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## Serrato attends Princeton University Summer Journalism Program Class of 2019

By Yelena Serrato  
 FHS Correspondent

PRINCETON, NJ—I was one of 30 students chosen from a competitive poll of 350 junior applicants to attend the Princeton Summer Journalism Program (PSJP) last summer.

I was selected based on academics, teacher recommendations, submitted writing samples and an interview via telephone.

The Princeton Summer Journalism Program was founded in 2002 by Richard Just, Michael Koike, Gregory Mancini and Rich Tucker — four alumni of the Princeton University Class of 2001 and editors for the Daily Princetonian.

Their goal was to diversify college and professional newsrooms, where women, people of color, and from lower-income and middle-class backgrounds, rural communities and other parts of the country had been historically underrepresented. It is thanks to these four individuals that I was given the opportunity to participate in this once in a lifetime experience.

The program was a 10-day all-expense paid trip to Princeton, NJ where I stayed on



PSJP'19 gather in front of The New York Times during the visit in New York City. (Courtesy of Brian Rokus of CNN)

campus in an underclassmen residence hall and ate in one of the university's dining halls.

I attended workshops and lectures taught by program alumni and reporters and editors from The New York Times, The Washington Post, The New Yorker, New York Magazine, The Daily Beast, Politico, Sports Illustrated and CNN, among other media outlets. I also sat through sessions with renowned Princeton professors, as well as the president and representatives of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to experience first-hand Princeton's approach to the liberal arts.

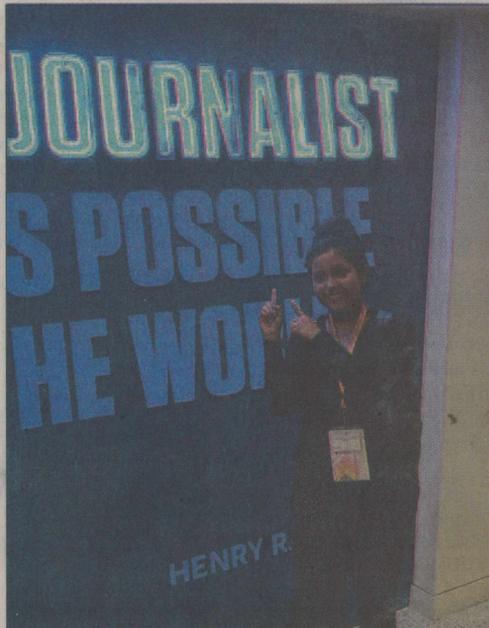
During my time at the program, I interviewed Andrew Zwicker, a state assemblyman of New Jersey over his reelection campaign. I

reported on who residents of Princeton will be voting for in the upcoming presidential election and how two Princeton natives Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi built CHOOSE, a program promoting racial literacy in school.

I also toured major news publications in New York City such as the New York Times, Bloomberg, Sports Illustrated and NBC. While in NYC, students and I took to the streets and reported on how New Yorkers felt about their mayor, Bill de Blasio, running for president.

At PSJP we even explored investigative reporting by heading to Trenton and New Brunswick where we conducted research in stores in central New Jersey to see if they were

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I stopped for a picture inside Sports Illustrated. (Courtesy photo)



My film production team and I interview one of our team members. (Courtesy of Brian Rokus of CNN)

## A nurse's life...

By Teresa Bigham  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The Coronavirus pandemic has upset the lives of American workers, especially those in “essential jobs,” who continue to go to work during the outbreaks, including nurses, pharmacy technicians and grocery store employees.

I spoke with a nurse that works at the Cogdell Hospital and Clinic, Lorena Alvis. She is the nurse for Jenna Everett, P.A.-C.

Alvis is a wife and mother, who holds her faith of the Lord close to her heart. She and her husband Brandon have three wonderful boys. The family lives a very active lifestyle.

Lorena was born and raised in Lockney. She married her high school sweetheart 13 years ago. Her parents are Jose and Eva Bernal. She is the oldest of three children. She has two younger brothers; Jeremiah lives in Lockney and Louis calls Hale Center home.

Lorena and Brandon both have essential jobs. The family isn't letting that stop them from enjoying some of the most precious family time. The family is involved in stock shows, baseball, basketball and ev-



(L to R) Malaki Alvis, Lorena Alvis, Easton Alvis and Bo Alvis. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

everything in between.

Working in the medical field is a stressful job, and she takes her job to heart, after all she's been employed at Cogdell Clinic for 9-1/2 years. She attended Amarillo College where she received her LVN license.

“I really wasn't trained for this virus while at school, but they always stressed to us that we needed to take everything very serious.

Lorena's day starts out like any other person's day. She gets up and has a few cups of coffee, gets ready for work and makes sure

her kiddos day are all lined out. She said, “Having a 15-year old son who helps me out so much has been a real blessing.”

Lorena drives about seven miles to and from work. That drive is some welcome quite time. She uses that time to get geared up for work and the drive home to de-stress.

Once at work it's all hands-on deck. There's usually a patient waiting to be seen. They see patient after patient. Lorena likes to spend as much time as possible  
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## Hobbs earns All-State honors from TABC



GARRETT HOBBS  
 (Courtesy of Robin's Nest Photography)

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada High School senior Garrett Hobbs of Floydada earned All-State honors from the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Hobbs was named co-MVP of District 4-2A along with teammate Marcus Perez. He led Floydada's boys basketball team to the first district title since 2008.

He was also the district MVP in the 2018-19 season. The Whirlwinds won bi-district and area championships before falling in the Class 2A Regional Quarterfinals to Vega.

**Stay Home Stay Safe**

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The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up June 15 - 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Drop-off point for junk/trash will be at the 600 block of Main St. (old Webster's gas station). For more information call the City of Lockney at 806-652-2355.

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## Between the lines

### A faint sound of glory in morning



BRUCE W. GREEN

As I whe driveway. A faint sound of glory in morning There is nothing like the sounds of early spring in the morning. The sounds of birds lift me up by my ears before dawn.

Scores of birds gather outside my den window and engage in a loud and raucous party. It reminds me of the lively sounds of a 1920s speakeasy during Prohibition (not that I would know from experience what that sounds like).

I can't see them yet through the picture window, but, given the noise, I can just imagine the house sparrows and robins dancing the Lindy Hop.

Most birds have quite the inventory of songs and call, there being a distinction between the two. Songs are typically used to defend territory and attract a mate. A call tends to be shorter and simpler—often just one syllable long.

Given that songs are used to attract a mate, it's the males that sing the most. Imagine that. Fortunately, that's not the way of human beings, otherwise I would never have attracted a wife.

It is all I can do this time of year to avoid quitting my job, giving away all the possessions that hold me back and sitting under a tree with a book – all day long, every day.

But, alas, I have a wife who lives in a real world. I keep telling her that there comes a time in every man's life when he must stand up, stare reality straight in the face and deny it. My day is coming.

I suppose I love spring, in part, because it makes me feel young again – in all the right ways.

I am not one of those guys who wishes he could just score one more touchdown, make one more big business deal or fall in love all over again. Touchdowns were never that big a deal; I've never made the first big business deal and one love, one time, is just fine by me.

I think one go around in this world is enough for me. I have had more things go my way than I deserved, and the mistakes I have made, to my knowledge, have been the result of weakness, not malice. If that should change, I hope I will recognize it at the time and seek forgiveness.

Besides, there are few things in the world that appears more ridiculous than a man my age (or woman) working feverishly to cling to his youth.

I would scandalize my children and my grandchildren, if I drove up the driveway in a red convertible sports car and my shirt open to expose a large link chain with a gold nugget. It is what we call around our house an "incongruity"—something not in harmony with other aspects or surroundings—like a smartly and formally dressed young woman sporting a military duffel bag as a purse. No need to analyze it. It just ain't right.

By the way, I have probably written this before, but that's one of the reasons I love the people of the Panhandle and the Panhandle Plains. Most of them tend to have a natural and firm grasp on reality. They don't need to analyze everything they see and hear. They simply know some things just ain't right.

And it just occurred to me that the people of this great region of Texas share this tendency or trait with the angels. Our guardian angels aren't divine, and they can't be everywhere at once. What happens if your guardian angel also looks after the guy down the street? What happens if he is down there when you need him? Will he hear you when you call?

Relax. The angels don't need to speak English or hear everything. They simply know. But I digress.

While I am fine with aging (although my joints may disagree), in my mind and in my dreams, I never age. I forget things, but I don't age. Spring reminds me of that.

I hear the noisy birds, followed by the calming coo of a mourning dove, and all is right with the world – even when it's not.

Spring is particularly important this year. It is a reminder embroidered into the fabric of the universe that not even the most unexpected and sobering crises can touch the heavens.

## Alcohol Awareness Month

County	Year	Arresting Agency	Fines Collected	Citations Issued	DUI Charges Reported		New DWI Charges	
					Charges	Fines	Charges	Fines
FLOYD	2017	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFFS	11	3	0	1	2	1
FLOYD	2018	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFFS	4	0	0	2	2	0
FLOYD	2019	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFFS	10	3	0	4	2	1
FLOYD	2020	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFFS	10	2	0	1	1	1
FLOYD	2020	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFFS	3	0	0	0	0	0
FLOYD	2020	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFFS	10	2	0	1	1	1

Floyd County DWI statistics from 2017-2018 provided by www.dps.texas.gov (Courtesy photo)

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian – Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY – Alcohol is the primary drug abused in Texas. According to the National Institute of Alcohol 58 percent of Texas school students in grades 7-12 have used alcohol, and 25 percent consumed alcohol last month.

Let's break the numbers down. Over 139,000,000 individuals 12 years or older in Texas used alcohol in the last month.

Over 67,000,000 individuals 12 years old or older in Texas binge drink. For males, this is drinking at least five drinks during one occasion. For females, that's four drinks.

Alcohol abuse is dangerous, and it's a real problem among our youth today. Alcohol impairs a person's motor functions and judgement with is a lethal combination. People under influence often has "liquid courage" and this can lead to many life altering decisions. People tend to do things that they wouldn't normally do.

In 2018 Texas had the leading number of drunk driving fatalities in the US with 13,138 deaths.

Alcohol is one of the most widely available and easily accessible addictive substances. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention an estimated 11 percent of alcohol that's consumed in the United States is consumed by people between the ages of 12 to 20.

Underage drinking is prevalent, fewer teens drink today than in previous decades. Alcohol remains an important problem for adolescents and college students.

Alcohol addiction is a disease that changes the way the brain works. It causes negative emo-

tions, impulsive behavior, cravings and withdrawal symptoms. Some people are more likely to become addicted to alcohol because their brains are more vulnerable to the effects of alcohol, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Watching a family member, friend or coworker with an alcohol use disorder can be hard. You might wonder what you can do to change the situation, and whether the person even wants help.

Choosing the right time to have that important conversation is key. Think about having the talk in a place where you know you'll end and privacy. Tell your loved one that you're worried they're drinking too much and let them know you want to be supportive. Be prepared for a negative reaction.

Realize that you can't force someone who doesn't want to go into treatment and all you can do is offer your help. Treatment for alcohol use disorder is an ongoing process.

Supportive tips suggested by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism are

1. Be empathetic when approaching your loved one.
  2. Be honest about your concerns and offer your support.
  3. Let the person know you're there if they need someone to talk to
  4. Offer to take them to meetings.
- Finding the right way to approach someone you think may have an alcohol use disorder can be tough. Before you speak with them, put yourself in their shoes. The most important thing is to let them know you love them, and you'll be there when they need your support.

## Letter to the editor policy

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon welcomes letters from readers on topics of local, state, national and international importance. Email letters are preferred to: banderson@knewsrgroup.com.

All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), town, and daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to 201 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

### FLOYD COUNTY TEXAS COMMISSIONER COURT DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Floyd County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, Floyd County, Texas had previously declared a local state of disaster for a public health emergency that expired at 11:59 PM on March 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for a public health emergency is hereby declared for Floyd County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for a public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Floyd County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 4. That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary, upon the recommendation and guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services, to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

SECTION 5. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 6. That this declaration does not include meetings of governmental bodies that are subject to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 551.001 et. seq.

SECTION 7. That this declaration does not include hospitals, medical clinics, licensed assisted living centers, licensed nursing care facilities and day-care facilities.

SECTION 8. That this declaration directs the Administrators of all public schools with campuses located in the Floyd County, Texas, to do the following:

- DIRECTIVE 1: Follow the orders and directives given by the Governor, Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency or the State Board of Education; or
- DIRECTIVE 2: Follow this declaration.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall defer to the Orders and Directives given by the Governor of the State of Texas when not specified in this declaration.

SECTION 10. That in accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 11. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 12. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall continue in effect until 10:00 AM on Monday, May 11, 2020, or until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 30th day of March, 2020 by the authority granted the Floyd County, Texas Commissioners Court.



Marty Lucke  
Marty Lucke, County Judge  
Floyd County, Texas

Ginger Morgan  
Ginger Morgan, County Clerk  
Floyd County, Texas

## Business Listing

### Hours of operation until further notice

- Azteca Café:** Will have normal business hours. They offer window pickup (window is located on the Eastside of the building) or pickup orders.
- Barney's Mexican Food:** Dine in is limited to 8 people. For carry-outs please call 806-685-3181
- Dairy Queen:** Offers window pickup.
- Subway:** Will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Seven days a week.
- Taste Burger:** Carry-out only.
- Main Street Pizza:** Carry-out only.
- Ray Ray's Café:** Window pickup only.
- Texas Donuts:** Window pickup only.
- Goen & Goen:** Will still maintain normal business hours, but the doors will remain locked. If you need assistance, please give the office a call (806) 983-3524.
- Floyd County Farm Bureau:** Has a drop box for payments. Please call 806-983-3777 for further assistance.
- Agri-Life Extension Office:** You can reach Cristen Brooks on her cell 806-317-2877. The Extension office will be following what the Floyd County Courthouse does.
- Floyd County FSA:** Business by appointment only. You may call 806-983-2050.
- CHS:** Business as usual.
- Nutrien Ag:** Is curbside service or delivery. Please call 806-983-2233
- Helena:** Asking that you call first 806-652-3326
- Wilbur Ellis:** Curbside service. Please call 806-778-8028 and they will be able to help you out.
- WJ Mangold Hospital and Clinic:** Business hours 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. You will need to call first for specific instruction.
- Lockney Senior Citizens:** Delivered meals only Monday-Friday. Please call 806-983-4335
- Hometown Pharmacy:** Will be open and fully functional.
- Payne Pharmacy:** Open business as usual with daily delivery at 2:30 for your convenience.
- Floydada First United Methodist Church:** Has canceled in-person worship, but will be broadcasting on Facebook and YouTube live streaming and FLIP FM.
- Roxi's Attic:** Will be open regular hours with 10-person limit in the store at a time. They will be offering curbside pickup for paint and delivery in Lockney. Appointments can also be made by calling 806-983-1229.
- Joyful Creations:** Will be open normal business hours
- Oh Charlie:** Will continue to be open normal business hours for the time being.
- Lowe's Floydada:** Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Seven days a week.
- Lockney Automotive:** Business as usual with hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Floyd County Supply "Conoco":** Business hours 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pumps will be available 24/7. Please call 806-221-2505 if you have questions
- Floyd County Court House:** Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Dr. Shively Dentist Office:** Open for emergency treatment. Waiting room has been closed. Patients are asked to call when they have arrived and to wait in their car. Call 806-983-2975.
- Panchitas Breakfast Burritos:** Offering window pickup only.
- Wright's Auto Service:** Open for normal business hours.
- Script Printing:** Open normal business hours – 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

# SOCIETY

## Recipe of the Week

**By Teresa Bigham**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Angie Kunselman is sharing one her family's favorite meals. Angie and her husband Shawn are the parents of three wonderful kids. Angie has always called Lockney home.

In her spare time, she enjoys working in her yard, going to the lake, playing games and just hanging out with her family.

What she holds the closest to her heart is family. "Family is everything to me. They are my heart and soul." I've known Angie for many years now, and that is truth. She'd do anything for her family.

The recipe Angie is sharing with us is salmon patties. She says, "I was raised having salmon patties and now my family enjoys them. I hope ya'll do to."



**Salmon Patties**

- 1 can salmon - drain and de-bone
- 1 egg
- 2 T. flour
- Cracker crumbs

Mix together and make patties. Drop in hot oil and brown on both sides.  
Serve and enjoy!

## Home canning guide

**By Teresa Bigham**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The weather is getting warmer; People are spending more time outside. Flower beds are being prepared and soon so will vegetable gardens. That's when I start planning what I'll can this summer that my family can enjoy the taste of summer all winter long.

When I was younger, and my family would go on vacation to my grandparents I would always on a stool and help my grandma shell peas while the pressure cooker was ticking away. The smell oh the smell, I'll never forget that smell. So many memories were made right there in that kitchen.

Home canning is a great way to preserve your garden produce but beware if home canning is not done the proper way, your canned vegetable and fruits could cause botulism.

Botulism is a rare but potentially deadly illness caused by a poison most produced by a germ called Clostridium botulinum.

You can take steps to protect yourself, your family and others when it comes to home canned foods by following the following these tips.

- The best way to prevent foodborne botulism is by carefully following instructions for safe home canning. Google USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning. DO NOT follow recipes and cookbooks that do not follow these steps.

- Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning low-acid foods. Foods with low acid content are the most common sources of home-canning related botulism cases. Low-acid foods include almost every vegetable and some fruits.

- When in doubt, throw it out! If the container is leaking, bulging or swollen throw it out. If the container looks damaged, cracked or abnormal, throw it out!

- If the container spurts liquid or foam when opened, throw it out!
- If the food is discolored, moldy or smells

bad, throw it out!

Other than pressure canning there is hot water bath canning. This is the method ideal used for high-acid foods and recipes that incorporate the correct measure of acid. This process is recommended for produce and recipes including:

- Fruits and fruits juices
- James and jellies
- Salsas
- Tomatoes
- Pickles and relishes
- Chutney's, sauces and pie fillings
- Vinegars

10 steps for the perfect home canning

1. Bring a canning kettle of water to a boil water, this takes about 45 minutes.

2. Sterilize the jars and lids by setting them in boiling water for 10 minutes or by running them through the sterilize cycle on a dishwasher.

3. Make sure to thoroughly rinse and dry the produce you're canning before you start the recipe

4. Ladle food into sterilized jars through a funnel. Make sure to leave the headspace specified in the recipe.

5. Run a thin-bladed knife along the inside of the jar to release any air bubbles along the sides of the jar. Wipe top edges of jars clean with a damp cloth of the jars may not seal.

6. When you put the lids on the jars, make sure that the sealing compound around the edges of the lids touches the rim of the jars. Screw the metal rings on firmly.

7. Lower the jars into the boiling water (180 degrees to 180 degrees). The jars should be covered by at least 1 inch of water.

8. Lift the jars with tongs. Have a hot pad on your hand, just in case you need to grab something, set the jars on a flat surface.

9. Push down in the center of each jar. If it stays down, great. The jar is sealed. If it pops up the jar isn't sealed. Store unsealed jars in the fridge and use contents sooner than later.

10. Make sure to label jars with contents and canning date. Store jars in cool, dark place and use within a year.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

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

FLOYDADA -The Center will be open for carry outs and deliveries. Call us at 806-983-2032. The prices of our meals are \$6 for members, and \$7 for non-members. Anyone that is breathing is eligible to eat with us, or right now for a carry out or delivery.

There will be NO Bingo at the Center until further notice.

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 a.m. The deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each

Tuesday.

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

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**  
**April 6 - April 10**
- Monday** - Pork chops with baked beans
  - Tuesday** - Chili dogs- \$4
  - Wednesday** - Pizza
  - Thursday** - Swedish meatball with noodles
  - Friday** - Cheese enchiladas  
*(Menu subject to change without notice)*

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

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

LOCKNEY—We are suspending ALL activities here at the Center from March 20- April 3. These activities include Fish Fry, Sunday Lunch, BINGO, Breakfast, Exercise, Thursday Night Pot Luck/ Game Night, and Afternoon Dominoes.

Monday through Friday noon meals will be carry-out or delivery ONLY. NO DINING IN.

We want all of our senior citizens to be safe and healthy. Please stay at home! If you are in need of something, please call the Center and we will do our best to get it to you. The Center's number is 806-652-2745. Please call if you have any questions. We are here to serve you and help where we can.

Please call the Center for menus since they are changing continually and it is hard to set an exact menu. So sorry for any inconvenience.

## The Best Dahlias for a Backyard Cutting Garden

**By Melinda Myers**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Dahlias are bold and beautiful flowers that are easy to grow in any sunny garden. They are also spectacular in summer flower arrangements. With just a few dahlias, you can enjoy picking your own fresh-cut flowers every day from July through September.

These spring-planted tubers make gorgeous additions to flower beds and even the vegetable garden. If space allows, the very best way to grow dahlias for bouquets is in a cutting garden. A backyard cutting garden doesn't need to be large. Even a 3' x 6' raised bed will give you plenty of space for 6 to 8 full size dahlia plants. Planting dahlia tubers in rows lets you get maximum productivity with minimal maintenance.

When choosing dahlias for a small to medium size cutting garden, start by narrowing your choices. Select colors that you can imagine looking great together in a vase. This will make it easy to create lots of creative combinations on the fly.

Choose red, orange, and yellow flowers if you like energetic arrangements that mimic the colors of late summer and fall. Blossoms in cool colors and pastels, such pink, lavender and violet, will be softer and more soothing. Include purple and burgundy flowers to add drama and help unify warm and cool colors.

Floral designers know that combining flowers with different shapes and sizes makes arrangements more interesting. Dahlias offer many options and it's one of the reasons they are such a popular cut flower.

Ball dahlias have tightly curled petals and dense, perfectly round, 3 to 4" flower heads. Varieties such as Sylvia and Jowey Mirella are perfect for adding repeating bursts of color. Decorative dahlias have the classic dahlia look, with 4 to 6" wide, open-faced blossoms and orderly layers of petals. American Dawn and Great Silence are two reli-



For bright, energetic bouquets, grow an assortment of red, orange, and yellow dahlias. (Photo Courtesy of Longfield-Gardens.com)

able and versatile, decorative dahlias.

The flowers of dinnerplate dahlias can measure 8 to 10" across and these enormous blossoms make it easy to make stunning summer bouquets. Popular varieties for cutting include Café au Lait, Penhill Dark Monarch and Otto's Thrill. Add texture and movement to your arrangements with cactus dahlias. Varieties such as Yellow Star and Nuit d'Ete have tightly rolled petals that give the flowers a spiky appearance.

Single and peony-flowered dahlias are seldom seen at the florist or even in farmer's market bouquets because they don't travel well. But home gardeners can enjoy growing varieties such as scarlet-red Bishop of Llandaff or the melon and burnt orange flowers of HS Date. These plants tend to be compact and rarely need staking.

Don't let the many options overwhelm you. Consider starting with an assortment such as the Flirty Fleurs Sor-

betto Collection (longfield-gardens.com). It includes five varieties of pink and burgundy dahlias, specially selected by an experienced floral designer.

Most cutting garden flowers are picked before they are fully open. But dahlias should not be harvested until they are fully open and in their prime. To avoid crushing the stems, make your cuts with a sharp knife rather scissors.

If you want your dahlias to have nice, long stems, take a cue from cut flower farmers.

When harvesting for market or removing spent flowers, they always remove the entire stem, cutting right back to a main stalk. Though this means sacrificing some buds in the short term, the next round of flowers will have noticeably longer stems.

When selecting plants for this year's flower garden, be sure to include plenty of dahlias. These spring-planted, summer-blooming bulbs will take your homegrown flower arrangements to a whole new level.

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

### THE WILLSONS

**By Terry Willson**

When I think about growing up in Floyd County, I always pause to consider what it would have been like when the first members of the Willson family came to Floydada.

J. M. Willson came to West Texas on 1916 to "seek his fortune". Originally from Bridgeport, Texas he knew little about the Caprock and its flat, dry and barren lands that awaited him. He began his new life as a "sharecropper". Eventually he entered into the field of construction and then decided to establish his own business. This venture was

one that yielded much prosperity for the Willson family, both financially and as a common-bond among family members. The struggle to create a successful business in a small town was one of many hardships. Even in the early 1900's the city had little government and the threat of World War always affected the economy. My grandmother Mavis Terry Willson, a native of Hale Center, Texas, taught school on the Jr. High Level from 1915 until 1919. She and my grandfather were married in 1919. My grandparents worked side by side to build a chain of lumber companies. My father, Jimmy Willson,

entered into the business after he returned from the service in 1944. His brother and sisters also helped in the lumber companies. By this time, the business really began to prosper and soon had expanded to 14 lumber yards.

Today the lumber company is still the common bond among family members. My oldest brother, Mac, is now in the business with my father. My sisters, Linda and Jane and my brother John and I worked in the yards during the summer months. We all felt some of our grandparents' pioneering spirit as we helped in the family business.

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# OBITUARIES/CHURCH

## Mitch Ross

Mitch Ross, age 54, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2020 at the Dougherty Cemetery. An open visitation was held from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

In order to maintain a safe come and go visitation, we ask to limit groups to 10 or less at a time. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mitch was born November 11, 1965 to Bob and

Glenna Ross in Crosbyton.

He attended schools in Dougherty and Floydada and Texas Tech University. Mitch was a farmer, rancher and trucker until his health failed five years ago.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bob Ross.

Mitch is survived by his two daughters, Kelsey Ross and Shani Jordan and husband, Taylor; his mother; Glenna Ross; a brother, Tom Ross and wife, Lori; three granddaughters, Presley Stegall, Hadley Jordan and Leighton Jordan and Tinley Jo Jordan, who will be here May 1st; nephews, Taylor Ross and Tucker



MITCH ROSS

Ross and many cousins and friends.

Moore-Rose Funeral Home would like to encourage family and friends to sign Mitch Ross's online guestbook at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com)

## Joy Marie Walker

Joy Marie Walker, age 63, passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

She was born February 12, 1957 in Floydada where she lived most of her life. She enjoyed dancing, interior decorating and was a master florist.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ebert and

Flora Mae Parvin, two brothers, Ebert Alan and Johnny Parvin, two sisters, Betty Lamb and Alice Walker.

She leaves behind to treasure her memories, two daughters, Charity Pyron (Buster Powell) and Peppre Martin (Rodney Martin); three grandchildren, Scott Emert (Amanda), Robi Roberts (Joe) and Emma Martin; one great-grandson, Ezra; one sister, Martha Nichols and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Moore-Rose Funeral Home would like to encour-



JOY MARIE WALKER

age family and friends to sign Joy Marie Walker's online guest book at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## 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.

## Xcel Energy Texas bills to drop with lower fuel costs

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO - The cost of electricity for thousands of customers in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains will drop April 1 when Xcel Energy lowers its monthly fuel cost factor to reflect historically low natural gas prices and the increased use of low-cost wind energy.

Fuel costs across all customer classes are being reduced. For Texas residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month, the total bill will decrease by \$4.35, or 4.3%. The lower fuel costs are being implemented on an in-

terim basis pending final approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

"Natural gas is as cheap as it has been in decades, and this is good for our customers because it fuels about half our annual supply of electricity," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - Texas. "And the new Hale Wind Project near Plainview uses the power of the free and abundant wind to make electricity, further driving these savings."

In addition to the lower fuel costs, Xcel Energy is moving ahead with its plan to

refund \$39.4 million to Texas customers in June - the third time Xcel Energy has refunded fuel costs since January 2019.

The fuel cost factor collects the pass-through costs of coal and natural gas that fuel area power plants, as well as the cost of electricity imported into the area from other suppliers. The factor was last changed in July 2019, resulting in a 5% drop in typical residential bills.

The 2019 fuel cost reduction was put in place after the Hale Wind Project began supplying electricity

from its 239 turbines in Hale County. Since then, construction started on Xcel Energy's Sagamore Wind Project near Portales, New Mexico, in Roosevelt County. Wind energy from Sagamore will benefit both New Mexico and Texas customers and reduce fuel costs even further in 2021.

New transmission lines are also helping to lower fuel costs by building efficiencies into the regional grid and creating additional pathways for the import of less expensive energy from the wider power market outside the area.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### My Responsibility

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. — James 1:19-20 (NIV)

Every day when I turn on the news, I see horrific stories of destructive wars, persecution, and mass shootings occurring around the world. Not only do these events anger me, but they also tempt me to lose faith in the goodness of humanity. I begin to wonder, Why does God let evil harm the lives of so many?

After I began earnestly praying for peace, God showed me that it is my responsibility to make the world better in whatever ways I can. Instead of allowing the evil of others to form violent thoughts in my mind, I can focus on doing the small things that God asks of me. Instead of resenting those whose lives are spent spreading evil, I can remember that the

Lord said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay" (Rom. 12:19, KJV).

We are all affected in some way by atrocities that occur around the globe. Instead of focusing on the bad in the world and using violence to fight violence, we can focus on our ability to spread love and goodness. We can find comfort in knowing that God's righteousness will be the final word of justice. Now when I become enraged and discouraged by an attack on humanity, I think, What can I do today to spread a little more of God's love?

—Cecilia Kammire (North Carolina, USA)

#### TODAY'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to seek you and your kingdom above all. May we make you the center of our lives. Amen.

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Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

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

**Church of Christ**  
West College & Third  
Lockney  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

**City Park Church of Christ**  
Bob DuPont, Minister  
Floydada  
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Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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

**First Baptist Church**  
Lockney

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

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

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

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

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

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Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askey  
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

**Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**

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Floydada  
Rev David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.  
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.  
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.  
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

**Power of Praise Full Gospel Church**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
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Sunday Services - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Discipleship - 5 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
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Rev. Toby Gonzales  
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Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

**San Jose Catholic Church**  
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Sun - 9 a.m. Mass  
Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass

**South Plains Baptist Church**  
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Spanish - 11 a.m.  
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Spanish - 9:30 a.m.  
English - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

**Trinity Assembly**  
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Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
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Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

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983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

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# AGRICULTURE

## FSA Makes Changes for farm customers to conduct business

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION — USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices are open in Texas by phone appointment only until further notice, and FSA staff are available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions.

Additionally, FSA is relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need.

FSA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into to the office, they will be working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email and online tools whenever possible.

"FSA programs and loans are critical to Texas farmers and ranchers, and we want to continue our work with customers while taking precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus," FSA State Executive Director Gary Six said. "We recognize that farm loans are critical for annual operating and family living expenses, emergency needs and cash flow through times like this. FSA is working to find and use every option and flexibility to provide producers with credit options and other program benefits."

FSA is delivering programs and services, including:

- Farm loans;
- Commodity loans;
- Farm Storage Facility Loan program;
- Disaster assistance programs, including signup for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (this includes producers now eligible because of losses due to drought and excess moisture in 2018 and 2019);
- Safety net programs, including 2020 signup for the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs;
- Conservation programs; and
- Acreage reports.

FSA is relaxing the loan-making process, including:

- Extending the deadline for applicants to complete farm loan applications;
- Preparing Direct Loans documents even if FSA is unable to complete lien and record searches because of closed



government buildings. Once those searches are complete, FSA would close the loan; and

- Closing loans if the required lien position on the primary security is perfected, even for loans that require additional security and those lien searches, filings and recordings cannot be obtained because of closed government buildings.

### Servicing Direct Loans

FSA is extending deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers.

FSA will temporarily suspend loan accelerations, non-judicial foreclosures, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. The U.S. Attorney's Office will make the determination whether to stop foreclosures and evictions on accounts under its jurisdiction.

### Servicing Guaranteed Loans

Guarantee lenders can self-certify, providing their borrowers with:

- Subsequent-year operating loan advances on lines of credit;
  - Emergency advances on lines of credit.
- FSA will consider guaranteed lender requests for:
- Temporary payment deferral consideration when borrowers do not have a feasible plan reflecting that family living expenses, operating expenses and debt can be repaid; and
  - Temporary forbearance consideration for borrowers on loan liquidation and foreclosure actions.

### Contacting FSA

FSA will be accepting additional forms and applications by facsimile or electronic signature. Some services are also available online to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal where producers can view USDA farm loan information and payments and view and track certain USDA program applications and payments. Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

FSA encourages producers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and temporary changes to farm loan deadlines and the loan servicing options available. For Service Center contact information, visit farmers.gov/coronavirus.

## Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Facilities Limit Operations

Texans needing to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, boat and motor owner transfers, and boat registration renewals are encouraged to visit [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) or call the department at (512) 389-4800.

## AgriLife Extension to offer online Auxin Training course

By Dagan Teague

IPM Agent Floyd/Crosby  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will now be offering Auxin Training course online for producers. Many auxin trainings had been planned by AgriLife Extension around the state, but those occurring in the next few months had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

There can also be other arrangements made if the online training does not work with some people. We can offer a webinar hosted by an AgriLife Agent to give the video and later email or mail the certificate.

The online auxin training qualifies for one CEU of laws and regulations. To receive a certificate of completion for the course, participants must obtain a score of 100% on the online Auxin Specific Applicator Test. The learner may retake the test as often as is necessary.

The cost for the online

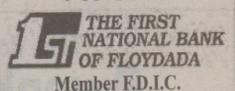
auxin training is \$25/person.

There can also be CEU's offered online or with other arrangements such as webinars hosted by AgriLife Agents as well. If you are in need of Auxin training and/or a CEU or multiple, please contact Dagan Teague to give further information for online CEU's.

Dagan Teague - IPM Agent Floyd/Crosby - 361-494-7075 or email: [dagan.teague@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:dagan.teague@agnet.tamu.edu)

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## Cattle producers remain on front lines of COVID-19 battle

By Robert E. McKnight, Jr.  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

By all measures, we are in historic times as the nation mounts an unprecedented response to COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus. The growing national crisis created by COVID-19 and recovery efforts after the pandemic subsidies will likely stretch on for quite some time.

There will be a substantial ef-

fect on our economy and way of life.

Unfortunately, cattle producers are not immune to these impacts. Economic losses are already mounting, to the tune of billions of dollars.

Our staff is working to mitigate the effect on cattle producers, but most of us probably have a more critical concern at the moment — feeding our families.

As president of the Texas

and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, I want to personally assure you that we are committed to maintaining a robust and reliable beef supply despite any challenges that may arise, so American consumers have the beef they need.

This extends far beyond just ranchers. It includes those who supply feed and equipment, livestock auction markets, feedyards, processing plants and retailers.

Our government and public affairs staff have been in almost constant contact with state and federal officials as the COVID-19 pandemic has progressed. They have received numerous assurances that we will be allowed to continue our work despite any national or statewide quarantine.

On March 19 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security released a memorandum

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**COWPOKES** By Ace Reid

“Maw, push a little faster, we’re comin’ to a hill, then we can coast to that gas station!”

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## FHS students prepare for distance learning

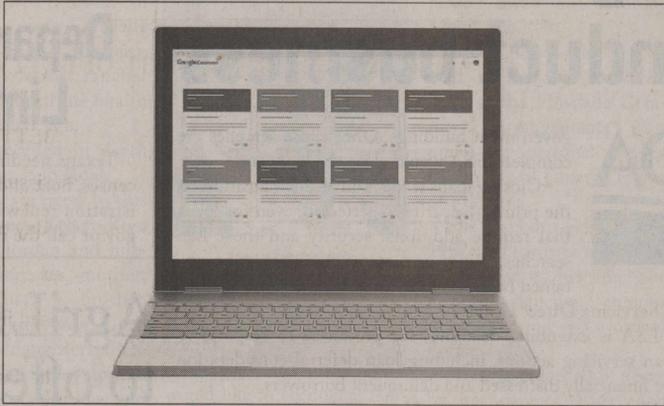
By Yelena Serrato  
FHS Correspondent

FLOYDADA—Going forward with distance learning for the next two weeks will be a learning experience for every student, parent and teacher.

For many underclassman students at FHS like sophomore Kaitlyn Vega, this transition has brought in some concerns like “what if I struggle with something and I need a teacher’s help with something that is usually taught in person” she expresses.

Thankfully, Floydada High School teachers have prepared designated office hours throughout the week to assist students during their online learning. Sophomore Geometry teacher Mrs. Pesina said, “I will be hosting two conference times during each weekday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Google hangouts allows me to video chat with my students, so it allows me to implement some interfacing during my hour-long conference periods. I have set up those times for the two weeks we are conducting the distance learning, and each student has received an invitation to those times through email. If I need to adjust the length of the duration of our distance learning, that is easily done on Google Calendar.” Therefore, students will have access to ask her questions if needed.

Mrs. Pesina also says she will be using Google Classroom, Google Hangouts, and email to communicate with all my students. “Google Classroom will be my main resource during our distance learning period. That is where I provide my assignments. I can easily post a question



Visual representation of google classroom. (Photo Courtesy of Google)

and have all my students comment their answer. They are able to upload a picture of their completed assignment on that same program without having to get an email from each student,” said Pesina.

For students like senior Emily Cisneros on the other hand, this new form of learning isn’t new at all. “Personally, I do not have any concerns moving on with distance learning because I along with other dual credit students are used to working online,” says Emily Cisneros, “We are accustomed to online learning.”

Juniors and seniors are eligible to take dual credit courses offered by South Plains College after they meet the full requirements for the Texas Success Initiative Assessment test, also known as TSI. Dual credit classes are offered online through Blackboard, which has confidently prepared some students to learn through a screen in response to this pandemic.

Taking online classes comes with having great responsibility and time management skills which Kaitlyn Vega plans to implement by “reading my email constantly and setting reminders on my phone to keep up with due dates.” Although she expresses how much she misses being at school surrounded by her classmates and teachers she understands that “the school board’s main priority is to keep us safe.”

The news has hit especially hard for graduating seniors at FHS. “I feel like this pandemic has taken part of my senior year away. This is the time many of us don’t get back, this is the time we see the majority of our classmates all in one place” says senior Emily Cisneros. “I am going to miss being around lots of company and interacting with my peers but I am grateful for the precautions that have been taken.”

There are many unknowns about how this will affect the rest of the school year. Many students and seniors are left with unanswered questions. However, during this difficult time, all we can do is be there for our students and educators and members of our school board.

Here is a message to the FHS senior class by Emily Cisneros, “This is a good time to reflect and look back on all the things we have accomplished together as a class and individually. We need to finish strong. Whatever is happening right now won’t last forever so let’s instead reflect on all the love, memories and friendships we have made over the last couple of years. It is important to keep moving forward.”

Mrs. Pesina added, “I am very grateful FISD is taking the proper precautions to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. It is going to be a trial period but overall, I think it’s going to be a good learning experience for everyone. We have all the tools necessary to accomplish distance learning, which is an advantage that we should really go for. I miss having my students in my classroom but with video conferencing, I am able to see my students and have that interaction with them. I prefer the safety of our students over risking all the lives of our small community.”

Floydada is grateful for the school district we have in place that has handled this situation with the best interest for all students. Thank you FISD.

## Social distancing... keep your kids busy

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - Social distancing! What exactly is that? Well, according to the CDC social distancing involves remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding medium to large gatherings and maintaining distance

Let’s face it were humans and humans crave social interaction. During this time in our community when everyone is trying to oblige by this. But you tend to get a little stir crazy not to mention maybe even a little terrified at the thought of having to be mom, teacher, sports/P.E. coach and even principal.

There are many ways in which you can keep your family active and still be practicing the social distance rule.

The next several weeks will be a breeze for some of us but most of this is will be uncharted waters. I am one of those moms who feels very unprepared. So, here are a few ideas I have collected to help other families like me.

I am a list person and I love having a schedule (even if I usually don’t follow it. It just makes me feel better having that piece of paper.) So, I’d say creating a daily schedule with your child/children. We’re doing this tonight. You can use a daily calendar, blank paper, an online calendar template or a dry erase board.

On your schedule you can put down school lessons, chores and daily activities that you need your child to do. Since I work out of the home, I will be relying on this to help me keep my son on check.

You will want to come up some daily fun activities for your child to stay busy and learn something as they work on that fun project. I remember using baking to help my children to understand fractions. I mean what are measuring cups anyway, fractions right?

With each child I would have them pick out a recipe they wanted to try, and I would have them double it. There’s always just teaching your children how to read a recipe and make it, someday they’ll need to know how to cook.

- Other ideas include:
- Make sock puppets
  - Keep a daily journal
  - Do a 30-day Lego challenge
  - Take a virtual field trip to Yellowstone National Park
  - Take a virtual tour of the Great Wall of China.
  - Take a walk, ride your bike or bath your dog
  - Paint a pretty design and message on rocks and place them around your neighborhood.
  - Take a hike.
  - Check out the Kitchen Pantry Scientist website along with Chemistry for kids and STEAM lab for kids
  - Write letters to grandparents, friends and neighbors.
  - Work a jigsaw puzzle
  - Your child wants to learn how to draw, check out Art for Kids Hub on YouTube.
  - Get outside, feel the sun on your face (Remember to keep the 6 ft. social distancing rule)

With so much going on right now, take a breath and spend time with your family. Put the cells down, turn off the T.V. and enjoy the nice quiet surroundings.

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**SERRATO**  
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stocking expired products. To my surprise, many stores were.

We found expired children's ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, baby food, condoms, allergy medicine, cold and flu medication, just to name a few. The stores that had expired products were Rite Aid, Walgreens, CVS, 7-Eleven, Tropical Supermarket, Colonial Farms and Family Dollar.

Many of us student journalists were asked to leave the stores when we confronted store owners and managers over the expired products found. Rite Aid and Family Dollar were the only stores who reached out to us for further comments.

We were also taught about sports journalism which we learned more about in the best way possible by traveling to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to watch an NFL preseason matchup between the Philadelphia Eagles and Tennessee Titans. We watched the game behind the glass of an official press box surrounded by a room full of professional sports journalists. Not to mention an array food provided by the Eagles. Loyal fans filled the stadium with their full support and excitement as if it were opening day made it such an amazing atmosphere to witness.

All the stories we reported on during the program we used to produce The Princeton Summer Journal, a newspaper written and published by student journalists.

Being a first-generation college student, I had many concerns and questions going into the college application process this year. Thankfully, PSJP prepared me. Towards the end of the program, students and I attended seminars on every aspect of the college admissions process, including test prep, writing personal narratives, choosing the best fit college, and understanding financial aid. I along with every student was paired with a college admissions counselor who helped us create a college list, write our personal essays, complete our college applications and offer their support. My counselor was Marin Cogan, a journalist at

Pop-Up magazine. She provided her service at every minute of every day and she is ultimately who I extend my gratitude for helping me confidently submit an application to UT Austin.

Attending SJP provided me more than just a pathway to my future, it gave me a support system which I found through the people I met at the program who turned into some of my closest friends. I met people from all around the nation. New York, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Alaska, Florida, California, Nevada, South Carolina, Maryland, Georgia, Pennsylvania and of course some fellow Texans.

I was able to hear some inspiring stories from the friends I made. Rabeya Sultana of New York moved from Bangladesh at just 14 years old and knowing the adversity she had to overcome to be where she is today is simply amazing. Laila Nasher of Michigan, the first friend I made while riding the train to Princeton, told me about her experience living in a Yemen community and how it is unheard of for young women to pursue an education much less a college education. Yet, Laila is doing it. In fact, she will be receiving her education from one of the world's best university—Harvard.

PSJP Class of 2019 will be heading to Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Duke, Bowdoin, Stanford, UC Berkeley, Williams, Wesleyan, Amherst, Northwestern, UT, Oregon University, Bates and Mt. Holyoke. We are all headed towards exciting new beginnings thanks to program who invested their time in us and allowed us to believe in ourselves.

The Princeton Summer Journalism Program allowed me to see the full potential in myself. Before, I was afraid of what the future held but now I feel prepared to tackle it. I am thankful for this experience and the education I have received at Floydada High School under astonishing educators. It is opportunities like these I hope students in our community take advantage of because if I hadn't, I wouldn't be here writing for the Hesperian and sharing this with you all.



PSJP students and I participating in a mock trial. (Courtesy of Brian Rokus of CNN)



My view from the press box at the Eagles vs Titans preseason game. (Courtesy of Yelena Serrato)



Back row L-R: Nellie Ghosheh of Illinois, Yelena Serrato of Floydada, Rabeya Sultana of New York City, Samantha Gonzalez Castro of Texas, Sabrin Sultana of New York City. Front row: Laila Nasher of Michigan (Courtesy photo)



My college counselor Marin Cogan and I at the PSJP graduation ceremony. (Courtesy photo)

**The 501: Nobody's listless**



**HANABA MUNN WELCH**

As the Coronavirus rages and threatens our lives, lists take on new meaning in all their iterations.

Wish lists used to be for Santa. Now they're for supermarkets. They get refined. At the same time they get less specific.

Rainy day to-do lists beg for attention.

Bucket lists requiring travel or contact with other humans are on hold while everyone is hoping not to kick one.

Time to digress for a kick-the-bucket anecdote:

Friends of mine were living in France. They went to the theater to see "It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World." When you're living abroad, American-made movies take on extra meaning. They take you home for a while.

There the couple sat, watching with keen interest when Spencer Tracy expired and kicked the proverbial bucket, sending it rolling down some rugged steep terrain. They burst out laughing.

Immediately they felt conspicuous. Nobody else got the visual pun. Even a Frenchman who knows English wouldn't have learned that expression at the lycée. It wasn't easy, but the two Americans sobered up as quickly as possible. After all, Spencer Tracy had just kicked the bucket.

We could now add digression to digression by considering the origin of the expression. Indeed, I looked up "kick the bucket" and found various explanations tracing the phrase to places as diverse as Norfolk and Sierra Leone. If you need something to do if you're staying home hoping not to do any bucket kicking, look it up. Don't

demand a definitive answer.

Back to lists. If you kick the bucket and no one knows your Facebook password or you bank account password or your Starbucks password or your email password—the list goes on—whoever has to deal with the details of your life will remember you more fondly if you leave a list. That person might be in charge of your epitaph. Don't risk ending up with something like this:

When Uncle Calvin up and passed  
He kept his passwords to the last,  
So if you're his Facebook friend  
Check for posts beyond his end.

If they're from him then you've got proof  
Facebook went right though his roof  
When his spirit took its flight  
And left us all to sort the plight

Of passwords used for all his stuff  
From bank accounts to buying snuff;  
Message him and ask him how  
He can share those passwords now.

He may not want to.

Yes, that's probably too long for a regular gravestone, but I got carried away.

Meanwhile, although my temperature is only 97.5, I am making a list of all my passwords. No easy task.

Yes, I have my password information in a 175-item folder on my computer. But instead of the passwords themselves, I have cryptic clues. Example: "first six letters of the insurance guy who called me sweetheart and the year of the little yellow car"

Now's the time for me to decipher my clues and hand over the passwords while I still remember all the guys.

It's almost fun.

**NURSE'S**

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sible getting to know each other.

Lorena said, "They are the patients that we're taking care of, and the ones that we have to worry about. With the COVID-19 being a threat and it's a real threat, we need to be cautious. We are taking more precautions such as screening them, asking about their travel history, if they are experiencing any symptoms—like shortness of breath and wheez-

ing. If we need to, we take the full measures. We wear scrubs, gloves, and sometimes we may need to use a face shield. No matter what comes our way, we are going to treat everyone with the upmost respect and the best care that we can.

Lorena is taking all precautions to keep her family safe and healthy. She also makes sure that they have a well-balanced life. They enjoy lots of outside time and play games. She said, "My biggest fear is bringing the virus home to the kids. I take every precaution I can think of to stay healthy. I wash my hands

and change my clothes and shoes in the laundry room before I ever see my family."

Lorena feels that it is so important that everyone stay home as much as possible. Wash your hands or use the hand sanitizer, stay out of large crowds and don't believe everything the media is saying. Most important remember God is in control.

"I have the most amazing support system ever! Brandon is always there if I need to talk. He's very reassuring. He's the best husband ever," said Lorena.

**CATTLE**

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with guidance on identifying critical infrastructure workers during the COVID-19 response. Food and agriculture are third on their list behind only healthcare workers and law enforcement.

On the same day, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order closing schools, bars and dine-in restaurants in Texas, and limiting gatherings to 10 people or less. Exempted from that order were food

and agricultural workers. The governor confirmed that livestock auction markets, as essential businesses, could continue operating as normal without being limited to only 10 people.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has committed to keeping meat inspectors and graders on the job so meat processing facilities can operate at full capacity. The U.S. Department of Transportation also waived hours of service requirements for livestock haulers so cattle can continue moving.

This flexibility will ensure that cattle producers, and

those up and down the beef supply chain, can keep the grocery store shelves full and meet the demands of American consumers.

So far, those efforts have been successful, and supermarket shelves are being restocked regularly. Our association, our leaders and our staff will remain vigilant and engaged to ensure this continues.

Maintaining the beef supply chain is our number one priority. Rest assured, America's ranchers will continue our work to provide the safest, most affordable and highest quality food supply in the world.