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Early Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc on Electrical Lines

By Jennifer Harbin
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

With the sudden turn in the weather, Floyd County residents went from enjoying the mild fall weather and beautifully changing leaves to electrical outages and a four-day long ice storm over the Thanksgiving weekend. Winter Storm Cara hit Floyd County in the early hours on Friday, November 27, covering the landscape with thick fog and intermittent freezing rain spells, quietly leaving on Sunday just as quickly as it had arrived. The damage it left in its wake still remains, though.

According to Lighthouse Electric Coop General Manager Bill Harbin, they began having trouble early Friday Morning. "We had transmission lines

go off about 9 am. As of right now, we've made temporary repairs and all the houses are on, but we still have a lot of cleaning up we need to do," Harbin said.

He explained that transmission lines are the main lines that furnish the power for the substations and when those go off there are widespread outages because there is no source power.

"Ice builds up on the lines and they get so heavy they'll break or the top wires, because of the weight of the ice, sag down touching the bottom wires and cause a short," explained Larry Ogden, Member Services Manager at Lighthouse Electric.

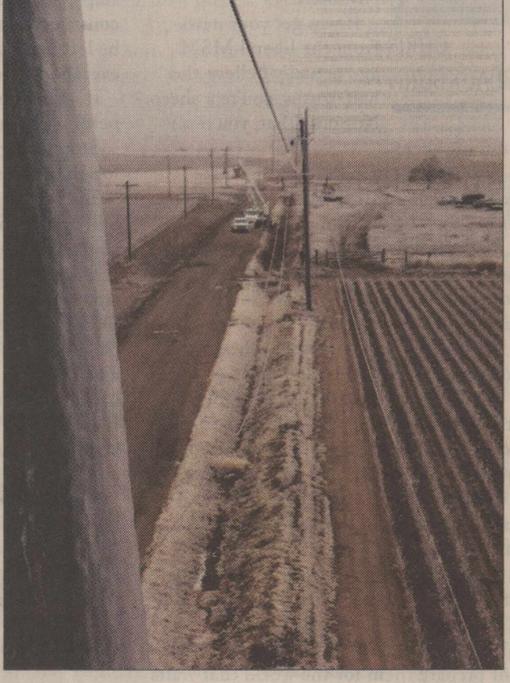
The weight of the ice caused multiple problems with the transmission lines, and Sunday afternoon there were eight substations off simultaneously,

affecting the Starkey/McCoy area, Floydada, Dougherty, Wake, Lockney, Lone Star, Cedar Hill, South Plains, and Silverton.

There are still a few areas that are still without service and Lighthouse crews are working tirelessly to make the repairs, but most members' electricity problems were resolved by 1030 pm Sunday evening according to Ogden.

The biggest obstacle the crews are facing now is the muddy county roads, making

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Courtesy photo

Lighthouse Electric Coop crews worked in the icy weather conditions this past weekend repairing the multiple downed lines and poles after heavy ice covered the region. Crews are seen placing a line back on top of a pole that services several houses in the Matador area.

Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The Floydada Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Troop 357 will have their annual "Scouting for Food Drive" this Saturday, December 5th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. If you will not be home, feel free to leave your non-perishable food items in a bag on your front porch and they will pick them up. All food collected will benefit our local Spirit of Sharing (SOS).

SANTA LETTERS

Santa Letters are due Monday, December 7th by 4 p.m. The Santa Letters will be in our 12-24 Christmas issue.

COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL

The Cowboy Christmas Ball, December 11, 2015 at the Unity Center. For Ticket information contact Elaine LaBaume @ 806-983-9153, Payne Pharmacy in Floydada and D&J Gin in Lockney.

SANTA ON THE SQUARE

The 1st Annual "Santa on the Square" will be held Saturday, December 12th, 2015, and will be open to the public from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. downtown on California Street. This year we really want to make this a unique celebration of Christmas in our community. This event is being hosted by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. For further info, see the article in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

COMMUNITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Ministerial Alliance of Floydada will host a special community-wide
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Mangold Hospital to Hold 23rd Annual Health Fair

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - WJ. Mangold Memorial Hospital will host their 23rd Annual Holiday Health Fair on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Admission to the event is a new toy or canned goods to be donated to the Lockney Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program.

Over 30 vendors will be on hand to provide health information as well as well-

ness screenings for glaucoma, blood sugar and cholesterol. Other professionals on hand will include dentistry, hospice care, optometry and hearing consultants.

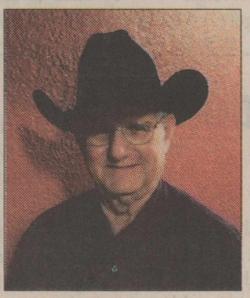
Again this year, the Health Fair will provide children's photo identification cards. These cards are offered as a free public service to families in the area.

The Holiday Health Fair will have activity booths for the children as well as local and area health information booths. Local and area merchants are providing door

Jon LaBaume retires from the Floyd County Friends Unity Center

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Jon LaBaume will be retiring from the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on January 1, 2016. He completed a 38-year career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, now known as Natural Resource Conservation Service) in January of 1998. Thirty years of that tenure was in Floyd County, moving here in 1968. Someone recently told him "you must have done something right in Floyd County to have been left here that long."



Jon LaBaume

Plans began for the Unity Center in 1995 and in 1999, the building was under construction. LaBaume was part of this project from the incep-

tion and was the Construction Manager as it was being built. He was on the Floyd County Friends Board and before the building was completed, he told the board he would manage it. He resigned from the board to become the manager. The new building, a dream for so many people in the county, opened its doors on January 1, 2000. Thus, the Floyd County Stock Show was the first event. It was finally a reality that the stock show was no longer in the old stock show building that was extremely cold, dirty,
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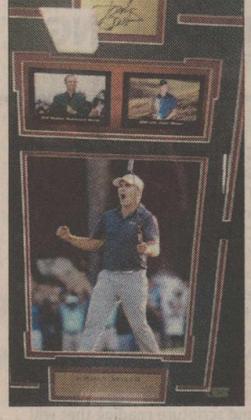
Happy State Bank/FCA Team Up On Silent Auction for Sports Camp Fundraiser

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Happy State Bank has teamed up with the South Plains Fellowship of Christian Athletes to raise money for student athletes to go to the four-day FCA camp at Texas Tech in June by hosting a silent auction in their lobbies with unique collectibles. These custom items are available for your bidding just in time for holiday gift-giving.

According to Happy State Bank Floydada Branch Manager Robbie Hilton, the bank provides the silent auction access for the Fellowship of Christians because, "The FCA helps our area teams with their camp."

Collectibles and memorabilia include keepsakes related to Jordan Spieth 2015 Masters Champion Texas Tech Traditions Cowboys 5-time Super Bowl Champions



Jordan Spieth is the youngest player ever to win both the Masters and US Open in the same year at the age of 21. This collectible salutes his historic accomplishments and is available for bids at the Happy State Bank.

So. God Made a Farmer by Paul Harvey American Pharoah 2015 Triple Crown Champion The Duke Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig



John Wayne also known as The Duke was a top box office draw for three decades and epitomized the ruggedness of the frontier. This collectible is available for bids at the Happy State Bank.

Texas A&M Traditions There are eight photos on display for Silent Auction, and bids will be taken through December. Pictures
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Wendell Sollis and wife both grew up in Petersburg

By Elaine LaBaume
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The bandleader for the Sidekicks All Star Band, Wendell Sollis, and his wife Dustee, both grew up in Petersburg. They graduated from Petersburg High School in 1970 were married that same year and attended Texas Tech. Wendell served in the Air Force in the Vietnam era, from 1972-1976 and during this time, taught himself to play the banjo and guitar. After the war, he and his wife completed their BS Education degrees and Master's degrees at West Texas A&M then taught and coached in Canyon and Amarillo.

For 31 years, Wendell and Dustee were in public education and eventually moved to other districts including Denver City, Snyder, and Odessa. While in Odessa, Dustee taught high school English, where Wendell was assistant



superintendent of personnel then superintendent of schools in Odessa, Texas. They had three children, Lance, Ricky, and Jessica and later 7 grandchildren. The Sollis's retired from public education in 2007.
 The WD Ranch in Petersburg is the Sollis's home
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Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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The Paperboy

We've gone pathetically soft

What a perfect politically correct world we live in. It's so sweet.

Our college kids are protected in their "safe zones" and Conservatives must sit in a corner with their mouths gagged.

Liberals can say what they want and vilify who they want, but that's okay, they are open minded folk who REALLY care about people.

WAKE UP AMERICA!

If you get your news from the liberal MSM and actually believe the half-truths, you're a sheep. Not only that, you're a moronic sheep.

If you think living in a PC climate prepares one for the real world, you are in for a shocking welcome.

The truth is that this life you're living can be good or bad, but it's largely up to you, your brains and your work ethic to make it what you want.

No one is going to coddle you and keep you warm when you leave your "safe zone."

If you get your news and viewpoints strictly from social media, I don't consider you a very serious person. Anyone can be spoon-fed their opinion. But the opinions I value are from people who actually know just what in the hell they are talking about.

I've grown tired of our colleges and universities undercutting great parenting, Christianity, and common sense and filling young adults with trash that will not prepare them for the world that waits them outside of their campus cocoon.

There is a reason companies are looking for experience over degrees.

There is a reason companies want to hire college graduates from foreign countries over American college

graduates. There is a reason that American jobs are being outsourced and automated.

That reason is that not many companies have the time or resources to put up with the self-serving drama our college students are so passionate about.

If someone calls you a name, get over it. If someone infringes on your space, get over it.

If someone knocks you down, pick yourself up and keep going.

Life is full of challenges every single step of the way. Either you have the constitution to deal with it, or you'll be left behind pointing the finger at everybody and everything you can.

It's time for this country to put aside petty feelings and get thick-skinned.

Stop trying to find someone to blame for all of the ills and get after it.

The sooner Americans learn to take the bull by the horns instead of letting the bull trample them, the better off we will all be.

And for God's sake, stop taking advice from morons who lack life experience. Odds are that professor or that news person you rely on lacks the proper experience to advise you on anything of real substance. Do you know why? Because they've never accomplished anything outside of the cocoon of academia.

Learn to think for yourself and stop being a sheep. The sooner you do that, the sooner you will learn that despite life being tough, you have the resilience required to succeed.

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CHRIS BLACKBURN

The 501 Bedeviled Redneck Guesthouse

If company's coming and your house is a mess, just stick them in the guesthouse. No guesthouse? Just buy an RV, and tell them it's a guesthouse.

Of course, if you live in a city with zoning and ordinances and such, you'll probably be breaking the law. It's the downside of nice neighborhoods.

Our guesthouse RV is parked at our farm. No ordinances. It works for us too - not just guests. Someday I'll get the house in order.

When I bought the RV, my husband wasn't on hand to notice major defects. But when you buy a fixer-upper, you pay less. Also, you get to imagine past events and create possible scenarios the same way archaeologists turn their digs into hours-long historical mystery series for educational television.

First the obvious: Some sort of plumbing catastrophe no doubt ruined the original flooring. A home-alone dog probably yanked down all the curtains, including one valance, and chewed the bottom of the bathroom door. Who else chews up doors starting at the bottom?

The less obvious:

As for the non-original Plexiglas window, burglars could have broken out the original glass to enter and steal everything not nailed down - notably, the bed and two recliners. Or maybe the last occupant, niece of the seller, simply sold everything to buy drugs, and it was Texas hail that broke that window. Her toddler probably ripped the cover off the CD player. He left toys in the furnace ducts - anything small enough to fall through the floor vents. I retrieved mostly little trucks.

She wasn't a good mother. She didn't fish them out. Maybe I should cut her some slack and say she would have been more attentive if she hadn't been on drugs.

Yes, if you buy a new RV, you miss a lot. On the other hand, you don't have to call in an exorcist.

No, we didn't really summon an exorcist; we probably should have.

Instead, my husband, Hugh, and I have been fixing one thing after another, giving no credence to evil spirits.

For me, it's Home Improvement 101, a distance learning lab course taught by Hugh by phone from our real house 150 miles away, a good distance for taking instruction from a spouse. So far, I've learned to install vinyl flooring, tile and carpet. He's learned to temper his criticism.

I've left all electrical problems to Hugh. The whole system keeps failing incrementally, despite his efforts to analyze the problems. At one point, we gave up and towed our RV to an RV repairman (the Plexiglas window blew out on the way, but we retrieved it). That guy couldn't fix it either, making my husband feel better, even though we had to pay.

Maybe all the evil spirits indeed have hung around and are in the walls, playing pranks with the wiring.

If this sort of guesthouse sounds like it might work for you, remember the built-in advantage:

When you don't want your guests to show, you tell them about the spirits.

UPCOMING

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Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 13, 2015. The celebration will take place in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary (203 West Kentucky) at 6 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for our entire community to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through authentic worship. There will be special music from a community choir, singing of traditional Christmas Carols, and scripture reading that will bring hope and encouragement to our lives.

"KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL" CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Nelda Laney's "Keep Texas Beautiful" Christmas ornaments are now available at the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada. The cost of the ornament is \$20. This year's beautiful ornament design is the "Gulf Coast".

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

I do the very best I know how-the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference. - Abraham Lincoln

Be systematically heroic in little unnecessary points, do every day or two something for no other reason than its difficulty, so that, when the hour of need draws nigh, it may find you not unnerved or untrained to stand the test. - Daniel Akst

Humanity can be quite cold to those whose eyes see the world differently. - Eric A. Burns

Dressing up is inevitably a substitute for good ideas. It is no coincidence that technically inept business types are known as "suits." - Paul Graham

There is something that is much more scarce, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability. - Robert Half

So you see, imagination needs moodling - long, inefficient, happy idling, dawdling and puttering. - Brenda Ueland

The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct acting from inner necessity. The creative mind plays with the objects it loves. - Carl Jung

The goal isn't to make something everyone will love; the goal is to get excited, and make a thing where something wasn't before. - Wil Wheaton

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Remember Family Night Fish Fry is every Friday night, 5-8 p.m. and the cost is \$12 a plate...all you can eat!!!

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

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

Thursday night pot luck- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Come bring a dish and enjoy the games after supper.

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December 7 - December 11

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Tuesday - Baked potatoes

Wednesday - Meatloaf

Thursday - Chicken & dumplings

Friday - Roast beef

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In Partnership with the South Plains Food Bank

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REGISTRATION:
First Baptist Church, Floydada
401 S. Main (north entrance)
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

We will not accept early registrations (no exceptions)

You must bring your
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~Proof of residency/bill showing name and Physical address within the last 30 days.

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SOCIETY

DAR Honors Vietnam War Vets

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Members of the Buffalo Grass Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honor Vietnam War veterans with a dinner and presentation on Nov. 24 at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

Area Vietnam Vets present included Junior Brotherton, Willis Bunch, Bob Crawford, Weldon Emert, Coy Grundy, Cecil Jones, Ed Marks, Robert Molina, Greg Patridge, Milton Schaeffer, Dan Shaeffer, Bill Weir and Phillip Wilbanks.

Each veteran was presented a certificate and Ed Marks was presented a flag for the local American Legion Post in honor of all Vietnam Veterans.

Members of the DAR present included Renee Armstrong, Sherry Colston, Dovie Davis, Susan Durnavant, Dorothy Hodges, Nancy Marble, Debra McCarty and Gayle Reay.



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Members of the Buffalo Grass Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently honored area Vietnam Veterans with a dinner in Lockney. DAR members include (back) Debra McCarty, Gayle Reay, Susan Durnavant, Dovie Davis and Dorothy Hodges; (front) Sherry Colston, Renee Armstrong and Nancy Marble.



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Members of the Buffalo Grass Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently honored area Vietnam Veterans with a dinner in Lockney. (Left to Right, Front) Dan Shaeffer, Cecil Jones, Sherry Colston (DAR), Ed Marks, Coy Grundy, Milton Schaeffer and Bob Crawford. (Back) Nancy Marble (DAR), Greg Patridge, Bill Weir, Phillip Wilbanks, Weldon Emert, Willis Bunch, Robert Molina and Junior Brotherton.

Ministerial Alliance of Floydada to host community wide Christmas Celebration

By Ken Peterson
Pastor FUMC

Christmas is always an exciting time of the year for our community. This year the Ministerial Alliance of our community would like to add to the excitement of the season.

As our community celebrates the birthday of Jesus, the Ministerial Alliance of Floydada will host a special community-wide Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 13, 2015. The celebration will take place in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary (203 West Kentucky) at 6 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for our entire community to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through authentic worship. There will be special music from a community choir, singing of traditional Christmas Carols, and scripture reading that will bring hope and encouragement to our lives.

Also, during the celebration we will also be honoring the wonderful local organization, Spirit of Sharing. Spirit of Sharing is an integral part of our community as it helps many people that find themselves in need. We will hear a little bit about S.O.S. and then we will take a love offering to help them meet the needs of other people.

Please plan to attend this Community Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 13, at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary.

Mark your calendars...." Santa on the Square"

By Darolyn Snell
Floydada Chamber - President

A reminder to all local vendors including church groups, charitable organizations, local bakers and crafters and others, it's not too late to sign up to participate in this year's 1st Annual "Santa on the Square", a mini event being hosted by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. Set for Saturday, December 12th, 2015, we will be open to the public from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. downtown on California Street. This year we really want to make this a unique celebration of Christmas in our community and ring in the spirit of the season!

Vendor applications for participation in this event are available at the Chamber office, located at 105 South 5th in the EDC Building. There will be no booth fee, however vendors

wanting to participate will need to fill out and turn in an application. This will be a great opportunity for local vendors to sell Christmas gifts, holiday decorations, and homemade goodies to the citizens of Floydada and anyone coming in from around our town for this event. A few spaces with electricity will be available along the courthouse side curb but they will be limited. There will be no food trucks or establishments or vendors actually preparing food down on the square. We want to encourage you to use this opportunity to sell prepackaged foods, craft and gift items to raise funds. Vendors will be able to start setting up as early as 11 a.m. that Saturday. If there are independent sales consultants in our community that want to participate, we will limit those to one per company for this

event. Vendors will have to provide their own necessary equipment including tents, tables, tie downs, and trash cans. All we ask is that you please plan to maintain your booth for the entire length of our event.

Of course, Santa (and maybe a couple of his helpers!) will join us on the square from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. for all the children to see! We invite you to bring the kids... and YOUR camera! Take your own pictures of the little ones with Santa to commemorate this Christmas season!

So mark your calendars for December 12th, make note of the time from 1pm-4pm, and plan to be downtown on the square to help us celebrate this holiday event! Your Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Committed to Our Community and wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Community Pitches In for 'Spirit of Christmas'

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

For thirty-three years volunteers in Floydada have helped make a brighter Christmas for hundreds of shut-ins, needy and elderly residents in Floydada, Lockney, Plainview and those staying at the Lubbock Ronald McDonald House.

"I want to emphasize what a commitment we have from the community on this project," said Corey Johnston of Floydada with KFLP radio whose family has participated in the program for years. "When turkeys went on sale for 59 cents a pound, Teddy Summers with Lowes called me, and because of his interest in our program, we saved hundreds of dollars. Teddy has even opened the store on Christmas morning when we needed broth."

Generosity comes from every corner of the community for the Spirit of Christmas. "Nielsen's has helped us order supplies for this program, so we get the best prices possible," Johnston said, "And the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department cooks the turkeys."

The First Baptist Church



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

A previous Spirit of Christmas meal being prepared on Christmas morning.

makes their kitchen available to cook the sides.

In assessing needs for the upcoming meals to the needy program on Christmas morning Johnston said, "We can always use donations, and we take checks and cash."

In addition Johnston said what they really need is to know if there's someone who will be alone and may not be able—either physically or financially—to cook a nice Christmas meal. "We also need a way of letting the folks that we're bringing a meal to know that we're coming. Sometimes, they won't come to the door or they're not home, and then, we have to give

that food to the Senior Citizens center or someone else."

Johnston starts about 5 a.m. on Christmas morning carving turkeys for the meals, and another group of volunteers shows up about 9 a.m. to cook the sides. The VFD will be cooking 19 turkeys, and Spirit of Christmas will be preparing 400 meals.

They have 8 to 10 drivers for the meals.

Anyone—including families or couples—who would like to help with any of these tasks would be welcomed.

To volunteer or to make a donation call or text Corey Johnston at 806-632-7586.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE R. I. TEEPLES

Written by
Mildred Teeple Hamm

Robert Irwin Teeple was born in McClellan County, Texas, November 4, 1880. He was the last child of Samuel and Mary Jane Teeple who had moved to Texas from Canada. His Great-Grandfather, Peter Teeple, who was born in 1762, migrated from Holland to the United States and fought in the American Revolution. His grandfather, Stephen Teeple, fought in the War of 1812, and later built the original Teeple home out of native rock near Thamesford, Ontario in Canada. R. I. Teeple's mother, Mary Jane Irwin, was born in Ireland and moved to Canada when she was 7 years old. Samuel and Mary Jane Teeple moved to Texas in 1876, and Robert Irwin Teeple was born in 1880.

On November 12, 1901, R. I. Teeple married Nellie Oliver at Waco, Texas by a minister who read the vows as they sat in their buggy. Nellie Oliver was the daughter of Tom and Ferlann Kelling Oliver, and she was born in Stephenville, Texas. Her father was a farmer, whose parents came from Georgia after the Civil War.

R. I. Teeple and Nellie Teeple's first child, Thelma, was born October 1902; Raymond in 1904;

Games in 1906; Mildred in 1912; and Wanda in 1915.

They moved to Floyd County in 1917, located 3 miles south of Floydada on the Ralls Highway, where R. I. Teeple farmed until his retirement in 1947. Leighton Teeple was born here December 16, 1920. All the children attended Floydada Schools, and their mother fixed their lunch every morning for school, and put them in a newspaper tied with string.

When the Teeple family came to Floydada in 1917, and when they went to visit their neighbors, who usually lived many miles away, they would get in their model T. Ford, which had straight fenders and carbide lights, and drive through the pastures as there were few roads in those days.

Everyone got their water from windmills. The winters were very severe, and many times the snow drifted so high over the fences, we walked over them

instead of going through the gates. We used coal to cook with and to heat our home.

Wheat was the main crop, and it took a large crew of men to gather the grain and thresh it. The crew had to be fed, and preparations began immediately after breakfast. All of the farming was done with mules and horses, which often got scared and ran away. Cotton was pulled by hand and maize was headed by hand. We raised most of our own food; a garden, chickens, killed our own hogs and cattle, and had our own milk cows. We washed on a rub board, and boiled them in a wash pot, using lye soap which had been made from cracklings, and then we hung our clothes on a barb wire fence to dry.

After his retirement in 1947, R. I. Teeple and Nellie Teeple moved to Floydada, where they resided until their deaths in 1957 and 1961. Before his death, he bought a farm at South Plains. They are buried in the Floydada cemetery, and also one son, Gaines, who died in 1970.

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors: Prosperity Bank Tailgate Party Supporting Local Mobile Pantry

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Prosperity Bank is proud to once again partner with KCBD and the South Plains Food Bank by sponsoring the 33rd Annual U Can Share Food Drive. To help raise awareness for the First Baptist Mobile Pantry, Prosperity Bank will be hosting a tailgate party on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM at Duncan Elementary, 1011 S. 8th Street, everyone is encouraged to attend and bring at least two cans of food. The tailgate will be in

conjunction with the local high schools to help raise food and money. Prosperity Bank will provide a meal to the first 150 people in attendance.

The Mobile Pantry is a program in which the South Plains Food Bank (SPFB) provides premade food boxes to rural communities where it is difficult for agencies to maintain a traditional pantry. It also helps eligible clients, who cannot travel to Lubbock, to receive food assistance. SPFB prepares premade food boxes in two different sizes: a medium food box

(which will supplement with groceries for a family of three and under for about a week) and a large food box (which will supplement groceries for a family of four and above for about a week).

"Prosperity Bank is happy to help the First Baptist Mobile Pantry again this year," says Zach Cummings, Floydada Banking Center President. Cummings also adds, "We hope to continue to raise awareness for the Mobile Pantry so that no Floydada citizen is hungry again."

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

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Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12 noon every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983- 2032. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU
December 7 - December 11

- Monday - Meatloaf
 - Tuesday - Potato soup w/ sandwich
 - Wednesday - Pork roast w/rice or potatoes
 - Thursday - Beef fajitas
 - Friday - Chicken strips w/gravy
- (Menus subject to change without notice)

Obituaries

Hurshel W. Harston

Funeral services for Hurshel W. Harston, 83, of Amarillo was held at 10 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2015 at Bartley Memorial Chapel with Rev. Rick Carston officiating.

Burial followed in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.

A visitation was held from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mr. Harston passed away Friday, November 20 in Amarillo.

He was born October 2, 1932 in New Home, Texas to Lewis and Eunice Faye Harston. He married Wanda Dorman on July 31, 1950 in Portales, New Mexico. He was owner of RDA Beauty Supplies for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Harston of Amarillo; one son, Bob Harston of Amarillo; one daughter, Wanda Darlene Caylor and husband, Mike of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Craig Caylor and wife Judith, Dan-

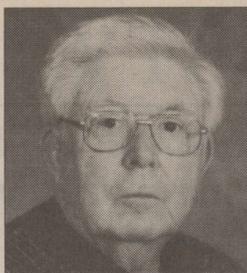
loved every dog he ever met. Frank was the favorite uncle of his family and was called "The" Uncle Frank. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was extremely proud of his 10 grandsons and was eagerly expecting the arrival of his very first granddaughter due in March. Frank was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Sanchez; three sisters, Patsy Sanchez, Yolanda Aguirre and Velen Cienfuegos and two brothers, Ignacio Contreras and Jesús Aguirre.

He is survived by his wife, Carolina; his mother, Adelaida of Lockney; one son, Frank Sanchez, III and wife, Geanna of Kansas City, Missouri; three daughters, Desirree Sanchez and husband, Terry, Maria Sanchez, Crystal Sanchez and husband, Keenan Brooks,

all of Plainview; one brother, Pedro Hernandez and wife, Olivia of Plainview; five sisters, Sylvia Aguirre and husband, Alex of Lockney, Maria Sinsley and husband, Lloyd of Lockney, Carolina Constantine of South Carolina, Consuelo "Connie" Sanches of Plainview and Adelaida Hernandez of Lockney. He is also survived by 10 grandsons, Aven, Daven, Javen, Zaiven, Zaidren, Sean, Bray, Matthew, Keymanii and Marcus.

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HURSHEL W. HARSTON

ie Harston and T.J. Harston and wife, Lauren; five great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Bobby Harston and one sister, Patsy Hooper.



FRANK SANCHEZ, JR.

all of Plainview; one brother, Pedro Hernandez and wife, Olivia of Plainview; five sisters, Sylvia Aguirre and husband, Alex of Lockney, Maria Sinsley and husband, Lloyd of Lockney, Carolina Constantine of South Carolina, Consuelo "Connie" Sanches of Plainview and Adelaida Hernandez of Lockney. He is also survived by 10 grandsons, Aven, Daven, Javen, Zaiven, Zaidren, Sean, Bray, Matthew, Keymanii and Marcus.

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Sharinne Stickland Weiller

Sharinne Stickland Weiller, 79, of Laguna Woods, CA, formerly of Lockney, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2015

She was the widow of the late John T. "Jack" Weiller, a US Navy Chief who served in the Pacific theater during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Her parents, William Clarence Strickland and Eddie Hammit Strickland of Plainview and Onida, South Dakota, formerly of Lockney preceded her.

She was the loving mother of James Russell McGregor of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Michelle McGregor Smith of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and the grandmother of James Russell McGregor III of Madison, Wisconsin, Samantha McGregor, USN, of Maryland and Morgan Smith of Ligonier, Pennsylvania. She is also survived by her brother, Chester DeJuan Strickland of Onida, South Dakota and Ft Worth, formerly of Lockney and nephew Michael DeJuan Strickland, MD of Winchester, Ohio, formerly of Plainview and nieces Karen Strickland Jones of Ft Worth, formerly of Plainview and Deidi Bergestuen, MD PhD of Ft Worth also formerly of Plainview.

Sharinne was born on her parent's farm near Lockney on May 4, 1936, the second of two children. She worked on the family farm and attended Lockney High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock receiving her business degree in 1958. She worked in banks during college in both Texas in South Dakota.

After graduation, she moved to New York City where she met her first husband, the late Judge James R. McGregor of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She thereafter graduated from the University of Texas Law School and became a tax accountant and practicing attorney in Houston. She moved

to Coco Beach, Florida where she was an attorney for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center. She then practiced law in Lubbock where she met Mr. Weiller, who was originally from Long Beach, California. They retired to Southern California.

Sharinne and her husband traveled extensively in retirement, visiting numerous places in North America, Central America and South America, as well as countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. When not traveling, Sharinne wrote the novel "Madam President", published by Vantage Press of New York City in 1985. Her work is considered progressive for its time, detailing the life of a Texas woman who ultimately becomes President of the United States.

She was a superb conversationalist and inherited her father's sense of humor. She enjoyed recounting stories of her childhood in West Texas. Her favorites included her experience of hoeing and picking cotton on the family farm near Lockney, her brother DeJuan learning to fly at a young age and playing football for Lockney High School, her trips on the school bus to town, when she often changed out of pa-

rental approved attire, and her time in New York City.

One of her favorite stories involved when her mother, Eddie Strickland, came to visit her in New York when she first moved there. Neither was familiar with the subway system at the time and the fact that the subway car doors would close without warning. They became separated in this way, with Sharinne being on the subway car and Eddie being left on the platform. It was a frantic search in the largest city in the world before they were reunited that day. She was always grateful that her brother, DeJuan was stationed in the Army near New York City, at Ft Dix, New Jersey, at the time. She often spoke of family trips to New Mexico and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

In addition to travel, Sharinne enjoyed playing golf and sailing with her husband in Southern California, her life touched many and she will be truly missed.

A Memorial Service was held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada with Ken Peterson officiating.

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

Frank Sanchez, Jr.

Frank Sanchez, Jr. 48, of Lockney, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2015.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 27, 2015 at New Creation Church, 16th & Independence in Plainview with Rev. Mike Bueno officiating.

Interment followed at Lockney Cemetery. The family received visitors on Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at Lemons Memorial Chapel.

Frank was born on September 20, 1967 in Plainview, Texas to Frank and Adelaida (Luna) Sanchez. He married Carolina Hernandez in April, 1986. Together they had a beautiful family and many dear friends. Frank spent many years as a farmer until he was injured in a car accident three years ago. He enjoyed sports and was an avid Denver Broncos fan. He loved animals and especially

loved every dog he ever met.

Frank was the favorite uncle of his family and was called "The" Uncle Frank. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was extremely proud of his 10 grandsons and was eagerly expecting the arrival of his very first granddaughter due in March. Frank was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by many.

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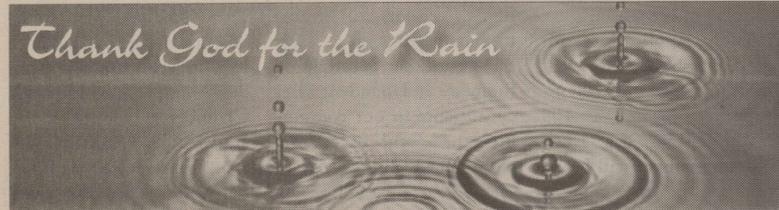
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Near to God

The psalmist wrote, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path." — Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

Recently, I talked with my best friend about how we can learn to love God. He told me, "Lina, if we want to learn to write poetry, we should read books of great poetry. If we spend time with someone who is a good cook, we will become a good cook also. So if we want to learn to love God and build a strong relationship with him, we should spend much time reading the Bible, God's word to us."

My friend's thoughts left me speechless, but I knew he was right. Immediately I thought of another friend who enjoyed a

hobby that I never had. But after spending time with him, I adopted his hobby!

How important it is to read the Bible! From these words of love we can come to know more about God and God's good purpose for us. God then becomes a close, intimate friend rather than a distant being. As we spend time in prayer and devotion with God, we can begin to imitate God's love and be a light to shine upon the darkness of our world.

Linawati Santoso (East Java, Indonesia)

Thought for the Day

The Bible, like a love letter, is meant to be read over and over again.

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship..11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, 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.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p> | <p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th St. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi</p> | <p>Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>*****</p> <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bethel
Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
*****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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AGRICULTURE

Lockney Salvation Army



Courtesy Photo

Mortenson Construction & the South Plains 2 Wind Project is conducting a Food Drive contest for the Lockney Salvation Army. Crews are competing with each other to see which crew donates the most items. On Monday, November 16th, James Goodrich & Scott Stuessy of Mortenson Construction dropped off 500 lbs. of canned goods & nonperishable items and on Friday, the 20th, they delivered over 1000 lbs. of canned goods as well as blankets. This generous gift from Mortenson Construction & South Plains 2 Wind Project will be a blessing to many needy families in our community. The Food Drive will end on December 18th. Shown in the picture are (left to right) David Sanchez, Denise Doucette, Alicia Luna, James Goodrich, Terry Gonzales and Scott Stuessy. James Goodrich and Scott Stuessy are with Mortenson Construction.

Floydada Police Report

Floydada Police arrested Jerry Delgado of Floydada on Monday, November 16. Jerry had an active warrant out of Hale County for a Probation Violation from a charge of Possession of Marijuana.

A juvenile was arrested on November 17 for Possession of Marijuana in a Drug Free Zone. Police found the juvenile parked at Annie Taylor Park with another teenager in the passenger seat. When the Officer pulled up, he could smell the distinct odor of Marijuana coming from the vehicle which was grounds for a warrantless search. The Officer found 0.02 ounces of Marijuana and other drug paraphernalia.

Police are investigating a possible sexual assault of a child that occurred on November 10. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing. Due to the nature of the crime, no further details will be released until a Grand Jury has reviewed the case.

A theft was reported on November 12. The complainant said to Police she had ordered some costume jewelry online and had it shipped to her house, however she grew suspicious after she did not

receive the items for several days. The items had been stolen from her front porch after the shipping company confirmed having placed the package there. No suspects have been identified at this time.

A wallet was reported stolen on November 14. The victim told Police the wallet was probably stolen while at work. The wallet contained a Texas ID card, a Social Security Card, a birth certificate, and \$75 in cash.

A juvenile reported an assault on November 19. Police investigated the allegations and referred the case to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, commonly referred to as CPS. The juvenile was released back to his guardians by CPS after they completed their investigation.

Police are investigating a burglary of a house on the 400 Block of West Missouri that was reported on November 22. Sometime between 7:00 pm on November 21 and 7:00 am on November 22, a box with about 100 DVD's and four cell phones were stolen along with two coloring sets for children. A suspect has not been identified as no witnesses have come forward who might have seen the burglary.

A vehicle accident occurred on November 11. Police took a report after a pickup backed into a SUV on the 1000 Block of South 3rd Street. Another accident happened on November 14 when a pickup ran the red light in the intersection of Missouri and 2nd Street. A ticket was issued to the driver at fault for disregarding a red light.

Floydada Police responded to 86 calls for service between November 8 and November 22. These are calls that do not need an incident report taken.

Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty. Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries. Any small detail reported to the Police can be a big break in a case and lead to the arrest of the suspect so they are not able to victimize anyone else. If you suspect that you have come across property that is possibly stolen, report it to the Police immediately. You will not be charged with a criminal offense by doing so.

City Hears Presentation on Need for 8th Street Repairs at Nov. Council Meeting

By Kay Ellington
The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

A street repair, reconsidering future airport expansion plans, and inter-local government agreements were among the agenda items discussed at this month's Floydada City Council meeting.

Seth Stevens of Producers Coop appeared before the city council to ask for repairs on the stretch of 8th Street between California and Missouri. He detailed how the poor run-off and huge holes in the street damaged trucks and equipment, and that flooding from the street put a \$100,000 piece of equipment at risk. A number of members of Producers Coop were on-hand at the council meeting to show support for this initiative.

Discussion among council members and Stevens led to a seeming consensus that the street was an economic liability, but that city resources might not be adequate to pay for paving it. Stevens said that he was open to a cost-sharing with the city on some portion of the paving expense.

City manager Jeff Johnston and Steven agreed to discuss options for the road.

Representatives from Apex Wind Energy made a presentation to the city council pinpointing the planned locations of their wind turbines in juxtaposition to planned future expansion of the Floydada airport. FAA flight pattern regulations require wind energy companies to maintain certain clearances, and the current planned configuration of Apex turbines would not meet those regulations if the future planned expansion of Floydada airport runways occurs.

Robert Kirby of Apex which has three wind farms in various stages of development in Floyd County showed the proposed turbine locations and asked if the city had definite plans for expansion and asked if the city would be open to revision.

Council voted to not revise its airport expansion plans.

County Judge Marty Lucke was at the city council meeting and spoke on the Inter-local Agreement that the council was considering. He noted that it had been created by

municipalities in response to FEMA regulations in fighting wildfires. Its "billable" language regarding equipment and man-hours was designed to protect municipalities from losing assets, such as firetrucks, without recourse. Floydada mayor Bobby Gilliland noted that the inter-local agreement would be vetted and discussed further at a future meeting.

City manager Jeff Johnston showed the council a demo of a web-based program called Open Gov, which would make city budgets and city financial reports easily accessible to council and city staff. In a conference call with Brad Snider of Open Gov, Snider noted that more than 500 municipalities use the program, and 35 of them are in Texas. Johnston noted that this would enable city council members to have detailed data at their fingertips to answer any questions they might have about city fiscal matters.

In other council action the city agreed to increase bulk water rates and will finalize those numbers at the December meeting.

Veterinary Feed Directive Raises Concerns for Cattle Raisers

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

In 1996, the Animal Drug Availability Act (ADAA) was signed into law to provide flexibility for the way the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates animal drugs and medicated feeds.

This was enacted to increase the number of approved animal drugs on the market, and it created a new category of drugs used in animal feed referred to as veterinary feed directive drugs (VFD drugs).

Under the 1996 ADAA, VFD drugs did not require a prescription from a licensed veterinarian for use. However, this changed on Oct. 1, 2015 when the FDA implemented a new rule that expands and further regulates the use of what they refer to as drugs that are "medically important" feed grade antibiotics.

This rule immediately takes effect for three VFD drugs: Avilamycin, Florfenicol and Tilmicosin. Only Tilmicosin is used as a feed-grade drug in cattle. By Jan. 1, 2017, the list

of VFD drugs will expand to include all medically important antibiotics used in feed and water for disease prevention, control and treatment.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) believes this is another example of the federal government expanding their authority and attempting to regulate ranchers out of business. They are accomplishing this by requiring producers to receive a VFD form, similar to a prescription, from a licensed veterinarian before they can acquire and use antimicrobial drugs in feed or water.

A veterinarian must fill out the VFD form specifying the ranch, group of animals to be treated, drug to be used, feeding rate and the duration of the treatment for the cattle. Additional time and increased costs for cattlemen and women are the only result of these regulations.

Further, an unrealistic amount of detailed forms and records must be retained for a minimum of two years by

the veterinarian, rancher and feed mill or distributor. This amount of paperwork is unnecessary and arduous just to receive a drug ranchers have used appropriately for years to care for their cattle.

The new VFD rule also requires veterinarians to follow what the FDA refers to as state defined veterinarian-client-patient relationships (VCPR). In states where the FDA determines no applicable or appropriate state VCPR requirements exist, veterinarians are required to issue VFDs in compliance with federally defined VCPR requirements. Texas and Oklahoma already have state VCPR requirements in place; however, the FDA is overlooking the fact that ranchers already have good working relationships with their local veterinarians.

The VFD rule is part of FDA's strategy to promote the judicious use of antimicrobials in food-producing animals. The Administration believes antibiotics are causing resistance in humans who consume beef products; however they have continuously failed to back this claim with proper peer-reviewed sound science.

While the rule is not expected to be in full effect until 2017, TSCRA recommends that cattle producers contact their veterinarians to discuss how it could affect them in their daily operations.

American ranchers have proved they are the best caretakers of their cattle, and they have continuously provided a safe, healthy and abundant supply of beef worldwide. They have been able to do this by working with their veterinarians and by using antibiotics judiciously to treat sick cattle and maintain healthy

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Xcel Energy offers tips to enjoy the holidays safely **ADAA** From Page 5

AMARILLO, Texas – The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and Xcel Energy recommends the following safety tips for decorating and appliance maintenance:

Lighting Safety:

- Remember to look up and all around for electric wires before hanging lights outside on your house.

- Stay at least 10 feet away from electric wires, and keep ladders, tools and holiday lights 10 feet away from electric wires as well.

- Use only outdoor lights outside.

- Check for broken sockets, frayed wires and loose connections. Replace or repair damaged light sets.

- Use no more than three light sets on one extension cord.

- Turn off lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave home.

- If you prefer an artificial tree, choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should have

the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

- Fasten outdoor lights firmly to a secure support with insulated staples or hooks to avoid wind damage. Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights, and keep plugs off the ground and away from puddles and snow.

herds. The federal government needs to realize that at the end of the day these regulations are actually jeopardizing animal health.

TSCRA will continue to work with industry organizations and government

officials to ensure cattle raisers' access and ability to use important animal drugs to care for their cattle are retained. TSCRA will also keep its members informed as the VFD rule continues being implemented throughout the U.S.

Floydada VFW Post #5616 would like to express sincere appreciation for the very generous donations from the students at A.B. Duncan Elementary School and Floydada Junior High and High Schools.

The veterans are truly grateful for your support and encouragement. It was a privilege to serve and an honor to be remembered by the Floydada students. THANK YOU!

NOTICE

ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

THE FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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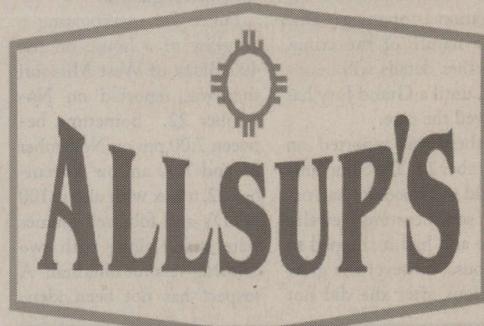
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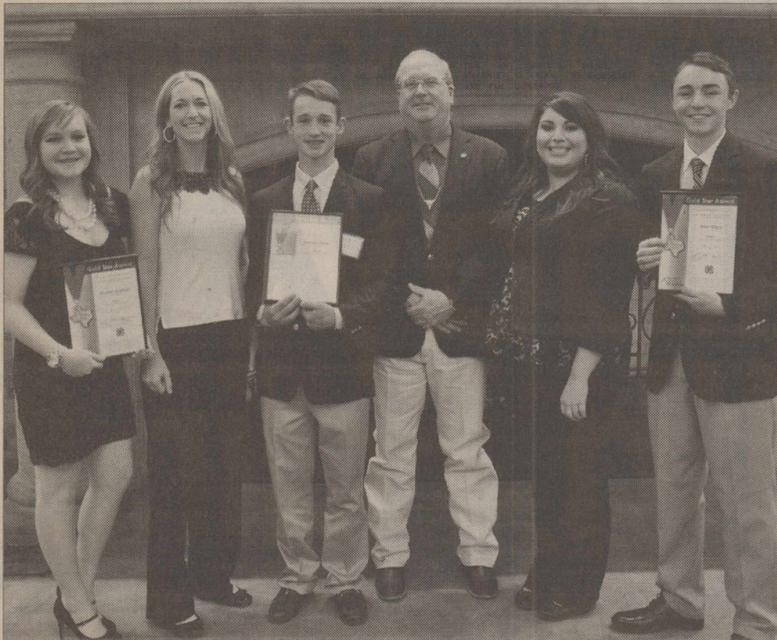


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SCHOOL NEWS

4-H Gold Star



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Floyd County 4-H Gold Star recipients and Distinguished Leader were honored on November 23, at the 2015 District Gold Star Banquet at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion on the Texas Tech University campus. Shown are (left to right) Rachel Graham, County Extension Agent Cristen Brooks, Keenan Nixon, County Judge Marty Lucke, County Extension Agent Amy Kress, and Alex Glass. Not Pictured was Distinguished Leader Lacy Phillips.

LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS FROM TEXAS TECH FALL FANDANGO UIL ACADEMIC MEET HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Calculator Apps: Seattle Jackson placed 6th in 10th grade
 Jake Moore placed 2nd in 12th grade and 3rd Overall

Computer Science: Scott Lass placed 8th and Levi Kasner placed 9th. The team was 3rd Overall.

Current Issues: Jace Klein won 1st, Stephen Setliff placed 6th, Sierra Martinez place 9th, and Haley Sanchez 10th for a 2nd place Team finish.

Editorial Writing: Emilee Encizo placed 2nd, Destiny Soliz placed 6th

Feature Writing: Luke Kasner placed 5th

Headline Writing: Emilee placed 3rd, Mackenzy Ragland placed 5th

News Writing: Mackenzy placed 4th

The Journalism team placed 2nd overall.

Literary Criticism: Jake Moore placed 1st, Team placed 1st.

Math: Jace Klein placed 6th in 12th grade.

Number Sense: Jake Moore placed 1st overall, 1st in 12th grade, Seatte Jackson placed 10th overall and 2nd in 11th grade. Tristan Schlueter placed 3rd in 10th grade. The team finished 2nd.

Ready Writing: Emilee placed 4th, Nic Rendon placed 8th

Science: Jace Klein placed 1st overall, 1st in 12th grade, had the Top Biology, Top Chemistry, and Top Physics score. Levi Kasner placed 2nd overall, 2nd in 12th grade, Seattle Jackson placed 6th in 11th grade, Tristan placed 4th and Austen Rexrode placed in 10th grade. The team finished 1st.

Spelling and Vocab: Shelby Coats placed 9th and Ryiann Araujo placed 10th. As a team, they finished 2nd.

Social Studies: Julio Lara placed 9th and the team finished 3rd.

Lockney High School Academic teams earned the Sweepstakes Runner up trophy at the meet.

Congratulations to all these students and their coaches. The next meet will be only Math, Science, Calculator, and Number Sense Dec. 5 at Texas Tech.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

December 7 – December 11

Monday

Breakfast – Fruit Loops w/graham crackers, orange juice, milk
Lunch – Baked breaded chicken sandwich, beef ravioli in meat sauce, seasoned mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, salad/vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Whole grain blueberry muffin, oranges, orange juice, milk
Lunch – Crispy fish nuggets w/roll, pepperoni pizza, meatball sub w/cheese, crispy fries, fresh fruit, salad and vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – Cocoa Puff cereal w/graham crackers, banana, apple juice, milk
Lunch – Mini corn dog, cheeseburger, crispy chicken nuggets w/roll, vegetarian baked beans, fresh fruit, salad/vegetable bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast – Maple mini waffles, fresh apple, orange juice, milk
Lunch – Breaded beef tenders w/roll, salisbury steak w/roll, hamburger, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, salad/vegetable bar, milk

Friday

Breakfast – Cinnamon toast cereal w/graham crackers, apple juice, orange, milk
Lunch – Bean & cheese flour taco, fajita chicken wrap, vegetable minestrone soup, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, salad/vegetable bar, milk

CALLING ALL KIDS STORY TIME

Please join us on Monday evenings at the Lockney Library at 10:30 a.m. for story time followed by a small craft.

Starting Monday, Dec. 7th.

(Parents, guardians or sitters must accompany your children!)

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

December 7 – December 11

Monday, Dec. 7

Breakfast – Chicken and Waffle, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch – Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chops, Gravy, Salad, Baked Potato, Carrots, Strawberries and Bananas, Roll, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Breakfast – Breakfast Club, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Spaghetti Bowl, Breadstick, Pizza Choice, Garden Salad, Vegetables, Peaches, Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Breakfast – Texas Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Mexican Combo Plate, Spanish Rice, Chicken Quesadillas, Salad, Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 10

Breakfast – Oatmeal Muffin Squares with Yogurt, Sausage Kolache with Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Teriyaki Beef Sandwich, Chips, Chili with Cornbread, Salad, Broccoli Bites, Orange Smiles, Milk

Friday, Dec. 11

Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Popcorn Chicken, Roll, Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumbers, Fruit, Cookie, Milk

Area Football Wrap-up Week 13 and 14

(Due to Changes because of bad weather, not all Week 14 results are available)

DISTRICT 3-2A-D2 (Lockney's)

Week 13 Schedule:
 MEMPHIS 34, Sunray 20
 CROSBYTON 26, Vega 14
 QUANAH 41, Farwell 14

AREA TEAMS Week 13 Results

MOTLEY COUNTY 62, Forestburg 16

Week 13 Schedules

Borden County 78, VALLEY 33
 Waco Live Oak 60, PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN 14

DISTRICT 3-2A-D2 (Lockney's)

Week 14 Schedule/Results:
 Seagraves 34, QUANAH 28
 MEMPHIS vs CROSBYTON played Monday due to weather – Winner plays Seagraves

AREA TEAMS Week 14 Schedule/Results

MOTLEY COUNTY vs Guthrie played Monday due to weather

SPC to offer Texas Concealed Handgun License course

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer the Texas Concealed Handgun License course on Saturday (Dec. 5) in the Law Enforcement Technology building in Room 115 on the Levelland campus. Space is limited.

Class will begin at 8 a.m., and will include breaks every hour and a one-hour break for lunch. The classroom portion will be completed by 3 p.m. and the length of the range portion will depend on the number of students.

The cost is \$70 for students seeking their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license. Although renewals now are handled strictly online, the 15 or more changes last summer in Texas

firearms law make a refresher course a good investment.

The course covers the laws pertaining to concealed carry and to the use of force or deadly force. Safe gun handling and storage, including storage with children in the home, are covered, as is non-violent dispute resolution.

Students will need a handgun and 50 rounds of ammunition. They must pass a 25 question written test, and demonstrate safe and proficient gun handling, scoring at least 70 percent on a shooting test at distances ranging from three to 15 yards.

Students need to call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant to the Dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu to enroll.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR CONCRETE BATCH PLANT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED REGISTRATION NUMBER: 136229L002

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., 2547 East Waterloo Road, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034-8133, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit for a Concrete Batch Plant Registration Number 136229L002, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 116.611 (30 TAC § 116.611) near Dougherty, Floyd County, Texas 79322. The following driving directions were provided: from Dougherty go south on Farm-to-Market Road 28 for 6.1 miles to the intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1958, the location is on northwest corner of the intersection. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 5, 2015. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a Standard Permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611 which would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Floyd County Memorial Library, 111 South Wall, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, 5012 50th St Ste 100, Lubbock, Texas.

CHANGE IN LAW The Texas Legislature enacted **Senate Bill 709, effective September 1, 2015, amending requirements for comments and contested case hearings. This application is subject to those changes in law.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners Integrated Database (CID).**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the registration number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.867763&lng=-101.067824&zoom=13&type=r>.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jordan Everett, Manager at (405) 844-2900.

Notice Issuance Date: November 17, 2015

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White River Municipal Water District will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment. These items include:

1. Bush Hog Shredder Model 278
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3. Bass Tracker Aluminum boat with 70 hp Johnson motor (not running)
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5. 2004 Ford F-150 4x4 super cab, 107234 miles (runs)
6. 2004 Ford F-150 4x4 super cab, 79893 miles (runs)
7. Unknown year model Backhoe Trailer, dual axle.

The Water District will be accepting sealed bids on these items until December 10, 2015.

The District reserves the right to refuse any and all bids for these items.

Please send bids to the District office at: White River Municipal Water District, 2880 FM 2794, Spur, Texas 79370.

Please contact Shane Jones at the District office if you have any questions regarding these items. The phone number is 806-263-4240.

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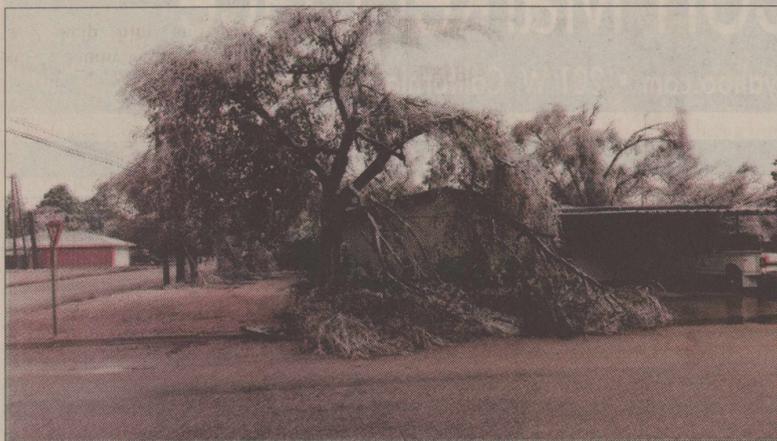
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Ice Damage



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Thunderstorms that turned into a major ice storm struck the Panhandle and South Plains beginning Thanksgiving afternoon and lasting through Sunday morning. Many areas across the area reported lots of tree damage, such as the one in Lockney at the corner of West College and SW 3rd Street. Powerlines were also reported down in many areas.

ICE STORM

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getting to and fixing the problems more difficult.

"Lighthouse people are grateful for the patience of our members and for the help they extended to us," Harbin shared. "Several people used their tractors to pull us out of the mud and offered us snacks, hot drinks, encouragement, and prayers."

Harbin confirmed that their crew worked 16-18 hour days—night and day—trying to get the electricity back on but still have more work to do.

The first ice storm of the season, which rolled in from the southwest and has extended into Oklahoma, Kansas, and Iowa, has left Lighthouse crews with a lot of fallen poles and downed wires to clean up over the 12 counties that it serves. And there is still plenty of ice along the edge of the Caprock northeast, east, and southeast of Floydada that they will be dealing with today as the ice melts, according to Ogden.

There were reports of outages and blinking lights within Floydada city limits which are serviced by Excel Energy. As of press time, there were no outages within the Lockney city limits that were reported. Wes Reeves, Spokesman for

Excel Energy in Texas, gave an overview of the problems that Excel dealt with during the four-day event.

"Most of the ice problems were in the South Plains, but we dispatched men into the Amarillo, Lubbock, and Plainview areas, with extra help from linemen from Colorado and contractor crews," Reeves said. "We prepared for the worst, but most customers in the region got by pretty well."

Reeves explained that overall there were more than 32,000 customers affected over the past weekend in the Panhandle, South Plains, and Eastern New Mexico, but most of the customers affected were in the Central and South Plains regions. There were 307 separate outage locations spread throughout the area on which Excel crews made repairs, and within the first 24 hours 99% of affected customers were back in service. The majority of the problem was 50-100 customers without electricity for an hour or so, in some cases multiple hours, and blinking lights due to lines flapping together, Reeves offered, but most occurrences were cleared up quickly.

"If we can get several 1000 customers' electricity back on we usually do that first," said Reeves. "It is amazing what these (linemen) do, dropping everything, even on Thanks-

giving, and we're proud of the work they do."

Floydada City Manager Jeff Johnston reported that damage and electrical problems in town were minimal. The City received no calls on Friday and there was one secondary line that had problems that needed repairs on Saturday. However, around 8 am on Sunday, some lines touched after the ice began to melt, Johnston shared, causing a brief outage which resolved quickly after the substations reset themselves.

Harbin explained that this occurred when the Lighthouse line went down, and "the breaker protecting our line opened, allowing the breaker protecting the city line to reclose. All this is accomplished automatically by the rely scheme protecting the transmission network."

Despite the sudden change in weather, Chief Deputy Cory Speed at the Sheriff's Office said that they responded to only three reported accidents during the four-day time frame. The accidents couldn't be clearly be linked to the icy weather though it probably played some role.

According to the National Weather Service, this is but the first of possibly many winter storms to be expected due to a strong El Nino this year which could bring a colder and wetter season for our region.

JON LaBAUME

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had leaks in the roof and the stock show judges probably had to be paid double to even come to Floyd County. The first year it was open, 10,000 went through the Unity Center for numerous events.

Now the time has come for him to retire. His wife, Elaine, who has been by his side in helping manage the Unity Center the past few years, has been more involved as the job has become more work in keeping the building in "tip top" shape and keeping up with the booking of events and the billing. She plans to stay on the board at the present time.

The Benefit Cowboy Christmas Ball with Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band will be the last large event that LaBaume will be the dedicated manager that he is. Let's join together and make this final event the largest ever held in the Unity Center to honor this man for his love and dedication to this building. He has spent thousands of hours there just caring for the building. Any time there was an event, large or small, he never left the building "just in case someone needed something." He has given so much to Floyd and the surrounding area thru this "much needed" building.

Wendell Sollis will dedicate much of the evening to LaBaume as this event will help him and his

band make a dream come true for them...to have a Cowboy Christmas Ball in the Panhandle area. Sollis met LaBaume this past spring at the Floyd County Friends Annual Gala and has witnessed what the Unity Center means to Jon and seen the importance of the building in the community.

The Benefit Cowboy Christmas Ball will be on December 11, 2015 at the Unity Center with a catered meal beginning at 6 p.m. Since the Unity

Center is a non-profit organization, proceeds from the Ball will go to Floyd County Friends. Please show your appreciation to Jon LaBaume and attend this, his final event at the Unity Center.

Tickets are \$350 for a table of 8 or \$35 for a single ticket, \$10 for children under 18. Contact Dustee Sollis @ 806-983-6228, Elaine LaBaume @ 806-983-9153 or Payne Pharmacy in Floydada or D & J Gin in Lockney. Don't miss this Christmas event!

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are on display at Floydada, Lockney, Silverton, Plainview and Olton.

According to Hilton, bids change weekly, and if you are interested in a particular item, you should check on the auction weekly to make sure that you haven't been outbid.

Bids for these unique collectibles start at around \$125, she said.

For more information about the Silent Auction contact Happy State Bank/Floydada at (806) 983-2265.

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today. They have horses, cattle, cats and dogs on their ranch and they enjoy music and grandkids in their spare time. Dustee substitute teaches at nearby schools. They have traveled to various venues to play music and enjoy other country bands as well. Wendell has performed with the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys and with his own band, The Sidekicks, in various places in Texas, Oklahoma and New

Mexico. His shows include Cowboy Christmas balls in Quartz Mt resort, OK; Quanah, TX; and Plainview, TX; Snyder Western Swing Festival; symposium appearances at the Lincoln County Cowboy symposium in Ruidoso for 15 years, and summer appearances at Six flags Over Texas; and many rodeos, dances, and galas.

This year, the Sollis's are looking forward to the Charity Cowboy Christmas Ball to benefit the Unity Center. It will be held December 11 at 6 p.m., starting

with a catered meal, then 3 hours of music including classic country, western swing, Cajun, big band, and Christmas favorites.

Complimentary gourmet coffee, vendors, auctions, and drawings will be part of the event as well. The band will be composed of hall of fame winners and talented musicians from the Oklahoma and Texas area.

For more information contact Elaine LaBaume at 806-983-9153 or Dustee Sollis at 806-983-6228 or Facebook: Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star band.

Texas Tech's Honey Locust Tree Crowned Largest in the State

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

AA honey locust tree, located south of the Administration Building on the Texas Tech University campus, recently was confirmed as the largest of its kind in the state by the Texas A&M Forest Service. This is the second tree from Lubbock County and the first from Texas Tech to be added to the Texas Big Tree Registry, a listing of the largest trees of every species found in the state.

"I'm proud of our university," said Mike Quartaro, senior superintendent for Grounds Maintenance. "This is the first tree we've had in the Texas Big Tree Registry for Texas Tech. We're excited to have finally made the list."

The tree was officially measured in 2013 and compared to other honey locust trees in the state using a tree index. The index determines a score by combining the trunk circumference in inches, tree height in feet and one-quarter of the average crown spread in feet.

Scientifically known as *Gleditsia triacanthos*, Texas Tech's tree has a circumference of 115 inches (9.5 feet), a height of 56 feet and a crown spread of 77 feet, giving it a tree index of 190 points.

Jonathan Motsinger,

staff forester for the Texas A&M Forest Service, officially measured the tree and nominated it for the registry.

"This tree is just tremendous," Motsinger said. "Its girth really makes the difference when you compare it to other trees of the same species."

According to Dewey Shroyer, former managing director of Grounds Maintenance, the tree was planted in the early 1960s, making it more than 50 years old. The tree was planted before the Preston Smith statue was erected and the brick work done around the Administration Building.

Texas Tech has approximately 8,000 trees throughout campus and has continually grown in the past few years with campus beautification projects.

The honey locust tree is hardy and can grow up to 70 feet tall. Growing at a rate of 24 inches per year, the tree grows quickly and produces small, greenish-

yellow blossoms that are notably fragrant and have a honey-like substance in its pods.

According to the Texas A&M Forest Service, the purpose of the Big Tree Registry is to recognize owners and nominators of the state's largest trees and stimulate a greater public appreciation of trees.

As of today, the forest service recognizes 320 native or naturalized tree species that qualify for the list.

For more information about the Texas A&M Forest Service or the Texas Big Tree Registry, visit <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Texas-BigTreeRegistry/>.

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Downtown Floydada 1-4p

A Christmas Event Of locals to include:

- Crafts
- Baked Goods
- Unique & Homemade Gifts
- Christmas Carols

Santa will make a special appearance from 2-3p (Bring your camera, you won't want to miss out on this moment)

This Mini Event is hosted by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce

Dear Santa I want Christmas

Letters to Santa

Letters will be published in the December 24th edition
Santa letters due December 7

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