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Aiken Post Office to close Dec. 31

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

After 98 years of operation, the Aiken Post Office will shut its doors for good on Dec. 31. Since its inception, the post office has had only five postmasters.

Billie Hamlin is the current postmaster. She went to work as the relief postmaster in 1989.

"Mary Montandon was the postmaster when I started, then when she retired in 1993, I became the officer-in-charge for about a year. It's been enjoyable and I'll miss the people," Hamlin said.

According to a letter Montandon wrote in 1990, the post office was established Oct. 18, 1915 as Floco with William Firquin serving as postmaster until May, 1916. Robert E. Jones became postmaster in May, 1916 and served until Nov. 9, 1941. In August, 1922, the name was changed to Aiken named after Frank Aiken who owned the town site where the railroad switch was located. In 1923, the new Aiken school district replaced an earlier school named Meteor. Aiken had four businesses, a school, and 110 residents by 1947. Ina Langfeldt became postmaster on Nov. 9, 1941 and served until Dec. 30, 1964 when Montandon became the postmaster.

According to Montandon, for the first 50 years, the post office was located in a grocery store but since the mid-60's it has been in a separate building. Hamlin said that Frances and Mary Montandon bought an old hamburger stand that was out of business in Plainview and brought the building to Aiken. The post office still occupies this building except it is now has a brick exterior.

With the closing of the Aiken Post Office, Floyd County will be left with only four operating post offices, Floydada, Lockney, South Plains and Dougherty. Over the years, Floyd County has had 28 different post offices across the county.

The first post office was Quitaque which opened in 1882. It served the northeast portion of the county until 1891 when it moved into Briscoe County. Other post offices around the county include: Alcino, Ball, Bourland, Curlew, Della Plain, Dode, Floco, Flomot, Hillcrest, Homestead, Julietta, Mayshaw, Meteor, Mickey, Micomber, Mirror, Nilar, Onie, Petersburg, Starkey, Sterley and Crawfish.

Dode moved to Crosby County in 1899; Flomot moved to Motley County in 1908; and Petersburg moved to Hale County in 1895. The last post office to close prior to Aiken/Floco was Sterley in 1960.



Courtesy Photos

In the mid-1960s, Frances and Mary Montandon purchased an out-of-business hamburger stand in Plainview and moved the building to Aiken. After some remodeling, the building became the post office and will be used through Dec. 31 when the Aiken Post Office will close after 98 years of providing postal services for Aiken and the surrounding community. Shown above is how the Aiken Post Office currently looks and below is how the Aiken Post Office looked after the building was moved from Plainview.



Jennings Randolph, Senator from West Virginia from 1958-1985 said, "When the post office is closed, the flag comes down. When the human side of government closes its doors, we're all in trouble."

Two new homes constructed in Lockney by Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance funding



Photo by Brad Patrick

Floyd County and SPCAA staff held Open House and a ribbon cutting at 410 NE 6th Street in Lockney. Those attending were (l to r) SPCAA Board Member Rosie Rendon, SPCAA HOME Program Specialist Christy Vargas, Homeowner Eustolia Gonzales, Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly, Floyd County Treasurer Jo Elliot, SPCAA Executive Director Bill Powell.



Photo by Brad Patrick

The new Lockney homes were reconstructed with Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistant (HRA) funding. Those attending the open house were (l to r) SPCAA Board Member Rosie Rendon, Homeowners Guadalupe and Manuel Solis, Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly, and SPCAA Executive Director Bill Powell.

Special for the Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County and South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) of Levelland are excited to announce the completed reconstruction of two new homes in Lockney. These reconstructed homes are located at 410 NE 6th Street and 714 NE 6th Street.

The two Lockney homes were reconstructed with Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance (HRA) funding provided to Floyd County by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The HRA Program assists low-income Texas homeowners rehabilitate an existing home or reconstruct a new home, provided that their income is at or below 80 percent of the area's median family income level. In order for homeowners to qualify, See HOMES, Page 9

SAVE THE DATE

Caprock Crop Production Conference
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Floyd County Live Stock Show sees new changes

Long hours of grooming, clipping, feeding, and exercise will soon payoff for area exhibitors as the 70th annual Floyd County Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11. All of the students from Floydada and Lockney have worked extremely hard throughout the year feeding and maintaining their animals for this upcoming show and this is the day that their hard work pays off. Come out and help support the youth of Floyd County as they exhibit their projects.

The Floyd County Stock Show Association has made some new changes for this year. They want everyone to please make note of these important changes. The show will begin at 7:30 a.m. instead of the usual 9 a.m. start and will begin with the goat show followed by the lamb show, the heifer show, and the steer show.

The gilts will be followed by the barrows. A lunch break will be taken but will be determined as the show progresses.

Also a new change is the Floyd County Stock Show premium sale. It will be held Saturday evening following the conclusion of the show. The annual Buyers Meal will begin at approximately 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The barns will open Friday, Jan. 10. The Floyd County Stock Show Association is holding a raffle for a John Deere Gator. Proceeds from this raffle will go to fund the scholarship program. The association will only be selling 350 tickets. Cost of tickets are \$100 each. Tickets can be purchased at Ray Lee Equipment in Floydada, Assiter Insurance Agency, Floyd County Agri-Life Extension Office or any association board member.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! The ad deadline for the January 2 issue will be Friday, December 27 at 3 p.m. News articles may be submitted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27.

FLOYD COUNTY STOCK SHOW

The Floyd County Stock Show will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at the Unity Center in Muncy. Show starts at 7:30 a.m. The Premium Sale will be held SATURDAY EVENING following the conclusion of the show. Buyers meal will be at approx. 5 p.m. Please make note of the new changes!!! See article on front page of this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced that the FSA County Committee Elections begin Dec. 20, 2013, with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Jan. 17, 2014. See more info in the Cotton News article in the Hesperian-Beacon this week.

CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

The Caprock Crop Production Conference is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. The cost of the conference is \$35.00 (we will be accepting pre-registration until January 21) after this date a \$10 late fee will be added. Registration information can be received through the Floyd or Crosby County Extension offices. See article in the Hesperian-Beacon this week for further info.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

Corrections

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

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Deaths

Betty Boedeker

Betty Boedeker, age 75, of Colorado City, died Tuesday in a local care center. She will be cremated and no services are planned at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Betty was born May 23, 1938 in Lockney, Texas to Garland and Oma Faye Golden Sams. She married

Elroy Boedeker on February 27, 1959 in Lockney and had been a longtime resident of Mitchell County. She was a homemaker and a member of the 22nd & Austin Sts. Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Elroy Boedeker of Colorado City; two sons, Charles and wife, Susan Boedeker and Dar-

rel Boedeker, all of Colorado City; two daughters, Rhonda and husband, Harvey Bruce of Oklahoma and Karen Boedeker of Wolfforth; grandchildren, Jennifer Brady, Sharhonda Kelly, Bryan Kelly and Brae Boedeker; great grandchildren, Bradley Kelly, Andrew Brady and Taylor Brady; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Maria Bueno

Maria Bueno, age 71, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2013 in Floydada.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada with Father Ike Temporaza officiating.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Maria Bueno was born on February 9, 1942 in La Pryor, Texas to Fran-



MARIA BUENO
cisco and Olivia (Ortega) Martinez. Maria's hobbies were sewing and cooking

for her family. She loved her children and grandchildren very much. She was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada.

Maria is survived by her husband, Francisco Bueno of the home; six daughters, Sylvia Bueno and John Herrera of Floydada, Beatrice and Rogelio Enriquez of Plainview, Francisca Bueno of Floydada, Olivia Bueno and Mike Arwine of Floydada, Vera and O'Bryan Barker of Lubbock, and Angie and Adam Batson of Lubbock and a son, Albert Barrientos of Floydada.

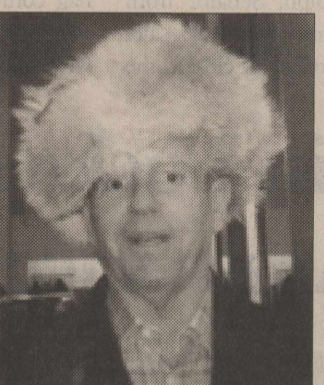
Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com

Fred Zimmerman, III

Fred Zimmerman III, 70, passed away Thursday, December 19, 2013 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Fred was born on March 12, 1943 in Miami, Florida to Kay and Fred Zimmerman, Jr. on West Texas soil sent by his Grandfather, Fred Sr.

He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a Boy Scout in Floydada, Texas. Fred attended Woodberry Forest High School in Woodberry Forest, Virginia. He earned his Bachelors Degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1965, and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He married Patricia Ann Garris on



FRED ZIMMERMAN, III
September 12, 1968 in Dallas, Texas.
Fred was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Kathryn Z. Huller.
Survivors include his wife, Pat Zimmerman of Dallas, Texas; daughters, Kim Zimmerman of Plano, Texas and

Stephanie Zimmerman and son-in-law, Chris Canary of Memphis, Tennessee; brother in law, Stan Huller of Frisco, Texas; nephew, Jay Huller and niece, Kristi Huller.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dougherty Cemetery Association, PO Box 2, Dougherty TX 79231 or Floydada Senior Citizens, PO Box 573, Floydada TX 79235.

Fred will be laid to rest on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 11 a.m. at the Dougherty Cemetery in Dougherty, Texas.

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

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.

The Paperboy Back to the 1800's

A transformer blew a few blocks from our home the other night and it was a new experience for my sons.

The power was out for several hours. I think around six. I'm not completely sure because I was asleep when it came



CHRIS BLACKBURN

back on. I do know that I witnessed men working diligently to restore the power under terrible conditions. In my alley there was a crew enduring freezing rain. Thank God for those fellas. The men answered the call and put in some tough hours. My hat is off to them!

Fortunately, we had a fireplace to keep us warm on what turned out to be a strange evening.

When the power went out, between 9 and 10 p.m., my wife calmly gathered candles, with her little helpers in tow, and brought them into the living room.

A buddy of mine called my cell phone to make sure we were all right as he had witnessed the blown transformer while passing through town. We both concluded that it would be awhile before the lights came back on.

With our internet down, we attempted to use our cell phones for entertainment. The phones didn't have much battery left so soon we were left to our imaginations.

My sons attempted to play Go Fish by firelight. Sutton, my youngest son, asked, "Do you have any twos?" Then he asked it again on his next turn. And again. In all he asked for twos five out of six turns when I explained to him why it would be in his best interest to ask for another card. He did so and a couple of turns later, Jack, my oldest, asked Sutton if he had any twos. He sure did!

That episode got me in trouble with Sutton, who got an ole fashioned Go Fish beat down by big brother. It was all my fault.

Jackson made the comment that well over a hundred years ago, this is how every night was. I told him he was correct and to be grateful he didn't have to get up at 4 a.m. and milk cows in the freezing cold.

Of course, I never had to that either. Neither did my parents. Their parent did though. I remember many stories about life on the farm...

Sometime in the middle of the night, the power came back on. At first, I thought I dreamed it came back on because I recall opening my eyes in my recliner (the boys and I were in the living room camping out to candle light) and seeing the Christmas tree light up. Then I woke up and it was dark still.

It turns out that the power had indeed come on and my wife woke up and turned the lights off around the house. So I guess I didn't dream it after all.

Frankly, I surprised my boys didn't complain about not being able to watch TV or play video games. They thought it was pretty fun hanging out in the dark and talking.

I wonder how long they could go unplugged though? That is a much trickier proposition.

The power outage made me think about what would happen should a massive outage occur over a large area lasting days or even weeks.

I won't go into the conclusion I made from that dark thought. Let's just pray the grid does not go down.

Every once in awhile, it's good to unplug. It's good to just "be." We are very accustomed to our creature comforts and I'm not all that sure we need such distractions.

I am sure the night turned out uneventful, thanks to those men who braved terrible conditions to get the power restored to many homes in need.

Chris Blackburn serves as CEO at Blackburn Media Group, proud owner of The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, Hall County Herald, The Hollis News, The Knox County News-Courier, The Post Dispatch, The Childress Index, Wellington Leader and The Stonewall Courier. He can be reached by email at chris@blackburnmediagroup.com and you can follow him on Twitter @WCSBlackburn.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of LAWRENCE PAUL BONTKE, Deceased, were issued on December 17, 2013, in Cause No. 5959, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: CARL JOHN BONTKE.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Kregg Hukill
709 Broadway
P.O. Box 1929
Plainview, Texas 79073

DATED the 18th day of December, 2013.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of VIOLA GERTRUDE SMITH, Deceased, were issued on December 17, 2013, in Cause No. 5842, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: CARL JOHN BONTKE.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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SOCIETY

Open For Business: Bella Tee's In Floydada

By Kim Perez
Chamber Manager

The doors to Bella Tee's in Floydada officially opened Wednesday, December 18th with a ribbon cutting and grand opening with Owner, Erica Perez.

Erica developed a curiosity for screen-printing with each t-shirt she purchased over the years. She then turned that curiosity into a business plan for owning her own business. Erica has lived in Floydada most of her life and enjoys living and raising her kids in this humble community. Her goal for locating her business in Floydada is to help her hometown thrive by promoting shopping at home and spending money locally. Erica says she is very grateful to have the opportunity to open a business in Floydada and looks forward to the future as her business grows within the community.

Bella Tee's is your local t-shirt screen-printing business that also can print with vinyl, do decals and personalize almost any item for the perfect gifts or keepsakes. Bella Tee's is sure to fit any budget with t-shirts starting at \$7 and decals starting at \$3.

Come see what Bella Tee's can do for you at 405 East Missouri in Floydada, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed from 12-1 for lunch) and 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday. Give Erica Perez a call at 292-9102 for all your screen-printing needs.



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

Attending the ribbon cutting at Bella Tee's was (left to right) Kimberly Perez, Chamber Manager, Norma, Minerva, Helen, Devan, Erica, Bella, Joe, Rachel, Tino, Robert, and Barbara.

Lyles celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary



Photo courtesy of Don Dickson Photography

John and Christine Lyles of Hale Center celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a family dinner in their home. John Lyles and Christine Hinton were married on December 17th, 1943 in Floydada. Their children are Linda and Bob Spangler of Waco, Texas, Glenn Lyles of Plainview, Texas, Don and Tina Lyles of Rocklin, California, and Nada and Gary Rogers of China, Texas. The couple has six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, with one on the way, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Day Care

Floydada County Hesperian and Lockney Beacon Centennial Edition
May 24, 1990

By Susan Kirk

It all started with a need, dedicated people and hard work. Floyd County Day Care was conceived in the summer of 1969, when a group of people from Lockney and Floydada discussed the need for a community Day Care. The concerned citizens met with the Community Action Board. A meeting was held a charter was drawn up by Mr. Ben Ayres, under the heading of "Floyd County Day Care". The first Board of Directors were Mrs. Emma Louise Johnston, Mrs. Billie Jordan, Mr. Bob Copeland, Miss Sherry Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Copeland (Lockney) and Mr. Robert Foster, (Lockney).

Della Plains School was selected as the site since Community Action was the only occupant in the building. Next came the licensing requirements by the State of Texas and Mrs. Zoe Ward was the representative from Lubbock who helped expedite matter quickly. Letter writing and paper work were headed by John Campbell and Juan Salinas, who were Community Action Directors. The budget was sustained from donations of useable items (bed, linens, furniture, toys, books, kitchen items, etc.) and monetary contribution from the generous businesses and people of Floyd County.

The Center opened for business December 1, 1969. The Director of the Floyd County Day Care is and was Mrs. Wayne Fuller and her aid was Amanda (Torrez) Loudermilk. The first two children were Margaret and Bebe (Maria) Ochoa whose parents are Rudy

and Antonio Falcon. The day care was licensed for 20 children. Through the years it has grown, so now it is licensed for 78 children. The first board members who volunteered their time and efforts to handling the monthly expenditures were President, Dee Copeland; Vice-President, Bob Copeland; Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Johnston.

The Day care started with one room, storage room, kitchen and one playground. It now has four class rooms, two storage rooms, kitchen and two play-grounds. Floyd County Day Care started out with contributions and donations but the income comes from a sliding fee paid by parents/guardians for day care of their children. In the Fall, we have an Annual Spaghetti Supper and on Old Settlers we have raffles and a bake sale. This year we're having a food booth of hot dogs,rito pies, cold drinks and we're raffling off two items - a 19" color TV with remote control and a VCR with remote control. The last but not least important generation of income is by contributions and memorials made by individuals, church groups and civic and social clubs and businesses. Without their generosity the Day Care would have been lost.

The Center has to be checked once a year by the Fire Dept., Energas, and Health Dept. The USDA sends out menus to try in the Nutrition Program and they come out and check to see what and how much the children are being fed. They also provide training in the Nutrition Program held in Lubbock.

The workers at the Day Care are an invaluable resource. They've worked long and hard and have generated a wealth of love and respect down through the years. Mrs. Betty Fuller has been the Director since December

1969. She is required to have 20 clock hours each year in training with six hours in child care and six hours in business management. The rest of the staff has to have 15 clock hours of training. Training in CPR and first-aid is required at the center, so the director and her staff are certified yearly and every three years. The rest of the staff are: Mrs. Carrie Davis (June 1974) assistant director who works with the 4 and 5 year olds; Mrs. Mary Ferguson cook and aide since August 1976; Lee King, aide to toddlers and infants and asst. cook (August 1976); Mrs. Aurora Johnson, aid with 2 and 3 year olds since January 1984; Beverly Black, aide with 2 and 3 years olds since September 1987 and Laura Boyd, an aide who works with 4 and 5 year olds since November 1988.

The Day care is also privileged to have two Green Thumb Workers since November 1988, who work mainly with infants and toddlers, they are Mrs. Esterlane Ratliff and Letha Rae Ledbetter.

The children are given a strong foundation of love, respect and responsibility. The older children are taught a curriculum the Dept. of Human Services sends to the day care. They have art activities, music, exercise learning all about food nutrition cooking activities, and there is time for playing, resting and eating.

The Day Care Center provided care for children from Floyd County area. They encourage mothers who need to work to supplement income or become self-supporting. This is a non-profit organization which relies on interested Floydada people for its support. And thanks to wonderful people the Day Care has been in existence for almost 21 years.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

On December 18th, Sylvia Bueno's mother passed away. Mary Bueno at one time helped Sylvia fix our meals at the Center. Mary was so sweet and kind and she really made good cobbler. We will miss her.

December is always a very busy month. I've enjoyed the Christmas movies on T.V. I've also enjoyed the Christmas music and programs that our local churches have had.

The Center's Christmas Party that we have every year was cancelled due to Mary's passing. The party was planned for December 18th.

With Christmas Day being on Wednesday, the 25th, the Center will be closed the 25th, Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday, December 27th. We will be open on Monday, December 30th.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. We also thank you when you make a monetary donation to help keep the Center continue to keep our doors open to the senior adults in this community. It is a place to see your friends, enjoy a good meal, play games and break the day up. I want to be with friends, eat a good meal and enjoy the fellowship.

I feel better and the day doesn't seem so long. I know others feel like I do. It's hard to cook a good meal for one person.


Again thank you for remembering the Center with your donations. It also helps us continue to deliver meals to several senior adults in our community who are unable to leave their homes or are not able to cook for themselves.

In memory of Dorothy Anderson - Wilma Colston Clinton L. Fawver

In memory of Velma Owens - Johnnie Ward
Thought for the Week - Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones from the Floydada Senior Adults Center.

MENU

- Monday** - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato w/ sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low-fat milk
- Tuesday** - Homemade turkey pot pie, whole wheat roll, margarine, seasoned corn, tossed salad w/dressing, ambrosia, low-fat milk
- Wednesday** - Not available
- Thursday** - Not available
- Friday** - Not available



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Lockney Junior High Basketball

Lockney Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Summary

Coch J ay Ragland

The eighth grade basketball team remained undefeated on the season defeating the New Deal Lions in New Deal Monday, Dec. 16 by a score of 56-27. The team was led in scoring by Jaden Rosales with 23, Isreal Cuellar with 12, Tommy Lopez with eight, Shawn Palomin with three and Ricky Cuellar, Julio Lara, Tristan Schluter and Efen Nunez each with

two points. At 6-0 the team finishes the first round of play before the holidays.

Lockney was up 19-4 after the first quarter, 25-17 at half, 43-20 after three quarters and 56-27 at the end of the game.

The Lockney B Team defeated the New Deal B Team by a score of 9-8. The team was led in scoring by Cristo Martinez with five points, CJ Peralez with two and Reymundo Alvorado with two.

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.

"Life really wouldn't be worth livin' if you didn't have high school football." – Bob Rutherford

"The question isn't at what age I want to retire but at what income." – George Foreman

"Men are born equal, free, and are distinguished alone by virtue." – Lorenzo de Zavala

"I don't go by 'the book.' I've never seen the book. I don't know who wrote it. Until I get my hands on it, I'll keep on using my

own common sense." – Bum Phillips

"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." – Darrell Royal

"First become a winner in life. Then it's easier to become a winner on the field." – Tom Landry

"Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great." – Kenny Rogers

"You can't have a long, successful career without a positive attitude. A can-do mentality is a pitcher's best friend." – Nolan Ryan

"The hardest task is not to do what is right but to know what is right." – Lyndon Baines Johnson

"I leave this rule for others when I'm dead. Be always sure you're right – then go ahead." – Davy Crockett

The 501 Good things from small places

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" John 1:46. There you have it. For centuries people have questioned whether anyone or anything from a small town can achieve greatness.

Not that Jesus was born in Nazareth, but he lived there long enough to be called a Nazarene and fulfill prophecy. For that matter, Bethlehem wasn't a metropolis either.

So, the short answer is that good things can come from small map dots.

Consider my pineapple salsa, if we can crank things down to the secular level. A courthouse clerk in Benjamin was having the concoction for lunch one day when I happened to be there gathering

Knox County news that has since been forgotten by me and probably everyone else too. What lives on is the salsa. I got her recipe and have enjoyed it often as a side dish and sometimes, absent my husband, as the entrée. He likes it too but, husband-like, would not consider making a meal from it.

The recipe:
One fresh pineapple, cut in chunks.
One sizeable jalapeno, diced.
Two mangoes -- slippery mangoes aren't easy to cut, so whatever works.
Three kiwis, sliced or diced.
Cilantro to taste, chopped.
Juice of half a lemon.
Juice of two limes, more or less, depending on the juiciness of the limes in question.
Refrigerate or not. I think the stuff might ferment a bit, given the chance. Or spoil.
Anyway, when my husband and I decided to travel to the DFW

Metroplex to attend the traditional Christmas potluck of my gourmet cousin Sharon and her husband Tom, I decided to take the salsa.

Would it hold its own against the various offerings of the culinary crowd? For instance, Tom's yearly contribution to the event is his Vladivostok Potato Salad, a sizeable mound of potatoes and other stuff coated with Russian mayonnaise, if I heard correctly, then decoratively topped with salmon caviar.

Tom no doubt devised that recipe when the couple lived in Siberia.

PAUSE TO CHECK THE MAP.

I wanted to be sure Vladivostok was in Siberia. It is.

Sharon is something of an expert on Siberia, having written "The Other Side of Russia: A Slice of Life in Siberia and the Russian Far East," Texas A&M University Press, 2003. She and Tom lived there for a while. He teaches economics wherever he goes; she writes about food and travel. I'd rather have her job.

My husband and I were among the few party attendees not accomplished in culinary realms, writing or publishing.

One guy, Mick, had just gotten a patent on his custard. No kidding. It tastes fattening and isn't because he invented a way to coagulate the protein, or something like that. Proof's in the pudding. It was very good and tasted as rich as cheesecake

Meanwhile, my fruity salsa drew rave reviews and prompted requests for the recipe.

Amid all the talk of globetrotting culinary adventures, I should have mentioned the salsa was from Benjamin.

They would have been the ones doing the map checks.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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

PROPOSED REGISTRATION NUMBERS: 77081L019, 82058L013, and 84182L009

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Baker Concrete Construction, Inc., 900 North Garver Road, Monroe, Ohio 45050-1241, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit for a Concrete Batch Plant Registration Numbers 77081L019, 82058L013, and 84182L009, which would authorize construction of only one of the listed temporary concrete batch plants under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 116.611 (30 TAC § 116.611) near South Plains, Floyd County, Texas 78385. The following driving directions were provided: from South Plains go north in Highway 207 to the intersection of Highway 207 and Farm-to-Market Road 689, go east approximately 5.5 miles to the site located on the north side of Farm-to-Market Road 689. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 14, 2013. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the applications and determined that the applications meet all of the requirements of a Standard Permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611 which would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and at the Floyd County Clerk's Office, 105 South Main Street, Room 101, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, 5012 50th St Ste 100, Lubbock, Texas.

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

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

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the registration number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.26&lng=-101.213055&zoom=13&type=r>.

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

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

Further information may also be obtained from Baker Concrete Construction, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Shane Self, Professional Engineer, Enviro-Ag Engineering, Inc. at (806) 353-6123.

Notice Issuance Date: December 17, 2013

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Hello again from the Senior Citizens Center!!! Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

We had 55 folks here for family night on the 20th. Everyone enjoyed some good fish and lots of fellowship. Sunny and Larry Hammit were here with Larry's Uncle and Aunt and a Cousin, I am sorry I didn't get their names, but we enjoyed having them. Lucy Dean played the piano and we all sang Happy Birthday to Bob Gay and Joshua Armstrong.

We will have family night again on the 27th so we hope to see you all there. Family Night will be EVERY Friday starting at 5 p.m. till 8 p.m.

Thank You to all of you who have made memorial donations. We appreciate it very much.

A HUGE Thanks to Donna and Cecil

Jones for helping out here at the Center while Gene is still out! Get well soon Gene!

Remember coffee time daily at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and Exercise with Dorothy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45 to 9:15, and Pot Luck on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

The Center will be closed on 25th through the 27th for Christmas and on 31st and the 1st of January for New Years. PLEASE mark your calendar.

Menu
December 30- January 3
Monday: Soup and Cornbread
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Salmon
Friday: Meat Loaf

Wayland's Masters of Divinity program off to flying start

Jonathan Petty

Director of Communications
 Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW — In only its first semester in operation, Wayland Baptist University's Master of Divinity program is off to a flying start. With 18 students already participating and 29 more in the pipeline, faculty and administrators couldn't be more pleased and they see an even brighter future for the online program.

Dr. Paul Sadler, dean of the School of Religion and Philosophy, expressed that joy as he reflected over the past semester.

"We've been very pleased to have the number of applicants we did," he said, adding that the program continues to receive applicants on almost a weekly basis.

According to religion professor Dr. Jay Givens, who is the director of the School of Religion and Philosophy's online program and chaired the committee that researched and developed the Master of Divinity program, courses began being offered this past fall. He explained that the primary emphasis behind the program was to give ministers and those interested in ministry who did not live near an existing seminary the opportunity to continue their training and education. In particular, he said the university wanted to help students who wanted to become chaplains.

"The initial impetus," he said, "was we had a number of students at a number of our campuses asking about, specifically, chaplaincy. They were wanting to go into military chaplaincy. Many of them were already military. We did not have a degree that could help the student meet that goal. We began to investigate and look at it and we just came to the decision that it would be good for our school to provide an opportunity for those who are not near a seminary to have some means of honing their skills of being a minister wherever they are located."

Wayland has 13 campuses, counting the home campus in Plainview, and many are linked to military installations where they cater not only to the military but also to non-traditional students, in general. Givens said that some of those campuses supplement the online offerings with face-to-face courses. He said that many of the participants in the program are Wayland grads, but the school also is seeing some new faces.

Sadler said that the Master of Divinity degree is more-or-less the "gold stan-

dard" for ministry, particularly for pastoral ministry, but in many instances people are not in a position to be able to move to a physical seminary. Either they already are involved in a ministry and don't want to leave it or their spouse has a job and their children are involved in the community and they don't want to uproot their families.

"We have students who genuinely desire the education but because of various reasons cannot relocate to a seminary. There are a number of factors that make it very good to have it available online."

He went on to explain that the program has even begun to reach students who are part of Wayland's Kenya program. And, he continued, it is gaining recognition across the United States, as well.

An example of that is a growing interest in New England, according to Director of Church Services Michael Summers. Summers explained that last fall he attended the New England Baptist Convention's annual meeting, and had the opportunity to talk about the Master of Divinity program, as well as all of the university's other online offerings.

"They have no Baptist college up there that offers that," he said, adding that the MDiv program availability has the potential to open the door for an extended partnership between the New England Baptist Convention and Wayland.

"The exciting thing about New England is that not only are they excited about the Master of Divinity degree and the other school of religion degrees but their students from their Baptist churches are looking at costs, even in the public school system, the public colleges, that are far greater than what our cost is," Summers explained, adding "the online bachelor's degrees, religion and non-religion, is something they just have been thrilled to discover."

Summers said that excitement is being shared by state conventions across the country, and Sadler agreed.

"We're excited that people all over the country have become aware that the program is available," Sadler said. "It's available through a mainline Baptist institution like Wayland and they can access it online. That's what is exciting. We think the further we go in the program you will see the same (enthusiasm) happening with our Baptist constituency all over the country and even beyond the U.S."

Home Country

By Slim Randles

You have to look for the schism, Jasper said to himself out at the woodpile. He put another chunk of firewood up on the splitting block and took a look at the checking cracks that ran part way through the circles of age rings.

If I hit it right there, he said to himself, it should cleave.

"What do you think, Arthur? If I hit it right there...?"

Arthur looked up from his end of the woodpile and wagged his tail. The old guy's talking to me again. Sure is cold out here. When are we going back in the cabin? Isn't it almost time for supper? Oops, gotta scratch an itch...

"Always good to have your opinion, old timer," Jasper Blankenship said.

He picked up the double-bit cruiser ax, made sure the splitting

edge of the ax was in the downward position, and swung. Half a century and more of splitting firewood took that ax blade to that crack in the block, and there was a welcoming ka-chunk as part of the block was surgically cloven from the rest.

Well done, Dr. Blankenship, Jasper thought. Now for this remaining chunk. One more split and it'll fit the firebox quite nicely.

He sized it up. This second swing wasn't as difficult to figure out as that first one. There is less wood to cut through, for one thing.

Ka-chunk. Three pieces of firewood in two swings of the ax. Not bad for an old guy.

Jasper could've bought a splitting maul, of course. Only Arthur would know. But that's like shooting flies with a thirty ought-six. Overkill. This way a guy has to know what he's doing to hit the schism

on the first swing.

Just take this next block here. Just to the left of that knot, I think.

"Arthur, we should have been diamond cutters, you know?"

I think it's time to feed the dog, Boss. And it's getting cold out here.

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Weather Whys

Q: You often see temperatures fall in a hurry in some parts of the country. What's the largest temperature drop in the United States?

A: Montana appears to hold the record, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "On Dec. 14, 1924, the temperature at Fairfield, Mont., went from 63 degrees at noon to minus 21 degrees at midnight, meaning the temperature fell 84 degrees in a 12-hour period. But even that day was topped. On Jan. 23, 1916, the temperature in Browning, Mont., fell from 44 degrees one afternoon to minus 56 degrees the following afternoon — a drop of an even 100 degrees."

Q: Why does Montana hold those kind of records?

A: Because of the huge size of the state, its geography and its northern location, Montana has the right ingredients for

temperature fluctuations, McRoberts adds. "Nearby Spearfish, S.D., has the largest temperature rise on record. On Jan. 22, 1943, the temperature went from minus-4 degrees at 7:30 a.m. to 45 degrees by 7:32 — an incredible warm-up of 49 degrees in just two minutes. The warm Chinook winds of this region can bring about very swift warming periods, while the strong arctic cold fronts from northern Canada can cause sharp temperature drops of 30 and 40 degrees in just a few hours. Texas is also no stranger to such drops. On Dec. 12, 1919 in Amarillo, it was 67 degrees at noon, and a strong cold front blew in and dropped the temperature to 23 degrees by 1 p.m., an amazing 44-degree drop in just one hour."

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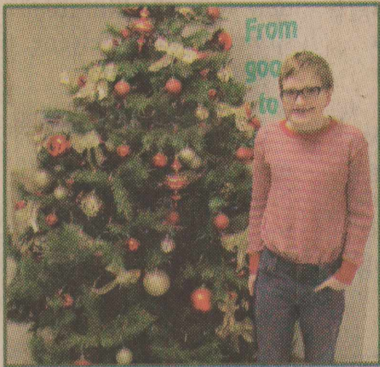
Whirlwind News



Students at FJHS Share Holiday Family Traditions

By Cynthia Smith-Editor & Journalism-Staff Writers

Christmas. It's the time of year in which everyone is filled with joy, laughter, and cheer. Students at FJHS are not only looking forward to opening presents and being able to have a break from school, but they are also ready to delight in the family traditions that they take part in this holiday season.



Dusty Prisk
On Thanksgiving our family draws names and for Christmas we purchase a present for the name we chose.



Jasmine Cuba
My family and I open up our presents and play many games to have a joyful time on Christmas.



Johnny Caballero
Wrapping presents for the children.



Kiarra Collins
Spending time with my family and grandparents.



Gabe Delafuente
Making ginger bread houses and opening presents with my family.



Alexis Segura
Every year for Christmas we meet up at my Aunts house and make tamales to have a good time.



Allison Muniz
Having Christmas with my family.



Avery Silva
Wrapping gifts and opening presents with my family.



Mariana Olvera
All of our family gathers together at my grandmother's house, and we make food while having a good time.



Brittany Flores
My family gathers together at my house to open up our Christmas presents on Christmas Eve.

Season's Greetings from FJSD



The Results Are In

By Mattie Sanders - Staff Writer

The room is filled with students from schools all over the district. Their ears are full of excited chatter and practicing competitors for the different speaking events. Every student is anxiously waiting their turn to shine in front of the judges. Today is the day that all the hard work for UIL comes into play for contest.

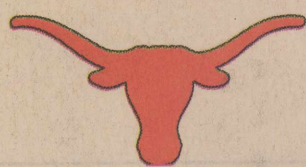
Recently, the elementary district UIL meet took place with the results coming in shortly after. The contestants did very well at contest this year.

In third grade, Devin Reyes received first place for Music Memory and Lailah Burks placed third in Ready Writing. Trace Glasscock, a fourth grader, also did well in Ready Writing, receiving fourth place. Fifth grader, Ryder Glass, placed fourth in, both, Number Sense and Maps, Charts and Graphs. In the same grade level, Kendal Hughes won fifth place for her work in listening skills.

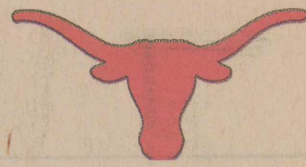
For the sixth grade competitors, a total of six students placed in their events. Ruth Ramirez was sixth in Number Sense. In Oral Reading, Payton Teeple also received sixth. Yelena Soroto placed sixth in Ready Writing and Christian Marmolejo placed the same in Listening Skills. Winning fifth place in Spelling was Mike Delafuente, and Emily Cisneros, who competed in Maps, Charts, and Graphs, scored second.



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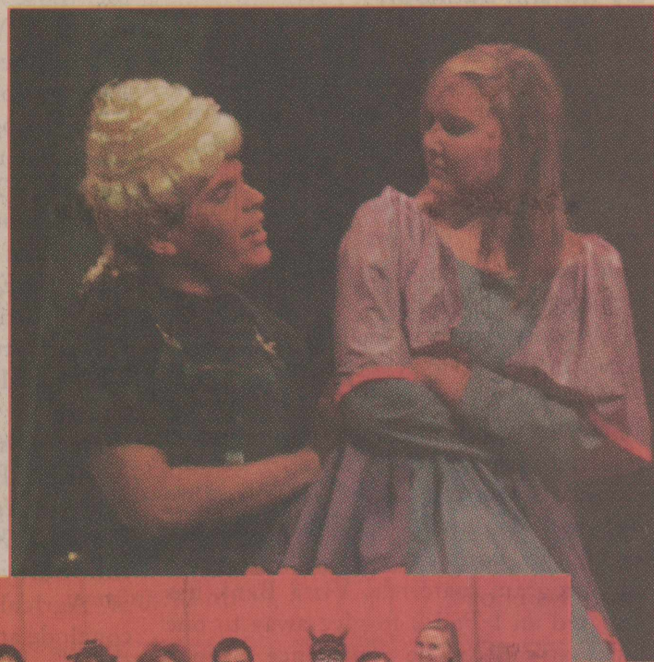
Longhorn News



The Brother's Grimm Spectaculathon

On Monday, November 25th, Lockney theatre students presented their 7th annual children's show for the public. This year's production, Don Zoldis's The Brother's Grimm Spectaculathon, was presented in conjunction with a steak dinner and fundraiser for the Lockney Life Foundation, which raises money for scholarships for all Lockney students.

The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon takes several well known fairy tales, and some lesser known ones, and mixes them all together into one big, fun mess! Narrated by seniors Hunter Thompson and Jasmine Pena, the show also features senior Nathan Caballero in many roles, as well as seniors Paula Cuellar, David Johnson, and Ashly Alvarado, and Bethany McCulloch. Underclassmen participating in the performance were juniors Ignacio Ascencio, Darby Long, Andrew Palomin, and Ashley Rob-



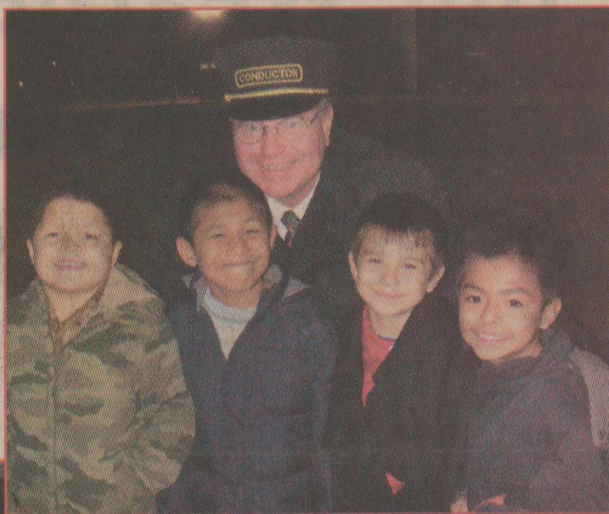
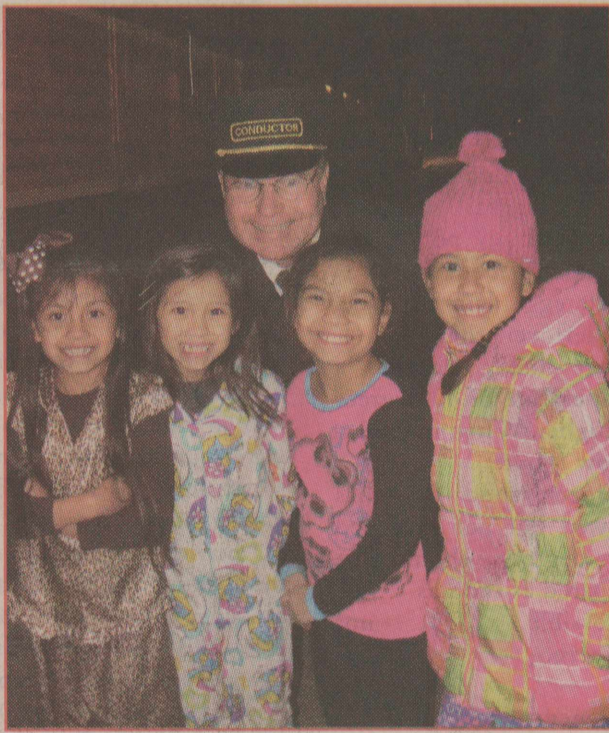
erts; sophomores Mason Chance, Jace Klein, and Jake Moore; and freshmen Blanca Bueno, Shelby Dunbar, Valerie Hernandez, Luke Kasner, and Hannah Kidd. These students were directed by Lesha Woodard and assisted by crew members sophomores Colton Verdine, Lissa Hernandez, Lena Luna, and Sher Keyser as well as freshman Alec Tambunga.

The event raised over a thousand dollars for the Lockney Life Foundation.



All Aboard!!

Lockney Elementary 2nd Grade took a field trip on December 11th to the Polar Express. The kids raised money by selling chocolate bars. It was a great experience for them. The Polar Express is a train ride that takes the kids to the North Pole. Along the way cookies and hot cocoa are served. Santa and his elves get on the train and talk to all the kids. Each child brought home a souvenir mug and lots of memories.



Sharing the Christmas Spirit



The Lockney High School Student Council has had various fundraisers such as selling booster ribbons throughout the year to raise money for senior scholarships. These fundraisers not only help raise money for scholarships but also help do good things for our community. This year, the Student Council went to Lubbock to buy coats and other warm gear for people in need. As a group we gained a sense of joy and satisfaction knowing that giving to others is greater than receiving. That is one of the rewards being a member of Student Council is all about, helping out around the community and taking pride in our job.

Band Christmas Concert

This past Thursday the Lockney Jr. High and High School bands performed their annual Christmas concert for the community of Lockney. The Longhorn Band performed Fanfare for a Holiday Celebration, Chester Variations, American Bell Carol, and Let It Snow. The community enjoyed the bands' performances which help put them in the Holiday Spirit!



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AGRICULTURE

Caprock Crop Production Conference slated for Jan. 23

By Caitlin Jackson
CEA-AG/NR
Crosby County

The Caprock Crop Production Conference is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center located 6 miles west on Hwy 70 from Floydada and 4 miles east on Hwy 70 from Lockney. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. The cost of the conference is \$35.00 (we will be accepting pre-registration until January 21) after this date a \$10 late fee will be added. Registration information can be received through the Floyd or Crosby County Extension offices. Registration will include lunch, 7 CEU's tentative as of now, conference cap, door prizes and program materials. Vista Bank has donated an I-Pad 2 to give away to one lucky attendee. The conference is open to all area producers as well as anyone interested in crop production. The conference will include a trade show with vendors displaying their latest products and equipment.

The 7 tentative Continuing Education Units available by attending the conference will include 3.5 General, 2 IPM, 1 Laws & Regulation and .5 Drift Minimization. We are also approved for 6.5 Certified Crop Advisor credits

for those interested and will include 1 Soil & Water Management, 3.5 Pest Management, 1 Crop Management and 1 Professional Development.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. Speakers will be: Caitlin Jackson, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Peter Dotray, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jason Woodward, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jim Bordovsky, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers; John Robinson, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jason Coleman, High Plains Underground Water District; Jay Yates, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Mark Kelley, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Calvin Trostle, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; and Casey Summers, TX Department of Agriculture. The conference will conclude at 4:00 pm with evaluations and CEU certificates. If you need assistance or have questions please contact the Crosby County Extension Office (675-2347) or the Floyd County Office (983-4912) by January 17, 2014 to advise for auxiliary and/or services needed. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Extension Office will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for the meeting.

Cold Weather Health Precautions for this Winter

Freezing temperatures, chilling winds, ice storms and snow can cause serious health problems including frostbite and hypothermia (abnormally low body temperature).

Precautions

Wear several layers of loose-fitting clothing, mittens, a hat and a face cover when outdoors.

Stay dry.

Be extra cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cold weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

At the first signs of possible frostbite—redness or pain in any skin area—get out of the cold or protect any exposed skin.

Watch for hypothermia

symptoms.

Confusion, drowsiness, slurred speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing and a pinkish tint to the skin.

Anyone with hypothermia symptoms is in immediate danger and should receive medical help right away.

Check on elderly or sick people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.

Food Safety

Winter storms can cause power outages and lead to food safety problems. If you lose power for more than four hours, take these precautions with refrigerated food products:

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as

much as possible during power outages.

Discard any potentially hazardous foods such as meats, eggs, dairy products and leftovers that

may have reached a temperature of 40 degrees or higher. When in doubt, throw it out.

Frozen food that has thawed but not exceeded 40 degrees should be prepared as soon as possible. Do not refreeze.

Generators

Avoid exposure to deadly carbon monoxide gas. Never use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement or garage or outdoors near a window.

It's Hard to Have Happy Holidays When You're Arrested for Drunk Driving

This holiday season, Floyd County law enforcement will be out in force and cracking down on drunk drivers throughout the region with aggressive Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement. The sad reality is that Texas continues to lead the nation in drunken driving fatalities, and the holiday period is especially dangerous.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent Amy Kress reminds drivers that the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign runs from now until January 1, 2014.

The death toll from drunk driving significantly increases during the period from Christmas to New Year's Day. According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Texas DWI fatalities during

the holiday season December 1-31, 2012, resulted in 96 fatalities. But not everyone dies in a crash. Many live with lifelong, debilitating injuries as a result of their own drunk driving or that of a complete stranger.

The consequences and costs are significant if you are caught driving while intoxicated, costing you \$17,000 or more, the loss of your driver license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses.

Even a little holiday cheer can impair a person's driving. Plan ahead if you are going to drink alcohol.

The message is out there, but it only works if you join our efforts this holiday season by pledging to give or be the gift of a sober driver. Find out how to pledge at soberrides.org. Other tips include:

- Designate a non-drinking driver before festivities begin.
- Keep taxi cab phone numbers handy if your city has cab service, and dial one when you're ready to leave.
- Make arrangements to call someone you trust to pick you up.
- Spend the night where you are.
- Step up and step in—don't let friends drive if they've been drinking. Give someone a gift by being their sober, designated driver.

For information on free alcohol awareness programs available through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program in College Station, go to www.watchurbac.tamu.edu or call 979-862-1911.

Cotton News

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

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North Carolina cotton producer and ginner BB Griffin was elected Chairman of Cotton Incorporated during the recent Cotton Board/Cotton Incorporated joint board meeting last week in Savannah, Georgia.

"BB's duel, first-hand knowledge of our industry as a producer and ginner, combined with his decades of experience in leadership positions, make him an excellent choice to be our Chairman," states J. Berrye Worsham, President & CEO, Cotton Incorporated.

Serving as President of the North Carolina Cotton Producers Association from 2000-2001 and President of the Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association from 2004-2005, BB received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from North Carolina State University. He is co-owner of Griffin Farming Partnership and Woodville Supply Cotton Gin. "Cotton is more than just a plant, it's a lifestyle and BB embodies that lifestyle," states David Parrish, CEO, North Carolina Cotton Producers Association.

Griffin will serve a two-year term. "BB is one of the most positive and charismatic leaders in our industry. We will work diligently together to move Cotton Incorporated and the Cotton Research & Promotion Program forward on our path of continued success in 2014," concludes Worsham.

HPWD TO LAUNCH
DIGITAL VERSION OF
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The High Plains Underground Water District is preparing a digital version of The Cross Section newsletter to be e-mailed to readers every other week. The first issue of the digital newsletter will be distributed in Jan. 2014.

"The Cross Section marks its 60th year of publication in 2014. As we near this milestone, the HPWD Board of Directors and staff believe it is the perfect time to offer a digital version of the newsletter. This will allow the district to use new technologies to better communicate its water conservation messages to the public," said Carmon McCain, editor.

Persons wanting to receive the digital version of the newsletter are encouraged to visit the district's web site at <http://www.hpwd.com>. Clicking on the blue "newsletter" button on the far right side of the web page allows visitors to join an e-mail list to receive the latest news and information from the High Plains Water District.

Visitors will also find links to the district's social media efforts below the "newsletter" button. These include LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, and the HPWD blog.

Comments and suggestions are always welcomed by the High Plains Water District's information/education group. They may be contacted at (806) 762-0181 or by e-mail at info@hpwd.com or adeline.fox@hpwd.com.

FSA URGES FARMERS
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ELECTIONS

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the FSA County Committee Elections begin Dec. 20, 2013, with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Jan. 17, 2014.

Producers have been instructed to destroy the FSA County Committee Election ballots (FSA-669's) mailed on Nov. 4. The new ballots mailed to producers will have the word "corrected" printed on the outside of the mailing, the ballot itself, and the return envelope. Producers must complete and return the corrected FSA-669 to have their vote counted.

Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the coming week can obtain one from their local USDA Service Center. The last day for voters to submit corrected ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers is Jan. 17, 2014. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Jan. 17. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office Feb. 18, 2014.

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster programs for some commodities; emergency programs and eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

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. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended on Aug. 1.

Close to 7,700 FSA county committee members serve in the 2,124 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. More information on county committees, such as the 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.

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Marble Gin - 5,200
Darty Gin - 16,039
Barwise Gin - 16,990
Lockney Coop Gin - 33,102
D & J Gin - 25,119

TOTAL BALES - 197,226



Photo by Rosie Rendon

Attending the ribbon cutting and open house in Lockney on Friday, Dec. 20th were (l to r) SPCAA Community Services Director Brad Patrick, SPCAA Floyd Co Neighborhood Center Worker Dalia Arvizu, SPCAA Assistant to the Executive Director Adolfo Perez, SPCAA HOME Program Specialist Christy Vargas.



Photo by Brad Patrick

Burgers and refreshments were provided at the ribbon cutting by Atmos Energy, Lowe's, Hospice Hands and SPCAA. Pictured is the Atmos Energy crew from Plainview/Lockney, and officials from the City of Lockney.

HOMES

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the title to their home has to be free and clear, and they are required to be current on all taxes. Based on the condition of the previous homes in Lockney, both were demolished and reconstructed with a spacious 2-bed/1-bath, 1,048 square foot brick home. TDHCA requires that funding not to exceed \$80,000 for the reconstruction of a new home, and in both cases, Qualls Company, Inc. of Abernathy was able to construct them for just under that amount.

Of the reconstruction process in Lockney, Floyd County Judge Penny Go-lightly says, "We are so

proud and happy for the families. What a great Christmas gift. I want to thank South Plains Community Action, Bill, Brad, and Christy for helping me through this long process. We have finally seen this project through to fruition. Back in 2009, when Caprock Community Action merged with South Plains Community Action, we have been working towards building homes in Floyd County. Now we are accomplishing our goal even thru some rough economic times for the Federal Government and even our state government which changed rules on us. So great to see!" Other communities in which SPCAA staff is overseeing similar reconstruction or rehabilitation projects include Brown-

field, Cochran County, Smyer, Spur, Sundown, Tahoka, and Terry County among others.

Floyd County and SPCAA staff will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 410 NE 6th Street in Lockney on Friday, December 20th at 11:30 am. Both homeowners, their families and friends are welcome to attend this event. Burgers and refreshments will be provided by Atmos Energy, Lowe's, Hospice Hands and SPCAA.

Further information on the TDHCA HRA Program may be obtained by contacting Brad Patrick, SPCAA Community Services Director, at: SPCAA Community Services Division, P.O. Box 610, Level-land, TX 79336, (806) 894-5153.

Texas A&M Forest Service Issues Winter Outlook Safety Tips for Holiday Season

COLLEGE STATION, Texas—Significant rain this year could be a potential threat during the winter wildfire season. Residents are urged to take precautions as the cold weather begins drying the increased vegetation.

Rains earlier this year helped suppress wildfire threats by improving moisture levels across majority of the state. However, this led to a rise in grassy areas, which can help spread fires if it becomes too dry.

Potential for fire is especially relevant in the western plains regions of the state. Including the grass dominated areas west of a Wichita Falls to Abilene to San Angelo line. Strong persistent winds over this area could increase the chance of wildfires spreading.

"The concern is on dry and windy days," said Tom Spencer, predictive services department head at Texas A&M Forest Service. "A fire could start and spread quickly in these dry grasses, damaging anything in its path." Care is highly recommended throughout the winter months and activities that could accidentally start a fire should be limited.

Several safety tips are advised for all Texans this holiday season:

Check for and obey burn bans and fireworks restrictions.

When and where outdoor burning is allowed,

keep the fire small, never leave it unattended and remove leaves and other materials from the area surrounding the fire. Avoid lighting piles on windy days.

Keep water nearby in case a fire starts. A spark or burning ember can ignite dry, fine-textured fuels like grass and weeds.

Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.

Use fireworks with close adult supervision and only in areas clear of dry vegetation.

Avoid using fireworks, particularly aerial varieties, around buildings. Wind can carry hot fireworks onto roofs where leaves or other flammable debris may have accumulated.

Remove your natural Christmas tree soon after the holidays and consider community tree recycling projects. Christmas trees can be ground up for mulch or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.

Dispose of wrapping paper, boxes and other holiday waste by recycling, when practical. Burn paper and cardboard in a burn barrel or other fire-proof receptacle topped by a metal screen or grill, as winds can carry embers over long distances.

For more information about daily fire weather forecasts and an updated fire danger map visit the Texas Interagency Coordination Center web page.

Texas Unemployment Rates Down, Lowest Since December 2008

Lubbock, TX— Texas not seasonally adjusted unemployment dropped from 6% in October to 5.8% in November and remains lower than the national average, which also dropped from 7% to 6.6% over the same time period.

Total nonagricultural employment in Texas climbed by an estimated 28,700 positions in November. Trade, Transportation and Utilities Industry accounted for the vast majority of the gains with an estimated 22,600 added jobs, making the increase the largest over-the-month increase in series history. Retail trade accounted for more than 70% of the total added employment for the Trade Industry.

In statewide nonagricultural, not seasonally adjusted Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), retail trade also experienced its largest November increase in the series. Stores added 43,100 jobs, many of them to accommodate holiday shopping.

Lubbock MSA Trade, Transportation and Utility added 900 jobs in November and its Retail Trade annual employment growth led percentage-wise over most of the state's areas, coming in third with 5.3%. College Station-Bryan MSA placed number one with 6.2% and Victoria, number two with 5.8%.

Lubbock MSA overall unemployment, not seasonally adjusted, tied with Abilene for the fourth lowest unemployment MSA in the state, at 4.5%.

"We are pleased to see Lubbock remains one of the strongest areas in Texas where state unemployment continues to remain below the national average. It certainly is the season for re-

tail to experience growth, but we also continue to remain strong in the construction industry in contrast to other areas of the state," said Martin Aguirre, CEO of Workforce Solutions South Plains.

Lubbock MSA Mining, Logging and Construction increased 7.3% over the last year, while the state's annualized growth in the same industry remained sluggish.

Four of the 11 major industries showed statewide employment gains over the month and the not seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.8%, making it the lowest for Texas since December 2008.

The Texas unemployment not seasonally adjusted rate was eight-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate and has remained at or below the national rate for 84 consecutive months.

"What all these great unemployment statistics really add up to, our lowest unemployment rate in nearly five years, a declining unemployment rate for four consecutive months and more than a quarter-million jobs added since this time last year, is that Texas is creating jobs and opportunity. Whether it's the steadily dropping unemployment rate or recent estimates that Texas will have billions left on hand at the end of the current biennium, the news continues to demonstrate that the Texas way of low taxes and individual freedom works. We've been the national epicenter for all kinds of job creation for over a decade, and all indications are that won't change anytime soon," said Governor Rick Perry.

Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures prices have settled higher eight out of the last 10 sessions at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) with the March contract having gained 448 points during that period. At the close of trading on Dec. 19, March cotton was up 33 points at 83.33 cents per pound after topping at 83.62 cents. The session's volume, 8,992 contracts, was the lowest since the last week of September; however, prices seemed to get a boost from another impressive export sales report.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported net upland sales of 236,000 bales in the week ended Dec. 12, up 36 percent from the previous week. Turkey, by far, was the featured buyer with purchases of 80,400 bales, followed distantly by China, South Korea and Colombia.

"Turkey carried the day," said one analyst. "China's business was the least since the period ending Oct. 3, but others had no trouble in taking up the slack," he added. The export sales volume was in the upper end of most traders' expectations. Another analyst noted total commitments for U.S. export sales are now 70 percent of the current USDA estimate of 10.4 million bales with 33 weeks remaining in the current marketing year. By comparison, the previous five-year average of total commitments as a percent of total exports is 73 percent

at this point in the marketing year.

The only hiccup for cotton futures this week came on Tuesday when all contracts settled moderately lower in what some traders called a correction. The March contract was under modest pressure early in the session before it turned higher at mid-morning in New York. It then broke through the previous day's high of 83.33 cents, topping at 83.72 before sellers returned and settled at 82.95 cents per pound, down 43 points. Wednesday's ICE session was kinder, and March regained the 83-cent level by settling 5 points higher as cotton seemed to ignore weakness among other commodities.

The spot cotton market cooled off somewhat this week as producers sold 84,045 bales online as of the close of trading Thursday, down significantly from the previous week's volume of 141,804 bales. One analyst noted some growers may be slowing their selling for tax reasons as the calendar year comes to an end. Prices received by producers this week remained consistent, ranging from 75 to 77 cents per pound compared to 75 to 76 cents the previous week.

In other news, the cost of importing cotton into China next year may be only slightly higher after the government there adjusted its formula for calculating tariffs; however, the news does not remove uncertainty about the coun-

try's level of demand. According to one report, China allows cotton imports of approximately 4.1 million bales at a duty of one percent per its commitments to the World Trade Organization. Additional imports are taxed at rates of five to 40 percent based on a sliding tariff calculation, and it is these imports some traders are worried about as China may limit them as it tries to liquidate its massive strategic reserves of cotton.

Mostly open, warm weather allowed many producers to start winding down their harvest across much of the U.S. Cotton Belt this week. However, cold and rainy weather was predicted from Lubbock to the Carolinas this weekend. The most concern may be in the Texas Rolling Plains and Georgia where the inclement weather could slow the final harvesting and movement of modules from fields to gin yards.

Meanwhile, cotton producers in Brazil and Argentina were making good progress planting their 2013-14 crops this week. Operations were virtually complete in Brazil's second largest cotton producing state and were advancing quickly in its largest producing state. Favorable weather in Argentina allowed producers to make good progress, and various estimates put the crop at 70 to 90 percent planted.

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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship .. 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study. 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth) .. 7:15 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise.. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday).. 6:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High 5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School.. 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Beau A. Hart, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
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Rev. Timothy Askew
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ... 6:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

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Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
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English Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

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Mon. Wed. Mass..... 6:30 p.m.
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Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service..... 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
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Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Employees of the Floydada Post Office Wishes Everyone a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"



Photo by Jill Graham
Santa Claus made a stop at the Floydada Post Office on Friday, Dec. 20 to see all the good little boys and girls.



Courtesy Photo
The employees of the Floydada Post Office gathered Friday, Dec. 20 to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Pictured are (Back Row, l-r) Jill Graham, Santa (a.k.a. Leonel Longoria), Benita Longoria, Lenda Clark, Rusty Wallace, Pam Holmes, Pamela Hernandez; (Front Row, l-r) Tracy Turner, Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. Altie Nelson), and Don Warren.

Salvation Army Toy and Food Distribution



Alicia Luna and Teresa Gonzales organizing toys for Santa to distribute on Saturday.



The Salvation Army would like to thank the Monsanto Company and their employees in Aiken, Texas for the donation of toys that were distributed on Saturday, Dec. 21 to the children in Lockney. Top, Left to right: Estella Garcia, Robert Sweatt, Inigo Ibarra and bottom: Sam Stephens



Courtesy Photos
Santa Claus paid a visit to the Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec. 21 and with the help of his elves, they distributed toys to some of the kids of Lockney. The toys were donated by the Monsanto Company.



Teresa Gonzales (r) distributes Christmas food sacks to families in need. Families picked up their food after the children visited Santa at the Salvation Army Store. Gonzales said their pantry is in need of being restocked after giving out 100 Senior Baskets and another 50 baskets to families.



Amelia Guerrero and Daughter Connie Gonzales were pleased to receive their Christmas Basket. Esmeralda Sanchez and Teresa Gonzales delivered to the homes of the senior citizens. We delivered 100 Senior Baskets on Thursday, Dec. 19.



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The Salvation Army distributed 100 Senior Baskets on Thursday, Dec. 19 and it would not have been possible without their volunteers. The volunteers who donated their time to deliver Senior Baskets included Frankie and Linda Graves, Norma Ragland and Glynda Ford, David and Esmeralda Sanchez, Teresa Gonzales and Alicia Luna. Teresa Gonzales said that it feels good to see these peoples smile and in tears because in reality we don't know what they go through or how lonely they feel and knowing that there is someone thinking of them. We can make a difference in people's lives makes it all worth the while. God has been so good and we are blessed to be in a Community that cares for others. The Salvation Army welcomes donations at any time.

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