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## Passing it on: meal comes warm and with a smile

By Jennifer Harbin

The First United Methodist Church's kitchen bustled with activity on Christmas Eve as volunteers deboned 20 turkeys and prepared them, along with delectable side dishes, for "A Christmas Day Meal" to be served to anyone who needed one.

All 20 turkeys, which were purchased locally at Lowe's Pay-N-Save, began smoking the night before at 10 p.m. by Randall Sims and Johnston in the Floydada Fire Department's smokers and cooked to perfection by 6:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve.

Four hundred Styrofoam meal trays were purchased, filled and delivered in all, and that they will help do this next year as well.

"We bought everything we could locally," said Johnston.

Also served were green beans, dressing, gravy, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce and an assortment of cobblers.

"There were no financial qualifications," said John-

ston. "Maybe they needed a smile just as much as a meal."

Johnston explained that his wife RaNay, son Camden and himself began volunteering four or five years ago, because "to help his son understand that there's more than one way to live."

The lesson was quickly learned after delivering meals and seeing the understanding in his son's eyes, realizing that those kids have nothing in their houses. Christmas is not all about X-boxes and ipads, according to Johnston, and he wanted his son to realize that important fact.

This Christmas Day, meals were delivered to Floydada, Lockney and Plainview citizens, along with the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.

"The Spirit of Christmas Meal" started by Sudy Cochran in 1989, originally served communities in the area as well as the Ronald McDonald Houses in Amarillo and Lubbock.

According to Fred Thayer, who has been ex-



Photo by Corey Johnston

Tanner Battey, Manuel Mendez, Barbara Lutrick, Buddy Lutrick, Carol Highland and Hulon Carthel serve up hot Christmas dishes to be delivered for "A Christmas Day Meal".

tensively involved, "we weren't going to do it this year until (some individuals) stepped in to do it."

Thayer would like to thank those who helped make this year's meal possible.

"I want to tell every single person who helped

"thank you," said Johnston. "They are all amazing people who did a tremendous job."

"There's no reason 400 people should wake up on Christmas morning and not get a hot meal, shiny face and a Merry Christmas," said Corey Johnston.

## Rep.-Elect Drew Springer visits Floydada as part of his 22 stop district wide tour



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Drew Springer spoke to a group of citizens in the Floyd County Courthouse at a Town Hall Meeting on December 20, familiarizing himself with District 68 and his constituents' needs and concerns.

MUENSTER, TEXAS - Last Thursday as part of a 22-stop tour, Rep-Elect Drew Springer met with local constituents at the Floyd County Courthouse.

Springer discussed the upcoming legislative session and took questions on topics that ranged from the state's water plan to overcoming regulations and unfunded mandates.

"One of my biggest goals is to take a look at regulations on local governments and schools and see how we can simplify them and make them align more with common sense and local control," said Springer. "There is no reason for the state to mandate how many cigarette butts can be in a hospital

parking lot."

Springer has lobbied to be placed on the Agriculture Committee and the Natural Resources Committee for the 83rd Session. A place on these committees would give HD-68 a strong voice on rural issues like water and ranching.

Constituents expressed concern over how the state was going to deal with the State Water Plan and the ongoing drought.

"State leaders are finally realizing that this is a problem that needs addressing," said Springer. "This will be the big issue this session, and I intend to make sure that West

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Courtesy Photo

For Nevaeh Perez' Safari-themed third birthday party, guests were encouraged to bring canned goods in place of presents to donate to the Spirit of Sharing in Floydada. In her birthday invitation it stated that "Your Presence is Enough" and non-perishable donations are welcome. She is the daughter of Kim and George Perez of Floydada. Nevaeh's mother explained that her family has been very blessed and asked her daughter if she would like to help other people who need assistance. Nevaeh "was on board" and decided to do something different this year by giving instead of receiving.

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810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-5278

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
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Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.  
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Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Ivan Gomez, Minister  
Floydada

Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed./Music

Josh Burgett - Min. Students  
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney**  
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min.

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ....10:45 a.m.  
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Wednesday (Youth). 7:15 p.m.  
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Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor

Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service .....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney  
Beau A. Hart, Minister

Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askew  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)

Sunday School ....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study ..7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
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Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
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Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service .... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship .....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Floydada  
Rev. Toby Gonzales

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening .....7:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor

Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe M. Hernandez  
983-5286 (church)

..... Sunday School .....  
English..... 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.  
Spanish Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemينو  
Phone: 983-5878

Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. Wed. Mass .....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez

Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday .....7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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**TRINITY ASSEMBLY**  
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Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
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Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service .... 11:00 a.m.  
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**WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....5:00 p.m.  
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# OBITUARIES

**ONA MAYE GOLDEN BELT**  
Ona Maye Golden Belt passed from this life December 26, 2012 at the age of 96 years and 2 days.

She was born to Maud Elizabeth Calloway Golden and Taylor Golden on December 24, 1916 near Providence.

Maye and her twin sister, Faye, were the last of

thirteen children. All of Maye's sisters and brothers have preceded her in death.

Maye and J.R. Belt were married in Lockney, Texas on an early Sunday morning of July 8, 1934, at the home of Dee and Arla Copeland, and then attended church services at the Praire Chapel Church of Christ. They honeymooned in Ruidoso, New Mexico at a campsite

in a tent, which cost them 25 cents a night. Maye lived in Floyd County all her life.

She is survived by three children, Ann Foster, Carolyn Duvall, and Steve Belt; six grandchildren, David Foster, Jody Foster, Melanie Foster, Karyn Murry, Lauri Hebner, and Dodd Duvall; and ten great-grandchildren.



**STELLA COOPER**  
Stella Cooper, 79, of Floydada passed away on Tuesday, December 25, 2012.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2012, at the Mount Zion Church in Floydada. Rev. Askew officiated.

Burial followed in the Floydada Cemetery under the personal care of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Stella was born April 10, 1933, in Calvert Texas to James and Rachel (Campbell) Jenkins. She married the love of her life Eddie Lee Cooper on December 4, 1948 in Floydada. He preceded her in death in 1969. Stella moved to Floydada

in 1970 from Dallas. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Floydada for many years. Stella loved to spread the word of the Lord to all she met.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Lee Cooper, her parents, James and Rachel Jenkins and a brother, Curtis Jenkins.

Survivors include one sister, Pauline Cooper of Floydada and one brother, Michael Cooper of Borger.

Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.adamsfuneral.com.

**EMELIA GONZALEZ**  
Emelia Gonzalez, age 75, of Floydada passed away Tuesday, December 25, 2012.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Decem-

ber 28, 2012 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church with Father Angelo R. Consemينو officiating.

Rosary was held at 6 p.m., Thursday, December 27, 2012 at Moore Rose Fu-

neral Home Chapel. Interment was held at 3 p.m. at the Earth Memorial Cemetery in Earth, Texas.

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



**JOY REEVES**  
Joy Reeves, age 75, of Lockney passed away, December 26, 2012.

Her funeral service was held on Friday, December 28, 2012 at the West College & 3rd Street Church of

Christ with burial in the Silverton Cemetery. Preacher Bobby Cass officiated.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Moore Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Joy was born November 13, 1937 in Silverton to Ernest and Ollie Strange. Mrs. Reeves worked as a food service manager for the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority in Amarillo for many years where she was known for her delicious cinnamon rolls. She retired from the food service with The Texas Department of Criminal Justice in 2003 and lived out her retirement years in

Lockney. She enjoyed her grandchildren and was a voracious reader.

She is survived by her four children, Bart, Max, Lori, and Lisa; a sister, Ernestine Barnes and one brother, Bud Strange. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 4 nephews and 3 nieces.

She is preceded in death by a brother, Louie Strange.

Memorial donations may be made in Mrs. Reeves name to the Lockney Fire Department, P.O. Box 10, Lockney, Texas 79241.

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

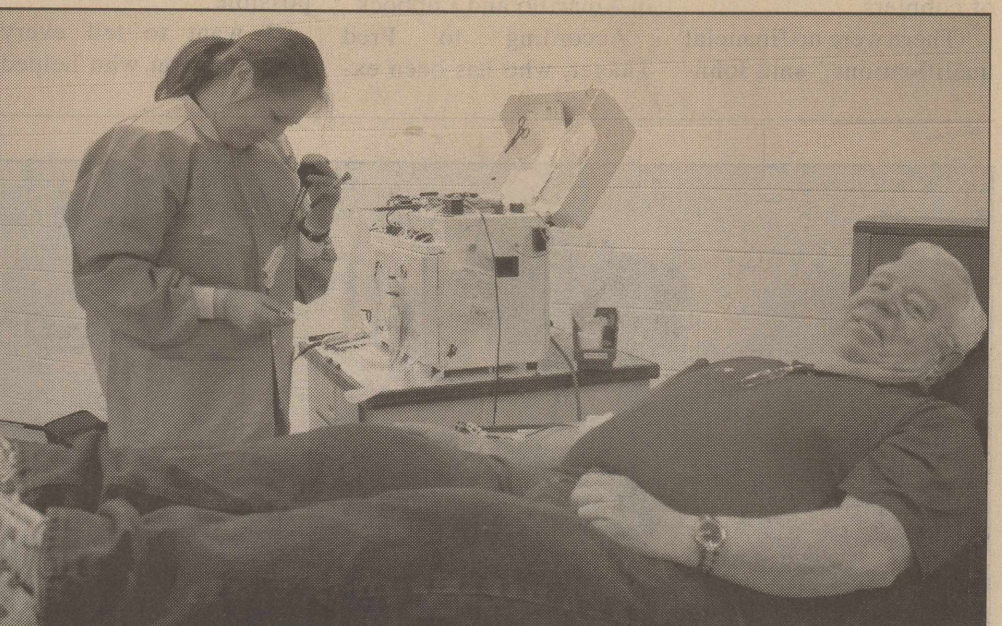


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Mayor Bobby Gilliland takes his turn donating blood to help those in need at the Massie Activity Center. The event was held by the United Blood Services on Friday, December 21.

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# LIFESTYLES

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

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### MASONIC HALL BURNED

Floyd County Hesperian  
June 3, 1971

By Homer Steen

Once a long time ago - it was 1903 but I can't recall the month exactly - the Masonic Lodge here lost their first meeting place by fire. The hall was over Gound and Surginer's grocery.

I janitored at the Methodist Church and the Masons used me on occasion. I worked for them two or three time then and also later when they got into their new location at the corner on the north and of the west side block.

The lodge had been organized some 12 years at the time of which I speak. The petition for a dispensation to organize here was forwarded by resident members to the Grand Lodge in 1891. Their petition had the recommendation of the

Plainview Lodge. Floyd City Lodge

The Lodge at Floydada, if granted a charter, would meet over the store of S.B. Chadwick, fourth door north of the present-day First National Bank corner. Their dispensation was received in April and the charter was granted December 11, 1891.

The lodge was named Floyd City Lodge No. 712, A.F. & A.M. The petition had gone in before it was known the post office could not be named Floyd City. (There was already a Floyd City in Texas)

The next year, 1892, S.B. Chadwick sold his building to C.J. Menefee. And sometime before 1897 the latter had sold the top story of the building to the Lodge because in that year of 1897 Menefee transferred the property to A.C. Bowers, stipulating in the deed "title only to the first floor of the building is con-

veyed, the second floor of the building belonging to the Masonic fraternity."

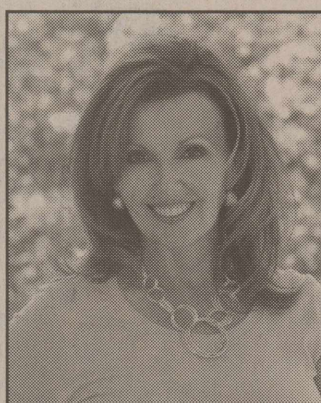
#### The Fire in 1903

Mr. Bowers put a similar stipulation in his deed when he sold to C. W. Gound and L.C. Surginer in 1900. Three years later on a Wednesday afternoon I was hired to clean up the hall. I cleaned up and dusted the place and left at the lamp chimneys shiny and bright

My luck was running strong. The hall, along with all the other buildings on the block, except two, caught fire sometime Saturday night and was in ashes the morning after a lodge meeting. This was a full 48 hours after I had finished my job and turned the key back to Mr. Scott, Mr. Starks, or maybe it was to Mr. Surginer.

Clearly carelessness of some grown people and not a tow-headed boy was responsibly for the fire...

## An upside to the downside Columnist, author pens sixth book, offering hope in troubled times



### The Hesperian-Beacon

In a time when all the news seems bad, people want a shot of hope.

In fact, says author Ronda Rich, they need it.

Southern humorist and storyteller Rich's sixth book, "A Better Day A-Comin': How to Find the Upside During the Down Times," offers advice on how to overcome challenges and includes uplifting stories from both famous and ordinary folks, all who endured rejection, failure and desperations only to emerge victorious in the end.

Rich, who's column appears weekly in Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, said the inspiration from her latest book came from a couple of columns she wrote about people overcoming adversity.

"I got so much positive mail that I believed there was a book to be done about people I have know — both famous and not — who faced a wall of adversity and pushed through to find a better day," Rich said. "These people had inspired me with their stories."

Staying true to her Southern, storytelling roots of her ancestors, Rich gathers and narrates tales she has heard, witnessed or, as in the case of celebrity chef and cookbook author Paula Deen and racecar champion Dale Earnhardt — just to name a few — learned through first-hand conversations with them.

"The main thing I want people to take away from my new book is this: No matter how hard times are now, better days will come again," she said. "They always do."

"There's a Better Day A-Comin'" entertains as much as it encourages anyone who needs a healthy dose of optimism.

Chapters in the book include:

- "Dreams are the Compass for Finding your Direction in Life," Jeff Foxworthy's tale of leaving his job at IBM to pursue a career in comedy.

- "Never Give your First Instinct a Second Thought," Dolly Parton's story of how she trusted her intuition and turned down an offer from Elvis Presley most wouldn't have refused.

- "Don't Worry About What Other People Will Think," Rich's own experience of how her mother fretted that people would think her daughter had skipped church if she wore jeans to breakfast at the local diner on Sunday.

Part memoir, part celebrity biography and fully inspiring, this collection of 37 stories offers personal tales

from Rich as well as those of family, friends and start who thought they would never see a brighter day.

"Many years ago, I went through a divorce and a downsizing in my job at the same time. It seemed that life lay in crumbles around me and that the best was behind me," Rich said. "But that was only a falling away of the old, because the best was still to come."

"Because I was jobless, I began to pursue my dream of being a published author and a brand new beautiful life was born. What was devastating at the time because the impetus for my dreams coming true."

About the author Ronda Rich is a weekly columnist for The Post Dispatch. She is a former NASCAR publicist turned award-winning sportswriter turned Southern sage and has written two bestselling books, including "What Southern Women Know (that Every Woman Should)" and "What Southern Women Know About Faith." Visit her website at rondarich.com.

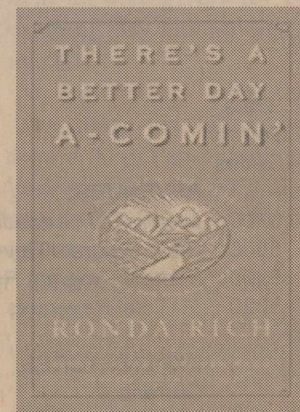


Photo by Teresa Gonzales

Since the Salvation Army building in Lockney burned, canned goods have been stored at the First Baptist Church. Also, the community has done a coat drive and collected one hundred and fifty coats that are greatly appreciated. 3,495 cans have been collected from the churches, schools and the Boy Scouts. Pictured is the storage house the church has let the Salvation Army borrow until the new building is ready. Pictured is Boy Scout Troop 259: (from left to right, back row) Josiah Rodriguez, Jerry Franklin, Brett Moore, Colby Rogers, Clay Moore and Keanu Villareal. (Front row) Creek Evans, Cutter Evans, Aiden Bustillos and Andrew Bustillos. The Salvation Army would like to thank the community, schools and Boy Scouts for the help and support. Also, thank you to Alicia Luna, Teresa Gonzales, Isaiha Gonzales, Denise Doucette and Esmeralda Sanchez for the help.

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

Annette George, owner of the Soup 'R Market, picked up the list of her New Year's resolutions:

1. Replace cracked glass on the meat cooler.
2. Walk two miles each morning before work.
3. Lose 15 pounds by summer.
4. Take a class in Spanish.

She thought about the kind of person she'd be at this time next year with all those things done, and it made her smile. Then she looked out the window at the snow and crossed off number two. "Each morning" was just too ... too, inflexible. It's always best, she thought to make promises you can keep.

Annette tapped her teeth with the pencil. The Spanish class was in

the city, and with gas prices being what they are ... well, she could always pick up a Spanish grammar book at the Read Me Now bookstore. Number 4 reluctantly had a line drawn through it.

You know, that glass has been cracked on the meat cooler for six years now, and it has never caused any kind of health threat. So the line up the glass causes a slight distortion as a shopper looks at a pork chop. So what? And have you seen what they get to replace that glass?

The pencil drew again, slowly but deliberately.

This left number three: lose 15 pounds by summer. This is one she will not scratch off. She remembers sitting by the swimming hole on Lewis Creek last summer watching the kids swimming. Next summer, she'll swim with them. She will lose those 15 pounds. How? Well, by

... eating better. Sure. Maybe one of those chocolate milkshake supplements each morning. Well, better not say each morning, but ... whenever, you know. And walking. How much? Who knows? But walking.

Yes. Walking. Losing 15 pounds. By summer. She smiled and decided to celebrate with a candy bar. Only one, of course.

Life is good. Read free samples of Slim's books at [www.slimrandles.com](http://www.slimrandles.com).

Slim Randles

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(to set up speaking engagements or for questions about books.)

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- The Bridge - Karen Kingsbury
- The Black Box - Michael Connelly
- Notorious Nineteen - Janet Evanovich
- Poseidon's Arrow - Clive Cussler
- The Great Gatsby - F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Geronimo - Robert Utley
- Ralph Compton Tucker's Reckoning - Ralph Compton
- Shiver - Karen Robards
- The Forgotten - David Baldacci
- Private London - James Patterson
- Gone Girl - Gillian Flynn
- Cross Roads - William Paul Young

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- Dead End in Norvelt - Jack Gantos (Newberry Award winner)
- A Ball for Daisy - Chris Raschke - (Candlecove Award winner)

We also now have magazines available to check out for one week. These include: People, Real Simple, Reader's Digest, Smithsonian, Seventeen, Garden Gate and more coming soon.

## Lockney Senior Center Menu

January 7-11

- Monday: Baked Potato
- Tuesday: Tacos
- Wednesday: BBQ Chicken
- Thursday: Pork Chops
- Friday: Meatloaf

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# Floydada School



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Floyd County 4-H Clover Kids met on December 20, 2012 and made "edible" Christmas decorations. The Food and Nutrition project was led by Jake Bramlet and he was assisted by Hunter Lefevre and Dylan Morgan. Clover Kids are youth who have not yet entered the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or turned 9 years old and are at least in kindergarten. If you or your child are interested in participating in the Clover Kids projects please contact the County Extension Office at 983-4912. Pictured are (back row, l-r) Dylan Morgan and Hunter Lefevre; (front row, l-r) Brinley Lefevre, Lexi Morgan, Haygen Lefevre and Kylan Webb.

## Whirlwinds lose in high paced game to Levelland

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds lost to the Levelland Lobos 72-69 in a high paced basketball game this past Tuesday evening. The Lobos built a 13-point lead in the fourth, but narrowly escaped with a 3-point victory as Jordan Woody's contested 3-point effort at the buzzer fell short. Woody led the Winds with 25 points to go with 5 assists and 5 steals. Michael Cisneros had 12 points and 3 steals, while Tyler Renfro put in 11 points, grabbed 9 rebounds, and also had 5 assists.

Tucker Lowrance had a strong performance off the bench, scoring 6 points and

getting 4 steals. DeAndre McCann had 4 points, while Sean Morales, B.J. Perez, and Venturo Gonzales each had 3. Landry Morren had 2 points.

On Friday night, state ranked Hale Center got the better of the Whirlwinds, 71-64. Woody and Gonzales each put in 19 points, with Gonzales grabbing 9 rebounds and making 6 steals. Woody had 6 rebounds and 5 assists.

Renfro, McCann and Cisneros each put in 6 points, and Renfro also contributed 10 assists and 4 steals. Lowrance and Morren each had 4 points, and Morren grabbed 6 rebounds.

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU January 7 - January 11

**Monday**  
TEACHER SERVICE DAY

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast-** Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Country style steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast-** Pancakes/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple, Texas toast, brownie, milk

**Thursday**

**Breakfast-** Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Beef and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, cinnamon applesauce, peanut butter bar, milk

**Friday**

**Breakfast-** Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Pizza burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, fresh grapes, milk

**SPRINGER**  
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Texas is well represented, so our property rights are protected and not overlooked by those in urban areas."

Gilbert Trevino, the superintendent of Floydada ISD was concerned about school choice (commonly known as vouchers) and how it would affect public schools in rural areas.

"Until I see a plan that protects rural schools and their funding, I am a novice on vouchers," said Springer.

A recurring concern amongst constituents across the district dealt with the tragic murders in Newtown, Conn.

"I think the underlying problem is not a lack of gun control but a shortage of mental healthcare," said Springer. "All 'gun-free zones' do is prevent good people from protecting themselves when bad people make poor decisions." Springer applauded Da-

vid Thweatt, a superintendent in HD-68, for allowing certain teachers in Harold ISD to carry a concealed handgun in their classrooms. He hopes more school districts will follow suit and enact similar policies at the local level.

Other recurring issues on the tour included transportation infrastructure, TCEQ overstep, standardized tests, vocational education, rural healthcare and Medicaid fraud.

HD-68 is one of the largest districts in the State of Texas, it contains a total of 22 counties and stretches as far east as Cooke County, as far west as Crosby County, and as far north as Wheeler County.

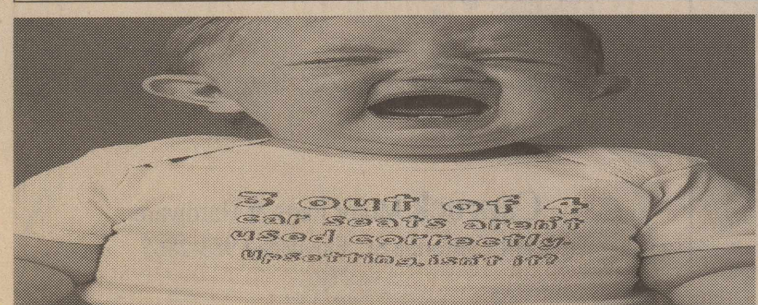
The Texas Legislature meets for only 140 days every two years. The next session, convenes in January and will last until the end of May. Springer will be sworn in at noon on January 8th.

### FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012

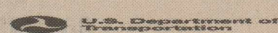
Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,695,175	\$ 477,794	\$ 3,172,969
5800	State Program Revenues	5,439,495	108,971	5,548,466
5900	Federal Program Revenues		2,174,640	2,174,640
5020	Total Revenues	8,134,670	2,761,405	10,896,075
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	3,503,550	1,349,580	4,853,130
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	131,356		131,356
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	109,289	60,992	170,281
0021	Instructional Leadership	146,705	178,476	325,181
0023	School Leadership	491,498	31,734	523,232
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	160,768	104,344	265,112
0032	Social Work Services		34,567	34,567
0033	Health Services	33,981		33,981
0034	Student Transportation	414,263	811	415,074
0035	Food Service	11,996	453,561	465,557
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	431,360	144,824	576,184
0041	General Administration	325,040	2,288	327,328
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	988,711	778	989,489
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	7,372	25,000	32,372
0053	Data Processing Services	326,564	4,619	331,183
0061	Community Services	2,585		2,585
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt		32,962	32,962
0072	Interest on Long-term Debt		327,077	327,077
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees		300	300
0093	Payments to Shared Service Arrangements		81,844	81,844
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	71,953		71,953
6030	Total Expenditures	7,156,991	2,833,757	9,990,748
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)			
1100	Expenditures	977,679	(72,352)	905,327
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7915	Transfers In		48,680	48,680
8911	Transfers Out	(48,680)		(48,680)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(48,680)	48,680	
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	928,999	(23,672)	905,327
0100	Fund Balances - Beginning	4,434,574	186,566	4,621,140
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 5,363,573	\$ 162,894	\$ 5,526,467

### FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AUGUST 31, 2012

Total fund balances - governmental funds balance sheet	\$ 5,526,467
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds.	9,828,634
Property taxes receivable unavailable to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.	5,545
Payables for bond principal which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(5,364,999)
Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(10,436)
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and are deferred in the funds.	19,124
Bond issuance costs are prepaid in the SOA.	55,705
Bond premiums are deferred in the SOA.	(146,872)
Rounding difference	(1)
Net assets of governmental activities - Statement of Net Assets	\$ 9,913,167



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## LOCKNEY SCHOOL

### Lockney boys narrowly defeated by Farwell

By Coach Josh Strickland

The Lockney Longhorns played the Farwell Steers on Friday night and lost 50-63. The first half went to the Steers with the score being 27-42. The second half went to the Horns as they closed the lead to 8 in the third quarter, but in the end Farwell hit some big shots in the fourth. Landry Kidd led all scoring with 21 points and 14 rebounds. Ky Teeter added 9 points, Andrew Hooten put in 8 and Ian Dunbar had 5. The loss brings the Longhorns record to 3-12 in the year. Over the holiday break the Horns will participate in the Jayton Tournament. The final score was 50-63.

### JV boys lost to Farwell 39-58

By Coach Jeff Dunn

Mauricio Davila-----7 pts  
Daylen Gatica-----12 pts  
Derick Patel-----2 pts  
Eli Guerra-----2 pts  
Tevin Phillips-----5 pts  
Ruben Ascencio----11 pts

## How to Stay Active All Winter



(Family Features) The winter months mark the end of the outdoor training season for many active people, and the colder, shorter days can make it challenging to stay motivated and active. In fact, Gallup surveys find that exercise levels and healthy eating habits amongst Americans significantly decline during fall and winter months.

"When the temperatures drop and the sun sets earlier, many people struggle to find the time, energy or motivation to stay focused on their fitness goals," said USA Cycling and Triathlon Coach Gale Bernhardt. "The best way to stay on top of your personal health and maximize cold weather workouts is to create an offseason game plan."

These easy-to-follow tips will help you run your day, your way and stay active this offseason, no matter how cold it is outside.

**• Some Is Better Than None:** If you don't have time to go to the gym or fit an hour workout into your busy day, still try to fit in what you can. Try a steady walk for 20 to 30 minutes, climb a flight of stairs a couple of times, or simply walk around the block.

**• Embrace the Cold:** Don't let the chilly temperatures scare you. Use the cold as an opportunity to find unique ways to get in some good cardio or strength work by raking leaves, shoveling the driveway, building a snowman or going on a winter weather hike.

**• Break Outside of the Gym:** Winter workouts don't need to be relegated to the gym. Find an at-home fitness

DVD (Pilates, yoga, cardio, etc.) or an on-demand television workout, and do your own in-house boot camp once a week to mix things up.

**• Mix Up Your Fitness:** Use the winter season to learn a new skill. Try something new like indoor rock climbing, a dance class, fitness boxing, or cross-country skiing. Check out your local fitness center for ideas.

**• Stay Fueled in the Cold:** If you find yourself in need of an energy boost prior to your endurance workout, you can grab a convenient fuel source such as a MARATHON® Bar. For workouts that are mostly aerobic, the MARATHON® Bar with more protein can help keep you satisfied and fueled through the workout and beyond. [www.marathonbars.com](http://www.marathonbars.com)

**• Winter Workout Buddy:** For added motivation, invite friends to work out with you. Buddies give you incentive, provide mutual commitment and ultimately help keep workouts fun.

**• Join a Team:** Winter is a great time for team sports like volleyball or basketball. Recreation leagues like these can provide a great aerobic workout and speed skills, too.

Don't let the colder winter months slow you down. Whether the goal is to maintain endurance in between race seasons, effectively provide rest and recovery to a fatigued body, or simply to stay healthy and active during the long winter months, try the tips above to help develop simple strategies for training and nutrition that works best for you to stay fit and active during the offseason.

## Medicare Patients Health Care Close to Free Fall

(Please attribute the following statement to Michael E. Speer, MD, president of the Texas Medical Association. Dr. Speer's statement pertains to the anticipated nearly 30-percent cut in physicians' Medicare and TRICARE payments under the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. The cut is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.)

"Congress' inept inaction has pushed the nation to the fiscal cliff; Medicare patients and physicians who care for them now will be the first to take those har-

rowing steps into free fall.

"On New Year's Day, physicians' Medicare payments will be slashed almost 30 percent, affecting 2.8 million Medicare patients in Texas and more than 870,000 military families who receive health care coverage through TriCare. The uncertainty of Medicare also affects jobs of more than 240,000 employees of medical practices in the state.

"For almost 12 years, doctors have urged Congress to fix the broken Medicare funding formula

used to pay physicians. Every year, physicians have faced a double-digit pay cut because of this faulty formula. Congress has stopped the cut but has never fixed the underlying problem. Now this ongoing saga is embroiled in the fiscal cliff negotiations and is likely to make it more difficult for Medicare patients to get care from a physician of their choice when they need one.

"It's simply irresponsible of Congress to push Medicare patients, their physicians, and the nation's

economic future into dire chaos. Our nation's leaders must put politics aside and work on real issues to move our country forward - instead of pushing us downward into a spiraling free fall."

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 46,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.



## The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Are you going to be self sufficient at age 70, 80, 90 or 100? If you're already there, are you in pretty good shape? Perhaps good enough shape to make it another decade?

By the middle of this century, six million people are predicted to be living in their 100s on this planet.

By the end of the century, and perhaps much sooner, the life expectancy in this country could end up much older. Of course, that's without something cataclysmic happening.

Today, there are 340,000 over 100 years old around the globe with the highest concentrations in the U.S. and Japan, according to the latest Census Bureau figures. Their numbers are projected to grow at more than 20 times the rates of the total population by 2050, making them the fastest growing age segment.

Genetics along with medical advances and improved

diets, which have reduced heart disease and stroke, are the reasons people are living longer.

Throw in cutting edge technology and the fact scientists are making incredible findings regarding the aging process and who knows how old some of us may end up being.

A while back, while checking out some show on aging, more than one scientist spoke about humans being capable of living 150 or 200 years within the next 50 years.

Can you imagine living 200 years?

I suppose it would be fine, if we are talking about quality years. Of course, you might have to have all of your organs replaced (grown at an organ farm) and your bones and muscles would probably need a significant upgrade. And none of us would want to live that long without being sharp mentally.

Japan, with its low-fat staple of fish and rice, is expected to have the most centenarians in 2050 - 627,000, or nearly 1 percent of its total population, according to census estimates. That's incredible.

Japan has a thriving industry which caters to their advancing population. Personally, I think the Japanese treat their elders better than we do as well. They seem to give the proper respect to their elderly population and not cast them aside as so often happens in the U.S., but I digress.

Here, centenarians are expected to increase from 75,000 to more than 600,000 by 2050. Those hitting and passing the milestone will mostly be baby boomers.

Guess we better get Medicare and Social Security fixed for good!

That many centenarians also means considerable growth in nursing homes, assisted living centers and

retirement centers.

When I moved to Childress after college, I lived with my grandfather. He was 82 and was very sharp. I actually did not realize that he was rare in terms of being that age and getting around as well as he did. He lived another three years and outside of an ongoing battle with congestive heart failure, was in good health and stayed sharp mentally.

On the other extreme, my father is 70 with dementia and he's completely dependent on care givers for everything. My mother died at age 63.

I don't know what that says about my future, but I sure hope my dominant genes come from my grandfather, if you get my meaning.

One thing I'm sure of: Regardless if you live to be 60 or 160, the days get shorter the older you get and the end will be here before you know it.

## What to Do with Your Old Electronics

(Family Features) Mobile phones, laptops, tablets, game consoles, cameras - electronic devices are a big part of American life.

In fact, Americans own an average of 24 electronic products per household, according to the Consumer Electronics Association. With technology changing so rapidly and new "it" devices hitting the market every few months, a lot of those devices get discarded quickly. That adds up to a lot of potential e-waste.

In fact, a recent survey sponsored by RadioShack found:

- More than 90 million American adults 18 and over have unused technology products lying around the house.
- As part of that pile of retired tech, a third of mobile phone users report owning unused phones - and more than half of those with unused phones own two or more.

Some unused electronics just collect dust, but many get thrown away. The Environmental Protection Agency's most recent report showed that nearly 1.8 million tons of e-waste was simply trashed.

Fortunately, it's easier than ever to keep old electronics out of the waste stream.

**Donate.** Donations give schools, nonprofits and lower-income families

access to equipment they might not otherwise afford. Before donating, check with the organization to see what they need.

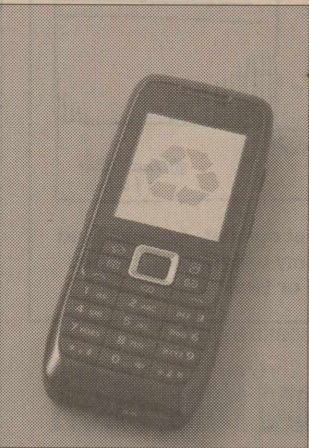
**Trade Up.** If you are ready to upgrade to something new, programs such as RadioShack's Trade & Save let you swap retired technology for store credit toward your purchase. Simply bring eligible working electronics and accessories to a participating store or log on to [www.radioshack-tradeandsave.com](http://www.radioshack-tradeandsave.com) for appraisal information. When you complete your trade in a store, you'll immediately receive the appraised value in the form of a store gift card (except where prohibited by law). Trade-ins may also be completed via mail by requesting a free shipping label available on the program website. In that case, a store gift card for the trade-in value will be mailed after the product is received. There's even a free Trade & Save app available to appraise your unused technology using iOS and Android devices. Products traded in are refurbished or recycled.

**Recycle.** Electronics in nonworking condition should be recycled. Check

[www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) or [www.e-stewards.org](http://www.e-stewards.org) to find a recycling center near you. Many states have regulations about disposing and recycling electronics. Learn more about your state's laws at [www.electronic-stakeback.com](http://www.electronic-stakeback.com).

**Don't Forget the Batteries.** Recycling your rechargeable batteries is another easy step you can take. Retailers like RadioShack also recycle rechargeable batteries. To date, the company has collected more than 5 million pounds in rechargeable batteries through Call2Recycle ([www.Call2Recycle.org](http://www.Call2Recycle.org)).

Don't let your old electronics gather dust or add to the waste stream. It just takes a few simple steps to put your devices to better use.



**NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS**

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of all of Hale and Swisher counties and portions of Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, and Floyd counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2013**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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# AGRICULTURE

## Grain Sorghum Seed Costs & 2013 Supply

By Ethan Fortenberry  
CEA-AG/NR  
Floyd County

No kidding, seed is in short supply for 2013 due to reduced hybrid seed production in both 2011 and 2012. An increase in expected acres will further shorten supplies. This has created the highest grain sorghum seed cost we have ever seen.

Action Tips for Grain Sorghum Seed

If you anticipate needing grain sorghum seed in 2013 I urge you to check with your preferred seed dealer now. Supply is declining and prices are subject to change (they won't be going down!). The longer you wait the less selection you will have.

Be cautious about moving to a maturity of grain sorghum seed that is not

appropriate for your production system. If all you can find is early maturity hybrids, then call another dealer. Don't book a medium-long or long season hybrid for dryland just because that's all you can get.

Evaluate your seeding rate. For grain sorghum seeding rate targets in the South Plains or Texas High Plains, consult the two different United Sorghum Checkoff Program grain sorghum pocket guides that cover the Texas High Plains at <http://sorghum-checkoff.com/for-farmer/production-tools/> {These include editions for West Texas (South Plains, Concho Valley, Rolling Plains), and High Plains (Texas Panhandle)}. Many producers in Texas still plant more seed than they need,

sometimes at the expense of grain yield. I would rather pick a preferred hybrid and reduce the seeding rate by 20% to stretch a limited supply of seed than go with something I am not familiar or is less appropriate.

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## Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures prices continued their advance as this week began with the March contract settling at 75.85 cents per pound Monday. The contract further tested the 76-cent level on Tuesday before closing at 75.95 cents. During a period when, according to one analyst, new lows are more common than new highs, March cotton remained above the 75-cent level through Thursday's session at the Intercontinental Exchange.

Volume at the exchange increased and buying was steady Tuesday. Notably, it marked the third straight day of gains for March. From that point, the market seemed to settle into a holiday mode as futures prices began a slight retreat in limited volume.

On Wednesday, trading was described as slower than the day before, and even less activity was anticipated in coming sessions due to the holidays that are quickly approaching as March closed at 75.89 cents. Futures still were unable to settle above 76 cents Thursday and again traded within relatively tight ranges and limited volume. Strong export sales had little effect on prices, and the most actively traded months held under steady pressure after the report was released.

Net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 333,900 bales

in the week ended Dec. 13, according to USDA. The volume was up 18 percent from the previous week but down four percent from the four-week average. China accounted for more than half of the sales followed by Turkey and Pakistan. Export shipments for the week totaled 170,300 bales, down six percent from the previous week but up five percent from the four-week average. The primary destinations were China, Turkey and Mexico.

Much like the futures market, online sales by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico proved to be considerably slower in the week ended Dec. 20 with 82,039 bales traded compared to 139,482 bales the previous week. Average prices received this week ranged from 65 to 69 cents per pound compared to 68 to 69 cents the previous week. According to one expert, market tendencies suggest producers are content with what has been sold and are now waiting for March futures to reach 76.50 cents.

Meanwhile, some rain had been reported in the northern Delta Wednesday, but its benefits were threatened as forecasts for strong winds became a major concern Thursday. The wind also made headlines in West Texas Wednesday where

sustained winds of 35 miles per hour and gusts up to 75 miles per hour may have taken some residents back to the Dust Bowl era. Cotton harvest is mostly complete in the region where gins have started winding down for the season and hope to be finished in the coming week.

An excellent chance of rain in northern Alabama and central Georgia was expected Thursday. One report indicated the rain would benefit areas of the Southeast that remain under varying degrees of drought. According to the latest drought monitor, approximately 14 percent of Georgia is under exceptional drought. On average, the central and southern parts of the state are as much as 20 inches below normal for this time of year.

In other news, according to a report published by Beijing Cotton Outlook, negotiations with Mexico to reach a settlement regarding textile and apparel subsidy issues have failed. The dispute began in September when Mexico charged China at the World Trade Organization (WTO) with paying illegal subsidies in the form of various forms of tax relief, access to cheap credit and debt relief, and land use rights. A WTO dispute panel may now hear from Mexico about the allegations.

## RRC Production Statistics and Allowables for January 2013

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of December 2012 was 847, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 510 million barrels of oil and 7.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for October 2012 is 48,820,645 barrels of crude oil and 500,062,457 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary

October 2012 production totals of 41,178,007 barrels of crude oil and 430,828,342 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1856 for crude oil and 1.1607 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for November 2012 was 463,512,227 Mcf compared to 443,491,626 Mcf in November 2011. The December 2012 gas storage estimate is 456,816,111 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Com-

mission's Oil and Gas Division set initial January 2013 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 9,635,103 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial January 2013 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for January 2013 is reported.

## Southeast Farm Press: 2013 cotton planting intentions survey under way

From the National Cotton Council

The NCC's annual survey of 2013 planting intentions has been mailed to upland and extra-long staple (ELS) cotton producers across the Cotton Belt.

The survey, conducted each year to aid with industry planning and policy deliberations, provides the

basis for the economic outlook presented to delegates during the NCC Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tenn.

Survey results will be presented during the Joint Meeting of Program Committees on Saturday morning, Feb. 9.

To enhance the survey's accuracy, producers are encouraged to respond

by the Jan. 16 deadline.

The current survey has been distributed through a combination of regular mail and e-mail with the intent of reaching all cotton farms across the Belt.

Growers who do not receive a survey may contact the NCC via email at [econsurvey@cotton.org](mailto:econsurvey@cotton.org) for survey instruction

## AgriLife Today: 2012 produced extreme spider mite infestations in corn

AMARILLO — Spider mite infestations across the entire Texas High Plains were among the worst producers have had to deal with in a number of years, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist.

Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo, said corn producers primarily saw populations of the Banks grass mite, which "are supposedly easier to control than the two-spotted spider mite."

But, Bynum said, this year many producers had a hard time controlling any mites with a single miticide application. In many instances, mites were never controlled with multiple applications.

"As we look back on the season, there are some factors that contributed to the rapid mite infestation development and poor control," he said.

One factor was the timing of the hot, dry conditions this summer, which Bynum said provided an ideal environment for mite populations to get out of hand. Daytime temperatures began to reach the high 90s and into the 100s during the last half of June and again during mid-July into August.

Coupled with the dry conditions, mite populations were able to become established across the field in June, he said. Then in July, corn fields were tasseling and starting grain development growth stages, which further enhanced the reproductive capacity of mites.

"Once mite infestations moved up the plant and began causing damage below the ear leaf, the populations reached levels that even a miticide application controlling 60 percent to 80 percent of the mites left sufficient numbers to rebound rapidly," Bynum said.

The entomologist said one observation this year

was that mite populations developed earlier and faster on corn grown under drip irrigation.

Another factor in some fields, he said, was insecticides applied for other insects, such as southwestern corn borers, western bean cutworms and western corn rootworm adults, either eliminated natural predators and/or further stimulated the reproductive capacity of mites.

"Previous research has shown pyrethroid insecticides will flare mites. Even the use of bifenthrin will not control mites, except in a few locations," Bynum said. "Applications of dimethoate for other insect pests are also ineffective at controlling mites due to their developed resistance to this insecticide, and dimethoate further eliminates the natural predators."

Bynum said predators important to managing mite infestations are western flower thrips early in the season when migrating out of wheat, and later in the season by six-spotted thrips, minute pirate bugs, predatory mites and spider mite destroyer beetles.

Another consideration is spray coverage, which is a key factor to the level of control obtained with any miticide application, he said.

"With the currently registered miticides, spray deposition into the canopy to where mite infestations are located is even more critical for effective control," Bynum said. "Research has shown that Comite, Oberon, Onager and now Zeal are effective under most situations and conditions."

This year, even when these products were mixed with crop oil but were sprayed during the heat of the day, many of the droplets may not have made it to the canopy, he said. Also, for these products to be maximally effective, they have to rely on help

from natural predators.

"Fortunately, the products are very safe on predators that eat mites," Bynum said. "The predators act in concert with the miticides to 'clean up' any escapees and usually extend control for the remainder of the season. When this balance is disrupted, mite infestations are free to blow up."

Bynum outlined some management steps for producers trying to manage future mite infestations:

- If a mite infestation is developing, a preventative miticide should be considered at least two weeks prior to any pesticide application that is "harsh" on natural predators, especially when an insecticide is planned at tassel and during the grain developmental growth stages for other corn pests.

- Consider using pesticides that are softer on predators when spraying for southwestern corn borers, western bean cutworms, western corn rootworm adults, fall armyworms and other corn pests.

- Scout fields at least once a week to know the dynamics of the mite/predator populations and damage. Consider treating if mite colonies are beginning to establish on the ear leaf and mite densities - eggs, immatures, adults - and damage continues to increase.

- Spray coverage is critical. Miticide applications to corn less than 2 feet tall only protect leaf tissue the spray makes contact with. Leaves that grow after application are not protected. Encourage applicators to spray the field in the early morning before the hotter times of the day.

- Do not rely on a single mode of action. Continued use of one product year after year and for multiple applications during a year puts heavy selection pressure for resistance development.

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## Major reforms necessary to ensure the best future for Texas' Long-Term Care Services and Supports

Texas current Medicaid program expenditures consume 25 percent of the state budget

AUSTIN – Texas Medicaid spending is rapidly growing, driven by an increase in Medicaid enrollment and costs, according to a report published today by the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

“The current Medicaid program in place is unsustainable and rising at a more rapid rate than state revenue,” said Arlene Wohlgenuth, Director of the Foundation’s Center for Health Care Policy. “In 2011 alone, Medicaid expenditures totaled approximately \$28 billion, providing long-term care services and support to nearly 400,000 aged and disabled Texas Medicaid enrollees. With a current interest list for long-term community-based care services exceeding 100,000 people, and the senior population expected to double by 2030, the demand for and cost of these services will continue to increase.”

The Foundation commissioned healthcare experts James Capretta and his team to provide recommendations to Texas on how to reform its Medicaid-financed long-term care program to become sustainable and affordable for Texas taxpayers while also providing high quality services to those who need it most. The findings, Assuring a Future for Long-Term Care Services and Supports in Texas, are available on www.texaspolicy.com. This report is a companion piece to an earlier study, Medicaid Reform: Constructive Alternative to a Failed Program, that recommended reforms to the portion of Medicaid that serves low-income, non-disabled women and children.

This report offers a new approach to providing Long-Term Care Services and Support (LTCSS) to Texans in need of assistance with the goals of meeting the needs of disabled and elderly state residents

all the while providing budget control for the state. This concept stems from the belief that providing more control to Medicaid participants and their caregivers can offer greater efficiencies by targeting program resources to those in need with increased patient satisfaction. The state’s role would largely shift, except in the case of nursing home care, from providing direct reimbursement of services to requiring oversight of the program.

“One of our recommendations to restructure Medicaid is with a block grant, which would allow Texas to streamline its long-term care system to better meet the needs and preferences of its residents while staying within budget,” said Wohlgenuth. “The current ‘one size fits all’ approach of ten entitles Medicaid enrollees to receive unnecessary, even unwanted benefits, and has the unintended consequence of incentivizing providers to deliver an excessively broad range of services to enrollees.”

While it is true that making a fundamental shift in Medicaid will not be easy, it should be noted that its potential for success should be evaluated on what the program will look like in the future if reforms are not adopted. One way or another Texas, and every other state, will be forced to make changes in Medicaid to reduce costs. The only question is how they will do it.

Wohlgenuth adds that the reforms recommended here would ensure that the program’s participants have just as much incentive as the state to get the best and highest value use out of every available Medicaid dollar. With incentives properly aligned, and more budgetary control provided to the state government, Texas would have the levers necessary to make adjustments over time to balance the needs of participants with the costs imposed on taxpayers.

## Texas Unemployment Rate falls to 6.2 percent in November Rate down over a full point since beginning of 2012

AUSTIN — The Texas unemployment rate fell to 6.2 percent in November, down from 6.6 percent in October and 7.3 percent at the start of 2012. The unemployment rate in Texas remains well below the national rate of 7.7 percent. Texas employers added 22,100 total nonfarm jobs in November for a total of 278,800 jobs added over the year.

“Texas employers have added 278,800 jobs over the past 12 months with growth in 10 of 11 industry sectors during that period,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “TWC is committed to working with our local workforce development boards and other partners to deliver quality workforce solutions that contribute to economic success.”

Eight out of 11 major industries in Texas added jobs in November. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities led the way with 20,600 jobs added over the month—the largest monthly jump ever seen in that industry. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities has added a total of 69,600 jobs over the last year.

“Texas is showing sustained economic strength, and our unemployment rate is now the lowest that it has been since December 2008,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ron-

ny Congleton. “For those Texans still looking for work, TWC can help. Visit WorkInTexas.com to find a job that’s right for you.”

Leisure and Hospitality employment grew by 6,500 positions in November. This industry has now experienced growth for four consecutive months. Leisure and Hospitality has added 49,900 jobs since November 2011. Education and Health Services added 4,700 jobs over the month, totaling 45,700 jobs added over the year.

“Private sector employers continue to lead the way to growth and prosperity in Texas,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Tom Pauken. “We’ve seen 266,400 private sector jobs added in Texas over the past year, and we’re maintaining a 3.0 percent annual growth rate.”

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest November unemployment rate in the state at 3.0 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 3.6 percent, and the Amarillo MSA third at 4.1 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at the following link: www.texasworkforce.org/news/press/2012/praudio12.

## TEXAS MONTHLY OIL AND GAS STATISTICS

### NOVEMBER PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,586 original drilling permits in November 2012 compared to 1,878 in November 2011. The November total included 1,416 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 33 to re-enter existing well bores, and 137 for re-completions. Permits issued in November 2012 included 446 oil, 127 gas, 941 oil and gas, 57 injection, two service and 13 other permits.

### OCTOBER CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary October 2012 crude oil production averaged 1,328,323 barrels daily, up from the 996,583 barrels daily average of October 2011.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for October 2012 is 41,178,007 barrels, up from 30,894,077 barrels reported during October 2011.

### NOVEMBER OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In November 2012, operators reported 1,486 oil, 279 gas, 41 injection and three other completions compared to 674 oil, 305 gas, 45 injection and one other completion in November 2011.

Total well completions for 2012 year to date are 13,997 up from 7,924 recorded during the same period in 2011.

Operators reported 385 holes plugged and three dry holes in November 2012 compared to 189 holes plugged and zero dry holes in November 2011.

### OCTOBER NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 528,495,674 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for October 2012 down from the October 2011 preliminary gas production total of 530,931,972 Mcf. Texas preliminary October total gas production averaged 17,048,247 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in

October 2012 came from 132,073 oil wells and 84,302 gas wells.

### NOVEMBER TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 273  
Oil Completions: 146  
Gas Completions: 30  
RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 112  
Oil Completions: 68  
Gas Completions: 16  
RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 82  
Oil Completions: 35  
Gas Completions: 18  
RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 38  
Oil Completions: 20  
Gas Completions: 24  
RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 21  
Oil Completions: 4  
Gas Completions: 10  
RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 74  
Oil Completions: 5

Gas Completions: 51  
RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 55  
Oil Completions: 117  
Gas Completions: 20  
RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 176  
Oil Completions: 178  
Gas Completions: 1  
RRC District: (8) MIDLAND  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 444  
Oil Completions: 769  
Gas Completions: 4  
RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 77  
Oil Completions: 72  
Gas Completions: 0  
RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 158  
Oil Completions: 59  
Gas Completions: 57  
RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 76  
Oil Completions: 13  
Gas Completions: 48

OCTOBER TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION COUNTY - CRUDE

OIL (BBLs)	County
1. ANDREWS	2,556,141
2. KARNES - 2,276,252	
3. GAINES - 2,048,101	
4. ECTOR - 1,994,692	
5. GONZALES - 1,863,370	
6. YOAKUM - 1,775,952	
7. LA SALLE - 1,773,155	
8. UPTON - 1,753,824	
9. MIDLAND - 1,731,208	
10. MARTIN - 1,647,433	

### OCTOBER TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)	County
1. TARRANT - 68,152,349	
2. JOHNSON - 34,965,340	
3. WEBB - 20,925,442	
4. PECOS - 20,604,677	
5. WISE - 18,456,135	
6. DENTON - 17,971,375	
7. PANOLA - 17,089,926	
8. FREESTONE - 15,261,200	
9. NACOGDOCHES - 13,791,137	
10. ZAPATA - 10,817,539	

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