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What appears to be a traffic-jam in a cotton field, turns out to be a small portion of the host of crews that showed up to harvest Greg Bishop's cotton farms on Monday. This picture alone, features five rigs, all doing their part to help out with the effort.

## County Farmers 'Pay it Forward' Bishop Farms get harvested

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Greg Bishop has been in a fight for his life against leukemia this year. With doctor visits, ongoing treatments, and his own body's reaction to those treatments made getting his 2018 cotton crop harvested an unreachable goal.

But...farmers will be farmers. Two weeks ago a group of Floyd County farmers came together to do something about Bishop's harvest, and farmers being farmers, the harvest is no longer a problem. They decided to descend upon Bishop's farms on Monday, November 26th and make sure that his fields got harvested and transported to the gin.

"Just about every farmer in Floyd County wanted to help," stated Aaron Hendricks, Manager of Floydada Co-op Gins, who assisted with the planning and organization that would relieve Greg Bishop of this task, because others wanted to do it for him. "Of course, it wasn't feasible that everyone make it down to this area for the harvest, but there has been a great outpouring of support for this plan."

I stood in the dirt row along with Eric Rainwater, who was the radio coordinator for the implementation of the harvest, Chad Guthrie and Roger Hughes, both representing Western Equipment and their four service trucks, and Aaron Hendricks, whose phone was in constant use, as strippers, buggies and module builders hummed all around us.

Rainwater explained, "We've got crews on six different farms right now, all stripping and building modules. We have a few individuals that are dealing with the weeds, some crews that are getting tarps ready and others that are helping out with service issues--we already had to have a starter replaced."

As the group of men reviewed crews on farms, businesses that were assisting, and individuals filling in where needed, Rainwater commented, "All of Floyd County is gonna be here, in one way or another."

We salute all that helped, in any way, with this effort--God bless you all!

Harvesting crews: M & K Farms, Eric Rainwater Farms, Scotty Batty Farms, Rob Everett Farms, Whittle Farms, Gary and Robert Nixon, Mike Rainwater, Wesley Campbell, Rick and Ty Heflin, Garrett Everett, Mark and McCrae McCormick, Jerry Chappell, Jon Jones, Sam Green, Glen Bertrand, Steve and Shane Lloyd, Rex Harrison, Eric Smith, Chad and Michael Hinsley, Jason Pyle and Matthew Rainwater.

Attending to some of the weeds were Ron and Braden Graves and Davy Carthell.

Tarps and module tarping was provided by Clay Simpson and Cory Multer.

Additionally, Nutrien Ag Solutions (Louis Bearden and Jerry Batty) provided lunch to most of the volunteers, Lindan Morris with Floyd County Supply donated 1,000 gallons of diesel, Western Equipment and Brian and Dilia's Class

See FARMS, Page 10

## 4th Annual Christmas Ball to be held at the Unity Center on November 30



Courtesy Photo

The pictured musicians will be a part of the Country Christmas Ball band held at the Unity Center on November 30. Shown are (left to right) Steve Wilkerson, Steve (Hambone) Ham and Rodney Lay.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Music from the 12-member band, Wendell Sollis and THE SIDEKICKS ALL STAR BAND, will liven up the Floyd County Friends' Unity Center, Floydada, Texas.

This holiday event, the 4th Annual Country Christmas Ball, will start with a catered meal served by River Smith's beginning at 6:00pm at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. The night's other festivities will include auctions, drawings, vendors, and a complimentary gourmet coffee bar. Portions of the proceeds will benefit the Lockney and Floydada (VFD) Volunteer Fire Department.

ments, non-profit organizations that are vital to the panhandle area. Tickets are \$40.00 each or \$400.00 for a table of 8. Call 806-983-6228 for more information or tickets.

The pictured musicians will be a part of the Country Christmas Ball 12-member band held at the Unity Center, 990 FM 786, Lockney, Texas on November 30, 2018. It will be a night to remember with big band, classical country, western swing, Cajun, and Christmas songs.

Steve Wilkerson, on the clarinet/tenor sax was inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. He has played with Barbara Streisand, See BALL, Page 4

## 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.

### COVENANT MOBILE-MAMMOGRAPHY

The Covenant Mobile Mammography exam unit is scheduled to be at West Texas Family Medicine, 901 W. Crockett Street, Floydada, performing screening mammograms on Monday, December 3, 2018. We accept most medical insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid. Financial assistance may be available for those who qualify. To schedule an appointment, please call: 877-494-4797 or 806-725-6579

### LOCKNEY BOY SCOUTS FOOD DRIVE

Lockney Boy Scouts will be picking up cans and nonperishables for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 8th from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Please leave your cans in a sack on your porch in a visible location. Salvation Army is critically low on food. See NOTES, Page 4

## Corrections

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

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## American Legion Raffles Rifles

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Beacon

American Legion Post 141 announced the winners of their 2018 Rifle Raffle: Mandy Ramirez and Tracy Turner. Building on a time-honored tradition dating back to the Civil War, when ornately engraved Henry rifles were first presented to veterans as tokens of appreciation, Henry Rifle's Military Service Tribute Edition and the Second Amendment Tribute Edition are selected by the American Legion for their rifle raffle programs across the U.S.



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American Legion Rifle Raffle winners pictured above: Ty Wilson-Post member, Mandy Ramirez-winner, Tracy Turner-winner, and Ed Marks-Post Commander.

Proceeds from this raffle go to costs necessary for building ramps and various construction needs for veterans across the South Plains. Post 141 thanks everyone who participated in this fund-raising activity.

## County Official Selected for Leadership 254

County Judge Marty Lucke to participate in leadership development program

Special to The Hesperian Beacon

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) has selected Judge Marty Lucke to receive a scholarship and participate in Leadership 254, its leadership development program for county officials.

The program is designed to advance the leadership skills of county officials to

help them meet the unique challenges of their duties. The program challenges and transforms participants into leaders who positively affect their counties and Texas.

County officials from across the state, representing every county office, are participating in the 2019-2020 Leadership 254 class. They See JUDGE, Page 4



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County Judge, Marty Lucke.

## Santa's Coming to Town!

By Kortney DeBock-Mgr.  
Floydada Chamber of Commerce

Floydada Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2018 Santa on the Square, Saturday, December 8th from 4-6pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive around 4:15pm. You can see Santa

and get your picture taken in the First National Bank of Floydada lobby, so bring your camera! Vendors will be set-up on the square as well as the surrounding downtown businesses. So, come on down and see Santa and do some Christmas shopping with your local businesses!

Join us at Trinity Lutheran Church for a Pheasant Hunters Breakfast. Saturday Dec 1st. 6:00 am to 8:30 am

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## Lockney Council- EDC Funds, Loan, and Waste Water Treatment Plant

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Beacon

The Lockney City Council met at the City Hall, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor-Michael DeLeon, Aaron Wilson, Dart Carthel, Donny McLaughlin, and David Cole. Mgr. Buster Poling, and City Secretary-Laurie Garcia were also in attendance.

Dan Smith presented the EDC Report-The board encouraged individuals that have existing or new businesses to turn in EDC applications. One application is being considered: Shannon Shurbert has purchased the Car Wash. He currently owns one in

Floydada and Ralls, so he has experience in the business. The EDC grant funds will be expended after the project is in working order. Smith stated that the EDC would love to entertain more applicants. EDC Board Members: Dan Smith, Brent Barker, Jim Baum, Brant Guthrie and Keith Phillips.

Manager Poling stated that the city had obtained a \$35,000 loan from Happy State Bank for the City of Lockney. Interest at 5.15% with a term of 48 months, \$809.55/month repayment. The loan will auto-pay out of main account. The term of the loan will be December 20, 2018 through November 2020.

Poling asked that the

Council authorize his authority to sign the loan papers.

Council approved minutes from the October 26, 2018 meeting. Motion was made-the vote passed unanimously.

The consent items were approved. Motion was made-the vote passed unanimously.

Discussion was made on the CDBG project Engineering Firm project scoring that was completed by a few council members as required by law. The project being the Waste Water Treatment Plant CDBG project to begin next Spring. Based on the scores, a motion was made to go with Brant Engineering. The vote The next meeting will take place December 18, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. at City Hall.

## Condemnations a Priority

By Deon Fincher  
The Hesperian Beacon

The Floydada City Council met for its regular meeting, Tuesday, November 20, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Councilmembers present-Gail DuBois, Dana Crossland, Steve Lloyd, Bettye King, Gabe DelaFuente, Tanner Battey. Also present: Mayor Bobby Gilliland, Attorney-Karen Houchin, City Mgr-Darrell Gooch, and City Secretary-Selia Arellano.

The first order of business was to address several properties slated for condemnation.

216 W. Kentucky St.-P & Z advised that this property be condemned. The daughter of Josephine Rosales was present to address the council. She has been cleaning up the property and has requested additional time to make the costly improvements. After listening to the property owner's plans, the discussion let to the City Council giving her 6 mos. If at that time adequate progress has been made to the property,

the council will re-visit the condemnation process. Motion was made--vote was unanimous.

311 W Lee St.-P & Z recommended to condemn the property. Chief of Police Ramon stated that the owners have been accepting certified letters since 2011. After discussion, the council decided to move forward with the condemnation processes. Motion was made--vote was unanimous.

920 S 3rd St.-Ramon stated that he has been in contact with the son of the property owner. The owner has been getting letters. P&Z recommends condemnation. Property has been vacant since 2011. After discussion, the council decided to move forward with condemnation processes. Motion was made-One abstained-Vote passed.

110 W. Marivena St.-P & Z recommended to tear the woodshed down. Ramon stated that owner had not responded to any certified letters; however, he had received, but had not opened them. Owner claims that wood shed is holding up the metal building. Neigh-

bors consider property a nuisance and state that they are constantly running kids out of the structure due to safety issues. Owner has received citations--He did clean up some of the dead trees. After review of photos and discussion, the council chose to move forward with condemnation processes. Motion was made--vote was unanimous.

Justin Brown, EDC Director, addressed the council regarding the transfer of title for lots 1-24, Block 10, Honerhea Addition to Floydada Economic Development Corporation. Approval by City Council was a formality, as discussion and legal work had been completed previously. Motion was made--vote was unanimous.

Mayor Gilliland proposed the appointment of Bettye King to the Floydada EDC to replace Gabe DelaFuente who had recently resigned due to work demands. Motion was made--vote was unanimous.

Discussion to extend the City Farm Lease Agreement with  
See PRIORITY, Page 10

## Floyd County Sheriff's Crime Report

### September 12th

Deputy was dispatched to 1621 CR 242 for a theft that had already taken place. The Victim reported that a blue Miller wire welder, a blue Miller Bobcat 3500 welder, a green four-wheeler and a black 12 ft utility trailer were taken estimated loss was \$6,900.

### September 15th

Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Matador Hwy for driving on the wrong side of the road. When the Deputy contacted the driver, it was apparent the driver was intoxicated. Jesus Villarreal Jr 42, of Rio Grande, Texas was arrested for Driving While

### Intoxicated.

### September 20th

Matthew Paul Ross 35, of Lockney was arrested in the 100 blk of SE 2nd in the City of Lockney for a Parole Violation.

### September 20th

Sheriff Raissez was dispatched to Dougherty for Burglary of a vehicle. The Complainant said that a check in the amount of \$500 was taken from inside his vehicle sometime during the night.

### September 30th

Anthony Salazar 17, of Lockney was arrested in the 300 blk of SW 5th in the City of Lockney for Criminal Trespass

### October 1st

Sheriff Raissez and Deputies responded to Lowe's in Lockney in reference to a Robbery. Upon arrival the suspect had already left the scene. The witnesses gave the description of suspect and identified him as Clyde Harris. Harris was located at his residence at 401 NE 2nd and arrested for Aggravated Robbery.

### October 3rd

Deputy was dispatched to 400 N Milwee, in the City of Lockney in reference to stolen credit card. The Complainant reported that her son's girlfriend had used her credit card without her consent.

### October 17th

Deputy responded to Lowe's in the City of Lockney in reference to a counterfeit bill that was used to purchase some items. A suspect has been identified in this case.

### October 18th

Lionel Garza 30, of Lubbock turned himself into the Sheriff's Office for Motion to Revoke warrant for Injury to Elderly.

### October 18th

Kadeem Fisher 19, of Floydada was arrested in the 600 blk of W Grover in the City of Floydada for Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces.

### October 19th

Manuel Arredondo 42, of Floydada was arrested in the 1700 blk of HWY 70 for Parole warrant.

### October 29th

Deputy was dispatched to 600 Block of NE 8th, in the City of Lockney in reference to a burglary that had already occurred. Taken were a pair of Bluetooth speakers valued at \$70.

### October 29th

Sheriff Raissez was dispatched to 300 Block of SW 3rd, in the City of Lockney in reference to Criminal Mis-

## About town

One of my earliest memories was Christmas Eve Night, 1967. I was three and I had a fuzzy red coat that year. Mom and Dad took us to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. I wasn't much impressed by the movie--that old witch was too scary for me--but I was fascinated by the Christmas lights and decorations on the street where the theater was. That was in Billings, Montana.



DEON FINCHER

The next year, our family moved a little ways south--just as far south as one could go without actually crossing over the Grand Tetons. For the next six years we lived in Red Lodge, Montana--if you look it up now, it is the winter playground of Montana featuring a tree-lined valley, a rocky winter-melt river running through the town, a huge mountain bowl just perfect for skiing, and snow--lots and lots of snow. Needless to say, Christmas was a favorite time of year!

Our little town readied itself for the tourists every year by putting up decorations on the light poles, street corners, the Library lawn, even draping ornamental lights across the entire Main Street thoroughfare. Man! That little community knew how to make an impression.

Terry moved me from Austin to Floydada on December 10, 2016. As we made the drive across the state, we were witness to a range of holiday decoration levels from extravagant (Lampasas and Goldthwaite--where they even had music piped through the tornado siren speakers, Brownwood, Santa Anna, Coleman, Winters, etc.) to non-existent...well, Floydada.

Frankly, it's disheartening to go downtown during the Christmas season. I have heard whisperings of a "Santa Village" that is ready to be put back together, but I've not ever seen any proof of the pieces or seen any steps towards making this take place. Some business owners have questioned where the decorations went that they donated funds for a few years ago, but again, I've never laid my eyes on these Christmas balls. If the community of Floydada has decorations, they should be pulled out, dusted off, repaired and shared!

I googled 'municipalities and Christmas decoration funding' to see if there were any grants that could be used to brighten up our downtown next year...no specific grants, but there were plenty of 'creative funding' opportunities discussed. For those naysayers, there are a host of towns that have gone to 'no decoration' Christmas seasons; however, that is just the easy way out, in my mind. Perhaps not this year, but we, as a community, should work toward dressing up for Christmas 2019. What does it say about our town if we don't?

## The 501: The art of losing

Most of us don't win all the time. Therefore, it's good to know how to lose. I'm good at losing. Proof? My charm bracelet. In 1963 I was named "Best Girls' Sport" at Lake Cisco Christian Youth Camp. They gave me a little medal.

On second thought, maybe I won the designation only. It was the old no-trophy days. My mother probably instructed our jeweler to inscribe the little medallion. Mother was like that.

Either way, I won. Somebody else got voted "Best Girl Camper."

**CHARM BRACELET CHECK**  
Yep, there it is between a little jeweled artist's palette and my high school salutatorian medal. (I lost the transcript battle to Charles Crisp who, in a class of eight, didn't make the top ten percent himself.)

The summer camp honor happened after our team lost at basketball. Otherwise I wouldn't have been able to win official recognition as a good loser.

Since my youth I've had more experience losing than winning. More job interviews where I didn't get the job than when I did, more races lost than won, more door prize tickets tossed than redeemed. That's life.

With one exception (my lifeguard job should have been extended in the summer of 1965), losses have been meted out to me fair and square. But now I've hit a snag. So I'm switching from being a gracious loser to showing righteous indignation.

What happened?

My song didn't win the "Don't Mess With Texas" song contest. No surprise. It probably wasn't the best. Maybe it was the catchiest, but some other good finalists won the hearts of the judges.

My gripe?  
The outfit running the contest changed the rules. No kidding.

It was a statewide contest handled by the Don't Mess With Texas arm of our state highway department and managed by iHeartMedia.

I should be smiling that the Hard Knox City Band and my cute jingle earned enough public votes to make the top ten. Instead I'm surprised that ten entries became finalists. The rules said three finalists would be selected according to public voting. Not ten.

What's more, the rules said a winner would be announced November 2. That's the date I got an email asking me for "authorization regarding background investigation" because I was being considered as a finalist in the competition.

What? The rules didn't say "no outstanding arrest warrants" or even that we contestants had to be of good character.

One more change:  
They've decided not to name the winner till February 2019. Seriously.

Yes, I'm a so-called finalist, but they've already let me know my song didn't win. The suspense is over for me and my beloved fan base. If you voted for the Hard Knox City Band, thank you.

**PAUSE TO RE-READ CONTEST RULES.**  
Guess what? They've got a section in the rules that says they can change them if they want to, and they don't even have to say they've made the changes.

Phooey.  
Just when I was about to get the hang of righteous indignation.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my friends and supporters who voted for me for Floyd County Commissioner Precinct # 4. I promise to work hard for the people of Floyd County.**

**David Martinez**

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# SOCIETY

## FUMC Christmas Cantata Lockney Senior Citizens News

**By Linda Matsler**  
Special to the Hesperian Beacon

Good Christian friends rejoice, for there is to be a song in the air at First United Methodist Church, Floydada, on Sunday, December 16, at 9:30 a.m. There, away in a manger, at 203 West Kentucky street,

angels we have heard on high will also include a cast of young shepherds, the angel Gabriel, an inn keeper, the Holy family and their donkey. The Bright Star will be guiding Kings who will also be present to bring joy to the world.

Oh, come all ye faithful for this delightful presentation

of the Christ Child's birth.

This holy happening is directed by Lou Burleson and her assistants. The choir is directed by Trina Wilson.

This presentation does not promise a silent night.

Go, tell it on the streets of Floydada and Lockney! All are invited to attend.

**By Renee Armstrong**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY- Breakfast is served here at the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday only. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:30

a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat lunch at the Center. Our phone number is 806-652-2745.

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 is from 5-9 p.m. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards.

**MENU NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESSTIME**

## National Ranching Heritage Center to celebrate 40th Annual Candlelight at the Ranch

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK - What began four decades ago with a few hundred visitors now attracts thousands of area residents as the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) at Texas Tech University celebrates its 40th Annual Candlelight at the Ranch from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8.

"Because this is the 40th anniversary of what has become our signature event, this year we're adding a little more sparkle," explained Helen DeVitt Jones Endowed Director of Education Julie Hodges, coordinator of the event.

Despite providing more lights and sparkle, holiday scenes created in the center's historic structures will be lit as much as possible with only lanterns, fireplaces and campfires. "Pioneer ranches had no electricity," Hodges said. "We want our visitors to celebrate Christmas as it might have been on the open prairie in frontier days."

In addition to more than 4,000 luminarias that will line the paths of the historic park, lights will outline the museum building, the roofline of the

6666 Barn, the stone sign on the Marsha Sharp Freeway and the Fourth Street front gate leading into the NRHC.

Thanks to the help of Holland Gardens in Lubbock, the center has been able to convert all the Christmas lighting to LED bulbs, and the savings in reduced energy will allow this year's event to include more lights than any previous Candlelight. The lighted pathways will be wheelchair and stroller accessible as visitors pass cowboys camped out with their horses and brewing coffee over a chuck wagon fire.

With the help of more than 150 volunteers each night—many dressed in period clothing—holiday scenes will be recreated in 14 historic structures such as the 1838 El Capote Log Cabin, the 1886 Las Escarbasas XIT division headquarters, the 1888 Matador Half-Dugout and the 1909 Queen-Anne style Barton House. Santa Claus will be available to visit with children in the Pitchfork Pavilion.

Brazos West will provide live music in the historic 1908 Four Sixes Barn where visitors can purchase hot cocoa, cider and cookies. Street Sweets Food

Truck will sell hot drinks and kettle corn near the XIT headquarters, and more kettle corn and drinks will be for sale on the patio while members of the Lubbock High School Madrigal Choir serenade visitors with Christmas carols.

In cooperation with the NRHC, the International Cultural Center (ICC) at Texas Tech will host a celebration of German Christmas traditions from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7. The ICC and NRHC are located within easy walking distance of each other, and both events are free and open to the public. The NRHC is located at 3121 Fourth Street and the ICC is at 601 Indiana Ave.

Photo information: Lubbock resident Amy Pope and her children Will and Abby dressed in period clothing last year and will return again this year to bake Christmas cookies in the century-old Harrell House to give Candlelight at the Ranch visitors a glimpse of a pioneer Christmas Dec. 7 and 8. As a child, Amy helped her parents serve as Candlelight hosts and wants her children to have a similar experience. This is her 29th year of service at the annual Christmas event.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

**By LuAnn Collins**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Our menu for December will feature Chicken Fried Steak every week, either on Wednesday or Thursday. Tossed salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, tea or water will also be available. The price is right on this meal. We tenderize and bread the meat ourselves, none of that pre-formed meat for us! Where can you get Chicken Fried Steak for the price of \$5.00 for members, \$6.00 for non-members? Answer: Floydada Senior Citizens! Tuesday in December we will continue the \$3.00 meals. Pinto beans, BBQ on Bun, and Chili. We will also serve tossed salad, dessert, and tea or water. Remember that anyone of any age can be a member. If you choose not to be a member, you are still welcome!

If you would like your

meal delivered, we ask that you call us before 11 am, 983-2032. We deliver your meal between 11:15 and 12:00 at no extra charge. Our delivery drivers, Mike and Roger, will be happy to bring you a meal.

Our next Bingo night will be the second Tuesday of December, which is the 11th. Our progressive cash bingo "pot" is now at \$94.00. The doors will open at 5:30 and we begin play at 6:00. The Bingo Special, sandwich, chips, drink, and two bingo cards is \$5.00. All other cards, one for \$1.00, and 3 for \$2.00. Join us for a chance to win the progressive bingo money and other prizes.

Freida Dunn, BSN,ET, is present the 4th Thursday of the month for a blood pressure clinic at 11:30. Our next clinic will be Dec. 27. November clinic will not be held due to Thanksgiving holiday.

The Center is in need of horse/cattle water troughs that we can use as garden containers, so the bottoms can be rotted out. We grow a garden each year to offset the cost of food and because fresh vegetables are delicious. If you can help us with this project please call the Center.

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 December 3-7

- Monday**—Chicken w/gravy & rice
- Tuesday** - Pinto beans & cornbread \$3.00
- Wednesday**—Chicken fried steak & gravy
- Thursday**—Spaghetti
- Friday**—Chicken strips w/gravy

(Menus subject to change without notice)

## Opinion

### Trump should expand transparent science requirement to all government agencies

**By Robert Romano**

In 1963, Karl Popper proposed that the central criterion of the scientific method should be its testability, or the ability to falsify a theory. Absent that, he wrote that such a theory could not be considered scientific.

Popper wrote, "A theory which is not refutable by any conceivable event is non-scientific," adding "Irrefutability is not a virtue of a theory (as people often think) but a vice."

Although controversial, in science, the whole premise of peer review is encapsulated by Popper's central theme, which is that science as a practice should be transparent. The evidence backing up a scientific theory should be reproducible. Popper wrote, "Every genuine test of a theory is an attempt to falsify it, or to refute it. Testability is falsifiability; but there are degrees of testability: some theories are more testable, more exposed to refutation, than others; they take, as it were, greater risks."

But many scientific theories, although subjected to peer review, are often not subjected to public review, particularly when it comes to government agencies that rely on published science to enact regulations. While some agencies do require publication of underlying data to support regulations — the National Institutes for Health stands out — there is by no means a legal requirement that they do so, either for issuing regulations or receiving government grants.

That could change, however, with legislation by outgoing U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas), H.R. 1430, the Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017 (HONEST) Act that would, according to the bill's description, "prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating a covered action unless all scientific and technical information relied on to support such action is the best available science, specifically identified, and publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent analysis and substantial reproduction of research results..."

The bill passed the House in March

2017 but so far almost no action has been taken in the Senate, and with the incoming Democratic House majority that most certainly will not pass it again, the current Senate lame duck session could be the last chance for Smith's bill to be enacted.

But the Trump administration is not sitting around waiting for Congress to act. In April, the Environmental Protection Agency proposed a new rule, "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science," which would simply require that "for the science pivotal to its significant regulatory actions, EPA will ensure that the data and models underlying the science is publicly available in a manner sufficient for validation and analysis."

After all, federal agencies are already required to put together programs for scientific research, grants and the use of that research in rulemakings. Under 42 U.S.C. Section 7403(b)(1), for example, the EPA Administrator is already required to "collect and make available, through publications and other appropriate means, the results of and other information, including appropriate recommendations by him in connection therewith, pertaining to such research and other activities."

A reasonable interpretation of the statute is that the EPA Administrator can "make available, through publications" the "data and models underlying the science" used in rulemakings.

Other agencies beyond the EPA have similar authority to conduct research and publicize it. Which is why President Trump should expand the EPA rulemaking to include all government agencies via executive order — to ensure that all data used by the federal government will be subjected to public scrutiny.

Yet, Robert Bazell at The American Prospect finds any call for transparency "despicable" and makes dire predictions that such regulation "will cost lives."

Bazell also makes the absurd contention that the Smith legislation or the EPA regulation would somehow prevent government agencies from issuing regulations based on data that included private medical information. That's a talking point, or at worst, a legal dodge,

not a serious objection. Agencies like the National Institutes for Health already publish their data, including medical data, which is anonymized, in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

Of course, and obviously, any publication of scientific data for research purposes must comport with HIPAA requirements. HIPAA does not prevent research from occurring. To the contrary, it provides a clear exception for it, limited in scope to preserve patient privacy while still allowing necessary scientific inquiries to be made by public health and other authorities. As long as agencies continue to follow those rules, there should not be a problem with more disclosure.

Making scientific data publicly available will fuel scientific research and innovation. Standing up artificial roadblocks, like pretending that medical data cannot be anonymized to make it suitable for publication when it already is silly. Anonymizing medical data used in issuing regulations is an easy workaround and already standard practice.

As Popper would have noted, failing to subject science to testing and potential falsification is inherently unscientific.

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

JOHNS COX

William Johns Cox- son of Elijah Caleb Cox and Fredona Ruth Casey Cox born August 4, 1907 in the Lone Star Community, north of Lockney-attended Roseland School and Methodist Church in Sterling. Vera Elba Sweat Cox-daughter of James Henry (Jim) Sweat and Alabama McLain Sweat. Born March 7, 1908 in Oklahoma-came to Lockney by covered wagon at age 15 and settled southwest of Lockney; married Jan 2, 1927 at Methodist Parsonage in Lockney. Children-Majorie Louise Cox Martin Holcomb-Lockney; Nova Jean Cox Ivy - Mansfield, Texas; Wanda Mae Cox Marble-Hart, Texas. Grandchildren; Bruce Martin - Charlotte Martin Blaizer both of Stratford, Ricky Ivy and Shiela Ivy Young, both of Arlington; Larry and Marlin Marble, both of Hart. Great-grandchildren, Carl Wayne, Carey and Carla Martin, of Stratford; Lisha

Ivy and Jason Young, of Arlington.

Seventy years in the same town, surrounded by relatives and friends, begins the history of the Johns Cox Family. His life began north of Lockney, and then his married life to Vera Sweat was near the same place. The couple has never lived over 20 miles from where they started house-keeping. They have only moved five times in their wedded years and one of those times was just across the drive into a new house.

Early remembrances included the long walks to school, cold winters, dust coming through the walls during the dust bowl days, long hours in the fields and then the first irrigation wells and electricity.

When Johns and Vera began dating, she was working for Maude Stalcup's parents. After a short courtship, they were married at the Methodist parsonage. They have spent many hours together down

the rows on the farm located south of Lockney, which they call home. They purchased the farm from W.T. Hayter Estate after Mr. Hayter's death. He had been their landlord on two different farms.

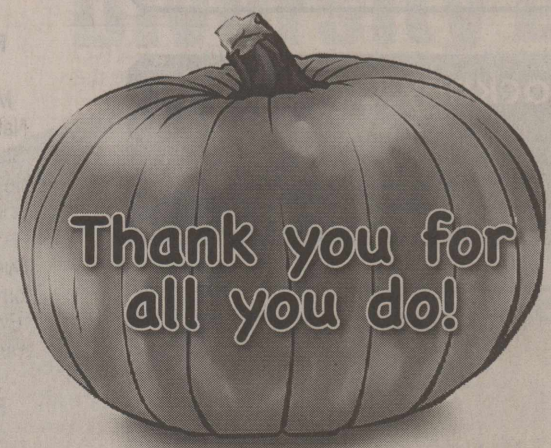
They purchased a farm near Hart, Texas in the 1940s but never could leave Lockney and after several years sold that farm.

Vera recalls arriving in Lockney and going to the post office run by the Baker family, many, many years ago. Progress through the years has been a highlight of her years in this area.

Taking care of parents is a trait of Johns and Vera. After her father's death in 1936, her mother moved into the Cox home and lived until her death in 1956. When Johns step-mother became very sick in California, his dad, E. C. Cox, returned to Texas and made his home with the Coxes and in the Lockney Nursing Home until his death in November, 1977.

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Obituary

### Isla Jean Law Bennett

Isla Jean Law Bennett, 90 of Plainview passed away on Sunday, November 18, 2018.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney with Rev. Ricky Carstensen officiating.

Interment was held at 10 a.m., Friday, November 23, 2018 in Salado Cemetery in Salado, Texas.

Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Isla Jean Law was born on September 16, 1928 to Alma Smith Law and J.C. Law in Belton, (Bell County) Texas. She attended public schools there graduating from Belton High School in 1946. She studied piano at Mary Hardin Baylor College. Jean joined the First United Methodist Church in Belton when she was 12 years old. She served as pipe

organist there when she was 16.

In 1950, Jean graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Music degree.

On January 28, 1950, she married Richard Bennie Bennett III of Tyler, Texas. During the late 1950's Jean taught public school music in Tyler and Smith County. She served as organist at Wesley Methodist Church and Pollard Methodist Church while living there.

In 1957, she and Richard moved to Austin, Texas. In Austin she taught in the public schools and served as organist at Westlake Methodist. In 2001, Jean and Richard moved to Plainview. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, member of U.M.W. serving as president for 3 years; member of the Harmony S.S. Class serving as president for 2 years and



ISLA JEAN LAW BENNETT

served as class pianist.

Richard preceded her in death in 2003.

She is survived by two daughters, Rosemary Douglass and husband, Russell of Austin, and Jean Anne Williams and husband, Matt of Plainview; four grandchildren, Rusty Douglass and wife, Ashley of Austin, Jordan Leigh Douglass of Atlanta, Georgia, Sunny Jean Williams Raulston and husband, Ben of San Antonio and Dixie Kay Williams Everett and husband, Logan of Floydada.

Online condolences can be made at [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com)

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

"December's wintery breath is already clouding the pond, frosting the pane, obscuring summer's memory..."

— John Geddes *A Familiar Rain*

"It is December, and nobody asked if I was ready."

— Sarah Kay

"December, being the last month of the year, cannot help but make us think of what is to come."

— Fennel Hudson

"I heard a bird sing in the dark of December. A magical thing. And sweet to remember. We are nearer to Spring than we were in September. I heard a bird sing in the dark of December."

— Oliver Herford

"The crisp path through the field in this December snow, in the deep dark, where we trod the buried grass like ghosts on dry toast."

— Dylan Thomas

"By December an elastic skin of ice reached out hundreds of miles into the sea, rolling with every wave."

— Will Chancellor

"I've come to sing you a song called December."

— Ryan Murphy

"May and October, the best-smelling months? I'll make a case for December: evergreen, frost, wood smoke, cinnamon."

— Lisa Kleypas

"It is never over, though we are in December!"

— Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

"When December comes, can 'The Nutcracker' be far behind? No, it can't - not in America, anyway."

— Robert Gottlieb

## JUDGE

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will attend four training modules that last two to three days each over the course of 14 months. The first module begins February 2019.

The program's theme is "Reflect, Grow and Transform." Curriculum will challenge participants to grow as leaders through skills assessments, discussion, theory building, self-examination and experiential learning.

Participants' tuition for the program is paid for by TAC. TAC unites, supports and provides services to Texas counties so they can more effectively serve their local communities.

## BALL

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the Temptations, Andy Williams, and Glenn Campbell to name a few.

Hall of Fame winner, Steve "Hambone" Ham plays trombone. He currently plays with the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys and the Tulsa Playboys. Rodney Lay, on bass, was on Hee Haw for 12 years as band-leader and bass player for Roy Clark and his tours until Roy passed away this week. Hank Thompson and Waylon Jennings had top 20 songs that Rodney composed. Today he plays for the Tulsa Playboys.

## NOTES

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### FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Every Tuesday in December we will be having a \$3.00 meal. The next Bingo night will be held on Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Our progressive cash bingo "pot" is now at \$94.00. Join us for a chance to win the progressive bingo money and other prizes. For more info see our article located on the society page of this week's issue.

### MANGOLD MEMORIAL TOY DRIVE

The WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital is a collection site for

the TOY DRIVE for the Lockney Salvation Army. Unwrapped toys will be accepted for babies up to children in the 5th grade. The deadline to donate toys will be Friday, Dec. 14, as Santa will be at the Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec. 15 to give the toys to children in our community. Last Christmas, 180 children received toys from Santa from the Lockney Salvation Army, so be sure to drop off your toys by Friday, Dec. 14!

### FLOYDADA FUMC CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The First United Methodist Church in Floydada will be having their Christmas Cantata, directed by Lou Burleson and Trina Wilson, on December 16th at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Toward the Goal

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

—James 5:16 (CEB)

Hokkaido, Japan is known for its racehorses. Once, when my family and I traveled to Hokkaido, a tour guide told us that some of the young horses were not obedient to their trainers. Sometimes the foal is sent back to the home ranch and to its mother. The foal remembers her, but the mother doesn't remember the foal. In fact, when the foal approaches her, she often runs away. The trainer watches from a distance, and at the moment the foal is left alone, the trainer calls to the foal in a strong, kind voice. At that point, the foal begins to see the trainer as a protector, a substitute for its mother.

Then the foal changes and becomes obedient to the trainer.

When I heard this, I thought of the similarities between this horse-trainer relationship and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Before we meet him, we indulge our selfish desires. But once we know that Christ has saved us, we feel a deep sense of peace in our hearts. We stop looking at what is behind and instead press toward what lies ahead. As a good racehorse gallops on the track, we hope to finish the race, running toward the completion of our faith.

—Atsushi Nomiyama (Japan)

### TODAY'S PRAYER

Father in heaven, thank you for sending your Son. Help us to grow in faith until we finish the race. Amen.

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<p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship..11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b> Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> West College &amp; Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b> Matthew Benfield, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship Ashley Adams, Minister of Music Ludustia 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. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor</p>	<p>Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b> 310 Mississippi Floydada</p>	<p>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. *****</p> <p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> Lockney Rev. Renato Cruz Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell 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 *****</p> <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada Rev. Renato Cruz Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> 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. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston Kari &amp; Justin Brown, Pastors 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
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# AGRICULTURE



## Lockney Co-Op Gin

The Lockney Cooperative Gin was chartered to do business in the Spring of 1957. The purpose was to engage in agricultural endeavors and to process cotton for its members.

Over the years, the Lockney Co-op Gin has, both obtained and released, several different properties to ensure its service to the cooperative farmers was being provided. 1957 brought about the purchase of the Storie Gin, located on the western edge of Lockney, Texas. This building is still incorporated in the present facility used today.

The first elevator plant was purchased from Mr. Charles Baxter in 1959. Grains were abundant during the late 1950s, and a 500,000-bushel grain storage building was added to the plant.

The cooperative grew and prospered during these years, so much so that the board voted to purchase a new gin plant (December 1960) and install the most up-to-date equipment—a Lummus Air Blast ginning system. With his addition, both gins could turn out 30 bales per hour. In 1963, a new office building and a seed warehouse were built to facilitate further expansion the operation.

Two-row cotton strippers pulling wooden trailers was the “machine” in use throughout the ‘50s and early ‘60s. With necessity comes innovation, and these decades were full of better cotton picking and transportation machinery. From wooden cotton trailers to all steel cotton trailers, moving cotton became more efficient, the new trailers being ‘5-bale-trailers—a big step up from the 2-bale and 3-bale containers formerly in use. Then came the basket-mounted cotton stripper. The year was 1965.

Expansion was still needed to keep up with demand of the plentiful grains, so the Sterley plant was added in 1964. This was a modern concrete elevator. Trucks could be unloaded as fast as they came into the station—waiting in line became a thing of the past.

The Burlington Rail Line served the Sterley plant and long lines of rail cars lined the tracks waiting for loads. As years passed, the rail-car system saw numerous improvements—one being the invention and use of the hopper cars which made loading and unloading lightning-quick. During those years, people in the areas north of Lockney could set their watches by the comings and goings of the trains.

The new age of chemical use in the 1960s prompted the Cooperative to furnish their members with their fertilizer needs. Distributing points were established at Sterley and Lockney. A dry-blending storage was incorporated at the Lockney elevator E location in July 1965.

In August 1968, the South Plains

Cooperative came into the Lockney Cooperative. This increased the cotton gin from two to four plants and increased the grain storage capacity by 1,900,000 bushels. The Lockney Cooperative areas of service became approximately 800 square miles.

Cattle feeding operations on the plains began to spring up in the late 1960s. The Lockney cooperative purchased property from Cecil Carthel and Velma Harrison and created the Lockney Feed Yard. 20,000 head of cattle could be fed at this location. The cooperative continued the operation through its transfer to the Mexia Corporation in 1984.

In the mid-70s the module builder was introduced to local farmers. This eliminated the cotton trailers. A module truck was purchased by the organization in 1976. The module feeder was installed at the Lockney gin in 1977.

The 1980s brought new computer technologies to the ginning processes, aeration capabilities and bale loaders and press pumps. Module feeder houses were installed at both the Lockney

and Sterley locations, and the Lockney offices were restructured giving a larger gathering room for the patrons.

Decades have passed, and with each new dawn, the Lockney Cooperative has continued its efforts to service its members.

Sixty-one years since its incorporation, the Cooperative has seen more and more improvements in the facilities, in the processing systems, in the management of the member’s assets and with those improvements it has given back more and more dividends to its members.

As of the 2017 harvest year, the Lockney Co-op Gin has given back \$18 million in dividends.

According to harvest records, the Gins have racked up 1,235,504 bales in their lifetime production. The 2017 harvest was an all-time-high baling season with the gin producing 39,188 bales.

The current Directors of the Lockney Co-op Gin are Aaron Wilson, Jimmy Kemp, Hank Henderson, Tyler Phillips, and Mike Lass.

## USDA Election Period for Seed Cotton Safety Net Program Ends December 7

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(College Station, Texas), Nov. 20, 2018 - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Gary Six reminds State producers that December 7, 2018, is the final day for seed cotton producers who want to participate in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2018 crop to submit applications. The sign-up period began July 30, 2018.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 added seed cotton as a covered commodity; replacing generic base acres.

According to Six, owners of a farm with generic base acres as of September 30, 2013, and a recent planting history of covered commodities, have a one-time opportunity to allocate generic base acres.

Steps for implementing the allocation of seed cotton are:

- Current owner(s) of the farm allocate generic base acres to seed cotton or allocate generic base

acres to seed cotton base and other planted covered commodities, as applicable.

- Current owner(s) of the farm may update the seed cotton yield.

- Current producer(s) on the farm elect the applicable program for seed cotton, ARC-County, or PLC, unless ARC-Individual Coverage (ARC-IC) was previously elected on the farm.

- The producer(s) on the farm enroll the farm for the 2018 crop year.

Attribution of generic base acres, yield updates, program elections for seed cotton base acres and enrollment for farms that formerly

contained generic base acres must be completed by the Dec. 7, 2018, deadline.

“It’s imperative that producers who have not yet started or completed the enrollment process do so immediately,” said Six. “If the entire process is not completed by the Dec. 7 deadline, FSA will have no valid contract on file and there will be no possibility for program payments if cotton triggers an ARC or PLC payment for the 2018 crop year.”

Call your local FSA office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment to complete the attribution, yield update, program election and enrollment process.

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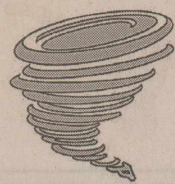
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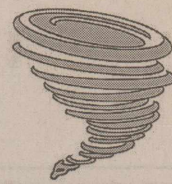
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# Floydada Whirlwinds



## Floydada Basketball Round-Up

### Vega dominates Lady Winds in non-district match

VEGA - Vega hit hard and fast on Monday, Nov. 19, as the #8 Lady Horns opened up with a 19-2 run as they cruised to a 31-point victory at home against Floydada.

The Lady Winds cut into the lead in the second but could not close the gap falling 58-27 in a non-district match on the road.

Gina Vega led Floydada with 10 points and three rebounds including a perfect

4 of 4 from the free throw line while Lindsey Marquez worked the paint by adding nine points and four rebounds and 5 of 8 from the line.

Vega improved to 5-0 while the Lady Winds fell 1-4.

### Whirlwinds open Season with big win over Mules

FLOYDADA - Floydada opened their 2018-2019 basketball season on Monday, Nov. 19 by defeating the Muleshoe Mules, 81-65.

The Whirlwinds were led by Garret Hobbs with 18 points, Quincy Gonzales added 17 and Jerry Reyes chipped in 12.

Floydada took at 14-point lead into the locker room at the half and cruised along for the victory in front of the hometown crowd.

Derik Barron led the Mules with 16 points and Israel Vasquez added 13 in the loss.

## Floydada Completes Clean Sweep of Olton

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FLOYDADA - It was a good night for the hometown crowd Tuesday, Nov. 20, as both the Floydada Lady Winds and Whirlwinds claimed non-district wins over Olton.

The Lady Winds dominated the Fillies in a 57-24 victory, which saw Senior Kylie Ricketts light up the board for 19 points and eight rebounds. Lindsey Marquez knocked down 11 points with five rebounds and Gina Vega tapped in 10 points and five rebounds in Floydada's second win of the season.

The Whirlwinds improved to 2-0 on the season after dropping the Mustangs 59-53.

Junior Garrett Hobbs completed a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Quincy Gonzales tallied 11 points and six rebounds to complete the sweep.

Olton's Brian Capen led all scorers with 18 points and eight rebounds in the loss.



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Junior, Garrett Hobbs, recorded double-doubles by putting 14 points up on the board and locking down 10 rebounds.

### Lady Winds to play in Meadow Tournament

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

MEADOW - Floydada's Lady Winds basketball team will participate in the Meadow Basketball Tournament beginning Thursday, Nov.

29. They are scheduled to play All Saints at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday with the winner advancing to the 3:00 P.M. game on Friday while the loser will play at 12:00 P.M. Friday.

Other teams in the tournament include Post, Borden County, Kress, Meadow, Sands and Kingdom Prep.

The Championship game is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. Saturday and the Consolation game will be at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday.

### Lady Winds pick up first win of year

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FLOYDADA - Floydada chalked up their first victory of the season by knocking off the Petersburg Lady Buffs Saturday, 43-36. Floydada scored first and led most of the way, except briefly in the fourth quarter.

Senior Kylie Ricketts knocked down 22 points, eight rebounds and five steals, including 5 of 8 from the free throw line. Junior Gina Vega added 12 points, five rebounds and three steals for the Lady Winds.

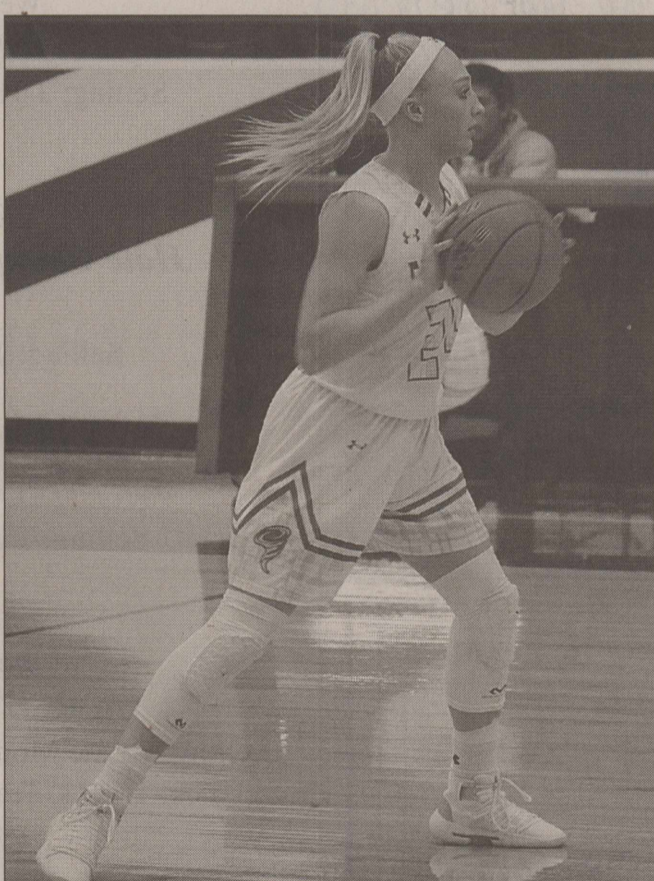
Freshman Alejandra Colunga led the Lady Buffs with 11 points while Sophomore Alex Livar and Senior Di

Vallin both added 10 in their loss. Floydada improved to 1-3 while Petersburg fell to 4-1.

	1	2	3	4	F
Petersburg	7	12	8	9	36
Floydada	12	10	5	16	43

Floydada	Pts	Reb	Stl	Blk	FTM/FTA
H Morales	3	2	1	0	3-4
K Brown	0	2	0	0	0-0
G Vega	12	5	3	0	4-8
A Garza	3	1	0	0	0-0
L Marquez	3	7	1	0	1-2
K Collins	0	2	1	0	0-0
K Henderson	0	2	0	1	0-2
K Ricketts	22	8	5	0	5-8
E Trevino	0	2	0	0	0-0
TOTALS	43	31	11	1	13-24

Petersburg	Pts	Reb	Stl	Blk	FTM/FTA
D Vega	0	3	1	0	0-0
A Livar	10	4	0	0	0-0
M Byrd	0	3	0	0	0-0
A Colunga	11	1	1	0	1-2
L Solis	3	4	0	0	0-0
D Vallin	10	2	1	0	4-6
A Gicanta	2	1	2	0	0-0
TOTALS	36	18	5	0	5-8



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Senior, Kylie Ricketts, led the Lady Winds against Olton with 19 points and 8 rebounds.

GIRLS	1	2	3	4	F
Olton	4	6	10	4	24
Lady Winds	11	14	8	24	57

Lady Winds	P	R	S	B	FM/FA
H Morales	0	1	2	0	0-0
K Brown	3	3	2	0	1-2
G Vega	10	5	0	0	3-4
E Cisneros	0	3	1	1	0-2
A Garza	3	1	0	0	0-0
L Marquez	11	5	0	0	5-8
K Collins	0	2	2	0	0-2
K Henderson	4	4	4	0	0-0
K Ricketts	19	8	2	1	3-6
E Trevino	4	3	0	0	2-2
D Green	3	1	0	0	0-0
TOTALS	57	36	13	2	14-26

OLTON	P	R	S	B	FM/FA
Acker	0	1	1	0	0-0
Lynn	2	3	1	0	0-0
Hinojosa	2	0	0	0	0-0
Diaz	2	1	0	0	0-1
Lively	2	1	0	1	0-0
Olivarez	4	5	2	0	0-0
Pedroza	0	3	2	0	0-0
Sullivan	8	3	0	0	1-4
Huguley	4	1	0	0	0-0
Valdez	0	1	0	0	0-0
TOTALS	24	19	6	1	1-5

Boys	1	2	3	4	F
Olton	10	13	17	13	53
Whirlwinds	10	17	16	16	59

Whirlwinds	P	R	S	B	FM/FA
J Reyes	4	2	1	0	0-0
A Vega	0	1	0	0	0-0
K Crone	2	2	0	0	0-0
E Johnston	2	1	1	0	1-4
A Cervino	2	1	1	0	0-0
A Suarez	7	1	2	0	0-0
N Mendez	2	3	1	0	0-0
C Britt	6	5	3	1	4-7
M Perez	8	2	3	0	6-8
G Hobbs	14	10	0	1	2-2
Q Gonzales	11	6	2	0	1-4
TOTALS	59	34	14	2	14-25

Olton	P	R	S	B	FM/FA
N Zamora	6	3	0	0	0-0
S Vega	0	1	0	0	0-0
Canchola	4	4	0	2	0-2
J Leubers	2	0	2	0	0-0
N Garza	8	4	0	0	0-0
D Garza	0	1	1	0	0-0
N Mendoza	8	1	1	0	0-0
J Allcorn	6	6	0	1	1-2
B Capen	18	8	3	0	4-4
B Dorantes	1	4	0	0	1-2
TOTALS	53	32	7	2	6-10

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating

Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., December 13, 2018 in the Board Conference Room 226 W. California, Floydada, TX

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Floydada Independent School District's final rating on the state's financial accountability system.

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU December 3 - 7

- Monday**  
Breakfast - Breakfast on a stick, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch - Chicken spaghetti w/breakstick, chicken corn dog, crispy tater tots, yellow corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast - Trix cereal bar w/graham cracker, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch - Cheesy enchilada w/Spanish rice, turkey & cheese sub, seasoned refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast - Sausage & cheese biscuit sandwich, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch - Beefy rotini w/breakstick, grilled cheeseburger, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Thursday**  
Breakfast - Chocolate chip muffin, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch - Chicken & cheese tamales w/refried beans & rice, Philly cheesesteak, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk
- Friday**  
Breakfast - Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, milk  
Lunch - Breaded beef fingers w/roll, breaded chicken sandwich, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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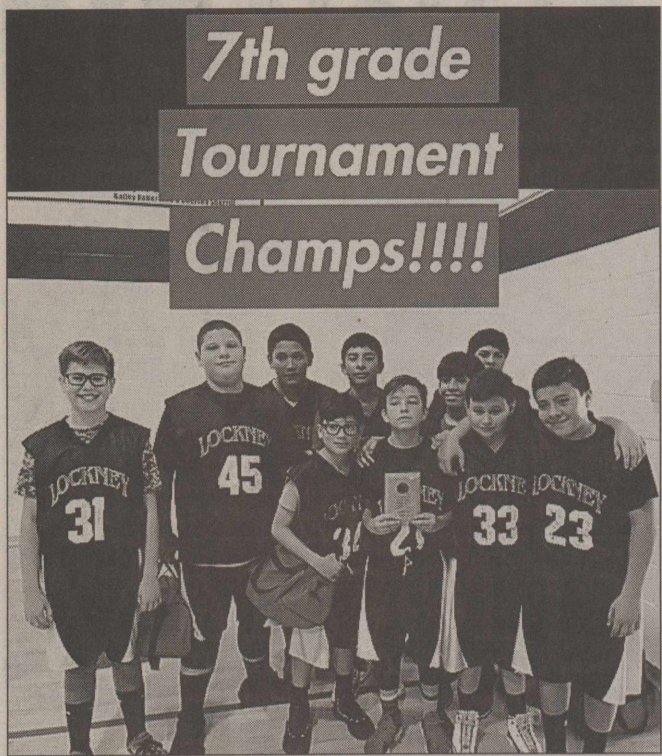
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# Lockney Longhorns

## Jr. High Teams Take Smyer



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Lockney's winning 7th grade team poses with the Smyer Tournament trophy, a hard-fought win to start off the season, November 17th. The 8th grade Boys and 8th grade Girls teams also won their tournament brackets to come out on top.

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

December 3 - 7

Monday, Dec. 3

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

Tuesday, Dec. 4

**Breakfast** - Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** - Nachos Grande, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Tomato Cup, Cucumbers, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 5

**Breakfast** - Power Breakfast or Muffin & Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** - Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Veggie Cup, Mandarin Oranges, Garnish, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 6

**Breakfast** - Sausage Kolache or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** - Asian Bowl, Eggroll, Garden Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

Friday, Dec. 7

**Breakfast** - Breakfast Sandwich or Cereal & Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch** - Pizza Choice, Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Fruit, Brownie, Milk

## South Plains College will host Fest Week

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LEVELLAND - South Plains College's Creative Arts department will host Fest Week Dec. 3-6 (Monday through Thursday) in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio. Each night of the festival will showcase different music ensembles.

The public is invited to attend, and there is no admission charge. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. daily with the shows starting at 5 p.m.

Country Fest kicks off the event on Dec. 3 (Monday). The evening will feature modern country, traditional country, swing, Texas and southern style country music. Performers will be Pickin' on the Plains at 5 p.m.; South Plains Playboys at 5:45 p.m.; Murky Waters at 6:30 p.m.; SPC Youth Live at 7:15 p.m.; and Country Jukebox at 8 p.m.

Rock Fest is set for Dec. 4 (Tuesday) and will feature clas-

sic, metal, alternative rock as well as rock and roll. Performers will be School of Rock at 5 p.m.; The Kings & Queens of Wallney at 5:45 p.m.; Shark-Tato at 6:30 p.m.; Titanic at 7:15 p.m.; The Rickets at 8 p.m.; The Alvaradoz at 8:45 p.m.; and Sol Glow at 9:30 p.m.

Groove Fest is Dec. 5 (Wednesday), and will feature modern and traditional jazz, R&B and blues music. The show will feature Electric Jazz Ensemble at 5 p.m.; Real Book at 5:45 p.m.; Grammatical Correct at 6:30 p.m.; Funk Shway at 7:15 p.m.; and YaYa at 8 p.m.

Thursday Night Showcase is Dec. 6 (Thursday), and will feature performances Songwriter Listening Hour at 5 p.m.; Touring Ensemble at 6 p.m.; Alterna TV at 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday Nite Live at 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Brent Wheeler, assistant professor of Commercial Music, at (806) 716-2023.

## Honor Roll

### Lockney High School

#### "A" Honor Roll

**9th Grade**  
 Damion Gonzales

**10th Grade**  
 RyAnn Castillo

**11th Grade**  
 Anahi Ascencio  
 Diego Azua  
 Madai Chavira  
 Kaylee McInvale  
 Nehemiah Montoya

**12th Grade**  
 Maykala Hernandez  
 Sierra Landeros  
 Lyndee Setliff  
 Fernando Valdez

#### "A/B" Honor Roll

**9th Grade**  
 Mireya Ascencio  
 Aidan Bustillos  
 Nathan Cenicerros.  
 Gabriella Cervantes  
 Jerimiah Chavira  
 Julius Guerrero  
 Pablo Morales  
 J'Ann Pena  
 Austin Rodriguez  
 Brianna Rodriguez  
 Miranda Sarinana

#### 10th Grade

Yanelle Bernal  
 Josh Cienfuegos  
 Aurelia Cruz  
 Cristian Gonzales  
 Jessica Hernandez  
 Courtney Isom  
 Jadin Lara  
 Miguel Lara  
 Hunter Lefevre  
 Yamilette Martinez  
 Dylan Morgan  
 Sebastian Perez  
 Audrey Rexrode  
 Jayda Rosales  
 Cristal Sanchez

#### 11th grade

Taty Cienfuegos  
 Brett Moore  
 Clay Moore  
 Joel Valdez  
 Mikayela Williams

#### 12th Grade

Austin Ascencio  
 Kaylee Berumen  
 TJ Blackledge  
 Madison Chance  
 Tyrell Egnew  
 Mason Esty  
 Bryson Hallmark  
 Reagan Nuncio  
 Gissel San Martin  
 Bryson Walker

### Lockney Jounion High School

#### "A" Honor Roll

**6th Grade**  
 Alanna Branscum  
 Falyn Graves  
 Jolene Guerrero  
 Michelle Guerrero  
 Bryson Klein

**7th Grade**  
 Brailey Kidd

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**6th Grade**  
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 Edward Ascencio  
 Krista Azua  
 Kaileigh Cook  
 Aryssa Garcia  
 Sophie Gutierrez  
 Madison Jimenez  
 Brinley Lefevre  
 Haygen Lefevre  
 Darian Luna  
 Avery McInvale  
 Jessal Naranjo  
 Yareli Naranjo  
 Kilah Pedroz  
 Johnny Rodriguez  
 Miannette Rubio  
 Victoria Salazar  
 Nathan Vasquez  
 Jailee Zavala

#### 7th Grade

Wyatt Bigham  
 Samantha Blair  
 Colby Guerrero  
 Nathan Hernandez  
 Anlys Jones  
 Jisiah Lara  
 Elayna Morales  
 Viviana Perales  
 Nadia Perez  
 Iann Rodriguez  
 Alberto Sotogonzalez  
 Anyaleigh Tambunga

#### 8th Grade

Cristian Ascencio  
 Thalia Ascencio  
 Senayda Bernal  
 Johnathan Cienfuegos  
 Shi Cochran  
 Annalicia Hernandez  
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## AREA TEAMS WRAPUP & SCHEDULES REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

### DISTRICT 2-2A-1

NEW DEAL 64, Stamford 6  
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### SUNDOWN 37, Hawley 36

**REGIONAL ROUND: SUNDOWN vs. West Texas**  
 7PM Friday at Bushland

### AREA TEAMS

MOTLEY COUNTY 82, Anton 68  
**REGIONAL ROUND: MOTLEY COUNTY vs Follett**  
 7PM Thursday at White Deer

### REGIONAL TEAMS

TASCOSA 35, Arlington 24  
**REGIONAL ROUND: TASCOSA vs Lake Ridge**  
 3:30PM Saturday at Midlan

### Grapevine 47, CAPROCK 38

LUBBOCK CORONADO 41, Azle 34  
**REGIONAL ROUND: CORONADO vs Denton Ryan**  
 3PM Saturday at Abilene Christian University

### RANDALL 38, EP Parkland 28

**REGIONAL ROUND: RANDALL vs Wichita Falls Rider**  
 7PM Friday at Childress

### Lubbock COOPER 45, EP Austin 0

**REGIONAL ROUND: COOPER vs Justin Northwest**  
 4PM Friday at Abilene Christian University

### CANYON 35, Seminole 21

HEREFORD 57, Big Spring 13  
**REGIONAL ROUND: CANYON vs HEREFORD**  
 7PM Friday at Amarillo

### Iowa Park 41, LEVELLAND 28

Lubbock ESTACADO 46, Graham 30  
**REGIONAL ROUND: ESTACADO vs. Glen Rose**  
 8PM Friday at Abilene Christian University

### Eastland 35, DENVER CITY 28

SHALLOWATER 44, Jim Ned 35  
**REGIONAL ROUND: SHALLOWATER vs. Eastland**  
 7PM Thursday at Sweetwater

### Wall 21, BUSHLAND 14

Brock 64, SLATON 6

### TULIA 43, Crane 21

ABERNATHY 35, CHILDRESS 17  
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 7PM Friday at Plainview

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Spearman 20, IDALOU 17 (OT)  
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 7PM Friday at Canyon

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With two of their children putting down roots in Texas, the remaining Wood family members moved back to Oklahoma. In December 1929, Elva Lorena Bentley and her

family left their dairy and farm in Oklahoma and moved to Sundown. Jessie met Lorena and the family had three children - Betty Jo (Judah), Sandra (Burton) and Clarence. All three of the children grew up and graduated from Sundown High School.

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEPOSITORY SERVICES

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- To seek a financial institution that is capable of providing banking services and which will be attentive to the City's money matters;
- To maximize the total dollars earned by the City on invested monies in order to be proper custodians of the taxpayers' financial resources.
- To adequately compensate the depository bank for services provided and to allow a reasonable profit to be earned.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals clearly marked, "Depository Application" should be delivered to the following person by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018:**

Darrell Gooch, Finance Director  
City of Floydada  
114 W. Virginia  
Floydada, TX 79235

No proposals will be accepted by fax or other electronic means.

The applications received will be considered at the regularly-scheduled council meeting to be held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

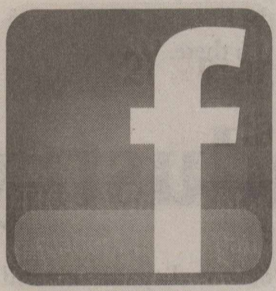
The proposing institution should use the Proposal Form available at Floydada City Hall, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada, TX 79235, to submit rates. Any provisions which the bank questions or is unable to comply with shall be clearly noted on the Proposal. Additional sheets or cover letters may be provided for clarification.

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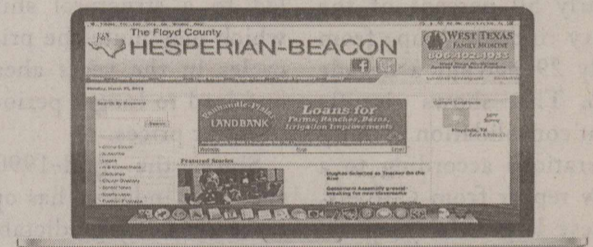
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# RSVP hosts Breakfast with Santa

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Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Oh, have you heard, Santa Claus is coming to town. Yes, he will be traveling directly from the North Pole to the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, Texas, to meet all the good little boys and girls at the "Breakfast with Santa."

Runningwater Draw RSVP will partner with the Hale County 4-H members to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus as they take time out of their busy North Pole schedules. They will join RSVP and their volunteer helpers to share Christmas joy, at the annual Breakfast with Santa from 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 1.

All children attending will get to tell Santa what special toy they are wishing for and Santa's helpers have been busy preparing a gift sack of goodies for each child. The morning fun includes drawings for toys, culminating in a drawing for a girl's and a boy's bicycle. Christine Cummins with "Hard Hats for Little Heads," will be avail-

able to fit each child winning a bicycle with a safety helmet. Volunteers will be assisting children with various activity booths including face painting, making ornaments, reindeer bean bag toss and other crafts to entertain the children.

The breakfast menu includes a McDonald's sausage biscuit and a cookie with coffee available for the parents. Tickets for the event are \$5 for children and \$5 for parents who wish to eat breakfast with their child. There is no cost for parents who do not wish to eat breakfast.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the RSVP office located at 825 Austin (basement of Unger Library) or at the door the morning of the event. Call RSVP at 291-1223 for more information. While RSVP will not take pictures, parents are encouraged to bring their cameras and capture the moment with Santa.

Breakfast with Santa is not a fundraiser, but a gift to area children and a longtime



tradition of the RSVP Advisory Council. Santa's helpers, who also serve on the RSVP Advisory Council, are Elsa Cooper, Joe Provence, Nicki

Logan, Norvene Owen, Emma Herring, Sally Phillips, Alice Rey, Carol Schulz, Gail Thrasher, Bobbye Dennis, Dorothy Russell, Andrea

Unwin, Gary Stennett and Rodney Watson. (It is rumored that Rodney Watson and Inez Hillman have a special friendship with Santa

and Mrs. Claus.) Breakfast with Santa is a great way to start the Holiday Season. We hope to see you there.

## Consolidation Changing the Dairy Industry

By Tony St. James  
www.ALLAgNews.com

(DENVER, CO) Dairy farms with more than 1,000 head now comprise nearly 50 percent of the dairy industry, up from only 29 percent a decade ago. This shows significant consolidation in dairy operations according to a new report from CoBank. These larger dairy opera-

tions have taken advantage of economies of scale to survive the price cycles the dairy industry has come to know. Now, the dominance of these larger dairies has led to a structural shift, which may mute the price cycles in the years ahead and lead to longer periods of lower prices.

Since the mid-1990s, the dairy industry has operated in fairly predictable

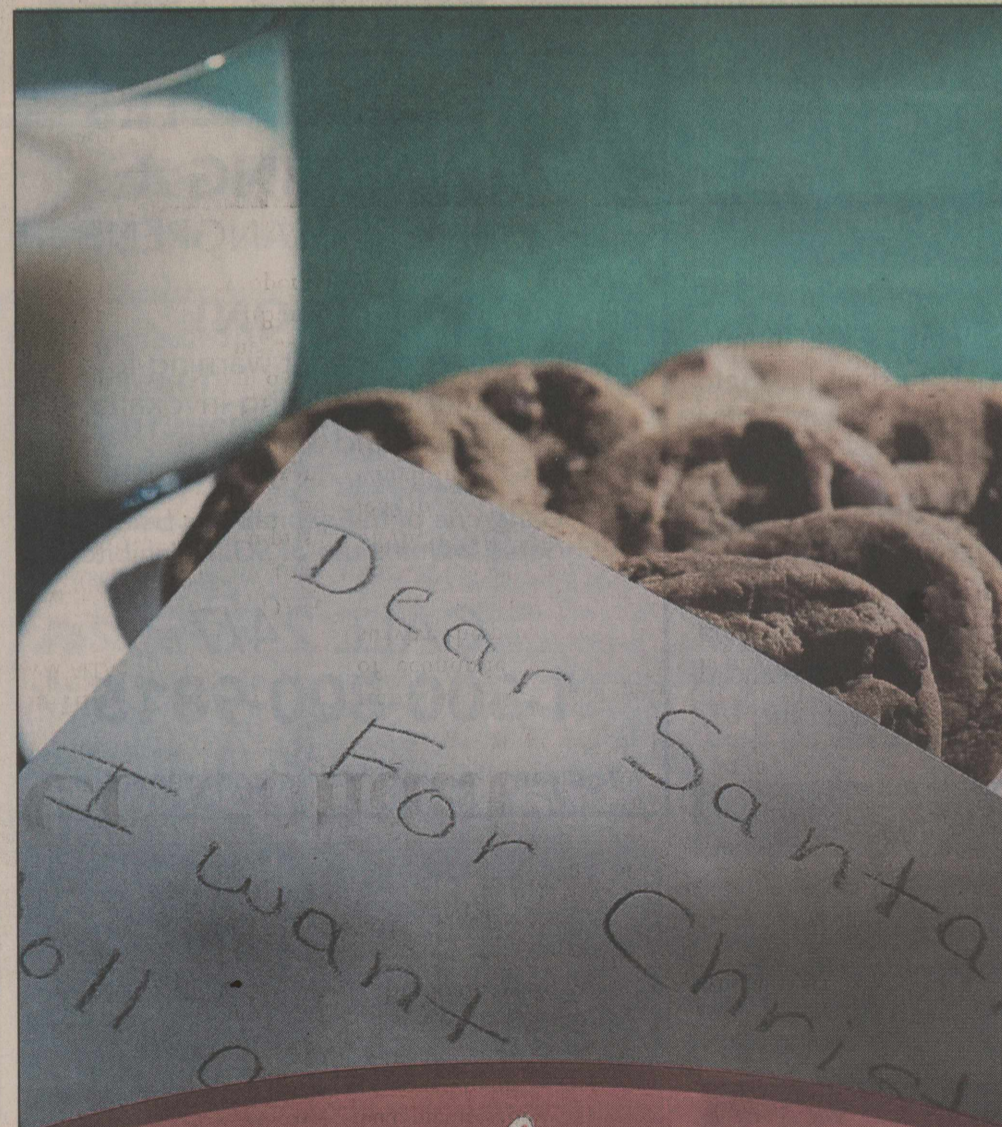
three-year price cycles. Dairy producers generally expanded their operations after a profitable year during this cycle, while some struggling operations were sold or merged during the low points in the cycle. Beginning in 2015, a prolonged period of low milk prices has strained most small-scale dairy farms without the relief of the expected peak year of price

recovery. "The new reality is a milk supply that is less responsive to short-term price shocks since that supply is coming mostly from large operations that can withstand lower prices," said Ben Laine, Senior Dairy Economist with CoBank's Knowledge Exchange Division. "Smaller dairy operations are finding it nearly impossible to compete in the commod-

ity milk market against their larger counterparts, so they are forced to either leave the business or find a higher value niche market for their milk."

The consolidation effect is self-perpetuating since larger dairies are best positioned to keep producing milk, despite lower prices, which keeps prices low and puts pressure on the smaller dairies. This

new reality in the industry comes with some new risks, according to Laine. "The largest risk with a densely concentrated milk supply is disease or natural disaster," said Laine. "A disease outbreak or natural disaster could quickly impact a much larger share of dairy production when it is concentrated in fewer farms."



### Letters to Santa

Letters will be published in the December 20th edition

Santa letters due

Thursday, Dec. 6th at 4 p.m.

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### PRIORITY From Page 2

Austin Campbell was made. Campbell had received the grant that would allow for drip-irrigation installation. The council chose to extend the lease. Motion was made-vote was unanimous.

Gilliland stated that with a recent vacancy of the Emergency Management Coordinator posi-

tion, he proposed that Darrell Gooch be appointed. Gooch has already fulfilled the training classes required for the position. Motion was made-vote was unanimous.

Gilliland addressed the requirement for the Cobra Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement, recommending approval. After discussion, the council accepted the recommendation. Motion was made-Vote was unanimous.

The council broke into Executive Session.

Upon opening the meeting to the public, the council approved the legal to suspend the City Secretary with 3 days w/o pay, and that a 3-month performance review given to her by the City Manager would be required. Motion was made-the vote was 5 to 1 in favor. Vote passed. No comment could be made by city officials due to legality issues in process.



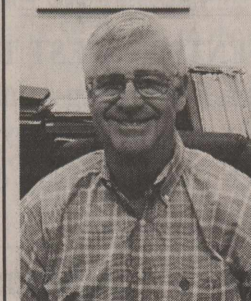
This aerial photo shows five strippers and three buggies hard at work as they harvest one of Greg Bishop's farms located near Lakeview. A host of crews from Floyd County planned and implemented the harvest of their friend and neighbor.

### FARMS From Page 1

-sics donated servicemen and vehicles to attend to mechanical issues, and Producers Co-op sent a fuel truck out to the fields with another 1,000 gallons of fuel.

Truly, this was a sight to see. Roger Hughes summed it up, "It's nice when you live in a community like this that will come together and help. You don't see this everywhere."

The Bishop farms encompass approximately 800 acres. Long-time farm employee, George Romero was applauded for the work he has done on the farms this year, and his part in securing the community's assistance in the harvest.



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