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Floydada Chamber's Business and Citizen of 2018 Named

By Deon Fincher

The Hesperian Beacon

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held its Annual Meeting and Banquet on January 17th at the Massie Activity Center.

President, Kalli Martin conducted the business of the annual meeting.

Manager Kortney DeBock welcomed the new business, Mitch Williams Law, to Floydada, recounting the summer's ribbon cutting celebration. DeBock also addressed new actions taken and additional activities for improvements to Punkin' Days.

DeBock announced that the Chamber has obtained and built a new website which contains an online directory of the member businesses, upcoming events, and recognizes Punkin' Day sponsors. The Businesses of the Month are also featured on the page. DeBock explained that the Business of the Month Nominations are announced on FACEBOOK and the public is able to vote on the lucky recipient.

New members to the Board of Directors were introduced: Ashley Apple, Lauren Bell, Teysha Cornelius, Tyler Evans and Dixie Everett.

Kortney DeBock announced the Chamber's 2019 Plan: A digital marquee has been purchased that will be installed and will replace the old marquee at the intersection of Missouri and 2nd Streets. The Chamber, the EDC and the City of Floydada

combined resources to make that purchase. The Chamber is assisting in taking employment applications that will bring in more jobs to the community. Members of the Chamber will be given discounts on booths at Punkin' Days 2019. A strong effort to bring the schools and businesses together will be the focus this year—with the Chamber asking for and posting summer job openings and internships specifically geared toward high school or college students.

A highlight to the evening was the announcement of the 2018 Business of the Year—First National Bank. "It is very appreciated to know that we [Chamber] have the community's support and backing," stated DeBock. "Without the contribution of the businesses, our events would not be possible. One business simply asked, 'How much do you need?' when we were asking for donations, and they wrote out a check without a second thought."

Leigh Smith recognized the Citizen of the Year—George Romero. Mr. Romero initiated and was a key contributor to the community's farmers' outpouring of support in harvesting Greg Bishop's cotton. Mr. Romero is a member of Floydada's Volunteer Fire Department, helps with the Little Dribbler's program and is very involved in the community.

Memberships to the Chamber of Commerce are encouraged—\$100 paid to the Chamber of Commerce for businesses and \$35 for Individual (Family) memberships.



The 1st National Bank of Floydada was named Chamber of Commerce 2018 Business of the Year. Pictured (L to R): Lauren Bell (Chamber), Ashley Apple (Chamber), Teysha Cornelius (Chamber), TK Farris-1st National Bank, Tyler Hammonds-(Chamber), Logan Bradley-1st National Bank, Kortney DeBock (Chamber), Leigh Smith (Chamber), Kalli Martin (Chamber), and Dixie Everett (Chamber). Not shown: Board Member Mona Anderson.



Chosen as 2018 Citizen of the Year by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce was George Romero and wife, Casey. Also attending were the Romero's daughters—Natalie and Allyson, as well as nieces Madison and Mia. Also pictured are the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in attendance.

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.

LOCKNEY LADY HORNS PLAYOFF INFO

Lockney Lady Horns Head Coach Adrian Alfaro announced the Lady Horns will play in Slaton on Tuesday, February 12 against the Sudan Nettes at 6 p.m.

LOCKNEY CHAMBER BANQUET NOMINATIONS

The Lockney Chamber is preparing for their banquet in April and we need your nominations for Lockney Business of the Year and Lockney Citizen of the Year. Write a letter about your nomination and mail to Lockney Chamber, Box 477, Lockney, Texas 79241. Deadline for nominations is Monday, March 4.

COVENANT MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

The Covenant Mobile Mammography exam unit is scheduled to be at West Texas Family Medicine, 901 W. Crockett Street, Floydada, performing screening mammograms on Thursday, February 7, 2019. Most medical insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. To schedule an appointment, please call: 877-494-4797 or 806-725-6579.

COVENANT MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

The Covenant Mobile Mammography exam unit is scheduled to be at A.B. Duncan Elementary, 1011 S. 8th Street, Floydada, performing screening mammograms on March 25, 2019. Most medical insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. To schedule an appointment, please call: 877-494-4797 or 806-725-6579.

LIGHT THE CROSS MEMORIAL PRINTS

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Annual Fair provides Health Screenings



Deon Fincher/Hesperian Beacon

The W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital's 26th Annual Health Fair took place this past Saturday in Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. The cost to enter the fair was a canned good. These food items would be donated to the Salvation Army for use within this area. Attendees were treated to a load of giveaways by the 30+ vendors, but the numerous health screenings were the main attraction. Pictured is Jim Heitzenrater having his hearing tested by Grand Hearing Center in Plainview.

Send your love with Cookies!

By Deon Fincher

The Hesperian Beacon

Girl Scout Troop 6210 will be taking orders for Valentine Cookie-Grams throughout the remainder of this week. Show your love this Valentine's Day with Girl Scout Cookies. Senders can choose from three packages: A) \$4.00-1 box of cookies and a Valentine's Day label, B) \$8.00-2 boxes of GS cookies, a Valentine's Day label and ribbon, C) \$12.00-3 boxes of GS cookies, a Valentine's Day Label and a ribbon. All orders must be turned in with payment by Friday, February 8th. To place an order, grab a Girl Scout, or contact Troop Leader Natalie Snowden at (601)604-0067. Cookie choices include: Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel Delights, Shortbread and Chocolate, Shortbread and Lemon icing, plain Shortbread, and S'mores with



graham cracker cookie and marshmallow icing covered with chocolate. Orders can be delivered to school campuses on Thursday, February 14th.

Troop 6210 is selling cookies to help fund their 2019 goals. The service goal they chose this year is to make and deliver care packages to their teachers. Their fun goal is a weekend trip to Great Wolf Lodge. The cumulative goal is to sell 4,600 boxes of cookies to help pay for these activities. The Troop needs and appreciates everyone's support!

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Brandon Harrison

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank Floydada residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Because of the generosity of donors in Floydada and across the United States, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected more than 8.8 million shoeboxes in 2018. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2018, the ministry is now sending more than 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children suffering from poverty, natural

disasters, war, disease and famine.

These simple gifts bring smiles to the faces of children around the world. Packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, these gifts bring joy and are a tangible expression of God's love. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

It's not too late for people to make a difference. Though drop-off locations serving Floydada shoebox packers are closed un-

til November 2019, anyone can still pack a personalized shoebox gift online at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Information about year-round volunteer opportunities can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/volunteer-withOCC.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this global project—many who do so year after year. These simple gifts send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Dana Williams,
Operation Christmas Child

Fed finally pauses rate hikes amid stable inflation for 2018

By Robert Romano

With a steady 1.9 percent unadjusted inflation rate for 2018 on the books, the Federal Reserve has paused interest rate hikes in its Jan. 30 meeting, and put future rate hikes in doubt with a call for "patience."

"In light of global economic and financial developments and muted inflation pressures, the Committee will be patient as it determines what future adjustments to the target range for the federal funds rate may be appropriate to support these outcomes," the central bank wrote.

The Fed kept the target federal funds rate at 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent and looking forward to 2019 said it expected "sustained expansion of economic activity, strong labor market conditions, and inflation near the Committee's symmetric 2 percent objective as the most likely outcomes."

That is surely good news for President Donald Trump, who has been critical of the Fed's rate hikes over 2018. On July 19, 2018, Trump told CNBC, "I don't like all of this work that we're putting into the economy and then I see rates going up."

A day later on Twitter, Trump said, "The United States should not be penalized because we are doing so well. Tightening now hurts all that we have done."

On Sept. 26, Trump blast-

ed the Fed after another rate hike, saying, "Unfortunately they just raised interest rates a little bit because we are doing so well. I am not happy about that." By Oct. 10, Trump had declared, "they're so tight. I think the Fed has gone crazy."

Since the Fed began its policy normalization program in Sept. 2017, it has dumped more than \$388 billion of U.S. treasuries and mortgage-backed securities. \$161 billion of that has been since Sept. 2018 as the Fed accelerated the program to dumping about \$50 billion a month.

Almost immediately following that acceleration, equities markets found themselves in a major correction, beginning in October and continuing through December. On Nov. 26, Trump commented again to the Wall Street Journal, "I think the Fed right now is a much bigger problem than China. I think it's — I think it's incorrect what they're doing. I don't like what they're doing."

Trump added, commenting on the Fed's policy to begin drawing down its assets accumulated during the past decade of quantitative easing: "I don't like the \$50 billion. I don't like what they're doing in terms of interest rates. And they're not being accommodative at all. And I'm doing trade deals, and they're great trade deals, but the Fed is not helping."

During quantitative eas-

ing, the Fed accumulated an additional \$3.5 trillion of securities going back to Aug. 2007 when the financial crisis began, bringing it to a peak of \$4.3 trillion at the end of 2014. At some point, it was going to have to start to normalize monetary policy, such that there would never seem to be a good time to do it from an economic perspective.

That is has chosen to do so now in some ways is a testament to the strength of the U.S. economy — and even the wisdom of the Trump trade policy. Analysts had warned that the tariffs would lead to an inflation spike that simply has not materialized. The strong economy gives the Fed some room to maneuver in terms of normalization — but it could come at a cost to growth.

That said, even with the rate hikes and balance sheet drawdown, the 10-year, 2-year treasuries spread remains positive at about 0.16 percent, indicating there is still some life left in the economic expansion.

So, even with his differences with Fed Chairman Jerome Powell, Trump perhaps can take the Fed's strong dollar stance as a compliment, even if it did hike rates too fast. The Trump economy can take it — at least, for now.

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

About Town

The Hereford Brand headline caught my eye—BRAND to cease publication: Newspaper

to close after 118 years in Hereford. I read the first paragraph. "With dwindling advertising sales and diminishing circulation, combined

with increasing advances in information technology, Roberts Publishing has announced the Hereford BRAND will be ceasing publication."

Sadly, this is our "newsprint" reality these days; but, I wonder, do we truly have to go down this path? Community is the heartbeat of our small-town newspapers, and ironically, community is the determination as to failure or success.

Advertising sales is the lifeblood to print publishing. Here in Floyd County, we are fortunate to have generous businesses that consistently support the Hesperian-Beacon with their advertising dollars. Let's be honest—these businesses don't get the matching returns in sales from new customers. The truth is, although new businesses is hoped for, the advertising is placed in support of this small-town newspaper that you read every week—in support of the con-

nection of our communities.

It is common knowledge that this generation feeds off the internet and its buffet of social-media sites. Upon taking this position, my goal was to provide OUR COMMUNITIES' news to our readers; no longer would we simply re-hash what could be found on our computer screens. That effort by our staff has been overwhelmingly accepted by our readers. At every activity, every event that I attend, whether for personal or professional reasons, you readers give me positive feedback. Believe me, it is so appreciated because pulling the news into this weekly publication can be a lonely task—especially as our deadlines loom.

But what I really want to communicate through this little piece is that your appreciation needs to be directed towards each and every one of the advertisers in this paper, as well. Your patronage to their businesses is necessary for their going concern, but we all need to do more. When you go into the shops, purchase the fertilizer, get fuel or sell your seed—TELL these local business owners that you saw their ad, and then give your appreciation to their support of this paper. It's just not enough to run in and run out for your purchases any longer. I challenge every reader to make a point to, literally, express your gratitude to them—they need to hear it just as much as we do!

The 501: Turnips from the preacher

The preacher has figured out a way to keep people off the back pew.

Turnips and radishes.

He laid them out side by side, topless but otherwise perfectly intact — regular turnips and big

icicle radishes. We all helped ourselves. Somebody said they were from his wheat field. I made a mental note to figure out which field.

Those church radishes were remarkably sweet. The ones I dug today should be even sweeter.

Yes, I found the field. Yay! I wasn't really looking — just cruising by. But when I glanced over at the preachers' cows, I spied radishes protruding from the ground. My friend and partner in crime, Terri, was driving.

"Stop! It's the turnips!" (If I'd said "radishes" she might not have stopped.)

Terri helped me squeeze through the barbed wire. If stolen watermelons are the sweetest, wouldn't the same principle hold true for root vegetables? Yes, the turnips were there too although less visible.

I'll confess to trespassing and theft the next time I go

to church. Good for the soul.

As for watermelons, I've never stolen one. On a moonlit night my friend Jerry and I pretended we were stealing a big yellow one. It was his grandfather's patch so our little foray was really just for fun. We had a pocketknife. We ate that melon right in the patch. Was it sweeter than the average melon? Yes, but probably just because it was yellow.

My friend Margaret, on the other hand, not only really stole a melon but did it on horseback. (She didn't like to walk if she could ride.) You've gotta be pretty good just to get on a horse if you've got a melon in hand. And back then regular melons were not made to fit in refrigerators. How did she do it?

Did I mention it was the sheriff's brother-in-law's patch?

From afar he saw Margaret making off with the melon. I think she told me her horse was dapple gray. Maybe not. I don't remember whether she dropped the melon or managed to hang onto it. Either way, her horse looked much like her friend Tony's horse. Soon Tony was calling Margaret, begging her to tell his dad that she was the one who got the watermelon. Otherwise he was going to get a punished based on the description of the swift getaway steed. Margaret didn't cooperate. Could be Tony deserved the licks anyway for something he had previously gotten away with. Ah justice.

I wish I could ask Margaret to tell me that story one more time. Rest in peace, Margaret.

Me, I was the obedient only child. I missed a lot. I'm trying to make up for it.

If I'd been all by myself when I saw those radishes, I wouldn't have gotten into the field. If I'd been with my husband, he wouldn't have stopped. He got mischievous behavior out of his system by age 20. I'm glad he did.

But it's also fun to have a friend like Terri.

Loving your heart - for the health of it!

Special to The Hesperian Beacon

While February is best known for Valentine's Day, did you know that it is also American Heart Month? This February, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service recommends giving your heart love, too, by being aware of heart problems and the steps you can take to prevent them.

Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) is the leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for 610,000 deaths each year, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The root cause of heart disease is plaque formation and

buildup that occurs when coronary arteries become clogged by cholesterol, fatty deposits, and calcium. Buildup causes arteries to become narrow, making it difficult for oxygen and blood to flow through the body and to the organs.

Anyone is at risk for developing heart disease. However, people who have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoke cigarettes are at higher risk. According to the CDC, about 47% of Americans have at least one of these risk factors. Additional factors that contribute to the progression of the disease include: Diabetes, Being overweight or obese, Poor diet, Physical

inactivity, Excessive alcohol use, Having a family history of heart disease, and Age, especially in women 55 and older.

Dr. Sumathi Venkatesh, Extension Program Specialist with Healthy South Texas, recommends taking preventative measures by becoming aware of risk factors and consulting with a doctor on a regular basis. Developing a treatment plan with a physician can help stabilize blood pressure, blood sugar, and blood cholesterol levels. Other preventative measures include:

Eating a healthy diet that includes fruits and vegetables, Being physically active, Stopping the use of

cigarettes, Limiting alcohol intake, Reducing sodium intake.

When it comes to pursuing a healthy lifestyle, try incorporating heart healthy foods into your diet such as green, leafy vegetables, avocados, whole grains, and seeds. Add these ingredients into meals like Quinoa Cakes, a Fresh Berry Caprese Salad, or an Avocado Mandarin Salad by using recipes from AgriLife Extension's Dinner Tonight. To find more recipes, visit dinnertontight.tamu.edu. For more information, contact By Cristen Brooks-Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.



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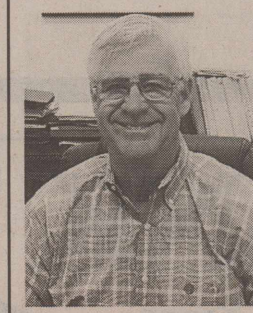
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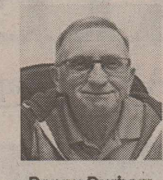
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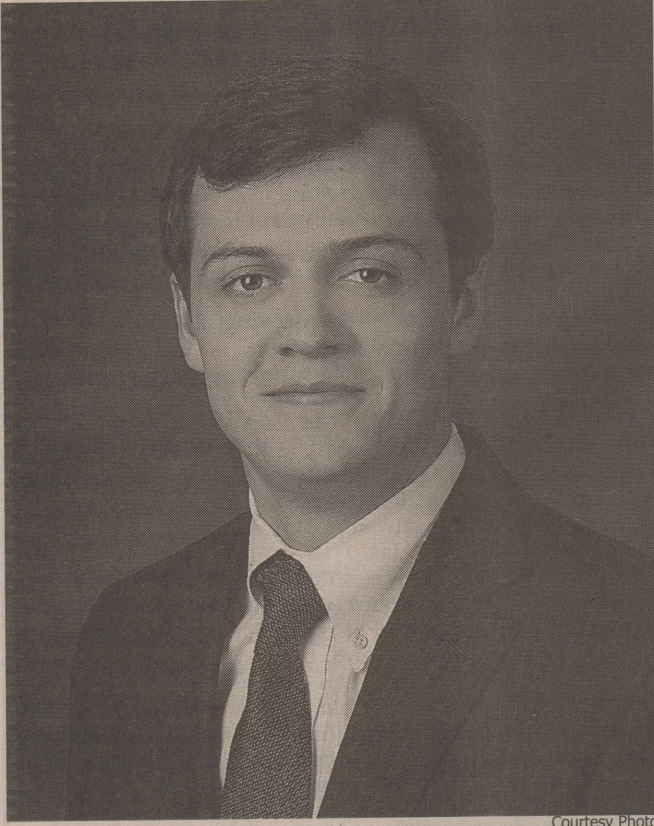
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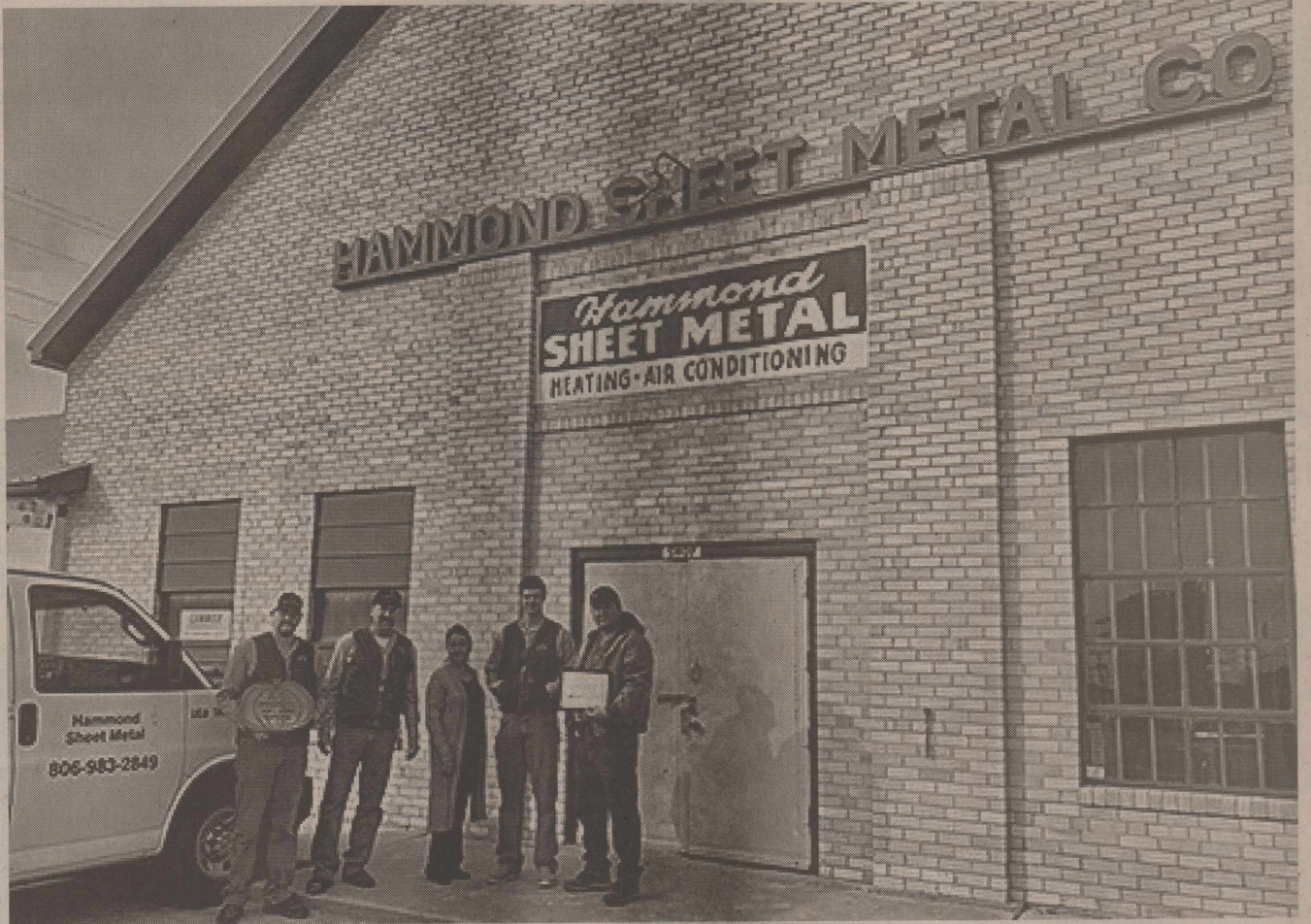
SOCIETY

Floydada CofC Business of the Month



Courtesy Photo

FARRIS PROMOTED AT FNB - Tom Farris, Chairman of First National Bank of Floydada has announced the promotion of T.K. Farris, III to Vice President and Director of First National Bank. T.K. began his career at First National in January, 2017, after graduating from Texas Christian University with a degree in Economics. His responsibilities include all lending and investment areas of the bank.



Courtesy Photo

Congratulations to Hammond Sheet Metal Co. for being voted January's Business of the Month! These people work year-round to keep us cozy and comfortable in our homes as well as taking care of all your metal needs. Let them know how much you appreciate them!

Lockney Rotary



Courtesy Photo

Shown is Keith Marble, President of Lockney Rotary and Wade Jackson, the Judicial 110th District Attorney of Briscoe, Dickens, Floyd and Motley counties. Jackson shared the challenges and rewards for serving the public.

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

EDELL AND LOVENE MOORE

Edell Moore was born April 22, 1919 in Ferris, Texas. He was the oldest son born to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moore. He had one brother, Edward, four years younger. At a very early age they moved to Abilene, Texas. There his folks owned a neighborhood grocery. Edell graduated from Abilene High School and attended Hardin Simmons University. He worked for Elliott's Funeral Home. He met and married Geraldine Malone of Rule. To this marriage were born two daughters, Janet and Jenis. Edell served in the air force during World War II. After this he moved his family to Dallas to go to school and become a licensed funeral home director and mortician. He worked in Abilene and several places before moving to Floydada and becoming associated with the Harmon Funeral Home. In 1964 he bought out Frank Harmon. A few years later Alton Rose became his partner and it is now Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Lovene's roots reach deep into Floyd County History. Her grandparents were the T. F. Andersons and the W. N. Jones Family of Lakeview

Community in Floyd County. She was born June 16, 1929 south of Floydada to Lovell and Alice Jones. She was an only child. She graduated from Floydada High School and attended Baylor University. She met Lane Decker in high school and they later married June 2, 1949. There were two daughters Charlotte and Sharon, both of whom graduated from Floydada High School.

Lovene became interested in federated club work and was the organizing president of the 1950 Study Club. As years went by, she served in many of the district offices and in 1968 became president of Caprock District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. While serving as president, Girlstown, U.S.A., became the district project. That particular year the 90 Clubs chose a beautification project and lined the lane leading to the campus with trees and dedicated it as "The Avenue of Opportunity". Besides this, Lovene was active in her church, First Baptist, and many civic organizations. She has served as president of the American Cancer Society, board member of the Massie Activity

Center and helped in the many activities her children were involved with.

On April 5, 1975, Edell and Lovene were married in the home of her parents in Canyon, Texas. After their marriage, Charlotte and Sharon were married, making three marriages in fourteen months.

Edell's daughter Janet Moore married Bruce Julian and lives in Perryton. They have two boys, Clay and Wade. Jenis married Ronnie Tucker and they now live in Woodward, Oklahoma. They have two children, Kristi and Rich.

Charlotte Decker married a navy man, Dave Sutton, whom she met in Richmond, Virginia, where she was working after her graduation from Baylor University. Sharon married Mike Vickers, her high school sweetheart. They both are attending Texas Tech University.

The Moore household is very busy with the goings and comings of four daughters and their families.

Edell and his partner bought three other funeral homes in 1976, those being Lockney, Silvertown and Quitaque.

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Due to rising food costs, we are raising our meal prices. Members will pay \$6, non-member will pay \$7 per meal. Our Tuesday meals will be \$4.00 beginning February 1, 2019. We have monthly menus available at the center or we will deliver one to you. Call the Center at 806-983-2032 and ask for a menu to be delivered.

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. Our cash prize is now at \$116.00. 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. February bingo night will be Feb. 12.

Freida Dunn will continue to serve us with a blood pressure clinic the 4th

Wednesday of the month. February 27, will be our next clinic.

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

February 11 - February 15

Monday - Fried chicken w/gravy

Tuesday - Tacos - \$4.00

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak

Thursday - Ham

Friday - Fish fry

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizen's News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - We hope you are all having a great week! Come and eat with us and enjoy the fellowship!

Mark these events down on your calendar!

FEBRUARY:

February 17th - Sunday Lunch

February 18th - BINGO

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 - Mon-

day, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Coffee time - Monday-Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Our Thursday night pot luck is from 5-9 p.m. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards.

MENU

February 11 - February 15

Monday - Baked potatoes

Tuesday - Taco salad

Wednesday - Chicken and dressing

Thursday - Pizza

Friday - Meatloaf

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Karen Houchin
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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Obituaries

Ella Marie (Fortenberry) Strickland

Ella Marie (Fortenberry) Strickland, known as Marie by her friends, died peacefully January 28, 2019 due to congestive heart failure at the age of 90. She is now forever with our Lord.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019, at First United Methodist Church in Lockney, officiated by Ricky Carstensen.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held before the service beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the church.

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

Marie was born November 4, 1928 in her family home of Cedar Hill (Floyd

County), Texas to Joseph and Leola (Dillard) Fortenberry. She married Julius (Jude) Strickland who preceded her in death in 2013. A graduate of Southwestern Assemblies of God University and West Texas State University, Marie was an educator for over 40 years and was also a devoted pastor's wife. Following her husband's callings to serve churches in Texas, Illinois, and North Carolina, she taught school in each location.

Marie is survived by four sons, Dennis, Ron and his wife, Linda, Loren and his husband, Bobby, and Leland and his wife, Karen; grandchildren, Aaron, Rachel and her husband, Michael Dolan, Matt and his wife, Jenna, Journey and Seth; great-grandchildren, Ella, Anna, Mattie, Briar,



ELLA MARIE (FORTENBERRY) STRICKLAND

Gus, Levi, Hannah and Lily. Survivors also include cousins, nephews and nieces, and a host of friends. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

—Albert Einstein

Being a good husband is like being a stand-up comic. You need 10 years before you can call yourself a beginner.

—Jerry Seinfeld

"Marriage is like vitamins: we supplement each other's minimum daily requirements."

—Kathy Mohnke

"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet service to see who they really are."

—Will Ferrell

"What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork."

—Pearl Bailey

"Love is a lot like a backache, it doesn't show up on x-rays, but you know it's there."

—George Burns

"You know how people say, 'you can't live without love'? Well, oxygen is even more important."

—Dr. Gregory Houser

"Gravitation can't be held responsible for people falling in love."

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

"You're never alone on Valentine's Day if you're near a lake and have bread."

—Mike Primavera

"The thing about Valentine's day is that people discover who are single and who to feel jealous of."

—Faye Morgan

"Without Valentine's Day, February would be...well, January."

—Jim Gaffigan, Comedian

A Hard Conversation

02/10/2019

In the past couple of weeks, one of the biggest news stories has been the new laws in some states regulating (or — rather — allowing) a medically-induced termination at the very last moment in a pregnancy, commonly known as an abortion. The highest of ethical and moral questions should be asked — and answered — regarding these new laws and the path they may encourage us to take as a nation. Pray for wisdom from above as you navigate these issues within yourself and in your conversations with others. Surely, in a note short as this one, I cannot offer sufficient wisdom for everyone.

While I certainly don't have answers for every possible case scenario or situation, I do read the Psalmist's reflection on his pre-birth existence — "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." (Psalm 139:13-16) — and I can't help but know God's investment of personhood and life into an unborn child.

Please, as you engage in the national conversation about these issues, realize that they are so much more than political issues. As moral issues, the answer will not — indeed cannot — be found in politics and legislation. Consciences and hearts must be changed, not just laws. Arguing, yelling, and demonizing other people — waging ideological warfare — never changes minds and hearts; it only entrenches people behind the battle lines that have already been drawn.

Folks, don't be fooled by the word and its ways. Politics is about power — when

your party or platform has more votes, you're happily in control because you have the ability to exert your power over others. The hard-to-swallow part is that when someone else wields political power, you're subject to their whims. The answer to moral issues is never in the majority vote, it's in the changed heart.

I offer the following four quick ideas for your discussion:

1. Don't attempt to score points. Conflict is resolved when you have "gained a brother" (cf. Mt. 18:15) not when you've killed an enemy (Lk. 6:27-36).

2. Offer your ear. Too often we're not listening to what others are saying; we're already planning our next angry retort (Jas. 1:19-20).

3. Offer solutions. I can't help but think about adoption as a solution to unwanted pregnancies. I myself am adopted (and thankful to God for it!). Adoption is an expensive and drawn out process. What will you pledge to help couples/families who would take up the charge to adopt a child into their own family? By the same token, could you foster? Volunteer with child service organizations? (Jas 1:27; Ps. 82:3)

4. Offer Jesus. Even if someone has chosen the route of terminating a pregnancy, there is still hope for redemption through the gospel of Jesus; abortion is not "the unforgivable sin." The first three points are just common decency expected of anyone, this fourth point is something only the Christian can offer.

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain."

Philippians 2:14-16

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A Second Chance

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.—Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

I was playing tennis with my friend John when I suddenly collapsed. My heart had stopped. John rushed for help and in a few minutes a woman arrived and began CPR. She was able to restore my heartbeat until the paramedics arrived. On the way to the hospital my heart stopped again, but the EMTs restarted my heart for a second time. The doctors determined I needed surgery. After hours in the operating room, doctors implanted a pacemaker to regulate my heart. Within a few days, I was able to return home and eventually made a complete recovery.

Since my near-death experience I have often questioned and

tried to understand why God spared me. I may never know the answer, but I now realize that God's ways are often not the same as mine.

When the unexpected happens or anytime we face troubles or hardships we can't control, we can rely on our faith and remember that God is always here to comfort and guide us. Through trials and dangers such as these, we can grow in our faith and draw closer to God.

—Joseph Carpenter (Tennessee)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Thank you, God, for loving us. Help us not to rely on our own understanding but always to trust in you to lead us in the way we should go. Amen.

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Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
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Rev. Ricky Carstensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
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Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

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10 a.m. - Mass

Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation - CYO to follow
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Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
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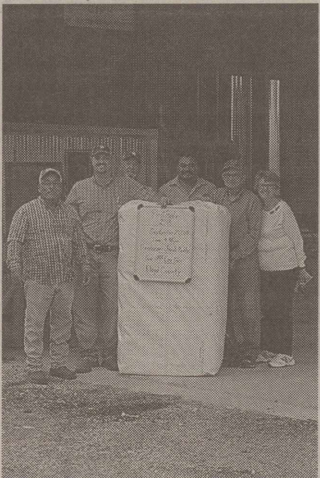
County Gins produce over 200,000 Cotton Bales

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian Beacon

Here on the South Plains, cotton-ginning season is about to wind down. Many of the county's gins continued to gin and bale cotton through much of January; just a few have stretched their season into February. Weather played havoc with our farmers, dropping early hail and then stretching into a severe drought that virtually negated most of the dryland cotton production, and ending in an early October snowstorm.

Barwise Gin-Barwise was the first gin to finish up the season. According to owners, Chance and Trina Cornelius, their season ended just before Christmas. Even as they were preparing to close up for the year, an impromptu conversation at one of Floydada's businesses brought another customer to the gin. Barwise ginned just over 8,000 bales of cotton for the 2018 ginning season; just half of last year's 17,000 bales, but "...it was better than we had expected, and we are so thankful to those producers that let us serve them," stated Cornelius.

McCoy Gin-"It wasn't the worst, but it wasn't the best, either," commented manager Andy Rainwater. "It turned out better than I had thought it would with the hail, drought, and the uncharacteristic rain and snow. We consider it a good year!" McCoy Gin baled their last cotton bale, Saturday, January 19th with the counter stopping at 26,186 bales.



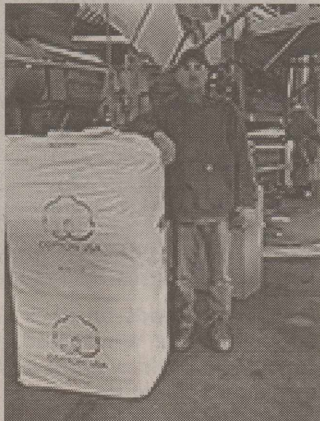
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McCoy 4-Way Gin

D & J Gin-The last bale moved through the gin on Sunday, January 27th. That bale was number 46,438. Not a record year, but considering what farmers were up against this summer, that is a pretty good result. Everyone at D & J Gin wishes to thank their producers and landlords for a "better than expected" season.

Darty Gin-Extenuating circumstances made this ginning season a difficult one for the Pernell Family. On November 27th, Randy Pernell lost his long fight with cancer. Denise Pernell made the comment, "...we give thanks for how

patient and kind our producers have been with us, and for the loyalty of our employees. I know Randy is proud." Darty Gin has been in the family since Randy's grandfather bought the place in 1960. This season's 22,332 ginned bales push the grand total bales ginned since records were started in 1967 to 623,973 bales.



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Darty Gin-Rance Pernell

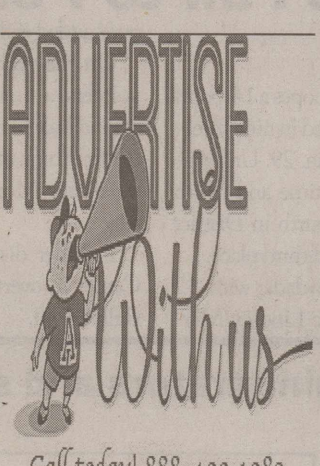
Lockney Co-op Gin-As of Monday, February 4th, the Lockney Co-op Gin was still ginning cotton. According to gin manager, Clay Lowrance, "We lost a lot of dryland this year, so our initial guess was 35,000 bales...then we dropped down to 32,000. It looks like when all is said and done, we'll have ginned right at 32,000 bales, give or take a few."

Floydada Co-op Gins-Aaron Hendricks is just finishing up his 11th season with the Co-op Gins, although according to their impressive webpage counter as of Monday mid-morning, the gins still have 298 modules on the yard, with 97,101 bales ginned so far. "I wouldn't have thought it would be this good a year, but thanks to our producers, customers and our employees, we are looking at a 100,000-bale season," stated Hendricks.

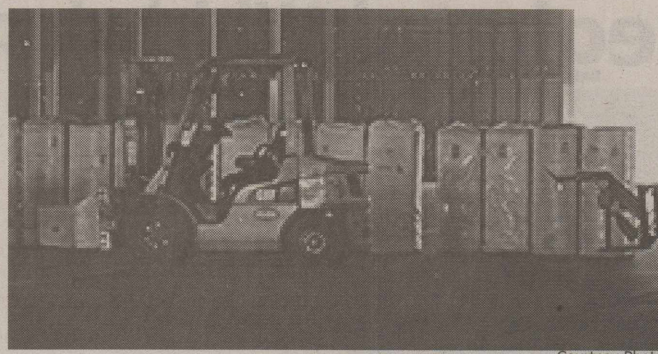


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Cotton Farmers Finish Season

Hurdle to sell product looms in near future

Special to the Hesperian Beacon

LUBBOCK, TX (KCBD) - Many South Plains gins are cleaning up the last of their modules as ginning season comes to an end, but the work to sell the cotton that was processed is slow-going due to unresolved trade talks.

"As cotton producers, we are an export market and what we rely on is having a home for this cotton," Kris Verett of Verett Farms said. "We need foreign markets for that to go to and that's kind of what's driving the uncertainty in the market."

While there may not be a place for some of it to go, Verett and Jerry Butman, General Manager of Lubbock Cotton Growers, agree the season ended with a good yield of most irrigated crops. However, dry land crops suffered from the mostly hot and dry summer.

As the cotton harvest and ginning season ends, a new problem begins. "We harvested some dry land but most of the dry land did anywhere from a 1/3 to a half a bale, which is not where we would like it to be," Butman said. "A bale plus would be ideal in this area. Irrigated yields were pretty good overall."

The implementation and threat of trade tariffs between the United States and China rocked the market, according to Verett and Butman. The 35-day government shutdown also prevented producers from obtaining needed

loans.

"They announced the tariffs and that really put things into a tailspin," Butman said. "We lost 10 cents [per pound] in about two weeks. It was really about three or four days, but it really hasn't rebounded much since then."

Chinese retaliation on the United States for the tariffs is what is suspected of causing the lack of demand, keeping South Plains cotton stuck in warehouses.

"I would say if you had your cotton marketed before this, it was at least a lot more stable and had some place for it to go," Verett said. "What we do have left is kind of in limbo with uncertainty as to what the cotton market is going to do. The hope is [the market] will come back up."

"I think our cotton will be used but it's taking a little bit of time," Butman said.

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Last week's winter temperatures zapped some of my kale; but this week's sunshine and warm temps have given the rest of those hardy plants oodles of hope! I even got to get out into the garden and do a little preparation work while soaking up the sun.

My focus this week has been on propagation--the cloning of new plants by taking cuttings from established plants. My hydrangea became the test subject. You see--I want more of those gorgeous flower balls this summer! Yes, I could go buy new plants... but what fun is that when you can shop up twigs, stick them in sand, water a bit, and wait and watch for signs of life to spring forth from their tips! It is fascinating!

I have about 45 clone-twigs that I hope will blossom into at least 2/3rds of those sprouting roots and becoming new bushes. They will do nicely in the north, shady parts of our yard. The others will be spread around in shady spots throughout our lot.

We also purchased a Weeping Willow tree this week. It already has leaves, so Terry and I are trying to

decide if we keep it in the garage for a bit or go ahead and get it into the dirt. As it is hung out waiting for that decision, I decided that two--no, six willow trees would be better than one. Yes, I did. I snipped off two of the lower branches and created some little willow clones. Frankly, I don't know where I will put that many Weeping Willows, but it sure will be fun to watch them procreate!

The engineering side of my brain has been busy designing the most effective, and efficient vertical planters for our live-walls that will be surrounding our back porch. I've had to think about this a lot because we have our dogs--some of which think that any dirt in any container that is outside (or inside) is there's to dig in and empty out. Plus...if the plant is on the edge of the porch, will it be a sun-loving plant or a shade-loving plant? Needless to say, I've not come up with all of the answers to those questions, but I have gotten to do some fascinating research!

Stay tuned for more of "Deon's Twilight Zone" in upcoming issues.

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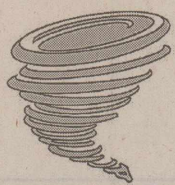
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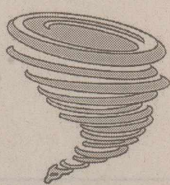
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Floydada Whirlwinds



BPA Medals at Regional Whirlwinds lock up playoff spot with win over Longhorns



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By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian Beacon

Floydada High School's BPA (Business & Professional Association) competed at the Regional BPA contest on January 26th in Amarillo. In addition to the following multiple winners, Yelena Serrato was elected as Regional President.

1st place Small Business Mgt team-Allison Orr, Allison Muniz and Kiana Brown; **1st place Website team**-Kylie Ricketts, Gabe Delafuente and Azalea Garza; **2nd place website team**-Brandy Green and Josh Dehoyos; **3rd place Admin Support team**-Luke Holcombe, Ryder Glass, Dylan Ramos and Jody Briones; **1st place Desktop Publishing**-Azalea Garza; **1st place PC Servicing**-Jose Lira; **1st place Presentation**-Yelena Serrato; **1st place Personal Financial Mgt**-Clarissa Delafuente; **1st place Computer Network**-Anthony Suarez; **2nd place**

Advanced Office-Kylie Ricketts; **2nd place Database**-Allison Orr; **2nd place Banking and Finance**-Allison Muniz; **2nd place Legal Office**-Audrie Strange; **2nd place Medical Office**-Luke Holcombe; **2nd place Extemporaneous Speech**-Brandy Green; **2nd place Personal Financial Mgt**-Brandon Marquez; **2nd place Network Admin using Microsoft**-Dylan Ramos; **2nd place Admin Support**-Emily Cisneros; **2nd place Spreadsheet**-Ryder Glass; **2nd place Basic Office**-Izel Pacheco; **2nd place Payroll Accounting**-Lindsey Marquez; **3rd place Payroll Accounting**-Gabe Delafuente; **3rd place Keyboarding**-Kimberlee Ramirez; **3rd place Advanced Office**-Garrett Hobbs; **3rd place Medical Office**-Ethien Rodriguez; **3rd place Network Admin using Microsoft**-Kiarra Collins; **4th place Database**-Jody Briones; **4th place Business Law and Ethics**-Kiana Brown; and, **4th place Banking and Finance**-Holley Monroe.

Post upset #8 Whirlwinds

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

POST - Floydada came out sluggish in their District 4-2A matchup with the Post Bold Gold Antelopes and lost Tuesday, Jan. 29, 60-54. The #8 Whirlwinds could only manage 16 first half points and committed 15 turnovers before turning the tide in the final stanza.

Garrett Hobbs had 26 points and 13 rebounds in the loss while Taytem Thetford owned the win for Post with 27 points and 19 boards.

The Winds mounted their comeback from 20 points down and took the lead with 2:30 remaining in the game. The Lopes, the reigning District champs would retake the lead 90 seconds later.

The loss, Floydada's first in District this season dropped the Winds (5-1) into a two-way tie for first place with #9 New Deal. Post improved to 4-2 and sole possession of third.

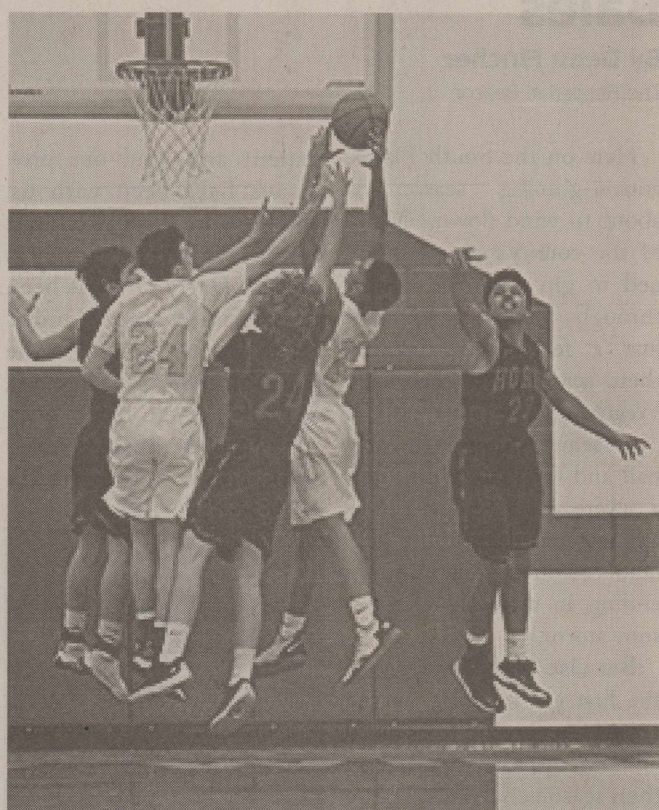
In other District action, New Deal defeated Ralls 77-49 and Hale Center defeated Lockney 68-43.

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Garrett Hobbs had 14 first-quarter points and led the Whirlwinds to a dominating 78-43 district win over Lockney Friday, Feb. 1.

Hobbs finished with 27 points and 15 rebounds (going 11-11 from the free throw line) while Quincy Gonzales added 20 points and 10 boards to secure Floydada's (6-1) third consecutive post-season berth. Angel Cervera came off the bench to contribute 7 points, LaMychal Henderson had 6 points and 7 rebounds, and Marcus Perez dropped in 6 points and 8 boards in the victory.

Sebastian Perez led the Longhorns with 13 points and Bryson Walker chipped in 8 in the loss.



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It was 'all-hands-on-deck'...or two-feet off the deck...for both Floydada Winds and the Lockney Horns during the contest last Friday night at Whirlwind Gym. The Winds ran away with the win.

In other District action, New Deal defeated Hale Center 89-63 and Post defeated Ralls 58-47.

New Deal and Floydada are tied at 6-1, Post is 5-2, Hale Center is 3-4, Lockney is 1-6 and Ralls is 0-7. New Deal, Floydada and Post have secured playoff spots.

The Winds played Ralls on Feb. 5, while Lockney played New Deal and Hale Center played Post.

On Feb. 8, Floydada will host New Deal, possibly for the District Championship. Lockney will host Post and Hale Center will play Ralls.

On Feb. 12, Floydada is at Hale Center, Lockney is at Ralls and New Deal plays Post to close out District play.

Lady Winds' last-second Shot Upsets Lady Horns' Play

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Kylie Ricketts stole a deflected pass with seconds remaining and drove the length of the court to score and give the Floydada Lady Winds 33-31 victory over the Lockney Lady Horns Friday, Feb. 1.

Ricketts had a triple-double (16 points, 13 rebounds, 10 steals and 7 blocked shots), Kiera Henderson finished with six points and three boards. Freshman Clarissa de la Fuente (7 points and 4 rebound) scored the game-tying basket with less than a minute to play capping off a 12-point comeback.

Lockney Senior Reagan Nuncio led all scorers with 21 points and 5 rebounds while Madai Chavira finished with 3 points and 12 rebounds in the loss.



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Senior Kylie Ricketts sets just before her game-winning shot in the contest against Lockney's Lady Horns last Friday night in Floydada. Ricketts' last-second points pushed Floydada's score passed the 31-31 tie, giving the surprising win to the Lady Winds.

In other District action, New Deal defeated Hale Center 61-29 and Post defeated Ralls 62-33.

New Deal is 9-0 in District, Lockney is 7-2, Post is 5-4, Floydada is 4-5, Hale Center is 2-7 and Ralls is 0-9. New Deal, Lockney, Post and Floydada will be the playoff representatives.

Floydada played Ralls Tuesday, Feb. 5 to wrap up the regular season before advancing to the Bi-District round on Monday, Feb. 11. against either Farwell or Vega. New Deal will play Bodina, Lockney will play Sudan in Slaton on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 P.M. and Post will play either Farwell or Vega.

Lady Winds Fall to Post

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

POST - After spotting the Lady Lopes a 14-point lead, the Floydada Lady Winds poured in nine three-pointers to take the lead Tuesday, Jan. 29. Unfortunately, the Lady Winds ran out of time and fell to Post 45-42. Floydada falls to 3-5, fourth in District 4-2A while Post improves to 4-4 and third place.

Freshman Erin Trevino led Floydada with 12 points, all from outside the arc, while Lindsey Mar-

quez added eight in the loss.

On the night, the Lady Winds hit nine three-pointers, a new school record, including six in the second half in a game that saw four lead changes in the fourth quarter.

Audrey Moreno led Post with 15 points in the win.

In other district action, Lockney defeated Hale Center in overtime, 66-63 and New Deal defeated Ralls 65-30.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU February 11 - February 15

Monday

Breakfast - Sausage English muffin sandwich, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Breaded beef fingers w/roll, spicy chicken sandwich, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Blueberry muffin, string cheese, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken & cheese tamales, refried beans, rice, ham, turkey & cheese sandwich, crackers, salsa, crispy tater tots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Pigs in a blanket, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch - Baked cheesy beef Penne w/breadstick, chicken noodle soup w/crackers, salsa, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, fresh fruit,
Lunch - Chicken corn dog, chicken tostados w/Spanish rice, seasoned Mexican beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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Lockney Longhorns

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Longhorns fall to Whirlwinds



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The Lockney Longhorns showed no lack of high-flying shots during their contest against the #8 Ranked Floydada Whirlwinds. In the end, the Horns fell to the Winds.



Lady Horns Stampede Stubborn Lady Winds

Deon Fincher/Hesperian Beacon

The Lockney Lady Horns stampeded the Lady Winds up until the last minutes of the game last Friday night. The Lady Winds took the momentum, stopping the Horns in their tracks, tying the game, and pushing forward for the win. Lady Horns Head Coach Adrian Alfaro announced the Lady Horns will play in Slaton on Tuesday, February 12 against the Sudan Nettes at 6 p.m.

Lady Horns defeat Lady Owls in overtime

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

HALE CENTER - Trailing by seven points at half-time, the Lockney Lady Horns forced overtime before claiming a 66-63 victory in District 4-2A action on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Lockney improved to 7-1 while Hale Center fell to 2-6.

Hale Center held a 12-10 lead after the first quarter. Madaï Chavira scored four points to lead the Lady Horns.

In the second quarter, the Lady Owls outscored Lockney 21-16 to take a 33-26 lead at the half. Ryann Castillo scored five points to lead Lockney.

Lockney outscored Hale Center 13-11 but the Lady Owls still held the lead after three quarters, 44-39. Reagan Nuncio scored seven points to lead the Lady Horns.

In the fourth quarter, Lockney outscored Hale Center 16-11 and forced overtime, tied at 55-55. Nuncio and Gabby

Cervantes each scored five points to lead the Lady Horns.

In the overtime period, Lockney outscored Hale Center 11-8 to claim the 66-63 victory. Nuncio scored eight points to lead the Lady Horns.

For Lockney, Nuncio scored 25 points, Chavira scored 16, Cervantes scored 11, Castillo scored seven, Townlie Hernandez scored five, Yanelle Bernal scored two.

For Hale Center, Ramon scored 15, Garcia-Flores scored 14, Calderon, Aleman and Perez scored eight, Martinez and Rodriguez scored three each, Huffhines and Trotter scored two each.

Elsewhere in the district, Floydada lost to Post 45-42 and New Deal defeated Ralls 65-30.

Lockney Lady Horns Head Coach Adrian Alfaro announced the Lady Horns will play in Slaton on Tuesday, February 12 against the Sudan Nettes at 6 p.m.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Feb. 11-15

Monday, Feb. 11

Breakfast - Pancakes & Bacon or Muffin & Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch - Steak Fingers with Gravy & Roll or Philly Cheesesteak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Breakfast - Cheesy Toast or PBJ, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch - Spaghetti Bowl, Breadstick, Garden Salad, California Blend Veggies, Fruit Cup, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 13

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Lunch - Boneless Wings or Texas Chili, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Cornbread, Orange Smiles, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 14

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Lunch - Mexican Combo or Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Friday, Feb. 15

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District 4-2A Basketball Standings & Results

GIRLS	W	L
*New Deal	9	0
*Lockney	7	2
*Post	5	4
*Floydada	4	5
Hale Center	2	7
Ralls	0	9

*-Playoff Qualifier
Jan. 29
Post 45, Floydada 42
Lockney 66, Hale Center 63
New Deal 65, Ralls 30
Feb. 1
Floydada 33, Lockney 31
New Deal 61, Hale Center 29
Post 62, Ralls 33

BOYS	W	L
*Floydada	6	1
*New Deal	6	1
*Post	5	2
Hale Center	3	4
Lockney	1	6
Ralls	0	7

Jan. 29
Post 60, Floydada 54
Hale Center 68, Lockney 43

New Deal 77, Ralls 49

Feb. 1

Floydada 78, Lockney 45

New Deal 89, Hale Center 63

Post 58, Ralls 47

SCHEDULES

Feb. 5 (Last Girls District Game)

Floydada at Ralls

Lockney at New Deal

Post vs Hale Center

Feb. 8 (Boys Only)

Floydada vs New Deal

Lockney vs Post

Hale Center vs Ralls

Feb. 12 (Boys Only - Final District Game)

Floydada at Hale Center

Lockney at Ralls

New Deal vs Hale Center

FEB. 11 or 12 (GIRLS BI-DISTRICT)

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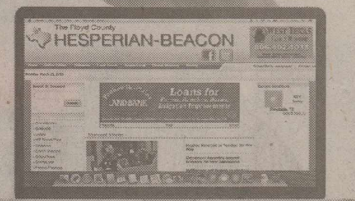
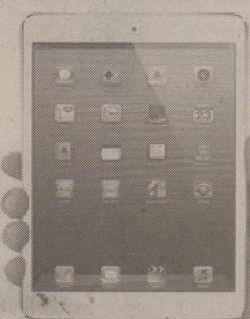
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