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## Lockney junior serves on board against violence, exemplifies community servant

By Barbara Anderson  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Pablo Morales, a 16-year-old from Lockney, has been selected to serve a second term on the Young Hearts Matter Leadership Board.

The board is a youth-focused division of the state's biggest domestic violence coalition, the Texas Council on Family Violence.

The Young Hearts Matter program was started with the intent to engage youth and teens to raise awareness of prevention of abusive relationships, especially among youth.

Morales, a Lockney High School junior, spent the last year spreading awareness and advocating against teen dating violence around his community and at the state's capitol in Austin.

Teen dating violence affects an estimated 11 percent of young women and 7.5 percent of young men, according to a news release from Shaelyn Stone, Account Executive of Sunset Communications Public Relations.

Collaborating with

youth across Texas, he plans and executes events and campaigns that educate young adults about healthy relationships.

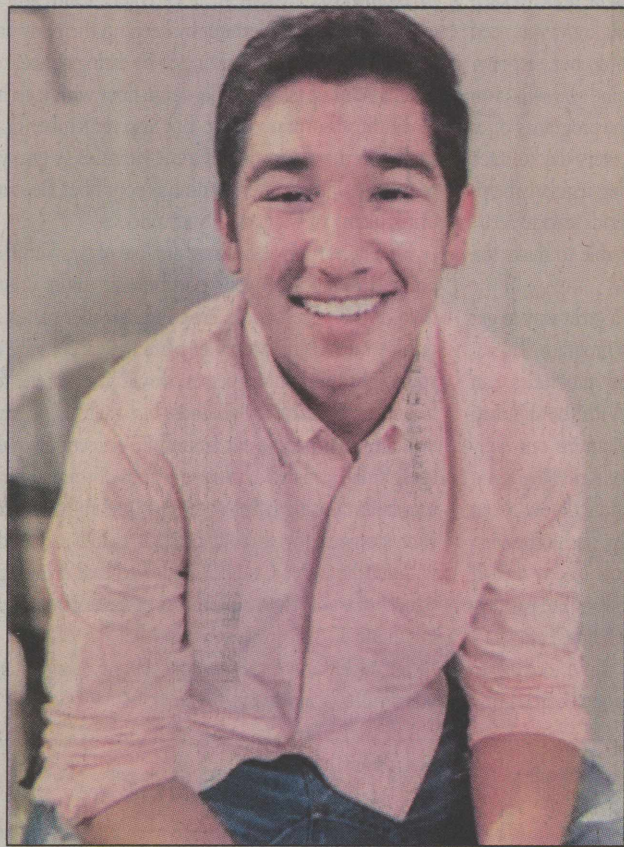
"Last year, he even traveled to the Capitol Building to host an open discussion with youth and advocate for support from legislators," according to the news release.

The board is made up of one youth participant from every region. Morales represents Region 1, which includes 43 counts from Yoakum to Kent to King and Cottle and everything above up to the Oklahoma border.

"This Leadership Board gives me the opportunity to learn, get experience and open doors for a future in psychology where I can help more people," Morales said.

Young people in Texas between the ages of 15-19 that are interested in joining the Young Hearts Matter Youth Leadership Board are encouraged to apply. Email the Prevention Team at [prevention@tcfv.org](mailto:prevention@tcfv.org)

Morales is involved in pretty much every sport



Pablo Morales (Courtesy photo)

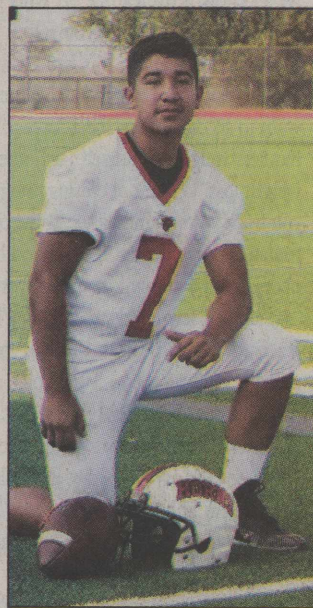
known to high schoolers. Pablo is active on the Student Council, is a class officer, a coach for the Lockney Little League and is a leader in the Giant Slayer Youth Ministry in addition to serving on the Young Hearts Matter Leadership Board.

In the few free moments

Pablo finds in his schedule, he loves playing video games with his friends and being a protective big brother to his sister, who is a freshman.

Morales is the son of Hector and Melinda Morales.

Nearly 1.5 million high school students nation-



Morales was on the 2020 Lockney Longhorn varsity football team. He is involved in multiple sports and is very active in school and in his community. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

wide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year, according to [loveisrespect.org](http://loveisrespect.org). And TCFV found that from 2017-2019, 19 individuals between the ages of 14 and 19 were killed by their partner in Texas. Last year alone, five youths were killed in intimate partner violence crimes, all murders involving firearms.

## 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@lknewsgroup.com](mailto:banderson@lknewsgroup.com) or [fchb.editor@yahoo.com](mailto:fchb.editor@yahoo.com).

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLOYDADA

The First Baptist Church of Floydada will have their Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20.

#### CARR'S CHAPEL VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Carr's Chapel would like to invite the community to join their Virtual Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24. Please join the service at [www.facebook.com/groups/carrschapel](http://www.facebook.com/groups/carrschapel) for a LIVE, virtual gathering on Christmas Eve. For more info, please see the article on the front page of this week's issue.

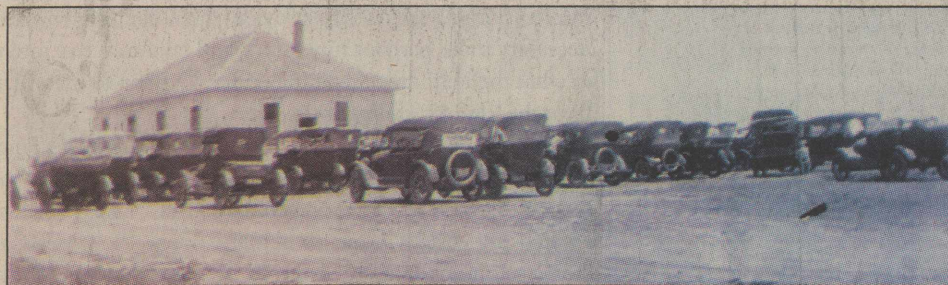
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#### BURN BAN FLOYD COUNTY

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

## Carr's Chapel to hold Virtual Christmas Eve Service



Carr's Chapel Methodist Church in early 1920's. (Courtesy photo)

By Jamie Williams  
 Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

We would like to invite the community to join us for a Virtual Christmas Eve service at Carr's Chapel at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24.

While we typically gather in person every year at our family's quaint, one-room country church, the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has forced us to do things a little different this year.

So, the "Christmas Tree" at Carr's Chapel Church in the Harmony Community will be virtual this year! This is the 115th year of our community coming together to celebrate Christmas Eve.

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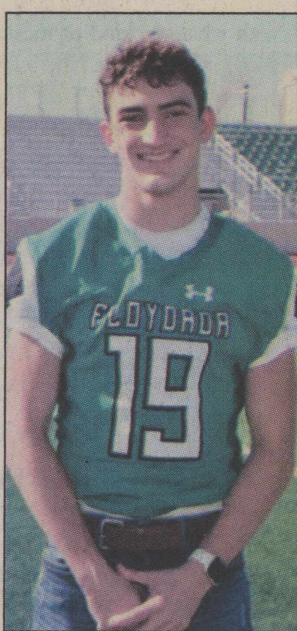


Carr's Chapel is located 7 miles east of Petersburg, about 14 miles west and south of Floydada, and about 20 miles due south of Lorenzo on FM 378. (Courtesy photo)

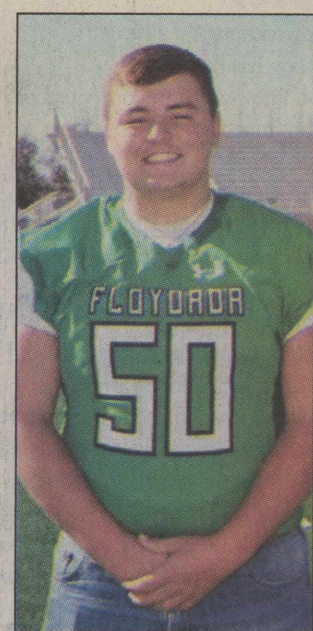


December 2015 Christmas Eve Service. (Courtesy photo)

## Whirlwinds earn Academic All-State honors from Texas High School Coaches Assn.



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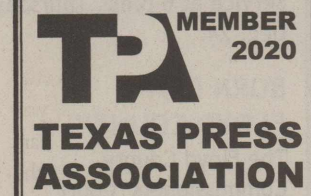
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# Plan ahead for weight loss

By Daren Overmiller

New Year's resolutions are right around the corner, and the most common resolution is to lose weight and get healthy. But before 2021 gets here, we have a lot of opportunities to pack on more weight and make getting healthy that much more difficult. For that very reason, I don't offer my weight loss program in November or December. It is just too easy to lose control with all that tempting food. But there are a few things that you can do before starting that diet to give yourself a head start. So, take this opportunity to add them to your daily routine and make starting your diet on January 1st a little easier.

The biggest problem with dieting and the holidays, as we all know, is overeating. So, what can be done to keep it under control? Weigh yourself. If you know you need to lose a few pounds, this isn't easy to do but, stepping on the scale every day or two will remind you what you want to accomplish in the next year. The program I offer requires weighing yourself (at home) every day to track weight loss. When not dieting, weighing regularly helps you track your maintenance. If the pounds start to accumulate, you will catch it early and be able to make the necessary changes before it gets worse.

Taking a few good supplements is a great way to get ready for your upcoming weight loss program. Taking multivitamins, omega-3/fish oils and probiotics can help get your body ready for a diet. With the standard American diet, we don't get all the vitamins our body needs, so take one every day. Fish oils or Krill oil are said by some to help with weight loss. I don't know about that, but they are needed to be healthy, and improving your health should be the primary goal of any diet. If you have had issues with taking fish oils in the past, try freezing the capsules and taking them before bed.

I also recommend a probiotic for those looking to improve their diet. Probiotics are the good bacteria that

our intestinal tract needs to function at its best. Unfortunately, when we take antibiotics, all kinds of bacteria are killed, both good and bad. Once off antibiotics, it is the bad bacteria that grows back quickly and can take over the intestinal tract. Think of it as killing your yard and then allowing all the weeds to grow back without replanting grass. Taking a probiotic helps to replant the good bacteria and push out the bad.

Another problem with the standard American diet is the lack of fiber. If you aren't going to start eating a whole lot of vegetables, then you need a fiber supplement. Be sure to get fiber that is made from non-soluble psyllium husk, also commonly called bulk forming fiber. It doesn't really matter what brand, just that it is psyllium husk. Fiber is great for colon health and can even help lower cholesterol by keeping the body from absorbing fat. If you are going to be eating a meal containing a lot of fat in it, take some fiber with it to help block the absorption of fat. But also remember that it can block the absorption of some vitamins so take your multivitamin at a different time as your fiber. Be sure to drink plenty of water with your fiber.

Finally, portion size. There are lots of tips and tricks online to help keep your portion size under control. Two of the easiest tricks are to use smaller plates and drink water. Using a smaller plate may seem silly, and you might think that a person would just pile the food higher or go back for seconds, but there is plenty of evidence that people eat around 20 percent less when using smaller plates. Drinking a glass of water 15 minutes before eating helps your body feel full and allows your stomach to tell your brain it is full earlier than without the water. One study showed that drinking 20 ounces of water 15 to 30 minutes before eating resulted in around 15 percent fewer calories.

Dr. Overmiller practices at Childress Specific Chiropractic, 210 Commerce in Childress, 940-937-6600.

## Floyd County COVID-19 report

As of Friday, Dec. 11, Floyd County officials have reported 226 total cases (+12) with 190 cases (+6) reported as recovered. Floyd County has 21 active cases (+6) and has had 15 deaths.

Table listing COVID-19 cases by date and status (Recovered, Deceased, Hospitalized). Includes cases #226 through #190.

(Cases #1 through #152 have been recorded as recovered or deceased.)

## Opinion Costs Must Be Weighed Against Benefits



Walter E. Williams

One of the first lessons in an economics class is every action has a cost. That is in stark contrast to lessons in the political arena where politicians virtually ignore cost and talk about benefits and free stuff. If we look only at the benefits of an action, policy or program, then we will do anything because there is a benefit to any action, policy or program.

Think about one simple example. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 36,096 Americans lost their lives in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2019. Virtually all those lives could have been saved if we had a 5 mph speed limit. The huge benefit of a 5 mph speed limit is that those 36,000-plus Americans would have been with us instead of lost in highway carnage. Fortunately, we look at the costs of having a 5 mph speed limit and rightly conclude that saving those 36,000-plus lives are not worth the costs and inconvenience. Most of us find it too callous, when talking about life, to explicitly weigh costs against benefits. We simply say that a 5 mph speed limit would be impractical.

What about the benefits and costs of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic? Much of the medical profession and politicians say that lockdowns, social distancing and mask-wearing are the solutions. CDC data on death rates show if one is under 35, the chances of dying from COVID-19 is much lower than that of being in a bicycle accident. Should we lockdown bicycles? Dr. Martin Kulldorff, professor of medicine at Harvard University, biostatistician and epidemiologist, Dr. Supetra Gupta, professor at Oxford University and an epidemiologist with expertise in immunology, and Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, professor at Stanford University Medical School, a physician and epidemiologist were the initiators of the Great Barrington Declaration. More than 50,000 scientists and doctors, as well as more than 682,000 ordinary people, have signed the Great Barrington Declaration opposing a second COVID-19 lockdown because they see it doing much more harm than good.

Efforts to keep very young from getting COVID-19, given most will not even realize they have it or will suffer only mild symptoms, may be counterproductive in that it delays the point where a country has herd immunity. According to the CDC, COVID-19 deaths in young people (from babies to college students) are almost nonexistent. The first age group to provide a substantial contribution to the death toll is 45-54 years, who contribute nearly 5% of all coronavirus deaths. More than 80% of deaths occur in people aged 65 and over. That increases to over 92% if the 55-64 age group is included.

Thus, only a tiny number of people under age 25 die of COVID-19. Yet, schools have been closed, and tens of millions of schoolchildren have been denied in-class instruction. Mandating that 5-year-olds wear masks during their school day is beyond nonsense. Virtual learning can serve as a substitute for in-class teaching but it has mixed results. Some parents can provide their children with the necessary tools, perhaps hire tutors, and take an active interest in what their children are doing online. Other parents will not have the interest, ability or the time.

Here is a lockdown question for you. Government authorities permit groceries and pharmacies to remain open during lockdowns. They permitted stores like Walmart, Costco and Sam's Club to remain open. However, these stores sell items that are also sold in stores that were locked down such as: Macy's, J.C. Penney, J. Crew Group, Neiman Marcus and Bed Bath & Beyond. The lack of equal treatment caused many employees to lose their jobs and many formerly financially healthy retailers have filed for bankruptcy.

As political satirist H. L. Mencken said, "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." By the way, the best time to scare people, be wrong and persist in being wrong is when the costs of being wrong are borne by others.

Walter E. Williams was a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

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## The 501: Trials of online uke buying



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Sing along with me: "My dog has fleas." If you know the little four-word ditty, you've probably tuned a ukulele - or at least tried.

My mother taught me the tune - G,C,E,A - when I got my first (and last) ukulele. "My dog has fleas" is forever imbedded in the music lobe of my brain. Thank you, Mother.

Granddaughter Emily, age 4, is too young to get a ukulele for Christmas. Grandad and I know that. We're giving her one anyway.

A recent cellphone video shows her robustly strumming her older cousin's uke. She needs her own. She has a future. Maybe I can teach her "My dog has fleas." Maybe not.

We placed an online order for a ukulele.

Pandemic online shopping gives new meaning to delivery dates. Don't be surprised if things you order don't arrive as soon as promised. You might not even get what you ordered. If nothing else, are we not all learning to be less demanding, less choosy, less exacting?

If you've ordered groceries, have you not learned to be content

with whatever kind of mustard or mayonnaise is available? Some goes for toilet paper. Now's a time to forget brand loyalty. If you don't want to be disappointed, lower your expectations. If you've never lived by that axiom, now's the time to try.

Except when it comes to ukuleles. Accept no substitutes. Grandad and I were taken aback when Emily's pink "ukulele" arrived (just one day late) and turned out to be a plastic wannabe guitar. The top was nicely embellished with the images of three girls of the Disney Channel variety and the name of an iconic doll that will go unmentioned because I'm going to say bad things about the so-called guitar.

Emily would probably be perfectly happy with it. That's what counts. Right?

Wrong. If Grandad and I can't tune it, she's not getting it. No way. So there.

### RESEARCH PAUSE.

Even though the "guitar" wasn't what we ordered, I searched online to see how it is described. First paragraph verbatim:

"Be Awesome! Strum those riffs and chords with this Barbie 21" Guitar. Easy to use nylon strings are gentle to use for Barbie fans with little hands. Real tuning gears and a traditional body ensures it plays authentic guitar sound.

While the lightweight and durable design make it easy to carry

it around."

They got the length right.

Some closing thoughts:

If the price is too low to believe, it might not be a real ukulele or guitar. Caveat emptor.

If the product description includes an ill-advised sentence fragment, missing hyphens and subject-verb non-agreement, beware.

But if you eventually find the perfect ukulele, the factory may be suffering a COVID shutdown. The instrument may be out of stock around the world.

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Weather Summary. Includes Seven Day Forecast, Local UV Index, Detailed Local Forecast, Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week, Sun/Moon Chart This Week, and Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days.

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# SOCIETY

## In Memory of Dr. Walter E. Williams

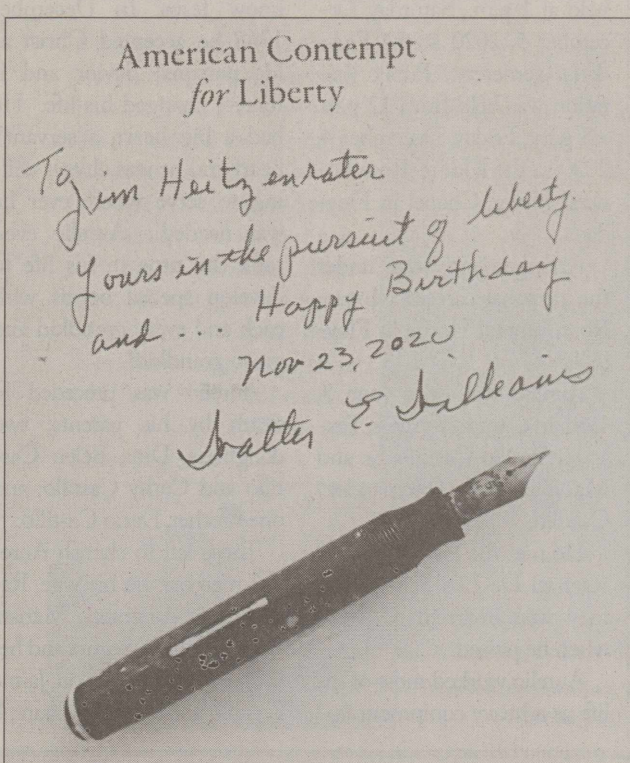
By **Sheredith Heitzenrater**  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Along life's pathways you sometimes make the acquaintance of interesting, and occasionally, historic people.

In this past year, the Hesperian-Beacon began featuring an editorial column by the historic professor of economics at George Mason University, Dr. Walter E. Williams. His views of the racial problems of the day have been widely read. He believed the downfall of the family unit is often the root of many socio-economic problems, regardless of race.

Being born in Philadelphia and raised by his mother only, Williams knew firsthand how hard it was to rise out of poverty. After working as a taxicab driver then serving in the U. S. Army in Korea, he went on to get a college education and finally a doctorate.

My husband Jim and I are avid readers. While I prefer Christian novels, such as those written by my friend, Connie Johnson, of Floyd County, my husband likes action books such as those by our friend, James Doucette, also of Floyd County. Knowing my husband's birthday was coming up, I contacted Williams several months ago and asked him which one of his books he would recommend for Jim. He felt



Shown is the page where Dr. Walter E. Williams autographed the book *Sheredith Heitzenrater* bought for her husband's birthday. (Courtesy photo)

"American Contempt for Liberty," published in 2015, would be of interest. I purchased the book and sent it to Williams at the university.

Walter Williams autographed Jim's book on Nov. 23, 2020 and mailed it back to me. It must have come by pony express from Virginia to Texas because it did not arrive until ten days later on Dec. 4. I immediately emailed Williams to let him know the book had arrived and I thanked him once again. Imagine my chagrin when later that night Jim told me Williams had died Tuesday, Dec. 1. He had taught his economics class, went out to his car

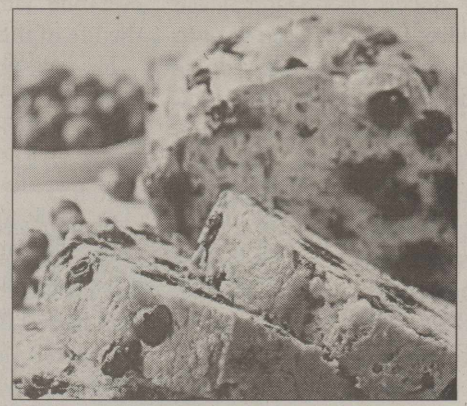
and the Lord called him home.

At age 84, Williams had led an extraordinary life by growing up in poor conditions then educating himself to rise above poverty. I wish I could have met Dr. Williams in person. Jim now owns one of the last books Williams ever autographed. Although we had only been email pals for several months, I feel honored to have known him this short while.

*Sheredith Heitzenrater and her husband are former residents of Floydada. She is the author of several children's books, including The Christmas Barn, all of which can be purchased online.*

## Recipe of the Week

By **Teresa Bigham**  
The Hesperian-Beacon



This recipe for Blueberry Banana Bread is a moist loaf of the classic sweet bread that's chock full of juicy blueberries. It's the perfect with piping hot cup of coffee in the morning. It also makes a wonderful flavorful snack for a mid-day pick me up or it makes the perfect teachers gift or gift for the fantastic neighbor. This loaf of sweet bread can even be frozen for a later delight.

you add those fresh blueberries to the mix, you end up with an amazingly delicious treat that bout you and your family will love.

### Blueberry Banana Bread

**Ingredients:**

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup pecans or walnuts (optional)
- 2 cups mashed ripe bananas
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 6 ounces drained crushed pineapple
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries

**Instructions:**

Sift together flour, salt, soda, sugar, cinnamon. Set aside. Combine eggs, banana, oil, pineapple and vanilla, pour over dry ingredients. Mix until well combined, stir in nuts. Pour into large loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour. Cool and enjoy.

Makes 2 large or 5-6 small pans.

**Tip:**

Tossing the blueberries in a little flour before you add them to the batter will keep them from sinking to the bottom of your loaf.

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

J.C. WESTER

Back in 1923 when Floydada's first coach, J. C. Wester was scouting a district game between Pampa and the Amarillo Sandies, he was asked the question by an Amarillo news writer what he thought of Floydada's chances against the Sandies. "We just have 17 boys and our team will be only a small whirlwind in front of the Amarillo Sandies who have 38", said 27 year old Wester who had begun his coaching career at Floydada in 1921. The next week stories boomed the upcoming clash between "The Golden Sandstorm" and the "Floydada Whirlwinds" - and a colorful name for a team was born.

Mr. Wester coached basketball, tennis, baseball and track and took his girls tennis team to the state tournament in Austin 3 times; however, football was his favorite sport. A time or two some people thought the school was putting too much emphasis on football, but "enthusiasm generally was such that a player's father was down at the goal line by the time the boy was".

James Clinton Wester, city judge of Floydada since 1969, arrived in Floydada in 1919 shortly after being discharged from the U. S. Army in July of that year. He was born in Rayner, Stonewall County, Texas, January 17, 1896, to William Yancy and Dorothy Yates Wester. He grew up in Sulphur Springs, Texas and graduated from high school there in 1914. He attended North Texas State Teachers College in Denton and taught one term in Liberty, a rural

school in Hamilton County, before enlisting in the army.

After returning from the war where he was with the Veterinary Corps in France, he married Sibyl Esther McGhee, the daughter of Berton and Senie McGhee in Mt. Vernon, Texas. Sibyl was born December 13, 1895, and was reared in Mt. Vernon, graduating from high school there. She graduated from Burleson Jr. College in Greenville and Baylor College in Belton, Texas and taught in the Mt. Vernon High School two years and private lessons in speech and folk dancing in Floydada for two years.

After their wedding they left for me Plains where he had accepted a job as principal of Floydada High School. Mr. Wester served as principal from 1919 to 1925, teaching 5 math classes daily and coaching. He served as superintendent of schools from 1925 to 1927 and taught geometry "just to keep in touch with the students."

One accomplishment that Mr. Wester was proud to have helped bring about was the building of a gymnasium, claimed to be one of the best in the West when completed in 1927. In the planning stage, the majority of the school board members agreed on the need for one, but the opposition said "The children should be playing out in the sunshine!" As superintendent, Mr. Wester and the others designed the much needed R. C. Andrews Ward building so that a gym could be attached and used as an auditorium with a nice stage. In this way, the public

would more readily approve the bond issue and the controversial gymnasium be accepted as a multipurpose annex.

In 1927 he entered the bakery business here in partnership with his uncle, Sam Wester of Plainview. He operated "Wester Quality Bakery" for 19 years. During the depression he sold a loaf of bread for a nickel and the landlord voluntarily lowered the rent as "low rent was better than no rent." He sold the bakery in 1946, and in 1949 purchased Looper Grocery, consolidated it with Patterson Grocery in 1957 and operated the business until his retirement in 1968.

Mr. Wester served on the school board for 10 years, was city councilman two years and has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1927. He has been finance chairman of the American Legion Post for 35 years, an active member of the First Christian Church since 1920 and is a Mason and a former president of the Rotary Club.

Still following all sports at 82, he seldom missed a "Whirlwind" game. The stadium built in 1935, was named "Wester Field" in his honor and he has a complimentary life-time pass to all high school athletic activities. "Which is an honor that I prize most highly."

The Westers were married 55 years and had four children, Edward Hardy, James Delwin, Dorothy Jean, and Billy Glenn. After Mrs. Wester's death he married Mrs. Mattie Boyd in 1975.

## 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!

## Floydada Senior Citizens news

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

FLOYDADA - The Center will be open December 16, 17.

We hope everyone is well and being safe. The mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is 806-983-2032.

MENU

- December 16 - Salisbury steak
- December 17 - Fried chicken

## Lockney Senior Citizens news

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. For questions, contact the Center's staff appreciates everyone and said they center at 806-652-2745. Stay safe.

LOCKNEY - The Center is 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., Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery. Anyone wanting lunch can call the Center by 9:30 a.m. daily.

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# Obituaries

## Robert Jason Cantrell

Robert Jason Cantrell, age 43, of Lockney, Texas went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Robert was born in Cameron, Texas on October 5, 1977.

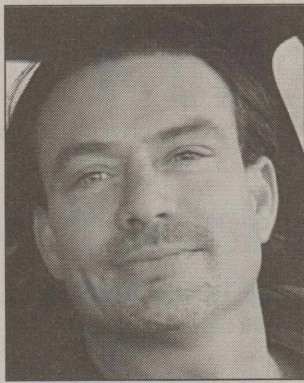
Robert loved to barbecue and spend time with his family. He enjoyed making

everyone laugh and being the life of the party.

He took pride in his long hair and his love of Classic Rock. Robert will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his two brothers, Ronnie and Donnie Cantrell as well as his grandfather, Bobby Cantrell.

Cantrell is survived by his four loving daughters, Chasity, Leslie, Amy and Briana as well as his five granddaughters and two grandsons. He is also survived by his wife, Melin-



**ROBERT JASON CANTRELL**

da Cantrell, both parents, Delton and Mary Cantrell, two sisters, Brandy and Jenny, his grandmother, Maxine Strickland and many nieces and nephews.

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

## Aurelio Castillo, Jr.

Aurelio Castillo, Jr., age 75, of Floydada passed away, Thursday, November 19, 2020 in Plainview.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m., Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Floydada Cemetery. Public visitation was held from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2020 in the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada.

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

Aurelio was born June 3, 1945 in Carrizo Springs, Texas to Aurelio Castillo, Sr. and Maria Elena (Hernandez) Castillo.

He met the love of his life, Rachael De Los Santos, and they were married 52 years when he passed.

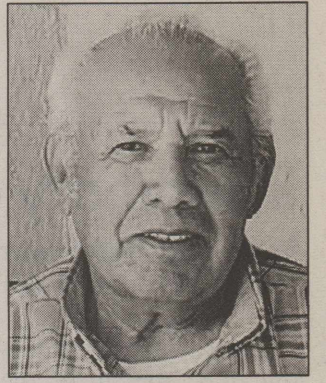
Aurelio worked most of his life as a heavy equipment op-

erator. He was a member of Templo Emanuel, Floydada and an honorary deacon.

Aurelio had a passion for wanting to bring people to know Jesus. In December 1968 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and it forever changed his life. He had a big heart, a servant's heart and he was always willing to serve where ever he was needed. Aurelio even took the time in his life to develop special bonds with each and every grandkid and great-grandkid!

Aurelio was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Dina Belen Castillo and Cathy Castillo; and one brother, Dario Castillo.

Those left to cherish Aurelio's memory are his wife, Rachael; his daughters, Marissa Reyes and Sara Segura and her husband, Pedro; his son, Jaime Castillo and his wife, Laura; 8



**AURELIO CASTILLO, JR.**

grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters, Petra Gonzalez and husband, Enrique of Floydada, Ilda Vasquez and husband, Ricky of Lubbock, Maria Elena Luna from Seminole, and Norma Hernandez and husband, Joe of Floydada; 2 brothers, Cruz Castillo of Plainview and Pete Castillo and his wife, Pati of Plainview; and many nieces and nephews.

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

## Brandon Blake Johnson

Brandon Blake Johnson, age 29, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2020.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at the McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 15, 2020 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the McCoy Funeral Home.

Brandon was born to Joy Lynn Waldrop Melton and Joe Keith Johnson on July 16, 1991 in Lockney, Texas.

Brandon graduated from Sweetwater High School in May 2009.

Brandon loved life and spending his free time with his friends. He loved to watch football, especially the University of Texas Longhorns and NASCAR anytime Dale Earnhardt Jr. was racing.

When you think of Brandon, the first two things that comes to mind are his un-

ending and unconditional kindness to everyone, and his brilliant mind. He never met a stranger; everyone was a friend.

At the time of his untimely death, Brandon was working as a security system technician installing security systems.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Alton Waldrop, grandmother, Geneva Ruth Johnson, uncle, James Johnson, and sister, Nikki Johnson.

He is survived by his loving parents, mother and step-father, Joy Waldrop Melton and Tim Melton of Sweetwater, and father and step-mother, Joe Johnson and Christy Johnson of Floydada; sister, Holly Marlett and husband, Austin Marlett of San Angelo; step-brothers, Jeffrey and Wesley of Floydada; grandmother, Patsy Waldrop of Sweetwater; grandfathers, Maurice Johnson of Pla-



**BRANDON BLAKE JOHNSON**

inview and Bayles Melton of Denton; uncles, Hank Waldrop of Sweetwater and Russell Johnson of Plainview; aunts, Ann Waldrop of White Deer and Marci Johnson and husband, Joseph Johnson of Plainview; and numerous cousins, friends, and family all over the country.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorials to be made to the charity of your choosing in memory of Brandon.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mccoy-fh.com](http://www.mccoy-fh.com).

## Jane L. Martinez

Jane L. Martinez, age 61, of Lockney passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2020.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Friday, December 11, 2020 at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

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

Jane was born December 5, 1958 in Lockney to Natividad and Juanita (Sanchez) Luna.

She met and married the love of her life, Alfredo Martinez, Jr., on September 16, 1975. Afterwards, they moved to Lockney and she had 5 children: Malva Martinez of

Lockney, Joe and Erica Varela of Plainview, Alfredo Martinez III of Lockney, Michael Martinez of Lockney, and Victor Martinez of Floydada. Jane also raised two grandsons, Eric Martinez of Austin and Bobby Joe Nunez of Lockney.

Jane was preceded in death by her dad, Natividad Luna; two sisters, Kristina Luna Mendoza and Delores Luna Ochoa; a nephew, Bobby Joe Luna; and two brothers, Natividad Luna, Jr., and Esteban Luna.

Those left to cherish Jane's memory are her husband, Alfredo Martinez; her children; her mother, Juanita Luna; and three brothers, Damian and Becky Luna of Lockney, Cornelio Luna of Caldwell, Idaho,



**JANE L. MARTINEZ**

and Jose Luna of Amarillo; four sisters, Margareta Luna, Diana and William Luna Davis and Antonia Luna Marshall, all of Amarillo, and Coco and Francisca Soto of Plainview; 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and tons of aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

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

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## God Still Amazes

*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. - Luke 2:8-9 (NRSV)*

Not long ago I was so amazed by a sunrise that I rushed out the back door in my pajamas with camera in hand. I wanted to capture a photograph before the colors faded. I was so captivated by the beauty that I didn't stop to think about what I looked like.

If I was so amazed by a sunrise, I try to imagine the amazement of the shepherds in today's reading. That night outside Bethlehem, as the shepherds were ready to drift off to sleep, suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared. They were more than amazed — they were terrified! But I think

their most amazing encounter that night was not the angel but the baby to whom they were sent. After they found Jesus lying in a manger, just as the angel had told them, they went out praising and glorifying God.

That night long ago was not just about angels, shepherds, and innkeepers. That night was about a message from God that was wrapped in swaddling cloths. The message was and is Jesus Christ, who has come to show us the very picture of God! —Peter Caligiuri (Florida, USA)

### TODAY'S PRAYER

O God, make us ready to share the good news of great joy with the people around us today. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-2578  
Sunday School...10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
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**Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.  
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**Carr's Chapel**  
Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
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**Church of Christ**  
West College & Third  
Lockney  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.  
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**City Park Church of Christ**  
Bob DuPont, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Mark Snowden, Pastor  
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship  
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music  
Ludustria Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
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Joseph Tillery, Pastor  
Ron Kuykendall - Worship Leader  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
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Gary Boles, Pastor  
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
Lockney  
Pastor E. C. Ice, III  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
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**Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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**Main Street Church of Christ**  
Lockney  
James Blair, Minister  
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.  
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**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askey  
401 N 12th St. 983-5805  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.  
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**New Salem Primitive Baptist Church**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
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**Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church**  
310 Mississippi, Floydada

Rev David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.  
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.  
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.  
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.  
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**Power of Praise Full Gospel Church**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 B Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.  
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**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Discipleship - 5 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.  
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**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
Floydada  
Rev. Toby Gonzales  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.  
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**San Jose Catholic Church**  
Priest - Sylvester Dsouza  
Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass  
Sun - 9 a.m. Mass  
Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass  
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**South Plains Baptist Church**  
Dan Beaty, Pastor  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
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**Templo Getsemani Assembly of God**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe M. Hernandez  
983-5286 (Church)  
Sunday School  
English - 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish - 11 a.m.  
Worship  
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.  
English - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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**St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
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Rev. Renato Cruz  
Parachial Vicar - Jacob Powell  
983-5878  
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.  
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**Templo Bautista Salem**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.  
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**Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God**  
Washington And 1st St.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.  
Wed Service - 7 p.m.  
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**Templo Nueva Vida**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.  
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**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston  
Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors  
983-5499  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.  
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**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Providence Community On Fm 2301  
293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 - a.m.  
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**West Side Church of Christ**  
Floydada  
983-2672 Or 470-0950  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.



# AGRICULTURE

## Floyd County 4-H Spotlight

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Five-year Floyd County 4-H member, Wyatt Bigham, is a freshman at Lockney High School. He is active in football and is looking forward to playing baseball for the Longhorns.

He also is active in FFA and is a member of the Longhorn band.

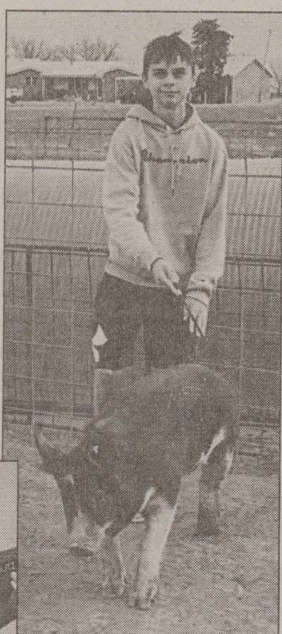
Bigham says geography is his favorite class in school.

This summer Bigham will have the opportunity to travel to Berlin to tour the Holocaust Museums unless the trip gets canceled due to COVID-19.

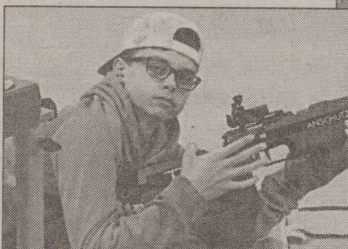
In 4-H Bigham is active

in the swine project where he raises and shows his own stock show projects. He enjoys the rifle project and the photography project as well. This is his first year as a Shooting Sports Ambassador and his first year to be on the Texas State Rifle team. He will have the honor for traveling to Grand Island, Nebraska to compete with the 4-H Texas State Rifle team.

He is son of Clint and Teresa Bigham.



The Hesperian-Beacon/  
Teresa Bigham



## Piggin' in the Permian Jackpot

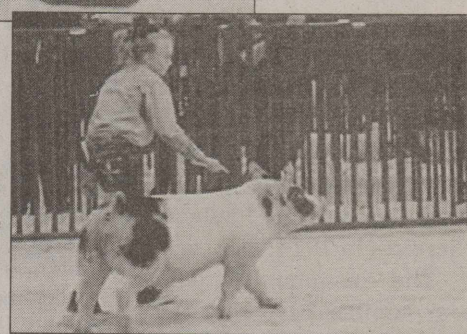


Kaleigh Cook won Reserve Breed Champion Duroc Gilt on Dec. 4th at the Piggin' in the Permian Jackpot that was held in Midland. She is the daughter of Chad and Katie Cook of Lockney. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

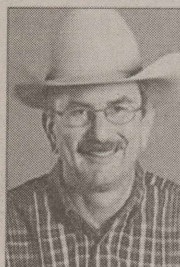


Kalebh Cook won Breed Champion Duroc Gilt at the Piggin' in the Permian Jackpot that was held in Midland on Dec. 4th. He is the son of Chad and Katie Cook of Lockney. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Brighton Reese took part in the Piggin' in the Permian Jackpot that was held in Midland on Dec. 4. She placed 5th in her class of cross Barrows. She is the daughter of Steve and Sherri Reese of Plainview. (Courtesy photo)



## Rodeo Insider



BRETT  
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ARLINGTON – When the chutes opened at the 2020 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Arlington, superstar Trevor Brazile was in a press box instead of a roping box.

That's because the sport's all-time winningest cowboy is offering commentary for the Cowboy Channel, which is televising the Wrangler NFR. Brazile has been semiretired and hasn't avidly pursued a trip to the National Finals the past two years.

The 62nd National Finals Rodeo began Thursday, Dec. 3, and runs through Saturday, Dec. 12, at Globe Life Field.

Brazile, 44, from Decatur, has earned a record 26 world titles on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit, from the all-around title in 2002 to the 2020 steer roping title at last month's National Finals Steer Roping in Mulvane, Kansas.

The 2020 steer roping world championship may be his last gold buckle and his last appearance at a National Finals event. Brazile said he's all but retiring in 2021. So with pro rodeo's top cowboy riding out of the picture, who's going to replace him and who's on the short list to become the sport's next potential superstar?

A few competitors come to mind, including 2017 all-around champion Tuf Cooper and defending all-around champion Stetson Wright. Clay Smith, the defending team roping heading world champion who also is an all-around contender, also could be in the mix.

Cooper, 30, a Childress native who has homes in Weatherford and Decatur, entered the NFR ranked No. 1 in the 2020 all-around race (with 111,450 points). He has qualified for the National Finals in tie-down roping. He also competed in last month's National Finals Steer Roping where he took the lead in the all-around standings.

Brazile was ranked No. 2 in the all-around race (with 94,803 points). He skyrocketed in the all-around standings as the result of a stellar performance at the National Finals Steer Roping in Mulvane. But he's out of the running for the 2020 all-around title because he's not competing in the NFR in Arlington. In his heyday, he qualified for NFRs in Las Vegas in tie-down roping.

Wright, 21, came into the 2020 NFR in third (86,504), but has an advantage because he's qualified in two events, saddle bronc riding and bull riding.

Smith, 29, an Oklahoma cowboy, came into the 2020 NFR sitting in fourth place (80,737), but is qualified only in team roping heading.

"The talent is great that's vying for all-around," Brazile said. "Two (Cooper and Wright) of top four guys have already won a gold buckle in the all-around. That's a healthy advantage. No. 1, they know what it takes to do it. Benefits come with that buckle. Once they've tasted that blood, it's going to be hard to beat those two guys."

"You've got Clay Smith who has been dominant in the team roping and he's also steer roping some," Brazile added. "I think it's just a matter of time before he makes the finals in both of those events. He ropes calves well too."

Cooper and Wright are also from high-profile rodeo families. Cooper's father is eight-time world champion Roy Cooper, a roping legend from Decatur. Cooper also is a grandson of Clifton Smith of Childress, who qualified for the National Finals Rodeo a couple of times in the early 1960s in tie-down roping.

Wright's father is two-time world saddle bronc riding world champion Cody Wright, who lives in Utah.

"It's cool how both of them (Cooper and Wright) have a lot of stuff in common with the family ties," Brazile said. "It just shows how much of this sport is learned and perfected, not only through watching it, but also starting at an early age and being brought up in it at every level. It shows you how important that the junior high rodeos, the high school rodeos and the

college rodeos, all of that is."

Wright, from Milford, Utah, snared the all-around title last year at age 20 after qualifying for the 2019 NFR in bull riding. He also picked up substantial earning last year in saddle bronc riding.

And this year, Wright added saddle bronc riding to his NFR resume. He secured the spot with a clutch win at the Sept. 22-26 ProRodeo Tour Finals in Rapid City, South Dakota, which was the last weekend of the 2020 regular season.

"He was extremely impressive last year, but what was the most impressive to me is the fashion that he qualified (for the 2020 NFR) in his two events," Brazile said of Wright. "He had to deliver at the tour finale and that's exactly what he did. That's an attribute of a true champion. If there's one thing that I've learned about him is he's clutch."

Wright would like to secure a lasting legacy by winning three world titles in the same year, starting with this year's NFR.

"I want to be known as one of the greatest who ever lived in the sport of rodeo," Wright said. "The main goal that I want to do is to win the Triple Crown — all-around, saddle bronc riding, and bull riding."

Cooper has four world titles, three in tie-down roping and the all-around buckle. During the 2017 National Finals, Cooper edged Brazile in the all-around title race that came down to the last performance.

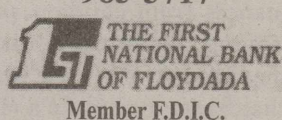
But a year later, Brazile avenged Cooper to clinch the last of his record 14 all-around titles.

Brazile said Cooper's athleticism and dedication work well for him.

"Tuf is a freak athlete when it comes to tie-down or steer roping," Brazile said. "He doesn't have to do things the same way everybody else does

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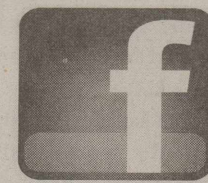


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## CHAPEL

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And this will make only the third time in those 115 years when we haven't celebrated Christmas Eve at Carr's Chapel. The other years included 1918 because of the Flu Epidemic and 2009 because of an ice/snowstorm.

For those of you who don't know the history of Carr's Chapel Methodist Church, here's a quick review.

Our ancestor, Rev. William Hardy Carr, was a Methodist circuit riding preacher. He started the Harmony Community Church in 1904. They had their first Christmas Tree in 1905 at the Harmony School. Carr's Chapel was founded, and her doors first opened for Sunday Services in 1914.

The community and our families have kept the tradition alive all of these years, and we look forward to doing the same this year, even if from a distance! We usually center the celebration around performances from children and singing traditional Christmas hymns. We even hear that Santa may make a virtual appearance from the North Pole.



Carr's Chapel Methodist Church. Year unknown. (Courtesy photo)



The Williams family at the 2018 Christmas Eve Service. Shown are (back row, l-r) Monty Williams, Donna Williams, Jamie Williams, Chad Williams, Ryan Robertson, Todd Williams; (front row, l-r) Whitney Kane, TC Kane, Kody Kane, Montana Williams, Martha Williams, Elmer Dean Williams, Kelsey Robertson and Karrie Williams. (Courtesy photo)

Please join us at [www.facebook.com/groups/carrschapel/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/carrschapel/) for a LIVE, virtual gathering on Christmas Eve. If you or your children would like to participate with a pre-recorded or live per-

formance/message, please reach out to the Facebook Group's Administrators, Kimber Williams or Jamie Williams.

All are welcome! Merry Christmas! The Carr and Williams Families

## INSIDER

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to win it. He seems to evolve or put his twist on every event and make it his own. Very few people that I've seen are able to make their mark in that way. He's a student of the game. He definitely eats, sleeps and breathes it and it shows."

Cooper said he is driven to become the sport's next big star, likening it to winning an MVP in the NFL.

"Who doesn't want to be the MVP of the Super Bowl

every time you ever get to go?" he said. "My goal is to go to the Super Bowl (of pro rodeo) every year and win the MVP."

Brazile said it's imperative that rodeo has a superstar in a day when a sport thrives on a big-time athlete that captivates fans.

"Kids these days have so many different avenues to go and it takes young talent like Tuf, Stetson and Clay for kids to want to grow up and be that guy," Brazile said. "You've got to give the kids a reason to want to grow up and be a cowboy."

"It's a great way of life but

it also has to have perks, and seeing people grow up and be successful, there's just something about watching someone at the top of their game and dominating that makes other people strive to not only bring up their game, but for the future generations that want to keep the rodeo cowboy blood going, something to keep them in it."

Brett Hoffman, a Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame member, has covered rodeos and horse show events for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for more than 35 years. Email him at [bhoffman777@earthlink.net](mailto:bhoffman777@earthlink.net).

## Family and low airfares too much of temptation

By Paul Schattenberg  
Texas A&M AgriLife

In spite of various medical warnings and other attempts to persuade people to remain at home during the holidays, the draw of family and of discounted airfares is proving to be too much of a temptation for many.

The roads have already been busy with people going to their Thanksgiving Day destination, and that likely will not let up later into the holiday season," said Angela Durko, Ph.D., associate professor and travel expert in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Bryan-College Station. "And even though we are still spiking in COVID cases, many airports throughout the U.S. are packed, and that too will likely continue throughout the holidays."

The desire to be among family is a strong enticement leading people to the roads and sky, Durko said.

"But another enticement is that due to the pandemic, many airlines have been offering deeply discounted flights and people who previously could not afford to fly are taking advantage of this opportunity."

People need to remember that many states require 10-14 days of quarantine after arrival or COVID-19 testing prior to arrival, Durko said.

For example, anyone visiting Pennsylvania from another state must have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering. If someone cannot get a test or chooses not to, they must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Pennsylvania residents visiting other states must either test negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours before returning or to quarantine for 14 days after returning.

While COVID-19 testing can be helpful for holiday travel planning, there are still many other considerations to take into account.

"Other states and cities throughout the U.S. have restrictions for testing or quarantine before you leave or after you return, so you need to be aware of them, take the extra steps needed and account for the additional days when planning your trip," Durko said.

She also cautioned that while many people have taken COVID-19 tests in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday to help determine what their travel plans should be, a negative COVID-19 test can give a false sense of security.

"If you test positive, I can see how that would be more of an incentive for a re-

sponsible person to stay home and keep away from others. But if you test negative, that only tells you that you were negative when you took the test. You could still be exposed to and contract COVID the next day or two days later. That could happen at work, while visiting with friends or in line at the airport. Most of the time, you really don't know where the person standing next to you has been."

She also said people should think twice before visiting older relatives.

"They are people who are among the most vulnerable to getting COVID," she said. "I know that many people may feel that with older relatives, this may be the last opportunity they have to see them. But imagine how you would feel if you or one of your family unknowingly had COVID and then infected them."

All travel increases the chance of getting and spreading COVID-19, and staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. However, Durko said, health experts have determined that short trips by car with members of your immediate household, with minimal stops along the way, is a lower-risk means of travel.

Riskier travel options include mass transit and flights, especially with one or more stops, she said.

Durko said air travelers should also remember that due to COVID-19, airlines have had to significantly scale back their number of flights.

"If you're thinking that with the overall reduction in air travel you'll be getting on a plane that only has a small number of people in it, you should probably disavow yourself of that notion," she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website has more information on travel risk and protection from COVID-19.

Durko said all major airlines have been diligent about changing air filters to hospital-grade, requiring passengers wear masks, and taking measures to fully disinfect plane interiors.

Since the number of airline flights has been reduced due to the pandemic, air travelers can still expect to experience reasonably full flights during holiday travel.

"Right now, however, one major carrier that I know of has committed to leaving the middle seat blocked until March of next year," she said. "And while this means the price of a ticket may be higher on these flights, the airline feels people will be willing to pay it to get that extra degree of security."

Durko also noted that airlines are trying to reduce the number of possible

touch points to improve protection from contact transfer.

"They are moving toward contactless options like electronic ticketing and not issuing paper boarding passes," she said.

As a frequent airline traveler, Durko said she takes her own small pump-spray container of antiseptic sterilizer for the plane seat, arm rests, tray tables and other surfaces with which she may come in contact.

"I was already concerned about germs in public places before the pandemic. So then, and now, I travel with seat and tray covers for the plane, and disinfectant for planes, hotels and extended stay rentals. If you want to help keep yourself healthy, you have to do your part too, including keeping your mask where it doesn't come in contact with other surfaces. And if you're wearing a disposable mask, make sure to dispose of it properly and not just toss it where someone else may have to pick it up."

Durko said while driving with your own "bubble" of family is the among the safest ways to travel to avoid COVID, there are other hazards that can come with road travel.

"I was surprised to see and hear about the number of cars that have been breaking down during holiday travel so far and expect there will be many more," she said. "People have been driving shorter distances since the pandemic and many have forgotten how to prepare their vehicle for a longer trip. Before you take a longer road trip, make sure to check your tire pressure, battery and oil and wiper fluid levels. And if you haven't taken a road trip in a while, don't assume you can travel 10-12 hours a day. Pace yourself and be safe."

Durko said the trend to visit family during the holidays — in spite of the pandemic and flu season — will continue through Christmas regardless of current guidelines.

"Another reason for some increase in holiday travel could be that people don't know what the future may bring, in the way of greater restrictions that may come about with this spike in COVID and what the new administration may do in response to the pandemic."

However, Durko said, once a vaccine becomes generally available and people are comfortable with its efficacy, travel will slowly return to normal.

"It may be that you see some airlines, cruise ships or other means of close-quarter transportation requiring passengers to have been vaccinated," she said. "That's a possibility, but only time will tell."



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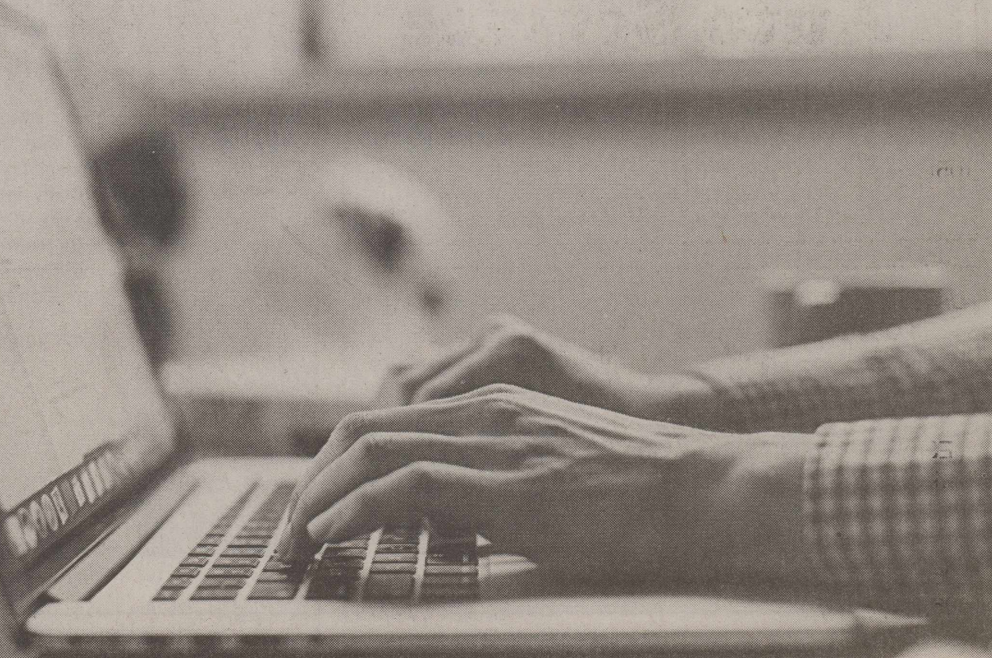


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# Lockney Longhorns

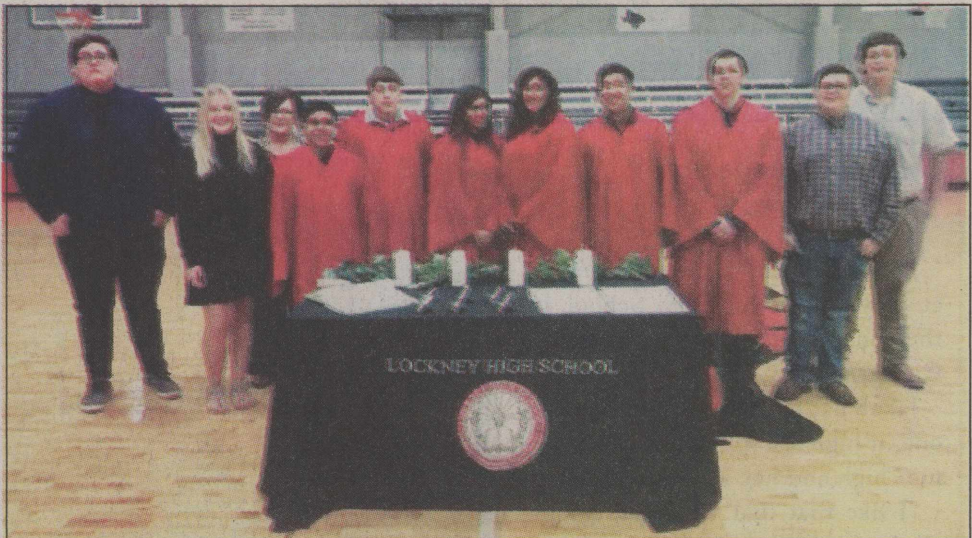
## National Honor Society inducts new members



New junior NHS members are (Back row, l-r) Austin Rodriguez, Damion Gonzales and Pablo Morales. (Bottom row, l-r) J'Ann Pena and Hunter Flick. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



The 2020-2021 senior NHS members are (l-r) Dylan Morgan, Treasurer, Kalebh Cook, Reporter, Audrey Rexrode, Secretary, RyAnn Castillo, Vice President and Hunter LeFevre, President. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



The 2020-2021 Lockney NHS members are (l-r) Dylan Morgan, Audrey Rexrode, Damion Gonzales, Austin Rodriguez, J'Ann Pena, Gabriella Cervantes, Pablo Morales, Hunter Flick, Hunter LeFevre and Kalebh Cook. (The Hesperian-Beacon)

**By Teresa Bigham**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

members were inducted into the National Honor Society. The ceremony was held in the high school gym.

On Thursday, Nov.19 new Lockney

## Longhorn Pride Spotlight



**By Teresa Bigham**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

This Lady Horn, Krista Azua, is an 8th grade student at LJH.

Her favorite subject is math. "I like it because Mrs. Kidd can explain any problem and make it make sense to me. She is lots of fun and very nice," said Azua.

She has been playing basketball for two years and says, "I like playing basketball because it helps me develop my character. I like it when we work together as a team and play to win."

Her hobbies include gymnastics, shopping for shoes and spending time with her friends. When she finishes high school, her plans are to go to



Krista Azua

college, but she hasn't decided on a career yet.

"If I could give younger girls who are interested in playing basketball some advice, I'd tell them

to give it a try, never be afraid to try something once. Basketball is a great way to learn how to deal with other people," Azua said.

## Lady JV Horns



The 2020-2021 Lady JV Horns are (Back row, l-r) Aubree Urrutia, Angaleigh Tambunga, Jailynn Reyes, Journee Cienfuegos, Jayton Criswell and Elayna Marales. (Front row, l-r) Thalia Ascencio, Karen Trenado, Nadia Perez, Adddaliyah Jones and Analys Jones. (The Hesperian Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

## 8th grade Lockney Jr. High



The 8th grade Lockney Junior High basketball girls team members are (Back row, l-r) Sophie Gutierrez, Jassel Salazar, Azailey Bustos, Brinley LeFevra, Mianette Rubio, Jailee Zalvala, Madison Jimenez and Monique Lara. (Bottom row, l-r) Kyla Pedroza, Krista Azua and Allison Torres. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

## 7th grade Lady Short Horns



The 7th grade Lady Short Horns are (l-r) Aberly Ascencio, Nayiahlee Vasquez, Jada Navarrete, Adrielle Martinez, Mireyiah Lara, Ciara Hernandez, Madison Marmolejo, and Aliyah Zavala. Not pictured: Ellianna Jimenez and Jaylynn Moreno. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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# Floydada Whirlwinds

## Whirlwind Pride Spotlight

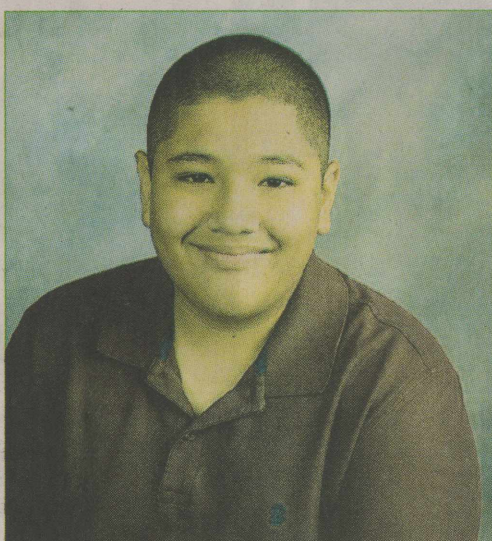
By Barbara Anderson  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Jakob Cuellar, an eighth grader at Floydada Junior High School, is the son of Kim Cuellar and Jaime Cuellar.

Jakob has been in band four years, one in high school, two years in junior high and one in elementary.

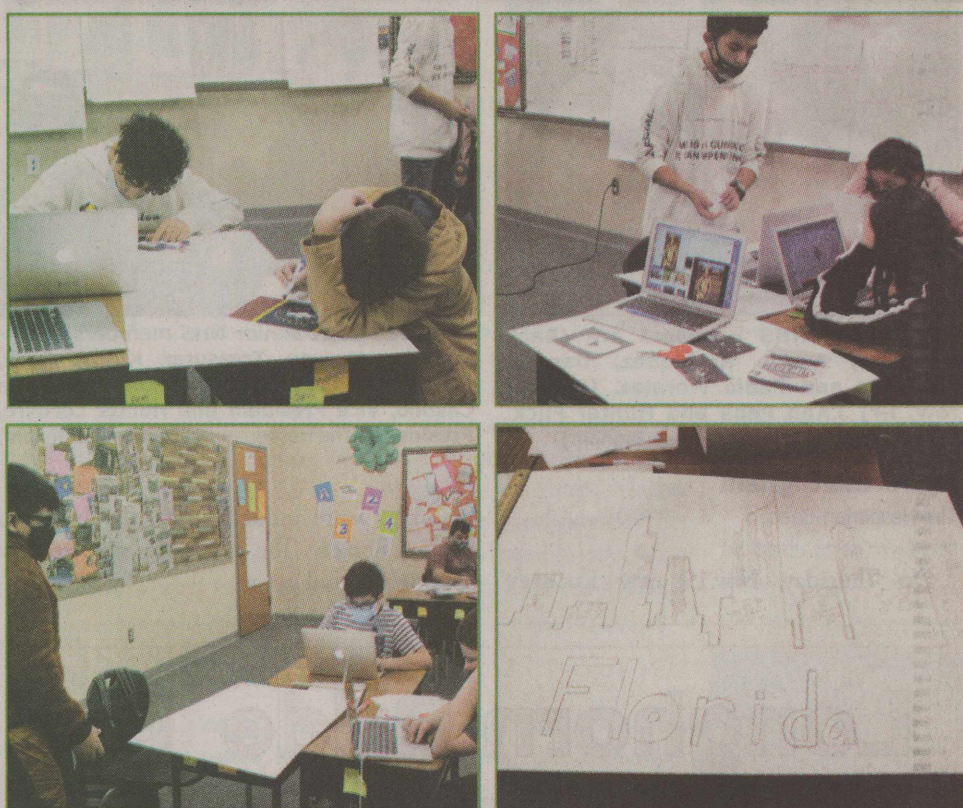
"I like that that we got to go to all the football games and play," said Cuellar.

Cuellar said he liked playing the Star-Spangled Banner on Veteran's Day because we get to honor our country.



Jakob Cuellar

## Floydada's 7th grade students learn how to research



Ms. Hinson's 7th grade writing class is learning how to research. They were requested to research a country or state and type an informational essay about their selection. Each student had to make a posterboard about their chosen location. The students also recorded commercials to sell their place to the class. With Covid-19, traveling has been hard on states and countries and has affected the money they make, so the students had to act as the president of their location and bring travelers in to visit and boost tourism. The students had to include the state or country, the capital, an animal and a flower. Students also had to find food their location is famous for and places to visit. They needed to include the geographical location and fun things to do and airline prices to fly there. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Kalissia Hinson)

## WAY TO GO WHIRLWINDS

### 2021 Floyd County Stock Show

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

Below is the tentative stock show schedule.

#### Thursday, January 7th

10 a.m. Barn Opens

1-3 p.m. Cattle weigh ins

5 p.m. Beef and Dairy Cattle Show

Rabbit show will immediately follow the cattle show

#### Friday, January 8th

9 a.m. Barn Opens

1-4 p.m. Lambs, goats, and swine weigh in and in place

#### Saturday, January 10th

8 a.m. Gilt show

Barrow show

Approx. 12 p.m. lunch break

Goat show

Lamb show

Approx. 4 p.m. set up premium sale

Approx. 5 p.m. buyer's meal

Approx. 6 p.m. premium sale

#### Sunday, Jan 13th

2 p.m. mandatory cleanup at the Unity Center

### Floydada Whirlwinds / Lady Winds Basketball Schedule 2020-21

DATE		OPPONENT	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Oct 31	Sat	at Roosevelt Scrimmage (Girls)	10:00 AM		10:00 AM	
Nov 7	Sat	at Whitharral (Girls)			11:00 AM	
Nov 10	Tue	Crosbyton (Girls)	4:00 PM		8:15 PM	
Nov 13	Fri	at Olton	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:30 PM	8:00 PM
Nov 14	Sat	at Brownfield Scrimmage (Boys)		11:00 AM		11:00 AM
Nov 17	Tue	at Lorenzo (Boys)		6:00 PM		8:00 PM
Nov 17	Tue	at Wellman Union (Boys)				5:00 PM
Nov 20	Fri	Anton	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Nov 24	Tue	at Hermleigh (Girls)			3:00 PM	
Nov 24	Tue	at Idalou (Boys)		2:00 PM		3:30 PM
Dec 1	Tue	Lubbock Roosevelt	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:30 PM	
Dec 4	Fri	at Sundown		6:00 PM		6:15 PM
Dec 5	Sat	at Slaton (Boys)		3:00 PM		4:30 PM
Dec 8	Tue	Littlefield		8:00 PM		6:30 PM
Dec 8	Tue	at Littlefield	4:00 PM			
Dec 11	Fri	Tulia	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Dec 12	Sat	Aspermont (Girls)	1:00 PM		8:15 PM	
Dec 12	Sat	at Morton (Boys)		12:00 PM		1:30 PM
Dec 14	Mon	at Sudan (Boys)		5:00 PM		6:30 PM
Dec 15	Tue	at Spur (Girls)	5:00 PM		6:30 PM	
Dec 18	Fri	Valley (Boys)		8:00 PM		6:30 PM
Dec 18	Fri	at Plainview Christian (Girls)			6:00 PM	
Dec 21	Mon	Post	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Dec 30	Wed	Sands (Girls)			1:00 PM	
Jan 5	Tue	at Ropes (Girls)	4:00 PM		6:15 PM	
Jan 5	Tue	at Tahoka (Boys)		5:00 PM		6:30 PM
Jan 8	Fri	Lockney (Girls)	8:00 PM		6:15 PM	
Jan 8	Fri	at Guthrie (Boys)				3:30 PM
Jan 12	Tue	at New Deal	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Jan 15	Fri	Hale Center	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Jan 19	Tue	at Ralls	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Jan 22	Fri	OPEN				
Jan 26	Tue	at Lockney	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Jan 29	Fri	New Deal	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Feb 2	Tue	at Hale Center	5:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Feb 5	Fri	Ralls	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:45 PM
Feb 9	Tue	OPEN				
Feb 12	Fri	Lockney (Boys)		8:00 PM		6:15 PM

Floydada Junior High 2020-2021 Basketball Schedule			7th A	8th A	B Team
Nov 16	Mon	Ropes - No B Teams Boys at WW/Girls at JH	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	
Dec 5	Thur	at Lockney No Girls B Team	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Dec 7	Mon	New Deal (Girls Here) WW Gym	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Dec 7	Mon	Boys at New Deal	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Dec 14	Mon	Hale Center (Boys Here) WW Gym	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Dec 14	Mon	Girls at Hale Center	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Jan 7	Thur	Ralls-Girls at WW/Boys at JH	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Jan 11	Mon	at Ropes No B Teams	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	
Jan 21	Thur	Lockney No Girls B Team-Boys at WW/Girls at JH	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Jan 25	Mon	New Deal (Boys Here) WW Gym	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Jan 25	Mon	Girls at New Deal	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Feb 1	Mon	Hale Center (Girls Here) WW Gym	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Feb 1	Mon	Boys at Hale Center	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Feb 8	Mon	at Ralls	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM

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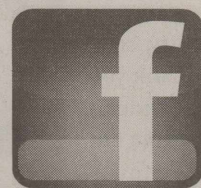
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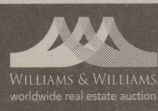
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# Santa visits kids in downtown Floydada

By Teresa Bigham  
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – Santa Claus picked the perfect night to make a quick stop at Nut-house Designs arriving in style on the back of Floydada's firetruck on Thursday, Dec. 10. Mrs. Claus accompanied Santa carrying a basket full of candy canes for the children.

Families lined up outside patiently waiting their turn to visit with the Jolly Old Elf. The children took turns telling Santa what they had on their wish list, and Mrs. Claus handed each child a candy cane and wished them merry Christmas.

The community also turned out to show support for one of their own, four-year-old, Hunter Wells. Hunter is the son of Robert and Kayla Wells. The four-year-old was recently diagnosed with AML or acute myeloid leukemia and has been hospitalized since early November. Kayla Wells and their daughter Ella were at the fundraiser Thursday night sharing lots of hugs. "We are so humbled by the benevolence of people in our lives. We have been met by so much love and generosity," said Wells. "I can't say thank you enough to everyone in our community."

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were on hand to serve the BBQ pulled-pork sandwich meals. Twelve pork butts were cooked by Bryan and Kalli Martin, Marc and Janapher Williams, Landon Lackey and Tate and Jennifer Greer. The meat was donated by Your Web Pro. Bottled water was donated by Kinetico in Lubbock. "The sandwiches were sold out in about two hours," said Kalli Martin.

Monetary donations were made by Little Red Barn, Floydada Chamber of Commerce, Texas Donuts, Ray Ray's Café, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Karen Houchin Law Office, First Baptist Church of Floydada and many, many individuals.

"The generosity of our community, support and love was overwhelming. Thank you so much to all the businesses and individuals that donated and to everyone who came out to support the Wells family," said Martin.

If you were not able to make it Thursday night and would still like to contribute, there is a love fund for Hunter Wells at Happy State Bank. Donations may be made at any branch location in Floydada, Lockney or Plainview.



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