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## Hospice Hands of West Texas Celebrates 16 Years of Service

**By Charles Keaton** The Hesperian-Beacon

Sixteen years ago, Rosie Rendon wanted to find something that would allow her and her family to stay in Lockney.

"I have a healthcare background and I wanted to provide a service to people," Rendon said. "After doing a study, I found that the area was lacking in hospice care."

Currently, Hospice Hands has 14 employees including Rendon's daughter-in-law who is a nurse and a daughter who is in charge of social media.

Rendon said, "We are family oriented. God comes first, family second and then everything else follows."

Hospice Hands was established from the heart in 1997 and today, their care comes from the heart. They serve 11 surrounding counties including Floyd, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Lamb, Hale, Motley, Cottle, Lubbock, Crosby and Dickens.

Hospice care is available to people of all ages, including children. Individualized care is provided not only in home setting, but also for nursing facility residents while working with the nursing facility's staff. Hospice Hands may provide personal care in home, hospitals, assisted living facilities and foster homes. In all settings, the family can find comfort in knowing that their loved one is receiving the best possible care from Hospice Hands.

"We provide service to everyone regardless of their ability to pay," Rendon said. "We accept Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and Veterans administration benefits."

Hospice Hands utilizes the strengths of an interdisciplinary team of caring professionals to provide a specialized health care program for patients and families coping with irreversible illness. Focusing on the person and the family, Hospice Hands offers comprehensive services



Hospice Hands of West Texas in Lockney celebrates their 16th year of service. Rosie Rendon founded the healthcare agency in 1997. The staff of 14 serves 11 counties in the region, providing hospice care from the heart.

including symptom control, pain management and psychosocial support to the people of the area.

"We have made friends that have lasted because of being with the families in a very emotional time," Rendon said. "We know people

have a choice and we understand that choosing the right care for you or your loved one is never a decision that comes easy."

Hospice Hands of West Texas can be contacted 24 hours a day at 888-795-1212 or 806-652-3000.

### **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.

#### SANTA LETTERS

It's getting close to that time again! Deadline for Santa Letters is Thursday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. Letters will be published in the Dec. 19 issue. Bring letters to the Hesperian-Beacon at 201 W. California Street. You can also mail them to: Hesperian-Beacon, 201 W. California St., Floydada, Texas 79235 or email them to: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

#### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Floydada's Boy Scout Troop and Pack #357 will be stopping at homes in Floydada to collect canned or non-perishable food on Sat., Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. -12 noon. Sacks of food can be left by your front door. All collected food will be donated to Floydada's Spirit of Sharing. All donations are greatly appreciated.

#### SANTA CLAUS IS COMING!

Santa Claus is comin' to Floydada! He will arrive December 5th at 6 p.m. at the First National Bank of Floydada foyer. Please bring your cameras if you wish to take pictures of your child with Santa.

#### COMMUNITY KLLL **BLOOD DRIVE**

Floydada Community KLLL Country Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, December 17th. You may donate between the hours of 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (400 South Wall). For an appointment please contact Kim Perez at the Chamber, 806-983-3434 or log onto bloodhero.com Sponsor code: klllfloydada. Everyone that donates will receive a t-shirt and be eligible for the daily and grand prize drawings.

#### **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

#### Corrections

Floydada.

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office at 806-983-3737 or email: fchb.editor@ vahoo.com

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# **Blanket of Snow**



Floyd County residents woke up Sunday morning to several inches of snow across the county. An ice storm that began Friday and continued into Saturday was responsible for slowing travel as well as harvest and ginning activities.

# Wall of Honor

The "Veteran's Honor Wall" at the Floydada Post Office continues to grow. This Honor Wall was started by Altie Nelson, Floydada Postmaster, in order to honor our veterans and show how much we appreciate their service to our country. Originally this wall was suppose to only be displayed through the month November, but now it has been decided to be kept indefinitely. Photos are still being accepted and can be taken to the post office during normal business hours. Please put your name and address on the back if you want your photos returned to you. Also please include the branch of service.

# Thanks for Giving..... "Christmas for the Soldiers"

**By Linda Matsler** 

Approximately 40 members and friends of First United Methodist Church gathered on Sunday afternoon, November 17, 2013, to pack boxes destined for soldiers stationed in Afghanistan, in celebration of Christmas. This included eight members of the FHS National Honor Society.

This is the sixth year FUMC has sponsored this project. One hundred twenty-six packages were mailed. Snack foods, tee shirts, toilet articles, fruit drink and cocoa mixes, decks of playing cards,

puzzle books and devotional materials, as well as many personal cards, were included in the packages in appreciation for the service and sacrifice of men and women soldiers. Wacky Wednesday participants, youth, and children's Sunday school classes made many of the cards.

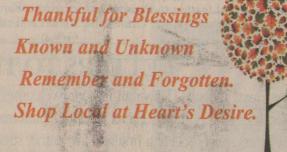
Thank you for all who donated time, money, items to fill the boxes, and to those who prayed for this project. Contributions in the amount of \$3,460.53 were received to aid in mailing costs and filling the boxes. This included "Children's Offering" donations of \$475.53 taken during worship services in prior weeks.

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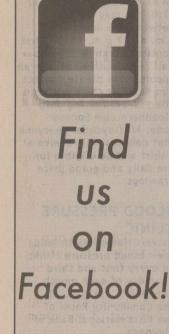
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### Flora Nell Boteler

Flora Nell Boteler, age 90, of Plainview, passed away, Tuesday, November 19, 2013 in Lubbock.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Northside Baptist Church with pastor Tim Franks and Pastor Bobby Fortner officiating.

Interment followed at the Plainview Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Lemons Funeral Home in Plainview.

Flora was born January 1, 1923 to John Thomas Bilbrey and Mary Lee (Tisdale) Bilbrey in Spur, Texas. Flora was a bus driver for the Plainview ISD, where she received many honors and awards. She was presented the Most Dependable Driver Award. She was named the Best Female Driver, Best Attendance Record and Most Dedicat-



FLORA BOTELER

ed Driver. She also was given an award for having an outstanding Safety Record. The most dramatic changes Flora experienced were the changeover to automatic transmissions, power steering and air break.

Flora loved to cook and when she did, she loved sharing with her friends and neighbors. One of her

favorite dishes was her banana bread.

Mrs. Boteler was also a member of the Northside Baptist Church in Plainview for many years.

She is preceded in death by her husband, H.C. Boteler.

Flora is survived by one daughter, Iva Sanders and husband, Curtis of Floydada and one son, Carl Boteler and wife, Ingrid of Post; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Johnnie Willson of Post and Vera Fae Reece of Mansfield, Texas.

Memorials may be made in Flora Botelers' name to: Northside Baptist Church, 1100 W. 32nd Street, Plainview, Tx 79072.

Online condolences may be made at www.lemonfunerals.com.

#### **Mario Cortez**

Mario Cortez, 62, formerly of Floydada, passed away, Friday, November 22, 2013 in Lubbock.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Tuesat St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1603 Cherry Street, Lubbock, Texas.

Rosary was held at the church Monday, Novem-

day, November 26, 2013 ber 25, 2013 from 7-9

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

## Nov. 30 is Small Business Saturday

Squished between Black Friday to more than 3 million in 2013. and Cyber Monday is a small, but mighty, holiday shopping day that is starting to get a lot of buzz.

celebrate its fourth year on Saturday, November 30 Shopper are encouraged this year to "think of the jobs in the private sector. small" and help your local small Small businesses have created business and towns by shopping 65 percent of the net new jobs

an American shopping holiday is where the individual can help created by American Express our economy because we need to and held on the Saturday after create jobs. And if people support Thanksgiving during the busiest independently owned small busishopping period of the year. The nesses in their community, they event was a created as a counterpart to the Black Friday and Cyber Monday "shopping holidays," which are highly promoted by big box retailers and e-commerce gi-

The "Shop Small" movement was developed to drive shoppers to local storefronts and merchants across the United States. This year, more than 200 organizations have joined American Express in declaring Nov. 30 to be Small Business Saturday. Social Media giant Facebook helped Small Business Saturday go viral in 2011 and generated more than 1 million "likes" last year, and is up

The average American is expected to spend a little over \$700

on holiday gift and decorative Small Business Saturday will items during the 2012 shopping "Small businesses create half

local on Small Business Saturday. over the last 17 years. And so, Small Business Saturday is what small business is all about, can make a difference."

> There are advantages to shopping at local small business that go beyond helping our independent merchants; we are helping ourselves, our schools and our town. According to the Small Business Saturday website, for every \$100 spent at local small

businesses, \$68 is returned to the local economy. Small businesses employ more than half of all private-sector employees. In the last decade, 60 to 80 percent of the jobs created in your community were created by small businesses.

Local small business owners love our local community. Independent stores and restaurants make our town special. They are known for their customer service and tend to hire people with a better understanding of the products they are selling. Local business owners invest locally and are 250 percent more likely to contribute to local nonprofits.

Let's face it; our small businesses are invested in our town. Shopping locally even helps our environment by minimizing transportation needs. That should give us ample reasons to invest locally and shop locally on Small Business Saturday.

# The Paperboy Smatterings

Ts there a Thanksgiving Day this year or did they change it to National Shopping Day? I guess you've heard that amidst all of the shopping ads, there is actually a national holiday Thursday.



Don't forget to reflect and actually be thankful for life's blessings before suiting up and entering the shopping battlefield.

Speaking of shopping: Please try and keep it local.

Saturday is Small Business Saturday, but for us in small business,

CHRIS every day is small business day. Our neighbors have plenty of BLACKBURN goods and services for us to be able to keep as much of our money local as possible.

I understand we're often times short of big ticket items, but there are plenty of things to be had in a

Please be conscious of this fact when you shop. I know how much it will be appreciated.

One last statement on the current state the

Federal Government:

I'd like for a handful of Congressmen to come live for a month in rural America.

I think the experience would likely change the way they look at our country. I also think being in touch with this segment of the population would help them govern.

Maybe it should be a requirement that all elected officials spend time in a town with a population

under 7,000 people. There are roughly 80 million rural Americans. For the most part, we don't have a voice. That's a shame.

If you took a group of senators and they lived and worked in Memphis, Texas, or Hollis, Okla., for a month, they'd be exposed to a way of life that would most likely surprise them.

Try and imagine the lifestyle they have in Washington D.C. It's lavish. They have drivers and beautiful homes. They have gardeners. They have help for their children. Basically, they live like the aristocrats they are.

The saddest part about our elected officials' mindset regarding governing is they think we're the ones who are out of touch.

The only school choice we have is to home school

The vast majority of us are very comfortable around guns. Heck, most of our youth know how to correctly use firearms before they are teenagers.

Six figure jobs in small towns are few and far

Out here, we're not trying to climb the corporate ladder. We're busy growing the crops for food and clothing, providing land for lakes for drinking water, and providing fuel needed to make the world run. We're also supplying the soldiers which keep this

Our government could be better. It should be better. But as long as those in Washington remain out of touch with Rural America, we're going to have a hard time getting on the same page.

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# The 501 Bang-up bike helmet has potential

t's a good thing my friend Karen gave up her bicycle helmet for Mother Teresa. Clunky by today's standards, it was a plain vanilla white



Bell helmet with some red reflective striping. When she joined the Missionary Sisters of Charity, Karen bequeathed me the helmet. I donned it for a bike ride, and - CRASH -- it worked.

I've already written about that accident in the context of concussions. Bottom line, I might not have survived landing on my head if I hadn't been wearing that homely

Now two fashion-conscious Swedes have MUNN invented a new type bicycle helmet that looks much like a fat turtleneck, except for the opening in front. It works like an

airbag, and it doesn't mess up your hair not until it deploys. The inventors are hair-conscious women. The collar-helmet was a project for their graduate studies in industrial design, or something like that. I just saw them and their nifty invention on TV.

But "cool" is a key word. The new helmet may be perfect for Sweden, but it won't be de rigeur for Hotter n' Hell cyclists. Who wants to wear neckwear in the Texas heat? And only the most dedicated cyclists (not to mention the DWI crowd) keep cycling through fall and

But what do I know? Those two clever Swedes will probably figure out a way to add some sort of keepyour-body-cool feature to their new chic helmet. For cyclists who live in warmer climes, that's what it'll take to make the protective device worth the \$500-plus price

Meanwhile, isn't it interesting how so many little things influence our lives by chance and change history? What if those inventors hadn't cared about their hair? Or what if my friend hadn't joined the order? No, Karen didn't stick with it, but she gave it her best shot for a couple of years.

She learned much about how non-privileged people look at life. She, the consummate health food snob, learned that food is food to most of the world, meaning you do thank God for doughnuts. We digress.

We could stay with the retrospective "what-if" theme. Let's predict the future instead.

The airbag-style helmet will make its inventors rich (unless the university has all intellectual rights to their work), not just as a cyclist's helmet but also as protective wear for people who are prone to falling, more every day as Boomers age. Protective headgear already exists.

But, off the gridiron or roller derby track, who wants to wear a conspicuous helmet? A fat collar looks less

More predictions:

The collar eventually will be trimmed down for the non-cycling world.

You don't need quite as big a cushion inflating around your head if you just fall over. Quote me.

The current ado about concussions will spur interest in the device, both for cycling and other uses.

The patent process and liability concerns will complicate things. The collar-helmet, will survive. After all, it doesn't mess up your hair.

My predictions.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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

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

# SOCIETY

# **Museum Archives**

# Faith in Future Fuels Floyd Growth

May 24, 1990

By Bill Gray

A series of drawings and brief historical notes, featuring early business establishments, can be found throughout this edition and is respectfully dedicated to those pioneers and promoters who played such important roles at the dawn of Floyd County's settlement. In some instances, actual photographs were consulted-adding to the authenticity of the illustrations.

In those cases where pictures were nonexistent, approximate reproductions have been depicted, using the common architectural style of the era. Some of the names on the store fronts have been lost in antiquity; others live in modem times in the form of namesakes of schools and streets. A number of descendants of those first entrepreneurs reside today in modem Floyd County.

The commercial development of the county in the late 1880s was not unlike that of most areas of the growing western frontiers. Until town sites were established, simple dugouts or tents sufficed for living quarters of the first settlers.

When Delia Plain, Lockney and Floyd City (Floydada) were organized, commercial speculation boomed. However, the rapid transition from barren prairies to rapidly-expanding communities in a few short years presented problems for contractors and builders. Brick, plate glass and lumber were hundreds of miles and days away. Skilled craftsmen were virtually notexistent.

Unlike early Kansas development, where there was an abundance of local stone for construction, the Texas Plains were void of natural raw materials. Whereas logs from area forests were used in Colorado and Idaho, throughout much of the timberiess plains, builders used slabs of sod (piled on top of one another like bricks) and roofed with more of the same material-supported by pole rafters. When sawed lumber finally became available, the first makeshift buildings were replaced.

Canyon, Clarendon, Childress and Wichita Falls were the sources for most of the lumber and materials used in early Floyd County commercial construction. Buildings were kept simple due to the lack of materials and architectural expertise. A structural addity known as the "false front" was utilized across the American frontiers.

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon From Canada to Mexico and from Missouri to California, few buildings were constructed differently. Floyd County was no exception. The first humble structures in Della Plain, Lockney, Floyd City and the other growing settlements all reflected this method of late Nineteenth-Century construction.

The false fronts presented substantial land imposing appearances, and even included cornices with overhanging phony windows. Simple one-room, one story structures gave appearances of magnificent edifices. Although they were harmless frauds, false fronts accomplished their purposes, and often served as billboards which allowed proprietors to advertise their wares and display business titles.

Other unique and characteristic features of me county's outside stairways were much simpler

and economical to construct than inside stairways. They conserved valuable space and provided separate entrances to second-floor quarters.

Refuge from inclement weather was afforded by roofed porticos, which sometimes included awnings. The porch type shelters also served as gathering spots for the "spit and whittle clubs" and were natural havens for all the local gossip. Pillars on the covered walkways furnished handy hitching posts; raised wooden sidewalks gave protection from mud and dust.

The first permanent building in Della Plain was McLain's general store, which also housed the county's first post office. J. C. White's blacksmith shop in Della Plain was dismantled and moved to the original Lockney townsite, where it was one of the earliest businesses in that newly-formed settlement. The first commercial establishment in "Old Lockney" was W. R. Davis and Company. Lockney's first post office was also located in the Davis building.

In early 1890, M. C. (Cab) Williams erected the initial commercial building Floyd City. Located at the modem-day site of the First National Bank of Floydada, the business was known as "M. C. Williams Exchange and Saloon." In the beginning, many of the buildings surrounding the town square in Floyd City were the products of contractor W. T. Montgomery.

Land agents W. M. Massie, J. K. Gwynn, and M. C. Williams, along with Montgomery, can truly be called the "fathers of Floyd City." W. T. Montgomery later served as the community's first mayor when Floydada was incorporated in 1909.

# Floydada Senior Citizens News

**By Margarette Word** Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

This is Saturday, November 23 and it's icy and very cold. In fact I have been at home several days due to the weather.

We have had some visitors eating at the Center. Hope McIntosh Norman of Lubbock ate with us last week.

Norma Feuerbacher was here one day to be with her friends who celebrated their birthdays together for several years. Her husband, Bill, has been very ill. Norma's daughter-in-law drove Norma here for the one day outing to visit her friends that she misses so much.

The Lion's Club ate with us one day last week and we really enjoy having them. We have a room that they can meet in and enjoy visiting and eating in. It really helps our Center for them to support us.

If you are 60 years or older please come visit us at noon. The price for lunch is very reasonable and the visiting and getting out of the house really breaks your

Many of us no longer cook for ourselves so the Center is great. In the near future there will be an exercise class for senior adults. We also hope to have movies one

afternoon a week. Also game day of Bingo and other games for senior adults. It takes time getting these activities going and finding people to lead them. We have several people working and are interested in helping to get things organized. No charge.

When you get your paper, which will be next Wednesday, the Center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28th and Friday, Nov. 29th for Thanksgiving holidays. We will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2. Just a reminder if you plan on eating at the Center please call Sylvia ahead of time to let her know that you will be eating with us. Also for our regulars that eat each day, if you can't be there please let her know

We do appreciate you remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032.

In memory of Opal Kratzer - Ronald and Jill Graham, Rick and Kelli Reddy, Bill, Steve and Mike Moore

In memory of Ruby Bunch - Bobby and Barbara Gilliland

Thought for the Week - "Happy Thanksgiving Day" - Enjoy your family and thank God for your many blessings!

# **Lockney Senior Citizens News**

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Hello everyone from the Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

It's been really crazy around here as most of you know Gene has been ill for about a month now, and we would like to extend a HUGE thanks to Gladys Bobbitt and Donna Jones for helping out while she has been gone.

Memorial donations have been made to the Center in Memory of: Walter Reeves, Joe Givens, Rita Pollard, Emma Collins, Warren Mathis, Karen Lindeman, Kenneth Edwards, Susan Grigg, Merle Mooney, Patsy Ford, and Frank Duckworth. Thank you all for remembering the Center and remembering your friends and loved ones.

Friday, December 6th will be our Holiday Meal Turkey and Dressing and all the trimmings. If you want to join us, please let me know no later than Wednesday.

Beginning December 6th, the Lockney Senior Citizens will have Family Night. It will be an all you can eat fish fry. We will have fish, fries, hushpuppies, beans, cole slaw, hot puffs, and shrimp for \$10.00 a plate. Please come and join us.

Remember we will be closed Thursday and Friday November the 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving.

**MENU** 

December 2 - December 6 Monday - Fried Chicken Tuesday - Baked Potatoes Wednesday - Enchiladas Thursday - Spaghetti Friday - Turkey and Dressing

# Save The Date.. Community-Wide Christmas Celebration

By Les Hall

First United Methodist Church

The Ministerial Alliance of Floydada will host a community-wide Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at a thousand angels to sur-6 p.m. at the First Baptist

This is an exciting time in our community to celebrate the birth of Iesus Christ through authentic worship. There will be special music from a com-

munity choir, singing traditional Christmas Carols and messages that will bring hope to our lives.

The theme this year is "Love Came Down" and here is one of the verses:

"He could have called round himself with praise

He could have chosen not to leave His throne on

He could have pointed to his miracles as evidence of grace but that's not the God He was.

To love us from a distance just wasn't good enough. So He came down."

Jesus loves us so much he came down to show us

During our time together we will also take a love offering for the Spirit of Sharing. The Spirit of Sharing is a very important part of our community that helps people who find themselves in need.

Save the date and see you in a few weeks.

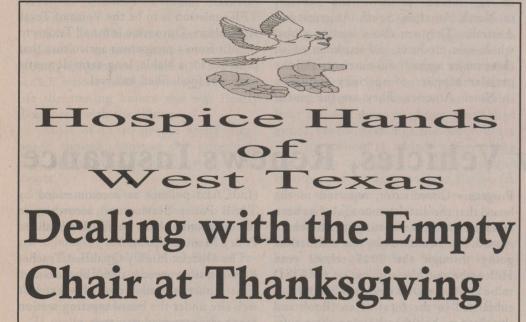
I would like to thank Floydada for a wonderful experience. I am proud to have worked for F.I.S.D. for the past 11 years, and I appreciate the opportunity to have been part of the Floydada School System. It has been a pleasure watching and at times helping your students grow. I have enjoyed my time here and the memories and friendships I have developed while at F.I.S.D will carry with me for a lifetime. I will miss the students, the staff and the community. While the future holds exciting opportunity and welcome challenges, Floydada will always bold a special place in my beart. Please maintain the positive support of your schools and work together as

a team to accomplish common goals with our students and our community. I feel fortunate to have been a part of Floydada Independent School District, and I wish the staff, students, administration and community the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,

named sall

Mac Sherman



**By Marie Hartwell-Walker** 

For those of you who have lost a loved one within the past year, thinking about the empty chair at the holiday table may intensify grief in all its complex manifestations; sadness, anger, resentment, and maybe even guilt about the loss and, yes, joy and sweetness and gratitude that the person was in your life. For those who care about the grieving person it can e difficult to know how best to honor the memory without contributing to the pain.

Grief counselors generally agree on some basic guidelines that can help you manage a personal loss or help you support those in mourning during the holiday season.

Allow yourself the right to grieve. American culture has a tough time with death. For reason, thee is pressure to get on with life within a year after a loss. That expectation is unrealistic and unfair. Most people take three to five years to fully accept the loss of someone they loved. If someone dear to you died during

this past year, remind yourself that it's normal and healthy to want to bow out of some of the events of the winter holidays that emphasize family and togetherness when you are feeling alone in a new and painful way.

Plan ahead. Do you want to be alone or will being with those who love you ease the pain? Really think about it. Sometimes being alone makes the aloneness much too hard to bear. Sometimes being in a crowd is overwhelming. Only you know what is best for you. Talk to key family members and ask them to support you in whatever decision you make.

Rethink hosting the party. If yours is the usual gathering place, think about whether you want to do it this year. Some people like getting lost in the details of planning and managing a dinner for twelve. But if you are one of those who find it just too hard to make a party when in mourning know that it's okay to be "selfish" in times like these and to beg off. People who love you will understand. Those who don't aren't worth worrying about. At the very least, ask for help and accept all offers to spread the responsibilities around.



# FLOYDADA SCHOOL

# Duncan Elementary Students Tour Agrium's Seed Survivor Mobile Display



Agrium, Inc. and Texas Farm Bureau brought the Seed Survivor Mobile display to Duncan Elementary last week. Students learned about plant nutrient and played multi-media and virtual reality video games to learn about soil, water, sunlight, nutrients and growth.



Duncan Elementary students learn about what it takes to grow planets during an educational presentation at the Agrium, Inc. Seed Survivor Mobile display. The display is a joint effort of Agrium, Inc. and Texas Farm Bureau.

**By Charles Keaton** The Hesperian-Beacon

Agrium, Inc. and Texas Farm Bureau brought Agrium's Seed Survivor Mobile Display to Duncan Elementary on Friday, Nov. 22.

Seed Survivor is a free, curriculumbased learning experience that encourages elementary children to master the elements in the trailer playing multi-media and that plants need to grow according to Mona virtual reality video games on soil, water,

Oney, Texas Farm Bureau spokesperson

for Educational Outreach. Only 30 students at a time can participated, so groups are scheduled throughout the day so that as many students as possible can enjoy the experience. Each tour takes one hour to complete. Students spend half the time outside in a guided plant nutrient lesson and half the time



Following a tour of Agrium's Seed Survivor Mobile, students from Duncan Elementary were given a cup with their own flower seed to grow at home. The Seed Mobile is a joint effort of Agrium, Inc. and Texas Farm Bureau to engage students in the science behind the growing of healthy plants and the study of where our food comes from.

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Texas Farm Bureau has over 500,000 member families. Founded in 1933, TFB's mission is to be the Voice of Texas Agriculture. Our vision is for all Texans to benefit from a prosperous agriculture that provides for a viable, long-term domestic source of food, fiber, and fuel.

# FISD Accepts Quote for New Vehicles, Renews Insurance

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, to recognize the district's students and educators of the month, hear bids for some new school vehicles, and renew the district's property and liability insurance.

The board was pleased to honor the following students and educators of the month: Lailah Burks (3rd grade student of the month), Brittany Maxwell (elementary educator of the month), Arnoldo Martinez (8th grade student of the month), and Rebekah Hall (11th grade student of the month).

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report. M&O current tax roll is \$2,706,753, with net

collections of \$1,551,757.59. I&S tax roll is \$318,957.38, with net collections of \$182,855.45. The percent of current roll collected is 57.33, which compares to 41.72 percent at the same time last year.

Board member Kay Brotherton made the motion to accept the quote from Oden Chevrolet to purchase three new 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 regular cab pickup trucks and one new suburban. Their bid was for \$21,579.76, plus \$320 to add a trailer package. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Board member Roger Hughes made the motion to renew FISD's property and liability insurance with TASB and the board unanimously approved the motion. FISD will pay \$53,917 for the 2014-2015 period - up slightly from the previous

Rex Holcombe, Technology and Federal

Programs Coordinator, reported to the (LOCAL) policies as recommended by board that the district once again has been awarded the Apple Distinguished School Award. The award is a two year distinction. going through the 2015 school year. Holcombe said the application for FISD to be an Apple Distinguished School was submitted in the form of an iBook and the district should be hearing the results sometime soon. He continued that the iBook is published on the district's web site, and is available for Apple to consider for the application and is also available for the public's viewing.

Superintendent Gilbert reported enrollment at 748.

In other business, the board unanimously agreed to renew the agreement with SPCAA Head Start for pre-kindergarten services from March 2014-February 2015 and approved adding, revising, or deleting TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 98.

The District Highly Qualified Teacher Report was reviewed in detail by the board. This report is available on the district's web site under the board meeting section for those interested in viewing.

The board approved the minutes from the Oct. 15, 2013 Regular Meeting and the Oct. 29, 2013 Special Meeting. They also approved the December board meeting for Dec. 12, 2013 at 6p.m.

At the end of the meeting the board entered into closed session for approximately 40 minutes to consider possible action on administrator evaluations and duties. The public meeting re-opened at 8:15p.m. and concluded with no action taken.

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# Scouting for Food

Floydada's Boy Scout Troop and Pack #357 will be stopping at homes in Floydada to collect canned or nonperishable food on Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. -12 noon. If you are not going to be home, the food can be put in sacks and left by your front door. All collected food will be donated to Floydada's Spirit of Sharing (SOS). All donations are greatly appreciated.

# LOCKNEY SCHOOL

# **Junior High Basketball**

# Lockney eighth grade boys defeat Crosbyton

By Coach Jay Ragland

Lockney Eighth grade boys' basketball team hosted Crosbyton Nov. 18. They defeated the Chieftains 38-9. The team was led in scoring by Jaden Rosales with 18 points, Israel Cuellar with 14 points, with Kevin Lopez and Ricky Cuellar adding two points each.

The Lockney B Team defeated Crosbyton's B Team by a score of 19-6. The team was led in scoring by Jose Gonzales with six points, John Cleto with four points, Diego Trenado with three and Austen Rexrode, Cristo Martinez and Mason Esty each added two points.

The teams were open this week but travel to Ralls Dec. 2 to take on the Jackrabbits.

### Wit and Wisdom of Texas

**By Charles Keaton** 

Wit and Wisdom of Texas looks to show the readers the common sense and uncommon genius of many Texans from the past to the present. I hope you enjoy and delight in these comments.

"I am forced to conclude that God made Texas on his day off, for pure entertainment, just to prove that all the diversity could be crammed into one section of earth by a really top hand." - Mary Lasswell

"Texan is what you are, not what you were or might be." - Robert Ruark

"Nobody is perfect. Look for the good in others. Forget the rest." - Barbara Bush

"The older I get, the more wisdom I find in the ancient rule of taking first things first - a process which often reduces the most complex human problems to manageable proportions." - Dwight D. Eisen-

"Don't give up. You never know what's going to happen." - Tom Landry

"Working in Washington means that you're trying to do the Lord's work in the Devil's workshop." - Phil Gramm

"When it gets right down to the woodchopping, the key to winning is confidence." - Darrell Royal

"You shouldn't change what you are in the search for success." - Sissy Spacek

"When you start worrying about mistakes is when you start losing." - Roger

"Don't tell people what to do. The gifted don't need it, and others can't take it." -Katherine Anne Porter

# Chef Shares Tips for Gluten-Free Holiday Desserts

By Kyra Bussanich

If there's one downside to fabulous, food-filled holiday celebrations, it's the gurgles and groans of post-feasting in-

"We assume it's because we overate, but for a lot of people, that pain and sick feeling may not be about how much you ate but what you ate," says Kyra Bussanich, (www.kyrasbakeshop.com), twotime winner of The Food Network's "Cupcake Wars" and author of a justreleased recipe book, "Sweet Cravings: 50 Seductive Desserts for a Gluten-Free Lifestyle" (Ten Speed Press; Random House, Inc.)

"About 2 million Americans have celiac disease - an auto-immune reaction to gluten, the protein in wheat," says Bussanich, whose painful symptoms became life-threatening before she was finally diagnosed with the illness.

"Most of those people aren't diagnosed though, because the symptoms look like so many other intestinal ailments."

People with celiac disease must completely avoid gluten, which is also in rye, and barley, to avoid a case of painful and gut-damaging indigestion.

But, as Harvard Medical School reported earlier this year, avoiding gluten also appears to help people with less serious digestive issues.

"It really does seem to provide some improvement in gastrointestinal problems for a segment of the population," says Harvard assistant professor Dr. Daniel Leffler.

For Bussanich, a chef, there was no choice: One speck of gluten would make her ill.

But she refused to give up pastries, cakes and other treats, so she perfected gluten-free varieties.

Her award-winning desserts left their flour-based competition in crumbs on "Cupcakes Wars" in 2011 and 2012, and she was a runner-up on the show's "Cupcake Champion."

Bussanich offers these tips for whipping up gluten-free baked goods this holiday season:

· If you're following a recipe, don't substitute the listed flour or starch with another type unless you're familiar with its properties. There are many different types of gluten-free flours and starches, including millet, sorghum and sweet white rice flour, and potato and tapioca

starches. Each has its own idiosyncrasies. For example, millet flour has a slightly nutty flavor and is well-suited for goods with a hearty texture. Sweet white rice flour holds moisture well and is good for recipes that have a slight gumminess to them. Potato starch is light and good for

· Use eggs and butter at room temperature. Eggs are often used as a binder, the protein that substitutes for the missing gluten. Eggs and butter are both easier to work with when used at room temperature, and room-temperature egg whites whip up fluffier. If you forget to pull the butter out of the refrigerator beforehand, heat it for 7 to 12 seconds in the microwave. Put cold eggs in warm (not hot) water for 30 to 60 seconds.

· Don't overwork batter and dough with xanthan gum in it. Corn-based xanthan gum is often used as a stabilizer and thickener in gluten-free baked goods, sauces, dressings and soups. Once this ingredient is added, overworking the dough can give it a slimy, gummy texture, and cause it to lose flavor. (A good substitute for xanthan gum is ground psyllium seed husk.)

· Heat higher, cream longer for lighter cakes. One complaint people sometimes have about gluten-free baked goods is that they're too dense. To prevent this, try setting the oven temperature 25 degrees warmer than you would for flour. This will cause the butter in the recipe to release its water as steam, which helps the cake rise quickly. Also, cream eggs and butter together longer - about 10 minutes - than you would for flour

Try some gluten-free desserts and maybe your holidays will be indigestionfree this year, Bussanich says.

"If your recipe doesn't turn out wonderfully the first time, don't give up," she

"I promise you, anyone can make delicious gluten-free desserts. It just may take a little practice."

Kyra Bussanich is a two-time winner of The Food Network's hit show, "Cupcake Wars." She graduated with honors from Le Cordon Bleu and opened her awardwinning bakery, Kyra's Bake Shop, which features gourmet, gluten-free sweets. She has branched beyond desserts to other gluten-free goods in order to help those with celiac and other autoimmune diseases enjoy quality treats.

# Tips for a SAFE holiday celebration

**By Amy Kress** Floyd County

A popular way to celebrate the holidays or any party occasion is to invite friends and family to a buffet. However this type of food service where foods are left out for long periods of time leave the door open for uninvited guests-namely BACTERIA that can cause foodborne illness. Here are some tips to help you have a SAFE holiday celebration.

Between 40° and 140° Fahrenheit, a single bacterium can multiply to become trillions in just twenty-four hours. That's because under the right conditions, bacteria double in number every twenty to thirty minutes. To survive and multiply, bacteria need time and the right conditions - food, moisture, and a warm temperature. Many need oxygen, too. Bacteria thrive on protein. Foods with protein — meat, poultry, fish, eggs, milk — offer the perfect medium for bacteria to grow. The ideal temperatures for bacterial growth are between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. That's why it is called the Temperature Danger Zone. At temperatures above 160 degrees Fahrenheit, heat destroys bacteria. Refrigerating foods below 40 degrees Fahrenheit slows their growth, and freezing stops, but doesn't kill bacteria.

Never leave perishable food at room temperature for over two hours. Perishable foods or ingredients include raw or cooked meat, poultry, seafood, dairy products and eggs. If perishable foods are left at room temperature for over two hours, bacteria can begin to grow to unsafe levels. The two hour limit includes preparation, serving, and clean up time. So keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and discard anything that has been there two hours or more.

Remember that just because a product looks "done", it does not mean it is "safe." It is recommended to always use a meat thermometer to assure that meat, poultry, and egg dishes have reached a safe internal temperature. The best part about using a food thermometer is that it takes the guesswork out of cooking. No more cutting into your turkey or roast to see if it looks done. Simply place the food thermometer into the food in a couple of places to check the internal temperature of the food. You'll then know if it needs to cook a little longer, or if it is finished. This is especially helpful with combination dishes such as lasagna or egg casseroles that may brown on top before the casserole is actually heated all the way through. By using a food thermometer on a regular basis, you can be assured that foods are done, as well as safe.

When the party's over, discard any perishable foods that have been at room temperature for more than two hours. Store salvageable leftovers in the refrigerator for use within two to three days, or in the freezer for longer storage. Always reheat leftovers to 165 degrees Fahrenheit so they will be hot and steaming. Or, if the food is a liquid—like gravies, soups and stews —heat until the food reaches a rolling boil. If heating in a microwave oven, cover the food and rotate the dish so it heats evenly and doesn't leave "cold spots" that could harbor bacteria. Inadequate heating in the microwave can contribute to illness.

If you are ever unsure about the safety of food — throw it away — don't even taste it! Throwing away improperly handled food may be more economical than the inconvenience and cost of foodborne illness. Remember that different people have different tolerance levels to disease causing bacteria. The very young people, older people, and persons who are already ill due to a weakened immune system are more susceptible to a foodborne illness. So remember the rule —When In Doubt - Throw It Out!

If you have any questions about Holiday Food Safety feel free to call us at

# **Home Country**

**By Slim Randles** 

"You see that sunset last night?" Steve said. "Now that was a honey."

"I'll say," said Doc. "You know, with Thanksgiving on us, I have to tell you I'm very thankful for sunsets like that one."

Those of us who don't live in the big cities tend to be thankful for different things than those who may live in stucco cliff dwellings. We tend to look at the natural blessings more than the manmade ones. gratitude extends past not having our teenager go to jail, or for the raise we just got at the factory. Our favorite ball team can win or lose on its own without our having to look for Divine Intervention, usually. We tend to be grateful for other things, like calves in the spring, and how clean they look before they discover mud.

We are deeply grateful that tasty rabbits arrive in large litters, and

bears don't. When we think about it, we are that?" Doc said. thankful that we get eggs rattlesnakes, as checking the rattler house each morning could get 'way too exciting.

When you consider that porcupines have gives us pause for praise, and we're happy that it's skunks who carry scent glands and not squirrels. 8700.

We are thankful, too, that hurricanes and tornadoes only happen in warm weather. It's bad enough to lose the barn without being chill-factored to death while it's happening.

'Turkeys," Dud said, sipping his coffee.

'What?"

"I'm thankful turkeys are stupid. Ever looked in a turkey's eyes? Not only is no one home, but there was a mass evacuation sometime during the Eisenhower Administration. A turkey has just enough brains to operate his heart and lungs."

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# Whirlwind News



# FISD Gives to Others this Thanksgiving Holiday

**By Cynthia Smith** Editor & All-Journalism Staff

Thanksgiving is the time of year in which everyone is filled with gratitude and gives thanks for the many blessings one has been given and for the family and friends who are



Kailee Jackson I would give a person in need clothing and a blanket.



**Alamar Mercado** I would give someone in need my warm home for the day.



**Andres Suarez** I want to give kindness to people and



**Camden Johnston** I want to give people books.



**Danielle Zavala** I want to give my brothers a new video



De Chance I would take them to church if somebody did not have that opportunity.

part of each one's life. As we know, the word Thanksgiving means to give thanks. In the past, the journalism staff has interviewed students and staff asking what they are thankful for this time of year. However, the staff wanted to explore and focus on the giving part of Thanksgiving. When asked what one would give to someone in need this holiday season, here's what the students and staff of FISD offered to donate:



**Jimbob Hambright** I would give a person in need a friendship.



**Delylah Henry** I would give someone in need a new pair of shoes



**Emmily Britt** I would give a box of necessities to someone in need.



**Hannah Roberts** I would give them some food or water if they do not have that much.



**Zhanxia Yang** I would give the needy people help finding a comfortable home and food.



Joshua Gonzales I would give clothes to someone in I want to give happiness and joy to all



**Dee Leatherman** The most important thing to give is your time. We get so wrapped up in our lives that we fail to see the people who are in need around us, and we ning errands, or shopping, I would give need to take the time to see what we can do to help them out.



**Kaylea Britt** I want to give new shoes to people.



Librado Chavarria For someone in need, I would give them a place to live.



Jose Lira my family.



Mary Kaye Mapp I am willing to give up my time to anyone that needs it. If someone needs help cooking, going to the store, runthem my time.



**Sharon Rainwater** My vehicle if it would help somebody get to work or help them better themselves.



**Tommy Rambo** I would give a needy person a coat to stay warm.

### Student/Teachers for the month of November



Back Row (L-R) Candace Miller-Music Department/A.B Duncan, Brittany Maxwell- P.E. Department/Duncan, and Rebekah Hall-10th grade; Front Row (L-R) Layla Burks-3rd grade and Arnoldo Martinez-8th grade.



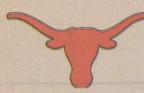
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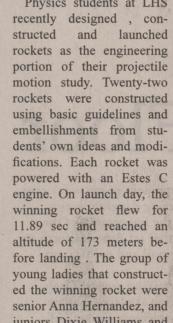


# Longhorn News





Junior High students made a Thankful Banner to express something or someone they are grateful for this holiday season. Students wrote on a leaf about what they are thankful for and the leaves were strung together creating their Thankful Banner.



engine. On launch day, the winning rocket flew for 11.89 sec and reached an fore landing. The group of young ladies that constructed the winning rocket were senior Anna Hernandez, and juniors Dixie Williams and Sarah Belt. To complete the project, students constructed a data table consisting of nine variables both measured and calculated, which they analyzed for trends and patterns.



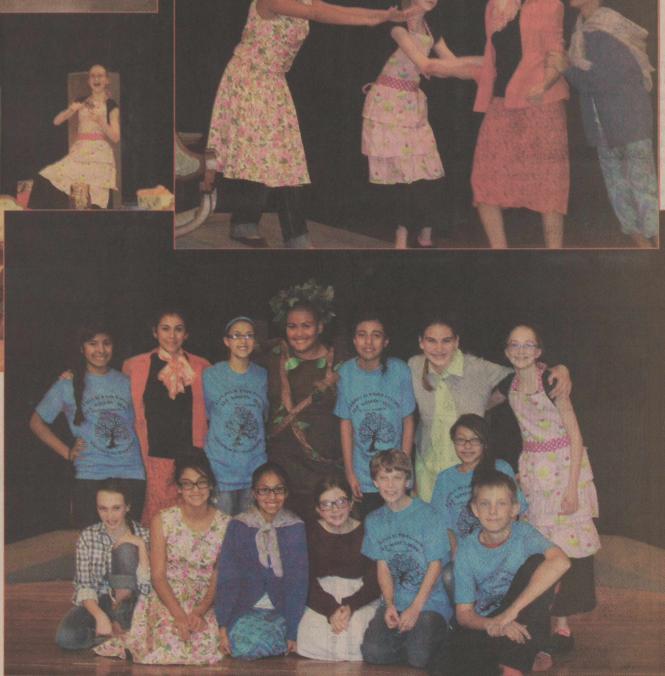




This year, Lockney Junior High One Act Play, presents "The Wishin' Tree" by Cleve Haubold. This comedy for all ages is certain to make you laugh, and... make you think. With a great moral, "Seems to cater to the needy, not the greedy," and a magic tree that can make wishes

Lights, camera, ACTION! come true, who wouldn't love it?! The action is fast, furious, and funny, and builds to a climax where the characters learn the real worth of the wishin' tree! Performing Tuesday, November 26th at Ralls High School, is Lockney Junior High's 2013 OAP, come watch them "break some legs"!

> Cast in order of appearance: Widder-Karissa Petty Gramma-Lyndee Setliff Ol' Granny Creep-Addison Sullivan Drusilla Pursley-Nohelia Salazar Mrs. VanCarbunkle-Reagan Nuncio Flotilla VanCarbunkle-Ainslee Dunn Labilia VanCarbunkle-Alexa Poole "The Wishin' Tree"-Jose Gonzales















# AGRICULTURE

# **Cotton News**

# **New FSA County Committee** Election Ballots to be Mailed

Election ballots that were mailed to producers on November 4 were incorrectly printed with the producer's name and address on the back of the ballot. County committee elections must use a secret ballot so the misprinted ballots cannot be used. Please destroy or recycle the misprinted ballot. If you have already voted, your ballot will be destroyed unopened.

New ballots will be mailed to producers on December 20, 2013. These

The County Committee ballots will indicate that 31, 2014. they are the corrected ballot in several places, including on the outside of the mailing, on the ballot and on the outside of the return envelope.

> The corrected ballot must be returned to your county FSA Office or postmarked by January 17, 2014. All newly elected county committee members will take office February 18, 2014. All county committee members whose term expires on December 31, 2013, will have their term extended to January

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote.

More information on county committees, such as the new 2013 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at http:// www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or at a local USDA Service Center.

## **Texas Commodity Symposium** Scheduled for Dec. 4 in Amarillo

be held Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Amarillo in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center. The free event will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The symposium, which is hosted by the Corn Producers Association of Texas, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Texas Grain Sorghum Association, Texas Peanut Producers Board and Texas Wheat Producers Association, will conclude with the annual Ag Appreciation Luncheon, presented by the symposium and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Ag Council.

"The program again brings pertinent information to those in the agricultural industry, as well as the local community," TGSA Executive Vice President Wayne Cleveland said.

"Agricultural production plays an important role to the area's economy, as it brings in more than \$12.2 billion to the High Plains," CPAT Executive Vice President David Gibson said. "Events such as this symposium are a great way for us to provide pertinent information to farmers and ranchers, as well as the communities they support."

Wyman Meinzer, the official photographer for the state of Texas, will present the symposium's keynote address during the Ag Appreciation Luncheon. Mein-

The Texas Commodity Symposium will zer's photography is renowned, and in his more than 33 years as a photographer he has photographed and/or written 24 large format books and his work has been featured on the cover of more than 250 magazines.

> "Meinzer's work is nothing short of breathtaking, and his eclectic experience across the state brings a unique perspective and interesting tale," TPPB Executive Director Shelly Nutt said.

Additionally, the symposium will examine a variety of issues that impact producers and the agribusiness sector. Featured topics this year include the farm bill and agricultural policy, estate planning, and program updates from NRCS and FSA. Bob Maurer with Manduca Trading in Chicago will provide a market and weather outlook.

Additionally, the Water Conservation Advisory Council will recognize its 2013 Blue Legacy Award in Agriculture recipients at the event as well.

The event is made free of charge for attendees because of the generous support of the symposium's sponsors, including ARMTech Insurance Services, Bayer CropScience, DuPont Pioneer, High Plains Journal, Monsanto, and National Peanut Board.

For sponsorship opportunities or more information, please call 800.647.CORN (2676) or email info@texascorn.org.

He encouraged people to

visit the district's web site

and use the interactive map

"The district would appre-

ciate any and all feedback.

HPWD staff wants to make

this a beneficial tool that is

user-friendly to all," he said.

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# **Assignment: Texas**

# The Sixth Floor

ven though a crowd silently bustles about, it seems like I am alone. Peering out the window down and slightly southwest, I am mere feet away from where Lee Harvey Oswald coldly chambered a round on his Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, waited for the presidential motorcade to make a hairpin turn off of Houston Street and on to Main Street. With the squeeze of a trigger, he changed American history.

BOOM! One shot away. A second or two later, another round

is chambered. Oswald, once again,

squeezed the trigger. A president is gone, a governor is wounded, a city is scarred, and a nation mourns.

The assassination of John F. Kennedy RUSSELL happened before I GRAVES was born and as such, I do not have any kind of historical

frame of reference as to the incident. My paradigm of the moment is garnered from a lifetime of exposure to historical documentaries and news reports. Despite the first-hand disconnect from the actual events, the way the events of the day unfold in the Sixth Floor Museum in downtown Dallas, it seems like the assassination of the president occurred only a few years ago.

I shuffle away from the window and finish the displays that are laid out in chronological order from JFK's campaign to his funeral. I can see the

gravity of the moment in my wife's eyes and even my young daughter seems to understand the importance of the seminal event that set America forth on a decade of turmoil and political up-

Soon we are waking around Dealy Plaza and looking at places that are etched into my memory from all of the accounts I've seen. At one moment we are where on the spot where Abraham Zapruder filmed THE most recognized footage of the shooting. A couple of minutes later, we are standing on the grassy knoll where witnesses and conspiracy theorist both claim that it's the location where additional shots rang

Even though nearly fifty years has ast since the shooting, the area around Dealy Plaza looks the same as it did in all of the old news footage. The triple underpass still funnels traffic into and out to the plaza, to the west the train still lumbers noisily past, and a fence sits atop the grassy knoll where, even to this day, some claim the real shooter

Either way the outcome is the same. On the street between the knoll and the old Texas school book depository building, two x's marked sterilely on the road signifies where the wounding shot, and the killing shot found their mark.

The location is surreal. And it's sad.

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.

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Jason Coleman.

The map will be updated each year following completion of the district's annual water level measurements. Initially, it will feature the most current water level measurement for each well site. Additional historic data will be added when the map is updated to reflect results of the 2014 water level measurements.

Persons can access the map by going to www. hpwd.com/maps-andcharts and clicking the link, "Observation Well Measurements."

The next web page provides a link to the interactive map as well as instructions on how to navigate

Clicking on the link brings up a map showing the location of water level observation wells within the district. There is an option to view the map with either a road map or aerial ground.

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Keep Your Plan

When the President pushed Obamacare through Congress, he made a lot of promises. He promised that it wouldn't raise taxes, but we now know it includes more than 20 new taxes, including the individual mandate. He promised that everyone's premiums would decrease, but the truth is that individual market premiums are going up by about 41% and employer-based plans have seen premium increases of 3% to 4%. And of course, he promised that if you like your plan, you could keep it. But in the past few months, millions of Americans have received cancellation notices and many more are coming.

I've received dozens of emails from constituents like you that are facing these problems. I shared one of these stories on the House floor last week: a family in Levelland whose daughter is battling a rare form of cancer was recently notified that their plan is being canceled. They feel they were lied to, and I don't blame them.

On Friday, the House addressed these cancellations by passing a bill called the Keep Your Health Plan Act. I was a cosponsor of this bill, which allows insurance providers to continue to offer existing health plans through 2014 so families don't have to face immediate cancellation. The President threatened to veto the bill, despite its bipartisan support. I hope we can move this bill forward, because it provides important relief for families that have lost their coverage. But my priority remains finding a permanent solution that protects Americans from the high costs and dangerous consequences of Obamacare.

I'm also working to ensure that the data collected under Obamacare remains secure. Tomorrow, the Science Committee will hold a hearing on the security of the data passing through the Healthcare.gov website. We'll talk about what measures are in place to protect personal data from hackers and misuse. According to testimony before the Homeland Security Committee, merce, and Wednesday afternoon they'll hackers have already tried to attack the be in Albany. If you're in the southern Healthcare.gov website, so it's critical that we do everything possible to ensure your information is protected.

#### Giving States Control Over Energy

Production

This week, we'll be voting on H.R.

2728, the Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act. This is commonsense legislation that gives states that already regulate hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, the right to continue doing so. The bill allows the federal government to set baseline standards for states that don't already have fracking regulations in place. But it reaffirms the state-based regulation system that's been successful for generations. For more than 60 years, states—including Texas—have safely regulated fracking. We've done so without a single case of groundwater contamination. In a country like ours, state-based regulation makes sense. The geologic formations in Texas are very different from those in Pennsylvania. So production methods and regulations should be tailored to each region. Our country's future depends on developing our energy resources, and fracking is a critical component of an "all of the above" energy strategy. So I'll be supporting this legislation to allow states to implement the regulations that work best for their industries.

#### Action Item: Mobile Office Hours

I love it when constituents come visit me in my offices in Lubbock, Abilene, Big Spring, and Washington, D.C. But I know it's not always easy to reach these places - especially Washington. So this week, my staff is coming to you.

Mobile Office Hours allow my staff to set up shop in your neighborhood so you can talk to them about whatever is on your mind. If you're having trouble getting your social security benefits, navigating the claims process at Veterans Affairs, or figuring out the naturalization process, we can help. You can also share your opinion on the issues facing Congress.

Starting tomorrow, you can visit my staff in Floydada in the morning and then Plainview later that afternoon. Wednesday morning they'll be at the Breckenridge Chamber of Compart of the district, I hope you can make it to Gail in the morning or Snyder in the afternoon. I hope you'll visit my staff with your questions, concerns, and opinions so they can pass them along to me in Washington.

### TxDOT WinterSafe Program

By Doug Eichorst, P.E. Lubbock District Engineer,

Texas Department of Transportation

The winter season will soon be upon us. Last February proved that the Texas Panhandle can receive severe winter weather conditions and the dangers those conditions can be to motorists who are unprepared. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) works 24/7 to ensure roads remain passable and safe year round. Road crews are especially prepared for improving road safety during extreme winter weather conditions.

TxDOT has developed a winter weather awareness program called WinterSafe to help you prepare for the extreme conditions you may encounter when traveling across Texas during the winter months. It's not too late to ensure vou're WinterSafe on the road. TxDOT encourages motorists to take precautions and incorporate a few safe driving habits to reduce the risk on the road. This can be as easy as:

· Planning your trip by checking current road conditions on-line or by calling 1-800-452-9292 or www.TxDOT. gov Keyword: Winter Driving.

· Staying off the roads if travel is an

· Wearing your seatbelt.

· Ensuring your vehicle is properly maintained.

· Observing traffic signs and weather

· Taking extra precautions when approaching bridges, shaded spots, overpasses and turns.

· Preparing an emergency road kit.

· Not using your cruise control during ice and snow storms.

Keeping a safe distance between your vehicle and snowplows.

· Not driving through snow clouds and other weather conditions that produce conditions of little or no visibility of the road ahead.

· If stranded, calling the Texas Department of Public Safety's toll-free hotline at (800) 525-5555.

For the latest information on Texas roadways, be sure to check the Texas Department of Transportation's (Tx-DOT) website, http://www.drivetexas. org. TxDOT works very closely with local agencies across the state to ensure potentially hazardous roadways are treated quickly during seasons of extreme weather. Using a variety of environmentally safe treatment methods and equipment, TxDOT acts fast to improve road traction, remove accumulated snow and prevent roads from icing up. We work to ensure travel is easier and safer for all motorists.

Stay informed. Be WinterSafe.

#### Healthy Recipe of the Week **Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition**

Whole Wheat Banana Bread-Yummy

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 1/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup oil (I used coconut oil)
- ✓ 1 teaspoon vanilla

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease pan
- Whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt
- 3. In a separate bowl mix mashed bananas with yogurt, honey, eggs, oil and vanilla
- 4. Fold the banana mixture into the flour mixture until blended. Do not over mix
- Pour batter into prepared pan
- 6. Bake large loaf for 40-50 minutes or unit it comes clean with a toothpick

# South Plains farmers say cotton harvest progressing

By Josie Musico

A-J Media

Just-harvested cotton is leaving producers with two words to describe their observations: pleasantly surprised.

Although weather has been far from ideal, the crop survived — and in many cases, thrived.

"It's a pleasant surprise — the yields are better than expected," said Dennis Flowers, general manager of Farmers Cooperative Association of Sudan.

Crops in Lamb and Bailey counties were some of the hardest hit by a freeze in mid-October, around the time local gins were gearing up for harvest season. Since then, Flowers said his company has ginned about 30,000 bales.

"Everything's moving along pretty good," he said. "Hopefully, we'll be done by Christmas."

Quality is impressive in all aspects other than micronaire — a measure of the crop's fiber fineness and maturity — he added.

Littlefield farmer Brad Heffington said harvest barely began on his irrigated cotton. Full effects of the frost are not yet determined, he said.

"I'm sure it hurt the quality and the yield a bit, but I don't know how bad yet,' he said. "I hope it's still average."

Lingering drought doesn't help either. Heffington estimates his fields have received only 14 1/2 inches total since July 2010. Before the drought began, they received about 18 inches a year.

"We're still really dry," he said.

Farther east, most operations have passed the halfway point in harvest. Some in Lubbock County are as far as 75 percent complete, said Mary Jane Buerkle, communications director for Plains Cotton Growers.

"Harvest is definitely progressing," she said. "We've seen a lot of activity over the past couple weeks for sure. The better part of our gins are approaching or past the halfway point."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's local cotton-classing office has seen 781,360 bales so far this harvest season, said spokesman Kenny Day.

Like Flowers, Day said his main concern is micronaire. About 35 percent of it is in the low range of that measurement category, he said.

Color grades, staple length and strength are all of impressive quality, he added. Uniformity — the percentage of fibers with the same length — is about 80.1 percent. Extraneous matter such as bark contamination from the plant's stalk is about 17 percent for the season, Day continued.

"Grades are overall pretty good," he said. "...Overall the quality is as good or better than average.'

Like everything else crop-related, the second half of harvest depends on the

The National Weather Service predicts rain chances later this week. Moisture would keep producers from their fields at a time they would normally be there the most frequently, but enough of it could boost the long-term soil content.

# N.M. regulators approve Xcel Energy purchases

AMARILLO, Texas -The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission has approved Xcel Energy's plan to purchase 698 megawatts of additional wind energy for its Texas-New Mexico system, which will save area customers an estimated \$590 million in fuel costs over the 20-year life of the contracts.

The plan to purchase the additional wind power was announced in July, but required final approval from the New Mexico Commission. The company was

required to seek approval

New

wind facilities planned for Roosevelt County, N.M., Hansford and Ochiltree counties, Texas, and Dewey and Blaine counties, Oklahoma, will supply the power.

Xcel Energy already has met and exceeded requirements of renewable portfolio standards in both New Mexico and Texas, according to Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. The additional purchases are being made primarily for economic reasons, but

the new wind resources time." also support the company's vision of providing clean energy at a reasonable

"The energy purchased from these facilities has been contracted at a price that is less than the price of power generated at some older natural gas-fueled power plants," Hill said. "Additionally, the expected output of the facilities will displace power generated by fossil fuels, which helps us control emissions, lower fuel costs, save water and lower the cost of environmental compliance over

Hill pointed out that, for the ninth year in a row, Xcel Energy is the nation's No. 1 wind power provider. Its eight-state service area overlays some of North America's best wind-producing regions. Additionally, the company has maximized its investment in wind energy through vastly improved wind forecasting techniques and by adding faststart capabilities to natural gas-fueled power plants that reduce the cost of integrating wind onto the grid.

when it makes economic com. sense for our customers."

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.3 mil-"Wind energy has been lion electricity customers

a good investment for our and 1.8 million natural gas customers, and our pur- customers through its reguchases also benefit our ru- lated operating companies. ral areas where the wind Company headquarters are facilities have been built," located in Minneapolis. Hill said. "We will contin- More information is availue to make wind purchases able at www.xcelenergy.

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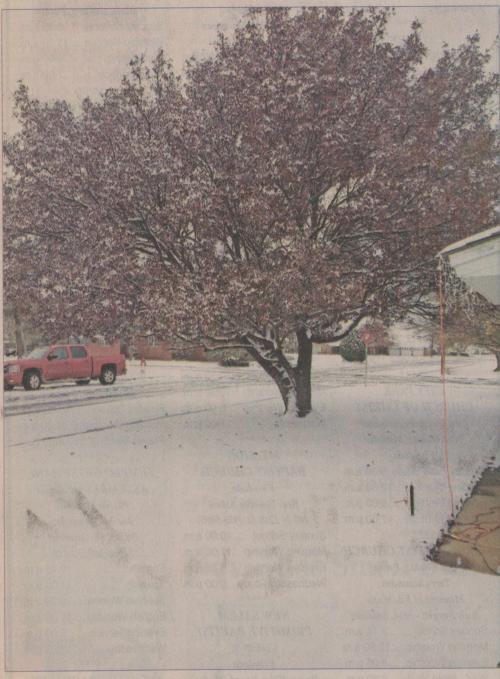
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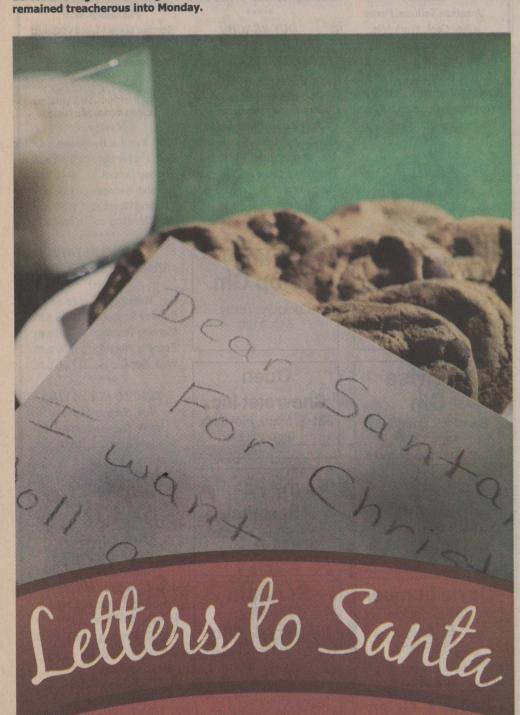
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across the region including several that were responsible for injuries and fatalities. Travel



Several inches of snow on top of a layer of ice slowed travel over this past weekend. Numerous delays and cancellations took place all over the area including Floydada and Lockney schools both delaying school start times on Monday.



Letters will be published in the Dec. 19 edition

Santa letters due December 4

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A snowman sitting on top of picnic table at Jimmie Lou Stewart Park in Floydada on Sunday, Nov. 24. Lots of kids and adults enjoyed playing out in the snow that Floydada and the surrounding areas received Saturday night and Sunday.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!