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Robert Anthony Garcia, 21, has been charged with aggravated robbery, with a recommended bond of \$100,000.

Police arrests Allsup's robbery suspect

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Police have arrested a 21-year-old man after he was identified as a suspect in an aggravated robbery at a convenience store in Floydada early Tuesday.

Robert Anthony Garcia, 21, was taken into custody and booked into the Crosby County jail after officials received information leading them to his whereabouts, according to a statement released by Floydada Police.

"Crosby County Deputies along with Ralls PD located Garcia and took him into custody inside the City of Ralls," the release states. "Officers from the Floydada Police Department went in route to Ralls to

identify Garcia as the suspect. Floydada Police confirmed it was Garcia who was still wearing the clothes he committed the aggravated robbery in."

Police released the statement late Tuesday - less than 24 hours after the robbery.

Police believe Garcia entered the Allsup's Convenience store at 102 E. Houston Street in Floydada early Tuesday morning. Police say Garcia took the clerk's car keys and left the scene in a stolen Nissan Altima.

Police say Garcia was taken into custody after several tips from concerned citizens and help from the Crosby County Sheriff's Office and Ralls PD.

Garcia has been charged with aggravated robbery, with a recommended bond of \$100,000.

New Heating and Air Completed at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center

By Shawnda Foster
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floyd County Friends Unity Center that was completed in the year 2000 was monumental to the cooperation of the citizens of Lockney, Floydada and the other citizens of Floyd County that live outside incorporated city limits. This project many said would never be possible. The Unity Center (UC) is overseen by a Board of Directors consisting of volunteers and a full-time manager. The UC hosts many events on an annual basis such as the Floyd County Stock Show, The Friends Benefit GALA, the Caprock Cotton Conference, the Lockney ISD

Prom, several COOP stockholder meetings and many other events. It is also the home of Floyd County 4-H and has for two consecutive years hosted the District 4-H Archery Contest.

The UC is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization and all money donated is tax deductible. The money raised each year at our annual Gala is used to operate the building by providing maintenance, upkeep, improvements and a modest salary to the UC Manager.

There have been two major projects completed this year at the UC. The first is the addition of a new \$160,000 building that was completed earlier this year. This new addition was made

possible by cash donations from our Wind Energy friends: Great Southwestern Construction Inc., JF Edwards Construction Company, System 3, Owner/Mortenson Construction and Golden Spread Concrete. **Floyd County Friends contributed \$75,000 of our own funds to this project.** Along with these cash donations material donations were from Gerdau, Galmor's, G&E Steam Service and Southwest Integrated Enterprises, Inc.

This new addition will be the home of the 4-H Shooting Sports as well as providing a third option to rent to host an event. This building will also provide a secure area for storage of the panels and pens used for

the stock show.

The second major project completed is the addition of central heat and air to the Mayer Arena. This will make the Mayer arena so much more comfortable to use any time of the year. **The cost of this project was \$77,510 which was totally paid for by Floyd County Friends.** With the completion of both of these projects **Floyd County Friends has contributed over \$150,000 this year alone.**

The Board of Directors is asking for your help to help replenish our funds that have been used for these two projects. We cannot thank you enough for being a great supporter to us for over

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Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band to entertain at Christmas Ball



Courtesy photos

By Dustee Sollis
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Get ready for some toe tapping, boot-scootin, fiddlin' music this holiday season, for a night of nostalgia, dancing, and listening enjoyment. Dance all night, dance a little longer, or just sit and visit with the neighbors and friends. Music from Wendell Sollis and THE SIDEKICKS ALL STAR BAND will live up the Floyd County Friends' Unity Center, Floydada, Texas.

It will be a great night of Western Swing, Big Band, Classical Country, Cajun, and Christmas favorites. The holiday event will be Saturday, December 16, with a catered meal served by River Smith's beginning 6:00pm at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. The night's other festivities will include auctions, drawings, vendors, and a complimentary gourmet coffee bar.

Portions of the proceeds will benefit the Floydada and Lockney (VFD) Volunteer Fire Departments.

Wendell Sollis, bandleader, is a veteran banjo player, performing since the 70's. His shows include Six Flags, Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, and Quartz Mt. resort in Oklahoma. He has performed with The Texas Playboys, Texas Sand and now leads the Sidekicks.

Sollis states, "This 11 member

band is packed full of talent and will be ready to deliver a night of your favorite oldies. It will be great music, bringing back memories of days gone by. We have so many award-winning musicians, that it's appropriate to call the group "all stars".

There will be a horn section with hall of fame winner, Steve "Hambone" Ham playing trombone. He currently plays with the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys and the Tulsa Playboys. Steve Wilkerson, on the clarinet/tenor sax was inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. He has played with Barbara Streisand, the Temptations, Andy Williams, and Glenn Campbell to name a few.

With 40 plus years of experience as a musician, Bob Baker will play steel guitar. He started at age 13 studying with Eldon Shamblin and is a two-time Hall of Fame inductee.

Ronnie Dale Shultz, lead guitarist, has played all over the globe with well-known artists such as Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Leroy Van Dyke, Lynn Anderson, and Hank Thompson. He's highly in demand as a session player and performer, as he has mastered 5 different types of musical instruments.

On the accordion, Ginny Mac, from Fort Worth, will astound the audience with her magical voice and charisma. She's per-

formed at the Grand Ole Opry, and MGM in Vegas. Ginny was accompanied Grammy award winners Brave Combo and Riders in the Sky.

Lucy Dean Record, a 93-year-old keyboard player, has a trophy case filled with musical honors. She's in several Halls of Fame and was awarded Instrumentalist of the Year at the Will Rogers Awards.

Brady Rasco, a local fiddler and firefighter in Lubbock, has played since the age of 8. At Tarleton, he was a house band member for the Cross Timbers Opry. He's played with the Sidekicks and local bands for the past 10 years.

Another hall of fame fiddler, Greg Gibbs, began playing in 1984. He's performed with Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Kelly Spinks, and the Sidekicks. Greg received the Hero award by the Cowtown Society of Western Swing Music Award in 2015.

Rodney Lay, on bass, was on Hee Haw for 12 years as bandleader and bass player for Roy Clark. Hank Thompson and Waylon Jennings had top 20 songs that Rodney composed. Today he plays for the Tulsa Playboys and Roy Clark's tours.

Chad Maines, drummer from Dickens, Texas, has been playing drums since he was 13 years old. Chad accompanied his dad of the

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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.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OPEN HOUSE

The First National Bank of Floydada will have their "Open House" on Friday, December 15th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

SANTA AT LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY

Santa Claus will be handing out toys at the Lockney Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 10 am til 12 noon located at 108 N. Main Street in Lockney. Terry Gonzales of the Salvation Army will be distributing Christmas Food Baskets to families who signed up. Families may pick them up at the back of the store right after the children meet with Santa. The Lockney Salvation Army wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

BENEFIT FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

The Springs of Life Church on Hwy 70 in Roaring Springs is

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Correction

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

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Miracle on Main



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The Lockney Chamber sponsored Miracle on Main, and families came downtown for Santa photos, hot chocolate, holiday music from the Lockney band, the lighting of the Christmas tree, and shopping from Main Street merchants until 9 p.m.

Santa on the Square



Courtesy photo

The Floydada Chamber sponsored the third annual Santa on the Square Saturday night, and families came downtown for Santa photos and shopped from local booths. Pictured are: Sierra Snowden, John Taylor Snowden, Mia Snowden, Santa Claus and Ella Snowden.

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having a huge clothing sale on Sat, 12/16, 8 am-2 pm, with all proceeds to benefit victims of Hurricane Harvey ongoing relief efforts. For more info, contact Gwen Bates 806-401-9864.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZEN'S FUNDRAISER

The Center has changed the date of their Fundraiser to Sunday, Dec. 17 due to a conflict with the First Baptist Church. The Floydada Sr. Citizen's Center will have another "Chicken Fried Steak Fundraiser" on Sunday, December 17 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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Dec. 11 deadline passes; primary ballot set

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

At press time 11 Floyd County candidates had filed to run in the March 6, 2018 primary. The deadline for candidates to file

to run for office in their chosen party's primary was Dec. 11.

The respective political parties will 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.

According to Floyd County Republican chairman Seth Stephens, the following candidates have filed to run in the Republican primary.

On Republican ballot

- Marty Lucke - County Judge
- Lori Morales - Treasurer -contested
- Elva Martinez - Treasurer -contested
- Tali Jackson - Floyd County JP 1 & 4
- Edward Marks - Floyd County JP 2 & 3
- David Martinez - Pct. 4 Commissioner -contested
- Clint Bigham - Pct. 2 Commissioner -contested

- Lindan Morris - Pct. 2 Commissioner -contested
- Patty Davenport - District Clerk
- Ginger Morgan - County Clerk
- Democratic party chair Veronica Morales has one candidate.

On the Democratic ballot

- Amado Morales - Pct. 4 Commissioner -contested.

Commissioners Court: Pct. 3 pick-up stolen

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

A 2006 white Chevrolet single cab pick-up was stolen from the parking area of the old Cedar Hill grain elevator, six weeks ago, according to Precinct 3 commissioner Nathan Johnson.

According to Johnson, the pickup also had an air compressor, diesel tank, and spare grater tire in the truck bed. The vehicle had county decals on the doors when it was stolen, and according to Johnson, there have been no leads about the vehicle.

If you have information about this stolen county property that might help to find it, please contact Johnson at 806-292-8823.

In other court action, commissioners approved the purchasing of a used pick-up for Precinct 3.

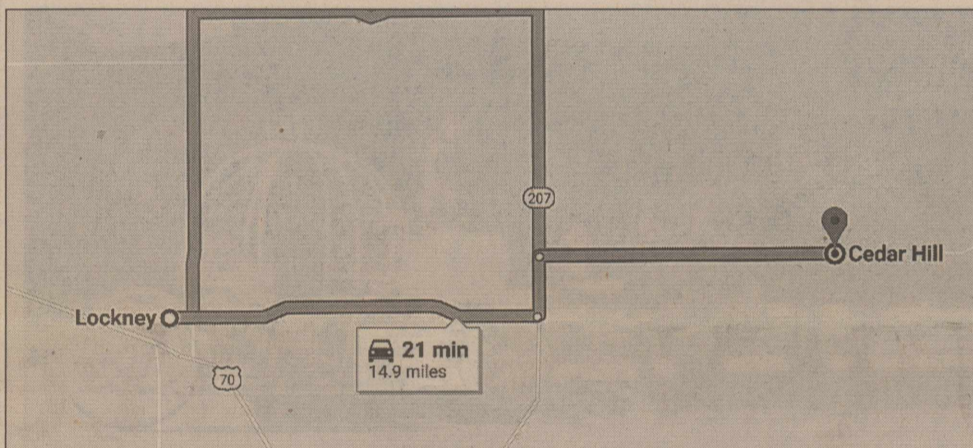
Commissioners also approved to write a check for \$2,230 to the child welfare board. This was in response to a law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007 that \$15 from every divorce filing go to the child welfare board. According to County Judge Marty Lucke, the \$2,230 brings the county current, and going forward each fall, they send a check based on divorce filings.

In other court news, Lucke announced that the Christmas Open House at the courthouse will be December 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Seth Stephens, chair of the Floyd County Republican party, addressed the court and reminded them that Monday, Dec. 11 was the deadline to file to run in the March primary.

Amado Morales, precinct 4, said that Veronica Morales is the new chair of the Democratic Party of Floyd County.

In future business, commissioners discussed that there was concern among wind energy companies about the new tax bill being voted on in Congress. The new bill eliminates tax credits in 2019 instead of 2020. Wind energy companies are encouraging constituents to contact their representative and asked that the law not be changed.



A 2006 white Chevrolet pick-up with county decals with stolen in the Cedar Hill area of Floyd County.

The 501: Adapting to a new addiction

Beat one addiction and another one comes along. Me, I quit Sudoku cold turkey along about Thanksgiving. Giving up the game made me feel victorious and smug - the same way I felt when I quit before.

But when you give up a worthless pastime, you're left with a hole in your life. Think vacuum. It's not like I don't have other addictions: Cokes, chocolate, coffee and saxophone. But none fit the hole. Then along came phone art.

I'm still figuring it out, but I'm hooked. We're made for each other.

If your smart phone doesn't let you scribble and draw, or if it does and you haven't tried that feature yet, it's like signing your name on a credit card machine but without a stylus. You have to use your finger. No doubt that's because the phone depends on body heat to activate anything that happens on the screen.

IDEA! What every serious phone artist needs is a stylus with a constant temperature of 98.6 degrees and a point that doesn't scratch the screen.

Or plastic surgery to put a point on a drawing finger, presumably the index. So far I'm not that dedicated to phone art. But I've just gotten started.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, I'm reminded of a chuckwagon cook I met on the 6666. Or

maybe it was the Triangle. I just remember I had to get up very early and drive many miles to eat breakfast with him and the cowboys before sunup. Except all the cowboys, being skittish and wary of a woman with a notebook in hand and a camera around her neck, grabbed their vittles and coffee and scurried off to their respective pickup trucks to eat in peace, dashing my hopes of interviewing any of them. But the cook did not disappoint.

Or, come to think of it, maybe it was a different chuckwagon cook on a different ranch. They all run together.

Anyway, the cook had a permanently crooked little finger - not so much crooked as partly curled up. He described the accident; I can't remember what it was. What I do remember is that he told me he liked his finger that way because he sometimes did double duty, cowboy as well as cooking. The deformed finger helped him rope better.

Yes, unlike cowboys, chuckwagon cooks don't mind being interviewed. I've met three in their natural settings. They weren't standoffish. Maybe it's because cooks typically are showoffs, at home on the range or wherever. They're creative. Recipes and their execution are art. And what good is art if you can't share it?

The same goes for phone art. What good is my sketch of George Washington if no one sees it? I sent it to a friend, thinking she'd recognize him by the strong jaw, the dollar bill smile that hides his famous false teeth and the iconic hair.

I didn't tell her who it was. She guessed Jesus. Calling all inventors. I need that stylus. I need it now.

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The Paperboy Making time for a better life

Less than two weeks until Christmas and I wish time would slow down!

Regardless if you're a parent or grandparent, I know you feel like time is just rushing right past you.

As a child, the time passes slowly. I remember one Christmas I got a small 18-wheeler truck and how much I enjoyed playing with it. That snowy Christmas break in Amarillo seemed to last forever. Time moves at a snail's pace.

As a boy, I remember I couldn't wait to play "real" sports when I was a child like junior high football.

I remember wishing I was old enough to drive. Time moved slowly toward that time of my life.

I remember wanting to be old enough to go to college. Boy I'd be old then. Seemed like it took forever.

Are those days now totally gone? Today it seems like our schedules are so full. We get up early, work all day and spend our evenings at the events of our children and/or grandchildren.

I once heard that the older you get, the faster time goes. That's a very wise observation and I can testify to it.

Once upon a time, we had an abundance of time to get things done. We didn't worry about that to-do list because there was plenty of time to get to it later. Now, later comes and goes and you find your to-do list at the bottom of a stack of paper a year later.

I guess it goes without saying that if you want to enjoy your time, you have to make time for it.

Are you spending quality time with your wife or husband beyond your hectic day-to-day schedule? If not, you need make the time to appreciate them.

Are you spending quality time with your children and grandchildren beyond their hectic schedule? You need to do that too.

I have a friend who is a single dad with a daughter. He takes her skiing several times each winter. It's their thing. I think it's cool that they share that experience together.

Some families watch football together. Others fish or hunt together. Regardless of what you do, it's more meaningful when you share that time with a loved one.

The other evening I got home and I was wanting to spend some time with my boys. No stress ... just quality time. They were playing video games so I decided to jump in and play with them.

It seems like yesterday I was rocking them to sleep and now there I am getting my face kicked in playing video games with them. I know they enjoyed it too. The question is, did they enjoy having me in there or did they enjoy the easy prey? I'm half-way joking. I'm pretty sure they enjoyed the time.

It does not matter is you or rich or poor. We all have the ability to make time for quality experiences with family and friends. And just like most things, it takes effort.

As for me, that's something I plan to insert into my busy life. I'm going to deliberately make additional quality time for my wife and children. That's a gift that can lead to memories which last a lifetime. That is time well spent.

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Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.
Victor Hugo

Winter is a season of recovery and preparation.
Paul Theroux

The pine stays green in winter... wisdom in hardship.
Norman Douglas

I believe in process. I believe in four seasons. I believe that winter's tough, but spring's coming. I believe that there's a growing season. And I think that you realize that in life, you grow. You get better.
Steve Southerland

People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.
Anton Chekhov

And finally, Winter, with its bitin', whinin' wind, and all the land will be mantled with snow.
Roy Bean

He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter.
John Burroughs

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.
Hal Borland

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After being closed for remodeling since summer, the Floydada Dairy Queen reopened last week. Packed crowds found a newly paved and expanded parking lot; outside dining; separate drive-through lines for ordering and pick-up; and expanded and enhanced interiors inside.



Floydada Rotary

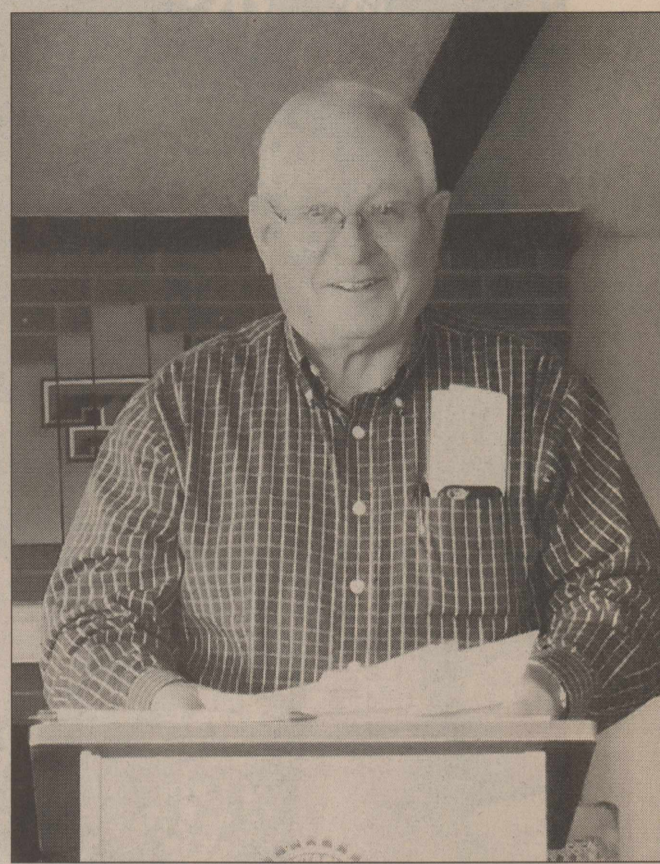


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Last Thursday the Rotary Club Program was presented by Rotarian Fred Thayer. Fred expounded on the Rotary Foundation and the projects that Rotary supports worldwide. Rotary works to eradicate polio, 3rd world poverty micro-loans, water well drilling for clean water, educational support, and healthy children among a few projects it covers throughout the world. Rotary partners with other organizations to be more effective in its assistance. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged billions of dollars to help eradicate polio. Rotary reaches far and wide in Service Above Self. Visit the Floydada club on Wednesday at noon at the Crockett Center to learn more about their world-wide reach.

Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

“REBOOT NECESSARY. UPDATES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED.”

By Deon Fincher
Chamber Manager

That was the greeting from my laptop this morning. I understand why this needs to be done, but on Monday mornings I really don't need the distraction, nor do I need the delay. I grumbled as I hit the ENTER button.

While watching the little circle as it spun, I got to thinking about REBOOTS. What if life had REBOOT? Wouldn't that be a nifty ability? That programming class in college that I failed-REBOOT. Leaving that job in 1992-REBOOT. Choosing to try to ride my

horse before she was ready-REBOOT.

I don't know, though. If we could REBOOT our lives, they wouldn't be nearly as interesting. It's the not-expected-delays-and-distractions that stick in our memories. Dropping the baton during that track meet. The cake tumbling over before the wedding reception. Jumping out of the truck before taking it out of gear. Think back... we all have those memories that were "disastrous" at the time, but, for all the drama, it is a memory that gets told around the Christmas tree every year.

In the "Chamber of Commerce" world, I believe

REBOOT would have its place. Recently, I had a call from a wonderful individual that was inquiring as to getting a family on the Toys for Tots recipient list for Floydada. After making numerous phone calls and emails, I was informed that the organization's deadline for submissions was in November. Knowing that some of the churches "make Christmas wonderful" for some families, I visited with some of the members. They, too, had already completed their program. I wish I had a REBOOT button!

In all of this, I was wondering, "Why can't we, as a WHOLE community, do

our own toy drive, an "Angel Tree," or some kind of program that would keep OUR families from falling through the cracks. Next year, whether the Chamber of Commerce heads this up, or a program is put together by individuals, I will be REBOOTING this system and working to provide some way to make Christmas joyful for our own families.

At this time, I am still working on providing gifts for this family that has, simply, had some bad luck this year. If anyone would like to contact me for more information or to help me with this activity, please do: 806-983-3434.

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Please mark your calendars and support us on this date. The Center will have their "CHICKEN FRIED STEAK FUNDRAISER" on Sunday, December 17 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. The Center will be CLOSED on Monday, December 18th.

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 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

- December 18-22**
- Monday** - Pork & baked beans
- Tuesday** - Crispy chicken salad
- Wednesday** - Chili
- Thursday** - Fish fry
- Friday** - Beef stew

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

Museum Archives

THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

BOERNER FAMILY

By Lula Boerner Nelson

Will Louis Boerner, my father, born January 1, 1856, Indianapolis, Ind. and my mother, Emma Texanna Griffith, born April 26, 1861, Lowden, Tenn., were married Nov. 1879. Ennis, Texas. They came to Floyd County from Stonewall County, Texas in 1894 with four chil-

dren, bought a ranch in what is now Lakeview Community.

When Mama was expecting Mary (1896) my Grandma Boerner came from Kansas City to be with Mama. Papa took the wool to Amarillo to sell, get supplies and meet Grandma's train. She rode the wagon back to our house which took two weeks, slept in

the wagon and ate camp food. I guess she was 70 or more. Papa slept on the ground.

I was 13 years old when Mary was born. Papa put me on an old plowhorse, no saddle, and I rode seven miles as the crow flies to Floydada to Dr. R. C. Andrew's home. He tied my horse to his buggy and I rode back with him. My rear blistered from the bouncing, but I did not tell that. Mary was born July 2. As Grandma was there, we children got to go to Roaring Springs, July 4. That and Christmas were the only Holidays we had.

I enjoyed my childhood days. We did not have much to play with, but we made our own and had fun. Kids now days aren't happy with all the things they have.

My parents and my husband are buried in Floydada Cemetery, as I will be.

Our family was:
Florence born Nov. 23, 1880, Ennis, Texas, married Walter B. Posy
Lula born Dec. 6, 1882, Ennis Texas., married E. Pleasant Nelson
Fred born Jan. 16, 188-, En-

nis Texas, married Ona Mitchell

Lilly born July 16, 1890, Ennis, Texas married Monroe Baggett

Mary born July 2, 1896, Floyd Co., married S. W. Ross
Frank born June 19, 1992, Floyd Co. married Ruby Stanley

When E. "Ples" Nelson and I married, March 2, 1902, my parents were living in town. The schoolhouse was in the northeast part of town and church was held there. We walked in just before church service and were married. My brother, Fred, friends, Myrtle King (Granddaughter of Dr. Andrews), Walter Gound, Jo Maxwell (Mary Stanley's sister) stood with us. Ruth Gound (later Mrs. G. L. Snodgrass) played the piano. I am the only one living now.

Ples and I had a baby boy who lived 21 months. Our daughter, Florence, married Otto Faulkner. She died in California in 1956.

Ples died May 20, 1961. I now live in Bivins Home in Amarillo. I will be 97 Dec. 6, 1977.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Things to mark on your December calendar:

December 17 - Christmas Open House - 2 - 4 p.m. Cookies and punch will be served. Everyone is invited; December 18 - Bingo - 6 - 8 p.m.; December 25 & December 26 - Closed for Christmas Holidays and December 29 - January 1 - Closed for New Year's 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 18-22**
- Monday** - Loaded baked potatoes
- Tuesday** - Quesadillas
- Wednesday** - Club sandwiches
- Friday** - Chili

(Menus subject to change without notice)

The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department smoker will be smoking for **CHRISTMAS** on Thurs., Dec. 21 and Fri., Dec. 22

Totally **THAWED** meat only!
Need meat at firehall by 9 a.m.

Call 983-2834 to reserve your spot on the cooker!

A minimum donation of \$10 will be appreciated.



CHURCH

Plan a Sober Ride this Holiday Season

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada, TX – This holiday season, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Watch UR BAC program to remind all drivers about the dangers of drinking and driving. With the holiday festivities and extra office parties taking place, it's essential to plan a sober ride home before ever leaving for the event. This holiday, as you head out for a night of merrymaking, remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

"The holidays should be a time for celebrations and for making memories, not a time of nightmares for families," said Amy Kress. "Unfortunately, alcohol at many holiday events contributes to the number of impaired drivers on our roadways. Help us spread the message: Even one drink is one drink too many. If you feel buzzed, you are already drunk."

According to NHTSA, Texas lost 1,438 people in alcohol impaired driving crashes, which is 38 percent of all the crashes that occurred. The holidays prove to be extra dangerous to drivers, as more people — drivers and pedestrians alike — are out on the roads.

"We want to keep our

roads safe this holiday season and help people understand that the only time they should be behind the wheel is when they are sober," said Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raisse. "Alcohol affects people differently, and you do not have to be feeling or acting drunk to be too impaired to drive."

Drinking and driving should never be combined. It's essential to plan a sober ride in advance if the holiday celebration will include alcohol. The alternative could change your life, not to mention the lives of your passengers, or of other pedestrians or drivers and passengers nearby.

This holiday season, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Watch UR BAC urge drivers to designate a sober driver before heading out for the evening. If you plan on drinking, plan on not driving.

Remember these tips for a safe night on the roads:

- First: Plan ahead. You know whether you'll attend a party, therefore if you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously — your friends are relying on you.
- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've only had one alcoholic

beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation to get home safely.

• If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.

• See someone who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and decide to get them home safely. Don't worry about offending someone, they'll thank you later.

Remember to play it safe this holiday season and always plan your sober ride before the festivities begin. If you are buzzed, do not drive — *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.*

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program is funded by TxDOT and is provided at no charge to promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends. Contact: lmooney@ag.tamu.edu, for booking information.

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South Plains College to offer Church Safety Class

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LEVELLAND – South Plains College, in conjunction with South Plains Firearm Instruction, will offer a Church Safety and Security class on Dec. 16 (Saturday) in Room 115 of the Law Enforcement Technology building. The class will begin at 9 a.m., with breaks every hour and a one-hour break for lunch.

This is a six-to-eight-hour class for church staff or concerned members who want to develop a safety/ security plan for their church. Students will learn how to conduct a

Risk Assessment and Facility Check, form a Church Safety Team, evaluate Church Vulnerability and develop an Outreach Plan. The course includes Biblical references to support such planning.

A brief overview will cover the recent rise in church shootings as well as the times when attacks were stopped. The main causes of church shootings also will be covered.

The class will focus on specific safety issues like fire extinguishers, fire exits and smoke alarms as well as security issues like doors and

windows, alarm systems and surveillance systems. This is not a firearms class, but training options will be discussed for those churches which plan to allow Texas License To Carry holders to be armed in church. Legal issues will be included, as well as changes in Texas law in 2017.

The course is offered as a public service, but there is a \$50 per student charge to cover expenses like handouts, checklists, etc.

To register, email mfelker@southplainscollege.edu. Space is limited and preregistration is required.



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Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. . . .
A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness
prepare the way for the Lord." —Isaiah 40:1, 3 (NIV)

I know how hard it is for me to wait patiently for something. I remember as a child how I longingly looked out the window one day, watching for my cousins to arrive from the east coast. We had exchanged letters and pictures, but we had not met in person. For hours I gazed intently from my window, asking, "When will they arrive?" "Soon," my mother replied at least 20 times. Despite the long wait, I held out hope for their arrival. Sure enough, they made it just as promised — later than I wanted, but surely as I had hoped — and I was not disappointed.

In today's reading, God spoke through Isaiah to comfort the people, letting them know that nothing would prevent their coming salvation. In the midst of their pain and desperation, God provided hope. But they also had to be patient as they eagerly anticipated God's arrival.

God promised that salvation would come to Jerusalem. We hold on to this hope and we are not disappointed. Celebrating Advent reminds us that God has indeed sent us a Savior.

—Mike Medeiros (California)

Prayer for the day:

Dear Father, thank you for offering us hope through your son, Jesus. Prepare our hearts this season of Advent. Amen.

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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
310 Mississippi
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

Caprock Crop Production Conference scheduled

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Caprock Crop Production Conference is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2018 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center located 6 miles west on Hwy 70 from Floydada and 4 miles east on Hwy 70 from Lockney. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

The cost of the conference is \$35.00 (we will be accepting pre-registration until January 17). The cost will be \$45 at the door. Registration information can be received through the Floyd or Crosby County Extension offices. Registration will include lunch, 10 CEU's, conference cap, door prizes and program materials. Vista Bank has donated an I-Pad to give away to one lucky attendee. Plains Land Bank will be donating donuts for the conference. The conference is open to all area producers as well as anyone interested in crop production. The conference will include a trade show with vendors displaying their latest products and equipment.

The 10 Continuing Education Units available by attending the conference will include 5 General, 2 IPM, 2 Laws & Regulation and 1 Drift Minimization. We are also approved for 10 Certi-

fied Crop Advisor credits for those interested and will include 1 Soil & Management, 3 IPM, 2 Crop Management, and 4 Professional Development.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. Speakers will be: Seth Byrd, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Peter Dotray, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jason Woodward, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; John Robinson, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Katie Lewis, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Steven Boston, TX Department of Agriculture; Tiffany Dowell-Lashmet, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jacob Reed, BASF; Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers and Ted McCollum, TX A&M AgriLife Extension. The conference will conclude at 5:20 pm with evaluations and CEU certificates. If you need assistance or have questions please contact the Crosby County Extension Office (675-2347) by January 5, 2018 to advise for auxiliary and/or services needed. Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

PCG reminds consumers to buy cotton

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

With the holiday shopping season upon us, whether you're taking advantage of a sale to purchase something for yourself or satisfying a loved one's Christmas wish list, consider something made from cotton. This could be a pair of trendy jeans, a set of soft cotton towels or sheets, something made with cottonseed oil for your favorite foodie, or even cold, hard cash - U.S. paper currency is made of 75 percent cotton and 25 percent linen.

According to the Cotton Incorporated Lifestyle Moni-

tor™ Survey, holiday shoppers plan to spend \$570 on holiday gifts this year. Of the total spent, Cotton Incorporated says, about \$200 will go toward clothing gifts. A high percentage of consumers have said they like to receive clothes as gifts, including T-shirts, sleepwear, jeans, and sweaters.

"As consumers, we must look for cotton in the things we purchase, whether it's for ourselves or as a gift," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "Take a minute to check the tag, because each time we purchase cotton products, we're helping ensure the success of our industry."

LEPA pioneer Lyle named to Cotton Research and Promotion Program Hall of Fame



Courtesy photo

Crosby County native Dr. William M. "Bill" Lyle has had a revolutionary impact on the cotton industry with the research and development of the Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) system in the 1980s. His contributions as a cotton farmer, agricultural engineer and scientist are recognized both nationally and internationally. Lyle has served as a consultant to the United States Congress, John Deere and Company, and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Water Supply and Conveyance Committee. He has also been the recipient of the John Deere Gold Medal Award (1998), the High Plains Research Foundation's Agricultural Research Scientist of the Year Award (1981), the Texas Association of Agricultural Consultants Public Servant of the Year Award (1992), and the Secretary of Agriculture Group Research and Extension Award (1994), among others.

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers

Dr. Bill Lyle, a Crosby County native who helped pioneer irrigation technology through his leadership in developing the Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) system, was one of three inductees into the 2017 class of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program Hall of Fame. The program, now in its fourth year, recognizes U.S. cotton industry leaders that have made significant contributions to the Program or to the cotton industry in general.

Dr. Lyle was honored Tuesday evening at a banquet at the joint Cotton Board/Cotton Incorporated Board of Directors Meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla., along with the late Dr. Harold L. "Hal" Lewis (Arkansas) and the late Lawson "Sykes" Martin (Alabama), both of whom demonstrated great leadership in the cotton industry.

"Over the past few decades, the cotton industry has continued to evolve and advance in many ways," Berye Worsham, President and CEO of Cotton Incorporated, said in a news release

from The Cotton Board. "The tireless dedication and many contributions of the 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees have shaped the industry as we know it today and will further impact future growth and advancement."

Dr. Lyle was an irrigation engineer for Texas A&M AgriLife Research for many years. He now is retired, but his revolutionary efforts in water efficiency live on the farms of producers across the Cotton Belt. He grew up about 30 miles east of Lubbock on a farm, and even as he completed his education and

went to work in extension and research, he continued to farm on his own through the 1990s. As a farmer himself, he had a unique perspective in finding solutions to real-world issues on the farm, such as water and energy conservation. He also knew that Ogallala Aquifer levels likely would continue to decline under current irrigation practices.

His most significant accomplishments came through his leadership in developing the LEPA system. Dr. Lyle realized that traditional center pivot systems with sprinklers weren't as efficient as they could be, losing water to high temperatures and low humidity. He and his team worked to find a solution, and LEPA was born.

"Dr. Bill Lyle truly is deserving of this honor," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "Today, LEPA systems are widely recognized for their irrigation efficiency, and we have a Texas High Plains farmer and highly respected researcher to thank for his visionary approach to conservation."

"Dr. Hal Lewis and Sykes Martin made tremendous contributions to the cotton industry," Verett said. "They are extremely deserving to be named to the Cotton Research and Promotion Program Hall of Fame, and we miss them greatly."

More information on the CRPP Hall of Fame is at <http://www.cottoninc.com/corporate/About-Cotton-Incorporated/Hall-of-Fame/>.

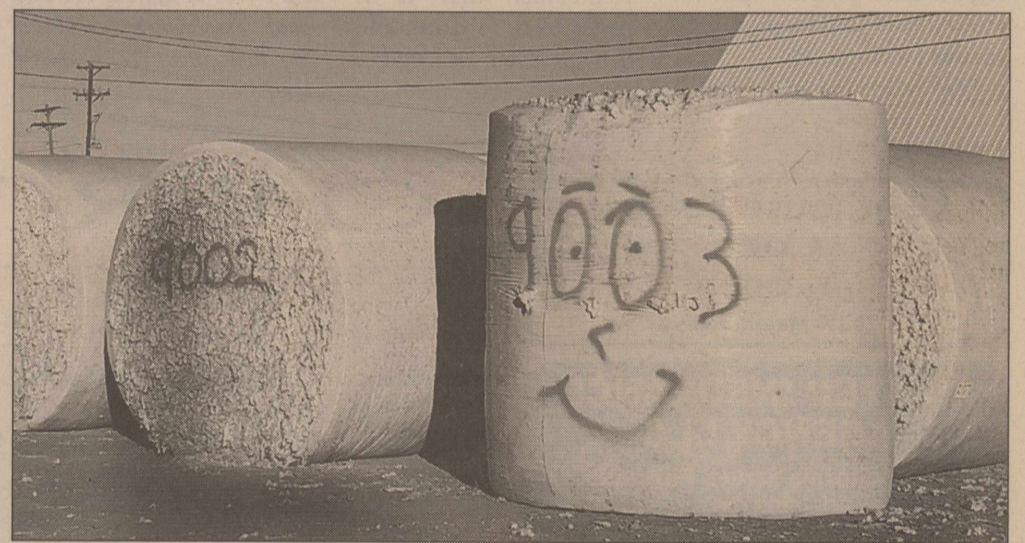
Cotton futures continue to advance

By the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Cotton futures were a roller coaster this week. December futures had their last trading day on Wednesday, and there were zero deliveries, which is very unusual. December's last recorded price was 75.17 cents per pound. Perhaps that was a sign of things to come for March futures, which are now the lead contract. March's price fell Monday and threatened to do so again on Thursday before the release of this week's U.S. export sales report. The report was surprisingly good, and aggressive buying quickly resumed after its release. March futures pulled up from the week's low at 72.10, rallying to 74.27 by the close of trading. New buyers continued to rush into the market, and the total number of open contracts increased by 2,628 to 251,409.

LIMITED HARVEST PRESSURE ON PRICES

Harvest pressure has been limited by two factors. On one hand, a large percent of the crop is already committed and hedged. On the other hand, a lot of cotton is still in modules, which makes it difficult to price. Although harvest is nearly over, many producers are now waiting on ginning and classing to market their remaining uncommitted cotton. USDA's classing offices have now classed 11,826,870



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bales of Upland and 333,707 bales of Pima, which is just over 58 percent of USDA's current production forecast. Unfortunately, the ginning and classing cannot keep up with the rate at which speculative traders are buying.

SPECULATORS AND MILLS

Speculative traders, however, are not the only buyers in this market. The export sales report showed that foreign mills made net new purchases of 186,600 bales of U.S. Upland cotton last week, despite 44,600 bales of cancelled sales to China. Not only that, mills have increased their on-call commitments (i.e. to fix prices at a later date) to 11.4 million bales in the current marketing year, and 5.6 million bales of that total is against March futures. Every hundred bales or

so of mill price fixing will result in the purchase of a futures contract. The size of the mills' on-call commitments has emboldened speculators (traders who deal in futures and not physical cotton) to buy more futures, knowing that the mill fixations should provide some cushion if the market falls.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND REPORTS ON TUESDAY

Many traders' attention has turned to next week's Crop Production and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE), which will be released at 11:00 a.m. Central Time on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Internationally, cotton analysts expect reductions to India's and Pakistan's production, while China's crop may be revised up. Cotton consumption may also increase slightly. Domestically, analysts are divided on whether

the crop size will increase or decrease. The current high pace of U.S. export commitments makes any downward revision to U.S. exports unlikely. Furthermore, if USDA reduces crop forecasts for India's and Pakistan's crops and/or the U.S. crop rises, a higher U.S. export forecast on this report becomes a lot more likely. In any case, the market seems to be expecting a tighter supply of cotton.

Next week's focus will rest squarely on the WASDE and Crop Production reports on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., as any surprise revision could motivate large shifts in traders' positions. After analyzing those reports, market watchers will turn attention to Thursday's Export Sales report to see whether higher prices have begun to ration demand, which could begin to threaten the rally.

Texas Oil and Gas Production Statistics for September 2017

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AUSTIN — Production for September 2017 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) is 69,238,482 barrels of crude oil and 519,180,463 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells. These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received. Production reported to the Commission for September 2016, was: 71,404,018 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure

of 81,380,845 barrels; and 561,242,466 mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 657,952,137 mcf.

The Commission reports that from October 2016 to September 2017, total Texas reported production was 997.000 million barrels of crude oil and 7.6 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the Commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the Commission.

Texas preliminary September 2017 crude oil production averaged 2,307,949 barrels dai-

ly, compared to the 2,380,134 barrels daily average of September 2016.

Texas preliminary September 2017 total gas production averaged 17,306,015 mcf a day, compared to the 18,708,082 mcf daily average of September 2016.

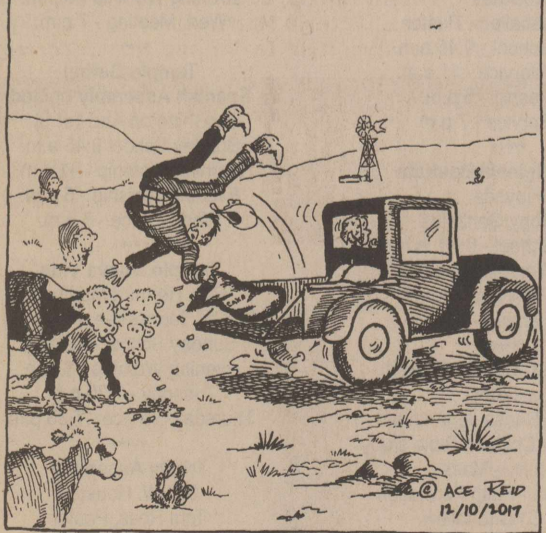
Texas production in September 2017 came from 179,660 oil wells and 90,530 gas wells.

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/production-data/texas-monthly-oil-gas-production/>.

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SCHOOL NEWS

UIL releases Conference, Division numbers

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – Conference and Division cut-off numbers were released by the University Interscholastic League on Dec. 6. The UIL also released the classification and division for all the schools participating in UIL activities. This release is a prelude to the biennial realignment which will be released at 9:00 AM on Feb. 1, 2018 with the official announcements of new districts for football and basketball.

Conference 6A will be 2190 students and above, 5A will be 1150-2189, 4A will be 505-1149, 3A will be 225-504, 2A will be 105-224 and 1A will

be 104.9 and below. Division splits will be: 5A-1 1840-2189, 5A-2 1150-1839; 4A-1 790-1149, 4A-2 505-789; 3A-1 335-504, 3A-2 225-334; 2A-1 161.5-224, 2A-2 105-161.4; and 1A-1 55.5-104.9, 1A-2 55 and below.

Floydada will remain in Conference 2A Division 1 and Lockney will remain in Conference 2A Division 2.

In Floydada's current district, 2-2A-1, New Deal, Olton, Hale Center and Sundown will remain in Conference 2A Division 1 but Abernathy will move up to Conference 3A Division 2. In Lockney's current district, 2-2A-2, Wellington, Memphis, Clarendon, Crosbyton and Ralls will all remain in Confer-

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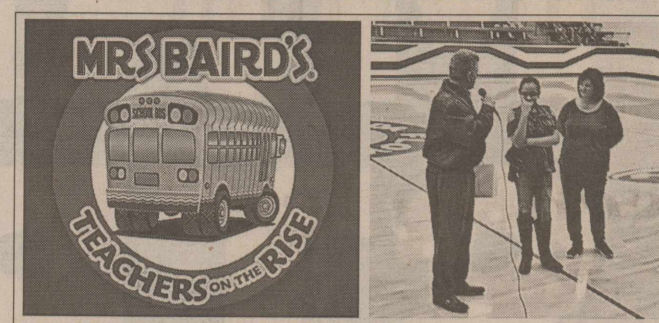
This year, Conference 5A will be pre-split into two divisions for the first time. Plainview will be assigned to 5A Division 2 along with Canyon Randall and Lubbock Cooper in this area while Lubbock High, Monterey, Coronado and Lubbock Cooper will be assigned to 5A Division 1 along with Amarillo High, Palo Duro and Caprock. Hereford, Dumas and Canyon High move down to Conference 4A Division 1. Seminole moves up to Conference 4A Division 1 while Estacado, Borger and Levelland move down to Conference 4A Division 2 as does Snyder.

In Conference 3A Division 1, Bushland, Brownfield and Denver City drop down from 4A-2 while Friona moves down to 3A-2. In Conference 2A Division 1, Amarillo Highland Park drops down from 3A-2 and Stratford drops to 2A-2. New Home joins the 11-man ranks in 2A-2.

In Conference 1A Division 1, in this area Valley and Petersburg move up and Morton drops down from 11-man 2A-2. In 1A-2, Anton drops from Division 1.

District assignments will be released on Feb. 1, 2018 for football and basketball districts with the remaining sports and academic districts released later in the spring.

FJHS teacher recognized as 'Teacher on the Rise'



Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

Congratulations to Sonya Glass on being selected a "Teacher on the Rise," sponsored by Mrs. Baird's. Glass currently teaches 8th grade PreAlgebra, 8th grade math PBL, and PreCalculus. She also coaches the Floydada Junior High UIL Calculator

teams.

Mrs. Baird's representative Mike Hughes presented Glass with a \$100.00 gift certificate from United Supermarkets, lunch for 2 at the Tech Club, and a Target gift card from TCTA. Glass was nominated by Laci Gourdon and she received a \$50.00 VISA card.

Lockney Salvation Army Service Unit's Holiday Season

By Denise Doucette
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Salvation Army Service Unit relies on the faithful contributions from Lockney and Floydada to be used throughout the year to help those in need who live in Lockney, Floydada and the surrounding communities.

The Lockney Salvation Army's major fundraising event begins with our annual Community Thanksgiving Service. A time for giving thanks for our many blessings. This service is held at one of our local churches the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Each year an offering is taken up and given to the Lockney Salvation Army to be used in the ministry. The money we receive stays here to help those in Lockney, Floydada and the surrounding areas.

This year's service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Each year our volunteers, Alicia Luna and Terry Gonzales, gives a report on the assistance that was given throughout the year. We are very fortunate to live in a county that cares and has a giving heart. Many in our community and surrounding areas are blessed by this ministry that range from providing utility assistance, food, clothing, gasoline, shelter and other disasters.

In addition, the Salvation Army has a Summer Camp for our children located in Midlothian, Texas which provides free summer camp

to our children. Our Service Unit provides the snacks for the bus ride and toiletries.

The Lockney Salvation Army has Santa Claus come each year to our pantry on the Saturday before Christmas. This year it will be Saturday, December 16th from 10:00 am to Noon. We provide toys to those in our community who may not otherwise have a Christmas. Also that same day, we hand out Christmas Food Sacks to the families. The Friday before Christmas, we have volunteers deliver Christmas Food Sacks to the seniors and shut-ins in our community.

This is just some of the ways the Lockney Salvation Army Service Unit provides assistance to those living in Lockney, Floydada and the surrounding areas.

The Lockney Salvation Army would like to thank everyone who supports this ministry.



Photo Courtesy of Denise Doucette

Girl Scout Troop 6207 from Lockney sacked 80 bags for the upcoming Christmas Food Sacks. Thank you girls! Shown are (left to right) Marci Brown, Troop Leader, Ellie Vasquez, Elayna Morales, Adrielle Martinez and Kara Sanchez.



Photo Courtesy of Denise Doucette

The Lockney Girl Scout Troop 6207 had a Canned Food Drive along with non-perishable items such as rice, sugar, etc. at the Lockney Elementary School a few weeks ago. What a great job everyone did! Pictured are (left to right) Lisa Morgan and Esmeralda Sanchez along with the cans that were collected and brought to the Lockney Salvation Army Pantry by volunteers of the Salvation Army.

Lockney Salvation Army... SEASON OF GIVING

By Denise Doucette
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The 2nd Grade classes of AB Duncan Elementary School of Floydada conducted a "Coat Drive" a few weeks ago. The children collected over 80 coats and had a field trip to the Lockney Salvation Army where they delivered these jackets in person.

The smiles on each face will definitely keep warm all those who will be the receiver of these jackets this winter season. The children were given a tour of the Salvation Army's Clothing and Food Pantry. What an



Photo Courtesy of Denise Doucette

Alicia Luna is standing by all the coats the Lockney Salvation Army received from the 2nd Graders of AB Duncan Elementary School of Floydada.

exciting day for all and what a blessing these children are.

We want to thank all the children and the teachers for

reaching out in helping others stay warm this winter! We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lockney Salvation Army— Duncan Elementary



Photo Courtesy of Denise Doucette

The students from AB Duncan Elementary School in Floydada were given a tour of the Salvation Army's Clothing and Food Pantry. Listed are the names of the AB Duncan Elementary 2nd Grade classes: **MRS. HINSON 2A:** Payton Arebalo, Casamiro Bolton, Ilan Bueno, Mia Casares, Dustin Coursey, Mary Degollado, Elijah Gonzales, Jeriah Jimenez, Deserey Juarez, Jessa Louallen, Bailey McHam, Santiago Miranda, Nevaeh Perez, Addison Robertson, Jacob Stark, Brogerick Taylor and Josiah Yannis. **MRS. ORR 2B:** Marissa Casares, Giovani De Ochoa, Tyler Dechant, Andrew Delgado, Nikki Flores, Leila Garcia, Ariel Machado, Luke Morales, Ezekiel Moreno, Braden Ramirez, Abigail Reyes, MJ Rios, Janae Rosa, Sofia Salas, Jathan Sanchez, Hagan Strange, Amareah Taylor, Karenn Torres, Aniya Walton and Toby Zepeda. **MRS. CARLSON 2C:** Johnny Armendariz, Karah Cavazos, Raul Corado, Serillo Deleon, Braiden Garcia, Ulisses Garcia, Emily Garza, Devan Gonzales, Cash Johnston, Jayden Lafuente, Jenna Martinez, Victoria Martinez, Kaidn McHam, Ixan Pecina, Bella Perez, Jaquelyn Ramirez, Cruz Tamayo, Kyla Taylor and Jaidyn Torres.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

December 18-22

<p>Monday Breakfast – Breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk</p> <p>Lunch – Potato bowl w/roll, cheeseburger, seasoned 7 way vegetables, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast – Cinnamon Toast Crunch, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk</p> <p>Lunch – Seasoned beef nachos, pepperoni pizza, refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk</p>	<p>Wednesday Breakfast – Whole grain apple frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk</p> <p>Lunch – Chicken Alfredo Rotini, Chicken corn dog, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk</p> <p>Thursday CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Friday CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO SCHOOL</p>
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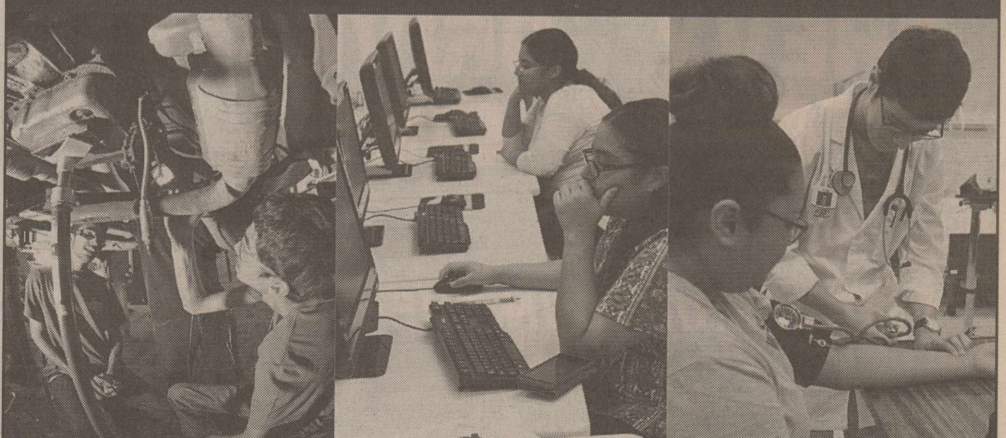
LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

December 18-22

<p>Monday, Dec. 4 Breakfast – Sausage Biscuit or Breakfast Round, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Lunch – Steak Fingers, Oven Fries, Gravy, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Veggies, Milk</p> <p>Tuesday, Dec. 19 Breakfast – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Brown or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Lunch – Tex-Mex Stack, Beans, Cherry Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>Wednesday, Dec. 20 Breakfast – Chicken-n-Waffles or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Lunch – Calzone with Marinara, Veggies, Salad, Peaches, Cookie, Milk</p> <p>Thursday, Dec. 21 Breakfast – Stuffed Bagel or Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Lunch – Grilled Cheese, Multi-Grain Chips, Broccoli Bites, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 22 NO SCHOOL</p>
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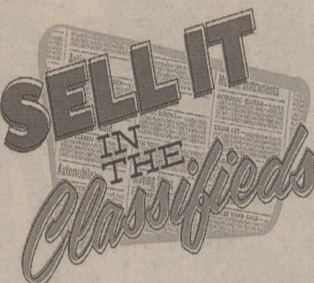
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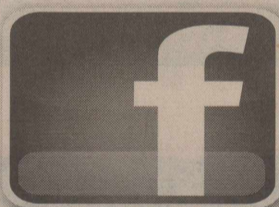
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Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

1. Repair of approximately 1,200 square feet of concrete sidewalk including handicapped curb ramps
2. Construct foundations for light poles

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The City of Floydada reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Floydada for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Floydada Jeff Johnston, City Manager December 14, 2017

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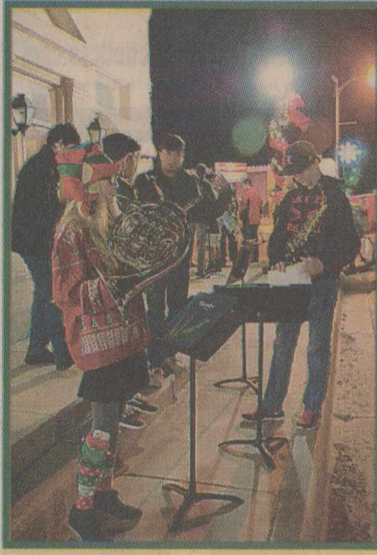
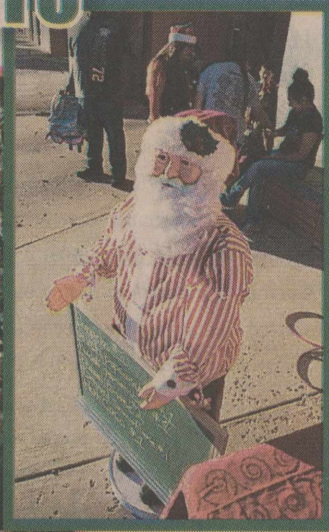
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Santa visits Floydada and Lockney children... Miricle on Main

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The Floydada Chamber sponsored the third annual Santa on the Square Saturday night, and families came downtown for Santa photos and shopped from local booths, and the Lockney Chamber sponsored Miracle on Main, and families came downtown for Santa photos, hot chocolate, holiday music from the Lockney band, the lighting of the Christmas tree, and shopping from Main Street merchants until 9 p.m.

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