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Lockney Chamber Member

D&J Gin of Lockney gins first bale in Lockney and in Floyd County

Special to the Hesperian Beacon

Plainview.

LOCKNEY—D&J Gin, Inc. of Lockney Texas ginned the first bale of cotton in Floyd County on October 12, 2019 at approximately 10:30 a.m. The cotton was grown by Stoerner Farms and produced on Martin and Robin Stoerner home place, located West of Providence. Stoerner Farms harvested the cotton on Friday, October 11th. Delta Pine 1646 B2XF was the cotton variety.

Results: 34.12% Lint turnout and produced 43 bales averaging 490 pounds per bale.

The field was treated with Prep and Sharpen.

The cotton will be stored at Hale County Compress in

The Lubbock USDA Classing Office has officially graded this fiber with an average Loan Price of \$.5270, resulting with the Color Grade: 21, Staple: 34, Leaf Count: 2.1, Micronaire: 4.7

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce supports the agricultural businesses in Lockney by awarding a \$100 dollar check to the producer for the first bale produced by a Chamber member. Sandra Salazar is presenting the check.

Pictured (left to right) David Foster, D&J Gin, Louie Bybee, Producer, Sandra Salazar, Chamber member, Martin Stoerner, Producer, Lesca Durham, D&J Gin, and Shawnda Foster, D&J Gin.

McCullough to fill editor void The Hesperian-Beacon



Courtesy Photo

Kendall McCullough
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — Changes abound at the Hesperian-Beacon.

After 23 years, longtime employee Barbara Anderson is retiring from her position to focus on her grandchildren.

“Barbara has been the backbone of the Hesperian-Beacon for over two decades so her experience and dedication will be hard to replace,” said Chris Blackburn, publisher. “I’ve been in this business going on 30 years and I would call Barbara a generational-type employee. They just don’t come around very often.”

Kendall McCullough, of Lubbock, who was hired in September as editor of The Post Dispatch, will be help-

ing to fill the void in Floyd County in the same capacity.

McCullough, an English major turned journalist, is passionate about exploring truth and discovering peoples’ lives.

McCullough attended Frenship High School, Kingdom Preparatory Academy and received his higher education at Lubbock Christian University followed by graduate school at Baylor University.

“Kendall is a team player all of the way,” Blackburn continued. “We have the Post newspaper fully staffed which allows us to bring him to Floyd County. He will be reaching out to various entities in Lockney and Floydada over the coming weeks.”



Courtesy Photo

Barbara Anderson

McCullough is up to the challenge.

“I have always sought out the truth and been interested in understanding humans through their stories,” McCullough added. “Journalism is the perfect medium to discover these important aspects of life.”

When he’s not working, you can find him reading a book, playing basketball or hiking.

The Hesperian-Beacon is still looking for additional help.

“If you are interested in writing and photography and have some organizational skills, we’d love to visit with you,” Blackburn added. “Feel free to submit your resume and some writing samples to info@blackburnmediagroup.com.”

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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST LOCKNEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

The First United Methodist Church Lockney (102 Poplar Street) will hold their annual “Harvest Festival” on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and will be serving a homemade turkey and dressing meal with all the trimmings. Cost \$8 per plate. Come and visit the County Store at 10:30 a.m. There will also be a Silent Auction.

TRUNK OR TREAT FLOYDADA

Trunk or treat will be Thursday, Oct. 31 during halftime of the 8th grade football game (about 7 pm).

WHIRLWIND PEP RALLY

Floydada will have a city-wide pep rally on Thursday, Oct. 31, after the 8th-grade football game at Wester Field. Come out and support the Whirlwinds as they head to Hale Center on Friday, Nov. 1.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLOYDADA FALL FESTIVAL

First Baptist Church of Floydada will hold their “Fall Festival” on Wednesday, Oct. 30th from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. in back parking lot. Games for kids thru 6th grade. MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. Admission - 1 canned good of meat, fruit or soup or 1 box of macaroni & cheese. NO green beans or corn. Ad-

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Habitat assessment attempts to steer turbines around playas, wildlife



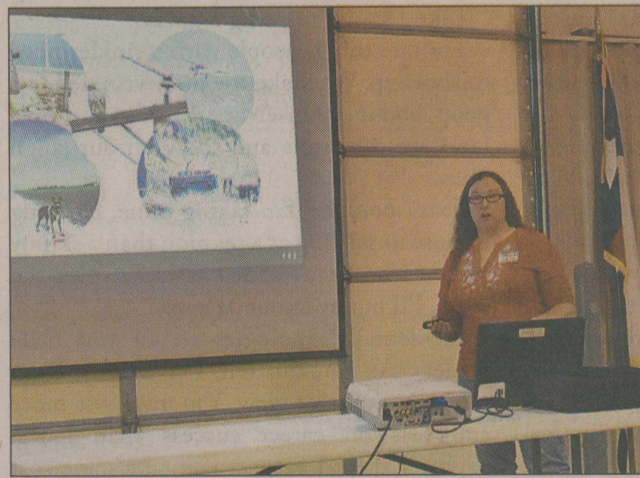
Photos by Jim Steiert for the Hesperian-Beacon

Tiffany Lyon, left, of Littlefield, research biologist and field supervisor with Western Ecosystems Technology, Inc. talks with a member of the group while Don Kahl (in vest) Texas Parks and Wildlife Department migratory gamebird specialist from Lubbock, discusses the offset of wind turbines away from a playa basin with Kent Birdsong, of Vega, during a recent Playas and Wind Development field day in Floyd County.

By Jim Steiert
 For the Hesperian-Beacon

Vast acreages of electricity generating wind turbines have sprouted like mushrooms all over the Panhandle and South Plains in recent years. More are likely coming.

From one perspective the process of siting wind farms is a protracted one. From another, the transition to turbines seems to have happened rapidly, and some might contend with little consideration given to the impact the monstrous towers, their whirring blades and the roads to support them



have on their surroundings and the wildlife and natural features present in their path.

A recent Playa Field Day

at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center hosted by Ogallala Commons afforded wildlife agency and environ-

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AGRICULTURE

New dual-purpose cotton variety can be used for food or fiber

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has given the green light to ultra-low gossypol cottonseed, ULGCS, to be utilized as human food and in animal feed, something Texas A&M AgriLife researchers have been working on for nearly 25 years.

Keerti Rathore, Ph.D., a Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant biotechnologist in the Texas A&M Institute for Plant Genomics and Biotechnology and Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, College Station, and his team have developed, tested and obtained deregulation for the transgenic cotton plant - TAM66274.

TAM66274 is a unique cotton plant with ultra-low gossypol levels in the seed, which makes the protein from the seeds safe to consume, Rathore said, but also maintains normal plant-protecting gossypol levels in the rest of the plant, making it ideal for the traditional cotton farmer.

Patrick Stover, Ph.D., vice-chancellor and dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of AgriLife Research, said this is research with a direct, positive impact on the world's food supply.

"This demonstrates how we can make a difference in enhancing the nutritional quality of the food system for those in greatest need, while enhancing the profitability of agriculture production," Stover said. "Our goal is to advance sustainable agriculture in Texas and around the world, and this new protein source is yet another step in that direction."

Cottonseed as a food source
If adopted by the cotton growers worldwide, ULGCS has the potential to make a significant impact on nutrition security, especially in the poor, cotton-growing countries, Rathore said.

"The amount of protein locked up in the annual output of cottonseed worldwide is about 10.8 trillion grams," he said. "That is more than what is present in all the chicken eggs produced globally, and enough to meet the basic protein requirements of over 500 million people."

This FDA approval is only the fifth for a university-developed,

genetically engineered crop in the last 25-year history of genetically modified products in the U.S., and is the first for a Texas university, Rathore said.

Except for a few countries, most cotton producing countries, particularly in Asia and Africa, suffer from hunger and malnutrition, Rathore said. Up to now, the ability to utilize protein-rich cottonseed for food or even as feed for the non-ruminants was not possible because of the presence of a toxic terpenoid, gossypol.

With the development and approval of the ULGCS, gossypol is no longer a deterrent.

The human food ingredients from TAM66274 cottonseed can be roasted cottonseed kernels, raw cottonseed kernels, cottonseed kernels, partially defatted cottonseed flour, defatted cottonseed flour and cottonseed oil.

When used in animal food, the appropriate name for dehulled cottonseed derived from TAM66274 cotton is "low gossypol dehulled cottonseed," and the appropriate name for dehulled cottonseed meal derived from TAM66274 cotton is "low gossypol dehulled cottonseed meal."

Rathore said initially low-gossypol cottonseed protein can be used by two of the most efficient systems to convert feed protein into edible animal protein: aquaculture and the poultry industry.

"Both of these industries are experiencing high rates of growth and are likely to continue growing for the foreseeable future," he said.

Steps to a new protein source
Getting to this point took approval from two areas of government. First, non-regulated status for TAM66274 was required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Then, FDA approval was needed.

"This approval from FDA enables cultivation and use of this promising new cottonseed product within the U.S.," Rathore said.

The research was supported by funds from Cotton Inc. and AgriLife Research.

Kater Hake, Ph.D., vice president of agricultural and environmental research at Cotton



Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Beth Luedeker

Keerti Rathore stands in his lab with the new ultra-low gossypol cotton plants.

Inc., said gossypol suppression in cottonseed has been part of their funded research portfolio for over 30 years.

"It took time to tap the innate protein potential in the seed; time for the right technologies to develop; and time for the right research team to come along."

Building a market
The next step, Hake said, is to get cotton farmers and the industry around the world to begin growing and marketing the special variety.

Tom Wedegaertner, director of cottonseed research and marketing at Cotton Inc., explained the dedication to this research project, saying gossypol in the leaves and stalks of the cotton plant serve as a pest deterrent, but its presence in the seed serves no purpose.

"The more widespread use of cottonseed as a livestock feed and even for human consumption has been stymied by the natural levels of gossypol in the seed," Wedegaertner said. "Now we have the ability to utilize the protein."

Hake said with the full deregulation approval in place, "We

can now demonstrate the value of a novel food source to cottonseed processors and seed companies who are essential to purchasing and delivering the seed to cotton growers."

More bang for the cotton buck
With expanded use of ULGCS for human nutrition either directly as food or indirectly as feed, the cotton plant can potentially become a dual-purpose crop that will be cultivated not only as a source of natural fiber, but just

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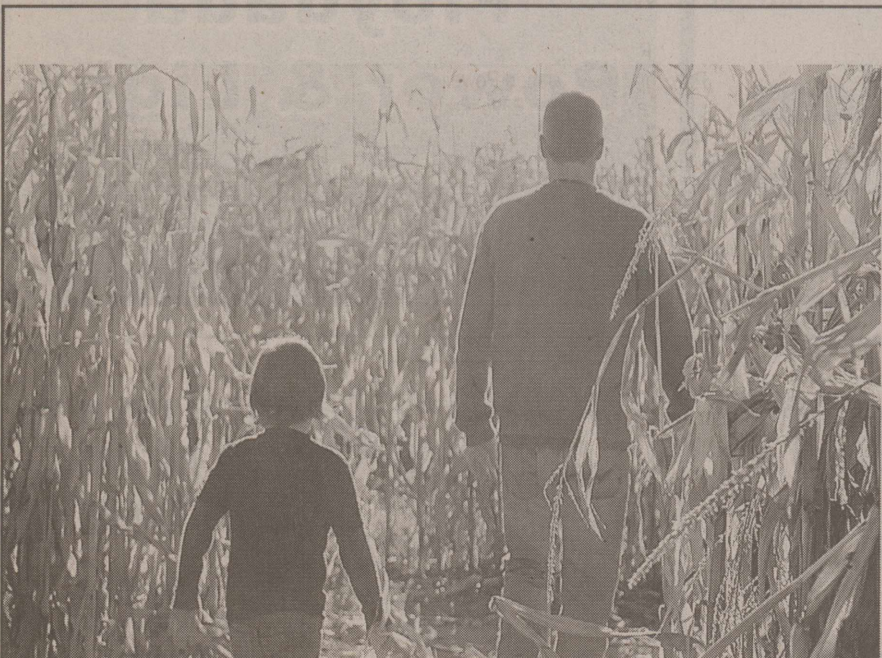
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Low-stress cattle handling workshop set Oct. 25 in Canyon

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CANYON — A "Low-Stress Cattle Handling Workshop" will be hosted Oct. 25 in Canyon by the Veterinary Education, Research and Outreach, or VERO, West Texas A&M University, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

The free program will be from 9-11 a.m. in the Bain Event Center, located directly behind the Happy State Bank Academic and Research Building, 600 WTA-MU Drive. Park in the dirt lot north of the arena.

"Stress decreases an animal's immune function, making it easier for them to get sick," said Dee Griffin, D.V.M., VERO program director, Canyon. "Low-stress cattle handling is a critical

key to keeping cattle healthy, to decreasing our dependence on antibiotic use and to improving cattle growth performance."

Ron Gill, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, will conduct the workshop. Gill is a nationally recognized expert in teaching low-stress cattle handling, Griffin said. He is a key instructor in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Beef Quality Assurance Cattle Care Training program, giving more than a dozen live cattle handling workshops across the U.S. annually.

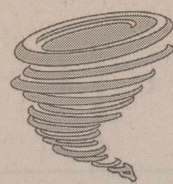
"This is an opportunity for all FFA/4-H students and cattle folks: cowboys, feedlot workers, ranchers ... everyone in the Texas Panhandle region to attend one of his workshops free of charge," Griffin said.

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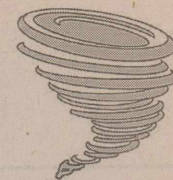
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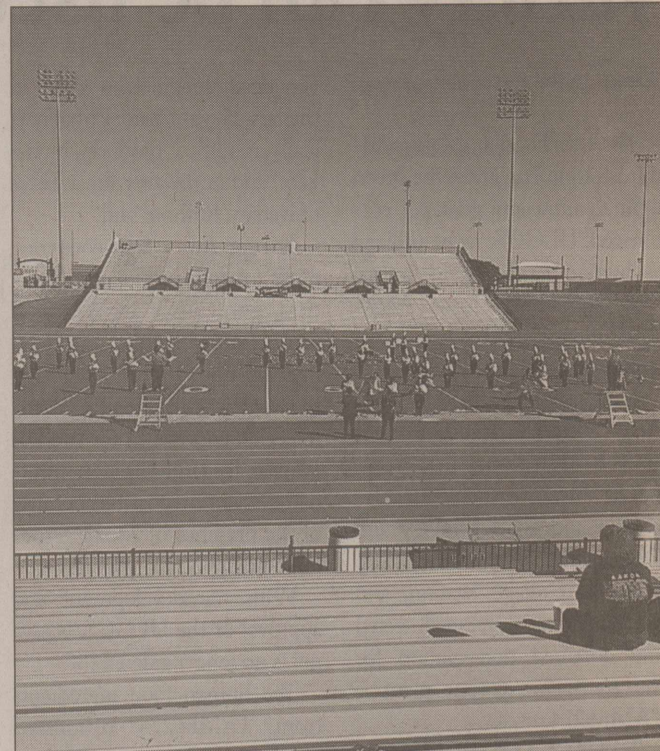
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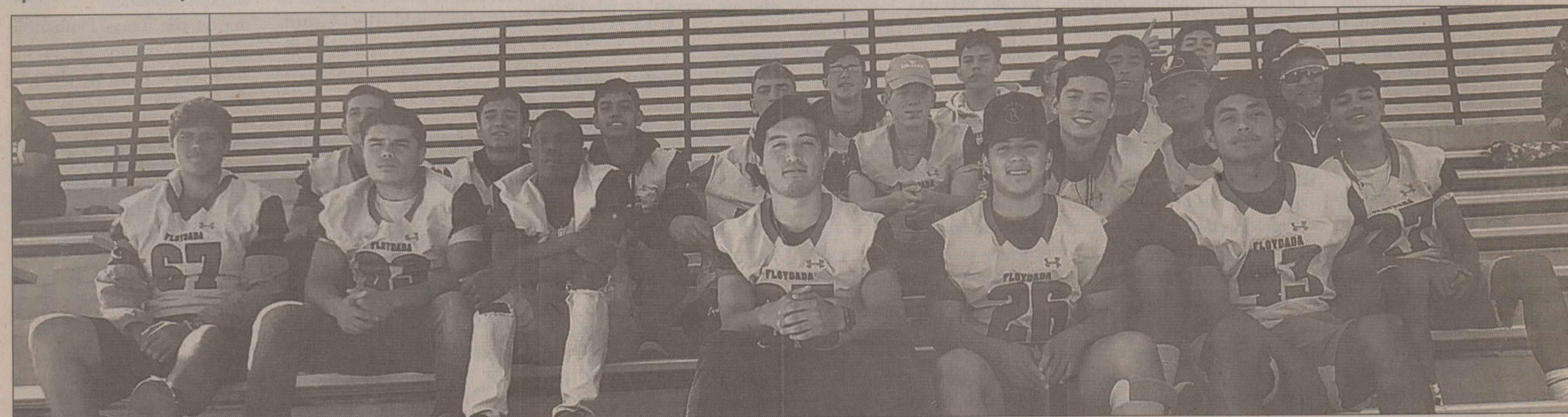


Floydada Band UIL



Courtesy photo for the Hesperian-Beacon

Spirit of the Winds performed "Moods of Arabia" at UIL Contest at Lowry Field in Lubbock Saturday and earned a Division 2 rating. The UIL defines such a rating as excellent.



Courtesy photo for the Hesperian-Beacon

Whirlwind Varsity Football Team is shown supporting the Whirlwind Band at contest to thank them for all the support they give every Friday night.

New Deals tops Whirlwinds, 42-0

The Hesperian-Beacon

NEW DEAL — The No. 6 New Deal Lions (7-0, 2-0) proved to be as good as advertised Friday in a 42-0 win over the Floydada Whirlwinds (2-5, 0-2).

New Deal quarterback Haden Caudill completed 10-14 passing for 120 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 42 yards on 7 carries and 2 touchdowns.

A 4-yard run by Caudill and a 6-yard run by Leric Eaton gave New Deal a 14-0 lead after the first quarter.

The Lions tacked on two more TDs in the second quarter on a 34-yard run by Eaton and a 9-yard

pass from Caudill to Dylan Jerden.

New Deal lead 28-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, Caudill scored on a 10-yard run and Harley Patterson scored on a 15-yard run to complete the scoring.

New Deal had 393 total yards to Floydada's 170.

The Whirlwinds had 136 yards rushing on 36 carries. They were led on the ground by Mike Delafuente with 39 yards on 8 carries. Andres Suarez had 28 yards on 7 carries, Matthew Morales had 27 on 5, Jose Lira had 19 on 7, Marcus Perez had 17 on 8, and Trace Glasscock had -4 on 1 carry.

Glasscock was 2-4 pass-

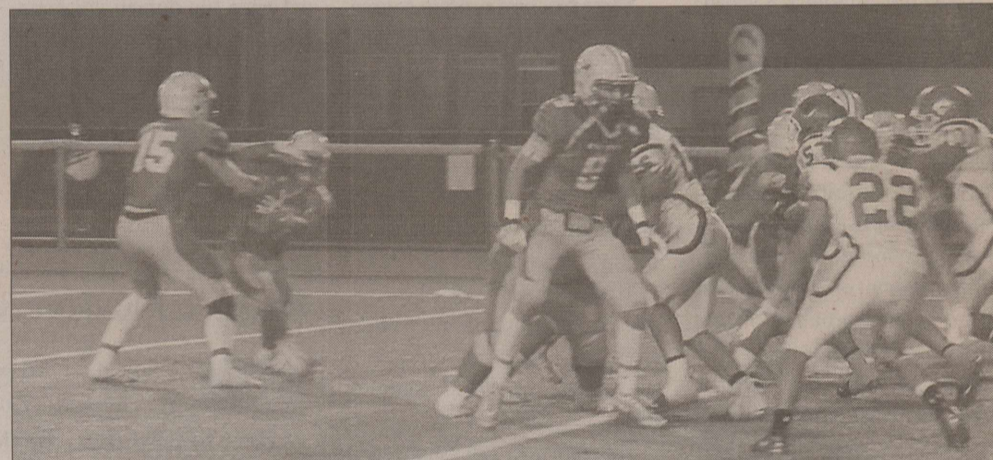
ing for 44 yards and 1 interception.

Perez was the leading receiver for the Whirlwinds with 1 reception for 34 yards.

Jerry Reyes had 1 reception for 10 yards.

Floydada had 5 turnovers in the game.

The Whirlwinds will look to notch their first district win Friday as they play host to Olton (4-3, 0-2). The Mustangs are coming off a 48-21 loss to Post.



Courtesy photo for The Sun

The No. 6 New Deal Lions defeated the Floydada Whirlwinds 42-0 Friday in a district matchup.

New Deal 42, Floydada 0

Floydada	0	0	0	0	— 0
New Deal	14	14	14	0	— 42

1st Quarter

ND - Haden Caudill 4 run (Noah Vasquez kick)
 ND - Leric Eaton 6 run (Vasquez kick)

2nd Quarter

ND - Eaton 34 run (Vasquez kick)
 ND - Dylan Jerden 9 pass from Caudill (Vasquez kick)

3rd Quarter

ND - Caudill 10 run (Vasquez kick)
 ND - Harley Patterson 15 run (Vasquez kick)

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU October 28 – November 1

Monday
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

Breakfast – Morning sausage roll, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch – BBQ glazed beef dipper slider, breaded chicken sandwich yellow corn, baked beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Cocoa Puffs cereal, graham crackers, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch – Creamy chicken Alfredo, pepperoni & jalapeno pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Mini cinnamon waffles, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch – Popcorn chicken w/diablo sauce, roll, chicken salad sub, green beans, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Chocolate chip French toast, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch – Meatlovers pizza, turkey & cheese sub, steamed baby carrots, curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Football Contest Standings Week 7

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Franklin Harris	20/25	137/173
Pam Fulton	22/25	134/173
Renee Armstrong	21/25	130/173
Ricky Ascencio	21/25	130/173
Lanny Barnett	19/25	129/173
Brent Sanders	20/25	128/173
Daniel Diaz	17/25	125/178
Domingo Faz	22/25	124/178
Lockney Coop Gin	20/25	119/178
Boyd Lee	21/25	119/178
Kellie Cantwell	20/25	118/178
Vicky Huffman	16/25	113/178
Diego Ascencio	17/25	112/178
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Lockney Longhorns

District Champions!



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The Lockney Longhorn boys Cross Country team is the District Champion. From left are: Damion Gonzales, Brett Moore, Clay Moore, Nathan Cenicerros, Max Ramirez, Jonathan Cienfuegos, Andrew Bustillos, Malaki Alvis, Jesus Gonzales and Felix Gonzales.

Leopards tackle Longhorns, 27-18

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

NEW HOME — Trailing 21-2 at halftime Friday night on the road at New Home, the Lockney Longhorns (0-7, 0-2) could have given up and called it a night. Instead, they came out in the third quarter and fought their tails off in a 27-18 defeat.

Anson Rendon had a huge game for the Longhorns as he rushed for 215 yards on 28 attempts and scored both third quarter touchdowns.

Rendon also led the team in tackles with 14.

New Home put up a touchdown in the first quarter while the Lockney defense managed a safety to make it a 6-2 ball game after one quarter.

New Home was able to get two more scores in the second quarter for a 21-2 halftime lead.

New Home managed one TD in the third quarter and neither team could fine the end zone in the fourth quarter.

Longhorn quarterback Pablo Morales was 3-14 passing for 32 yards and 3 interceptions. He also rushed for 4 yards on 1

carry.

Silas Urrutia rushed for 82 yards on 9 carries while Elias Alvares rushed for 45 yards on 7 carries.

Alvares had 2 receptions for 26 yards while Urrutia

caught 1 pass for 6 yards.

Nemeiah Montoya and Jonathan Lara each had 11 tackles for Lockney while Alvarez and Morales had 9 and 8 respectively. Andrew Sanchez also had 8 tackles.

The Leopards travel to Crosbyton Friday to play the Chiefs while Lockney will host Smyer. Smyer is coming off 40-6 loss to Ralls. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

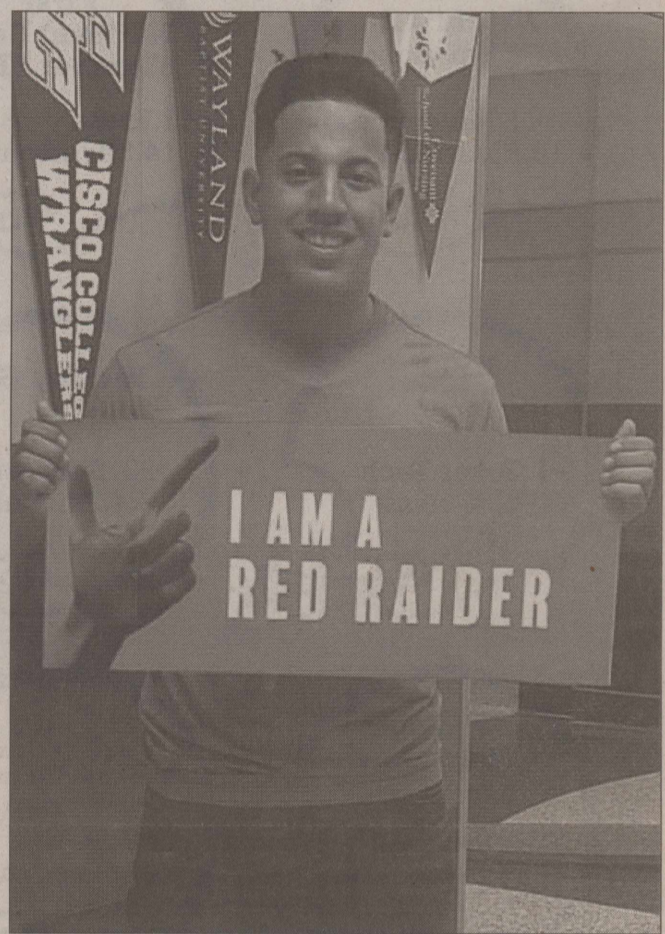
Kids visit Assiter Punkin' Ranch



Courtesy photo for the Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney students toured the Assiter Pumpkin Patch last Wednesday. While there, they got to feed horses and goats also got to ride on a mini train. Students were allowed to take home a pumpkin as well.

Lockney student accepted to Texas Tech



Courtesy photo for the Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney Senior Diego Azua has been accepted to Texas Tech University.

New Home 27, Lockney 18

Lockney	2	0	16	0-18
New Home	6	15	6	0-27

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU October 28 - November 1

Monday
Breakfast - Waffles & bacon or Cereal & toast, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Steak patty or meatloaf, potatoes, roll, gravy, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast - Sausage, egg & cheese biscuit, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Meat & cheese chalupas, cucumbers, refried beans, applesauce, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken tenders, biscuit, gravy, broccoli, sweet potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie, milk
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Breakfast - Cheesy toast & sausage or PBJ, fruit juice, milk
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Official Entry Form *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest*

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Contest Rules

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

Any subscriber or purchaser, age 7 or older, is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week, per person. Entrants **MUST** play every week to be eligible for overall prize.

There is NO COST to play in the contest.

To play, circle the number of the team you believe will win on the official entry form to the left.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of a tie, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at the Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one entry per person, per week.

At the end of the 10-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first place prize of \$100.

Second place will be awarded \$75.

Third place will be awarded \$50.

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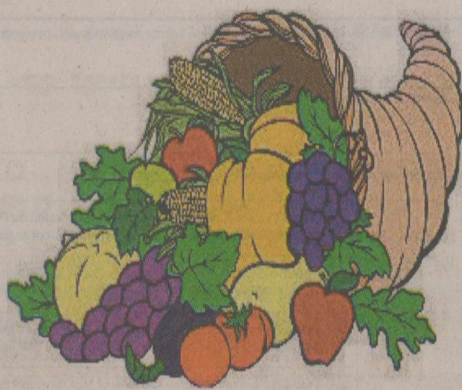
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COTTON

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as much for its seed to be used as a source of oil as well as protein, Rathore said.

Importantly, he said, the ULGCS makes available a vast source of protein without bringing additional land under the plow or an increase in the input costs.

Another potential benefit, Rathore said, is that ULGCS, by serving as a substitute for fishmeal, will positively impact the environment by reducing pressure on the severely strained supply of small, wild-caught ocean fish used as a source of feed in fish farms.

Also, by serving as a source of protein, it could reduce agricultural land-clearing in the Amazon and other places to provide space to grow more soybeans to satisfy the rising demand for protein for the growing population.

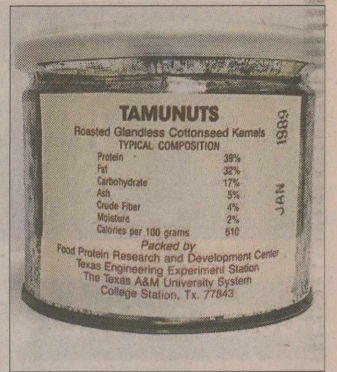
"Thus, we believe ULGCS represents a unique biotech trait that will benefit farmers, the cottonseed processing industry, the environment and human health," he said.

Reducing malnutrition

Ultimately, though, Rathore's goal is for global adoption of TAM66274 to help address protein malnutrition in impoverished parts of the world that cultivate cotton.

Human nutrition trials conducted in some Central and South American countries, Western Africa, Asia and the U.S. in the 1960s through the 1980s show that with substantial reduction or complete elimination of gossypol, cottonseed protein can play a direct and significant role in alleviating protein-calorie malnutrition in a populace suffering as a result of inadequate nutrition.

"It is my hope, as we move forward in the commercialization process, that the



Courtesy Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Keerti Rathore

The idea of gossypol-free cottonseeds as a human food is not new. A project in 1980s developed these TAMUNUTS as a snack food, but the project failed at the time because the entire plant was devoid of gossypol, which is necessary for the rest of the plant's protection. The new TAM66274 has gossypol-free seeds, but the remainder of the plant retains the gossypol for its protection.

protein derived from ULGCS remain affordable as a supplement in protein-poor diets," Rathore said.

South Plains conservation workshop series continues in Lubbock Oct. 24

For the Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK — Texas A&M Forest Service, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Lubbock County Soil and Water Conservation District, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and Texas Parks and Wildlife will present the second in a series of conservation workshops on Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Lubbock Lake Landmark, 2401 Landmark Lane.

The evening workshop is open to the public for those

who have an interest in connecting with local natural resource professionals who can help urban and rural landowners reach their conservation goals.

Presentation topics will include how to enhance urban wildlife, small livestock operations and improving soil health. There will also be a Q&A session with local natural resource professionals.

A free meal will be served, followed by conservation presentations and a tour of the Landmark facility.

"We are really excited about the variety of topics and range of information be-

ing presented through this series of workshops," said Jonathan Motsinger, Texas A&M Forest Service program leader. "But even more valuable is the opportunity for landowners to connect with local professionals who can answer their questions and help them successfully reach the goals they have for their property."

This program is a collaborative partnership of state and federal natural resource organizations and local agroforestry business.

RSVP by Oct. 18 to Alisa Dollar at 806-785-5644, ext. 3.



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