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Pictured L to R: County Judge Marty Lucke and Cristen Brooks, TX AgriLife Family & Community Health Agent.

Brooks moves to Family and Community Health

By Deon Fincher
 The Hesperian Beacon

Cristen Brooks has taken on a different role within the TX A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Floyd County. Formerly serving as the Ag and Natural Resources Agent for the county, Brooks has moved laterally to fill the position of County Agent for Family and Community Health. Being passionate about health and wellness, Brooks is looking forward to embarking on this new journey. Brooks will also be pursuing her Masters Degree in Nutrition to further supplement her new role.

"We are thrilled to keep her," stated County Judge, Marty Lucke. "This position will be a much better fit and, because Ag Agents are much more plentiful, we should be able to bring in another agent in a short amount of time."

Until a new Agriculture agent can be hired for the county, Brooks will continue to serve 4-Hers and residents through both the Ag and Family Health positions.

Payne Pharmacy- Business of the Month



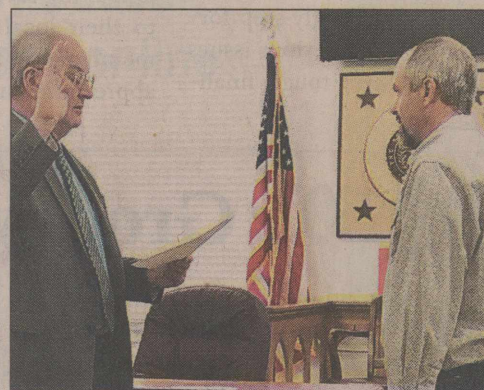
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Payne Pharmacy and Gifts was voted as the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for December. Denice Payne and her staff have been busy taking care of everybody during this cold and flu season. Let them know how much you appreciate all they've done!

County Officials Sworn into Office



Courtesy Photos
Sheriff Paul Raissez swears in Marty Lucke, Floyd County Judge.



Judge Lucke swears in Clint Bigham, County Commissioner Precinct 2.



Judge Lucke swears in David Martinez, County Commissioner Precinct 4.



Judge Lucke swears in Ginger Morgan, Floyd County Clerk.



Judge Lucke swears in Patty Davenport, Floyd County District Clerk.



Judge Lucke swears in Lori Morales, Floyd County Treasurer.



Judge Lucke swears in Tali Jackson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 & 4.



Judge Lucke swears in Ed Marks, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 & 3.

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Elected County Officials took on their

duties in an official swearing-in ceremony, January 2, 2019 at the Floyd County Courthouse. Officiating the ceremony was County Judge Marty Lucke.



Courtesy Photo

The Whirlwinds Varsity Team battled through the ranks of competitors to take 3rd place in the Caprock Classic Tournament the last weekend in December. Considered the largest basketball tournament in the world, the brackets were filled with 89 teams fighting for the championship. The Winds beat Ropesville 62-33; then they were victorious over Borden county 83-49. Slaton fell to the Whirlwinds 65-55. In their fourth game, Shallowater edged ahead to end the game with a 72-67 score against the Winds. Floydada clutched 3rd place by putting up a score of 66 to Alpine's 57. Garrett Hobbs was named to Advanced Graphix and Double T Smiles All Tournament 2018 Winners.

Upcoming

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

FLOYD COUNTY STOCK SHOW

Floyd County Stock Show events begin on Thursday, Jan. 10 ending with the show and sale on Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Raffle tickets to benefit the Scholarship Fund are being sold by Board Members. Each ticket is \$100 with first prize of \$7000, second prize \$3500 and third prize \$1500. Drawing will be held at the Stock Show on Jan. 12. You don't have to be present to win and winners are responsible for all taxes.

LOCKNEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Lockney First Baptist Church Gospel Singing Program will be held at 6 p.m., January 12. Featuring Chuck Cain. Call 806-652-3361 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

LOCKNEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Lockney Cemetery Association will have a meeting, and elections of officers at 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 21 at the Lockney Senior Citizens. Please make plans to attend.

CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

Caprock Crop Production Conference. January 25, 7:00 a.m. Unity Center in Muncy, TX. TX A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Call 806-675-2347 or 806-983-4912 for information.

WEST TEXAS KNAPPIN' ARTIFACTS SHOW

The West Texas Knappin' Artifacts Show and Rock Sale will be held on January 25-26, 1-5 p.m. Friday and 8:30 am - 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The show will be at the Roaring Springs Community Center, Roaring Springs. Learn the Native American skill of creating stone blades and peruse the large selection of artifacts from local collectors. For information call 903-261-1044.

COVENANT MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

The Covenant Mobile Mammography exam unit is scheduled to be at

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Corrections

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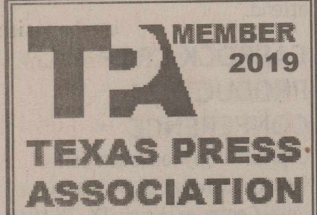
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At the end of the month, food stamp benefits will run out for 38.6 million recipients on account of the partial government shutdown. Right now, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program is being funded with previously appropriated dollars, but in February that will change as the Department of Agriculture remains unfunded for Fiscal Year 2019.

It could be resolved in five minutes. But it won't be because House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) are siding with illegal aliens to block funding for the southern border wall.

Would they keep the border wide open so that drugs can be smuggled and gangs and human trafficking can run rampant rather than help needy families keep their children's bellies full? Really?

Much of the crime brought on by illegal immigration disproportionately winds up in

Thank Texas School Board Members during January's School Board Recognition Month

Texas Association of School Boards Encourages Texans to Honor Trustees

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

(Austin) — Texas school board members volunteer countless hours to ensure students have the best schools possible. To honor the more than 7,200 locally elected trustees in Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has declared January School Board Recognition Month, and the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is encouraging all Texas communities to join the celebration by showing appreciation to these men and women.

"In every part of the state, dedicated school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues and deal with tough finan-

cial challenges to provide excellent educational experiences for all children—and the trustees work with no pay, giving their best as a generous gift to the next generation," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "We urge every community to express support for their local board members during the first month of the new year."

School districts across Texas will be honoring their local school board members with celebrations, student-written thank-you notes, and certificates of appreciation. The community can join in by saying thank you to their local school board members and by sharing appreciation using #School-

BoardMonth on Twitter and Instagram.

"School boards play a vital role in our efforts to improve education in the Lone Star State as they work with parents, education professionals, and community members to create successful learning environments," said Abbott in his proclamation.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.3 million public school students. To learn more about January's School Board Recognition Month, visit sbrm.tasb.org.

The 501: Groovy Grandparents

In the mind of a teen, parents aren't cool. Never have been. It's a rule. Grandparents aren't cool either, but they can be intriguing.

Consider typewriters, ask-a-generation device. They've found their way back to some popularity, primarily as curiosities but also as the machine of preference for youthful street poets who charge tourists for verses they pound out on the spot. Maybe I could join them and make easy money in some milder clime. But I'm married, and my husband is sensible. I wouldn't have his blessing. And I'd have to get a new ribbon. We digress.

If memory serves (not a given), granddaughter, Rylee, acquired a typewriter a year or so ago. Or maybe she just wanted one. I remember thinking I'd like to give her my 1950s Underwood portable. But among today's youth, the typewriter of choice is retro — not old. Turquoise trumps gray and black. What's more, street poets aside, the fad is fading.

So, this year, at Rylee's mother's prompting, we gave Rylee a record player for Christmas. I had one tucked away in the closet. We didn't give her that one. Instead we took advantage of free shipping from Amazon Prime (the membership I meant to cancel after the free trial — yeah, right) and ordered her a new top-rated retro record player.

It hit the spot. She told us she'd wanted

one for years. When you're 16, that's a long time.

Once the gift-opening flurry ended, Grandad and Rylee headed to the music room (what to do to a child's bedroom when they leave the nest) to check out the phonograph — a nifty three-speed portable model in a vintage-looking case. I tagged along. After all, I had some vinyl surprises for Rylee. So did Grandad, except he didn't give her his collectible Sun records. He just played them for her, static and all. She was impressed.

I myself didn't mind parting with some of my own RCAs — a half-dozen Elvis records, including "Love Me Tender." Each time I handed her one, her face lit up.

Grandad showed Rylee the intricacies of operating a phonograph and how to handle the records properly. Knowhow and been-around-the-block wisdom oozed out of him. I offered a few tips myself. And we both told her horror stories of what happens if you let vinyl records get too warm.

That evening we got a text from Rylee. Attached was a video of her record player. Elvis was singing "Can't Help Falling in Love." The label was rotating at 45 rpms. Her message said she was in HEAVEN. We smiled.

I felt happy too, plus a little hypnotized by the spinning label. It took me back.

As for Rylee's youthful mother, alas. There's no way a record player can stir up a wealth of memories for her and make her want to drag out a typewriter to write about it all.

But to be honest, I'm not wanting to drag out a typewriter either. Just maybe that record player in the closet.

Opinion

Pelosi and Schumer side with illegal aliens over 38.6 million food stamp recipients to block the wall

By Robert Romano

the very poorer communities that depend on food stamps.

We're talking about 19.4 million households including 38.6 million individual recipients who receive \$4.7 billion of SNAP benefits monthly.

There are also hundreds of thousands of federal workers who are going without pay for the duration of the shutdown. They have bills to pay, too.

Are Pelosi and Schumer willing to sacrifice them all on the altar of stopping the wall? It's a choice, and it is their choice to make.

President Trump has already stated he won't sign a spending bill that doesn't fund the wall. Plus, he just issued the first veto threat of his presidency. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has rightly said he won't be acting on legislation that won't become law.

But even if McConnell did let it pass in the Senate, Congressional Republicans in the House and the Senate appeared poised to sustain any veto Trump might issue.

So, that's it.

In 2013, Republicans learned they could not impose their will on the Democrat-controlled Senate and White House. Back then, a Republican-controlled House did not get to pass legislation that excluded funding for Obamacare and when the government shut down over the dispute, it was deemed the House's fault.

Perhaps Pelosi and Schumer are gambling that President Donald Trump and Republicans will get the blame politically by the media, but really, it will be their fault for blocking the only legislation that can get signed.

Right now, Republicans control the Senate, and the White House. Democrats cannot impose their will, either. This one lands at the feet of the House, too, going by the same standard set up in 2013. Elections have consequences.

Or they had better, or else we truly live in a bipolar world where one set of rules apply to Democrats and another to Republicans.

Right now, Democrats are hoping to split Republicans by voting to fund everything but the Department of Homeland Security. The White House has again issued a veto

threat of any package of bills that excludes the wall. The President needs to stick to that — and address the nation in a primetime broadcast to explain the human costs and tragedies at the border and across the country involved with not building the southern border wall.

Because, none of this is necessary. There's a very easy way for Pelosi and Schumer to get the government funded: Build the wall. And fully fund it now, so we don't have to have the same dilemma again in September. Put the country first.

There is already almost 700 miles of barriers, fences and walls along the southern border anyway. What's another 300 miles or so?

Every budget is a matter of priorities, after all.

Is enabling illegal immigration, drugs and human trafficking with open borders worth it to compel tens of millions of American citizens go without food and hundreds of thousands of federal workers to go without pay? That is for Pelosi and Schumer to decide. This one's on them.

Robert Romano is the Vice President of Public Policy at Americans for Limited Government.

About town

I ran onto a posting on Facebook the other day. A 92-year old, beautiful, petite lady who, simply, chose to be happy in life. The photo showed a perfectly coiffed, dressed to the 'nines', elegant woman enjoying an ice cream. She said, "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time... It's a decision I make every morning."



DEON FINCHER

Could it really be that simple?

This evening, Terry and I indulged in a movie. Robert Redford was starring as Forrest Tucker, as described by GOOGLE: "Forrest Silva 'Woody' Tucker was an American career criminal first imprisoned at age 15 who spent the rest of his life in and out of jail." A member of the Over-the-Hill-Gang, a group of elderly bank robbers, he and his cronies were thought to have committed as many as sixty robberies in a single year, "banking" over a million dollars in his lifetime.

I vaguely remember the news reports of his capture and subsequent sentence in 1999, when at age 78, he was arrested for bank robbery. Reports stated that he had tried his hand, unsuccessfully, at giving clarinet and saxophone lessons... he had returned to robbing banks.

In the movie, Redford claims that the secret to life is to "do things that make you happy."

Right here I must put in a disclaimer: I do not, nor does Blackburn Media Group, or any parties associated with The Floyd County Hesperian Beacon, condone or encourage any one person to commit any criminal activity because... "it makes you happy."

What I do want readers to take away from this is that perhaps there is a point made from this man's life: Do what makes you happy. If there is one thing that creates that joy, focus on it, study it, make it a priority, and in so doing, you will find your happiness.

Life is short. Be bold. Take chances. Live your life with abandon. Eat the cake. Stay out all night. Color outside the lines. Be happy.

Could it be that simple? I think I'm going to try it out!

South Plains College offer License to Carry class

Special to Hesperian Beacon

LEVELLAND — South Plains College will offer the Texas License to Carry a Handgun class on Jan. 12 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a one-hour lunch break. Students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited.

The classroom portion covers firearm safety, the use of force, non-violent conflict resolution, lawful concealed or open carry, storage with children in the home and contacts with law enforcement personnel. It also covers holsters for concealed and open carry, and runs about six hours.

The range portion covers range safety rules and commands, and the shooting portion of the class at distances ranging from three to 15 yards, using the indoor pistol range in the Law Enforcement building. The number of students will determine how long the range portion requires. Inexperi-

enced shooters might want to take a NRA Basic Pistol course before taking the license to carry course.

Students will need to bring either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol, any caliber, and 50 rounds of ammunition to match. Eye and hearing protection are provided for students who do not have their own.

The instructor is Dr. Mike Felker, retired S.P.C. professor, NRA Advanced Pistol Instructor, D.P.S. certified LTC Instructor and U.S. Concealed Carry Association Affiliate Instructor.

The cost of the course is \$75 for students getting their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license; this does not include the \$40 fee for the D.P.S. and FBI fingerprint and background checks. Although renewals are now handled strictly online, the changes in Texas firearms law since 2015 make a refresher course a good investment.

To sign up, email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu or call (806) 716-2341.

Floyd County Memorial Library

New and soon to be released Titles

- The Winter Sister by Megan Collins
- A Justified Murder by Jude Deveraux
- Chocolate Cream Pie Murder by Joanne Fluke
- Never Tell by Lisa Gardner
- Mission Critical by Mark Greaney
- The Girl in the Glass box by James Grippando
- The Lost Man by Jane Harper
- Cutthroats by William Johnstone
- The Wedding Guest by Jonathan Kellerman
- California Girl by Susan Mallery
- The Chef by James Patterson
- Killer Instinct by James Patterson
- Connections in Death by J.D. Robb

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SOCIETY

Lockney Rotary



Jim Heitzenrater, FACHE, CEO of WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital shared information about hospital services and the challenges rural hospital's face. Pictured (L to R): Keith Marble and Jim Heitzenrater.

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

ARLON EDGAR MILLER

By Glenna Jack Miller
November 1977

Still in the womb of his mother, Arlon came to Floyd County with his parents, W. E. (Bill) Miller and Alta Erwin Miller, a brother, Lynn, and an older sister, Verl. They arrived from Ryan, Oklahoma with two wagons, one driven by Alta, the other by a nephew of Bill's, while he lay ill in one of the wagons.

The Autumn of 1915 was already cool and there was no housing. They lived temporarily with the Wells Miller family while a one-room structure was built. It was situated in the middle of 151 acres seven miles west-northwest of Floydada in the Sandhill Community.

Already community life had begun with a few families like the Womacks, McGuires, Greers, Rileys, Holmes, Lowrys, Miceys, Blackwells, and the C. W. Smiths. This Mr. Blackwell had sold the 151 acres to Bill for \$16.00 per acre. Like other small communities, Sandhill was close-knit with activities centering around the post office at Mickey, the school, the Church, and later the home demonstration club for the women folk.

Arlon, born the next spring, grew up in a family

of five children, the latter two being Orba Erwin and Verona Miller Jack. Secure in his family and community relationships he was taught to be an independent Individual responsible for his own actions, forging his own philosophy. When W.W. II came along, he chose to work unpaid three years under government sanction and supervision as a conscientious objector rather than bear arms.

In 1944 he married Glenna Jack of Deaf Smith County. He brought his new bride back to his community to live only a stone's throw from her own birthplace. Their three children were also born within this 14 mile circle. First was Lon Eddie, then Rebecca Elaine, and last Trudi Lu.

The land was good to Arlon's family. The children grew up there, attended Floydada schools, and became members of the Church of Christ where Arlon often taught. Lon married Gertrude Wolff of Odessa, Texas, Becky married Thurman Hoover Jr., of Lubbock, and Trudi married Craig Gilly of the Cedar Hill Community. The grandchildren are Becky's twin boys, Kirk and Kelly and her daughter Karen Rebecca. Also one other granddaughter is Amy Gilly.

Being nurtured on the soil Arlon became a farmer, but he also heard another drum beat. He fell in love with the concept of designing some of the equipment he needed for his farming. In 1951 he engineered a self propelled cotton strip[per, manufactured 21 of these units and sold them to his neighbors. Some of these had a life span of 20 years. His farm shop also produced planters, cultivators, and other items for his own use and his neighbor's needs.

Glenna's roots are deep in Floyd County as well. Her maternal grandparents, Tom and Lula Lile Wilson, came to Lockney from Collin County in 1892. They lived in a dugout six miles north of Lockney where her mother Minnie Rebecca, was born in 1898. The paternal grandmother, Isabel Grimes Jack came to Floyd County from homesteading in Elida, New Mexico to live at Lockney in 1914. Her three sons who came were Tom, Everett and Sam. Everett, Glenna's father, is living in Friona.

This month Arlon's family gathers at the Sandhill farm for their annual Thanksgiving celebration along with three consecutive birthdays in one big party.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - We are continuing the \$3.00 Tuesday meals each week. Check the menu for details on what will be served.

Remember our 2nd Tuesday bingo each month. We start play at 6 p.m. and play until 8 p.m. We always have a progressive cash bingo game, which means that we play for a cash prize each week. If there is no winner, the cash pot grows until we do have a winner. The cost to play is \$2.00 for 3 cards, or \$1.00 per card. We also serve a sandwich, chips, drink, and 2 cards for \$5.00.

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 January 24.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30.

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
January 14-18
Monday - Chicken strips w/gravy
Tuesday - Stew - \$3
Wednesday - Chicken fried steak
Thursday - Christy's enchiladas
Friday - Fried chicken w/gravy
(Menus subject to change without notice)

TUESDAY MEALS - \$3.00
FLOYDADA SR. CITIZENS

JANUARY 15 - Stew
JANUARY 22 - Chili
JANUARY 29 - Taco salad

\$3.00 includes, salad bar, drink, dessert serving 11:30 to 12:45

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Remember your membership dues are due now! It's \$30 per person for the year.

Mark down these events on your January calendar:

JANUARY:
20th - Sunday Lunch - Mexican Stack
21st - Bingo
28th - Board Meeting- 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
January 14-18
Monday - Sausage casserole
Tuesday - Baked potatoes
Wednesday - Pot pie
Thursday - Chicken & dumplings
Friday - Roast beef
(Menus subject to change without notice)

Working past 65? Here's what to know about Medicare

By Bob Moos
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

If you plan to work past 65 and keep the health insurance you've had from your job, you're likely to wonder what, if anything, you need to do about enrolling in Medicare.

About one in six older Americans now remains in the workforce beyond what was once the traditional retirement age. And the number of older workers will only grow over time.

One reason is that Social Security now requires you to be at least 66 to collect your full retirement benefits. Retiring earlier means a smaller Social Security check.

Then, too, a number of sixty-something workers continue to pursue their careers because they can't afford to retire. Still others simply prefer to stay engaged and on the job.

Whatever the reason for postponing your retirement, you still need to consider Medicare as you approach your 65th birthday and qualify for the health care coverage.

First, you should visit with your company's human resources manager to determine how your employer-provided insurance will fit with Medicare. That's also true for anyone turning 65 and receiving health care through a working spouse's group plan.

Most workers will want to sign up for Medicare's Part A, which usually has no monthly premium and covers hospital stays, skilled nursing, home health services and hospice care.

Of course, like most rules of thumb, there's always an exception. And this one is no different.

If your employer coverage takes the form of a high-deductible insurance plan with a health savings account, you should defer enrolling in Part A. That's because the Internal Revenue Service forbids you to continue contributing to your tax-advantaged sav-

ings account once you have Medicare.

When you sign up for Medicare's Part B, which covers doctor appointments and other outpatient services, mostly depends on how large your employer is.

If your or your working spouse's company has 20 or more employees, your employer-provided insurance will remain your primary coverage and will pay your bills first. You can delay enrolling in Part B until you stop working.

If your or your spouse's company has fewer than 20 workers, Medicare will become your primary coverage, and your employer coverage will be secondary, so you should sign up for Part B.

Assuming that you're not yet receiving Social Security benefits, you'll need to enroll in Medicare by contacting Social Security at 800-772-1213 or www.socialsecurity.gov.

Completing the online application is fairly simple and typically takes 10 to 30 minutes.

You should do this during what's called your "initial enrollment period," which runs from three months before the month you turn 65 to three months after your birthday month. For example, if your 65th birthday is

in September, you can sign up any time from June 1 until Dec. 31.

There's also the question of whether you'll need to enroll in Medicare's prescription drug coverage, also known as Part D, when you turn 65 or whether you can put off that decision.

Again, you should consult with your company's benefits manager. If your employer plan includes drug coverage that's at least comparable to Part D coverage, you won't need to sign up right away.

When you do finally stop working, you'll be able to enroll in Medicare (Parts A or B) without risking a late penalty during a special eight-month enrollment period. You'll also have two months to select a Medicare drug plan without a penalty.

To learn more about how your employer health plan works with Medicare, visit www.medicare.gov/publications and view the booklet "Medicare and Other Health Benefits: Your Guide to Who Pays First." Or call 800-633-4227 to request a free copy.

Understanding how your insurance choices fit together as you continue working beyond 65 will help you get the best care for your dollars.

SPC to open professional truck driving school

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

REESE CENTER - The South Plains College will provide Professional Truck Driving School starting Jan. 28. Two classes will begin every two weeks. The cost is \$4995.

Classes will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday with a lunch break from 11 a.m. to noon. All breaks are limited to 10 minutes either at the beginning or end of an hour. The course length is 210 clock hours over a four-week session. The normal class size is 12 to 18 students.

To participate in the school, students must be pre-approved through the American Truck Driving School. A student must be

at least 21-years-old and have a valid Texas driver license.

Each student will receive range driving skills practice and actual street driving experience to train for their Class A licensing as well as familiarizing them with the Department of Transportation rules and regulations. Students will be prepared for the written examination. A graduate of this program will receive a Certificate of Completion and a Commercial Driving License A-Class.

After graduation from the SPC Truck Driving School, the student will be (1) qualified to secure an entry level job as an over the road driver with a commercial driver's license; (2) aware of safety procedures, alcohol and drug effects as

well as the laws and penalties applicable to the professional driver; (3) proficient at performing pre-trip, on-the-road and post-trip vehicle and equipment inspections; (4) skillful in safe driving techniques; (5) capable of map reading, log books, cargo documentation, dispatch procedures, emergency responsibilities and regulations of transportation agencies; and (6) be able to travel across the United States and Canada in all kinds of weather and terrain.

For more information, contact Jay Warnick, director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, at (806) 716-2547 or Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant, at (806) 716-2341.



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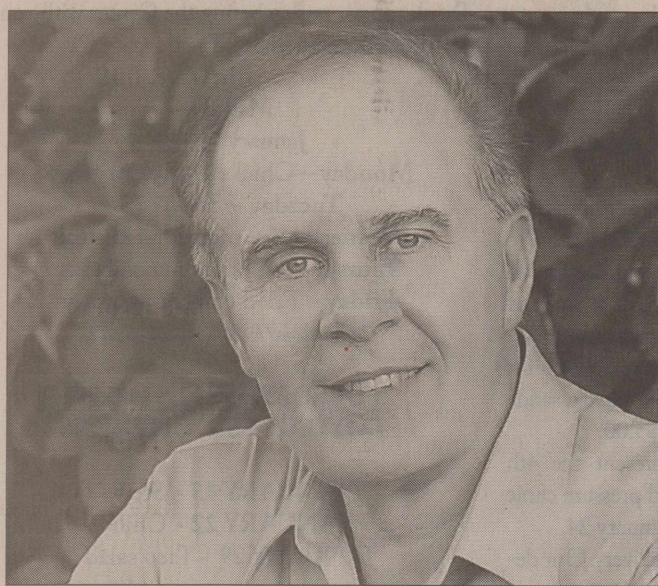
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First Baptist Church Program



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Professional Entertainer, Chuck Crain, shares his form of the gospel through his performance of Southern Gospel Hymns. Crain will be performing Saturday, January 12th, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. Everyone is welcome!

The First Baptist Church of Lockney will host a Country Gospel Concert featuring Chuck Crain, Saturday, January 12th at 6 p.m.

Chuck Crain has been travelling the globe, performing as a professional entertainer since his year in the Navy's Blue Jacket Choir. That was the early 1970s.

Since that time, his love for gospel music singing career has paired him with numerous gospel groups across the Southern U.S.

Singing tenor for the Blackwoods took him all around the world, and that gospel group was featured on some of the most popular television programs such as the 700 Club, PTL, and Jimmy Swaggart.

A three-year stint singing on-stage with Wayne Newton took him to Las Vegas, Atlantic City and Branson, MO.

Since 1998, Crain has been spending much of his time closer to home. He is a part of a Southern Gospel Quartet singing with Gary and Steve Presley. The Presleys' Quartet performs regularly during Branson's entertainment season, and off-season finds him and his wife, Sharon, travelling and sharing their form of the gospel.

The First Baptist Church of Lockney is proud to be hosting what is sure to be an enjoyable and uplifting program. A love-offering will be taken during the performance.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

(All quotes are from Thomas Paine, a US Patriot and Political Philosopher who lived from 1737-1809)

To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead.

He that would make his own liberty secure, must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty, he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself.

Society is produced by our wants and government by our wickedness.

A thing moderately good is not so good as it ought to be. Moderation in temper is always a virtue, but moderation in principle is always a vice.

Such is the irresistible nature of truth that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing.

Better fare hard with good men than feast it with bad.

When my country, into which I had just set my foot, was set on fire about my ears, it was time to stir. It was time for every man to stir.

I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death.

We fight not to enslave, but to set a country free, and to make room upon the earth for honest men to live in.

When we are planning for posterity, we ought to remember that virtue is not hereditary.

K.I.S.S. / Keep it S_S

12/23/2018

Surely you've heard about the acronym "KISS." I've read it stands for "keep it simple, stupid" (which will probably get you into trouble if you use it), "keep it simple, sweetie" (which is what someone thought up after using the first one); someone else says "keep it short and sweet;" the international science community knows it as the shortened name for the Korean Information Science Society (who knew?), a professional group for the study of informatics.

The term originates, so I read, from the United States Navy as a design principle. Of course, there's only so much room on a seafaring vessel and, space being at such a premium, it was decided that extras, flourishes, and trim were superfluously unnecessary. In a situation where time is of the essence - as might happen in the midst of battle - there was no use for pretty distractions. So, the utilitarian philosophy of "KISS" was born. Still, by urging a guiding principle and priority, everything under its umbrella was simplified.

I figure Christians have something to learn from "KISS." All of us would benefit from contentment; the removal of greed from our persons would stem the acquisition of stuff and clutter, making our lives simpler. But I wonder if we couldn't replace the S's with something more fitting for Christians.

"Keep it Spiritual, Saint" - how's that sound?
Every Christian is a saint, according to the biblical usage of the word. The Bible knows no particular classes of "holy" and "extra holy" people, just those who are sanctified (made holy) in Christ.

The basic priority I wish that we'd take to heart, though, is the admonition to keep things *spiritual*.

It's so often that before we take a bite of something or order a dish, we consider how it will affect our bodies. Before we make a purchase, we consider how it will affect our financial well-being. But how often do we ask the questions, "How will this choice affect my spiritual life? Will this draw me closer to God or pull me from him? Is this showing that the fruit of the Spirit is growing in my life or am I dying on the vine?"

Simple is good; spiritual is best. Keep it spiritual, saint!

Levi Sisemore preached for the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada 2007-2014. He is currently a minister at the Church of Christ in Fredericksburg, Texas. He can be contacted through his personal website, HymnalCollector.com

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God's Tree Climbers

Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." —Luke 19:5 (NRSV)

Zacchaeus was a wealthy tax collector, who also happened to be short in stature. His wealth could buy him access to many things, but a front-row seat to see Jesus wasn't one of them. Instead, Zacchaeus had to resort to climbing a tree in order to catch a glimpse of Jesus.

To me, even the thought of clambering up a tree trunk is more than a little scary. Yet Zacchaeus was willing to risk perhaps a futile climb and personal embarrassment for the chance to see Jesus.

Jesus asks us to come to him with the innocence of a child. (See Matt. 18:3.) No wonder that when Jesus saw Zacchaeus in a tree, he immediately offered to pay him a visit. As a result, Zacchaeus's life

was changed: He gave to the poor, made restitution to those he had cheated, and, most importantly, received salvation.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost — and whether we are up a tree or lost in the woods, I take comfort in the fact that Jesus longs to rescue us. Whenever I feel unsure or embarrassed about the next step God is calling me to take, I remember Zacchaeus. If he was willing to take a risk just to see Jesus, how much more should I be willing to risk following the Master?.

—Phillip Catterton (Kansas)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Father God, grant us the courage and humility to seek your son, even when it seems risky to do so. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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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.

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Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
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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
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Mark Snowden, Pastor
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music
Ludusia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor

Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

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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
Rev. Renato Cruz
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell
Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study
10 a.m. - Mass
Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation -
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Thurs. - 6:30 pm- Evening Mass

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

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

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
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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
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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
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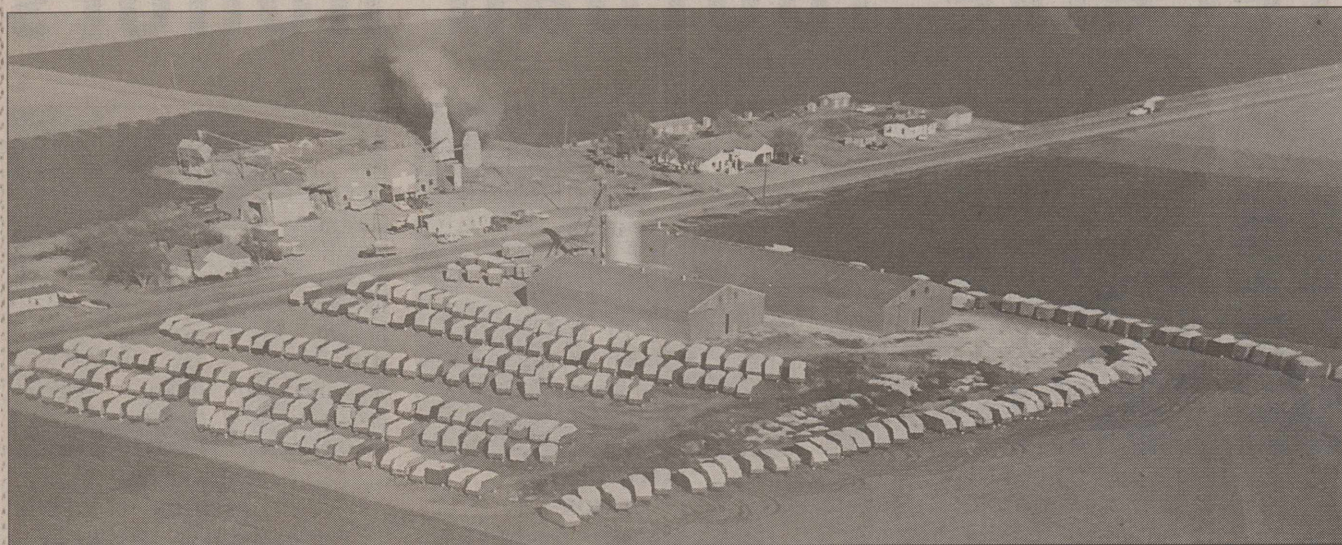
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Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

McCoy 4-Way Gin



Courtesy Photo

A rare aerial photo of McCoy Gin, circa 1960s. At that time, trailers were still being used to transport and store the cotton before ginning.

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian Beacon

The early history of McCoy Gin is rather sketchy. I met with Andy Rainwater, Rick Reddy, Jacob Reddy, Bill Hendrix and Charline Hendrix hoping to put together some kind of history of the gin.

With the constant 'whrrring' of the gin in the background, this group began to kick back and forth any tidbits heard regarding the early years of McCoy Gin.

"All we know for certain is that the gin office got painted in 2018...because Jacob was here, and he can still remember things!" Rainwater chuckles. "This may not be the longest or most factual history, but it will be the one that everyone remembers from here on out!"

The recollections swing back in time for Hendrix. "I saw my dad, when I was a kid, pick cotton by hand—it was all hand-pulled. He would go out and pick the same field, maybe, three times." In the mid-1920s, farmers began experimenting with a 'better picking system' that didn't rely as heavily on human labor. "They built a two-row sled with pickets on the front of the box. You'd hook a couple horses to the thing, and two-rows at a time they'd be strippin' that cotton. One man would be in the sled pushing back the cotton 'til it couldn't hold anymore, then they'd dump it and start again."

We talked about the early gins for a bit. I asked Bill if he remembered the cork-screw presses. He did, "Those mules and horses would wear a hole in a circle around that screw, just from going around and around."

A truck full of cotton drove into the unloading dock. Bill pointed to the gin, "It amazes me—they just pull those big ole truck loads and just dump it! You don't have to kill yourself doing that suctioning. That's hard work—I've done that. When I was in high school, my dad managed a cotton gin. I went out there to work at the gin. They put me on that suction—16 hours later, I was crawling off there and going home." He laughed and added, "And I didn't ever go back! And Dad was the gin manager!" Hendrix was referring to the pneumatic suction set-ups at the early gins.

"I remember the old-timers talking about bringing in their trucks and trailers," said gin Manager, Andy Rainwater. "They would go around there and run

that suction themselves, then get in their truck and make room for the next farmer and his load."

Rick Reddy joked, "That's a pretty good idea—could save on some labor!"

Early memories gave way to more recent times. "Twenty-two of us got together and bought the gin in 1960," recalled Bill. "Some were landlords, some were farmers. We each put up \$2,000, and the Oil Mill gave us—or backed us on—I can't remember for sure how much." Names fade with memories, but Bill and the others came up with a list of 22 names, thought to be those early owners.

"Right across the way," stated Bill, "was the McCoy Elevator. There was a whole other group of farmers that owned it—completely different ones from the gin owners."

"We had some pretty poor years in the 60s," reminisced Hendrix. "One year, everything on the north side of the highway got hailed out—nothing on the south side got hit. Can you believe that?" Weather, even in the 1960s and 1970s, played havoc with the cotton crops and ginning production. And then, there was always the risk of fire.

"Sometime in the 70s a fire broke out in the gin," described Rainwater. "Quinn DuBois started pulling all of the trailers away from the gin, way out there, getting them as far away as possible. That was a big, exciting fire!"

As the 1980s came to a close, the 22 owners got serious about finding a buyer for the gin. "We just wanted to get away from it," chuckled Hendrix. "Sometimes the truth hurts."

A buyer did come forward—Dan Fry. He was the gin manager at the time, and he purchased the gin with the backing of Southern Plains Cotton Oil Mill in Leveland.

As the decades slipped by, the

22 members of that 1960 group began to slip away as well. Today, Bill Hendrix is the last of those owners still alive. Ever jolly, Bill heartily enjoys visiting the gin with his wife, Francine, by his side. He doesn't farm anymore—Jacob Reddy does the hard work now; but Bill's lands are still big producers of cotton. As a matter of fact, on October 5, 2018, McCoy Gin recorded the county's first bale—it came from cotton farmed on Bill Hendrix's property.

The Gin's name was altered back in 2003 when the current ownership took over. Four local families—the Hinsleys, Rainwaters, Pyles and the Reddings purchased the gin. It is now referred

to as McCoy 4-Way Gin.

The 2017 year was a record-breaker for McCoy 4-Way—recording a production of 28,393 bales. The 2018 year has been plagued with odd weather patterns which has had a direct effect on the ginning season, but the ginning team has stayed consistently busy, putting out 22,262 bales as of Monday evening, January 7, 2019.

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to those individuals involved in this interview: Bill and Charline Hendrix, Andy Rainwater, Rick Reddy and Jacob Reddy. We laughed a lot, pushed the limits of their memories, and all in all, had a good time.

Data shows 'less may be better'

Special to The Hesperian Beacon

Texas farmers and ranchers will meet in Austin this month for Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Leadership Conference Jan. 28-29.

"The purpose of this conference is to inform our members of important issues in the coming year and to help them connect with their representatives

and senators," Billy Howe, TFB associate director of Government Affairs, said. The top issue for the state's largest general farm and ranch organization is eminent domain, Howe noted.

"About 95 percent of the state is privately owned, and Texas farmers, ranchers and landowners deserve fairness and transparency when facing eminent domain proceedings,"



Terry and I got to go out into the garden and enjoyed the sunshine this weekend; it was time for us to combine our numerous compost piles into one in preparation for spring use.

Terry took over the relocation of the big tubs—I was in charge of the turning spade. Together, we merged together all levels of composted materials from 'getting really close to being done' to 'just got thrown in yesterday' material. I scooped up a spadeful of gunk and tried to determine what it had been.

"Was that part of my watermelon from last October?"

I punched in my spade and turned over another load.

"Yikes! That was all bunny poop and newspaper—need to separate that out and spread it around!"

Next, another scoop of what some would consider trash fell from my garden implement and became a part of the whole.

"Whew! Whatever that was has certainly ripened well over the past few months!"

As I mixed and turned this liquid gold, I began thinking

that our compost pile is kind of like life.

I think it should be mandatory that as we age, we be required to get "turned over"—kind of mix up all of the new ideas with the old ideas and come up with some real wisdom. As the mixing is taking place, we are able to uncover some of those tightly packed parts that have been piled onto and piled onto and forgotten—separate the layers, evaluate where they would do the most good, and put them in a spot where they will benefit the whole. And with the smelly stuff, count those experiences as valuable and be sure to really knead that matter into the newest, untouched, un-decomposed portions—to get life revved up some.

Just like in compost piles, building a life takes time. You put in new stuff and mix it up with the stuff that's been there awhile—whether rank or delightful—it all gets thrown together, good and bad. And, at some time in the future, your trash begets gold for someone else.

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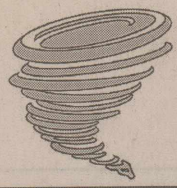
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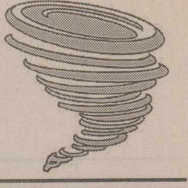
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Floydada Whirlwinds



Whirlwinds receive football honors

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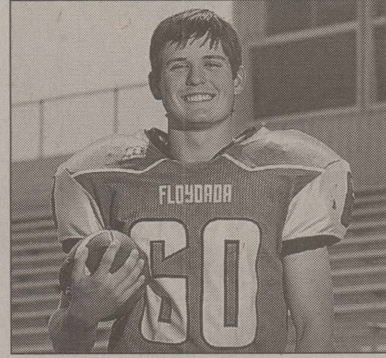
ANDREW VEGA
SENIOR

First Team Offense – Quarterback
(Unanimous)
Second Team Defense – Safety



CARDELL WICKWARE
SENIOR

First Team Offense – Guard
First Team Defense – Defensive End



ETHAN SMITH
SENIOR

First Team Offense – Tackle
Second Team Defense – Defensive End



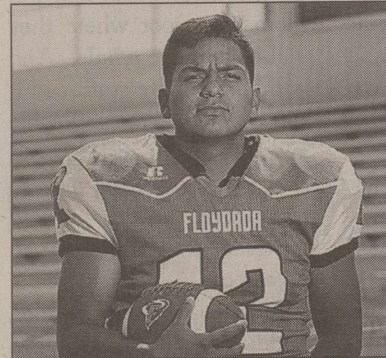
JAVIER OLVERA
SENIOR

First Team Defense – Defensive Line



JERRY REYES
SENIOR

First Team Defense – Cornerback
Second Team Offense – Running Back



MICHAEL DELAFUENTE
JUNIOR

First Team Offense – Fullback
First Team Defense – Inside Linebacker



PABLO MENDOZA
JUNIOR

First Team Offense – Kicker
(Unanimous)



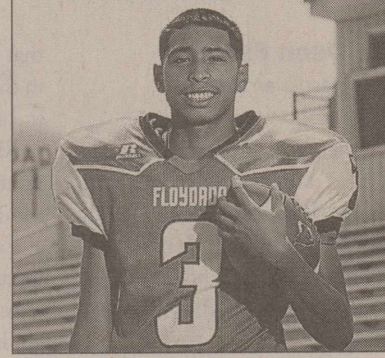
JOSE LIRA
JUNIOR

First Team Defense – Defensive End
Second Team Offense – Fullback



MARCUS PEREZ
JUNIOR

First Team Defense – Safety
Second Team Offense – Receiver



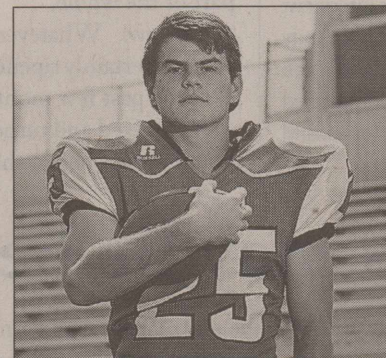
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SOPHOMORE

First Team Defense – Utility Player



ALONZO ASCENCIO
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First Team Offense – Tackle



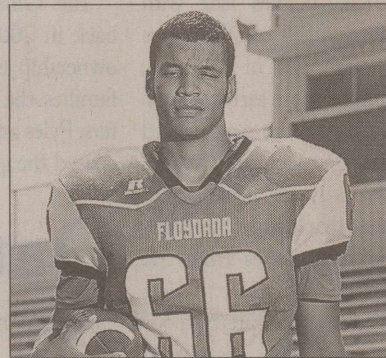
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SENIOR

Second Team Defense – Inside Linebacker



EMMANUEL TORRES
SENIOR

Second Team Offense – Tight End
Second Team Defense – Outside Linebacker



HUNTER SMITH
SENIOR

Second Team Offense – Center



DANIEL GARZA
SOPHOMORE

Second Team Offense – Guard



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SENIOR

Honorable Mention Offense – Receiver



ANGEL CERVERA
SENIOR

Honorable Mention Defense – Cornerback

GO
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Winds take Whirlwind Classic Trophy



Courtesy Photo

The Whirlwinds won against Slaton during the Caprock Classic Tournament. Coaches brought trophies from the Whirlwind Classic to play out the championship game that was cancelled earlier in the month. The score for that game was Winds 65, Slaton 55.

CONGRATS!

Lady Winds lose close game to New Deal

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – After being limited to six points in the first half, the Floydada Lady Winds battled back in the second half before losing their District 4-2A opener to the New Deal Lady Lions 34-31. New Deal is 1-0 in district and Floydada is 0-1.

In the first quarter, the Lady Lions jumped out to a 13-2 lead. Kylie Ricketts managed the Lady Winds only two points.

New Deal extended their lead in the second quarter, outscoring Floydada 8-4, to take a 21-6 lead into halftime. Hannah Morales and Gina Vega

each scored two points in the quarter.

In the third quarter, New Deal outscored Floydada 12-10 in the quarter and held a 33-16 lead after the quarter. Morales and Lindsey Marquez each scored three points for the Lady Winds.

The Lady Winds were able to outscore New Deal 15-1 in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Lions claimed the 34-31 victory. Marquez led the way with five points in the quarter.

For the game for Floydada, Ricketts and Marquez each scored eight points, Vega scored seven points, Morales scored

five points and Erin Trevino had three points.

For New Deal, Taylor Gonzales and Autumn Vasquez each scored seven points, Charlice Whitfield scored five points, Britten Hull and Jaiden Rodriguez scored four points each, Gabbie Mendez scored three points and Jasmine Valdez and Ghenevieve Vasquez each scored two points.

In other District action, Lockney defeated Post 60-51 and Hale Center defeated Ralls 48-43.

Floydada traveled to Hale Center on Jan. 8. They will host Post on Friday, Jan. 11 then travel to Lockney on Jan. 15.

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Lockney Longhorns

Lady Horns outpace Post for first district victory

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney jumped out to a six point lead in the first quarter as the Lady Horns defeated the Post Lady Lopes 60-51 to capture their District 4-2A opener.

In the first quarter, Lockney three three-pointers from Ryann Castillo to jump out to a 14-8 lead over the Post Lady Lopes.

The Lady Horns continued their three-point barrage in the second quarter, hitting four shots from distance including two by Reagan Nuncio to outscore the Lady Lopes, 17-15, to take a 31-23 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Gabby Cervantes and Madai Chavira each scored four points as the Lady Horns outscored Post 15-13 to take a 46-36 lead.

Post outscored Lockney 15-14 but the Lady Horns took the victory, 60-51. Cervantes scored five points to lead the Lady Horns in the quarter.

For the game, Chavira had 13 points, Nuncio and Castillo had 12 points each, Townlie Hernandez had 10 points, Cervantes had six points, Yanelle Rodriguez had four points and GG San Martin scored one point.

For Post, Jenkins scored 14 points, Miller scored 12, Greathouse scored 10, Moreno scored six, Hengen scored four, Hernandez scored two and Turner scored one.



The Lady Horns put up a slew of points last Friday night as they defeated the Post Lady Lopes' team, 60 - 51. Senior Reagan Nuncio (10) shoots from the field, doing her part to keep the Lady Horns on the positive side throughout the game.



Deon Fincher/Hesperian-Beacon

Senior Madai Chavirra (23) actively and aggressively controlled the ball both on the court and from the air. The hard-fought win over Post (60-51) got the Lady Horns' district play underway.

In other District action, New Deal defeated Floydada 34-31 and Hale Center defeated Ralls 48-43. Lockney traveled to Ralls on Jan. 8. The Lady Horns host Hale Center on Jan. 11 and will host Floydada on Jan. 15.

Bigham and Martinez listed on Angelo State University's Dean's List

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS (01/03/2019) – Angelo State University is pleased to announce the Dean's List for the 2018 Fall semester.

To be eligible for the ASU

Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Local students honored were Tabetha Ann Bigham of Lockney and Rita Marie Martinez of Floydada.

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SPC announces extended hours for spring 2019 registration

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LEVELLAND – South Plains College announces extended hours for registration for the spring 2019 semester. SPC will provide extended office hours from 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday (Jan.

7); from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday (Jan. 8 – 10); and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday (Jan. 11).

Spring classes will begin Jan. 14 (Monday) at all South Plains College campuses.

Current or new students

who need assistance should contact their academic advisor or the Advising Office.

Late registration is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Jan. 14-17, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 18. Payments are due at the time of

registration.

Students can register online at www.portal.southplainscollege.edu.

For more information, contact AskSPC at (806) 716-2000 or askspc@southplainscollege.edu.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU January 14 – 18

Monday, Dec. 3

Breakfast – Pancakes & Sausage or Cereal & Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Corn Dog & Tots or Chicken Leg & Broccoli, Roll, Baked Beans, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Breakfast – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Nachos Grande or Taco Soup, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Peaches, Sherbet, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Breakfast – Power Breakfast or Muffin & Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Chicken Sandwich & Fries or Xtreme Burrito, Salsa, Corn, Garnish, Veggie Cup, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 17

Breakfast – Breakfast Bread & Yogurt or Crackers & Cheese Stick, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Hamburger Steak with Gravy or Asian Bowl, Biscuit, Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk

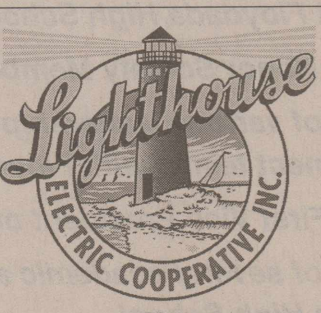
Friday, Jan. 18

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The Evolution of Cotton Ginning and Production

PART IV-WAR, COTTON PICKERS, and MODULES

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian Beacon

Texas farmers, like those throughout the nation, experienced hard times during the 1920s. The decade began with the agricultural crisis of 1920-21, when postwar commodity surpluses caused a sharp decline in the prices farmers received for their crops. Instead of making efforts to curb production, farmers turned to various panaceas to remedy their plight. Some joined marketing cooperatives in which producers pooled their harvests with the hope of forcing processors to negotiate prices. Others sought to cut costs by replacing draft animals with tractors and increasing their crop acreage.

Yet the imbalance in the marketplace continued on to the end of the decade, thus contributing to the economic catastrophe of the Great Depression.

The number of farms in Texas increased from 436,038 in 1920 to 495,489 ten years later, while cropland harvested grew by 3.5 million acres. Cotton acreage increased from 12.9 million to 16.6 million. As wheat prices plunged, cotton sales receipts dropped from \$376 million to \$140 million between 1920 and 1932, as the price fell from seventeen cents to less than six cents a pound. The farmers' plight grew even worse when a drought accompanied by high winds brought about the Dust Bowl, which was particularly severe on the High Plains, where crop production virtually halted. With these developments rural poverty spread across Texas.

The implementation of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal farm programs had both an immediate and long-range impact upon the Texas agricul-

tural system. The Soil Conservation Service was established to awaken farmers to the need of protecting their land through such techniques as terracing, contour listing, strip cropping, and the maintenance of vegetative cover.

The combination of the government programs and the nation's involvement in World War II laid the basis for a major shift in the



In the 1930s cotton growers were beginning to accept farm mechanization through use of the tractor for planting, cultivating and harvesting. A lack of labor pushed farmers to these new practices in cotton production.

structure of Texas agriculture. After the United States entered World War II in 1941, farmworkers moved again to the cities for work in war-related industries. After the war, when steel and rubber became available to manufacturers again, farmers began to mechanize their methods of planting, cultivating, and harvesting, thus eliminating the need for tenants and sharecroppers, many of whom did not return to farm work, and leading to new practices in cotton production that remain in use today.

Cotton culture is now characterized by fewer but larger farms, fewer farmworkers and increased use of machines, widespread irrigation, better pest and weed control meth-

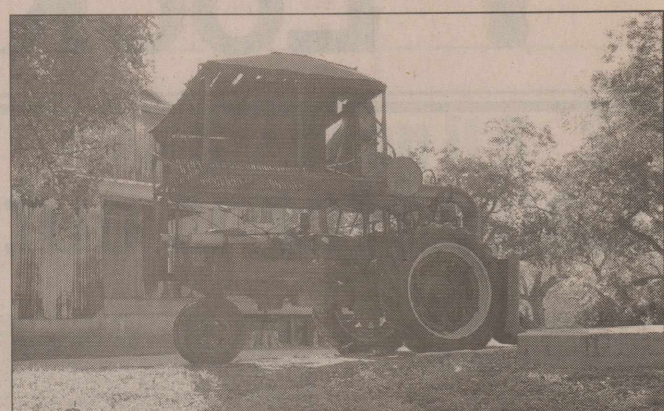
ods, alterations to the cotton plant that make it easier to harvest mechanically, and greater cooperation among farmers for marketing.

A major step towards the transformation of Texas farm life occurred with increased mechanization. The foremost factor in this change was the emergence of the tractor. Though steam tractors had been introduced at

as 200 acres in a day.

In addition, major innovations in harvesting equipment further transformed Texas farming. The marketing of mechanical cotton harvesters in the 1940s represented a major breakthrough in production. Almost immediately the use of spindle-type pickers and roll or finger strippers reduced the labor requirements for producing and gathering an acre of cotton from an average of 150 to 6.5 man hours.

To be continued



In the early 1940s the cotton picker became commercially made and sold. The barbed spindles would pick the cotton off the plants and drop it to the ground. This did potentially degrade the cotton, but it was mechanical, and this equated to needing less labor.

Eminent domain focus of TFB Leadership Conference

Special to The Hesperian Beacon

Texas farmers and ranchers will meet in Austin this month for Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Leadership Conference Jan. 28-29.

"The purpose of this conference is to inform our members of important issues in the coming year and to help them connect with their representatives and senators," Billy Howe, TFB associate director of Government Affairs, said. The top issue for the state's largest general farm and ranch organization is eminent domain, Howe noted.

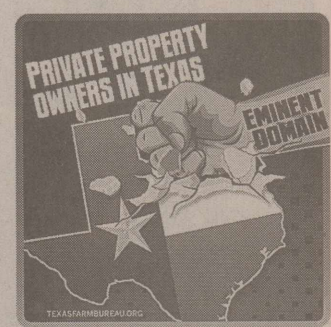
"About 95 percent of the state is privately owned, and Texas farmers, ranchers and landowners deserve fairness and transparency when facing eminent domain proceedings," he said. "That's why Farm Bureau is working toward eminent domain reform in this legislative session."

Property owners, Howe said, are not given adequate information to evaluate initial offers from condemnors, putting those individuals at risk of giving away rights for which they could have been compensated or protected.

TFB has three focus areas for eminent domain reform. **Require basic protec-**

tions in easement terms

TFB believes pipeline and electric utility easement agreements should be required to



include a list of basic terms to protect landowners during construction and future use of the easement.

These companies should also be required to use a standard document provided by the Attorney General that include these terms, Howe said.

Provide landowners with information about the project

A public meeting should be held in every county where impacted landowners can ask questions about the project and the company's eminent domain authority, Howe said.

TFB would also like landowners to be informed of their rights and how the company will calculate fair compensation.

Protect the landowner's right to receive a bona

fide offer

Eminent domain reform should also ensure the landowner receives an initial offer of fair compensation and the information necessary to evaluate whether the initial offer is truly a bona fide offer.

Additional "penalty" payments should also be paid out to property owners who are made offers in bad faith, Howe said.

While eminent domain will be the focus of the conference, other issues of importance for TFB in the Texas Legislature include water, taxes, land use regulation, transportation, animal care, feral hog control and adequate support for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

During the conference, TFB members will meet with lawmakers and their staff to discuss eminent domain and other potential issues that will be addressed during the 86th Texas Legislature.

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Floydada High School construction reaches milestones

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The construction at the new Floydada High School complex reached two major milestones last week.

The masonry work on the concession stand located on the northwest corner of the location has been completed except for washing and cleaning the brick. The roof of the concession stand has been completed, and this building is mostly "dried-in."

The roof of the basement was also completed this week, making this area also dry. With the steel and the roof of the basement completed, the backfilling of the exterior of the basement can be completed, allowing work to progress for the erection of the exterior walls of the high school building.

The floor of the CTE building has been poured and the walls of this building will soon begin. Leveling of the pad where the auditorium that is on the north side of the main high school building is being leveled and compacted to eliminate all the ruts that occurred during the construction of the walls during all of the wet weather over the past few weeks.

With the major portion of the basement being completed the public will now be able to see more and more of the construction as it progresses.



Aerial view of the construction site looking from the southeast to the northwest.

Courtesy Photos

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU January 14 - 18

Monday

Breakfast - Cocoa Puffs cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Turkey chili dog, Turkey cheese sub, crispy tater fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - French toast sticks & sausage, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Pepperoni pizza, beefy Rotini w/breadsticks, fresh steamed broccoli, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Egg & sausage biscuit sandwich, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Beef enchiladas w/Spanish rice, juicy hamburger, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Cinnamon French toast, fresh fruit, milk

Lunch - Orange roasted chicken w/seasoned brown rice, turkey chili hotdog, buttered green peas, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Sausage breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, milk

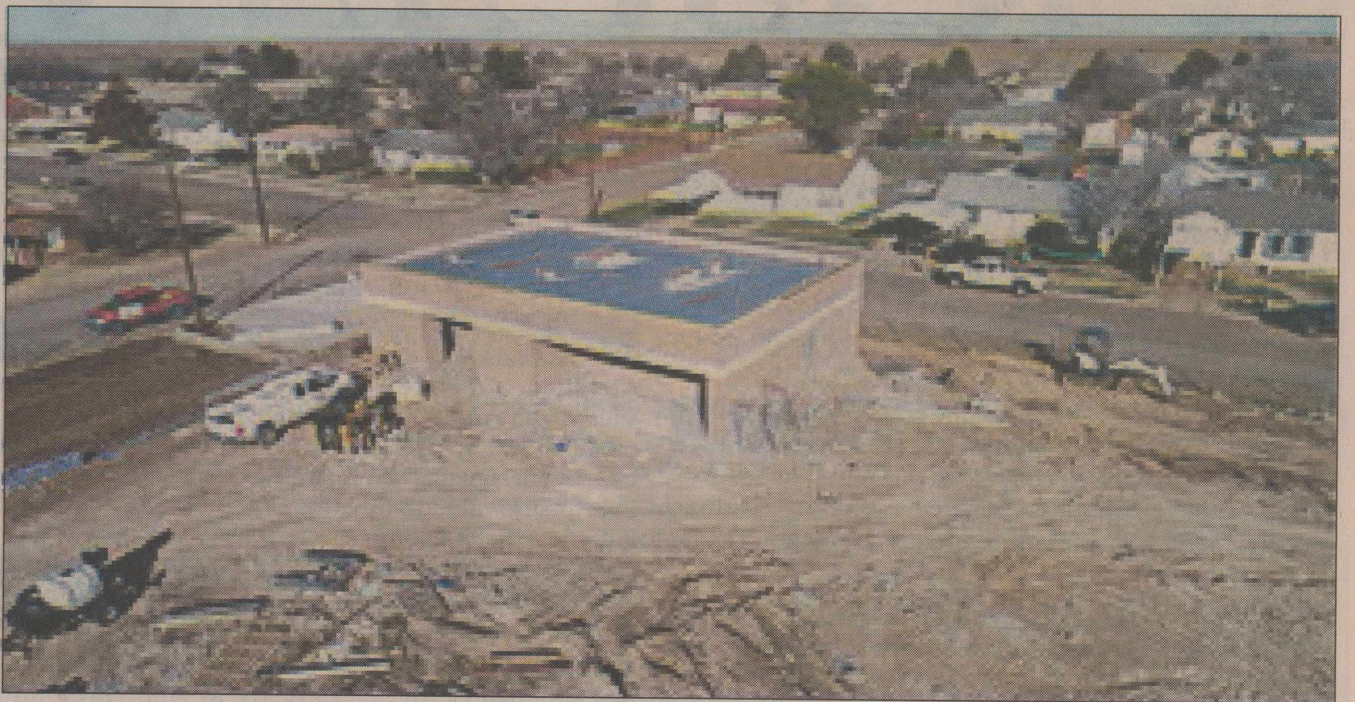
Lunch - Chicken tortilla soup w/crackers, crispy chicken nuggets, roll, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk



Shown is a view of the completed basement roof.



Shown is the floor of the CTE Building (Career and Technology) and the north wall of the auditorium.



Shown is the concession stand and restroom for the football field and track.



Shown are the exterior walls of the Auditorium.

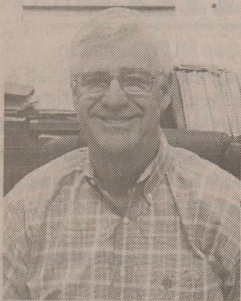
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