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St. Mary's fundraiser



St. Mary's Magdalen Catholic Church's ladies met last Friday at 10 a.m. to prepare for their annual tamale fundraiser.

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The congregation of St. Mary's Catholic Church have been raising money for their church for over 10 years.



St. Mary's members gather to make and sell tamales to help support their church.



The cooks made over 100 dozen tamales!



The event was a success....all of the tamales were sold.

Lockney Senior Citizens to host first Christmas Bazaar



A senior citizen lady will be displaying her quilts and crafts



Brenda Mangold will be displaying her garden art - cups/plates made into replicas of flowers



Joshua Armstrong will make and bring Christmas sweets



Archie Jones will be cooking beans and chilli

Photos by Kendall McCullough/The Hesperian-Beacon

By Kendall McCullough
 The Hesperian-Beacon

On Saturday, December 14, from 9 AM to 3PM, the Lockney Senior Citizens will host a Christmas Bazaar at 118 W College Street in Lockney. There will be hand-made crafts, baked good, retail vendors, and much more.

The senior citizens put on events dedicated to showcasing arts and crafts to give people an opportunity to share their skills as well

as bring in money to help keep food costs low for the senior citizens. The center has done fall and spring bazaars, but this will be their first Christmas Bazaar.

The vendors that will be at the Bazaar are: Bea Acker from Dimmit with an Avon display; Brenda Mangold from Lockney with Garden Treasures display; Ethelyn Vernon from Lockney with Effielynn; Shayla Brewer from Floydada with Heart of Gold designs; J&B (Joshua Arm-

strong) from Lockney with a Sweet Shack booth; Pauline Cooper from Floydada with her hot sauce and other goodies and Archie Jones from Lockney will be selling his Sticky Fingers BBQ.

The next bazaar that is planned at the Lockney Senior Citizens will be with the Old-Fashioned Saturday in the fall.

For more information, please you can contact the Lockney Senior Citizen's Center at 806-652-2745

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 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Floyd County will hold their annual Christmas Open House on Monday, Dec. 16 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served on the first floor of the Floyd County Courthouse (105 S. Main Street). Everyone is invited to attend:

FLOYDADA ISD CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to join the Floydada ISD for their Christmas Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. located at 226 W. California, Floydada.

FLOYDADA ISD CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Floydada ISD Christmas Holiday schedule is: Wednesday, December 19 - 1:30 release; Thursday, December 19 - 12:00 release; Friday, December 20 - Tuesday, January 7 - no school; Wednesday, January 8 - Class will resume at regular hours

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Corrections

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UIL rules against live streaming events

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UIL has released information that it is against all UIL rules for any event or contest, athletic or academic to be live streamed.

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Floyd County Library showing the "Grinch" movie in children's area

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Mary Jane Cisneros, the Floyd County Librarian, invites everyone to bring your little one into the library to checkout a book and receive a Christmas gift from them.

They will also have the Grinch moving showing in the children's area this whole month thru Christmas.

The Floyd County Library's hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon.



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National Ranching Heritage Center to Host 41st Annual Candlelight at the Ranch

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Candlelight at the Ranch has always been about celebrating a frontier Christmas, but four generations of volunteers in 41 years have made this event a Lubbock tradition as thousands of visitors will gather for a pioneer Christmas from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC).

"This year we've had more volunteer sign-ups than we've ever seen before," said Helen DeVitt Jones Endowed Director of Education Julie Hodges. "More than 200 community volunteers—many dressed in period clothing—will help recreate what Christmas might have been like on the open prairie during frontier days."

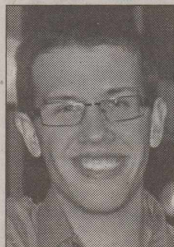
The annual event is free to the public with a minimum

suggested \$5 donation per family. In addition to more than 4,000 luminaries lining the paths of the 19-acre historic park, holiday scenes created in the historic structures will be lit as much as possible with only lanterns, fireplaces and campfires.

"Pioneer ranches had no electricity, so we try to take each of our historic structures

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From my desk The Power of Prayer



KENDALL McCULLOUGH

Before I learned the discipline of prayer, my life was very difficult. Though prayer did not immediately change my circumstances, it changed my heart.

The last semester of college was filled with anxiety, stress and sleeplessness. The period after graduation was a time of recovery and renewal. Unsure of where I was going, I began to pray daily and asked God to reveal his path for me.

When I started praying every day, I began writing them down in bullet points. Before I got into the habit of writing my prayers, I tended to breeze through my conversations with God without taking time to think about what I was actually saying or even who I was praying to. My practice was disconnected from an actual relationship. Journaling helped me be more intentional

with my words, and remember to pray for people I had promised I would.

I was also able to look back, find prayers that God had answered, and thank him. Writing my prayers helped me discern that when God said "no," he was actually saying a bigger "yes" to something he had planned for me.

My prayer journal is organized into five categories: repentance, gratitude, personal requests, requests for others and requests for God. Occasionally, I write letters to God instead of bullet points.

Repentance reminds me that I am forgiven.

Gratitude reminds me of God's blessing in my life.

Personal requests reminds me that I am fully dependent on God.

Requests for others prompts me to think about and love others.

Requests for God remind me of the big picture of life.

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SPC to honor Associate Degree Nursing graduates

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LEVELLAND - The Associate Degree Nursing Program of South Plains College will host a Pinning Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday (Dec. 12) in the Physi-

cal Education Complex. There will be 36 graduates in the class.

The Hockley County graduates are Angelica Alvarez, Autumn Beaty, Leann Delcampo, John Duarte, Ashley Myers, Cody Strickland and Victoria Sanchez, all of Levelland; and Samara Gonzales of Ropesville.

City of Lubbock graduates are Kody Adams, Bianca Alegre, Kelsey Bockleman, Shaniqua Byrd, Kendra Esmerado, Rachel Flower, Brogan Henley, Kelly Knotts, Brittney LaCour and

Lisa Lopez.

Also from Lubbock are Nelda Martinez, Ayuna Murphy, Cynthia Ojeda, Autumn Pagendam, Carlie Porter, Jessica Randolph, Sara Rangel, Evelyn Saenz, Melanie Shahan and Madalynn Woolard.

Area graduates are Cheyla Juarez, Lisha Rodriguez and Rannetta Spitzenberger, all of Plainview; Faith Landreth of Wolf-orth; Rene Lopez of Slaton; Tracy Moczygamba of Wilson; Rebekah Rivera of Brownfield; and Estefani Ramirez of Earth.

The program will feature awards for Outstanding Overall Student as well as departmental awards.

The 501: The Art of Cheap Grandparenting



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Grandparents, if you want to please grandchildren, give them exactly what they want for Christmas. With any luck, your 2019 required minimum IRA distributions will cover the expense.

Option:
Let the other grandparents buy perfect gifts. Go for second place.

With no pressure to win, you can just be inventive. Imagine the conversations between your descendants after you're gone:

"Remember that time Grandma gave us three jars of acrylic paint, two brushes and an old cow skull to paint? Those were sorry brushes."

"I still have mine. It's over the fireplace at the hunting cabin. Everybody asks if I shot a cow. I just say it's Grandma's skull. That leaves 'em speechless. We put twinkle lights on it at Christmas."

Or ...
"I got her antique toy cash register one year. She put some coins in it. No bills. I didn't even know what the thing was. Within a few years I was using it to hide my pot. If not for legalization, I still would be. Love that cash register."

Forgive my imagination. Sometimes it goes off on its own. But imagination saves me from having to buy all regular gifts for our grandkids. For instance, this year I'm giving 3-year-old Emily a handcrafted doll. She may even like it.

My seamstress friend Terri will make a cloth body the size of a 2-year-old. I'll stuff it. My own vintage clothes will comprise the wardrobe.

You might think pristine vintage children's clothing can be worth selling on Ebay. Wrong. I'm better off outfitting that doll with my own clothes than selling my collection for a pittance and buying new duds for the doll. It Emily wants to give her doll a more fashionable look, she can simply dress her in the clothes she herself has just outgrown. Like maybe Wonder Woman. I wonder what Wonder Woman attire costs new?

WONDER WOMAN PAUSE.

Just \$13.99 for a zip-up Wonder Woman costume! I may buy one for the doll. But no shoes. They cost \$35.24. They do look good. Love that logo. If they made them for adults, I'd want a pair. Shoes can be empowering.

We digress.
My little dresses will be easy for Emily to manage if I cut them top-to-bottom in the back and add Velcro closures. I remember learning about Velcro from "Weekly Reader."

VELCRO PAUSE.

Sure enough, Velcro hit the United States in 1957.

We digress again. Velcro me to our topic. Can Velcro be a verb? Ignore that question.

Want to implement my idea but you didn't keep your own clothes? Shop garage sales. You might even find a Super Hero ensemble. All the better.

As for our newest grandbaby, Haley, she's getting a comic book about her first month on earth, created by me on my computer. Cost me nothing. Just 40 hours of work. The price on the cover says it all: "priceless." (The "c" is a cent sign.)

Closing thought: Priceless, whatever it means, sounds like a good name for Emily's doll.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Our next 2nd Tuesday Bingo Night will be January 14. Doors will open at 5:30 and play will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bingo special includes: 2 cards, meal, drink, dessert for \$5.00. Extra cards - 3 for \$2.00 or \$1.00 a card. Prizes include meal vouchers, cash, and household items. Everyone who attends will receive a \$2.00 meal voucher for Tuesday, January 21, 2020. The Pro-

gressive Bingo game is over \$100.00 cash.

Thank you to Corky Guffee for a donation to our Center.

We are in need of a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. You will receive a delicious meal as payment for your time. The driver will report to the Center at 11:15. The deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4.00 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11:00 am. 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

December 16 - December 20

- Monday - Pork chops & baked beans
 - Tuesday - Chili dogs or hamburger - \$4
 - Wednesday - Chicken & dressing
 - Thursday - Chicken fried steak
 - Friday - Ham
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SOCIETY

Unusual Gifts Presented to Baby Jesus in the Nativity Displays

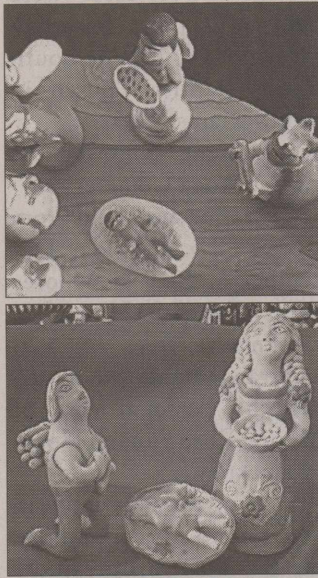
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In most typical nativity scenes gold, frankincense, and myrrh are the gifts given to the Christ Child by the Kings. However, in the International Nativity Collection of Carolyn Cunningham, now featured at the Floyd County Historical Museum, artists from many countries present gifts native to their area.

Eskimos presented fish, Mexico presented bowls of beans, firewood, and watermelon. Other countries gave offerings

such as bananas, mangoes and a sack of rice from the Philippines, corn and feathers from the Native American Indians, a basket of eggs from Bolivia, and a chicken, corn and a pig from Ecuador.

Carolyn Cunningham will be available Monday - Fridays from 12-5, and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 to help you discover the ideal gifts for baby Jesus. The nativities will be displayed through the end of January. Closed Christmas. For private tours call the museum at 806-983-2415.



Courtesy Photos



Lockney Rotary Club



Courtesy Photo

Wendell Solis and Lucy Dean performed at Lockney Rotary at their last meeting.

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters of Floyd County

December 5, 2019

By Mary M. Carter
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters met at the home of Elaine McNeill on December 5, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. for our annual Christmas Luncheon. Elaine's home was beautifully decorated for a Merry Christmas.

Virginia Taylor, our Queen Mother, said the blessing for our food. We had two kinds of soup. Chicken Gnocchi and Lasagna with Vegetable Bread. Our drinks were coffee, ice tea, sweet or plain,

and hot tea. I hadn't had either one of these soups before, so it was a nice treat to try something new and to be so delicious. How could I go wrong! Thank you, ladies!

Virginia called our meeting to order. She reminded us of Carolyn Cunningham's Nativity Scenes on display at the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada, Texas. There is no January 2020 meeting. We visited around the table. It was good to see friends again.

Then we played a game with the "white elephant" gifts we brought. Elaine read a poem that told us when to

pass them to the right or left. When we stopped everyone had a gift to take home. Then we sat around in a circle and just visited some more. We all enjoyed ourselves.

Our hostesses were Elaine McNeill, Virginia Taylor, and Barbara Edwards. Better known as Pixy, Dixie, and Trixie. Thank you, ladies for such a good time.

The ladies attending were Barbara Edwards, Mary Quattlebaum, Virginia Taylor, Karla Kindberg, Sandy Fuston, Margie Sue, Emma Pate, Gloria Fannon, Elaine McNeill, and Mary M. Carter.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY- The Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 14 at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The booths so far include Pauline's hot sauce, Joshua's baked good, Avon, Shayla Brewer - Plunder Design jewelry, and Archie Jones' food booth. Booth are still available so call the Center at 806-652-2745 for more info.

Lockney Senior Citizens is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization, we receive no government funding, we rely on the generosity of our community. We appreciate any and all donations.

We will be closed on December 24 - January 1 for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

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.

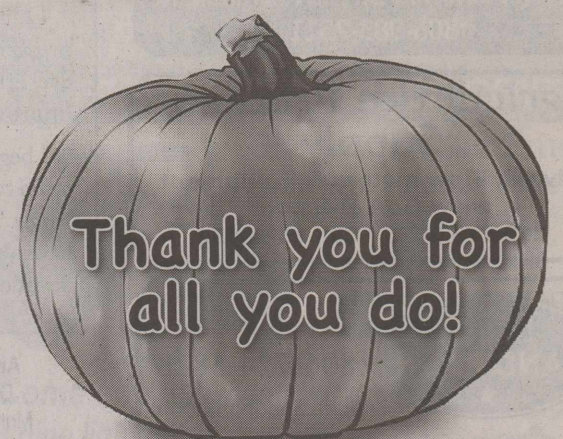
Remember to come exercise with us on Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday-Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979 GREEN FRANKLIN RIGDON

Submitted by
Vera W. Armstrong
Granddaughter

Green Franklin Rigdon was born December 12, 1853 in Alabama. Isabelle Cooper Rigdon was born July 6, 1853. Isabell passed away January 18, 1921 and Green passed away February 15, 1922. Both are buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

The family moved to Lockney from Holland, Texas about 1900 and made this their permanent home.

Green and Isabelle Rigdon were the parents of thirteen children. One died in infancy. All of the children were born in Holland, Texas in Bell County.

Dollie married Zeb Reed: Mary, to Bob Hitt; Ollie, to Charlie Wilson; Anna Mae, to Will Allen; Tom, to Fannie Moore; Ben, to Laura Jones; Rod, to Florence Hill; Icy, to Char-

ley Van Horn; Homer, to Drucie Hill; William, to Jewell Dollar; Grady, to Lizzie Dillard; Alzie, to Willie Virden. Ten of these children have passed away. Eight are buried in the Lockney or Floydada Cemeteries.

Alzie Rigdon is living in Lockney, and Homer Rigdon in Norwalk, California. He is eighty-nine but attends church regularly and sings with the choir.

Grandfather and Grandmother lived in a large house about one-half mile east of Lockney. We usually went to Grandmother's for Thanksgiving. The front part of the house had a porch on three sides, a hall separated the "Parlor" from the rest of the house. A tall grandfather clock stood in the hall. In the parlor was a foot-pedal organ and a beautiful piece of furniture that made into a bed. There

were large trees in the yard with tubs of moss growing underneath. There was a dirt tank from which water was drawn for a garden. I remember the rows of large purple grapes. My most cherished gift was jars of Grandmother's grape jam.

Grandfather and I were walking to town one morning. He coughed and out came his dentures—the first I had ever seen.

The family were members of the Baptist Church. Grandfather was one of the organizers of the Lockney Baptist Church and helped to build the church.

On July 23, 1904, a committee was elected to solicit funds to build a house of worship. On this committee were N.N. Bobbit, Thomas Dodson, W. N. Clark, T. J. Powell and J. A. Weathers.

The family were democrats. Grandfather was active in town and county

affairs. During this time women were homemakers and did little outside of caring for the home. Grandfather was a Mason.

They saw the first railroad, the first brick buildings, and the first and maybe the only college building in the county.

I can account for two-hundred descendants of grandmother and grandfather, and I am, sure there are more.

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Early Pritchett

Early Pritchett, age 102, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2019.

Graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, December 8, 2019.

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

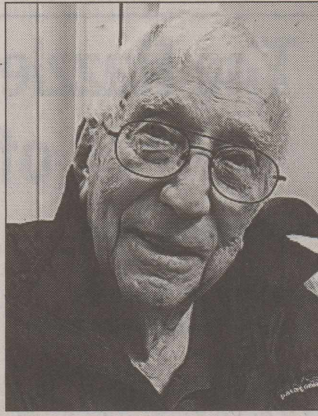
Early was married to Ruby Nell Oslin of Kirby, Arkansas. They moved from Arkansas to the South Plains Community of Floyd County in 1947 where Early farmed.

He was a member of the South Plains Baptist Church.

Early loved the Lord, often quoted the Bible, and enjoyed listening to traditional hymns. Throughout his life, he was a happy, positive-minded man, a wonderful father, and his family is so fortunate to have had him for 102 years.

Early's wife, Ruby, preceded him in death in 1992; as did two of their four children, Louise Turner of Floydada and Jim Pritchett of South Plains.

Early is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Price and Patty Pritchett of Dallas and Steve and Connie Pritchett of Ama-



EARLY PRITCHETT

rillo. Early was also blessed with nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

Sterling Cummings

Sterling Cummings, age 96, of Lockney passed away December 3, 2019.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2019 at South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, December 6, 2019 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

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

Sterling was very active in and around his community. He was a Farm Bureau officer, a South Plains School District Trustee, and a deacon at South Plains Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday school for many years and he even coached Little League Baseball.

He was also the President of Lone Prairie Gas Association and a Director of Lockney Coop Gin. He and his wife were even se-

lected as Pioneer Couple of the Year for Floyd County one year during Old Settlers Day.

Dad's love for his family was the most important thing about him. He loved Mom and each one of us so much. Babies and toddlers were pure joy to him. As his children and grandchildren grew older, he was their biggest fan. He made every game or track meet if he possibly could and was equally proud of their academic achievements. He was the perfect example to his sons and grandsons of the kind of husband, father and grandfather they should strive to be. We were truly blessed to have him as our father and granddad.

Sterling is survived by his wife, Gleyann; his children, Norman Kimball (Monica) Cummings, Dee (Mark) Sanders, Paula (Robert) Pyle, Zach (Sandra) Cummings and John (Tammy) Cummings; grandchildren, Jason (Lindsey) Pyle, Shea Sanders, Amber (Joel)



STERLING CUMMINGS

Parkhurst, Adam (Ashley) Cummings, Dane (Robin) Sanders, Zach Cummings, Courtney (Kyle) Wood, Kylan (Matt) Francis, Sterling (Jennifer) Cummings, Cagan (Stephanie) Cummings, Erin (Roy) Morgan, J (Gia) Cummings and Kristen (J.B.) McCloskey; 24 great-grandchildren and two more on the way; and siblings, Mona Geller and Zach W. Cummings.

The family requests that donations in Sterling's memory be made to the South Plains Food Bank or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

Devotional

Sincere Desire

Matthew 2:1

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.

Encouraging Word

The Christmas season is all about Jesus and will always be. I want you to get the most out of the Christmas season this year. We need to learn from the Magi or Wisemen about how worship played a big part in the 1st Christmas. These wisemen began their journey with a

sincere desire to not only see Jesus but to worship Him. They journeyed all the way from the east to have an encounter that will change them and the world. This journey took months and months. This journey was also a very expensive and costly journey. Their focus...Worship. These guys had a sincere desire and were hungry to see and have this encounter with the messiah. Begin this morning with that same sincere desire to have an encounter with Jesus...Let this be your focus today. —Armando Morales

Obituary policy

The Hesperian-Beacon will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A Little Tweaking

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. —Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

During my exam, my eye doctor said, "I may tweak your prescription a little." I hadn't noticed any problem with my eyesight, but I replied, "Well, if a little tweak is going to improve my vision, that's good. Who wouldn't want that?"

I began to think about tweaking other areas of my life. I have often tweaked a recipe or a pattern in hopes of making it a little better. What would happen if I tweaked my devotional time? I have a regular habit of meeting the Lord in the morning with two devotional booklets I use with my Bible, and I have been satisfied with

that. Yet, a more deliberate Bible reading or prayer practice can make a difference. By reading slowly for deeper meaning, or by pausing to listen for God's answers, I might experience greater understanding.

I have found this greater understanding as well as an increased desire for daily devotions after only moderate changes to my approach. Tweaking may be different for each person. Whatever the change — if we can draw closer to the Lord and hear God more clearly, who wouldn't want that?

—Connie Cousins (Pennsylvania, USA)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear God, give us the desire to learn more about you each day. Amen.

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<p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada Rev. Renato Cruz Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida Rev. Herman Martinez Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M. *****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly 500 W. Houston Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>		

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USDA Opened Signup for Conservation Reserve Program

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 5, 2019 – Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture is opening signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on December 9, 2019. The deadline for agricultural producers to sign up for general CRP is February 28, 2020, while signup for continuous CRP is ongoing.

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive a yearly rental payment for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

"The Conservation Reserve Program is one of our nation's largest conservation endeavors and a critical tool to help producers better manage their operations while conserving natural resources," Secretary Perdue said. "The program marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020, and we're hoping to see one of our largest signups in many years."

CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres. This means farmers and ranchers have a chance to enroll in CRP for the first time or continue their participation for another term.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the U.S. The program was originally primarily intended to control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. This Farm Bill program has evolved over the years, providing a variety of conservation and economic benefits from coast to coast. CRP has:

- Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;

- Reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;

- Sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road;

- Created more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times; and

- Benefited bees and other pollinators and increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows and many other birds

By enrolling in CRP, producers are improving water quality, reducing soil erosion, and restoring habitat for wildlife. This in turn spurs hunting, fishing, recreation, tourism, and other economic development across rural America.

CRP Enrollment Options

General Signup

CRP general signup will be held annually. The competitive general signup will now include increased opportunities for enrollment of wildlife habitat through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

Continuous Signup

While some practices under SAFE will remain available through continuous signup, CRP continuous signup will focus primarily on water quality within the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative. The 2018 Farm Bill prioritizes water quality practices such as contour grass strips, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetlands and a new prairie strip.

USDA will also be working with Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) partners to relaunch CREP continuous options in each state under new statutory provisions. CREP will continue to target high-priority local, state or regional conservation concerns.

Grasslands Signups

CRP Grasslands signup helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. A separate CRP Grasslands signup will be offered each year following general signup. The sign-up period for CRP Grasslands in 2020 runs from March 16, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

Pilot Programs

Later in 2020, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will roll

out pilot programs within CRP: CLEAR 30, which allows contracts expiring with CLEAR practices to be reenrolled in 30-year contracts and in the Soil Health and Income Protection Program (SHIPP) in the prairie pothole region. More information on these programs will be announced in the new year.

Land Transition

The CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP) is an option for producers interested in transitioning land to a beginning farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group to return land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production. CRP contract holders no longer need to be a retired or retiring owner or operator to transition their land. TIP participants may have a lease less than five years with an option to purchase, and they have two years before the end of the CRP contract to make conservation and land improvements.

Previously Expired Land

Land enrolled in CRP under a 15-year contract that expired in September 2017, 2018 or 2019, may be eligible for enrollment if there was no opportunity for re-enrollment and the practice under the expired contract has been maintained.

CRP Rates and Payments

FSA recently posted updated soil rental rates for CRP. County average rates are posted on the CRP Statistics webpage. Soil rental rates are statutorily prorated at 90 percent for continuous signup and 85 percent for general signup. The rental rates will be reviewed annually. Under continuous signup, producers also receive incentives, including a signup incentive payment and a practice incentive payment.

More Information

CRP marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020, and FSA will continue to highlight the impacts of the program that was created in 1985 and the many stewardship-minded farmers, ranchers and landowners who have participated over the years. Learn more.

To enroll in CRP, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

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Floyd County Extension to host Lunch-N-Learn program

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Floyd County Extension office will be hosting a Lunch-N-Learn tree pruning program on Thursday, December 19th at the Floyd County Library.

The program is the first in a series of programs that will be offered in the coming new year. This program will focus on yard tree pruning and care. With the colder weather our trees are going into the dormant season and this is a perfect time to learn

tips on proper pruning techniques for this winter.

The speaker for the December 19th program will be Texas A&M Forest



representative, Jonathan Motsinger.

The program will be held at the Floyd County Library located at 111 S. Wall in Floydada. It will be from

11:30 am-1 pm.

There will be a \$10 registration fee payable at the door or you can stop by the office to pay for the program in advance. Space is limited so please call the extension office to reserve your spot. Now is your chance to get the most up to date information on tree pruning and care. Mark your calendars for the December 19th program.

For more information contact Mark Carroll at the Floyd County Extension Office at 806-983-4912.

Game Warden Field Notes

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement reports.

How Trashy

On Nov. 20, a Lubbock district game warden received a call about several illegally dumped sandhill cranes in a community dumpster. The Lubbock police department officer on scene climbed into the dumpster to confirm that the birds were not breastrated out and the warden responded to collect evidence and begin interviewing possible suspects and neighbors. The dumpster was next to a Texas Tech University fraternity and a large apartment complex. After interviewing multiple individuals, the suspect was discovered and admitted that he and his friend left the cranes in the back of his truck the day prior and thought that the temperature was too warm to keep the meat. Waste of game charges were filed on both individuals.

Two Hearts That Beat as One

On Nov. 16, Anderson County game wardens were patrolling near Highway 155 for deer hunters. While traveling, the wardens noticed a freshly caped whitetail deer hide stretched and tacked on a 4x8 sheet of plywood and a gentleman observing it. After turning around to make an inspection, the gentleman and his wife both noticed the game wardens making an effort to approach their residence and left the scene. After further inspection, two undersized buck heads were found along with the deer hide. Time elapsed and after a brief wait, the female suspect returned to the scene. The wardens questioned her about the deer and

the location of her husband. She stated that she dropped her husband off at work. After further investigation the husband was located at the local Walmart and later returned to the scene. The husband admitted to killing a doe and said that his wife killed an illegal buck a few weeks prior. As for the other whitetail buck, the couple removed its head from the median of Highway 155. Multiple citations were issued including hunting under the license of another, allowing another to hunt under his/her license, and no hunting license. The case is still under investigation and pending.

See You Later

On Nov. 9, a Pecos County game warden acquired a search warrant for a residence in Fort Stockton that was known to have a live American alligator as well as other illegally obtained live species. Unfortunately, the resident of the house had moved out a week prior to another location in town. Left at the house were two ornate box turtles and one red-eared slider which were relocated at the request of the landlord. Later in the day, the wardens were able to meet with the suspect to conduct an interview. The

suspect was asked to write and sign a statement about all the animals he has had, where he got them, how he got them, and where they are now. The written statement admitted that he had possessed an American alligator and other species but had released them a week ago near the road where he collected them. The suspect consented to a search of his new residence to prove he no longer had any other animals. Citations issued, cases pending.

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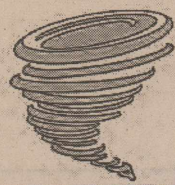
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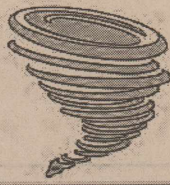
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Floydada Whirlwinds



Floydada Jr High District UIL Runner-up

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Junior High UIL individuals and teams competed at the District UIL Meet in Post on Tuesday, Dec. 3 and Thursday, Dec. 5. They finished the UIL Meet as the Overall District Runner-up. Congratulations to all the participants!

The UIL results are as follows:

6th Grade Editorial - 1st Place Kyra Segura, 2nd Place Marty Riojas

6th Grade Ready Writing - 3rd Place - Trevor Green

6th Spelling - 3rd Place Team (Trevor Green, Tavianne Bullock, Averli Segura);

1st Place Trevor Green

6th Chess Puzzle - 1st Place Team (John Taylor Snowden, RJ McHam, Andrea Garza, David Guerra); 1st Place - John Taylor Snowden, 5th Place - RJ McHam

6th Grade Maps, Charts, and Graphs - 1st Place Team (Trevor Green, John Taylor Snowden, Anai Delafuente, Jaime Hernandez); 1st Place - Trevor Green, 4th Place - John Taylor Snowden

6th Dictionary Skills - 1st Place Team (Trevor Green, Mekayla Fipps, Kyra Segura, Tavianne Bullock; 1st Place - Trevor Green, 3rd Place - Mekayla Fipps (tie), 3rd Place - Kyra Segura (tie)

6th Number Sense - 1st Place Team (James Zepeda, Josiah Rodriguez, Michael Ramos, DJ Mendoza); 2nd Place - James Zepeda, 6th Place - Josiah Rodriguez

6th Calculator - 2nd Place Team (John Taylor Snowden, Kyra Segura, Payten Shuping, Brody Hughes); 3rd Place - John Taylor Snowden, 5th Place - Kyra Segura, 6th Place - Payten Shuping

6th Mathematics - 3rd Place Team (Kyra Segura, Brody Hughes, Cassandra, Lopez, Enrique Hartline); 4th Place - Kyra Segura, 5th Place - Brody Hughes

6th Social Studies - 1st Place Team (Kyra Segura, Trevor Green, Enrique Hartline, Tavianne Bullock); 2nd Place - Kyra Segura, 3rd Place - Trevor Green, 6th Place - Enrique Hartline

6th Oral Reading - 6th Place -

Manny Delafuente

6th Modern Oratory - 6th Place - Ana Saldana

7th Grade Editorial - 2nd Place Katelyn Ramirez

7th Grade Ready Writing - 6th Place - Sydney Chesshir

7th Spelling - 2nd Place Team (Caleb Speed, Miranda Reyes, Katelyn Ramirez); 3rd Place Miranda Reyes, 6th Place Caleb Speed

7th Art - 3rd Place Team (Ava Gonzales, Allison Romero, Angel Garza); 2nd Place - Ava Gonzales

7th Chess Puzzle - 1st Place Team (Abram Delafuente, Jose Maria Lara, Jonathan Pena, Braxton Stark); 1st Place - Abram Delafuente, 2nd Place - Braxton Stark, 6th Place - Jonathan Pena

7th MC&G - 2nd Place Team (Ava Gonzalez, Braun Hobbs, Dustin Zavala, Jonathan Pena); 2nd Place - Braun Hobbs, 4th Place - Ava Gonzalez

7th Dictionary Skills - 2nd Place Team (Arianna Sanchez, Katelyn Ramirez, Mia Snowden, Hailee Garza); 2nd Place - Arianna Sanchez, 6th Place - Katelyn Ramirez

7th Number Sense - 2nd Team Number Sense (Christopher Yannis, Ty Henderson, Braeson Bellsern, Draven Garcia); 3rd Place - Christopher Yannis

7th Calculator - 1st Place Team (Braun Hobbs, Logan Smith, Sydney Chesshir, Luc Mendoza); 1st Place - Braun Hobbs (tie), 1st Place - Logan Smith (tie), 5th Place - Sydney Chesshir

7th Mathematics - 3rd Place Team (Draven Garcia, Miranda Reyes, Christopher Yannis, Mia Snowden)

7th Listening Skills - 2nd Place Team (Jacob Cuellar, Sydney Chesshir, Diego Martinez, Braun Hobbs); 4th Place - Jacob Cuellar, 6th Place - Sydney Chesshir

7th Social Studies - 2nd Place Team (Allyson Romero, Angel Garza, Fabian Gomez, Robert Luna, Nathanael Contreras); 1st Place - Allyson Romero, 6th Place - Angel Garza

7th Impromptu Speaking - 3rd Place - Sydney Chesshir, 6th Place - Mia Snowden

7th Oral Reading - 1st Place - Kirsten Pyle

8th Grade Editorial - 3rd Place Janeisi Garza

8th Ready Writing - 4th Place Sierra Snowden

8th Art - 1st Place Team (Carisa Fernandez, Alize Vizcayno, Ilan Lopez, Jordyn Delgado); 1st Place - Jordyn Delgado, 3rd Place - Carisa Fernandez, 6th Place - Ilan Lopez

8th Chess Puzzle - 1st Place Team (Hagan Hinsley, Noe Delos Santos, Isaac Obregon, Reese Hinsley); 3rd Place - Noe Delos Santos

8th MC&G - 6th Place - Sierra Snowden

8th Dictionary - 2nd Place Team (Kyler Gillespie, Juan Ovalle, Yzenia Garza); 5th Place - Kyler Gillespie

8th Number Sense - 2nd Place Team (Sierra Snowden, Edgar Cervera, Christopher Louallen, Dalles Hernandez); 2nd Place - Sierra Snowden, 3rd Place - Christopher Louallen, 5th Place - Edgar Cervera

8th Calculator - 2nd Place Team (Ryan Perez, Aiden Trevino, Derrik Suarez, Giovanni Baltazar); 3rd Place - Ryan Perez, 4th Place - Aiden Trevino, 5th Place - Derrik Suarez (tie), 5th Place - Giovanni Baltazar (tie)

8th Grade Music Memory - 2nd Place Team (Samara Brown, Cristian Hernandez, Kylie Fipps); 2nd Place - Yzenia Garza, 6th Place - Samara Brown

8th Mathematics - 1st Place Team (Sierra Snowden, Edgar Cervera, Christopher Louallen, Dalles Hernandez); 1st Place - Sierra Snowden, 4th Place - Edgar Cervera, 5th Place - Christopher Louallen

Science II - 3rd Place Team (Kylie Fipps, Sierra Snowden, Christopher Louallen, Reese Hinsley); 4th Place - Kylie Fipps

8th Listening - 2nd Place Team (Kylie Fipps, Lewis Gonzales, Reese Hinsley, O'Brien Diaz); 4th Place - Kylie Fipps

8th Social Studies - 1st Place Team (Jaxson Smith, Gilbert Machado, Kyler Gillespie, Matthew Luna); 1st Place - Jaxson Smith, 2nd Place - Gilbert Machado, 4th Place - Kyler Gillespie, 8th 8th Oral Reading - 1st Place - Janeisi Garza,

3rd Place - Jaxson Smith, 8th Grade Modern Oratory, 5th Place - Jaxson Smith

8th Impromptu Speaking - 4th Place - Luis Martinez

6th GRADERS:

Tavianne Bullock - 3rd Spelling Team, 1st Team Dictionary, 1st Team Social Studies

Anai Delafuente - 1st Team MC&G

Manny Delafuente - 6th Place Oral Reading

Mekayla Fipps - 3rd Place Dictionary, 1st Team Dictionary

Andrea Garza - 1st Team Chess

Trevor Green - 3rd Place Ready Writing, 1st Place Spelling, 3rd Spelling Team, 1st Place MC&G, 1st Team MC&G, 1st Place Dictionary, 1st Team Dictionary, 3rd Place Social Studies, 1st Team Social Studies

David Guerra - 1st Team Chess

Enrique Hartline - 3rd Team Mathematics, 6th Place Social Studies, 1st Team Social Studies

Jaime Hernandez - 1st Team MC&G

Brody Hughes - 2nd Team Calculator, 5th Place Mathematics, 3rd Team Mathematics

Kassandra Lopez - 3rd Team Mathematics

RJ McHam - 5th Place Chess, 1st Team Chess

DJ Mendoza - 1st Team Number Sense

Michael Ramos - 1st Team Number Sense

Marty Riojas - 2nd Place Editorial Writing

Josiah Rodriguez - 6th Place Number Sense, 1st Team Number Sense

Ana Saldana - 6th Place Modern Oratory

Averli Segura - 3rd Spelling Team

Kyra Segura - 1st Place Editorial Writing, 3rd Place Dictionary, 1st Team Dictionary, 5th Place Calculator, 2nd Team Calculator, 4th Place Mathematics, 3rd Team Mathematics, 2nd Place Social Studies, 1st Team Social Studies

Payten Shuping - 6th Place Calculator, 2nd Team Calculator

John Taylor Snowden - 1st Place Chess, 1st Team Chess, 4th Place MC&G, 1st Team MC&G, 3rd Place Calculator, 2nd Team Calculator

James Zepeda - 1st Place Number Sense, 1st Team Number Sense

7TH GRADERS:

Braeson Ballsern - 2nd Team Number Sense

Sydni Chesshir - 6th Place Ready Writing, 5th Place Calculator, 1st Team Calculator, 6th Place Listening, 2nd Team Listening, 3rd Place Impromptu Speaking

Nathaniel Contreras - 2nd Team Social Studies

Jacob Cuellar - 4th Place Listening, 2nd Team Listening

Abram Delafuente - 1st Place Chess, 1st Team Chess

Jordyn Delgado - 1st Place Art, 1st Team Art

Carisa Fernandez - 3rd Place Art, 1st Team Art

Draven Garcia - 2nd Team Number Sense, 3rd Team Mathematics

Angel Garza - 3rd Team Art, 6th Place Social Studies, 2nd Team Social Studies

Hailee Garza - 2nd Team Dictionary

Fabian Gomez - 2nd Team Social Studies

Ava Gonzalez - 2nd Place Art, 3rd Team Art, 4th MC&G, 2nd Team MC&G

Ty Henderson - 2nd Team Number Sense

Braun Hobbs - 2nd Place MC&G, 2nd Team MC&G, 1st Place Calculator, 1st Team Calculator, 2nd Team Listening

Ilan Lopez - 6th Place Art, 1st Team Art

Robert Luna - 2nd Team Social Studies

Jose Maria Lara - 1st Team Chess

Diego Martinez - 2nd Team Listening

Luc Mendoza - 1st Team Calculator

Jonathan Pena - 6th Place chess, 1st Team Chess, 2nd Team MC&G

Kirsten Pyle - 1st Place Oral Reading

Katelyn Ramirez - 2nd Place Editorial Writing, 2nd Spelling Team, 6th Place Dictionary, 2nd Team Dictionary

Miranda Reyes - 3rd Place Spelling, 2nd Spelling Team, 3rd Team Mathematics

Allison Romero - 3rd Team Art, 1st Place Social Studies, 2nd Team Social Studies

Arianna Sanchez - 2nd Place Dictionary, 2nd Team Dictionary

Logan Smith - 1st Place Calculator, 1st Team Calculator

Mia Snowden - 2nd Team Dictionary, 3rd Team Mathematics, 6th Place Impromptu Speaking

Caleb Speed - 6th Place Spelling, 2nd Spelling Team

Braxton Stark - 2nd Place Chess, 2nd Team Chess

Christopher Yannis - 2nd Place Number Sense, 2nd Team Number Sense, 3rd Team Mathematics

Dustin Zavala - 2nd Team MC&G

8TH GRADERS:

Giovanni Baltazar - 5th Place Calculator, 2nd Team Calculator

Samara Brown - 6th Place Music, 2nd Team Music

Edgar Cervera - 5th Place Number Sense, 2nd Team Number Sense, 4th Place Mathematics, 1st Team Mathematics

Noe Delos Santos - 3rd Place Chess, 1st Team Chess

O'Brien Diaz - 2nd Team Listening

Kylie Fipps - 2nd Team Music, 4th Place Science, 3rd Team Science, 4th Place Listening, 2nd Team Listening

Janeisi Garza - 2nd Place Editorial Writing, 1st Place Oral Reading

Ysenia Garza - 2nd Team Dictionary, 2nd Place Music, 2nd Team Music

Kyler Gillespie - 5th Place Dictionary, 2nd Team Dictionary, 4th Place Social Studies, 1st Team Social Studies

Lewis Gonzales - 2nd Team Listening

Cristian Hernandez - 2nd Team Music

Dalles Hernandez - 2nd Team Number Sense, 1st Team Math

Hagan Hinsley - 1st Team Chess

Reese Hinsley - 1st Team Chess, 3rd Team Science, 2nd Team Listening

Christopher Louallen - 3rd Place Number Sense, 2nd Team Number Sense, 5th Place Mathematics, 1st Team Mathematics, 3rd Team Science

Matthew Luna - 1st Team Social Studies

Gilbert Machado - 2nd Place Social Studies, 1st Team Social Studies

Luis Martinez - 4th Place Impromptu Speaking

Isaac Obregon - 1st Team Chess

Juan Ovalle - 2nd Team Dictionary

Ryan Perez - 3rd Place Calculator, 2nd Team Calculator

Jaxson Smith - 1st Place Social Studies, 1st Team Social Studies, 3rd Place Oral Reading, 5th Place Modern Oratory

Sierra Snowden - 4th Place Ready Writing, 6th Place MC&G, 2nd Place Number Sense, 2nd Team Number Sense, 1st Place Mathematics, 1st Team Mathematics, 3rd Team Science

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Chavarria inducted into The National Society of Leadership and Success

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

RoxAnn Chavarria, a former graduate of Floydada High School, was inducted into The National Society of Leadership and Success at West Texas A&M University on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

RoxAnn is a senior at WTAMU and is a Biology Major/Pre-Med. She is scheduled to graduate this spring, 2020.

She is the daughter of Victor and JoAnn Chavarria of Floydada.

The National Society of Leadership and Success is an international leadership training and honors society. Membership to this program is subject to GPA requirements. The Society provides high-quality leadership training opportunities, networking opportunities, scholarships, a job database, and much more.

West Texas A&M University NSLS is made up of students striving to rise up as leaders. Many benefits come from being a part of this society.



RoxAnn Chavarria

Floydada Middle School students compete All-Region Band auditions

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, seven Floydada middle school students traveled to Shallowater for the Middle School All-Region Band Auditions. The students all placed competitively overall.

Noe De Los Santos was selected for the All-Region Concert Band. Noe will attend the All-Region Weekend in January 2020, performing with the best musicians from the region under the baton of one of the best conductors and educators in the country.

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Lockney Longhorns

Lockney Junior High students place 3rd in District UIL Meet

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The Lockney Junior High UIL individuals and teams competed at the District UIL Meet in Post on Tuesday, Dec. 3 and Thursday, Dec. 5. They finished in third place. Congratulations to all the participants and UIL coaches.

The UIL results are as follows:

8th Grade Social Studies – 3rd Place Team; Christopher Isaguirre – 6th place

7th Grade Social Studies – Haygen Lefevre – 4th place

6th Grade Social Studies – 2nd Place Team; Rebecca Blair – 1st place

8th Grade Listening – Colby Guerrero – 1st place

7th Grade Listening – 1st Place Team; Bryson Keith – 1st place, Coltin Gaither – 3rd place

6th Grade Listening – Adrielle Martinez – 6th place

Science I – 2nd Place Team; Bryson Klein – 2nd place, Moses Hogan – 4th place

Science II – 2nd Place Team; Jayton Criswell – 3rd place

8th Grade Mathematics – 2nd Place Team; Anyaleigh Tambunga – 2nd place, Anthony Arellano – 6th place

7th Grade Mathematics – 1st Place Team; Bryson Klein – 2nd place, Jallee Zavala – 4th place

6th Grade Music Memory – 1st Place Team; Adrielle Martinez – 2nd place, Aubrey Esceuro – 3rd place

7th Grade Calculator – 2nd Place Team; Sophie Gutierrez – 3rd place, Brinley Lefevre – 6th place

6th Grade Calculator – 3rd Place Team

8th Grade Number Sense – 1st Place Team; Elayna Morales – 1st place, Anyaleigh Tambunga – tie for 3rd place, Adallyah Jones – 6th place

6th Grade Number Sense – 3rd Place Team; Josiah Cuellar – 4th place

7th Grade Number Sense – 1st Place Team; Bryson Klein – 1st place, Brinley Lefevre – tie 4th place

8th Grade Dictionary – 3rd

Place Team; Brailey Kidd – 4th place

7th Grade Dictionary – Avery McInvale – 3-way tie 6th place

6th Grade Dictionary – 3rd Place Team; Coltin Gaither – 6th place

8th Grade MG&C – 1st Place Team; Anyaleigh Tambunga – 3rd place; Colby Guerrero – 4th place, Eric Martinez – 5th place

7th Grade MG&C – 1st Place Team; Bryson Klein – 1st place

6th Grade MG&C – 3rd Place Team; Coltin Gaither – 3rd place, Adrian Jimenez – 6th place

7th Grade Art – 2nd Place Team; Bryanna Acedillo – 1st place, Kiah Pedrosa – 4th place

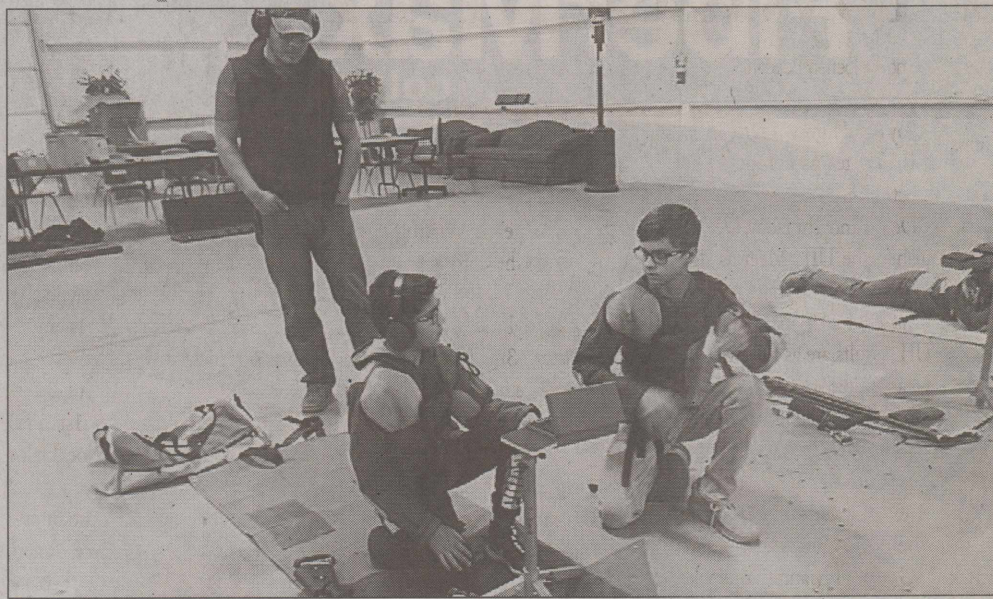
7th Grade Spelling – 3rd Place Team; Sophie Gutierrez – 1st place

7th Grade Ready Writing – Bryson Klein – tie 4th place

8th Grade Editorial Writing – Jaylin Reyes – 1st place

7th Grade Editorial Writing – Emily Gonzales – 4th place, Avery McInvale – 6th place

Rifle practice



Courtesy Photo

4-H rifle kids getting in some practice for the District 2 Rifle Contest to be held in April. Wyatt Bigham of Lockney demonstrates the correct kneeling position to Nick Cervantes.

Lockney Elementary students finish District UIL Meet in 2nd place

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Lockney Elementary students competed in the District UIL Meet held in Floydada on Wednesday, December 4th. They finished the UIL Meet in 2nd place overall.

Congratulations to all the participants!

The UIL results are as follows:

4th Grade Music Memory – 1st Place Team (Caycen Wright, Jared Phares, Evan Salazar, Adrian Rosales)

4th Grade Spelling – 1st Place Team - (Caycen Wright, Janae Zavala, Teagan Rogers)

5th Listening Skills – 1st Place Team - (Lyla Garcia, Billy Hogan, Hannah Salazar)

2nd/3rd Grade Chess Puzzle – 1st Place Team - (Quinn Ward, Carter Duniven, Manny Rubio)

5th Grade Art – 2nd Place Team (Stormie Ascencio, Hannah Salazar, Bo Alvis)

3rd Grade Music Memory – 2nd Place Team (Shelby Gonzales, J'Lynn Borjas, Yadira

Naranjo, **3rd Grade Spelling** – 2nd Place Team - (Carter Dunivan, Yadira Naranjo, Quinn Ward)

2nd Grade Music Memory – 3rd Place Team (Claudia Saucedo-Garza, Natalie Ramirez, Kylee Moreno, Makayla Lambert, Alenjdra Cenicerros)

4th Grade Art – 3rd Place Team (Zylee Castillo, Teagan Rogers, Seth Perez, Janae Zavala)

5th Grade Spelling – 3rd Place Team (Alondra Trenado, Juliette Gonzales, Kaylee Sarinana)

McInvale to Kansas State



Courtesy Photo

Congrats to Kaylee McInvale! She has been accepted to Kansas State University!

Lockney FFA



Congratulations to the Cook Family (left photo) at the 2019 Wintex Futurity Breed Show as they had the winning breed champion Duroc. Congratulations also goes to Keanu Villarreal (right photo) with a class winning cross in the bred show, and the reserve champion cross and fourth overall in the sired show.



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Lockney 3rd Grade



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Lockney Elementary 3rd graders spent time building anemometers as part of their science unit with Mrs. Baum. They had fun testing them out.

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TALK TEX! CRASH

NRHC
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to what it would have looked like at Christmas in its own time," Hodg-

es said, emphasizing that 45 of the 51 structures in the historic park are between 100 and 175 years old. As a result, many new volunteers have both fire and firearm safety training in the days leading up to Candlelight.

Sylvia Pickens will spend her time at Candlelight holding her great-grandmother's long-handled waffle iron in the open fire of a 19th century stove as she makes French Cake Waffles from a family recipe that is more than

100 years old. Although Pickens has volunteered in many NRHC structures since 1990, she prefers to spend Candlelight in the kitchen of the 1888 Las Escarbadas XIT Ranch division headquarters.

"Las Escarbadas is my favorite because it tells the story of the state of Texas," she said. "It's Texas history to the 'nth' degree." The three-million-acre XIT was the largest ranch under fence in the United States and probably the world at the end of the 19th century. Its owners received the land in exchange for constructing the state capitol in Austin after the original capitol burned in 1881.

John Levacy has a similar feeling about the time he spends at the 1879 JY Masterson Bunkhouse. "The JY is where real cowboys spent their time," Levacy said. "It's a direct tie to cowboy life on the frontier."

This will be Levacy's 30th year to volunteer during Candlelight. Bunkhouse visitors will see Levacy whittling, carving and braiding by the light of kerosene lamps. The cowboy poet used to play his guitar during Candlelight, but for the last 15 years he's been carving squirrels, rabbits, coyotes and guns—all popular pastimes for frontier cowboys.

Amy Pope was just a child when she started volunteering in 1989 with her parents, Mike and Patsy Bohn. Because of their German heritage, they volunteered in the Hedwig's Hill Dogtrot House, a log house built in 1855-56 by German immigrants in Mason County, Texas.

Today Amy and her husband Philip volunteer with their own three children in the Harrell House, which was originally constructed in 1883 as a single stacked-rock room on a ranch

near Snyder, Texas. As the ranch prospered, additional rooms were added in the early 1900s.

Amy will cook Christmas cookies on a 1910 stove while the family samples her cooking under the watchful eyes of thousands of Candlelight visitors. This year will be special for the Pope family because Amy's parents will join them at the Harrell House as three generations of volunteers dressed in period clothing truly make Candlelight a family event.

In addition to individual volunteers, many community and campus organizations as well as musical groups will welcome guests to Candlelight. Visitors can purchase refreshments in the decorated 1908 Four Sixes Barn while they listen to Brazos West play Christmas music with a Texas swing. Kettle Korn will be available on the patio and the Street Sweets Food Truck will sell coffee and sweets.

Santa Claus will be located in the Pitchfork Pavilion but will leave promptly at 9:30 p.m. To avoid long lines, Candlelight uses an "open range" concept that allows visitors to choose in what order they view the historic structures, which lighted pathways they take and when they exit the park prior to closing. The NRHC is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

In cooperation with the NRHC, the International Cultural Center (ICC) at Texas Tech will host a celebration of German Christmas traditions from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. The ICC is located within easy walking distance of the NRHC and the event is free to the public.

The National Ranching Heritage is located adjacent to the Texas Tech University campus at 3121 Fourth St. For more information, call (806) 742-0498 or view nrhc.ttu.edu.

DESK
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Prayer is a conversation with God. The second half of prayer is meditation -- being still and knowing who God is (Psalm 46:10). In this place of peace, we quiet our thoughts so God can speak to us. We feel his love, power, wisdom and grace. In this state of being we so seldom visit, God reminds us of what's most important and gives us clarity in

our life.

"Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him." - Psalm 62:5

We often desire more answers from God, but he gives us what we need for the moment. He wants us to grow in faith, like Peter when he stepped out of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus (Matthew 14:22-33). As long as we focus on him, he will guide us towards where we need to go. If God answered all of our questions, we would stop looking to him for guidance and forget that he showed us the way. We would fearfully look at the troubles around us and begin to sink like Peter did when he took his eyes off Jesus.

This is not the only way to pray.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says to "pray without ceasing." When I engage in this practice, I say little requests or thanks to God anytime I remember this verse in my mind. This cultivates a spirit of gratitude and personal relationship with God.

The disciples themselves asked Jesus how to pray and he responded, "Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one." -Matthew 6:10-13.

The essence of prayer is a relationship. God knows what we're going to say before it appears in

UPCOMING
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FLOYDADA CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The First National Bank of Floydada will be hosting their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, December 20th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Everyone is invited to come visit and enjoy all the refreshments.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Services on Tuesday, December 24th at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

LOCKNEY CHAMBER BANQUET

The Lockney Chamber has moved their annual banquet to January 25, 2020. We are needing nominations for 2019 Citizen and Business of the Year. Nominations will be accepted til Dec. 31, 2019. To nominate, please send your letter to PO Box 477, Lockney, Texas 79241 or give it to a Chamber member. More exciting details about the banquet will be coming soon. You won't want to miss it!

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our minds. More than anything else, He desires a relationship with us. He delights when we go to him. When we pray, the Spirit transforms our desires to align with God's and alters our perspective in life. "Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes." -Ephesians 4:23

I don't always feel like praying or have the right attitude and heart. But I know the discipline of praying every day will help me find peace in my heart and mind.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:6-7

The more I pursue God, the more I hunger for him.

"O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water." -Psalm 63:1

The more I hunger for God, the more he satisfies my desires.

"Jesus replied, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" -John 6:35

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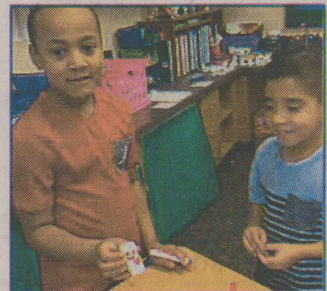
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Chico, the elf, visited the Floydada Elementary 3rd grade and asked the students, "Do you want to build a snowman?" First, they had to solve a multiplication and division problem. After putting their thoughts together, they figured it out!! Here they are enjoying building snowmen out of marshmallows!

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