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## Mangold Names New CEO

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - James Heitzenrater has been named the new Chief Executive Officer of W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

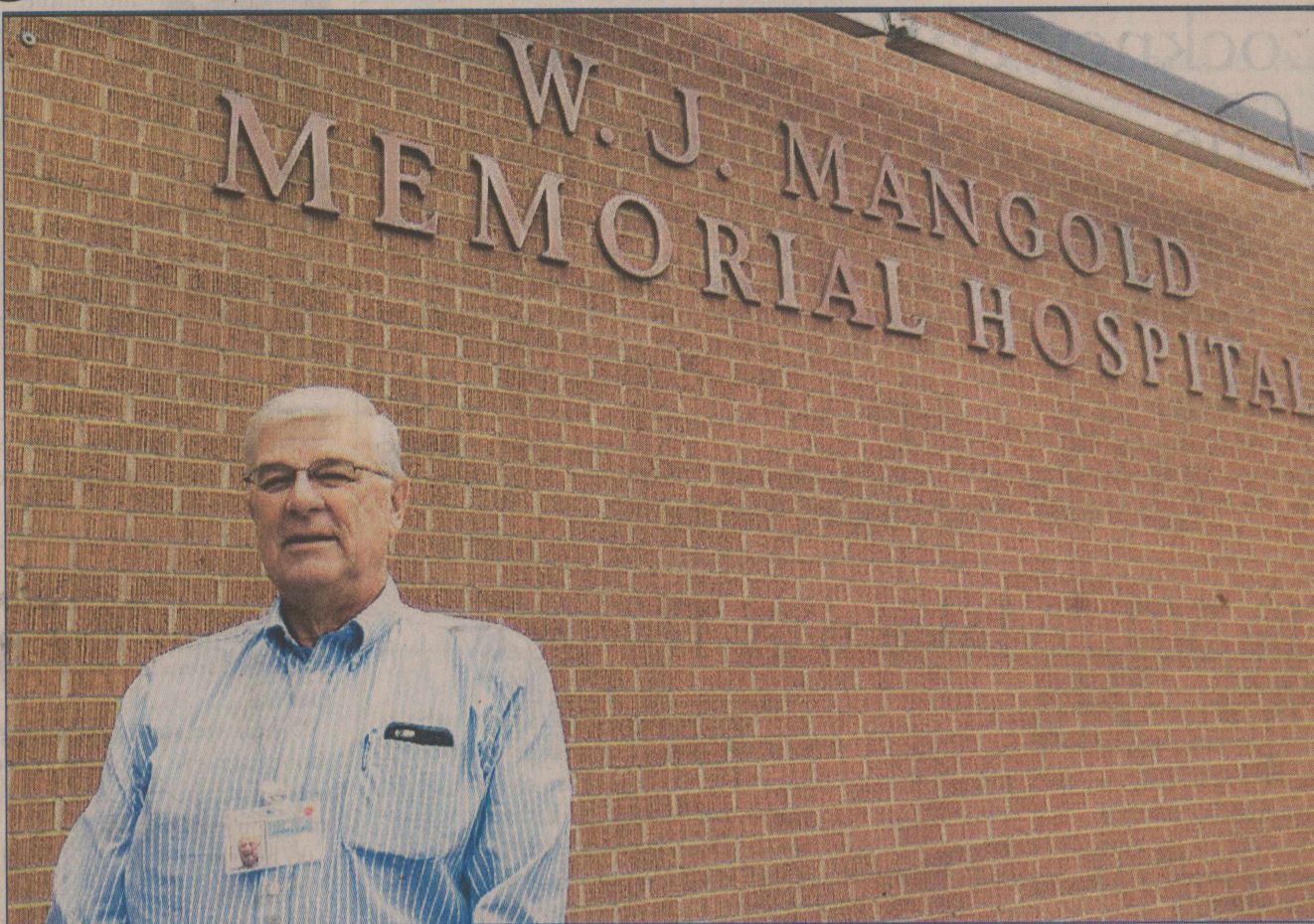
Born and raised in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, Heitzenrater was mostly recently CEO of Pioneer Health Services in Richmond, Texas.

He has also served in senior management roles in healthcare in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Asked about his initial reaction to Lockney, he said, "You know, I have doing health care in rural communities for a long time, but this hospital impresses me. Anyone on the staff could treat me."

Heitzenrater was awarded his undergraduate degree from Marshall University in Business Administration and his Master's from Central Michigan in Health Care Management.

He talked about some of the values he brings to the new position. "You have to treat



Courtesy photo

all of the patients the same—whether they can pay or not. You have to treat all of the managers the same."

The new CEO emphasized the importance of hospitals like Mangold. "Healthcare in small communities are crucial," he said. "We have to be here. It can make all the difference to the welfare of the community."

Heitzenrater said the community has welcomed him with open arms, and he truly appreciates the kindness.

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### 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.

#### 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!

#### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 19th at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney at 6 p.m. Please come and enjoy this evening of fellowship.

#### LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY

The Lockney Salvation Army food pantry is needing donations. Canned goods, cereals, and soups would be appreciated. Your donation of canned goods can be brought to either Happy State Bank in Lockney or the Lockney Salvation Army Store, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Also needing warm coats, sweaters and jackets for both adults and children as well as blankets.

#### 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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## 3rd Annual Santa on the Square set for Dec. 9



Courtesy photo

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Third Annual Santa on the Square from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 on the downtown square.

"There will be free booth space to all local vendors," said Chamber president Kalli Martin.

So if you're a church or civic group, non-profit, local crafter or baker, this is a great way to market

your goods and services for the holidays. If you're looking for something local and authentic to give for Christmas, it will be a great and convenient way to shop.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the First National Bank, and will be available for photos. So, be sure and bring your own camera/phone to capture these memories with your children.

According to Martin, "the chamber would wel-

come volunteers" to help with Santa on the Square.

The Chamber is also sponsoring the Best Decorated Home/Business competition. So, get out those lights and decorations and get creative! The judging will take place the first week of December, and the winners will be announced at Santa on the Square.

To reserve your free booth at Santa on the Square contact Chamber manager Deon Fincher at 806-983-3434.

## Floyd Co. Candidates Have Until Dec. 11 to File

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Monday, Nov. 13 kicked off this year's political season in Floyd County.

Candidates can now file to run for office in their chosen party's primary until Dec. 11.

To seek election to an office, a candidate must name a campaign treasurer and then go to the chairman of

their chosen political party to file to run.

The respective political parties provide their slate of candidates to the secretary of state's office in Austin, and those names will appear on the primary ballot March 6, 2018.

At press time, County Judge Marty Lucke had filed to run for re-election as had county commissioner for precinct 2 Lindan Morris.

## Torres wins



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 Congratulations to Karina Torres who won her class and won senior showmanship at Nazareth Jackpot Show, representing Lockney ISD.

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# Court Canvasses Votes, Hears from TXDOT at Meeting

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

In its monthly meeting on Monday the Floyd County Commissioners court worked with county clerk Ginger Morgan to canvass the votes in the November 7 constitutional amendments election.

Out of more than 3,900 registered voters in Floyd County, 222 voted in the constitutional amendments election. Statewide, the amendments passed.

In other court action, the Floyd County Agri-Life agents gave their monthly reports including reminding the court of

the November 20 Gold Star Banquet.

County Judge Marty Lucke shared the costs of some bids for courthouse and justice of the peace building roofs and after discussion, the court agreed to get more bids.

In other votes, commissioners approved authorizing Lucke to request RAP road materials on behalf of Floydada and Lockney.

Heath Bozeman, the new district manager for the Texas Department of Transportation, appeared before the court and met with some local residents before the meeting to address their road concerns.

# Lockney Salvation Army in need of donations

By Denise Doucette  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Salvation Army food pantry is needing donations for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season. All different kinds of canned goods, cereals, and soups, would be appreciated.

You may bring your donation of canned goods to either Happy State Bank in Lockney or you may bring it to the Lockney Salvation Army Store, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We are also needing warm coats, sweaters and jackets

for both adults and children as well as blankets.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 19th at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney at 6 p.m. Please come and enjoy this evening of fellowship.

# The 501: Make way for gray

Gray hair is in. Who knew? The only reason I know is that my hairdresser told me.

Why are people going for gray?

I'm guessing having gray or silver hair (is there a difference?) is like wearing jeans with holes. You make yourself look like you've got a past - or at least that your jeans do. Or that your hair does. Either way, you end up looking more intriguing. Right?

I've got both, except the raggedyist pair of jeans in my closet has a big vertical rip. As you've no doubt noticed, only multiple horizontal holes are popular. At least I've got the right hair.

Almost not believing my stylist, I asked him what it takes to get gray hair. He said it's not easy. (I could have told him that.) You have to get your hair bleached and bleached until it's very white. Then you go with a silver treatment of some sort. I think maybe he said purple shampoo would do the trick. It's the bleaching part that takes time and effort.

Just hearing all about it almost makes me want to try it. Why is it that we sometimes want what we already have? No doubt I would value my hair more if it cost \$200 to get it to look this way. Oh well.

As for ragged holes-in-the-jeans look, I'm surprised the fad has remained in style

for so long. I guess it's hard to dismiss holes if holes sell jeans. But change must occur. Change is the raison d'etre of fashion. Or do I have that backwards? Either way, maybe we shouldn't be surprised to learn that a spin-off on jeans holes is the latest rage. You'll never guess what it is.

PAUSE TO GUESS.

Runs in stockings. The more the better. I saw it on Facebook. One of my professional friends is spending this semester abroad. The campus is in Florence, Italy. He posted a picture of a very chic Italian store window mannequin wearing a smart black dress and sheer black stockings with rips and runs and holes.

I was reminded a little of a visit to Waco in May in 1953. I was 6. A tornado had swept through the city the week before and left its mark. We peered into show windows downtown. The mannequins, lying and leaning every whichaway, weren't wearing ripped clothes. Instead they were naked and some were somewhat dismembered. I supposed the tornado just sucked the clothes right off of them. Our visitors from Australia (we were showing them Texas) were impressed.

If mannequins in those days had worn nylon stockings (they didn't), they might have stayed on (or not) and ended up looking like the pair on the Florence mannequin.

FASHION RESEARCH PAUSE.

Wow. The new fad is so new that Google doesn't know about it! That puts us ahead of the game. When ripped stockings take over Europe and America follows suit, you can say you heard about it first right here from a silver-haired oracle.



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While I understand many list items are only available at the larger stores, there are some great shopping opportunities at mom and pop stores in small towns too. And believe it or not, these fine folk need your business and so do your communities.

Take into account the support our local businesses provide to the community. From sponsorships of local youth teams to donations to fundraisers, these businesses are the backbone of these communities and we should all give them the opportunity to sell us their goods.

Our small businesses also provide jobs to hard-working locals and revenue to the tax base. Even more reason to shop with them.

Perhaps you've heard how a dollar turns over in a local economy. If not, consider this: You spend \$100 at a local store. Some of that money will pay for the inventory, labor, taxes, etc... Some of that money will go to pay the bills. And some of that money will be used locally at other places.

When we shop, eat and get gas locally, much of the money stays in town and is used to benefit the town. Thus, when you shop locally, you are actually helping yourself and your community.

When you shop in Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Lawton, Abilene, Lubbock, etc... you are helping those cities. You just took money made in your community and introduced it into a different economy. That's not good for your town.

As a small business that depends on small businesses, of course I have a dog in this fight. I freely admit that. But the boutique, restaurant, store, gas station ... they really need us. So do our towns. Please keep that in mind throughout the holidays.

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# Visit Paducah Saturday for fun, shopping

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**PADUCAH** — Paducah will be hopping this coming Saturday, November 18, with lots of shopping and entertainment.

Paducah Pickins will fill the VFW Building in downtown Paducah with around 40 booths of antiques, junk, homemade baked goods, arts and crafts, and lots more. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2, with all

admission proceeds benefiting the Bicentennial City-County Library. For more information, visit "Paducah Pickins" on Facebook.

The Paducah Chamber of Commerce is also sponsoring a City-Wide Garage Sale Saturday. Check out flyers at Paducah Donuts and around town for addresses of sales as well as the "Paducah Texas Chamber of Commerce" Facebook page.

Several local businesses are also having special sales to

draw visitors to Paducah Saturday. Get Dun Up and Mel-Mel's on the courthouse square are having sidewalk sales, along with other promotions.

On Saturday evening, A Readers Theatre History Production by Jimmie Taylor will perform the play "Little Tombstone." The production will tell true stories of the early days of Paducah and Cottle County and the men who made their own justice by the gun. The performance will be at 6 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church.

The Cottle County Stock Show Association is also hosting the Barnyard Bash at the County Show Barn to benefit the 2018 stock show and premium sale Saturday night. There is a brisket cookoff, with judging at 5 p.m. and a brisket meal following at 6 p.m. Chris Clerihew and The West Coast Turnarounds will perform at a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**FLOYDADA** — The Center will be closed Wednesday, November 22, Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving holidays.

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

**November 20-24**  
**Monday** — Chili Relleno casserole  
**Tuesday** — Chicken & dumplings  
**Wednesday** — CLOSED  
**Thursday** — CLOSED  
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(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

SHOP PADUCAH SATURDAY, NOV. 18!

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\$2 admission

Antiques, junk, arts & crafts, homemade baked goods and more!

### City-Wide Garage Sale

Check flyers at Paducah Donuts and around town for addresses

### Sidewalk Sales

at Get Dun Up and Mel-Mel's

Lots of other sales and deals at local businesses

Visit "Paducah Texas Chamber of Commerce" for more info!



# SOCIETY

## Lockney Rotary



**Marty Lucke, Floyd County Judge, spoke at Lockney Rotary Club this last week. Lucke revealed that: 1. Our County is debt free. 2. County paid off \$2 million in debt in the last 3 years. 3. County increased funding to senior adult centers and 4. County increased funding to fire departments.**

## Floydada Rotary



**Rotarian Tom Farris brought Brianne Glasscock, President of the Caprock Hospital District to present the program on Wednesday, November 1. Mrs. Glasscock updated the club on the operation of the hospital district. The district is looking at building on to the current building to house another new ambulance. The hospital owns the clinic building also, which needs new flooring and parking lot paving. Long range goals are to build a building to house a minimum of three ambulances, and to tear down the old hospital building. The district is looking to take advantage of the windfall of the wind energy development. The hospital district was able to lower taxes this year.**

## USPS Recognizes Bunch for His Military Service



**Willis Bunch, a USPS HCR driver, was recognized by the postal service last week for his contributions as a veteran.**

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The US Postal Service has recognized Willis Bunch, a USPS Highway Contract Route Driver, for his service to our country. Bunch served in the US Army.

His family has a history of military service. His father Willis Bunch, Sr. served in the Navy, and his son Nicholas Bunch is currently serving in the Marines.

Bunch was presented a letter of gratitude signed by USPS Ft. Worth District Manager, Timothy Vierling, along with a proud veteran lanyard. He also received a letter from Megan J. Brennan, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, along with a lapel pin, thanking him for his service.

Breakfast was served to all employees on duty to celebrate his service to our country.

## Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

**By Deon Fincher**  
Chamber Manager

I was recently in an accident that resulted in fractures of my ribs, sternum, and leg. Leave it to me to break the bones that can't be cast—the healers being only time and bedrest. For those that know me well, they could tell you that being cooped up is the worst punishment for me. So, forced to be “in bed” was just about the nail in the coffin.

It has been a bit over three weeks since the accident,

and although I have gotten out a few times, these excursions have been brief. What really strikes me is how out-of-touch I have become with my community, and I realize that being connected doesn't just happen—one must work at it. Therein lies the difficulty. Whether it be our jobs or our physical health, there are factors that keep us on the sideline of our community.

What is the solution? Effort.

Could it really be that simple? I think so.

If it means enough to you,

you will make time for it. In my job, I am fortunate that I can be out and about with my community peers. But even in that ideal situation, supporting and attending some of the events takes effort. I used to wonder why those couples whose children were no longer in school would attend sporting events. I have a better understanding, now.

Taking part in your community is not a given—we all have to work at it. If you have a brilliant idea that will change the face of Floy-

dada, but you never speak about it, it will never come to be. If there is something that troubles you, but the only person you tell is your spouse, that situation will not change. In order to be a vibrant, dynamic community we need to hear the bad with the good. Those that can take action will, but only if they are aware that there is a need for change.

I encourage each and every one of our citizens—get out, talk to those around you, become an energetic force within this community.

## The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County

September 7, 2017

**By Mary M. Carter**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society met on September 7, 2017 at 11:30 A.M. for lunch. They gathered at the Floydada Country Club in Floydada, Texas.

This meeting celebrated the “17th” birthday of our own fun Red Hat Society Group. Virginia Taylor is still our caring and yes, fun Queen Mother. Virginia call the meeting to order and she discussed business. Carolyn Cheek honored Fern Hartsell. Virginia spoke of birthdays and the sick. The lunch was great and, of course, the tables were beautifully decorated.

The guest speaker, Nicki Logan, was introduced. Her program was about Nelda Laney. Nelda Laney was known as “The First Lady of West Texas”. However, I'm sure she would say that her most important roles were, “Wife, Mom, Grandma,

Daughter, Sister, and Friend”. Nelda McQuien Laney was born June 7, 1943 in Garza County, Texas. Sadly she passed on August 24, 2016. She graduated from Plainview High School in 1961. She graduated from Texas Tech with honors.

She met her husband James “Pete” Laney at college and they were married for 53 years. He was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1973 to 2007 and speaker from 1993 to 2003. They had 3 children and 6 grandchildren. I would like to tell you some of the things I learned about her. I am starting with what I consider a God given talent first. She created a series of collectibles. They were the “Texas, Capitol Ornaments”. This was to preserve, and also for educational programming of the Texas Capitol. She did this form 1996 to 2002. There were 300,000 ornaments sold. The amount made was \$2,000,000 dollars. I call that remarkable. If you have one or more of her

ornaments you understand the talent she had, beauty of them, and how well they represented and made you think of Texas.

Nelda, from 2004 to 2016, created the “Keep Texas Beautiful Ornament”. These were also collectable. They raised \$1,000,000 dollars for this cause. This is the 50th year of this organization. They have dedicated the “Fourteenth Edition 2017” ornament to Nelda who they said “gave so much to Keep Texas Beautiful and the state she loved”.

She has been honored for many things. One is the “Texas Preservation Award” for Capitol Restoration. On June 15, 2017 Gov. Greg Abbott designated Hale County's I-27 Rest Areas south of Hale Center as “Nelda Laney Safety Rest Areas”. It was effective on September 1, 2017. The Hale County Commissioners approved June 7, 2017 (Nelda's birthday) as “Nelda Laney Day.” She had many friends all over the state including South Plains,

Hale Center, Plainview, Austin, and more. I met her at the Running Water Draw luncheon because our Red Hats always attended. She had been the Emcee for many years. I guess she never met a stranger. Nelda was a lovely and fun lady. One you would like to hang out with. I have a question. Did you ever want to do something, doesn't matter big or small, that you could leave behind in this life for the good? I have. I have many people I can think of who have done that. I consider an old granddad to me and told me about Jesus as one. Nelda is another. She saw a need, used her talent for that need, and took the time to work to

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## Lockney Senior Citizens News

**By Renee Armstrong**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - On Saturday, November 18th, the Center will hold its 1st annual Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Booths will include Scentsy, baked items, hot sauce, Lularoe, photography, homemade quilts, jewelry, Sticky Fingers BBQ, Cowboy and his train, homemade rustic decor and much much more. Doors open 9:00-5:00. Come join us. Mark your calendars.... Bingo Night - November

20th. The Center will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and Nov. 23.

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.

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November 20 - 24

Monday - Meatloaf  
Tuesday - Tacos  
Wednesday - Pulled pork  
Thursday - CLOSED  
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## Obituaries

### Ronald (Ronnie) Evans

Funeral services for Ronald (Ronnie) Evans, 82, of Floydada were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, November 9, 2017, at the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Mark Snowden officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

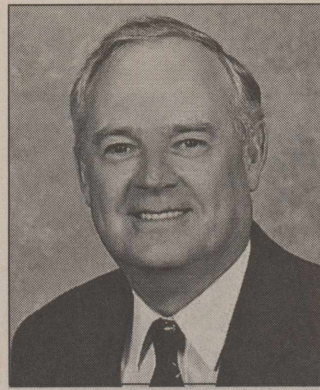
He passed away on Monday, November 6, 2017 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease and complications following surgery related to his fight. While we are deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend we are grateful that his pain and suffering has finally come to an end and he is now home and at peace with the Lord.

He was born September 29, 1935 in Lubbock, Texas, the son of Raymond and Ruby Ev-

ans. They moved to Floydada in 1945 and he remained there until his death. He attended Floydada schools where he met and fell in love with his childhood sweetheart, Alyne Reeves. They were married in December 1954 and he began a career in farming for the next 27 years. He left farming in 1981 to join the postal service as rural letter carrier where he continued on until his retirement in 2000.

He was an avid collector of antique toys and memorabilia. He loved all things old and nostalgic and wherever he traveled he made it a point to seek out the local antique stores to look for hidden treasures. He gave real meaning to the saying, "one man's junk is another man's treasure."

He was preceded in death by



RONALD EVANS

his parents and his only daughter, LeAnn (Evans) Bishop, of Floydada.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Alyne (Reeves) Evans; two sons, Ray Evans (Denise) of Lakeland, Tennessee and Joel Evans (Ann) of Floydada; one son in law, Greg Bishop; two granddaughters, Emily Evans, and Sydney Bishop; four step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Donald Evans, and wife, Dora of Arlington.

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

### Adolfo M. Garcia

Adolfo M. Garcia passed away on October 19, 2017 at Fort Cobb Lake in Oklahoma. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainview.

Interment was in the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

He was born to Mariano and Buena Ventura Garcia on November 7, 1944 in Odem, Texas. Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainview.

Adolfo moved to Floydada, where he met the love of his life, Irma. The two were married for 53 wonderful years. In those years he accomplished many feats, with a limited education. After earning his GED, Adolfo became the successful owner of Garcia OK Tire.

During his life, he was a member of and very active in Boy Scouts, American Legion, SPAG, and the Chamber of Commerce. His most important membership was being elected to the Floydada School Board.

After selling his tire shop, Adolfo enjoyed tinkering with, fixing, building, and refurbishing projects. Some of his hobbies included fishing, painting, and jewelry making. However, his favorite activity was making people laugh and spending quality time with his grandkids.

Those who most likely met him at the best fishing hole were his son, Ray Garcia, his parents, Mariano and Buena Ventura Garcia, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Adolfo is survived by his beautiful wife, Irma Garcia; daughter and son-in-law, Mita and Adolfo Chavarria of Floydada; son and daughter-in-

law Adolfo, Jr. and Roxann of Olton; and son, Roy Garcia of Lubbock; daughter-in law, Sandra Lopez of Lubbock; grandchildren, Alyssa Garcia of Galveston, Jon-Paul and Quinn Chavarria of Amarillo, Amanda Garcia of Portales, Kylie Garcia of Lubbock, Stefanni Chavarria of Floydada, Jacob Chavarria of Floydada, Isabella Garcia of Lubbock, Abigail Garcia of Olton, Nicolas Ray Garcia of Lubbock, Adolfo Garcia III of Olton, Ry'Anne Garcia of Floydada, and Roy Garcia, Jr. of Floydada; siblings, Molly Vallejo of Floydada, Rosa and Mario Reyna of Slaton, Sabina and Ramiro Cantu of Lubbock, Lino and Margie Garcia of Floydada, and Elda and Cruz Zavala of Floydada; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to make donations to the Ray Garcia Scholarship Fund at First National Bank of Floydada.

### Ruby Gooch

Ruby Gooch, age 99, of Floydada, passed away on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church Chapel in Floydada. Ken Peterson officiated.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

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

Ruby was born on April

7, 2017 to William H. and Mary (Dodd) Owens in Denton, Texas. She came to Floyd County in 1928 when she was a child. She wrote a large notebook about her life which her family treasures. She married A.M. Carmack in December 1934 and Fay Gooch in August of 1981.

She is survived by two daughters, Millie Burgett and Norma Reeves, both of Amarillo; special niece, Jerry Pearson, Lou Ann Gooch of Selman and Jan and Bill Morren and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and



RUBY GOOCH

great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Floydada Senior Citizens:

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### Donnie Cantrell

Donnie Cantrell, age 40, passed away on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the Floydada Cemetery with David Taylor officiating.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home

of Floydada.

Donnie was on November 6, 1976 to Delton Cantrell and Mary Halpain in Milam County, Texas. Donnie liked to go fishing and loved being with his family. He served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard for 4 1/2 years.

He is preceded in death by his twin brother, Ronnie Cantrell and his grandad, Bobby Cantrell.

He is survived by four sons; one daughter; his parents; Delton Cantrell and Mary Halpain; grand-



DONNIE CANTRELL

parents, Maxine and Bill Strickland and a brother, Robert Cantrell and his wife, Melinda.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Redefining My Dream

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. —John 12:24 (NRSV)

My husband, Norman, and I have been married 30 years. When I think about the early months of our marriage, I remember the plans and dreams we had. But chronic illness struck me, and most of our hopes died. My health challenges forced us to drastically alter our lifestyle. We struggled through difficult days but managed to hang on to our love and commitment.

It has taken me over 30 years to understand that God has used my story to encourage others. As I learned to talk about my struggles and limitations, I realized how God's strength

became apparent through my weaknesses. When I share my story with others, I am amazed to recall the depth of God's compassion. And through my story, others have deepened their trust in God and have found stronger faith.

Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 12:9 that Christ's strength is made perfect in weakness. When we speak about our trials, we can not only focus on the problems but also show others how God helps us endure. Regardless of what we face, our lives can bless and encourage others.

—Dorothea Love (California)

Today's Prayer: Loving Father, renew our hope. Help us to encourage others with stories of your faithful love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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<p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p>
<p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Lockney Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m. Wed High School - 6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Templo Bethel</b> <b>Spanish Assembly of God</b> Washington And 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Wed Service - 7 p.m. *****</p>
<p><b>Carr's Chapel</b> Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday - 8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Floydada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p>
<p><b>Church of Christ</b> West College &amp; Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> Lockney Fr. Arockia Dhass Jeganathan Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study 10 a.m. - Mass Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation - CYO to follow Thurs. - 6:30 pm- Evening Mass *****</p>	<p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston Tom Ross, Pastor 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p>
<p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b> Matthew Benfield, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p>
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Ron Montgomery, Interim Minister of Worship Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m. English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b> 310 Mississippi Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor</p>		



# AGRICULTURE

## How Puts Work like Insurance on Your Crop

By **Cristen Brooks**  
County Extension Agent  
Floyd County

When someone mentions options, especially puts and calls, most producers run for the hills because it can get very complicated in a hurry. However, if you know how to use these options to your advantage they can provide a solid marketing plan to your operation. Today I'm going to describe how a put works like car insurance.

Most people would never own a car without buying insurance on it, and the same can be said for a crop. Sure most people take out crop insurance...but what about price insurance. A hail storm is not the only thing that can hurt your pocket book; in fact most producers would prefer hail over a drop in market price any day of the week.

The first thing to know and recognize is that the market is very volatile. Anything and everything can affect it, including war in a foreign country or a drought in the Midwest. Knowing this about the market, it only makes sense to take out an insurance policy against price decreases. So how does a put work like insurance on a car? Let me explain.

You take out a car insurance policy that costs you \$1000 per year. That cost is

a sunk cost, you will never get that money back. It is the money you are paying to protect your car in case of an accident. Now, is your goal to actually use that insurance policy and hope that you have \$5000 worth of repairs but it only costs you \$1000? Of course not, you don't buy the policy with the intention of cashing in on it. Because cashing in on it means that you got in a wreck! The fact is that you hope you never have to use it.

Puts work the same way. Let's look at an At the Money put on Dec 2018 corn right now. For those that don't know what "At the Money" means, it is just a term to refer to an option that is where the current market price is now. So an "At the Money" put would be a put at \$3.90 because that is where the market is currently at, or where the market was at when I wrote this article. So a \$3.90 put will cost you around 25 cents. Consider that 25 cents a sunk cost. That's your premium for your insurance policy. Just like your \$1000 you paid for your car insurance, your 25 cents per bushel is your insurance premium.

So how is this 25 cents protecting you? This 25 cents gives you a price floor. If you get into a wreck in your car you are protected. Same

goes for the market on corn, if it gets into a "wreck" and drops considerably then you are protected. Your price floor is 3.90 minus your "premium" of 25 cents, or 3.65. That means if tomorrow you wake up and the price of corn drops to \$2.50, you are protected by receiving \$3.65. You are guaranteed at least that price. The price you receive on your corn will never go below this level. And the great thing about puts is that it gives you a price floor with no price ceiling. So as long as the market is going up...you are a happy camper because you can cash in on that.

So what happens if you don't buy the insurance?

Well, let's look at the car insurance first. You are feeling great because you are not spending any money each month on insurance. Instead you are using that money to go out with your buddies on the weekend. Hey, who wouldn't take an extra \$1000 per year?! And then bam, you get in a wreck and completely crush the front end of your car. The repairs are going to cost you upwards of \$6,000 to fix. How good do you feel about not having insurance now? Same goes for puts on your crop. If you don't buy that insurance you are leaving yourself open to the market's moves penny for penny. You are completely exposed.

Each move up is a tick for your bank account and each move down is a tick against your bank account. Wouldn't you feel much better if you had the opportunity to take advantage of each tick up, but protect yourself from the downward ticks? Well that is what a put will do for you. It's giving you a price floor with no ceiling on it.

This is also different from forward contracting your crop which locks in a price. Not that this is a bad thing at all, because the only bad marketing plan is the plan that doesn't exist. However, a put is different than forward contracting because it's still letting you take advantage of an upward market. Everyone remember the year that corn went to \$8.00? It would have been great to have bought puts that year. Not because you needed the insurance, but because you were able to take advantage of that incredible market increase and still sleep at night knowing you have your price floor.

So hopefully I have not thoroughly confused you. Instead I was hoping to show you how a good marketing plan can be beneficial to your operation. If you have any questions about what I've talked about today please feel free to call the Floyd County Extension Office at 806-983-4912.

## Trump Administration Appoints Gary Six as State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Texas

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Nov. 8, 2017 - The Trump Administration recently appointed Gary Six as the new State Executive Director (SED) in Texas for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Six will begin serving as Texas SED on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Six has worked for FSA for 40 years. His FSA career began as a temporary field man while he worked his way through college, later becoming a County Office Trainee. Six has served the producers of Yoakum County as County Executive Director for the past 32 years. He looks forward to serving the producers and FSA employees throughout Texas as SED.

FSA serves farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective and efficient agricultural programs. The agency offers farmers a strong safety net through the administration of farm commodity and disaster programs. FSA continues to conserve natural resources, and also provides credit to agricultural producers who

are unable to receive private, commercial credit, with special emphasis on beginning, underserved, and women farmers and ranchers.

Under the direction of Secretary Sonny Perdue, the USDA will always be facts-based and data-driven, with a decision-making mindset that is customer-focused. Secretary Perdue leads the USDA with four guiding principles: to maximize the ability of American agriculture to create jobs, sell foods and fiber, and feed and clothe the world; to prioritize customer service for the taxpayers; to ensure that our food supply is safe and secure; and to maintain good stewardship of the natural resources that provide us with our miraculous bounty. And understanding that we live in a global economy where trade is of top importance, Secretary Perdue has pledged to be an unapologetic advocate for American agriculture.

As SED, Six will use his leadership experience to oversee FSA programs in a customer-focused manner to ensure a safe, affordable, abundant, and nutritious food supply for consumers.

## Former Yoakum County CED Six Appointed SED for Texas FSA

By **Mary Jane Buerkle**  
Plains Cotton Growers

Gary Six, who has served the Farm Service Agency in Yoakum County for more than 30 years as their County Executive Director, is making the move from Plains to College Station after his appointment by the Trump Administration as the new Texas State Executive Director for the FSA.

Six's FSA career began in 1977 as a temporary field assistant, and he worked his way into increasingly responsible positions and became Yoakum County CED in 1979. He then served as CED for McCulloch County for almost three years before being selected as one of the first Automation Coordinators in Texas. He remained in that position for more than two years before moving back to Plains to serve again as CED for Yoakum County.

"As SED, Six will use his leadership experience to oversee FSA programs in a customer-focused manner to ensure a safe, affordable, abundant, and nutritious

food supply for consumers," according to a news release from Texas FSA. "He looks forward to serving the producers and FSA employees throughout Texas as SED."

PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said that Six's FSA experience makes him an excellent candidate to lead Texas FSA.

"We could not be more excited for Gary as he takes on this position of leadership," Verett said. "There are few people who know the Farm Service Agency like he does, and his experience is extremely valuable to our producers and the entire Texas agricultural industry. We congratulate him and wish him the best."

Six begins his new duties on Monday.

## Midwest, Western Farmers to See High Plains Cotton Operations

By **National Cotton Council**  
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Farmers in the nation's Midwest and Western regions will get a unique opportunity to observe cotton and other agricultural operations in West Texas on November 12-16, as part of the National Cotton Council's (NCC) Multi-Commodity Education Program.

Launched in 2006, the MCEP is coordinated by NCC's Member Services and local leaders and organizations. The program is supported by The Cotton Foundation with a grant from Deere & Company.

The exchange is designed to provide the program's participants with: 1) a better understanding of production issues/concerns faced by their peers in another geographic region and 2) an opportunity to observe agronomic practices, technology utilization, cropping patterns, marketing plans and operational structure. Other program benefits are the continuing dialogue among American farmers, regardless of their crops or locations, and the creation of strong and lasting relationships between this nation's current and future producer leaders.

The 2017 tour's producer participants include: Idaho - Sedar Beckman, Idaho Falls; Scott Brown, Soda Springs; Clark Kauffman, Filer; Cory Kress, Rockland; Justin Place, Hamer; and Lucas Spratling, DeClor; Michigan - Dave Milligan, Cass City; Montana - Michael Konen and Mitch Konen, both of Fairfield; and Warren Lybeck, Chinook; North Dakota - Frank Laufer, Regent; Jeff Mertz, Hurdfield; and Alan Slater, West Fargo. Also participating is Sam Butler, a New Hope, Ala., soybean and cotton producer. John Gibson, director of NCC's Member Services, Memphis; and Susan Everett, a NCC Member Services representative in West Texas, will accompany the group.

After an orientation on the NCC on November 12, the participants will spend the next day in Lubbock at Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. for an overview of that organization and of High Plains cotton production. They also will visit the USDA Agricultural Research Service's Ginning Laboratory and the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's Cotton Division facility, get a presentation on cotton trait introgression during a tour of Bayer's greenhouse and laboratory facilities; and hear a

presentation on cotton sustainability and marketing at Plains Cotton Cooperative Association. They will end the day with a visit to Verett Farms in Ralls for a look at spindle picker cotton harvesting.

On November 14, the participants will get a briefing on cottonseed processing and products at PYCO Industries in Lubbock before traveling to Brownfield where they will see peanut harvesting and then get a look at High Plains farm equipment at the B.E. Implement company. The group then will go to Meadow for a tour of Seaton Farms and observing custom wine grape crushing, fermentation and barrel aging at the Texas Wine Company.

The next day, the group will travel to Plainview to hear a presentation on High Plains water conservation and watering systems at the Texas Alliance of Water Conservation and then learn about soil health and fertilization techniques at Olson Farms. That day's activities conclude with a

briefing on stripper harvesting and ginning at the Carson County Gin in White Deer.

On the 16th, the group will travel to Amarillo for a tour of the Amarillo Cotton Warehouse and to hear presentations on cotton warehousing, shipping and permanent bale identification. The tour concludes with visits to the Adobe Walls Gin in Spearman and Howard Farms in Dumas.

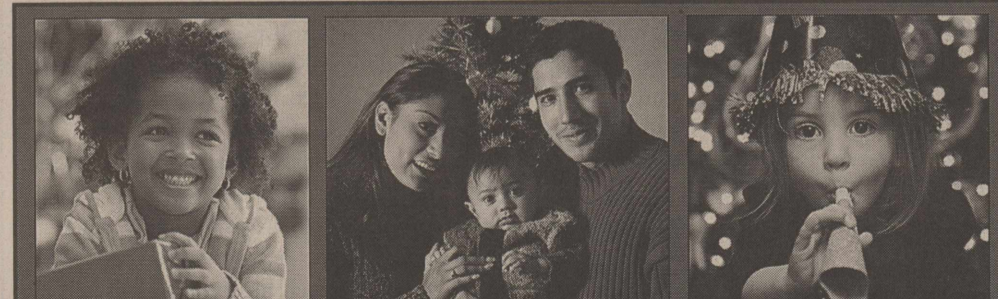
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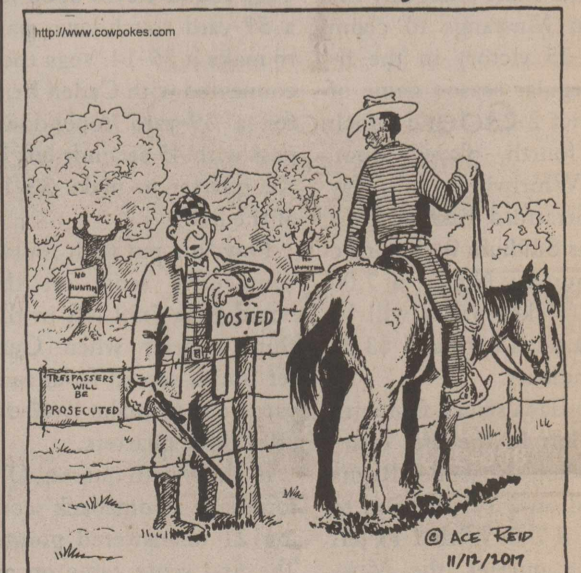
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Floyd County 4-H Exhibitors represent well at multiple fairs

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Keenan Nixon, Hagen Hinsley, Rilynn Hinsley, Wyatt Bigham, Payten Shuping and Sydni Chesshir all represented Floyd County 4H by showing their livestock at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock in September. Keenan received Breed Champion with his heifer and 4th and 7th place with his steers, Hagen received 5th and 7th place with his steers, Rilynn received 7th and 12th place with her steers, Payten received 8th place with her barrow, Wyatt showed his lamb, Sydni received a 7th place and 2- 12th places

with her lambs.

Kaden Weekes submitted entries into wood, metal, photography and drawing at the South Plains Fair. He received a 2nd place and 2 honorable mentions. McKenna Weekes entered metal, glassware, photography, drawing, jewelry, and ceramics. She received a 1st place, 2- 2nd places, and 2 honorable mentions.

Keenan Nixon showed at the West Texas Fair in Abilene in September, he received 2nd place with his heifer.

Keenan Nixon and Payten Shuping showed at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas in October. Keenan

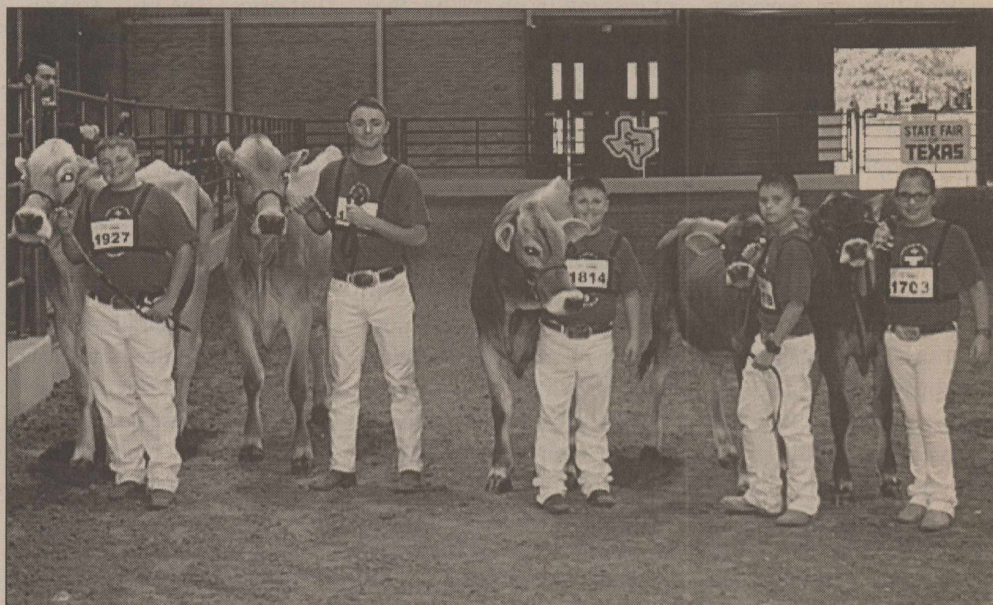
received Reserve Division Champion with his heifer and Payten received 8th place with her cross barrow.

Sydni Chesshir showed at the King County Fair in October and received a 1st, 2-2nds, 3rd, 4th, and 5th with her lambs as well as Junior Showmanship.

These Fairs are often the first large shows the kids attend with their livestock and are a great learning experience for both kids and animals. All exhibitors showed very well and did a great job representing Floyd County.

Congratulations to all and good luck in the upcoming stock show season!

## Floyd County 4-H Dairy Cattle Show Crew Compete



By Bill Glass  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The team consisting of Alex and Ryder Glass, Wyatt Bigham, Hunter, Hagen, and Brinley Lefevre made an impressive showing this fall.

At the South Plains Fair in Lubbock these 4-Hers amassed 10-1st, 10-2nd, 7-3rd, 1-4th place ribbons with top honors going to Ryder Glass and his Brown Swiss cow Renea. He won Grand Cham-

pion Brown Swiss cow in the junior and open show and best udder cow of the show. Ryder also received the senior showmanship awards in Brown Swiss and Ayshire. Wyatt Bigham won Grand Champion Ayshire Heifer in the junior and open shows. Wyatt also received the junior showmanship award in the Ayshire division. Brinley Lefevre won junior showmanship with her Brown Swiss heifer. At the State Fair of Texas

these same 4-Hers made another strong showing racking up 5-1st, 7-2nd, 5-3rd, 4-4th, 2-5th, and 3-6th place ribbons. Ryder received Reserve Grand Brown Swiss Cow in the Pan Am and Junior shows. Alex received the 1st place ORB Chapter Dairy herd award and 2nd place Brown Swiss Chapter Dairy herd award.

If you see these kiddos pat them on the back for a job well done!!!

## Lockney secures playoff spot, defeats Crosbyton 30-28

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney overcame a 10-point deficit, scoring the final 12 points of the ballgame to defeat the Crosbyton Chiefs 30-28. Both teams entered the game, knowing that the winner would take the final playoff spot in District 2-2A-2. Lockney will play Gruver in the Bi-District round, Thursday night at 6:00 P.M. at Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium.

The Chiefs struck first when Tim Childers scored from 20 yards out to give Crosbyton a 6-0 lead with 4:02 left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Lockney responded on a 92-yard run by Israel Cuellar to tie the game at 6-6 with 9:09 left in the half. Childers answered with a three-yard run with 4:26 left in the half to give the Chiefs a 12-6 lead. With 36 seconds left in the half, Roman Rendon scored on a nine-yard run to give Crosbyton a 20-6 lead. Lockney scored with seven seconds left in the half when Chris Emert connected with Cuellar for a 30-yard

touchdown to make 20-12 in favor of Crosbyton at the half.

Lockney pulled to within two points when Noel Ceniceros scored on a two-yard run with 8:12 left in the third quarter to make it 20-18. Crosbyton answered when Rendon scored on an 11-yard run to give the Chiefs a 28-18 lead with 7:45 left in the quarter. Lockney found the goal line again when Ruben Marmolejo scored on a 12-yard run with 3:59 left in the quarter to make it 28-24 Crosbyton going into the final quarter.

With time running out in their season, Emert and Cuellar connected for 21-yard pass with 13 seconds left to give the Longhorns the 30-28 victory and claim the fourth playoff spot.

Offensively, Lockney had 409 total yards including 205 yards passing and 204 yards rushing. Crosbyton had 349 total yards, all on the ground.

Individually for Lockney, Emert was 13-22 passing for 205 yards and two touchdowns. Cuellar had 14 carries for 126 yards and one touchdown, Alex Gar-

cia had three carries for 47 yards, Marmolejo had two carries for 15 yards and one touchdown, Emert had eight carries for 12 yards and Ceniceros had three carries for four yards and a touchdown. Sebastian Perez had four receptions for 85 yards, Cuellar had three receptions for 73 yards and two touchdowns and Bryson Walker had six receptions for 47 yards.

Individually for Crosbyton, Morales was 0-3 passing. Childers had 22 carries for 169 yards and two touchdowns, Rendon had 24 carries for 106 yards and two touchdowns, Clark had five carries for 55 yards and Morales had four carries for 19 yards.

In other District games, Wellington (9-1,5-0) defeated Clarendon (9-1, 4-1) 49-0 and Memphis (6-4, 3-2) defeated Ralls (3-7, 0-5) 49-0.

Wellington, the #1 seed, will play Shamrock, Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at Shamrock; Clarendon, the #2 seed, will play Vega, Friday at 7:00 P.M. at Hereford; and Memphis, the #3 seed, will play Wheeler, Friday at 7:00 P.M. at Childress.

## Floydada defeats Olton to secure playoff spot

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

OLTON - Floydada held off a late charge by the Olton Mustangs to claim a 40-35 victory in the final regular season game of District 2-2A-1 and clinch the fourth playoff spot. The Whirlwinds will play the Stratford Elks at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 P.M. Ticket prices will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

Floydada struck first with 8:50 left in the first quarter when Rosendo Reyna scored on a 17-yard run to make it 7-0. With 1:15 left in the quarter, the Mustangs scored on a 22-yard pass from Jack Allcorn to Nabor Vega Canchola to tie the game at 7-7.

In the second quarter, the Whirlwinds scored 26 points. With 9:20 left in the quarter, Reyna scored on a seven-yard run to make it 14-7 for Floydada. Allcorn hit Nate Zamora for a 14-yard touchdown pass with 7:15 left in the half to tie the game, 14-14. On the ensuing kick-off, Gerry

Reyes returned the kick 92 yards to make it 20-14 with 7:00 left in the half. With 1:45 left in the half, Andrew Vega found Reyes open for a 59-yard touchdown pass to make it 26-14. Vega then connected with Caden Britt for a 39-yard touchdown pass with 45 seconds left in the quarter to make 33-14 at the half.

Floydada put their fourth consecutive score on the board with 7:59 left in the third quarter when Cutter Smith scored from four yards out to make it 40-14 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Olton made a comeback scoring 21 unanswered points. The first score came on an Allcorn to Joaquin Sanchez 64-yard touchdown pass with 8:49 left in the game to make it 40-21. With 3:06 left in the game, Allcorn found Canchola for a four-yard touchdown pass to make it 40-28. The Mustangs final score came with five seconds left in the game when Allcorn connected with Sanchez for a 15-yard touchdown pass to make the final score 40-35.

"The key plays of the

game were the two scores late in the first half," Head Coach Todd Bandy said. "The turning point in the game was when we scored on the opening drive of the second half then held the Mustangs scoreless in the third quarter."

Offensively, Floydada had 339 total yards including 158 yards passing and 181 yards rushing. Olton had 444 total yards including 408 yards passing and 36 yards rushing.

Individually for Floydada, Vega was 4-12 passing for 158 yards and two touchdowns. Reyna had 31 carries for 128 yards and two touchdowns, Smith had six carries for 35 yards and one touchdown, Vega had five carries for 14 yards, Jose Lira had one carry for five yards and Miguel Pena had two carries for minus one yard. Britt had three catches for 99 yards and one touchdown, Reyes had one carry for 59 yards and one touchdown.

Individually for Olton, Allcorn was 19-46 passing for 408 yards and five touchdowns. Canchola had one carry for 14 yards, Zane

Gunter had eight carries for 12 yards, Michael Muse had two carries for eight yards and Allcorn had seven carries for two yards. Sanchez had five catches for 122 yards and two touchdowns, Canchola had six carries for 109 yards and two touchdowns, Zach Ramage had five catches for 100 yards and Zamora had three catches for 77 yards and a touchdown.

"We have to play fundamentally sound football in all three phases of the game, defense, offense and special teams to defeat Stratford," Bandy said.

Floydada finishes the regular season at 4-6 overall and 2-3 in district. Olton finishes the year at 3-7 overall and 0-5 in district. In other district action, Sundown (9-1, 4-1) defeated New Deal (9-1, 4-1) 29-27 and Abernathy (9-1, 4-1) defeated Hale Center (6-4, 1-4) 48-6. Abernathy, New Deal and Sundown finished in a three-way tie for first. In the tie-breaker for seeding, New Deal was the #1 seed, Abernathy was the #2 seed and Sundown was the #3 seed.

New Deal will play Sanford-Fritch at 4:00 P.M. Friday at Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium, Abernathy will play Panhandle at 7:00 P.M. Friday at Amarillo River Road and Sundown will play West Texas at 4:00 P.M. Saturday at Canyon's Kimbrough.

Key players of the week, according to Bandy, included Caden Britt as the Offensive player of the week for his three catches for 99 yards; the entire defense as the defensive players of the week for their play throughout the game including doing enough to win the game; and the special teams for their kick-off returns all night including the 92-yard return by Reyes and recovering the onside kicks late in the game.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 22**  
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**Thursday, Nov. 23**  
No School - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

**Friday, Nov. 24**  
No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

### AREA TEAMS WRAPUP & SCHEDULES

DISTRICT 2-2A-1  
Week 11 Results  
FLOYDADA 40, CROSBYTON 35  
SUNDOWN 29, NEW DEAL 27  
ABERNATHY 48, HALE CENTER 6

District 2-2A-1	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	W	L	W	L
1-New Deal	9	1	4	1
2-Abernathy	9	1	4	1
3-Sundown	9	1	4	1
4-Floydada	4	6	2	3
Hale Center	6	4	1	4
Olton	3	7	0	5

# = Seed  
Week 12 Schedule  
FLOYDADA vs Stratford  
Thurs., 7:00 PM at Amarillo's Dick Bivins  
SUNDOWN vs West Texas  
Sat., 4:00 PM at Canyon's Kimbrough  
ABERNATHY vs Panhandle  
Fri., 7:00 PM at Amarillo River Road  
NEW DEAL vs Sanford-Fritch  
Fri., 7:00 PM at Canyon's Kimbrough

AREA TEAMS  
Week 12 Schedule  
PLAINVIEW (4-6, 3-4) 38, Canyon 38  
SILVERTON (6-3, 3-1) 45, Groom 0  
VALLEY (9-1, 3-0) 68, Hedley 0  
MOTLEY COUNTY (8-2, 3-0) 56, Southland 0  
PETERSBURG (5-4, 2-1) 72, Wilson 8  
PATTON SPRINGS has forfeited the season  
LORENZO (8-2, 2-1) 62, Meadow 59  
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (7-4) 96, Wichita Christian 95

DISTRICT 2-2A-2  
Week 11 Results  
LOCKNEY 30, CROSBYTON 28  
WELLINGTON 49, CLARENDON 0  
MEMPHIS 49, RALLS 0

District 2-2A-2	OVERALL		DISTRICT	
	W	L	W	L
1-Clarendon	9	1	4	1
2-Wellington	9	1	5	0
3-Memphis	6	4	3	2
4-Lockney	3	7	2	3
Crosbyton	4	6	1	4
Ralls	3	7	0	5

# = Seed  
Week 12 Schedule  
LOCKNEY vs Gruver  
Thurs., 6:00 PM Canyon's Kimbrough  
WELLINGTON vs Shamrock  
Thurs., 7:00 PM at Shamrock  
CLARENDON vs Vega  
Fri., 7:00 PM at Hereford  
MEMPHIS vs Wheeler  
Fri., 7:00 PM at Childress

AREA TEAMS  
Week 12 Schedule  
PLAINVIEW vs Abilene Cooper  
Fri., 7:00 PM at Wolfforth  
SILVERTON vs Follett  
Fri., 6:30 PM at White Deer  
VALLEY vs Lefors  
Thu., 7:00 PM at McLean  
MOTLEY COUNTY vs Whitharral  
Fri., 6:00 PM at Southland  
PETERSBURG vs Amherst  
Fri., 7:30 at Petersburg  
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Fri., 7:30 PM at Guthrie  
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN vs Temple  
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**OBITS**

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**DONNIE CANTRELL**  
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Memorials may be made in Donnie's name to: Vets in Lubbock, 3804 I-27 Frontage Road, Lubbock, TX 79412.

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

**RED HAT**

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help that need. She left behind good. It hit me personally and made me think. It was a very informative program that all enjoyed. Thank you, Nicki Logan.

The hostesses were Virginia Taylor, Barbara Edwards, and Elaine McNeill. Thanks for all the hard work. We appreciate it.

Those attending were Sandy Fuston, Betty Jean Williams, Virginia Coker, Sue Daniels, Virginia Taylor, Mary Lou Zinck, Joy Turner, Gloria Fannon, Carolyn Cheek, Ethelyn Vernon, Donna Pernell, Karla Kindberg, Barbara Edwards, and Elaine McNeill. Our guest was Nicki Logan. Welcome Nicki.

*NOTE: Hi, this is Mary. I have not been to any meeting due to health reasons of my husband and myself. So I'm just catching up on the writing of the meetings now. I got the information from friends who were there or research. So for the months of Sept., Oct., and Nov. please bear with me. Actually always bear with me! Thanks for your patience. I'll get caught up as soon as I can. God is Good!!*

**Mary Helen Walton Baxter**

Mary Helen Walton Baxter was born on December 20, 1935 in Brownwood, Texas to Herman and Sammie D Walton.

Mary Helen went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Funeral services were held on at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 10, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Visitation was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Interment was held in the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mary Helen was a life-long member of the Baptist Church, having been baptized in the Carlton Baptist Church. She and her husband, Kerwin, were members of First Baptist Church in Richardson.

She attended schools all across Texas in Rochelle, Vanderbilt, Blue Ridge, Carlton, and graduated high school in 1953 in Guthrie, Texas. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Howard Payne College in 1956, and a Masters of Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1981. It was while she was in Howard Payne that she met a wonderful young football player who was attending the University of Corpus Christi. They married on August 3, 1956, and thus began a lifelong, loving partnership enhanced by the birth of two sons, Joe Roy Baxter in 1957 and Johnny Walton Baxter in 1960.

As the years passed by, Mary Helen and Kerwin were thoroughly involved in the athletic endeavors of Joe and Johnny who were ultimately college athletes. They logged many miles across several states to

attend almost every athletic event that the boys were involved in. And they loved every minute of it.

Beginning in 1956 in Santa Anna, Texas, Mary Helen started a teaching career which covered a span of 41 years. She began teaching business/commercial classes, but eventually became a math teacher and concluded her career teaching 7th grade math in Plano at Schimelpfenig Middle School. Her excellence in teaching and her commitment to her students and her coworkers earned her the Teacher of the Year Award for the Plano Independent School District in the 90's. She had a real gift of making learning fun while at the same time retaining high expectations for student learning. She retired in May 1997, having impacted many lives including her coworkers, and especially her students, but like all good teachers, she never stopped teaching.

The interest in genealogy that she and Kerwin shared led them to many places and provided contact with people on both national and international levels. We always knew who to go to if we had a question about our family history.

Mother, wife, daughter, sister, grandmother (Am Maw), teacher, counselor, family historian and best friend—Mary Helen lovingly filled many different roles to many different people. She never met a stranger and would make of them a trusted friend almost before the first conversation was over. She was the glue that held all our immediate and extended families together. A guiding light to all, she blessed us with her wisdom and counsel and set a good example for how to live our lives with love. Sometimes she would know how to address our problems before we even knew we had them. All this she accom-



MARY HELEN WALTON BAXTER

plished with warmth, love, a zest for life and for making the lives of those around her better.

Mary Helen was preceded in death by her husband, James Kerwin Baxter who passed away on January 16, 2002; her parents, Herman and Sammie Walton and step-mother, Alma Walton, and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cecil and Rena Baxter.

She is survived by her sons, Joe Roy Baxter of Phoenix, Arizona, and Johnny Walton Baxter and wife, Gayla of New Braunfels; four grandchildren, Jared Baxter and wife, Karina of Lubbock, Travis Baxter and wife, Brittany of New Braunfels, Samantha and Matt Wehmeyer of Canyon Lake and Gabriella Baxter of Phoenix, Arizona; six great-grandchildren, Jacycie, Alana, Kimberlyn, Brynna, Everly, and Lily Baxter of Lubbock; brother, Butch Walton and wife, Sherry of Stephenville, and sister, Jane Keahey of Waco; brother-in-law, Waldo Baxter and wife, Carolyn of Hereford; and some very special nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

We rest assured that Mary Helen is now living in the fullness of the Glory of God's love and peace and is surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses who have gone on before her. God Speed, Dear Mary Helen. Thank you for making each of us a better person.

Memorials may be made to the [1heartmission.org](http://1heartmission.org).

## NASS Lowers 2017 Cotton Production Estimates for Texas High Plains

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
Plains Cotton Growers

The National Agricultural Statistics Service estimates in their November Crop Production Report that Texas High Plains cotton growers will produce 5,375,000 bales in 2017.

This estimate is down 65,000 bales from their October report, likely reflective of late-season acreage loss to storms and further adjustment from loss of yield potential after a cool, cloudy late September and early October.

The decrease came from the Southern High Plains, where NASS estimated 110,000 fewer bales than their October report, projecting 3,215,000 for that region. Production estimates in the Northern High Plains increased by 70,000 to 2,180,000 bales.

Yield per acre increased for the Northern High Plains from 877 pounds in October to 906 in the November estimate. The Southern High Plains decreased from 689 pounds in October to 665 in November. Harvested acres remained the same as the October report—1,155,000 in the NHP and 2,320,000

in the SHP. The abandonment rate at about 20 percent, which is near the long-term average.

Statewide, the production number increased by 100,000 bales from October, to 9.1 million bales. The nationwide estimate for upland cotton increased to 20.7 million bales, up slightly from an estimated 20.4 million in the October report and up 24 percent from 2016.

Harvest is in full swing and some areas of quality are improving, with predominant color at the Lubbock classing office grading up at 21 this past week from 31 last week. Average length increased from 36.09 last week to 36.32 this week. However, average micronaire remains in the 34-35 range, indicating impact from less-than-ideal weather conditions to finish out maturity.

In the Lamesa office, predominant color also is 21, with average length for the week at 35.41 and average micronaire at 3.8. Complete quality reports are available at [www.plainscottton.org](http://www.plainscottton.org).

December futures were trading between 68 and 69 cents at press time.

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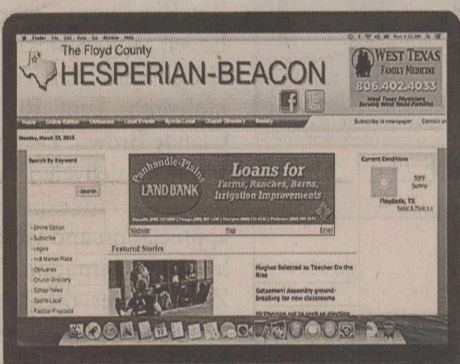
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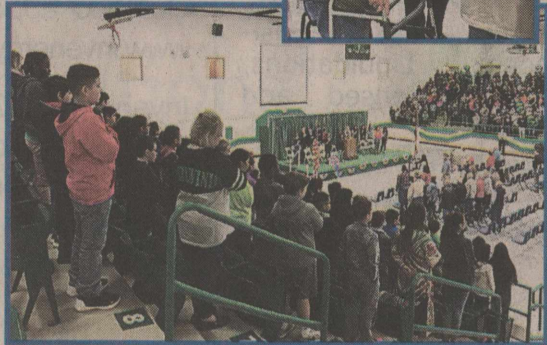
**Lockney ISD and Floydada ISD honors local veterans in special programs last week.**



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**Kindis Julian and Ed Marks present quilt to Veteran, Cob Gilly.**



**VFW Post Commander presents quilt to Veteran, Bill Strickland. Veteran Tom Emert**

# Memorial Service for SSgt Lee A. McInturf USAF

By James Doucette

SSgt. Lee A. McInturf, on November 7, 2017, his birthday, was given final military honors by American Legion Post 141, Lock-

ney, Texas. Lee's grandson, David Sanchez, Petty Officer 1st Class, serves in the United States Navy Reserve and requested that the service be held.

Members of the Post 141 honor

guard fired a three-volley salute followed by the playing of taps. After Taps a tri folded American flag was presented to his SSgt. Lee's daughter Debbie and by her side were her brothers, Danny and

Paul. Post commander Ed Marks asked Debbie to "accept the flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your father's honorable and faithful service."

By Jim Doucette

Ed Marks Post Commander of American Legion Post 141, Lockney, Texas was busy on Veterans Day delivering handmade quilts to aging veterans.

Quilters, Marsha Allen and Shelda Rodgers, made fourteen patriotic themed quilts for the veterans. This has been an annual practice for a number of years.

In past years, the quilts were delivered to residents of Amarillo Veterans Nursing Home. This year it was decided to honor Floyd County veterans. This year's recipients were Keith Marble, Embre Douglas, James Morris, Roy Ray, James Cathey, James Lovell, Bill Strickland, Cob Gilly, Tom Emert, Melvin Holcomb, Paul Reecer and Claude Brown. Two quilts are still to be delivered.

The veteran's expressed their appreciation and were moved by the presentation. Paul and Zora Reecer thanked Commander Marks for the beautiful quilt and his wonderful words of prayer. Marks commented, "Our Post is honored to pay tribute to these American hero's."



**David Sanchez is shown kneeling holding a picture of SSgt. McInturf in front of Debbie, Danny and Paul McInturf.**



**Members of Post 141's honor guard are shown folding the American flag.**

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