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## Oh, For Goodness Bakes

### Grandmother's lessons leads entrepreneur into business

By Teresa Bigham  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Shawn Hill credits his grandmother for his love and passion to bake.

Elsie Clark worked in the school cafeteria for more than 30 years and taught Hill about baking.

"That was when the school lunch ladies made everything by hand," Hill said. "It's because of her that I am able to be the baker that I am. She taught me so much. I love that lady. She means the world to me."

Through his business, For Goodness Bakes, Hill makes cakes, cookies, pies, dinner rolls as well as caters events and during the week he makes dinner plates, if he can fit it into his busy baking schedule. Hill started his home-based business in 2013.

"On the days I can do dinner plates, I will post what I'm fixing on Facebook's Progreso site. It will be on Monday or Wednesday nights because I do

not want to interfere with the pizza buffets or the fish fries that the senior citizens have," he said.

About 65 percent of Hill's customers are from the surrounding towns. He has created cakes for customers in Midland, Amarillo and Plainview.

"Of course, I can't leave Floydada out," he said, "I must mention Carolyn Hardy, because she is my special customer. She orders cakes from me every chance she gets. I once made 400 cupcakes that went to Lamesa for their prom."

Currently Hill is booked through November with large baking orders, but he said he might be able to fit in some small orders.

Hill said he absolutely loves what he does, and that it is a God giving talent since other than his grandmother, he has had no training.

He said he can spend hours baking and decorating a single cake. "In fact, the Harry Potter cake I recently did, I worked

about 20 hours on that cake. I may watch several baking technique videos and use a little bit from each one to get the finished product that I want."

Born and raised in Lockney, Hill is the son of Bill and Elenia Hill and grandson of Elsie Clark, and his sisters are Shedia Benton and Kasidy Rosales. He is a 1993 graduate of Lockney High School where he was a member of Lockney Chapter 4-H and competed several times in the food and nutrition events.

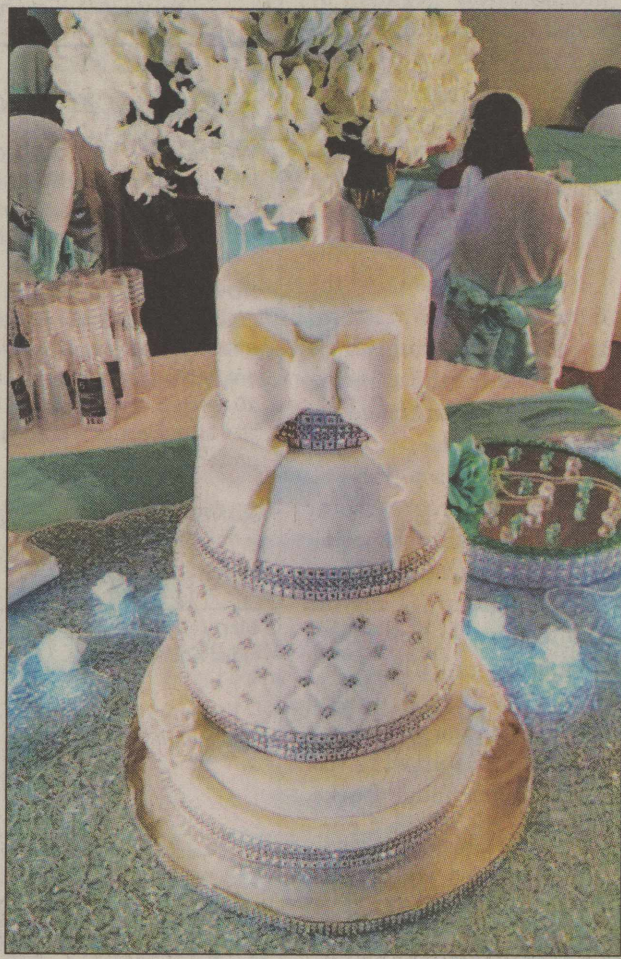
During his senior year, Hill won the state Share the Fun competition. He also placed in the top three of the food and nutrition project with his peanut butter and jelly muffins.

Hill earned an associate's degree in speech communications from South Plains College and his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in public relations.

While he was attending TTU, Hill was employed by Convergys Corporation and had worked his way up to management.

"I was making good money; I mean really good money, so I decided to change career paths. Several years later I was offered a job in the Dallas area, so I moved. Unfortunately, in 2012 our economy was not the best and I was laid off. Jobs were hard to find, and I was unemployed for about eight months. That is when I decided I needed to a change in my life, so I moved back to Lockney," Hill said.

When he finds time to re-



A dream wedding cake created by Shawn Hill owner of For Goodness Bakes. (Courtesy photo)

lax, he said he enjoys watching reality TV and spending time with his family. He also said he likes sports of all kinds but mainly watching NFL and the NBA games.

"I like living here in Lockney because of the slow pace

and the people. The people are simply amazing," Hill said.

For more information, to book an event, or just to get ideas, check out Hill's Facebook page, For Goodness Bakes.

#### For unincorporated areas

### Floyd County Judge issues burn ban

By Teresa Bigham  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY—An outdoor burn ban is in effect for 90 days, through Oct. 13, 2020, for the unincorporated areas of Floyd County.

Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke issued the Emergency Order Prohibition for Outdoor Burning for seven days on Thursday, July 9, and the Floyd County Commissioners extended the ban at their meeting Monday, July 13.

Current circumstances, in all or part of the county, create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning, Lucke said.

"The extremely dry conditions, hot temperatures and no rain are the reasons I felt I needed to put the ban in place," Lucke said.

According to the order, residents cannot burn any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames

and/or sparks.

If there is suspected outdoor burning, the local fire department will respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire, according to the burn ban order.

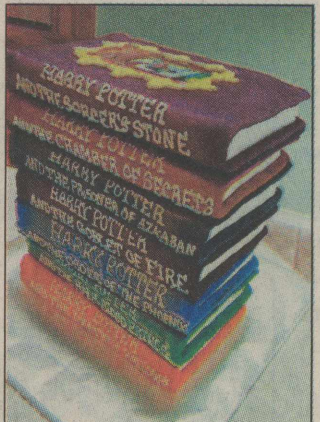
In case of a fire, the officer at the scene and/or the fire chief will inform the residents of the burn ban and request compliance with it.

The incident and notification made to the resident will be entered into the dispatcher's log containing the time, date, and place of the warning, and the names of the person receiving the warning. If there is a second or flagrant violations of the order, a resident may be prosecuted in accordance with the statues and procedures governing misdemeanors, the burn ban order states.

Violating the burn ban is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.



Cookies designed and baked by Shawn Hill for a birthday girl to share with her Noah's Ark classmates. (Courtesy photo)



A Harry Potter birthday masterpiece birthday cake Shawn Hill spent more than 20 hours creating. (Courtesy photo)

### Floydada ISD announces plan for upcoming school year

By Yelena Serrato  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—Floydada ISD is offering parents two options for educating their children this coming school year - send the children to school for face-to-face learning or opt for remote learning, according to statement released to the public.

Students choosing on-campus learning will receive daily temperature checks and other health protocols and will be required to follow social distancing guidelines. Students also will be able to participate in extra-curricular activities. FISD will have a 90 percent attendance rule in effect for students for the duration of the school day.

As for parents who decide to educate their children through remote learning, students will be required to meet daily attendance and will have their studies given to them 100 percent online. Their learning will mirror the on-campus school day with a 90 percent attendance rule also in effect.

Students will need to have reliable internet and will need to complete daily assignments and will not be given the option to participate in extra-curricular activities such as athletics, band, etc. These students also will not be able to attend school activities that take place at home or away.

Remote learning during the 2020-2021 school year will be much more

structured and will involve more rigorous requirements, according to the district's statement. Once remote learning is selected, students must remain in that method of learning for the entire six-weeks grading period.

All parents/guardians should select the option that is best for their child, the district stated.

Floydada ISD will send out a survey in early August in which parents must make an official choice of on-campus or remote learning for their child. More details will be provided as the school year approaches, which is set to begin on August 17.

FISD hopes to make this year a safe and successful year for students and the school community.

## BURN BAN for Floyd County

### 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 banderson@lknewsgroup.com.

#### FARMER'S MARKET FLOYDADA

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is now accepting vendors for the 2020 Farmer's Market. To be a vendor, please call (806)983-3434 or email manager@floydadachamber.com. Becoming a vendor is FREE!

#### TEXAS TECH CREDIT UNION

The Texas Tech Credit Union FCS Branch, 230 W. California Street, will have a Grand Reopening from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, July 30. There will be food, drinks and door prizes.

#### FLOYDADA EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Floydada Ex-Students Association has announced that Homecoming 2020 is back on the calendar for September 4-5, 2020. The Homecoming activities will be held at the new Secondary School located at the 700 Block of Jackson. The old high school will still be standing, but demolition will follow shortly after Homecoming Weekend.

#### CHARLES TYER MEMORIAL SERVICES

Due to the spike in the coronavirus cases the memorial service for the late Charles Tyer of Floydada has been changed to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5 at First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

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#### News on the go



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# Floyd County Judge allows large outdoor gatherings

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - Residents in unincorporated Floyd County are allowed to have outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people, according to a proclamation signed by Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke.

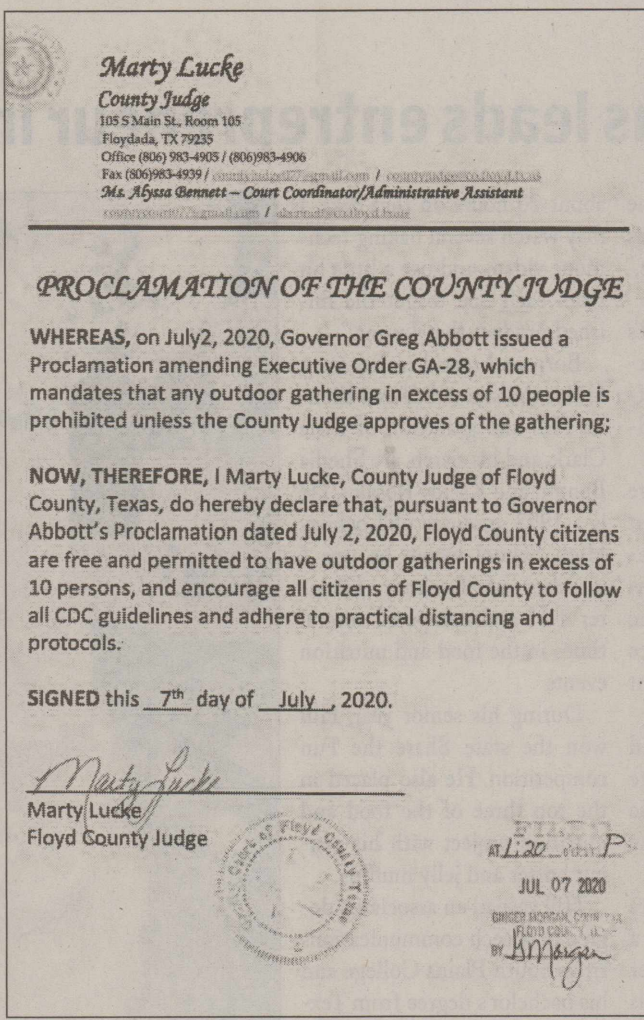
The proclamation states all citizens are encouraged to follow all CDC guidelines and adhere to social distancing protocols.

"This does not keep the City of Lockney or the City of Floydada from restricting gathering. It is only good for the unincorporated areas of the county," Lucke said.

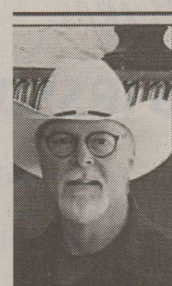
On Thursday, July 2, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Proclamation amending Executive Order GA-28 granting mayors and county judges power to approve gatherings.

Mayor Bobby Gillon said in a phone call Friday, "We will be following suit with County Judge Lucke, until the next City Council meeting."

As of press time, the Hesperian-Beacon was unable to reach Lockney City Manager Buster Poling.



# Between the lines Reckless love and things I've learned after it was too late



BRUCE W. GREEN

Seldom does it happen but I slept in this morning - until 6 a.m. I figured I would need the rest in case today turns out to be an incredible day.

I didn't sleep or rest much when I was younger. I was in a big hurry to get somewhere I cannot now remember.

Along the way there were things I learned after it was too late. Interestingly, those seem to be the things that have stuck with me.

I think I might have been the only Texas guy raised in the early 1970s who listened to Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings and didn't smoke dope.

But I was an adventurer and thought my body could endure any test. I learned too late that if you live through that, you'll have nights in the future when you don't sleep much.

Related to that, I learned too late that the things you just can't seem to resist doing, are precisely the things you ought to resist doing.

I had the chance to learn that in the first grade, but I didn't - when I tried to kiss Becky Craycraft. She warned me to keep my kisses to myself, and I should have listened.

I learned after it was too late that the Peanuts cartoon strip would be a greater consolation to me in future years than graduate degrees. It was Linus who abruptly got my attention with the words, "A person has to be careful about things he might regret years from now." But it was a bit too late for a couple of things, so those things accompany me to this day.

I also learned after it was too late that one of the most important things a man can do is to learn to love what is good for him. Whatever a man seeks, he seeks because he perceives it to be good, and he is inclined therefore to love it.

Unfortunately, not all goods that a man may desire are suitable or wholesome for him. Reckless love - love that is not under the control of the judgment of right reason - can injure or wound a man (a woman too).

It took me quite a while to learn that I am responsible for what I love.

When I go to the local restaurant, and the waitress sets a fine wild caught salmon grilled in olive oil and lemon pepper before me, I consider it good, and my appetite moves me toward it. In short, I love it.

If the waitress instead places before me a plate of putrid scraps, I consider it revolting and my appetite moves me away from it. In short, I despise it.

If, however, by the practice of reckless love I have lost the ability to distinguish between what is good for me and what is not, I may love the scraps and despise the fine grilled salmon.

And, if this happens, I will be responsible for my love of the wrong thing. No one else is responsible. I am.

That is why I wish I had learned to love what is good for me a lot earlier in life. I would have saved myself a lot of pain trying to overcome a few lesser attachments that aren't all that good for me - like too many chips and salsa.

Once you are overwhelmed with a powerful love of chips and salsa, you have a real job learning to love something better for you.

All things considered, I am thankful my more reckless loves have been for adventure - and biscuits. These are hard enough to overcome but things could be worse. Even though Snoopy said (thought), "One of the great joys in life is scarfing junk food," it tends to be a reckless love.

But it's never too late to become the man I might have been. In the words (thoughts) of Snoopy, "Learn from yesterday; live for today; look to tomorrow; rest this afternoon." Email Green at bgreen@lknews-group.com

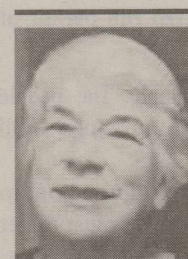
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# The 501: Gypsies don't mow



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Have you ever wanted to be homeless? Does the thought cross your mind when the yard needs mowing and the hedge needs trimming? Or when paint is peeling and the roof needs fixing?

The greater your material possessions, the more energy and money you spend to keep everything in good repair. Mother told me that. She was right.

For the responsible homeowner, the grass can look greenest on the other side of the fence where there is none.

Speaking of fences, Mother was absolutely opposed to one that had to be painted, like the white ones that surround horse farms. Too much upkeep and expense. We did have a short stretch of white picket fence for a while - until I climbed over it and hung one ankle between the pickets and ended up hanging upside down, screaming, eventually rescued by Mr. Boles, chief hired hand. Thank you Mr. Boles. End of that fence. Too dangerous for a 5-year-old.

Mother also thought horses required too much upkeep and expense, although she and Daddy had one each back in the day. If you give them all the shots you're supposed to, you can't afford it. That's what she said.

But Mother and Daddy bought me a horse anyway. His name was Ranger. He got a few shots, but only if an equine disease was raging.

## HORSE RESEARCH.

Over the decades, nothing seems to have changed. Horses still require all sorts of regular vaccinations.

Unless it's a Gypsy horse. I'm guessing they just tough it out like their owners.

There you have it. The appeal of the vagabond life. No yards to mow. No vaccinations for the horses. Or the kids. A carefree existence.

Disclaimer: In the real world, many Gypsies (now properly called Roma) get vaccinations and have houses and live in one place, even though legendary roaming Roma seemed alive and well in 1997 when I saw them in Romania, horses included. Nice big horses.

Whatever the case, the idea of an unfettered drifter's life has a certain picturesque appeal to anyone who's weighted down by the trappings of a so-called successful life. (Yes, drifters are inherently unfettered, but I couldn't decide which word not to use.) Otherwise, why do we romanticize the Gypsy existence? Even the Roma who've put down stakes probably still feel the call of the open road. Just guessing.

You own only your wagon and horses. You camp wherever you find a spot. You beg, borrow, steal or work for just enough to get by. In the evenings you sit around a campfire and eat goulash and play your violin. Goulash with good paprika.

It's why some people with nice big houses and expansive lawns sell them and buy big RVs with no lawns attached. They'd rather be Gypsies.

They've got it made. In the evenings they don't have to build fires because they've got indoor fake fireplaces. Nice.

Me, I think I'd better just go ahead and mow the lawn.

But for supper tonight, I'm thinking goulash.

## Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: banderson@lknews-group.com



## Floyd County COVID-19 report

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - "Due to a book-keeping error beyond my control, I was not receiving an accurate count of cases for Floyd County," said Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke. "I reported the information that I received each day and did my best to keep the news media informed of not only cases but also a list of recoveries and

active cases. I am not one to blame others, therefore I will take full responsibility for the problem."

The case count in Floyd County went from 46 to 64 due to the aforementioned bookkeeping error, Lucke said, adding recoveries went from 18 to 30.

As of Friday, July 10, there were 66 total reported cases with 30 cases reported as fully recovered and 35 active cases.

- Lucke also reported one death, a 48-year old Lockney male due to COVID-19.
- CASE #66: LOCKNEY - Male 50-59 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #65: FLOYDADA - Male 20-29 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #64: FLOYDADA - Female 12 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #63: FLOYDADA - Female 9 months old. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #62: FLOYDADA - Female 15 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #61: FLOYDADA - Male 2 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #60: FLOYDADA - Male 45 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #59: FLOYDADA - Female 48 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #58: FLOYDADA - Male 21 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #57: FLOYDADA - Male 21 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #56: FLOYDADA - Male 9 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #55: LOCKNEY - Female 32 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #54: FLOYDADA - Male 10 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #53: FLOYDADA - Male 34 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #52: LOCKNEY - Male 61 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #51: LOCKNEY - Male 59 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #50: LOCKNEY - Female 27 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #49: FLOYDADA - Female 18 years of age. Unknown.
- CASE #48: LOCKNEY - Female 12 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #47: LOCKNEY - Female 64 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #46: LOCKNEY - Female 64 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #45: LOCKNEY - Male 48 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #44: LOCKNEY - Female 72 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.

- CASE #43: LOCKNEY - Male 65 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #42: LOCKNEY - Female 66 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #41: LOCKNEY - Male 24 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #40: LOCKNEY - Female 58 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #39: LOCKNEY - Male 18 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #38: LOCKNEY - Female 20 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #37: LOCKNEY - Male 48 year of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #36: LOCKNEY - Male 27 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #35: LOCKNEY - Female 49 years old. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #34: FLOYDADA - Female 40 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #33: LOCKNEY - Male 21 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #32: LOCKNEY - Female 26 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #31: FLOYDADA - Female 85 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #30: LOCKNEY - Female 4 months old. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #29: FLOYDADA - Male 15 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #28: LOCKNEY - Female 27 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #27: LOCKNEY - Male 58 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #26: LOCKNEY - Male 27 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #25: LOCKNEY - Male 34 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #24: FLOYDADA - Female 36 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #23: FLOYDADA - Male 50 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #22: LOCKNEY - Male - 2 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #21: LOCKNEY - Female - 22 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #20: LOCKNEY - Male 40 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.

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By Yelena Serrato  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY—As of 6 p.m., Friday, July 10, the total number of early votes cast was 130, according to County Clerk Ginger Morgan.

On the Republican ballot, Ronny Jackson and Josh Winegarner ran for

the U.S. Representative, District 13 seat, and Steven Denny and Larry Doss ran for Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4, Unexpired Term.

The Democratic ballot, Royce West challenged Mary "MJ" Hegar, for U.S. Senator, and Gus Trujillo and Greg Sagan ran for U.S. Representative for

District 13. Chrysta Castaneda and Robert R. "Beto" Alonzo ran for Railroad Commissioner.

The Republican and Democrat winners in the U.S. Representative, District 13, race will face each other on the November general election ballot to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry.

Early voting ends with 130 ballots cast

# SOCIETY

## Floydada Rotary



Floydada Police Officers talk about the types of calls they respond to in Floydada during the Floydada Rotary Club meeting July 8. Floydada Rotary Club members thanked the officers for their service to community. From left, Patrol Officer Danny Burdick, Corporal Bruce Kastning, Sergeant Marco Martinez, and Rotarian Wes Anderson. The Floydada Rotary Club meets at noon every Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Building. (Photo by Mike Green)

## Local Girl Scouts donate to SOS



Courtesy Photo

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Members of the Girl Scouts on Floydada donate canned food to the Spirit of Sharing. The food was purchased with the money they earned from the Girl Scout cookie sales.

Girl Scouts, front row, from left Ta'Kyria Briley and Ella Snowden. Middle row, from left, Taniah Briley, Zaybree Back, Mallory Wilhelm, Mia Snowden, Addison Hinson and Emily Williams. Back row, Sierra Snowden.

The Spirit of Sharing

(SOS) is located behind the Floydada Senior Citizens building. SOS helps anyone out that needs a helping hand. The SOS is a non-profit organization that opened in 1983 and is open 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays.

## New pool sign being built

Floydada City Pool managers are expecting a new sign to be up this summer. Construction on the sign is continuing. Pool hours are noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Private parties are held on Tuesday through Sunday 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. or 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost of a private party is \$100 deposit plus \$150 for two hours of fun. Contact pool managers, Harvey and Martha Garza to book a party. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)



## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY- The Center serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive through or delivery. Anyone wanting lunch can call the Center by 9:30 a.m. daily.

JULY CALENDAR:

7-24 - Friday Night Fish Fry - 5-8 p.m. \$12 per plate  
7-25 - Saturday Night Supper - 5-8 p.m. \$12 per plate. BBQ chicken, brisket, sausage, cowboy beans, potato salad, and peach cobbler.

Fish Fry and the Saturday Night Supper will be served curbside pickup, drive through and delivery. For deliver please

call 652-2745. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.

At this point, Thursday night potluck/game night is canceled until further notice.

The Center's staff appreciates everyone and said they can't wait to see everyone again.

For questions, contact the center at 652-2745. Stay safe.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Center is now open for dining-in. Take-outs and deliveries are still available. Call 806-983-2032.

The center is in need of five more deliveries or take-outs per day. The staff is doing its best to stay open to deliver to those who cannot leave their homes. Everyone is still eating, even if self-quarantined. So, please order a meal to be delivered or come by for a take-out.

The prices of our meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Anyone who is breathing is eligible to eat with us or right now for a carry out or delivery.

The center also needs a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. Drivers receive a delicious meal as payment for their 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 983-2032 for home delivery by 11 am. Delivery drivers begin delivering at 11:30 a.m.

The mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is 806-983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

### MENU

July 20 - July 24

Monday - Oven baked chicken

Tuesday - Tacos - \$4

Wednesday - Swedish meatball & noodles

Thursday - Salisbury steak

Friday - Pizza

(Menu subject to change without notice)

## Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Mary Ann Reyes shares her breakfast casserole this week.

Married to Rocky Moses Reyes for 37 years, the couple met while attending Floydada High School. They have two sons, Christopher Moses Reyes and Devin Moses Reyes. Christopher and his son, Sora Moses Reyes, live in Okinawa, Japan.

When Reyes has free time, she loves going to estate sales and auctions.

A 1983 graduate of Floydada High School, Reyes earned a bachelor's degree in business from Wayland Baptist University in 1996.

Reyes has worked at Floyd County Appraisal District for 37 years.

"I love living in Floydada because it's a small community and the people here are so amazing. You can feel the love in this community. This is where we plan to stay," Reyes said.



### Breakfast Casserole.

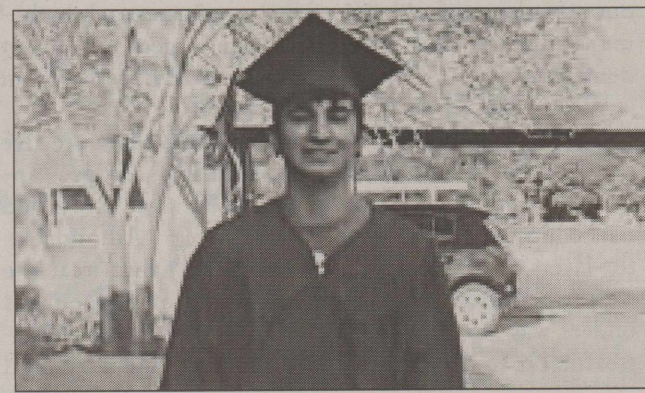
#### Ingredients:

- 6 slices of bread,
- 1lb of sausage,
- 6 eggs,
- 1 small container of half & half milk,
- 1 small can of green chilis,
- a dab of salt and pepper
- shredded cheese.

#### Instructions:

Butter both sides of bread, lay in dish, cook sausage-drain and spread on top of bread, mix together half & half milk, eggs, green chili, salt and pepper. Pour over sausage & bread. Top with shredded cheese. Let sit in refrigerator overnight (covered with foil). Next morning bake at 350 for 45 minutes covered in foil.

## Luna earns welding certificate



Elias Luna recently earned a welding certificate from South Plains College. An 2019 Floydada High School graduate, Elias is the son of Francisco Luna and Leticia Luna. Elias is currently employees at the Co-Op Gin in Floydada. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

MAISY REEVES SHILLING

By Maisy Reeves Shilling

I finished Baylor University in 1923 and started out on a new life. Since I was born and raised at Matador, I decided I would apply to teach in several places nearby. The first place that I applied was in Floydada and was elected for September 1923.

One day in the early summer I was asked to meet with the board of trustees and the superintendent for an interview. I did and found out that Dr. Andrews, a wonderful character, was president of the board and I learned that he had known my father, Walter Reeves, in earlier years. Then Dr. Johnson was the superintendent and a Baylor graduate, so I had my interview and about a week later I was told that I had been elected to teach the fourth grade. I was delighted!

When school opened, we were in a portable building on the north side of town, but I didn't mind for I was delighted with my pupils and of course, learned a lot that year.

At mid-term Mr. Johnson asked me to transfer to high school on the south side for 8th grade social studies which was really my major. I loved my little fourth graders and hated to leave them, but he could get a replacement for the 4th grade but needed the 8th grade teacher, so I went. Then I learned that the 8th grade science group had practically run off their teacher. I was promised support, but I was scared to death that I might meet the same fate. To my surprise the 8th graders welcomed me wholeheartedly as it seemed that they had had an older teacher who dressed rather badly, and I was young then. The language section of the 8th grade had a young teacher who bragged on her section against the science section, so my group went all out to be very good and nice to me.

When April 1 came, I saw

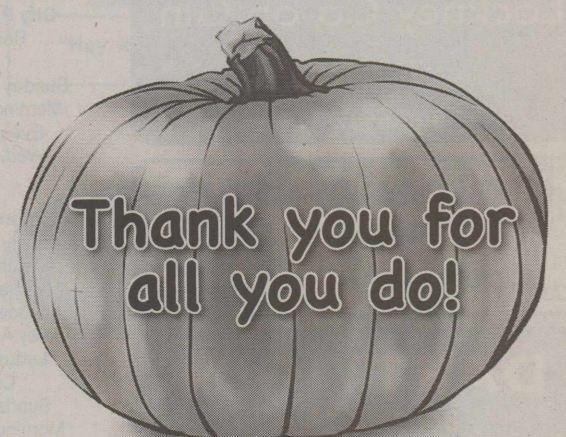
some groups whispering and seemed to be planning something, so I pretended not to notice while thinking all the while. "Well, this is it I guess they will try to get rid of me." Finally two of the pupils came to me and said I was wanted in the superintendent's office. I was very leary but went on, and the superintendent was in on their scheme, so he just talked to me about the program, etc. When I went back to the room the door was closed. I had left it open, so I said faintly to myself, "Lord, shall I go in or go back to the office?" I bravely opened the door, and everything was so quiet that I was afraid to look around much. I did look at my desk, piled as high as they could get it with all kinds of fruit and goodies, everyone was as quiet as a mouse until my eyes popped and my mouth flew open, and they called out "April Fool". I was almost in shock but expressed my thanks. Then the pupils said, "You know, the other section didn't do a thing for their teacher but hide her coat for a joke." So, after that, my problems were very few.

My little fourth graders still came by to see me and would sit out on the steps until we dismissed. They would bring me apples and tell me all about their school. I remember two of them so well, Carl Marshall and Robert Swain. They were adorable.

In 1924 the high school moved to the new building on the south side with Mr. J. C. Wester as principal. I liked him very much and enjoyed my work there, but felt ambitious to advance, so applied over in Plainview and was elected for the fall of 1925-26. I hated to leave the Floydada School but felt that teaching in the Plainview School would be an advance. I taught there one year and when my father became ill, I went back to Matador and taught there three years. Then I was elected to teach in the Dallas Schools for the term of 1929-30 and taught there 24 years. I married and my husband enjoyed the pupils and subjects as much as I did.

I shall always cherish my first schools and have many happy memories of my pupils. It is a great joy to hear from and see my former pupils from time to time and to hear of their accomplishments.

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# CHURCHES

## Ruben Ascensio

Ruben Ascensio, age 48 of Lockney, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Graveside service were held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 10, 2020 at the Lockney Cemetery with Luis Luna officiating.

Visitation was held from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Ruben was born August 8, 1971 to Liborio Ascensio and Gloria Felan.

He was a person full of life who loved to joke around and be the life of the party. Ruben was able to touch many hearts through the warm welcomes and caring nature

that was so much a part of him.

His greatest enjoyment, however, was being around his big family and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his father, Manuel Fierros, and mother, Gloria Villarreal; wife, Mercedes Sanchez; daughters, Whitney Ascensio, and Mariah Ascensio; sons, Ruben Ascensio Jr, Liborio Ascensio, and Elias Ascensio; brothers, Tony Ascensio, Jamie Ascensio, George Villarreal, Erik Villarreal, and Manuel Fierros; sisters, Holly Ascensio, Veronica Pacheco, Isabell Villarreal, Gloria Fierros, and Michelle Fierros; grandchildren, Nevaeh Ascensio, Zavian Rodriguez, and Ariella Rodriguez; and a host



RUBEN ASCENCIO

of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Liborio Ascensio, Sr., brother, Liborio Ascensio, Jr., maternal grandparents, Tony and Esther Felan, paternal grandparents, Jesus and Ramona Meza Ascensio, and nephew, Michael Angelo Ramirez.

Online condolences may be made at [www.mooserose.com](http://www.mooserose.com)

## Douglas Melvin Johnson

Douglas Melvin Johnson, 64, left this earth Saturday, July 4, 2020 to live on the lake in a cabin made just for him.

He was born February 1, 1956, in Crosbyton, Texas.

He lived in the community of South Plains, Texas until moving with his family to Floydada, Texas in 1966. He lived and died in Floydada, in the first home he had there.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., July 25, 2020 at the Lakeview Cemetery in Floyd County.

Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada

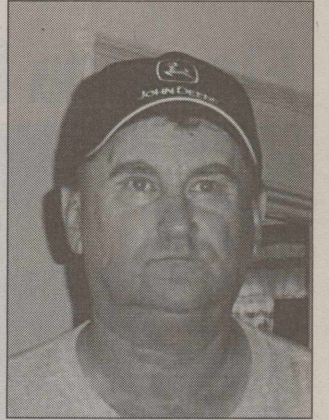
After graduating from Floydada High School, he began to work for Floyd County as a road maintainer. He worked there until he retired in 2008 to care for his aging parents and an aunt and uncle.

He enjoyed yard work, cooking, exercising, playing games, weather-watching, and fishing. He always enjoyed a good visit with friends and acquaintances, especially at whatever "store" he happened to be in.

He was a member and Deacon of Bible Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Windle and Thelma Johnson and an infant sister, Tina, and an uncle and aunt that he took care of, Otis and Elizabeth Johnson.

He is survived by sisters, Jody (Tommy) Robinson and Vickie Upton; his nieces, Shanna (Joe) Rockwell, Misti Agee (Bill) Savory, and Stephanie Upton; his nephews, Scott (Kim) Upton and Jeremy (Leslie) Agee; his great-niece, Hayley (Jordan) Hadden; his great-nephews, Cody Upton, Dylan Rockwell,



DOUGLAS MELVIN JOHNSON

Jordan Rockwell, and Andrew Upton; a great-great niece, Madilyn Upton; and great-great nephews, Noah Upton and Kason Agee, and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital, PO Box 37, Lockney, TX 79241 (Due to hospital Covid-19 admittance restrictions, please mail donations instead of bringing in person. Please add "Memory of Melvin Johnson" on check/envelope.)

## The Alzheimer's Association Freedom from dementia?

By Scott Finley  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Another Fourth of July has come and gone, and celebrations this year were certainly different from any other time people can remember.

July 4, 1776 marked the Declaration of Independence by the original 13 colonies of their freedom from Great Britain's King

George III.

But when will we mark our freedom of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia?

While the punch of COVID-19 hit researchers and labs just as hard as life in your own town, scientists continue to peel away the layers of Alzheimer's.

A worldwide quest is under way to find new treatments to stop, slow or

even prevent Alzheimer's disease and we are leading the way in research by being the largest non-profit funder of AD research in the world.

Currently, there are five Alzheimer's drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that treat the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease — temporarily helping memory and thinking problems — with a sixth drug available globally. However, these medications do not treat the underlying causes of the disease or slow its pro-

gression.

A lack of volunteers for Alzheimer's clinical trials is one of the greatest obstacles slowing the progress of potential new treatments. If you are interested in participating in a current clinical trial, use Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch®, a free, easy-to-use clinical studies matching service that generates customized lists of studies based on user-provided information.

One very interesting study taking place in Houston is the Alzheimer's Association U.S.

Study to Protect Brain Health Through Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Risk (U.S. POINTER). It's a two-year clinical trial to evaluate whether lifestyle interventions that simultaneously target many risk factors protect cognitive function in older adults who are at increased risk for cognitive decline.

While COVID-19 temporarily halted this research, it is expected to pick back up soon.

To find out more about any of the ongoing Alzheimer's research, just go

to [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or you can download the Alzheimer's Science Hub app. It's the only app in its class dedicated to the rapidly evolving field of Alzheimer's and dementia science. You can pick it up for free at the Apple App store or Google Play.

And just a reminder — you can always get the latest information about the Association's COVID-19 emergency preparedness guidelines for Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers in long-term or community-based care settings here:

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Surprise Guest

*The one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.*

- Hebrews 2:11 (NIV)

One of my earliest childhood memories is when my grandparents surprised us by arriving at our doorstep unannounced. They lived eight hours away so we were overjoyed to see them. My grandparents had brought me a gift, but the real treat was their presence.

When Jesus was born, he arrived in a surprising way. Rather than living as a king in a palace, Jesus lived as an ordinary person. Working as a carpenter, Jesus knew the value of hard work. During his ministry, Jesus traveled long hours without a place to lay his head.

Because of the way Jesus lived, he was able to build personal relationships with many people. He shared wisdom with tax collectors and fishermen, Jews and Gentiles, men and women. Today, when we show warmth to those around us we reflect the perfect type of love Jesus modeled.

My grandparents taught me about Jesus and the gift of his life as a human being. Jesus modeled a way for us to live as friends and family of all other humans and gives us the hope that we will one day see both Jesus and our loved ones again.

—Lauren Craft (Virginia, USA)

#### TODAY'S PRAYER

Wonderful Counselor, thank you for coming to live among us. Help us to show warmth to everyone we meet. Amen.

from <http://devotional.upperroom.org/devotionals>

**Aiken Baptist Church**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship...11 a.m.

**Bible Baptist Church**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-2578  
Sunday School...10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

**Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

**Carr's Chapel**  
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  
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
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  
Ron Kuykendall - Worship Leader  
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.

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askey  
401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

**Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**  
310 Mississippi, 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  
704 B Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

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

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Floydada  
Rev. Toby Gonzales  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Priest - Sylvester Dsouza  
Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass  
Sun - 9 a.m. Mass  
Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass

**South Plains Baptist Church**  
Dan Beaty, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

**Templo Getsemani Assembly of God**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe M. Hernandez  
983-5286 (Church)  
Sunday School  
English - 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish - 11 a.m.  
Worship  
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.  
English - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God**  
Washington And 1st St.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.  
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

**Templo Nueva Vida**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston  
Karl & Justin Brown, Pastors  
983-5499  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

**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.

**West Side Church of Christ**  
Floydada  
983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

# AGRICULTURE

## Floyd County "4-H Spotlight"

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

This week's 4-H spotlight is Kayslee McInvale, the daughter of Hoyt and Crystal McInvale of Lockney.

Kayslee has been a member of 4-H for seven years and has been involved in the beef project, goat and swine projects, cake decorating project, meat judging project and the vet science project.

"I love that 4-H has opened many doors for me whether in the livestock industry or just in general. Looking back, being in 4-H has been a wonderful learning experience," she said.

"I have been taught many things in life because of 4-H. It has



taught me responsibility, hard-work, dedication and commitment. Most of my lifelong friends have been made through 4-H. This has been an amazing opportunity in my life, and I wish more people could have this

experience." McInvale graduated from Lockney High School this past spring and plans to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville and major in animal science and occupational therapy.

## Course targets owners of new, inherited, existing land

# GENERATION NEXT

*Our Turn to Ranch*

By Kay Ledbetter  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

"The Generation Next curriculum targets new landowners, those who are inheriting land or those who are looking to start a new agricultural operation on an existing ranch," said Megan Clayton, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension range specialist, Corpus Christi. "It is an online school where participants will work toward developing a business plan with plenty of support from professionals who specialize in each field and topic."

The course fee is \$250, which includes 12 weeks of expert instruction, a Generation Next T-shirt and a completion certificate at the end of the course. Attendees also will have the opportunity to complete a business plan by the end of the course. Register online or call 979-845-2604.

"Those who attend will gain ideas that can be applied to a new operation or an existing one, such as learning about options for setting up grazing and wildlife leases and smaller niche market opportunities," Clayton said.

"Participants also will be exposed to the latest land management tools and techniques."

Participants also will learn about starting a new agriculture business or enterprise, including tax implications, insurance needs, developing grazing or wildlife leases, finance management, land management techniques and resources, alternative ranching, ecotourism opportunities and direct marketing, and setting goals with measurable objectives for success, she said.

"Those who attend should plan to spend about an hour and a half at some point during the week working on the lesson and activities," Clayton said. "The activities will ultimately build a useful business plan for your operation."

For more information, contact Clayton at 361-265-9203 or Megan.Clayton@ag.tamu.edu.

## Fighting Fire with Fire webinar set July 27

By Susan Hill  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be holding a free online wildfire/prescribed burning workshop from 9 a.m.-noon on July 27, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session.

The webinar will summa-

rize the research findings from "Fighting Wildfire with Prescribed Burning in the Southern Great Plains: Social and Regulatory Barriers and Facilitators" project, funded by a Bureau of Land Management Joint Fire Science Program grant.

The webinar will be led by project leader Urs Kreuter,

Ph.D., human dimensions of ecosystem management professor, Department of Ecology and Conservation Biology, Texas A&M University, College Station.

"This webinar will summarize recently completed graduate student research on a very unique and relevant topic in Texas, 'Prescribed

Fire Social and Regulatory Barriers,'" said Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension rangeland specialist, San Angelo. "This topic resonates strongly with landowners throughout the Southern Great Plains because of many social and regulatory barriers that exist that may impede or inhibit a landowner's ability to conduct a prescribed fire on private property."

Treadwell said this research will closely examine the effects of burn bans, landowner perceptions and county official's perception of a landowner's ability and desire to apply prescribed fire effectively.

"Dr. Urs Kreuter has led this project as principal investigator and has brought together many collaborators such as Dr. Carissa Wonkka from the USDA-ARS, John Weir from Oklahoma State University, and many others,"

she said.

Understanding how and why landowners and county officials view prescribed fire is the first step in delivering the correct type of information they need to make more informed decisions regarding prescribed fire implementation, Treadwell explained.

Interested stakeholders may preregister for the event, which will be held on the Zoom platform. For more information, visit the West Texas Rangelands website or contact Treadwell.




Recently completed research on fighting wildfires will be discussed during an online workshop July 27. For more information or to preregister, visit the West Texas Rangelands website at <https://agrilife.org/westtexasrangelands> or email [treadwell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:treadwell@ag.tamu.edu) (AgriLife photo)

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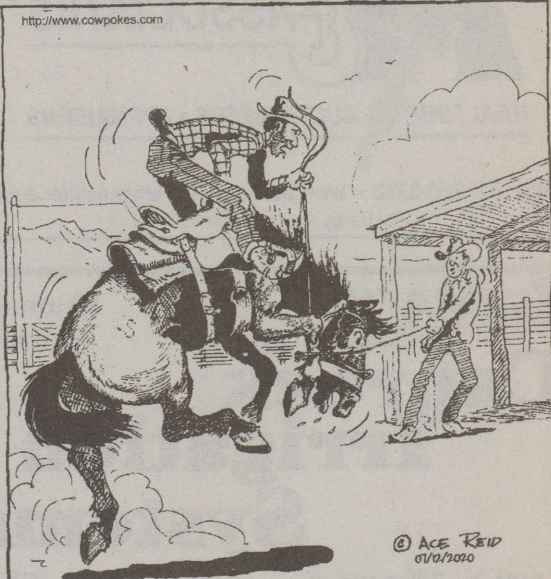
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Whirlwind cheerleaders hold camp

By Yelena Serrato  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — Whirlwind cheerleaders worked out during a fun and intensive two-day cheer camp at the Whirlwind Gym.

The Whirlwind cheer camp usually takes place over three to four days, but due to COVID-19 regulations, this year's camp was cut to two days.

The Whirlwind cheerleaders head coach is Tania Pesina and assistant coach Angie Gonzalez. The varsity cheer squad is led by captain Ali Gonzales.



The proud cheerleaders that represent our school and community. (Courtesy photo)



Varsity Cheerleaders are Clarissa DelaFuente, Alyssa Hinson, Audrie Strange, Aliana Gonzales, Natalee Romero, Madison Garcia and Miya Fipps and the 2020-20201 Windy mascot. (Courtesy photo)

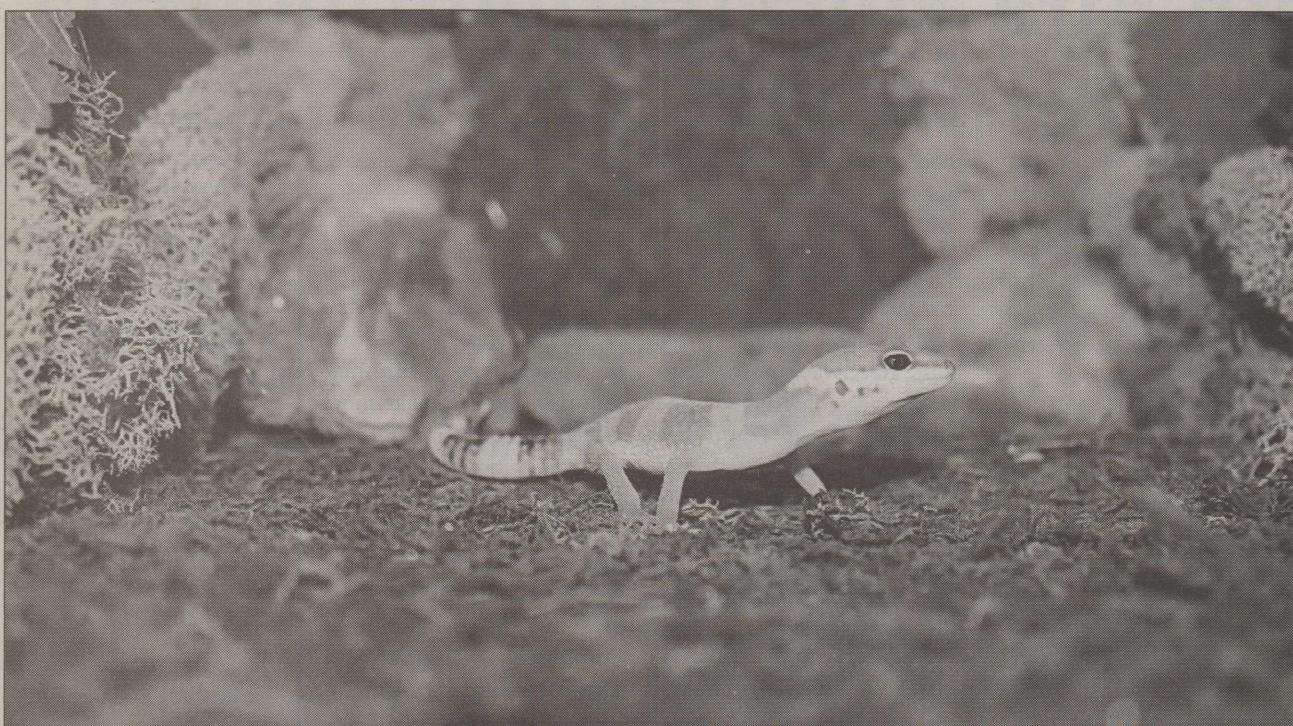


JV Cheerleaders Aranda Cruz, Alea Lira, Maria Garcia and Clarissa Ramos (Courtesy photo)



2020-20201 FJHS cheerleaders are Allison Romero, Katelynn Ramirez, Desiree DelaFuente, Kirsten Pyle, MaKayla Fipps, Mylie Ramos, Kyra Segura and Adelle Ramos. (Courtesy photo)

## 4-H Photo Contest winner named



Austin Phillips of Lockney won first place in the 4-H June photo contest. The theme was "Animals." Austin received a \$15 gift card for his first-place win. The theme for July is "Fireworks." Participants can email, text or post your entries to the Floyd County AgriLife Extension Floyd County Facebook page. (Courtesy photo)

## Duniven named Lockney ISD nurse

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — When students return to school, there are always familiar and new faces, and this year, one of the new faces will be Brittany Duniven, the new Lockney ISD nurse who will be based at the elementary school.

Duniven, who is replacing a retiring Connie Barnett, said this school year will be different from other years because when students and faculty return, it will be on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We do not know what the next school year will look like, but we can have confidence that our district will keep the students and families of our communities close to heart and in their best interest," Duniven said.

The Midland native said the district is working diligently to be prepared to meet the needs of every student enrolled on campus.

"The health and safety of our students is priority," Duniven said. "And while this upcoming year approaches with a bit of concern for the unknown, I am excited and feel prepared to rise to the occasion with our district."

Duniven, an RN, said the nursing field is a great career choice with many specialties, schedules and degree plans. She said she is ready to make the switch to education.

"Nursing has taken me from the fast-paced operating room to school nursing in Fort Worth, home to raise my boys and back into the school setting in Lockney," she said.

The daughter of Brent and

LouAnn Barker, she is married to Tyler Duniven. The couple has three boys: 9-year-old Carter, 6-year-old Davis and Rhett who is 19 months old.

As a district nurse, Duniven said it will give her time to more closely see her sons play and allow her to cheer on the Lockney Longhorns.

When she has time, Duiven said she enjoys playing her French horn and participating in sports of all kinds. Duniven also said she is extremely passionate about teaching Sunday school to the high school age group at FUMC.

Mostly, Duniven said the driving force behind a nurse is compassion and the desire to help and serve others.

"The greatest joy I have found being a nurse is coming to realize that in our efforts to inspire, help, serve and meet the needs of our patients, they are actually the ones inspiring us."



Brittany Duniven, Lockney ISD's new school nurse, and her husband, Tyler, with their children — 19-month old son Rhett and sons, Davis, left, and Carter. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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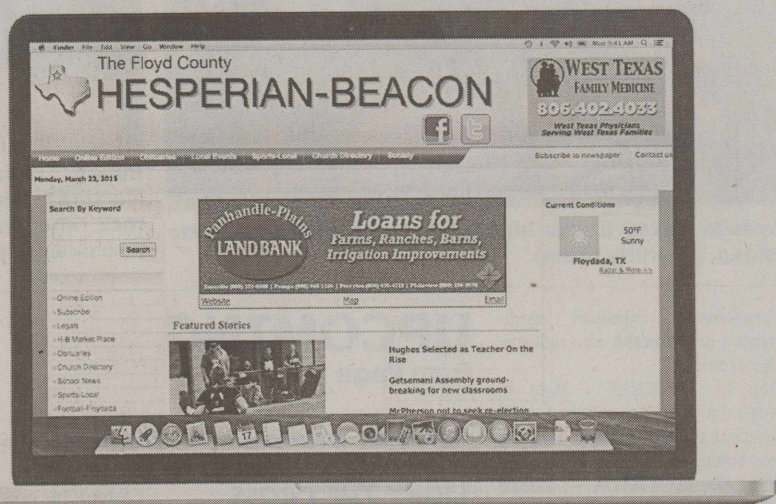
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## Rocking the community

# Siblings' art spreads inspiration, joy

By Yelena Serrato  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—Residents in Floydada are walking around with their heads down, scouring the ground for a little inspiration on a rock.

But these are not just any old rocks, they are hand-painted gems left in places all around town by four children whose goal is to bring joy, inspiration and a lot of fun to their hometown.

Siblings Jakob DeOchoa, 12, Jada DeOchoa, 11, Ry'Anne Garcia, 6, and Roy Garcia Jr., 4, picked up the idea in June during a week-long trip to Waco with their Uncle Juan De.

"The kids were at a park in Waco where they found their first rocks, and they came back saying that they wanted to do the same here" said their mom, Emma Garcia.

Jada said, "Finding rocks made us really excited, so we decided we wanted to make other people happy."

With their mom in agreement, the four formed Floydada Texas Rocks. They set up Facebook and Instagram pages and began their search for rocks to design and stocked up on paint and brushes to spread joy within their community.

Soon they were painting more than 30 rocks a week for eager hunters.

However, these rocks not only showcase the artistic talent of the children, many have a message of inspiration, including "today I choose to be happy," "Jesus loves you" and "hey, you matter."

Simple statements for some but words Jada hopes will bring joy to readers.

"Sometimes we are having a bad day, but when you read your message on the rock, it makes an impact," Emma said. "A little rock can make a big impact."

"If I would have never done this with them, I would have never known how artistic each one of them is; it's unbelievable" she said. "I actually get to spend time with them."

"Doing this has been very eye-opening. I am glad I have the time to spend with them through this. I want them to learn to treat others the way they would like to be treated and to share joy, share peace and find the love," she said. "I want them to know that it doesn't take money to be happy that instead a small gesture can go a long way."

Jakob said that while he likes painting the rocks, he enjoys spending time with family.

For Jada, the biggest joy of their adventure has been reading about where her rocks have traveled. In fact, her American flag rock landed in



Siblings Jakob DeOchoa and Jada DeOchoa, back row, and Ry'Anne Garcia and Roy Garcia, Jr. are the children who started Floydada Texas Rocks. (The Hesperian-Beacon/ Yelena Serrato)

Germany after a customer at the post office came across it while sending a package to a military base.

Ry'Anne said she especially likes painting smiley faces to make others smile. As for Roy, he said likes being able to let people know that Jesus is real by painting crosses on



Mallory Arredondo poses with the rock she found at the city park. (Photo courtesy of Sabrina Ortiz)



Floydada Texas Rocks supports local businesses through its rock art. (Courtesy photo)

his rocks. "They have each found a deeper meaning in what they do," Emma said.

Accompanying each rock is a list of instructions asking the lucky finders to share their story on the Floydada Texas Rocks Facebook and Instagram pages.

The four also use their social

media pages to host scavenger hunts and post other messages.

The children, who began this project in late June, said those who find one of the hand-painted rocks can choose to keep it for themselves or hide it in a different location for others to find.

And it's not just residents

of Floydada who could find one of these gems, residents in Ralls and Idalou should be looking down, turning over every rock to find one of the treasures.



Happy hunter Natalie Martinez shows off the rock she found recently. (Photo courtesy of Ilse Ramirez)

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