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Photo Courtesy of Sarah Crisman.

The Floyd County tradition of the "Spirit of Christmas" served 325 hot meals on Christmas morning this year. Helping cook, serve and deliver were (left to right) Corey Johnston, Cory Speed, Hulon Carthel, RaNay Johnston, Anne Carthel, Mallory Graham, Jill Graham, Rachael Graham, Jacob Graham, Emma Tyler, Faith Tyler, Annabelle Tyler, Camden Johnston, Cash Johnston, Angie Kunselman, Shawn Kunselman. Unavailable for the photo was Rick, Brenda, and Reagan Heflin, Barbara Lutrick, Dorothy Turner, Todd, Amanda, Reese and Cooper Hinsley, Barbara and Mike Anderson, Gary Brown and Randell Sims.

"Spirit of Christmas" serves 325 hot meals

By Corey Johnston
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

I would like to Thank not only our local corporate donors, Western Equipment, Apex Clean Energy and Floydada Coop Gin, but also to say Thank You to the individuals who donated not only money but gave their time this year.

I would also like to Thank Lowe's Marketplace in Floydada for their help in securing our food and First Baptist Church of Floydada for the use of their kitchen.

This year we served 325 meals including 44 meals sent to Plainview and 50 meals sent to the Ronald

McDonald House in Lubbock. All of the leftover food was donated to Floydada Senior Citizens in Floydada as well.

I personally want to say "Thank You" to this year's volunteers: Hulon and Anne Carthel, Rick, Brenda, and Reagan Heflin, Barbara Lutrick, Dorothy Turner, Jill, Mallory, Rachael, and Jacob Graham, Todd, Amanda, Reese and Cooper Hinsley, Shawn and Angie Kunselman, Cory Speed, Faith, Emma, and Annabelle Tyler and Sarah Crisman, Barbara and Mike Anderson, Gary Brown and Randell Sims, and RaNay, Camo and Cash Johnston. Your time and pa-

tience is truly inestimable.

This year was rather unusual as I ordered food, I ordered enough for about 200 +/- meals and when the list was given to me it had 100 more recipients on it than I had ordered food for. Not only did we have enough food for 325 meals, but remarkably we had food leftover. It kind of reminds you of the "Five Loaves and Two Fish"

The "Spirit of Christmas" is a Floyd County tradition that goes back several decades through multiple families and multiple generations. In many ways the whole community gets involved.

New H&R Block ribbon cutting Jan. 8

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

The new H&R Block office will have its ribbon cutting Monday, Jan. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

H&R Block District Manager Les McGrew talked about the new facility and its operation. "From January 5 through February 28, we will do 1040 EZ filing for free," he said. "And during that same timeframe, we are offering up to \$3,000 in refund advances paid the same day."

Even though the H&R Block Floydada is in a new location and its previous franchisee is no longer with the company, a familiar face will be working in the Floydada H&R Block office. Sandra Casillas who had worked in the previous H&R Block office in Floydada for five years will be working in this office as well.

The H&R Block office will be open Monday through Friday from 9



Courtesy photos

The ribbon cutting for the new H&R Block in Floydada will be Monday, Jan. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 5 p.m. They will also be available for requested for night appointments.

McGrew emphasized that it's very easy to get H&R Block to do your taxes. "Just bring in any type of income statements—W2, pension, records for self-employment—your home ownership documents and receipts for major expenses. We can guide you from there."

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 STOCKSHOW

The Floyd County Stock Show events begin on Jan. 11 ending with the show and sale on Jan. 13 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. More info will be in next week's Hesperian-Beacon.

CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

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. 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. See article in this See **UPCOMING**, Page 2

Correction

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

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Lockney girl killed in auto accident



Courtesy photo

Kayla Renee Rodriguez Archer, 15, of Lockney passed away on Friday Dec. 22 in a fatal automobile accident. She was the daughter of Janie Archer of Lockney.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

On December 22, Floyd County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident that occurred on FM 2883 about four miles South of US Hwy 70.

When law enforcement and Lockney EMS arrived, the driver identified as fif-

teen-year-old Kayla Archer of Lockney was found unresponsive and transported to WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Archer was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident and was ejected from the vehicle. The vehicle was traveling East on

FM 2883 when the vehicle left the roadway.

Sergeant Ruben Deleon is leading the accident investigation with the assistance of the Texas Department of Public Safety. At this time, it is not known if speed or texting was a factor in the crash.

Archer was the daughter of Janie Archer of Lockney.

Cotton ginning to wrap-up in January



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

Ginning at the Floydada Co-op Gin looks like it will exceed 2015 numbers, but not 2016's all-time high.

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

2017 looks more like 2015 than 2016 in Floyd County.

As of last week, Floydada Co-op Gin had ginned 74,581 bales and had 3,727 modules in the field and 1,315 in the yard. 2017 should exceed 2015 when they ginned 74,938 total, but fall short of 2016's all-time record of 112,431 which took until the third week of February to gin.

As of last week, Lockney Co-op had ginned 27,921 and had 331 in the yard and 682 in the field. D&J had ginned 34,681 and had 1,104 in the field and 331 in the yard.

Darty had ginned 22,565 and had 307 in the yard and 369 in the field.

All gins said they expect to finish in about three weeks, which should put final ginning to be completed by mid-January to the third week of January.

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 Grip and Hannah (Leyendecker) Fortenberry ~ Jan. 5
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week's Hesperian-Beacon. 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 January.

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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Sheriff's crime report

November 1st Deputy was dispatched to the 300 Block of SE 4th Street about an Assault. When Deputies arrived on scene, they were met by the complainant who stated that he'd been assaulted by his son. Deputies arrested Aaron Lopes 19, of Lockney for Domestic Assault.

November 2nd Deputy was dispatched to a crash on US Hwy 70 where a 2014 GMC struck a deer in the roadway. The driver and occupants were not injured in the accident.

November 3rd Deputy was dispatched to the 1700 Block of CR 181 about a stolen fence charger. The complainant stated that the fence charger was an FI Shock fence charger. The complainant reported the fence charger was worth about One hundred and Eighty dollars.

November 4th Deputy was dispatched to US Hwy 70 about a crash that involved a deer and 2005 Ford SUV. The occupants in this accident were not injured.

November 5th Deputy arrested Miguel Sanchez 34, of Floydada in the 300 Block of 4th street in the City of Floydada for a Child support warrant out of Gains County.

November 12th Sheriff's Deputies and the Floydada Police were dispatched to the 200 Block of West Tennessee about a vehicle fire. When officers arrived, they noticed that a vehicle had been vandalized. An occupant of the residence was yelling profanity and as officers attempted to arrest the occupant for disorderly conduct they were surrounded by the individual's family. During the altercation, two Deputies were injured and required medical attention. Adam Esquivel was arrested for Assaulting a public servant, Resisting arrest, Arson, Escape and an outstanding warrant out of Lubbock County for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more. Rudolfo Esquivel 51, of Floydada, was arrested for Interfering with public duties and Resisting arrest. Rebecca Orozco 29, of Floydada, was arrested for Interfering with public duties and Hindering Apprehension.

November 14th Deputy meet with a complainant who stated that someone was accessing his bank account and paying their utility bill in Lubbock, Texas. The complainant reported that he'd been notified by his bank. This case is still under investigation, and two suspects have been identified and both suspects are facing Fraud charges. Sheriff Raissez and his Deputies assisted the Hale County Sheriff's Office to locate a stolen Red Ford F250 that was taken while the operator was out checking a field. They were told that a small black Toyota pulled up

alongside the Ford pickup and that one of the occupants of the Toyota exited that vehicle and stole the Red Ford pickup. The car was tracked by GPS and located abandoned on County Road 30 in Floyd County. The owner reported that a 1911 handgun and a Yeti cooler had been taken out of the vehicle.

November 15th Sheriff Raissez was contacted about a stolen vehicle in the 700 Block of North FM 378. Sheriff Raissez was told that a 1993 Chevy pickup Blue in color had been taken some time during the night.

Deputy was dispatched to US Hwy 70 about a crash involving a 2014 Cadillac SUV that had struck a deer. The driver was not injured in this accident.

Deputy was dispatched to the Lockney baseball field about a burglary of a trailer belonging to HELLES construction Company of San Antonio, Texas. Employees of HELLAS told Deputy that numerous hand tools, Honda generator, STHIL backpack blower had been taken out of the trailer. The vehicle was also involved in a burglary of a HELLAS trailer that was parked at the Lockney baseball field.

Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 500 Block of SE 4th Street in the City of Lockney. When the Deputy contacted the driver, the Deputy could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage and upon further investigation the Deputy located meth in the vehicle. Rick Garcia 47, of Plainview, was arrested for Possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram.

November 16th Deputy was dispatched to a crash that involved a semi-truck on US Hwy 70 that had driven off the roadway and struck an Excel utility pole. Damon Godwin 44, of Herford, Texas was issued a citation for failure to maintain a single lane. The driver was not injured in the crash.

November 17th Deputy was dispatched to the 300 Block of County Road 119 about some vandalism and theft of a chop saw. The complainant informed the Deputy that someone had kicked in the front door of his residence and then made entry into his barn. Deputy was told that no one had lived in the home for several years.

Deputy met with a Complainant at the Sheriff's Office who informed the Deputy that a hired hand had taken a 1998 Green Lincoln Navigator without his permission.

November 18th Deputy was dispatched to a crash on US Hwy 70 North of the City of Floydada that involved a Sheriff's vehicle that struck a deer in the roadway. No injuries were reported.

Deputy conducted a traffic stop for speeding in the City of Lockney. Jose Luna 35, of Lockney, was arrested for an

outstanding warrant out of District Court for Motion to Revoke on Evading with a vehicle.

November 20th Deputy took a report from Commissioner Nathan Johnson that someone had stolen the batteries out of his dump truck that was parked on FM 79 and TX 207.

Deputy was dispatched to TX 207 and FM 97 about a crash that involved two semi-trucks. The Deputy was told that lead semi-truck was attempting to make a left-hand turn onto FM 97 when the second semi-truck struck the trailer of the first semi-truck. No injuries were reported.

Deputy conducted a traffic stop on US 70 in the City of Lockney for speeding, and during the stop, K9 was requested. K9 alerted on the vehicle. Deputies searched the 2011 BMW and found marijuana and some scales in the BMW. Sonny Lara 25, of Plainview, was issued a criminal citation for Possession of marijuana under two ounces.

November 22nd Deputy was dispatched to a crash that occurred at the intersection of SW1st and Spruce Street in the City of Lockney. A Chevy Cruze was headed East on Spruce Street and disregarded a Yield sign and collided with a Chevy Impala that was traveling North on 1st Street. Alicia Fierros 53, of Lockney, was issued a citation for Failure to yield the right of way. No injuries were reported.

November 23rd Deputy conducted a traffic stop for speeding on US Hwy 70, and during the stop, the Deputy was informed that Cory Hemphill 29, of Amarillo, Texas had an outstanding warrant out of Potter County for Failure to Identify.

Deputy arrested Aaron Lopez 19, of Lockney in the 500 Block of East Guest Street in the City of Lockney for an outstanding warrant out of County Court for Evading Arrest.

November 27th Deputy was dispatched to the 200 Block of NE 4th street about a Hispanic male threatening to harm another individual. Michael Alaniz 35, of Lockney, was arrested for Terroristic Threatening.

Deputy responded to a fight in progress in the 500 Block of West Jackson in the City of Floydada. When officers arrived, Rocky Lamas 37, of Floydada, was arrested for Disorderly conduct and Resisting arrest.

November 29th Deputy was dispatched to a crash in the 400 Block of West Willow that involved two vehicles. A Ford F150 was stopped at a Yield sign at the intersection of Willow and SE 1st Street when a Toyota Tundra made a sharp turn and struck the Ford F150 headed on. The crash was a low impact crash, and no injuries were reported.

Whirlwinds open Caprock Classic with victory

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada-62 Muleshoe-48

The Floydada Whirlwinds wrapped up a weekend of basketball at the 59th Annual Caprock Classic in Lubbock finishing with a 2-2 record. The Winds opened up the action on Thursday with a victory over Muleshoe 62-48. Led by Garrett Hobbs (28 points and 13 rebounds) and Remington Ricketts (16 points, 10 rebounds and 11 blocks), Floydada advanced to face the Shallowater Mustangs on Thursday evening.

Shallowater-66 Floydada-56

Shallowater would face one of their toughest opponents in Floydada as the Winds were neck and neck with the eventual tournament champions. A couple of costly turnovers and questionable flagrant fouls with less than two minutes remaining allowed the Mustangs to advance with a 66-56 victory. Hobbs (16 points and 4 rebounds) and Ricketts (14 points, 10 rebounds and 8 blocks) saw help from Andrew Vega (9 points and 2 rebounds) in the loss.

Morton-77 Floydada-76 (OT)

With the loss still fresh in their minds, the Whirlwinds tipped off against the Morton Indians on Friday. The Indians defeated the Winds earlier in the season with a buzzer-beater and would open up a 15 point lead in the third quarter. Hobbs (29 points and 13 rebounds) and Ricketts (11 points, 14 rebounds and 7 blocks) picked

High School Basketball Scoreboard Boys Scores:

New Deal 69 Ropes 54

Olton 64 Borden County 63

Idalou 67 Morton 63

Vega 48 Slaton 42

up help from Freshman Quincy Gonzales (20 points and 9 rebounds) as they clawed back into the game and forced Morton into overtime. The Indians were down 76-74 with two seconds remaining as Nash Willingham hit a three-pointer to win the game, 77-76. The loss forced Floydada into a final round match-up against the River Road Wildcats on Saturday.

Floydada-71 River Road-32

Floydada closed out the Caprock Tournament by cruising to an easy win over the River Road Wildcats, 71-32. Ricketts (31 points, 7 rebounds and 10 steals) and Hobbs (17 points and 10 rebounds) led the Winds again in their final game of 2017.

The Whirlwinds (11-9 on the season) turn around and host the Lubbock Home-school Titans on Tuesday (1/2/18) at Whirlwind Gym. The Titans are coming off a third place Caprock finish. Floydada travels to Bovina for their final non-district game of the season on Friday (1/5/18). The Winds lost at home to the Steers 94-84 earlier in the season.

The Floydada Lady Winds kick off the new year and district play by traveling to Abernathy on Friday (1/5/18) where the Lady Lopes are coming off a third-place loss in the Caprock Tournament. Floydada then heads south to Post on Tuesday (1/9/18) for another district match-up before hosting Crosbyton (1/12/18) in their district home-opener and a double-header with the Whirlwinds.

Abernathy 65 Abilene Christian 45 Lubbock Titans 55 Post 51

High School Basketball Scoreboard Girls Scores:

Idalou 55 Estacado 48

Ropes 43 Roosevelt 42

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

January 8-12

Monday, Jan. 8

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

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Breakfast - Breakfast Taquito or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk Lunch - Crispy Tacos or Frito Pie, Veggie Cup, Charro Beans, Fruit, Garnish, Salsa, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Breakfast - Waffles, Sausage or Muffin, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk Lunch - Lasagna or Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Tuscan Veggies, Roll, Pears Milk

Thursday, Jan. 11

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

Friday, Jan. 12

Breakfast - Donut or French Toast, Sausage, Juice, Fruit, Milk Lunch - Pulled Pork Sliders, Cole Slaw or Chicken Parmesan, Salad, Breadstick, Green Beans Pineapple, Milk

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

January 8-12

Monday NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Tuesday NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Wednesday

Breakfast - Breakfast on a stick, cereal, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - BBQ beef sandwich, pepperoni pizza, crispy golden tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Sausage breakfast pizza, cereal, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Chicken nuggets w/roll, turkey chili dog, corn, curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Reduced sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, Graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk Lunch - Philly cheese steak, cheese pizza, green peas, golden tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

SPC Workforce Development offers medication administration for nurse aide class

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - South Plains College Workforce Development will offer a Medication Administration Aide Update class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2018 (Saturday) in Room 129 of the South Plains College Lubbock Center.

The instructor is Marsha Thomas.

The cost is \$60 and participants will earn 7 hours or 0.7 CEUs. Pre-registration is recommended with a

maximum of 24 students to be accepted.

This course provides the fulfillment of the annual education renewal requirements for the Certified Medication Aide. Topics include review and update of medication aide training rules, medication administration and related responsibilities.

Students will identify current state guidelines regarding the roles and responsibilities associated with medication administration for non-licensed nursing

personnel employed in licensed health care agencies; and recognize current practices in medication administration including side effects, implications and contraindications of commonly used drugs. Each participant must bring his license number at the time of registration and the day of class.

Additional class dates will be Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7 and Aug. 4.

For more information, call (806) 716-4906.

SOCIETY

Deon Fincher to leave chamber manager position

Chamber manager Deon Fincher's last day with the Floydada Chamber of Commerce was December 31.

She has taken a position

with Double B Design Build, Inc.

However, she will continue to write her column about business happenings in Floydada.

Mangold to hold 25th health fair Feb. 3

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital will hold its 24th Annual Health Fair Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. until noon in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Admission to the health fair will be one canned good to be donated to the Salvation Army.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma checks, cholesterol screens and blood sugar and blood pressure checks. There will also be booths where you can consult with professionals

regarding dentistry, hospice care, optometry and hearing.

The health fair will also provide Children's Photo Identification Cards, which will show a picture and current information about your child. The Children's Photo Identification Cards are being offered as a free public service to families in the area.

The booths at the Health Fair will be manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths. Local and area merchants will provide door prizes.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Happy New Year!!! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

Thank you to the members of the community who came to our public meeting. Thanks too for your suggestions. You are a vital part in keeping this organization going.

Mark your January calendars with these dates:

January 5th - Family Night Fish Fry; January 10th - Board Meeting; January 14th - Second Sunday Lunch; January 15th - Bingo Night.

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

January 8 - January 12

Monday - Goulash

Tuesday - Tacos

Wednesday - Roast

Thursday - Stew

Friday - Chicken fried steak

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday with family and friends!

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 Citizens 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

January 8 - January 12

Monday - Monday - Texas Nachos

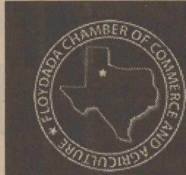
Tuesday - Smothered pork chops

Wednesday - Christy's enchiladas

Thursday - Burrito smothered w/chili

Friday - Roast beef w/gravy

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)



Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

By Deon Fincher
Chamber Manager

(This article from Deon Fincher was inadvertently left out of last week's (12-28) issue. We are running it for her this week. Sorry for any inconveniences this caused.)

All this week, packages have begun to appear under our tree. Terry told me that I was to, simply and without question, "leave them alone--no peaking!" That works for me. Part of the magic of Christmas is the wonder and anticipation of what each package holds.

Terry, on the other hand, is just the opposite. He loves giving—and part of that joy is having those presents unwrapped.

Last night, (early this morning) we both got up to let the dogs out. (Note to self: Buy that dog door, Deon!) While patiently waiting, we huddled up on the couch and were commenting on the Christmas decorations, reviewing family holiday schedules, and verifying that we have, indeed, gotten all the needed gifts.

"Want to open your presents?" Terry asked. "Be-

cause, there's no need to wait." A box was placed on my lap.

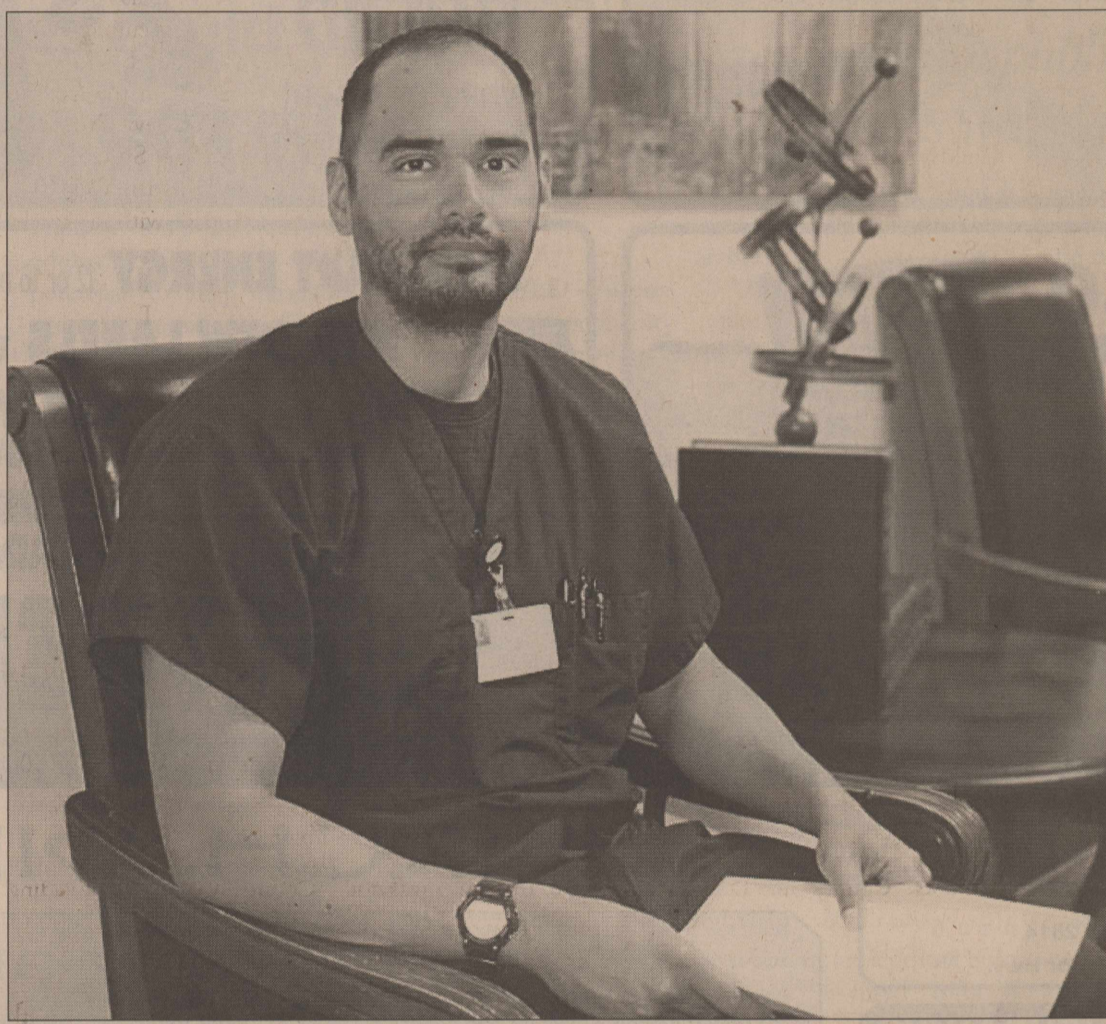
Long story short, I got a beautiful fuzzy red robe and some new work boots.

Today's piece is bitter-sweet for me, as this will be the last column written under the duties of Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Manager. I have accepted a new position (another present for me!) that will allow me to dedicate my time more fully to re-vamping and re-building businesses in our fine community. I am thrilled to begin work with Diamond B

Design Build, Inc.

2018 is going to be a great year! Several new businesses have already shared their plans to open and operate in the upcoming weeks and months, with more to come later. These "presents" will add color and variety to Floydada, and hopefully inspire a lot of "buy local" mentality. It is my hope that these new additions will empower others to take that jump—to invest in our city, to fight for the life of our community. This time next year, we will all be reaping the rewards. I'll be seeing you downtown!

Covenant Plainview New Nurse Practitioner



Courtesy photo

Covenant Health Plainview is proud to welcome Saul Gamboa as the clinic's new Family Nurse Practitioner. "I'm really excited to get started here in Plainview. I can't wait to enter this new level in my career," said Gamboa. Gamboa, who started last week, will work with Dr. David Wright at the Covenant Healthcare Center of Plainview.

Museum Archives

THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

GUFFEES

In the early days of colonization, came three Guffee Brothers; they were of French-German descent. When they reached America, they parted company; one remained in the North and the two followed Daniel Boone through the Cumberland Gap settling first in Kentucky and later in Tennessee.

These two brothers fought on the side of the South during the Civil War serving in Kirk Patrick's brigade under General Robert E. Lee in the Battle of Vicksburg. One brother H. S. Guffee survived the War, his son S. A. was born and raised in Tennessee. He married Venie Hartsell in Tennessee in 1895. They and son Bob and daughter Jossie moved to Texas in 1902, settling in Wise County, and began farming there. Their other sons, Clarence, Edgar and Homer were born. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Guffee moved to Floyd County in 1927, where the son Clarence and wife had already settled. The S. A. Guffee bought a farm in the Fairview Community, and later bought another farm in the Campbell Community where they lived until their deaths, S. A. in 1960 and Mrs. S. A. in 1941.

Clarence Fuffee and

Opal Moody were married December 2, 1923 at Bridgeport, Texas in Wise County. Clarence had attended North Texas State Teachers College in Denton long enough to obtain a teacher's certificate. He taught two years in Wise County and one year in Clay County. He had dreams of settling in West Texas. Being a school teacher, he came to Floyd County in the spring of 1926 in search of a teaching position. At that time, there were 32 rural schools and also plenty of teachers. As it was late in the spring, all schools had already hired their teachers, except for a one-teacher school, Fairmount, located in the northeast part of the county.

When he applied for the school, he was able to see only one of the trustees. It was getting late in the evening and the trustee said that they were looking for a man with whiskers. Clarence had not shaved for at least three days, so he rubbed his face and said, "Well, you can see, I have the whiskers!" The trustee had him to leave his contract and said that he would tell the other trustees about him. In a few days, Clarence received the contract ready for him to

sign.

There were no paved roads from Wise County to Floyd County. It took Clarence and Opal three days to make the trip in rainy, muddy weather in a one-seated Ford hoopy containing a few of their household belongings.

Clarence taught first grade through ninth grade with some 60 pupils enrolled and lived in a one room shack. They enjoyed that year very much and loved the people.

In 1927, they moved to the Cedar Hill School. This was a three teacher school with a new two room teacherage. Here they felt like they were living in a mansion. Clarence stayed there for six years. These were good years despite the fact that it was during the Depression. The salary was some better. It was during this time a son, Clarence Edwin (Corkey) was born to them in 1928.

From there they moved to Liberty, Allmon, and Sand Hill Schools. Clarence would teach during the winters and attend North Texas State in Denton, Texas during the summers. In the summer of 1935, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from that college.

In July of 1939, Clarence

was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Walter Travis to the county superintendent's office. He stayed in this office for 33 years without an opponent.

In 1942, a daughter, Sonja, was born to the Guffees. They had a good life in Floyd County. Clarence now has retired after fifty years in the school business. He now raises cattle and enjoys caring for them. Clarence, Opal, Clarence Edwin (Corkey) and family are members of the First Baptist Church in Floydada, where Clarence is a deacon.

Clarence Edwin married Janice Hill of Plainview in 1949. They have two children, Larry and Phyllis both are college graduates from Texas Tech. Clarence Edwin also attended Texas Tech and is employed with Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Inc. in Floydada.

Sonja married Robert Ragsdale of Stratford, Texas in 1961; they have two sons, Rhett and Richard. Sonja and Robert are graduates of West Texas State University of Canyon. Robert served in Company 131st Battalion (m) 60th infantry as 1st Lt. in Richardson, Alaska. They are now engaged in farming near Stratford, Texas.

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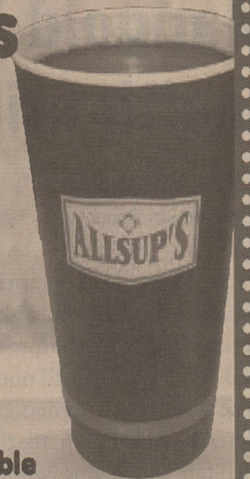


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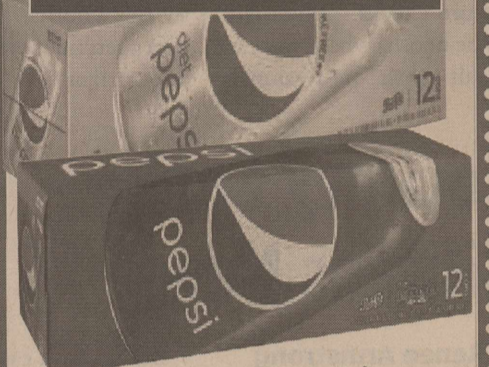
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"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
—Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

What should have been one of the happiest days of my life ended up being one of the loneliest. Eight days before my graduation from seminary, my wife decided she didn't want to be married any more. I felt hopeless. When I met my parents on the day before graduation, my mother gave me a card which contained the scripture quoted above.

Jeremiah wrote this scripture to the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon to give them hope that God had not forgotten them. In my own exile, my time of loneliness and despair, the verse reminded me that I am God's child. God still loved me and had

not forgotten me.

After the divorce, I resigned from my job and moved back home with my parents. Even in the hardest moments, God was faithful. It took two years, but I eventually found work in a church and even remarried.

Sometimes when life doesn't go the way we plan, we may feel that God has forgotten us. But the words of Jeremiah remind us that when we are in our own times of exile — hurt, lonely, afraid — God still loves us and cares about us.

—Jason Huffman (Texas)

Prayer for the day:

Holy God, thank you for loving us and wanting the best for us. Help us to trust you even when life looks bleak. Amen.

from <http://devotional.upstream.org/devotionals>

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Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship...11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
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Wednesday - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
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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.
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Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
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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.
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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>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.
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Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.
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Caprock Crop Production Conference scheduled

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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 con-

ference. 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 Certified Crop Advisor credits for those interested and will include 1 Soil & Management, 3 IPM, 2 Crop Management, and 4 Professional Development, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

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

for the cotton industry." PCG's Steve Verett and Kody Bessent spent time in Washington, DC last week, meeting with key Congressional leaders about this policy package, and also the USDA, continuing talks on another Cotton Ginning Cost-Share Program.

"We're still advocating relentlessly on these initiatives for the cotton industry, and all of these policy items are still alive," Bessent said. "This is where the relationships we've built throughout Congress and governmental agencies come into play, and we will continue our work to accomplish our ultimate goal of restoring cotton's safety net."

House passes disaster aid package; Senate delays until 2018

By Mary Jane Buerkle

The U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday passed a supplemental appropriations bill designed primarily to address disaster losses, but also includes policy that would bring cotton back into the commodity title of the Farm Bill.

However, the Senate failed to garner enough votes to bring the bill to the floor, so the legislative package will be taken up again after the first of the year.

"We are encouraged by the House's advancement of the bill, and greatly appreciate the work by so many of our friends in Congress, including House Agriculture Commit-

tee Chairman Mike Conaway, Rep.

Jodey Arrington, and Rep. Mac Thornberry, to continue our pursuit of this goal to bring cotton

back into Title I of the Farm Bill," PCG President Johnie Reed said. "However, we are disappointed that the Senate left town with unfinished business, especially considering that those who have been dealing with these hurricanes and other natural disasters need relief. We look forward to working with our friends in the Senate to finish this bill and get it to President Trump's desk. Our growers need a long-term, viable safety net to ensure a strong future

Research shows drones could help crop management take off

By Ginger Rowsey
Southwest Farm Press

Unmanned aerial systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones, could help farmers determine if their crop is growing satisfactorily, according to a recent study conducted by University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture researchers.

The study evaluated the ability of a UAS to accurately and precisely determine plant populations of cotton. Producers routinely assess plant populations early in the growing season to determine the state of their crop — and what management decisions are needed to ensure an optimal harvest. This is most often done by counting the number of plants within a selected distance and repeating those counts in different locations throughout the field to find an average.

"This traditional approach is reliant upon a highly uniform plant population across the entire field and can be influenced by human bias," says Shawn Butler, graduate student in the University of Tennessee College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. "Theoretically, an aerial approach could provide spatially dense information on plant populations across large areas quickly and remove human bias."

For two years, researchers assessed plant stands of emerging cotton through manual counting and through images obtained from both digital and multi-spectral cameras mounted beneath a quad-copter. The quad-copter was flown at varying altitudes ranging from 30 to 120 meters.

Camera systems Of the two camera systems analyzed, the images produced from the multi-spectral camera proved to be more accurate in estimating plant populations, with a greater than 93 percent accuracy. However, researchers say the red, green, blue (RGB) images produced by the less-expensive digital camera still looked promising, with a greater than 85 percent accuracy using current methods and scripted programming.

"Based on initial results, the aerial imagery provided by either RGB or multi-spectral sensors may be a sufficient tool to improve accuracy and efficiency of plant stand assessment," says Butler. "The most impactful difference to the end user in deciding a method to use will be the cost between the two camera systems."

"Crop monitoring is a big obstacle for many producers," says Tyson Raper, project leader and assistant professor with the UT Department of Plant Sciences.

"We want to continue to evaluate tools and methodologies that have the potential to help farmers overcome monitoring challenges, improve response time and increase profitability."

Butler presented this research at the 2017 International ASA, CSSA and SSSA Annual Meeting, "Managing Global Resources for a Secure Future," held in Tampa, Florida. The American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America hosted the meeting.

The study was conducted at three locations — the West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Jackson and the UT AgResearch and Education centers at Milan and Ames Plantation.

Other project team members include Mike Buschermohle, Interim Assistant Dean of UT Extension. Cotton Incorporated provided partial support for this project.

Prescribed fire practitioners have new tools at their fingertips

New AgriLife Extension site, publication answer 'burning' questions with latest info

By Steve Byrns
Texas AgriLife

SAN ANGELO — As prescribed fire gains popularity as a range management tool, so does the need for up-to-the-minute information.

To meet the growing need, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service developed a prescribed burning handbook funded by the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute.

"Professional prescribed fire practitioners in Texas are very good at what they do," said Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist at San Angelo and a major contributor to the project. "AgriLife personnel realized there wasn't a consolidated hub for information specifically for the prescribed fire practitioner and set about to meet that need."

The resulting Texas Prescribed Burning Handbook allows practitioners to access information virtually, Russell

said. The first way is through a website <https://agrilife.org/rxburn/>.

"The website information offers a central platform for all practitioners, whether they are in a pre-



scribed burn association, are a private burn manager licensed through the Texas Department of Agriculture or are someone just wanting to learn more about prescribed burning," she said. "Information there includes relative humidity charts, probability of ignition, potential fire spread, po-

tential fire prescriptions and example fire prescriptions to use to achieve certain objectives."

Russell said the part of the project she is most excited about is how the website was taken a step further, translated and moved into a prescribed burning app, dubbed Rx-Burn, downloadable to smartphones; and it's free.

"Download that app and you'll be able to pull up all the graphs and all the tables available on the website and figure out any type of fire weather conditions or situations you need to achieve," she said.

Russell said the effort is ongoing featuring a revolving source of information that's constantly updated to provide the most current information to prescribed burn practitioners.

For more information, contact Russell at 325-653-4576 or morgan.russell@ag.tamu.edu.

Texas A&M state climatologist: dry conditions could worsen for much of Texas

By Adam Russell

Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

COLLEGE STATION--October and November were two of the driest Octobers and Novembers on record, and much of the state appears to be facing a continued dry spell through winter, according to the state climatologist.

Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, College Station, said conditions were excessively dry throughout the typically wet fall months, and dry conditions are expected to continue through the next several weeks at least.

The lack of rain is causing concerns about fire danger, poorly developed winter pastures, including wheat, and

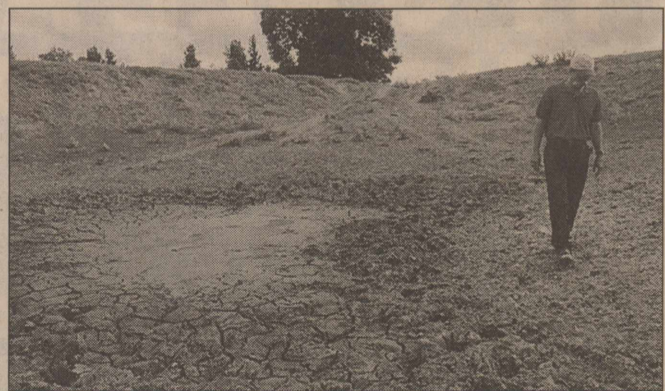
dropping surface water levels for livestock, according to reports from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents in areas that have missed rain events.

"When you get a dry spell it takes a while for soils to dry out, but they do get there," he said. "Take the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey, you saw extreme flooding in some areas and not much since then."

Nielsen-Gammon said October-November 2017 was the 12th-driest since the state started keeping records in 1895. September and October are typically wetter months for Texas, he said, but rain hasn't materialized.

No single county in Texas has received at least 4 inches of rain anywhere within its borders since the beginning of October, he said. Drier areas of the state, including North Central, West and South Texas, have received less than 2 inches over that period. Areas from the Winter Garden to Big Bend and from Lubbock to the Red River have received less than half an inch over those 60 days.

Warmer, sunny days, winds and lack of rain are drawing a growing portion of the state into drought conditions, he said. The drought monitor shows 35 percent of the state is in drought, up from just 2.5



Drought conditions aren't close to those experienced during the 2011 dry spell that gripped Texas for almost two years as seen in this photo of a livestock tank in East Texas. But soil moisture levels have been dropping, and La Nina conditions likely mean a warmer, drier winter.

percent a month ago, he said.

"October is usually one of the wettest months and oftentimes is extremely wet, but it's been fairly dry and the forecast going forward into winter doesn't look promising," he said. "Overall for the next couple of weeks, it looks like most of the state will average less than half an inch of rainfall."

The lack of intense or significant rain events that would produce runoff once it does rain could also be a concern for ranchers who rely on surface tanks for livestock water as winter progresses, he said. Runoff is contingent on soil moisture levels and rain intensity, but it typically takes 1-2 inches of rain to saturate the ground enough to create runoff or produce a flash amount

that could replenish watering holes.

Nielsen-Gammon said it was too early to draw any comparisons to the state's last significant dry spell when a dry fall and winter in 2010 stretched into spring and summer 2011. But La Nina conditions in the Pacific Ocean, which translates into warmer, drier air for much of the state, are expected through winter.

"Its effect will vary by region and local conditions when it comes to forage, crops and surface water, but it's been hard so far, particularly on winter wheat in Northeast Texas because they are well below normal for rainfall," he said. "Fields are having difficulty emerging and getting established."

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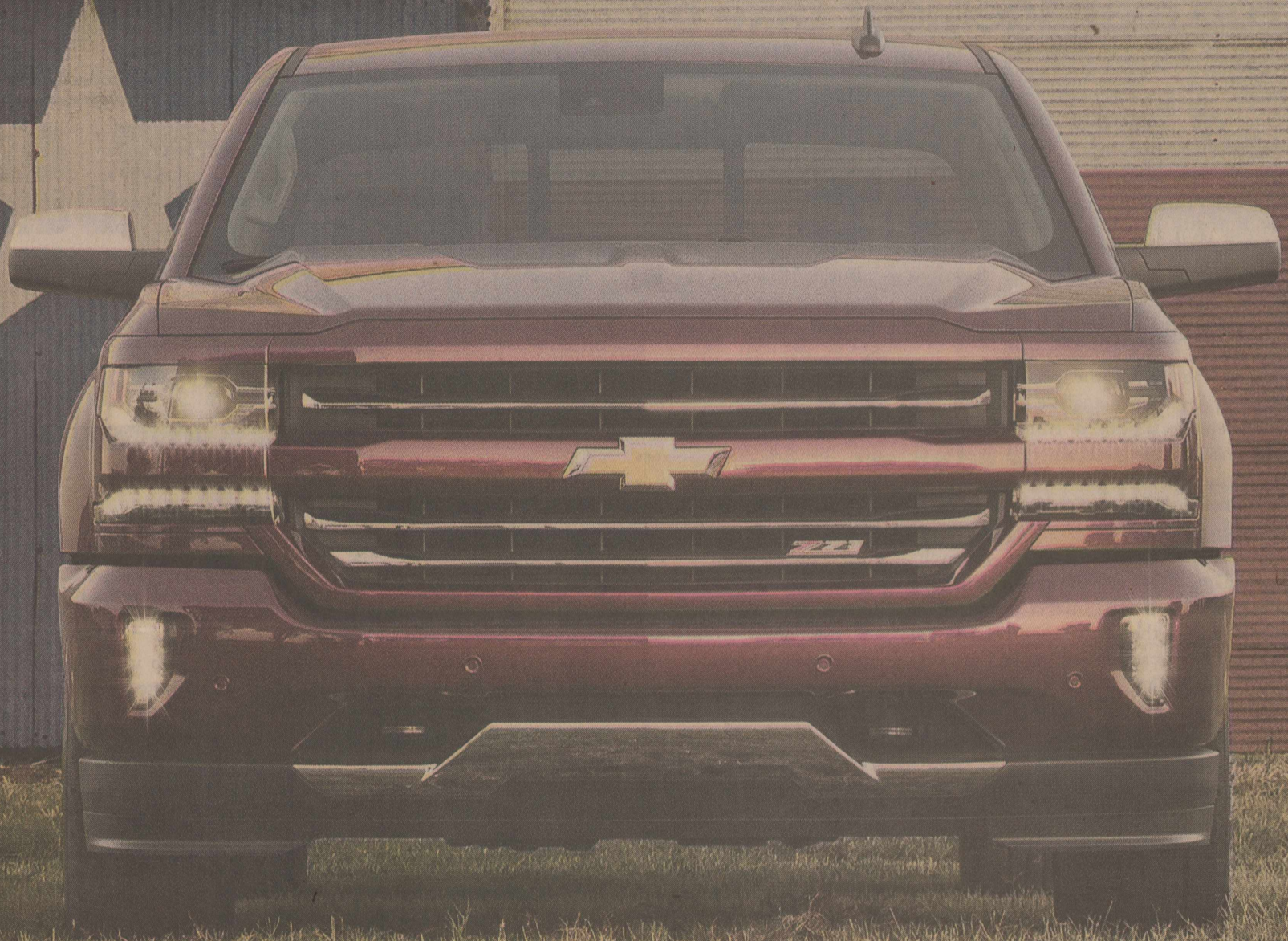
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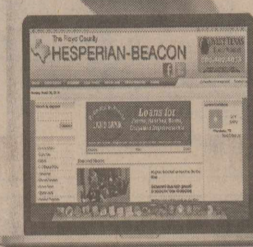
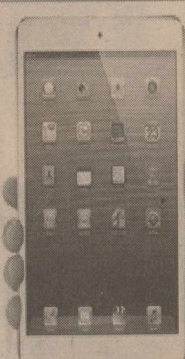
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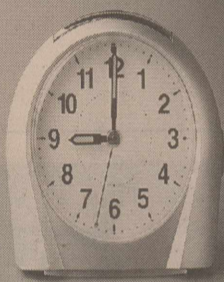
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