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## Stapp puts in 34 years at Lockney ISD

By Teresa Bigham  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Virginia Stapp is celebrating 34 years of service at Lockney ISD. "I don't know where the 34 years went," Stapp said. "When you love your job like I do, the time flies by."

Stapp started out at Lockney ISD as a substitute teacher. She then became a teacher's aide and finally moved to the Lockney Junior High office where she worked under four different principals during her career. Stapp said, "I have to say, Mr. Setliff is currently my favorite principal."

Stapp and her husband of 44 years, Randell have two children, son Chad and daughter Tessa Rogers. The couple also have nine grandchildren.

"My kids were little when I started working for LISD," recalls Stapp. "Chad was in the fourth grade and Tessa had to have been in the second grade. This job was just the perfect job for a mom. I had weekends off and I worked the same times my kids were in school. I had the same holidays off. It was simply perfect."

"I think what I will miss the most will be the kids. Most of these kids that I see every day, I watched their parents grow up going to

school here. So that is really special to me." Stapp's last day with LISD is Dec. 31, but with the Christmas break, she will only be in the office until Dec. 17.

"My grandkids are my true passion. So, when I retire, they will be my main focus," said Stapp.

LISD selected Brinda Poole to replace Stapp. Poole has been working alongside Stapp for some time now. "I'm excited that Mrs. Poole decided to take my position. She is a wonderful lady. She has the kids' best interests in mind, and she has 21 years of experience here at LISD," Stapp said.

Poole has raised five kids of her own and has nine grandkids and six great grandkids. "My family is the most important thing to me. I cherish every minute I have with them," said Poole.

Poole has been an instrumental part in LISD. She has been a bus driver, a teacher's aide and everything in-between. "Currently, I drive the Ace program bus, and I will finish out the year doing that," Poole said.

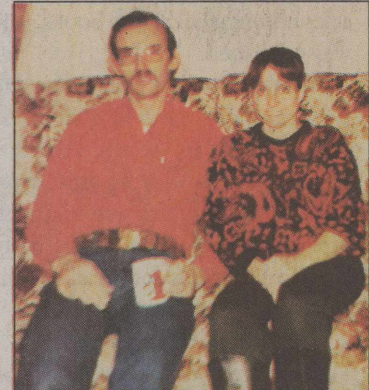
"It's been very humbling to watch all these kids start school and see them growing into successful people. It just makes my heart so proud," she said. "I'm looking forward to seeing what this next chapter in my life brings."



(L to R) Virginia Stapp, Brenda Poole and Principal Craig Setliff (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



Virginia Stapp's school picture taken in 1989 (Courtesy photo)



(L to R) Randell and Virginia Stapp, taken in 1989 (Courtesy photo)

## Stay Safe

### 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 banderson@lknews.com or fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

### SANTA ON THE SQUARE

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual 'Santa on the Square' on Thursday, Dec. 10 at Nutthouse Designs. Santa will arrive at 5:30 p.m. to start welcoming all the children and will stay until 7:30 p.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCKNEY

The First Baptist Church in Lockney will have their Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24.

### BURN BAN FLOYD COUNTY

The Floyd County Commissioners' Court extended the burn ban in Floyd County until January 11, 2021.

## BURN BAN for Floyd County

## BBQ fundraiser for Hunter Wells to be held

By Barbara Anderson  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - A barbeque fundraiser for Hunter Wells, age 4, will be held during Santa on the Square on Saturday, Dec. 10. The fundraiser starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be set up in front of Assiter's Insurance, 120 W. California, Floydada. For a \$7 donation you will receive a BBQ sandwich, chips and drink.

Hunter, son of Kayla and Robert Wells, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. They will be living in the hospital for six months for treatment. In order to accommodate work schedules, Kayla and Robert are alternating their time at the hospital.

All proceeds will go to the Wells family to help with expenses and medical bills during Hunter's long hospital stay.

Hunter also has a twin sister, Ella.

Donations may be made to the Love Fund set up for Hunter at Happy State Bank located in Floydada, Lockney or Plainview.

Please help us come together as a community to show our love and support for this family.



(Courtesy photos)

## Toy drive under way in Lockney



Stetson Lane, employee at the Lockney Dollar General shows off just a few of the new toys donated for the toy drive. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

By Teresa Bigham  
 The Hesperian-Beacon 806-729-9494.

LOCKNEY - This holiday season may be like no other due to COVID-19. This pandemic has affected the communities in so many ways. Lockney Salvation Army will be hosting a drive-through toy drive on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church.

Lockney Dollar General and Happy State Bank have graciously set up drop off boxes to accept new unwrapped toys for infants through 5th grade. Toys may be dropped off at one of these locations until Dec. 18.

Lockney Salvation Army will not have Santa visit due to COVID-19 risk, but the food pantry is available by calling Denise Doucette at

"I am happy to meet with anyone in need, all they have to do is give me a call," Doucette said. "We have coats, jackets and blankets if those items are needed as well."

"Our goal is to make sure every child in need has a toy on Christmas. We are here to help in any way that we can. With COVID-19 on the rise, this has been a difficult year for everyone, and the holidays can be incredibly stressful," said Doucette. "Everyone is kept confidential. All you have to do is drive up and pull through."

The Salvation Army would like to say a big thank you to the First United Methodist Church, Dollar General and Happy State Bank. Without them this event would not be possible.

### News on the go



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## Walter E. Williams 1936-2020

By Thomas Sowell  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Walter Williams loved teaching. Unlike too many other teachers today, he made it a point never to impose his opinions on his students. Those who read his syndicated newspaper columns know that he expressed his opinions boldly and unequivocally there. But not in the classroom.

Walter once said he hoped that, on the day he died, he would have taught a class that day. And that is just the way it was, when he died on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

He was my best friend for half a century. There was no one I trusted more or whose integrity I respected more. Since he was younger than me, I chose him to be my literary executor, to take control of my books after I was gone.

But his death is a reminder that no one really has anything to say about such things.

As an economist, Walter Williams never got the credit he deserved. His book "Race and Economics" is a must-read introduction to the subject. Amazon has it ranked 5th in sales among civil rights books, 9 years after it was published.

Another book of his, on the effects of economics under the white supremacist apartheid regime in South Africa, was titled "South Africa's War Against Capitalism." He went to South Africa to study the situation directly. Many of the things he brought out have implications for racial discrimination in other places around the world.

I have had many occasions to cite Walter Williams' research in my own books. Most of what others say about higher prices in low income neighborhoods today has not yet caught up to what Walter said in his doctoral dissertation decades ago.

Despite his opposition to the welfare state, as something doing more harm than good, Walter was privately very generous with both his money and his time in helping others.

He figured he had a right to do whatever he wanted to with his own money, but that

politicians had no right to take his money to give away, in order to get votes.

In a letter dated March 3, 1975, Walter said: "Sometimes it is a very lonely struggle trying to help our people, particularly the ones who do not realize that help is needed."

In the same letter, he mentioned a certain hospital which "has an all but written policy of prohibiting the flunking of black medical students."

Not long after this, a professor at a prestigious medical school revealed that black students there were given passing grades without having met the standards applied to other students. He warned that trusting patients would pay -- some with their lives -- for such irresponsible double standards. That has in fact happened.

As a person, Walter Williams was unique. I have heard of no one else being described as being "like Walter Williams."

Holding a black belt in karate, Walter was a tough customer. One night three men jumped him -- and two of those men ended up in a hospital.

The other side of Walter came out in relation to his wife, Connie. She helped put him through graduate school -- and after he received his Ph.D., she never had to work again, not even to fix his breakfast.

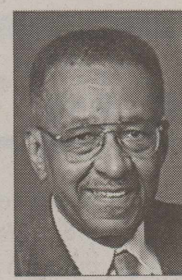
Walter liked to go to his job at 4:30 AM. He was the only person who had no problem finding a parking space on the street in downtown Washington. Around 9 o'clock or so, Connie -- now awake -- would phone Walter and they would greet each other tenderly for the day.

We may not see his like again. And that is our loss.

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## Opinion Black education tragedy is new



Walter E. Williams

Several years ago, Project Baltimore began an investigation of Baltimore's school system. What they found was an utter disgrace. In 19 of Baltimore's 39 high schools, out of 3,804 students, only 14 of them, or less than 1%, were proficient in math. In 13 of Baltimore's high schools, not a single student scored proficient in math. In five Baltimore City high schools, not a single student scored proficient in math or reading. Despite these academic deficiencies, about 70% of the students graduate and are conferred a high school diploma -- a fraudulent high school diploma.

The Detroit Public Schools Community District scored the lowest in the nation compared to 26 other urban districts for reading and mathematics at the fourth- and eighth-grade levels. A recent video captures some of this miseducation in Milwaukee high schools: In two city high schools, only one student tested proficient in math and none are proficient in English. Yet, the schools spent a full week learning about "systemic racism" and "Black Lives Matter activism." By the way, a Nov. 19, 2020, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article asks: "How many Black teachers did you have? I've only had two." The article concludes, "For future Black students, that number needs to go up." New York City is one of many school systems in the United States set to roll out Black Lives Matter-themed lesson plans. According to the NYC Department of Education, teachers will delve into "systemic racism," police brutality and white privilege in their classrooms.

Should we blame this education tragedy on racial discrimination or claim that it is a legacy of slavery? Dr. Thomas Sowell's research in "Education: Assumptions Versus History" documents academic excellence at Baltimore's Frederick Douglass High School and others. This academic excellence occurred during the late 1800s to mid-1900s, an era when blacks were much poorer than today and faced gross racial discrimination. Frederick Douglass High School of yesteryear produced many distinguished alumni, such as Thurgood Marshall and Cab Calloway, and several judges, congressmen and civil rights leaders. Frederick Douglass High School was second in the nation in black Ph.D.s. among its alumni.

Also, in Sowell's "Education: Assumptions Versus History" is the story of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, a black public school in Washington, D.C. As early as 1899, its students scored higher on citywide tests than any of the city's white schools. From its founding in 1870 to 1955, most of its graduates went off to college. Dunbar's distinguished alumni include U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke, physician Charles Drew and, during World War II, nearly a score of majors, nine colonels and lieutenant colonels, and a brigadier general. Today's Paul Laurence Dunbar and Frederick Douglass high schools have material resources that would have been unimaginable to their predecessors. However, having those resources have meant absolutely nothing in terms of academic achievement.

If we accept the notion that rotten education is not preordained, then I wonder when the black community will demand an end to an educational environment that condemns so many youngsters to mediocrity. You can bet the rent money that white liberals and high-income blacks would not begin to accept the kind of education for their children that most blacks receive.

The school climate, seldom discussed, plays a very important role in education. During the 2017-18 school year, there were an estimated 962,300 violent incidents and 476,100 nonviolent incidents in U.S. public schools nationwide. Schools with 1,000 or more students had at least one sworn law enforcement officer. About 90% of those law enforcement officers carry firearms. Aside from violence, there are many instances of outright disrespect for teachers. First- and second-graders telling teachers to "Shut the f--- up" and calling teachers "b---h."

Years ago, much of the behavior of young people that we see today would have never been tolerated. There was the vice principal's office where corporal punishment would be administered for gross infractions. If the kid was unwise enough to tell his parents what happened, he might get more punishment at home. Today, unfortunately, we have replaced practices that worked with practices that sound good and caring. And we are witnessing the results.

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## Preventing falls this holiday season

By Mark Fritz  
President of Bridgemoor Transitional Care

While holiday celebrations may look a little different this year, most of us will likely be spending more time at home this season. For some, that may mean putting up more holiday decorations for your family to enjoy. While this is a safe way to stay socially distanced from others, it's important to take proper safety precautions to avoid injuries from falls—whether you're hanging lights on the roof or decorating an eight-foot

tree. While everyone is at risk of falling from a ladder, older adults are at an increased risk. According to an analysis of trauma patients in the Journal of Surgical Research, the age of patients who fell from ladders was 55. The analysis also revealed that while older adults fell from lower heights, they sustained more severe injuries.

Falls can cause broken bones, including hip fractures, or even traumatic head injuries. In fact, many older adults who survive falls need post-acute care to complete their recovery.

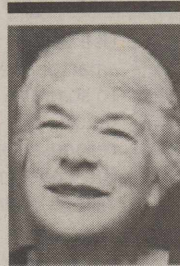
The time needed to recover from a fall can feel long and difficult, leading to a loss of independence when faced with possible prolonged hospitalization or recovery in a rehabilitation/nursing care facility before returning home.

Bridgemoor Transitional Care recommends taking these safety precautions when using a ladder to decorate this year:

\*Inspect your ladder prior to using it. Look for loose steps, nails, screws, bolts, nuts or locks. If you have a wooden ladder, inspect it for

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## The 501: Yacht or farm



HANABA MUNN WELCH

The best place to be stuck at home during the current pandemic?

How about a yacht? Except it's probably hard to find a place to dock and probably even harder to get permission to go ashore.

Next-best place? A farm. Despite the pandemic, broken limbs still fall on the fences, the water still freezes on cold nights, the cotton gin keeps ginning, and winter wheat adds a touch of green. Life goes on. The gray fox is still a threat to the chickens -- the ones you have left.

The cows especially are the quintessence of oblivion, grazing wide-eyed and methodically while the world goes awry. Not that cows don't suffer from the Coronavirus -- specifically Bovine Coronavirus

(BCoV). They invented it. But most survive. And, at least for now, they don't give it to humans.

Idea: Special varieties of cow's milk are big business. For instance, there's one kind somehow engineered especially for lactose-intolerant humans. Milk with Coronavirus antibodies would be even better. COVID-phobia is bound to linger even after effective vaccines are available to all. That milk would sell and keep selling.

Fact is, some milk already has lots of Bovine Coronavirus (BCoV) antibodies. A 2017 quote from "Veterinary Medicine," eleventh edition:

"A nationwide survey of antibodies to BCoV in bulk tank milk in Swedish dairy herds found that 89 percent of samples were positive and 52 percent had very high levels of antibodies."

An inventive milk marketer could capitalize on the naturally occurring Bovine Coronavirus antibody levels in milk, emphasis on "naturally." It's a world-wide cow disease. Those antibodies must be in cow's milk everywhere, Sweden to Texas.

The conscientious marketer would then add a fine-print disclaimer: "Not proven by the Health and Drug Administration to be effective against COVID-19 in humans."

Something like that. The words "in humans" deceptively make the product sound effective against COVID-19 in cows. So why not pay the premium price and hope it works for humans too?

We routinely take disclaimers for granted and interpret them however we want. Dedicated smokers must be numb to the warning that cigarettes can be dangerous to one's health.

More apropos, how about those glorious ads for various medicines that play out while someone calmly announces a laundry list of all possible side effects, death included? You believe what you want to believe. Otherwise, those commercials wouldn't keep running. And running.

Me, I've started buying tonic water. The label says "contains quinine." Doesn't some evidence exist that quinine helps humans combat the Coronavirus? An ounce of tonic water is worth a pound of cure. Right? Besides, the stuff is good.

As for milk, some of us are old enough to remember when good nutrition meant drinking four glasses a day. Four! That rule kept lots of cows employed.

Couldn't the Coronavirus, sneakily misrepresented in the matter of milk's efficacy, now give the dairy industry a timely boost?

In a world of bogus phone calls and online scams, a drink of bogus milk would be a refreshing change. Yum.

### The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Weather Summary

#### Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
67 / 35	61 / 30	60 / 27	58 / 28	56 / 23	54 / 24	51 / 18

#### Local UV Index

0-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure									

#### Weather Trivia

When is the Pacific typhoon season? Answer: There is none. Typhoons can occur anytime during the year.

#### Weather History

**Dec. 9, 1987** - The fifth storm in nine days kept the northwestern United States wet and windy. Winds along the coast of Washington gusted to 75 mph at Oceans Shores and the northern and central coastal mountains of Oregon were drenched with three inches of rain in 10 hours.

**Dec. 10, 1989** - Heavy snow fell across the northern and central mountains of Colorado, with 24 inches reported at Steamboat Springs. Six to 12 inches of snow fell in the Denver and Boulder areas, delaying plane flights and snarling traffic.

#### Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 67°, humidity of 24%. Southwest wind 9 to 13 mph. The record high temperature for today is 77° set in 1939. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 35°. Southwest wind 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 27°. The record low for tonight is 2° set in 2005. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high temperature of 61°, humidity of 33%. West wind 9 to 13 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 30°.

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM		PM		Day	AM		PM	
	Start	End	Start	End		Start	End	Start	End
Wed	7:10-9:10	7:35-9:35	5:00	5:30	Sun	10:46-12:46			
Thu	8:00-10:00	8:26-10:26	4:07	4:37	Mon	11:17-1:17	11:48-1:48		
Fri	8:52-10:52	9:19-11:19	3:19	3:49	Tue	12:19-2:19	12:50-2:50		
Sat	9:48-11:48	10:16-12:16							

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 12/14	7:41 a.m.	5:37 p.m.	1:50 a.m.	2:21 p.m.
Wed	7:42 a.m.	5:37 p.m.	2:58 a.m.	2:54 p.m.
Thu	7:42 a.m.	5:37 p.m.	4:07 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Fri	7:43 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	5:19 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
Sat	7:44 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	6:32 a.m.	4:55 p.m.
First 12/21	7:45 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	7:44 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Sun	7:45 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	8:51 a.m.	6:48 p.m.
Full 12/29				
Last 1/6				

#### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip
11/27	53	33	57/30	0.00"	11/27	0	12/1	0	0
11/28	37	32	56/30	0.15"	11/28	0	12/2	0	0
11/29	45	29	56/29	0.00"	11/29	0	12/3	0	0
11/30	50	20	55/29	0.00"	11/30	0			
12/1	59	27	55/29	0.00"					
12/2	36	28	55/29	0.00"					
12/3	37	22	54/28	0.00"					

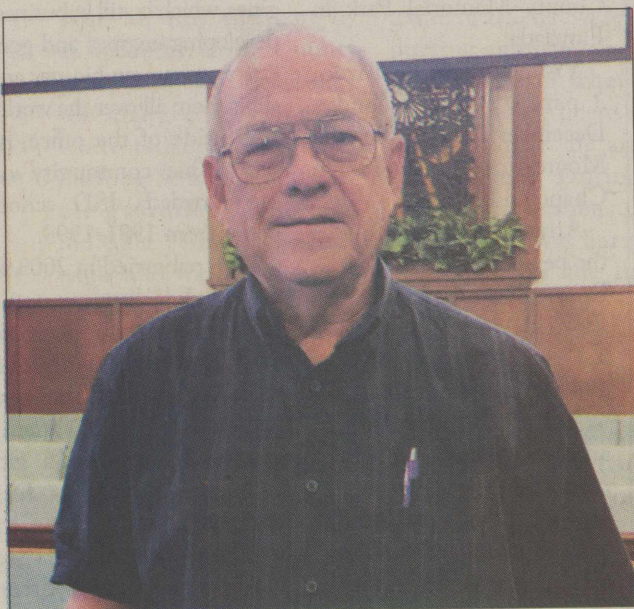
Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

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# SOCIETY

## Kuykendall joins Lockney FBC

Ron Kuykendall has accepted the Worship Leader position at Lockney's First Baptist Church. Ron and Sherlyn, his wife, live in Petersburg. Ron is a master potter and retired teacher. First Baptist Church Pastor, Joseph Tillery, invites you to come and meet Ron. FBC will have their Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 6 p.m., Dec. 24. Everyone is welcome to attend.



(Courtesy photo)

## Floydada Senior Citizens news

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The Center will be open December 9, 10, 16, 17. The 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.

### MENU

- December 9 – Chili & cornbread
- December 10 – Chicken and dressing
- December 16 – Salisbury steak
- December 17 – Fried chicken

## Lockney Senior Citizens news

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The Center is also hosting a gift basket raffle full of gift certificates and prizes. For tickets you may contact the Center at 806-652-2745 or contact a

board member. The Center serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mon-day through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery. Anyone wanting to contact the Center by 9:30 a.m. daily.

Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

The Center's staff appreciates everyone and said they can't wait to see everyone again.

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

## Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

With Christmas in the air, it seems like an eggnog cookie recipe is the perfect recipe to share. This is the perfect recipe for those who leave cookies and milk for Santa.

These cookies have a wonderful spicy aroma and are great tasting. The fragrance of nutmeg and cinnamon will infuse your home with holiday spirit as you bake these



cookies. They make delicious gifts and are a welcome addition to cookie exchanges.

### Eggnog Cookies

#### Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp cloves
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup butter (softened)
- 1/4 cup eggnog
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 large egg
- 4 TBSP sugar

Preheat oven 350 degrees, line cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, nutmeg, in a small bowl and set aside.

Using an electric mixer cream butter and sugar together, add egg, vanilla, eggnog until blended. Gradually add dry ingredients, mix until blended. Create 2 TBSP size balls of cookie dough, roll in additional sugar place 1-inch apart sprinkle with additional nutmeg. Bake at 350 degrees 10 minutes or until the bottom of the cookies are lightly browned. Cool slightly on cookie sheets, transfer to wire racks allow to cool completely.

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

### DEE WILLIAMS FAMILY

By Williams Sinclair  
November 9, 1977

Dee and Myrtle Williams came to Floyd County the

first time in 1915, and lived in the Ramsey Community east of Lockney.

Dee Williams was born in Wooster, Faulkner County, Arkansas, September 19, 1887. His family left there while he was some six or seven years old, so he grew up in what is now the state of Oklahoma. They lived in various parts of the Indian territory before settling in the Kiowa Community, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Myrtle Field was born in Lake Valley, New Mexico, February 8, 1894. Her family moved to the Kiowa Community while she was in her early teens. It was there she met and married Dee Williams, July 3, 1910 at the home of her parents.

After farming in the home community one year they joined with a group going to New Mexico to file on homestead claims. They filed on land near Tucumcari and lived there some two years before going back to visit their folks in Oklahoma. They did not return to the claim, but started to Texas, stopping for several months in Mobeetie, Texas before coming on to Floyd County.

They farmed two years before making another visit to Oklahoma, which turned into a three-year stay on a farm there. But in 1919

they came back to Lockney to live the rest of their lives.

Dee was a farmer, and the level, fertile land of the South Plains was a strong attraction in those early years, horses and mules, powered all the farming which was not done by man power. The county was dotted with lakes, some of which had water all the year. The roads were routed around the lakes, but even so were often flooded after a rain. This didn't give much problem to the teams of horses, but when the Model T became the most popular method of transportation, it was a big one.

Dee's parents, J. S. and Molly Williams lived in and around Lockney from 1915 till their deaths in the 1930's. His brothers also came to Floyd County about that time and lived out their lives. They were John, Jodie and Willie.

The children of Dee and Myrtle Williams all attended the Lockney schools. They are Irene, Lowell, Vernon, Thelma, Calvin, Glen, David Clifton and Alta. They also reared one of Myrtle's sisters, Sue Field. So, they sent children to the Lockney schools for nearly forty years.

Dee died in 1974, and Myrtle is an invalid, so this short history is written by their eldest child, Irene.

## MUSE NEWS

### ARCHIVES BENEFITS RESEARCHERS

The Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center continues to provide helpful information to visitors and to written requests as the interest in family history increases across the nation.

### MUSEUM HOURS

Visitors are welcome at the museum weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. To make an appointment, call the museum at 806-983-2415.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to: Floyd County Historical Museum P.O. Box 304 Floydada, Texas 79235

Membership dues are as follows:

- Students - \$1.00; Adults - \$5.00; Family \$10.00;
- Contributing - \$25.00; Benefactor - \$250.00; Life - \$500.00.

Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to the family members. Membership dues and contributions are vital to the operation and maintenance of the museum. Thank you for helping preserve Floyd County history!

## Steps to keep your poinsettias looking beautiful through the Christmas season

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Not only can poinsettias brighten up your holiday season, they can be kept alive to grow and bloom again next year.

Everyone knows poinsettias are the official flower of the Christmas holiday. These plants can come in a variety of colors ranging from deep red to crimson, white, pink and all types of variations, they truly do brighten up any holiday display.

Keeping them healthy and strong all through the season can be a challenge, according to Old World Garden Farms.

Poinsettia blooms are bracts and not flowers at all, Old World Garden Farms tells us. Although they look like a flowering bloom, bracts are instead a set of colorful leaves that form on top of the regular green foliage of the poinsettia.

According to Old World Garden there are three steps to keeping your poinsettia plant in tip top shape.

The first step and the most important one is proper watering. When a poinsettia plant fail early in the season, it can most often attribute to too much or too little watering.

Over watering causes the

most issues, Old World Farms reports. Not only can overwatering lead to the yellowing of leaves, it can also rot away the root structure, killing the plant in the process.

One rule to follow is to allow your plant to dry out completely between watering. When you do water, water so that the soil is moist and damp, but not saturated. Be sure to not allow the soil to stay dry for too long. Under watering can cause a plant to lose its bracts and color prematurely as well, according to Old World Garden Farms.

The second factor that can affect the longevity of blooms is the amount of heat in the room. Poinsettias will bloom longest

when they are kept in conditions between 70 to 75 degrees. Old World Garden Farms says, this tropical plant loves the heat and humidity, but not too much. Overly warm rooms will shorten the bloom time of the poinsettia plants.

The final factor for extending blooms is the amount of natural light the plant receives. Poinsettia plants need light to bloom, but not too much. Placing plants in a sunny window will speed up their bloom time greatly. It can also damage the foliage.

Once the blooms have faded from your poinsettia plant, begin by cutting the foliage and stems back to around 4" above the soil surface. Your plant will

likely have a pathetic look, but do not worry it will come back.

Place the plant in a sunny windowsill, continuing to water as needed. Usually within two to three weeks, you should begin to see new growth to emerge.



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# Obituaries

## Maria Dolores Chavarria

Maria Dolores Chavarria, also known by friends and family as Lolita, was called home by our Lord and Savior on Monday, November 30, 2020, at the age of 80 years old at Amarillo. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2020. Father Cruz officiated.

An open visitation was held Sunday, December 6, 2020 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

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

Lolita was born in San Jose De Reyes, Durango, Mexico on March 15, 1940 to Marcelino and Reynita Martinez.

She married the love of her life Alberto Chavarria on December 31, 1967 in Santa Clara, Durango, Mexico. They were blessed with four boys and two girls. They later migrated to Floyd County where they resided for over 40 years.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and daughter. She enjoyed sewing, massage therapy, cooking. But most of all she cherished spending time with her family. Lolita is preceded in death by her parents.

Those left to cherish and carry on her legacy are her husband, Alberto Chavarria; four sons, Adolfo Chavarria (Mita), Albert Chavarria (Olga), Victor Chavarria (JoAnn), and Ruben Chavarria (Diana); two daughters, Ana Gonzalez (Rudy) and Carmela Enriquez (Sergio); four siblings, Francisco, Jesus Martines, Socorro Cervantes, and Margarita Martinez. She also has 20 grandchildren, Justin Chavarria (Melissa), Jon-Paul Chavarria (Quinn), Stefanni Chavarria, Jacob Chavarria, Blake Chavarria (Ashley), Aaron Chavarria (Tiara), Christian Chavarria (Anastasia), Josh Chavarria (Breka), RoxAnn Chavarria, Ryan Chavarria (Samantha),



MARIA DOLORES CHAVARRIA

Aimee Chavarria, Taylor Segura (Jessie), Aryssa Garcia, and Amari Garcia, Kaitlin, Emily, and Alexandria Gonzalez, Lizzete, Alyssandra, and Sergio Esteban Enriquez; six great-grandchildren, Soledad Chavarria, Kennedy Chavarria, Aaliyah Chavarria, Kobe Chavarria, Kehlan Chavarria, and Alexander Chavarria.

Lolita will be dearly missed but will always be in our hearts. We give thanks to God for sharing a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother that gave us so many years of cherished memories. We will never forget you.

Online condolences can be made at [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com).

## Don Hardy

Don Hardy, 80, of Floydada, Texas passed on Monday, November 30, 2020.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

Visitation was held from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2020 in the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada.

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

Don was born on June 13, 1940 in Granite, Oklahoma to Lloyd and Eunice Hardy and started school in Brinkman, Oklahoma.

During Don's high school years, they moved to Olton, Texas, where he graduated in 1959 and worked at Thompson Chevrolet as a mechanic.

In 1963 Don was drafted into the Army where he served as a welder and tank mechanic in Alaska.

After being discharged from the Army in July 1965, Don moved to Floydada. He started his business, Don Hardy Race Cars, building and modifying cars for drag racing. He also traveled with Kelley Chadwick as a crew chief from 1966-1968.

In 1969, he married Sue McCord and they were married until 2002. Don concentrated on building cars from then on. He built 12 to 20 cars per year that were shipped all over the US and several foreign countries. He built cars until 1984, of those cars, he won 15 national championships. He also won Car Craft Magazine's Professional

Chassis Builder of the year from 1977-1981.

In 1980 Don began doing efficiency work on irrigation engines and started Don Hardy Fuel Efficient Engines, which is still in business developing engines and generators to run on bio-gas and ships them all over the world.

Outside of the office, he served his community on the Floydada ISD school board from 1981-1995.

Don remarried in 2003 to Carolyn J. Jackson.

Don has won multiple awards over the years and has been inducted into two Motorsport Hall of Fames.

In May 2016, as a gift from his children, Dedra and Donald, the City of Floydada renamed two blocks on Missouri Street in front of his businesses to "Don Hardy Motorway". Don was also a huge pillar of the community and considered Floydada his home.

When Don was not working, he enjoyed improving and modifying engines, restoring cars, and car collecting. The car collecting, in turn, created three museums in Floydada, all called Hardy's Classic Cars, where his cars can be enjoyed by others.

He was a member of the Studebaker Driver's Club, Nifty Fifty Auto Club, and the VFW.

Don had many friends everywhere he went. He loved going to Pate's barn for coffee every day to visit with the guys and tinkering with one of their projects. He enjoyed watching drag races, NASCAR, NBA, and all kinds of car shows. Most of all he loved watching every activity his grandchildren were par-



DON HARDY

ticipating in and celebrating and spending time with his family. Family meant everything to Don.

Don is survived by his wife of 17 years, Carolyn J. Hardy, his daughter, Dedra Hardy and husband, Larry Jones, of Lubbock, his son Donald Hardy of Lubbock, step-son Aaron Wilson and wife, Karen, of Lockney, grandchildren, Bryce Thomas, Breck Thomas, Kirk Wilson, Brance Wilson, Bethany Miller, Callie Flores, and Marc Wilson, along with 14 great-grandchildren.

Don is preceded in death by both his parents and his sister, Sue Hardy Wilhite.

Due to COVID, only 20 people will be allowed to enter the funeral home at one time. This is for the safety of the family and all those wishing to express their condolences. The family and Moore-Rose Funeral Home appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Memorials may be made to Nifty Fifty Car Club, Floydada EMS and First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

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

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## Oscar Martinez

Oscar Martinez, age 84, passed away November 25, 2020.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the Lockney Cemetery.

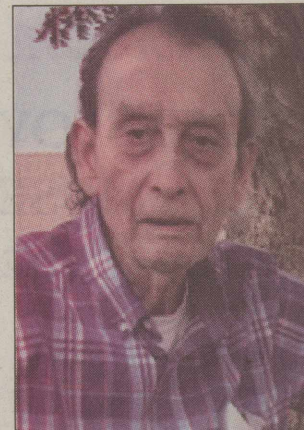
Visitation was held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

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

Lockney.

Those left to cherish Oscar's memory are his son, Oscar Martinez, Jr. and his wife, Norma; his daughters, Zulema Gonzales, Bertha Crawford and husband, Dennis, Gloria Luna and Tony Zuniga; and all 117 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and step-grandchildren.

Online condolences can be made at [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com).



OSCAR MARTINEZ

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Press Pause

[Jesus] went up on a mountainside to pray. - Mark 6:46 (NIV)

In our fast-paced, busy, and loud world, we may find it challenging to rest. Overwhelming needs — spiritual, physical, emotional, mental, and relational — surround us. We can easily fall into a pattern of constant "doing" because of the great need in the world.

Yet Jesus took time away from his work to focus on his relationship with God. And he taught this truth to his disciples. In Mark 6, we read how Jesus sent the disciples on a mission trip. Upon their return, he could have sent them to a new place to preach and perform miracles. Instead, he told them they needed time away to rest.

I have noticed that the more I do at the expense of my time in communion with God, the more likely I am to be stressed or overwhelmed. However, when I take time to pause and rest in my relationship with God, my renewed spirit helps me do God's work in a way that cannot happen when I'm always on the move. I'm continuing to learn from the Master Teacher that I cannot run on empty — physically or spiritually.

—Kyle Bjerga (Illinois, USA)

### TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to follow the example of Jesus, who taught us that to be effective disciples we need rest. Help us as we seek to make resting with you a regular practice in our lives. Amen.

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| <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Armando Morales, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Bible Study - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p>  | <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Pastor E. C. Ice, III<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p>  | <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Jesus Caballero, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Discipleship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p>  | <p><b>Templo Bethel</b><br/><b>Spanish Assembly of God</b><br/>Washington And 1st St.<br/>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p>                    |
| <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b><br/>Service Every Sunday<br/>Morning Worship - 9 a.m.<br/>-Sunday School 10:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p>  | <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b><br/>Joe Bennett, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Tuesday - 8 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p>           | <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Toby Gonzales<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p>   | <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b><br/>Rev. Herman Martinez<br/>Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores<br/>308 W. Tennessee, Floydada<br/>Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.<br/>Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.<br/>Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.<br/>*****</p>        |
| <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>West College &amp; Third<br/>Lockney<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p>   | <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b><br/>Lockney<br/>James Blair, Minister<br/>Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p>                             | <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b><br/>Priest - Sylvester Dsouza<br/>Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass<br/>Sun - 9 a.m. Mass<br/>Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass<br/>Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass<br/>*****</p>   | <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b><br/>500 W. Houston<br/>Kari &amp; Justin Brown, Pastors<br/>983-5499<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.<br/>*****</p>                               |
| <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b><br/>Bob DuPont, Minister<br/>Floydada<br/>Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p>  | <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Timothy Askey<br/>401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.<br/>*****</p>            | <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b><br/>Dan Beaty, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>*****</p>   | <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b><br/>Providence Community On Fm 2301<br/>293-3009<br/>Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service 11 - a.m.<br/>*****</p>                                    |
| <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Mark Snowden, Pastor<br/>Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship<br/>Ashley Adams, Minister of Music<br/>Ludustia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry<br/>Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges<br/>(806) 637-0430<br/>Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship -11 a.m.<br/>*****</p>  | <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b><br/>701 W. Missouri<br/>Joe M. Hernandez<br/>983-5286 (Church)<br/>Sunday School<br/>English - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Spanish - 11 a.m.<br/>Worship<br/>Spanish - 9:30 a.m.<br/>English - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Service 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> | <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b><br/>Floydada<br/>983-2672 Or 470-0950<br/>Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>   |
| <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b><br/>310 Mississippi, Floydada</p>   | <p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b><br/>Floydada</p>   | <p>*****</p>  | <p>*****</p>   |

# AGRICULTURE

## Game Warden Field Notes

Dec. 4, 2020

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports.

### Lost and Found

Two Angelina County game wardens responded to a call about a lost hunter in Angelina National Forest. Upon arrival at the scene, the wardens found out the man had been missing for several hours and was a diabetic. Temperatures were dropping because of an approaching cold front so the wardens called UAV operators from TPWD's Wildlife Division and a Tyler County game warden, and a TPWD K-9 handler for assistance as part of a joint operation with U.S. Forest Service rangers, Jasper County EMS, a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter and fire department volunteers. After searching for several hours, the wardens received a GPS coordinate of the missing man and they were able to locate him in the woods. He was in a pre-hypothermic state when he was found and was treated by EMS.

### When Will You Learn?

Two Polk County game wardens were on night patrol with their deer decoy "Corby" when Corby caught someone's eye. A truck passed the decoy, slowed to a stop, then quickly reversed and the headlights were positioned onto the decoy. After a brief pause, the sound of a small caliber rifle shot was heard from the vehicle. The wardens approached the subject and they were apprehended without incident. A .22 caliber rifle was found in the back seat of the truck with a spent casing still in the ejection port of the rifle. The subject also admitted to being charged for spotlighting on a public roadway near the same area a few weeks

prior to this incident by a different Polk County game warden. The subject was charged with hunting white-tailed deer at night, hunting white-tailed deer using artificial light and multiple Class C citations and warnings. Cases pending.

### Liar Liar Deer on Fire

An Upshur County game warden received a call about two deer carcasses dumped along a shared fence line with a neighbor. The caller said the two carcasses had not been quartered and only some of the meat had been taken off of the two deer. The warden called for additional back up from another warden and when they arrived at the property, the two deer were no longer on the fence line. The wardens interviewed the property owner, but he denied knowledge of the two deer. After a quick investigation, it was determined that a nine-point buck was harvested that morning by his juvenile son. When asked about the carcass, the landowner said they had taken the carcass to a creek a mile away to dispose of it. When questioned about the second deer, the landowner continued to deny claims of there being another deer. After further questioning, the landowner confessed to not harvesting all of the meat from the nine-point buck that morning and showed the wardens to a burn pile on the property where they found the wasted buck with its two front shoulders intact and on fire. The landowner continued to deny there had been another deer until one of the wardens found a partially quartered doe hidden in the high brush. The landowner then confessed. Multiple cases pending.

### If I Could Turn Back Time

Henderson County

game wardens were conducting an inspection on a local processor when they came across a license that did not have an archery endorsement. During the inspection, wardens found out the deer was harvested the same day the license was purchased, but the license was bought by the hunter later in the evening. The wardens visited the hunter and learned that the deer was harvested under the license of another individual. After further questioning, it was discovered that the hunter asked his wife to go buy a hunting license the same day he harvested the deer so that he could use her tag to harvest another buck. After denying the incident, the wardens were able to use cell phone photos with consent from the couple to put together a timeline proving the deer was harvested by the hunter before the license was purchased by his wife. To further the false claims that his wife had harvested the deer, he had her pose for photos with the deer, which wardens found on the phone. Cases pending.

### Oh Deer

A Lavaca County game warden was on patrol when they heard a rifle shot come from an area where they had previously seen deer hunting violations. When they went to investigate, the warden saw a man drive out of the brush, head home, pick up his wife and then return to the woods. An hour later, the wife returned to the house with the head and meat of a white-tailed buck. The warden approached the wife, who then lead the warden to where she was meeting her husband in the woods. The man was surprised when his wife showed up with the game warden to their hidden cleaning rack. Citation was issued for taking a white-tailed deer in closed season and

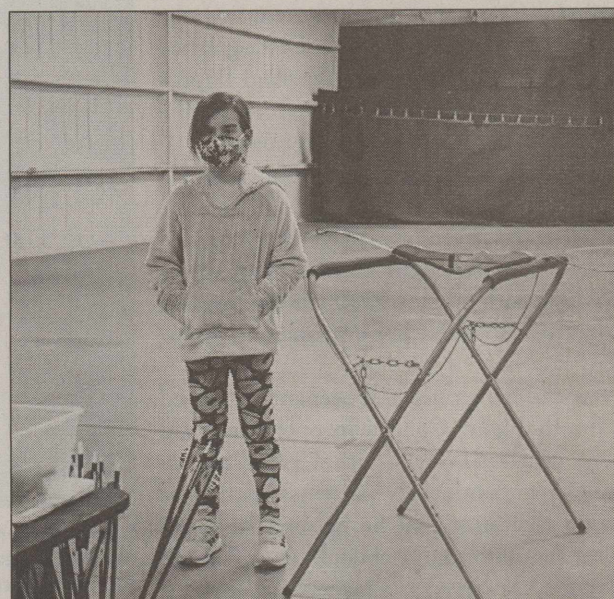
civil restitution was filed. Case pending.

### Crossbow Drive-by

Two Trinity County game wardens received a call from the local sheriff's office about a hunter who had just shot a buck in a yard from a vehicle. The landowner thought a rifle was used and was able to write down the license plate number and get a good description of the vehicle. The wardens and sheriff's office called a local constable who lives in the same neighborhood for some back up. The constable was able to find the vehicle quickly while the wardens traveled to the scene. After a brief interview upon their arrival, the hunter admitted to shooting the buck out of his vehicle with a crossbow from the public roadway. Wardens filed multiple charges for hunting from the public roadway and hunting during closed season. Cases pending.

### Drunk and on the Hunt

A Cass County game warden was on patrol when they saw a vehicle stop twice near a large pasture and stick what they thought was a rifle out of the window. While following the vehi-



Ella Snowden

**By Teresa Bigham**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Ella Snowden is a second year Floyd County 4-H member, and she is in the 4th grade. Her favorite class in school is math.

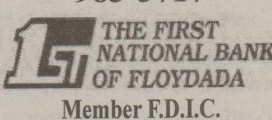
Snowden takes part in the photography project and the archery project.

"Being in 4-H has taught me how to shoot a bow and arrow," she said. "It is a lot of fun."

Snowden looks forward to taking part in her Girl Scout meetings as well.

She is the daughter of Mark and Natalie Snowden.

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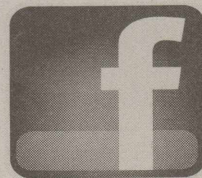


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cle to confirm what they had seen, the subject was driving erratically on the county road. When the vehicle stopped again, the warden conducted a traffic stop. The warden then approached the vehicle and saw an AR-15 rifle in the passenger's seat. The weapon was secured, and the driver was checked for warrants. The warden noticed the thermal scope was still on, so they asked the driver about hunting and told him that they had seen him stick the rifle out of the window. The driver then admitted to hunting the field for hog and admitted to being intoxicated. The driver was arrested and charged with hunting without landowner consent and hunting non-game from a motor vehicle.

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## Wayland graduate honored as Lubbock Campus distinguished alumni

By Jonathan Petty, MAM  
Director of Communications

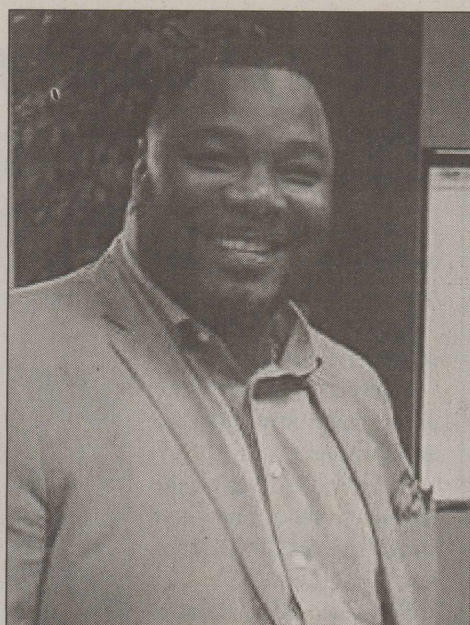
LUBBOCK – Kevin McConic, an employee at Covenant Health System in Lubbock, was selected as 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award winner for Wayland Baptist University's Lubbock campus recently. The award will be presented at a later date.

McConic is a native of Lubbock and a graduate of Estacado High School. He currently serves as senior manager for integrated talent management at Covenant, where he works with employees across the hospital properties in Lubbock, Levelland and Plainview.

Prior to his service at Covenant, he served at South Plains College in operations and spent nearly 11 years with United Supermarkets in community partnerships. It was during that stint that he became an active volunteer with the Lubbock Area United Way. He has served as a loaned executive for several years and most recently has been the Community Impact Chair on the United Way board. In late 2019, the Volunteer Center of Lubbock recognized McConic with one of its 2020 Get Involved Honors for his work with United Way.

"I think we all have a responsibility to give back out of the blessings and ability God has given us and I've always felt that way," McConic said. "United Way has been one of the best experiences of volunteering for me. They make it so easy to volunteer and prepare for board meetings. It's been a pleasure for me."

In addition to the United Way, McConic is also on the board of 100 Black Men of West Texas and serves as education chair; the Lubbock Partnership Network, a school board for several schools in East Lubbock. He also serves on several Lubbock ISD ad-



Kevin McConic, an employee at Covenant Health System, was named the Distinguished Alumni Award winner for Wayland's Lubbock campus. (Courtesy photo)

sory committees, including safety and social and emotional learning.

"Wayland's alumni are serving their communities in great and small ways, and Kevin McConic is a great example of what is wonderful about our alums," said Teresa Young, director of alumni relations at Wayland. "We are honored to call him part of our Wayland family, and it was no surprise given his accomplishments that our campus chose him as this year's honoree."

Wayland's Alumni Association has presented Distinguished Alumni Awards to graduates over the homecoming weekend for many years. The program was expanded in 2018 to include a winner for each campus' alumni, with McConic among some of the last honored in 2020.

## WBC Homecoming 2021 going virtual; new offerings on the lineup

By Jonathan Petty, MAM  
Director of Communications

PLAINVIEW – The theme of "Home" will have new meaning for Wayland Baptist University alumni in 2021 as its annual homecoming transitions to a virtual event due to ongoing COVID concerns.

Slated for Feb. 19-20, 2021, the now-spring celebration will offer options to connect alumni using technology as well as offer some traditional parts of the weekend virtually.

"When we decided in December 2019 to move our celebration to the spring, we didn't even know what the Coronavirus was. So we thought for sure we'd be clear to hold our traditional homecoming on our Plainview campus by February 2021," said Teresa Young, director of alumni relations. "It became evident recently that might not be the case, so we've opted for a virtual event we're calling 'homecoming@home.'"

Young noted that the use of technology and moving of class reunions and other gatherings to the Zoom platform can mean that more alumni will be able to participate since the challenge of travel is removed. Many events will be livestreamed or released as premieres at a set time on the homecoming weekend schedule.

Another new offering for the virtual homecoming event is the "Homecoming in a Box," which can be mailed to the first 200 alumni requesting one. The boxes will con-

tain goodies designed to help alumni and their families enjoy the weekend events together and exhibit their school spirit, even if they are not on the Plainview campus.

"We are really excited about the opportunities that this new format allows us to offer and hopefully involve many more alumni than our traditional weekend does," Young said. "This way alumni who live too far to make the trip or who have other barriers to attending can still be involved. Hosting our class reunions via Zoom will open doors for many more to celebrate these milestone anniversaries as well."

Several aspects of the traditional homecoming event are on the lineup for 2021 in virtual format via the Internet: the recognition of alumni awards will still take place on Friday night, Feb. 19, and the Athletics Hall of Honor induction will be Saturday morning, Feb. 20. The chapel panel discussion will be offered during the traditional chapel time, 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17. Reunions on Zoom will be scheduled during the weekend, and sporting events will be live-streamed through the athletics website.

In addition, the weekend will offer some new activities for alumni to get involved in various ways. The Legacy on the Links Golf Classic will help generate additional funds for the Alumni Loyalty scholarships, and the virtual Pioneer

5K Fund Run will allow running or walking enthusiasts – or those who aspire to be – to compete for awards wherever they live and support the university at the same time.

Other new offerings include a "Painting with Pioneers" event via Zoom where alumni can create their own masterpiece with instruction from alumnus Charlotte White of California. A retired military alumni reunion, hosted by alumni board member Jack De Forrest, will be featured via Zoom. And a special info and networking session for alumni and their teen children, future "legacies" at Wayland, will be available as well. The School of Music will also feature a variety show to showcase the talented students and faculty on campus.

"We think we've added some great new offerings for our alumni to be able to participate in homecoming in some way that is meaningful to them and involves their whole family," said Young. "This is a great time to take advantage of the virtual format and experience a little of the Pioneer tradition together even apart. We especially hope our alumni of other campuses will join us to get a little taste of our traditions with their families."

A full listing of events and activities with details can be found on the alumni website at [www.wbualumni.com/homecoming](http://www.wbualumni.com/homecoming). For questions, contact Young at [teresa.young@wbu.edu](mailto:teresa.young@wbu.edu) or (806) 291-3600.

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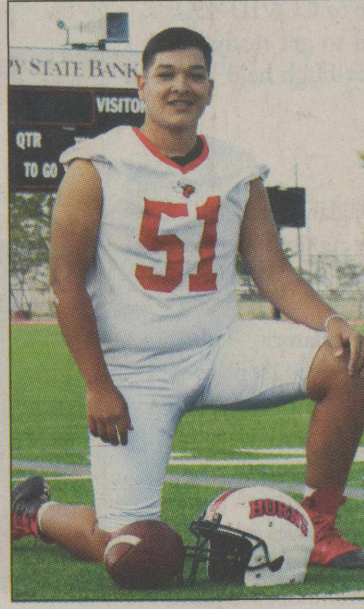
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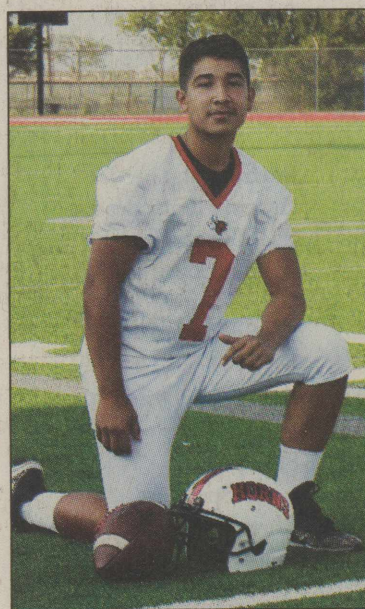
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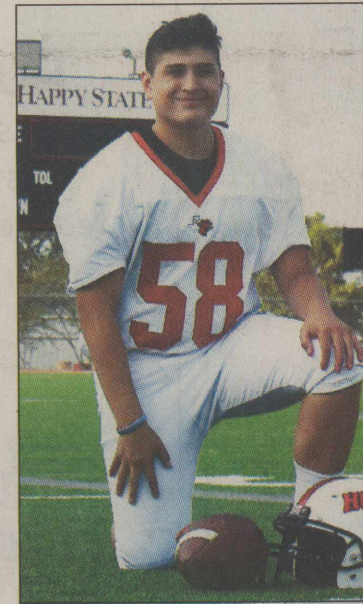
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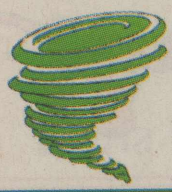
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# Floydada Whirlwinds



## District junior high UIL meet canceled

By Kalissia Hinson  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The District UIL Contest for the junior high was canceled for 2020-2021 due to COVID-19.

The students have worked so hard to get ready for this UIL meet. Floydada Collegiate Junior High held a contest themselves.

**Contest results are as follows:**

**6th Grade Art:**

Rilynn Hinsley 1st  
Renae Delgado 2nd  
Eli Gonzalez 3rd  
Natalie Hernandez 3rd

Ana Saldana 6th place  
Gabby Aguirre 7th place  
David Guerra 8th place

**8th Calculator:**

Braun Hobbs 1st place-tie  
Logan Smith 1st place-tie  
Luis Gonzales 3rd place  
Sydni Chesshir 4th place  
Miranda Reyes 5th place  
Isabel Gonzales 6th place  
Karlie McHam 7th place  
Alyse Mendoza 8th place  
Natalie Hernandez 9th place  
Tyrean Henderson 10th place  
Leo Mendoza 11th place

**7th Grade Art:**

Anna Saldana 1st place  
Isabel Johnston 2nd place  
Gabby Aguirre 3rd place  
Saul Castillo 4th place

**8th Grade Art:**

Angel Garza 1st place  
Allison Romero 2nd place

**6th Calculator:**

Martin Ramirez 1st place  
Evan Hill 2nd place  
Mattee Rehkopf 3rd place

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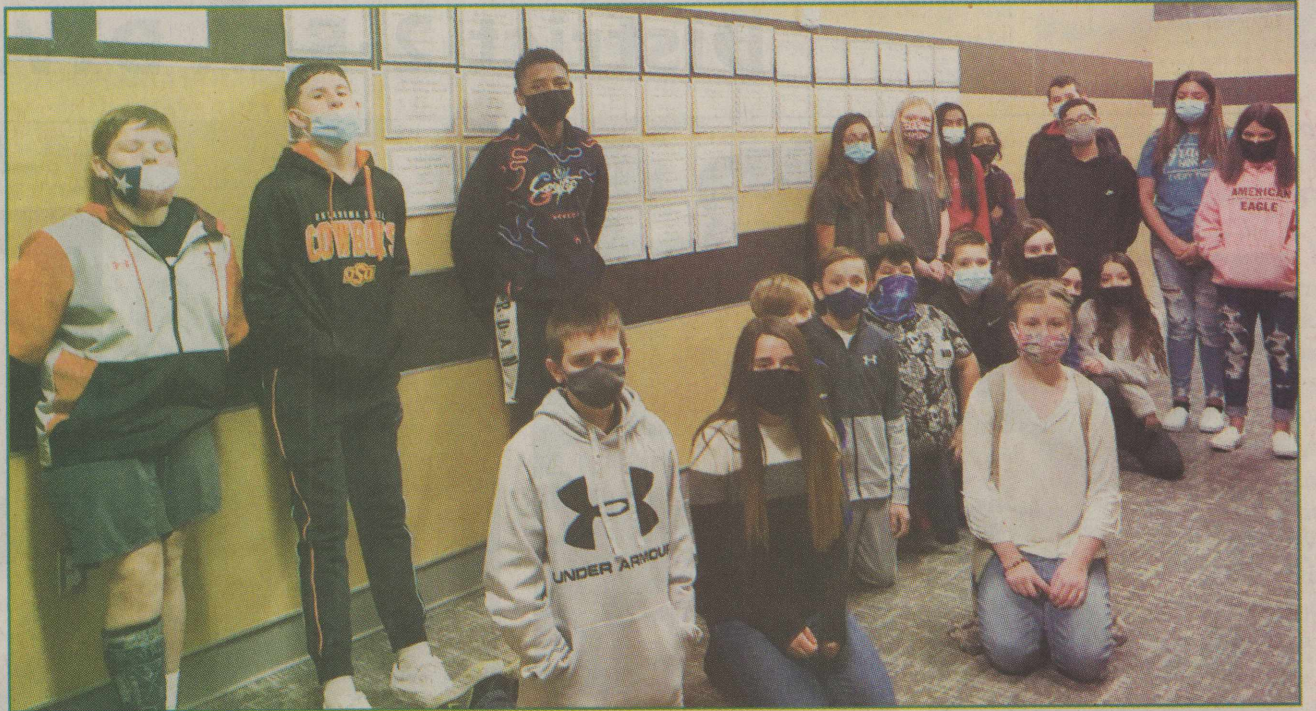
Tiffany Perez 1st place  
Mattee Rehkopf 2nd place  
Yael Lara 3rd place  
Noah Fierros 4th place

**7th Calculator:**

Kyra Segura 1st place  
Katie Landin 2nd place  
Brody Hughes 3rd place  
John Taylor Snowden 4th place  
Payten Shuping 5th place

**7th Dictionary:**

Payten Shuping 1st place  
Kyra Segura 2nd place  
Saul Castillo 3rd place



(Courtesy photos)

**8th Dictionary:**

Kirsten Pyle 1st place  
Katelynn Ramirez 2nd place  
Hailee Garcia 3rd place

**6th Listening:**

Robert DeloSantos 1st place  
DJ Sanchez 2nd place

**7th Listening:**

Madilyne Garcia 1st place  
Hiram Lopez 2nd place  
Tavian Bullock 3rd place

**8th Listening:**

Dustin Zavala 1st place  
Sydni Chesshir 2nd place  
Abram de la Fuente 3rd place  
Hailey Garza 4th place  
Desiree de la Fuente 5th place

**6th Math:**

Tiffany Perez 1st place  
James Zepeda 2nd place

**7th Math:**

Brandon Carmona 1st place  
Nicholai Owen 2nd place  
Brody Hughes 3rd place-tie  
Aidyn Gonzales 3rd place-tie

**8th Math:**

Kirsten Pyle 1st place  
Mia Snowden 2nd place  
Caleb Speed 3rd place

**8th Music:**

Angel Garza 1st place

**6th Number Sense:**

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Kanon Rainwater 2nd place  
Yager James 3rd place  
Exodus Garcia 4th place

**7th Number Sense:**

Nicholai Own 1st place  
Josiah Rodriguez 2nd place-tie  
Jaime Hernandez 2nd place-tie  
Brody Hughes 4th place  
Brandon Carmona 5th place  
Aidyn Gonzales 6th place

**8th Number Sense:**

Abram de la Fuente 1st  
Braeson Ballesteros 2nd  
Braun Hobbs 3rd  
Jordan Jones 4th  
Caleb Speed 5th

**6th Oral Reading:**

Madison Pyle 1st  
Mattee Rehkopf 2nd  
Rilynn Hinsley 3rd  
Aivrey Bennett 4th

**7th Oral Reading:**

Mylic Morales 1st

Kasandra Lopez 2nd  
Tavianne Bullock 3rd-Tie  
Tyra Gonzales 3rd-Tie

**8th Oral Reading:**

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Itzel Baltazar 2nd  
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**8th Spelling:**

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**8th Social Studies:**

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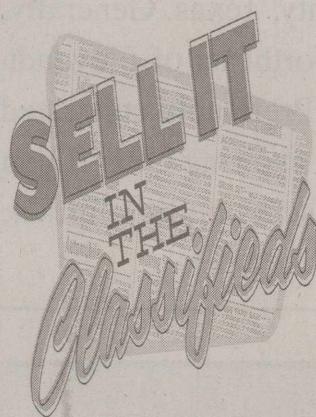


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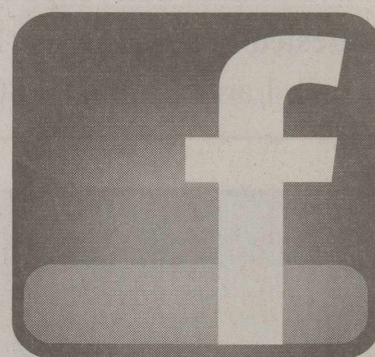
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## Norma Dean Welch

Norma Dean Welch, age 92, passed away Thursday, November 26, 2020 in Amarillo, Texas.

A graveside service is scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, December 3, 2020 at the Lockney Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney, Texas.

Norma was born May 10, 1928 in the Cedar Hill Community to John and Nancy "Peat" Kelley.

She attended the Cedar Hill School until high school when she went to Floydada until she subsequently graduated from Floydada High School in 1944.

She married J.A. Welch on April 25, 1953 in Clovis, New Mexico. They began farming and ranching operations at Cedar Hill in 1954. They had one daughter, Connie.

Norma was a homemaker and worked with J.A. in managing their farming business operations.

She attended both the Assembly of God and the Baptist Churches at Cedar Hill and later the South Plains Baptist Church.

She was active in leading one of the local Girl Scout Troops for several years.

As a granddaughter of the founding pioneer Fortenberry couple in Floyd County, she was a longtime family historian. She loved genealogy and history and was actively involved with the Floyd County Historical Museum for many years, serving as a volunteer as well as a board member.

She also worked on the Floyd County History Book Committee as they researched, prepared and assembled the information published in the History of Floyd County 1876-1979 book. In addition, for years, she worked as a volunteer with the Pioneer Association.

Norma and J.A. were honored as the Floyd County Pioneer Couple of the Year at the Old Settler's Reunion in 2012.

Norma enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning or freezing fresh fruits and vegetables, but most of all, making and collecting photographs. She especially loved her family and attending the annual Fortenberry family reunion.

Norma is preceded in death by an infant brother, her parents, and her husband. Also preceding her in death are a sister-in-law, Virginia "Punk" McWilliams and husband, Bob, and brother-in-law, John B. Pigg.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Connie Pritchett and her husband, Steve of Amarillo. She is also survived by her sister-

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**NORMA DEAN WELCH**

in-law, Delores Pigg of Quitaque, brother-in-law, Dennis Hartsell and his wife, Nancy of Red River, New Mexico as well as nieces and nephews and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Floyd County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 304, Floydada, Texas 79235 or The Cottages at Quail Creek, 6811 Plum Creek Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79124.

Online condolences can be made at [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com).

## The 2019 Hesperian-Beacon's Football Contest winners

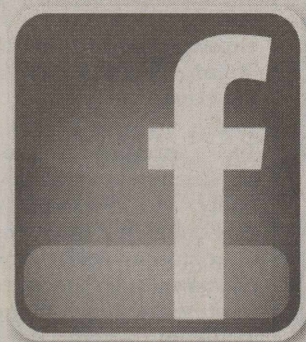


The 2019 Hesperian-Beacon's Football Contest winners pictured are Brent Sanders, left, and Daniel Diaz, who tied for 1st place. The 3rd place winner was Domingo Faz (not pictured). We would once again like to say "Thank You" to all the participant and especially the sponsors that make this contest possible. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Barbara Anderson)

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rot, decay or warped nails.

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\*Do not use a ladder in wet or icy weather. Ladders must be free of slippery material on the rungs, steps or feet. When the weather permits, wear boots or sneakers with good traction on the bottom.

\*Secure your ladder on even ground. Do not place a ladder on top of unstable bases to gain additional height. Identify a "spotter" who can hold the ladder in place while you climb it.

\*Maintain a 3-point contact on the ladder when climbing. This means you have two hands and a foot on the ladder, or two feet and a hand on the ladder at all times. Always face the ladder while climbing

and keep your body near the middle of the step. Be careful with how much you carry up the ladder. It's best to have a spotter hand your decorations once you're securely on the ladder.

\*Do not overreach. Never use the top shelf or rungs of a ladder, and do not overextend yourself from the ladder.

If you have any doubts about hanging your own decorations this year, hire a professional. In addition to supporting a local small business or handy man during the pandemic, you can also remain safely inside your home to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19.

If hiring a professional is outside your budget, consider outdoor projector lights, yard ornaments or inflatable decorations instead. Staying off ladders entirely is the best way to reduce your risk of falling.

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