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## 29 flu cases just this week at Mangold

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY- Eighteen Type B Flu cases and 11 Type A Flu cases have been diagnosed just this week at W.J. Mangold, according to Elvia Holguin, Quality Manager.

"With what I have reported to the health department this flu season, there have been more than 100 cases of all types of flu this season," Holguin said.

What can you do to prevent the flu?

"Even though the flu shot doesn't cover all the strains," Holguin said, "the

CDC is recommending that you get the flu shot because even if you get some kind of flu, it will make it easier."

If you get the flu, Holguin said, "You should go see your doctor to get antiviral medication."

She noted that you can tough it out with rest, but it can turn into pneumonia or worse—especially if you have any kind of chronic condition.

Other suggestions to keep the flu at bay include frequent handwashing and avoiding anyone who might have had the flu or has been exposed to the flu.

## Filings for city, school posts now open; Floydada special election sales tax on ballot

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Candidates wishing to file for positions on their respective city councils and school boards in Floyd County can begin filing now (as of January 17) at their city halls and school district offices until Friday, Feb. 16 for the election that will be held Saturday,

May 5.

In Lockney, council positions of Mayor At Large, Archie Jones; District 4 Jorge Villareal; and District 5 Tyler Duniven are on the ballot this year.

The Lockney City Council positions are two-year terms.

The Lockney Independent School District will have two three-year posi-

tions up for election this year—place 2, occupied by Mike Glass, and Place 2, occupied by Charles Keaton.

The Floydada City Council will have four positions on the ballot—At Large, currently held by Sam Green; At Large Corey Speed; District 1 Bettye King; and District 4 Gail DuBois.

The City of Floydada will also have a special election on the May 5 ballot for a one-fourth of one cent sales tax increase.

For the Floydada Independent School District the District 1 position currently held by Roger Hughes and the District 2 position currently held by Dr. William Dean will be on the ballot.

## Crop Production Conf.



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon

On January 19 the Unity Center will be the setting once again for the Caprock Crop Production Conference. Registration information can be received through either the Floyd or Crosby County extension offices.

## 25th health fair Feb. 3



Courtesy Photo

On Saturday, Feb. 3, W.J. Mangold Hospital will be hosting its 25th Annual Health Fair at Lockney Elementary. On hand for last year's health fair were Elnetia Hill, Elionor Barrientoz, Lori Flores, Dina Enriquez, Olga Cera and Amy Leatherman.

By Kay Ellington  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital will hold its 25th 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 pic-

ture 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 first bale



Courtesy Photo

It's been a long cotton harvest, but it's starting to wind down. On October 30, this photo was taken of the first bale ginned in Lockney. Picture left to right: Archie Jones (chamber president), Jeffrey Sutterfield with his children, Tom Byars

### 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.

### 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

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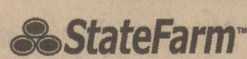
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# Beware of scam phone calls in the Floydada area

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The Floydada Police Department has become aware of Scam Artists calling citizens of Floydada claiming to be from either Lighthouse or Western

Electric. The Scam Artists are claiming that if you do not pay your bill they will cut your power off. If you receive any of these phone calls do not give any of your personal information to these wonderful indi-

viduals. Simply hang up.

If you have any concerns regarding your utilities, simply contact your provider directly.

You can also report these Scam artists by contacting the Police Department.

# Lockney City Council passes plumbing ordinance

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney City Council at the regular meeting held on November 21, 2017, passed Ordinance NO 3.02.103 in order to be in conformity with existing Texas State Law and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations. This Ordinance is basically a plumbing ordinance and relates to cross-connection and backflow pre-

vention. The Ordinance passed by the City Council follows exact language as suggested by TCEQ. The passage of this Ordinance brings the City of Lockney into coherence with Texas State Law and TCEQ regulations.

Passage of this Ordinance may require some property owners, businesses or institutions to modify their water supply lines to the City water source by in-

stallation of a backflow prevention valve on their water line in order to be in compliance with the Ordinance and previously existing Texas State Law and TCEQ regulations.

A letter will be going out to businesses and institutions informing them of compliance requirements. Should you desire a copy of Ordinance NO 3.02.103 the City of Lockney will provide a copy of the Ordinance.

# Monsanto of Aiken Donates Toys for Christmas



Photos Courtesy of Denise Doucette

By Denise Doucette  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Thank you to the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department for giving Santa Claus a ride to town and thank you to all the Monsanto employees of Aiken who participated in donating all the toys this year that Santa and his helpers handed out to the children on Saturday, Dec. 16th at the Lockney Salvation Army!

We had a wonderful turn

out of children with lots of smiling faces.

We appreciate all those who helped and donated these toys and because of your generosity, families

were blessed this Christmas.

We also want to thank all the volunteers who delivered the Christmas Food Sacks.

# The 501: Dabbling into blank

If your mind is blank, turn to Facebook. You'll invariably end up with a different kind of blank.

Facebook is telling me today that Barbara Siegler and I have been Facebook friends for eight years. I want to tell Facebook that Barbara and I were friends before Mark Zuckerberg's mother was born. So there.

INTERNET RESEARCH PAUSE.

Thinking I shouldn't make sweeping statements without facts, I looked up Facebook-founder Zuckerberg and learned that his mother is Karen Kempner, a psychiatrist, who somehow manages to keep her birth date private. At least I can't find it. She's probably not even on Facebook.

ANOTHER RESEARCH PAUSE.

Sure enough, I couldn't find a Facebook page for Karen Kempner, mother of Zuckerberg. On the other hand, I discovered that my Facebook friend Suanne has an FB friend named Karen Kempner. Somehow I'm not surprised.

Along the way, I ran across this headline: "Mark Zuckerberg Is Grandson Of David Rockefeller: Real name, Jacob Greenberg."

Who knew? Except I'm not trusting any headline that capitalizes the word "of."

And I'm left wondering whether Jacob Greenberg is the real name of David Rockefeller or, to the contrary, Mark Zuckerberg.

Not surprisingly, my mind is still essentially blank — an effect of dabbling, especially via Face-

book and Google. If you're a dabbler, you understand. If you're not, congratulations.

For some of us, dabbling comes naturally. It's why I once thought I'd like to be a librarian. Don't librarians help people with all sorts of trivial questions on every topic imaginable? It's dabbling par excellence and getting paid for it, although probably not enough. Whatever the salary, I supposed that to be a librarian I'd have to pay my dues (unintentional pun) and shelve many books before I got to be some sort of super-duper free-to-dabble librarian who wouldn't have to shelve anything. Maybe I was correct. Or not. Either way, being neither a shelver nor a filer, I decided to major in art and French instead and subsequently to study art history, a discipline that gave me license to dabble through several centuries on various continents, albeit not literally. If I'd dabbled deeper, maybe I would have finished my thesis.

As for French, what better way for a babler to build on a natural talent? That's "babiller" in French.

Yes, I had to look it up on the Internet. They don't teach you every word in college.

Meanwhile, I just saw the English definition of "babbling" and I don't think I am one in real life. Just in print. Except for proverbial brooks, a babler is someone who "talks rapidly and continuously in a foolish, excited, or incomprehensible way." Rapid I'm not.

In conclusion, if your mind is now as blank as mine, you're welcome. Sometimes it takes a good batch of clutter to clear clutter — like floor sweep helps you sweep a floor.

If you don't know the meaning of "floor sweep," look it up on the Internet. You might end up on another directionless mind-clearing journey.

Bon voyage!

# Opinion GOP Congress cancelling budget in 2018 would be a huge mistake

By Robert Romano

In 2018, there are about five or six must-pass pieces of legislation that the Republican Congress will have to enact their agenda items before the end of the year. They include the 2018 omnibus spending bill due Jan. 19, the debt ceiling, President Donald Trump's March 5 deadline on DACA, the budget, the continuing resolution due Sept. 30 and whatever 2019 omnibus spending bill follows.

Of those, all require 60 votes margins in the Senate to overcome the cloture rule, except for the budget, which can pass with a simple 51 vote majority.

This same process was the only reason Congress was able to pass tax cuts, open ANWR and repeal the Obamacare individual mandate.

In other words, the budget was the only reason Republicans have been able to get much of anything done on the legislative front.

It was therefore disconcerting to many leaders in and out of Congress that Republican leaders are reportedly considering scrapping using the budget reconciliation process.

According to a report from the Politico's Rachael Bade and Sarah Ferris, "White House and Hill GOP leaders discussed the possibility of forgoing the painful budget process during last weekend's Camp David legislative summit, according to four sources familiar with the talks. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has argued that he cannot pass controversial deficit-reduction legislation using powerful budget procedures with his new 51-vote majority — and wasn't even sure he could find the votes for a fiscal blueprint in the first place."

If true, this means that, basically, Republicans do not believe they will be able to pass any legislation in 2018 without Democrats, significantly diminishing GOP objectives that might be achieved. It also grants significant leverage to Democrats on all the other aforementioned bills including the omnibus, the debt ceiling and the continuing resolution.

In short, it would be a complete surrender by the Republican Congress, a majority in name only.

Here's the thing: What makes Republicans think they'll have wider majorities in 2019 if they're not accomplishing GOP objectives in 2018?

To be certain, there's a plethora of items that should be fought for, even if not every battle is won.

The rest of Obamacare besides the individual mandate still needs to be repealed, including the employer mandate, the insurance subsidies and the Medicaid expansion.

Legislative riders can be used to eliminate Obama era regulations including defunding the Clean Power Plan, the Carbon Endangerment Finding and other economy-killing rules.

Implementing the President's budget including items to reform welfare programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid. Institute mandatory workfare requirements.

The President has priorities on infrastructure, typically a Democrat priority. Surely those could be cobbled with other Republican priorities to get something across the finish line.

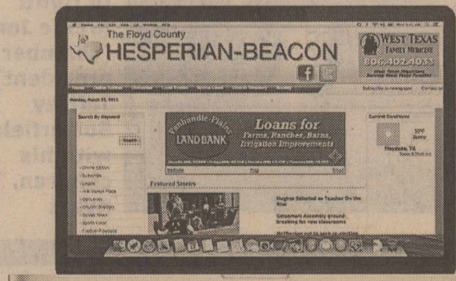
Instituting the President's agenda on immigration by adopting the "Securing America's Future Act," by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (R-Texas). That bill ends chain migration, ends the visa lottery, builds the southern border wall where needed, defunds sanctuary cities and implements a national E-Verify system.

Spending bills, especially the budget, provide valuable vehicles to get these things done. Again, it's the only reason the tax bill, ANWR and the individual mandate got done.

Without the budget, Republicans will be depending on 60 votes in the Senate to get their agenda through. Which is to say, it will be that much harder to get through. While Republicans still have majorities, they need to be using them, otherwise in November, voters might just sit on their hands.

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# SOCIETY

## Covenant Plainview ribbon-cutting for new surgical center Jan. 28

By Homer Marquez  
Covenant Plainview

PLAINVIEW -Celebrate with Covenant Health Plainview as the hospital will mark the completion of the James and Eva Mayer Surgical Center with a special community blessing on Sunday, Jan. 28.

Starting at 2:30 p.m., the grand-opening will also feature community tours of the surgical center, which capped off the final phases of the construction in late December 2017.

"Obviously, this is a wonderful asset to our community and a wonderful advancement when it comes to patient care," said Carol Terrell, Covenant Plainview Senior Foundation Coordinator, who spoke about the new state-of-the-art surgical facility.

"A rural township our size to have such an advanced and progressive surgical center is just amazing."

Last year, Covenant Health Plainview officially opened the surgical wing of the James and Eva Mayer Center, which included five operating suites and a massive post-operating room. In 2017, surgeons performed 2,790 procedures in the new surgical center.

Construction continued in 2017, as the center gained three more operating rooms, a new Same-Day Surgery area as well as new pre-op areas, a lobby and a surgical staff lounge just to name a few.

"It's just superb," added Terrell.

Highlighting the January 28 event will be a community blessing over the entire surgical center.

The completion of the James and Eva Mayer Surgical Center is a major milestone in the ongoing \$40 million renovation of Covenant Health Plainview.

"Because of the generous donation from St. Joseph/Providence (Covenant Health Plainview's parent company) and the generous donations from Plainview, surrounding communities and several foundations, we are able to remodel our hospital to better serve the needs of our patients," Terrell said.

Other sizeable donations also included contributions from the Hale County Hospital Authority Board as well



Same-Day Surgery nurses, Erika Gomez, RN; Naomi Tino, LVN; and Raquel Villarreal, LVN show off the lobby of the new James and Eva Mayer Surgical Center. Covenant Health Plainview will host a community blessing for the newly completed center on Sunday, Jan. 28.

Courtesy photo

as the City of Plainview and Hale County.

However, Terrell reiterated that Covenant Health Plainview does not receive allotted tax money from county and city taxes every year like most hospitals. Covenant Health Plainview in fact is one of the only hospitals not to receive revenue from a city or county hospital tax.

"What you may or may not realize is that we don't have a hospital tax in Plainview or in Hale County. This hospital is a self-sustaining hospital and that really speaks volumes to the hard works of our doctors, nurses and staff," Terrell said.

Terrell said a \$500,000 foundation grant from the James and Eva Mayer Foundation, served as a great push to start the surgical center construction, as well as a donation from vital donor, the Joachim Foundation.

In the community, donations helped the center become a reality. For example, a donation from Roy and Barbara Kiser helped to build the Same-Day Surgery nursing station. Barbara worked

for years as a surgical nurse in the Plainview hospital. Also, an eye-catcher inside the surgical center's lobby will be the "Clay's Corner" children's area which was donated by Mark and Fredda Warren on behalf of their late son.

"It's really beautiful, and we appreciate the Warren's doing that in the memory of Clay," said Terrell.

"And we cannot forget David and the late Myrt Wilder as well as Nicki Logan in their help so far in collecting over \$2.2 million in local pledges to the renovation project."

Festivities will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28. Guests will meet on Covenant Health Plainview's second floor where they will be greeted and taken to the surgical lounge.

The blessing will also be a great footnote in a centennial milestone as Covenant Health celebrates its 100-year anniversary in 2018. Covenant Health are planning events and programs throughout 2018 to celebrate.

Sunday's event will also be the site of a Plainview Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting.

## 1956 Study Club

By Sheree Cannon  
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Members of the 1956 Study Club met in the home of Snow Payne for their January meeting.

Local ladies Connie Bertrand and Carolyn Green shared their love of making notecards with pressed flowers. Connie told of how she started the artistic process years ago after her sister had given her a magazine article

she had read. She and Carolyn started making them together to make more cards at one time. Each lady was given a packet to take home to complete her own card with pressed flowers as well as instructions for future projects.

The group enjoyed soup, dips, homemade bread and desserts prepared by Snow Payne and Janis Julian. Following roll call which was answered by sharing a favorite note you have received, min-

utes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Meeting was adjourned after reciting The Collect.

Club members in attendance were Snow Payne, Janis Julian, Terri Bush, Anne Carthel, Sheryl Back, Sheree Cannon, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Sherry Hacker, Linda Harbin, Judy Schacht, Susan Simpson, JenniSu Smith, Kay Dean Smith, and Virginia Stringer.



### About Town . . .

By: Deon Fincher

By Deon Fincher

I don't often have reason to be out at night. I prefer to be settled in at home, a good supper in my belly, a nice fire warming the room, and Terry and I snuggled up on the couch reading a good book or watching TV. Most of our rooms have windows on the street side of the house, and I'd like to think that those passing by feel the warm, welcoming pull of our little home.

Lights create so many emotions and actions from us humans. Lights being turned on in an empty office first thing in the morning sets our minds toward a productive work day. Lights being turned down at

a theater signals the start of the show and triggers a hush in the crowd. A spotlight does just the opposite, signaling the start and bringing the crowd alive to a deafening roar. My green porchlight proclaims that I support our military. Lights on in a house signify that someone is home...most of the time.

I had reason to go to the downtown square in Floydada this past weekend. I'd never really thought about lights being on—I guess in the past it was always dark. Not this time. Hardy's Classics Museum on California Street had lights on! I applied my brake so I could slowly roll down the street. The vibrant paint colors of the clas-

sics jumped out at me—such beauty! As stunned as I was, I decided to make another loop around the square to have a second look. Wall Street was dark—it was evident that no one was home. The north side was dark, dark, dark. Script printing had a light on in the back storage area, but that was the only illumination on the west, and I was drawn toward the lights at Hardy's Classics again.

I think it is time to "turn the lights on" around the square. I realize that not every building will participate in this movement, but for those businesses that are active and open—use your lights to shout out that fact. It's time to let everyone know that someone is, actually, occupying those properties that are the jewelry around the County Courthouse. It's time, once again, to show some pride in our little community. Let's light it up!

## Museum Archives

### THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

#### UNCLE JOE' DAY'S FAMILY

By Brett Marble

A.B. Duncan and wife, Sarah Kiziah (Day) Duncan, who was a twin of Joe J. Day, had come to Floyd County, June 1, 1884. They liked what they found and so informed kin in Grayson County, Texas. Uncle Joe and wife Mattie (Starkey) Day and their eighteen month old son, Melvin, and Joe's mother Sarah Kiziah (Brown) Hartzog Day, (twice widowed, the last time in 1968) did not want to be left behind so she and her two unmarried children, Marion and John Day, joined the wagons "to the west", arriving April 16, 1887.

Mrs. Day and Joe each filed on 160 acres in the Blanco Canyon, so they had wood and water. White River was then a running stream. (A part of Uncle Joe's land is now owned by the Floydada County Club.) There in the hillside they dug a large two room home, where both families lived. Several years later the Joe Days built a half dugout up on the plains south of the canyon. They ran the post office named Starkey,

(her maiden name). Joe Day gave land for the Starkey School, which later became an excellent three-teacher school.

Some of Joe's neighbors became dissatisfied and sold him their claims and later he gave his children 80 acres of land.

Later they moved to Floydada where their youngest child, Chester, graduated in 1922.

Joe and Mattie Day's children were Melvin, born October 6, 1885, married Bell Curry. He is now 92 years old and lives at Ralls; Myrtle Day, born June 17, 1889 in Floyd County, married Chas. S. Jones. She died September 16, 1976 and is buried at Floydada; Clara Mary Day was born December 14, 1891 in Floyd County, married Otis E. Murry. She now resides at the Floydada Rest Home. Bertha Day was born July 24, 1896, in Floyd County, married Weaver Howard, now lives in Pueblo, Colorado; Joe M. (Jodie) Day was born February 25, 1889 in Floyd C county, married Ora Slaughter. She died January 22, 1976 at Long Beach, California; Ches-

ter Day was born October 27, 1902 in Floyd County married Bertha Nauwald. He died May 23, 1966 and is buried in Houston.

Of these children only Clara, who married O.E. Murry, December 14, 1913, remained in Floyd County. O.E. was in the service station business and farmed. They had twin sons, Floyd and Lloyd Murry born October 15, 1914.

Uncle Joe Day officiated at many early day weddings and funerals. He was often asked to speak at gatherings. At a high school assembly he once said, "Finish high school even if it means going into debt", not then thought of as good business, "your old dad will furnish the grub, your good mother will keep your clothes clean and mended. The rest is up to you, and you can do it, if you want to enough. Where there is a will there is a way. Aim high, even though you hit the barn door". His sense of humor carried him, his family and neighbors over many rough places.

He was a beloved pioneer, a good neighbor, a strict, but indulgent father.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - 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 22 - January 26

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 22 - January 26

Monday - BBQ on bun  
Tuesday - Nachos  
Wednesday - Ham  
Thursday - Chicken & dumplings  
Friday - Hamburger steak

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)

Is the New Year time for a NEW you?  
If so, WJ Maugold Memorial Hospital's Fitness Center is trying to help!  
Annual discounts: \$200/year for individual & \$300/year for families or \$20/month for individual & \$36/month for families

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituaries

### Victoriana "Vickie" Garcia

Victoriana "Vickie" Garcia age 91, met her Heavenly Father and went to her eternal home on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Father Ruban Selvaraj officiated.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

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

Victoriana G. Garcia was born on January 12, 1926 in Bastrop, Texas to Romolo Gomez and Rosario (Vasquez) Gomez. She married Vincent Garcia in 1943 in Brownwood, Texas.

Vickie was a very loving and caring person. She cared for so many in her lifetime. Because of this love, she served for many years as a Certified Nurse Assistant. She started working at the Peoples Hospital in the early 1950's. She later went to work for Caprock Hospital, where she

worked for 30 years and later retired. Vickie dedicated most of her time to taking care of and visiting the sick and the elderly. She loved sitting and visiting, sharing stories of her childhood. In 2006 she was diagnosed with breast cancer and in 2007, she was cancer free, and very proud to say she was a breast cancer survivor.

Vickie was a sports fan and loved to watch the Texas Rangers play, and enjoyed staying up late playing Skip Bo with her daughters and any grandchildren that was staying or visiting her. To all her grandkids, great-grandkids, great-great-grandkids she was our "Mema". Every year she made sure that all 197 grandchildren received a Christmas gift from her. Those and many many other memories we will remember and cherish forever.

Vickie was an active member of the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Garcia, a son, Jimmy "Hapo" Gar-



VICTORIANA "VICKIE" GARCIA

cia, a daughter, Grace Colazo, and seven sisters, Rita Hernandez, Antonia Moreno, Gabriela Martinez, Santos Quintanilla, Felipa Garcia, Chana Terrazas and Janie Salas.

Those left to cherish her memory are six daughters, Mary Lou Seca of Plainview, Texas, Janet Billegas of Lubbock, Texas, Angie Garcia of Floydada, Texas, Agnes Vasquez of Floydada, Texas, Barbara Perez of Floydada, Texas, and Amy Garcia of Floydada, Texas; two sons, George Garcia of Canyon, Texas and Rick Garcia of Floydada, Texas; 43 grandchildren, 146 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com)

## South Plains College announces NRA Basic Pistol class

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer the NRA Basic Pistol Class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 20 (Saturday) and 1 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 21 (Sunday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building. The cost is \$85, and lunch is not provided.

This co-ed class will teach participants about firearm safety, how ammunition and handguns work, different types of handguns, firearm safety, handgun terminology, firearm safety, cleaning handguns, proper shooting skills, firearm safety,

purchasing a new or used handgun, available shooting opportunities and firearm safety. This is a great class for anyone, regardless of shooting experience, and all equipment is provided (including ammo and handguns).

The instructor will be Steve and Audra Dyer.

Participants will receive a copy of the NRA's Guide to the Basics of Pistol Shooting handbook plus an NRA certificate. Students will learn how to advance through the NRA's marksmanship program to earn marksmanship awards. Expert instructors will teach proper marksmanship fundamentals,

and students will learn to shoot from the bench rest, two hand standing and one hand standing positions. Note: Participants must be law-abiding citizens who may lawfully possess a handgun.

Students will be given the opportunity to shoot various calibers and actions at the end of class, time permitting, for an additional \$10 fee (payable the day of class).

For more information, contact Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email [kreyes@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:kreyes@southplainscollege.edu).

## South Plains College to offer phlebotomy class

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer a basic phlebotomy course from Jan. 22 through March 2. The class will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in Technical Arts Room 124. Enrollment for the course is limited to 10 students.

The tuition cost is \$565. The textbook to be used is "The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy" fourth edition written by Lynn B. Hoeltke, which costs \$163.13. Clinical Instruction (24 hours) will be on Monday through Friday with the time, location and date to be announced. Most clinicals begin after 8 a.m. The course instructor will be Georgia Mulloy.

Classroom and clinical instruction in skill development of

blood collection methods will be provided.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus no older than 8 years, Hepatitis B Series, and have a current negative TB test no older than 12 months, photo identification and social security card. A criminal background check will be performed for all students. Students must be at least 18 years of age.

Participants will develop skills in a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and universal precautions. The students will use vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles and blood culture, and specimen collection on adults, children and infants. This course is designed to prepare student to successfully complete the Na-

tional Healthcare Association Certification Test included with this program.

After the completion of the course and 50 sticks, participants will take the National Certification Exam, which is included in the tuition cost. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 6.0 Continuing Education Units for 60 contact hours of instruction. Students must complete 50 sticks to earn the certificate.

For more information, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email [kreyes@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:kreyes@southplainscollege.edu). Payment plans are available for a \$30 fee. Please contact Reyes for details.

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

(All the following quotes are from W. Somerset Maugham, British playwright, novelist and short story writer)

At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely.

Dying is a very dull, dreary affair. And my advice to you is to have nothing whatever to do with it.

Excess on occasion is exhilarating. It prevents moderation from acquiring the deadening effect of a habit.

The common idea that success spoils people by making them vain, egotistic, and self-complacent is erroneous; on the contrary, it makes them, for the most part, humble, tolerant, and kind. Failure makes people cruel and bitter.

Art is merely the refuge which the ingenious have invented, when they were supplied with food and women, to escape the tediousness of life.

It is an illusion that youth is happy, an illusion of those who have lost it; but the young know they are wretched for they are full of the truthless ideal which have been instilled into them, and each time they come in contact with the real, they are bruised and wounded.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Eyes Closing

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side. —Psalm 3:5-6 (NIV)

Four-year-old James climbed into his car seat, and we drove off. "My eyes are closing down," he announced sleepily. No wonder! He had just spent a long day playing on the beach and splashing in the sea. I laughed. My eyes were also drooping. How easily sleep takes over when we have had plenty of fresh air and exercise. Sleep is one of God's good gifts to us, but sometimes circumstances require us to keep awake a bit longer.

How wonderful that God's eyes never droop! In today's reading, Herod had just killed Peter's friend and planned to have Peter killed

the next day. Imprisoned and chained to soldiers, he had good reason to spend a sleepless night. But his eyes drooped and he slept. Even while Peter slept, some stayed awake all night praying for him. He was in the hands of the God who never slumbers or sleeps. (See Ps. 121:4.) We can rest, knowing that the same is true for us.

—Marion Turnbull (Liverpool, England)

### Prayer for the day:

Dear God, we need not fear because you are watching over us. Thank you for your love and constant care. Amen.

### Thought for the day:

I can close my eyes and rest, knowing God never sleeps.

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

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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 Dhass Jeganathan  
Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study  
10 a.m. - Mass  
Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation -  
CYO to follow  
Thurs. - 6:30 pm - Evening Mass

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

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

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

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

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

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

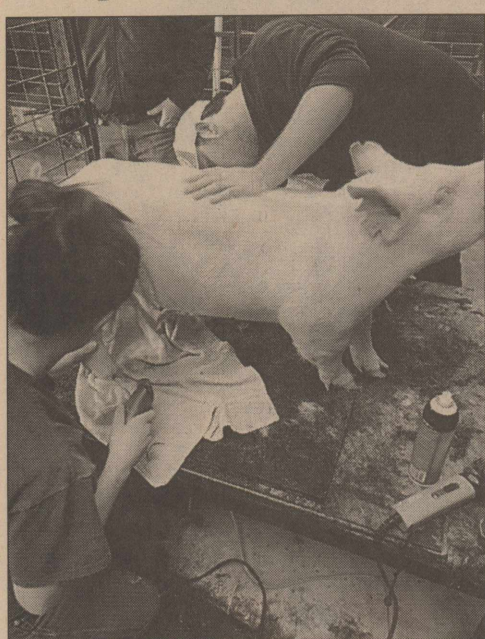
**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston  
Tom Ross, Pastor  
983-5499  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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

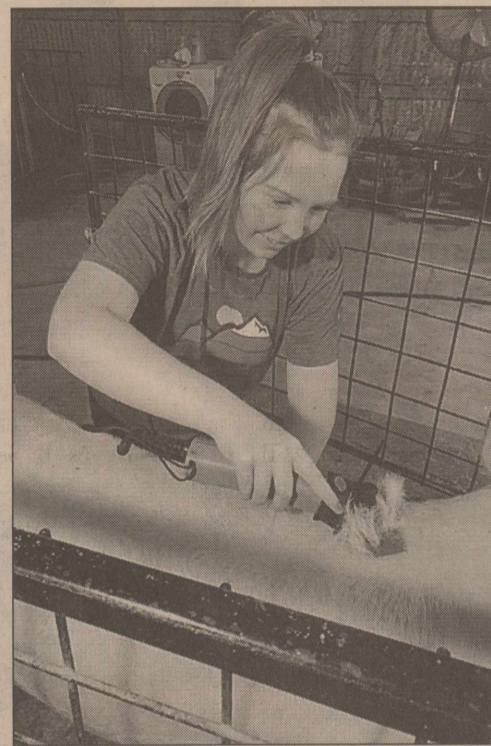
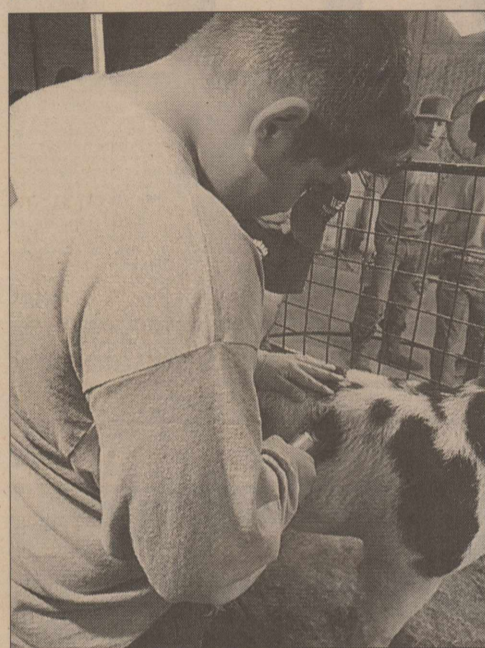
**West Side Church of Christ**  
Floydada  
983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Floydada FFA



**FLOYDADA FFA students prepare their animals for the annual stock show that was held Thursday, Jan. 11 thru Saturday, Jan. 13. See next week's edition for results and pictures.**



## Lady Horns pickup two district wins

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**LOCKNEY** - With two victories last week, the Lockney Lady Horns remained perfect in the District 3-2A race. Lockney defeated Bovina 60-49 on Jan. 9 and Hale Center 48-35 on Jan. 12.

**JAN. 9 - LOCKNEY 60, BOVINA 49**

Bovina took a 16-10 lead after the first quarter but the Lady Horns took a 32-31 lead at the half. The two teams played evenly in the third quarter as Lockney still held a one-point lead, 45-44 after three quarters. In the final quarter, Lockney out scored Bovina 15-5 to claim the 60-49 victory.

For Lockney, Alyssa Barretero led all scorers with 21 points, Madai Chavira added 15, Reagan Nuncio ad-

ed 13, Alma Mendez had five, Nimsi Perez, Ryann Castillo and Bethany Salazar each had two points.

For Bovina, Marquez had 16, Olvera had 10, Ramirez had eight, Calderon had five, Gonzales and Rocha had four and Garcia had two.

Other district games: Sudan 46, Olton 24 and Farwell 62, Hale Center 29.

**JAN. 12 - LOCKNEY 38, HALE CENTER 23**

Lockney took the early lead, 11-5, after the first quarter and still held the lead at halftime, 13-9. Hale Center tied it at 17-17 after three quarters before the Lady Horns outscored Hale Center 21-6 in the fourth quarter to claim the 38-23 victory.

For Lockney, Barretero had 12 points, Nuncio and Perez had eight each,

Chavira had five, Castillo had three and Hernandez had two.

For Hale Center, Aleman had 12, Rodriguez and Perez had four each, Hushshines had two and Jimenez had one.

Other district games: Farwell 47, Sudan 18 and Bovina defeated Olton (no score reported).

Lockney and Farwell are tied at 3-0 in district, Sudan is 2-1, Bovina is 1-2 and Olton and Hale Center are tied at 0-3.

**JAN. 16 SCHEDULE**

Lockney at Farwell, Olton at Hale Center and Bovina at Sudan

**JAN. 19 SCHEDULE**

Sudan at Lockney, Farwell at Olton and Hale Center at Bovina

**JAN. 23 SCHEDULE**

Olton at Lockney, Hale Center at Sudan and Bovina at Farwell

## Floydada Baseball Association sets meeting for Feb. 5

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Baseball Association has a date for the open meeting for everybody to attend to hear all the changes for 2018 and ask any questions.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. February 5, 2018 at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada. They will also be having their first sign-ups after the meeting.

Please be sure and spread the word.

## LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

**January 22-26**

**Monday, Jan. 22**  
Breakfast - Waffles, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Lunch - Country Fried Steak & Gravy or Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Okra, Roll, Strawberry Cup, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 23**  
Breakfast - Cheesy Toast, Sausage or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch - Meat & Cheese Chalupas or Enchiladas, Salsa, Garnish, Refried Beans, Cucumbers, Applesauce, Milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 24**  
Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch - Chicken Tenders, Gravy & Toast or Hamburger, Garnish, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit, Broccoli, Cereal Treat, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 25**  
Breakfast - Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch - Chicken Spaghetti & Breadstick or Pizza Choice, Salad, Carrots, Apple Slices, Milk

**Friday, Jan. 26**  
Breakfast - Pita Pocket or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
Lunch - Shrimp Poppers, Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese or BBQ on Bun, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Oranges, Milk

## Whirlwinds pick up first district win over Crosbyton

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**FLOYDADA** - Garrett Hobbs and Remington Ricketts combined for 48 points as the Floydada Whirlwinds defeated the Crosbyton Chieftains 92-52 to pickup their first district victory. The Winds are 1-0 in District 4-2A.

Floydada jumped out to a 22-12 lead after the first quarter. Andrews Vega led the way with seven points in the quarter and Ricketts added six points.

In the second quarter, Floydada stretched their lead to 52-29 by outscoring Crosbyton 30-17 in the quarter. Hobbs scored 15 points to propel the Whirlwinds to the 23-point lead at halftime.

The Whirlwinds outscored the Chiefs 18-16 in the third

quarter to give Floydada a 70-45 lead. Hobbs, Quincy Gonzales and Ricketts each scored four points in the quarter for the Winds.

In the fourth quarter, the Winds outscored Crosbyton 22-7 to give Floydada the 92-52 victory. Hobbs paced the way with nine points for the Whirlwinds.

For Floydada, Hobbs scored 30 points, Ricketts had 17 points, Gonzales and Caden Britt had 10 each, Vega had seven, Marcus Perez had six, Jerry Reyes and Eric Johnston had four points each, Jordan Mendoza had two points and Jaiden Blakey had one point.

Hobbs paved the way for Floydada, making 62% (8-for-13) of shots attempted while also sinking 75% (6-for-8) of free throws attempted. Remington achieved double-digits as he

also added 11 rebounds on the night.

For Crosbyton, Carr had 20 points, Childers had 16 points, Garcia had seven, Marshall added five, Morales and Clark had two points each.

In other District 4-2A action, Post defeated Ralls 79-29 and Abernathy defeated New Deal 41-30. Floydada, Abernathy and Post are 1-0 in district and Crosbyton, New Deal and Ralls are each 0-1.

On Jan. 16, Floydada was at New Deal, Crosbyton traveled to Post and Abernathy was at Ralls.

On Jan. 23, Floydada will host Abernathy, Post will host New Deal and Crosbyton will host Ralls.

On Jan. 26, Post travels to Floydada, Crosbyton travels to Abernathy and New Deal travels to Ralls.

## Basketball Standings for Lockney and Floydada

**Girls District 3-2A**

Teams	W	L
Farwell	3	0
Lockney	3	0
Sudan	2	1
Bovina	1	2
Hale Center	0	3
Olton	0	3

**Jan. 9 Results**  
Lockney 60, Bovina 49  
Sudan 46, Olton 24  
Farwell 62, Hale Center 29

**Jan. 12 Results**  
Lockney 38, Hale Center 23  
Farwell 47, Sudan 18  
Bovina defeats Olton

**Jan. 16 Schedule**  
Lockney at Farwell  
Olton at Hale Center  
Bovina at Sudan

**Jan. 19 Schedule**  
Lockney at Farwell  
Olton at Hale Center  
Bovina at Sudan

**Jan. 23 Schedule**  
Lockney vs Olton  
Sudan vs Hale Center  
Farwell vs Bovina

**Boys District 3-2A**

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

**Jan. 12 Results**  
Lockney 53, Hale Center 50  
Farwell 78, Sudan 51  
Olton defeats Bovina

**Jan. 16 Schedule**  
Lockney at Farwell  
Olton at Hale Center  
Bovina at Sudan

**Jan. 19 Schedule**  
Lockney at Farwell  
Olton at Hale Center  
Bovina at Sudan

**Jan. 23 Schedule**  
Lockney vs Olton  
Sudan vs Hale Center  
Farwell vs Bovina

**Girls District 4-2A**

Teams	W	L
Abernathy	3	0
New Deal	2	1
Post	2	1
Crosbyton	1	2
Floydada	1	2
Crosbyton	0	3

**Jan. 9 Results**  
Post 52, Floydada 25  
Abernathy 57, Crosbyton 30  
New Deal 66, Ralls 44

**Jan. 12 Results**  
Floydada 58, Crosbyton 35  
Post 45, Ralls 26  
Abernathy 47, New Deal 32

**Jan. 16 Schedule**  
Floydada at New Deal  
Crosbyton at Post  
Abernathy at Ralls

**Jan. 19 Schedule**  
Floydada vs Ralls  
Post vs Crosbyton  
Ralls vs Abernathy

**Jan. 23 Schedule**  
Abernathy at Floydada  
New Deal at Post  
Ralls at Crosbyton

**Boys District 4-2A**

Teams	W	L
Abernathy	1	0
Floydada	1	0
Post	1	0
Crosbyton	0	1
New Deal	0	1
Ralls	0	1

**Jan. 12 Results**  
Floydada 92, Crosbyton 52  
Post 79, Ralls 29  
Abernathy 41, New Deal 30

**Jan. 16 Schedule**  
Floydada at New Deal  
Crosbyton at Post  
Abernathy at Ralls

**Jan. 19 Schedule**  
Floydada vs Ralls  
Post vs Crosbyton  
Ralls vs Abernathy

**Jan. 23 Schedule**  
Abernathy at Floydada  
New Deal at Post  
Ralls at Crosbyton

## Lady Winds go 1-1 last week

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

**FLOYDADA** - Floydada Lady Winds lost Jan. 9 to Post 52-25 and then picked up their first district victory, defeating Crosbyton 48-35 on Jan. 12.

**JAN. 9 - POST 52, FLOYDADA 25**

Post held a 9-7 lead after the first quarter but in the second quarter, the Lady Lopes outscored the Lady Winds 26-5 to take a 35-12 lead at half. In the third quarter, Post outscored Floydada 15-8 to take a 50-20 lead after three quarters. Floydada outscored Post 5-2 in the final quarter but the Lady Lopes took the 52-25 victory.

For Floydada, Angela Vega and Kylie Ricketts scored seven points each, Kiana Brown and Azalea Garza scored three points each, Brittany Pena and Kiarra Collins scored two points each and Stefanni Chavarria scored one point.

For Post, Ayala scored 13, Miller scored 12, Gomez score eight, Jenkins scored six, Tidwell and Greathouse scored five each and Gill scored three.

Other district games: Abernathy 57, Crosbyton 30 and New Deal 66, Ralls 44.

**JAN. 12 - FLOYDADA 48, CROSBYTON 35**

Floydada jumped out to

a 16-5 lead after the first quarter then held a 25-18 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Floydada held a 39-31 lead before outscoring Crosbyton 9-4 in the fourth quarter to claim the 48-35 victory.

For Floydada, Kylie Ricketts, a junior, logged a double-double for the night. She scored 18 points, Brown had nine, Cervera had six, Garza and Collins had four each, Vega and Marquez had three each and Orr had one. Ricketts also had 10 rebounds in the victory.

For Crosbyton, Reyna and Guerrero had eight each, Guzman and Montemayor had four each, M. Marquez had three, A. Marquez, Childers and Rodriguez had two each and Garcia and Fira had one point each.

Other district games: Post 45, Ralls 26 and Abernathy 47, New Deal 32.

District standings: Abernathy 3-0, New Deal and Post 2-1, Ralls and Floydada 1-2 and Crosbyton 0-3.

**JAN. 16 SCHEDULE**

Floydada at New Deal, Crosbyton at Post and Abernathy at Ralls

**JAN. 19 SCHEDULE**

Ralls at Floydada, Post at Abernathy and New Deal at Crosbyton

**JAN. 23 SCHEDULE**

Abernathy at Floydada, New Deal at Post and Ralls at Crosbyton

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

**January 22-26**

**Monday**  
Breakfast - Morning sausage roll, cereal, fresh fruit selection, milk  
Lunch - Beef dippers potato bowl w/roll, grilled cheeseburger, seasoned 7-way mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**Tuesday**  
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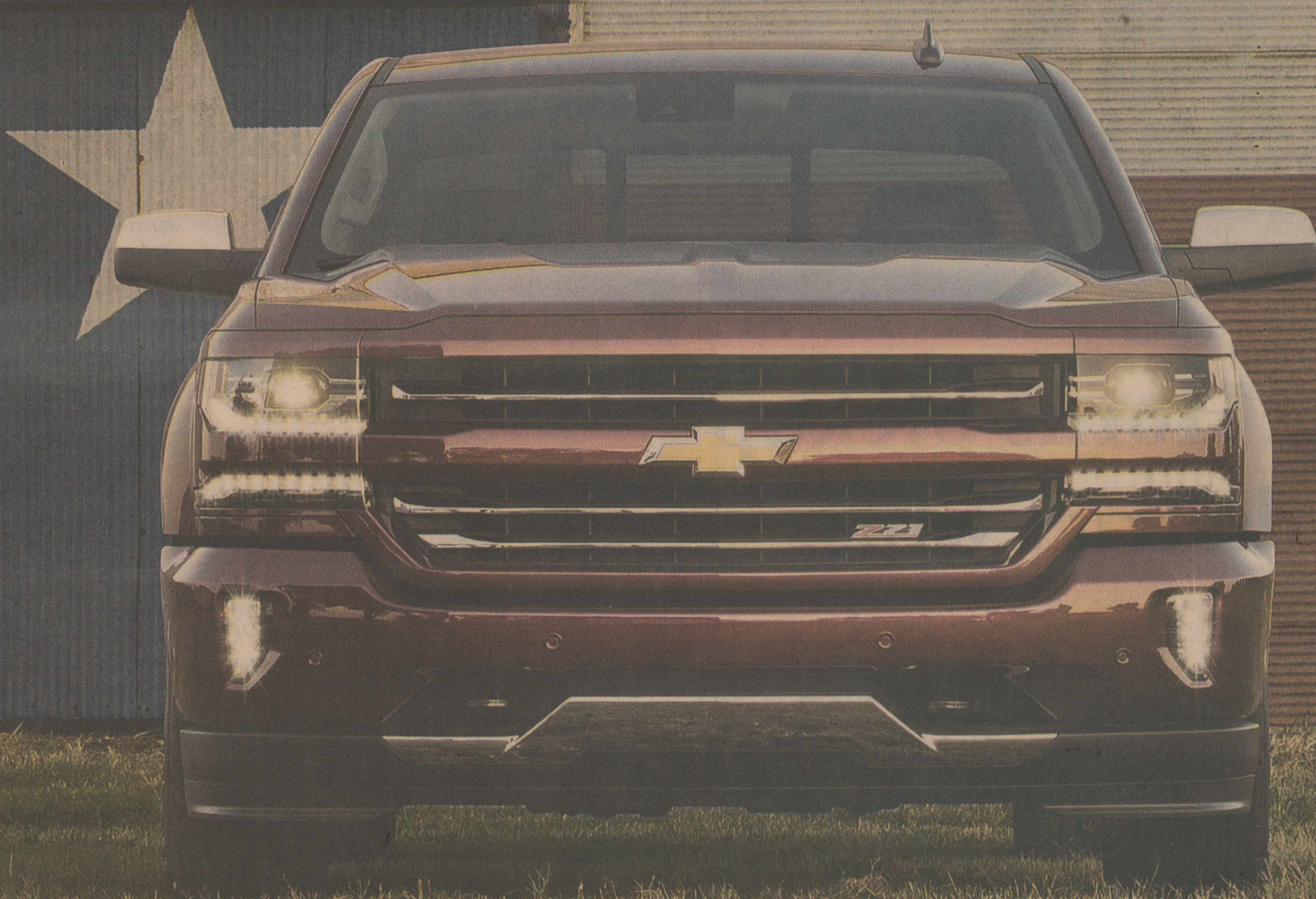
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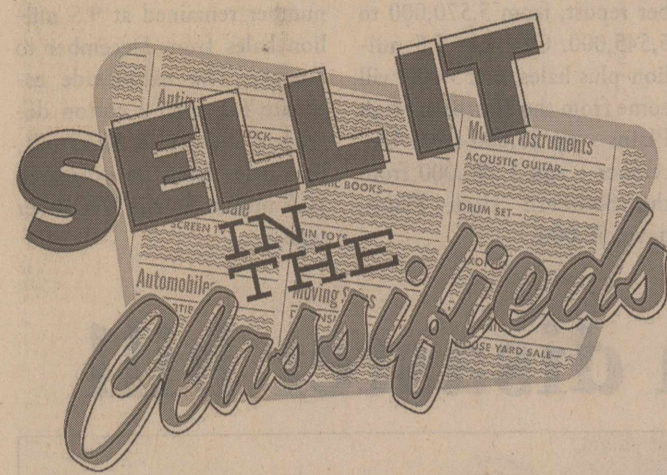
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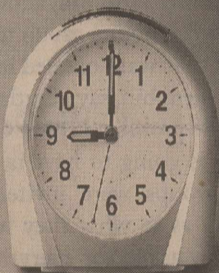
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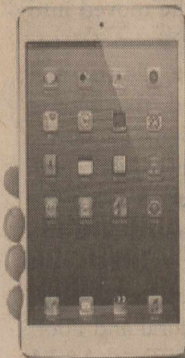
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# Mandatory Auxin-Specific herbicide trainings scheduled for Dicamba applicators

By Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
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The Texas Department of Agriculture requires special training in 2018 for new Auxin herbicides applied under a Section 3 approval on Dicamba-tolerant cotton.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting several of these training opportunities. Following is a list of those coming up in the next few weeks. A complete list is available at <http://www.plainscotton.org/agconferences.html>.

January 12 - Texas A&M

AgriLife Research & Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo. 8:30-9:30 a.m.

January 24 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Hockley County, Levelland, 10-11 a.m.

January 25 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Terry County, 209 S. 5th St., Brownfield, Noon-1 p.m.

January 26 - Littlefield Show Barn, 10-11 a.m.

January 30 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Yoakum County, 901 Avenue G, Plains, Noon-1 p.m.

February 7 - Attebury Grain office, 1201 NW 5th St., Tulia.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch provided. RSVP by Feb. 2 to the Swisher County Extension office, 806-995-3726.

February 9 - Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo. 8:30-9:30 a.m.

February 12 - Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, 1102 E. FM 1294, Lubbock. 10-11 a.m.

February 13 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Lubbock County, 916 Main Street, Suite 401, Lubbock. 10-11 a.m.

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February 22 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Cochran County, Morton, 10-11 a.m.

There is no registration fee on any of these training programs and each class will provide one TDA continuing education unit in laws and regulations. For more information on these or other meetings, contact your local county Extension office.

# USDA adjusts area cotton production estimates

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
Plains Cotton Growers

If the latest estimates from the National Agricultural Statistics Services hold true, Texas High Plains cotton growers will again produce more than 5 million bales of upland cotton for the 2017 crop.

NASS adjusted their January estimate for the area slightly downward from their December report, from 5,570,000 to 5,545,000. Of those 5.5 million-plus bales, 2,255,000 will come from the Northern High Plains - up 25,000 from December - and 3,290,000 from the Southern High Plains, down 50,000.

Yield per acre for the Northern High Plains is 937 pounds, up from 927 in December, and 687 for the Southern High Plains, down from 697. Harvested acres remained the same as in the December report - 1,155,000 in the NHP and 2,300,000 in the SHP, leaving the abandonment rate at about 20 percent.

Statewide, the production number remained at 9.5 million bales from December to January. The nationwide estimate for upland cotton decreased slightly to 20.57 million bales from an estimated 20.7 million in the December report.

# Hopes high for seed cotton in disaster bill

By Shelley E. Hügeley  
Southwest Farm Press

Hopes are high that seed cotton, unginning upland cotton that includes both lint and seed, will be moved into Title I farm program protection through a disaster bill recently passed the House and awaiting Senate action.

"If that happens, then cotton will be back in as a Title I covered commodity without farm bill action," says Dr. Joe Outlaw, co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist at College Station. "In my mind, that would be the best situation. We could get - this would be the easiest approach. What I keep telling people is you just need to have the coverage, have the line in the budget, and then you can argue for tweaks here and there."

Is this the ideal plan? Outlaw says, "No. My answer has always been, get cotton back in before the farm bill and you've solved most of the problems because when they go back they will not have to find money for it in that process. Right now, this

is a no-cost bill to the government," says Outlaw, who spoke at the Beltwide Cotton Conferences at San Antonio, January 4, 2018.

"Is it the perfect plan? Not exactly. But it is going to get your nose under the tent - it will get you back in and you can fix it later in the bill."

If the disaster bill passes, it will go into effect in 2018 with the reference price of 36 cents a pound. "Before you know how everything is calculated, you don't know if this is a good reference price or a bad reference price," says Outlaw. "The fact of the matter is that it's been worked on a lot, and it's a good reference price for the people in this room [at Beltwide]."

Payment yield would be 2.4 times the payment yield for cotton established in the 2008 farm bill, he says. "You have to establish yield somehow, and they're going to use the old counter-cyclical payment yield. If this goes through, farmers will have one opportunity to update payment yield just like every other covered commodity in the 2014 bill."

Payment acres would have to be established within 90 days by the farm owner by allocating all generic base acres on the farm. "In the case where no covered commodity, including seed cotton,

was planted at any time from 2009-2016, the owner will allocate generic base acres on the farm to the unassigned crop base for which no payments may be made under Section 1116 or 1117 of the 2014 farm bill," says Outlaw.

Under this new bill, producers would also be allowed a one-time opportunity to select either agriculture risk coverage (ARC) or price loss coverage (PLC) for seed cotton. As in the Agriculture Act of 2014, growers who fail to select one or the other will automatically be enrolled in PLC, explains Outlaw.

Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX), is another crop insurance product that will be available again for those who are not enrolled in either PLC or ARC in a crop year. In the past, Outlaw has not recommended STAX, but, "If these prices hold true like they're talking about, it's worth looking at a lot harder. You wouldn't necessarily jump to the other programs," says Outlaw. "But because the projected insurance prices are going up, STAX would be more attractive in the future. So keep that in the back of your mind."

STAX provides coverage for up to 20 percent of the expected area revenue in increments of 5, 10, 15 or 20 percent. Loss payments

begin when area revenue falls below 90 percent of its expected level - although a lower loss trigger may be selected. Loss payments reach their maximum when area revenue falls to 70 percent of its expected level - unless your companion policy has a coverage level above 70 percent in which case payments end sooner. Like other area plans of insurance, the amount of coverage may also be increased or decreased by selection of a protection factor so that growers may better tailor their coverage to their risks, according to a USDA Risk Management Task Fact Sheet.

### In the process

For quite some time, the House and Senate have held numerous hearings in Washington, D.C. and regional listening sessions about the upcoming farm bill, allowing each commodity group to say what they want or need in the next farm bill, says Outlaw.

"The problem I think Congress is going to have is that the groups were invited to testify as to what they want, so they asked for everything. They weren't forced to prioritize, leaving Congress to try to figure out how to get the needs and wants met."

"The people in Washington don't really want to set



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out to tell people they can't have some new change that they think will be better for their commodity or industry," says Outlaw. "So, they're kind of waiting on that process to see how much money there is. There's always this amount that's given that says, 'here's this baseline that you can spend' and they're trying to figure out what changes can be made, which ones would cost a lot, which ones would cost a little and what they can do for all of the interest groups that come in and ask for things. So, we're in that process."

"We've got two strong chairmen and I think they're going to do their level best to get this thing done," says Out-

law of House Ag Committee Chairman Mike Conaway and Senate Ag Committee Chairman Pat Roberts.

As a whole, under farm bill spending, categories such as crop insurance, conservation and Commodity Title, the U.S. spends \$20 billion. "If you put that relative to our national budget, fiscal year 2018, the sum total of \$20 billion a year is one-half of one percent of that budget," Outlaw points out. "So we talk about this money like it's billions of dollars. It is a lot of money, but relative to what we spend on other things, it's nothing. I'd like to have it, but it's nothing. It's only one-half of one percent."

# FSA makes 2nd highest number of loans in 2017

By Wayne Maloney  
USDA/FDA

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

ers across America.

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

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

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

portfolio.

FSA highlights from the year include:

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

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

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

Disaster Assistance

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

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

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

New Farmers

In August, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue signed a Memorandum of Understand-

ing with officials from SCORE, the nation's largest volunteer network of expert business mentors, to support new and beginning farmers. The agreement provides new help and resources for beginning ranchers, veterans, women, socially disadvantaged Americans, and others, providing new tools to help them both grow and thrive in agri-business.

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

## UPCOMING

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### COVENANT HEALTH PLAINVIEW

Celebrate with Covenant Health Plainview as the hospital will mark the completion of the James and Eva Mayer Surgical Center with a special community blessing on Sunday, Jan. 28. Starting at 2:30 p.m.,

the grand-opening will also feature community tours of the surgical center.

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