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Commissioners fund VFD



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Floyd County Commissioners presented the volunteer fire departments of Floydada and Lockney with \$20,000 checks at the court's February monthly meeting. Shown in the photo are: County Judge Marty Lucke, Precinct 2 commissioner Linden Morris, Precinct 1 commissioner Tanner Smith, Donnie McLaughlin, Lockney Fire Chief, Craig DuBois, Floydada Fire Chief, Lori Morales, county treasurer, Precinct 4 commissioner Amado Morales, Chad Guthrie, Floydada fireman, and Precinct 3 commissioner Nathan Johnson.

HSB & FCS Fund VFD



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Happy State Bank and Floyd County Supply teamed up to purchase a life-saving torch valued at \$2,500 that the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department was able to use in a grain auger accident in October. On hand to commemorate the contribution are Monty Teeter, president Happy State Bank/Lockney; Lyndall Stapp, EMS coordinator for Lockney VFD, Donnie McLaughlin, fire chief for Lockney VFD, and Linden Morris, owner of Floyd County Supply. The torch will continue to be helpful to the VFD in their first responder efforts.

Court considering concrete to correct damage

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

In the February meeting county commissioners heard from county judge Marty Lucke that the wooden floor in the basement of the courthouse has been severely damaged by termites. Action has been taken to exterminate the termites, but commissioners needed to discuss how to repair the damage. Commissioners voted to explore

the options of replacing the damaged basement flooring with concrete.

In other action, commissioners voted to keep the current mileage rate for the county at 50 cents even though the state is raising their mileage rate to 51 cents. Discussion centered around the fact that now that the county has a vehicle for employees to use when traveling for training, the mileage reimbursement See **COURT**, Page 10

Bipartisan Budget Act brings cotton back into Title I



Courtesy photo

Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice-President Steve Verrett, Rep. Mike Conaway (TX-11), chair of the house agriculture committee, Shawn Holladay, cotton grower and president of PCG from Lamesa at last week's National Cotton Council meeting in Fort Worth.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Since 2014 cotton growers and rural lenders who support them have had no risk assurance for cotton seed or cotton lint in the farm bills. As of Friday, that all changed.

"The 2018 crop will be eligible as Title 1," said Steve Verrett, executive vice-president of the Plains Cotton Growers. The Bipartisan Budget Act brought seed cotton and lint back into Title 1.

Verrett gave an example of the kind of difference this will make. "If this program had been in place in 2014—at the beginning of the farm bill, during some of the more challenging cotton years, farmers could have seen a \$50 or \$40 an acre payment."

Payments will be based

upon historical patterns of planting. That is, new speculators can't rush in and plant cotton expecting to profit from the risk assurance, but rather the program is designed to support long-term cotton farmers.

The cotton industry has been making the case for this legislative change for several years.

"The person who never gave up on this was Congressman Mike Conaway of Midland, the chairman of the Ag Committee," Verrett said. "He and his staff stuck with it."

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA-23) singled out Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19) who represents Floyd County.

McCarthy said, "Farms across our country are experiencing hardship and I am proud of the work we

have done in the budget agreement to help support and strengthen our nation's farmers. Including this fix in the budget agreement that restores a critical safety net for cotton growers. My friend and colleague, Representative Arrington, has been a champion for agriculture from day one and helped drive this legislative fix for our cotton farmers. This is a big win for American-grown cotton and producers in California, West Texas, and across America."

Verrett said that he expects a lot of questions arising from this change, and that the Plains Cotton Growers are planning some educational community outreach efforts to help cotton farmers understand the implications of this legislative change.

D&J Gin in Lockney sets back-to-back cotton records



Kay Ellington/The Hesperian-Beacon

For the first time in their history, D&J Gin ginned more than 50,000 bales finishing on January 27.

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

For the first time in its history, D&J Gin of Lockney processed more than

50,000 bales of cotton, according to Shawnda Foster.

They ginned 50,823 bales, she said. Last year, they ginned a little over 49,000 which, at the time,

was their all-time high, but they exceeded that record this year.

January 27 was the date they wrapped ginning for this year.

Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

MEAL FOR MISSIONS - FUMC - FLOYDADA

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada will hold their "Meal for Missions" hamburger meal fundraiser on Sunday, February 25th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meal includes hamburger, chips, drink and dessert. Dine-in or carry-out available. Donations will be taken. All proceeds go to the Covington's Mission work in India.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Ash Wednesday" - February 14th - Mass held at 6:30 p.m. "Stations of Cross" will be held every Friday at 6 p.m. with Mass held at 6:30 p.m.

LOVE FUND

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More candidates file for city council races

By Kay Ellington The Hesperian-Beacon

All of Floydada's incumbents—except for Sam Green—have now filed for re-election for city council. Those incumbents include District 1 Bettye King; District 4 Gail DuBois and At Large Corey Speed. Even though Green has not filed to run for one of the at-large positions, it will still be a contested race. Gabriel de la

Fuente has filed to run for the at-large position as has Tanner Battey.

In Lockney District 4 has drawn a second candidate. Loren Lee St. Dennis has filed to run against David Cole in District 4.

Lockney's incumbent mayor Archie Jones has a challenger in the May 5 election. Joe Smith of Lockney has registered as a candidate for the position. Other candidates for city

council include David Cole who has signed up to run for District 4. The incumbent for District 4 is George Villareal who has not yet filed for re-election.

District 5 is also on the ballot, but no one, including incumbent Tyler Duniven, has filed for this position at press time Monday afternoon.

The deadline to file for city council candidates is February 16.

Texas Farm Bureau donates to local fire departments

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Texas Farm Bureau has made donations to the Dougherty and Floydada Volunteer Fire Departments for their fire suppression on

property insured by Texas Farm Bureau.

The money will be used to better equip and train the departments' fighters plus help repair fire trucks.

Farm Bureau believes fire

departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved with fire. It is the hope of Farm Bureau that the donation will help the fire departments with their activities.

Wayland Alumni makes Largest Gift in School History

By Gary Vaughn

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

PLAINVIEW -- Officials from Wayland Baptist University announced an anonymous \$8 million estate gift from one of their alumni that strengthens the university's financial foundation.

The gift is the largest, single cash gift in the school's 109-year history.

President Dr. Bobby Hall shared the news with the Board of Trustees noting how important alumni support is to private education.

"Words cannot express how grateful we are for the generosity of this gift," Hall said. "It is a true testament

to the love our alumni feel for this great institution and to its mission of providing an education that is distinctively Christian."

Dr. Kevin Ludlum, Vice President of Institutional Advancement said the unrestricted gift allows Wayland to maximize the impact on the university by supporting the area of greatest need at the time of funding, emphasizing how important philanthropic support is to the university.

"Estate gifts are a vital part of Wayland," Ludlum said. "This type of philanthropy has the greatest effect on future students and it leaves a lasting legacy for the donor."

Dr. Hall added that a

gift such as this also speaks to the quality of Wayland Baptist University.

"In addition to the financial benefit, the gift demonstrates great confidence in our people and our programs," added Hall. "I consider it the ultimate endorsement for our faculty, staff and students."

Founded in 1908, Wayland Baptist University is a Christian, liberal arts school located in Plainview, Texas, with 13 additional campus locations in six states and Kenya, Africa. With approximately 5,000 students throughout the system, Wayland offers associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees on campus and online.

The 501: The Updating Game

Updated. That's how I'm feeling now that I've been updated on the meaning of updated.

Son and daughter-in-law are thinking about buying an un-updated house. We all toured it. It didn't strike me as needing an update. I probably should watch more house buying shows on television, but I'd have to appropriate the remote and learn how it works.

Back to the house, built in 1985. The master bathroom is twice the size of our kitchen. Maybe thrice. Surprisingly, the real estate agent suggested some ways to modify the shower. Glassed-in showers with gold-colored molding are passé. Who knew? Everybody but me.

That's when I left the tour and wandered off with Emily, who is almost 2. We flushed some toilets, and she closed herself into a dark closet — one of her favorite things to do. There goes one form of punishment. Except maybe the light came on when she closed the door? No, my parents never locked me in a dark closet, but my friend Sue and I managed to stuff her little brother into one. If only he'd kept quiet.

After adventures with Emily, I joined the guys in the attic. Lath under the plywood decking told us the original shingles must have been cedar shakes. Now they're composition. I remember when shakes were virtually de rigueur for upscale brick houses. Abe Lincoln's cabin had shakes too. Right? Shakes come and go.

Anyway, the whole house looked fine

to me. Granite countertops, backsplashes and ledges graced the bathrooms and the kitchen. What else matters when you've done the granite update? I remember 1985, and I'm pretty sure granite was for tombstones back then.

GRANITE RESEARCH. Sure enough, granite didn't truly blossom for bathrooms and kitchens until the 1990s.

If granite ever falls from favor, it'll be interesting to see how it gets recycled. Pet cemetery makers? Flagstones for gardens? Rubble to stop washes on the farm? I once heard about a limestone courthouse that got recycled that way. Makes sense.

We digress. Thinking about house updating and pre-granite days takes me back to the mid-1950s. Despite the drought in progress, some extra oil income gave my parents the wherewithal to update our house. Mother used a different term. She said we were "getting the house redone" — an update by any other name.

Goodbye claw-footed bathtub. Formica, the granite of the day, ended up on counters in the bathroom and kitchen, both trimmed in stainless steel. Our steadfast little wooden-legged kitchen table with the white enamel top gave way to a red one — a double-decker on casters. It sported Formica surfaces, drop leaves and stainless trim. Progress.

Now all the dated stuff we removed from the house, plus the new stuff that replaced it, is all in demand in vintage and retro circles.

Conclusion: If you and your house need updating, try not to die. Retro is coming your way for free. Then you'll painlessly slip into vintage and antique, in that order.

Not a bad way to go.

The Paperboy Cancer cure? Let us pray!

With all of the noise we get from the national media, you may have missed this awesome story I'm going to share. We are closing in on a cancer cure.

It was announced two weeks ago by Stanford University at the following:

https://med.stanford.edu/news/all-news/2018/01/cancer-vaccine-eliminates-tumors-in-mice.html



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According to the article, "Activating T cells in tumors eliminated even distant metastases in mice, Stanford researchers found. Lymphoma patients are being recruited to test the technique in a clinical trial."

This information is important as cancer touches everyone, especially those who battle it.

Continuing: "Injecting minute amounts of two immune-stimulating agents directly into solid tumors in mice can eliminate all traces of cancer in the animals, including distant, untreated metastases, according to a study by researchers at the Stanford University School of Medicine."

"The approach works for many different types of cancers, including those that arise spontaneously."

"The researchers believe the local application of very small amounts of the agents could serve as a rapid and relatively inexpensive cancer therapy that is unlikely to cause the adverse side effects often seen with body-wide immune stimulation."

"When we use these two agents together, we see the elimination of tumors all over the body," said Ronald Levy, MD, professor of oncology. "This approach bypasses the need to identify tumor-specific immune targets and doesn't require wholesale activation of the immune system or customization of a patient's immune cells."

"One agent is currently already approved for use in humans; the other has been tested for human use in several unrelated clinical trials. A clinical trial was launched in January to test the effect of the treatment in patients with lymphoma. (Information about the trial is available online.)"

"Levy is the senior author of the study, which was published Jan. 31 in Science Translational Medicine. Levy is a pioneer in the field of cancer immunotherapy, in which researchers try to harness the immune system to combat cancer."

"Some immunotherapy approaches rely on stimulating the immune system throughout the body. Others target naturally occurring checkpoints that limit the anti-cancer activity of immune cells. Still others, like the CAR T-cell therapy recently approved to treat some types of leukemia and lymphomas, require a patient's immune cells to be removed from the body and genetically engineered to attack the tumor cells. Many of these approaches have been successful, but they each have downsides — from difficult-to-handle side effects to high-cost and lengthy preparation or treatment times."

"All of these immunotherapy advances are changing medical practice," Levy said. "Our approach uses a one-time application of very small amounts of two agents to stimulate the immune cells only within the tumor itself. In the mice, we saw amazing, body-wide effects, including the elimination of tumors all over the animal."

There is much more information at the link above. This is beyond good news. This is wonderful news. I came across it and immediately sent it to my sister, who has had her hands full with cancer over the past three years.

Please check it out. I'm inclined to think we're getting close and I'm praying for a cure!

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SOCIETY

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – DATES to mark on your calendar for February, March and April

Monday, February 19th – Bingo night; Friday, March 2 – Family Night Fish Fry; Sunday, March 11 – Second Sunday Lunch; Tuesday, March 19 – Bingo Night; Saturday, April 14 – Spring Bazaar.

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.

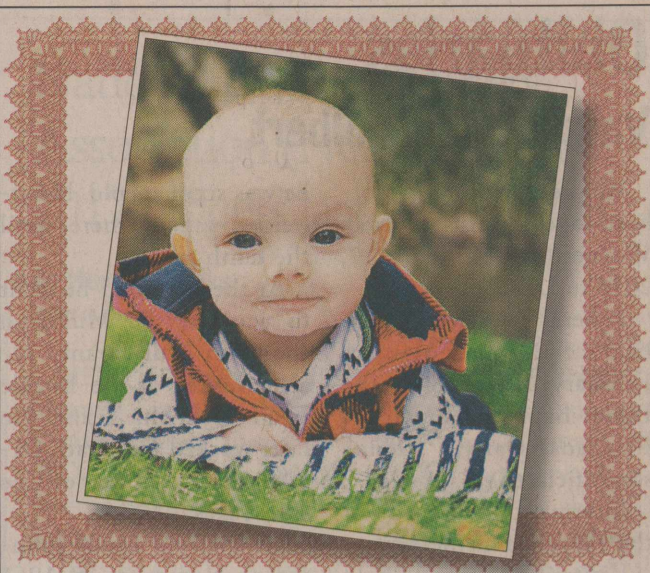
Thursday night pot luck. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards. 5 - 9

p.m. Hope you all have a great week.

MENU February 12 - 16

- Monday - Loaded baked potatoes
- Tuesday - Taco soup
- Wednesday - Hamburgers
- Thursday - Spaghetti
- Friday - Chicken pot pi

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)



SAWYER BLAKE SUE,

is the son of Taylor and Molly Sue of Floydada. Grandparents are Davy and Kathy Carthel and Sheldon and Atha Sue. Great-grandparents are the Johnny Sues, the Charles Wales and Ann Carthel.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Our next fund raiser will be Friday, March 23, 2018. The menu will be fried fish, French fries, and coleslaw. We will open our doors at 4:30 p.m. and serve until we have fed everyone.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen to eat with us or be a member. However, if you are a member, the meal will cost \$5.00 instead of the non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, \$25.00 is the yearly membership fee.

Most people eat with us at

12 noon each day. But if your lunch time starts at 11 a.m., our dining room is open to you. If you need a meal delivered to you, please call us by 10 a.m. There is no delivery charge. Call 983-2032

Freida Dunn, BSN, ET, will be holding a blood pressure clinic every 4th Thursday of the month starting at 11:30 a.m., weather permitting. February 22, will be the next clinic.

The 2nd Tuesday Bingo is cancelled for February and March. We will resume on April 10 at 6 p.m.

The Senior Citizens Center is in need of volunteers. We need people to vacuum, sweep, deliver meals, and general

cleaning. Please call us if you can help us. Our phone number is 983-2032.

Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU February 12 - 16

- Monday - Chili or Kraut dogs
- Tuesday - Sweet & sour chicken
- Wednesday - Spaghetti
- Thursday - Chicken fried steak
- Friday - Salmon croquettes

(Menus subject to change w/o notice)



About Town . . .

By: Deon Fincher

By Deon Fincher

My five-month-old puppy ate one of my books. Actually, I don't think she ate a lot of it, but, she inexplicably shredded the entire thing. Bad Dog! "It's just a book," you say. You are right. It was just a book. But, this book was out-of-print, and although not valuable in dollars, was certainly one of a kind for me.

You see, in my spare time I write novels—none published yet, but still, they are novels. Several are "in progress" on my computers. These stories fall within the decades of 1850-1910. Mysteries amid ships (the true passenger ships), county wars, gold and silver rushes, and the amazing spirit of adventure and curiosity. In order to put together stories that are feasible, I spend an inordinate amount of time in research. If I can impart some history to my readers, inconspicuously, I count that a triumph.

Back to my puppy...and her snack. The book that she ate was a composition of accounts directly related to the re-building of San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake. It is rare, in that it deals with the "re-

making" of the city as opposed to the destruction. In addition, it details costs, wages, transportation of materials and the funding of such a project. What really makes it priceless is that it had a very small publication run, so there are few copies left to obtain. It is, truly, irreplaceable.

While picking up the shreds of historical data, my mind wandered to other "priceless" objects—primarily the original buildings in the downtown area. Granted, with an inexperienced eye many of them are dilapidated and look to be unsalvageable; but, once our historic buildings are destroyed, there is no getting them back. Perhaps, a better solution would be to let some sunshine in, get an experienced opinion, then do some tearing out and re-building. We would have unique, "Floydada" structures to offer to new business ventures, as opposed to a slab with all of the financial responsibility of beginning from nothing. Let's not throw away the

Museum Archives

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FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN—May 28, 1940

Phantom Herd Still Roams Battle Site

Legend Recounts Tale of Mackenzie Battleground Near Tule Canyon

Ed. Note: This legend was written by Patricia Rodgers, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Rodgers who live on the headquarters of the S. M. Rodgers ranch at the mouth of Tule canyon. It was just about 100 yards from this home that 1450 horses were killed by General Ronald S. Mackenzie and his men. A bronze tablet bearing the following inscription has been erected on this spot:

"On this site on September 29, 1874 by order of General Ronald S. Mackenzie 4th U. S. Calvary approximately 1450 horses were shot down. These horses were captured from Indians in the Mackenzie battle, in Palo Duro canyon, on Sept. 28, 1874. Reason assigned: to prevent Indians from night stampeding and recovering them."

This tablet also marks the route of the old Mackenzie trail. It is located 12 Miles east and two miles south of Tulia. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Rodgers and their three daughters, Priscilla, Patricia, and Jacquelin, assisted in erecting this monument. The children were born and raised on this historical spot and can tell all about the Mackenzie trail, the minor skirmishes in the Tule canyon, and the major battle at

the Palo Duro.

The little girl who wrote this story said, "On stormy nights I love to imagine that I can see those beautiful steeds with flowing manes and tails romping on the rim of this canyon and perhaps answering the neighing of a lost mate in the canyon below."

The Phantom Herd

Recently as I watched my grandfather's cattle peacefully feeding in the old Mackenzie battleground I thought of what had been said of the Phantom Herd of the riderless steeds. How on stormy nights they wheel and gallop over the hills where sixty-two years ago they were shot by General Mackenzie's expedition to keep them from the hands of the Indians.

The building of the Union Pacific railroad cut the Great Bison range in two. By treaty with the United States Government, south of the Arkansas river belonged to the Indians as their hunting grounds. When the buffalo began to thin out north of the Arkansas the better equipped hunters of the white race began to cross the Arkansas and to locate their camp near Adobe Walls.

The Indians rightfully resented this and gathering of

the various tribes resulted in council of war. The Indians drove out the white men's camp at Adobe Walls after which permission was granted to wage war against the Redmen.

The Texas Panhandle, eastern New Mexico and Western Oklahoma became the theatre of a war that lasted intermittently for ten years. The policy of the army was to harry the Indians until they were brought to terms. Expeditions coming in from the various directions made this the only practical way to combat the nomadic Indians.

In 1874 General Mackenzie with a force of about 800 men camped near Quitaque Peaks. His scouts located a large herd of horses three miles west of Rock Creek, where on the twenty-sixth of September he defeated a force of about 600 Indians who retreated in a westerly direction.

The next day was spent in a leisurely march after the retreating Indians. Arriving on the head of the Tule canyon they located their camp nearby. That night they started for the winter camp of the Indians on the Palo Duro canyon.

"We arrived," said Sergeant B. Charlton, "at the Indian camp in early dawn. From where we were situ-

ated we could see the vast camp as it lay stretched several miles before us. The only trail leading down into that abyss was the narrow path allowing only one to file down at a time.

"As we were near half-way down, a guard discovered us and, waving a blanket, disappeared over the edge. The next thing I remember we were filing down into a pit of yelling Indians, stampeding horses and hot rifle fire."

The Indians retreated after an all day battle, carrying their wounded, leaving behind their camp belongings and horses. They started back to camp that night arriving around one or two o'clock. "Then," said Sergeant Charlton, "General Mackenzie ordered that immediate herd of horses shot. Some questioned his judgment, but it seemed the only thing to do under the circumstances."

After the killing of their horses the Indians straggled back to their reservation, discouraged and beaten. Thus ended the Indian wars in West Texas. The soldiers withdrew to Fort Richardson, arriving in a snow storm. The carcasses of the slaughtered horses and later the sea of bones led to the legend of the Phantom Herd that gallops again on stormy nights.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

It all began when Windy Wilson told the assembled philosophers at the Mule Barn truck stop that he was going to start writing songs so he could win what he called the Nobelly Prize for Lit-a-chúr. He said Bob Dylan won it and got money and all kinds of stuff and his name was in the paper, and Windy figured he could do the same thing, only in country music.

Steve had been listening to this for some minutes and finally said, "Windy, tell you what. You write a song, and I'll sing it."

"You can sing?" Windy said. "No. But I figure I can sing as good as you can write songs."

Well, the gauntlet had been tossed down, stomped in the mud, and thoroughly slandered!

The next day, ol' Windy drove up to the city to the Jerry Hat Trick Commu-

nity College, named and funded by our only successful hockey player from here in the valley.

He asked if there was a class he could take on writing famous songs. They didn't have one. The nice lady asked if he was interested it taking clarinet lessons, but the old cowboy and camp cook had to decline the offer.

He sure was disappointed. You see, he needed to figure out the notes to go with his first song, which he'd already named "Spread the Manure out under the Tree, cuz I'm Fixing to Go Skinny Dipping with Thee." He figured it had everything a great song needed, romance, nudity and agriculture.


Now if Steve could only sing . . .

A Green Weenie works well in Delaware's rivers. Fly Fisher-man's Bucket List, from LPD-Press.com.

LOVE FUND

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11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.



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Obituaries

Vaudie John Holbert

Vaudie John Holbert, age 79, passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Bible Baptist Church in Floydada. Darwin Robinson officiated.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday, February 11, 2018 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Vaudie was born on August 21, 1938 in Paris, Texas. His family moved to Estelline, Texas when

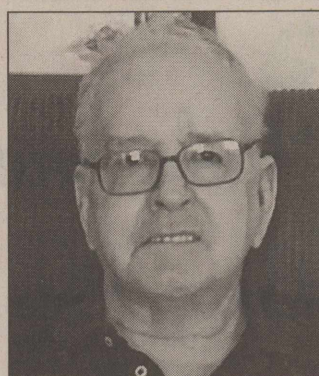
he was six years old. He attended school there until the tenth grade.

At the age of 15 he went to work at the Mill Iron Ranch in Hall County. He also worked at the Buckle L in Quanah, Texas. He later worked for Grath Orville on a ranch east of Cee Vee, Texas.

He married Linda Johnson on November 18, 1961 in Paducah, Texas. They moved to Floydada in 1966 where he worked for various Farmers in Floyd County. He was a member of Bible Baptist Church where he was ordained a deacon on August 19, 1981.

Vaudie enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and spending time with family.

He was preceded in death



VAUDIE JOHN HOLBERT

by his parents, John and Nora Holbert; his brothers, Roscoe, Martin, and LeRoy; and sisters, Mary Ruth, Betty, Maurine, Patsy, Lois, Joyce, and Bertha.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Holbert of Floydada; son, Phillip Holbert and wife, Stephanie of Floydada; daughters, Debra Peterka and husband, Jeff of Gilmer, and Teresa Overstreet of Floydada, Texas; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

SPC Gala Auctions, Raffle Committee make preparations to enhance scholarship event

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host its biggest fundraising event for the college. The 20th Annual Scholarship Gala is slated for 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 (Thursday) at the Mallet Event Center. This year's suggest attire is more casual than in the past to reflect the style of the featured entertainer Josh Abbott in his acoustic performance. Gentlemen in boots and blue jeans are as appropriate as ladies in the same or in stylish Texas dresses. Suggested attire can be summed up as "Stetsons and stilettos."

Each year the gala raises thousands of much-needed dollars for SPC scholarships. The Auctions and Raffle committee, which has already been working on the event for months, is an essential part of this fundraising effort.

This committee, comprised of community volunteers and SPC employees, is responsible for seeking item donations for the live and silent auctions. In addition to obtaining items for the auctions, the committee is also responsible for obtaining fun and exciting raffle items.

"Committee members have also chosen to expand their duties to not only gather all

items for our auctions and raffle, but also to stage all items and create the centerpieces for our guest's tables," said Stephanie Smith, alumni coordinator at SPC. "This committee is challenged each year to go the extra mile. They are absolutely essential to the success of this event."

Smith said each year the committee collects unique treasures that will appeal to the gala attendees. In previous years, the auctions have included items such as sports memorabilia, jewelry, home décor and original artwork.

Some of the items attendees can look for will include a Kimber 9mm Texas Edition pistol, Bay Flats Lodge guided fishing package, Red folding chair Autographed by Bobby Knight, Cattelman Broiler custom created by SPC Welding Technology, Kendra Scott new spring collection jewelry, Scotch and custom tasting glasses, Custom inlaid cutting board by SPC faculty member David Etheredge, Private styling and shopping for six at The Dandy Lion and an Overnight stay and dinner at Overton Hotel.

"We always enjoy all of the different items we offer because it's a direct reflection of community members, their

generosity and their commitment to helping students at South Plains College," she said. "We strive to collect a variety of items that will appeal to all guests at the event so that everyone has the opportunity to bid on items they will enjoy."

Items at the gala will vary, and bidding on the prizes throughout the event is encouraged. Students will be available to assist bidders so that they may stay informed about the status of their bids without having to leave their table. Campus Ambassadors will serve as helpers throughout the evening.

"One thing to keep in mind is that all of the proceeds go directly to scholarships here at SPC," she said. "So you can be confident that through your attendance and participation you're making a direct impact on your community. The evening is dedicated to our students, the lifeline of South Plains College."

For more information on how to donate, please contact Smith in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at (806) 716-2103 or by email at slsmith@southplainscollege.edu.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

(All quotes are from Randy K. Milbolland, Webcomic author)

Our heroes are people and people are flawed. Don't let that taint the thing you love.

We all have a few failures under our belt. It's what makes us ready for the successes.

In the end, you'll know which people really love you. They're the ones who see you for who you are and, no matter what, always find a way to be at your side.

Things aren't magically better if that's what you're hoping for. It's not that simple.

Typos are very important to all written form. It gives the reader something to look for so they aren't distracted by the total lack of content in your writing.

The shortest verse in the Bible is 'Jesus wept.' The only thing wrong with it is the past tense.

Sometimes the measure of friendship isn't your ability to not harm but your capacity to forgive the things done to you and ask forgiveness for your own mistakes.

Why do we have to wait for special moments to say nice things or tell people we care about them?

Sometimes old things need to go away. That way, we have room for the new

things that come into our lives.

Could you imagine how horrible things would be if we always told others how we felt? Life would be intolerably bearable.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

What's in a Name?

[Solomon] set up the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right, the other on the left; the one on the right he called Jachin, and the one on the left, Boaz. —2 Chronicles 3:17 (NRSV)

When my wife and I were in England a few years ago, we noticed that nearly every house had a name posted on the outside. We had rented a 15th-century house called The Old Manor House. Next door was another old house called The Manor House. Up the road was The Abbey, and across the street was The Manse.

We had just built a new home and joked about giving it a name: "Home, Sweet Home: Better Than We Thought" was appropriate — but a bit wordy! "Biggest Check We Ever Wrote" was accurate — but somewhat crass!

As our reading describes, when people entered the Temple precincts their attention would have been drawn to Jachin and

Boaz, two massive pillars in front of the Temple. In Hebrew, Jachin means "He establishes," and Boaz means "In God is strength." These two names teach us that when God does the building, when God's plans are honored and followed, God will help see them through to completion.

When we make plans, we can look to God as visitors to the Temple would have looked to those two pillars. If our plans truly reside within God's will, God will surely establish them and give us the strength to complete them.

—John A. Fischer (Washington)

Prayer for the day:

Dear Lord, in the name of Jesus, we pray for your will to be done in our lives. Amen.

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Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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Ashley Adams, Minister of Music
Ludusia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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

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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
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Evening Service - 6 p.m.
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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
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James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
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Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
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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 -
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Thurs. - 6:30 pm - Evening Mass

South Plains Baptist Church
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
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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
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
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Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

AgriLife Extension set two profitability workshops in Lubbock

By Steve Byrns
Texas AgriLife

LUBBOCK – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has set three crop profitability workshops — one per month starting Feb. 13, the program's coordinator said.

"All of the workshops will have the same curriculum and will begin at 9 a.m. in the classroom of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock," said Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock. "We've made the dates easy to remember by scheduling them all on the 13th of the month; March 13 and April 13, so if you can't make one date, you can attend the next one."

The center is north of the Lubbock airport on U.S. Highway 1294, a half mile east of Interstate 27.

Smith said there is no cost for the workshops or lunch thanks to a sponsor-



AgriLife Extension sets two profitability workshops in Lubbock beginning March 13 and April 13 in the classroom of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center.

ing grant from the Cotton – Texas State Support program and various lenders in the area. He expects each program to finish by 2 p.m.

"The primary objective of the workshop will be to demonstrate how spreadsheet budgets can be used to help producers determine break-even yields, break-even prices, returns above variable costs and returns above total costs," he said. "The spreadsheets

with 28 different crops involved can also be used to compare the profitability of competing crops."

Smith said most of each workshop will be spent helping participants learn how to use the spreadsheet and how to download it from <https://SouthPlainsProfit.tamu.edu>.

"Everyone will work with the spreadsheet in whatever form is most convenient for them," Smith said. "We will also be sure they know

how to download the file to their computer from the website, memory stick or whatever media they prefer. We will go over all the input cells in the budgets and explain how to use all the comparison tables that help you compare the profitability of chosen crops."

Smith said participants are welcome to bring their own computers, but they aren't necessary, as everything will be demonstrated on screen.

National Cotton Ginners Association (NCGA) elects 2017 officers last week in Dallas

By Marjory Walker
National Cotton Council

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis-based National Cotton Ginners Association (NCGA) elected its 2017 officers on February 11 during its annual meeting in Dallas, Texas.

The new slate is: president – David Blakemore, Campbell, Mo.; first vice president – Stanley Creelman, Tulare, Calif.; second vice president – Wes Morgan, New London, N.C.; third vice president – Curtis Stewart, Spade, Texas; and chairman – Ron Craft, Plains, Texas. Harrison Ashley of Cordova, Tenn., serves as NCGA's executive vice president.

Blakemore, who moves up from NCGA first vice president, is president of Blakemore Cotton & Grain, LLC which has interests in ginning, grain, fertilizer and trucking. An active leader in the U.S. cotton industry, Blakemore served as a Cotton Incorporated director from 1992-2002, as president of Cotton Producers of

Missouri from 1994-1996, and as president of Southern Cotton Ginners Association in 1999. In 2015, he was elected as a director of the National Cotton Council (NCC) and currently serves as chairman of the NCC's Flow Committee. Blakemore holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration in accounting, a Management Information Systems degree and an M.B.A. in Finance from Southeast Missouri State University.

Also announced at NCGA's annual meeting was that Kent Fountain, managing partner of Southeastern Gin and Peanut in Surrency, Ga., and a tireless industry leader, is the 2016 Horace Hayden National Cotton Ginner of the Year.

In addition, Rick Byler, research leader at the USDA Agricultural Research Service's Cotton Ginning Research Unit at Stoneville, Miss., is the recipient of NCGA's 2016-17 Charles C. Owen Distinguished Service Award.

A year for grain sorghum?

By Logan Hawkes
Southwest Farm Press

As winter passes the half way mark on its annual trek to spring and snow continues to fall across a large part of the nation, the majority of U.S. farmers are still pondering crop strategies for the new year, weighing issues like input costs, commodity prices and water availability and other issues as they consider their options for the upcoming planting season.

Will irrigated acres have enough water resources this growing season; will dryland crops receive enough rain to prosper? Will grain prices trend upward in 2018, will a new farm bill include a safety net for cotton, and will U.S. trade policies prove to be cumbersome or promising as the year progresses?

While many producers in the Heartland still have six to ten weeks or so to consider their crop options before seeding begins, producers in the South, especially in deep South Texas, are nearing a possible late Feb. planting date, especially for grain sorghum, with cotton not far behind. And as always, regardless where you farm, making the right decision of what to plant on how many acres is one part intelligence gathering, one part marketing strategy, and one part intuition and luck.

In other words, you can do all your research and homework, study current market trends, dig deep into climate prediction and prevailing weather expectations, stay on top of changing input cost projections, and pray you'll make a good decision of what

to plant and when to plant, but in the end, as most of us know, even with the best research and planning, it's still a lot like a crap shoot. You roll the dice and hope for the best—the best timing, the best crop, the best weather.

A check around South Texas last week indicated more than a few farmers have not only decided what to plant on their available acres but have secured all their materials and are waiting for the soil to warm and the rains to fall before rolling into the new season. Many others, however, are holding out as long as possible to gauge both the markets and available soil moisture, but also to closely follow U.S. trade policy developments.

The South Texas region successfully grows a great deal of cotton, grain sorghum and corn along with a much smaller numbers of specialty crops like canola, sesame and sunflower. In the Lower Rio Grande Valley sugarcane and citrus are also significant crops, along with onions, melons and vegetables.

Regardless of the diversity, cotton remains king in the Valley and in the Coastal Bend region. In Nueces County for example, there are generally more acres of grain sorghum planted each year than cotton acres, but cotton produces more value, \$65-\$75 million in lint and cottonseed compared with grain

sorghum's \$45-\$50 million in value each year (average over the last three years).

While deciding whether to plant grain sorghum or cotton each spring can be a stressful process for South Texas producers, many crop specialists are saying that 2018 may be a good year to consider expanding grain sorghum acres, and for more than one reason.

One major reason to favor sorghum acres over cotton this year is the latest National Weather Service-Climate Prediction Center's forecast for the spring and summer seasons. The latest long range forecast is calling for dry conditions across the Southwest, perhaps dry until late summer. Such a dire forecast has many remembering the drought days of 2011. Because grain sorghum is more drought-resistant than cotton, sorghum over cotton may offer an advantage to farmers this year.

Not far behind, however, is an ever-present concern over the future of U.S. trade deals like NAFTA and KORUS. Even a high yielding grain crop is not going to benefit if the crop is limited from accessing global markets. China and Mexico, for instance, are

two large buyers of U.S. grain sorghum. If the U.S. or Mexico withdraw from NAFTA, it could change the dynamics of sorghum futures, and if President Trump pushes China into trade sanctions or imposes tariffs, the result could be devastating to U.S. grain marketing.

If China remains a trading partner in good standing (according to the Trump White House), and trade relations remain uncomplicated by tariffs or sanctions, a growing trade relationship with China for U.S. sorghum is a good possibility for a couple of reasons. The first is because of a change in crop priorities in China. While grain sorghum represented a relatively small import grain in years past, the demand in China has grown substantially in recent years, causing China to look at the global markets again to satisfy a growing domestic demand for high quality sorghum.

The rise in demand in China seems to be the result of the use of sorghum to feed ducks and livestock and because it is also heavily used in the distilling of baijiu, also known as shaojiu, a Chinese alcoholic beverage made from fermented grain sorghum. The 104°

proof liquor can also be made with rice, similar to sake in the Japanese culture, and other grains. But the clear white baijiu is considered a sweeter, better balanced alcohol when made with grain sorghum, but it largely depends on the quality of the sorghum (U.S. consumers generally do not find baijiu palatable).

Demand for U.S. grain sorghum also remains high in both Japan and Mexico, largely used as livestock feed. But Mexico has been negotiating with other global traders since the U.S. threatened to withdraw from NAFTA late last year, and the future of grain marketing to Mexico largely depends on the fate of current NAFTA negotiations and trade relations.

But the National Sorghum Board and others says there are many additional reasons farmers should consider sorghum for the 2018 warm-weather farming season. For

instance, recent grain sorghum prices have been outdistancing corn prices. In addition, input costs, including seed costs, are comparable or in most cases lower than for competing crops.

In addition to being drought tolerant, grain sorghum is also considered tolerant to heat, and it has the possibility to be a high profit crop for farmers. With the development of new insect-resistant varieties and the latest and growing number of pesticides being developed to fight sugarcane aphid outbreaks, crop consultants are leaning more toward grain sorghum as a primary cash crop in many areas over many other crops.

While it may or may not be a golden age of sorghum as some have hinted, there's little question in South Texas that grain sorghum remains a major contender when deciding what and how much to grow in the new year.

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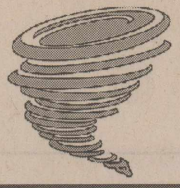
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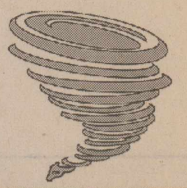
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Floydada Whirlwinds



Whirlwinds win one, lose one

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Floydada split a pair of games in District 4-2A play last week, defeating Ralls 80-33 on Feb. 6 and losing to Post, 39-31, on Feb. 9.

FEB. 6 – FLOYDADA 80, RALLS 33

Floydada jumped out to a first quarter lead of 24-9 and continued to apply the pressure to the Ralls Jackrabbits throughout the game. In the second quarter, the Whirlwinds continued to dominate, outscoring Ralls 19-6 to take a 43-15 halftime lead. Floydada came out in the third quarter and outscored the Rabbits 24-10 to increase their lead to 67-25. In the fourth quarter, Floydada outscored Ralls 13-8 to claim the 80-33 victory.

For Floydada, Hobbs scored 18 points, Gonzales added 15, Reyes had 11, Blakey had 10, Mendez and Perez had six each, Vega and

Mendoza had four each, Johnston had 3, Britt had two and Cervera had one.

For Ralls, Faber and Sanchez had eight each, Harris and Delgado had five each, Vangundy had three and Morales and Ford had two each.

In other district games, Abernathy beat Post 55-44 and New Deal beat Crosbyton 78-39.

FEB. 9 – ABERNATHY 39, FLOYDADA 31

Abernathy kept Floydada at bay, taking an 11-6 lead in the first quarter then extending the lead by outscoring the Whirlwinds 7-5 in the second as they went to the locker room with an 18-11 lead. In the third quarter, Abernathy outscored the Winds 11-9, holding a 29-20 lead. In the fourth quarter, the Winds outscored the Antelopes 11-10, but it wasn't enough as Abernathy claimed the 39-31 victory.

For Floydada, Hobbs scored 13 points, Gonzales

added nine, Perez had eight and Ricketts had one point in the loss.

For Abernathy, Daily had 20 points, Kurklin had six, Keith had five, Sandoval and Teal had three each and Sanchez had two points.

In other district games, Post beat New Deal 71-70 and Crosbyton beat Ralls 63-41.

The district standings are Post 8-1, New Deal and Abernathy 6-3, Floydada 5-4, Crosbyton 2-7 and Ralls 0-9.

Floydada traveled to Post on Feb. 13, Abernathy was at Crosbyton and Ralls was at New Deal. Post is the #1 seed and Floydada is the #4 seed. New Deal and Abernathy will have to go to tie-breaker for seed #2 and seed #3.

In bi-district, Post will play Bovina then Floydada, New Deal and Abernathy will play either Farwell, Hale Center or Lockney, depending on their tie-breakers.

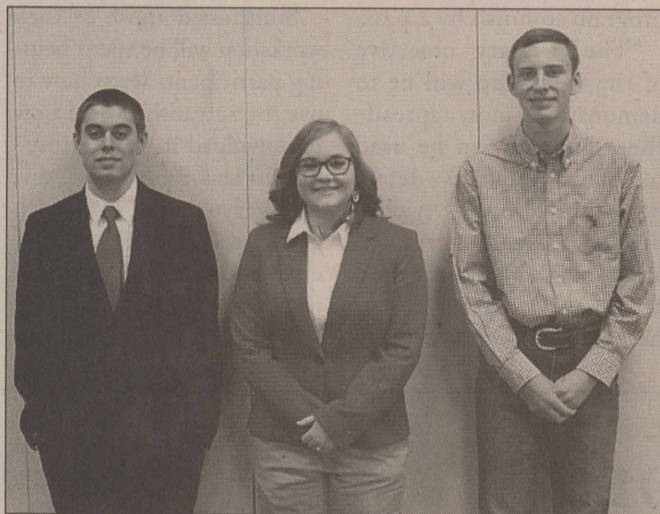
Floydada Lady Winds



Courtesy Photo

The Lady Winds basketball team advanced in the playoffs. They played Farwell at Littlefield Monday.

Youth Tour Winners



Courtesy Photos

Lighthouse Co-Op Electric has honored their Youth Tour Winners this year. Caleb Miller from Silverton, left in photo, and Rachel Graham from Floydada, center, both won a trip to Washington, D.C. this summer plus a \$1500 scholarship. Branson Cruse from Turkey, right, won a \$1000 scholarship.

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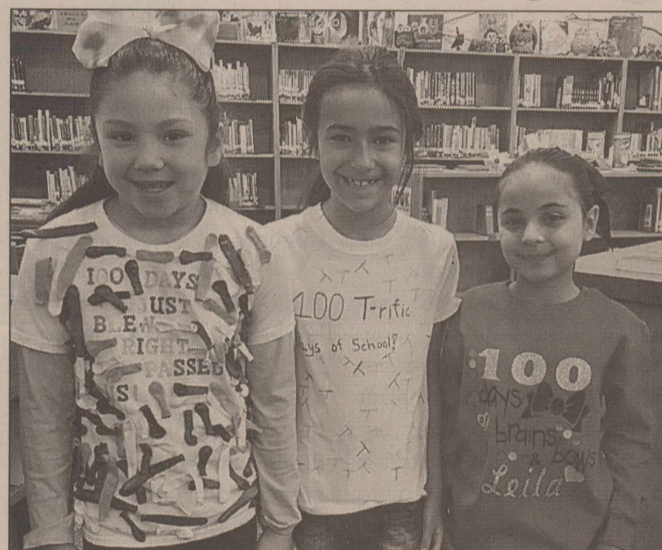
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AB Duncan 100th day



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On the 100th day of school, A.B. Duncan had some cute 100 year-olds and some who wore 100 items on their shirts. Others made a 100th Day Crown, counted 100 snacks, put 100 'gumballs' in a gumball machine and used the numbers 1-0-0 to create a picture.

WTAMU Announces Floydada Students to Honor Lists

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

CANYON, Texas— West Texas A&M University has named 1,710 students to honors lists for the fall 2017 semester. Of that total, 629 were named to the President's List and 1,081 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 un-

dergraduate hours. The Floydada student named to the President's List was Heston Cole Graves, sophomore – undeclared/no major.

The Floydada student named to the Dean's List was Selena Marie Espinoza, freshman – Pre-Nursing.

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Lockney Longhorns

Lady Horns fall to Sudan in season finale

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

SUDAN – Lockney was unable to comeback in the fourth quarter of their final district match with the Sudan Nettles, losing the District 3-2A contest 58-48. The Lady Horns fell to 6-4 in district but claimed the third playoff spot. Sudan improved to 8-2 and claimed the second playoff spot.

Sudan took the early lead, outscoring the Lady Horns 16-12 in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Sudan outscored Lockney 13-12 to take a 29-24 lead into halftime. In the third quarter, the Nettles outscored the Lady Horns 18-9 to stretch their lead to 47-33. Lockney outscored Sudan 15-11 in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough as Sudan took the 58-48 victory. For Lockney, Reagan

Nuncio scored 17 points to lead the Lady Horns, Alyssa Barretero scored 14, Nensi Perez added eight, Madai Chavira added six, Ryann Castillo had two and Yanellie Bernal had one. No stats were available for Sudan. In Bi-District action Lockney was scheduled to play Post on Feb. 12 and Sudan was scheduled to play New Deal on Feb. 12.

Longhorns win two to stay in first place tie

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney defeated Sudan 58-36 on Feb. 6 and Olton 68-55 on Feb. 9 to stay in a three-way tie with Farwell and Hale Center with one game to play. Lockney is now 7-2 in district.

FEB. 6 – LOCKNEY 58, SUDAN 36

Lockney took an early 11-9 lead after the first quarter then extended the lead in the second quarter, outscoring Sudan 19-8 to take a 30-17 halftime lead. In the third quarter, the Longhorns outscored Sudan 20-5 to take a 50-22 third quarter lead. In the fourth quarter, the Hornets outscored Lockney 14-8 but it wasn't enough as the Longhorns took the 58-36 victory.

For Lockney, Jaden Rosales had 20 points, Chris Emert had 19, Bryson Walker had five, Mason Esty and Jeremiah Muiz had three each and Israel Cuellar, Sebastian Perez,

Anson Rendon and Ricky Cuellar had two points each.

No stats were reported for Sudan.

Other district games: Farwell 54, Olton 41 and Hale Center 64, Bovina 53.

FEB. 9 – LOCKNEY 68, OLTON 55

Lockney took an early 20-10 after the first quarter then extended their lead by outscoring Olton 16-4 in the second quarter to take a 36-14 halftime lead. In the third quarter, the Mustangs outscored the Longhorns 25-20 to close the gap to 56-39 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, Olton outscored Lockney 16-12 but fell short as the Longhorns claimed the 68-55 victory.

Lockney had four players in double figures for the game. Chris Emert had 18 points, Jaden Rosales had 15, Bryson Walker had 13, Israel Cuellar had 12, Jeremiah Muniz had eight and Sebastian Perez had two. No stats were available

for Olton.

Other district games: Hale Center 50, Sudan 23 and Farwell 71, Bovina 70.

District standings, Lockney, Hale Center and Farwell 7-2, Bovina 4-5, Crosbyton 2-7 and Sudan 0-9.

Lockney hosted Bovina on Feb. 13 while Sudan hosted Olton and Farwell hosted Hale Center. Final seedings for the playoffs are yet to be determined. Lockney owns the tie-breaker over Hale Center, having won both district games, but they are 1-1 against Farwell. If Lockney beat Bovina and Hale Center beat Farwell, Lockney would be the number one seed, but if Farwell wins, a tie-breaker would have to be decided. The same scenario plays out if Lockney lost to Bovina except it would be for the number two seed.

Lockney, Farwell and Hale Center will face either New Deal, Floydada or Abernathy and Bovina will face Post in Bi-District either Feb. 19 or Feb. 20.

Basketball Standings for Lockney and Floydada

Girls District 3-2A

Teams	W	L
P=Farwell	10	0
P=Sudan	8	2
P=Lockney	6	4
P=Bovina	4	6
Hale Center	2	8
Olton	0	10

P=Playoff Spot

Feb. 6 Results

Sudan 58, Lockney 48
Farwell 62, Olton 18
Bovina 46, Hale Center 31
END OF REGULAR SEASON

Feb. 12-13 Bi-District

Farwell vs Floydada
Sudan vs New Deal
Lockney vs Post
Bovina vs Abernathy

Boys District 3-2A

Teams	W	L
P=Farwell	7	2
P=Hale Center	7	2
P=Lockney	7	2
P=Bovina	4	5
Olton	2	7
Sudan	0	9

P=Playoff Spot

Feb. 6 Results

Lockney 58, Sudan 36
Farwell 54, Olton 41
Hale Center 64, Bovina 53

Feb. 9 Schedule

Lockney 68, Olton 55
Hale Center 50, Sudan 23
Farwell 71, Bovina 70

Feb. 19-20 Bi-District

Farwell vs New Deal, Abernathy or Floydada
Hale Center vs New Deal, Abernathy or Floydada
Lockney vs New Deal, Abernathy or Floydada
Bovina vs Post

Girls District 4-2A

Teams	W	L
P=Abernathy	10	0
P=Post	7	3
P=New Deal	7	3
P=Floydada	3	7
Ralls	2	8
Crosbyton	1	9

P=Playoff Spot

Feb. 6 Results

Ralls 52, Floydada 40
Abernathy 33, Post 31
New Deal 61, Crosbyton 31

Feb. 12-13 Bi-District

Farwell vs Floydada
Sudan vs New Deal
Lockney vs Post
Bovina vs Abernathy

Boys District 4-2A

Teams	W	L
P=Post	8	1
P=New Deal	6	3
P=Abernathy	6	3
P=Floydada	5	4
Crosbyton	2	7
Ralls	0	9

P=Playoff Spot

Feb. 6 Schedule

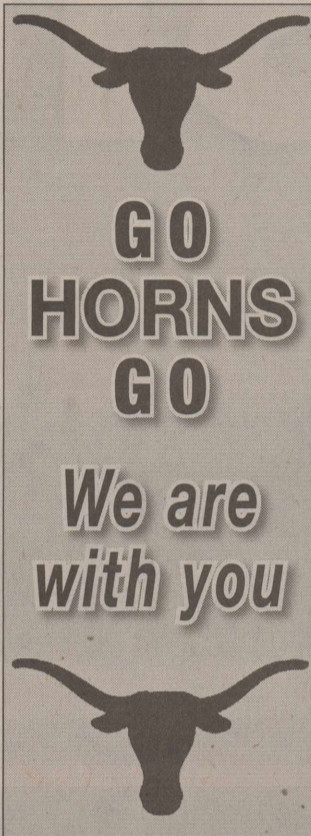
Floydada 80, Ralls 33
Abernathy 55, Post 44
New Deal 78, Crosbyton 39

Feb. 9 Schedule

Abernathy 39, Floydada 31
Post 71, New Deal 70
Crosbyton 63, Ralls 41

Feb. 19-20 Bi-District

Post vs Bovina
New Deal vs Farwell, Hale Center or Lockney
Abernathy vs Farwell, Hale Center or Lockney
Floydada vs Farwell, Hale Center or Lockney



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Lockney Longhorn 2018 Baseball Schedule

Monday	2/12/2018	Tulia - Scrimmage	4:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Saturday	2/17/2018	Clarendon - Scrimmage	1:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Monday	2/19/2018	Opening Day - Hale Center	4:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Friday	2/20/2018	Plainview JV	4:00 PM	JV	Home
Tuesday	2/27/2018	Kress	4:00 PM	V	Home
Tuesday	2/27/2018	Plainview JV	4:00 PM	JV	Away
Thur-Sat	3-1 thru 3-3	Tulia Tournament	TBA	V	Away
Monday	3/5/2018	Sundown	4:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Thur-Sat	3-8 thru 3-9	Rotan Tournament	TBA	V	Away
Saturday	3/10/2018	Lockney Alumni Game	12:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Tuesday	3/13/2018	Ralls*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Saturday	3/17/2018	Floydada*	12:00 PM	V/JV	Away
Tuesday	3/20/2018	New Deal*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Saturday	3/24/2018	Crosbyton* (DH)	12:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Tuesday	3/27/2018	BYE			
Saturday	3/31/2018	Springlake-Earth* (DH)	12:00 PM	V/JV	Away
Tuesday	4/3/2018	Ralls*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Away
Saturday	4/7/2018	Abernathy* (DH)	12:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Tuesday	4/10/2018	Floydada*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Saturday	4/14/2018	Hale Center* (DH)	12:00 AM	V/JV	Away
Tuesday	4/17/2018	New Deal*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Away
Saturday	4/21/2018	Olton* (DH)	12:00 PM	V/JV	Home
Tuesday	4/24/2018	BYE			
Saturday	4/28/2018	OPEN			

Lockney School Board has contested race

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Independent School District has a contested race for school board. Melinda Morales has filed to run in place 2, currently occupied by Mike Lass.

In Place 2 Charles Keaton is still unopposed. Both positions serve for three years.

At press time (Monday) no incumbent had drawn a challenger in the elections for Floydada school board

racers.

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.

Candidates wishing to file for positions on their respective school boards in Floyd County can file at their school district offices until Friday, Feb. 16 for the election that will be held Saturday, May 5.

Lockney Lady Horns 2018 Softball Schedule

2/17/2018	Dimmitt	11:00 AM	V/JV	Home
2/20/2018	Muleshoe	4:00 PM	V/JV	Home
2-22 thru 2-24	Lockney Tournament	TBA	V	Home
2/26/2018	Idalou	4:00 PM	V/JV	Away
3/3/2018	New Deal*	11:00 AM	V/JV	Away
3/6/2018	Crosbyton*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Home
3/10/2018	Ralls*	11:00 AM	V/JV	Away
3/16/2018	Floydada*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Home
3/17/2018	OPEN			
3/20/2018	Hale Center*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Away
3/24/2018	Abernathy*	11:00 AM	V/JV	Home
3/27/2018	New Deal*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Home
3/31/2018	Crosbyton*	11:00 AM	V/JV	Away
4/3/2018	Ralls*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Home
4/7/2018	Floydada*	11:00 AM	V/JV	Away
4/10/2018	OPEN			
4/14/2018	Hale Center*	11:00 AM	V/JV	Home
4/17/2018	Abernathy*	5:00 PM	V/JV	Away

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

February 19-23

Monday, Feb. 19

SCHOOL HOLIDAY (SNOW DAY)

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Breakfast – Cheese Omelet, Toast or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Crispy Tacos or Frito Pie, Garnish, Veggie Cup, Charro Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Salsa, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 21

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

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

Friday, Feb. 23

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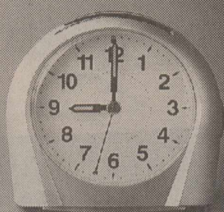
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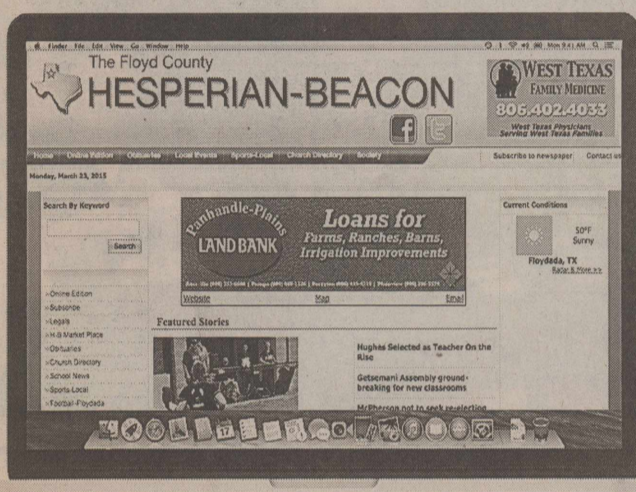
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W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital 25th Annual Health Fair



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NCC economists point to factors shaping 2018 cotton outlook

By T. Cotton Nelson
National Cotton Council

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — National Cotton Council economists point to a few key factors that will shape the U.S. cotton industry's 2018 economic outlook. In recent months, cotton prices have maintained a stronger appearance despite the increase in world production. Although the current supply and demand fundamentals appear somewhat bearish, strong U.S. export sales, a weaker U.S. dollar, heavy speculative buying, and large mill fixations have supported prices. For the coming year, projections of record ending stocks outside of China could pressure prices.

Looking longer term, several positive factors point to a more optimistic outlook for the cotton industry over the next few years. The world economy is improving and stronger growth is projected in 2018 and 2019. World cotton demand is increasing with current estimates calling for an increase of approximately five percent in 2017, which is more than double the previous five-year average. China will begin the next round of reserve auctions next month. A successful auction series in 2018 could easily position China to become a larger

cotton importer again.

Dr. Jody Campiche, the NCC's vice president, Economics & Policy Analysis, told delegates at the NCC's 80th Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas today that, "World mill use is expected to exceed world production in the 2018 marketing year, and global cotton stocks are projected to decline by 5.4 million bales in the 2018 balance sheet." In the NCC's annual Economic Outlook, she noted the global stocks decline is due to reduced inventories in China. China's stocks are declining with USDA estimating a drop of 8.0 million bales in 2017. In 2018, an additional 10.0 million bale reduction in total stocks is expected.

She said world production is projected to be 119.3 million bales in 2018. World mill use is projected to increase by approximately three percent in 2018 to 124.8 million bales with most of the growth from China, Vietnam and Bangladesh. While projections of global consumption exceeding production normally would be supportive of prices, the implications for the coming year may not be as clear cut as stocks outside of China are projected to increase by 8.6 million bales in 2017 and 4.6 million bales in 2018.

Regarding domestic cot-

ton mill use, Campiche said 2017 U.S. mill use is estimated at 3.4 million bales, up 100,000 bales from 2016. The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program continues to be an important source of stability allowing mills to invest in new facilities and equipment. For 2018, the NCC is projecting a modest increase in U.S. mill use of 60,000 bales.

She noted that export markets continue to be U.S. raw fiber's primary outlet. The United States will remain the largest cotton exporter with a market share of 39 percent in 2017 as compared to 40 percent in 2016. China is currently the top export market for the 2017 crop year, followed by Vietnam and Pakistan. World trade is projected to be higher in the 2017 marketing year, but increased competition from other major exporting countries has led to a decline in the U.S. market share.

U.S. export sales have been very strong with early sales surpassing recent crop years. For 2017, the NCC estimates U.S. exports at 15.0 million bales, up 0.6 percent from 2016. However, shipments have been lagging behind sales during the first half of the marketing year. While several factors led to shipping delays earlier in the market-

ing year, trucking shortages, along with increased trucking costs, currently are affecting cotton shipments. The shipment pace has increased over the past few weeks and will need to remain strong for the remainder of the marketing year to reach the 15.0 million bale estimate.

Looking ahead to 2018, increased competition from other cotton-producing countries is expected to reduce both U.S. exports and U.S. market share. With exports pegged at 14.3 million bales, Campiche projects total U.S. offtake of 17.7 million bales in 2018, leading to an increase in ending stocks of 1.5 million bales.

In China, cotton mill use has increased, but competition from lower-priced man-made fiber remains a limiting factor for the continued growth of cotton fiber use. Although internal cotton prices are still strong relative to polyester prices, polyester prices increased in 2017 and are currently at the highest level since 2014. China's new environmentally-friendly policies could also affect man-made fiber production and use.

In her analysis of the NCC Annual Planting Intentions survey results, Campiche said the NCC projects 2018 U.S. cotton acreage to be 13.1 million acres, 3.7 percent more than 2017. With abandonment assumed at approximately 15 percent for the United States, Cotton Belt harvested area totals 11.1 million acres. However, due to the dry conditions that currently persist across the Cotton Belt and the forecasts of abnormally dry conditions throughout the spring, particularly in the Southwest, the final abandonment rate could be higher.

Using an average U.S. yield per harvested acre of 842 pounds generates a

Quail Management Symposium Set in Lubbock

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To assist land managers with practical steps to manage quail on rangeland, the Second Annual Quail Management Symposium will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"We want to emphasize practical things people can do to maintain their core quail population and also allow participants to interact with our speakers and ask specific questions," said Dr. Brad Dabbert, one of the symposium organizers and Burnett Foundation Endowed Professor of Quail Ecology at Texas Tech University. The symposium is sponsored by Park Cities Quail and presented by the NRHC and Quail-Tech Alliance, a non-profit research and demonstration project.

Other symposium speakers in addition to Dabbert will be Keith Blair, founder of a land stewardship company specializing in prescribed fire for wildlife habitat management, restoration and wildfire prevention; Matthew Coffman, grazing lands specialist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service; John McLaughlin, West Texas quail program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and Gabe Gaudern, wildlife manager for the Tongue River Ranch.

The program will include a bird dog training demonstration and a chuck wagon lunch. Registration cost is \$30 for Ranching Heritage Association members and \$35 for non-members. Limited seating is available and reservations must be made in advance. For more information or to register for the symposium, visit ranchingheritage.org/quail/ or call Helen DeVitt Jones Director of Education Julie Hodges at (806) 834-0083.

The National Ranching Heritage Center is a 27-acre museum and historical park dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of ranching and addressing contemporary ranching issues. The center is located at 3121 Fourth St. on the Texas Tech campus.

cotton crop of 19.4 million bales, with 18.7 million upland bales and 744,000 extra-long staple bales.

However, it is important to note that although the survey results suggest a slight increase in acreage, the increase is largely the result of weaker prices of competing crops. Although cotton prices have improved slightly compared to other crops, cottonseed prices have dropped significantly, thus leading to an increase in net ginning costs. Many producers will continue to face difficult economic conditions in 2018. Production costs remain high, and unless producers have good yields, current prices

may not be enough to cover all production expenses.

Additional details of the 2018 Cotton Economic Outlook are on the NCC's website at <http://www.cotton.org/econ/reports/annual-outlook.cfm>.

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Commissioners voted to renew private road contracts in Precincts 3 and 4.

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