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Idling car stolen from Floydada Fast Stop

Suspect considered armed and dangerous

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

On a day when the temperature was in single digits, a customer thought she could run into a local convenience store, leave her car idling to keep it warm, buy one item and get right back into her vehicle.

"That's where thieves get you," said Floydada Police

Chief Darrell Gooch.

Floydada law enforcement is asking for public help as they try to recover a vehicle and catch a vehicle theft suspect.

Police have identified 30-year-old Alex Espinoza of Quitaque as the man they say took a 2016 Toyota Corolla from a Floydada gas station on New Year's Eve. He is considered

armed and dangerous.

The stolen vehicle is gray in color, with Texas License Plate number JST5850.

It was stolen around 2:33 p.m. on Dec. 31 from the Fast Stop gas station located 102 S. 2nd Street in Floydada.

Espinoza is described as a 6' white male with black hair and brown eyes in his late 20s early 30s. Last seen in

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Country Christmas Ball proceeds donated to local fire departments

By Dustee Sollis
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

PETERSBURG - The Floyd County Friends Unity Center was the location for the Third Annual Country Christmas Ball held on December 16. Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band provided the evening's entertainment with country, western swing, big band, Cajun, and Christmas songs. A catered meal was served by River Smith's of Lubbock and live and silent auctions were held. Area vendors added to the night's festivities by providing items for drawings.

Portions of the proceeds for the night were donated to the volunteer fire departments of Lockney and Floydada. This year \$4000.00 was presented to each department by Wendell and Dustee Sollis. Reagor Dykes Auto group of Floydada donated another \$2000.00 to each department that night, also.

Several other area businesses and individuals contributed to the event as sponsors. The following is a list of sponsors: Mator Hotel bed and breakfast; American Overhead Door, Dan and Gerald Dean Holt; West Texas Investments; Stapp Body Shop; Gebos Distributing Co, Prairie Sage Massage; Baxter Black; Global Safaris; Plains Land Bank; South Plains Electric Cooperative; Happy State Bank; Lighthouse Electric Cooperative; Thacker Jewelry; Reagor Dykes; Payne Pharmacy; Heart's Desire; B&B Ranch, Beth



Courtesy Photo

Shown are representatives from the Lockney and Floydada volunteer fire departments with the donation checks from the Country Christmas ball. The event was held December 16 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center, with nearly 400 in attendance. The entertainment was provided by Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band. Each fire department received \$4000.00. Pictured are (left to right) Wendell Sollis, Dustee Sollis, Lindell Stapp, Donny McGlaughlin, and Craig Dubois. An additional \$2000.00 was provided to each department by Reagor Dykes Auto Dealership of Floydada.

and Brance Lewis; Jimmy Stueart; Aurora Agronomy; Jones Cattle Company; Barwise Gin; Kenneth Wyatt Galleries; Barwise Elevator; Alfonso Garcia; Leroy And Sammy Motley; D & J Gin; Horseshoe Ranch, Chuck and Sharon Allmon; Darty Gin; Hometown Pharmacy; Roxi's Attic; Goen and Goen Insurance; Caprock Motor Parts; Llano Estacado Construction; Robert and Renee Armstrong; Edwin and Cheryl Teeter; Coney and Madeline Neel; Inside Out Foundation; Adair Murillo; Floydada Coop Gin.

Wendell and Dustee Sollis would like to thank the volunteer firefighters of Lockney and Floydada for their help in setting up the Unity Center. These men serve their community in countless ways and they were a tremendous help in making the event successful.

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.

CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

The Caprock Crop Production
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Correction

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H&R Block ribbon cutting



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

This week, the first full week of business in 2018, started with a Chamber ribbon-cutting and grand opening for the new H&R Block Office in Floydada. Shown are: Jeana Carlson and Ramona Anderson with the Floydada Chamber of Commerce; Rachel Obregon and Sandra Casillas with the Floydada H&R Block office; Les McGrew, district manager H&R Block; and Kalli Martin, Floydada Chamber of Commerce president. In the next few weeks, H&R Block will file 1040EZ returns at no charge, and they are also offering advance loans on many refunds.

Commissioners vote to declare constable offices dormant

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In its monthly meeting on Monday, Floyd County Commissioners court voted to declare the constable offices in the four commissioner precincts dormant due to vacancy of office.

According to County Judge Marty Lucke, years ago, constables were the only officials who could arrest a county sheriff, but in modern criminal jurisdiction, any law enforcement officer can now arrest a sheriff. Lucke explained that a constable had not served in

Floyd County since 2010, but that state regulations require regular reporting from a constable or be subject to fines. Counties also have the option to declare the offices dormant. Commissioners voted unanimously to declare the constable offices dormant.

In other court action, commissioners approved cleaning a drainage ditch in Precinct 1 and accepting donated railroad rock material in Precinct 2.

They also agreed to continue working on a county plain to implement county guidelines for subdivisions,

solid waste and nuisances.

Lucke said that in the February meeting, the commissioners will be hearing the results of the annual audit. He noted that the auditors spoke very favorably of the record-keeping from the staff of county treasurer's office.

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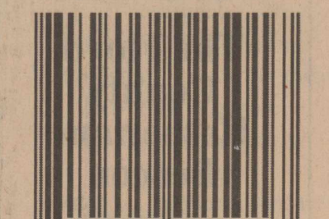
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Sheriff's crime report

December 3rd
Deputies were dispatched to South Ralls Highway about a dispute between an employee and employer. When Deputies arrived on scene, they were met by the complainant who stated that he'd been assaulted by his employer. Deputies arrested Andrew Lloyd 63, of Plainview for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

December 9th
Deputy conducted a traffic stop on US Hwy 62/70 East of Floydada, during the traffic stop the deputy could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. Deputy conducted a probable cause search and found marijuana in the vehicle. Nora Copple 29, and Larry Ross 25, both of Hollis, Oklahoma were issued a criminal citation and released.

December 10th
Deputy arrested Alvin Cooper 50, of Lockney in the 200 Block of East College Street on an outstanding warrant of County Court for Terroristic Threat.

December 12th
Deputy was dispatched to the 100 Block of West Washington about a Theft. When the Deputy arrived, he was informed by a USIC employee that his underground locating equipment had been taken while he was driving around the area. The USIC employee informed the deputy the equipment was worth about seven thousand dollars.

December 16th
Deputy conducted a traffic stop on FM 2286 and FM 2301 on a vehicle that was

stopped on the wrong side of the roadway. Further investigation during the traffic stop indicated that the driver was intoxicated. Christopher Gonzales 38, of Lockney was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

December 18th
Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 300 Block of East Shurbet in the City of Lockney for a traffic violation. The Deputy was assisted by the K9 Unit where they located narcotics in the vehicle. Noel Silvas 30, of Petersburg, Texas was arrested for Manufacture and Delivery of a Controlled Substance.

December 25th
Deputy was dispatched to the 400 Block of Milwee Street in the City of Lockney about a dispute between two brothers. When Deputies arrived the complainant informed deputies that his brother had attempted to assault him with a knife. Matthew Ross 35, of Lockney was arrested for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

December 26th
Deputy was dispatched to the 600 Block of SW 3rd Street about an assault. When the Deputy arrived, the complainant informed the Deputy that she had been assaulted by her daughter. Deputy arrested Millie Vlasek 45, of Lockney for INJURY to Elderly.

UPDATE:
Codey Poitra 25, of Lubbock, Alex Espinoza 30, of Quitaque and Michelle Atkinson 35, of Lubbock have been identified as the suspects in three incidents listed below. Poitra is currently in the

Lubbock County Detention center on unrelated charges and Atkinson is currently in Hale County Detention Center on unrelated charges.

Espinoza has outstanding warrants for his arrest out of Briscoe and Lubbock Counties.

November 14th
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 the Lockney baseball field about a burglary of a trailer belonging to HELLES construction Company of San Antonio, Texas. Employees of HELLAS told the 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.

The Paperboy Oprah in the White House?

Happy New Year and I hope 2018 is good for rural America and our readers. Regardless of where you stand politically, I pray the people of this country unite and thrive. History has proven that we are stronger united.

I did not watch the Golden Globes Sunday night for a variety of reasons, with main one being I think Hollywood is full of crap.

Monday morning, following the show, Oprah Winfrey was in the headlines for her inspirational speech. NBC tweeted that they support her as a candidate for president in 2020.

NBC, and the rest of them, should shut up and report the news, but it certainly got a conversation started about Oprah running for the top office.

I don't know if you know Oprah's background, but it's pretty incredible. She's a self-made billionaire with a ton of experience in several areas. Most only know about her television career, but her career as a business person is equally, if not more impressive.

What kind of president would Oprah make? I don't have a clue. She seems pretty moderate to me and I hope she is. In my opinion, centrist Democrats need to seize control of their party and move it to the center, but that's a column for another day.

I have no idea where Oprah stands on domestic policy, but judging by her business savvy, I think she'd be more qualified than a life-long politician. I know half of the country hates President Trump, but even the haters can recognize his common business sense is helping to make the economy robust.

Oprah is also a very good leader. She's innovative and strong. She's a great communicator and she seems very reasonable.

Now, with all of that said, it's going to come down to several factors for her when it comes to making a decision to run. First, does she want to be vetted? I live a pretty clean life and I can tell you I sure wouldn't want to be vetted by the Mainstream Media. I doubt they'd be as rough on her as they are Trump (there's no way, right?), but it would be very intrusive.

Oprah would also have to put a platform out there. You know what happens when you put your ideas in front of the masses? Usually you end up making half of the country mad. So an easy question she needs to ask is, do I want to become unpopular to some, maybe many in my own party, and by many Americans?

Despite the fact that Oprah is one of the most beloved people in the country, once you start taking sides, it turns people off. Look no further than the motion picture industry and the NFL if you don't believe me. Shoot, ask President Trump.

Is this an endorsement of Oprah for POTUS? No. It's an opinion formed over the years about someone who rose to the highest of heights and did so through her brilliance. But that fact alone should intrigue any of us who take this stuff seriously.

We know that the 2016 election was madness. Well, what if The Rock runs against Trump and Oprah runs against Bernie Sanders, Biden, and others? I don't know if there's enough popcorn in the world for a race like that.

The country will be watching to see what decision Oprah makes. One thing is for sure, she'd be a much better candidate than Hillary Clinton. And she's a much better person as well.

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Three die in Matador fire

Compiled from media reports

MATADOR --The Fire Marshal's Office confirms three people died in a devastating fire in the city of Matador on Monday, Jan. 1. Officials also say three people were able to escape the fire.

The fire started around 2:30 a.m. in the 500 block of New-

lin Avenue.

Friends of the family say an infant and two young adults died in the fire.

Memorial Services for the deceased were held January 8 at the Matador First Baptist Church.

Donations are being accepted to help offset the costs of the fatal fire.

If you'd like to help, a fund has been established at First Bank & Trust Matador. If you'd like to help from out of town, you can call 806-347-2661.

A gofundme.com fund has also been established for Britany Sullivan, who survived the fire but lost everything when the home was destroyed.

The 501: Don't Just Speed — Be Different

Thrill-wise, it's hard to beat the sight of flashing lights in a rear-view mirror. If you like meeting new people, you anticipate what's about to happen with some pleasure. What's so bad about an encounter with a gentleman in a nice hat and uniform? Unless you've been speeding or you're smuggling drugs.

Last night when the lights came on behind me I pulled over to let the patrolman pursue the car that had just overtaken me. After all, I was going exactly 75 and feeling smug about it. He pulled over too, right behind me. So much for smug.

As for meeting someone new, that didn't work out either. The officer remembered me from the last time he'd stopped me — the evening my employee-slash-friend Terri and I were dragging a big utility pole down FM 924 behind the farm pickup. It's unlawful to put a chain on a long object and drag it down even a farm-to-market road. Who knew?

If you want to be remembered by the highway patrol, don't just speed. Do something unusual.

Last night I was in a different vehicle — my beloved 2004 Hyundai Santa Fe. Forget racial profiling. At highway speeds, it's vehicular profiling that unfairly comes into play — at least initially. Drive a car with two major dents and a long

stretch of missing trim and a bungee cord holding the rear bumper in place, and it's hard not to catch the eye of the law. Not that it's exactly possible to drive a car with missing trim. If it's missing, it's missing, and you're really driving without the missing trim — except I carry it around with me in the rear compartment, so I guess it's not really missing. Too late not to belabor that point.

In the gathering darkness, my downfall turned out to be my left taillight — not exactly a match for the right one. The patrolman didn't think it was working. But it was, sort of. Once he turned off his headlights, he could see the glimmer. Happily, he decided I was legal enough to drive home without a ticket, home being nearby.

Advice: If you have to put red taillight tape on a clear lens to make it legal, don't overdo it.

I'm not the one who overdid the taping, by the way. I had loaned the car to Terri's intermittent boyfriend Rick. An Oklahoma trooper had stopped him because the taillight was gleaming all too brightly, despite the red paint I had applied to the clear plastic. Oklahoman Rick didn't get a ticket either. He was quick to explain that only the car was from Texas — not him.

Meanwhile, my officer and I had yet to make our proper adieu (it's always hard to get away from me) when he saw a dark vehicle headed our way with no lights! His attention shifted quickly. They zipped by. He took off after them.

Nothing quite beats somebody else being so bad they make you look good. I got my smug back.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

"My mother never warned me not to do this or that for fear of being hurt. Of course I got hurt, but I was never afraid."

— Katherine Stinson

"The awards and championships are great, but the journey is what I'll remember."

— Hakeem Olajuwon

"The example of the Alamo should not be lost to us. If a man will willingly lose his life for the liberty of his people, certainly now a man should be willing to lose his political life for the things that are right and just."

— Maury Maverick

"Form a battle plan, gather your men and equipment, and attack. You have only one thought in mind: you do whatever it takes to win."

— Red Adair

"Never miss an opportunity to say a word of congratulations."

— Lyndon Baines Johnson

"Sometimes the good Lord has to hit us with a sledgehammer to knock some sense into our heads."

— George Jones

"Do something. If it doesn't work, do something else. No idea is too crazy."

— Jim Hightower

"The world doesn't care why you can't get the job done. It only pays off on results."

— Bum Bright

"Be brave if you lose and meek if you win."

— Harvey Penick

Floydada Rotary



Photo Courtesy of Karen Houchin

Last Thursday the Floydada Rotary Club program was presented by Rotarian Mike Green. Mike is an employee of Lighthouse Electric. He spoke on the Lighthouse Electric Youth Tour. The contest is coming up in February and open to 16 year old and older high school students. For more information on the contest and scholarship offered contact Mike at mikeg@lighthouse.coop or call 983-2814 for more information. Open to public, private or home school students in our 12 school district area. Thank you to Rotarian Green for an informative program.

SOCIETY

Prisk and Griffith to wed



EMILY BETH PRISK AND ETHAN RILEY GRIFFITH

Jeff and Ludustia Prisk of Floydada are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Beth Prisk to Ethan Riley Griffith, son of Andrew and Dalyn Griffith of Idalou.

Emily is the granddaughter of Jerry and Martha Leatherman of Floydada and Raymond and Jane Prisk of Seymour.

Ethan is the grandson of Dan and Earlene Griffith of Abilene and Duane and Lou Gilly of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a 2014 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2017 graduate of Amarillo College with an

AAS in Photography and an AAS in Business Management. She works for N2 publishing as Content Coordinator and owns Emily Prisk Photography.

The prospective groom is a 2014 graduate of Idalou High School. Ethan has attended both West Texas University and Amarillo College. He currently works for Roaster's Coffee and Tea Company in Amarillo.

The couple will be married at First Baptist Church in Floydada on Saturday, April 14, 2018. They will reside in Amarillo after the ceremony.



About Town . . .

By: Deon Fincher

By Deon Fincher
Chamber Manager

I got pulled in by another Netflix program this last weekend, and honestly, it is about nothing. Seriously. Nothing; but, isn't that host Jerry Seinfeld's particular niche? Basically, it is a talk show set, not in a studio, but in different classic cars. Jerry picks up a comedian in a beautiful classic car

that, in some way, mirrors the personality of the individual featured on the show. Then, they drive around a bit, end up in some small, vibrant "downtown", and find a place to have coffee... and they simply talk. Pretty simple premise; and yet, it is fascinating.

There are candid shots of the guest eating with his mouth open, sneezing, and even spilling the water glass

on the table. Interspersed within these "interview shots" are images of coffee grinding, the packing of ground coffee for espresso, and, of course, the artistic creations made in the foam and froth of the coffee. Truly, the edits to the "coffee" part of the show are cinematography genius.

As I watched episode after episode, I asked, "What is it about 'getting coffee' that puts us humans in a blanket of security so comforting that we volunteer some of our most guarded secrets? Or, that creates an atmosphere of congeniality between strangers?"

We need a coffee house

in Floydada. Clayton, New Mexico, population of 2763, has a thriving coffee shop. Post, TX, population of 5,376, houses its coffee shop in the iconic Tower Theater. The Night Owl Espresso and Tea Bar, in Silverton, TX, population 731, offers unique varieties of coffee with ranching-inspired, imaginative monikers: Mocha Ghost Horse with a shot of Carmel, and the hot Mad Cow Spiced Cocoa.

Our downtown square is in need of some "caffeine", in more ways than one. Come together with me and let's give our downtown a jolt with a double-shot of espresso.

Museum Archives

THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

THE ROBERT A KINGS

By Brett Marble

Robert Alpheous King was born March 9, 1834 in Graves County, Kentucky. His parents were Samuel T. and Elizabeth Farr King. Elizabeth Farr's mother was a sister of Reverend Samuel King, one of the founders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This King family was of English descent while Robert King's family were Irish. Samuel T. King was born in South Carolina in 1797. He married Elizabeth Farr in 1824 in Alabama. They moved from Kentucky to Lafayette County, Mississippi in 1844 and settled near Oxford. Their children were Samuel W, James F., Rhoda, Robert, Mary, and William. Robert was educated at Oxford University, but after a bout with malaria he was forced to seek a better climate. From Mississippi he went to Batesville, Arkansas, where he taught school for a while before moving to Mount Olive in Izard

County on the White River. He was licensed to preach in September of 1858 and was ordained by the Mount Olive Presbytery in September, 1859. On July 10, 1860 he married Melinda Ann Bone, daughter of Reverend Henry F. Bone. They were the parents of ten children, eight boys and two girls. David Thomas, Henry Bone, John Leach, Ruby Ann, James Ivy, Robert Abner, William Ephraim, Mollie Reece, Edgar Couch (Ned) and Sidney Baird. James Ivy and William Ephraim died as infants in Izard County. In 1867 the Kings moved to Randolph County, Arkansas, and then in 1880 they moved to Oregon County, Missouri. They lived in Foss, Oklahoma for a few years before moving on to Floyd County, Texas in 1909. The two oldest sons, Tom and Henry, remained in Missouri with their families. The daughters, Ruby King Taylor and Mollie King Rose lived in Oklahoma.

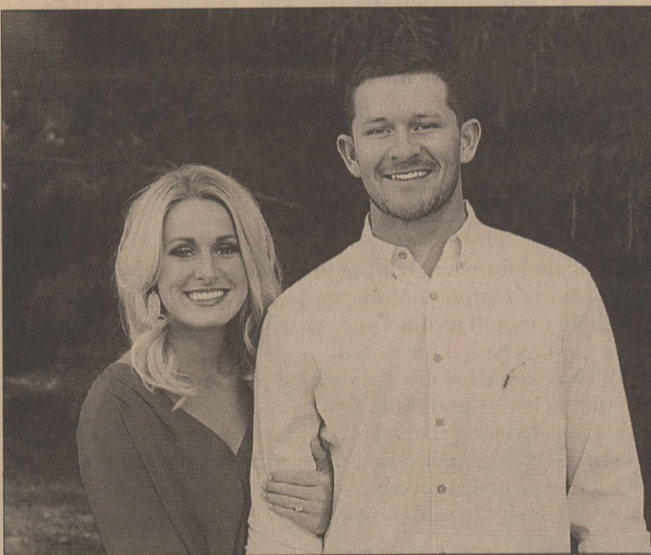
John L., Abner, Ned, and

Sid all lived in Floyd County. Abner later moved to Colorado, and Sid moved to New Mexico. Reverend Robert King died on November 10, 1914 and his wife Ann died February 19, 1926. Both are buried in the Floydada cemetery.

J.L. King married Mary Pearl Martin, September 29, 1897 in Parker County, Texas. Her parents were James Pierce and Adelaide Mitchell Martin. Their children are Pierce, Rubie Burgett, L.M., Anna Byars, Lillian Marble, and Maydelle Lee. Lillian King Marble is my grandmother. In 1976 my parents and I took a trip to Izard County, Arkansas. My sister and I wanted to find a good place to fish, and my mother insisted that the White River would be just such a place. Of course we knew that her fishing would be done with a notebook and pen, and that she would be looking for King relatives rather than fish. Although we

could not complain about the fishing as we caught our limit of trout and enjoyed the beautiful wilderness country. Mother also had good luck with her search. We visited the old churches and cemeteries that my great-great-grandfather had described in his autobiography that Aunt Ora King had found in some family papers a few years earlier. Mother and Daddy had visited the area where the King family had lived in Mississippi and said that they could not believe after seeing the wilderness country there and in Arkansas and Missouri how the family could have adjusted to the dry, treeless country that they settled in in Floyd County, Texas. Being an early day preacher Reverend King may have welcomed the open country after having to cross rivers and travel through thickets by horseback to reach his churches that he pastored in Arkansas and Missouri.

Lipham and Hendrix to wed



HADEN LIPHAM AND BROOKLYN HENDRIX

Tim and Angie Lipham of Floydada are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Haden Lipham to Brooklyn Hendrix, daughter of Mike and Lisa Hendrix of Midland, Texas.

Haden is the grandson of Michael Hinsley and the late Linda Hinsley of Floydada and Max and Joyce Taylor and the late Julian Lipham of Texarkana, Texas.

Brooklyn is the granddaughter of James and Vera Holloman and Rhea Hendrix and the late James Hendrix, all of Sweetwater, Texas.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Floydada

High School. He received a Bachelor of Finance Degree from Texas Tech University, and is employed by Prime West Mortgage in Lubbock, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas. She received a Bachelors of Science in Exercise and Sports Science from Texas Tech University.

The couple will wed on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in Lubbock, Texas.

A shower for the couple will be held January 27, 2018 in the home of Jeanine Helms.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY;

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 15 - January 19

Monday - Meatloaf
Tuesday - Quesadillas
Wednesday - Pulled pork
Thursday - Spaghetti
Friday - Baked chicken

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

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 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 15 - January 19

Monday - Hot beef sandwich
Tuesday - BBQ on bun
Wednesday - LuAnn's meat & potato casserole
Thursday - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
Friday - Chicken strips w/ gravy

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

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.

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Geneva Christene Barclay

Geneva Christene Barclay, 92, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2018.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

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

Geneva was born on November 17, 1925 in Dequeen Arkansas to Hattie Myrtle and Luther Milton Sutton.

In 1942 Geneva met the love of her life, Sol David

Barclay and they began their lives together that lasted 64 years. She was a loving wife who cared for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was a homemaker and loved quilting with the Monday morning quilters in Lockney and was a member of the Lockney Senior Citizens. She showed kindness to everyone and was willing to help others. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Lockney.

She is survived by her daughters, Wilma A. Barclay, Plainview, Texas., Jessie M. and Gregory Blevins, Yukon, Oklahoma, and Bobbie J.



GENEVA CHRISTENE BARCLAY

Bowman, Plainview, Texas.; a son, Jerry D. and Sandra Barclay, Flomot, Texas; 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; two sisters; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Online condolences can be made at moorosefh@yahoo.com

Norman Muncy

Funeral services for Norman Muncy, 83, of Floydada, was held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Rance Young, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Silverton, officiated, and Caitlin Jones of Addison, Texas, assisted.

Graveside services followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Muncy died Saturday, January 6, 2018 in Floydada.

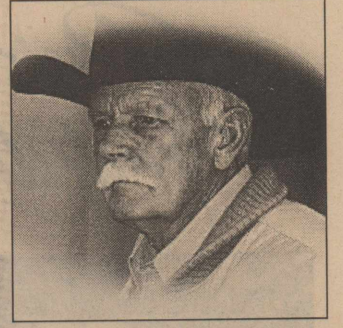
He was born on December 27, 1934, in Floyd County, Texas to the late Mr. Robert Buckner Muncy and Mrs. Allie Mae Crawford. He was a graduate of Floydada High School prior to serving in the United States Army. Norman was a lifelong resident of Floydada. He married Edith Garrett November 28, 1954 in Floydada.

Norman partnered with his

father in the grain and elevator business for many years, as well as ranching and farmed in Floyd and Crosby counties, his entire life centered around agricultural interests. He was named Resident Conservation Rancher, Region I, by the Texas Conservation Award Program in 2008.

Norman proudly served as treasurer of the Floyd County Pioneer Association 38 years and Norman and Edith were honored as Floyd County Pioneer Couple of the Year in 2014. Norman was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; daughter, Penny (Mike) Giesecke, Floydada, and daughter, Pamela (Russ) Jones of Aledo, Texas; one granddaughter, Caitlin Jones of Addison, Texas; a sister, Betty Gordon of Holland, Texas; a niece, Kitty (Jerry) Dillard, Richardson, Texas; a niece, Rosemary (Jim) Finley of Floydada; and a nephew, Britt (Kelly) Gordon of Holland, Texas. Norman is also survived by two honorary daugh-



NORMAN MUNCY

ters, Ellen Bradley Green Craig (Mark) of Tyler, Texas, and Kara Copeland Rosen (Richie) of Lubbock, Texas. Norman also enjoyed the special friendship and care of Mina Pesina of Floydada.

The family will be forever grateful for the love, special care and friendship of the staff at Beehive Homes of Floydada and the attentive care received through Accolade Home Health and Hospice.

The family suggests memorials to Building and Grounds of Floydada First Baptist Church, 401 S Main, Floydada, Tx. 79235 or a favorite charity.

Lee William Burton

Lee William Burton, 94, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, January 5, 2018.

He was born on May 18, 1923 in Floyd County, Texas to Clyde Wilson and Beulah May (Orsburn) Burton.

Lee graduated from Floydada High School and served in World War II aboard the USS Cod Submarine. He married the late Nina Theresa Myrick in 1944, she died in 1976. He married Margaret McKinney Rodgers in 1993.

He farmed in Floyd County many years before retirement. Lee met the challenges of farming creatively by making some of his equipment, by being his own mechanic, electrician, plumber, and welder. He was always willing to help a neighbor

He was a member of

Lubbock Lifepoint Baptist Church, American Legion, sons of the American Revolution, the Farm Bureau, the Lubbock Open Heart Club, and the Lubbock Woodworker's Club. Lee made hundreds of wooden toy cars for Toys for Tots.

Mr. Burton was preceded in death by his first wife, Nina; two daughters, Carolyn Theresa Burton and Phyllis Ann Burton; one son, Richard Lee Burton; and two sisters, Maurice Burton and Viola Burton Greene and husband, Randy; and infant brother, Hugh Orsburn Burton, remembered.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Sharon Pattillo and husband, Don; grandson, Ron Pattillo; sister-in-law, Marjorie Myrick and several nieces



LEE WILLIAM BURTON

and nephews.

Lee's family wishes to express sincere thanks and appreciation for the excellent care provided by Wilshire on 4th Assisted Living and Lubbock Interim Hospice.

Visitation was held on Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 8, 2018 at Combest Family Memorial Chapel.

Burial was held at 1 p.m. at Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada, Texas.

Edward Ramirez, Sr.

Edward Ramirez, Sr., 66, passed away on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m., Monday, January 8, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

A rosary was held at 6 p.m., Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Komerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

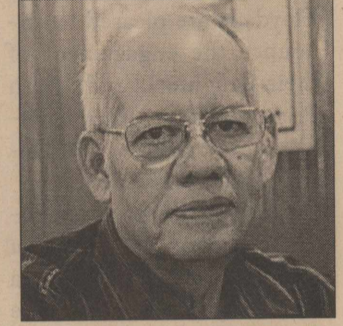
Edward was born on September 27, 1951 in Hillsboro, Texas to Raul and Elvira Ramirez.

In 1978, Edward met the love of his life, Maria Ponce, and they began their lives together. He was a loving husband and cared for all of his and Maria's children and grandchildren.

Edward worked at Hart Coop Producers, for the City of Hart, for AAA Pumps and was a truck driver. He retired in 2009. He was a man of very few words but his actions spoke volumes. He showed kindness to everyone and was always ready and willing to help others.

His favorite things were outdoors, grilling and doing yard work.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; a son, Edward Ramirez, Jr. and fiancé Sarah Hutto of Plainview, Texas; a daughter, Monica Ramirez of Hart, Texas; his stepchildren, Isaias Ponce and wife, Margaret of Floydada, Texas, Noemi Ponce of Dimmitt, Texas, Vickie Hinsley and husband, Danny of Plainview, Texas, Dilphia McCollum and husband, Chad of Falcon, Colorado, and Joe Ponce and wife, Alma of Brownsville, Texas; his siblings, Lupe Leyva of Florida, Irene Ramirez and husband, Vicente Padilla, Raul Ramirez, Jr. and wife, Elvira, Raymond Ramirez, Joe Ramirez and wife, Teresa, and Irma Marufo and husband, Mario, all of Hart, Texas, Juan Ramirez and wife, Carmen of California, Frank Ramirez of Dimmitt, Texas, Rosa Hernandez and husband, Fernando of Victo-



EDWARD RAMIREZ, SR.

ria, Texas, Mary Armendarez and husband, Marcos of Ft. Worth, Texas, Mary Jane Gonzalez and husband, Luis of Olton, Texas, Robert Ramirez and wife, Rosa of Arlington, Texas, and Aurora Luna and husband, Noel of Plainview, Texas; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded by his parents, a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Ponce, daughter-in-law, Amanda Ramirez, a grandson, Bryan Hernandez and a brother, Jimmy Ramirez.

Online condolences can be made at www.komerstonefunerals.com

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Resisting Temptation

No temptation has seized you that isn't common for people. But God is faithful. He won't allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.

—1 Corinthians 10:13 (CEB)

I was overjoyed. It was Friday and payday. But I had a problem. I had no money to take the bus to my job to pick up my check. I thought long and hard and decided that I would try to pass off an old ticket, hoping the bus driver wouldn't notice. I walked to the bus stop, feeling sick about my decision. Facing this temptation to use deception, I thought of Joseph.

When Potiphar's wife tempted Joseph (Gen. 39:9-12), he didn't give in to the temptation. Instead, he ran from it. Joseph's response

gives us all a model for when temptation is present. God will deliver a way out of temptation; we just have to take it. I prayed for God to help me, and just as God rewarded Joseph for resisting temptation, God rewarded me as well.

When the bus came, I walked on behind everyone else with my balled up used ticket — and walked back off, deciding not to lie. The bus driver called after me, asking if I needed a ride and allowed me to ride that day for free. Sometimes our problems may seem unbearable and definitely unfixable without deceit, but God knows. If we prayerfully look for another way out of the situation, we can find it.

—Ginger Robinson (Texas)

Thought for the day:

God provides a way when we resist temptation.

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

Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Mark Snowden, Pastor
Ron Montgomery, Interim Minister of
Worship
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

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

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi
Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor

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

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

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

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

San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Fr. Arockia Dhas Jeganathan
Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study
10 a.m. - Mass
Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation -
CYO to follow
Thurs. - 6:30 pm- Evening Mass

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

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

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

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

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

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

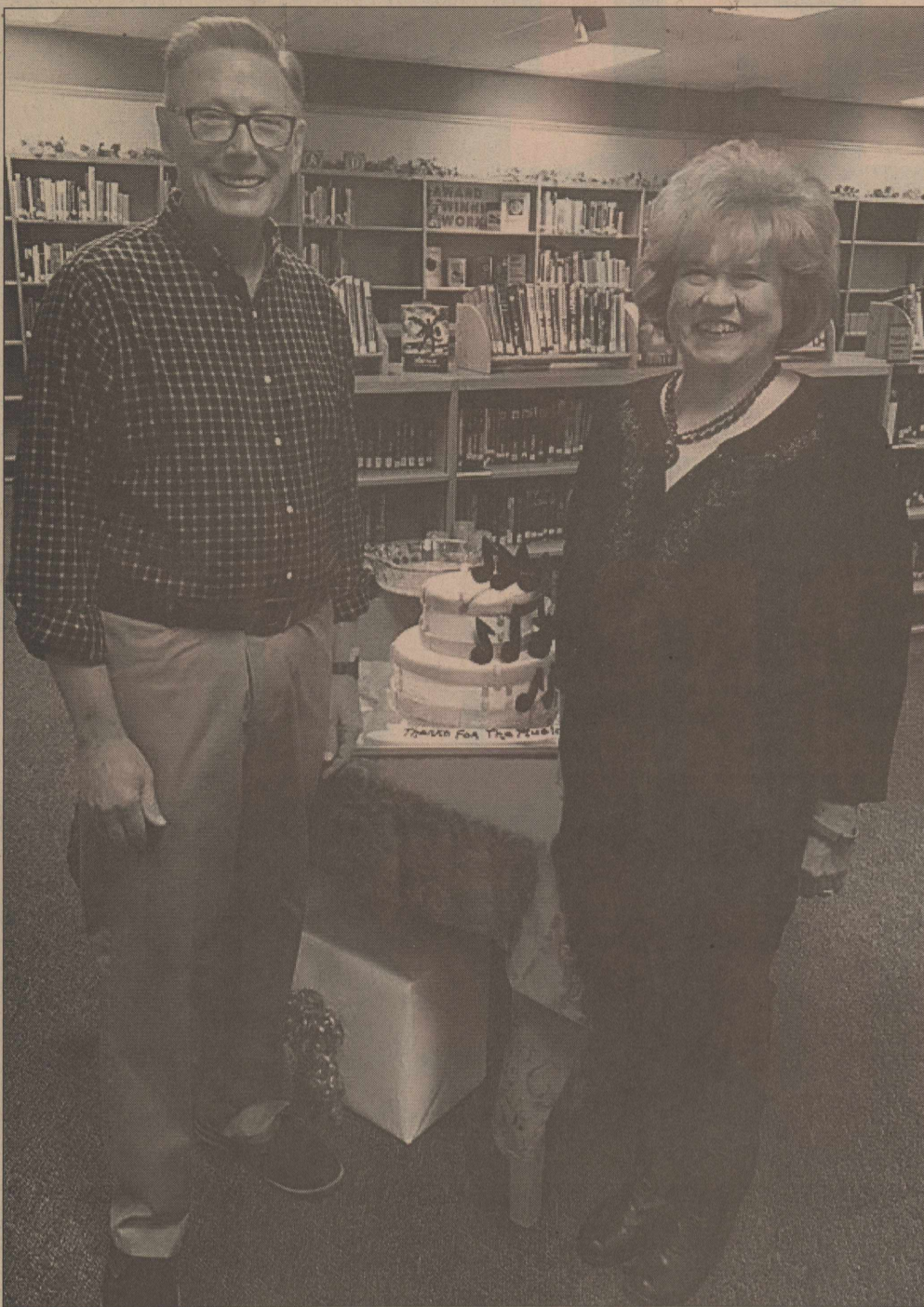
Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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

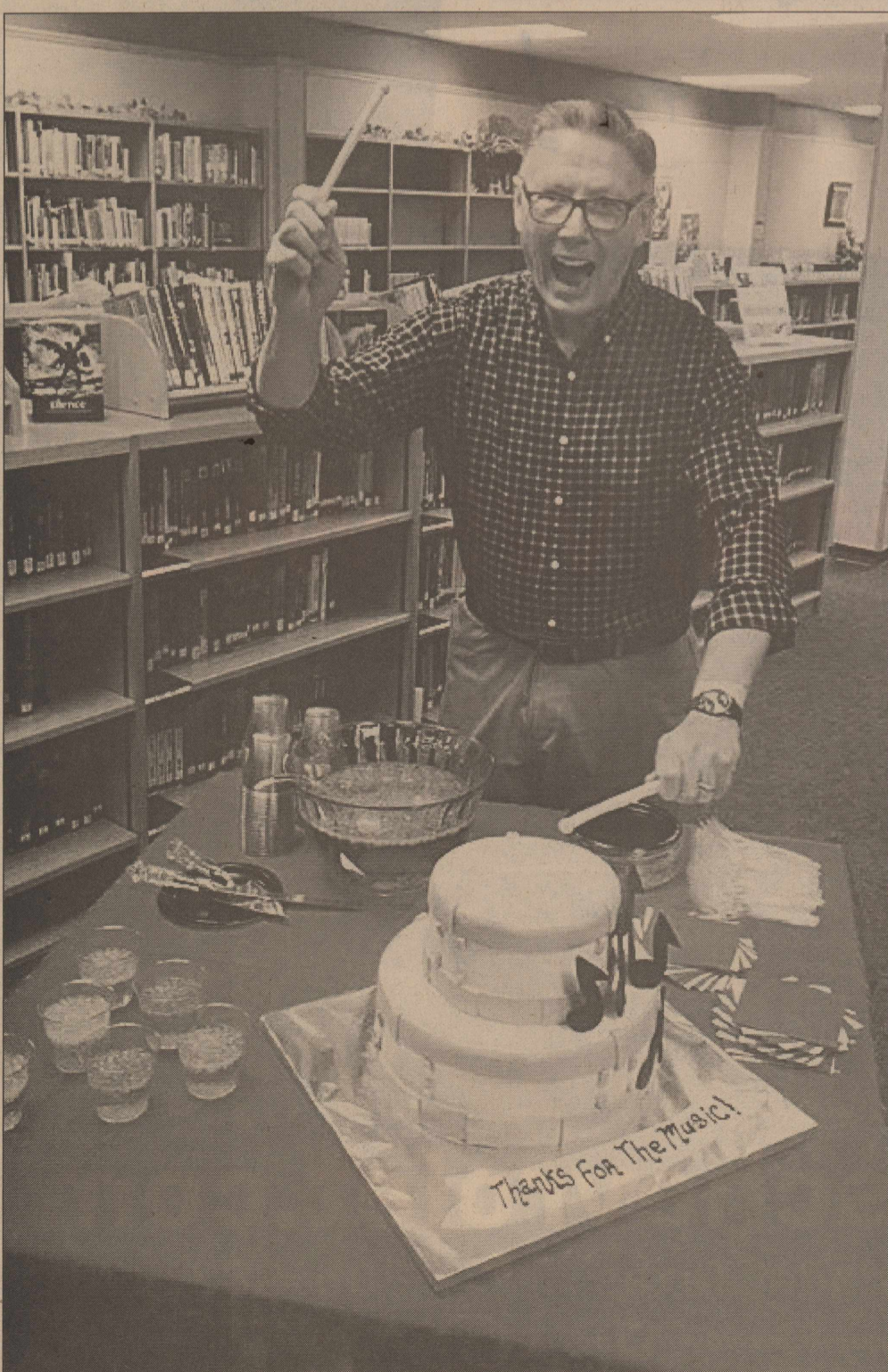
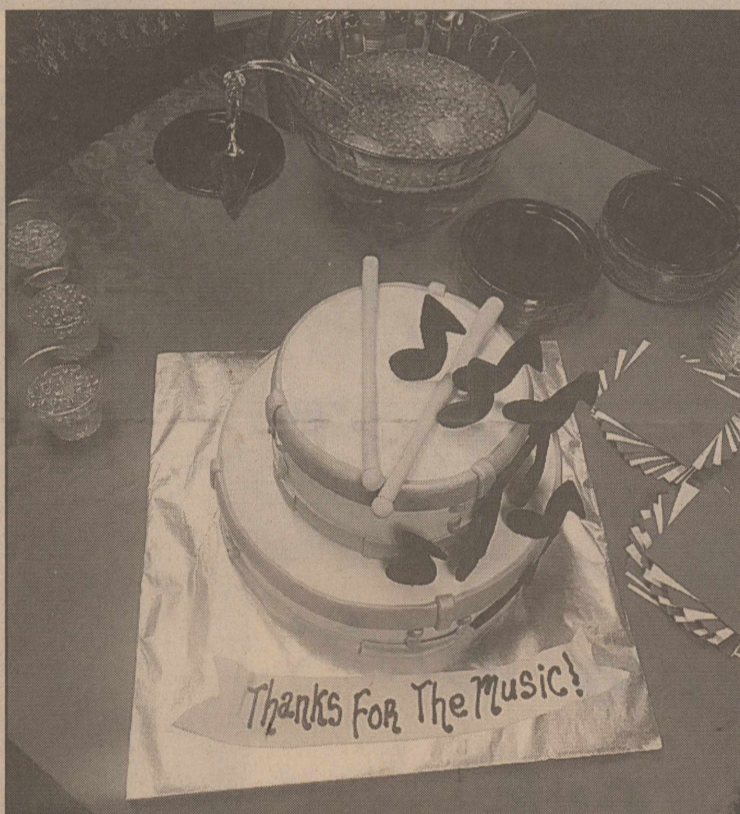
West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS

Band director retirement party



Courtesy photos
There was a retirement party for Lockney band teacher Rob Lovett and his wife, Debra on Monday, Jan. 8 at the high school library. The school and friends celebrated his 46 years of teaching band, 17 of those years at Lockney ISD.



Whirlwinds Seven Seconds from Victory

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(FLOYDADA) The Floydada Whirlwinds were seven seconds from a major victory on Tuesday night before falling to the Lubbock Homeschool Titans, 53-52. The Winds opened the game with a lead, but the Titans jumped into the driver's seat before the horn and led by nine. Floydada,

led by Sophomore Garret Hobbs and Senior Remington Ricketts knocked the lead down to one at the half following a 16 to 8 run.

Floydada stormed into the second half taking the lead by as many as six points, and even led by five with a minute remaining in the game. A big turnover by the Winds and a missed free throw with 27 seconds

left were just enough to allow the Titans back in as they finished off Floydada in the non-district matchup at Whirlwind Gym.

Hobbs led all scorers with 21 points and 7 rebounds. Ricketts added 16 points, 11 rebounds and 5 blocked shots in the loss. Floydada falls to 11-10 on the season and travel to Bovina (Bovee-nuh) on Friday night.

Lady Winds fall to Abernathy in district opener

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

ABERNATHY - For the Floydada Lady Winds, District 4-2A action began on Jan. 5 with a road trip to the Abernathy Lady Lopes. The Lady Lopes claimed the victory 66-23.

The Lady Lopes took control early and were never threatened by the Lady Winds. After the first quarter, Abernathy led 26-10. At the half the Lady Lopes led

37-15. After three quarters, Abernathy led 52-21 before claiming the 66-23 victory.

For Floydada, Collins had eight points, Garza had seven points, Cervera, Brown and Pena, each had two points and Vega and Ricketts had one point each.

For Abernathy, Shadden had 13 points, Nick had 12, Dubose and Royal had nine each, Aguirre had eight points, Akers had six points, Rodriguez had six points and Myatt had two points.

In other district action, New Deal defeated Post 47-44 and Ralls defeated Crosbyton 57-53.

On Jan. 9, Floydada traveled to Post, Crosbyton hosted Abernathy and New Deal hosted Ralls.

On Jan. 12, Floydada hosts Crosbyton, Ralls hosts Post and Abernathy hosts New Deal.

On Jan. 16, Floydada travels to New Deal, Crosbyton travels to Post and Abernathy travels to Ralls.

Lady Horns defeat Olton to open district race

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

OLTON - District 3-2A girls basketball tipped off on Jan. 5 at Olton as the Lockney Lady Horns defeated the Olton Fillies 56-32.

Olton held an 18-16 lead after the first quarter before the Lady Horns took a 32-25 halftime lead. Lockney limited the Fillies to only seven second half points as they extended their lead to 43-28 after three quarters before claiming the 56-32 victory. Lockney is now 1-0 in district while Olton is 0-1.

For Lockney, Reagan Nuncio led all scorers with 17 points, Madai Chavira

added 15, Alma Mendez had nine, Alyssa Barretero had eight, Nimisi Perez had five and Jada Rosales had two.

For Olton, Mackenzie Olivarez had 16 points, Aishlin Valencia had 11 points, Huguley had three points and Molina had two points.

In other district action, Sudan defeated Hale Center 40-21 and Farwell defeated Bovina 73-33.

On Jan. 9, Lockney hosted Bovina, Olton traveled to Sudan and Farwell hosted Hale Center.

On Friday, Jan. 12, the boys begin district play. Lockney will host Hale Center, Olton will host Bovina and Farwell will host Sudan.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16 Lockney will travel to Farwell, Olton is at Hale Center and Bovina is at Sudan.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

January 8-12

Monday, Jan. 15

Breakfast - Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Corn Dog & Tots or Roasted Chicken, Roll & Broccoli Bites, Baked Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Breakfast - Breakfast Burrito, Hash Brown or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Nachos Grande, Beans, Salsa & Garnish or Taco Soup, Cornbread, Tomato Cup, Cucumbers, Peaches, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Breakfast - Biscuit, Eggs, Bacon or Muffin, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Sandwich & Fries or Xtreme Burrito w/ Corn, Salsa & Garnish, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 18

Breakfast - Sausage Kolache, Yogurt or Cereal Bar, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Asian Bowl, Egg Roll or Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, Gravy & Biscuit, Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Jan. 19

Breakfast - Egg & Cheese Sandwich or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch - Pizza Choice or Ham & Cheese Melt, Baby Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Fruit, Brownie, Milk

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

January 8-12

Monday

MLK DAY

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

Breakfast - Reduced sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, Graham crackers, fresh fruit selection, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti w/meatballs & breadsticks, cheese pizza, Seasoned peas & carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Whole grain apple frudel, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets w/roll, chicken corn dog, seasoned Green peas, crispy golden tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Mini cinnamon waffles, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Orange chicken w/rice, pepperoni pizza, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Egg, cheese, & turkey sausage burrito, cereal, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Beef enchilada w/Spanish rice, ham & cheese sub, seasoned Mexican pinto beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Basketball Standings for Lockney and Floydada

Girls District 3-2A

Teams	W	L
Farwell	1	0
Lockney	1	0
Sudan	1	0
Bovina	0	1
Hale Center	0	1
Olton	0	1

Jan. 5 Results

Lockney 56, Olton 32
Sudan 40, Hale Center 21
Farwell 73, Bovina 33

Jan. 9 Schedule

Lockney vs Bovina
Sudan vs Olton
Farwell vs Hale Center

Jan. 12 Schedule

Lockney vs Hale Center
Olton vs Bovina
Farwell vs Sudan

Jan. 16 Schedule

Lockney at Farwell
Olton at Hale Center
Bovina at Sudan

Boys District 3-2A

Teams	W	L
Farwell	0	0
Lockney	0	0
Sudan	0	0
Bovina	0	0
Hale Center	0	0
Olton	0	0

Jan. 12 Schedule

Lockney vs Hale Center
Olton vs Bovina
Farwell vs Sudan

Jan. 16 Schedule

Lockney at Farwell
Olton at Hale Center
Bovina at Sudan

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
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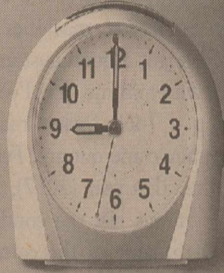
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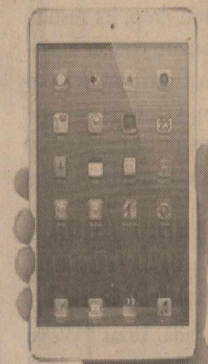
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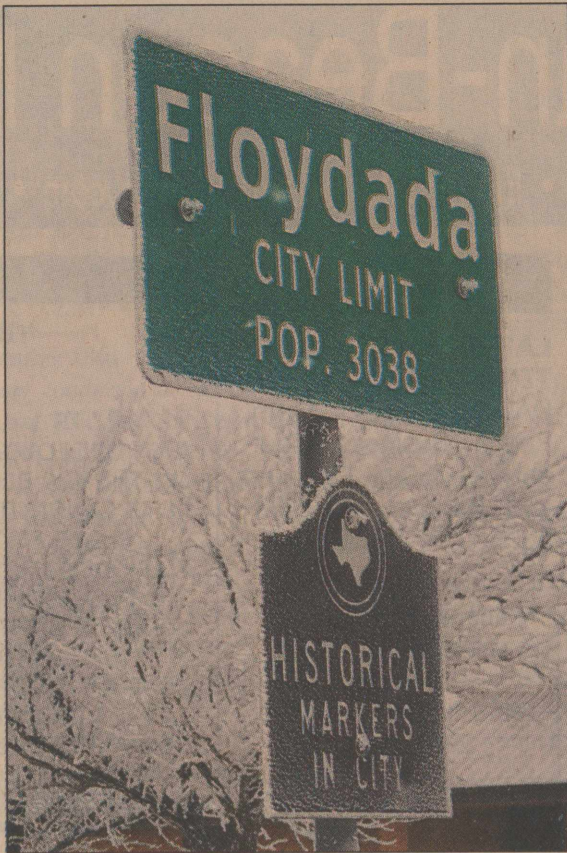
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Frozen Floydada? 2018 came in with frigid, single digit temps and a couple of days last week never got above the 32 degree freezing mark. With FISD schools on holiday vacation until January 10, frozen streets were fairly quiet. The weather forecast has sunnier and warmer options for the foreseeable days ahead.



Floydada ginner Hendricks notes increase in fires

By Shelley E. Huguley
Southwest Farm Press

While August rains followed by a cool, cloudy, wet September created a series of anomalies in the 2017 cotton crop, its resulting low micronaire cotton ignited a firestorm from the field to the cotton gin. Growers to ginners to equipment dealers testify to the dramatic increase of fires in 2017.

"It's unreal how many fires we've had," says Aaron Hendricks, gin manager, Floydada Cooperative Gin, Floydada, Texas. "We've had some static fires that we don't normally have."

Plains Cotton Growers executive Vice President Steve Verett says there's no doubt that there were more fires last season. "It was very dry and when you have a low micronaire year on cotton there's a lot more fuzz just flying around that accumulates on the harvesters. The low mic cotton is significantly more flammable than when we don't have the presence of that. And so all of those things combined together created a volatile situation and we just saw more fires."

Static electricity is to blame for a

fire Hendricks says went through his gin. "The machine choked up, we had a bunch of cotton in it and then all of a sudden it blew," says Hendricks. "It got hot so fast and built up so much pressure in that piece of equipment, that it blew the lids off of it." Thankfully, no one was hurt and no significant damage was caused to the gin, he says.

To minimize the risk of fires, Hendricks ginning crew is checking the gin equipment more thoroughly. "The guys on the gins stands are constantly checking everything, more hands on. We'll take a gin stand out and clean it and make sure nothing is wrong. We've also made a few little adjustments to the equipment on the computer where if a gin stand gets a wad it kicks it out quicker."

In the Panhandle at Adobe Walls Gin where General Manager Jerrell Key is expecting to gin at least 275,000 bales of cotton, he says they've seen an increase but nothing horrendous. "Mainly, this cotton is so dry. I think it's static. We use a lot of manure around here so we get a lot of rocks in our fields."

Where Key says he has seen



Courtesy photo

Low micronaire cotton is to blame for increased machine, module and gin fires this season.

a definite increase, is in cotton stripper fires. "Part of the other problem that we're having is that we've got so many new acres and this is traditionally wheat pasture country, so they're picking up things like wire, electric fence posts. Strippers run right on the ground and combines don't. So, we're cleaning up some fields," he says.

While there's been speculation as to whether or not a certain type of stripper has caused many of the fires, CEO Joe Hurst, of Hurst Farm Supply, says they've had fires on all cotton strippers—basket and round module machines alike — an issue he also says is fueled by the low mic cotton, dry weather and other factors that have ignited the blazes.

"If you talk to people that were getting off their machines at night,

as they're climbing down that ladder, it just looked like a lightning storm with their hands because static electricity was just going," says Hurst. "We were out almost daily on basket machines with fires. I've got a good customer in Ralls, who told me, 'Joe, I've been driving a 7460 basket machine since they came out and I've had one fire. This year (2017), I had nine.' It was just the conditions and the quality of the cotton. It was crazy," he says.

More times than not, when there is a machine fire it's caused by flint rock or big weeds grinding on the burr extractor, says Hurst, who hosts a stripper owner/operator clinic each September where they focus a large part of their time on fire prevention and what to do in case of a fire.

"One of my customers, that has

a round module machine, had a fire. He got his bale out without having any fire damage, but when he got up there and was examining what caused the fire, which we encourage everyone to do, he found a 4x12 inch u-bolt that was up in his burr extractor. Metal grinding on metal is going to create some sparks and then with the flammable cotton that we had this year, there it goes."

Often when a fire ignites in a stripper basket, harvest crews either on the module builder or the tractor pulling the boll buggy can spot smoke and quickly notify the stripper operator. Then it's a matter of turning where the wind is coming out of the right-hand side of the machine, raising the basket and dumping it out, says Hurst. "It takes 30 seconds."

"When you're out there with a

CS 690, the round module machine, you're usually out there by yourself and there's nobody to tell you that you are on fire. But once you do realize that you are on fire, there's account after account, where these people have run through the process of clearing their accumulator, wrapping that module and dumping it out, not hurting the machine at all."

To help notify operators more quickly if a fire does ignite, John Deere is working in cooperation with Argus, to develop a detection and suppression system, Hurst says.

"It's a new challenge that we have," says Verett, who ran a picker-baler this season. "But I'm confident that John Deere will have something to help us detect and extinguish any fire situation in these machines that we have."

Upcoming Area Ag Conferences Arrington: Cotton Fix is One Step From Becoming Reality

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January 16 – Southern Mesa Ag Conference, Forrest Park Community Center, 814 S. Houston, Lamesa. Registration at 7:45 a.m. Info: Gary Roschetzky, CEA-Ag/NR, 806-872-3444.

January 18 – Area AgriLife Extension Agronomics Meeting, Moore County Community Build-

ing, 1600 S. Maddox Ave., Dumas. Registration at 8:30 a.m. \$10 fee, lunch provided. Info: Marcel Fischbacher, CEA-Ag/NR, 806-935-2594 or Mike Bragg, CEA-Ag/NR, 806-244-4434.

January 18 – South Plains Ag Conference, The 380 Event Center, 2149 Tahoka Road, Brownfield. Registration at 8:30 a.m. \$10 fee, lunch provided. 5 CEUs. Info: Lynn County Extension Office, 806-561-4562; Terry County Extension Office, 806-637-4060; or Yoakum County Extension Office, 806-456-2066.

January 19 – Caprock Crop Production Conference, Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy. Registration at 7 a.m., \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. 10 CEUs, 10 CCAs. Info: Caitlin Jackson, CEA-Ag/NR, 806-675-2347 or Cristen Brooks, CEA-Ag/NR, 806-983-4912.

January 19 – Northeast Panhandle Crop Profitability Conference, Ochiltree County Expo Center, 402 Expo Drive, Peryton. Registration at 9 a.m., \$10 fee. Info: Scott Strawn, CEA-Ag/NR, 806-435-4501.

January 23 – Seeking Solutions: Managing Economic Risks, Cagle Steaks, 8732 Fourth St., Lubbock. Registration at 8:30 a.m., \$30 fee. Pre-registration encouraged. Info: Crosby County Extension Office, 806-675-2347.

January 24 – Texas Alliance for Water Conservation's 4th Annual Water College, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock. Registration at 8:30 a.m., no fee. Breakfast and lunch provided. CEUs available. Info: <http://www.tawcwatercollege.com>.

PCG EDITOR'S NOTE: A complete list is available at <http://www.plainscotton.org/agconferences.html>. Please submit any additions/edits to mary-jane@plainscotton.org.

By Kate McBrayer
District 19 Communications Office

WASHINGTON — Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) announced Monday that a solution for putting cotton back into the agriculture safety net could come earlier than the next Farm Bill if the Senate takes action on a supplemental appropriations bill the House passed in late December. The bill includes a provision that would bring cotton back into Title I of the Farm Bill, and would cover cotton as both a seed and lint for the first time ever.

Arrington has been meeting with House and Senate leadership to ensure the cotton fix was included in the final House bill and is in the strongest position to pass the Senate. This provision would come at one of the most challenging economic times in our nation's agriculture history, with farm income over the last three years experiencing its steepest decline since the Great Depression.

"Cotton was the only commodity taken out of the Title I safety net during the 2014

Farm Bill, which has had a devastating effect on producers throughout the seventeenth-state Cotton Belt and put many in West Texas in jeopardy of losing their farms," said Arrington. "You can't overstate the importance of cotton to West Texas, and restoring its safety net status would save billions of dollars to our local economy and is the single biggest factor for ensuring a prosperous future for families living on the South Plains. Cotton is the lifeblood and identity of West Texas."

"This has been my top priority, and I will continue fighting alongside Chairman Conway and Senators Cornyn and Cruz to make sure this gets done. By doing so, we will not only ensure a strong, viable ag sector for West Texas and rural America, but we can ensure our family farmers can continue what they've been doing since the beginning of time – feeding and clothing the American people!"

Steve Verett, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, who has spent time meeting with key Con-

gressional leaders on this package said, "Our growers need a long-term, viable safety net to ensure a strong future for the cotton industry. Timing is of the essence and by including this fix in legislation prior to the 2018 Farm Bill, our growers will have more certainty going into the new year."

Richard Gaona, President of Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, said, "Ensuring our cotton farmers have the necessary risk management tools is critical to not only their success, but the success of our region. I'm grateful we have leaders in Congress like Jodey Arrington who are fighting for the future of our farmers."

Arrington applauds his colleagues in the House for including the cotton fix in the supplemental appropriations bill and is calling on the Senate to act without further delay to help stave off a crisis in the U.S. cotton industry.

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jeans and a camo jacket. Gooch said that Espinoza was last seen in Lubbock, has 13 previous arrests, and with his most recent criminal activity could receive 5 to 7 warrants for his arrest.

If anyone has any information on the identity of the suspect or the location of the stolen vehicle, police ask that you call the Floydada Police Department at 806-983-2834 or the Floyd County Sheriff's Office at 806-983-4901.

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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 week's Hesperian-Beacon.

FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

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