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VETERAN SPOTLIGHT: Tradition of military service

By Lynda Work Editor Hereford Brand

They were a family of American heroes who went to the South Pacific during World War II.

Hereford veteran Noah E. (Nocky) Tyler Jr. enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in May 1943, immediately after finishing his junior year in Floydada High School. His three older brothers - Enoch L. (Navy), Robert T. (Army Air Corps), and Albert G. (Coast Guard) - had enlisted six months earlier.

Nocky sailed to the Pacific during January 1944; fought at Roi and Namur in the Marshall Islands, Saipan and Tinian. He was attached to the Fourth Division and awarded the Purple Heart. He was discharged in March

Albert, who enlisted in the Coast Guard, was sent overseas in February 1943 and spent 32 months in the South Pacific sector and was discharged in February

Robert was in the Army Air Force and entered the South Pacific in November 1942. He fought in New Guineas, Southern Philippines, and Luzon. He was attached to the Fifth Air Force. He was discharged in November 1945.

Enoch entered the Navy in November 1942, entered the South Pacific in May 1943, and fought at Tarawa, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Leyte, Mindora, Luzon, and Okinawa. He was aboard the USS Colorado.

Marn Tyler, Nocky's wife, explained that the Fourth Marine Division was fighting on Roi, Namur, and

Saipan, recovering islands that had been previously taken by the Japanese in the South Pacific. She said that Saipan was a very strategic island to be recaptured because it was within fifteen hundred miles of Japan and large enough on which to land B-29 bombers.

While Nocky was landing on the beaches of Saipan with the men of the Fourth Marine Division, explained Marn, his older brother Enoch was on the USS Colorado located in the Bay of Saipan shelling the island ahead of the Marines. She said that her husband and Enoch did not know they were in such close proximity to one another at that battle until they returned home.

According to his wife, Nocky was wounded when he when a mortar shell exploded and knocked him unconscious during the



Noah Enoch (Nocky) Tyler (top), long time resident of Hereford, along with his brothers (bottom, left to right) Enoch L., Robert T., and Albert G., all served in the South Pacific during World War II. Nocky was the only one wounded and all returned safely home after the war. Nocky earned the Purple Heart and other medals while serving with the Fourth Marine Division.

battle at Saipan. He was Nocky were married in July taken to a field hospital to

Marn said that she and

1946 following his return

See VETERAN, Page 8

Mangold Memorial Hospital to Hold 21st **Annual Health Fair**

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital announces it's 21st annual "Holiday Health Fair" to be held on Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Your admission to the Health Fair will be a donation of a canned good or a new toy to be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma checks, cholesterol screens, blood sugar and blood pressure check. There will also be booths you can consult with for dentistry, hospice care, optometry, and hearing.

Again this year at the Health Fair we will be providing Children's Photo Identification Cards, which will provide a picture and current information about your child. This is part of our effort to provide parents with personal safety id's of their children in the event of an emergency. The Children's Photo Identification Card is being offered as a free public service to families in the area.

The "Holiday Health Fair" will have over 30 booths manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths. Local and area merchants will provide door prizes, and Lockney Band Boosters will provide breakfast for a nominal fee.

This event is designed to be informative and fun for the entire family. Mangold Memorial Hospital invites everyone to attend.

UIL Releases New Conference and Divisional **Cutoff Numbers**

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

Realignment of high school districts occurs every two years in Texas under the supervision of the University Interscholastic League (UIL). On Feb. 3, 2014, the UIL will release the new districts for all classifications. This past Monday, the UIL released the cutoff numbers for all conferences and divisions within the conferences.

This is the first time the UIL has released the cutoffs prior to the actual realignment date. According to the UIL, this will allow coaches

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Preparing for Santa



City of Floydada employee hangs festive holiday flags downtown Floydada in order to spruce up the square for Santa's upcoming visit on Thursday, Dec. 5th.

Santa Claus is coming to Floydada!

Santa Claus is coming to town! He will not be taking pictures this year, will be all dressed up and ready to visit with all the good little boys and girls on Thursday, December 5th at 6 p.m. at the First National Bank of Floydada's

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce

but parents are encouraged to bring a camera to take a pictures of your child on Santa's lap.

Lets all make plans to be a part of this and support the Floydada Chamber of

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.

HOLIDAY HEALTH FAIR

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney will be hosting their annual Holiday Health Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m.

- 12 noon at the Lockney Elementary School (310 S.W. 8th Street). For admission bring a new toy or canned goods which will be donated to the Lockney Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program. See ad in this week's Hesperian-Beacon for further details.

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 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.

FLOYDADA MOBILE

In partnership with South Plains Food Bank, the Floydada Mobile Pantry will be accepting applications for the 2014 food box distribution on Thurs., Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. 12 noon at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Doors open at 10. See ad in this week's Hesperian-Beacon for further details.

COMMUNITY KLLL

BLOOD DRIVE

Floydada Community KLLL try blood Drive will t 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.

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Deaths

Owen Keith Emert

Owen Keith Emert, age 70, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2013 in Plainview.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 2, 2013 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Visitation was held at 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, November 30, 2013 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Keith was born October 6, 1943 to Owen Elbert and Avis (Dossey) Emert in Floydada. He was with



OWEN EMERT

Jackson Tire Company for 20 years and worked on the side spraying trees and landscaping. His work was so in demand he opened and operated Emert Spraying Service and Nursery until his retirement in 2011.

He also served the Lockney community as a volunteer fire fighter for several years. He enjoyed cooking and fishing with family and friends.

He is survived by three sons, Brian Emert and wife, Dilia of Floydada, Randy Emert and wife, Susan of Paint Creek, and Anthony Emert of Lockney; one daughter, Nicole Rodriguez and husband, Gabriel of Lockney. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

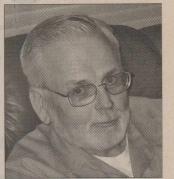
Memorials can be made in Keith's name to the charity of your choice.

Anthony Vannoy Taylor

Anthony Vannoy Taylor, 74, passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 of natural causes while surrounded by loved

He was born on July 11, 1939 in Floydada, Texas to Anthony V. Taylor and Lauless P. Jones. Anthony spent his

youth working on a farm until he completed high school. Post high school, Anthony wanted to serve his country and enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he became a Radioman. Having served in multiple duty stations, Anthony was very proud of his service time especially when serving at sea, on the USS Kearsarge, USS Yorktown, USS Rogers and USS Buck. While stationed in the Philippines, Anthony met his beloved wife, Pura (Purita), and they married in 1968 where they started a family. In 1975, the family was transferred to NAF China Lake. After 20 years of dedication, Anthony retired from active duty in 1977 with nine service medals and extensive experience in the Communications field. From



ANTHONY TAYLOR

1977 to 1988, Anthony served in the Fleet Re-

Anthony was passionate about being a strong provider to his family. In 1983, he graduated Cerro Coso Community College with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts.

He was employed by Kerr McGee from 1984-1987. In 1987, he supported the Weapons Department at NAWS China Lake as a Clerk advancing to a Security Specialist and later retired in 1997.

Anthony was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Pura; daughters, Sandra Workmon and Celey Gaskill; sons, Rocky Stevens and Stephen Dolack; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Doris Cypert McPeak

Doris Cypert McPeak passed away at the Rocky Mountain Care Nursing Home in Clearfield, Utah on November 24, 2013 at the age of 95. She resided for over 50 years in Salinas, California before moving to Utah.

Doris was born on her parent's farm in the Cedar Hill community of Floyd County Texas on April 26, 1918. After leaving high school, she married Jack Lackey. They had one son, Rex Lynn Lackey.

She later married Ronald McPeak in 1942. They had one son, George McPeak. In addition to her sons, Doris was the proud grandparent of four, Jana Vollink of Lansing, Mchigan, Simon



DORIS MCPEAK

McPeak of Ogden, Utah, Sinaed Carstensen of Roy, Utah, and Sean McPeak of Salt Lake City, Utah. In addition, she had eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald McPeak, her son, Rex Lynn Lackey and her brother, Homer Ray Cypert.

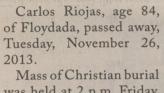
Her son, George Mc-Peak and daughter-in-law, Marian of Layton, Utah, her sister, Mary Wilson of Aztec, New Mexico and her brother, Gayle Cypert of Lubbock, Texas survive her.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 2, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 No. Fairfield Road, Layton, Utah. Friends visited family on Monday from 2:45 to 1:45 p.m. at the mortuary.

She was laid to rest at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Salinas, California, alongside her beloved husband, Ronald R. McPeak.

Condolences may be shared at www.lindquistmortuary.com

Carlos Maxio Riojas



was held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 29, 2013 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church with Father Ike Temporaza officiating.

Rosary was held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floy-

Carlos was born on May 14, 1929 to Felix and Petra (Guerra) Riojas in Littlefield, Texas. His favorite past time was listening to his sons play music. Carlos was a mem-



CARLOS RIOJAS

ber of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada. He was preceded in

death by his wife, Francis Riojas, a son, Valdemar Riojas, and a daughter,

Eufemia Barraza. He was survived by seven sons, Balentine Riojas of Floydada, Armando Riojas of Wolfforth, Johnny Riojas of Ballinger, Alex Riojas of Lamesa, Martin Riojas of Floydada, Marcus Riojas of Dumas, and Carlos Riojas of Lamesa; three daughters, Rosa Villalba of Ralls, Rachel Riojas of Hereford, and Connie Riojas of Plainview; three sisters, Juana Vergara of San Angelo, Alice Naranjo of Lubbock, and Julia DeLuna of San Angelo; 40 grandchildren and 80 great-grandchildren.

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

Mary Wanda Carthel

Family and friends and husband, Wanda was will gather to celebrate the life of Mary Wanda Carthel, 91, of Lubbock at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 5, 2013 at Westbe with the Lord on No-

vember 28, 2013. Wanda was born on July 24, 1922 to the late Virgil and Willie Woody in Wise County, TX. She married William "Cap" Carthel. He died in 1998. She lived in Lockney for many years before moving to Lubbock. Wanda was a homemaker and her life centered on her family. She was a member of the Lockney Senior Citizens

Association.

preceded in death by a son, Keith Carthel.

Survivors include a daughter, Shari Shaw; a granddaughter, Ashlei side Church of Christ Shaw and husband, Colt in Lockney, Texas. Our Talley; a great-grandbeloved Wanda went to daughter, Sofie Talley; a sister, Willie Mae Cox; her devoted caregiver for the past two years, Tommie Hix and her constant companion and beloved dog, Chloe and extended family, Royce Carthel and wife, Foncine, Billie Howard, Peggy Turner and Bobby Carthel and

> Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. To send your condo-

wife, Mervean.

lences and view tribute visit www.memorialde-Along with her parents signers.net.



Floydada Mobile Pantry

South Plains Food Bank

We will be accepting applications for the 2014 food box distribution

on Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION:**

2 HOURS-ONE DAY ONLY

First Baptist Church, Floydada 401 S. Main (north entrance) Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

We will not accept early registrations You must bring your

~~ID

~~Proof of residency

(any bill with your name and address) *****Only one food box per household (address).

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Online

Janice Thomas hasn't been the valley's most innovative art teacher since the invention of dirt for nothing, you know.

condolences

One of her goals has always been to get the community involved in the art scene. She's gone so far as to invite several wellknown artists from the city to come and give demonstrations here. So when Janice once again waltzed into the Mule Barn coffee shop and tacked up a poster, we almost had a foot race to check it out.

This year, she's having a sale and show of her students' work, but with a difference.

"The way I see it," she said, "these kids need some Christmas money, right?" Coffee-sipping nods all around.

"And they need to take pride in their art work, too," she said. "So I kinda put it all together and came up with the 'Faces of Love' Christmas art show."

"Faces of Love?" said Dud.

"Oh yeah," Janice said, smiling. "You see, the paintings are all portraits of people the students love. You know, Mom and Dad, grandparents, the guy down the street who volunteers at band practice, that kind of thing."

"Sounds good," Doc said.

"And nothing at the art show will cost more than ten bucks. I figure we'll sell all of them, too."

"You sound pretty sure of that," said Doc. "Are they that good?"

"Frankly no," Janice said. "But hey, it's Christmas and they're only ten bucks."

"Still, selling all of them will be quite a trick," Doc said.

"Not really," Janice said. "I have a secret

weapon."

We looked at her.

"I got the Valley Weekly Miracle to promise they'd print whatever portraits didn't sell." Doc laughed and slapped his knee. "That's

great! That oughta get 'em all right. Those poor folks don't have a chance." "Wait until you see the portrait two of the

kids did of you, Doc," Janice said. Doc looked around sheepishly while we

"Hey, any you guys got twenty bucks on

Uncle Perk couldn't hear the best, so he took a free hearing test. Beltone. 1-866-867-

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SOCIETY

Hospice Hands of West Texas



Staff members of Hospice Hands of West Texas include: (Top row, left to right) Carrie Rendon, Saundra Rendon, Carol Coggin, Dr. Sharie Moore, Kristi Carstensen, Jessica Gonzalez and Sheryl Rigby; (Bottom row, left to right) Helen Teeple, Norma Zamora, Isabel Pichardo, Rosie Rendon, Nell Schur and Kay Skinner.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZEN MENU December 9 – December 13

Monday - Pork chops Tuesday – Tacos Wednesday - Chicken fried steak Thursday - Salmon Friday - Meat loaf

** Friday night, December 6th ** Family Fish Fry -All-You-Can-Eat for \$10 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Everyone** is invited!

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

It seems to me that November went by so fast. I'm writing this article on Sunday afternoon, December 1st. I'm sure December will fly by quickly too.

This past weekend my son, Greg and Mona Bond and their daughter, Bethany and son, Michael visited me over the Thanksgiving holidays. It was so good to see them. We had a great visit. I'm sure many of you also had family members in to celebrate the Thanksgiving holidays.

The sun is shining now but I understand we are to have bad weather on the weekend to come.

Since I've been home a good part of this past week, I do not have much news to give you. I do know that if we have ice and snow this weekend, please be careful and do not get out but if you have to, please be careful and do not slip on the ice. We had two people to slip on the ice during this last snowy and icy weather. They were not hurt but very sore the days following.

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

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 Franklin Stovall - Janet Milam, Louis and Ferne Anderson

Thought for the Week - A smile is a light that shows the heart is at home.

MENU December 9 - December 13

Monday - Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, margarine, tossed salad w/dressing, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard, low-fat milk

Tuesday - BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk

Wednesday - Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk

Thursday - Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, low-fat milk

Friday - Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato wedge, salad, melon medley, low-

1956 Study Club

By Kay Dean Smith

The 1956 Study Club met Tuesday, November 12 in the home of Charline Hendrix. A delicious meal was prepared by Charline and served from a beautiful fall themed table setting.

The program was the annual holiday auction. Members answered roll call by presenting the items they brought to be

auctioned. Auctioneers Susan Simpson and Linda Matsler made the auction

fun and entertaining. President Dana Crossland presided over a short business meeting. Secretary Janet Lloyd read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Sheree Cannon gave the financial report. Sunshine Girl Janis Julian recognized birthdays and anniversaries for this month.

Special guests attending were Wanda Russell, Sheryl Back, Nina Sanders and Emma Pate. Members attending were Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Sherry Hacker, Linda Harbin, Charline Hendrix, Janis Julian, Janet Lloyd, Linda Matsler, Judy Schacht, Susan Simpson, JenniSu Smith, Kay Dean Smith, Virginia Stringer and Jan Willson.

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Everyone that donates will receive a t-shirt and be eligible for the daily drawing - \$100 VISA gift card and the grand prize drawing of a Home Theater Package - Flat Screen TV and Surround Sound System.

Museum Archives

Railroad in Early Floydada: Memories of the QA&P

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Thursday, June 6,1991

By Will Martin

The QA&P Railroad had been running from Quanah to Roaring Springs since the early 1900s. They had a spur line from Matador connecting on the Qline a few miles east of Roaring Springs so that both towns would have rail service.

I think it was a Mr. Summerlan in 1927 and finished 1928, in company with other people extended the QA&P from Roaring Springs to Floydada. Of course, most of you know Dougherty was born on that line. As I understand Mr. Frank Dougherty gave the land and probably built a lumber yard with the hopes of having a good sized town there some time. Hr might have financed the water works. People put in grocery stores and other businesses very quickly.

But poor "Darty" stared the depression right in the face just like the rest of us.

Around Darty is lots of rich land and good neighbors. So you can see why Darty did so well under the circumstances as they did. I think the government has helped to kill all smaller towns as much as any other reason.

The Q railroad had as nice a depot at Floydada as you will find at any small town. And if I remember correctly they carried on passenger service until near about the late 1940's. They hauled cotton and grain and other freight for several years

Bea and I bought the used goods store from Ben Vancleve in 1962. It was an old tin building just across the railroad tracks east from Wylie Travel Center, part time known as Red X. He had a filling station and dealed in the oil business at other places around the county. There was also a cafe that was leased to several different managers during our 20 year stay in the used goods business.

On the east side of our place was an office building that was first the well drilling and pump setting office of Bill Tye. When Bill moved out Boone Adams had his well service there for a while. Then Wayne Russell acquired the whole block and sold the little house just east of our place. There is more to this than I care to discuss at this time

We bought and sold used clothing, both for men and women. That was in the east room where my wife dealed also in such things as lamps and other miscellaneous items that women are mostly interested in.

I had a repair shop in the southwest comer old the building. I owned a wood turning lathe and made chair rounds and other things of that nature for the public. My best customer in that line was A. J. Jester, who operated the cafe for Wylie at that time. He had wood chairs that were too weak to hold up some of the more rough customers. A. J. would give me the job of repairing them for a few dollars. I liked A. J. For more reasons than that he gave me work. He was just an all around good old boy. And to me a very honest square shooting person.

I owned both a table saw and a drill press that made it possible for me to do other types of repair work for the public. Bea would also work in the shop, such as work on covering seats for the picture show for Evelyn Deakins. Bea worked too hard at that time for her own good.

We also stripped the paint off of old furniture, which is very much of a job if you have ever tried it yourself, you know what it is like.

We bought and sold all the used furniture we could food, also stoves, both heaters and cookstoves. We had tools and odds and ends.

You who are in business or have been in business know that with the public some times you must just have to grin and bear it. There were a few people who were hard to get along with, but most people were those that a person would like to have for your closest neighbor.

We would joke with them and vice versa. Some of them would say or do things that were real amusing. Bea and I tried to make everyone feel real welcome. We tried to do unto them as we would that they do

I must get back to things that deal with the trains as I first

The United Transport Automobile hauled by train in the early 1960's, made a contract with someone to make a terminal at Floydada where theyjoined the Santa Fe. Part of the train loads went maybe to Amarillo and some of it went on farther. Also they built a truck repair shop on 12th and Missouri street, on the Lakeview Road. A loading dock was built to unload autos off the train and load the on the truck that hauled them to neighboring towns. The drivers of these trucks made their home in Floydada or nearby. Also the ones who operated the repair shop made Floydada their home. The company hired local labor to help unload the autos from train cars and load them on the trucks that carried them to dealers around the county. So this car haul made quite a payroll for Floydada.

These piggy back trains as they were called came from quite a distance to here. My wife's cousin told of them coming by their place in Altus, Oklahoma. I don't know where they came from to Altus. The Frisco locomotives pulled the piggy back loaded cars from Quanah to here if I remember correctly. They would meet the Santa Fe engines here that always were waiting for them usually on the tracks, just beside our store. They usually started from Slaton way ahead to meet the two coming around by Plainview. The trainmen said they didn't know why the company made them start early and wait so long.

Bea and I had an old model pickup that we used to haul goods for the store in ad out. We also used it to go to work and back, having six grandchildren from small to teenagers that sure did enjoy riding in the back of the old pickup to work and back home. These kids at least a part of the time would stay sometimes two or three weeks at a time with grandpa and grandma. They would stay during school vacation and sure did enjoy having them and they thought the stays couldn't be beat.

The grandchildren are all

grown now, part of them are married and all have jobs and we don't see them so often. Of course, we miss them very much, but so goes life. I shall try to tell some of the things that happened at the store with the grand kids.

We bought our lunch at Elie Neffs store, just across the highway from our place. It was always a hassel to decide what to get and how many were going with me and always one would talk me into getting something extra. We usually ended up getting crackers and cheese, sardines or bologna and always a fried pie for each of us. Be it noticed that none of us would get angry and get rough. To me we had very nice grand children. Everyone tried to do as they would be done by.

After Eli passed away we began to get our lunch at Russell Reeve's grocery store that was located between Jim Hall's filling station and a garage repair shop. The garage was first started by Alva Sparks and others afterwards. The grandchildren had a great time with Russell certainly with the August Pie girl who made it just at dinner time. My, my those were good

I have already spoke of the Santa Fe engines parking near our place. They men would often come to the store and try to talk us down on some article they wanted. Some of them would find for instance a \$4.00 article. They would fumble in their pockets and say I have just got \$3.00. Some of the general public would try the same scheme. We expected this and tried to keep a smile.

The trainmen would take a liking to the children, joke with them, and then a ride in the engine up as far as the compress and back. When they saw the piggy back coming, they would meet them about the compress and take off toward Plainview.

I don't know just how long the piggy back stayed in operation. But the big wheels from Amarillo had it discontinued from Floydada to Amarillo a few years before our landlady sold our lot and building to Russell and we had to quit business. I forgot to put it down as Wayne Russell machinery dealer for farmers and other needs.

I was two years old when the Santa Fe railroad came to Floydada and I was 20 years old when the Quanah and Pacific came to Floydada. The Fort Worth and Denver crossed the county from Petersburg by way of Lockney. Then through Sterley where they had a railroad machine shop for a few years. Then the railroad went off the cap and through a tunnel and on to Estelline.

The Quanah and Pacific took up its road from Floydada to Paducah as far as I know. The Santa Fe sold their road to a northern company that is struggling along with small engine trying to revive a business. The Fort Worth and Denver seems to have a fairly good business.



FLOYDADA SCHOOL

Agrium's Seed Survivor Mobile display is a plant nutrient classroom on wheels!





By Kristi Whittle

Agrium Inc. and Texas Farm Bureau are working together to engage students in the Science behind the growing of healthy plants and the study of where our food comes from. The Seed Survivor Mobile Classroom and representatives from Texas Farm Bureau were on the campus of home and grow. A.B. Duncan Elementary in Floydada on Friday, November 22, 2013.

This truck and trailer unit arrives at the school and children progress through interactive Seed Survivor stations. Seed Survivor is a free, curriculum-based learning experience that encourages children to master the elements that plants need to

The 32 foot trailer is handicap accessible, and includes an entry and exit door.

Students spend half the presentation in a guided plant nutrient lesson and half the presentation inside the trailer playing multi-media and virtual reality video games on soil, water, sunlight, nutrients and growth. After learning the elements that plants need to survive, participants can then plant a sunflower seed to take

Students leave with an understanding that plants need water, light, healthy soil and nutrients to survive. They also learn about where their food comes from and the importance of agriculture to their dai-

Educational, interactive activities for students and resources for teachers are available at www.GrowingtheNextGeneration.



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Floydada School Menu

December 9 - December 13

Monday

Breakfast- Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch- Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast- Cheddar omelette wrap, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch-Crispy tacos, Spanish rice, garden salad, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza, fruit juice or fresh variety

fruit, milk variety

Lunch-Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries & bananas, hot roll, milk variety

Thursday

Breakfast- Waffles with sausage, fruit juice or

fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, breadsticks, milk variety

Friday

Breakfast- Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit juice or

fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch-Turkey & cheese wrap, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, milk

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4-H News



Floydada 4-H member Rachel Graham is heading up a drive to stock the pantry of the Floydada Senior Citizen's Center with containers of coffee and family sized tea bags during the month of December. The Texas Agri-Life Extension Office is the drop off for donations. Shown with Rachel are Floydada 4-H club manager Jill Graham and assistant manager Patty Davenport.

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Holiday Safety and Security Tips

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

With the holiday season in full swing, it's important for everyone to take extra security precautions whether at home or shopping. The holiday season is a special time of the year but people are busy and become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes.

Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch said, "People need to have situational awareness. Be alert at all times, like when you are going to your car from a store. Look around including under your car and the cars parked beside you. Also, pay attention to vehicles with dark windows such as vans. If you are concerned about your safety, return to the store."

when out shopping include: if you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area; park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked; do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car, lock them in the trunk or out of sight; have you keys in your hands when you approach your car; have a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels, don't put them down to open the door; if there are suspicious people in the area, don't approach your car alone; and, ask mall or store security for an escort if you are concerned.

When using an ATM, use one inside the mall or a well-lighted location and take only the amount you need. Be sure to protect your PIN and don't throw away Some tips to remember your receipt at the ATM lo-

cation.

When shopping, try to shop during daylight hours but if you must shop at night go with a friend or family member. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry. Don't carry a purse or wallet if possible. Always carry your driver's license along with necessary cash, checks and credit cards you expect to use and keep them in your front pocket. Avoid overloading yourself with packages so that you have clear visibility and freedom of motion.

If you shop online be sure to only use trusted sites that you know. Be sure the website is secure by looking for the icon of a locked padlock either in the address bar or at the bottom of the browser window or look for "https" in the address.

At home, be extra cautious about locking doors and

windows when you leave the house even if it's for just a few minutes. If you leave for the holidays, have a friend or neighbor watch your house and pick up your mail and papers. Don't have large displays of gifts visible through windows or doors.

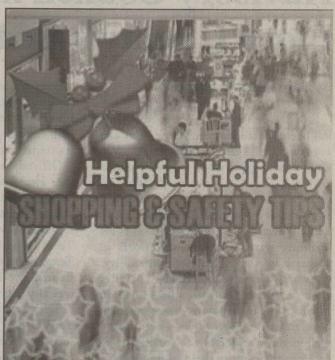
Chief Gooch said, "Be alert in your neighborhood and don't be afraid to call the police no matter what time of day or night it is. I've got officers working all night and if you see or hear something late at night or early in the morning, call it in. It's better for us to check it out and possibly prevent a burglary or vandalism."

Also, be sure to protect your home from a fire by not placing a real tree near a fireplace, keeping water or wet sand in the base to keep it green and checking all your lights for shorts. When

don't place the wrapping paper in the fireplace but take it to the trash.

As Chief Gooch said, always have situational aware-

packages are unwrapped, ness whether shopping, at home or even when you're out walking in the neighborhood. Be a good neighbor by watching out for each other to help prevent crime.



Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

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.

"Football is just more important here in Texas. It's a tradition; almost a heritage. A daddy played for Brownwood High, so his son is playing now, and in not too many years, his son will be playing. Yes, we take it seriously." - Gordon Wood

"While you're trying to save face, you're probably losing your rear." - Lyndon Baines Johnson

"A familiar acquaintance with the work of the schools." - Sam Houston

"You've got to practice every day. One

ing. It doesn't do you any good." - Abe Lemons

"Spectacular achievements are always preceded by unspectacular preparation."-Roger Staubach

"Life consists of a lot of minor annoyances and a few matters of real consequence." - Harvey Penick

"You can't wait on life. If you do, you're living some life that's 'gonna happen' instead of the one that's happening right now." - Ann Richards

"You don't build character with somebody slapping you around." - Tom Lan-

"Once you replace negative thoughts of God is worth more than all the wisdom with positive ones, you'll start having positive results." - Willie Nelson

"Texas is neither Southern nor Westday of practice is like one day of clean liv- ern. Texas is Texas." - William Blakley

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

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Wednesday Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries & bananas, hot roll,

milk variety

Thursday Breakfast- Waffles with sausage, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, breadsticks, milk variety

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch-Hot dog, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, milk variety

Healthy Recipe of the Week

Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition

Shorter concealed handgun class set for Dec. 7 at SPC

LEVELLAND - South course before renewing Plains College will offer the new, shorter Concealed Handgun License course on Saturday (Dec. 7) in Room 115 of the Law Enforcement Building.

Classes will begin at good investment. 8 a.m., and will include one-hour break for lunch. The classroom portion will be completed by 3 p.m., and the length of the range portion will depend on the with children in the home, number of students.

The cost is \$70 for students seeking their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher handgun and 50 rounds of

their license. Although renewals now are handled strictly online, the15 or more changes in Texas firearms law this summer make a refresher course a

The course covers the breaks every hour and a laws pertaining to concealed carry and to the use of force or deadly force. Safe gun handling and storage, including storage will be covered as well as non-violent dispute reso-

Students will need a

ammunition. They must pass a 25 question written test, and demonstrate safe and proficient gun handling, scoring at least 70 percent on a shooting test at distances ranging from three to 15 yards. Inexperienced shooters might want to take the N.R.A. Basic Pistol course before taking the CHL course.

Students need to call Kasey Reyes at 716-2341 or email her at kreyes@ southplainscollege.edu to

Because of the range requirements, space is lim-

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2 cups of unsweetened almond

milk

1 ½ cups steel cut oats ½ chopped pecans

½ cup raisins

½ cup ground flax seeds

2 teaspoons vanilla extract 1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon

2 (about 1 pound) Pink Lady

apples, cored and grated

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Transfer to foil or parchment paper-lined 9 inch square baking pan, press down and smooth out the top and bake until firm and golden brown, about 1 hour. Let cool in pan; cut into squares and serve warm or at room temperature.

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AGRICULTURE

Water Conservation **Advisory Council honors** Floyd County's Eddie Teeter

By Samantha Borgstedt

Floyd County producer Eddie Teeter has been selected to receive the 'Blue Legacy Award in Agriculture' from the Water Conservation Advisory Council, officials with the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation announced today (Nov.8). The Blue Legacy Award in Agriculture is an annual award that recognizes the outstanding water conservation efforts and successes of the agriculture community.

Award winners are selected based on their demonstrated willingness and commitment to incorporate water conservation practices into their operations as well as their leadership to furthering water conservation in their communities or within the industry.

Teeter, a long-time participant and supporter of the TAWC, has provided valuable insight for irrigation research through his conservation efforts and innovative farming practices. He has farmed in Floyd County for more than 45 years, held nu-

merous leadership positions and supported conservation programs by playing an active role in their outreach programs to help educate him, as well as other producers on irrigation management.

Officials noted that nominations for the award were reviewed by a threeperson selection panel, which included Water Conservation Advisory Council representatives from Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The Harlingen Irrigation District was also named a winner.

The award, which was received by TAWC last year, will be presented during the 13th Annual Texas Commodity Symposium on Dec. 4, which will be held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show. The free event begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Grand Plaza Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, and concludes with an Ag Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Ag Council.

Rolling Plains cotton harvest halted by wintery bluster

By Robert Burns rd-burns@tamu.edu

COLLEGE STATION

- Though temporarily halted by a wintery mix of rain and snow, the Rolling Plains cotton harvest was on schedule, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"From the guys I've been talking to up there, they're looking at maybe 20 percent of the irrigated cotton left, with yields ranging all over the board, depending upon what northern Rolling Plains."

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summer," said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension statewide cotton specialist, College Station.

Yield reports of one to three bales per acre were common, but there were scattered reports of as much as four bales per acre, Morgan said.

"Dryland is not quite as far along on the harvest," he said. "They want to get their irrigated cotton out first, and are probably only about 50 percent finished with dryland in the

Morgan said that as with irrigated cotton, dryland yields depended upon how much rain was received and when. Dryland production ranged from nothing on fields that were not harvested to as much as two bales

"Probably a pretty good dryland average will be 300 to 600 pounds per acre," he said.

per acre.

The rain and/or ice or snow should not have an

kind of rain they had this appreciable effect upon unharvested cotton quality, Morgan said.

"It's actually worse in warm and wet weather, because the seed will germinate, and you'll get a little more staining and increased ginning costs," he said. "When it's wet and cold, it's usually less of a problem. Fiber color may deteriorate some, but it should not be a big

The fiber quality from cotton classed at the U.S. Department of Agriculbeen pretty good with more than 375,000 bales ginned, Morgan said. Bark content has been lower than in past years, and strength is a little higher this year.

The southern Rolling Plains harvest was a little further along, he said, about 75 percent done. There was no reason to suspect that the region's harvest won't be wrapped up by Christmas, as it usually is.

Auto Thieves and Burglars Lurking During Holidays

Denton, TX - The holiday season is upon us! And it's the most wonderful time of the year . . . especially for vehicle thieves who are looking for opportunities to play Scrooge!

The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), a division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, reminds drivers that a vehicle is burglarized every two minutes and stolen every eight minutes in the state. These crimes can escalate during the holiday season when drivers are frequently out shopping for gifts and traveling to visit friends and family. During these times, drivers are more likely to leave belongings within view inside vehicles as well as become negligent in locking doors and taking keys. To make matters worse, a thief won't necessarily stop with taking your vehicle and the things inside. They may also look for personal documents and items that can help them steal your identity or gain access to your home, where they can burglarize additional property. In other words, the theft or burglary of your vehicle may simply be a gateway to the commission of additional crimes.

likely to scout malls, shopping centers, entertainment venues, hotels, and other business parking lots this time of year looking for opportunities to break into vehicles," said Michelle Lanham, program coordinator for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) public awareness task force at Denton Police Department. "Drivers need to understand that almost anything they leave inside their vehicles can be valuable to a thief. And when vehicles are left unlocked and unattended, drivers are inviting thieves to walk away with everything they see inside, which often includes gifts, purses, wallets, packages, electronics, suitcases, garage door openers, keys, and personal information,"

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, thieves committed 221,023 acts of vehicle burglary and stole 64,982 vehicles in Texas during 2012. In some jurisdictions, more than half of vehicle thefts occurred because doors were unlocked and keys left inside. But drivers can avoid becoming part of these statistics. The ABTPA and its 29 vehicle crime task forces in Texas promote a basic vehicle crime preven-

"Auto burglars are more tion philosophy: "Protect It, It's Yours." Motorists should practice three basic safety tips to help prevent theft and burglary during the holidays and throughout the year: remove belongings from view, secure vehicles, and never leave keys inside. In addition to practicing these prevention methodologies, drivers should park in areas that are well-lit, near surveillance cameras (if available), and near heavy foot and vehicle traffic. The more thieves feel threatened by detection, the less likely they are to focus on targets in such areas.

The Texas Auto Theft Authority Prevention (ATPA) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1991 to fund programs to reduce vehicle thefts. The passing of House Bill 1887 in 2007 expanded the scope of the agency to include automobile burglary and added that term to the Authority's title. For more information on the ABTPA, auto burglary, vehicle theft, prevention, statistics, contacts for any of ABTPA's 29 Texas vehicle crime task forces, public service announcements, or to schedule an interview with task force personnel, call 800-CAR-WATCH or visit the ABTPA website at www. txwatchyourcar.com.

RRC Production Statistics and Allowables for December 2013

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of Nov. 15, 2013, was 822, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 666 million barrels of oil and 6.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

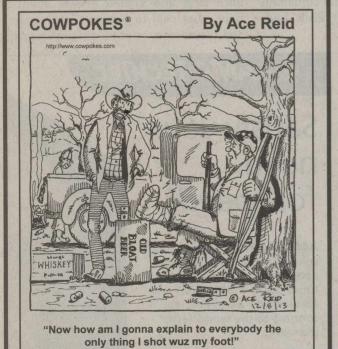
The Commission's estimated final production for September 2013 is 63,924,175 barrels of crude oil and 573,709,729 MCF (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary September 2013 production totals of 53,903,512 barrels of crude oil and 463,978,754 MCF of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1859 for crude oil and 1.2365 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for October was 450,838,572 compared to 454,264,867 in October 2012. November 2013 gas storage estimate is 455,914,004 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial December 2013 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 7,731,307 MCF (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial December 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.

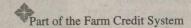
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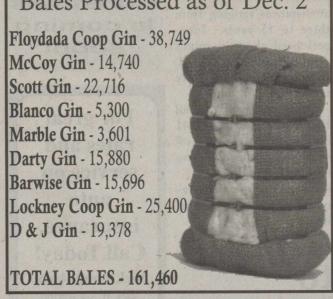
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Weather Whys

Q: What is a roll cloud?

A: Roll clouds are one of the most unusual cloud formations seen anywhere, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Roll clouds can often be seen before a thunderstorm approaches," he explains. "They resemble a giant dough roller in the sky - they can stretch for many miles and they almost look like a horizontal funnel cloud. They are a fairly rare occurrence and you may go years without seeing one."

Q: What causes a roll cloud?

A: Often, they are caused "by a sinking cold air mass that is above warmer, moist air," he adds. "The warmer air condenses into the shape of a cloud, but the winds will 'roll' the cloud parallel to the ground, creating the giant roll cloud effect. Roll clouds are usually harmless and don't produce gusty winds. They can form anywhere, and Australia and parts of Europe seem to be the most common places for roll clouds to occur."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University. More news about Texas A&M University.

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Cow-a-BANG-a!

Tirst the bad news: The newborn calf didn't live. The good news:

The mama survived. Free information:

A mother cow can be very protective of a baby calf, even if it's dead and frozen to the ground. I should've known



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Pow! The first time she hit me, she caught me by surprise. I crumpled. Pow! The second hit also caught me off guard. Pow! By the third hit, I was expecting it.

Picture a tossed-off bull-rider scrambling across soft arena dirt to escape a still-bucking MUNN bad-attitude bull. Except, alas, there was no audience. I wasn't wearing chaps, and the

young cow was smaller than a rodeo bull, although equally aggressive.

That's when a rodeo clown jumped out from behind a tree, giving me my chance to get away.

OK, I made up that part. I'm not sure how I got away.

It all started when I found the cow and her dead calf at first light.

I decided to take her feed and water. After all, she was in a weakened state and could use a little extra nourishment and pampering. Right?

When I rattled the tasty range cubes at her from a few feet away, she stared at me blankly, cow-like. Then, something seemed to click in her brain. She headed toward me, racehorse-like, at top speed from ten feet away. Think starting gate.

I thought she was happy about the feed cubes. Cows love cubes. But for this cow, those cubes weren't even on her radar. She aimed for me, a one-cow stampede toward a one-person target. The cubes went flying.

Some of our cows have horns. She doesn't. I'm glad.

My black wool ski cap is still there somewhere on the frozen ground.

That's OK. It wasn't a souvenir of a ski trip to Austria. Moths ate that one. It was just a thrift store bargain - ugly

I went back later to look for it. (Yes, I can still walk.) No luck.

Each dark object in the snow turned out to be cow manure. The cubes also had vanished. Either the cow ate them after she got rid of me or some other animal snarfed them up. Makes me wonder which forest creature is wearing

It's a good thing Mad Cow (her new name) didn't knock me unconscious. I could have frozen to death.

And to think, I was worried about my husband, stuck at our house in the city, winding up a demanding work project. Would he step onto ice on the porch on his way to fetch the morning paper? I pictured him falling, hitting his head and lying there unconscious in the freezing cold, unnoticed by the neighbors in the shadow of the house.

Either way, it's the stuff of YouTube

YOUTUBE PAUSE.

Guess what. People falling on ice? It's a popular YouTube theme.

People getting hit by cows? Rare. One shows a woman trying to be nice to a cow with a newborn calf.

Not a good idea.

Beware of "Holiday Heart".....Keep Stress In Check This Holiday Season

WASHINGTON — The holiday season is supposed to be joyous, fun and happy. But it can also be stressful. The nation's emergency physicians want to remind all Americans to keep your stress in check.

"For many, including emergency physicians, the holidays come with a daunting pile of obligations," said Dr. Andrew Sama, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "Don't overdo it, because you can damage your health and possibly wind up spending the holidays in the emergency department."

One particular concern is known as "holiday heart" syndrome. It is an irregular heartbeat that occurs in people who are otherwise healthy. It can be the result of stress, lack of sleep, excessive alcohol or caffeine ingestion, and/or dehydration. Emergency physicians say this is more common during the holiday season because of holiday parties and other events. Best advice is to moderate alcohol use and drink plenty of water. If an irregular heartbeat lasts for longer than a few hours, you should seek medical attention or go to the nearest emergency room immediately.

A long to-do list of decorating, buying presents and hosting parties can be overwhelming. It is important to pace yourself, whether it's eating and drinking or shopping.

Money has been is a significant source of stress during the holiday season because of the current state of the economy (American Psychological Association 2011). Here are some tips to help you get through the season with the least amount of stress possible.

Get exercise: This is extremely important. Go to the gym, take regular walks or run. Make sure you stay active to help reduce the stress level.

Watch your diet: People tend to eat

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more quantities of rich foods during the holidays. It's okay to indulge occasionally, but do it responsibly and in moderation.

Get a checkup: If you haven't had one recently, the holidays might be a good time to visit the doctor and have a routine physical.

Be organized: Have a plan, make a schedule and do it one step at a time. Do not wait until the last minute to do

Be cost effective: Given the current economic crisis, no one can blame you for spending less this year. Keep it

Ask for help: You can't be expected to do everything yourself. Ask for help when it comes to shopping and decorating, as well as other tasks.

Get enough sleep: You shouldn't underestimate the power of a good night's sleep, as well as daily down time. Take a nap, take time for yourself, reenergize and relax. Your body will thank you for it.

"If you feel chest pain or think you are having a heart attack, call 911 or seek emergency care right away," said Dr. Sama. "Don't postpone treatment because you don't want to spoil the holidays. In the meantime, take care of yourself now, and reduce that stress.'

ACEP is the national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter emergency physicians represents employed by military branches and other government agencies.

Altered recipes, food choices make for healthier holiday meals

By Paul Schattenberg, paschattenberg@ag.tamu.edu

COLLEGE STATION - Turkeys aren't the only things getting stuffed during the holidays. That's why Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts have offered tips on altering recipes and making food choices that will make for healthier holiday

"The sugar, fat or sodium content of almost any holiday recipe can be reduced without a noticeable difference in taste," said Dr. Mary Bielamowicz, AgriLife Extension nutrition specialist emerita, College Station. "In addition, there are several traditional holiday foods that have good nutritional value, provided you serve them in ways that don't reduce or negate that nutritional value."

Bielamowicz said sugar and fat content are probably the biggest worries to address when preparing holiday recipes.

"If a recipe calls for a cup of sugar, use two-thirds of a cup," she said. "If it calls for a half-cup of oil, shortening or other fat, use one-third cup." •

Processed foods typically have a higher salt or sodium content, she said, so people should be vigilant about checking food labels for sodium content as well as other nutrition data when selecting holiday food items.

"In addition, if it says to use one-half teaspoon of salt, use one-quarter teaspoon or leave it out entirely," Bielamowicz said.

Low-fat also doesn't always mean lowcalorie, so be aware of both in holiday food choices, she added.

"Try using reduced or non-fat cheese, milk, cream cheese, cottage cheese, yogurt or mayonnaise instead of their higherfat counterparts. And try substituting evaporated milk for cream. For mashed potatoes, try using defatted broth instead of butter to reduce both fat and calories."

Bielamowicz said modifying more complicated recipes may not always produce the desired texture, so it's best to try the new recipe out and do a taste-test before serving it to friends and family.

She said for more information on recipe substitutions, the free downloadable publication "Altering Recipes for Good Health" can be found on the AgriLife Extension Family and Consumer Sciences website at http://fcs.tamu.edu/food_and_ nutrition/pdf/altering-recipes.pdf.

"Many traditional holiday foods can be healthy and nutritious choices, so long as they are prepared properly and not

'embellished' in ways that take away from that nutritional value," said Dr. Jenna Anding, AgriLife Extension program leader for nutrition and food sciences.

For example, she said, if you're cooking a turkey, leave the skin on to contain the flavor, but then remove it afterward to reduce the fat content. Baste your turkey it in its own juice or use a defatted broth.

"For vegetables, the healthiest method of cooking is either steaming or roasting using a small amount of oil or cooking spray. Adding herbs and spices can add unique flavors without added fat and calories."

Anding noted that sweet potatoes are a favorite holiday vegetable containing beneficial phytonutrients and antioxidant properties, as well as essential vitamins and minerals.

"Sweet potatoes are a good source of fiber, are high in vitamins A and C and are a good source of manganese. They are also low in calories — a medium sized baked potato only has about 100 calories, according to the USDA. For people watching their calories this holiday season, a baked sweet potato with a little bit of brown sugar and cinnamon can be a healthier option to one topped with butter and lots of marshmallows."

Anding said cranberries, a common holiday food, are loaded with phytonutrients and are known for their anti-inflammatory properties that can promote health and may reduce the risk for disease. Adding them in salads and baked items such as muffins, cookies, and pies can be a way to sneak in some added nutrition and flavor.

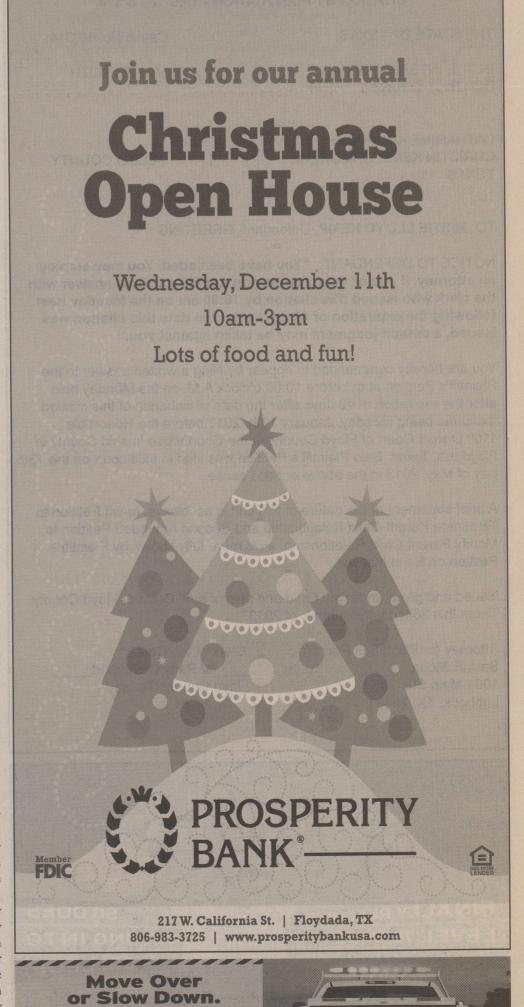
Even with healthier preparation techniques, when it comes to eating during the holidays, Anding cautions that portion size cannot be forgotten.

"Many of us have favorite holiday foods that we eat once or twice a year. If that is the case, enjoy the food, but just watch how much you eat."

In addition, Anding notes that the holiday season often provides more opportunities to eat due to social gatherings, office parties and other festivities.

"If someone is trying to avoid holiday weight gain, the key is to plan accordingly so they can keep their calorie intake in check," she said. "And don't forget regular physical activity. It can burn off those extra calories and relieve stress that can periodically strike during the holiday

For more food and nutrition information and resources available from AgriLife Extension, go to http://fcs.tamu.edu.



Cotton Market Weekly

Aided by inclement weather in much of the U.S. Cotton Belt and Iran's agreement to halt its nuclear weapons program, cotton futures prices began this week with strong gains at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE). March cotton settled 123 points higher Monday at 78.46 cents per pound despite the smallest volume in more than a month, regaining all of the ground it lost the previous Friday when it settled at 77.23 cents. The soon-toexpire December contract settled at 76.96 cents per pound, up 175 points, and other contracts posted moderate to

Last weekend's storm system further delayed harvest from the Texas High Plains through parts of the Delta and Southeast regions. Snow, along with freezing rain and sleet, lingered into Monday in West Texas, bringing harvest to a screeching halt. Warmer temperatures were expected to melt the frozen precipitation as the week progressed; however, some producers were concerned about the impact on vields and quality, namely color, on cotton remaining in some fields. The latest crop progress report pegged the Texas harvest at 72 percent complete versus the five year average of 78 percent. The harvest in Oklahoma was estimated at 66 percent complete versus 68 percent, and Kansas was at 55 percent compared to the five year average of 58 percent.

The same storm system moved into the North Delta, bringing harvest there to a standstill. According to USDA, 85 percent of Missouri's cotton had been harvested, and Tennessee's harvest was estimated at 68 percent complete, both well behind normal due to wet conditions in the spring that delayed planting. Wet weather also delayed harvest in central Alabama, and rain chances were forecast at 100 percent for the northern part of the state. Statewide, the harvest was 88 percent complete at the end of last week. Georgia producers had picked 75 percent of that state's cotton crop, but rain and colder temperatures were expected at

The unexpected agreement with Iran to halt its nuclear weapons development sent stock markets higher around the world Monday, and crude oil prices fell with the prospect that the country will be able to increase its oil exports. At least one cotton analyst believed the resulting lower gasoline prices will enable consumers to spend more of their disposable income on other goods, thus benefiting the U.S. economy.

Cotton futures held onto positive territory for much of Tuesday's ICE session with the lead March contract settling 68 points higher at 79.14 cents per pound after reaching an intraday high of 79.65 cents. As cotton prices moved through nearby resistance levels, additional buying was triggered, according to one market newsletter.

The advance in cotton prices came despite what appeared to be confirmation that China would begin auctioning cotton from its strategic reserve later this week.

The country's National Cotton Exchange reportedly ran a test of the auction sales system Tuesday in Beijing.

According to more than one analyst, China's reserves contain more than 45 million bales, roughly half of the world's cotton supply, after a three-year buying spree to support prices and encourage local farmers to plant cotton.

However, the anticipated price for the cotton to be auctioned reportedly is 70 percent more than current world prices, according to one observer, and the cotton to be initially auctioned is from the 2011

Those stocks may face stiff competition from India's new-crop cotton which may offer better price and quality.

The apparent confirmation of commencement of the auction sale on Nov. 28 pressured cotton futures prices Wednesday at ICE.

March cotton spent only a brief time in the plus column before settling 70 points lower at 78.44 cents per pound.

No bad moisture - Ice, snow give South Plains crops more help than harm

By Josei Musico A-J Media

The bad news about recent winter weather means area harvests are slightly delayed.

The good news in dropped the agriculture world, though — pretty much everything else regarding the snow and ice.

generally willing forgive Mother Nature for keeping them temporarily next year's crops.

outweigh the bad," said Matt Farmer, who grows OK."

about 2,500 acres of cotton, said he's harvested weather delays the entire those seemed short-lived, location, she added. he said.

start harvesting and never have to stop because of the weather, we usually don't have much to look forward to next year," he

And when it comes long-term improvement, the form of precipitation is less important than amount. Snow can be just as helpful as rain, and Farmer even considers it

but something about a crop likely would have

kick in the ground," he said. "A good snow storm

helps a lot."

A cold front arrived Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21. High temperatures about degrees, accompanied by at least three days of ice and snow.

Mary Jane Buerkle, Area producers are communications director Plains Cotton for Growers, noted that without strong winds, away from their fields, the main negative impact and are thankful for the of the winter storm could long-term be slight discoloration in benefits that could help some plants. But just as roads can recover when "I think the good will the ice melts, so can

"As far as the snow multiple crops near and what we received Lamesa. "This shut us weather-wise, it should down totally, but that's not hurt the crop too badly," she said. "It is Farmer, who manages hard to turn down any kind of precipitation."

The harvest delay past crops with no such will vary depending on the amount of moisture season. But effects of received in a particular

"A couple of inches of "The years that you snow will keep producers out of the field for a few days, but in areas where several inches fell, harvest could be delayed for even longer than that," she

In Sudan, for example, producer Brent Nelson fields estimates his received between 8 and 12 inches of snow.

He described moisture as high enough quality to compensate for its harvest-halt. Without "Moisture is moisture, the precipitation, the

good snow puts a little been completely off the ground within a couple weeks, he said.

"It's a really wet snow - probably the best snow I've ever seen in November," Nelson said. "The only thing that would make it better would be if we were done harvesting. I think longterm it will definitely be

Producer Dan Smith of Lockney said his cotton harvest is about 95 percent complete. The 5 percent that remains on the stalk could see a slight defect in yield and grade, he said, but not enough to downplay the boost the snow gave the soil profile.

"It was a good, wet snow," he said. "It's also good for next year's cotton crop. With three years of drought, we certainly need all the subsoil moisture we can get."

Other crops such as peanuts and sorghum are nearly completely harvested region-wide.

Calvin Trostle, an agronomist with Texas A&M AgriLife, said the only commodity still growing is winter wheat. And even as cold as they felt, temperatures didn't dip below the threshold of what that crop can tolerate, he said.

"I'm not really expecting any significant damage from the cool weather we had," he said.

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CATHARINE KEMP AND CHRISTIN KEMP, CHILDREN

FLOYD COUNTY.

TO: MISTIE LLOYD KEMP, Defendant- GREETING

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit Petition to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship and Second Amended Petition to Modify Parent-Child Relationship: as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Floyd County, Texas this 26th day November of 2013.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff: Sara F. Moore 1001 Main Ste. 707 Lubbock, TX. 79401

Clerk of the Court: /s/ Patty Davenport_ Floyd County, Texas



TxDOT hosts workshops for seniors, people with disabilities

Workshop will provide information about public transportation services available for seniors, people with disabilities, also known

as the 5310 Program

LUBBOCK — In an effort to better serve the state's seniors and disabled citizens, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is hosting statewide workshops to inform the public and gather input on the growing transportation needs of local communities. TxDOT's federallyfunded Enhanced Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (5310) serves communities with 200,000 people or less.

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these citizens on what services are needed. The public is encouraged to attend one of the following workshops:

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LAMESA Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 Time: 10:00 AM Location: West Texas Opportunities 603 N 4th St,

Lamesa, TX 79331 For more information contact Dianah

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from the war. They moved to Hereford in 1952 and farmed and ranched in the Walcott community, later entering the real estate business (Marn Tyler Realtors). They had three children, Nancy, Kelly and Jerry.

The Tyler tradition of serving their country has carried on through the years, with several family members enlisting in the military.

Adam Tyler, a grandson, spent six years in the Air

Force, with three years of Hall, is in the Navy serving his enlistment overseas. He spent one year in Korea, one year in Kuwait, and one year in Iraq as a rear gunner on a 100 vehicle convoy hauling housing units from Turkey to the air base near Baghdad.

Jim Tyler, grandson, served in the Army Infantry and was stationed in Missouri.

Juston Vanlandingham, a great grandson, is serving in the Army Airborne Medics. He is stationed at Fort Polk,

John Hall, a nephew, served in the Army stateside as an office clerk in Stockton, CA. A great nephew, Michael

on the submarine USS Alexandria. He just returned from the Aegean Sea off the coast of Greece. Marn said they recently

located Nocky's military dress blues. The trunk was found stored in the attic of her parent's old home which was in the Walcott community in 1953. The house had since been sold and moved. She said the trunk was located by her son, Jerry, and presented to her at Christmas.

The uniform was on display on the Marn Tyler Realtors float in the Veterans Day parade.

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to begin discussing scheduling arrangements, although no game contracts can be signed until after all realignment appeals have been made.

This year the UIL has decidedtosplitupclassification

1A 11-man schools and 1A 6-man schools by creating six classifications. The new conferences will include 6A with enrollments from 2,100 and above; 5A will be 1,060 to 2,099, 4A will be 465 to 1,059, 3A will be 220 to 464, 2A will be 105 to 219 and 1A will be 104.9 and below.

to 4A will be split into two Div. 2.

divisions. Those enrollment numbers will be: 1A Div. 1, 55 to 104.9; 1A Div. 2, 54 and below; 2A Div. 1, 158 to 219; 2A Div. 2, 105 to 157; 3A Div. 1, 315 to 464; 3A Div. 2, 220 to 314; 4A Div. 1, 686 to 1,059; and 4A Div. 2, 465 to

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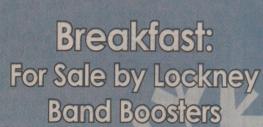
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