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## Covenant Health Plainview Launching Weight-loss Surgery Program

By Homer Marquez  
Covenant Health Plainview

PLAINVIEW— Covenant Health Plainview can now help you lose the weight and regain your life as the hospital is proud to announce it has started its new weight-loss surgery program.

"We are so excited to unveil this program and bring this life-saving service to the people of Plainview and to our surrounding neighbors," said Bob Copeland, CEO of Covenant Health Plainview.

Heading the program is Covenant Health Plainview general surgeon and long-time bariatric specialist, Dr. Paresh Rajajoshiwala.

"(Dr. Raja) is highly qualified and fully credentialed to perform these procedures. West Texas is truly blessed to have this caliber of surgeon in our area, especially with the experience he has in bariatrics."

"All of our caregivers in the hospital are as equally ecstatic to provide this new service line to the area. One of the best things about offering bariatric services is that after the procedure; patients will have a healthier and happier quality of life."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, more than one-third of U.S. adults are obese and run a higher risk for diabetes, cancer, hypertension, stroke, heart disease and a cavalcade of other complications.

"Studies are predicting, because of obesity, that the life expectancy of Americans will be 10 to 15 years shorter than that of previous generations," said Raja.

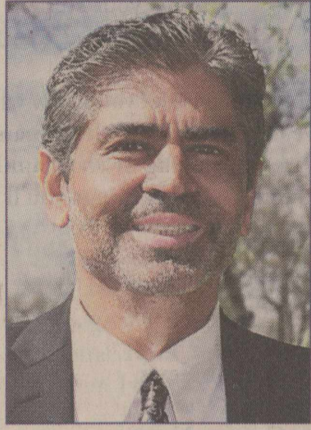
Raja began his general surgery practice in Plainview back in March 2017. Prior to that, Raja spent 15 years as a bariatric surgeon in San Antonio.

Raja explained that diet and exercise can work fine when you're trying to lose 10 to 15 pounds. However, when you are trying to lose and keep off more than 100 pounds, it can be very difficult to maintain a healthy weight through diet and exercise alone.

"Multiple studies show that medical means of losing weight when you are morbidly obese doesn't work," Raja said.

Raja explained that one of the best options to lose the weight and keep it off is weight management surgery.

Raja can perform a spectrum of weight loss surgery procedures, but the physician prefers the tried-and-tested, Gastric Bypass Surgery as well as the relatively newer procedure, Sleeve Gastrec-



Courtesy photo  
**Heading the Covenant Plainview weight loss surgery program is general surgeon and long-time bariatric specialist, Dr. Paresh Rajajoshiwala.**

tomy. "The gold standard is gastric bypass surgery," said Raja, who explained the procedure has been performed for more than 50 years.

"And we still perform it because it's the most reliable operation. More than 70 percent of all weight loss surgery is gastric bypass."

Raja said the procedure essentially makes the stomach smaller.

"To give you an idea, a normal stomach is about the size of an American football.

In a gastric bypass, we are changing that to the size of a golf ball."

The result: it takes less food to get you full and satisfied.

The less food, the more weight you lose.

After the procedure, Covenant Health Plainview is providing an in-depth bariatric support system to help guide the patient through their new and healthier life. This includes diet and nutrition coaching as well as a support group.

"This is a very successful way to lose weight and keep it off," said Raja. "As people lose weight, they will become more healthy and energetic. Just imagine carrying around a 60 or 100-pound backpack everyday of your life. Imagine how tired that would make you. Now imagine taking that back pack off; you're going to feel more energetic, you're going to enjoy life a lot more."

Though bariatric procedures have been around since the 1960's, the technology and surgical techniques have drastically changed since then.

One big difference is the introduction of laparoscope surgery.

A surgery, like weight-loss surgery, used to require a long incision from the pelvis to the chest. Now, laparoscope allows a surgeon to perform the procedure through just a few small incisions.

"Years ago you were going to spend 10 days to two weeks

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## New subscription blowout of \$20 through December

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — If you are not a subscriber to The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon and are considering it, December is the month to do so.

Throughout the month, The Hesperian-Beacon is on sale. You can receive a new subscription for \$20, which is over 50 percent off of the cover price.

"The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon" is the conduit for news across the area," said Chris Blackburn, publisher. "We are an award winning newspaper and we care about local businesses and our readers. I'm happy to announce we are offering all new subscribers 52 editions for \$20."

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## Brotherton Wins Juvenile Justice Award

By Ron Trusler

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN— Kay Brotherton is the recipient of the Jimmie Hall Kester's Champion for Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Award. This was presented to her at the 13th Annual Strengthening Youth and Families Conference in Austin.

Some excerpts from a few letters of those who recommended Kay said: 'I have worked with Kay for over a decade in my role as Chief of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch at the federal level... Kay has been instrumental in obtaining grants from my Branch to expand and improve the mental health services for children, youth and families in Texas. I have found her to be a visionary leader... who 'gets the job done.' She is well known for her ability to collaborate, her positive, infectious attitude and her passion and commitment.' - (Gary M. Blau, Ph.D. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

'I could always count on Kay to offer a realistic positive contribution from a rural and frontier perspective. She has been a voice that says 'we can do better... with that type of commitment, it is no wonder that the Central Plains area keeps raising the bar with their standard of care...' - (Sherri Hammack, retired from Health and Human Service Commission for Texas) 'Kay is truly a visionary whose passion is Hope. She sees possibilities and sets on a course to make them realities...' (Jere



Courtesy photo

**Kay Brotherton is the recipient of the "Jimmie Hall Kester's Champion for Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Award."**

Newton, Lamb County Family Resource Center)

'Kay is a true advocate for children and mental health for all. Her efforts, vision and leadership skills are the major reason why we have been able to assist the children in our area. Her desire to expand the much needed services in our rural communities has given her the enthusiasm she has needed to be innovative in her searches for grants available and way to help fill the gaps of services.' (Carrie Barden, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Lamb County).

Ron Trusler is Community Development Specialist for the Rural Counties Initiative of Central Plains Center. He can be reached at 806-291-0388 or ront@clplains.org

## Balloon Causes Power Outage, Other City Hall News

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

On Saturday, Nov. 18, wind blew a silver metallic party balloon into power lines causing a fuse to blow, according to Floydada City Manager Jeff Johnston. There was a slight interruption of power in the Northwest part of town, but the city found the problem and power back on in about an hour.

In other city news, Manual Barrientos is the new Animal Control officer. Barrientos also works in the city's street and

maintenance department.

The Floydada Police Department has hired a new officer, Joel Martinez from Plainview. This is his first PD position, and Diana Garcia has joined the city office staff.

According to the city manager, the electrical department has begun the studying and planning of switching the electrical system from 2400v to 7200v. "We hope to create a strategic plan that will allow the city to get the majority of the system upgraded over the next three to five years, while

limiting the yearly cost to a manageable amount."

The new city street sweeper has been up and running for awhile. The water and street maintenance departments teamed up to tackle the city streets, using a combination of back hoe and street sweeper.

The city is also moving along on the sidewalk grant. The designs are almost finished, and they should be sent out for bids within the next two weeks.

Other projects on the horizon include finishing up the park design.

## 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.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LOCKNEY

First Baptist Church Lockney will present a city wide concert on December 3 at 6 pm. The church is located at 401 S Main, Lockney, Texas. For additional info about other Christmas events call 806.652.3361 or www.fbcllockney.com

### SANTA ON THE SQUARE FLOYDADA

Santa on the Square in Floydada will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Free booth spaces are available. Santa will be at the First National Bank Lobby. Bring your own camera.

### MIRACLE ON MAIN LOCKNEY

Miracle on Main in Lockney will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Downtown business will be open for shopping. Tree lighting will be held at the Wall of Pride. Santa arrives downtown at 6:15 p.m. Pictures with Santa will be inside Garden's Gate (bring your own camera).

### FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZEN'S FUNDRAISER

The Floydada Sr. Citizen's Center will have another "Chicken Fried Steak Fundraiser" on Sunday, December 10 with serving time starting at 11:30 a.m. Donations of green beans, eggs, potatoes, lettuce, tomato, and cake mixes would be appreciated. For more info see our weekly news article in this week's issue.

### 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.

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



**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 welcome

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.

## Lockney's 'Miracle on Main' celebrates Christmas Dec. 9

**By Kay Ellington**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY—It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Lockney.

Holiday plans are underway for Miracle on Main, a local Christmas shopping celebration Saturday, Dec. 9 in downtown Lockney.

From 6 to 9 p.m., downtown merchants will be open for shopping, and local vendors will set up booths.

There will be Christmas music, hot chocolate and opportunities for kids to make ornaments.

The tree lighting will be held at the Wall of Pride.

Santa Claus will ar-

rive on the scene at 6:15 p.m. and families can have photos of the children taken with St. Nick inside Garden's Gate. (Be sure and bring your own camera.)

For more information or if you would like to have a booth, contact Brittany Duniven with the Lockney Chamber 806-584-4761.

## The Paperboy An argument for your newspaper

If you are not a subscriber, you will notice that you received a gift today of a free issue of your local newspaper. Our hopes are that you will become a new subscriber in December. It's a heck of a deal! For just \$20 for a new subscription, you can get the news of your town and area for one year.

If you're a current subscriber, it's a great opportunity to give someone a gift that keeps on giving, 52 times a year.

So in this day of social media, why is your local newspaper important?

I'd say newspapers are important because they serve as the watch dog for your local government entities. We help uncover corruption and we let you know when local entities need a pat on the back.

Newspapers also focus on youth and school activities. You deserve to know how your student athletes, band members, UIL competitors and FFA competitors are doing.

Newspapers let you know who has passed. If they currently live in town or lived there years ago and have moved off, they share the passing of your family and neighbors.

Here are some things you'll find in your local newspaper:

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In a very large sense, newspapers are the backbone of the community.

Following the 2008 crash and major newspapers straying from their traditional business model in an effort to compete with social media, our industry got a bad reputation concerning closings and firings. Even though smaller community newspapers were not related to the saturation of information in major cities, we still paid a price by being lumped into the same industry.

Well, we're still here. Sure we've made adjustments, but we continue to serve your communities and provide the news for your area.

I find it both sad and ironic when I'm at a meeting of a local governmental entity and there sits an angry resident. A resident who was not informed of important information. Not because the information was not available, but because they did not read their local newspaper.

In December, I encourage you to give us a try. The price is right. For \$20, you can keep up with your friends, neighbors, children, grandchildren, civic groups, teams, governments and businesses ... all for the price of a few fancy cups of coffee or a couple of lunches.

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## Holiday happenings in and around Floyd County

**By Kay Ellington**  
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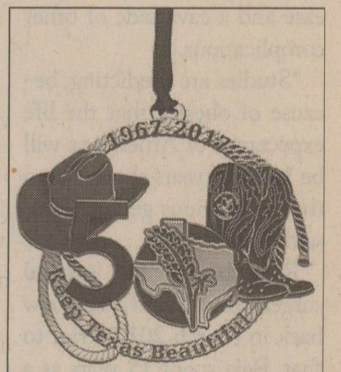
**Abernathy – Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
Christmas Concert by high school band. Christmas parade to follow.

**Plainview - Thursday, Dec. 7**  
Lighted Christmas Parade. Theme: A Gingerbread Christmas. Sponsored by Plainview Chamber.

**Floydada – Saturday, Dec. 9**  
Santa on the Square. Free booths, photos with Santa Claus, bring your own camera. Announcements of best decorated residences and businesses. Sponsored by Floydada Chamber.

**Lockney – Saturday, Dec. 9**  
Miracle on Main. Christmas music, hot chocolate, ornament making. Lighting of the Christmas tree. Pictures with Santa. Sponsored by Lockney Chamber.

**Lubbock – Saturday, Dec. 9**  
Miracles on 34th Street. Lighted Christmas Parade



## 14th KTB Ornament Honors 50th Anniversary

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN—The fourteenth edition of the Keep Texas Beautiful ornament honors the organization's 50th anniversary.

First known as Beautify Texas Council in 1967, the organization's goal was to clean up and beautify Texas for visitors attending the 1968 World's Fair in San Antonio, HemisFair.

It was founded with support from the Texas Highway Department (now the Texas Department of Transportation), Texas Forest Service, Texas Garden Clubs, Texas A&M Extension Service, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, U.S. Brewers Association, Dow Chemical Company, Civic Leaders of Texas and hardworking volunteers.

The design of this year's ornament is a nod to Texas' history as home to Keep Texas Beautiful.

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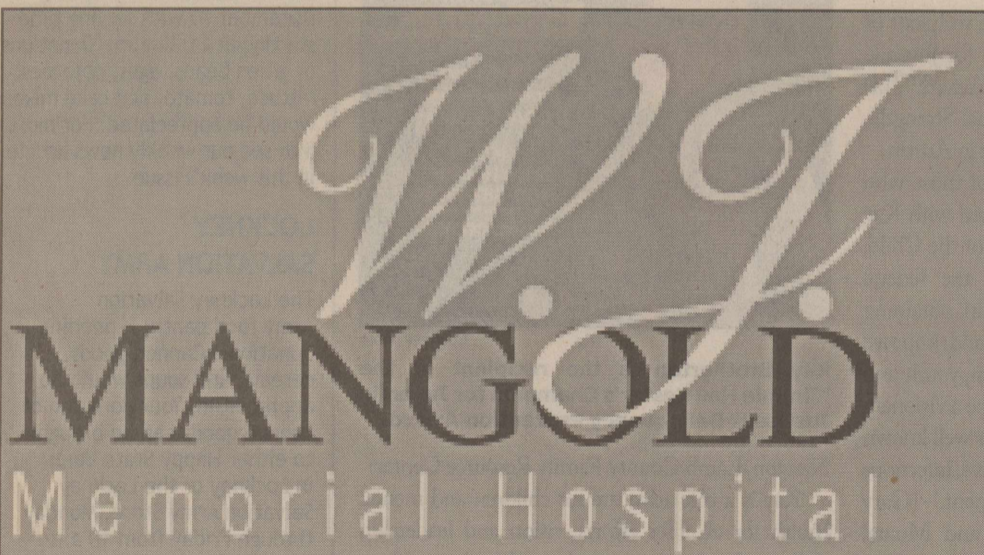
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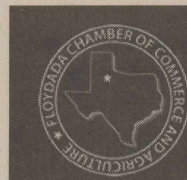


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## Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

**By Deon Fincher**  
Chamber Manager

Every once in a while, usually when I am in the passenger seat on a trip, my educated brain kicks into high gear and I ponder the world's problems and possible solutions. This happened last week, but it wasn't solutions for the world, but for Floydada.

The key is to come up with businesses that bring outside money into our economy, as opposed to those businesses that just shuffle around our citizens' dollars. Oftentimes, that means stepping out of the box of "normal" and throwing out some really "out there"

possibilities. Here are some that I came up with.

A Pumpkin Pellet Mill. It is popular, these days, to have nutritious fillers in livestock grain and pet food. Why not pumpkin meal? The process would veer from traditional "milling" and move more toward "dehydrating" but I think it could be done and that the markets would be receptive.

A hydroponic vegetable and fish farm. Just look this up on the internet for details. Countries around the world are researching this type of food production, and some companies are already investing millions to set up these farms. Hydroponics would not threaten our cotton farming,

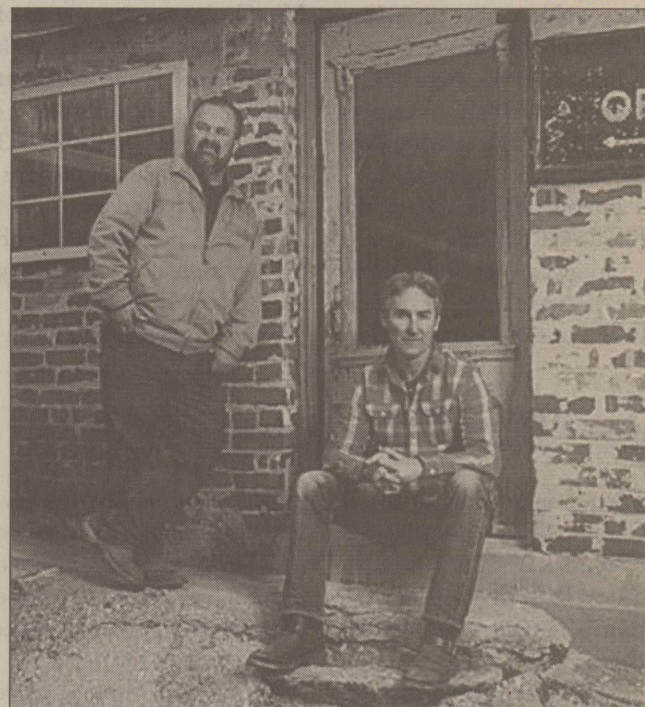
but could easily add short season crops to our list of farming successes. In addition, we could add "fish" to the mix. I can see the press releases already— "Fish farming success in the middle of Cotton Farms."

I know that we are hoping to set Floydada up as a "home" town—live here, and commute to larger cities for work. I lived in the San Francisco Bay area for years, and millions of people live this way. In order to set ourselves apart from the other communities surrounding our metro area, Lubbock, we need a unique lure. Being a horse owner, I see the prices of equine tack, supplies, feed, etc. skyrocketing. The same goes for

dog ownership. Why not create a development in which each "estate" has acreage for horses. These estates would surround a state-of-the-art Equine Center that would be managed much like an event center in a city. Families that are moving into our area from tightly-populated areas will see our real-estate prices as bargains, and they would be able to afford a luxury not attained before.

These are just ideas—little kernels to get the brain cells moving again. I believe that as a community, we do not want to see Floydada turn into a ghost town like so many other small towns. I also believe that solutions are available.

## American Pickers in the Abernathy Area?



Courtesy photo

**Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz are the "pickers" of the show, American Pickers, who travel throughout the country in search of aged treasure. The show is planning to film in Texas this winter.**

**By Kay Ellington**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The City of Abernathy Facebook page recently posted that they have been called by the History Channel TV Show "American Pickers" and spokespeople with that show said they will be filming in this area.

If you have some collectibles or antiques you're willing to potentially part with, "American Pickers" has plans to film in Texas this winter—potentially in our neck of the woods.

The reality TV show hasn't yet selected the specific filming locations here in the Lone Star State, but the behind-the-scenes staff have asked Texans to reach out to them if they have "large, rare collections & things they've never seen before" which the Pickers might be interested in looking at.

Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz are the "pickers" of the show, who travel throughout the country in search of aged treasure. "The show is planning to film in Texas this winter, but we have not set any specific locations in the state yet as the hosts are still looking for people in the area with unique antique collections and interesting stories behind them," explained Evan Linden, with "American Pickers."

Beginning in January, Fritz and Wolfe will be traveling across Texas in search of unique collections to look at for their History Channel documentary series. A statement from their show explains, "As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and reuse forgotten relics... Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items... The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way."

Those in Texas who have "large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through" are asked to call and leave a voicemail at 1-855-OLD-RUST or email americanpickers@cinetflix.com. You can also post a message on their Facebook page @GotAPick. The show advises you'll need to leave your name, phone number, location, and item(s) or collection description, with the possibility of available photos. As a postscript, Frank and Mike only pick private collections and won't be entertaining stores, museums, malls, auctions, flea markets or businesses of any kind which are open to the public.

## The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County

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

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County met at the First Baptist Church of Lockney, Texas on November 2, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.

The meeting started with a great and very filling lunch of Potato or Vegetable stews with fixens to go with them. The dessert was iced cookies with a candy pumpkin on top. Everyone really liked them. Also, drinks. I'm sorry I missed it. Ethelyn Vernon and Sue Daniels make really good stews. They ate in the fellowship hall. Easy to visit.

Virginia Taylor, our lovely Queen Mother, let us know about all the announcements and business.

Ethelyn Vernon introduced the program. It was "The Quilt Show". Everyone was invited to move to the church sanctu-

ary. The ladies had been asked to bring a quilt to share about and what it means to them. In the sanctuary the quilts were placed over the back of the pews for display. The ladies sat next to their quilts. Ethelyn Vernon, as most of you know, is quite an experienced quilter and seamstress. She asked each one to tell their story. There were about twenty quilts. I'll bet the pews were very pretty. Each story was interesting and personal. The quilts came from all over. They enjoyed the program very much. I know because I met some ladies a few days later and they were still talking about the program. There's just something about a quilt made by someone you love, don't you think! Thanks Ethelyn!!

The hostesses were Ethelyn Vernon and Sue Daniels. Thank you both for the great meal and program. Also the favors were homemade. They

were thread spools with buttons to go along with the quilt theme. We appreciate it.

Those attending were Gloria Fannon, Carolyn Cheek, Sandy Fuston, Mary Lou Zinck, Betty Jean Williams, Barbara Edwards, Elaine McNeill, Margie Sue, Virginia Taylor, Sue Daniels, Ethelyn Vernon, Joy Turner, and Virginia Coker. Our quest was Sharon Tillery. Welcome Sharon.

This is Mary and again I wasn't able to be there because of a doctor visit for my hubby. Hope to be there next time.

I want to thank Sue and Ethelyn for taking on all the stuff I was suppose to do. I was suppose to be a hostess. Thank a bunch!! I do have a question of all of you. I was going to make candy for the meeting but they filled in for me. However, I was bound and determined to do something. So I made suckers. Well, sometime you should

JUST say thank you and appreciate what others are willing to do for you. It took me longer to do them than usual. But hey, I'm stubborn and plowed on through. I got them done and called to let them know I would drop them of the next morning, which was the meeting day. In my haste the next morning to get to the doctor, what do you think happened? I FORGOT THEM!!! And didn't think about it till that evening. I about choked myself with my breath intake. Beat myself up and called to apologize. Have you ever done that?? Friends understand your circumstances. I didn't have to do anything. God was teaching me a lesson. There is a time to do something and a time not to do it. Take the blessing and appreciate others. Then when God whispers to you about some need, do it. Then thank God for all the blessings He has given you!!

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### THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

#### MENARD FIELD

I was born in Bell County, Texas (4 miles east of Temple), November 9, 1897. My father and mother were Mo and Drucilla Field. I married Pearl C. Johnston May 15, 1918 at Ft. Worth, Texas. We lived one year in Oklahoma then moved to Haskell, Texas, where I was employed by J. F. Kennedy (Texas Company). We moved to Floyd County opening an Oil and Gas business for Phillips Petroleum Co. South Plains, Texas. We lived there 21

years. All our children went to school at South Plains but finished at Lockney and Floydada.

I well remember when they shot the cattle at the Ft. Worth and Denver stock pens. (I didn't go along with the idea and borrowed money to feed my cattle thru). At the time we didn't realize we was in a "Depression", but since I have wondered how we got thru so well. None of our family complained of eating wheat ground on an old

"Coffy Mill" then cooked for the cereal for breakfast. We have a generation now that just can't imagine how we made it, but today we have much more complaining than then.

We moved to Floydada in 1951. I went into the construction business and built eight new homes in town plus five "Fieldan Motels" at Floydada, Crosbyton, Haskell, Comanche and Coleman, Texas. Sold everything out in 1967 except a home. My wife Pearl

died in 1972 and the next year I married Jettie McElroy-of Weatherford, Texas. I was eighty years old Nov. 9, 1977 and have enjoyed the best of health all these years. Was an elder and Deacon at City Park Church of Christ for 26 years. Am now President of the Senior Citizens Inc., was voted Senior Citizen of the Year 1977. Our daughters both live near us, except one in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I have no plans to ever leave Floyd County

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

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

LOCKNEY - Things to mark on your December calendar:

December 1 - Family night Fish Fry; December 2 - Second Sunday Lunch - Turkey and dressing; December 13th - Board meeting; December 17 - Christmas Open House - 2 - 4 p.m. Cookies and punch will be served. Everyone is invited; December 18 - Bingo; December 25 & December 26 - Closed for Christmas Holidays.

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

**December 4 - December 8**  
Monday - Soup and combread

Tuesday - Enchiladas

Wednesday - Chicken fried stean

Thursday - Spaghetti

Friday - BBQ  
(Menu subject to change without notice)

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

**By LuAnn Collins**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Center will have their "CHICKEN FRIED STEAK FUNDRAISER" on Sunday, December 10 with serving time starting at 11:30 a.m. Two serving lines will be open, one for dine in and one for carry out meals. This should make wait time much less. Also we will start serving at 11:30. The meal will consist of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, salad, dessert. We would appreciate donations of green beans, eggs, potatoes, lettuce, tomato, and cake mixes.

Our daily 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

#### MENU

**November 20-24**

Monday - Chili Relleno casserole

Tuesday - Chicken & dumplings

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED  
(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

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!

## The time is now!

Open enrollment is now in progress for all 2018 Medicare Part D prescription drug plans. Don't allow your choice to be persuaded by a sales person who is just looking to make a commission and doesn't have your best interest in mind. Call Justin at Payne Family Pharmacy in Floydada to get honest, accurate and complete information about the plan that is RIGHT for you. We have the best plan comparison tools in today's market. The deadline for signing up is December 7 so call today to set up a consultation, we look forward to helping you make the best decision about your prescription drug plan.

## Payne Family Pharmacy

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M-F 8:30-6:00  
Saturday 8:30-1

# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituaries

### Lucy G. Cozby

Lucy G. Cozby, formerly of Floydada, a resident of Idalou, passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 20, 2017 at the age of 102 years.

Funeral service were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 25, 2017 at the Moore Rose Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

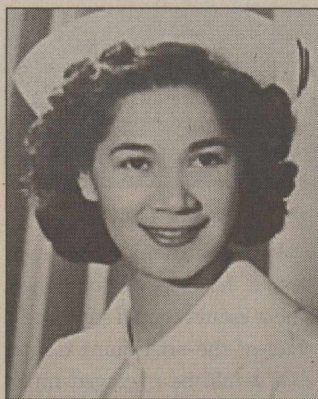
Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Lucy was a retired school nurse of the Floydada I.S.D. Mrs Cozby was a graduate of Los Angeles City College with a B.S. in nursing and worked at Queen of Angeles Hospital.

She was widowed in 2013 when her husband of 66 years, L.B. Cozby passed away.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L.B. Cozby, and her son, Robert Cozby.

She is survived by her children, Christine James and husband, Don, Susan Crowell and husband Max, and daughter Carol; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



LUCY G. COZBY

### Mary Thomas Ferguson

Mary Thomas Ferguson, 88, of Floydada passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Ms. Ferguson was born on September 3, 1929 in Jayton, Texas, to the late James and Katie (Butler) Elliott.

Services were held on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Assembly of God Church, of Floydada. Officiants were Vance Mitchell, and Michael Taylor.

Burial followed in the Petersburg Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

She married Cecil Thomas on June 4, 1949. He passed away on August 30, 1965. She married Arthur "Dub" Ferguson on January 17, 1966. He passed away June 19, 2006.

Ms. Ferguson was a member of the Trinity Assembly of God Church. She loved church singing, crocheting, her morning coffee, and giving to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

She worked and cared for many children at the Floyd County Day Care Center for 15 years. Most of all she loved her family, and she spoiled all her grandchildren with all her love.

She is preceded in death by her two husbands, her parents, one son, Tommy Thomas, eight brothers, one sister, granddaughter, Jennifer Thomas, and great-grandson Justin Jason.

Ms. Ferguson is survived by two sons, David Thomas (Linda) of Floydada, Rodney Ferguson of Lubbock; two daughters, Wanda Thomas, and Stephanie Holbert (Phillip); nine grand-



MARY THOMAS FERGUSON

children, Melissa, Brenda, Ryan, Cory, Kyle, Nikki, Mandy, Kami, and Alexis; 14, great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Richard Elliott (Jo).

The family asks in lieu of flowers donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital; 262 Danny Thomas Pl. Memphis TN, 38015.

### Joe "Mark" Noland

Joe "Mark" Noland, 59, of Clifton, Texas passed away November 23, 2017 at a Providence Hospice Care Center from a recently diagnosed illness.

Mark was born November 16, 1958 in Floydada, Texas to Joe Richard Noland and Sandra Sams-Noland. He had two brothers, Kevin and Karlton Noland and one sister, LaDelle Noland-Gowens.

He graduated from Floydada High School. In 1987 he married Gale Knighten-Noland. Mark had two daughters, Kaci Noland and Meagan Noland-Garland.

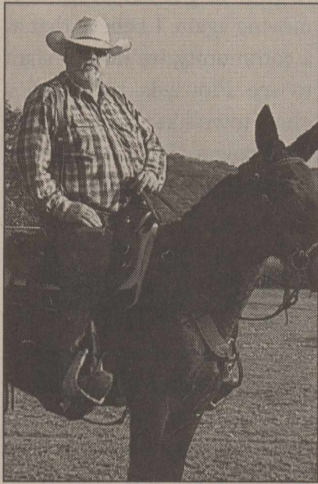
Through high school Mark worked on his family farm where they grew cotton and wheat. After high school Mark moved to Bosque County and worked at Clifton Cattle Company. After meeting Gale, they moved back to Floyd County and farmed and ran wheat cattle. A few years later he was back in Bosque County where he Cowboy'd and eventually ended up at Bosque Supply

selling metal buildings, a few years later Mark was hired on at Mueller Inc, then went to Pioneer Steel where he was the Metal Building Sales Manager for the past 9 years.

Mark was very active throughout the years in the Central Texas Youth Fair, the Clifton Horse Show Association, and the Bosque County Cowboy Church. He was an avid Mule rider and spent many days on his mount "Big John" riding with his wife.

Mark is survived by his wife, Gale Noland of Clifton, daughter, Kaci Noland and her two children, Kaylen and Cooper of Clifton, daughter, Meagan Noland-Garland and husband, Justin of Meridian, brother, Kevin Noland and wife, Monica of Wall, brother, Karlton Noland of Clifton, and sister, LaDelle Gowens and husband, David of Dripping Spring. Along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Joe Richard



JOE 'MARK' NOLAND

Noland and mother, Sandra Sams.

The family will be hosting a memorial service at Bosque County Cowboy Church on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 3 p.m. led by Tater Paschal. There will be a visitation at the church Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to Bosque County Cowboy Church or any Cancer Treatment Center.

Mark is truly, "Riding for the Brand."

### Jean McSwain Kendrick

Jean McSwain Kendrick was born in Curtis, Arkansas to John and Verna Crawford McSwain on February 9, 1927

Jean passed away on November 22, 2017. What a woman! Nature-lover, art and music admirer, person of unwavering faith and integrity.

Jean and Bobby personified young love. They were married and began their journey and family together. Besides being known for her beautiful fiery red hair, she soon became known for the good food that emanated from her tiny kitchen, from bacon and eggs with homemade biscuits to beautiful and delicious pies of every kind. She could wash and hang laundry in the dry Texas breeze for a family of seven, sew up formals and Easter dresses for her four

daughters and still be a gracious hostess for the many friends who often dropped in unexpectedly for coffee. During harvest time, she could drive a grain truck, haul a cotton trailer or take meals to all who were working in the field.

For several years she and Bobby ran a greenhouse they had built, growing bedding plants, hanging baskets, geraniums, chrysanthemums, and poinsettias. They traveled the country in their RV with friends in the Good Sam Club.

Both were active members of the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Grandchildren enjoyed spending summer vacations with them on the farm riding the four-wheeler, driving a tractor, camping, and swim-



JEAN McSWAIN KENDRICK

ming at Roaring Springs. Jean's children and their spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren all loved and respected her, as did so many others that she came in contact with. What a Woman!

Jean was united in marriage to Bobby Kendrick on April 26, 1943, and together they raised five children. Sandra (George) Stewart, Linda

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Willing to Learn

The Lord said to Moses, "I... will teach you what to say."  
—Exodus 4:12 (NIV)

"You should write a book," my pastor friend told me after I led a workshop at his church. He thought my ideas deserved a wider audience; I thought his idea ridiculous. Who, me? Write a book? Gradually I warmed to the idea, but I still felt inadequate. I had pastored and counseled in clinics, but this was new. How would I learn to write? In my daily devotional time with God, I read Exodus 4:1-12, which chronicles God's promise to Moses. Feeling inadequate to face Pharaoh, Moses protested, but God persisted. I posted today's verse in my office. Every time I felt inadequate as a writer, I read it. As with Moses, God eventually taught me what to say. God used a mentor, many instructors, editors, and fellow

writers to teach me. After 12 years, my book was published.

We all feel inadequate for some tasks. But God is faithful; if we allow it, God will teach us what to say. Through many helpers and creative inspiration born of reflection on scripture, God showed me what to write and taught me how to do it. If we remain open to godly people around us, God will use them to guide us in what we say and do.

—Gordon S. Grose (Oregon)

#### Prayer for the day:

Dear God, we don't always feel up to the tasks you've given us. As you promised to teach Moses what to say, teach us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

from <http://devotional.uppar.com.org/devotional>

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**Aiken Baptist Church**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship...11 a.m.

**Bible Baptist Church**  
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.

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

**Carr's Chapel**  
Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

**Church of Christ**  
West College & Third  
Lockney  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

**City Park Church of Christ**  
Matthew Benfield, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
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.

**First Baptist Church**  
Lockney  
Joseph Tillery, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor  
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.  
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

**Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

**Main Street Church of Christ**  
Lockney  
James Blair, Minister  
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askey  
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.

**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

**Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**  
Floydada  
Rev David Ramos, Pastor

**Ester Ramos, Praise Leader**  
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.  
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.  
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.  
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

**Power of Praise Full Gospel Church**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 B Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Discipleship - 5 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Floydada  
Rev. Toby Gonzales  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Lockney  
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

**South Plains Baptist Church**  
Dan Beaty, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

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

**St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ruban Selvaraj  
983-5878  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

**Templo Bautista Salem**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

**Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God**  
Washington And 1st St.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.  
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

**Templo Nueva Vida**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
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.

**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston  
Tom Ross, Pastor  
983-5499  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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

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

# AGRICULTURE

## Annual bird migration poses threat to farmers



Courtesy photo

The annual bird migration brings an increased risk of avian influenza for domesticated birds, including chickens and turkeys. Backyard and commercial producers should take necessary precautions to protect their flocks, including tightening biosecurity measures and proper hygiene.

By Adam Russell  
Texas A&M AgriLife  
Communications

COLLEGE STATION — Migration season represents a cause for concern among Texas poultry farmers, said Dr. Craig Coufal, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service poultry specialist, College Station.

Coufal said the threat of avian influenza is heightened due to annual migrations by wild bird

species, particularly waterfowl. "It's that time of year," he said. "You've got large numbers of ducks and geese that have been co-mingling and interacting in the north and there is real concern about those migratory birds coming into contact with domestic birds via vectors such as humans, droppings, an airborne contaminant or direct contact. People need to be vigilant about keeping migratory birds away from their domestic birds,"

Coufal said avian influenza is usually not deadly to wild birds and the strains found in the U.S. in past years have not been shown to infect humans but can cause major problems for poultry producers because there is no treatment for the virus. Highly pathogenic avian influenza causes severe illness and high mortality rates in domestic birds, while low pathogenic avian influenza causes only minor illness and low mortality.

tyrates. In 2015, around 50 million birds, mostly turkeys and laying hens, were lost due to an outbreak in the Midwest. To prevent the spread of the virus once detected, Texas protocols require all infected flocks be reported and quarantined.

Infected birds are euthanized and their carcasses are destroyed under most circumstances. "Once domestic birds test positive for avian influenza the federal government gets involved, and the only way to deal with an outbreak is to eradicate the host birds," he said. "The only way to approach it is prevention. That means tightening up our biosecurity measures."

The initial cause of the 2015 outbreak remains unknown, Coufal said, but scientists know human hygiene contributed to spreading the disease among some operations.

"One plausible scenario is someone going duck or goose hunting and then not properly sanitizing themselves before they enter their farm," he said. "If you're around wild birds you need to properly sanitize everything, including bathing and changing clothes."

Coufal said producers should remain vigilant throughout the migration, which typically ends in April when the birds return north. The disease is also more of a challenge in winter months

because the virus's survivability increases in cooler temperatures compared to summertime heat, he said.

Coufal said some tips for biosecurity include:

- Securing poultry houses against wild birds, pets and livestock.
- Restricting visitors from houses and coops, especially without thorough disinfecting.
- Dedicating specific shoes or rubber boots for exclusive use in poultry houses.
- Washing and disinfect-

ing any shared equipment such as scales, feeders and drinkers.

- Initiating rodent and insect control programs.

For more information about avian influenza and biosecurity practices, go to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Poultry Science page: <http://posc.tamu.edu/texasagrilife-poultry-extension-specialists/publications/>.

"It's time to be concerned but vigilant," Coufal said. "The only thing that can be done is practice the utmost level of biosecurity and hygiene."

## Dryland crops



Courtesy photo

First planting of dryland sorghum in early August.

## Pet Talk: Mobile veterinarians provide care at home

Mobile veterinarians provide care at home  
Special to The Sun

Whether you are taking your animal in for its regular check-up or making an emergency visit, being evaluated by a veterinarian is a critical part in your pet's health. What if an animal is too sick or injured to be transported to the clinic? Some animals, such as livestock, may even require a trailer for transport. Luckily for pet and livestock owners, mobile veterinarians are there to help.

Leslie Easterwood, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained the important role mobile veterinarians play in animal health.

"The most common reason for an owner to use a mobile veterinarian is so that they do not have to transport their animal to a hospital," Easterwood said. "There could be a variety of reasons why having the veterinarian come to the farm or home is better, such as situations where there are several animals to be treated or the owner does not have access to a livestock trailer."

Though mobile veterinarians are available for home-visits, they may also see patients in a clinic. With each day being different than the last, mobile veterinarians are kept on their feet.

"A typical day for a mobile veterinarian may include appointments in the office with a few farm calls and even surgeries," Easterwood said.

"Some days a mobile veterinarian may not leave the office, and other days they may leave early in the morning and not return until after dark."

Despite mobile veterinarians' busy schedules, they are prepared to perform an array of procedures and surgeries for different species. Though some procedures and surgeries are best performed in the hospital setting, most routine work can be performed on the farm as well as in the hospital.

Mobile veterinarians care mostly for large animals, but there are still small animal veterinarians who will make house calls. Easterwood added that there are also an increasing number of small animal veterinarians who are

willing to make house calls for physical therapy and perform an at-home euthanasia.

Before you call a mobile veterinarian, ask about any additional charges, such as travel fees. Otherwise, Easterwood said the costs are generally the same.

No matter the species or condition of health, a mobile veterinarian can provide excellent care in the comfort of your animal's home.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at [vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk](http://vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk). Suggestions for future topics may be directed to [editor@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:editor@cvm.tamu.edu).

## The 501: Pod Camping at The Last Resort

In the realm of things bizarre, Kentucky Fried Chicken gets the prize. They're selling a \$10,000 tent-like pod. The frame is steel; the covering is stainless steel mesh. It accommodates approximately four seated adults. The structure supposedly blocks wireless service; therefore, it's the perfect place to escape from all things cyber.

HANABA MUNN WELCH

Except they've already sold it. Yep, there was just one. Did I mention that the little pod features an effigy of Colonel Sanders with his long arms draped over the structure at mid-point and his head lifted up like a gargoyle, sort of, at the peak of the pod, if pods have peaks?

I saw the KFC pod on morning television out of the corner of my left eye and followed up online. It's already quite notorious. Did I mention the pod door handle is a fake drumstick, presumably original recipe?

Yep, somebody actually bought the costly pod. I wish I had. The value probably has already doubled. A hundred years from now it'll be on Antiques Roadshow.

My mind happened to be in the camping and escape mode when I heard the KFC pod news blurb. When I glimpsed the odd pod, I immediately imagined it plopped down at the edge of our pasture, like a flying saucer. Not till I looked on-

line did I see Colonel Sanders, although he's hard to miss. He actually looks like he's just captured the visitors from Mars.

Hmmm. Maybe I should find out who bought the pod and invite them to the grand opening of my dream dude ranch. It's a recurring dream. This time I'm serious. I'm putting up the sign today once I decide on a name. "The Last Resort" came to mind, but somebody already has that name.

But for now, let's just call it that. At The Last Resort, guests will have a choice of a camping spot for an RV or a tent or a pod of any sort, KFC or otherwise. Or they can stay in the house, which will be described online as a duplex cabin. (If your old farmhouse isn't up to normal standards, you simply call it a cabin.) Our renter can be described as caretaker of The Last Resort. Yep, I think we're in business already, even without the grand opening. Once you have a sign and a website, that's all it takes.

I'll pitch the place as a getaway where guests can be close to wildlife. What else would you call the coon in the attic?

And I think I'll build a look-alike KFC pod. Why not? I'll make it out of parts left over from the dismantled RV that we turned into a flatbed trailer.

The only question is whether Colonel Sanders should be part of the design. He's probably copyrighted, but maybe KFC would welcome the publicity.

Or I could make several pod-grabbing characters and change them seasonally. Who wouldn't want to stay in a steel pod huggo by a pilgrim? Or Santa Claus?

I guess I'll find out.

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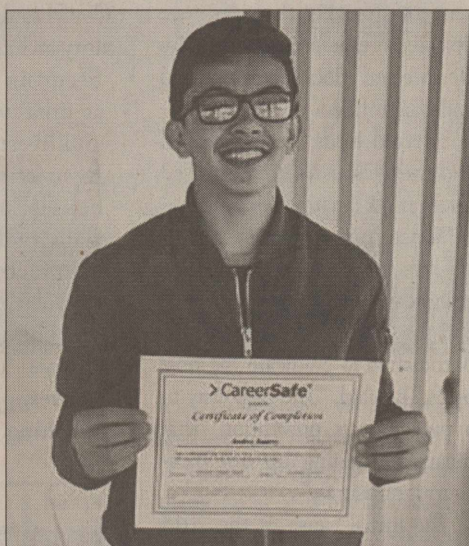
## Suarez Completes Construction Industry Course

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Andrez Suarez, a first year student in Building Trades and Construction Technology, recently completed his required 10-hour OSHA approved Construction Industry Safety Course.

The course covered 13 modules that included Materials and their Safe Handling and Storage, Hand and Power Tools, Personal Protection Equipment, Electrocutation Hazards, and other safety concerns in the Construction Industry.

Andrez completed the course with a grade point of 84 and will receive an industry endorsement for completing the course at graduation.



### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU November 20-24

**Monday, Dec. 4**  
Breakfast – Pancakes, Sausage or Breakfast Round, Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Corn Dog & Tots or Baked Chicken & Roll, Broccoli Bites, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 5**  
Breakfast – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Brown or PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Nacho Grande or Taco Soup, Refried Beans, Tomato Cup, Cucumbers, Cornbread, Fruit Sherbet, Milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
Breakfast – Biscuit, Eggs, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Chicken Sandwich or Burrito, Fries, Corn, Veggie Cup, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
Breakfast – Kolache, Yogurt or Graham Crackers, Cheese, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch – Asian Bowl, Eggroll or Salisbury Steak, Biscuit, Gravy, Potatoes, Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

**Friday, Dec. 8**  
Breakfast – Egg & Cheese Sandwich or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk  
Lunch – Pizza or Ham & Cheese, Baby Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Fruit, Brownie, Milk

### AREA TEAMS WRAPUP & SCHEDULES

**DISTRICT 2-2A-1**  
Week 13 Results  
Stamford 21, SUNDOWN 14  
Post 32, NEW DEAL 21

**DISTRICT 2-2A-2**  
Week 13 Results  
WELLINGTON 34, Farwell 0  
CLARENDON 26, Bovina 20

**Week 14 Schedule**  
WELLINGTON vs Gruver – Fri., 7:00 PM at Canyon's Kimbrough  
CLARENDON vs Hamlin – Fri., 7:00 PM at Lubbock Cooper's Pirate Stadium

**AREA TEAMS**  
Week 13 Results  
VALLEY 54, Whitarral 6  
Follett 84, PETERSBURG 74  
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN 96, Longview Christian Heritage 76

**AREA TEAMS**  
Week 14 Schedule  
VALLEY vs Follett – Fri., 7:00 PM at Pampa  
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN vs Waco Live Oak – Fri., 6:00 PM at Bryson

### 2017-2018 Floydada Whirlwind Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	JHG	JHB	9B	JVG	JVB	VG	VB	TIME
N/DEC 30-2	ANTON TOURNAMENT								TBA
N/DEC 30-2	OLTON TOURNAMENT				T	T			TBA
DEC. 4	Crosbyton	T	T	T					5:00
DEC. 5	Lockney				T	T	T	T	5:00
DEC. 7-9	WHIRLWIND CLASSIC						H	H	TBA
DEC. 7-9	ABERNATHY TOURNAMENT				T				TBA
DEC. 9	New Deal Tournament			T					TBA
DEC. 11	New Deal	H	H	H					5:00
DEC. 12	Farwell					T		T	5:00
DEC. 12	All Saints						T		6:30
DEC. 15	Sudan				H	H	H	H	5:00
DEC. 18	Ralls	T	T	T					5:00
DEC. 19	Bovina				H	H	H	H	5:00
DEC. 29	OPEN								
DEC. 28-30	CAPROCK TOURNAMENT							T	TBA
JAN. 2	OPEN								
JAN. 2	Lubbock Titans					H		H	5:00
*JAN. 5	Abernathy				T		T		5:00
JAN. 5	Bovina					T		T	5:00
JAN. 8	Abernathy	T	T	T					5:00
JAN. 9	Post						T		5:00
JAN. 12	Crosbyton				H	H	H	H	5:00
JAN. 15	Post	T	T	T					5:00
JAN. 16	New Deal				T	T	T	T	4:00
JAN. 19	Ralls				H	H	H	H	5:00
Jan. 20	LOCKNEY TOURNAMENT	T	T						TBA
JAN. 22	Crosbyton	H	H	H					5:00
JAN. 23	Abernathy				H	H	H	H	5:00
JAN. 26	Post				H	H	H	H	5:00
JAN. 29	New Deal	T	T	T					5:00
JAN. 30	Crosbyton				T	T	T	T	4:00
FEB. 2	New Deal				H	H	H	H	5:00
FEB. 5	Ralls	H	H	H					5:00
FEB. 6	Ralls				T	T	T	T	5:00
FEB. 9	Abernathy						T	T	5:00
FEB. 13	Post						T	T	5:00

\*START OF DISTRICT PLAY

\*\* Denotes MEET THE WINDS and SENIOR NIGHT

Monday games will play in the following order 7A, B, 8A, 9th

### 2017-2018 Longhorns and Lady Horns Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	JVG	JVB	VG	VB	Time
11/30-12/2/2017	Thur-Sat	Naz. Tournament	There	X	X	X	X	TBA
11/30-12/2/2017	Thurs-Sat	Meadow Tourn	There					TBA
12/5/2017	Tuesday	Floydada	Here	X	X	X	X	4:00
12/7-9/2017	Thurs-Sat	Floydada Tourn.	There	X	X	X	X	TBA
12/12/2017	Tuesday	New Deal	There	X	X	X	X	4:00
12/14-16/17	Thurs-Sat	Lockney Tourn.	Here	X	X	X	X	TBA
12/18/2017	Monday	PCA	Here	X	X	X	X	6:00
1/2/2018	Tuesday	New Deal	Here					TBA
1/5/2018	Friday	Diton	There	X	X	X	X	4:00
1/9/2018	Tuesday	Bovina	Here	X	X	X	X	4:00
1/12/2018	Friday	Hale Center	Here	X	X	X	X	4:00
1/16/2018	Tuesday	Farwell	Here	X	X	X	X	4:00
1/19/2018	Friday	Sudan	Here	X	X	X	X	4:00
1/23/2018	Tuesday	Diton	Here	X	X	X	X	4:00
1/26/2018	Friday	Bovina	There	X	X	X	X	4:00
1/30/2018	Tuesday	Hale Center	There	X	X	X	X	4:00
2/2/2018	Friday	Farwell	Here	X	X	X	X	4:00
2/6/2018	Tuesday	Sudan	There	X	X	X	X	4:00
2/9/2018	Friday	Diton	There		X		X	4:00
2/13/2018	Tuesday	Bovina	Here		X		X	4:00

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### OTHER AREA WEEK 13 GAMES

Lubbock Coronado 52, El Paso Del Valle 42  
Lubbock Monterey 52, El Paso Address 14  
El Paso Parkland 45, Lubbock Cooper 35  
Wichita Falls Hirschi 41, Lubbock Estacado 17  
Argyle 66, Levelland 8  
Brock 31, Shallowater 13  
Comanche 52, Slaton 14  
Merkel 28, Muleshoe 27  
Canadian 56, Eastland 14  
Stratford 58, Hawley 12  
Gruver 51, Seagraves 7  
Happy 94, Ropes 46

### OTHER AREA WEEK 14 GAMES

LUBBOCK CORONADO vs Colleyville Heritage – Sat., 1:30 PM at Abilene's Anthony Field  
LUBBOCK MONTEREY vs Denton Ryan – Sat., 2:00 PM at Denton's Collins Stadium  
El Paso Parkland vs Richland – Sat., 1:00 PM at Lubbock's Jones Stadium  
SEMINOLE vs BUSHLAND – Fri., 7:00 PM at Lubbock's Lowery Field  
CANADIAN vs Colorado City – Fri., 7:00 PM at Vernon's Lion Stadium  
STRATFORD vs Post – Fri., 7:00 PM at Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium  
PANHANDLE vs Stamford – Sat., 7:00 PM at Lubbock's Lowery Field  
HAPPY vs McLean – Sat., 5:00 PM at Pampa

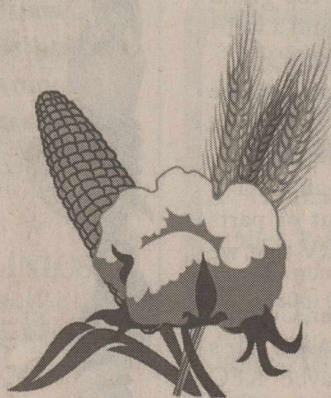
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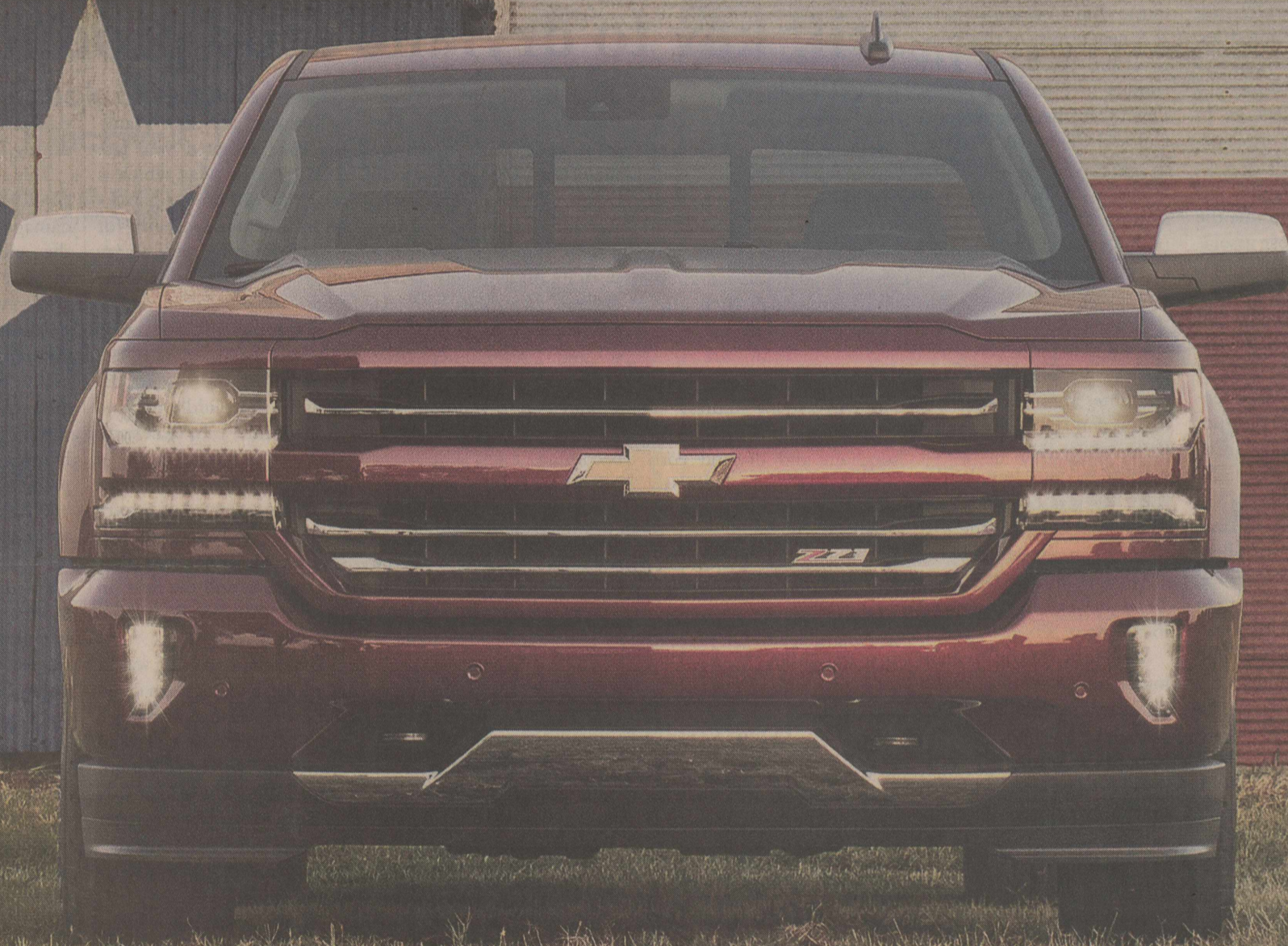
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# National Ranching Heritage Center Will Host Annual Candlelight at the Ranch

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Visitors will experience a frontier Christmas from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 8-9 when the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) celebrates its 39th Annual Candlelight at the Ranch.

"We regularly have totaled 10,000 visitors a year for this one event over the past decade," explained Helen DeVitt Jones Endowed Director of Education Julie Hodges. "The pathways of our historic park are lined with more than 4,000 luminarias and the entire park is lit as much as possible with only lanterns, fireplaces and campfires."

The annual event is free to the public with a minimum suggested \$5 donation per family. VIP tickets costing \$50 per carload (max 7 persons) are available for those seeking reserved parking and early admission at 6 p.m. To purchase VIP tickets, go to [ranchingheritage.org/candlelight](http://ranchingheritage.org/candlelight).

Hodges said Candlelight at the Ranch has become the signature event most associated with the NRHC as visitors experience what Christmas might have been like on the open prairie from 1780 to 1950.

Holiday scenes will be recreated in 15 historic structures such as the 1838 El Capote Log Cabin, 1886 XIT Ranch headquarters, 1888 Matador Half-Dugout and 1909 Queen-Anne style Barton House. Visitors will have maps pointing the way to each structure, and they can download the NRHC app for specific details about each structure and a more guided experience.

The event requires the help of 150 volunteers each night, according to Hodges. "It's not just the living history volunteers that everyone sees dressed in period clothing, but it's all the other people

working behind the scenes."

Workers include volunteers who welcome guests at the door, play live music, sell hot cocoa, make kettle corn, help Santa with his visitors, serve meals to the volunteers, keep pathways safe, sing Christmas carols, oversee the parking lot and much more.

The lighted pathways will be wheelchair and stroller accessible as visitors pass cowboys camped out near their horses and brewing coffee over a campfire. Visitors will have maps guiding them to Santa Claus will be located in the Pitchfork Pavilion but will leave promptly at 9:30 p.m. Visitors can purchase refreshments in the decorated 6666 Barn and on the Campbell patio while they listen to Brazos West play Christmas music with a Texas swing.

A new feature of this event is a pre-Candlelight party from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 at the International Cultural Center (ICC) within walking distance of the NRHC. The ICC event will feature German Christmas traditions, including a band, crafts, gingerbread cookies and sausage.

Hodges said Candlelight visitors will no longer experience long entry lines but will enter through the front doors and proceed to the patio, where they can access park trails and buy kettle corn. Visitors can choose in what order they see the historic structures, which lighted pathways they take, and when they exit the park prior to closing.

Visit [nrhc.ttu.edu](http://nrhc.ttu.edu) to learn more information and see frequently asked questions about Candlelight at the Ranch. The National Ranching Heritage Center is located on the Texas Tech University campus at 3121 Fourth St. For additional information, call (806) 742-0498 or view [nrhc.ttu.edu](http://nrhc.ttu.edu).

## OBITS

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(Wayne) Mixon, Becky (Rick) Sterling, Kathryn (Warren) McDougall, Byron (Ilene) Kendrick. She was blessed with many grandchildren: Jed Stewart, Ben Stewart, Todd Winegar, Cindi White, Nancy Stinnett, Jay Mixon, Keith Mixon, Ginger Sterling Williams, Jana Sterling Graber, Andie Sterling, Dinah McDougall de Chavez, Jason McDougall, Candice Pareshnev, Christina Reid, Lara Patterson, and Nicole Donaho.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, John and Verna McSwain, her husband, Bobby Kendrick, and her brother, Marvin McSwain.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to First Baptist Church Floydada, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the charity of your choice.

## William "Bill" Albert Thompson

William "Bill" Albert Thompson, 88, of Plainview, passed away on Monday, November 20, 2017.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 25, 2017 at the Kornerstone Chapel in Plainview. Jimmy Koon officiated.

Burial will be at a later date in Fort Jackson National Cemetery in Columbia, South Carolina under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors.

He was born September 28, 1929 in Long Beach, California William and Lolita (Hamilton) Thompson.

He married Sandra Kay Landrum on January 13, 1957 in Lockney, Texas. He graduated from Long Beach High School and came to Texas in 1948. He worked for his uncle, Buck Sams on the farm.

He won the Amarillo Golden Glove champion in 1948. He was drafted in the Army during the Korean War where he was

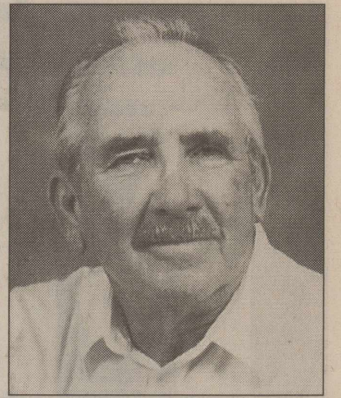
a telephone switch board operator.

He attended Texas Western College in El Paso where he played football and was president of his freshman class. He then attended State Teacher College in San Marcos, Texas

Bill worked for Curry Motor-Freight for thirteen years and United Supermarket for ten year. He was a member of American Legion, Senior Citizens and the First United Methodist Church in Lockney, Texas

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Barry Thompson.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Kay Thompson of Plainview; son, Arland Thompson of Littleton, Colorado; daughters, Theresa Heck of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Connie Koon and husband Jimmy of Columbia, South Carolina, and Christine Lowe of Denver, Colorado; a sister, Janice Lloyd



WILLIAM "BILL" ALBERT THOMPSON

of Floydada, Texas; eight grandchildren, Erin Rolek and her husband, Alex of San Diego, California, Andrea Thompson of Los Angeles, California, Marcus McGowen of Charlotte, North Carolina, Heather Daniel of Dallas, Texas, Hollie Daniel of Plainview, Texas, John Daniel, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas, Eva Anderson of Denver, Colorado, and Max Lowe of Denver, Colorado; three great-grandchildren, Kylee Daniel of Plainview, Texas, Zoey Daniel of Lockney, Texas and Silas Kingston Rolek of San Diego, California.

# Water use, drought-tolerant hybrids still key to dryland crop production

By Kay Ledbetter  
Texas A&M AgriLife Communications

AMARILLO — Risk management is the name of the game when it comes to growing dryland sorghum and corn, which both offer cropping alternatives "when and if" conditions are right, according to recent Texas A&M AgriLife studies.

Side-by-side dryland grain sorghum and dryland corn studies were planted this past season at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research station near Bushland by Dr. Qingwu Xue, Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant physiologist in Amarillo, and Dr. Jourdan Bell, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist in Amarillo.

First-year results indicate hybrids and planting date both make a difference in water use by the crops and thus, yields at the end of the season.

Xue and Bell scheduled planting of the two projects at two different dates to determine the viability of dryland diversification in the High Plains, and to gain understanding on the difference it made in water use. They also looked at how various hybrids of each crop performed under dryland conditions.

At Bushland, the sorghum project was funded by

the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board and the corn study was funded by the Texas Corn Producers Board. Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist at Lubbock, also had a separate dryland corn versus dryland sorghum project at Lubbock, but not all the sorghum plots have been harvested.

"Dryland production systems in this region are becoming more important because irrigated agriculture is facing the challenge of declining water resources from the Ogallala Aquifer," Xue said.

"We've been dealing with this issue for decades, but if you look at the future, I think dryland cropping systems will be more and more important," he said. "Our research goal is to improve water use and drought tolerance in crops under dryland systems."

With above average rainfall the last two years, many producers have inquired about hybrids and populations for dryland corn, Bell said. So it is important to conduct a multiyear trial to evaluate production trends of dryland corn in order to capture the yield potential under different environments.

Trostle said at this point, "We believe that unless a grower has substantial deep soil moisture in place, they should not plant dryland corn. This is partly due to the seedcost for dryland corn, which can run six to eight times of that for dryland sorghum."

At Bushland, the researchers wanted to determine the effect of planting date on the two crops under dryland conditions. Additionally, the study included different hybrids and planting densities, especially for corn.

"If we do not beat the heat during early vegetative stages, we have affected the ear formation, and if we do not beat the heat during pollination, we have essentially lost all our yield potential," Bell said. "Late season precipitation is also another compo-

nent of the later date."

Xue said the first planting date targeted was late April or early May, which is relatively early for grain sorghum but not too early for corn. Both crops were planted May 5 at the same location.

May precipitation was fair, but "we experienced extremely hot and dry conditions in the middle of June through mid-July," Xue said. "We also had a hailstorm in early July. While the dryland sorghum survived it pretty well, the dryland corn was severely hit by the hail. Plus the drought and the heat on the first planting of dryland corn set it back."

The second planting was in late June, he said. Both crops did great and had very high yield potential for a dryland system due to the abundant rainfall from the end of July to September. Unfortunately, the lateplanted grain sorghum was infested by sugarcane aphids.

"So in terms of managing dryland sorghum here is a dilemma: if you planted early, then you didn't have any sugarcane aphid infestation because the sorghum matured before their arrival," Xue said. "But the yield potential was low because of the dry, hot conditions and some hail damage."

"The second planting, because of abundant rains in August, had a very high yield potential until the sugarcane aphids came around the middle of August. In our plots, the leaves were filled with aphids in September, but we still had good yield potential."

The June-planted corn was late in this region, but Xue said he saw great yield potential given the particular conditions this year.

Summarizing, he said this year the later planting date was best for both dryland sorghum and corn in terms of yields. Producers wanting to manage sugarcane aphid infestations without spraying would be advised to plant early. Those with late-planted sorghum should plan to scout the field and

spray to protect yield potential and prevent difficulties during harvest.

This year's hot and dry conditions and physical damage from hail affected the yields in both early planted crops, Xue said, but also gave them a good opportunity to evaluate the differences in drought tolerance among sorghum and corn hybrids. The identification of drought-tolerant hybrids is very important to producers.

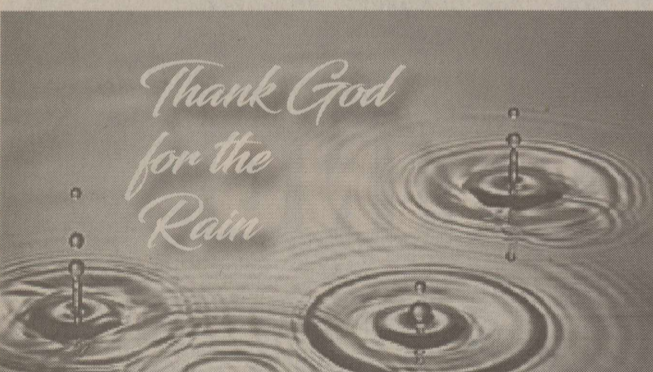
"Our early planted dryland sorghum yields averaged 25 bushels per acre, but late-planted sorghum averaged 70 bushels per acre," he said. "It is important to note neither the early or lateplanted sorghum was sprayed for sugarcane aphids. This data shows dryland production risks are magnified by not controlling sugarcane aphids; however, the early planted sorghum was not affected by aphids."

Preliminary data show the average yield for the first planting date of corn was 21 bushels per acre with no differences between hybrids or populations. Yields in the second planting date ranged from 54 to 99 bushels per acre.

With over 12 inches of rain primarily in August, it was a very good crop in terms of the dryland corn, Xue said.

"Ultimately, dryland crop production can be risky for all crops," he said. "The production potential is highly dependent on the management, although this may affect the profitability. In sorghum, the risk can be magnified by not controlling aphids in addition to seasonal variation. With corn, the risk is a higher crop water demand, which is often not met with in-season precipitation."

"This is just for 2017," Xue stressed. "We will repeat the same studies in 2018 and weather patterns could be very different. Nevertheless, it is really important for producers to understand and be able to manage risks. This field research is aimed at helping them do that."



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## Grass Fire



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Floydada Volunteer Fire Department was called out to battle a grass fire on Sunday, December 19th. The grass fire was north of Floydada off Highway 207 and CR 170. The firemen fought the fire for a little over an hour. It was located on Max Yeary's pasture.

## Thankful 2nd graders



Courtesy photos

Second graders at A.B. Duncan in Floydada last week created a Thanksgiving meal. While creating this meal the students wrote several short stories about the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock creating a community and preparing the first Thanksgiving meal, and who or what they are thankful for.



## RSVP hosts Breakfast with Santa



Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Oh, you better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why Santa Claus is coming to town. Yes, Santa

will be traveling from the North Pole to the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview to meet with all the good little boys and girls at the "Breakfast with Santa". Runningwater Draw

RSVP will partner with the Hale County 4-H members to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus as they take time out of their busy North Pole schedules. They will join RSVP and their volunteer helpers to share Christmas joy, at the annual Breakfast with Santa from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 2.

Children attending will get to tell Santa what special toy they're wishing for, and Santa's helpers have been busy preparing a gift sack of goodies for each child.

The morning fun includes drawings for toys, culminating in a drawing for a girl's and a boy's bicycle. Activity booths will include face-painting along with a variety of crafts for the children

The breakfast menu includes a McDonald's sausage biscuit and 2 cookie pack with coffee available for the parents. Tickets for the event are \$5 for children and \$5 for parents who wish to eat breakfast

with their child. There is no cost for parents who do not eat breakfast.

Tickets may be purchased at the RSVP office at 825 Austin (basement of Unger Library) or at the door. Call RSVP at 291-1223 for more information. While RSVP will not take pictures, parents are encouraged to bring their cameras and capture the moment with Santa.

Breakfast with Santa is not a fundraiser, but a gift to area children and a long-time tradition of the RSVP Advisory Council. Santa's helpers, who also serve on the RSVP Advisory Council, are Elsa Cooper, Joe Provence, Nicki Logan, Norvene Owen, Mary Parrish, Rosie Rendon, Emma Herring, Sally Phillips, Alice Rey, Carol Schulz, Gail Thrasher, Gail Williams, Bobbye Dennis, Gary Stennett and Rodney Watson. (It is rumored that Rodney Watson and Inez Hillman have a special friendship with Santa and Mrs. Claus.)

### Ten Ways to Stay on Santa's Nice List:

1. Donate food, toys and blankets to local charities for less fortunate families during the Holiday Season.
2. Help out with chores - without being asked!!
3. Shoveling a busy neighbor's sidewalk or driveway.
4. Ask Santa to bring your brother or sister that special toy you know they really want.
5. Wish everyone you meet during the holiday's a "Merry Christmas".
6. Read or tell stories to your younger siblings.
7. Make special Christmas cards or gifts for family and friends.
8. Wish Santa a "Merry Christmas!" when you call him on Christmas Eve.
9. Always remember to say "please" and "thank you".
10. Go Christmas Caroling!

Breakfast with Santa is a great way to start the Holiday Season. RSVP staff and volunteers hope to see you there.

## COVENANT

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in the hospital. On top of that, you would have to recoup for about six months. With laparoscopy, you're spending one to two nights in the hospital

and you're back to work in two weeks," Raja said.

Raja added that he is also offering revision surgeries, which can help patients cor-

rect bariatric procedures that were previously unsuccessful.

This would include the rising number of complications related to gastric banding.

In terms of cost, Raja said a lot more health insurance companies are adding weight loss surgeries as a benefit.

"Weight loss surgery is being recognized as a medical necessity and countless studies over the past four to five decades have shown that losing weight will help to improve a patient's overall quality of life and overall health," Raja said.

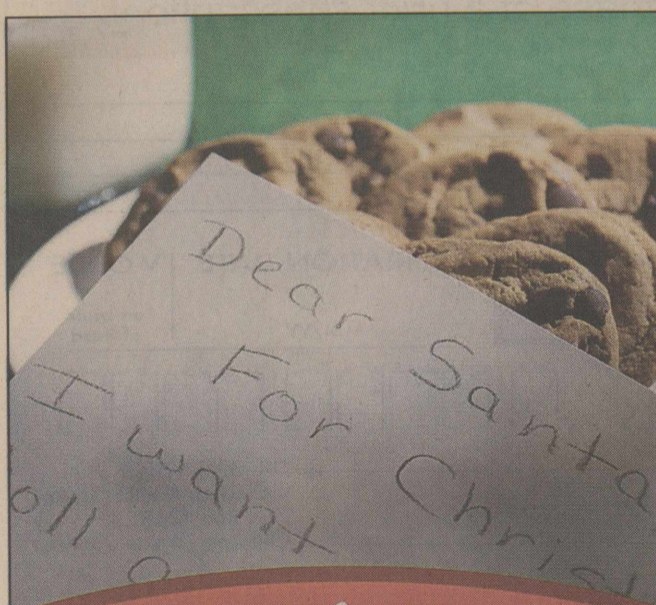
"Sometimes it's easy to get approved, and sometimes there are some requirements, including undergoing a period of medically supervised diets before you get the procedure."

Raja added that Medicare and Medicaid also include weight loss surgery in their benefits.

For those whose insurance excludes weight loss surgery or for those who would rather pay out of pocket, the hospital does have an all-inclusive price, which includes surgical costs, physician fees and the first 90 days of post-operative care.

So far, Raja has already performed two bariatric surgeries in Plainview in October.

For more information you can contact Raja's office at 296-7881. Covenant Health Plainview will host a free bariatric seminar at 10 a.m., Dec. 2 inside the Max Gabriel Conference Room. Contact Raja's office to reserve your spot.

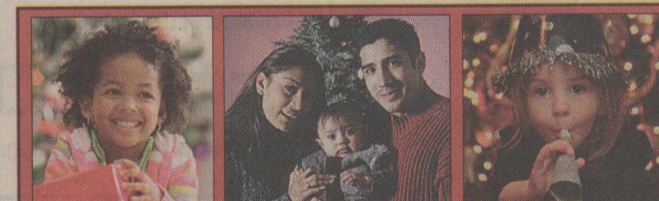


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Santa letters due Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.

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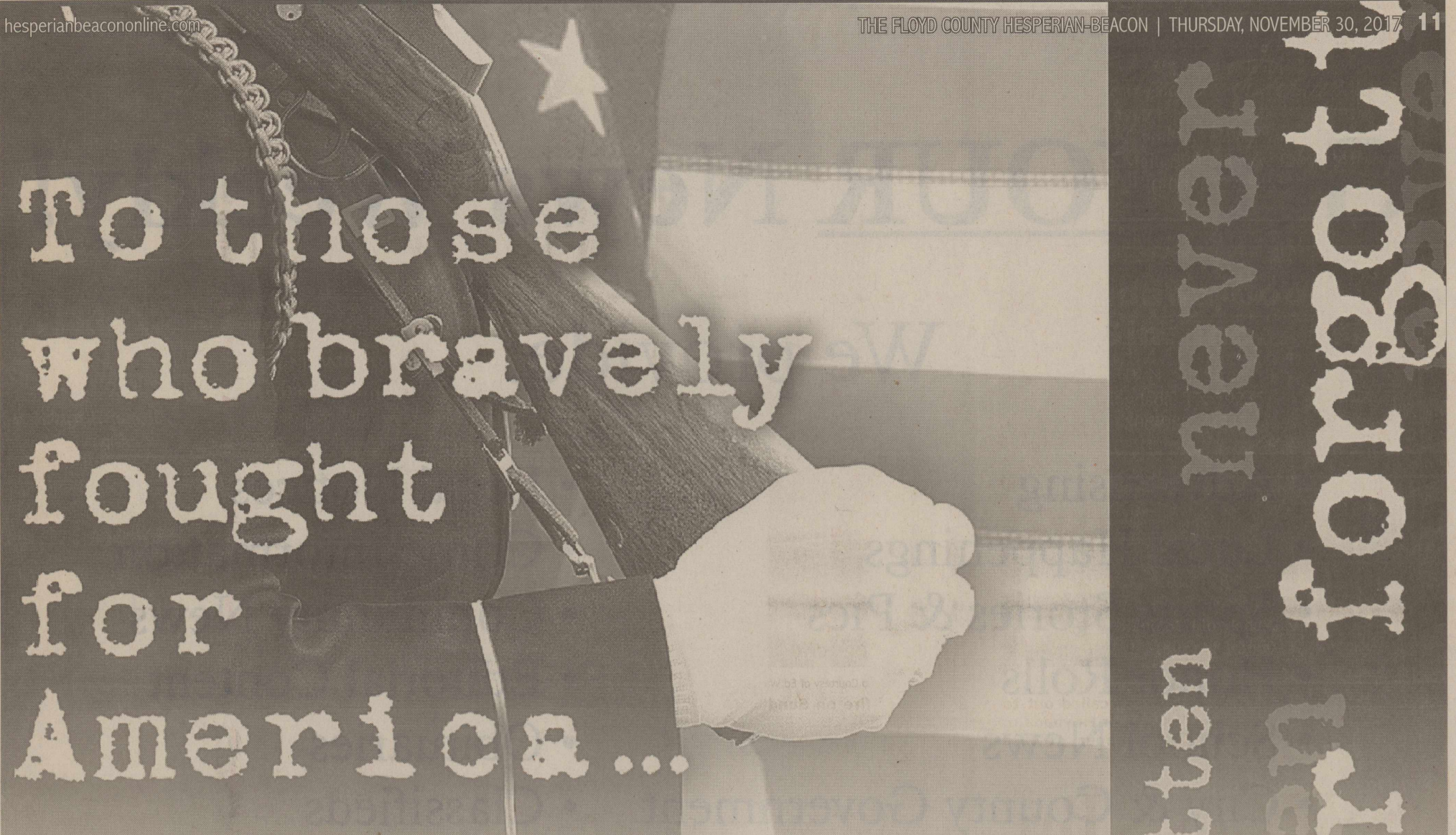
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