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## Mangold Hospital and Cogdell Clinics offer new cardiac digital health solutions



**STAFF REPORTS**

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, and the Cogdell Clinics in Lockney and Silvertown, are now using Cardiac Insight, Inc.'s all-inclusive innovative wearable ECG sensors and proprietary software that automatically analyzes electrocardiogram (ECG) data to detect arrhythmias, including atrial fibrillation, often referred to as AFib.

Access to this new diagnostic solution shortens time to diagnosis (7 days or less), benefitting patients, physicians and clinicians. The eight primary care providers at the two clinics will utilize the FDA-cleared technology to deliver telehealth and in-clinic access to early AFib detection and diagnosis to its patients from across the region.

AFib is the most common type of treated heart arrhythmia, the hospital noted in a press release, and an estimated 2.7 to 6.1 million people in the U.S. live with this arrhythmia. While AFib itself is typically not life-threatening, complications from AFib if left untreated include increased risk for heart problems and heart failure, and in-

creased risk for stroke. AFib is responsible for about one in seven strokes. Cardea SOLO ECG System quick detection enables care providers to immediately begin treatment.

"Implementing innovative technologies to address patient needs is the key to effective care," said Vince DiFranco, Mangold CEO. "While prompt results are critical for all patients, for cardiac patients, getting a timely and accurate diagnosis could be lifesaving. This new automated software gives our providers access to instant results to begin addressing patient concerns as soon as they are detectable. The adoption of this technology is a tremendous asset to both our patients and our clinics and we are very pleased to bring this service to our community."

The Cardea SOLO wearable single-use sensor is typically applied to the patient in a hospital clinic or physician office. After an optimal seven-day wear period, the patient removes and returns their sensor to the physician's office by mail or in person. Cardea SOLO's algorithm-based ECG software produces a comprehensive report within five minutes to direct clinical

decision-making, reducing the overall time to diagnosis.

"We are excited to support W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital and the Cogdell Clinics in Lockney and Silvertown's efforts in enhancing patient care," said Robert Odell, Cardiac Insight President and Chief Operating Officer. "Adoption of digital health is at an all-time high, as health care systems further prioritize quality care and seek out new methods and technology to provide efficient and effective care."

The Lockney General Hospital District consists of W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, a 25-bed critical access hospital, and two rural health clinics, the Cogdell Clinic in Lockney and the Cogdell Clinic - Briscoe County. For more information online, visit [www.mangoldmemorial.org](http://www.mangoldmemorial.org).

Cardiac Insight, Inc. ([www.cardiacinsightinc.com](http://www.cardiacinsightinc.com)) is a leading U.S. digital healthcare innovation company specializing in the development of medical-grade, body-worn ECG sensor technology and automated cardiac analysis solutions through its proprietary algorithms and software platforms.



**RIBBON CUTTING** Last week in Lockney, three businesses—Moments in Time Photography, The Coffee House, and Joyfulea Creations and More 2 held a combined ribbon cutting on Main Street. These new businesses are still offering specials, and invite visitors to come check out their products and services. | HESPERIAN-BEACON PHOTO

## Floydada's Family Dollar to close June 17

BARBARA BRANNON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Shelves were about three-quarters empty last week in the Family Dollar store at 108 S. Second St., Floydada, as the retail chain prepares to shut down. The store will close on Thursday, June 17 due to non-agreement on lease negotiations, according to store management.

Several weeks ago when the closure was announced it was learned that the Houston-based owner of the building had raised the cost of the lease. Management said that Family Dollar would not pay that increase and would instead close the store.

Five employees, all live in Floydada, and will lose their jobs. "It's a huge loss," said Floydada Chamber of Commerce director Kortney DeBock. "Five people being out of a job is a difficult situation. We hope other businesses step up." DeBock said that the Chamber is always willing to post local job openings and accept resumes to pass along.

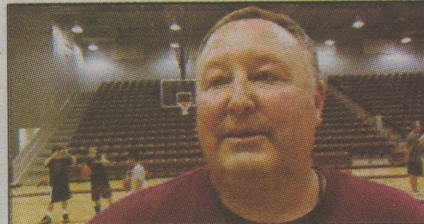
According to the Family Dollar corporation's website, in 2015, the firm officially merged with Dollar Tree, together becoming one of the largest small-format retailers in the United States. At that point, Family Dollar operated well over 8,000 stores.

Wikipedia additionally notes that on March 6, 2019, "the retailer announced that it would close up to 400 stores nationwide due to heavy pressure from an activist investor. Most of those store locations were either shut down entirely or replaced with Dollar Tree stores."



**FAMILY DOLLAR** is selling the last of its inventory this week at reduced prices. Posted hours are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., the final day of business Thursday, June 17. | HESPERIAN-BEACON PHOTOS

## Floydada coaches move on; change positions



KAY ELLINGTON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Coaching changes abound at Floydada schools this summer. According to Floydada CISD athletic Director Todd Bandy, Whirlwinds baseball coach Joe Alvarado and Lady Winds basketball coach Tommy Simmons have resigned to assume head coaching positions at Hale Center and Dublin, respectively.

Baseball coach Adam Zepeda, who has led the Whirlwind boys to two district championships and two regional tournament appearances in two years, will change positions and now serve as head girls' basketball coach.

Matt Rehkopf also stepped down as the assistant softball coach. To fill that spot, Bandy tapped Bethany Morales to move up from junior high.

"I wish them all well," said Bandy. "It's sort of like in the season to

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**UPCOMING**

**FLOYD CO. 4-H IMPORTANT DATES** Validation for steers and heifers is scheduled for Saturday, June 12 this year. We plan to start at 8:30 a.m. that morning and come to you for validation. We will keep you posted on our approximate arrival time. If you are planning to show a lamb, goat or pig for the State Fair, please mark your calendar for this important date.

**THE CORNER STREET MARKET** will be held Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 214 S. Main Street, Floydada. To reserve your booth now, call or text (806) 983-4535 or (806) 983-4203. Application may be downloaded at [www.thecornermarketfloydadabx.com](http://www.thecornermarketfloydadabx.com)

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLOYDADA** is hosting a B.A.S.I.C. Elements Science Vacation Bible School on June 14-16 from 2-5 p.m. Register your 1st thru 5th grader. Spots are limited. Deadline is May 31. Call (806) 983-3755 for more info.

**LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS** On Tuesday, June 15, the Lockney Health & Rehabilitation will be at the Center from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. offering free health screenings and vitals check. Anyone is welcome to stop by.

**DIAMOND DUSTERS SOFTBALL CAMP 2021** will be held Thursday, June 17, Friday through Saturday,

June 19, at the Annie Taylor Park. The camp is for girls ages 7-15. Cost is \$35. Instructors will be Gilbert Trevino, Eric Perez and a few of the members of the Lady Winds High School softball team. Camp times are: Ages 7-11, 8:30-10 a.m.; ages 12-15, 10:15-11.45 a.m. Registration form can be found on the Hesperian-Beacon's FB page. For more information contact Gilbert Trevino at (806) 407-6240 or Eric Perez at (806) 292-9102.

**FLOYDADA CHAMBER CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE** will be held Saturday, June 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clean out your closets, garages and junk drawers. Listing your sale is free, but you must submit the

complete address to [manager@floydadachamber.com](mailto:manager@floydadachamber.com), text (806) 983-3434 or send a message through the Chamber's Facebook page.

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Lift Every Voice

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." —Preamble to the U.S. Constitution

These are clearly stated goals. They explain what our nation was formed to accomplish. Whether or not they are achieved and maintained is your choice and mine together. It can't be done alone because the very first expectation this document specifies is that part where we—that is, all citizens—are compelled to strive toward a more perfect Union.

We celebrate Independence Day, a federal holiday commemorating the Declaration of Independence, in every American city where I've ever called home. Fireworks, parades and picnics are July 4 traditions we cherish because freedom is a defining value. It's what we are about, and I'm looking forward to the inspiration that time of year brings. But freedom hadn't been won for every American in 1776.

Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day: these are all names for a holiday that represents a step in American history toward a "more perfect Union." It has been remembered in some places in January, some in September, and other times, too, because enforcement of the law came at different times from state to state. But what has come to be known as Juneteenth originated in Galveston,

Texas, and it is now a combination of celebrations that is recognized in 47 states, the District of Columbia, and has even grown into an observance outside the U.S. honoring the end of slavery in America.

The name Juneteenth may be confusing to a generation accustomed to seeing important events happen live on social media, but there was obviously no Twitter in the 1860s. Twitter has, however joined a number of businesses that now recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

Freedom didn't reach remote areas in Texas for two years after President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Proclamation, and it took even longer to reach parts of Kentucky and Delaware. Public readings during Juneteenth festivities often include the Emancipation Proclamation and Major General Gordon Granger's General Order No. 3, which he gave in Galveston on June 19, 1865, proclaiming every slave was free.

Though we have not yet found our way to finally resolving issues that stem from racism and classism, we are required to examine our country's promises and confront our shortcomings together. Because Juneteenth represents a span of time when our nation came to reflect on its stewardship of a founding principal, I believe it is vital to include this part of our history in our communities as we plan events each summer to raise a glass to freedom. Then let us embrace our pledge to be indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Please share information about local Juneteenth celebrations with us at fchb.news@gmail.com.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Population gains, losses in state detailed

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION AUSTIN—The U.S. Census Bureau has released its sub-county population estimates from April 2010 to July 2020. That includes population estimates for the 1,200 incorporated places in Texas.

Nine additional Texas towns were incorporated in the past decade, while 13 additional cities surpassed a population of 50,000.

The Texas Demographic Center reported that of the 71 Texas cities with populations of more than 50,000, only two lost population — continuing the trend of smaller towns and areas in the state losing population to larger cities. More than 55% of the state's population growth has been in cities with more than 50,000 residents.

Small and mid-sized cities surrounding major metropolitan areas, such as Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin and Houston, saw the fastest growth rates, while many of the cities in West Texas and the Panhandle were among the 372 Texas cities that lost population, according to TDC.

EMERGENCY FOOD BENEFITS EXTENDED. Benefits for families under a federal nutrition plan have been increased through September, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced last week.

Under the American Rescue Plan signed by President Biden in March, states can provide eligible families up to \$35 per month to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. Clients of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program are eligible.

"Texas WIC provides foods that have great nutritional value — providing key nutrients at key stages of development," Texas WIC Director Edgar Curtis said. "This nutritional support early in life builds stronger, smarter, healthier and happier children and Texans. Fresh fruits and vegetables, which are loaded with vitamins and other plant-based nutrients, are at the forefront of that strategy."

The HHSC also announced it is providing roughly \$208 million in emergency food benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, extending the maximum SNAP benefits allowable through June. All SNAP recipients will

get a minimum of \$95 in emergency allotment, in addition to the 15% increase that continues through September.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by HHSC.

STATE TO RELEASE \$5 BILLION IN SCHOOL FEDERAL AID. Months after congressional action on a coronavirus relief package, the Texas Education Agency announced Friday that school districts may begin applying for their portion of \$5 billion in aid.

According to the Austin American-Statesman, how much each district will receive varies. Districts that saw large enrollment declines because of the pandemic will likely not receive as much money, because TEA will divert some of the funds to make up for funding provided at pre-pandemic levels.

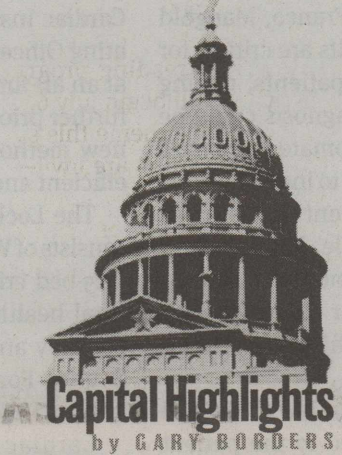
Much of public-school funding in Texas is based on average daily attendance. However, during the 2020-2021 school year, districts were not penalized when students stayed home.

EXPERTS: WEATHERIZATION BILL FALLS SHORT. The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 3 in response to February's deadly storm and widespread failure of power plants. The package addresses the problems that threaten electric reliability, but public radio's Texas Standard reports that many electric grid experts and policy analysts say not enough has been done to prevent another blackout disaster.

One section of SB3 allows regulators to determine what portions of the natural gas supply must be weatherized. Since it only applies to equipment that directly connects to power plants, experts say it might not be enough.

Dan Cohan, civil engineering professor at Rice University, told the Standard that "whoever has those direct lines into the power plants and winterizes those is going to point upstream and say 'well those upstream people couldn't get us enough gas.' So yeah, it's hard to see how this is going to provide us full coverage."

In addition, critics say the penalties of \$5,000 a day for not doing the required weatherization amount to little more



than a rounding error for non-complying oil and gas companies.

GOP chairman resignation sparks speculation. Texas Republican Party chairman Allen West resigned Friday, sparking speculation he is considering a statewide race.

The Republican party issued a statement that West "will take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on a new chapter in his already distinguished career." West has not ruled out challenging Gov. Greg Abbott, who last week touted a re-election endorsement from former President Trump.

COVID-19 CASES DROPPING; 36% FULLY VACCINATED. The number of new Covid-19 cases in Texas continues to drop, with 9,534 reported as of Sunday for the previous week — a small fraction of mid-January's record high of nearly 159,000.

In the past week, 210 deaths from Covid-19 in Texas were reported, according to the Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center. That is also a decrease.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated stands at 10.5 million, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, or about 36% of the state's population. The number of lab-confirmed Covid-19 patients who are hospitalized dropped nearly a fifth from the previous week, to 1,504, according to DSHS.

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2021 Community Calendar

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LOCKNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 124 S. Main, Lockney, Mon.–Thurs., 1–5 p.m. and Fri. 9 a.m.–1 p.m. (806) 652-3561.

FLOYD COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 S. Wall St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (806) 983-4922.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 925 W. Crockett St., Floydada, serves lunch 11:15 a.m.–1 p.m. each Wednesday and Thursday. Please call 983-2032 for delivery before 10:30 a.m.

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COMMUNITY CHANGES AND CLOSURES City of Floydada office is drive-up only due to Covid-19.

PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT Monday, June 14, 8 a.m., County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Floydada.

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, June 15, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, June 15, 6 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

FLOYDADA CISD Tuesday, June 8, 7 p.m. - FCISD School Administration offices, 226 W. California St., Floydada.

FLOYDADA LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS are currently meeting together Tuesdays, 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Floydada.

LOCKNEY ROTARY CLUB Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

Rep. Spiller updates House constituents on 87th Legislature

STAFF REPORTS

AUSTIN—Last week Texas wrapped up its 140-day legislative session, which had gavelled in on January 12, 2021.

"Coming in the middle of the 87th legislative session was a challenge in itself, but that did not deter me from accomplishing a rural conservative agenda for my constituents back home. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and remain optimistic for the special sessions to come," explained Spiller in a press release to newspapers in his district.

Spiller (HD-68, R-Jacksboro) said he made it a priority to support important conservative measures that would ensure the growth and prosperity of the Lone Star State, including legislation:

- Protecting the sanctity of life from the first signs of life;
Ensuring and expanding 2nd Amendment rights;
Protecting the rights of Texans to express their religious beliefs;
Preparing the state electric grid for future natural disasters;
Strengthening public safety standards and backing the blue;
Reforming the state's criminal justice system;
Cutting red tape to support small businesses from Covid-19 pandemic fallout;
Restoring integrity in the election process; and
Implementing a balanced, fiscally responsible state budget for the next two years.

In addition, Spiller said he was able to author, co-author, and support legislation that were aligned with the needs of House District 68 and issues that most impacted his constituents, as he perceived them. Some of these bills included:

Senate Bill 2 reforms the governance of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), requiring every member of the governing body to be a Texas resident.

Senate Bill 3 helps ensure the reliability and resiliency of the ERCOT grid, making certain Texas is better prepared for future extreme weather emergencies by addressing some of the key issues that arose during and after Winter Storm Uri.

Senate Bill 8: The Texas Heartbeat Act prohibits abortion after the detection of an unborn child's heartbeat.

House Bill 4 improves access to health care for Texans, especially those in rural and medically underserved areas, by allowing multiple services to be provided via telehealth/telemedicine.

House Bill 5 expands broadband services to rural and underserved areas across Texas.

House Bill 7 creates a stopgap solution to ensure Texas' unemployment fund remains solvent without crushing Texas small businesses that pay into the fund.

House Bill 16 protects consumers from sky-high electric bills by banning the sale of wholesale indexed products to residential customers, which can leave them vulnerable to extreme fluctuations in electricity prices.

House Bill 17 ensures homeowners, builders, and businesses have the ability to decide how best to meet their energy needs by preserving customer choice and access to energy sources in Texas.

House Bill 1239 protects the freedom of assembly and religious activities by preventing the future closure of churches across-the-board through the exertion of emergency powers.

House Bill 1927 allows permit-less carry of a firearm for persons 21 years and older.

House Bill 2730 improves the eminent domain process for landholders, critical infrastructure, and supports property rights.

House Bill 3961 requires assisted living facilities to post their state ombudsman program on their website.

For more information on these bills or Rep. Spiller's legislative portfolio, please contact Susanna Feather at Susanna.Feather@house.texas.gov.

Rep. David Spiller is serving his first term as State Representative for District 68, which includes, Childress, Collingsworth, Cooke, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King, Montague, Motley, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wheeler, Wilbarger and Young Counties.

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## Meatballs with Mushroom Béchamel a comfort food in any season

The weather is warm and dry, and the mercury keeps climbing. These are the days we tend to want cool, light meals.

We love cooking outdoors to help keep the temperature in the house down. And many evenings, we don't cook at all, this time of year.

However, I still find myself craving a comforting meal now and then. Even though most comfort food isn't synonymous with summer, I still want something like beef stroganoff, or a hearty casserole.

A few nights ago, I came home after work and made a skillet full of rustic meatballs and topped them with a creamy mushroom sauce. It was a bit heavy, but it really hit the spot.

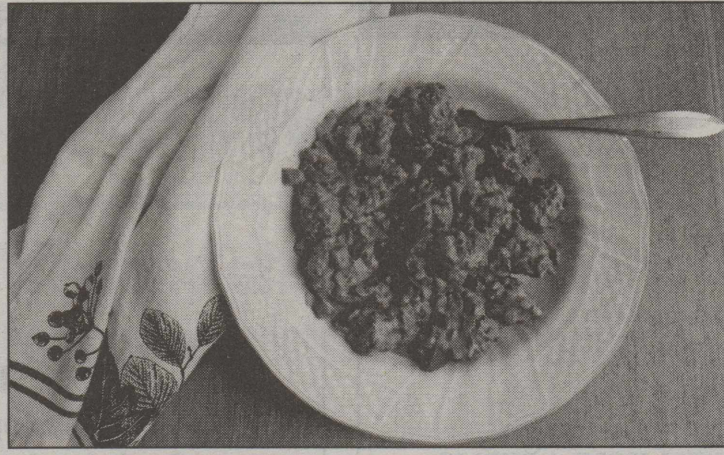
If your favorite comfort food requires a few more carbs, serve the meatballs with the sauce over a bed of rice, or egg noodles. Or serve with a side of macaroni and cheese, or mashed potatoes.

Any time we can get into the kitchen, whether it's to make comfort food, homemade ice cream, or a cool, crisp salad, it will certainly give you comfort. I feel the art of cooking, or preparing a meal for someone is nurturing, and is very therapeutic. I find peace in the kitchen and around the table, it can bring a sense of normalcy, and satisfaction, if you let it.

Enjoy food made fresh!

### Meatballs with Mushroom Béchamel

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1½ pounds ground beef or turkey
- 1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and diced
- 1 small onion, peeled and diced
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup diced mushrooms



**STROGANOFF-SEASON** Even though most comfort food isn't synonymous with summer, this recipe is enjoyable year-round. | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

3 tablespoons flour  
1½ cups milk  
1 teaspoon salt, divided  
1 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided  
Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Pinch off 1-inch pieces of ground meat and pat into balls, placing into the heated oil. Continue cooking over medium heat and flip them over after 2 or 3 minutes when the first side is browned. Add bell pepper and onion and continue cooking for 2 or 3 minutes until meatballs are completely browned. Stir the mixture to finish cooking the bell pepper and onion, which should take an additional 2 or 3 minutes. Season with ½ teaspoon each, salt and pepper.

To prepare the béchamel sauce, melt butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add mushrooms and stir occasionally for a couple of minutes until they begin to brown. Whisk in flour and remaining salt and pepper. Whisk for a minute or 2 until flour turns light golden brown. Whisk in milk and stir until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of the spoon.

Pour the mushroom béchamel over the meatballs and serve warm. Note the serving suggestions in the article. Makes 4 servings.

## Floydada's Citywide Garage Sale set for June 19

### STAFF REPORTS

Floydada's Citywide Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, June 19, from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Organizers urge residents to clean out closets, garages and junk drawers, and get their garage sale added to the event.

The Chamber of Commerce is publicizing the event prior to the activity online and in print. Listing your sale is free, but you must submit the complete address to manager@floydadachamber.com, text (806) 983-3434, or send a message through Facebook to be added.

## Floyd County Library offers summer reading programs in July

### STAFF REPORTS

Summer reading programs at the Floyd County Library in Floydada will begin July 6, according to head librarian Maryjane Cisneros. The theme this summer is "Tails and Tales." Children from ages 4 to 15 are invited to the library for reading programs every Tuesday and Thursday in the month of July from 1 to 3 p.m., to meet special guests and learn about a range of topics. For further information, call (806) 983-4922.

## City of Lockney to hold 'Clean Up Week' June 21-26

### STAFF REPORTS

The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up June 21-26 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The drop-off point for junk/trash will be at the 600 block of South Main Street (the site of the old Webster's gas station). Tires

will be accepted.

Disabled or elderly can call city hall for pickup of trash/junk.

This clean-up is only for City of Lockney residents.

The following items are not accepted: Car parts, bricks or concrete, hazardous ma-

terials or items not accepted at the landfill.

Take advantage of this opportunity the city will be enforcing property ordinances and issuing citations after this week's clean-up.

For any questions, please call City Hall at (806) 652-2355.

## HEALTHCARE CLOSE TO YOU



### Meet McKenzie Milbern, APRN/FNP

McKenzie (Kemp) Milbern has returned to her Lockney roots this spring as Family Nurse Practitioner with the Cogdell Clinic—one of three healthcare providers helping same-day appointment patients with acute medical issues. A graduate of Lockney High School, she earned her bachelor's in nursing from Texas Tech, then went on to complete a Master of Science in Nursing from West Texas A&M. She brings four years' experience as an RN in the emergency center at University Medical Center, and also performed many of her clinical training hours at the Cogdell Clinic in Briscoe County.

For an appointment at the Lockney Clinic with McKenzie or any of our other six dedicated providers, please call us at 806-652-3373.



## Lockney Senior Center News

DONNA WEBB/ AIMEE JACKSON | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

On Tuesday, June 15, the Lockney Health & Rehabilitation will be at the Center from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. offering free health screenings and vitals check. Don't forget to stop by!

The center is also available for rentals for your dances, reunions, baby showers. Please keep us in mind. Call the center to reserve.

The breakfast serving time has changed to 8 a.m. during the summer. It is buffet style and is still \$5 per plate. Breakfast is either dine-in or carry-out only.

The Center would like to invite our game players to come join us every Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. You can join in on dominoes (all kinds are played) or a variety of card games, or even work on a puzzle and enjoy conversations and companionship! Drinks are provided at no charge, and there's always a hot pot of coffee.

Also, chef salads can be ordered from the Center any day of the week.

The Center will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by dine-in, curbside pickup, or delivery in Lockney only. Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

For questions, contact the center at (806) 652-2745. Stay safe!

MENU		Friday
June 14 - June 18	pizza slices, side salad, dessert	Breakfast buffet - Eggs, biscuits, gravy, hash browns, sausage, bacon, waffle biscuits, fruit, coffee - \$5.00
Monday	Turkey sub sandwich, chips fresh veggies dessert	
Wednesday	Baked ham mac & cheese, fruit salad, beans, dessert	
Thursday	Deluxe salad, dessert	Lunch - Chopped BBQ pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, beans, dessert
Tuesday	PIZZA DAY! Supreme meat	

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get these kind of resignations... we are currently taking applications for the baseball and basketball positions."

Head football coach Scotty Bruington resigned earlier this year to go to Petersburg.

He was replaced by J.R. Compton, who has already been recruiting and hiring assistant coaches, including Anthony Carson as the defensive coordinator and Angel Pantoja to coach the secondary and receivers. Compton coached with Carson at Lubbock Coronado and Pantoja at Plainview. Carson was on staff at Coronado until this move, and Pantoja was the head coach at Roby.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday. We offer dine-in, carry-out or delivery. On Wednesdays we will be selling meals to go for \$5.00. Meals on Thursdays are \$7.00. For delivery, please call (806) 983-2032 before 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. through 1 p.m. There is no added fee for delivery.

Membership fee is \$25 per year per person. The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is (806) 983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials. Every donation or memorial is greatly appreciated and helps the Center stay open.

**MENU**  
Wednesday, June 2 - Spaghetti  
Thursday, June 3 - BBQ on bun  
(Menu subject to change without notice)

## REGIONAL UPDATES: PLAINVIEW STAFF REPORTS

### Plainview recognized as Silver Star Affiliate by Keep Texas Beautiful

17 Texas communities honored for exceptional community improvement efforts

PLAINVIEW—Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), a statewide grass-roots environmental and community improvement non-profit organization, recently named Plainview a Silver Star Affiliate, a designation granted to only 17 of KTB's nearly 300 affiliates. Silver Star recognition is the second-highest status any community affiliate can achieve.

To remain in good standing with KTB, community affiliates must submit a report, pay dues, attend training and participate in a KTB-endorsed activity annually. In 2004, the organization introduced the concept of Silver Star recognition to reward those communities who sought to go above and beyond the established requirements.

To achieve this Silver Star status, affiliates must share information on their mission and goals, answer questions about their partnerships and underserved populations, or participate in the Beautify Texas Awards or Governor's Community Achievement Awards programs. KTB will formally recognize Silver Star communities during its 54th annual conference in June.

"Our affiliates are the backbone of our organization. We are proud to honor those going above and beyond to keep their communities clean and beautiful," says Suzanne Kho, executive director of Keep Texas Beautiful. "Our Silver Star Affiliates are educating and engaging community members, actively recruiting and managing volunteers, hosting cleanup and beautification events throughout their community and so much more."

In 2020 alone, KTB affiliates engaged 20,917 volunteers who contributed 37,857 hours to collect 1 million pounds of waste and recyclables from Texas roadways, trails, and waterways. Plainview successfully implemented programs to clean up litter, reduce and recycle waste, educate local citizens, and beautify and enhance the local community.

Keep Plainview Beautiful participated in the Hike and Bike Trail Clean Up at Running Water Draw Regional Park, placing flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, an annual Tree Give-Away, Community Outreach and Education, Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Drives, a 2nd Saturday Recycle Day and the annual Litter Index.

"We are honored to be recognized as a Silver Star Affiliate," said Keep Texas Beautiful president Beverly Wall. "The committee and volunteers have worked on many projects to Keep Plainview Beautiful—this honor is a testament to everyone's hard work."

### Plainview's Red, White & Moo Milk Fest set for July 2

Plainview's long-running Independence Day-week tradition, Red, White & Moo Milk Fest, is back on track for Friday, July 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Running Water Draw Regional Park (3400 4th Street). The Plainview Chamber of Commerce fireworks will begin later that evening.

Due to downtown construction, the Red, White & Moo Milk Fest will be relocated to the Kidsville play structure area and will include everyone's favorite activities—music, food trucks (including a free hot dog dinner for military, teachers, first responders and nurses), bouncy houses, a mobile dairy classroom, a petting zoo and of course, free ice cream, milk and cheese.

"We are excited to return this year after cancelling last year and we will be at a new location this year," said Bernadette Mulliken, committee member and local dairy owner. "We will still be offering everyone's favorite activities and are excited to partner with the Chamber for this year's event."

Organized by the Red, White & Moo Committee, the festival has been held for fifteen years and is celebrated across the country in June for National Dairy Month.

"We wanted to incorporate more organizations and help celebrate America's birthday," said Mulliken. "We as local dairies chose to celebrate closer to the Fourth, giving us an opportunity to say thank you to the people of Hale County as well as educate the public about what we do and the products we offer."

Along with local dairies, Dairy MAX and Southwest Dairy Farmers support the efforts of Red, White & Moo. For more information, contact the Plainview Main Street Office at (806) 293-4000 or 296-1119 or visit [www.facebook.com/redwhitemoomilkfest](http://www.facebook.com/redwhitemoomilkfest).

## COWPOKES® By Ace Reid



"Jake, now that you've got 'em broke, when does he go to eatin' outta your hands?"

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 AT 6:15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT FLOYDADA CITY HALL IN REGARD TO CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PROPERTY LISTED ABOVE. PERSONS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY HALL AT 983-2834 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

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**JOB DESCRIPTION  
 Job Title: Instructor in Welding Technology**

**SUMMARY**

Position conducts dual credit courses for high school/undergraduate students by performing duties listed below.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** include the following.

**Instruction:**

- Instruct welding technology courses as outlined in prescribed curriculum including academic lecture and hands-on lab skills.
- Remain concerned with any/all matters involving teaching.
- Demonstrate and practice proficient knowledge and skills concerning professional tactics, strategies, and techniques.
- Prepare lecture, lesson plans and syllabi for assigned classes, meet and conduct assigned instruction in classes and labs as specified in the class schedule, maintain official class, grade rolls and grade reports, report drops to registrar, and personally prepare and proctor tests that adequately measure student learning outcomes.
- Prepare and deliver effective lecture presentations to students in welding technology academic exercises.
- Prepare and deliver effective lab presentations in welding technology skill exercises.
- Stimulate and motivate class discussions encouraging positive student goal achievement.
- Counsel and advise students requiring assistance outside scheduled classes, communicate to students at beginning of semester grading procedures and overall coursework expectations, grade performance consistently and equitably for all students.
- Keep students informed of academic performance, progress and potential academic issues effecting student's success, tutor students who require special attention, work with student services when needed concerning student welfare.
- Be familiar with administrative policies, philosophies, objectives, and goals involving program and institution.
- Maintain updated professional teaching methods in assigned disciplines.

**ESPRIT DE CORPS**

Commitment to and positive actions for fostering good relationships and esprit de corps among students, coworkers, departments, other units in the college, and those faculty associates outside the college.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

**EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE**

Bachelor's degree preferred, Associate degree in welding related discipline required plus five years of professional experience in welding field.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations. Position requires efficient writing, business correspondence, procedure manuals, and effective presentation of information and response to questions from students, industry representatives, and general public.

**MATHEMATICAL SKILLS**

Position requires ability to calculate figures and amounts consistent with program budget, classroom lecture preparation and instruction.

**REASONING ABILITY**

Position requires ability to solve practical problems consisting of multiple variables and interpret various instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.

**CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS**

It is preferred for applicant to possess industry recognized certification; memberships of associated trade associations are beneficial as well.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to reach with hands and arms and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee is occasionally required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 10 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, and peripheral vision.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment characteristics described are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this position, employee is routinely exposed to moving mechanical parts. The noise level in the work environment is relative to a working lab environment.

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- ACROSS**
- Golf club handle
  - Aviation safety agency
  - Although, for short
  - "Give me your tired, your ..."
  - Homecoming guest
  - PhD in Great Britain
  - Legendary NFL quarterback Graham
  - Like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard
  - Propelled like Argo
  - \*Batman's romantic interest
  - Wilbebeests
  - Use the other end of a pencil
  - Cherry middle
  - \*Thor's weapon
  - Brays like a donkey
  - Another word for Tokyo
  - Makes a sum (2 words)
  - \*Like The Joker
  - Without self-control
  - Black gold
  - Buddy
  - Site of Leaning Tower
  - Canvas ceiling fan
  - \* \_\_\_ man, one of original X-Men
  - Comes to the fore
  - \* \_\_\_ Woman, first female in the Justice Society of America
  - "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel
  - Paralysis-causing disease, for short
  - Smoothie berry
  - \*a.k.a. the Caped Crusader
  - "Encore!"
  - Pupil's place
  - Like Arizona in summer
  - \*Ben Grimm of "It's clobberin' time!" fame, with The
  - Eyeglasses glass
  - Buggy terrain
  - Gingerbread creation
  - \*Superhero creator,
  - Stan \_\_\_
  - Eurasian duck
  - DOWN
  - Government Printing Office
  - Campus military acronym
  - Letter before kappa
  - For the time being, Latin (2 words)
  - Basic drumming pattern, pl.
  - Saints' crowns
  - End of grace
  - Through, for short
  - Hie, third person singular
  - Not new or borrowed or blue
  - "All \_\_\_!"
  - Motherless calf
  - \*Wakanda's Black \_\_\_
  - Make havoc
  - Coach's locker room speech
  - Oodles
  - \_\_\_ one, on a pass
  - \*Mighty \_\_\_
  - \*Known to say: "You wouldn't like me when I'm angry"
  - Steer clear
  - Grimace in pain
  - More cunning
  - Make pretty, two words
  - Break a commandment
  - \*America's title
  - Vienna Boys' group
  - Public house, for short
  - Devoid of reverence
  - Seeking damages
  - Wondering ones
  - Put through a blender
  - Offer two cents
  - Turkish honorific
  - Jealous biblical brother
  - Perfect houseplant spot
  - Bob \_\_\_, famous boxing promoter
  - Cat o'how many tails?
  - Cash dispenser
  - Morning condensation

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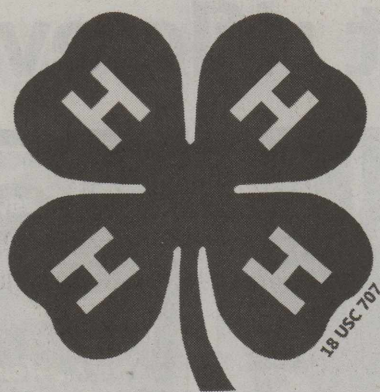
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- FISHER COUNTY**  
 160±ac 97ac cultivated, 63ac brush, city water & electric on site  
 853.44±ac 201 paved road frontage, rural water w/ponds  
 3,480±ac Red Creek Canyon Ranch panoramic views, farming and grazing opportunities  
 311± ac 201± cultivated, 86± pasture w/rural water, tank and well water IN CONTRACT
- FLOYD COUNTY**  
 160±ac 15miles north of Floydada, open grassland, some CRP
- NOLAN COUNTY**  
 2,082± ac rolling hills, 6 water wells, high fence  
 320.181±ac 40± ac of cultivation, 70±ac CRP, remainder native pasture
- SCURRY COUNTY**  
 238±ac road frontage on 3 sides, flat to rolling land  
 105±ac outstanding hunting, Little Rough Creek running through property IN CONTRACT
- HASKELL COUNTY**  
 21.56± ac Commercial Property, Paved road frontage  
 311±ac 50ac grass/pasture, remainder in cultivation, 2.5 miles south of Rule  
 780.43±ac 60% cultivated, approx. 50ft elevation changes, mixed vegetation COMING SOON  
 271± ac SE of Weinert, Dry land farm w/pasture, tanks and creek! IN CONTRACT  
 507± ac native pasture, borders Lake Stamford IN CONTRACT

- 218.5±ac live water, fantastic hunting, city utilities IN CONTRACT
- JONES COUNTY**  
 89± ac CR 485 w/Rural water, tank, well  
 41±ac 3 tracts available, buy 1 or all 3, nice building sites, some mesquite, native brush  
 386±12±ac cultivated w/COOP and pond  
 120±ac Hoyt Ranch 120 one mile from Clear Fork of the Brazos River, shinnery  
 70±ac Bitter Creek 70 Bitter Creek runs through property, pipe pens  
 705±ac rolling grassland, 2,525sqft home, barns, cattle pens, 4 stock tanks  
 330±ac hunter's oasis, mile from Clear Fork of the Brazos River, shinnery  
 428±ac Neinda Ranch large rock home, views of Double Mountains, COMING SOON  
 139±ac productive cotton farm, ½ mile of frontage, well-drained soils IN CONTRACT  
 155±ac 119+ cultivated Land w/35.4 ac heavily wooded pasture IN CONTRACT
- STONEWALL COUNTY**  
 987.5±ac CR 349 Farm and ranch w/ hunters cabin, Water well and river access  
 23±ac 4br/2.5ba, city water  
 8.1±ac CR 421 4/2 3400sf COOP water  
 5,950±ac 7 Diamond L Canyon Ranch 9 miles of streams, managed for hunting & beef prod  
 660±ac Big Bass Ranch hunting & fishing, 3.5 miles south of Aspermont  
 1,575±ac Hunting Haven Ranch, Shinnery, Well water  
 80± ac Little Gardner open native range, co-op water IN CONTRACT  
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 318±ac Miller 318 Irrigated Farm underground water, native grasses IN CONTRACT  
 2,082±ac Double View Ranch 1 mile DMF Brazos, 100ft bluff, brushy SOLD



# Floydada Whirlwinds



## 4-H "I Dare You Leadership Award" applications due June 24

**STAFF REPORTS**

Each year Floyd County presents the I Dare You Leadership Award to two senior 4-H'ers (age 14-18 by September 1 of the current year).

All senior 4-H'ers are eligible to apply. Interested 4-H'ers must complete the county's I Dare You Award application and submit it to the County Extension Office before the deadline. No 4-H Record Book is required to apply.

Floyd County 4-H parent/leaders will select the winners each year, after reviewing all applications, by a secret ballot voting process. A 4-H'er may receive the I Dare You Award only one time in his or her 4-H career.

Applications for the award are available online at [floydco.tamu.edu](http://floydco.tamu.edu), or you may call or come by the Extension Office for a copy of the application.

Deadline for applications is Thursday, June 24, 2021, at noon.

## Wayland offers new piano teaching certification online

**STAFF REPORTS**

PLAINVIEW – The Wayland Baptist University School of Music is offering a new online certification in piano pedagogy. The certification is primarily designed for piano teachers who want to increase their knowledge and understanding of pedagogy and instructional techniques.

Offered completely online, the program allows students to participate in a 12-credit-hour program taken in four eight-week sessions. Students enrolling in the 2021-22 academic year will benefit from a special discounted tuition rate, bringing the total cost of the program to \$1,879. Students will take two classes at a time, beginning in August. The second class will begin in mid-October and conclude in early December. The spring sessions will begin in mid-January and conclude in mid-May. The cost for each eight-week term is \$461, and there is a \$35 application fee.

Taught by Dr. Richard Fountain and Dr. Kenneth Freeman, the online courses are:

- Fall 1: MUSI 3210 Elementary Piano Pedagogy & Literature; MUSI 1107 Private Lessons
- Fall 2: MUSI 3220 Intermediate & Advanced Piano Pedagogy & Literature; MUSI 4162 Practicum in Piano Pedagogy
- Spring 1: MUSI 3200 Entrepreneurship for Music; MUSI 1108 Private Lessons
- Spring 2: MUSI 4240 Topics in Music; MUSI 4162 Practicum in Piano Pedagogy

Wayland faculty are offering this special, discounted program to enhance the arts and to support local area piano teachers and they work with young students.

Dr. Fountain is a professor of piano at Wayland. He teaches applied and collaborative piano and entrepreneurship, collaborates with the Wayland International Choir, and directs the Wayland Singers Chorus. He also holds the positions of principal keyboard with Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra and the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra. Fountain was recently named to a four-year term on the U.S. State Department's Fulbright Specialist Roster in 2021 and is the president-elect for the Texas Music Teachers Association.

Dr. Freeman is an associate professor of collaborative piano at Wayland. An avid chamber musician, he can regularly be found accompanying recitals with both vocalists and instrumentalists, as well as performing as a soloist. In addition to his collaborative work at Wayland, Freeman is also the pianist for the University's opera scenes program and teaches courses ranging from class piano to music appreciation and elementary piano pedagogy.

For more information on the program, call (806) 291-1076 or email Dr. Fountain at [fountain@wbu.edu](mailto:fountain@wbu.edu) or Dr. Freeman at [Kennith.freeman@wbu.edu](mailto:Kennith.freeman@wbu.edu).

## Floydada CHS seniors garner \$213K in scholarship support

**STAFF REPORTS**

Floydada Collegiate High School graduating seniors received scholarships during graduation, held on May 20, 2021. The senior class, in total, were awarded \$213,000 in scholarship money, which includes local and outside scholarships.

1956 Study Club: Audrie Strange, \$500; Brandy Green, \$500  
Brenda Lee Ortiz Memorial Scholarship: Brandy Green, \$500; Kassandra Castaneda, \$500; Natalee Romero, \$500; Roland Ortiz, \$500

Cade Miller Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$500

Charles Stoner Memorial Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$100

Cheerleading Scholarship: Aliana Gonzales, \$100; Audrie Strange, \$100; Natalee Romero, \$100

Class of 1954 Scholarship: Rolando Ortiz, \$200

DeWayne Franklin Scholarship: Anyssa Sanchez, \$500

Elizabeth Hill Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$100

FFA Officer Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$500

Floydada Chamber Scholarship: Audrie Strange, \$250; Elyanna Medellin, \$250

Floydada Rotary Club Scholarship: Elyanna Medellin, \$500; Ryder Glass, \$500

Floydada Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship: Natalee Romero, \$500

Floydada County Stock Show Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$1,000

Floydada County Sweepstakes: Ryder Glass, \$500

Future Teachers of America: Kaylea Britt, \$180

GenTex Scholarship: Audrie Strange, \$1,000

Hunter Schwertner Memorial Scholarship: Audrie Strange, \$200; Luke Holcombe, \$200; Ryder Glass, \$200

Kenneth & Barbara Willis Memorial Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$1,000

Knox, Gailey, & Meador Scholarship: Elyanna Medellin, \$500; Kaylea Britt, \$500; Kyle Bruington, \$1,000; Luke Holcombe, \$1,000

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$1,500

Floydada Lions Club Scholarship: Audrie Strange, \$500; Luke Holcombe, \$500

Mary Ann Swepston Scholarship: Azariah Guerra, \$160

Masonic Lodge: Brandy Green, \$500; Ryder Glass, \$500

Onward Energy Scholarship: Audrie Strange, \$3,000; Kyle Bruington, \$3,000

Producer Coop Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$500

Richard Marler Memorial Scholarship: Mercedes Alaniz, \$340

Serrato Sisters Scholarship: Denise Mendoza, \$1,000

Stiles, Wallace & Associates: Aliana Gonzales, \$500; Angel Fipps, \$1,000; Anyssa Sanchez, \$1,000; Dylan Ramos, \$500

Tanner Sue Memorial Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$500; Ryder Glass, \$500

Thomas Warren Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$400; Kyle Bruington, \$400; Audrie Strange, \$400; Elyanna Medellin, \$400

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL: \$30,580**

**STAFF REPORTS**

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Mary Ann Swepston Scholarship: Azariah Guerra, \$160

Masonic Lodge: Brandy Green, \$500; Ryder Glass, \$500

Onward Energy Scholarship: Audrie Strange, \$3,000; Kyle Bruington, \$3,000

Producer Coop Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$500

Richard Marler Memorial Scholarship: Mercedes Alaniz, \$340

Serrato Sisters Scholarship: Denise Mendoza, \$1,000

Stiles, Wallace & Associates: Aliana Gonzales, \$500; Angel Fipps, \$1,000; Anyssa Sanchez, \$1,000; Dylan Ramos, \$500

Tanner Sue Memorial Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$500; Ryder Glass, \$500

Thomas Warren Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$400; Kyle Bruington, \$400; Audrie Strange, \$400; Elyanna Medellin, \$400

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL: \$30,580**

**ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Texas A&M Tuition Support Award: Kyle Bruington, \$500

Texas A&M College of Engineering: Kyle Bruington, \$1,500

Texas High School Coaches Association: Kyle Bruington, \$2,000

Texas FFA Scholarship Finalist: Ryder Glass, TBD

Texas Tech Presidential Merit Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$20,000

Texas Tech Ag Department Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$9,600

Texas Tech Valedictorian Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$11,000

Panhandle Plains Higher Education Foundation: Ryder Glass, \$14,000

Big Tex-State Fair of Texas: Ryder Glass, \$6,000

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo: Ryder Glass, \$20,000

4-H Gold Star Award: Ryder Glass, \$500

Dairy Max Scholarship: Ryder Glass, \$2,500

Hardin Simmons Academic Scholarship: Laci Gourdon, \$40,000

WTAMU Track & Field Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$9,000

WTAMU ACT Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$3,000

WTAMU Merit Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$1,500

WTAMU Presidential Scholarship: Luke Holcombe, \$1,500

Texas Tech Presidential Merit Scholarship: Lexie Ramos, \$3,000

Texas Tech Presidential Merit Scholarship: Audrie Strange, \$5,000

WTAMU Distinguished Merit Scholarship: Natalee Romero, \$4,000

**NOTICE - FLOYDADA ISD**

**FLOYDADA ISD SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**

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July 6 thru July 22, 2021

**MENU**

June 14 - June 17

**Monday**

Chicken tenders, tater tots, cucumbers, apple, milk

**Tuesday**

Hog dog, baked chips, baby carrots, apple, milk

**Wednesday**

Cheese pizza, peppered corn, orange, milk

**Thursday**

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**Monday, July 26 - Friday, July 30**  
(Incoming 8th graders and Sectionals) -  
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**Monday, Aug. 2 - Friday, Aug. 6**  
(Music) - Time TBA

**Monday, Aug. 9 - Friday, Aug. 13**  
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**Applications for 4-H Star Awards due June 24**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Applications for Bronze, Silver and Gold Star awards are due to the Floyd County Extension Office on Thursday, June 24, 2021. Interviews will be held June 28 and 29.

In addition to interviews, 4-H'ers are required to submit a 4-H record book, due June 24. All applications are available online at [floyd.agrilife.org](http://floyd.agrilife.org). Go to publications, then choose 4-H; scroll down the page to locate the Bronze, Silver and Gold Star applications, interview questions and score cards.

Also, applicants should not forget about the big change made for Gold Star last year. A buckle (pictured below) was added as the award for Gold Star instead of a plaque, in addition to the scholarship! (Students must be 9th-12th grade to apply for Gold Star.

**Gold Star Award:** This once-in-a-lifetime honor is the most prestigious 4-H award given on the county level. It signifies that an individual is tops in the county. To be eligible for Gold Star, a 4-H member must have turned in a senior record book and must have been in 4-H for at least three years and carried at least two 4-H projects. 4-H'ers must also have completed at least the 9th grade. Those graduating in May are still eligible to apply for the Gold Star Award; it does come with a \$500 scholarship, which will be awarded at the end of the first semester attended as long as the recipient maintains a 2.0 or higher GPA. Gold Star is also considered a national award, and looks great on scholarship and college applications.

**Silver Star Award:** This is a once-in-a-lifetime honor. An intermediate 4-H'er between 6th and 8th grade is eligible to apply. Applicants must complete an application and participate in an interview. They must also complete a 4-H record book and submit it for county competition. The Interview will count for 40% of the score, and the record book will count for 60%. There is no scholarship included with this award.

**Bronze Star Award:** This is a once-in-a-lifetime honor. A junior 4-H'er in the 3rd-5th grade is eligible to apply. Applicants must complete an application and participate in an interview. They must also complete a 4-H record book and submit it for county competition. The Interview will count for 40% of the score, and the record book will count for 60%. There is no scholarship included with this award.

# Lockney Longhorns

## Floyd team excels at rifle event



**BRAILEY KIDD (LEFT) AND JERRY CHAPPELL**      **WYATT BIGHAM**      **SYDNI CHESSHIR**      **JARED PHARES**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Floyd County 4-H members racked up multiple awards at the District 2 Rifle Contest held in Levelland on Saturday, April 10.

Jerry Chappell and Don Chesshir served as the coaches for the rifle project. "Brailey competed this past weekend at the State 4-H Roundup rifle competition in Victoria, added Mark Carroll." "They only recognize the top 8 individuals, and we did not make it into the top 8."

"We are very proud of our 4-H members that participated in the district rifle contest recently. We were unable to practice very often this past year due to COVID restrictions and our kids made a strong showing. We had placings in the top three of each age division," commented Mark Carroll, Floyd County Agent. District Rifle Contest results were as follows:

- SENIOR DIVISION:**  
Brailey Kidd – 2nd place standing position, 2nd place kneeling position, 5th

- place prone position and 2nd overall senior.  
Wyatt Bigham – 4th place prone position, 5th place standing position, 8th place kneeling position and 6th overall senior.  
**INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:**  
Sydni Chesshir – 3rd place prone position, 2nd place standing position, 4th place kneeling position and 2nd overall intermediate.  
Jared Phares - Junior Division- 2nd overall junior.

**NOTICE - LOCKNEY ISD**

**LOCKNEY ISD SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**

Lockney ISD will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program for the summer of 2021. The site for summer meals will be at the following location: Lockney Elementary School Cafeteria, 310 SW 8th Street, Lockney, TX 79241.

Meals will be served from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday beginning June 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2021. We ask that everyone continue to practice social distancing while in cafeteria.

Lockney ISD does not discriminate on the basis of Race, Religion, Color, National Origin, Gender, or Disability in the course of the meal service. Meals are available for children ages 1-18 years of age.

We would also like to remind you that summer meals are available across the State of Texas. Meal sites can be found by calling or texting 211 from your phone. You do not have to live at any set location to participate.

Have a safe and happy summer and we will see everyone back for the first day of school in August.

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June 14 – June 18

**MONDAY**

Corndog, tater tots, green beans, cherry tomatoes, fruit cup, milk

**TUESDAY**

Nacho Grande, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream, milk

**WEDNESDAY**

Chicken sandwich, oven fries, veggie pie, fruity gelatin, milk

**THURSDAY**

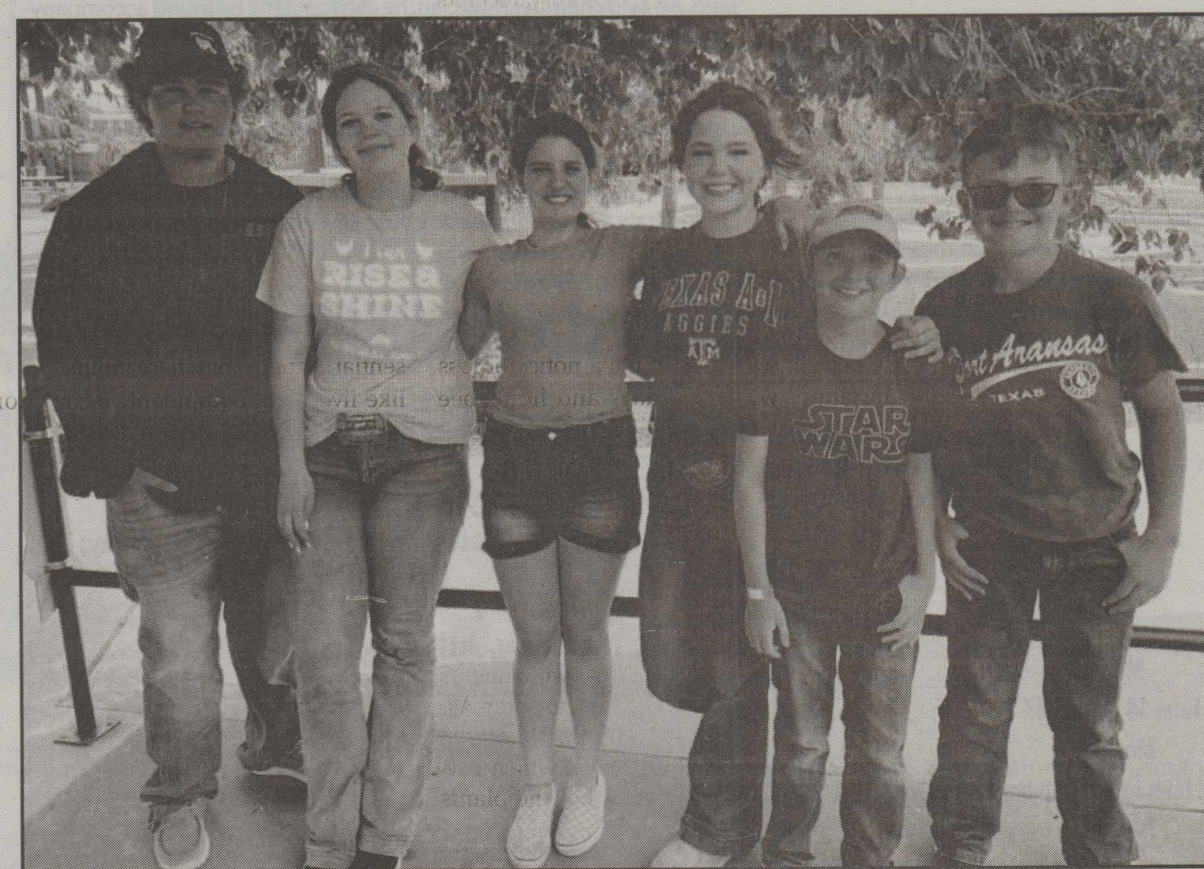
Hamburger steak, brown gravy, potatoes,

broccoli salad, mandarin oranges, milk

**FRIDAY**

Pizza, carrots, salad, apples, cookie, milk

## ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK, LONGHORNS!



**MEAT-UP** The Floyd County 4-H Meats Judging team spent a day recently visiting grocery stores and practicing retail identification and oral reasons. The day ended with a trip to the adventure park. Judging team members were, from left, Kaleb Cook, Kaleigh Cook, Avery McInvale, TyAnn Phillips, Austin Phillips and Jared Phares. "These kids have been amazing this past year with practicing online when we couldn't meet in person and jumping back into practices as everything had opened back up," said County Extension Agent Mark Carroll. "Thanks for a great year, kids! Practices for the judging teams will start again soon." | COURTESY PHOTO

**FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**JUNE 2021**

- 7-11: State 4-H Roundup
- 12: State Fair Validation
- 12: Steer & Heifer Validation
- 12-15: Equine Ambassador Short Course
- 16: District 2 Horse Show
- 21-23: Senior Leader Lab
- 24: Record Books Due for County
- 24: Star Award Applications and I Dare You Award Applications Due
- 28 & 29: Star Award Interviews

**JULY**

- 5: Office Closed for 4th of July
- 7-8: Day Camp at Unity Center (save the date--more info to come)
- 9: Record Books due for District
- 14: District Record Book Judging
- 15: District 2 Duds to Dazzle Contest
- 19-23: State 4-H Horse Show
- 26: Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Short Course

\*UC = Unity Center, CEO = County Extension Office

Cara McKee will start Monday, June 21 as our new Office Manager for the AgriLife Extension Be on the lookout for emails and phone calls from Cara in the future!

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# Floydada's Glass awarded \$2,500 Dairy MAX scholarship

STAFF REPORTS

Benjamin Ryder Glass of Floydada was selected to receive a 2021 Dairy MAX scholarship, according to representatives of that organization.

Glass is one of three students involved in the dairy industry receiving \$2,500 scholarships from Dairy MAX. The local dairy council initiated the scholarship program in honor of dairy farmers' commitments to giving back to their communities and the next generation.

"Dairy farm families have played active roles in their communities for generations," said Marty McKinzie, Dairy MAX vice president of industry image and relations. "The Dairy MAX scholarship program is a way of supporting the farm families in our region while investing in the future of the industry. We are honored to recognize these outstanding students."

Glass grew up spending time on his grandfather's dairy farm. A graduating senior at Floydada Collegiate High School, he participated in showing dairy cattle, FFA, 4-H, National Honor Society, UIL contests, band, student council and sports. Glass has been accepted to attend Texas Tech University to study crop biotechnology.

"The dairy industry has made a huge impact on my life," said Glass. "The opportunities I've had showing and working on my grandpa's dairy have given me so many life lessons."

A total of 24 scholarship applications underwent an in-depth judging process. To be eligible for the Dairy MAX scholarship, students must reside in the Dairy MAX region, be a graduating high school senior or undergraduate student currently enrolled in college, and be a child of a dairy farmer, child of a dairy farm employee or an FFA/4-H dairy show participant.

"Benjamin has big plans to ensure a bright future for the dairy industry, and we are excited to play a role in his journey," said McKinzie.

Founded more than 40 years ago, Dairy MAX is one of the leading regional dairy councils in America, representing more than 900 dairy farmers and serving communities in eight states: Colorado, southwest Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, western Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. A nonprofit organization, Dairy MAX is part of a nationwide effort to promote American agriculture, support dairy farming and drive impact for every dairy farmer, while promoting American agriculture.

Investing in recipients' education propels dairy forward to continue feeding the world while nourishing communities. The 2022 Dairy MAX Scholarship application will open in January 2022. To see a full list of eligibility requirements and information about applying, visit DairyMAX.org/Dairy/Scholarships.



RYDER GLASS | COURTESY PHOTO

## Cattle Market Report, week ending June 3, 2021

	Lubbock No Data	Tulia 6/3/21	Hollis 5/29/21	Floydada 6/2/21
<b>Steers</b>	200-300			180-215
	300-400		155-180	160-190
	400-500		143-175	150-175
	500-600		135-165	130-153
	600-700		140-141	127-155
	700-800		131-137.5	120-147
	800-900+		132.5	100-137
<b>Heifers</b>	200-300			160-212
	300-400		132-160	140-165
	400-500		134	125-152
	500-600			120-145
	600-700		125-129	115-137
	700-800		119.5-128	105-127
	800-900+		117	80-120
<b>Bred Cows</b>	Young			900-1100
	Older			700-900
<b>Pairs</b>	Young			1000-1450
	Older			850-1100
<b>Packer Cows</b>			50-80	
	Fat			60-65
	Boners			65-74
	Thin			45-57
<b>Packer Bulls</b>			80-107	
	High Yield			85-103
	Low Yield			70-83

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# USDA offers assistance to Texas producers impacted by drought

STAFF REPORTS

COLLEGE STATION – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds Texas ranchers and livestock producers that they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for 2021 grazing losses due to drought. The deadline to apply for 2021 assistance is Jan. 31, 2022.

"In addition to recovering from recent winter storms, ranchers and livestock producers continue to experience the impacts of severe drought conditions," said Eddie Trevino, acting state executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Texas. "FSA remains ready to respond to and assist producers with recovery from this ongoing disaster."

For the 2021 LFP program year, 144 counties in Texas have met drought ratings that trigger eligibility for livestock disaster assistance. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using

the U.S. Drought Monitor. Visit the FSA Texas webpage for a list of eligible counties and grazing crops.

LFP provides payments to livestock owners and contract growers who also produce forage crops for grazing and suffered losses due to a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the county. Eligible livestock include alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo/bison, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, reindeer, or sheep that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period.

To expedite the application process, producers are encouraged to gather and submit records documenting 2021 losses. Supporting documents may include information related to grazing leases, contract grower agreements, and more.

**ADDITIONAL USDA DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT** USDA encourages producers to contact the FSA county office at the local

USDA Service Center to apply for eligible programs and to learn which documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses should be provided to help expedite assistance.

Meanwhile, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program provides eligible producers with compensation for feed losses not covered by LFP as well as assistance with water hauling expenses. For ELAP, producers will need to file a notice of loss within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines lost during the drought. This complements Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants

or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days.

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed loans, including operating and emergency loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other needs.

**RISK MANAGEMENT** Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or FSA's NAP should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office. If they have crop insurance, producers should report crop damage to their agent within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing

within 15 days. For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

**CONSERVATION**

The Emergency Conservation Program and Emergency Forest Restoration Program can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore damaged farmland or forests.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also offers programs to help with recovery and build resilience to drought. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can help producers plan and implement conservation practices on farms, ranches and working forests impacted by natural disasters.

**ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES** Additional NRCS programs include the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program, which provides technical and financial assistance through local government sponsors for addressing imminent threat to life (human) and/or property caused by severe erosion on streambanks caused by the drought. Sponsors must submit a formal request (via mail or email) to the state conservationist and an emergency declaration must be issued related to the drought based on the merit of the cases received within 60 days of the

natural disaster occurrence or 60 days from the date when access to the sites is possible. For more information, contact Mark Northcut, landscape planning engineer, at mark.northcut@usda.gov.

**MORE INFORMATION** On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center.

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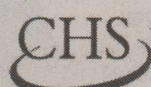
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**Alicia Maciel Martinez, 1965–2021**

Alicia Maciel Martinez, 56, of Pampa, Texas, passed away on Sunday, June 6, 2021, in Pampa.

Services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the Iglesia Nueva Vida Church with Pastor Pete Hernandez, Sr., pastor, officiating. Burial will follow

at 3:00 p.m. at Silverton Cemetery in Silverton under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Alice was born on April 30, 1965 in Lockney, Texas, to Jose and Maria Maciel. She grew up in Silverton and graduated from Silverton High School in 1983. Alice then moved to Pampa in 1985. She worked for the Pampa Independent School District for 23 years, first as a substitute then as a secretary in the special education department. Alice also worked as a caregiver for many years. She was member of Iglesia Nueva Vida Church, where she had served since 1996. Alice enjoyed going to Harvester football games and Pampa High School choir shows. She loved her community. Alice also enjoyed going to watch her grandkids play in the many sports they were involved in, spending time with family and friends, and attending movie nights at the theater with her girls. She will be remembered as a loving and selfless mother, grandmother, sister, aun and friend.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Maria Maciel; and great-niece Mia Elena-Rose Maciel.

She is survived by her four children, Amy Chaney and husband Jimmy of Pampa, Benny Martinez of Amarillo, Ashley Martinez of Lubbock, and Jeremy Martinez and wife Amber of Pampa; six siblings, Joe Maciel and wife Liz of Amarillo, Lillie Leal and husband Junior of Lockney, Rick Maciel and wife Lynette and Rosemary Conner and husband Guy, all of Pampa, Jane Murrell and Mary Ann Rowell and husband Will, all of Silverton; 11 grandchildren, Cade Chaney, Shea Johnson, Jaxon Chaney, Jasper Chaney, Kaydon Johnson, Koy Johnson, Kaleb Steadman, Ethan Martinez, Ayden Martinez, Aaron Martinez and Braelyn Rodriguez; two great-grandchildren, Oliver Chaney and Bostyn Chaney; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Iglesia Nueva Vida Church, 1200 S, Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



**Jo Anne Messer, 1934–2021**

Jo Anne Messer, age 86, passed away on Friday, June 4, 2021 in Olton.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal

care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Jo Anne was born October 30, 1934 in Texon, Texas to Burnell Odell and Belle (Ewing) Shankle.

She lived a wonderful life of caregiving and service to others. She was active in her community working for numerous years as a store clerk, and also as a substitute school teacher. She also served on the board for the Hospice Hand of West Texas for many, many years.

Jo Anne was the very definition of the word, kindness. She always dedicated herself to caring for others, taking care of just everybody. She was always a great example to her family and everyone around her. You could always count on receiving candy when you came to visit Jo Anne.

Another huge part of Jo Anne's life was her church. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney for over 60 years, teaching Sunday school for at least 20 of those years. She loved spending time with her family; they were the light of her life.

Jo Anne was preceded in death by her parents, Burnell and Belle Shankle; her first husband, Carl Lee, Jr.; and her second husband, Thomas Messer.

Those left to cherish Jo Anne's memory are her daughter, Debbie Galloway of Plainview; her son, Boyd Lee and wife, Debra of Lockney; her stepdaughter, Becky Demy of Kirkland, Washington; her stepson, Mike Messer, and Greg Scordato of Savannah, Georgia; her grandchildren, Lee Anne Mitchell and husband, Tim, of Tucson, Arizona; Mandy Lacey and husband, Shaun, of Westerly, Rhode Island; Alana Bernal and husband, Mike, of Austin, Texas; and five great-grandchildren.

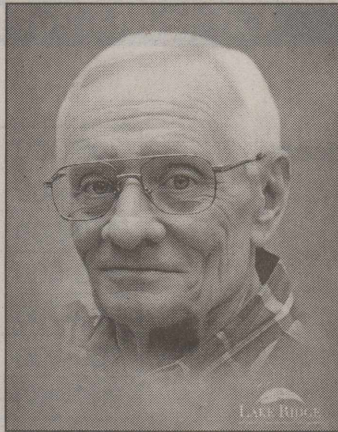
In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Jo Anne's memory to First Baptist Church of Lockney or Running Water Draw Care Center, P.O. Box 409, Olton, TX 79064.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

two great-grandchildren, Oliver Chaney and Bostyn Chaney; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Iglesia Nueva Vida Church, 1200 S, Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



**Ricky Mosley, 1954–2021**

The family of Ricky Mosley celebrated his life of 66 years at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2021, followed by a time of fellowship from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers.

He passed on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. We invite you to visit [www.memorialdesigners.net](http://www.memorialdesigners.net) to view the live-streamed service and

download his memorial keepsake folder to your device for printing. We also ask you to consider viewing his Life Tribute, a video of photographs set to his favorite music.

Ricky Boyce Mosley, 66, was born on June 18, 1954, in Lockney, Texas, to Boyce and Inez Mosley. He attended Lockney schools, graduating in 1972, and went on to attend LCU and ACU.

He married Lisa Gregory in Floydada, Texas, on June 22, 1974 and returned to Lockney, where he and Lisa lived for 32 years and raised their family while farming and raising sheep.

He coached a wide variety of children's sports teams and was a mentor and friend to many young people. He served on several boards of directors, including Floyd County Farm Bureau, the Lockney Coop Gin, and the Floyd County Fair.

He began a career with the U.S. Postal Service in 1998 while still farming and worked out of the Downtown and Freedom Station post offices in Lubbock. In 2006 Ricky and Lisa moved to Lubbock, and he continued working as a rural mail carrier until a week before his death.

He will be remembered as a loyal friend, a loving husband, and father, and a champion of the underdog. He stood up for what he believed in even when it was not popular, and he worked hard at everything he did. He never sought recognition and quietly lived out his faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Boyce Albert Mosley, and his mother, Bonnie Inez Dunavant.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa; their children: Jared (Trish) Mosley of Argyle, Texas; Johnnie (April) Mosley of Flower Mound, Texas; and Nicole (Lee) Fletcher of Abilene, Texas; and ten grandchildren, Jaden, Jaxon and Blair Mosley; Claire, Emma and Daniel Mosley; and Jossalynn, Gehrig, Millie and Hazel Fletcher.

Other survivors include his bonus sons: David (Monica) Luna; Willie (Alma) Luna; and their children, Faith, Andrew, Josiah, Zach, and E.J., along with two sisters, Susan Futch of Denton and Elaine Mosley of Plainview.

Memorial donations can be made to the Pure Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 1031, Mount Vernon, Texas, 75457 or to David Luna Faith Ministries, 1201 W. 10th St., Plainview, TX 79072.



**Etta Hope Norman, 1931–2021**

Etta Hope (McIntosh) Norman, age 89, passed away early in the morning of June 5, 2021.

A funeral service will take place in the Willson Chapel of the First United Methodist Church, Floydada, Texas, at 2 p.m., Friday, June 11, 2021, with Gary Boles officiating.

Private interment will follow

at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 11, 2021 at the church in Floydada prior to the funeral service.

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

Hope was born and raised in Floydada, Texas, to Benjamin Franklin McIntosh and Emma Etta (Lee) McIntosh. She graduated from Floydada High School and married Weims L. Norman on August 30, 1952. This union was blessed with two daughters and one son.

In her early life Hope worked at J. C. Penney and then became a telephone operator with Southwestern Bell. In 1956, Hope and Weims settled into farming, ranching and aerial spraying in Dougherty, Texas. Hope moved to Lubbock in 1978 and began a career with USDA Animal and Plant Health Service's animal control office. Following retirement from government service, Hope worked for a crop insurance company and also supplemented her income by selling Avon products for many years. In addition, she greatly enjoyed volunteering at Lubbock's Covenant Hospital for 20 years, taking great pride in providing assistance to incoming patients and their families.

In 2015, Hope relocated to College Station, Texas, residing with her daughter-in-law, Gale, where she enjoyed game nights and exercise classes at the Southwood Community Center. Hope moved into a nearby assisted living facility located in Bryan in 2019.

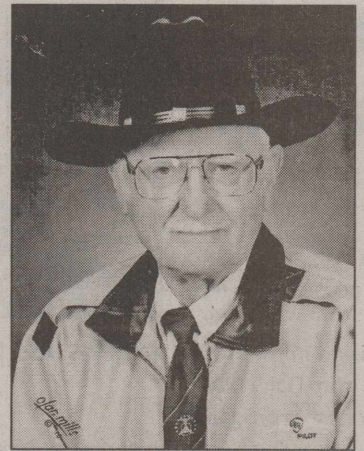
Hope is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Judy Lee; and her siblings, S. J. (Jack) McIntosh, O. R. (Tommy) McIntosh, B. F. (Buster) McIntosh, Jr., Dora May McIntosh, and Joy Jordan.

Those left to cherish Hope's life are her children, Bill M. Norman (Gale) of College Station and Linda K. Leheney (Mark) of Arlington, Va., and her grandchildren, Grace Norman, Sarah Norman, Benjamin Norman (Corinne), Emma Leheney Miles (Harrison) and Samuel Norman, along with numerous nieces and nephews from the McIntosh and Norman families. Hope was thrilled to learn that her first great-grandchild is anticipated for a December 2021 birth.

The family is profoundly grateful for the incredible staffs of Park Place Assisted Living and Remarkable Hospice for the excellent, loving and compassionate care they provided Hope.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Floyd County Library, the Methodist Children's Home or a charity of your choice.

**Lee Eugene Wilkinson, 1927–2021**



Lee Eugene Wilkinson, 94, passed on June 4, 2021 in Vernon, Texas.

Born May 2, 1927 in Floydada, Texas, the first child of Harl Leon Wilkinson and Roma Esther Swain, Wilkinson attended school in Floydada until his family moved in his senior year to Vernon, Texas. He graduated from Vernon High School. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a radar technician. After the war he attended Southern Methodist

University, where he earned a degree in electrical engineering. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Avenelle Moss, in 1949. She preceded him in death in 1990.

He married Mary R. Burse in 1996.

After college Lee worked for Hughes Aircraft before moving to Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Marietta, Ga., to work on the radar systems in the C-130 aircraft. His career with Lockheed took him to many places around the CIS and the world, visiting the Air Force Bases where the C-130s were based. Because of his interest in electronics he became a Ham radio operator early in his life. He loved to converse with his brother Tom and son David every day.

After his retirement from Lockheed, he became a home builder in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. He came back to Vernon to build a house for his sister in 1977 and stayed to help rebuild after the 1979 tornado. In 1982 he purchased land high in the mountains of Colorado and built a cabin where he lived for many years. While there he obtained his real estate license and sold land in Jasper, Colorado, and built several cabins for others. He loved to hike all over the mountain wilderness and find hidden trout streams. Fishing was a passion of his.

Lee was a pilot, learning to fly on his father's knee. His first solo flight was as a teenager at Willbarger County Airport. He owned several airplanes over the years: a gullwing Stinson, a Cessna T-50, and his favorite a Cessna 182. He loved airplanes, loved to fly and loved to work at restoring the antiques. As an active member of the Civil Air Patrol both in Vernon and Colorado, where he reached the rank of lieutenant colonel. He passed his love of flying on to many young cadets who went on to serve in the U.S. Military. He was member The OX5 Club and numerous other flying related organizations. In 2018 the FAA awarded him the Wright Brothers Master Pilot award.

Always a student, he loved reading and visiting museums. Always a teacher, he shared his vast knowledge with his children and grandchildren. He never hesitated to help others learn about anything, from geology to beekeeping, gardening to fishing, aviation to construction.

Lee returned to Vernon in 2013 to move wife Mary to a lower altitude for health reasons. He missed his beloved mountains and friends in Monte Vista, Colo., desperately but settled in, planted fruit trees and a garden, found a new church, made new friends and renewed some old ones. Vernon was again his home. He was a member of Valley Church of Nazarene in Monte Vista. He faithfully attended First Baptist Church of Vernon and was a member of Adult 5 Sunday School class.

Lee is survived by wife, Mary; brother Ted and Rose Wilkinson of Watkins, Colo.; sisters Kathryn and Fred Hindman of San Antonio, Texas; Carol Sue Baldwin of Roanoke, Texas; daughters Helen Jane and Billy Baker of Saint Simons Island, Ga.; Rebecca (Becky) and Glenn Johnston of Vernon; Marilyn and Ronnie Davenport of Archer Lodge, N.C.; son David and Theresa Wilkinson of Waleska, Ga.; and stepchildren Chauna Hall of Arvada, Colo., Laurie and Karle Grandlund of Vancouver Island, Canada, David and Kim Spirek of Kiev, Ukraine.

Also surviving him are grandchildren Florence Hinkle, Eric and Sheila Johnston, Rachel and Chad Duckworth, Briar and Debbie Johnston, John Davenport, Benny and Merri Davenport, Joslyn and BJ Mumford, Joe and Courtney Wilkinson, Josh Wilkinson, Mary Wilkinson Harrison, Tanja Vandezande; step-grandchildren Hannah Hall Jackson, Josh Hall, Austin, Karyn and Kaitlyn Spirek; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Vernon, Texas, Thursday June 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., with interment in Floydada, Texas at 4:00 p.m. under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to Cal Farley Boys Ranch.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.sullivanfuneralhomevernon.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomevernon.com).

**Plainview to celebrate 156th annual Juneteenth June 19**

STAFF REPORTS

The Plainview Ahead Juneteenth Committee will be presenting festivities for the 156th Annual Juneteenth on Saturday, June 19 from 12 to 5 p.m. at Givens Park in Plainview, located at 16th Street and Walter Givens. The theme of the celebration is "Celebrating Freedom, Generation 2 Generation."

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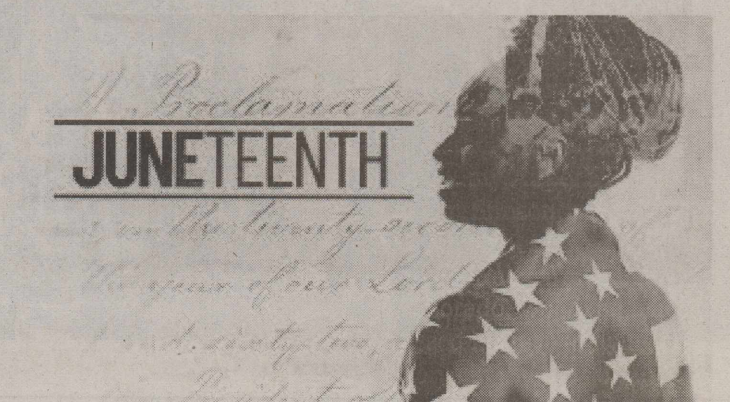
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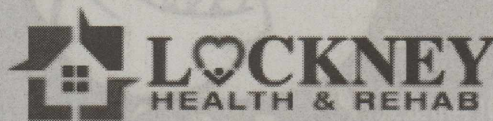


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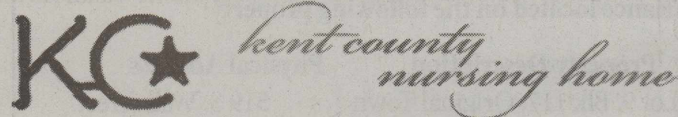
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**First United Methodist Church**  
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Sunday School—10 a.m.  
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**Main Street Church of Christ**  
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**South Plains Baptist Church**  
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Worship  
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Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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Sun Prayer Service—9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service—11 a.m.  
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**Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God**  
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Smoke pot?  
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I didn't try pot back when because it was illegal, and I was afraid I'd like it. Now I'm writing in ignorance. It won't be the first time.

Maybe I should puff at least one joint to inhale some knowledge. Maybe I'd be carried to new creative heights. Or maybe my brain on cannabis wouldn't care about deadlines, and I would accomplish nothing. Either way, this is my brain on coffee.

Secondhand pot smoke has wafted my way. One friend smoked avidly. She believed it helped her asthma. Maybe it did. She's still alive. Let's call her Mary Jane.

(I have another friend whose name really is Mary Jane. We illegally read "Winds of War" together during breaks between occupational therapy sessions at the state hospital. We had a lookout. Thanks, Diana.)

Back in the day, pot aficionado Mary Jane told me an anecdote told her by her late father—a bizarre story regarding wartime happenings near the Gulf of Mexico. I'd say what, but we'd get off-topic.

Now, 45 years later, she doesn't remember that crazy tale.

Does long-term marijuana use ease asthma symptoms and erase memories? Time for a study. Someone could round up inveterate

users and pay them to participate. Who doesn't need some extra cash? Or free pot? Maybe both? Hmm. Maybe some of us could get paid for being in the non-user control group.

Meanwhile, an interesting tidbit came my way today from a fellow-non-pot-user.

(Do we need all those hyphens? I'm asking.) He's a dentist. At a recent continuing education seminar, one topic was "Cannabis, Opioids and Updates in Pain Management." Makes me think of the time an opioid addict friend of mine talked me into giving her my stash of dentist-prescribed codeine. Yes, I hoard those pain meds. She ignored the expiration dates. So do I.

Back to pot.  
My e-friend the dentist has been paying attention to research, whereas I have not. I'd share his name, but I don't even have permission to quote him.

Here's what he said: "Most of the research on cannabis and pain management has been done on mice and rats. The data indicates a little marijuana makes the rats happier but continued use seems to make them lazy, which might explain the behavior of some people."

That's me. I'd end up in both categories—lazy and happy. I sort of already am.

But ambition remains. I'm thinking of making smoke pots to sell at the farmers market alongside my wild edibles.

**SMOKE POT**  
That label should raise eyebrows—the next best thing to actually selling something.

There's an art to next-best.

*Editor's note to columnist: No, Ms. Welch, you didn't need all those commas above. But seeing as how we also snuck in a few more when copyediting, we refrained from robbing you of the one after "fellow." Maybe you'll do a future column on "creative license."*

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Owner of Record	Property Description	Physical Address
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