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2014 in Review in Floyd County

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

January:
 Floyd County youth showed their animals at the Annual Stock Show at the Unity Center. Floyd County commissioners bought two new John Deere graders to maintain roads. Lockney senior softball player Katie Jackson signed a letter of intent to play for Vernon College. Jackson became the first Lockney softball player to sign a letter of intent since the LHS softball program was created six years ago. The Caprock Crop Production Conference was held at the Unity Center where Dr. John Robinson, Texas A&M AgriLife economist for cotton marketing, told producers to expect cotton prices to show neutral to modest growth due to China's stockpiles. But he also noted that China was expected to reduce their stockpiles, but futures markets indicated a flat 2014 prices for cotton.

February
 Floydada and Lockney received their UIL realignment assignments. For the next two years with a high school enrollment of 193, Floydada will be playing football in Class 2A, Division 1, District 2, along with Abernathy, Hale Center, New Deal, Olton and Tahoka. Lockney with a high school enrollment of 154 will be playing in Class 2A, Division 2, District 3, along with Clarendon, Crosbyton, Quanah, Memphis and Ralls. Floydada ISD board renewed Superintendent Gilbert Trevino's contract for three years.

In an action not seen since 1964 the Lockney City Council approved a resolution to issue up to \$985,000 in combination of Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation. The bonds, if issued, were to be used for water projects. West Texas Family Medicine Clinic opened their doors in Floydada with a ribbon cutting.

The Floydada varsity boys basketball team earned a playoff spot, but they later fell to

Brownfield in the bi-district playoff. However, Juniors Tucker Lowrance and Deandre McCann both made All District.

March
 Producers Co-op Elevator broke ground on new improvements to their facility March 3. New general manager Seth Stephens announced additional truck bays with new fuel pumps, to allow two trucks to fuel at one time. The new pumps will serve the fuel at 40-gallons-per-minute. Payne Pharmacy celebrated 20 years in business in Floydada in March. In a three-way race for county judge in the Republican primary Marty Lucke outpaced incumbent Penny Golightly and candidate Bobby Gilliland. With no Democratic party nominee, Lucke will take office Jan. 1, 2015. County Treasurer Jo Elliott resigned and requested that her name be removed from the November ballot. County Clerk coordinator Linda Morales was appointed to fill the unexpired term which runs through Dec. 31, 2014. Five Lockney varsity boys basketball players made All District honors. The Lockney School Board cancelled their election when no one filed against any of the incumbents.

April
 The 19th Annual Floyd County Friends Unity Center GALA was held at Muncy. Lockney High School won the District 3A UIL Academic Meet for the second year in a row. The points from Lockney's One Act Play, Fortinbras, district-winning production combined with the academic teams' top finishes to put LHS on top once more. The Lockney Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet and recognized Lockney ISD Superintendent Phil Cotham as Citizen of the Year. Donnie McLaughlin was recognized as Firefighter of the Year. The City of Lockney issued water restrictions and urged citizens from refraining from any outside watering due to a pump issue at Lake Mackenzie. Lockney's Lady Horns took the Area Track Meet, 11 girls and eight boys qualify for Regionals. The newly rebuilt

Floydada Livestock Barn featured many new improvements and enhancements after a fire in their old facility last July. Owner Don McCandless said farmers and ranchers stood by them while they rebuilt, and they only missed three sales.

Lockney City Council installed Tina Graves as mayor. The Floydada Lady Winds softball team qualified for the playoffs.

May
 A Floydada High School teaching assistant, Hope Warren, was accused of inappropriate conduct with a student. The Floydada City Council approved Stage 2 water restrictions with the intent to prohibit all non-essential water use, such as washing driveways, siding, windows, houses, etc. The Floydada Lady Winds softball team advanced to the 2A Area Championship. Lockney Lady Horn Tanae Ramos qualified for the state track meet in Austin. Six Lady Horns made All District for the Lockney Softball team. Because of the severity of the drought, The City of Floydada qualified for a Texas Department of Agriculture non-matching grant to drill a water well. The city also determined not to open the pool in the summer because it did not meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality standards including ADA requirements. Voters approved a new pool and splash pads in the fall of 2013, and construction was slated to begin on those in early 2015. Floyd County Commissioners approved an extension of the burn ban. The Floydada Chamber of Commerce moved to the same building as the Floydada Economic Development Corporation, 105 S. 5th Street, for efficiencies and synergies. Floydada's 85th Annual Old Settlers' Days was dampened welcomed rain. Emily Prisk and Hunter Schwertner were named Floydada High School's Valedictorian and Salutatorian. David Johnson and Cameron Hunt were named Lockney High School's

Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
 The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be closed Thursday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday and will re-open on Friday, January 2.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
 The Lockney Senior Citizens Center will be closed Thursday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday and will be serving lunch on Friday, January 2 and will have the Friday Night Fish Fry.

HARRINGTON BREAST CENTER MOBILE
 The Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach will be at the Mangold Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Jan 8 from 9:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to provide women 35 years and older with their yearly mammograms. To schedule an appointment or for more info, please call 1-800-377-4673.

FLOYD COUNTY STOCK SHOW
 The Floyd County Stock Show will be held Saturday, January 10 at the Unity Center in Muncy. Show starts at 7:30 a.m. The gilts will be shown first followed by the barrows, sheep, goats, heifers and the steers last. The premium sale and buyer's meal will be held on Saturday also. Look for times and more info in the January 8th edition of the Hesperian-Beacon.

2015 CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION MEETING
 The 2015 Caprock Crop Production Meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 15 at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The cost of the pre-registration for the conference is \$35. The cost is \$45 at the door. For more information see the article on the farm page in this week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

News on the go



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Monsanto Community Service Volunteers Assist Oscar Gonzales

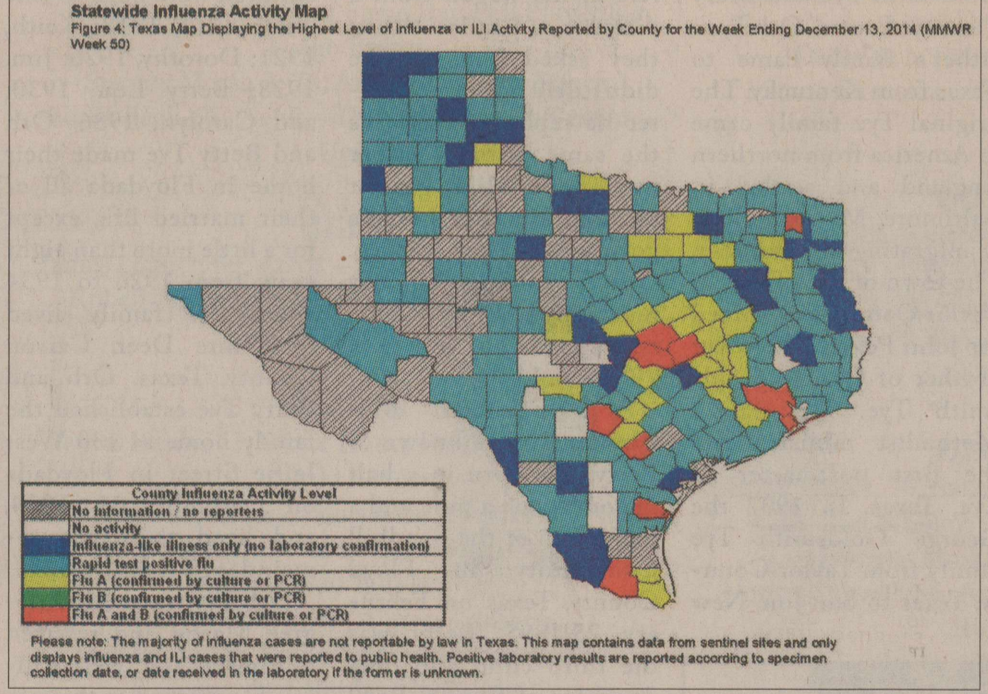


Courtesy Photo by Teresa Gonzales
 Recently members of the Monsanto Community Service Volunteers showed up to repair the porch of their co-worker, Oscar Gonzales (center). Domingo Hernandez, (left) and Frank Luna were two of the volunteers that designed and built the new porch. All materials were provided by Monsanto.

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Members of the Monsanto Community Service Volunteers recently spent their day off building a new porch for Oscar and Teresa Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales worked for Monsanto for 11 years until he became ill. Due to his illness, lung cancer, Mr. Gonzales is unable to work and is now under hospice care. Recently some of his co-workers paid a visit and realized that the porch

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Widespread Influenza Hits Texas

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - With the flu season in full swing in Texas, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) encourages everyone to take the necessary precautions to prevent the flu and the spread of the flu. Vaccinations are available for everyone beginning at six months old. The vaccination comes in different versions. For healthy people from two to

49 that are not pregnant, a nasal spray is available. Also, for people 65 and older, a high-dose vaccine is available. The DSHS reminds everyone to talk to their health care provider about the best type of flu vaccine for them. "There are more options than ever to help protect you against the flu," said DSHS Commissioner Dr. David Lakey. "Whether you choose a standard shot

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Can we achieve the dream?

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."



CHRIS BLACKBURN

I thought my children just might grow up in a time without racial issues. No such luck. It's sad to see that a racial divide exists in our country. There is work to be done.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."

National leaders have had ample opportunity to seize the narrative and communicate peacefully, but that didn't happen. Throughout the past few weeks, we've seen a deterioration of race relationships and it needs to stop.

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

Honestly - has hate ever solved anything? Perhaps by conquest, but love is always the answer when given the choice. Jesus Christ knew this to be true.

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak

of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

I pray that this is indeed the way mankind will coexist in the future. Can you imagine a planet in harmony?

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

Judging by the past few months, there is still suffering out there. Citizens are hurting. Police officers are hurting. True leaders must rise and begin a dialogue which leads to solutions to the core issues.

"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."

Amen to this statement. By the way, the italicized quotes are those of Martin Luther King, Jr. I wonder how much better race relations would be amongst all races if he had lived a full life. 2014 was the 50th anniversary of his assassination.

It's time we remember his philosophy and heal. I pray this can be done in 2015.

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Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE ORB TYE FAMILY

By Keith Tye

William Orb Tye was born in Mulberry Canyon (near Abilene), Taylor County, Texas on February 1, 1892. He was the second son of George Goldsmith Tye and Mary Florence Brown. Orb Tye's father's family came to Texas from Kentucky. The original Tye family came to America from northern England and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, later migrating to Kentucky. The town of Tye, Texas in Taylor County was named for John Pearce Tye, older brother of George Goldsmith Tye. He was a Methodist minister and the first postmaster of Tye, Texas. In 1907 the George Goldsmith Tye family from Taylor County, Texas to San Jon, New

Mexico to homestead two sections of land. After four years they were forced to give it all up because of the lack of rainfall and the water shortage. Orb Tye said they once met a man named John Miles, who was also a homesteader. Mr. Miles was hauling water in barrels in his wagon from a distance of 5 miles. When they asked him why he didn't drill a well for water he replied, "Well, it's the same distance either way". John Miles gave it up, too. He later became governor of New Mexico. Orb Tye then moved with his family to Floyd County in 1911. He was then 19 years old.

Ann Elizabeth McCleskey, always known as Betty, was born in a half dugout home a mile and a half north of the Sandhill Community in Floyd County, Texas on February 25, 1895. Betty was the third child and only daughter of Samuel Bennett McCleskey and Lucretia Paralee Childress. The McCleskey family came to Floyd County, Texas from Ireland by

way of Tennessee, Arkansas and Bosque County Texas. Betty's father S. B. McCleskey was a pioneer settler in Floyd County and an early day sheriff and tax collector.

Orb Tye and Betty McCleskey were married at Lockney, Texas on December 24, 1916. Six children were born to this union; Bill, 1918; Keith, 1921; Dorothy, 1926; Jim, 1928; Betty Lou, 1930; and Carolyn, 1936. Orb and Betty Tye made their home in Floydada all of their married life, except for a little more than eight years from 1926 to 1934 when the family lived in White Deer, Carson County, Texas. Orb and Betty Tye established the family home at 130 West Jeffie Street in Floydada on December 31, 1934, and lived there the remainder of their lives.

Orb Tye was a 32nd degree Mason and referred to himself as a "well driller". He worked at this occupation for more than 50 years, producing water wells for ranching, farming, domestic and public use. He was considered by many to be one of the outstanding authorities on underground water in Northwest Texas. Orb Tye was known by all as a kind and honest man.

Betty Tye was a life long member of the First Methodist Church of Floydada. She was worthy matron of the Eastern Star and president of the 1922 Study Club, but she is best remembered for "seeing about" the people who were less fortunate. Up to the very end of her life, she regularly visited and comforted the poor, the sick and the old. In May of 1976, Floyd County honored her as "Pioneer Woman of the Year".

Orb Tye died in Floydada on December 10, 1969 at the age of 77.

Betty Tye died in Floydada on September 23, 1976 at the age of 81.

Shopping

My wife and I are finally at that point in our lives where we're going to take the plunge! She's convinced me after years of my fighting her on this. I'm not too little of a man to admit when my wife is right, though. Bye-bye, sporty little Hyundai Santa Fe - we've had for seven years. Hello, "soccer mom and dad" look. When I told a friend of mine what we were planning on doing, he told me that it was time to turn in my "man card" (though when I assured him I would be keeping my pickup, he said that I could keep my "man card," but that I am on "double super-secret probation"). Yes, friends, we're looking to buy a minivan. I hate car shopping. I would rather give someone my wish list and price point and have it delivered to my driveway. I know what I like in a car, but that doesn't always translate into what's best in a car. I might be - and have been - satisfied with "bells and whistles," but I don't know enough about the cars themselves to judge between them. Thus, I run the risk of settling for a pretty - but inferior - automobile.

that's a warning sign. **Look for a church that is loving.** Love is neither a bell nor whistle. Love is a genuine characteristic of the Christian. If the church is self-centered and not others-centered, that's a warning sign.

Look for a church that has leadership. Without godly shepherds/elders (biblically, that's the same role), a church is not going to be lead toward holiness and love. Without leaders of faith, the church will never take risks. Without leaders with scruples, there will never be trust in the congregation. If the church's leaders are not leading like Jesus, that's a warning sign.

Look for a church that is focused on Jesus. I'm a preacher. I get it. There are other topics in the Bible than Jesus. They deserve to be preached. However, if these become our soapbox or if we fail to connect these teachings to the person and work of Jesus, then we've misunderstood how the Gospel permeates all of Christianity. It's all about Jesus, so let's make it all about Jesus. If your church preaches more on money, rapture/millennialism, homosexuality, or baptism more than Jesus, that's a warning sign.

Look for a church that is biblical. I love books. As a preacher, I read lots of books to fill my mind with wholesome thoughts and perspectives on life and Scripture. However, when it comes to teaching and preaching, I don't need to preach Max Ludaco, Francis Chan, Timothy Keller, or any other man's books. Preachers must preach from the Bible - and all of it! If your teacher can't teach without an additional book besides the Bible,

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

On December 15, Floydada Sr. Citizens hosted a Christmas party from 5 to 7 p.m. We sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Jo Payne on the piano. We also enjoyed some wonderful food and drank egg nog. It was an enjoyable evening with good friends and good food.

Thank you to all who donate to the Floydada Senior Citizens Center. Your generous donations keep our doors open. Our mailing address for memorials or donations is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

In Memory of Dorothy Schweitzer - Janet Milam, Shorty Turner, First National Bank of Floydada, Polly Campbell, Louis and Arlene Bearden.

In Memory of Olive Hinton - Louis and Arlene Bearden, Polly Campbell, Janet Milam.

Serving time is 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. Please call Sylvia by 9:30 if you plan to eat at the Center. We are located at 925 W. Crockett St.

We will be closed Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2, 2015 for the New Year's holiday.

MENU Jan. 5 - Jan. 9

Monday - Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, cole slaw w/dressing, peach chantilly, low-fat milk

Tuesday - Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, margarine, angel food cake w/strawberries, low-fat milk

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

Thursday - Rigatoni w/meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

Friday - Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, low-fat milk

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Hope you all had a great week and a MERRY CHRISTMAS and wish all of you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We WILL have the Family Night Fish fry on Friday, Jan. 2nd. Come out and join us.

The Lockney Senior Citizens Center board of directors met on Monday, December 22 and your officers for the year are; President - Jr. Brotherton, Vice President - Jerry Paul Cooper, Secretary - Donna Jones, and Treasurer - Claude Brown. Other board members include Embre Douglas, Geneva Barclay, Carolyn Hardy, Bettye Jackson, Cecil Jones, Gladys Bobbitt, and Wanda Barber.

There will be a special called meeting on Monday January 12th at 1 p.m. Please make every attempt to be there. This meeting we will be discussing the roof.

MENU Jan. 5 - Jan. 9

Monday - Grilled chicken

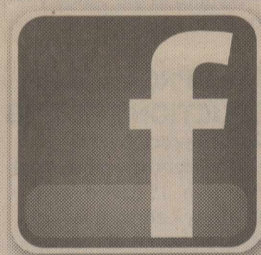
Tuesday - Tacos

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak

Thursday - Salmon

Friday - Oven fried chicken

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SOCIETY

Home Country

By Slim Randles

"I can't stand winter," said Herb Collins, who had dropped in at the Mule Barn's philosophy counter for a quick cup. "There's nothing to do."

"Get out and enjoy it," suggested Doc. "Go skiing. Go ice fishing. Build a snowman. Do something. Then you'll feel better."

"I don't think your advice will take," said Dud. "Herb seems to be intransigent on this one."

We all looked at Dud.

"You see, he said he couldn't stand winter," Dud continued, "which shows he has a proclivity for intransigence on that particular subject."

We looked at him some more.

"If he were to take up a winter hobby," he continued, "he could stop being intransigent and enjoy things more."

Even Herb was staring at him now.

"I usually," said Herb, "enjoy a proclivity in that direction, but winter is pretty boring, so maybe I really should be intransigent on this point."

"Well Herb," said Dud, "even though you might have a proclivity this season for being intransigent on your attitude about winter, you could kinda ease up and consider a hobby. That way you'd be showing a proclivity for transience."

"Transience?" said Doc. "I thought those were people who lived under bridges. You might want to look that

one up, Dud."

Dud blushed as we laughed.

"Say Dud?" said Steve, the cowboy. "Wasn't proclivity last month's word?"

"Yes," said Dud, "and I believe I've used it a couple of dozen times already."

"And now this month's word is intransigence, right?"

Dud nodded.

"Well then," said Doc, "it looks like you are going to have a proclivity for saying intransigence this month. That's a veritable plethora of proclivity my friend."

Dud pulled out a pencil and grabbed a napkin.

"How do you spell it, Doc?"

"Spell what?"

"Plethora."

We just groaned. Sometimes education can be ugly.

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The 501

The first item on my husband's 2014 Christmas wish list was a laser level so precise and professional you can't even buy it from the big-box retailers. He didn't get it.

It's hard to buy someone the perfect gift, whatever the cost, when said person remains undecided regarding brand and model. Quote me.



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Oddly enough, even before I knew my beloved had his sights set on a superb leveling device, I'd already bought him an antique level and scope at a garage sale back in the summer. It's the sort of wish list coincidence that puts a little extra magic into Christmas.

By the way, if you buy someone something vintage for Christmas, researching the item together online is as good as watching televised reruns of classic Christmas movies.

In our case, we watched "Home Alone" and then spent equal time learning about Swedish immigrant Ernst Alfred Bostrom (1855-1923) and his levels, one of which sat on our dining counter before our very eyes.

We found a 1909 advertisement that said "BOSTROM'S FARM LEVEL HAS TELESCOPE."

Wow! Another coincidence. Back when I paid \$8 for the mostly brass curiosity, I didn't know it was a "farm" level. I just thought it would make a good paperweight for an architect spouse with a bent for civil engineering. The ad says the level is for "draining, irrigating,

terracing, ditching, grading, road building, running fences, setting out orchards, leveling buildings and foundations, getting angles and every sort of work requiring a level." That's us, except we're too old to plant an orchard, and we don't irrigate.

The price in 1909 was \$15 for the level, tripod, plum bob, box, graduated rod and target. Makes me want to buy the extra stuff. Maybe next Christmas. Meanwhile, our Bostrom's level will be at home on the farm as a paperweight.

Same thing goes for the bird feeder grandson Cutter gave me - not that it'll be a paperweight but meaning we'll hang it at the farm. Cutter built it himself, except his friend Memory helped. Both are 8. They painted it too. It may attract jungle birds. The best thing? Cutter's mother captured several phases of the building project on video. Sturdy as the feeder is, the more lasting treasure is likely to be the video footage.

And there you have it. Sometimes it's not the gift that counts but the documentation that accompanies it - whether the object itself is a home-built bird feeder or a quintessential turn-of-the-century level. As long as you don't put a price on the documentation effort, the best things in life are indeed free.

You can't buy coincidences either.

Our gift to Cutter was a birdhouse kit. We had no idea he was building us the feeder. Nor did we know when we gave him a wooden architectural Legos puzzle that his mother had wanted to buy him the very same thing.

It would be nice to be able to plan such coincidences. But why displace the magic? It's part of Christmas.

Notable Deaths in 2014

JANUARY

Phil Everly, 74, Singer/Musician - Everly Brothers
Ariel Sharon, 85, Former Israeli Prime Minister
Russell Johnson, 89, Actor - Gilligan's Island
Dave Madden, 82, Actor - Partridge Family

FEBRUARY

Philip Seymour Hoffman, 46, Actor - Capote
Richard Bull, 89, Actor - Little House on the Prairie
Ralph Kiner, 91, Hall of Fame Baseball Player
Pittsburgh Pirates
Shirley Temple, 85, Actress/Diplomat
Sid Caesar, 91, Actor/Comedian - Grease
Ralph Waite, 85, Actor - The Waltons
Jim Fregosi, 71, Baseball Player California Angels
Garrick Utley, 74, NBC Television Journalist
Jim Lange, 81, Game Show Jost - Dating Game
Harold Ramis, 69, Actor - Ghostbusters

MARCH

Sheila MacRae, 92, Actress - Honeymooners
William Clay Ford, Sr., 88, Ford Motor Company
David Brenner, 78, Comedian

APRIL

Mickey Rooney, 93, Actor - Boys Town
Earl Morrall, 79, Football Player - Baltimore Colts
Jack Ramsay, 89, Hall of Fame Basketball Coach
Portland Trailblazers
Efrem Zimbalist, Jr., 95, Actor - The FBI

MAY

Beverly Young, 81, Actress - Father Knows Best
Jeb Stuart Magruder, 79, Nixon Presidential Aide,
Watergate
Hiram Mann, 92, Army Lt. Col - Tuskegee Airmen
332nd Fighter Group
Maya Angelou, 86, Author/Poet

JUNE

Ann B. Davis, 88, Actress - Brady Bunch
Chester Nez, 93, Navajo Code Talker - World War 2
Chuck Noll, 82, Football Coach - Pittsburgh Steelers
Casey Kasem, 82, Disc Jockey - American Top 40
Tony Gwynn, 54, Hall of Fame Baseball Player San
Diego Padres
Stanley Marsh 3, 76, Artist - Cadillac Ranch
Eli Wallach, 98, Actor - The Good, the Bad and the
Ugly

JULY

James Garner, 86, Actor - Maverick, Rockford Files
Robert Newhouse, 64, Football Player - Dallas
Cowboys

AUGUST

James Brady, 73, White House Press Secretary for
Ronald Reagan
Ed Nelson, 85, Actor - Gunsmoke, Murder She Wrote
Robin Williams, 63, Actor/Comedian - Mork and
Mindy, Good Will Hunting
Lauren Bacall, 89, Actress - Misery
Don Pardo, 96, Radio/Television Announcer -
Jeopardy, Saturday Night Live

Richard Attenborough, 90, Actor/Producer/Director -
Gandhi, The Great Escape, Jurassic Park

SEPTEMBER

Joan Rivers, 81, Comedienne/Actress
S. Truett Cathy, 93, Founder Chick-fil-A
George Hamilton IV, Country Singer
Polly Bergen, 84, Singer/Actress

OCTOBER

Geoffrey Holder, 84, Actor - Live and Let Die, 7-UP
Commercials
Jan Hooks, 57, Actress/Comedienne - Saturday Night
Live, Designing Women
Oscar de la Renta, 82, Fashion Designer
Marcia Strassman, 66, Actress - Welcome Back,
Kotter

NOVEMBER

Alvin Dark, 92, Baseball Player/Manager - New York/
San Francisco Giants
Jane Byrne, 81, Politician - Chicago Mayor 1979-83
Marion Barry, 78, Politician - Washington DC Mayor
1979-91, 95-99

DECEMBER

Bobby Keys, 70, Saxophonist - The Rolling Stones
Mary Ann Mobley, 77, Actress/Beauty Queen -
Different Strokes, Miss America 1959
Norm Bridwell, 86, Author/Cartoonist - Clifford the
Big Red Dog
Joe Cocker, 70, Musician

New Year's Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

This is a little different than the normal Wit and Wisdom but I couldn't pass up these gems during this time of the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you that read this column. - Charles

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

New Year's Day. A fresh start. A new chapter in life waiting to be written. New questions to be asked, embraced, and loved. Answers to be discovered and then lived in this transformative year of delight and self-discovery. Today carve out a quiet interlude for yourself in which to dream, pen in hand. Only dreams give birth to change. - Sarah Ban Breathnach

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.

We can help write that story by setting goals. - Melody Beattie

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man. - Benjamin Franklin

Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier.' - Alfred Lord Tennyson

I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the years'. - Henry Moore

To have the kind of year you want to have, something has to happen that you can't explain why it happened. Something has to happen that you can't coach. - Bobby Bowden

For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. - T.S. Eliot

Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one. -

Brad Paisley

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Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .

To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!
- William Arthur Ward

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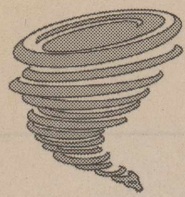


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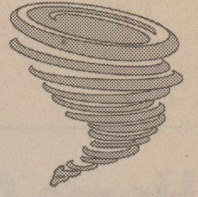
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Whirlwind News



Resolutions for a New Year

By Tucker Lowrance (Staff Writer) & Aaron Chavarria (Senior Editor)

Each turning of the year is typically accompanied by ambitions for 'newness' and self-improvement. If a person is asked their 'resolution' for the coming year, they typically respond by revealing their personal wishes and goals set for themselves. The term 'resolution' is used interchangeably with 'wish', though it shares more meaning with 'goal'. Many will achieve their goals and many will continue to wish, but the changing of the years allows them a landmark date to indicate the time of change. Some people will resolve to make big changes, while others will resolve themselves to small tweaks and improvements.

Individuals at Floydada High School were teeming with ideas and dedications for their wishes and goals for achievement in the new year. While many are comfortable keeping their wishes to themselves, others are eager and excited to share. Here are some of their responses when asked the question, "What is your resolution for the new year?" Some students had simple resolutions and some resolutions were made in jest, but they were entertaining nonetheless.

- "...to be a better person." - Desiree Guerra, Senior
- "...to do better in school." - Destiny Guerrero, Senior
- "I would like to get my driver's license, for a change!" - Esmeralda Garza, Senior
- "...reach my goal of getting accepted into college." - Alyssia Shepley-Minner, Senior
- "My goal is to get into better shape for my sports." - Thalia Villa, Junior
- "...to work on my batting for softball!" - Shiann De Los Santos, Junior
- "I want to push myself to finish my senior year on a high note." - Zach Martinez, Senior
- "...to be more healthy and make better food choices with college coming up. I want to stay away from the 'freshman fifteen!'" - Aimee Chavarria, Senior
- "...to be a nicer person to everyone." - Marqui Morales, Junior
- "My goal is to stay single." - Delaney Lucke, Junior
- "...to not be such a big procrastinator!" - Angela Longoria, Junior



Karley Weems, Yanira Paz, George Torres, and Brayden Campbell anticipate the coming year by sharing comments about the past 365 days.

- "...to train harder and get ready for track." - Josh Chavarria, Senior
- "My New Year resolution is to not be so fluffy!" - Rita Cox, English teacher
- "...to stay true to working out so that I can make it further in powerlifting." - Roxann Chavarria, Junior
- "...to make sure that we make it past the first round of playoffs in softball." - Makenzie Ramos, Junior
- "I don't have a New Year's resolution. I just like being me." - Rikardo Cervera, Senior
- "...to grow out my mullet even longer!" - Corbin Nutt, Senior

- "...to spend most of my time in the weight room." - Robert Mora, Sophomore
 - "...to play more video games and eat more junk food." - Jared Orr, Junior
- The end of the year is a time to reflect on the past: losses, triumphs, relationships, and friendships. As you evaluate your year gone by, remember that every passing moment is a chance to make things better. As the new year is initiated, we hope that you will enter into it with renewed ambition and humility. Best wishes and happy thoughts from the 2014-2015 Journalism staff.

Students Plan for a New Year

By Bethany Morales & Jaque Barrera
Staff Writers

As the month of December comes to a close, people are filled with cheer and are resolved to starting a fresh "New Year". For many, staying home and spending time with loved ones is ideal for ringing in the new year. For others, travel is imminent. Students of Floydada High School shared their excitement for plans surrounding the event.

"I am going to go Indiana to see my family, and I am very excited because I haven't seen them in a long time," said senior Alyssia Shipley-Minner.

"My family will be traveling to Grapevine, Texas to the Gaylord Texan to see an ice sculpture museum," said junior Reagan Hughes.

A fraction of students will participate in interstate and international travel during the holiday season and for new years, commemorating with family and loved ones.

"I will be traveling to Brownsville, Texas to a family reunion, but shortly after that I will be traveling to Mexico to visit more family as well as visit my grandmother's grave," said senior Jaque

Barrera.

"For New Years, my family plans on traveling to San Diego, California. My brother will be graduating from the U.S. Marine Corps," said senior Aimee Chavarria, "we will also go to Sea World as well at the beach."


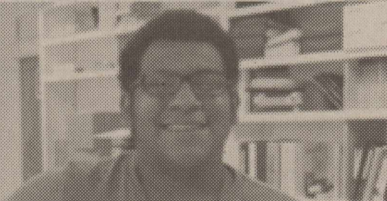

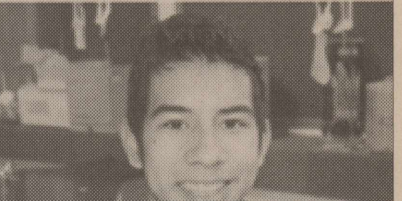
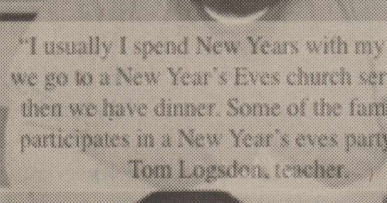
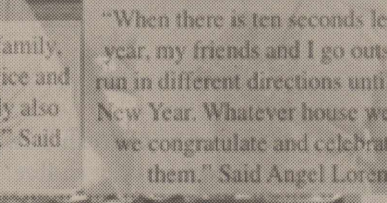
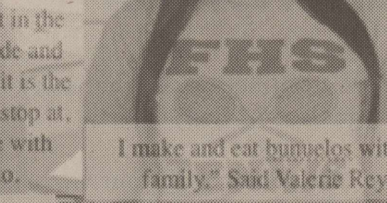
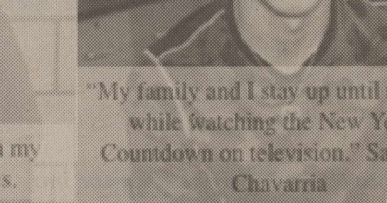
During this time, the act of looking back mingles with the act of look forward. If you are traveling during the holiday season, remember to be safe in your expeditions. Also, remember to approach the experience with optimism and hope. Happy New Year.

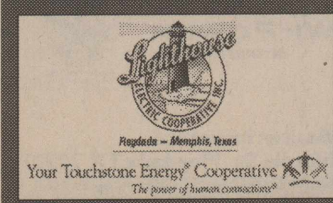


Freshman at FHS compare their winter breaks plans.

New Year's Traditions

By McKenna Johnson and Liz Morales - Staff Writers

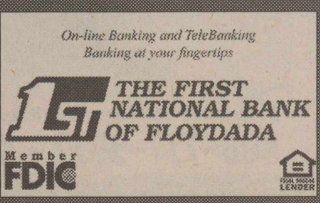
 <p>"I usually I spend New Years with my family, we go to a New Year's Eves church service and then we have dinner. Some of the family also participates in a New Year's eves party." Said Tom Logsdon, teacher.</p>	 <p>"When there is ten seconds left in the year, my friends and I go outside and run in different directions until it is the New Year. Whatever house we stop at, we congratulate and celebrate with them." Said Angel Lorenzo.</p>	 <p>I make and eat humuclos with my family." Said Valerie Reyes.</p>	 <p>"My family and I stay up until midnight while watching the New Year's Countdown on television." Said Josh Chavarria</p>
 <p>"I usually light fireworks up and watch them fly up in the sky during the middle of the night." Said Anthony Suarez.</p>	 <p>My parents both go to the country club for a New Year's party so I stay home and drink sparkling grape juice out a champagne glass with friends." Said Macee Brotherton.</p>	 <p>"My family, along with other family friends, eat ALOT of food while we watch movies waiting for the ball drops." Said Brayden Campbell</p>	 <p>My family usually just watches the ball drop, but sometimes we go to San Antonio and watch fireworks at midnight." Said Kelton Cage.</p>



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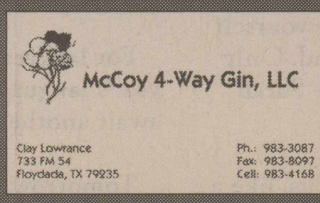
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Winter stocking of Trout in Caprock Canyon State Park's Lake Theo

By John Clayton
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District Fisheries Office

Numerous anglers in the Texas panhandle enjoy the challenge of fishing for Rainbow Trout. Thanks to an active stocking program by Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPWD), anglers of all ages can fish for trout locally all winter long. Each winter TPWD in cooperation with participating cities and community groups stocks catchable-size Rainbow Trout into more than 100 locations statewide. More than 250,000 trout will be stocked into Texas waters this year. The trout stocking program is designed to provide increased fishing opportunities for Texas anglers. As a part of this trout stocking program and with the cooperation of Caprock Partners Foundation, Caprock Canyon State Park's Lake Theo is scheduled to receive more than 1,900 Rainbow Trout this winter. The first 958 trout are scheduled to arrive December 16, 2014 with the remainder stocked February 3, 2015. The park will be closed January 1-4, 6-9, and 20-23, 2015 for annual public hunts.

Fishing gear for these hungry trout can be as simple as a cane pole or as sophisticated as a fly rod. Ultra-light spinning tackle using 4- to 6-pound test-line and 1/32 to 1/8 ounce spinners works well. Dry or wet flies, small spoons, and bucktail or feather jigs are also productive. There are many methods which will catch trout, but baits such as whole kernel corn, cheese and salmon eggs on a long-shanked hook (#8 or smaller) are quite effective for these

hatchery-reared fish. It is also a good idea to carry a pair of needle-nosed pliers to aid in removing hooks. Caprock Canyon State Park also has rods and tackle that can be loaned to park visitors. Talk to park personnel for details.

Anglers are reminded that Community Fishing Lakes do have special regulations for Rainbow Trout: the daily bag limit is 5 fish per day per person, and there is no minimum length regulation on these small lakes. No fishing license is required when fishing within a State Park. Entry fees are required for all adults and children over 12 years of age and can be paid at the Park headquarters upon arrival. Only fishing by pole and line is permitted in Community Fishing Lakes.

For more information on statewide and community fishing regulations consult a 2014 - 2015 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual available at any license retailers or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us. You can also download the Outdoor Annual app for your smartphone or tablet device. For more information about Caprock Canyons State Park visit our website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/caprock_canyons/. You can also visit Caprock Canyon's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/caprock.canyons or our District Fisheries Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TPWDInlandFisheriesTexasHighPlains.

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2015 Caprock Crop Production Conference scheduled at Unity Center

The Caprock Crop Production Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center located 6 miles west on Hwy 70 from Floydada and 4 miles east on Hwy 70 from Lockney. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. The cost of the conference is \$35.00 (we will be accepting pre-registration until January 20). The cost will be \$45 at the door. Registration information can be received through the Floyd or Crosby County Extension offices.

Registration will include lunch, 5 approved CEU's, conference cap, door prizes and program materials. Vista Bank has donated an I-Pad 2 to give away to one lucky attendee. Panhandle-Plains Land Bank will be donating donuts for the conference. The con-

ference is open to all area producers as well as anyone interested in crop production. The conference will include a trade show with vendors displaying their latest products and equipment.

The 5 approved Continuing Education Units available by attending the conference will include 2 General, 1 IPM, 1 Laws & Regulation and 1 Drift Minimization. We are also approved for 9 Certified Crop Advisor credits for those interested and will include 1 Soil & Water Management, 3 Pest Management and 3 Professional Development.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. Speakers will be: Mark Kelley, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Dan Gregory, New York Life Insurance; Calvin Trostle, TX

A&M AgriLife Extension; Brian Witt, TX Department of Public Safety; Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers; Peter Dotray, TX A&M AgriLife Extension; Jason Coleman, High Plains Underground Water District; and Casey Summers, TX Department of Agriculture. The conference will conclude at 4:30 pm with evaluations and CEU certificates.

If you need assistance or have questions please contact the Crosby County Extension Office (675-2347) or the Floyd County Office (983-4912) by January 16, 2015 to advise for auxiliary and/or services needed.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex,

DPS increases DWI patrols during the holidays

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols through Jan. 2, focusing in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"DPS" enhanced patrols are designed to help save lives by identifying impaired and dangerous drivers and getting them off Texas roadways," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Holiday celebrations create the increased potential for drinking and driving incidents, and we urge Texans to designate a sober driver or find alternative transportation if they plan to drink."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made 1,505 DWI arrests. DPS enforcement also resulted in 24,928 speeding citations, 2,997 seat belt/child safety seat citations, in addition to 1,078 fugitive arrests, and 797 felony arrests during the enforcement period.

A Texas Department of Transportation grant allows increased patrols in high-risk

locations during the times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.
- Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

RRC PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND ALLOWABLES FOR JANUARY 2015

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of December 19, was 867, representing about 48 percent of all active land rigs in the United States according to Baker Hughes Incorporat-

ed. The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) reports that in the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 870 million barrels of oil and 8.0 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Railroad Commission of Texas' estimated final production for October 2014 is 80,591,275 barrels of crude oil and 526,837,629 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary October 2014 production totals of 68,675,991 barrels of crude oil and 458,438,591 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1735 for crude oil

and 1.1492 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for November 2014 was 398,696,996 Mcf compared to 435,932,445 Mcf in November 2013. The December 2014 gas storage estimate is 404,532,804 Mcf.

The Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial January 2015 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 7,920,911 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial January 2015 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for January 2015 is reported.

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Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures began this week by extending last week's gains at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) in New York. The March contract broke out of its recent, month-long trading range Monday on speculative buying and short covering and settled 115 points higher at 62.04 cents per pound. It marked the fourth consecutive session that futures settled higher and the first 100-point gain since Oct. 6, according to one market observer. Volume was considerably higher than last Friday when only 11,849 contracts changed hands.

The rally ended Tuesday when cotton futures retreated from highs reached earlier in the session. Contracts seemed to be riding on the back of Monday's strong gains and reached their highest levels in six weeks early Tuesday before the momentum stalled. March cotton traded as

high as 62.84 cents before late-day selling took control. The contract settled on a modest loss of 22 points at 61.82 cents per pound. The initial strength seemed to come from news of strong U.S. economic growth in the third quarter and strong consumer spending in November. Other news Tuesday included reports of sleet mixed with rain from Lubbock to areas south where some cotton remains on the stalk.

Although March cotton traded in a narrow 62-point range during Wednesday's abbreviated ICE session, it tested higher levels several times before moving back near unchanged in the final 20 minutes of trading and settled 4 points lower at 61.78 cents. All other cotton futures contracts settled with moderate losses as trading closed at 12:00 p.m. Central Time. The market was closed Thursday in ob-

servance of the Christmas holiday.

Also due to the holiday, USDA's weekly export sales and shipment report is delayed until Monday, Dec. 29. The spot market also was closed Thursday; however, producers sold 77,426 bales online in the four preceding sessions compared to 103,555 bales sold online the previous week. Average prices received ranged from 56 to 57 cents per pound compared to 56 to 59 cents the previous week.

Meanwhile, USDA reported 12.6 million bales of U.S. cotton had been ginned as of Dec. 15. Texas gins had processed almost 4.3 million bales, approximately 78 percent of the state's anticipated crop of 5.75 million. The department also noted almost 3.2 million bales had been ginned in the five-state Delta region, and 4.1 million bales had been ginned in the Southeast.

Weather-wise, rain and snow was forecast for the Lubbock area late this week and into Saturday, and severe storms pounded South Mississippi and Alabama at mid-week. The thunderstorms were expected to move into the lower Southeast. Beneficial rain also was reported in Argentina's primary cotton growing region last weekend. The precipitation was expected to assist final stages of planting as well as cotton acreage planted earlier.

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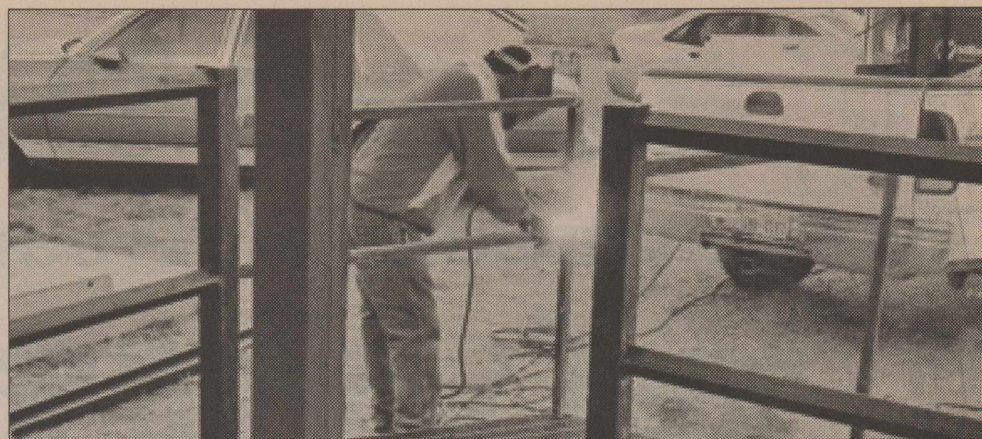
Harrington Breast Center Mobile Coach Coming to Lockney

The Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammogram Coach will be in Lockney at the Mangold Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 8 from 9:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to provide women 35 and older in the area with their yearly mammograms.

Featuring the largest program in the state of Texas, the Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach has provided mammograms to women of the High Plains region since 1989. Our program

features full-field digital mammography equipment, screenings performed outside our self-contained unit, fast appointments at convenient times and quick reporting back to patients.

For appointments and cost information, please contact the Harrington Breast Center at 1-800-377-4673. The Mangold Memorial Hospital is located at 320 N. Main Street in Lockney. We look forward to serving you during our visit.



Volunteers with the Monsanto Community Volunteers took time recently to replace the porch at Oscar and Teresa Gonzales' home. Oscar has lung cancer and is under the care of hospice. He previously worked for Monsanto for 11 years. Co-worker Domingo Hernandez said the program is to help members of the community and Oscar needed the help.

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Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Lockney High School's Jace Klein placed first in the 1A state UIL science competition.

June

After heavy rains in late May the burn ban was lifted for Floyd County in June. Floyd County received more rain in June— as much as three inches in the South Plains area. The Floydada Lady Winds softball team had seven members receive All District Honors. The Floydada Chamber held a citywide garage sale. Floydada youth baseball and softball teams competed at the District 38 All Star Tournament.

July

Lockney celebrated the Fourth of July with its annual Bike Parade. The new playground equipment was delivered to Floydada Park. The 51st Harmony Plains Singing School was held in Cone. Reduced hours were announced for the Dougherty Post Office. The Floydada Economic Development Corporation hired a new EDC director Sean Overeynder. Beverly Collins was sworn in as the new District 4 trustee for the Floydada Independent School District board. Floyd County Commissioners approved the hiring of Cristen Brooks as the county's Texas AgriLife Extension Agent. The Eighth Annual Kids Kamp was held at the Plains Baptist Assembly in Blanco Canyon.

August

The Floydada EMS added a new ambulance to its fleet. Lockney hosted its annual Old Fashion Day.

Hunter Schwertner, Floydada High School Salutatorian, Class of 2014, died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident returning home from Austin. First Wind, a renewable energy company from Boston, noted that it intended to invest approximately \$300 million in a Floyd County wind farm near South Plains. The Floyd County Commissioners Court approved raising taxes by a 4 to 1 vote. The city of Floydada discussed raising water and electricity rates to offset the loss of ad valorem taxes. The Lockney City Council approved extending the pool season through September 13.

The Floydada Whirlwinds football team scrimmaged against the Wellington Rockets. The Lockney Longhorns scrimmaged against the Claude Mustangs. Flomot Baptist Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

September

Both Floyd County high

school football teams won their season openers. The Floydada Whirlwinds downed the Slaton Tigers, 33-6. The Lockney Longhorns defeated the Lubbock Christian Eagles, 40-22. Kenneth Peterson was appointed the new minister of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

The annual Floyd County Fair was held in September and featured entries in a variety of craft and cooking categories as well as a chili cook-off, educational exhibits, commercial vendors and a working dog exhibition. The Floydada School board discussed new tax rates, a new budget and new laptops for staff and elementary students. Floyd County Commissioners discussed upgrading the courthouse phone and internet systems. The Floydada Whirlwinds defeated the Lockney Longhorns 28-14 to win the Floyd County trophy for the first time in five years. W.J. Memorial Hospital Foundation held a steak dinner fundraiser at the Unity Center to raise funds for new hospital beds.

October

The fifth "Join in the Journey" Christian Women's Conference, a fundraiser featuring music, food, fellowship and shopping, was held October 3 at the Unity Center. The event raised monies for the Christian Women's Job Corps. The 27th Annual Punkin Day was held October 11 in Floydada with a pancake breakfast, chili cook-off, car show, 5K run and a variety of activities. The first bale of cotton was ginned October 15 at the D&J Gin in Lockney. The Lockney Chamber of Commerce awarded \$100 to Dusty Cornelius of Crosbyton. Lockney ISD received a \$10,000 grant from Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow Rural Education. The funds will be used for elementary school computers. Dozens of citizens filled the county commissioners court meeting room in October to express their concerns about the state of county roads after heavy rains. Many expressed the need to get repairs in place before the cotton harvest. Fall festivals were held at First Baptist Floydada, First Methodist Floydada and First Methodist Lockney. Lockney and Floydada Chambers both held Trunk or Treats for Halloween. Lockney held its downtown on the 25th, and the Floydada Chamber hosted its Trunk or Treat at the Whirlwinds game of October 31. The annual Floyd County 4-H Auction was held at the Unity Center on October 28th. The event featured a free Mexican stack dinner, a live auction, a silent auction and a raffle.

The Floydada and Lockney football teams were both still viable playoff contenders as October came to a close.

November

New owners acquired Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living and it became BeeHive Home of Floydada. The annual J.W. Harrison VFW Post 5616 breakfast was held at the Covey Smokehouse, but through the power of social media (Facebook), none of the Post's resources were used. Community donations handled all expenses. The Lockney Longhorns season ended November 13 at the hands of a tough Crosbyton Chiefs team, 40-6. The Floydada Whirlwinds fell to a formidable Abernathy team in the battle for the district lead, but still made it to the playoffs. They faced the Wellington Skyrockets at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. A midday pep rally and a send-off on the highway near Nielsen's on the Plainview road marked the return of the Whirlwinds to post-season. The Whirlwinds ultimately lost to the Skyrockets, 58-20 in the bi-district playoff. The Lockney School Board voted unanimously on an improvement plan for the junior high. A large percentage of students are not meeting the STAAR standards. The Lockney Community Thanksgiving Service was held by Trinity Lutheran Church in Providence November 23.

December

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital held its 22nd Health Fair December 6 at the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Admission was one canned good or toy to be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program. There were over 30 booths providing a variety of health screening and community services offerings. Santa Claus came to Floydada December 11 in an event that brought the Christmas spirit to downtown courtesy of the Floydada Chamber. Lockney City Council members unanimously approved the awarding of a contract to Amarillo Utility Contractors of Amarillo for \$456,793 for water well number seven for the city. Funds for the well will be coming from a certificate of obligation approved earlier this year as well as a grant from the State of Texas. The Lockney varsity boys basketball team the Guthrie tournament, and the Floydada varsity boys basketball team won the Anton tournament. Fifteen Floydada Whirlwinds football players earned All-District honors. Twelve Lockney Longhorn football players garner All-District honors.

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was in need of major repairs. Stella Garcia, Tammy Hernandez, Domingo Hernandez, Frank Luna, Stella Sepeda, Stella Garcia and Tony Canales showed up to rebuild

the porch.

"The Monsanto Community Service is there to help those in our community that need assistance," Domingo Hernandez said, "and we were glad to be able to help our co-worker and friend."

Domingo Hernandez began the project by measuring and determining the materi-

als that would be needed and Monsanto supplied all of the necessary materials.

"We would like to thank our community for their thoughts, prayers and support," Teresa Gonzales said, "and we would like to especially thank our friends from Monsanto that came and fixed our porch. May the Lord bless you always."

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that protects against three or four strains of the flu, the intradermal shot with a smaller needle, the nasal spray version, or a high-dose vaccine that can boost immunity for people 65 and older, the most important thing is that everyone 6 months old and older get vaccinated."

All flu vaccines this season are made to protect against the strains A/California/7/2009 (H1N1), A/Texas/50/2012 (H3N2) and B/Massachusetts/2/2012. For the second year, some vaccines also include protection against a fourth strain, B/Brisbane/60/2008. About half of the 150 million or more doses produced this season are expected to be four-strain varieties.

In the most recent report filed by the DSHS, Texas is considered to have widespread influenza activity level. Of the positive specimens submitted, 90 percent were for Type A Influenza while 10 percent was Type B. Of the Type A strain, 98.5 percent is the H3N2 variety. So far this year there have been two pediatric deaths reported due to the flu. Beginning with the last two weeks of November and the first two weeks of December, the percentage of positive tests have risen dramatically, from around five percent positive to over 30 percent positive.

Dr. Lakey said, "Flu is

on the rise and causing severe illness in certain people. It is not unexpected this time of year, but it's a good reminder for people to get vaccinated and stay home if they're sick. Flu can be deadly. People who have not been vaccinated should do so now. It's the best defense we have."

On average, the flu kills 23,600 Americans a year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Those most at risk include people over 65, pregnant women, young children and people with chronic health conditions.

Standard prevention steps include: washing hands frequently with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer; cover coughs and sneezes; and stay home if sick.

Signs that you may have the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting. Not all of these symptoms have to be present for it to be the flu, so be sure to consult your health care provider for treatment. Do not put off seeing your health care provider because if they feel you need antiviral drugs, the sooner treatment is started, the better the drugs work.

If you are feeling only mildly ill, do not go to the emergency room but go to a clinic or your personal health care provider. However, if the emergency warning signs are present, take the patient to the

emergency room.

The emergency warning signs for children include: fast breathing or trouble breathing; bluish skin color; not drinking enough fluids; not waking up or not interacting; being so irritable that the child does not want to be held; flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever or worse cough; and fever with a rash. In addition to those signs, get medical help immediately if an infant has any of the following signs: being unable to eat; has trouble breathing; has no tears when crying; and significantly fewer wet diapers than normal.

In adults, look for these signs: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen; sudden dizziness; confusion; severe or persistent vomiting; and flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever or worse cough.

If you or a family member gets sick be sure to follow these steps: stay home and rest; avoid close contact with well people in your house so they don't become sick; drink plenty of water and other clear liquids to prevent fluid loss; treat fever and cough with medicines you can buy at the store; and if you are pregnant or have a high risk medical condition contact your health care provider.

For more information regarding the flu, the DSHS has a website specifically for the flu at textasflu.org.

NO. 5985

IN THE ESTATE OF REGINA NELSON AKA, REGINA ADAMS AKA REGINA BROOK WARE ADAMS DECEASED	5985	IN THE PROBATE COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS
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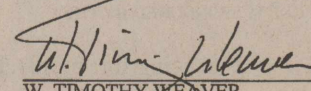
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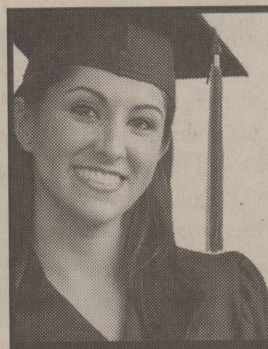
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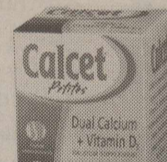
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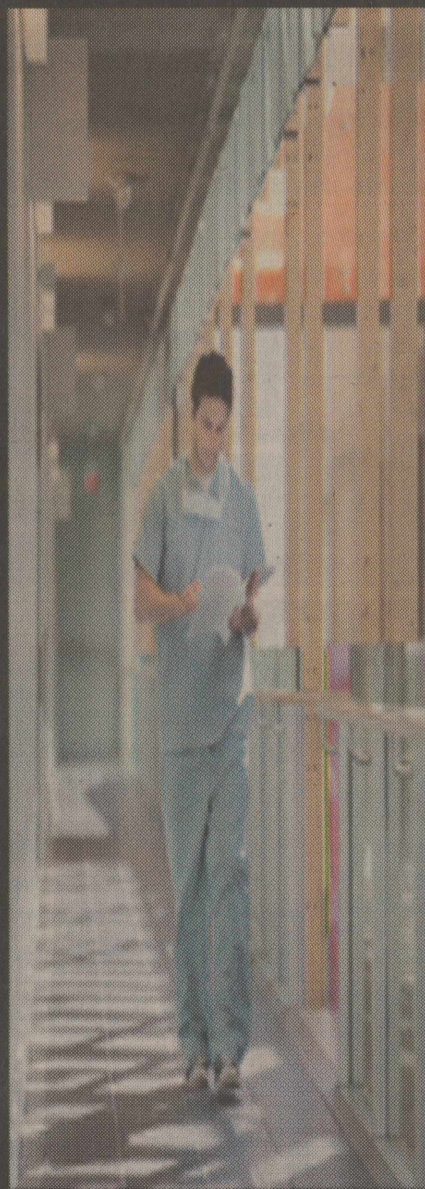
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