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30th Annual Punkin' Days Kicks Off Wednesday

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

It's here-- Punkin' Days' week! Festivities for The 30th Annual Punkin' Days get underway Wednesday, Oct. 11.

If you see some folks driving around town looking at houses and businesses, it could be the Punkin' Days judges. Wednesday evening, Oct. 11, they'll be looking for the best decorated houses and businesses for Punkin' Days 2017.

Festivities start to really heat up the evening of Friday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. as contestants in the Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet Barbecue Cook-off arrive at the dealership's awning at the intersection of Main and Mississippi which will also be the headquarters of the Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet Chili Cook-off which gets underway Saturday morning.

There are three categories in the barbecue competition: Chicken, Ribs and Brisket. Entry fee for teams is \$25, and the deadline to enter is October 9. All teams can register at www.floydadachamber.com and see complete rules on the chamber website. First place prize in the barbecue cook-off is \$200 and first place prize in the chili cook-off is \$200.

Saturday morning gets underway with the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the courthouse square, and the 5K Run also at 8 a.m. is at the high school. Entry fee for the 5K run is \$20 and includes a t-shirt while they last. Interested runners can register at www.floydadachamber.com.

At 8:30 a.m. is set-up for the 5th Annual Punkin Days Car Show. Entrant's cost is \$25 upon arrival and registration. Categories include: Hot Rod, Race Car, Low Rider, Classic 50's and older, truck, Camaro, Muscle Car, Mustang, Motorcycle, Import and Pick-up. Trophies for: 2017 Punkin Days Best of Show, Best Interior, Best Motor, Best Paint and each class.

For questions, please call Brian Emert (Brian and Dilia's Classics) 806-983-9368 or Floydada Chamber of Commerce - 806-983-3434. Set up is from 8:30-11 a.m. on the courthouse square. Judging begins at 11 a.m.

In the 9 a.m. hour the Friends of the Library open up the doors to their book sale.

According to Chamber manager Deon Fincher, "This year games begin at 10 a.m., that's two hours later than in the past. That should give everyone who's at the breakfast and at the 5K plenty of



Courtesy photos

The 30th Annual Punkin' Days festival gets into full swing this week in Floydada with house and business decorating contests, barbecue and chili cook-offs, games, booths, and more to celebrate Floydada as Pumpkin Capital of the USA.

time to enjoy those." Booths will also open at 10 a.m.

If you're interested in a booth, the cost for arts and crafts booths are \$55 or \$28 for non-profits.

For food booths, costs start at \$150 or \$75 for non-profits, depending upon your electrical needs.

Besides booths, attendees can enjoy a variety of games including: Pumpkin toss, Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin, Pumpkin bowling, Pumpkin Wheelbarrow



Races, Pumpkin Decorating and more.

Throughout the day, the Floyd County Museum will be featuring its rope-making demonstration.

Cow Patty Bingo, a perennial

favorite, is back, and you can purchase your tickets at Assiter Insurance, First National Bank, Producers Co-op, the City of Floydada and the Chamber of Commerce.

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Mangold Announces New Director of Home Health

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY—W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital is excited to announce their new Director of Home Health, Saundra Rendon, LVN, of Lockney. Saundra, formerly at Hospice Hands of West Texas, has accepted the Director of Home Health position at WJMMH.

A native to Lockney and a well-known nurse of many residents in the Floyd County, Saundra is the perfect addition.

"The position was open for a few months before Saundra was ready to accept and we are so blessed to have her join our family!" says Alyssa McCarter, CFO at WJMMH. "She has such a joyful and caring personality and is an amazing nurse. After announcing her acceptance of the position, there was an uproar of praise and excitement at our hospital. Everyone loves her!"

Saundra first decided to be a nurse when she was a young child coming from a family of nurses. Both of her parents are residents of Lockney, Elba Pyle and the late Everett Pyle, so it was important to return home to continue the legacy they began providing care to those they love.

Saundra is married to Randy Rendon for 20+ years



SAUNDRA RENDON

and have one child, a son, Nickolas Rendon who is a senior at Lockney ISD and a talented musician who plans to go to medical school to further the family's legacy.

Saundra is most excited to continue to serve the community and surrounding communities with the quality and one on one care each patient deserves.

Saundra brings new energy and philosophy taking care of our area's residents. W.J. Mangold strives on providing the best care and truly believes in "Our family caring for your family". For family centered care and one that believes in doing the right thing first, the Home Health team expects growth and positive response to the changes by patients and family members.

Call today for information or referrals at 806-652-2895.

Shirley Hayes 50 Years at Mangold

Courtesy photos

Mangold Hospital recognized Shirley Hayes last week for 50 years of service to the hospital. Dr. Gary Mangold and other hospital staff saluted Shirley for her service. Next week, the Hesperian-Beacon will do a special feature on Shirley and her five decades of caring for others.



Lockney Elementary and Happy State Bank Offer Kids' Bank

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The Kids' Bank Program, kicks off this week in Lockney. Developed by Happy State Bank in 1997, Kids' Bank is designed to teach students the value of saving, while introducing them to the many important aspects of banking.

Lockney is one of 17 communities participating in the program and their banking year kicks off Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Students can open an account with an adult family member at any Happy State Bank location with the proper identification or an account application can be submitted at www.happybank.com/kids-bank-schools.php.

Kids' Bank deposits can be made at school, during a scheduled Kids' Bank day or at any branch location. The purpose of the account is for the student to make small deposits at school to participate in the savings program.

The student or the adult/ Joint Account Owner can make a withdrawal at any

Happy State Bank Branch.

Each student requesting to open an account will get a signature card, included in the new account packet, which must be signed and returned to bank for the account to be considered opened. The packet will include a return envelope.

A student with an active Kids' Bank Savings Account can deposit as little as a penny.

The account can only be used by the student and cannot be used as a family household account. The purpose of the account is to teach students the importance of saving. Therefore, the savings account cannot be used for household activity including depositing or cashing payroll, insurance, or tax refund checks; or for paying household expenses or any other types of bills.

Kids' Bank savings accounts do not have a monthly service fee. However, the savings account will be charged an excessive withdraw service fee if during a statement / quarterly cycle the account reports more than six withdrawals or becomes overdrawn.

When the student is no longer an elementary student, the account is converted to a Regular Savings Account for a Minor and fees are waived by the bank until the student reaches the age of 21, and a Kids' Bank Savings Account be opened or closed at any time.



YARA POOLE MONTY TEETER

Kids Bank Dates in Lockney (subject to change)			
October 11	December 13	February 14	April 11
October 18	December 20	February 21	April 18
October 25	January 17	February 28	April 25
November 1	January 24	March 7	
November 8	January 31	March 21	
November 15	February 7	March 28	

The Kids' Bank managers in Lockney are Yara Poole and Monty Teeter. For more information about Lockney Kids' Bank call 1-806-342-2437.

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.

OLD SETTLER'S TEAM ROPING

Floyd County Old Settlers Team Roping will be held this Saturday, October 14th, @ 5 p.m. at Brett Marble's arena just north of South Plains. Buckles will be awarded to the champion header and heeler

PUNKIN' DAYS

The 30th Annual Punkin Days Arts & Crafts is here!!! It's going to be held downtown Floydada on Saturday, October 14th. Lots of games, food and family fun!

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!

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS FUNDRAISER

The Floydada Senior Citizen's Center will be holding a fundraiser lunch on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The menu will be chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Take-out or dine-in. We will start serving at 11:45 a.m. and will continue until everyone is fed. We would also appreciate any donations of green beans (gallon size cans), potatoes, and cake mixes.

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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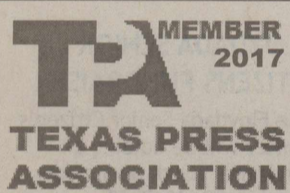
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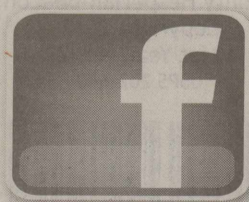
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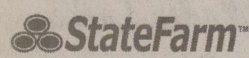
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I find it somewhat eerie that we find ourselves in the current state of affairs in America. I grew up in the fifties and sixties during some strange social times in America. I was raised in an evangelical Christian home to believe in certain Biblical moral values. Yet during the sixties, I saw an element in political circles seek to undermine those very values that I grew up to believe in. To be fair, not all of the left leaning political people in our country are anti-God, but the anti-God movement lies in the left wing of politics in America.

Beginning with Madeline Murray O'Hair and prayer in school those elements began to move our country toward a God-less society. They have incrementally eroded Judeo-Christian values in every area of our society. Recently, Senate leaders "worried" that Christian values might harm a potential Federal Judge appointee from being qualified to serve in that office. We have allowed our children to be taught evolution, not as a theory, but as fact for many years now. Many leaders on the left openly contend that religion of any kind is a detriment to humanity.

I have to ask the question, "What harm is there in having a moral religious belief?". What harm is there in teaching our children Godly moral values? If God is in fact a hoax and there is no moral authority, so what? What is the product of believing in God and having moral values? Law abiding citizens? Even if it isn't true, all it does is develop and promote basic human worth and value. How is that detrimental to society? The result of removing religion from society and teaching the opposite to our young people is exactly what the left has sought to achieve—a godless society. The result of that is a domestic terrorists in Las Vegas.

Sincerely,
Ed Warren, Floydada, Tx

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 Brother-

ton 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 Main-

tenance & 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.

New Texas A&M Wildlife, Fisheries and Ecological Sciences Building grand opening celebrated at College Station

By Steve Byrns

COLLEGE STATION – Sept. 15 marked the grand opening of the new Wildlife, Fisheries and Ecological Sciences Building at 534 John Kimbrough Blvd. on the Texas A&M University West Campus.

Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean of agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M, College Station, said the \$32.5 million building is the fourth to be constructed in the Agriculture and Life Sciences complex, a group of buildings housing staff "dedicated to feeding our world, protecting our environment, enriching our youth, improving our health and growing our economy."

"In September 1937, the Texas A&M University department of wild game was founded. Eighty years later, we open a state-of-the-art facility to continue eight decades of outstanding teaching, research and Extension outreach," he said.

Dr. Michael Masser, wildlife and fisheries department head, said the opening will

mark the first time all of the department's faculty, staff and students are together in the same building since the 1970s.

New Texas A&M Wildlife, Fisheries and Ecological Sciences Building opens. (Texas A&M AgriLife Communications photo by John Chivvis)

"The building will bring more collegiality, cohesiveness and collaboration to the department," Masser said. "The new building represents a major investment in our department and the ecological sciences department and will provide opportunities for increased research and the opportunity to attract new faculty and students because of the greatly enhanced facility."

Dr. Kathleen Kavanagh, ecological sciences department head, said about one-third of her faculty will be located in the new building. They will gain high-end computing facilities for research and teaching, as well as four new labs for studies on global water modeling, wetland ecology, remote sensing, climate change bi-

ology and paleobiogeography.

The facility, Hussey said, includes two floors of state-of-the-art laboratories and 80,000 total square feet of space.

"Like the other buildings in the complex, it is built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver standards. The building also connects to our rainwater capture system, which underscores our commitment to sustainability."

"A building constructed with sustainability in mind is a perfect home to two departments that work on the broad spectrum of environmental, ecology, wildlife and rangeland issues."

Hussey said the wildlife and fisheries department combined program is the largest in the U.S. Additionally, the impact of the ecosystem science and management department is felt throughout the state with its faculty educating some 9,000 citizens at a number of educational events over the past year.

"This building gets us even closer to our ultimate goal of moving our departments together onto the West Campus," Hussey said. "But what makes these buildings special is that they serve as a central home for one of Texas A&M's founding colleges, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and as a statewide hub for our agricultural agencies, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research, whose 5,000 employees touch the lives of Texans daily. We live the land grant mission of close integration of teaching, research, Extension and service – and this complex is a commitment to continue that legacy into the future."

The formal festivities ended with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by a tour of the facility.

The Paperboy Country wildlife

I haven't been much in the political mood lately so if you're looking for a hard-hitting opinion piece, you won't find it here. I'd rather write about some observations and life.

I was cooking out the other evening when my dog alerted on a rattlesnake. She started barking in a high-pitched bark which indicates a sense of urgency.

Having heard the barking I took off to see what the issue was. Sure enough, there was a 3 foot rattler buzzing with that distinct



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sound many of us have heard several times.

My friend Steve shot the snake and my son took the rattler, his fourth of the year.

I wanted to chop the snake (they disgust me and it gives me a sense of satisfaction), but Steve beat me to the punch. Anyway, I have killed a personal record of 11 either by gun, hoe, shovel or truck tire.

Despite having had plenty of moisture this season, we are at the time of year when rattlesnakes will look for places to "sun." They like roads, porches and other places that radiate heat. With that said, please be sure to be aware of you surroundings when outside. The last thing you want to deal with is a snake bite.

Keeping it on the wildlife front, mule deer are funny. There are several living near us and I see them almost everyday.

They really aren't scared of us at all. In fact, I was able to approach them on a recent evening and got to about 15 feet before they ventured off. They didn't take off in a panic, but as if they were simply going on about their business.

If you don't know, mule deer are indigenous to western North America; and are named for their ears, which are large like those of the mule.

According to a biologist from the Matador Wildlife Management Area between Paducah and Childress, mule deer are becoming more plentiful. They were once thick in this area but their numbers dwindled as more and more acreage went into agriculture.

Both whitetail and mule deer populations have climbed dramatically over the past several years and the local hunting industry has blossomed as a result.

When you add turkey, hogs, quail and dove into the mix, it's no wonder the Rolling Plains has become a hotbed for hunting.

As for me, I'm not much of a hunter, rattlesnakes notwithstanding.

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The 501 A new twist on business names

Call me twisted if you want. I'll take it as a compliment. Twisted is in.

I'm still getting used to the concept. But it's true. Otherwise "twisted" wouldn't keep popping up in business names. My favorite homemade goat's milk soap is from the Twisted Sisters. If they ever ask me to design them a logo, I'll entwine them pretzel-style. I'm thinking of something akin to the Starbucks gal, doubled and twisted.

Recently I ran across the name Twisted Yucca. I pictured a big spiky yucca caught in a whirlwind. It's hard to hear the word "twisted" and not visualize something twisted. Right?

"Twisted" seems to appear most often in the names of charming retail businesses, maybe with tearooms. That's my impression. But today I got a twisted shock. I saw an advertisement for shipping containers from a company called "Twisted S." (Like an "S" isn't already twisted enough.) Twisted S sells those big rugged containers built of steel – the ones that go on trains and ships to cross land and ocean, respectively. My brain shifted gears. "Twisted" got tougher. I imagined the Twisted S to be the name of a dusty old ranch – one with longhorns. After all, if cattle can be branded with the Lazy S and the Crazy S and the Back S and the Tumbling S, why not the Twisted S?

TWISTED RESEARCH PAUSE.

"Twisted" seems to run the gamut business-wise. I looked up the Twisted Cactus. It's a fashion truck. Maybe you knew that. The Twisted Cactus has some gold glittery sneakers I'd like to call mine.

Two more:

The Twisted Branch sells lovely antiques and objets d'art but can also turn mesquite branches (presumably also trunks and roots) into fine twisted furniture. Nice.

The Twisted Root Burger Company is a chain. Maybe you've eaten there. Twisted Root? Here's my theory: If you give a chain of hamburger joints a strikingly illogical name, prospective customers will think the food must be good. How else could they operate with such an off-putting name? Me, I'll take pickles, mustard, onions, lettuce and tomatoes. Leave off the twisted root.

Circa 1973, when I dined at the Blow Fly Inn in Gulfport, Miss., the name was the draw. I wanted to tell my Texas friends I'd eaten at a place called the Blow Fly. I even bought a t-shirt. Is the Blow Fly still in business? Yep. Since 1955. And still called the Blow Fly. The logo features a tastefully sized blowfly. On the website, the new owners are promising to address some complaints that the quality of the food has declined somewhat in the past few years.

In the case of the Blow Fly Inn, the restaurateurs seem intent on polishing their time-honored reputation and making few substantive changes. But should they decide to rev things up and maybe even launch a chain, they simply could become the Twisted Blow Fly. That'd work for sure.

One last twisted thought:

Maybe Gene's Tasty Burger should rename those curly fries. Maybe not.

Football Contest Standings Week 5

THIS WEEKS TOTAL

Brent Sanders	15/25	90/124
Lanny Barnett	15/25	89/124
Coy LaBaume	15/25	89/124
Roel Cisneros	18/25	89/124
Pam Fulton	19/25	89/124
Ricky Ascencio	16/25	84/124
Renee Armstrong	19/25	81/124
Diego Ascencio	11/25	79/124
Boyd Lee	14/25	77/124
Paul Lopez	12/25	73/124
Steve Stringer	11/25	59/124
Mac Sherman	19/25	65/100

SOCIETY



Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

By Deon Fincher
Chamber Manager

Planning a festival such as Punkin Days is much like reading a book. Details abound, and situations must be defined and explained. Occasionally, another event is publicized and, our interest is hooked. Week by week, other events are announced and the tempo of the planning towards the "big day" becomes frenetic. Posters get printed and distributed. Cow Patty Bingo tickets are bought and tucked into warn

billfolds. Television and radio interviews are broadcast to the masses. Scoresheets for the contests are created and placed in the respective Event packets. Anticipation builds...higher, higher, and higher!

And then, as if it were just another day of the week, it's Saturday morning and the whirl of events blurs the exhaustion of the organizers. Crowds flock to our fair city's square. Money is exchanged for artistic items, and plates of delectable-smelling mounds. Children

walk around with cotton candy sticking their hair to their cheeks. Stollers full of packages, blankets, bottles are pushed over the street pavers while dads help little one's roll a pumpkin. This is the climax...the top-most point of months of planning.

As the day begins to fade, and the shadows stretch into exaggerated copies of their objects, the cool evening air will allow for a few unhurried breaths...a few moments of rest. The bell curve will slope down as the dark

reveals the carved pumpkins on the courthouse steps, glowing against the columns of the front entrance. The first few beats of the bands warming up will float on the night breeze. Musical vibrations will both, energize and sooth those in the audience. The evening will end with laughter, fellowship of friends, and commendations of a job well done. The book will be closed and placed on the shelf with the past 29 editions, saving a space for next year's copy.

Museum Archives

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY CENTENNIAL 1890-1990

By Jim Reynolds—Reprinted from the Oct. 29, 1987 edition of The Floyd County Hesperian

"SLIM" ROBERTSON MAKES FLOYD COUNTY PUMPKINS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

With suggestions floating about dubbing Floyd County as the "Punkin Capital" of the United States, B. A. Robertson has to be remembered as the man who pioneered commercial production of the commodity in this county.

"It was close to 30 years ago" that the longtime farmer first planted Floyd County soil to pumpkins. "The first ones I planted were north of Barwise on Boyd land. I think I planted 10 acres that first year." He worked that plot 23 years, and continued to produce pumpkins.

Why did he decide to try his hand at growing pumpkins?

"I really can't answer that," he responds. "I knew a fellow—Rafe Ferguson—who tried cushaws and did real good." Rafe Ferguson is the father of Ray Gene Ferguson, manager of Floydada Co-op Gin.

Cushaws are "related to pumpkins. Most people don't know how many varieties there are."

Seeing Ferguson being successful at cushaw production, Robertson decided to try his hand at pumpkins. His initial crop was sold "here and there. Most went to Dallas and Fort Worth."

His production increased as demand mounted. He says that "the word got around" among Dallas and Fort Worth retailers about the quality of his pumpkins.

EARLY CUSTOMERS

He remembers that brothers John and Gene Cox of Dallas "bought a pickup load. Then they came back with a U Haul trailer and bought a pickup and trailer load." The brothers drove to Floyd County each fall to purchase Robertson's pumpkins, finally graduating to a bobtail truck. Then the brothers purchased semi-trailers of the commodity until reaching "135,000 to 140,000 pounds a year."

The Cox brothers represented "a pretty good comparison" of B. A. Robertson's early customers increasing their pumpkin purchases through the years.

The Coxes "retailed everyone of them (pumpkins) out." Other buyers were wholesalers. "When you sell a pumpkin, you never know where it will end up," Robertson relates.

Other early customers—

who came back annually to purchase Robertson pumpkins—were "five men from Fort Worth. They all came together. The first year they came in pickups" and later they brought semis to haul commodities back to the Metroplex.

As the volume of most customers grew and new customers came along, Robertson's acreage grew.

"I used to sell some that went to Arizona, some went to New Orleans, and others went as far north as Wichita, Kan., that I know of," he proudly explains.

REPEAT CLIENTS

I had people who came back 20-25 years. In fact, I loaded one out yesterday, Jimmy Wood of Rockport, whose father used to buy from me."

Although Robertson no longer produces pumpkins, he keeps well versed on them through his protégé, Scott Faulkenberry.

"Scott grows all the pumpkins now," the veteran Floyd County farmer says. "He's picked up a lot of customers over the years that I didn't have."

Robertson confines his agricultural activities to "a little cotton patch over by the rest home. I hire Scott to do most of the work, but if he's busy and can't get to it, I've got an old 90 (tractor) out there and I go do it."

• He also raises a garden near his house, located near the drive-in theatre. The garden is primarily for friends.

His interest in pumpkins hasn't waned.

"Jack-o-lantern pumpkins are probably 90 percent of the business," he explains, although Faulkenberry and most other producers plant small acreages of gourds, cushaws, butternut and Hubbard squash and other such items.

One reason for production of the other commodities is "to keep them (customers) from going to Muleshoe or somewhere else for them." If forced to travel elsewhere for the other items, customers might also purchase their pumpkins there.

VARYING VARIETIES

The man who "might have sold a million pounds (a year) once, or close to it," explains the difference in pumpkin varieties. Those grown in this county vary from the "baby" or miniature up to

the "Big Mac's," which may weigh 100 pounds or more.

"All the fruit stands want two or three Big Mac's to attract attention," although they are not major sellers. "They are too big for jack-o-lanterns" other than for novelty items.

Pie pumpkins generally fall into three to five pound range. Thanks to "finer meat," they become ingredients for pumpkin pies more frequently than their cousins.

The Howden variety, weighing from 10 to 20 pounds, is the preferred size for jack-o-lanterns, thus it is the most popular. "I have seen Ben (a friend) grow Howdens at Muleshoe that weighed 35 pounds, but Scott counted quite a few the other day and they average 14 pounds," Robertson says.

Terming the Muleshoe area a "hotbed" for production of pumpkins and their "cousins," Robertson admits that he is puzzled why such commodities grow larger in that area than in Floyd County. One possible explanation is that "Ben" applies heavy fertilizer to his crop at Muleshoe while soil scientists report that pumpkin would "burn up" in Floyd County land if heavily fertilized.

What is an "average" per acre production of Howdens in this county?

PRODUCTION VARIES

"That's an impossible question," Robertson replies. "I have made 50,000 pounds (an acre) and I have raised 6,000 pounds. The average is probably 20,000 to 25,000 pounds an acre."

While this has been a favorable growing year for some of the gourds and other items, production of "jack-o-lantern pumpkins" has not been good.

During his peak years, Robertson did not consider pumpkins a difficult crop to produce. "I didn't fertilize them and I didn't spray them," he explains.

Another of the changes through the years is that he paid "65 cents a pound for seed back then." Today, the cost of planting seed is \$12 or \$13 a pound." One catalogue quotes a price of \$12.95 per pound for Howdens or \$12.85 per pound if purchased in 10 pound lots.

According to this county's first commercial pumpkin producer, Harris Seed Co.

of New York has "exclusive rights" to Howden seed. This is one reason for the high seed cost. "The Howden variety isn't over 10 years old... if that old."

When he was active in production, "I used to try to plant some about the 10th of June and finish up about the 25th." Rains and other weather conditions make that planting schedule impossible on certain years.

Pumpkins and their "cousins" are a labor intensive crop, with harvesting, culling and loading done primarily by hand.

"Most" of Floyd County pumpkins find their way to Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston markets, according to the man who could accurately be dubbed "Mr. Pumpkin" in this county. The county now "has seven or eight" producers of the commodity.

Asked about the future, he answers that "I think the market has a surplus of the baby pumpkins" at present.

Can pumpkin production continue to increase in Floyd County? "It's possible" he says, pointing to the substantial growth in acreage since he first planted the crop some 30 years ago.

The introduction of pumpkins, Indian corn and other commodities in this county are only a few of the changes seen by B. A. Robertson since his family "loaded a box car with horses, mules, household goods" and other possessions in Grapevine and headed west "63 years ago yesterday." He said during a Friday interview. (That would have been October 1, 1925.) Their destination was Floyd County.

To say that he knows about pumpkins—and agriculture in general—would be an understatement.

ROBERTSON RECOGNIZED WITH AWARD

Slim was awarded Floydada's Special Award, at the 1989 Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Jimmy Willson, Jr., presented Robertson with the award recognizing him as being the pumpkin pioneer in Floyd County leading Floydada to become "Pumpkin Capital U.S.A."

The secret to Slim's success," said Willson, "was that he always kept his word."

Slim Robertson died July 25, 1989, at 8:50 a.m. at Caprock Hospital in Floydada. He was 85 years old.

Floydada Rotary

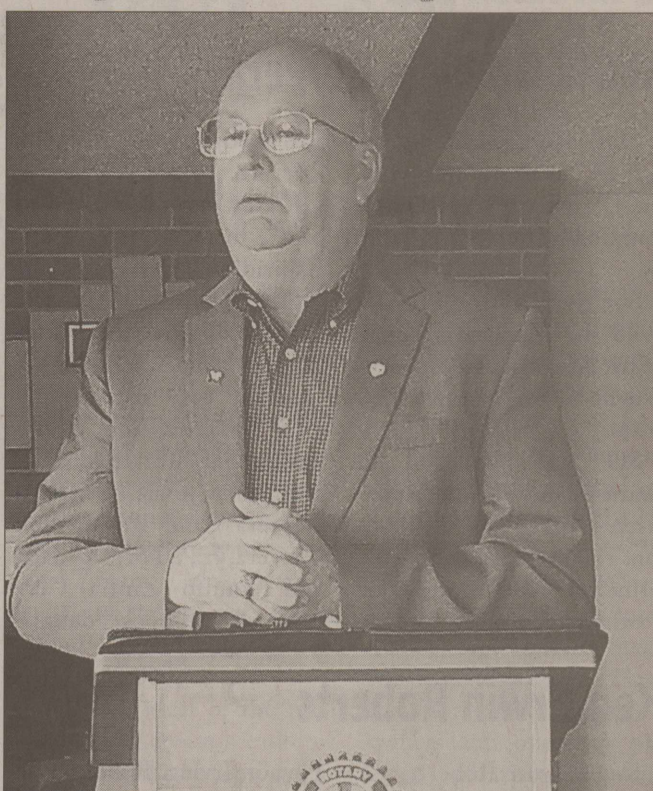


Photo Courtesy by Karen Houchin

The Floydada Rotary Club program on Thursday, Oct. 5, was brought to us by Rotarian Kyle Smith. His guest was County Judge Marty Lucke. He brought us a program on the future challenges for Floyd County on upgrading the courthouse and storage of equipment. Ongoing challenges were presented as courthouse security issues, courthouse records, prisoner care, and budgeting the county resources, insurance costs to name a few. Judge Lucke spoke on past challenges that the county has conquered.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The Floydada Senior Citizen's Center will be holding a fundraiser lunch on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The menu will be chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Take-out or dine-in. We will start serving at 11:45 a.m. and will continue until everyone is fed.

We would also appreciate any donations of green beans (gallon size cans), potatoes, and cake mixes.

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!

"Bingo Night" is held every second Tuesday of the month. There will be food, prizes, and fellowship. Come and join us. Anyone ages 16 and over are welcome!

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 2 – October 6

Monday – Creamy mushroom steak

Tuesday – Chicken & dressing

Wednesday – Fried chicken

Thursday – Sirloin pattie

Friday – Hamburger casserole

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – 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 2 – October 6

Monday – Baked potatoes

Tuesday – Tacos

Wednesday – Meatloaf

Thursday – Spaghetti

Friday – Brisket

(Menus subject to change without notice)

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Maria Graciela Cervera

Maria Graciela Cervera, age 69, went to rest with the Lord Jesus Christ, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born May 21, 1948 in Zaragoza, Coahuila, Mexico. She lived in Floydada for the past 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francisco Orozco and Ascension Talamantes; one sister, Minerva Hernandez; one brother, Arnulfo Orozco

and a daughter, Doraelia Cervera.

Mrs. Cervera is survived by her husband of 51 years, Espiridion Cervera; four brothers, Raul Orozco, Francisco Orozco, Isidro Orozco and Armando Orozco; two sisters, Orvilia Sanchez and Maria Teresa Sanchez; five children, sons, Jessie (Cristina) Cervera and Espiridion Cervera, Jr., all of Floydada and Arnulfo (Zintia) Cervera of Lubbock; daugh-



MARIA GRACIELA CERVERA

ters Graciela (Jim) Cano of Lubbock, and Rosantina (Hermilio) Martinez of Floydada. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 7 boys and 8 girls, and 5 great-granddaughters.

Willis "Earl" Edwards, Jr.

Willis "Earl" Edwards, Jr., of Llano, Texas was born on November 28, 1928 on the family farm in Floyd County to Willis Earl Edwards, Sr. and Lola V. Porterfield Edwards.

He went to be with his Lord on September 15, 2017 at his home due to complications from years of Parkinson's disease.

He grew up on the family farm and rode horseback to a small rural school and graduated from Floydada High School in 1946. Earl was very active in 4-H during his public-school years, and was on a state champion Dairy Judging Team, on which he was high point individual.

He enrolled at Texas A&M in the fall of 1946, two weeks late due to a judging contest, and having never seen the campus. While there he became a member of the national Champion Dairy Judging Team. Earl graduated in 1950 as a distinguished student.

While at Texas A&M, Earl was introduced to Claire Nell Williams and

they married February 12, 1951. They lived and farmed in Floyd County for 15 years. During this time, they became parents to four children who were involved in 4-H and all aspects of farming. In 1965, they moved to Llano County where they continued to be active in 4-H and sports in the Llano ISD.

He loved the country, cattle, sports, especially high school sports, his family and Texas A&M. Though raised as a Methodist, he loved attending the First Baptist Church with his family and hearing Bro. Rick Cundief preach.

Earl was very involved with his ranching community. He served on the Appraisal District Board, Llano ASCS, Farm Bureau Board, President of the Hill Country Livestock Raisers Association, and the Junior Livestock Show Association. He missed one varsity football game in 40 years which led to his receiving the Jacket of the Year Award in 2013.

Earl was preceded in

death by his parents; a sister, Sue Fite; brothers-in-law, Frank Fite, Maxey McKnight, and Darrel Davis; sister-in-law, Margaret Dotson; his lifelong friend, Macyl Orman; and his precious daughter, Marilyn Claire.

He is survived by his wife, Claire; daughters, Cynthia Lang and husband and Clinton, Jamie Bond and husband, Gerald; son, Bill Edwards and wife, Sandi, all of Llano. Also surviving him are seven grandchildren, Casey Mayo and husband, James of Ralls, Texas, Travis Bond of Crosbyton, Texas, Michael Lang and wife, Linda of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Jodie Bond of Kingsland, Texas, Brian Edwards of Llano, Texas and Kelli Berry and husband, Josh of Petersburg, Texas. Great-grandchildren are Samantha, Isabella, Claire and Laila Mayo, Marcus Lang, Chase Merritt, and Skylar and Riley Berry. He is also survived by one sister, Jeanne McKnight of Abilene, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ken Erwin Roberts

Ken Erwin Roberts, 72, went to live with our Almighty Lord on Friday, September 22, 2017.

He was born on January 22, 1945 in Floydada to

Poynor Irving Roberts and Jessie Leah Wilson Roberts.

Ken served in the U.S. Army and his service took him as far as Germany during the Vietnam War.

Local survivors include his sister, Janis and husband, Kendis.

Interment was in the DFW National Cemetery in Garland, Texas.

PUNKIN DAYS

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Tickets are \$5 each, and prizes are \$300 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third.

Judging of the barbecue and chili cook-offs begins at 2:30 p.m.

Also, in the afternoon there will be the pumpkin pie eating contest, and a costume contest for all ages. The costume contest is free, but registration will be at 2:45 and the judging will be at 3:15.

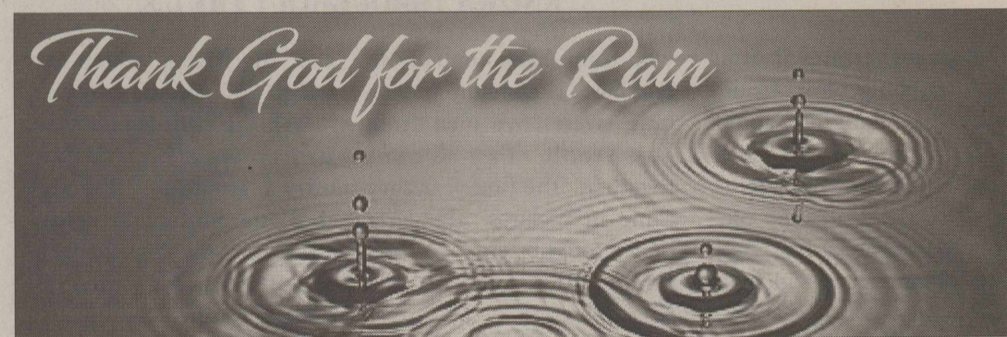
As the sun starts the set, this year's Punkin' Days will have a new event called the Pumpkin Glow.

"Anyone can bring a pumpkin they have carved at home," said Fincher, "and we will place it on the courthouse steps and put lighted candles in them. As the street dance begins at seven, it should really make for a beautiful effect downtown."

The opening act for the street dance which starts at 7 p.m. on the courthouse square will be 108 East Broadway from Lubbock, and the headlining band will be Raised Right Men from Dallas which performs a variety of music including Western Swing, Country, Rockabilly and more.

The street dance goes from 7 to 10 p.m. and is free.

For more information about any Punkin' Days event, go to www.floydadachamber.com



CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Ultimate Do-Over

[God] has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

—Colossians 1:22 (NIV)

"I want a do-over!" my eight-year-old grandson cried out. He did not like the consequences of the choice he had made in a game he and some other children were playing. He wanted a second chance — to undo what he had done.

Many of us are held hostage by the past, living with regret and fear, burdened by shame, or bowed down by guilt. Thoughts like these condemn us: if only I could unsay my harsh words; if only the wrongs I did could be righted; if only I had taken a path different

from the one I took. If only I could have a "do-over."

The good news for us is that God is the God of new beginnings! God loves us and does not want us to remain stuck in the past. No matter what we have done, God can and will forgive us. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, God carried all our guilt and shame to the cross. God is willing and able to create in us clean hearts, to forgive our failures, and to remember them no more.

The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians, "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" That's the ultimate "do-over!" —Karen H. Perez (Georgia, USA)

Thought for the Day:

Through the power of Christ, I can have new life.

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AGRICULTURE

Pumpkin crop looks good, but delayed by rains

Adam Russell
Texas A&M AgriLife
Communications

FLOYDADA – Wet weather has put a damper on the Panhandle pumpkin harvest, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service staff. Cristen Brooks, AgriLife Extension agent in Floyd County, said producers expected an above-average year for pumpkins, but recent rains have brought harvest to a standstill at a critical time.

“Producers were saying it was a really good year,” she said. “There were no major pest or disease issues, but rain is preventing them from accessing fields. It’s crunch time for them.”

Pumpkin producers hope to capitalize on fall decorations and Halloween festivities each year. Harvest typically begins around late August so producers can meet orders.

Brooks said 3-4 inches of rain have halted harvest for the past seven days, and rain in the forecast threatens to continue to delay access and reduce quality.

“The rains have put them three to four days behind,” she said. “They have enough pumpkins in warehouses, but they’re looking at about half their crop still in the field.”

Brooks said muddy conditions will likely mean muddy pumpkins, which lowers marketability.

Tanner Smith, of Assiter Puntin Farm in Floydada, said the first two weeks of October are typically his busiest time to harvest and market pumpkins. However, the mar-

keting window could close before his fields are fully harvested if more rain arrives.

About 95 percent of the farm’s 70 pumpkin varieties are produced for fall decorations, he said.

The farm sells directly to locals and provides wholesale pumpkins for retailers around the state, mostly in the Waco-Austin market, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

“Demand is always good for pumpkins,” he said. “But when you sell for display you have a narrower window to get them to market.”

Smith said the wholesale market window will begin closing Oct. 14.

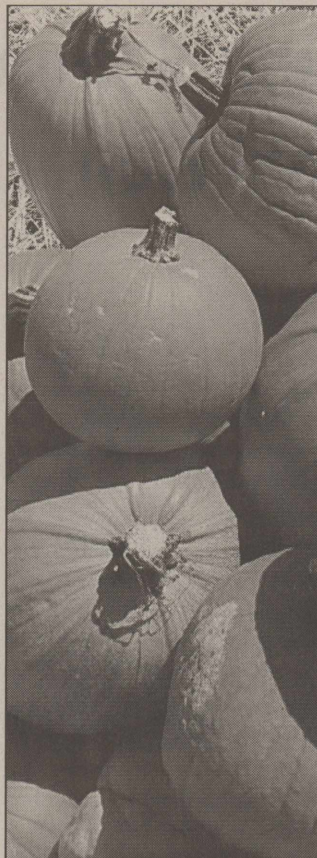
He said 30-40 percent of their pumpkins remain in the field.

The farm’s crop was poised for a good year, Smith said, before high temperatures in late-July and early August diminished pumpkin sizes. Now the concern is weather and whether pumpkins remaining in the field can be brought to market in time without reductions in quality.

“It’s just farming,” he said. “There are always challenges. You hate to wish away rain in this part of the country, but we need some dry weather.”

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

SOUTH PLAINS: Subsoil and topsoil conditions were very wet because of recent rains and some counties received 1-4 inches. Temperatures dropped down to the 50s and 60s. Conditions made cotton vegetative growth slow and created concerns for higher levels of



Courtesy photo

Pumpkin patch sales are popping up around the state as growers hope to complete harvest by mid-October. Wet weather has slowed pumpkin growers in Floydada.

cotton root-knot nematodes due to the softer soil. Peanut digging was delayed until wet conditions subside, but pasture, rangeland and winter wheat conditions should improve with the moisture received. Sugarcane aphids continued to infest grain sorghum fields and required producers to monitor pest levels daily. Cattle were in good condition.

PANHANDLE: Conditions were cold, wet and windy. Multiple counties reported 2-4 inches of rain. Soil moisture was adequate in most areas. Corn harvest was at a standstill with the weather, and there is concern about mycotoxins in the corn crop and what it might do to quality. Earlier-planted wheat was up to a stand and in excellent condition with many more acres to be planted when it dries. The cotton crop was struggling due to cooler, wetter conditions.

Applications Available for Class XVI of Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program

By Blair Fannin
AgriLife TODAY

The Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program, also known as TALL, is now accepting applications for its new class beginning in July 2018.

TALL is a two-year leadership development program managed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Applications for Class XVI are due March 15. The applications are available online at <http://tall.tamu.edu>.

“The agriculture industry constantly faces new and unique challenges, and there is a need for individuals who have leadership potential to serve in decision-making positions,” said Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, AgriLife Extension leadership program director. “TALL graduates provide a new pool of proven leaders who can provide the

leadership, insight, knowledge and direction to ensure agriculture is viable in the future.”

The program features 455 hours of intensive training per person in seminars, speakers and domestic and international study trips over two years, Mazurkiewicz said. The typical class size is about 24, and participation cost is \$3,000, he said.

“The mission of the program is to create a cadre of Texas leaders to ensure effective understanding and encourage positive action on key issues, theories, policy and economics that will advance the agricultural industry,” Mazurkiewicz said.

“The TALL program is the most comprehensive leadership development program of its kind,” said Wes Chandler, a TALL XIV alumni from Garrison. “This program presents an opportu-

nity for each graduate, from the farm laborer to the policymaker, to find common ground in order to reach a common goal.”

“TALL is an amazing educational experience,” said Grady Martin, a TALL XI alumni from Lubbock. “We had the opportunity to meet leaders in agriculture across Texas, the United States, Mexico, Russia and Poland. Location visits with the owners and operators provided operational appreciation and understanding not possible in a classroom environment. The TALL program exceeded my expectations exponentially.”

Participants include traditional crop producers, ranchers, bankers and attorneys, as well as those who work in lumber, food processing, agricultural corporations and horticultural industries, Mazurkiewicz said.

USDA suspends acceptance of CRP offers made after Sept. 30, 2017

Acres enrolled getting close to statutory enrollment cap of 24 million acres.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, DC—The USDA announced Oct. 6 that it will temporarily suspend acceptance of most new offers for the Conservation Reserve Program until later in the 2018 fiscal year.

“All current, eligible CRP continuous enrollment offers made through Sept. 30, 2017 – except for those made under the Pollinator Habitat Initiative (CP42) – will be approved,” said Steven J. Peterson, Acting Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator. “Additionally, we are temporarily suspending acceptance of most offers going forward to provide time to review CRP allocation levels, and to avoid exceeding the statutory cap of 24 million acres.”

The CRP acreage cap is a

provision of the 2014 Farm Bill. Current enrollment is about 23.5 million acres nationwide. USDA is accepting all pending continuous enrollment offers that were made beginning on May 4, 2017, and extending through Sept. 30, 2017, except Pollinator Habitat Initiative offers. Pollinator acreage offers are being declined because the program has met its acreage enrollment goal. Effective immediately, USDA is suspending acceptance of all new CRP continuous offers received or submitted after Sept. 30, 2017. The suspension will continue until later in the 2018 fiscal year.

Peterson said, however, that USDA will continue to accept eligible offers for state-specific Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP Grasslands enrollment. Offers received on or after Oct. 1, 2017, are subject to fiscal

year 2018 rental rates which have been adjusted to reflect current market conditions and were established after careful review of the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service cash rent data.

In return for enrolling in CRP, USDA, through FSA, provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP pays farmers and ranchers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat. Payment totals for 2017 were announced earlier this week totaling over \$1.6 billion.

Signed into law by President Reagan in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States.

Floyd County Old Settlers Team Roping will be held this Saturday, October 14th, @ 5 p.m. at Brett Marble’s arena just north of South Plains. Buckles will be awarded to the champion header and heeler.

Rain, Cool Weather Create Uncertainty for Texas High Plains Cotton

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

If you’ve ever wondered what it might be like to grow cotton in Seattle, the past few weeks have been a pretty good barometer, one industry expert mused at the Plains Cotton Growers Friday Morning Advisory Group meeting today.

Cool, rainy weather has been the rule rather than the

exception recently, and while growers certainly are thankful for any precipitation, it’s the cooler temperatures that have put a bit of a damper on the 2017 crop.

Because of the rainy weather and wet fields, adjusters are still assessing damage from hailstorms and wind almost three weeks ago, and more severe weather is in the forecast for tonight.

“We do not yet know the

impact on yield or quality from these weather conditions, but what we do know is that we need some warm, dry conditions to finish out this crop,” PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said, noting that current forecasts do not look favorable, with temperatures projected to drop into the low 40s overnight by the middle of next week.

Some growers are begin-

ning to spray defoliants, and a very small amount of cotton has been harvested and ginned, but harvest is nowhere near in full swing at this point.

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SCHOOL NEWS

AREA TEAMS WRAPUP & SCHEDULES

DISTRICT 2-2A-1

Week 6 Results
 FLOYDADA - OPEN
 ABERNATHY 55, Lubbock Roosevelt 0
 HALE CENTER - OPEN
 NEW DEAL - OPEN
 OLTON - OPEN
 SUNDOWN - OPEN

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	5	0	0	0
Olton	3	2	0	0
Floydada	2	3	0	0

Week 7 Schedule

FLOYDADA vs HALE CENTER
 ABERNATHY vs SUNDOWN
 NEW DEAL vs OLTON

AREA TEAMS

Week 6 Results
 PLAINVIEW (2-3, 1-1) 21, Hereford (4-1, 1-1) 20
 LORENZO (6-0) 54, SILVERTON (4-1) 48
 VALLEY (4-1) 62, Crowell (4-2) 36
 MOTLEY COUNTY (4-2) 59, Northside (3-3) 6
 PETERSBURG (2-3) 48, Whiteface (1-5) 0
 Lbb Kingdom Prep 45, PATTON SPRINGS (0-4) 0
 PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (2-4) 84, Wilson (4-2) 53

DISTRICT 2-2A-2

Week 6 Results
 LOCKNEY - OPEN
 CLARENDON - OPEN
 CROSBYTON - OPEN
 MEMPHIS - OPEN
 RALLS - OPEN
 WELLINGTON - OPEN

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

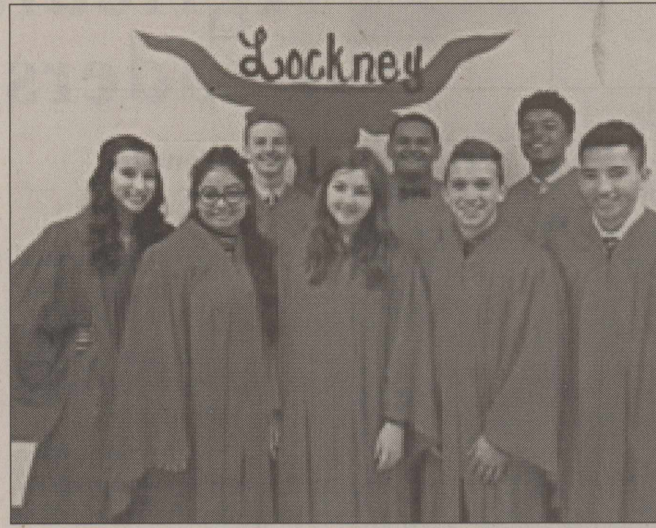
Week 7 Schedule

LOCKNEY at CLARENDON
 CROSBYTON vs RALLS
 MEMPHIS vs WELLINGTON

AREA TEAMS

Week 7 Schedule
 PLAINVIEW (2-3, 1-1) at Dumas (4-1, 2-0)
 SILVERTON (4-1) vs Wilson (4-2)
 VALLEY (4-1) vs Guthrie (0-3)
 MOTLEY COUNTY (4-2) at Meadow (4-2)
 PETERSBURG (2-3) at PATTON SPRINGS (0-4)
 LORENZO (6-0) vs Lubbock Home School
 PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (2-4) vs All Saints

Lockney High School Students Inducted Into National Honor Society



Courtesy Photo

Eight students from Lockney High School were inducted as new members of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. Shown are (left to right) Sierra Landeros, Maykala Hernandez, Bryson Hallmark, Lyndee Setliff, Austin Ascensio, Fernando Valdez, Bryson Walker, and Tyrell Egnew.

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Eight students from Lockney High School were inducted as new members of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school on Wednesday, September 27th. Members were selected by the chapter's faculty council for meeting high standards for scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students inducted were: Austin Ascensio, Tyrell Egnew, Bryson Hallmark, Maykala Hernandez, Sierra Landeros, Lyndee Setliff, Fernando Valdez, and Bryson Walker. "We are very proud to recognize these outstanding members of our student body. National Honor Society members are

chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Carol Lane, chapter advisor.

Each year, the Lockney High School NHS chapter sponsors several service projects for the school and community including a canned food drive for the local Salvation Army, donating to the Ronald McDonald House, serving at the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet, and helping with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Easter Egg Hunt. Through their work and dedication NHS members help to support the local community and schools by providing leadership and service to others.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

October 16-20

Monday

Breakfast - Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk
Lunch - Beef & bean burrito, cheeseburger, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Colby cheese omelet, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Creamy macaroni & cheese, turkey hot dog, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets w/roll, Sloppy Joe sandwich, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Cocoa Puff cereal, graham cracker, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken parmesan, cheese pizza, peppered corn, Fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Egg, cheese & turkey sausage burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Pepperoni pizza, ham & cheese sub, mixed vegetables, crispy fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

October 16-20

Monday, Oct. 16

Breakfast - Sausage Kolache & Yogurt or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Breaded Drumstick or Pizza, Baby Carrots, Corn, Grapes, Cookie, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Breakfast - Cheese Omelet, Toast or Cereal Bar & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Crispy Tacos or Frito Pie, Beans, Salsa, Tuscan Veggies, Pears, Roll, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Breakfast - Waffles, Sausage or Parfait, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Hot Dog, Fries, Baby Carrots, Oranges, Milk

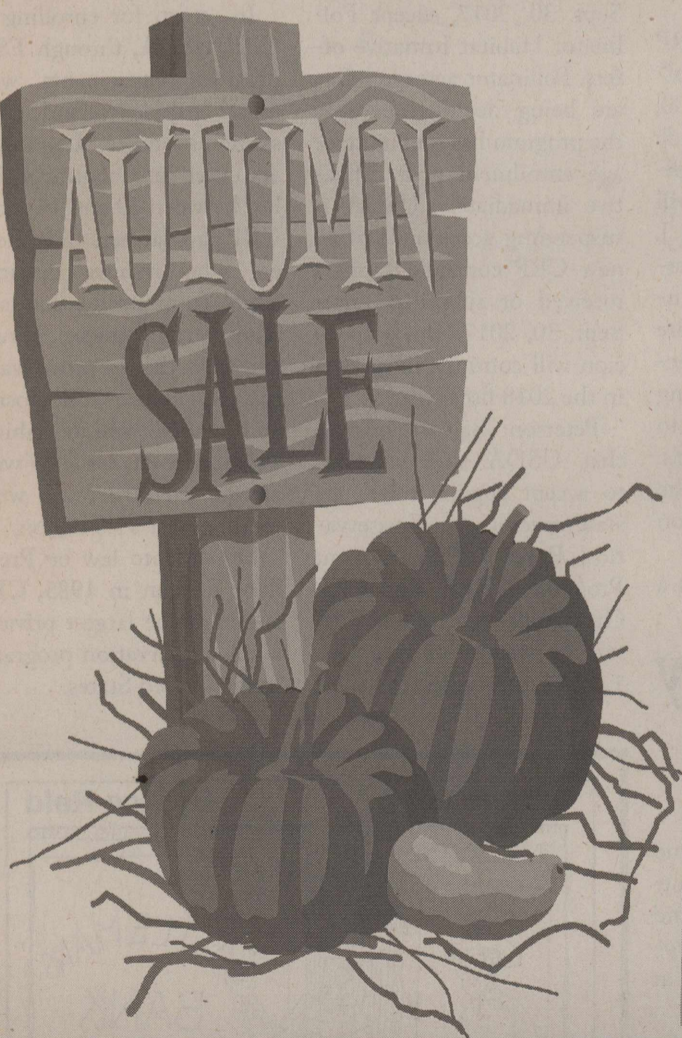
Thursday, Oct. 19

Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza or PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Hot Dog, Fries, Baby Carrots, Oranges, Milk

Friday, Oct. 20

Breakfast - Donut Holes or French Toast, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Pulled Pork Sliders & Coleslaw or Chicken Parmesan, Breadstick, Salad, Green Beans, Pineapple, Milk

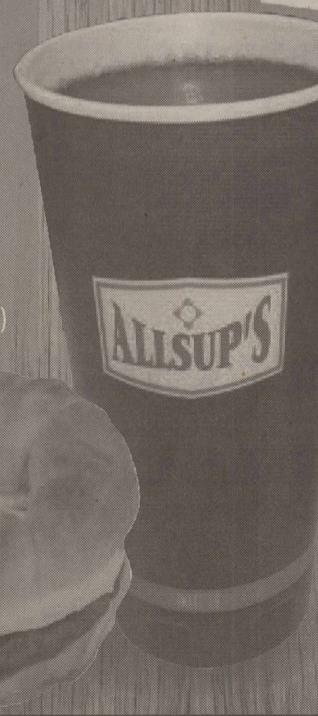
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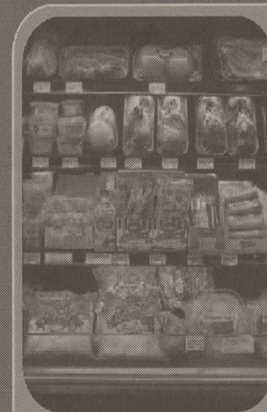
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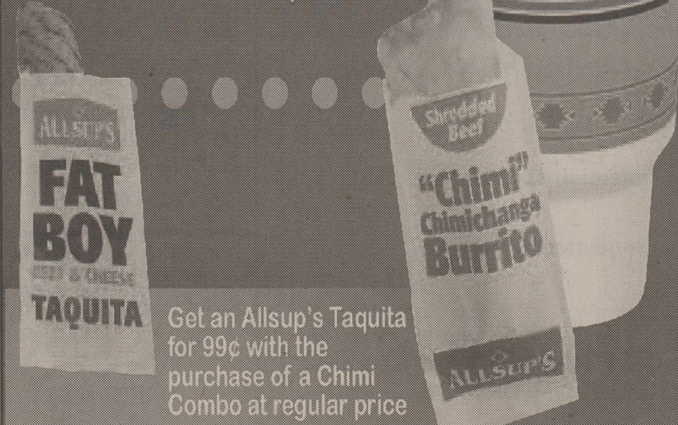
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Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of a tie, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

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

At the end of the 10-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first place prize of \$100.

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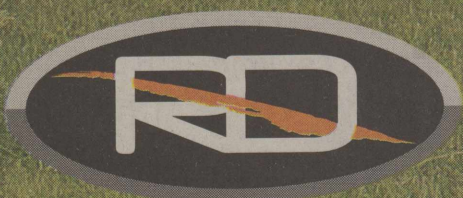
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(Aviso por este medio es que los lugares de votación a continuación abrirá de 7:00 a 19:00, en martes, 07 de noviembre de 2017, para votar en una elección especial para aprobar o rechazar las enmiendas constitucionales propuestas como la legislatura 85, período ordinario de sesiones, del estado de Texas.)

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First United Methodist Church
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North End, Main Street Entrance
All Precincts
(primera Iglesia Metodista Unida
102 oeste Álamo en Lockney
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Early voting will be held from Monday, October 23, 2017 through Friday, November 3, 2017. For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below, on Weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM: (Se celebrará la votación anticipada de lunes, 23 de octubre de 2017 a través de viernes, 03 de noviembre de 2017. Para la votación anticipada, un votante puede votar en cualquiera de los lugares enumerados a continuación, en días laborables (de lunes al viernes) de 8:30 a 17:30)

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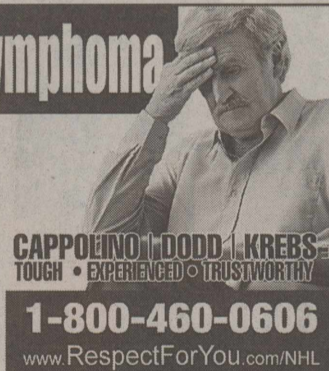
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With 20 shooters on Saturday morning, funds were raised and fun was had by all. Several bystanders joined to watch and laugh along with the shooters.

Special thanks to those who came and participated. Thanks also to Winfield Davenport and Tyler and TyAnn Phillips of Floyd County 4H Shooting Division for the organization and delivery of a great event and big thanks to the Lockney Boy Scouts for helping clean up afterwards.



Lockney 4th graders go to Abilene



Courtesy photos
Lockney 4th graders learned about animals, history and more on their recent field trip to Abilene.



30th Annual Punkin Days

Saturday October 14, 2017
Downtown on the Square
Floydada, Texas

EVENTS:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017
6:00 pm - Judging Best Decorated Home & Business of Floydada

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017
9:00 am-5:00 pm - Friends of the Library Book Sale - Floyd County Memorial Library Community Room
5:00 pm - BBQ Cook-off set-up, check-in - Reagor-Dykes' Awning
7:30 pm - BBQ Cook-off preparation & cooking begin

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017 - Downtown on the Square --
7:00 am-11:00 am - Floydada Lions Club Pancake Breakfast (Downtown)
7:00 am - Chili Cook-off set-up - Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet's Awning
8:00 am - 5K Run & Walk registration (High School)
8:30 am - 5K Run & Walk start (High School)
8:30 am-11:00 am - TERMINIX's 2017 Punkin Days Car Show set-up
9:00 am-3:00 pm - Friends of the Library Book Sale - Floyd County Memorial Library Community Room
9:00 am-5:00 pm - Floyd County Historical Museum open & Rope Making
10:00 am-6:00 pm - Vendor Booths open
10:00 am - Punkin games and activities - Chamber Booth/Lawn
11:00 am - TERMINIX's 2017 Punkin Days Car Show judging
11:00 am-2:00 pm - Crossview Camp's Cake Walk
1:00 pm - Punkin Auction - Locally grown Big Maxx Pumpkins up for bidding; under pavilion
2:00 pm - Reagor Dykes Chevrolet's Chili Cook-off judging
2:30 pm - Cow Patty Bingo begins-Main/Missouri (next to museum)
2:30 pm - Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest at the pavilion - Prizes Awarded
2:30 pm - Pumpkin Pyle's Costume Contest registration for all ages - Pavilion
2:45 pm - Reagor Dykes Chevrolet's BBQ Cook-off Judging
3:15 pm - Pumpkin Pyle's Costume Contest- prizes awarded- Pavilion
4:00 pm - Award winners announced under the Pavilion:
Cow Patty Bingo
TERMINIX's 2017 Punkin Days Car Show
Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet's Chili Cook-off
Reagor-Dykes Chevrolet's BBQ Cook-off
Guess the Weight of Punkin Trailer
Guess the Number of Punkin Seeds & Candy Pumpkins
6:30 pm - Punkin Glow - Courthouse Steps (Bring your carved punkins)

7:00 pm-10:00 pm - LIVE Concert and Street Dance (Courthouse Square)
Concert Opener - 108 E. Broadway
Main Event - Raised Right Men

2014 & 2015 Dallas Observer Music Awards Nominee
Best Cover Band
RAISED RIGHT MEN

Variety of Arts/Crafts and Food Vendor Booths
Classic Car Display and Show
Cow Patty Bingo
Punkin Pie Eating Contest
Chili Cook-off
BBQ Cook-off
Games for Kids and Adults
Rope Making at the Museum
Book Sale at the Floyd County Memorial Library
Costume Contest for ages Newborn to 99
Floydada 4-H & Boy Scouts Punkin Sale
Nifty Fifties Car Club
Hardy's Classic Cars
US Post Office-Pumpkin Cancellation

Bring the whole family out to Floydada for a "Punkin" good time!

Buy your Pumpkin Capital T-shirts, caps, cups and other memorabilia

Enter the Guess the Number of Punkin Candy and Punkin Seeds contests. Prizes awarded.

Entry forms for the Punkin Pie Eating Contest
Cow Patty Bingo Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each

Pumpkin Games and Activities All Day:
Seed Spitting Punkin Bowling
Punkin Toss Wheelbarrow Races
Decorate your own pumpkin
Punkin Tic-Tac-Toe

Senior Citizen Park & Ride Service
Park at the Baptist Church parking lot on Wall Street and a Ride will be provided to and from the museum for all the festivities until 6:00 pm Saturday.

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