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## LHS Class of 1978 Reunion declared success

By Deon Fincher  
 The Hesperian Beacon

The Lockney High School Class of 1978 met at LHS on Saturday for a tour through the school as part of their Class Reunion activities. Twenty-two 1978 graduates gathered at the school for this activity.

FCCLA Officers were present to take the graduates through the changed areas of the campus.

Mrs. Mercer, long-time 2nd Grade Teacher, entered the school to adoring praises of her grown-up students. Mrs. Mercer's grandson carried a worn photo album, its contents—a school-photo-page dedicated to each class of 2nd graders that she had taught and evidently, lovingly guided through their elementary



The attendees of the reunion of the Lockney High School Class of 1978 (Back row, L to R): Melinda Wilson Thompson (Mineral Wells), Tracy Beedy (Guymon, OK), Randy Rogers (Lubbock), Paula ellison Blackerby (Seymour), Kim Spencer Lambert (Plainview), Howard Moore (Dallas), Kelly Litsch (Lubbock), Donny Wiley (Granbury), Lyndall Stapp (Floydada), Lori Johnston Bean (Lubbock), David Foster (Lockney). (Front Row R to L): Billy Sessom (Highland Village), Sheila Hrbacek Roberts (Melrose, NM), Patricia Blanco Nino (Plainview), Martin DeLeon (Plainview), Boyd Lee (Lockney), Sylvia Martinez Enriquez (Brownwood), Connie Rodriguez Guerra (Missouri City), Joy Elam Freeman (Amarillo), and Irene Castro Leija (Lubbock). (Front) Beloved Mrs. Mercer. FCCLA Officers (Red Coats): Bethany Salazar and Michela Hernandez.

school years. The attendees started the weekend, Friday night, with a meal and fellowship

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**Father's Day**  
 June 17

**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.

**FLOYDADA SWIMMING POOL**  
 Floydada Swimming Pool will have a Family Night Swim on June 14th from 6-8 p.m. \$2.50 person.

**FLOYDADA BASKETBALL CAMP**  
 The Floydada Basketball Camp will be held on June 18-21 at the Whirlwind Gym. For info contact Coach Zepeda, 806-438-3503.

**LOCKNEY ISD STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CAMP**  
 Lockney ISD coaching staff will hold their "Longhorn Champions Camp" (strength and conditioning) the Longhorn Fieldhouse from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. All High School/Middle School athletes can participate. Dates camp will be held are: June 18-21; June 25-28; July 9-12; July 16-19; July 23-26.

**FLOYDADA LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
 The Floyd County Memorial Library in Floydada will hold their Summer Reading Program on June 19 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sign-up deadline is Tuesday, June 12. For more info call (806) 983-4922.

**DIAMOND DUSTERS SOFTBALL**  
 The Diamond Dusters softball team from Floydada will be playing in tournaments in Rudoso on June 8-10, and the Goliath Tournament in Lubbock on June 21-24.  
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## Livestock Updates Announced

By Cristen Brooks  
 Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service Floyd County

Validation for steers, heifers, and State Fair Swine and Lambs will be Wednesday, June 27th. Times and places to be announced.

2019 County Stock Show Dates will be January 10-12, 2019. Cattle will show on Thursday, January 10. Everything else will show Saturday, January 12th as we've been doing in the past.  
 2019 County Stock Show

Judge will be Dr. Andy Hart, he is the District 2 4-H Specialist.

ALL livestock exhibitors will be required to sell raffle tickets this year. Expect your packets later this year.

Floyd County 4-H will have the concession stand this year at the County Stock Show. All hands-on-deck (including non-livestock families) will be needed as we do not have an FCS Agent anymore to help run the stand. The funds raised goes to assist ALL of 4-H.

## First wheat



The first load of wheat brought into Providence Farm Supply was produced by Landon Carthel. It was harvested Friday, June 1, 2018 with moisture of 8.6% and test weight of 62.6. Shown (left to right) Lucas Hall, Assistant Manager, Landon Carthel, Producer, and Glen Graves, Manager.

## Storm



Courtesy photo  
 The weather was news this past week as Floyd County finally received some much-needed rain. This impressive storm cloud was captured by Tim Assister last Tuesday night, June 5 on the Ralls Hwy. This image is north-west of Floydada. The storm moved south-east toward Ralls and Crosbyton.

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

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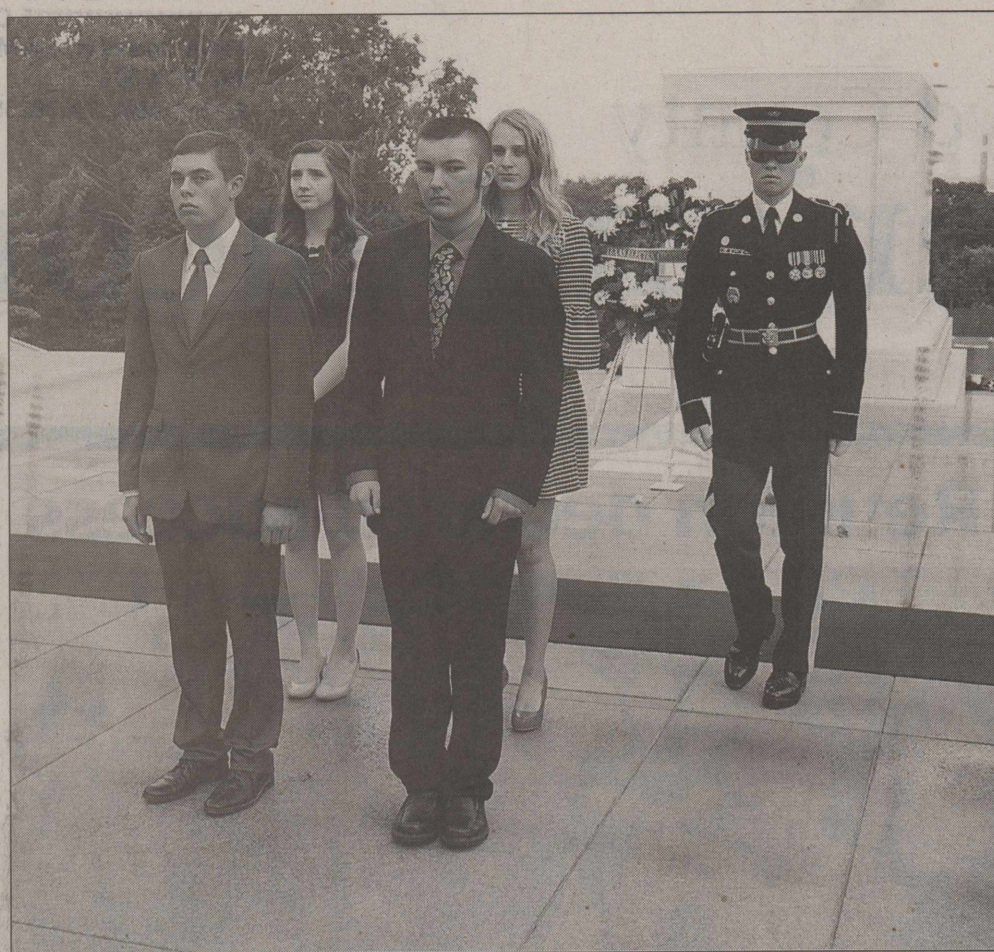
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## Youth Tour



Courtesy Photo

**Caleb Miller (Left), Floydada, assisted with the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery last Saturday, June 9 along with three of his peers. The electric cooperatives in Texas have been sending high school students to Washington, D.C. since 1965. Lighthouse sends two students on Youth Tour each summer. The winners are chosen by a speech contest each February. The judges choose 2 winners and an alternate. The winners go on the Youth Tour, and also receive a \$1,500 scholarship. The alternate receives a \$1,000 scholarship.**

## About Town...

The Fincher House got one of those dreaded "City Letters" this past week. We were ordered to tidy-up our alley and a few things on our lot. No big deal! I fully agree that our



DEON FINCHER

property was looking a little cluttered, and I like my house and outlying property to be attractive. Not necessarily a show-place, but I certainly do not want our place to be the bane of the neighborhood.

These letters spark controversy, and I'll be the first to admit that I have questions as to the scope of the program, the way it is carried out, and the end result. If residents witnessed the fair and completely objective disburse-

ment of clean-up requests, many nay-sayers could be silenced. Currently, that isn't the case.

I will admit to a lack of organization around my house these past few months; and we are working to improve the condition of our property. I do wonder, however; since we are compelled and threatened to act, why are there other properties on our main thoroughfares that continue to accumulate more and more disorganization? Are they not given the same forceful and threatening treatment?

I don't have answers for this issue. There are definitions within the clean-up program that I don't want to have any part of. And yet, I want to drive through our community and be able to feel that it is attractive. For now, we're working on our place, and doing what we can with what we have.

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

Drive by the Floydada Welcome Plaza and take a look! Plants are dying, beds grown up in weeds (possession vines), probably hasn't been watered in months! In January, this year there were rotted pumpkins left on the bricks from Pumpkin Day! Our EDC director is in charge of taking care of the plaza now, so what's up with that?

Oh yes, you can't miss the big, honking RV parked against the back fence. Speaking for myself, it's an embarrassment and a down right shame! Is this what we want people to see as they enter our town? By the look of things in Floydada I'm believing what I've been told for a long while, "no one cares."

The EDC number is in the directory, and you can find out who serves on the board and give them a call. I guess you will need to call the city manager about the RV, well, I'm not sure we have a real city manager yet, but more than likely that will fall under one of those pesky ordinances that can't or won't be enforced, or maybe its ok to have a motor home in your backyard, for the relatives, or whatever, even if it overwhelms a project many people worked hard to make happen, and others spent their money buying plants and bricks and stones with family names to make it look nice and now what is noticed first is the hideous RV. I think someone should have considered how this would affect the plaza before allowing this person to have an RV in his or her backyard!

I can't pass up asking about the mysterious new street sweeper, it hasn't made much progress, if any, as far as I can tell!

Kay Hicks  
Floydada, Texas

## This week...1958

### COLORADO VACATION PLANNED BY TWO LOCAL FAMILIES

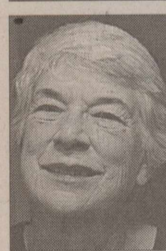
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Willson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Word and children are leaving this week-end for a 10-day vacation trip into Colorado. Most of their time will be spent near the Rio Grande reservoir where they plan to take it easy.

A niece of the Willsons, Connie Addis of Dallas will join them here this week and make the trip with them. Most of the planned activity calls for fishing, hunting and horse-back riding, but for the first few days, the Mayor of Floydada, says he plans to sleep and enjoy the company of his family.

**The Floyd County Hesperian June 12, 1958.**

## The 501: Excelsior! The cooler word

A cooler for \$7.50? I couldn't resist. If you think I'm talking about an insulated container for ice and drinks, think again.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

### PAUSE TO THINK AGAIN.

Long ago we iced down our drinks in ice chests - not coolers. We couldn't call them coolers because coolers were things installed in windows to cool houses. That's the kind of cooler I just bought - an air cooler. Except mine doesn't fit in a window. It's portable.

Words are like that. Definitions lay claims on them, but when a definition releases its claim, that word is up for grabs.

If I could think of a cooler example than "cooler" I'd cite it to support my illustration. I can't.

Back to coolers. My new one was originally \$15. Marked down for the second day of the estate sale, it was irresistible.

If my new little cooler has a pump to make the water dribble onto the excelsior, it's not visible. Capillary action must be at work.

If "excelsior" gives you pause, you're probably not among my readers, but let's stop for an excelsior moment anyway.

The word enjoys competing definitions. Think claim disputes. Here's my personal list of meanings, ridiculous to sublime, not necessarily in that order:

Regarding coolers, excelsior's the stuff that holds water so fans can pull air through it and, thanks to either an endothermic or exothermic reaction, cool the air. (I always get exo- and endo- confused.)

Isn't it what Goofy exclaimed just as he skied off a very steep Alp? Excelsior! I think it's somewhat interchangeable with "Geronimo!" unless you're parachuting. You'd probably get kicked out of the plane if you said "Excelsior!"

If you want to spend extra money on your chickens, buy them some excelsior bedding.

Excelsior also works for chair stuffing. I can't help but recall the moment during a Western movie at the old Pic theater when Barney Milner pulled some excelsior from one aging seat and put it on his top lip for a mustache, scrunching his face to hold it in place. He looked like Gabby Hayes without a beard. (Someone can tell Barney

I mentioned him.)

And that's not to mention the Excelsior House Hotel in Jefferson, Texas.

### DICTIONARY PAUSE.

My examples jibe nicely with what my computer dictionary has to say about "excelsior."

But when I searched the Internet to see if Goofy really said it, I came up short. Goofy seems to have yodeled instead. If he didn't say it, he should have.

All in all, it's an amazing cover-all-the-bases word, and, Goofy or not, I'm still sure I heard it yelled by a cartoon character when I was a kid. I remember being surprised that a word connected to chicken bedding, water coolers and ratty chairs losing their stuffing would be an appropriate exclamation for a significant mountaintop moment.

I still am.

But all things considered, maybe it's the perfect word indeed for a \$7.50 apparatus that can keep me cool and use only 50 watts of electricity to do it.

Excelsior!

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All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), town, and daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to 201 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.



# SOCIETY

## Monique Lara wins state pageant honors

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Monique Lara, daughter of Miguel and Vanessa Lara from Lockney Tx, competed in the Our Diamond Miss Pageant, June 2nd and 3rd in Abilene, Texas. Lara was crowned Our Diamond Girl, Our Diamond Miss Texas Talent winner as well as the Our Diamond Miss Texas Model Queen.

The Diamond Girl competition entails four modeling events and one talent event. Diamond Girls will receive crowns, sashes, trophies, prizes and will be honored at next year's National Pageant by performing during Diamond Girl and crowning the new Queens. \$1,000 cash will be awarded to the Overall Diamond Girl with the highest points.

The Diamond Miss Talent competitors are judged on three-minute talent performance. Winners receive a crown, trophy, sash, scepter and savings bond.

Supreme Our Diamond Miss is determined by highest scores in Modeling, Talent, and Glamour. The Winner will receive a crown, trophy, sash, scepter, diamond necklace and \$1,000 cash.

Lara, 11 years old, will compete at the National Our Diamond Miss pageant, July 14-18, 2018 in Chickasha, Oklahoma.



Miss Monique Lara-Our Diamond Miss Texas Diamond Girl, Our Diamond Miss Texas Talent winner, and Our Diamond Miss Texas Model Queen. Lara will be competing at the national competition in July.

## "Lockney Misfits" bring home Championship



2018 Tri County Softball Champs Lockney Misfits. (Front L to R): Thalia Ascencio, Mikaela Galindo, Sammy Briones. (Back L to R): Ashlyn Green, Hailey Aufill, Karen Trenado, Mike Perales, Madison Garcia, Holley Monroe, Annalicia Hernandez. Head Coach Frank Hernandez. Assistant Coaches: Rigo Briones, Cynthia Briones. The Misfits will be moving on to compete for the ALLSTARS Championship. Games are scheduled for June 18-23 and will be played in Lockney.

## Museum Archives

### The Floyd County Historical Museum Memories 1979

#### THOMAS NORRIS AND NELLIE CLEMENTINE CLARK

By Thomas Edward Clark

Thomas Norris Clark was born July 23, 1889 in the State of Tennessee. As a small child he knew about life on a plantation. He moved with his parents Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Clark, two older brothers, and older sister to Comanche County. His education was limited. Nellie Clementine (Ward) Clark was born

March 20, 1889, in Wise County. At a very early age she lost her parents within six months of each other. This left three children alone with only a grandmother to care for two older brothers and herself. Grandmother Paschall, on her mother's side, though crippled herself reared the children. The three children attended Decatur Baptist College, as their uncle, Frank Ward was president

of the college.

Thomas N. and Nellie C. Ward were married July 13, 1917 in Wise County. Soon after their marriage they moved to Floyd County in the Irick Community. They farmed dry land and stock farmed and raised five children on eighty acres.

Five children were born; three boys and two girls. Thomas Edward born February 8, 1920; Willis Elvis born October 9, 1922; Oscar Eugene born May 25, 1924; Elizabeth Clementine born July 1, 1926; and Mary Katherine born December 10, 1932.

All the children attended school at Aiken and Lockney. They attended the Aiken Baptist Church at Aiken. Oscar graduated from Lockney High School in 1941. Clementine attended two years at Lockney High School.

Thomas Norris Clark passed away October 29, 1946 in Plainview, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had sold the farm in July the same year and had moved to Plainview. Nellie C. Clark passed away June 4, 1964. Oscar passed away the same year August 29, 1964. He had one daughter Lauren Clark. They lived in Snyder, Texas. Edward and Wilma live in Plainview. Clementine and Lavirn Carthel live in Lockney, Elvis and Fredna live in Dallas, Katherine and Lonnie Allison live in Davenport, Iowa.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Lubbock Skateboarding, along with the City of Plainview, will be hosting a Go Skateboarding Day Contest in honor of National Skate Board Day on Thursday, June 21st at the Skate Park (7th and Joliet, Plainview).

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and the contest will begin at noon (12:00 p.m.). Entry fee for skaters is \$10 and all levels and ages are welcome to participate. The event is free to the public and are encouraged to attend and cheer on the participants. Food and drink will be available at the park.

New to the contest this

year will be a cash prize of \$300 for intermediate and advance levels of competition.

"The cash prize will be a great new feature added to our contest this year," said Tony Maples, event coordinator. "Plainview has a great skate park and this will generate even more excitement for the contest."

For those not able to attend, volunteers will be live streaming various parts of the event on their Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/lubbockskateboarding](http://www.facebook.com/lubbockskateboarding).

"We appreciate Tony's efforts to coordinate this event," said Melinda Brown, CVB Coordinator. "It will be

a great opportunity to watch some amazing skateboarders and even if you don't skateboard, we encourage you to join us."

The event is sponsored by Lubbock Skateboarding, Tony Maples Photography, City of Plainview, Zumiez, Troy's Ski Lubbock, Broadway Company, Willy, Covenant Hospital, United Sticker Co. and Proletariat Skateboards.

For information, contact Tony Maples at 806.445.1826 or [tony@tonymaplesphotography.com](mailto:tony@tonymaplesphotography.com) or Melinda Brown at 806.296.1119 or [mbrown@plainviewtx.org](mailto:mbrown@plainviewtx.org) or visit [www.facebook.com/lubbockskateboarding](http://www.facebook.com/lubbockskateboarding).

## This week....1958

### Paint, Repair Work Reported

These Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up projects in progress at Floydada homes and business firms have been reported this week by local lumber dealers and paint stores.

Mrs. L.B. Stewart Jr., paint and repair of home;

Mrs. Thelma Jones, paint and repair of two houses;

T.L. Holland, painting project inside home;

W.R. Puckett, paint kitchen and bath;

Mrs. Dena Myrick, paint and repair;

Mrs. Jackie Duke, paint and repair inside home;

J.G. Pruitt, porch repair, paint inside house;

Elvis Warren, paint inside house;

Milton Terry, paint inside home;

O.B. Mooney, paint living room and kitchen;

J.T. McLain, paint and repair;

Edward Wester, paint and trim house;

Floydada Chamber of Commerce, paint and repair front of office;

D.T. Mayo, remodeling project on home;

Clarence Foster, paint and repair tourist court;

Andrews Ward School, paint and repair;

Floydada Jr. High School, paint and repair;

Lon Davis Jr., paint trim of house;

Mrs. J.G. Wood, paint rent house;

John R. Tinnin, repaint home;

Rudy Thornton, paint and repair;

Mrs. W.P. Nicholson, paint;

Bohannon Gin, new office and repair on labor quarters;

Dale Goen, paint home;

Elmer Norrell, paint and repair;

Troy Leonard, remodel home;

Print Rice, paint and repair;

Oden Chevrolet, floor paint;

Bob Smith, floor and porch paint;

L.A. Thompson, remodel home;

B & M Café, paint and repair;

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY- The Lockney Senior Citizens Board of Directors met on May 29th. Due to rising food and utility cost they voted on raising the membership dues.

Dues for the remainder of 2018 will be \$15 per person and will be due on July 1st.

The yearly dues will be \$30 and will be due January 1st. The yearly dues will be due January 1st each year instead of July 1st. If you have any questions please contact a board member.

Please mark your June calendar with these upcoming events:

June 18 - Bingo Night at the Center from 6-8 p.m.

June 25 - Board Meeting at the Center - 6 p.m.

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.

## This week....1988

### Look Who's New!

Tyson Heflin is very proud to announce the arrival of his little sister, Reagan Jaree. Reagan was born Thursday, June 9, in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

She weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Rick and Brenda Heflin.

Grandparents are Rob and Linda Heflin and Bill and Kay Hicks.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Jones and Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Bullock of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Heflin of Plainview.

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June 16, 1988.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA -Accolade Home Health is planning on a blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar clinic once a month on the first Wednesday of the month. As we gather more information, it will be announced.

Freida Dunn, BSN,ET, is present the 4th Thursday of the month for a blood pressure clinic, beginning at 11:30, weather permitting. Next clinics will be June 28, and July 26.

Floydada Senior Citizens is our business name, but anyone of any age is welcome to "eat in or take out, or have a meal delivered." Call us at 983-2032 for delivery service at no extra charge.

We do have memberships available, at a cost of \$25.00 per year. This membership allows you to purchase the meal for \$5.00 instead of \$6.00.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

### MENU

June 18 - June 22

Monday - BBQ ribs

Tuesday - Chicken w/rice & gravy

Wednesday - Tacos

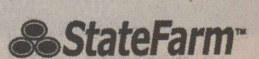
Thursday - Chicken fried steak

Friday - Baked beans/pork chops

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## Obituaries

### Sherman "S.D." Irwin

Sherman "S.D." Irwin age 87, of Floydada, passed away Monday, June 4, 2018.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada, with Rance Young officiating.

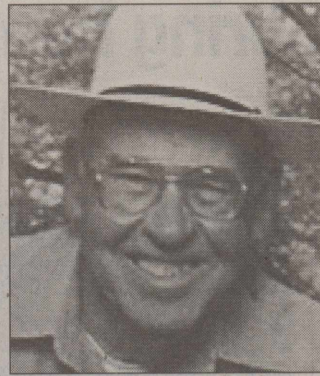
Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2018 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Services were under the personal care of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada

Sherman was born December 12, 1930 in Floyd County, Texas to Felix Clyde and Lottie Faye (Maxey) Irwin.

Sherman was in the strategic Air Command during the Korean War. He spent a lifetime as a steel erector, rancher and farmer. He married the love of his life, Audeen Turner on July 8, 1956.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Audeen Irwin of Lubbock; his children, Kimberley Vogel and husband, Don, Shelli Johnson and husband, Jimmy, Patrick Irwin and wife, Darlene, and Michael Irwin and wife, Tammy Mychael; grandchildren, Colby and wife, Bonnie, Courtney, Beau, Matthew and wife, Lindsey, Tyler and wife, Nichole, Katherine, Jacob, Jason, and Reili, Valree;



SHERMAN "S.D." IRWIN

great-grandchildren, Sophia, Hudson, Jaxon, Jace, Brodi, Jack, Ella, Camilla, and Samson; his sister, Luella Slack of Canyon and a brother, Herbert Irwin and wife, Sue of Lubbock.

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

### Loene Nelson

Loene Nelson, age 83, of Idalou, passed away on June 5, 2018.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 2018, at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada, with Rance Young officiating.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery

Loene was born May 7, 1935 in Petersburg, Texas, to Elmer and Blanche Williams. She attended Floydada schools graduating in 1952. She married H. Nelson in November 21, 1952.

She was a farmer's wife until 1954 when H. was drafted into the military, shipped to Germany, where she joined him. They lived in an apartment in Rushburg, Germany for 18 months. They enjoyed touring Europe when H. had time off

from the base. They had son Dirk, May 16, 1956, on the base in Baumholder, Germany. They returned to Floydada and to farming in 1958.

In 1972 they moved to Bayfield, Colorado, where they owned and operated an RV Resort. They sold the business in 1981, then went into real estate sales. Loene and H. moved to Lubbock in 2006. She loved quilting, traveling in the motor home, and riding ATVs and the jeep in the mountains of Colorado.

Loene is preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Blanche Williams.

She is survived by husband H. of Idalou; two sons, Dirk Nelson and wife, Tish of Bayfield, Colorado and Kevin and wife, Terry of Idalou; two daughters, Lin-



LEONE NELSON

da Huffmyer and husband, Mark of Bayfield, Colorado and Leeta McClard and husband, John of Centennial, Colorado; eight grandchildren, Ben Nelson, Matt Nelson, Eric Nelson, Neal Nelson, Lonny Nelson, Jessica Evans, Jeff Huffmyer, Lauren McClard; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

### Dan W. Goodson

Dan W. Goodson passed away on Sunday, June 10, 2018. He was born February 4, 1927 to Leslie Franklin Goodson and Maggie Ellen (Stansell) Goodson.

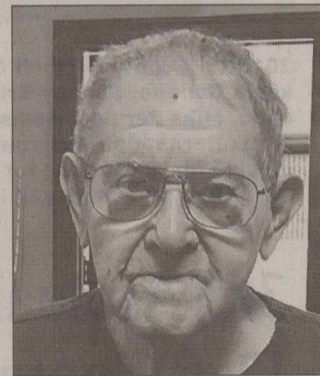
Dan was raised in the Cone/Floydada communities. He was the last surviving child of ten children.

He quit school at the age of sixteen, lied about his age to join the Navy. He became a medic in the Navy, completed school and attended Abilene Christian College. He received his teaching degree and began his career

as a teacher. He taught in the Childress, Paducah area, moving on to California. He taught for over forty years.

Dan never married; he loved his career, but mostly his students. After retiring he moved to Oregon, then Tuscon, finally coming home to Texas. He leaves to remember him many friends, and loved ones.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in the Cone Cemetery under the care of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.



DAN W. GOODSON

The family suggest memorials be made to Abilene Christian University.

Online Condolences can be made at [www.adamsfuneral.com](http://www.adamsfuneral.com)

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it.

—John Thune

The American flag represents all of us and all the values we hold sacred.

—Adrian Cronauer

Standing as I do, with my hand upon this staff, and under the folds of the American flag, I ask you to stand by me so long as I stand by it.

—Abraham Lincoln

As long as I live, I will never forget that day when I raised my hand and took the oath of citizenship. Do you know how proud I was? I was so proud that I walked around with an American flag around my shoulders all day long.

—Arnold Schwarzenegger

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## The Body of Christ

You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

—1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

I am part of an interdenominational Bible study. Every week over 300 women gather together to worship, discuss questions, hear a lecture on that week's reading, and pray. We represent every Christian denomination in our area. It doesn't matter if we belong to the biggest or the smallest church; we are all seeking to know more about the Bible and God, and to carry what we learn with us as we each go back to our own churches.

To me, this is what the body of Christ is all about: believers coming together to be enriched spiritually so that we can be the hands, feet, eyes, ears, and mouth of Christ in our

communities. Each week when we meet I imagine that God is smiling because we are functioning as one.

—Carol Dencereaz (Victoria, Australia)

### TODAY'S PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the opportunity to be part of your body here on earth. We pray as you taught us saying, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil". (Luke 11:2-4, KJV). Amen

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Sunday School...10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

**Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship**  
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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  
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship  
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music  
Ludustria 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.

**First Baptist Church**  
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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**  
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  
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

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

**Templo Nueva Vida**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston  
Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors  
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.



# AGRICULTURE

## “The way I see it...I’ve never had to work a day in my life.”

An interview with Victor Smith-Floydada farmer

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Beacon

September 22, 1960 found Presidential Candidate John F. Kennedy outlining his ‘Farm Program’ at the National Plowing Contest in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. “Here is a concept which strikes to the heart of the farmer’s problem... For the farmer, is the only man in our economy who has to buy everything he buys at retail - sell everything he sells at wholesale - and pay the freight both ways.”

I am riding in the cab with Victor Smith, Farmer, this week. He recites the words above, and says, “One of the Presidents said that. Maybe you can find out which one.”

Smith has been in this area his whole life. “I was raised on [County Road] 3111, a mile down that road and then to the left. My parents still live there. My brother is there, and an aunt that still lives there.” He chuckles as he adds, “She’s fixin’ to be 90 years old.”

Victor concentrates on the turn at the end of the rows we’ve been plowing. “I’ve been on a tractor or a combine since I was 6 years old—I’ll be 66 next month.” He guides the enormous John Deere into the targeted rows. “My dad used to carry me on a John Deere 620. It had a hand clutch.” Smith motions where the clutch would have been. “There was no cab...he just sat on a little ol’ seat.” He puts his right hand out about level with the seat he is in. “Here’s the tires...and he’s holdin’ me as a kid, trying to plow and take care of me at the same time.” He smiles at the memories. “When I got big enough, he let me drive. It’s been that way ever since. I just enjoy tractors and plowin’.”

We travel down the rows of the field. “I didn’t go to college. I had this love of farming, so I worked at the gin the first fall that I was out of school. I worked in the office. Back then, we had to do a lot of writing. The trucks would pull the trailers across the scales—we had to write out the report. Everything was written down with a pencil and paper. There was just a lot of hand work.” We reach the end of the row and Victor punches a button on his digital controls, turns the steering wheel and effortlessly, puts the John Deere into the next section of plowing. “The second fall, I worked at the gin again. This time I worked all night long...that year I did a lot of the book work during the night. I did that for three years.”

After three years at the gin, Victor decided to rent a farm. It was 1973. “Dad didn’t have enough land for me to farm too, so I rented a farm. It was the first year that I had a crop of my own.” He smiles in pride. “It just went from there. I bought my first tractor for \$10,000. Brand new! It was a 1972 John Deere. I had to borrow the money. I didn’t think I could ever get that thing paid for.” Smith smiles as he glances off to the right. “I got it paid for. Then, just went on from there.”

We talk about the heat, and the weather, in general. I ask him how equipment has changed.

“It’s come a long ways from just a tractor out in the dirt. You were out in the dirt all day. And, in the cold in the wintertime. Finally, we got some cabs...They weren’t very pretty or nice, and they were loud and noisy. But now, we can sit here and have a conversation and be comfortable.”

I asked Smith to tell me about

his first crop.

“1973 was a good year. We sold cotton for 75 cents. That was great! Everybody made some good money. There wasn’t as many expenses as there are now. We used to catch our own seed. When we did buy it, we paid ten or twenty dollars a bag.” A faint ‘beep’ warns of the upcoming end of the row. “A bag of cottonseed now is three to four hundred dollars, depending on which kind you buy.”

I asked how much farmland he works.

“I’ve got three farms that I rent, and then the two farms that I own. All together its about 1,320 acres. That’s more than I want to farm, but I need that much to make a livin’...and to pay for the equipment. The inputs are pretty expensive.”

I asked for an example.

“This tractor would probably be about \$225 thousand dollars. I have a full set of equipment—Tractors, plows, cotton strippers...a round baler costs around \$600,000.”

I asked if the pricey equipment was a necessity.

“Labor is hard to find. I used to have a full-time hand, but these days it’s hard to find anybody that wants to work and does a good job and shows up day in and day out. I do all my work myself, except at harvest time—I have two guys that help me. This tractor is 5 years old and it’s got GPS on it.”

I stated that I had noticed that his hands weren’t on the wheel much.

“Yeah, its driving itself. It makes it much easier on an older man.” He looks at me and smiles. “If there was a straight road that went all the way to the coast, this tractor could make a straight row all the way there. The technology makes it so I don’t have to sit there and grip the wheel, fightin’ it all day. I’ve done that for 50 years. This is, basically, my office, so I can justify the cost.”

Back to the labor discussion. I asked how he manages everything himself.

“My wife, Phyllis, helps when she can. I’d rather just farm what I can do myself. I know that I’m gonna show up...so far, I can depend on myself. In truth, I’d rather farm those 400 acres over there,” he points toward the land surrounding his house. “But, I don’t feel like I can make it on just that yet.”

I change the topic to water.

“I have five farms that have drip irrigation on them.” He gently makes a turn at the end of the row.



Deon Fincher/Hesperian Beacon  
Victor Smith in his John Deere tractor, plowing up one of his fields.

I ask about the cost of the drip-irrigation systems.

“It’s expensive up front...sometimes it costs a lot more than the land is worth,” he states. But in his opinion, it is well worth it. “Drip makes water go farther. We don’t save water with the drip system. The pumps are working just as hard. But, we make better use of the water with the drip. When I put in my first drip in 2006, there were government programs that helped with the expense of it all. It’s expensive up front, but drip makes the water go farther; it’s a more efficient system. You are putting the water over more acres...and right where it needs to go.”

I asked him to compare watering systems.

“We used to flood irrigate—run water down the bar ditches and then down the rows. That was when we had a lot of water. Several years ago, the sprinklers made the water go farther; but it was on top of the ground and the heat and the wind sucked it dry. Drip systems are one of the better technologies.”

“Compared to the sprinkler systems, is drip less costly in repairs and maintenance?” I asked.

“There is always gonna be repairs on anything. It’s like takin’ care of your house, your car, or your tractor. Lightening will hit gear boxes...mice will chew up the drip tape.” Evidently, repairs are part of the day to day business of farming.

And what about the repairs to the equipment?

“When I was young, I would work on my tractors.” Victor chuckled and cocked his head. “I haven’t changed a spark plug on anything in so many years. These days all of the controls are electronic and computerized.” He points to the electronic display at his fingertips. “It may come up, here, a code on the screen. You just have to call the John Deere place. They’ll come

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## USDA Resumes Continuous Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment

WASHINGTON, June 1, 2018 – As part of a 33-year effort to protect sensitive lands and

improve water quality and wildlife habitat on private lands, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will resume accepting applications for the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Eligible farmers, ranchers, and private landowners can sign up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office between June 4 and Aug. 17, 2018.

“The Conservation Reserve Program is an important component of the suite of voluntary conservation programs USDA makes available to agricultural producers, benefiting both the land and wildlife. On the road, I often hear firsthand how popular CRP is for our recreational sector; hunters, fishermen, conservationists and bird watchers,” U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said. “CRP also is a powerful tool to encourage agricultural producers to set aside unproductive, marginal lands that should not be farmed to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and boost soil health.”

FSA stopped accepting applications last fall for the CRP continuous signup (excluding applications for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP grasslands). This pause allowed USDA to review available acres and avoid exceeding the 24 million-acre CRP cap set by the 2014 Farm Bill. New limited practice availability and short sign up period helps ensure that landowners with the most sensitive acreage will enroll in the program and avoid unintended competition with new and beginning farmers seeking leases. CRP enrollment currently is about 22.7 million acres.

2018 Signup for CRP

For this year’s signup, limited priority practices are available for continuous enrollment. They include grassed waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others. View a full list of practices.

FSA will use updated soil rental rates to make annual rental payments, reflecting current values. It will not offer incentive payments as part of the new signup.

USDA will not open a general signup this year, however, a one-year extension will be offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less. Producers eligible for an extension will receive a letter with more information.

CRP Grasslands

Additionally, FSA established new ranking criteria for CRP Grasslands. To guarantee all CRP grasslands offers are treated equally, applicants who previously applied will be asked to reapply using the new ranking criteria. Producers with pending applications will receive a letter providing the options. About CRP

In return for enrolling land in CRP, USDA, through FSA on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP pays producers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

Signed into law by President Reagan in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. Thanks to voluntary participation by farmers, ranchers and private landowners, CRP has improved water quality, reduced soil erosion and increased habitat for endangered and threatened species.

The new changes to CRP do not impact the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a related program offered by CCC and state partners.

Producers wanting to apply for the CRP continuous signup or CRP grasslands should contact their USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit <https://www.farmers.gov>. More information on CRP can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp).

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## This Week... 1978



FFA STATE FARMER DEGREE AWARD WINNERS have just been announced: front row, left to right, Jimmy Covington, Clinton Ware, Carlla Burleson, Andy Langley, and Bryan Fortenberry. Back row from left, Jay Waller, Gerry Norrell, Greg Jones, Brett Marble, and Greg Pruitt. (Staff Photo) In lower photo: state proficiency award winners on the state level: Kelly Marble third in Floriculture, Bill Starkey, who won the \$6,000 scholarship, Keith Nixon, Clinton Ware third in outdoor recreation, and Danny Nutt. (Staff Photo) Jay Waller will serve on the courtesy committee at the state FFA convention. The chapter won third on the BOAC award with a gold rating and will go for a national rating. The chapter won a gold rating on the rating activities at State and will go for a national rating.

The Floyd County Hesperian, Thursday, June 15, 1978.

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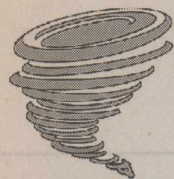


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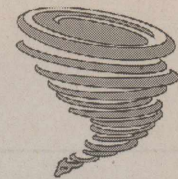
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# Floydada Whirlwinds



## Floydada G8trz places 2nd in tournament

By Andrew Cavazos  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada G8trz played in the 1st Annual Bash for Cash Tournament in Levelland at the Oxy Sports Complex on June 2 and June 3, 2018

G8trz placed 2nd in the tournament taking home a team trophy, individual medals and \$300 in cash.

The girls played in two pool tournaments: First pool game was against the Tribes and the G8trz came with a win, 13-5. The second pool game was against Texas Made and Floydada lost 3-11.

The first bracket game came on Saturday, June 2, 2017, was against the team they played in the first pool game; the Tribes. G8trz got a win with a score of 11-7. In the second game they played against the Sluggers

and won 12-0.

The following day on Sunday, June 3, 2018 the girls played Texas Made and lost with a score 5-12. In the second game of the day we played against the Texas Heat and won by a score of 5-4, which took the girls to the championship game. We would be up against the team Texas Made. The tournament is a double game elimination. Texas Made had not lost a game in the tournament meaning the G8trz would have to beat them twice to win the tournament. The G8trz came up short with a score of 4-6 taking 2nd place in the tournament.

We are very proud on how the girls played in this tournament! They have come a long way when they first started playing softball. These girls play against

some great teams when they play in these tournaments and they pour their hearts out every time they step on that field! Congratulations G8trz!! Their next tournament will be in Levelland called the Field of Dreams at the Oxy Sports Complex on July 21 - July 22.

Pictured players and coaches of the 8U Floydada G8trz Traveling Team are (Back Row, left to right) Head Coach Ray Perez, Assistant Coach Justin Martinez, Assistant Coach Andrew Cavazos, Head Coach Erica Perez; (Middle Row, left to right) Karah Cavazos, Karenn Torres, Bailey McHam, Bella Perez, Adilyn Smith, Maddy Pyle; (Front Row, left to right) Abby Reyes, Jenna Martinez, Layla Deleon, and Brooklyn Pyle.



## FHS Announces All-Star Game Picks

Special to the Hesperian Beacon

Congratulations to Alex Glass and Jordan Mendoza! They have been chosen to play in the Greater West Texas Softball Coaches Association 2018 All Star Game.

The game will be on Saturday, June 23 at LCU.

Alex Glass has also been selected to play in the THSBCA All-Star Game in Round Rock on June 16.

Congratulations to

Stefanni Chavaria and Dora Cervera! They have been chosen to play in the Greater West Texas Softball Coaches Association 2018 All Star Game.

The game will be on Saturday, June 9 at LCU Softball Field in the Plains Capitol Park Complex in Lubbock. These girls will be representing the East Team in the East vs. West All Star Game. Game time is 1:00pm.

### INTRODUCING...

The Hesperian-Beacon sent a simple questionnaire to our teachers, aides, coaches and administrators who all work so diligently during the school year. Their answers give us a little bit of an insight into who they are outside the classroom. A big "THANKS!" to all who participated this week. -- Deon Fincher

### Mrs. Sandra Bradley



8th grade US History

**How many years have you been teaching in FISD?**  
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**What is your favorite cafeteria food?**  
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**Your favorite afternoon "pick-me-up" snack?**  
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**As a student, who was your favorite teacher and why?**  
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**Name one "thing" on your bucket-list that you still have to do:**  
I want to visit every Major League Baseball park! I have already been to Fenway (Red Sox), Kauffman Field (Royals), Globe Life (Rangers), Tropicana (Rays), Coors Field (Rockies)

**Where is your "happy place"?**  
Roaring Springs Ranch Club- golfing!

**Away from the classroom, what is/are your hobby/hobbies?**  
Watching Baseball, golfing, reading and crafts

**What is your favorite teaching "prop"?**  
Mnemonic devices!

**If you could study one more topic, what would that be?**  
The Great Depression is a fascinating topic, but I don't cover that!

**What country would you like to visit?**  
Italy- My great grandfather was from there and moved to the United States in the 1920s!

### Mrs. Laura Nutt



5th grade Science-AB Duncan

**How many years have you been teaching in FISD/ LISD?**

I am beginning my 18th year.  
**What is your favorite cafeteria food?**

I love the spaghetti  
**Your favorite afternoon "pick-me-up" snack?**

Animal crackers  
**As a student, who was your favorite teacher and why?**

My favorite teacher was my 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Ray. She made learning so fun. She

really cared about all her students and she went out of her way. I remember one time we did an activity about which cake brand was the best. She lived across the street from the school and she took us all over to her house and we made cakes. Imagine 20 5th graders all cooking!

**Name one "thing" on your bucket-list that you still have to do:**

I want to go to the Grand Canyon.  
**Where is your "happy place"?**

My happy place is wherever my family is.  
**Away from the classroom, what is/are your hobby/hobbies?**

I love to read, sew, and play games.  
**What is your favorite teaching "prop"?**

I love my smartboard!  
**What country would you like to visit?**

I would love to go to England.

### Mrs. Delinda Lucke



6th grade Science & Social Studies at Floydada

**How many years have you been teaching in FISD?**  
15 years

**What is your favorite cafeteria food?**  
I go home to eat.

**Your favorite afternoon "pick-me-up" snack?**  
Chocolate

**As a student, who was your favorite teacher and why?**  
Mr. Robert Lockwood, my main high school math teacher, because he always expected your best effort and would

never let you quit until you understood. He was supportive and believed in me.

**Name one "thing" on your bucket-list that you still have to do:**  
Visit Hawaii

**Where is your "happy place"?**  
Home

**Away from the classroom, what is/are your hobby/hobbies?**  
Traveling with my husband and hanging out with my family and working in my yard.

**What is your favorite teaching "prop"?**  
journals and models

**If you could study one more topic, what would that be?**  
Anatomy and Physiology

**What country would you like to visit?**  
Several in Europe

### Mrs. Dana Crossland



FHS Family and Consumer Science teacher

**How many years have you been teaching in FISD?**  
33

**What is your favorite cafeteria food?**  
Corn dogs

**Your favorite afternoon "pick-me-up" snack?**  
Iced tea and cheese and crackers

**As a student, who was your favorite teacher and why?**  
My 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Thompson because she made each of us feel important

**Name one "thing" on your bucket-list that you still have to do:**  
I want to see Mount Rushmore

**Where is your "happy place"?**  
Wherever I am!!

**Away from the classroom, what is/are your hobby/hobbies?**  
reading

**If you could study one more topic, what would that be?**  
I'm working on being a great pie maker!!!!!!

**What country would you like to visit?**  
France

### This week...1968

#### Four Residents Attending LCC

Four Floydada students have enrolled for the first session of summer school at Lubbock Christian College. They are Nathan Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lee, all sophomores; and James Williams, freshman.

Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jones, Rt. 4. He is a 1967 graduate of Floydada High School.

He has been attending Texas Technological College.

Lee graduated from Snyder High School in 1964. Mrs. Lee is a 1966 graduate of Floydada High School.

Mr. Lee is an English major, and he is majoring in education. He has previously attended Howard County Junior College.

Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Q.D. Williams, Rt. 2.

He is a 1968 graduate of Crowell High School, where he was active in FFA, Drama Club, track and football.

LCC is a private liberal arts junior college, founded in 1957. It offers associate degrees in 12 different fields and also offers technical vocation training in welding, machine shop and electricity.

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# Lockney Longhorns

## Lockney's Emert Plays in Greenbelt Bowl Game

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Beacon

Chris Emert, of Lockney, was one of a host of players invited to play in the 69th Annual Greenbelt Bowl in Childress, Texas this past weekend.

Emert, Quarterback and Wide Receiver, put some very impressive stats on the

board while he played varsity football for Lockney High School. No doubt, the organizers of the Bowl game based their invitation on Emert's records.

The Greenbelt Bowl has been a Childress, Texas tradition for 69 years. The game was created with the concept to create opportunities for and to pro-

vide exposure of talented high school football players of smaller schools in the area that might otherwise be overlooked for college scholarships. Over the years, over 3,500 players will have competed, with many of those receiving scholarships that they might not otherwise have obtained.

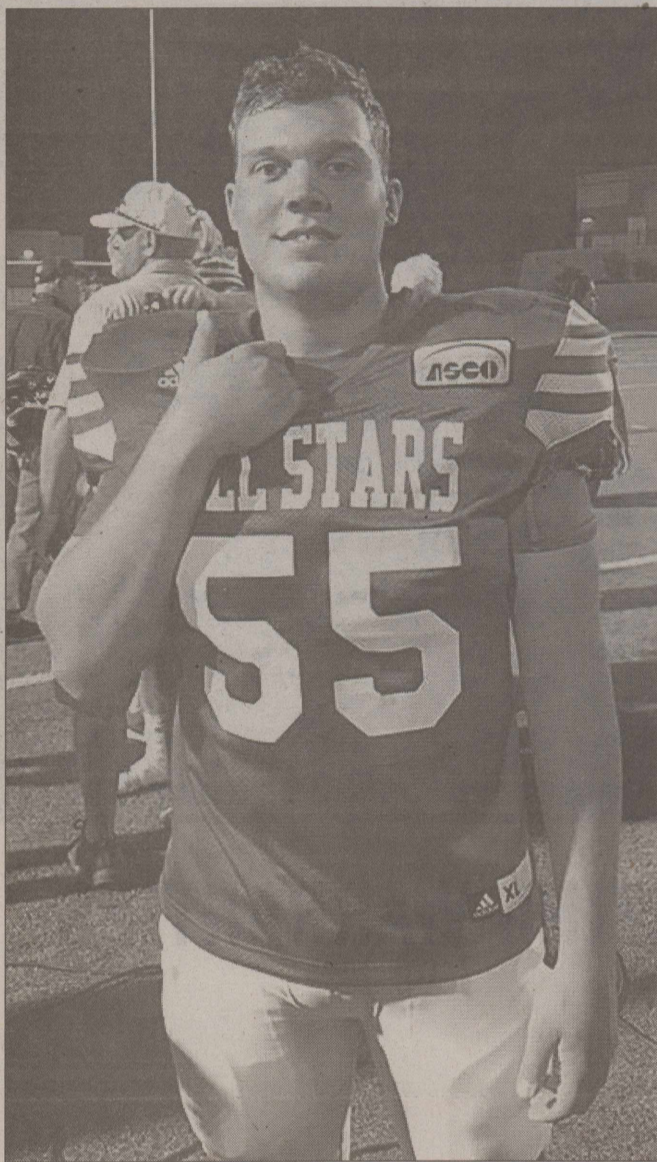
In 2007 the Greenbelt Bowl was absorbed by the Childress Rotary Club. Thousands of local residents, businesses, civic clubs and their members work diligently to make this event successful and to provide the financial support needed for the continuation of the event.



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Chris Emert, #84-North Team, pounds a text-book tackle into the opposing team member, Saturday night, during the famed Greenbelt Bowl game. The North team won, 13-7. Emert recently graduated from Lockney High School.

## Rexrode ASCO All-Star Classic



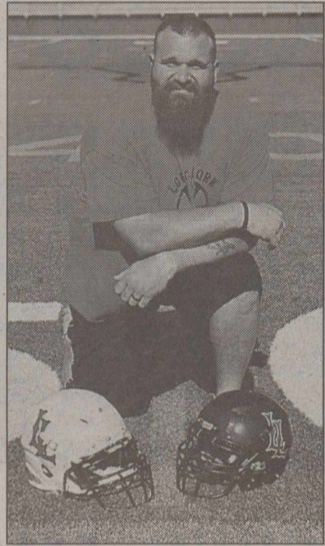
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Lockney's Austen Rexrode participated last week in the ASCO All-Star Classic Football game in Lubbock, Texas. Rexrode is a recently graduated senior at Lockney High. The game's sponsors were ASCO and the Reagor/Dykes Autogroup. All participants received a plaque and a watch.

### INTRODUCING...

The Hesperian-Beacon sent a simple questionnaire to our teachers, aides, coaches and administrators who all work so diligently during the school year. Their answers give us a little bit of an insight into who they are outside the classroom. A big "THANKS!" to all who participated this week. -- Deon Fincher

### Mr. Chris Pritchard



Lockney Elementary

How many years have you been working in LISD?  
3 years

What is your favorite cafeteria food?  
Cheeseburgers

Your favorite afternoon "pick-me-up" snack?  
Peanut butter sandwich

As a student, who was your favorite teacher and why?  
Mrs. Rodriguez she actually cared about her students and took the time out of her day to talk with us and spend time with us one on one regardless of the crazy hectic schedule she had. Even to this day she still sends me messages every once in a while to see how me and

my family are doing. She made us feel like one of her own.

Name one "thing" on your bucket-list that you still have to do:  
Go to a professional football game

Where is your "happy place"?  
Weight room

Away from the classroom, what is/are your hobby/hobbies?  
I enjoy lifting weights and spending time with my family

If you could study one more topic, what would that be?  
Work ethic

What country/city would you like to visit?  
Jerusalem

### Miss Wilson



Algebra 1 and Geometry at Lockney High School  
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How many years have you been teaching in LISD?  
3 years

What is your favorite cafeteria food?  
(haven't ate at the cafeteria)

Your favorite afternoon "pick-me-up" snack?  
Chocolate, slim jims, coffee

As a student, who was your favorite teacher and why?  
My upper-level math teacher, Mrs. Mills. I liked her lecture-

style of teaching, it really helped me prepare for the difficult math classes I took at college.

Name one "thing" on your bucket-list that you still have to do:  
I really don't know. I just really enjoy traveling, so I guess to just do more traveling.

Where is your "happy place"?  
Reading a good book at the pool.

Away from the classroom, what is/are your hobby/hobbies?  
I enjoy working out, reading, and traveling. I also enjoy spending lots of time with my friends and family, especially my nephews.

What is your favorite teaching "prop"?  
The smart board. There are SO many innovated ways to use it; notes, games, videos, etc. I'm learning more and more ways for students to interact and be engaged using the board.

If you could study one more topic, what would that be?  
I'd like to learn how to speak Spanish.

What country would you like to visit?  
There are so many; Spain, New Zealand, Greece

## 64th Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course Aug. 6-8 in College Station

By Blair Fannin

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION — The 64th Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course Aug. 6-8 at Texas A&M University in College Station will highlight a cattle market outlook as well as issues affecting beef producers.

The short course is the largest beef cattle educational event in the country and attracts more than 1,600 beef cattle producers from Texas and abroad, according to organizers. The short course is hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M.

"Several factors are impacting our cattle producers across Texas, including dry conditions over many of the regions," said Dr. Jason Cleere, coordinator and AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in College Station. "We will have a weather outlook, plus a comprehensive cattle market outlook that producers can use to determine their marketing plans for the next year."

An added component to the front of this year's short

course is the Ranch Horse workshop on Aug. 5 for beef short course registrants. Cost is \$50 at the door for those not registered for the beef short course. The day-long program will feature AgriLife Extension experts and topics that include equine nutrition, hay and pasture management, and routine health maintenance. There will also be a presentation on the history of the King Ranch. For more information, call (979) 862-5980.

The short course also features 22 sessions covering basic practices, new technologies and other important industry topics. These sessions provide participants with an opportunity to choose workshops based on their level of production experience and the needs of their ranch.

"Concurrent workshops will feature information on forage and beef cattle management, health, nutrition and reproduction, record keeping, genetics, purebred cattle and much more," Cleere said.

In addition to classroom instruction, participants can attend one of the program's popular demonstrations on

the morning of Aug. 8, he said.

"There will be demonstrations on live cattle handling, chute-side calf working, brush management, fence building, tractor safety and beef carcass value determination," Cleere said. "The goal of the short course each year is to provide the most cutting-edge information needed by beef cattle producers. We have information everyone can take home and apply to their operations."

Participants can earn at least nine Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide continuing education units if they are already licensed, Cleere added.

An industry trade show, featuring more than 130 agricultural businesses and service exhibits, will also be held during the event.

"And the famous Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner is always a highlight of the short course," Cleere said.

Registration is \$210 and covers all meals, including the prime rib dinner, breaks and printed materials. To register, go to <https://beefcattleshortcourse.com/>.

### REUNION

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in Lubbock that continued into the early morning hours. Saturday, the class

met at Lockney High for pictures and a tour of the new school. From there,

they grabbed some pizza at Main Street Pizza, in Lockney.



Deon Fincher/Hesperian Beacon

Beloved 2nd Grade Teacher brought her keepsake photo album of students' school pictures to the LHS 1978 Class Reunion. (Classmates Foreground L to R): Melinda Wilson Thompson, Mrs. Mercer, Sylvia Martinez Enriquez, (behind Sylvia) Joy Elam Freeman.

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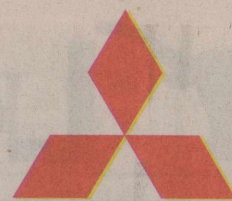
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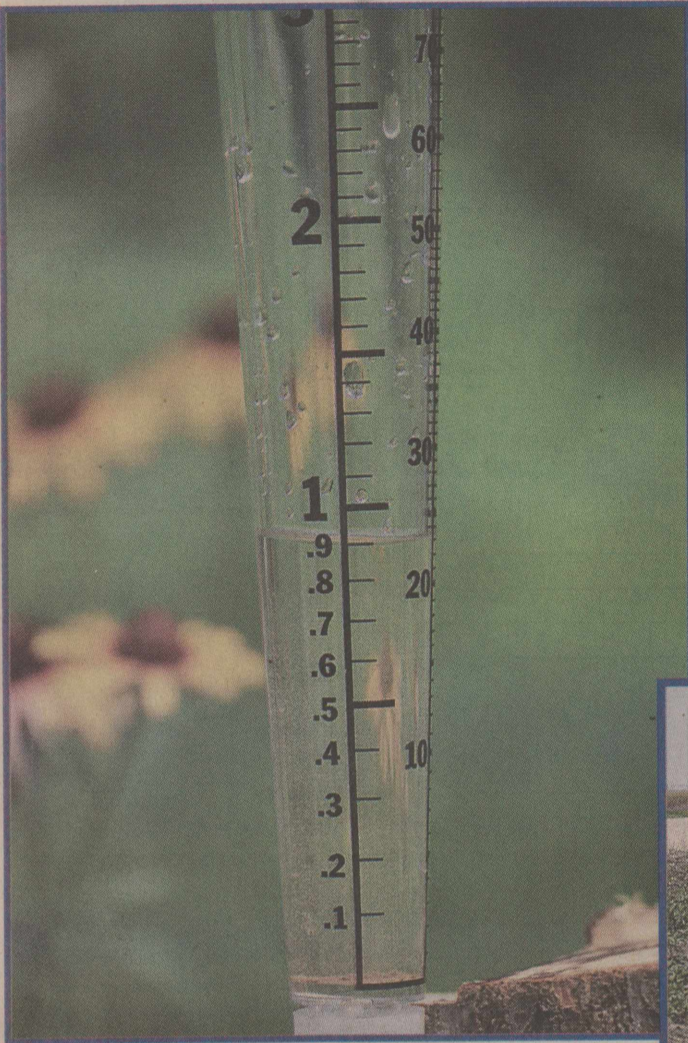
With temperatures hitting 100 degrees-plus this week, afternoon and evening storms dotted the area. The early Friday morning storms settled in the Floydada and Lockney areas for several hours, letting loose a torrent of rain in the county. In Floydada City, readings showed close to an inch of rainfall received.

The new school plot was unworkable Friday, as rain washed down streets, pooled

against curbs, and created small lakes in and around the work areas.

On the eastern outskirts of Floyd County, rain-soaked cotton fields let puddles sit as the moisture slowly seeped into the soil. The dry-land lakes pictured are located west and south of the city. Water fowl seemed to be enjoying the depth, as well as the emerging food supply.

With the moisture and the heat, cotton crops all around the area looked to be flourishing—whether on pivots, drip or even dry-land.



## NOTES

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### LOCKNEY CITY POOL

The Lockney City Pool will

hold a Junior Lifeguard class on Saturday, June 16 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per student.

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH

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## SMITH

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out with their laptop or their Ipad and tell you what's wrong and what to do. That's how they repair things now."

The rows continue to be rolled and tilled as we talk. I asked what he will do if the rain doesn't come.

"If we don't get a rain, a lot of this dryland cotton won't even come up. A lot of the irrigated cotton is gonna suffer from it, too. This field? It was milo last year. That's why I was going back to cotton this year, but if we don't get some good rains, and I mean more than these half-inch ones, I'll probably just fallow it, and keep it clean during the summer."

"This year has been trying just getting everything going. With this heat and this wind, we've got

all our wells running trying to keep the planted cotton wet. It's just not a normal year. Usually, I get my irrigating done and I start planting and then turn the wells off. We're having trouble getting our cotton to come up, even with irrigation. It's just so hot and dry. If you are irrigating while you are planting, that's not good. You can't keep up with it!"

Another 'beep' and it's time to turn. I ask what brand of pickup he prefers.

Without hesitation Victor answers. "I'm a Chevrolet man. It's always been Chevrolet—GM all the way."

"What is your favorite field lunch?" I asked.

"I don't bring my lunch as much as I used to. I've done it for 40-something years. I'm old enough now that I want to go home and

eat. If I do, and when I did, it was a Pickle-loaf sandwich with home-grown tomatoes and mayonnaise." He smiles, "Phyllis will tell you that. I've eaten a lot of Pickle-loaf."

As we make another turn, he smiles, "It's more fun as I've gotten older."

"Eating pickle-loaf?" I ask.

We laugh together. "Farmin'. I'm just a plain person. I do something that I like. The way I see it, I've never had to work a day in my life." A few more rows, some turns, and we are back where I had joined Victor Smith an hour before. I climb down the steps of the green tractor and land in freshly turned soil, albeit, dry freshly turned soil. Victor waves at me as he closes the door. He makes a gentle turn and heads down to the edge of the property, then turns due south... again... in a perfectly straight line.



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Crafts~Music~Group recreation~Free T-shirt~Fun~Excitement.

You may register at First Baptist Church, 401 S. Main, Floydada  
(You must bring health insurance information and list of medications)  
or on our website [www.fbcfloydada.org](http://www.fbcfloydada.org)

\$10 fee will need to be paid at FBC, Floydada

**Deadline for registration and \$10 is June 28.**

**Register and pay before June 21 for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!**