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Route 66 Pizza and Deli could be opening as soon as 60 to 75 days in the former Hale's Department Store building on the south side of the courthouse square in Floydada.

## Route 66 Pizza and Deli to open in former Hale's



Courtesy photo

Mike and Toni Brown, formerly of Idaho, are renovating the building to house two businesses, the restaurant and their construction business, Double B Design Build, Inc.

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

2018 will usher in a new era for downtown Floydada. Mike and Toni Brown, who have renovated 703 restaurants since 1978, have purchased the old Hale's Department Store building on the south side of the courthouse square in Floydada and plan to open a restaurant which will serve pizza, homemade deli sandwiches and wine and beer.

For 56 years Hale's Department Store served Floydada residents until the Hale family decided to go out of business in 2001. For the past 16 years the building has sat vacant, but according to Mike Brown, the new owner, "We hope to be open in about 60 to 75 days."

In addition to the restaurant, part of the old Hale's Department Store building will be renovated to house the Browns' business, Double B Design Build, Inc. which is a fourth-generation construction firm. According to Brown,



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An application has been filed to serve wine and beer in the new Route 66 Pizza and Deli in downtown Floydada.

"We can build anything from houses to bridges. We are also the authorized dealer for two different steel building companies." He said the company handles residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural construction.

Route 66 Pizza and Deli will create three to four full-time positions, and at least, 15 part-time positions as well. It will also be open seven days a week.

Why Floydada?

"We were here working on another construction job, and

See ROUTE 66, Page 8

## Year in Review 2017 sees Floyd County schools enhanced by bonds

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

2017 was a year of transition and growth in Floyd County. In January one of the first transitions was announced in Lockney. After serving as superintendent of the Lockney Independent School District for 35 years, Phil Cotham announced his retirement. Also, in January the Floydada Independent School District began a major community outreach effort to inform local voters of the bond ballot initiative slated for May, largely driven by wind farm funding. Lockney had passed a similar initiative in 2016 and was continuing to implement campus improvements into 2017.

One of the best cotton crops ever was the headline for February 2017, as gins, farmers, trade associations and trade press declared 2016 to be one for the record books. The Plains Cotton Growers Association noted that it was the first time since 2010 that their service area had ginned more than 5 million bales, and many local gins in Floydada and Lockney said it was their best year ever.

In March the Texas Department of Agriculture picked Floydada as one of five cities in West Texas to receive \$100,000 in the 2017 Small and MicroEnterprise Revolving Fund, designed to aid in creation and retention of jobs in February, and the Floydada Chamber of Commerce named Deon Fincher their new manager.

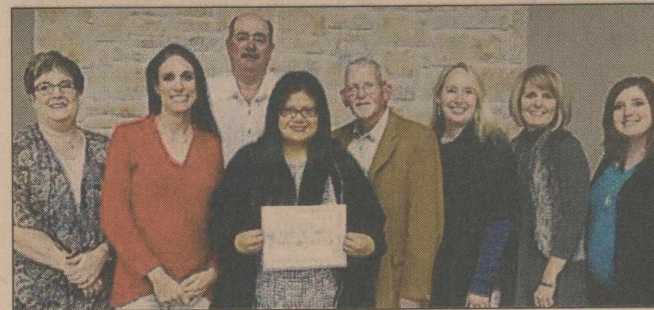
In April the City of Floydada was approved for a

\$705,000 grant for improvements at the Floydada airport. The grant was a 90/10 grant and the city had to only come up with \$70,000 to be awarded the grant. In addition, the city received an additional \$120,000 in funds to be used for improvements at the Floydada airport which required no match. Also, in April, the Floydada baseball team won the district championship, the first time since 2010.

Floydada voters approved the school bond in May by a vote of 406 to 283. The \$44.7 million package will provide a new secondary school and new athletics facilities. Also in May, the FHS Whirlwinds baseball team won the area championship, the bi-district championship and advanced to the regional quarterfinals where they lost to the Post Antelopes. It was only the second time in the history of the program that a Whirlwinds baseball had advanced that far in post-district play.

In June Lockney ISD put the finishing touches on rolling out the enhancements at its stadium with AstroTurf, part of its 2016 bond initiative. Also in June Congressman Jodey Arrington visited Floydada and answered questions from constituents.

Jim Baum became Lockney ISD superintendent in July. He was formerly principal at Iraan High School. Lots of new faces came to Lockney in July. Buster Poling became Lockney's first-ever city manager. Lockney voters approved changing from a city secretary to city manager form of government



Courtesy photos

Shown are scenes from some of the highlights of 2017 in Floyd County. Voters passed the \$44.7 million school bond for Fisd. The Floydada Whirlwinds baseball team advanced to the regional quarterfinals, only the second time in the program's history, and the Floydada Chamber of Commerce named Floyd Supply the Business of the Year.

## 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.

### FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

The Floyd County Museum has on display Carolyn Cunningham's nativity scenes. The Museum is open Monday thru Friday, 12 noon - 5 p.m. The display will be at the Museum thru the end of December.

### 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.

## Correction

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## News on the go



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## Council approves new executive director for EDC

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

In the monthly meeting of the Floydada City Council on Tuesday, Dec. 19, the council voted to have the First United Methodist Church to adjust their new fence to meet code. The reason for the council's decision is visibility. Backing out of a drive, a vehicle is in the street before the driver can see it. The fence must taper down to a height of around two feet when it meets the sidewalk.

In other council action,

they voted to continue with condemnation on 506 E. Ross Street, Lot 4, Block 13, and 208 N. 9th Street, Lot 6-8, Block 53.

The council also voted to put some city lots on sale—Lots 17-21, Block 82, Original Town. According to city manager Jeff Johnston, this gets the property on the tax roll and removes the responsibility and maintenance of such property from the City.

Johnston also shared with the council that the Floydada Economic Development Board had hired Justin Brown to be the

new Floydada Economic Development Corporation executive director. According to Johnston, Brown is from the Andrews area, and he is also a part-time minister.

Brown was on hand to answer questions from council.

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Justin Brown has been named the new director of the Floydada Economic Development Corporation. He was on-hand at last week's Floydada City Council meeting to answer questions.



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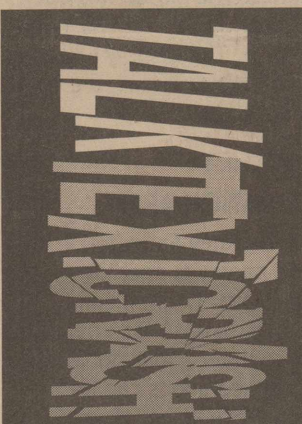
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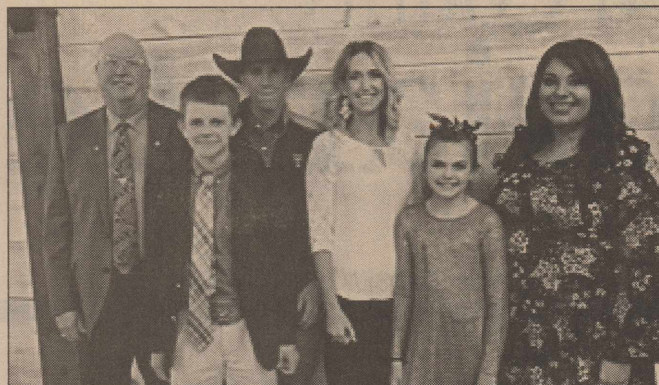
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# SOCIETY

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**Floyd County's Distinguished Leader, Jeremiah Brooks, was honored at the 2017 District Gold Star Banquet at the Eberly Brooks Event Center. Pictured are (left to right) County Judge Marty Lucke, Jack Brooks, Jeremiah Brooks, County Extension Agent Cristen Brooks, Preslie Brooks, and County Extension Agent Amy Kress. Not Pictured: District Council Representative Rachel Graham.**



## Floyd County Courthouse Walks Across Texas

By Amy Kress  
CEA-FCH  
Floyd County

Walk Across Texas! is an eight-week program to help people of all ages support one another to establish the habit of regular physical activity. A partnership between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County and the Floyd County Commissioners Court was established to implement the Walk Across Texas Program with Floyd County Courthouse employees. The goal for this program was for each team of 8 employees to walk the distance across Texas (820 miles) in the eight weeks.

Participants began walking

on October 1 and concluded the program on November 25. The miles that employees walked were recorded, as well as "bonus miles" they received for participating in other physical activity. Twenty-four Floyd County employees walked a total of 4,579 miles over the eight-week challenge. "The Firecrackers" won the challenge by walking a total of 1,666 miles, second place went to "The Walkamolies" with 1,652 miles, and third place was "The Law Dawgs" who finished with 1,260 miles. The walker with the most miles was Linda Nichols, who walked 524 miles in eight weeks. Congratulations to all participants for you hard work!

Texas ranks 11th as the state

with the highest adult obesity rates with 31.9% of Texas adults are obese. Being physically inactive accounts for one in 10 deaths in adults. Regular physical activity and controlling weight can significantly reduce the incidence and impact of chronic diseases like heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure, and depression. Community-wide programs like Walk Across Texas! have been associated with significant increases in physical activity.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

## Museum Archives

### THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

THE ERSEL MATTHEWS

By Mary Emma Matthews

Ersel H. Matthews was born in Erath County, Texas, July 23, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Matthews. They moved to the Floydada area in 1921, taking two days to make the trip. On their trip to west Texas they had settled down for their night's rest with diapers drying, children and beds strewn completely over the floor of a brush arbor. Just as dark came and they were falling asleep, in came people from the surrounding area to hold worship that night and how revealing their lanterns were! Needless to say the Matthews attended church that evening before they got their night's rest.

Mary Emma was born September 18, 1920 to Walter and Lydia Steen Collins in Floydada and as a student in her elementary school (where she was secretary to the principal) once wrote about her, "Mrs. Matthews was not born in a hospital like normal people." The student did not realize she was born in a two-room house, and her first chair

was an apple crate her mother had padded.

Ersel finished Floydada High School in 1932 and Mary Emma finished in 1937. Ersel went on to graduate from Texas Tech with a major in Textile engineering, then after being in South Carolina for a year, he and Mary Emma were married in Floydada on March 30, 1941. They moved to Lubbock and lived until Ersel went into the navy in 1943 and Mary Emma stayed in Lubbock and their first son was born there. She and their son lived in San Diego, California, part of Ersel's service. Being with the Department of Agriculture they moved to Clemson, South Carolina for a year, were transferred to Leland, Mississippi for a year, then one day found they were being transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas. Whoopee! Good old Texas and closer to home. They counted the miles and they would be 3 miles closer to Floydada in Corpus Christi than they were in Leland! This was in 1949. They lived in Altus, Oklahoma from 1956 to 1960, than back to Cor-

pus Christi, still with the Department of Agriculture.

They have three children, Kent Collins Matthews was born October 26, 1944 in Lubbock, Texas. Kent finished Ray High School in Corpus Christi, graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in optical physics. Worked with Cameron Manufacturing in Houston, Texas, had a two-year period in the army, then back with Cameron in Houston. He left Cameron in January to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to get his Master's in religion and Master's in education.

On February 9, 1951, they were blessed with twins, Carol Ann and Keith Allan. Born in Corpus Christi; they attended Ray High School. Carol finished college at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas and Keith finished at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Carol is married to a lawyer, Lawrence Denman, living in San Antonio and Keith is with Champlin Refinery, married to Patricia Weaver and living in Portland, Texas.

Even though living from coast to coast and making many wonderful friends, Floydada is still and always will be home. We KNOW that Floydada will be our final resting place because our headstones are already placed in the Floydada Cemetery.

## First Day Hike set for Jan. 1 at Caprock Canyons State Park



Courtesy photo  
**Ring in the New Year with black-eyed peas and an exciting night hike at Palo Duro Canyon. Free admission for this special event.**

By Le'Ann Pigg  
Caprock Canyons State Park

**QUITAQUE**— Start your year off on the right foot. Literally!

Want to start your year off right and walk off some of that holiday cheer you might be holding on to?

Join us for our first nature hike of the year and enjoy a stroll in the scenic canyons of Caprock Canyons State Park with us.

We will discuss the geology, history, flora, and fauna of the park all while starting off the New Year taking care of our minds, bodies, and souls in the great outdoors. We will be hiking on the Upper Canyon Trail.

Total length of the hike will be 2 miles with moderate difficulty. Please bring close-toed shoes and water with you on the hike. Pets are welcome but are required to be on a leash.

Please meet at the South Prong Parking Lot.

## The 501: Disclaimer" — always a good start

**D**isclaimer: Most of what you're about to read is something I wrote April Fool's Day in 2015, no joke. Whether it made it into print back then, I don't remember. Maybe you do.

My predicament today is similar to my situation then, meaning my main computer is out of whack and I'm forced to rely on an older laptop — one that requires me to be very still. If I jostle the power source cord, I'll lose power because there's no battery. It exploded. We won't go there.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Anyway, when I fired up this aged device I stumbled across the above-mentioned document. It was titled "501 in progress," my code name for any unfinished weekly column. My holidays-stressed brain voted to make it this week's column, albeit with this introduction and 72 words added at the end to reach the perfunctory length.

Here it is: "I take pen in hand to type you this letter." That's a line I remember from a joke letter that was making the rounds however things made the rounds back before Facebook. How did they?

We digress. I wouldn't be thinking about writing words by hand or typing prose with a typewriter or any combination thereof if my laptop computer hadn't required an untimely two-day hospitalization. My backup laptop has its own set of problems, but I'm getting it to work with the help of an old plug-in mouse. Primitive has its virtues.

When I contemplated writing this week's 501 words and dashes by hand, I didn't contemplate it for long. Ultimately I would have been forced to digitize my scribbling anyway for publication. (And I must say that I find it ironic or paradoxical or something that the word "digitize" is based on "digit," which, to me, means finger. If I were more mathematical, it might mean number. But I'm not. A digit is a finger, and that's where we got numbers in the first place. My opinion; my mindset.)

Counting the words for this week's essay would have been the hardest part if I'd tried it in my longhand mode, especially if I tried to keep count as I aimed toward the final total, all the while scratching out stuff and starting over.

The last time I did anything like that was when I (and some of my classmates; you know who you are) had to write a 500-word essay on why it's not good to shoot paper wads at the substitute teacher. Just to make it hard for the teacher to read, I wrote the running total above about every third word.

### END OF UNFINISHED PROSE.

Who knows? Even though Engine 501 in Childress gave me an official length for this column, maybe it was the 500-word punishment assignment, circa 1962, that really inspired me as to the number of words I offer you readers weekly. Let's call it punishment all the way around.

Meanwhile, I'm going to search the attic for that old paper wad treatise. Back-up columns are where you find them. table! Someone had delivered them. And everybody liked them.

Can we call the whole scenario a Christmas miracle-ita? I am.

## Lockney Senior Citizen's News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**LOCKNEY** —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, Wednes-

day, 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

January 1 – January 5

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## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**FLOYDADA** - 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 to 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!

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituaries

### Maryland Kay (Riddley) Walker

Maryland Kay (Riddley) Walker, 63, passed away in Jesus' arms on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Homegoing service was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

A Wake was held from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral

Home of Lockney.

Maryland was born August 13, 1954, to Louis and Odessa Riddley in Lockney Texas. She attended school in Lockney and graduated in 1974. She went on to Wayland Baptist University where she completed 2 years of college, and married Clyde Walker Sr.

Later in life, Maryland was employed at WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney, Texas, where she worked 10 years as a Dietary Assistant. Afterwards, she worked at Lockney Housing Author-

ity for 12 years as a Leasing Manager.

Maryland was a member of Full Armor Ministry.

She is preceded in death by her father, Louis Riddley; and son, James Louis Walker.

She is survived by her five children, Aneatria Johnson of Indianapolis, Indiana, JR Walker and Patricia Reyes of Lockney, Vanessa and her husband, Andre Lee of Lubbock, Shanequa and her husband, Dustin Green of Plainview, and LaJohntae English of Lockney; her



MARYLAND KAY (RIDDLEY) WALKER

mother, Odessa Riddley; and 11 grandchildren.

If you wish to donate flowers, Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney will be receiving flowers on Tuesday, December 26.

Online condolences can be made at moore-rose.com.

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.

—Melody Beattie

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.

—Neil Gaiman

Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing. Believe in yourself. And believe that there is a loving Source - a Sower of Dreams - just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams come true.

—Sarah Ban Breathnach

If you asked me for my New Year Resolution, it would be to find out who I am.

—Cyril Cusack

Make New Year's goals. Dig within, and discover what you would like to have happen in your life this year. This helps you do your part. It is an affirmation that you're interested in fully living life in the year to come.

—Melody Beattie

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton

New Year's Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time.

—James Agate

I have no way of knowing how people really feel, but the vast majority of those I meet couldn't be nicer. Every once in a while someone barks at me. My New Year's resolution is not to bark back.

—Tucker Carlson

### Ed Musser

Ed Musser, 86, of Canyon, passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017 at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Steve Olsen, pastor, officiated.

The family received friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at Brooks Chapel.

Ed Musser was born on April 26, 1931 in Amarillo to H. E. and Cleo Smith Musser. He graduated from Groom High School and then received his Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M

College. He married Patsy Holland on December 27, 1955 in Lockney.

Ed was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1953-1956 and then was a pilot for United Airlines for 34 years. He and Patsy moved to Canyon in 1993 and were very active members of the First Baptist Church where he served as deacon.

He was also a member of The Gideons International and after retirement, enjoyed being active with TBM Camp Builders from 1995-2002. Ed was proud

of his five boys and supported them in all of their activities growing up. He was even more proud of his grandchildren.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Faye Scott, two brothers, Ralph and Bob Musser, and a sister-in-law, Joan Musser.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Musser, of the home; five sons, Robert Musser and wife, Donna of Conway, Arkansas, Thomas Musser of Lubbock, William Musser of Prescott, Arizona, James Musser and wife, Kristen

of Rolla, Missouri, and Joseph Musser and wife, Sarah of Nacogdoches; sister, Aileene Williams and husband, Charles of Tulia; two brothers, Bill Musser of Groom, Texas and Yuma, Arizona, and Tom Musser and wife, Ann of Angleton; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to The Canyon Gideons, in support of the Bible Ministry, PO Box 405, Canyon, TX 79015.

Please sign the online guest registry at www.brooksfuneral.com.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Community of Light

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. —John 1:9 (NIV)

It was the fourth Sunday night of Advent. We heard the wind whistling around the building as the congregation stood passing the flame from candle to candle in the stillness of the church sanctuary. We formed a quiet procession as we exited the building and headed toward our youth group's living manger scene on the street corner. Youth in costumes had been standing in the cold for an hour, gazing at the babe in the manger to remind those passing by that the Christ child was near. Outside, our tiny flames were no match for the fierce wind. With each step someone's candle was snuffed out. Friends stopped and relit each other's candles until we arrived at our destination where the manger scene sheltered us

from the wind. Our candles flickered in the darkness as we sang carols celebrating the birth of Immanuel, God with us.

This is what we do as people of faith! We gather together in community, passing the small light we have to those experiencing loss, need, sadness, sickness, and pain. We remind one another that no matter

how difficult our present circumstances, the Christ child is always near, bringing light into our world.

—Kathy K. Norman (Alabama)

#### Prayer for the day:

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus into our world to illuminate all the shadows in our lives. Help us to share your love with others today. Amen.

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<p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship...11 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Carr's Chapel</b> Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b> West College &amp; Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b> Matthew Benfield, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Ron Montgomery, Interim Minister of Worship Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Lockney Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m. Wed High School - 6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday - 8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th St. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b> 310 Mississippi Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor</p>	<p>Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Floydada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> Lockney Fr. Arockia Dhass Jeganathan Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study 10 a.m. - Mass Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation - CYO to follow Thurs. - 6:30 pm- Evening Mass *****</p>	<p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m. English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ruban Selvaraj 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Templo Bethel</b> <b>Spanish Assembly of God</b> Washington And 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Wed Service - 7 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston Tom Ross, Pastor 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> Providence Community On Frn 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
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# Floyd County Stock Show set for Jan. 13

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY – Floyd County Stock Show events begin on Jan. 11 ending with the show and sale Jan. 13 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Here is a schedule and rules for the upcoming show.

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, January 11, 2018

10:00 am Barn Opens  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Heifers and Steers Weigh in  
5:00 pm Dairy Heifer, Heifer, Steer Show

### Friday, January 12, 2018

9:00 am Barn Opens  
1:00pm – 4:00pm Swine, Goats, Lambs Weigh In and in place

### Saturday, January 13, 2018

8:00am Gilt Show  
Barrow Show  
Approx. 12:00pm Lunch Break  
**No Animals Leave Barn without Superintendent Approval**  
Goat Show  
Lamb Show  
Approx. 4:00pm Set Up Premium Sale Scholarships/Entertainment  
Approx. 5:00pm Buyer's Meal  
Approx. 6:00pm Premium Sale

### Load All Animals Upon Conclusion of Premium Sale

### Sunday, January 14, 2018

2:00pm Cleanup Unity Center

## 2017 – 2018 Floyd County Junior Stock Show Assn.

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## Floyd County Junior Stock Show Scholarship Program

The Floyd County Stock Show Scholarship program was initiated in 2002. The purpose of the scholarship program is to reward the years of hard work by the High School Senior Exhibitors who have showed at the county stock show three of the last four years. Through this program, the board of directors hopes to help further the exhibitor's higher education at a college, university or trade school.

The individual scholarships awarded initially were in the amount of \$500.00. However, due to the support of the Floyd County community, these scholarships have increased over the years to \$750.00 in 2010 and to \$1000.00 in 2011.

The 2014 "John Deere Gator Raffle" greatly contributed to the funding of the scholarship program into the future.

The board of directors of the Floyd County Junior Stock Show Assn. is very proud to be able to offer scholarships to the exhibitors of Floyd County. We appreciate their years of hard work in these endeavors and wish them well as they continue their higher education.

## Scholarship Recipients

- 2002 Jurahee Jones, Tye Woods, Kacie Young
- 2003 Corey Hayter, Janee Hrbacek, Katie Kelley, Garret Mathis, Chase Mitchell, Ashley Norrell, Tasha Powell, Brady Rasco, Kellen Wyrick
- 2004 Ross Bennett, Cody Gardener, Lindsey Nutt, Justin Stoener
- 2005 Eddie Lee Fortenberry, Katy Gooch, Meghan Graham, Trey Graves, Tate Greer, Karah Hrbacek, Hagen Johnson, Kayla Kelley, Lauren Powell, Spencer Schaubt, Cody Ware, Whitney Williams, Mandi Woods
- 2006 Jeslynn Bradley, Tyler Chessir, Jason Nutt, Marla Reeves, Jeffri Vaughn, Clay Ware, Ty Young
- 2007 Taylor Beedy, Britnee Brotherton, Kallie Ferguson, Tate Jones, Kayla Kelley, Edrie Marricle, Ryan Monreal, Krista Rasco
- 2008 Asa Cole, Johanna Dawdy, Senee Foster, Will Foster, Allison Griggs, Chris Hayter, Garrison Marricle, Brandon Monreal, Brady Ragland
- 2009 Dillon Chesshir, Tyler Derryberry, Segayle Foster, James

- Mercado, Tori Wilburn
- 2010 Walker Kemp, Mason Lipham, Kaylie Nutt, Kortney Williams
- 2011 Alece Annunziato, Cassie Martinez, Kacee Armstrong
- 2012 SyAnn Foster, McCrae McCormick, Katie Miller, Hayden Lipham, Kat Araujo, Meagan Dunn
- 2013 McKenzie Kemp, Eric Cortez, Karmicheal Ramos, John Paul Chavarria, Kelsey Nutt, Jose Guerrero,
- 2014 Reeda Sustaita, Ky Teeter, Tanille Bigham, Madolyn McCormick, Kolby Williams, Braden Graves
- 2015 JW Jackson, Haley Dunbar, Sarah Carstensen, Javier Guerrero
- 2016 Jared Orr, Reagan Hughes, Rita Martinez, Kirby Nixon, Karis Carstensen, Anissa Guerrero, Scott Lass, Stephen Setliff
- 2017 Shelby Dunbar, Tabettha Bigham, Seattle Jackson

## Past Sweepstakes Scholarship Recipients

1970	Judy Probasco	1994	Rhanda Hickerson
1971	Will Sinor	1995	Charla Yeary
1972	Kay Russell	1996	Amber Womack
1973	Danny Martin	1997	Stacey Lloyd
1974	Chris Johnston	1998	Grechen Quebe
1975	Dean Hinton	1999	Sarah Martin
1976	Ricky Hrbacek	2000	Shane Lloyd
1977	Joe Araujo	2001	Cienna Carthel
1978	David Foster	2002	Kacie Young
1979	Jody Foster	2003	Tasha Powell
1980	Doug Sparkman	2004	Molly Long
1981	Monty Seymour	2005	Spencer Schacht
1982	Margie Araujo	2006	Ty Young
1983	Jodi Smith	2007	Krista Rasco
1984	Earl Broseh	2008	Senee Foster
1985	Brent Williams	2009	Segayle Foster
1986	Coy LaBaume	2010	Mason Lipham
1987	Matt Mitchell	2011	KaCee Armstrong
1988	Kelli LaBaume	2012	SyAnn Foster
1989	Dean Smith	2013	Kelsey Nutt
1990	Grant Cage	2014	Ky Teeter
1991	Stacey Hinsley	2015	Haley Dunbar
1992	Chad Cook	2016	Kirby Nixon
1993	Todd Cage	2017	Shelby Dunbar

## RULES

### Swine Division

- I. Swine refers to Barrows and Open Gilts ONLY.
- II. The minimum weight for swine will be 90 lbs and exceptions left to the discretion of the swine superintendent.
- III. Swine weights must be submitted as recorded at the show barn on the official scales supervised by the swine superintendent. Weight cards are due by 4:30pm Friday prior to the show.
- IV. No weigh back will be required.
- V. Swine classes will be broken by the weight submitted at time of weigh-in. There will be no more than 15 head per class. Classifications are left to the discretion of the swine superintendent.
- VI. There must be at least THREE LIKE ANIMALS to constitute a breed.
- VII. Mineral oil, baby oil, and powder will not be permitted on swine.
- VIII. Gilts must have ear notches and breed identification on their state validation forms by December 1st of the year prior to the show.
- IX. Gilts and Barrows will show separately and shall be treated as individual divisions.

### Swine Classes

1. Black OPB: Spot, Poland, Berkshire, Hereford
2. White OPB: Chester, Landrace
3. Duroc
4. Hampshire
5. Yorkshire
6. Cross Bred

### Steer Division

- Animals exhibited may be fed in any manner suitable to the individual exhibitor. All steers must be halter broke to show and show in the arena to be eligible for the premium sale.
- II. Steer Classifications:
    1. Blacks
    2. Non-Blacks
    3. British
    4. Hereford
    5. American
  - III. Steer exhibitors will blow and show for fitting purposes.
  - IV. Steers must be state validated by July 1st of the year prior to the show.
  - V. Absolutely no paint will be allowed.

### Dairy Heifer Division

All Dairy Heifers must have registration papers or an AOB county validation by November 1st of the year prior to the show. Animals must be papered or validated in the exhibitor's name. Identifying tattoos may be checked against registrations and papers at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.

Dairy Heifer Breed divisions are at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.

Dairy Heifers must be owned by November 1st of the year prior to the show.

Dairy Heifers must have been born after September 1st of the second year prior to the show.

Dairy Heifers must be blood tested or be calf-hood vaccinated if over twelve months of age.

### Heifer Division

- I. All heifers must have registration papers or an AOB county validation by November 1st of the year prior to the show. Animals must be papered or validated in the exhibitor's name. Identifying tattoos may be checked against registrations and papers at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.
- II. Registered classes will be broken by age. AOB classes will be broken by hip-height. Breed divisions are at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.
- III. Heifers must be owned by November 1st of the year prior to the show.
- IV. Heifers must have been born after September 1st of the second year prior to the show.
- V. Heifers must be blood tested or be calf-hood vaccinated if over twelve months of age.
- VI. Heifer exhibitors will blow and show for fitting purposes.
- VII. Absolutely no paint will be allowed.

## Goat Division

- I. All goats must be state validated and does must be county validated by November 1st.
- II. Wether or meat goats may be shown.
- III. All goats must be slick shorn within 3/8th of an inch above the knee and hock, with the exception of the switch.
- IV. No painting, powdering, or dyeing of goats will be permitted.
- V. Goats must be de-horned or tipped. No de-horning or tipping will be permitted on the show grounds.
- VI. Showing style is left at the discretion of the exhibitor.
- VII. Exhibitors must submit weight cards to the lamb and goat superintendent by 4:30pm on the Friday prior to the show.

## Lamb Division

- I. Ewe and wether lambs may be shown. Rams, stag lambs, and ewe lambs showing signs of pregnancy will not be permitted to show.
- II. Weight cards must be submitted to the goat and lamb superintendent by 4:30pm the Friday prior to the show. The superintendent will have the authority to class the lamb division, according to timely submitted weight cards, and to re-weigh first and second place class winners. Weigh backs are subject to a 5lb over/under tolerance.
- III. All lambs must be shorn within 7 days of the show.
- IV. Lamb breeds will be divided into classes according to weight. Where possible, classes will consist of not less than 6 and no more than 12.
- V. All lambs must be state and/or county validated by November 1st.
- VI. No paint, dye, or any form of artificial coloring shall be permitted. Un-ethically fitted lambs will be barred from the show at request of the superintendent and the discretion of the Executive Committee of the stock show board.
- VII. Classifications and class divisions or additions at the discretion of Superintendent.

## Lamb Classes

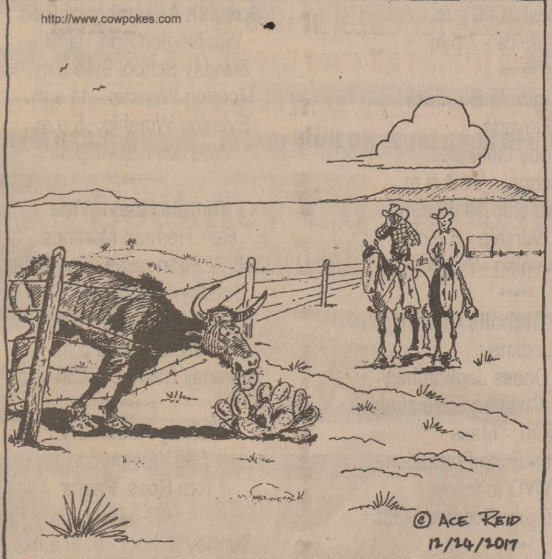
1. Fine Wool: Rambouillet, Merino, or cross of the two.
2. Fine Wool Crossbred: Typically first cross of a Suffolk, Hampshire, Corridals, Dorset or Columbia with either a Rambouillet or Merino
3. Southdown: Purebred Southdown
4. Medium Wool

## GENERAL RULES

- I. The Floyd County Junior Stock Show, its officials, or any persons involved in or with the show, in any capacity, will in NO case be responsible for the death, loss, injury or damage that may occur to any animal, person or equipment at any time or place. Entry affirms agreement.
- II. Entries may be accepted from any regularly and timely enrolled 4-H member, boy or girl, who is 9 years of age and / or in the 3rd grade or older before the show, or FFA and FHA members under the supervision of the current Floyd County Extension Agent, Lockney, or Floydada Vocational Agriculture Instructor. Exhibitors must be enrolled in public school within Floyd County. Exceptions must be approved by the Executive Committee of the stock show board.
- III. All animals must be in show condition to remain on premises and may be disqualified at the discretion of the superintendent and the approval of the Executive Committee.
- IV. All animals, to be eligible to show, must be on feed in Floyd County, at the primary residence of, or on land owned by the exhibitors family. All animals are subject to the state rules of validation, procedures and times. Exceptions must be approved by the Executive Committee of the stock show board.
- V. There will be any ENTRY FEE of \$20 per HEAD assessed for participation in the Floyd County Stock Show. There will be a DEAD-LINE of DECEMBER 1st for submission of entry information and fees to the appropriate advisor. There will be no refunds on entry fees.
- VI. The show barn, located in the Muncy Community at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center Building, will open on the Thursday and/or Friday prior to show day to receive animal entries. All animals must be in the barn Thursday and/or Friday, unless approved by the superintendent. Weigh-in of animals will occur from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Thursday and 1:00pm to 4:00pm on the Friday prior to the show.
- VII. Exhibitor, parent, or advisor must be present at time of weigh-in and submission of weight cards to the superintendent.
- VIII. All animals will be shown according to timely submitted weight cards. All determinations of the weight judge or superintendent are final.
- IX. Floyd County Junior Stock Show officials, exhibitors, and guests will follow the standing rule of The Floyd County Friends Unity Center at all times. PINE SHAVINGS ONLY may be used as bedding. The premises are to be kept clean, all trash and bedding to be removed at the conclusion of the show and sale. All animals must be securely penned or tied. No animal is allowed free access to roam the show ring or open areas of the barn. Animals will be re-penned once and asked to leave upon further occurrence.
- X. Only paid entries will be allowed to show.
- XI. Showmanship participation is limited to species and classifications in which the exhibitor has a valid entry. Showmanship divisions are as follows: Junior Division, 13 years of age and younger the day of the show; Senior Division, 14 years of age and older the day of the show.
- XII. UIL rules will be followed. Compliance must be agreed upon by all involved school districts prior to arrival and exhibition of animals. Guidelines, dates, and eligibility must be known by the appropriate advisor prior to the arrival and exhibition of animals. Unsportsmanlike conduct, deception, fraud, and/or un-ethical practices by exhibitors, parents, or advisors will not be tolerated. Penalties for such behavior will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the stock show board.
- XIII. The Executive Committee of the Floyd County Junior Stock Show Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, General Superintendent, and Division Superintendents. This committee shall have the authority to decide any and all matter that arise during the show and show week.
- XIV. The Floyd County Junior Stock Show Assn. will allow no more than a total of 31 cattle animals and a combination of 126 animals of other species, show eligible, a place in the premium sale. The percentage of swine, goats, and lambs to be offered at the premium sale will be a direct function of the number of each represented on the day of the show. Animal of any show eligible species may be offered to offset cattle numbers less than 31. Cattle shortfall replacements will be determined in the same manner as above explained.
- XV. Each exhibitor will be allowed to draw sale premium on ONLY 2 ANIMALS of any combination of species. THE EXCEPTION to this rule is an exhibitor with more than two Grand Champion animals. All Grand Champions will be offered for the premium sale. It shall be the responsibility of all exhibitors to walk through (Grands and Reserves) or represent their animal in the premium sale. Inability to do so must be approved by the Executive Committee. All animals that are offered at the premium sale will sale on a PER HEAD BASIS.
- XVI. All Grand and Reserve Grand animals must remain on the show grounds until the conclusion of the premium sale or released by the superintendent. No animals may leave the barn after the lunch break unless released by the superintendent.
- XVII. Each animal is required to be state and county validated. Validation may be done under a family name thereby making any sibling or step-sibling eligible to show any validated animal. Each exhibitor is subject to ALL above rules and a paid entry must exist for EACH INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL.
- XVIII. These are general rules. If there is a conflict between these and the division guidelines, the DIVISION RULE WILL HAVE AUTHORITY.

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# Farm Service Agency – A Vital Source of Assistance to America’s Farmers and Ranchers

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 2017 – Through the work of dedicated staff in over 2,100 county and state offices, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides vital farm safety-net assistance to agricultural producers across America.

“We’ve seen recent challenges in farm income and commodity prices,” said Dr. Robert Johansson, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Farm Production and Conservation mission area. “The ‘safety net’ provided in the 2014 Farm Bill has helped producers withstand economic losses as well as losses resulting from natural disasters. Loans for operating expenses, farm purchases and other purposes help current producers stay in business and allow a new generation of farmers and ranchers get their start.”

Agriculture demands working capital. According to Johansson, FSA provided credit, either directly or guaranteed through commercial lenders, to 120,000 family farmers across the country.

In fiscal year 2017, USDA Farm Loan Programs pumped \$6 billion in support to a diverse group of producers across America. That was the second highest total in FSA history. Over \$2.5 billion of that total was direct and guaranteed operating loans, and another \$3.5 billion was allocated for direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans. This additional financing enabled farmers and ranchers across the country to access capital to start their operations,

or to expand their existing operations. The new lending continued the recent growth in FSA’s farm loan portfolio.

FSA highlights from the year include:

Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

• USDA is issuing approximately \$8 billion in payments under the ARC and PLC programs to agricultural producers who suffered market downturns in 2016.

• In 2017, FSA distributed \$1.6 billion in CRP payments to over 375,000 Americans for doing their part in improving water quality, reducing soil erosion and increasing wildlife habitat.

### Disaster Assistance

In response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, USDA announced special procedures to assist producers in states and territories who lost crops or livestock or had other damage to their farms or ranches. Also, because of the severe and widespread damage caused by the hurricanes, USDA provided flexibility to assist farm loan borrowers. FSA dispatched additional staff to the affected areas and, in response to a request for assistance, rolled out a special program providing vouchers to dairy herd owners in Puerto Rico who used the assistance to purchase feed.

USDA also provided extensive assistance for a variety of other disasters throughout the country, including drought in the northern high plains, wildfires in the west and central

plains, floods, tornados, freezes and other storms. For example, in July, USDA authorized the use of additional CRP lands for emergency grazing and haying in and around portions of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota affected by severe drought. USDA also added the ability for farmers and ranchers in those areas to hay and graze CRP wetland and buffer practices. This followed a previous action in April and June to assist the area and provided livestock producers with an additional feed source. In October, FSA teamed with other USDA agencies to provide assistance to wildfire-damaged areas of northern California, including loans and other disaster assistance programs.

### New Farmers

In August, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue signed a Memorandum of Understanding with officials from SCORE, the nation’s largest volunteer network of expert business mentors, to support new and beginning farmers. The agreement provides new help and resources for beginning ranchers, veterans, women, socially disadvantaged Americans and others, providing new tools to help them both grow and thrive in agri-business.

Johansson said these accomplishments are in line with Secretary Perdue’s goals of maximizing the ability of the men and women of America’s agriculture and agribusiness sector to create jobs, prioritizing customer service every day for American taxpayers and consumers and ensuring the food we produce meets the strict safety standards we’ve established while always remembering that America’s agricultural bounty comes directly from the land.

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# The Plainview FFA District Banquet



Courtesy photo

The Plainview FFA District Banquet was held on Monday, Dec. 18 in Nazareth. Myra Garcia, Ruth Ramirez, Ryder Glass, Alex Glass, Monty Stambaugh, Daniel Cervera and Jacob Chavarria received award banners.

# Quilt class creations



Courtesy photos

In the past semester, students in Mrs. Dana Crossland’s classes made quilts. Take a look at their beautiful and unique designs.

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it reminded us of the place where we raised our children—Hollister, Idaho,” Brown said. “We do jobs all over the country in big cities with lots of demand and stress. It’s nice to come home to a small town.”

The Browns will be relocating to Floydada and will live here.

Route 66 Pizza and Deli should have seating to accommodate 60 to 70 diners.

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Williams passed away.

If it’s October, it’s Punkin Days in Floydada. The 30th Annual Punkin Days has grown to now include several days of festivities including a chili and barbecue cook-off. More than 100 vendors celebrated the occasion and attendance estimates for this nationally recognized event range from 10,000 to 13,000. Also, in October, a new business opened in Floydada, Nutt-House designs—a boutique specializing in imprinted items and gifts.

James Heitzenrater became the new CEO for W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Lockney

in November. He succeeds Larry Mullins who left after almost six years as CEO to accept a position on the Texas coast to be closer to family. Heitzenrater was mostly CEO with a health services company in Richmond, Texas. Also, in November, a new business opened in Lockney, Roxi’s Attic, a new shop that specializes in DIY paint, supplies and workshops to help customers repurpose furniture and similar antique items. The Floydada Chamber held their annual meeting in November and named Floyd Supply “The Business of the Year” because of their support of community activities.

Christmas came to Floyd County in December with Santa on the Square in Floy-

dada on December 9, and Miracle on Main in Lockney also on December 9. In Lockney, Main Street merchants were open until 9 p.m. for shopping; the Longhorn band played Christmas songs; and the mayor oversaw the lighting of the Christmas tree. Santa was on-hand for photos and free hot chocolate was made available for families. In Floydada Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand in the foyer of First National Bank of Floydada and parents could take photos and free booths were available to local vendors. Also, in December, it was announced that Route 66 Pizza and Deli would be opening in the former Hale’s Department Store on the south side of the Square in Floydada.



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—Barbra, Kay, Charles and the Blackburn Media Group