of the race beginning at 7:30 a.m. Persons interested in registering may also register online at Eventbrite and search for Plainview's Fall Fest 5K Runwalk Event.

"Everyone had a great time last year," said Manuel Balderas, Plainview Police Captain. "We are excited to do it again this year."

If you are not a runner, a family walk in conjunction with Walk With A Doc will begin at 9 a.m. Dr. Keeli Stumbo will be leading the walk for participants down Broadway. The walk will begin at 6th & Broadway and anyone is encouraged to join us for the walk.

Also, beginning at 9:00 a.m., United Way of Plainview will be hosting a chili cook-off to benefit the agencies of United Way on the east side of the courthouse. The Chili Cook-Off is a CASI-sanctioned event and entry fee for the cook-off is \$25.00. To participate, call Leigh Anne Bradley at 806-293-7072 or 806-518-9274.

"We were excited to participate last year and are looking to have even more people this year," says Bradley. "Not only will it help raise funds for United Way but it will provide a great opportunity for people to cook, eat and enjoy all the other activities at the Festival.

The streets north and west of the Courthouse will be blocked off and parking will be available along Ash, Broadway and 6th Street.

For more information, check out Plainview Fall Festival on Facebook. For vendor information, call Andrea Glenn at 806.296.9898 or email therustyrose.10@gmail.com. For general information, please contact the Main Street office at 806.296.1119.



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Reach out now, not later

My nephew Cole Cofer took his own life a few days ago. I have a few observations from the experience:

1. Suicide leaves many questions and in some cases, there are no answers.
2. Each person close to the individual struggles with what they could have done to change what happened.

One fact of life is death. Whether it be by car wreck, heart attack or cancer, we are all going to die. But suicide is a choice which is harder to accept in my opinion.

I don't know the demons Cole was facing. We can all get in a dark place from time to time, but generally there are signs of depression. To my knowledge, if Cole was depressed, he was doing a very good job of hiding it.

Beyond my lack of understanding the motive, there is regret. Regret in the sense that I wish I would have reached out to Cole in the last month. Not that it would have made a difference, but I could have reaffirmed my pride and love in him and done so in a text or call.

I would encourage us all to reach out to loved ones and friends. If it's been awhile, send them a note or make a quick call because you never know when that last time will be but we do know there will be a last time.

Conversely, if you are contemplating suicide, I suggest that you reach out to someone. Believe it or not, nothing is so bad that the people around you are going to stop

loving you. In thinking about my own sons and my other nieces and nephews, I have tried to make it abundantly clear that my love is unconditional. And truthfully, there is nothing they can do which would change that fact.

We live in a time where millions are depressed by a multitude of things. If you don't think mental health is important, then you haven't been paying attention to society.

Tonight, when you are seeing your wife, husband, children, grandchildren or friends, take the time to look in their eyes and see how they are. Let them know how important they are to you.

If your one of those who has let time, distance or both keep you out of touch with a family member, it's time to touch base with them.

If you are someone holding a grudge with a loved one, it's time to be the bigger person and attempt to heal that relationship.

I wish I would have reached out to Cole over the past month. I had not seen him in several months and he lived just two hours from me. That is a regret I have to live with.

Each of us is going to die. Waiting a week or a month to rekindle a relationship or reach out to someone is too long. Do it today. We are not guaranteed a tomorrow.

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The 501

The choice: Family myths versus DNA

Claiming you're an Indian is one thing. But if you haven't got the deoxyribonucleic acid to prove it, dream on.

For most of my life, I claimed to be part

Cherokee - specifically, one-thirty-second. Supposedly my late paternal grandmother could have gotten her name on the official Dawes Roll thanks to her Cherokee blood. She declined. Nevertheless, the story stood firm that a male German ancestor named Smith (yes, I know it should be Schmidt) married a Cherokee woman somewhere in Alabama.

Me, I bought a serious book about Cherokees and even read some of it. I visited the Cherokee tribal headquarters at Talequah and watched some guys make arrowheads. What's more, with my own ears I'd heard Pueblo Chief Foggy Bird at Royal Gorge tell my parents that my Indian first name was Cherokee, a lucky coincidence. (Indians who deal with tourists know what's best to say.) I liked being Cherokee. It was better than belonging to England's Plantagenet dynasty -- my Uncle Joe's delusion.

Ultimately, my paternal cousin Richard dispelled the Cherokee myth by getting his DNA tested. No Cherokee. What can I say? It was fun while it lasted.

But now that the results of my DNA analysis are in, I can again claim to be Indian. Just not one-thirty-second Cherokee. Instead I'm part real Indian, meaning from India.

Yep, my husband and I both sent a little

spit to the experts. His results showed a tiny tenuous smattering of Pacific Islander, comparable to my Indian link. Otherwise, our make-ups are rather similar - nothing exotic in common except for North Africa, which seems to be the rule for everybody with primarily European ethnicity.

So far my spouse and I have not figured out that we're cousins. It could happen.

DISCLAIMER:

Don't take anything I say to the DNA bank. I don't exactly know what I'm talking about.

It seems an interesting possibility that Europeans may have gone to India and donated some DNA to the region, maybe meaning nobody in my ancestry is really an India Indian. Instead, maybe somebody in India can now claim to be part Irish or German. Something like that. Or maybe it was North Africans who went to India. Either way, I've read that DNA testing is a growing fad in India. Now that ways have emerged to make money off DNA, the business is bound to boom everywhere, India included.

But once DNA tells us everything about ourselves, it's goodbye to myths and mystery. It's like "Paternity Court" on television. You've gotta be ready for the DNA truth.

PREDICTION:

Texas to India, once everybody's ethnic ties and origins are firmly nailed down, some enterprising researchers somewhere are bound to unearth significant new information about worldwide DNA, meaning we'll have to pay again to see how our own DNA fits the picture.

Sign me up ahead of time. I'm bored already with the truth. The India connection is nice, but I miss being Cherokee. I need more - like maybe a Plantagenet connection. I'll pay.

Floydada City Council Approves New Budget

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In its monthly meeting the Floydada City Council reviewed and approved the 2017-2018 operating budget.

According to city manager Jeff Johnston, "It's a perfectly balanced budget. We saw a little decrease in sales taxes, utilities, and property taxes. Some of that is from the wind farm workers that were here for start-up being gone." Johnston indicated that to offset these decreases that there would be a slight increase in water fees

for regular users in the area of \$1.24 a month and larger increase for high water users—those who frequently water their yards or have swimming pools or similar water features.

The council approved to fix and levy the tax rate at \$.44176 for maintenance and operations of the city.

In other council action they voted to condemn the property at 418 W. Tennessee Street, Lot 11, Block 109, Original Town.

The council also voted to have the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon as its official newspaper of re-

cord. They also voted to ask representatives serving on the following boards to repeat another term:

- Airport Board
- Floydada Economic Development Corporation
- Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment

The Council also voted to deny Southwestern Public Service Company's Proposed

Rate Increase. Floydada is a member of a consortium of municipalities that negotiates rates on behalf of the group.

SOCIETY



Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

By Deon Fincher
Chamber Manager

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The 30th Annual Punkin Days Business and Home Decorating contest is upon us! As in past years, those businesses and residents that just can't help but be inspired by the cool temperatures, the golden leaves and those infamous orange orbs get to show off a bit. The judging will take place Wednesday, October 11. Gather up those glue-sticks, glitter, and glam and design an outstanding display for all to see!

BBQ-ers and Chili-makers are signing up for the Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet's cook-offs! Those entry forms are rolling in and we are going to have some exceptional entries for the judges that day. All rules

and information can be found on our website. The deadline is October 9—no exceptions. If you pulled those rules off early, the BBQ has been revised with some much-needed detail added. Be sure to visit our site for the updated version. www.floydadachamber.com.

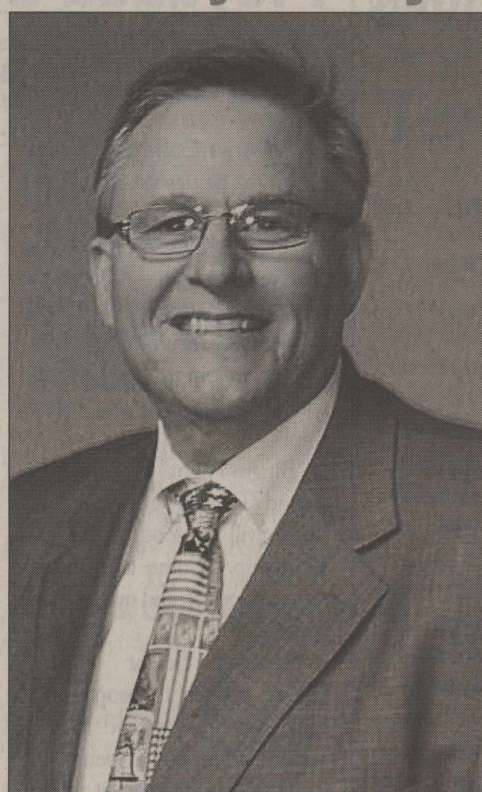
COSTUMERS!! Do you remember all the fun we have had in past years watching all of the kids of the community parade around in their costumes? All the giggles, applause, whoops and hollars? As in the past, our costume contest welcomes little ones all the way up to the more "life-experienced." We always have a fabulous turn-out of the kids—let's adults join in on the fun and dig around for that spectacular outfit. I know

we have some gunslingers, fine ladies, and possibly some spooks in our town—not to name any names—that we would love to see! Prizes are awarded in all age categories.

I don't know about you, but my lips have already started smacking! The Lion's Club is, once again, providing breakfast on Saturday, October 14. Pancakes will be poured, flipped, and blanketed with syrup. A long-standing tradition, come on out and support these guys that morning and kick-off your day with us!

Punkin Days has a way of bringing this community together. Just about every organization in town will be represented, and thank goodness, because this is OUR festival. Come on down and get reacquainted with Floydada!

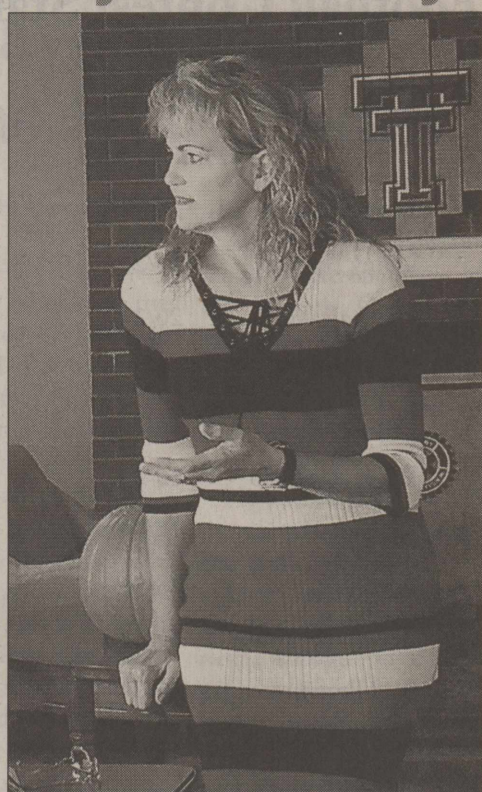
Lockney Rotary



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Joseph Tillery, pastor at First Baptist Church Lockney, spoke at Lockney Rotary on September 29, 2017. Tillery shared the eight ways to improve your people skills: 1. Don't complain, 2. Smile, 3. Listen closely and actively, 4. Praise others, 5. Show gratitude, 6. Talk about others interest, 7. Remember names, 8. Make a sacrifice.

Floydada Rotary



Courtesy Photo

Rotarian Karen Houchin presented Deon Fincher, Floydada Chamber of Commerce director for the program. She is looking for volunteers to help with all the fun activities for Punkin Day. Emphasizing the Hometown Flavor of Punkin Days is the Chamber goal. If you want to volunteer call her at 806-983-3434. Additional guests were Chamber President Kalli Martin and Eddy Houchin. The Punkin Day attracts people from all over the State of Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Volunteer to help make this day special for all our guests and showcase our hometown. You do not have to volunteer all day, you can volunteer for just an hour. Remember there will be lots of good food. Over 80 plus vendors signed up to this date. More are coming in daily. Topping off the day will be a dance downtown with live bands, free to all.

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The lady volunteers chattered nervously, selecting vintage clothing, stored in the inner sanctums of the museum, to be worn in a photographic session. A Lubbock artist, Duward Campbell, had requested subject material for his paintings: women, bonnets, and quilts. Along with a little atmosphere from the two-story bunkhouse of the Montgomery Ranch, the weather-beaten boards and hitching post of a frontier town, The Floyd County Historical Museum supplied all.

One of the direct results of that sunny morning session was a 24 x 30" oil painting, "Charter Members," featuring Ora King of Floydada and Mary Lou Bollman of Lockney. Considered as a potential phone book cover, the colorful canvas is currently showing in the James M. Haney Gallery of Amarillo.

Though Campbell draws heavily on the working cowboys and horses of the Caprock region for his trade, it is the rural women, tenacious and spirited, that "touch his heart while captivating his artist eye."

Sponsored by the American Indian and Cowboy Artists Association, a collection of Campbell's work is showing in San Dimas, California, and Wichita, Kansas. He has recently completed a brochure for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and is working on a repeat poster for the Cowboy Symposium at Texas Tech.

Future plans for the Texas Tech graduate include creating prints from "Lone Star," a canvas which featured Dorothy Merrell of Lockney and the late Alta Belew, grandmother of Lou Burleson of Floydada, at Mott Line Camp in a 1985 sitting.

Drawing attention to a unique country heritage while providing props is but one way the Floyd County Historical Museum reaches out, people to people. Since its inception on May 25, 1971, when a group of citizens led by sparkplug Alma Holmes, met to discuss the possibility, the museum's aim has been to foster an appreciation of history, art, the natural and social sciences in children as

well as adults.

Under museum sponsorship and Jim Word's expertise, a week-long field school was held by The Texas Archaeological Society in Blanco Canyon on June 7, 1975, yielding many artifacts and cultural clues about the Indians who once camped there.

Culminating two years of writing, research, and collecting family histories by volunteers from sixteen communities, the Floyd County History Book was published in 1979. Guiding the 624 page volume to its completion was the book committee: Chairman Virginia Taylor, Anne Swepston, Glenna Miller, Georgia Finley, Norma Welch, Ruth Harrison, June Ware, Neta Marble, and Nancy Marble.

School groups enjoy the educational displays of a hardware store, pioneer living, homemade toys, and thrill to hear first hand information from working cowboy Q. D. Williams, telling about the ranching and brand displays. Often these experiences become the basis for writing about a period in history for classroom credit. After visiting the museum and its archives, Lockney students embarked upon their own research about their town's roots. The results launched them into a publishing venture with "Lockney Legacy."

Community-minded Boy Scouts, under the guidance of Jim Word, offer their services to the museum while earning requirements for badges with such jobs as repairing the back fence.

Each year in December, the museum offers the natives a chance to reminisce and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas tree, a cedar from the breaks decorated with popcorn, paper chains, and cranberries. Santa shows up for the festive open-house affair which features home-baked goodies and a band playing music of yesteryear.

The C. Surginer & Son Hardware and Implement Store building (1912-1937) was donated to the museum by the Isaac Carr Surginer family with the deed recorded on January 17, 1972. Eli Neff led local volunteers and Green Thumb employees

in refurbishing the building. A replica of Thomas Montgomery's T-M Bar Ranch on the west wall was the first of many building projects to come: a room for Judge Duncan's furnishings, display cases, and storage areas.

A formal dedication for the museum on May 23, 1976, honored Rufus L. Floyd of Gonzales, Texas, a descendant of Floyd County name-sake, Dolphin Ward Floyd, one of thirty-two volunteers who went to the aid of the Alamo in April 1836, though the odds for their survival was small to none. Ten years later the museum feted and hosted the Floyd family reunion in conjunction with the dedication of the Floyd County historical marker on the courthouse square.

From the first, the museum has been blessed with many dedicated volunteers, too numerous to mention. The first board of directors, elected on June 28, 1971, included: Robert Lee Smith, president; Ted Bell, vice-president; Nancy Marble, secretary; Margaret Daniel, treasurer; Kenneth Broseh; Jonnie Delle Cogdell; Dee Copeland; Reba Henry; Alma Holmes; Duncan Hollums; Eli Neff; Joe Parrish; Virginia Taylor; Joyce Williams; and Jim Word. These officers secured the official charter on September 23, 1971.

For fourteen years Georgia Finley served with distinction as hostess. Today Lila Kendrick and Evelyn Pierce welcome visitors on all weekday afternoons, except on holidays. Their services are funded by Green Thumb, a federal program implemented locally which hires senior citizens.

With the induction of Judge Duncan in 1988, the Hall of Fame project was begun. Soon all of the first elected county officials will be so honored.

In 1989 the Mary Lou Bollman History and Research Center was established in the museum annex. Named for Mrs. Henry Bollman, an untiring researcher, supporter of the facility, and historian of the area who was honored as Lockney Woman of the year, in includes a portion of her extensive collec-

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PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University is bringing an American classic to the stage as WBU Theatre presents "Arsenic and Old Lace" Oct. 5-7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box theater. Tickets cost \$8 and can be purchased online. Connect to the School of Fine Arts web page at www.wbu.edu and click on the "Current Theatre Season" link in the right-side navigation.

Dean of the School of Fine Arts and Director of Theatre Dr. Marti Runnels said this play is a staple of the American theatre and many people will remember the film version starring Cary Grant.

"My suspicion is a lot of people will come to see it because of that, particularly folks of my generation," Runnels said.

This is Runnels' first taste of "Arsenic and Old Lace," having never worked on a theatrical version of the play. But when it came to setting the theatre season schedule, it was an easy choice to make.

"I've never been in the show and never worked on it; (technical director) Mark Kirk has never been in the show and never worked on it," Runnels said. "It's one of those staples and we both just kind of looked at each other and said, you know, we should probably do this."

The cast includes Caleb Craig as Mortimer Brewster with Tammy Brooks and Tammy Lucero playing Abby and Martha Brewster, respectively. Ella Ashley will fill the role of Elaine Harper. Ian Kirk plays Teddy Brewster, and Joshua Walters takes on the role of Jonathan Brewster. Cast members also include Tristan Carter as Officer O'Hara, Rio Hernandez as Dr. Einstein, Robert Spencer as Rev. Dr. Harper, Anderson Schmig as Officer Brophy and Lieutenant Rooney, and Robert Van Der Leek as Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Wither-spoon.

Founded in 1908, Wayland Baptist University is a Christian, liberal-arts school located in Plainview, Texas, with 13 additional campus locations in six states and Kenya, Africa. With more than 5,000 students throughout the system, Wayland offers associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees on campus and online.

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Our serving times are 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. We serve a delicious meal with salad bar Monday thru Friday. We invite you to join us. We know you will enjoy the food and fellowship!

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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.

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. Hope everyone has an awesome week!

MENU

October 9 – October 13

Monday – Meatloaf

Tuesday – Pork chops w/ baked beans

Wednesday – Christy's beef enchiladas

Thursday – Chicken fried steak

Friday – BBQ brisket
(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Don't forget there will be flu shots on Thursday, October 5th at 5 p.m. Please bring Medicare card.

We will also have the Friday Night Fish Fry on Friday, October 6.

We will hold our 2nd Sunday lunch on October 8th. Menu served will include fried steak.

The board of directors will meet October 11th at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns that you feel needs to be brought before the board, please feel free to do so at this time.

On November 18th, the Center will hold its 1st annual Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Booths will be 10x10 for \$25 each. If you would like more information on the booths please contact the Center 806-652-2745. There will be handmade crafts, retail vendors, much

more!
Breakfast is served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. – 8:30 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

October 9 – October 13

Monday – NA

Tuesday – NA

Wednesday – NAs

Thursday – NA cornbread

Friday – NA

(Menus subject to change without notice)

SPC Foundation announces scholarship to benefit females in law enforcement

LEVELLAND – If ever a person viewed life as an adventure, it was Winnie Reid. Although she is mostly remembered for the time she spent working in the Hockley County Sheriff's Office, Winnie considered life to be an adventure. She lived as a trailblazer and dedicated public servant working in law enforcement for 20 years.

In an effort to assist female South Plains College students

interested in careers in law enforcement or criminal justice, brothers Harley Reid and Jesse Reid recently pledged to donate \$10,000 to the South Plains College Foundation to create the Winnie Reid Memorial Scholarship Endowment for Women in Law Enforcement to honor the memory of his mother, Winnie.

“During her lifetime, she worked as a reporter, piano instructor and swimming instructor

as well as a deputy sheriff and bailiff,” said Harley.

When Stephen Henry, then new owner of the Levelland Daily Sun News, arrived on Dec. 26, 1977, he was warmly greeted and welcomed by Winnie, a reporter and photographer at the newspaper.

“I remember Winnie as a compassionate and caring person, and she was always ready for the next adventure in life,” Henry said. “She loved her

family and did everything she could for them.”

“She was a long-time caregiver of her mother, which was very important to her and consumed a lot of her time,” Henry said. “So many people just park old people in a nursing home but Winnie kept her in her home for many years.”

Harley said his mother became a widow in 1968. She raised three sons – Randy (deceased), Jesse and Harley,

as well as took care of her elderly mother. Winnie enrolled in South Plains College where she received an associate degree in Automotive Technology. She specialized in front end alignments. She went to work in Lubbock for Womble Olds in the service area and, for the next five years, she worked in the parts department.

Winnie then pursued a career as an Emergency Medical Technician. She later went to

the South Plains Association of Governments where she earned her Peace Officer certification.

According to Dr. Lance Scott, chairperson of the Professional Services and Energy Department and associate professor of Law Enforcement, Winnie was the first or among the first few women to work for the Sheriff's Office.

“Winnie was very dedicated to the job and she truly was an See **WINNIE**, Page 10

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Undaunted Faith

Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

—Psalm 27:14 (NIV)

Despite living a tumultuous life, King David did not waver when it came to his hope in the righteousness of God. He described his undaunted faith in Psalm 27:13, declaring, “I have sure faith that I will experience the LORD's goodness in the land of the living” (CEB). David had faith in God's supremacy no matter the situation.

Psalm 27 took on fresh significance for me when on February 7, 2014, I was diagnosed with a spinal condition called spondylolisthesis. As an athletically active seventeen-year-old, I found the diagnosis difficult to cope with. My impatience toward God steadily grew as month after month of praying passed with no

miracle. My focus was solely on attaining healing from my chronic back pain, and my relationship with God became shaped by my difficult circumstances.

But God spoke to me through my situation. With the prodding of the Holy Spirit, I eventually learned to trust God based on who God is rather than what God gives. While I've experienced no healing miracle yet, I have seen God working through my darkest season to draw me closer. God continues to be faithful and gracious, and that's a living hope I can cling to.

—Kevin Cochrane (Pennsylvania, USA)

Thought for the Day:

Hope is having faith in God no matter the situation.

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AGRICULTURE

Matt Williams of Lockney Leaves TDA for TTU Perdue, Cruz, Conaway Visit Texas High Plains

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Matt Williams has been named assistant director of development for Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He officially stepped in his newly created position on Monday, Sept. 18.

Previously Williams was the GoTexan representative with the Texas Department of Agriculture based in Lockney.

"It's with great excitement and anticipation that we welcome Matt," said Jane Piercy, CASNR's Director of Development and External Relations. "He will be crucial in our efforts to raise more financial support for our students, faculty and programs."

Prior to joining the CASNR staff, Williams served in several marketing roles within the Texas Department of Agriculture for some 18 years. Most recently he was the lead field representative in the department's Trade and Business Development Division. Earlier Williams worked as the department's chief of marketing.

One of his primary goals at Tech is to increase alumni and corporate engagement in order to build on the fundraising momentum for the college.

Williams received his bachelor's degree agricultural education from Texas Tech. In addition, he is a graduate of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime

Leadership Program. Since 1987, TALL, which administered by the Texas AgriLife Extension, has provided a foundation for the future leaders in Texas agriculture. Established on the ideals of leadership, issue and policy awareness and basic agricultural principles, its leaders help prepare men and women for the challenges faced by agriculture in the future.

In addition, Williams served on the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, and the Wine and Food Foundation of Texas/High Plains Chapter.

Williams will be replaced by Carol Faulkenberry with



Courtesy photo

Matt Williams of Lockney has left the Texas Department of Agriculture. He served as the region's GoTexan representative. He has been succeeded by Carol Faulkenberry of Canyon.

TDA, and she will serve the area, based out of Canyon.

Perdue, Cruz, Conaway Visit Texas High Plains

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LAMESA--By the very devastation it brought to the Texas Gulf coast, Hurricane Harvey could play a role in bringing relief to financially-strapped cotton farmers in West Texas.

That was part of the message delivered by a trio of top officials in Washington, D.C., who made agriculture their focus during a visit to Dawson County on Friday, Sept. 22.

A crowd of several hundred people greeted U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway (R-Midland) and Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) for a luncheon at BE Implement in Lamesa.

Meeting with Lamesa Cotton Growers leaders at King Mesa Gin to start the day, Cruz joined Perdue and Conaway for a visit to Matt Farmer's farm and the Indian Canyon Ranch before the luncheon.

The luncheon was part of the Southwest Council of Agriculture's annual meeting, which was hastily moved from Lubbock to Lamesa this week to coincide with the agriculture leaders' visit.

Having toured the Gulf coast area on Thursday to get a first-hand look at the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, Perdue and Conaway were joined by Cruz in reporting there could be a "silver lining" for cotton farmers in that situation.

Images of the terrible losses suffered from that storm - including losses of cotton and cattle - could help clear the way for renewal of the Cotton Ginning Cost-Share Program.

That program last year provided \$300 million in cost-share assistance to cotton farmers across the country.

Perdue and Conaway both said they believe the images of cotton modules and fields destroyed by the hurricane will help convince others in Washington of the cotton industry's need for financial assistance.

But just who can eventually get that done was a matter of some finger-pointing.

While Cruz said Perdue could excite the crowd here on Friday by announcing approval of the cost-share program - and that cottonseed would be classified as an oilseed - Perdue said it is Congress that controls the purse strings to

help make that happen.

Addressing a roomful of media representatives after the meeting, Conaway said Hurricane Harvey's devastation could help officials at the federal Office of Management and Budget see the need for such a program.

He said he hopes such approval will come before the end of the year.

Even more far-reaching, Conaway said, that same hurricane damage also could help get cotton back in the federal farm program as a covered commodity.

Speaking about seeing - and smelling - a module four miles from the Colorado River that had been moved by flooding from the river, Conaway said such damage will help him and others be able to explain why the 2018 Farm Bill needs to provide a strong safety net for agriculture.

"We've got a clear case to make," he said.

As the House leader most responsible for shaping that farm bill, Conaway said he fully expects to get cotton again included in the federal farm program after being left out of the current program.

"We've got to get cotton back under Title I - that is essential," he said.

Noting the House Agriculture Committee has heard from more than 300 agriculture producers during five "listening sessions" held across the nation, Conaway said the committee staff already is hard at work putting various ideas together.

He expects to be able to present a bill to the full House either late this year or early next year.

Noting that he expects the Senate to also move forward in a timely fashion, Conaway said he is committed to getting the bill approved next year.

Although explaining that the USDA serves as "consultants" to Congress in developing the Farm Bill, Perdue said he believes they can help persuade Congress that cotton lint and cotton seed are two different programs that need to be included in that bill.

In introducing Perdue at the luncheon, Conaway said Congress could not have a better partner in working to develop a new farm program.

"He's one of us," Conaway said. "He's just a good guy and he gets it."

Arrest Made in Local Cattle Theft

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas — Wayne Clemons, 27, of Seguin, Texas was arrested Monday on a third-degree felony warrant for Theft of Livestock. The charges and arrest are the result of an investigation conducted by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Michael Barr.

On May 17, Barr received a report that six head of cattle had been stolen from a property in New Braunfels, Texas. The perpetrator gained access through an unlocked gate at the corner of Morningside Drive and Rueckle Road at an unknown time the previous evening. The investigation led Barr to a nearby business, where he was able to obtain footage from a security camera and identify a vehicle of interest.

Operation Cow Thief, an anti-

theft initiative led by TSCRA, and the Comal County Crime Stoppers appealed to the public for assistance, and offered a reward of up to \$2,000 for information. TSCRA also posted the security footage to their Facebook page, which generated several tips and ultimately helped Barr identify the suspect vehicle as belonging to Clemons.

Clemons was arrested on Sept. 25, with the assistance of Texas Rangers, Co. F. He was subsequently booked into the Comal County Jail and as of writing, remains in custody pending a \$25,000 bond. The investigation

continues.

"Community involvement was essential in this particular case, and

I would like to thank those who came forward with valuable information," said Barr. "I would also like to thank the Texas Rangers, Comal County Sheriff's Office and Comal County District Attorney's Office for their assistance in investigating and prosecuting the case."

Barr noted that agricultural theft is often a crime of opportunity, and suggests that ranchers always close and lock their gates to avoid falling victim to similar crimes.



WAYNE CLEMONS

Critical situation has corn producers looking for answers

By Kay Ledbetter
Texas AgriLife

AMARILLO — Corn farmers worried about fumonisin contamination in their fields need to immediately contact their crop insurance agent - that was the message from two emergency meetings held Sept. 27 in the Texas High Plains.

The potential for fumonisin contamination in corn fields throughout the region prompted about 700 farmers, crop consultants, insurance agents and end-users to pack Dimmitt and Dumas meetings conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Corn Producers.

More than 50 percent of the corn grown in Texas comes from the High Plains region. The primary market for this corn is the cattle feeding industry, and according to the latest "The Impact of Agribusiness Texas High Plains," it accounts for about \$635 million in annual sales in the region.

Fumonisin are toxins produced by two species of Fusarium fungi, according to Dr. Tom Isakeit, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, College Station. Fumonisin are mycotoxins that can cause illnesses in livestock, especially horses, so there are regulatory limits to the amounts a load of corn can contain.

Isakeit explained that not all molds growing on ears produce mycotoxins. The Fusarium fungi that produce fumonisin can be visible as a dull white coloration of the kernels, but this appearance doesn't mean the toxin is present. The only way to determine that is with a chemical test of harvested grain.

And therein lies the concern producers expressed at the meetings. Who should test the corn? When? Where? How? Are all tests the same? And, why are farmers being discounted so heavily compared to previous years?

There are producer concerns with some elevator tests and the resulting discounts they are taking to the value of their corn, said Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo. Some farmers have even had loads rejected.

So far, only the early maturing

corn has been harvested, and it is estimated more than 60 percent of the crop is still in the field, Bell said. The meetings were conducted to provide producers information about fumonisin and Fusarium identification in the field, as well as notify producers to act now while they have an opportunity to deal with any potential issues in later-maturing corn.

"Producers need to evaluate their fields, and if they have a concern, contact their insurance agent," Bell said. "The meetings also provided the opportunity to address testing concerns and discuss standardization in sampling and testing procedures."

Bell said fumonisin is not new to this growing region, but the severity seen this year might be higher than usual.

Drought and high temperatures in July followed by a wet August are factors for the fumonisin contamination this year, Isakeit said. The late-maturing crop may not have experienced these stress factors at critical growth stages and may have a lesser degree of contamination.

The severity of fumonisin contamination can vary within a region, a field or even from kernel to kernel

on an ear, he said. Even though there is widespread contamination in this area that doesn't mean that all fields are affected.

Isakeit said there are several things including hybrid selection, planting conditions, crop management and harvest techniques that can impact the severity of fumonisin contamination. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2fUWvXv> and <http://bit.ly/2k6M9vd>.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency sent its national team led by branch chief Matt Mitchell, Kansas City, to attend the meetings. Mitchell said the priorities of corn producers who think they may have an insurable loss should be to "contact your insurance agent and file a notice of loss along with the cause of damage."

This opens a claim file and an adjuster will be sent for a site visit to go through the loss procedures, explain to the producer how the claim will be handled depending upon the condition of the crop, as well as pull samples to send to an approved laboratory for quantitative testing, Mitchell said.

Any corn testing higher than 2



Courtesy photo

Ears of corn possibly contaminated with fumonisin, toxins produced by two species of Fusarium fungi.

ppm, or parts per million, fumonisin can qualify the load for a quality loss adjustment, depending on the indi-

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SCHOOL NEWS

Whirlwinds pound Roosevelt 51-6

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ACUFF – Floydada blew away the Roosevelt Eagles 51-6 in the Whirlwinds final non-district contest. The Whirlwinds dominated all sides of the ball, holding the Eagles to less than 200 total yards. The Whirlwinds improve to 2-3 on the year.

In the first quarter, the Whirlwinds blocked a punt out of the end zone with 8:14 left in the quarter to take a 2-0 lead.

The Whirlwinds scored four times in the second quarter. With 9:30 left in the half, Andrew Vega connected with Caden Britt for a 52-yard touchdown pass to make it 9-0. With 3:43 left in the half, Rosendo Reyna scored on an 86-yard run to make it 16-0. Roosevelt scored their only points of the night when Ja-

cob Torres scored on a 70-yard run to make 16-6 with 3:26 left in the half. Marcus Perez scored on a 21-yard run for the Whirlwinds with 1:05 left in the half to make it 23-6. Then with 30 seconds left in the half, Vega scored on a 31-yard run to make it 30-6 at the half.

In the third quarter, Cutter Smith scored on a three-yard run to make it 37-6 with 5:52 left in the quarter. Reyna scored his second touchdown of the night on a 59-yard run with 2:47 left in the third to make it 44-6.

Reyna scored his third touchdown on a one-yard run with 10:07 left in the game to make the final score 51-6 in favor of the Whirlwinds.

Offensively, the Whirlwinds had 423 total yards including 325 yards rushing and 98 yards passing. The Eagles had 172 total yards including 115 yards rushing and 57 yards passing.

Individually for the Whirlwinds, Vega was 5-7 passing for 98 yards and one touchdown. Reyna had 21 carries for 209 yards and three touchdowns, Smith had seven carries for 39 yards and a touchdown, Perez had four carries for 38 yards and a touchdown, Vega had seven carries for 31 yards and a touchdown and Miguel Pena had one carry for eight yards. Britt had two catches for 81 yards and a touchdown and Perez had three catches for 17 yards.

“Getting the safety in the first quarter then scoring four times in the second quarter were the keys to the victory,” Head Coach Todd Bandy. “The second quarter play by the offense and the defense were the turning point of the game.”

Floydada is open this week prior to starting District 2-2A-1 play against Hale Center (5-0). The Eagles, 0-5, travel

to Abernathy.

“We have to take care of the ball,” Bandy said, “and we have to stop them (Hale Center) on offense.”

Bandy named the Offensive Line and Cutter Smith as offensive players of the week for allowing Reyna to have over 200 yards rushing and Vega to have nearly 100 yards passing. The entire Defense was named defensive players of the week for stopping the Eagles run game and passing game. Special team players of the week were the entire team for blocking a punt and forcing a safety on the second punt and Miguel Pena for hitting connecting on all seven extra points. Other key players were the entire team having a hand in the win.

“We will have to have all 23 players to help us get our wins during district play,” Bandy said.

Mustangs dominate Lockney 49-12

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

OLTON – Olton celebrated their homecoming by defeating the Lockney Longhorns 49-12 in the Longhorns final non-district contest. Lockney had four turnovers and was held to under 100 yards rushing during the Sept. 29 game.

Olton put the first points on the board when Jack Allcorn connected with Jayden Leathers for an 11-yard touchdown pass to make it 7-0 with 2:47 left in the first quarter. With 19 seconds left in the first, Allcorn scored on a two-yard run to make it 14-0 after the first quarter.

The Mustangs added two more scores in the second quarter. With 10:50 left in the half, Allcorn hit Leathers for a 21-yard touchdown to make it 21-0. With 38 seconds left in the half, Zane Gunter scored on a one-yard run to make it 28-0 at the end of the half.

In the third quarter, Allcorn and Leathers teamed up again on a 56-yard touchdown pass to make it 35-0 Olton, with 10:35 left in the third quarter. Lockney finally got on the board with 6:50 left in the third when Ruben Marmolejo completed a 19-yard pass to Chris Emert to make it 35-6. The Mustangs scored again in the third when Gunter ran it in from three yards out to make it 42-6 with 1:39 left in the third.

Lockney scored their second touchdown with 6:16 left in the fourth quarter when Marmolejo hit Emert on a 28-yard pass to make it 42-12. Olton put the final points of the night on the scoreboard when Nabor Vega

Canchola scored on a two-yard run with 2:57 left in the game.

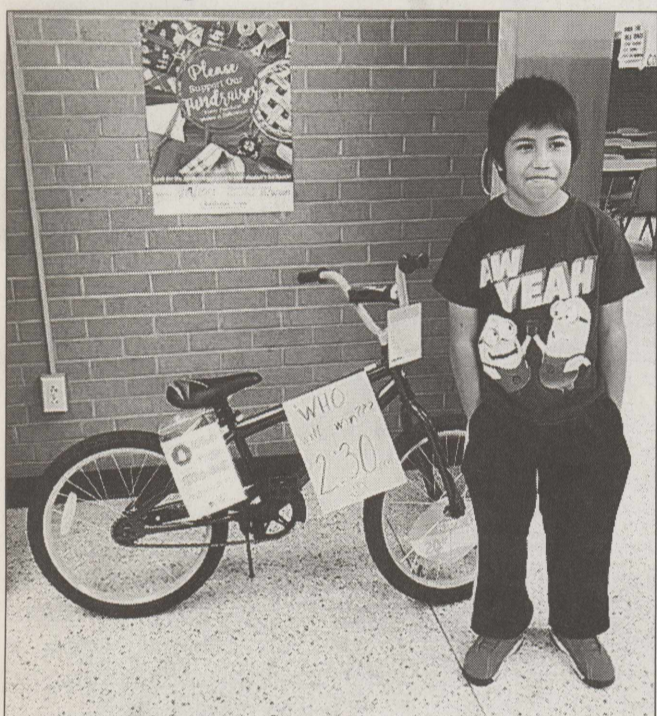
Offensively, Lockney had 303 total yards including 88 on the ground and 215 thru the air. Olton had 428 total yards including 280 on the ground and 148 thru the air.

Individually for the Longhorns, Marmolejo was 13-20 for 224 yards and two touchdowns. Kevin Lopez had 15 carries for 30 yards, Marmolejo had six carries for 24 yards, Noel Cenicerros had six carries for 22 yards and Israel Cuellar had six carries for 17 yards. Emert had five catches for 143 yards and two touchdowns, Bryson Walker had six catches for 53 yards and Shawn Marquez had three catches for 19 yards.

Individually for the Mustangs, Allcorn was 9-11 for 148 yards and three touchdowns. Allcorn had eight carries for 82 yards, Gunter had 14 carries for 81 yards and two touchdowns, Michael Muse had eight carries for 69 yards, Canchola had four carries for 29 yards and a touchdown, Nathan Mendoza had one carry for 10 yards and Aaron Garcia had one carry for nine yards. Leathers had three catches for 88 yards and three touchdowns, Noah Garza had one catch for 24 yards, Zach Ramage had three catches for 15 yards, Canchola had one catch for 11 yards and Gunter had one catch for 10 yards.

The Longhorns fall to 1-4 on the year and are open this week prior to opening District 2-2A-2 on the road at Clarendon (5-0). Olton improves to 3-2 on the year and are open this week prior to opening District 2-2A-1 on the road against New Deal (5-0).

Lockney student wins bike



Photos Courtesy

Lockney Elementary student Roman Olmos was the winner of the bike for Perfect Attendance for the first six weeks!

FISD Board Discusses R.C. Andrews Demolition; Approves Campus Improvement Plans

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In the monthly meeting of the Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees on September 19, discussion was held on the demolition of the RC Andrews building.

Plans are to demolish the building after asbestos abatement has been resolved.

In other board action, William Dean made the motion to accept the 2017 bond budget. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Eric Smith made the motion to approve the district and campus improvement plans as presented. Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Business Manager, Alicia Bice, presented the tax report and investment report.

The tax statement as of August 2017 included current tax levy for Maintenance & Operations \$3,111,600.21 and current collected \$3,080,690.17 for 99.007% and Interest & Sinking was levied at \$540,560.72 and collected at \$531,190.90.

The M&O collected this time last year was \$3,105,848.80 99.05%. The I&S collected this time last year was \$362,853.30.

The M&O ON 313 agreements was \$445,280.07 I&S ON 313 AGREEMENTS \$428,875. 100% was collected.

Upcoming Events at Floydada Schools

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Wednesday, October 4

FCA meeting @ lunch
FHS/FJHS Night School

Thursday, October 5

ACE Parent Meeting Duncan
JH Football @ Slaton – There
JV Football vs. Slaton – Here

Friday, October 6

3rd grade Youth AG Tour – Unity Center
V Football – Open date

Saturday, October 7

Lubbock Band Marching Festival

Monday, October 9

NO SCHOOL
Cross Country District Meet – Mae Simmons
Park Lubbock
FHS Band rehearsal

Tuesday, October 10

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 11

FHS/FJHS Night School
FCA meeting @ lunch

Thursday, October 12

JH Football vs. Hale Center – here
JV Football @ Hale Center – there

Friday, October 13

All School Pep Rally – Black Out theme
Farmers Market – Duncan Cafeteria
V Football vs. Hale Center – here

Saturday, October 14

Punkin Days
FHS Band Marching Festival – Sundown
BPA – Punkin Run proceeds to the Hunter
SchwertnerScholarship

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

October 9-13

Monday

NO SCHOOL
STUDENT HOLIDAY

Tuesday

Breakfast – Cinnamon Toast Crunch, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Beef nachos, ham & cheese sub., wrap, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

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

Lunch – Creamy chicken alfredo., cheeseburger buttered green beans., fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Cinnamon bun, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

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

Friday

Breakfast – Sausage and cheese pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch – Country fried steak potato bow w/roll, cheese pizza, mashed potatoes., fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

October 9-13

Monday, Oct. 9

Breakfast – Pancakes & Bacon or Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chop, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Roll, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Breakfast – Sunrise Sandwich or PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Spaghetti Bowl or French Bread Pizza, Salad, Fruit Cup, Steamed Veggies, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Breakfast – French Toast, Sausage or Cereal and Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Boneless Chicken or Texas Chili, Cornbread, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Oranges, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 12

Breakfast – Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast or Animal Crackers, Cheese, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Mexican Combo or Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Peaches, Milk

Friday, Oct. 13

Breakfast – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch – Popcorn Chicken or Sloppy Joe, Broccoli Bites, Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit, Milk

AREA TEAMS WRAPUP & SCHEDULES

DISTRICT 2-2A-1

Week 5 Results

FLOYDADA 51, Lubbock Roosevelt 6
ABERNATHY 28, Memphis 20
HALE CENTER 29, Bovina 21
NEW DEAL 38, Tulia 0
OLTON 49, Lockney 12
SUNDOWN 44, Tahoka 12

District 2-2A-1	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	W	L	W	L
Hale Center	5	0	0	0
New Deal	5	0	0	0
Sundown	5	0	0	0
Abernathy	4	0	0	0
Olton	3	2	0	0
Floydada	2	3	0	0

Week 6 Schedule

FLOYDADA – OPEN
ABERNATHY vs Lubbock Roosevelt
HALE CENTER – OPEN
NEW DEAL – OPEN
OLTON – OPEN
SUNDOWN – OPEN

AREA TEAMS

Week 5 Results

Palo Duro 30, PLAINVIEW (1-3, 0-1) 23
SILVERTON (4-0) at Rule - CANCELLED
VALLEY (3-1) 54, Paducah 6
MOTLEY COUNTY (3-2) 62, Chillicothe 0
PETERSBURG (1-3) – OPEN
PATTON SPRGS (0-3) – OPEN
LORENZO (5-0) 70, PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (1-4) 24

DISTRICT 2-2A-2

Week 5 Results

OLTON 49, LOCKNEY 12
CLARENDON 33, Booker 19
CROSBYTON 46, Smyer 13
Abernathy 28, MEMPHIS 20
RALLS 36, Claude 34
WELLINGTON 33, Panhandle 0

District 2-2A-2	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	W	L	W	L
Clarendon	5	0	0	0
Wellington	4	1	0	0
Memphis	3	2	0	0
Crosbyton	3	2	0	0
Ralls	3	2	0	0
Lockney	1	4	0	0

Week 6 Schedule

LOCKNEY – OPEN
CLARENDON – OPEN
CROSBYTON – OPEN
MEMPHIS – OPEN
RALLS – OPEN
WELLINGTON – OPEN

AREA TEAMS

Week 6 Schedule

PLAINVIEW (1-3, 0-1) at Hereford (4-0, 1-0)
SILVERTON (4-0) at LORENZO (5-0)
VALLEY (3-1) at Crowell (4-1)
MOTLEY COUNTY (3-2) vs Northside (3-2)
PETERSBURG (1-3) vs Whiteface (1-4)
PATTON SPRINGS (0-3) vs Lbb Kingdom Prep
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (1-4) at Wilson (4-1)

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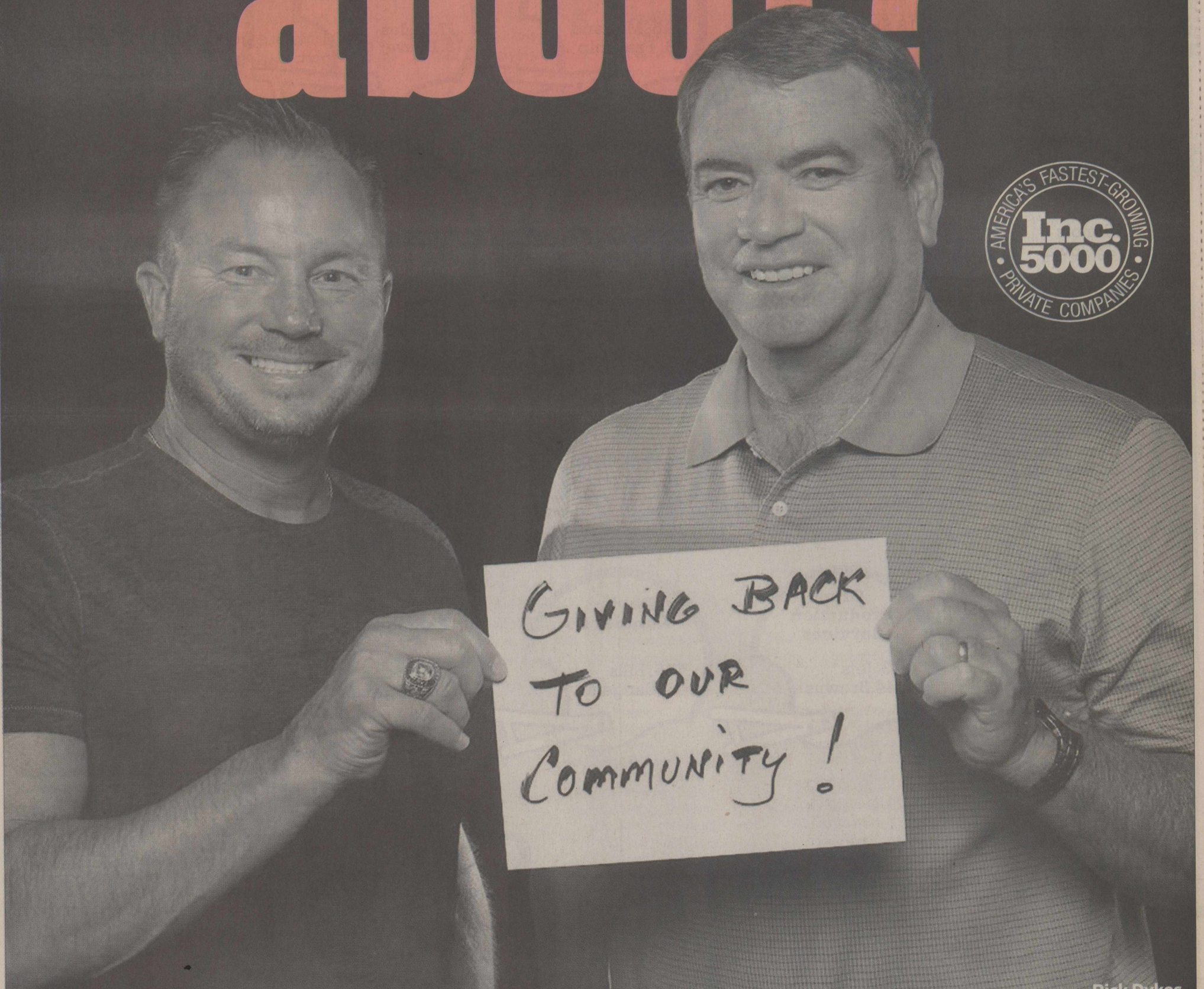
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Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and deposing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

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The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Floydada Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Floydada

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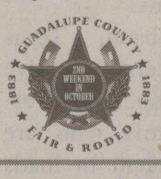
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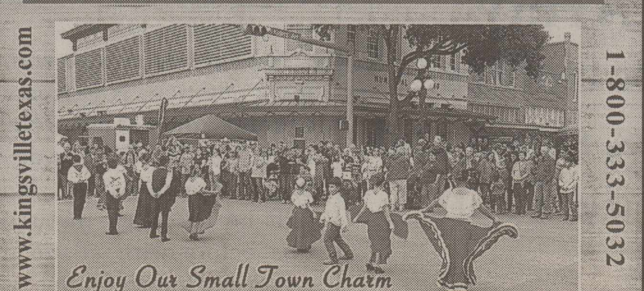
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Mangold "Shooting" U.S. Cotton Sets Goals to Further Reduce Environmental Footprint

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital will be hosting its First Annual 5-Stand Trap Shoot Fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Unity Center in Muncy.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the shooting begins at 9 a.m.

Lunch will be also available for purchase.

The funds generated from the trap shoot will be used to continue to purchase capital equipment, laboratory equipment, and nursing equipment.

Bond Arms will also be on-site for demonstrations and viewing.

There will also be a four gun raffle at the event and the weapons to be raffled off include:

--Ruger Precision Rifle
--Beretta A400 Action Semi Auto Shotgun



Floyd County residents can test their shooting prowess for a good cause on Saturday, Oct. 7 with the W.J. Memorial Hospital First Annual 5-Stand Trap Shoot at the Unity Center in Muncy.

--Bond Arms "Texan" Pistol
--Bond Arms "Snake Slayer" Pistol

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 12 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased prior to the trap shoot, at the event, or from any hospital foundation member, including: Jim Martin, Denise Doucette, Renee Hrbacek, Rise Ford, Rhonda Stovall, Kathy Kellison or Alyssa McCarter.

For these events, all federal, state and local laws apply; must be 18 years of age to purchase a ticket; all firearms will be issued through a dealer.

Participants must be 18 years of age to win the shotgun or

the rifle and 21 years of age to win the handguns and must pass a background check upon pickup.

Tickets can be purchased at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital as well. When purchasing tickets, cash or check only will be accepted.

Sponsors of the fundraiser include Happy State Bank.

If you are unable to participate and would still like to contribute to the hospital, you can do so by mailing donations to:

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation
P.O. Box 37
Lockney, Texas 79241

By Marjory Walker
National Cotton Council

MEMPHIS, TN. — With the goal of helping its members meet their current needs while making the world a better place for future generations, the U.S. cotton industry is setting goals aimed to build upon the strong environmental gains already achieved over the past 30 years.

"Our industry wants to be the supplier of choice for those who are committed to only buying cotton that is produced with sustainable and responsible environmental, safety and labor practices," said National Cotton Council Chairman Ronnie Lee, a Georgia cotton producer. "That is the objective that was set by the Council's COTTON USA Sustainability Task Force."

Task Force Chairman Ted Schneider, a Louisiana cotton producer, said the actual sustainability resolution that the Council adopted earlier this year called for the creation of the sustainability task force and specified that it collaborate with U.S. cotton industry associations "on developing industrywide goals for measurable con-

tinual improvements in environmental stewardship, farm productivity, and resource efficiency such as land, water, air, input, and energy use."

Schneider said that among the specific goals being pursued by 2025 are: 1) reducing by 13 percent the amount of land needed to produce a pound of cotton fiber; 2) reducing soil loss by 50 percent, in balance with new soil formation; 3) increasing water use efficiency (more fiber per gallon) by 18 percent; 4) reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 39 percent; 5) increasing soil carbon in fields by 30 percent; and 6) reducing energy to produce seed cotton and ginned lint by 15 percent.

"U.S. cotton growers have achieved significant environmental gains over the past three decades," explains Schneider. "The goals are meant to continue that trend and to reinvigorate efforts through the setting of realistic targeted reductions."

Dahlen Hancock, chairman of Cotton Incorporated whose scientists have worked diligently to develop and refine U.S. cotton's sustainability initiative, said, "We believe the United States may be the only country in

the world with these kind of specific, measurable, quantified goals."

The Texas cotton producer said the U.S. cotton industry is using science-based metrics and benchmarks developed by Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture to assess environmental impacts and identify opportunities for improvement. Field to Market works across the entire agricultural supply chain to define, measure and advance the sustainability of U.S. crop production.

Hancock, who is the former chairman of the Council's export promotions arm, Cotton Council International (CCI), said CCI looks forward to "sharing with U.S. cotton's global customers our industry will continue to make in providing the world with responsibly produced, quality fiber."

As the unifying force of the U.S. cotton industry, the Memphis-based National Cotton Council of America has a mission of ensuring the ability of the U.S. cotton industry's seven segments to compete effectively and profitably in the raw cotton, oilseed and U.S.-manufactured product markets at home and abroad.

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ment, his daughter shared.

One dark stormy night during the 2015 storm season, Amarillo photographer Jim Livingston spent 18 hours chasing an elusive storm. Left feeling angry that he had not captured a good shot and beyond exhausted, he turned around to drive home by way of Blanco Canyon south of Floydada. As he looked up, Livingston saw a large cross lit up in front of him that he previously hadn't noticed, with the storm receding behind it. Livingston quickly grabbed his camera, steadying it on the hood of his truck, and took the iconic picture.

"It reminded me that I'm not alone and I think the symbolism of the cross before the storm was a powerful metaphor for what I was dealing with emotionally at that time," Livingston shared.

He states that "Cross Before the Storm" has been seen all over the world via the internet and is one of his most shared photographs.

While eating lunch at Ray-Ray's Café with friends Karen and Eddy Houchin this year, Liv-

ingston shared that he would like to do something special for Floyd County in the way of a fundraiser. Eddy Houchin suggested the photograph on the Pyle farm he had taken was an iconic picture that could be used to raise funds to continue to light the cross at night for other weary travelers.

The Pyle family was contacted about the idea and Iantha Pyle Smith and Robert Pyle ran the idea past their mother, Virginia, to use the pictures to help pay the electric bill for the cross light. The cross also needs a few improvements, particularly a larger flood light and upkeep. The family also consented to Livingston making more photographs of the cross at different times of the day. He hopes to catch the cross in the golden hour of the dying sunset, at the break of dawn and with the Milky Way as its backdrop in the near future.

In the interim, Karen Houchin and Iantha Pyle Smith started investigating fundraising. In the past, donations went through the Floydada Ministerial Alliance Fund. However, the need for a permanent non-profit was determined the best method to continue to fund the cross. A 501(c) (3) was applied for with the State

of Texas, and with the IRS. A board consisting of two descendants of Louis and Virginia Pyle, two local ministers, and a business owner has been established to govern the non-profit.

During the Punkin Day event, a booth will be set up in the building on the southeast corner of California and Main Streets with prints of "Cross Before the Storm" for sale. All proceeds will go to the Light the Cross Memorial, minus printing costs, as a gift from the photographer. Print sizes available are 8x10 and 16x20.

"It's such a powerful symbol and the fact it is lit at night—light and darkness—is a powerful metaphor for what the cross stands for," the photographer postulated.

For Iantha Pyle Smith, keeping the cross lit means: "honoring my dad and God, to keep our family memories, and what our dad represented to each one of us to follow our dreams: family."

Donations to the Light the Cross Memorial may be made at Prosperity Bank in Floydada.

To see more of Jim Livingston's photography, visit his webpage at www.jimlivingstonart.com or on his Facebook page.

WINNIE

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outstanding public servant with a servant's heart," he said. "She came into law enforcement after spending several years as a writer with the local newspaper."

"It is because of her that the students in the South Plains College Law Enforcement Club conducted

several fund raisers to get the endowment started," Scott said. "The scholarship will assist criminal justice and law enforcement female students."

"She was passionate about education and she was a lifelong learner," said Harley. We are setting this scholarship up to honor her memory."

"She had a passion for women to be successful in Law Enforcement," Harled

added.

Winnie Reid, 87, died Sept. 5, 2016.

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.

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vidual type of policy. Test results are recognized by the Risk Management Agency, RMA, as official when generated by a Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration or GIPSA-approved lab or by a lab participating in the Office of the Texas State Chemist One Sample Strategy system.

Discussion points being shared by RMA can be found on the Texas Corn Producers website at <http://texascorn.org/>.

While elevators conduct a quick test that measures fumonisin levels above or below 30 ppm, there are only two certified testing facilities in the High Plains at this time — the Amarillo Grain Exchange and Plainview Grain Inspection.

Producers attending the meetings expressed a great concern about the ability of these facilities to process all the samples in a timely manner. By the end of these meetings, several elevator and laboratory attendees had entered discussions to become part of the recognized programs.

David Gibson, Texas Corn Producers executive director, Lubbock, said elevator operators who are seeing a problem in loads being delivered to their facilities are encouraged to get their growers to talk to their insurance agent if they haven't already done so.

"At the end of the day, these RMA folks will make the final decision if there is a disagreement between the producer, insurance company or elevator manager," Gibson said. "If you have followed the right procedure and have it all documented, as a producer you should be OK."

Gibson said anyone with more questions is welcome to contact him at 806-763-2676, 806-786-7265 or dgibson@texascorn.org. He said he has been through this before with aflatoxin issues and knows producers

have many questions.

RMA officials clarified, after many producer questions about timing and lack of current lack of testing facilities, that once a sample is taken, the level of fumonisin in the sample will not change. So, while there is a four-day limit to get the sample to the official testing site, there is not a limit on the time for the actual testing.

Dr. Tim Herrman, with the Office of the Texas State Chemist, or OTSC, in College Station, said the contaminated grain is under the authority of the Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service.

He said they realize there is a challenge associated with the sampling and testing for fumonisin, but he expects numerous additional approved labs and designees to be operating by the end of next week using the OTSC One Sample Strategy or as a GIPSA-approved lab.

Herrman said the OTSC implemented the One Sample Strategy program to measure and manage the risk using official equipment and methods and issue official results.

"Our goal is to protect animal and human health, but also protect the marketplace," he said.

The One Sample Strategy, Herrman said, utilizes the concept of "test once, use multiple times." The program provides legal certainty to the agriculture community while preserving market integrity through accurate sampling and testing.

He said the One Sample Strategy facilitates risk management by training grain elevator or other end-user employees to accurately measure the level of fumonisin in any incoming truckload of corn. Employees who pass a proficiency verification evaluation are qualified to analyze samples as designees of his of-

rice.

"We can test, and test accurately, using official procedures accepted and used by multiple places multiple times including crop insurance," Herrman said. "Let's do it right once and move forward."

Once facilities are approved as One Sample Strategy participants, they will be listed on the website, results reported as official results by the Office of the Texas State Chemist, and they will be accepted as official for crop insurance according to the Risk Management Agency, Mitchell said.

Herrman said representatives of his office would be in the High Plains next week to qualify employees at facilities requesting participation. These samples will be accurate up to a total concentration of 100 ppm. For more information, go to One Sample Strategy.

Dr. Cat Barr, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory toxicologist, College Station, said fumonisin is toxic because it changes the way cells communicate with each other in both animals and humans.

The acceptable level for cattle is 60 ppm because they are ruminant animals, but horses are much more susceptible and can receive no more than 5 ppm fed as 20 percent of their diet before it can cause cell death.

"The only way to handle fumonisin poisoning is to avoid it," Barr said. "That means having any corn-based feed tested to verify its safety. I'm hoping our education efforts can help stop this before it gets into the feed stream. I believe we can do it."

More information on the fumonisin guidance levels set by FDA and regulated by the OTSC can be found at <http://bit.ly/2k5WgQN>, along with the potential effects on various animal species.

Obituary

Bryan McCulloch

Bryan McCulloch, age 82, of Lockney, passed away Saturday, September 30, 2017.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney with Ricky Carstensen officiating.

Interment will follow at the Plainview Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

David Bryan "Mac" McCulloch was born January 11, 1935 in the Providence Community. He graduated from Lockney High School in 1953. He served in the Army National Guard from 1953-1962. He worked for Southwestern Bell/AT&T from 1956 until his retirement in 1997. He resided in Plainview Texas until

the time of his death.

Bryan enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and tinkering with just about anything and would always find a way to fix something. He was always lending a helping hand to people around him. His family was very precious to him and he enjoyed the grandchildren and great grandchildren tremendously.

Bryan is a member of First United Methodist in Lockney and memorials may be made in his memory or to a favorite charity of your choice.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Sankey, his mother Nettie, brothers, Wesley, Don and Jerry, son, Rodney McCulloch and grandson, Jerry Dane Chapman.

Bryan is survived by his wife, Joy Nixon McCulloch; daughter, Rhonda Chapman and husband, Dane of Hillsboro, Texas; sons, Jaime and wife, Rhonda of Denver City, Texas and



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David and wife, DeAnna of Denver City, Texas; stepdaughter, Jana Manus and husband, Russell of Aledo, Texas; and stepson, Greg Lawson of Plainview, Texas. He has 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and people who would call him friend.

While completely healed in heaven, he will be tremendously missed by those who knew and loved him on this earth. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

Lockney Salvation Army

is in need of fall and winter clothes.

Items needed are coats, clothes, shoes and blankets. Also donations for the Pantry will be appreciated.