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## Dr. Stewart takes over former Dean dental practice in Floydada

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Dr. Thomas Stewart, DDS, has seen 15 to 20 patients daily since taking over the former William Dean practice in Floydada last month. | HESPERIAN-BEACON / BARBARA BRANNON

Dr. Stewart welcomes visitors for a drop-in April 5, 5:30-7 p.m. at Cogdell Clinic.

Last week the Hesperian-Beacon reported about a new dentist joining a local practice based in Floydada. But patients of all ages from the region are even luckier, it turns out — with yet another committed, young professional arriving in town to provide quality care.

Only a month ago, Thomas Stewart, DDS, bought out the Floydada Family Dentistry practice formerly served by longtime dentist Dr. William Dean.

Dr. Kevin Shively, who had acquired Dr. Dean's practice last October, found that for personal reasons he should remain in Lubbock. Dr. Stewart, who was in search of a small-town practice in the South Plains, found the opportunity a perfect fit.

As an El Paso native and Texas Tech undergrad who did his medical-school training at the University of Texas San Antonio, Dr. Stewart had had plenty of experience with big cities. Although he and his wife, Jami, met during high school in El Paso, they both preferred life in the slower lane.



She's a 5th- and 6th-grade math and science schoolteacher in Hart, on the western side of Plainview, while he serves the practice he had established in Muleshoe, an hour in the opposite direction. They're hoping Floydada will prove just right for both of them.

"We both want to be in a good small town," Dr. Stewart said. The Stewarts have two sons, Joshua, 11, and Michael, 7.

The tall, bearded, affable Stewart said he likes See STEWART, page 12

## Mangold CEO DiFranco welcomes vaccines for all, March 29

LIZ ADAMS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

For thirteen months now, Chief Executive Officer Vincent DiFranco has been serving the health needs of Floyd, Briscoe, and surrounding counties through Lockney General Hospital District, which includes W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital and Cogdell Clinics in Lockney and Silverton. He had just begun his new role in February 2020 when COVID became a part of every healthcare provider's vocabulary. Although DiFranco is originally from a suburb near Detroit, Michigan, he has been working as a CEO with small, rural hospitals for twenty-five years. DiFranco said he was drawn to this area particularly because of the people.

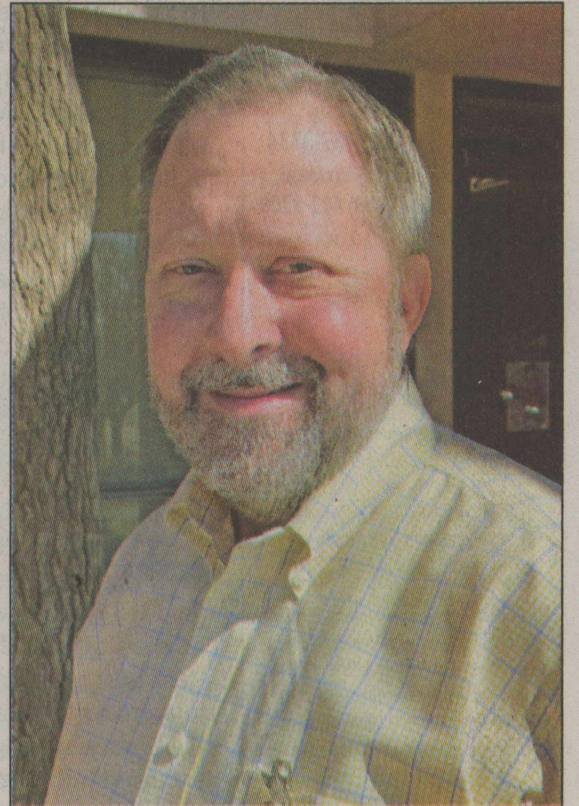
"The nurse practitioners, physicians, other providers, and board members are the real strength here," said DiFranco.

Dr. Gary Mangold, Dr. Kevin Stennett, and Dr. Cynthia Schueter are among the members of the medical team who are from Lockney and continue to serve the communities in which they were raised. Their strong clinical knowledge and years of experience combined with their familiarity with the local culture make for high quality healthcare experiences for patients.

"This is an advantage over larger hospitals because we know our patients and their families, and we can care for them with a high degree of compassion and a personal touch. We want to take care of as many needs locally as we can," DiFranco explained, adding that, "there are some services we cannot provide, but we want to have strong emergency services, and nursing care for patients admitted to the hospital. We don't want people to have to leave town for medical care."

DiFranco has worked with rural hospitals with less than one hundred beds, and he understands the expectations and challenges. Over the past year with the hospital and the two clinics, he has seen great teamwork. "The people here are very supportive of each other. There is a tremendous responsibility do well," said DiFranco.

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## National Guard caravan held at gunpoint March 22 while transporting vaccines to Matador

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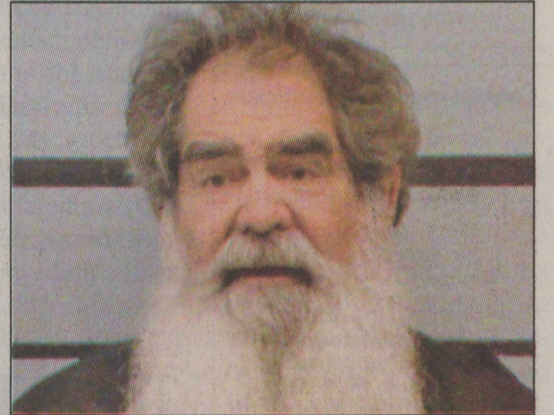
MATADOR—The mobile Covid-19 vaccination clinic scheduled for downtown Matador today went ahead with only a few minutes' delay despite severe weather in the area—and the State Mobile Vaccination Team's unexpected encounter with a gunman en route.

As reported by Lubbock media, Larry Lee Harris, 66, of Wilcox, Arizona, is in jail tonight after being accused of following the National Guard team's three vans from a Love's Travel Station in Lubbock onto Highway 62/82 toward Idalou, where Idalou police chief Eric Williams said Harris attempted to run the vans off the road, then stopped the vans by turning his vehicle into oncoming traffic.

The suspect then pulled a pistol and told the uniformed but unarmed National Guardsmen to get out of the vans so that he could search them. Harris said that he was a detective and later told police that he believed the men were kidnappers. Though Harris had a loaded weapon, no one was hurt, and he was taken into custody by the Idalou police without further incident. He is currently being held in the Lubbock County Detention Center.

Harris is being held on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful restraint of eleven National Guardsmen early Monday morning. He was also charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon, impersonating a public servant, and interference with Texas military forces.

The National Guardsmen were on their way to deliver vaccines to Matador as part of the Texas Department of Emergency Management's effort to make inoculations available to homebound and elderly residents in rural areas. Clinics like the one scheduled Monday at the Motley County Library Annex have previously been held in Matador and Paducah for those who are unable to travel to larger cities to get access to the vaccines. A State Mobile Vaccine Pilot Program team delivered one hundred doses on February 5, and those



ARRESTED Larry Lee Harris, 66 (above), of Wilcox, Arizona, was arrested and jailed in Lubbock after being accused of pulling over a National Guard vaccine clinic team at gunpoint on Monday. | LUBBOCK COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

The National Guardsmen (below), who were on their way to set up a mobile vaccine clinic in Matador, Texas, arrived at their destination and were able to administer the shots. | IDALOU POLICE DEPARTMENT



who received it then have also had their second dose. Monday's clinic was intended to provide another opportunity for a first dose to those who still needed it.

Motley County law enforcement confirmed that the clinic still took place on Monday. According to Carla Meador, director of the Motley County Library, where the clinic was scheduled to take place, "the clinic was delayed by ten or fifteen minutes, but it did go ahead as planned."



NEW ADMINISTRATOR Heather Harger is the new administrator of the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center and feels blessed to be here to serve the community and the residents. | YELENA SERRATO PHOTO

## Harger takes on role as administrator at Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center

YELENA SERRATO | HESPERIAN-BEACON

LOCKNEY—Heather Harger joined the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center as the new administrator on Jan. 18 with hopes to continue seeing the center thrive and grow.

"I feel very blessed to be here. This nursing facility is like a diamond in the rough," Harger said. "The people that work here truly care about the residents and the facility itself. They care about their community and love being a part of it. Most of the staff has been here for a very long time. In fact, we just celebrated one of our ladies who has been working here for 25 years. That is almost unheard of," she added.

Harger has always worked in bigger facilities. The one she came from had 102 beds. So, coming from something of that size to here, she can definitely tell a huge difference, not just in size but in how it operates. Heather feels that the employees that work at the Lockney Health & Rehab want to be here. Harger also stated that she hasn't been able to say that in some of the other homes she's worked in. Harger commented, "I just feel so blessed to be here."

Growing up in a military family not only allowed her to grow up calling many different places home but ultimately inspired her to serve in the military herself. "I served in the U.S. Navy for thirteen years.

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### UPCOMING

#### WHIRLWIND ALUMNI GAME

The annual Whirlwind Alumni Baseball game will be held Friday, March 26 at Watson Field at 5 p.m. Whirlwind baseball caps will be on sale during the game or call Coach Alvarado at (432) 209-0911 for more info.

#### CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

The Caprock Crops Production Conference hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for Crosby and Floyd Counties will be held Thursday, April 1, at the Unity Center in Muncy. Registration is \$45. Register online at <https://crosby-ag-committee.square.site/> or call the Floyd County AgriLife Extension office, (806) 983-4912 For more, see the article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon.

#### GLOW IN THE DARK EASTER EGG HUNT

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a "Glow in the dark Easter egg hunt" on Thursday, April 1 at 8:45 p.m. This year it will be held on the practice field by the field house. The hunt will be divided into three age groups: 0-3 yrs, 4-6 yrs, and 7-10 yrs. Bring your baskets and join the fun!

**BURN BAN** The Floyd County Commissioners' Court has extended the burn ban for Floyd County until April 12, 2021.

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**CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**PUC chair resigns in wake of call to energy investors**

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AUSTIN—**Arthur D'Andrea, the chair** and sole remaining member of the state's Public Utility Commission, resigned late last week at the request of Gov. Gregg Abbott. D'Andrea pledged to remain on the PUC until Abbott names a replacement. In the announcement Abbott said in part, "Texans deserve to have trust and confidence in the Public Utility Commission, and this action is one of many steps that will be taken to achieve that goal."

Texas Monthly obtained a recording of a March 9 call D'Andrea had with investors to discuss the fallout from the mid-February power crisis, in the midst of a fierce statewide winter storm. In that 48-minute call, D'Andrea promised to put the "weight of the commission" in opposing efforts to reverse skyrocketing power rates during the blackouts.

Those efforts are being spearheaded by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who in effect controls the Texas Senate. That body passed SB 242 last week, calling on the PUC and the Electrical Reliability Council of Texas to correct what Patrick called "billions in pricing errors that occurred" during the winter storm.

However, House Speaker Dade Phelan has called repealing "an extraordinary government intervention into the free market, which may have major consequences for both residential and commercial consumers going forward." The House is holding hearings on restructuring ERCOT and related issues this week.

**Rise in pedestrian fatalities rings alarm bells.** With spring arriving and COVID-19 restrictions easing, state officials warn that pedestrian deaths continue to increase each year. They urge both drivers and pedestrians to watch out for each other. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, pedestrian fatalities account for one in five of all state traffic fatalities.

In 2019, the latest year for which figures are available, 5,973 traffic crashes involved pedestrians, resulting in 669 deaths and 1,317 serious injuries.

**Texas District 68 Rep. Spiller files, co-authors bills during first week in office**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Newly installed Texas House District 68 Rep. David Spiller** has filed eight bills and co-authored ten bills before the March 12 bill filing deadline, according to a press release from his Austin office.

"It is a great honor and blessing to have been officially sworn in as your state representative for House District 68. Thank you for entrusting me to be your voice in the Texas House," said Rep. Spiller.

Rep. Spiller has authored and co-authored bills—many supporting the conservative Republican agenda he foregrounded during his campaign—that include expanding rural broadband access, as well as telemedicine and telehealth; reducing taxes for businesses during emergencies; defending the right to life; protecting religious freedom; prohibiting gender modification of children; preventing males from participating

The two leading causes of pedestrian fatalities are: 1) Pedestrians failing to follow traffic safety laws and being struck crossing streets and roadways, and 2) motorists failing to yield the right of way, driving distracted or driving too fast.

TxDOT's pedestrian safety campaign is a component of #EndTheStreakTX, a social media effort to encourage drivers to make safer choices, such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, not texting while driving, and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The last deathless day on Texas roadways was Nov. 7, 2000.

**Covid-19 vaccinations up more than million in a week.** With more than 900,000 additional Covid-19 vaccines arriving in Texas this week, the state has now administered more than 9 million doses, according to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. More than 3 million are now fully vaccinated, roughly 10.8% of the state's population.

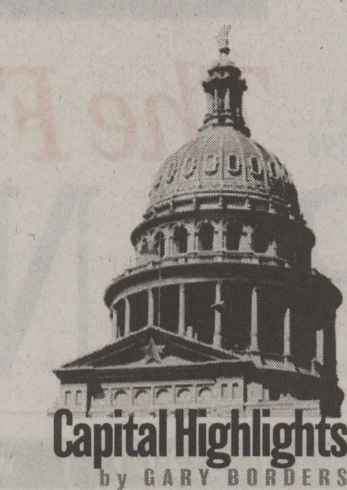
Nearly one in seven of all Texans at least 16 years of age are now fully vaccinated, according to DSHS. Anyone over the age of 50, health-care workers, long-term care residents, people with chronic health issues, and school and childcare workers are all eligible for the vaccine.

You can find a list of vaccine hub providers at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2u5een4w>

Covid-19 cases, deaths in state still dropping. The number of new Covid-19 cases in Texas dropped again last week, with 27,672 reported, down about 12 percent from the previous week. Deaths also dropped, with 932 reported, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. That's down 16.5% from the previous week.

Hospitalizations of confirmed Covid-19 patients also continue to decrease, with 3,620 in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to DSHS. That's down 14.1% from the previous week and 75% lower than the record high of 14,218 hospitalizations in mid-January.

**Nature Challenge launched by forest service.** The Nature Challenge web-



site has launched, connecting Texans with ways to explore the outdoors, acquire new skills and get involved in their community. The collaboration between the Texas Children in Nature Network, Texan by Nature and the Texas A&M Forest Service encourages Texans to explore nature and earn digital badges to track their progress. The website, naturechallenge.tamu.edu, features an interactive map and resources for users of all ages.

"The Nature Challenge provides the perfect opportunity for every Texan to have fun and learn something new while enjoying the physical, mental and emotional benefits of being in nature," said Joni Carswell, CEO and president of Texan by Nature.

Nature-related organizations are encouraged to use the site to promote their services and opportunities at no charge. Information for providers can be found on the Nature Challenge website.

**Webinar slated to help homeowners file insurance damage claims.** Folks who need help with an insurance claim for winter storm damage can register for a free online webinar set for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25. Staff with the Texas Department of Insurance will explain what to expect once a claim is filed and cover the options available if a claimant disagrees with an insurance company's decision. Register for the webinar at: <http://bit.ly/TDI-winter-storm-claim-webinar>.

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**2021 Community Calendar**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**FOOD BANKS—FLOYDADA**—Spirit of Sharing (SOS), 925 Crockett St., Floydada, Mon. and Thurs., 2–4:30 p.m. (806) 983-5874.  
**LOCKNEY**—Lockney Salvation Army, 108 S. Main, Lockney, (806) 652-2448. PLEASE CALL FOR HOURS DUE TO COVID-19.

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

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

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

**LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**, 118 W. College St., Lockney, serves lunch Mon.–Fri. 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Dine-in, delivery in Lockney area only, and curbside pickup. (806) 652-2745.

**FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**, 105 E. Missouri St., Floydada, is open weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment. (806) 983-2415.

**FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE**, 105 S. 5th St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (806) 983-3434.

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

**PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP**

**UPDATED FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL** Tues., March 30, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

**LIONS CLUB AND ROTARY**

**Floydada Rotary Club**—Wednesdays, 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Floydada

**Floydada Lions Club**—Thursdays, 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Floydada

**Lockney Rotary Club**—Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

**COMMUNITY INFO**

**City of Floydada** Office is open to the public. Face masks optional.

**City of Lockney** Office is open. Face masks mandatory.

**FNB of Floydada** Lobby is open to the public. Face masks optional.

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**FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRIME REPORT**

SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

**February 4, 2021** A Sheriff's Deputy attempted to stop a 1991 GMC for an equipment violation in the 700 Block of North 2nd Street in Floydada. The vehicle led Sheriff's Deputies and Floydada Police in a short vehicle pursuit that ended in the 300 block of West Ollie Street. Andrew Perez, 37, of Plainview, was arrested for evading arrest in a motor vehicle and an active parole warrant.

**February 10** A Sheriff's Deputy responded to a crash on US Highway 70 where a pickup pulling a stock trailer lost control after hitting a patch of black ice. The vehicle and trailer left the roadway and overturned in the median. There were no injuries reported, and the driver was cited for unsafe speed due to weather conditions.

**February 10** A Sheriff's Deputy responded to a crash on US Highway 70 where a vehicle lost control after hitting a patch of black ice. The vehicle skid off the roadway, rolling several times, coming to rest in a field. The driver was issued a citation for unsafe speed due to weather conditions. No injuries were reported.

**February 21** A Sheriff's Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of W Bryant in Lockney about criminal mischief during the night. While over at a friend's house babysitting, the complainant reported that someone slashed three tires on the vehicle.

**February 22** Saul Villanueva, 46, of Lockney, was arrested at the Sheriff's Office for Continuous sexual abuse of a child after several months of investigation. Villanueva admitted to sexually abusing his step-daughter for several years.

**February 24** Lorenzo Gonzales, 45 of Lockney, was arrested in the 1600 S. FM 378 for an active warrant from Denton County, Texas.

**February 25** A Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 White Ford for an equipment violation on US Highway 70. Jesus Alaniz, 62, of Plainview, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated after Deputy performed Field Sobriety Test.

**February 27** A Sheriff's Deputy responded to the Lockney Softball Field about an assault. Marisela Perez, 33, of Plainview, assaulted a 34-year-old female and a 16-year-old female. This case has been turned over to the County Attorney.

**February 27** A Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a Silver Toyota in the 200 block of W Spruce in Lockney for an equipment violation. Guadalupe Martinez, 57, of Lockney, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more after Deputy performed Field Sobriety Test.

**February 28** A Sheriff's Deputy responded to the 800 block of FM 97 East of Lockney about an assault that had already taken place. The complainant mother reported that a 15-year-old female juvenile had assaulted her daughter. This case has been turned over to Juvenile Probation.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,

I've just read the obituary in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for Sammy Hale, longtime citizen and businessman in Floydada.

I served as the Minister of Education at First Baptist Church Floydada from 1977-1983. I got to know Sammy as a church member and also as members of the Floydada Lions Club.

During the year that I served as president of the Lions Club, a farmer in another South Plains county got his arm trapped in an auger on his harvester. The man did not survive because it took too long to free his arm. It was said that if a Jaws of Life had been available, the man probably would have survived.

Because of that tragedy, Sammy suggested that the Lions Club sponsor a community drive to raise funds to purchase a Jaws of Life for the Floydada Fire Department in the event that a similar situation should occur in Floyd County. In a matter of weeks and with strong support from the community, we received the funds to make that purchase. All the credit for that endeavor goes to Sammy.

David T. Seay, Franklin, TN





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**Foodbytes**

ANGELINA LARUE

**Set some Sunday soup to simmer**

I love to hear a pot simmering on the stovetop; it's comforting to me. I even turn off the noise around me just to hear it, particularly if I'm standing over the cutting board preparing the rest of the meal, or doing something else in the kitchen. Try it sometime—it's truly therapeutic.

There are lots of immune-boosting ingredients in this gorgeous one-pot meal. With 8 to 10 servings, my husband and I can enjoy it on a Sunday evening, then I prepare 2 small containers for us to pack in our lunches for the upcoming week. I can then take the remainder and serve it over basmati or jasmine rice for dinner later on in the week.

These ingredients are not only packed with what we need for our immune system, but they are also packed with nutrients that provide energy.

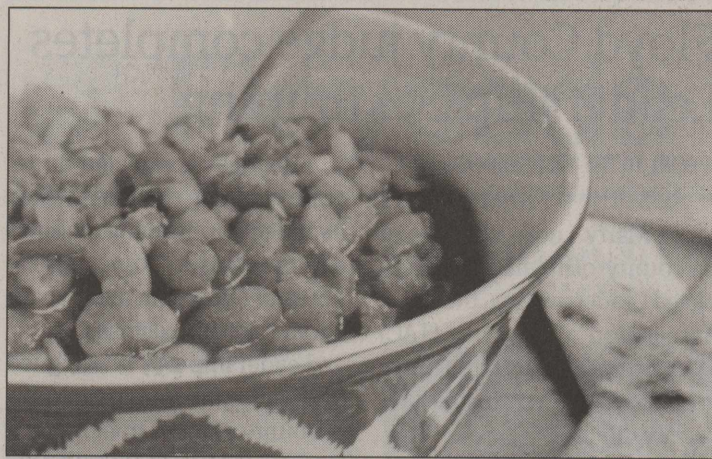
As apparent in my cookbook, "The Whole Enchilada," you might guess I like to make this recipe with smoky Southwestern flavors. But you can substitute the type of beans, and the spices for whatever suites you. You can even swap out some of the veggies for what you may have on-hand.

I'm challenging myself to "simmer" something good for us on the stove each Sunday, or as often as possible. I'm calling it "Sunday Simmer." However, this dish is also a good meatless Monday dinner, or perfect for Fridays during Lent.

Stay safe, eat well, and enjoy food made fresh!

**Sunday Simmer Soup**

- 1 pound Anasazi beans
- 2 bay leaves
- 32-ounces vegetable broth
- 1 large red onion, peeled and diced
- 2 large carrots, peeled and diced
- 1 red bell pepper, trimmed and diced



**HEALTHY AND HEARTY** There are lots of immune-boosting ingredients in this gorgeous one-pot meal. | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

- 1 poblano chile, trimmed and diced
  - 1 cup chopped shiitake mushrooms
  - 1 cup corn kernels or cooked hominy
  - 2 stalks celery, cleaned and diced
  - 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
  - 3 tablespoons tomato paste
  - 1 tablespoon chile powder
  - 2 teaspoons dried oregano
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
  - Salt and ground black pepper to taste
- Rinse and drain beans. Place in a pot and cover with water. Soak overnight, or a minimum of 1 hour. Drain the water, rinse and cover with water again; water level should be about 2 inches above the beans.
- Add bay leaves. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and continue cooking at a low boil for about 10 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 1 hour. Drain water, remove bay leaves, and add vegetable stock.
- Increase heat to medium to achieve a low boil again. Add onion, carrot, bell pepper, poblano, mushrooms, corn or hominy, celery, and garlic. Stir until combined. Stir in tomato paste, chile powder, oregano, and cumin. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 1 hour. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve warm, with warm corn tortillas, if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.



COMMENTARY

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**The 501**

HANABA MUNN WELCH

**Straight scoop on anti-gogglin**

Antigoggling. Know the term? As you might have guessed, it describes a movement against goggle-wearing. The most dedicated anitgogglers don't even wear facemasks when they're scuba diving.

What? You thinking I'm making this up?

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION.

You're right. And I probably should have saved that opening for April Fool's. But I couldn't come up with a better way to start talking about the word "antigoggling," which I prefer to spell "anitgogglin." Since it's not in reputable dictionaries, spelling is a free-for-all.

My grandmother said "antigogglin." Maybe yours did too. If so, you know it's often just the right word to use when something's not lined up on the square. It's an adjective, and I think maybe it's an adverb too.

My husband, Hugh, likes things lined up right. He would tell you that even if you're a messy person, the least you can do is keep your clutter lined up with itself, thereby creating an illusion of neatness. If you lay a pencil down, lay it either parallel or perpendicular to another straight object or to the wall or table edge. Not antigogglin. Everything you can line up at right angles looks like it was placed purposefully and makes you look organized even if you aren't.

Apply the same principle to parking trailers and cars, unless angle parking prevails. Then it's better to conform.

Yesterday I backed up to the shop building with the trash trailer. Straight wasn't an option. I parked the whole rig antigogglin. Adverb.

Somewhat apologetically I told Hugh I parked antigogglin and asked if he knew the word. He does. Like me, he learned it from his grandmother. Ah grandmothers.

Mine, born in 1884, used other words you don't normally hear in conversation today. For instance, if something irritated her she was vexed. Good word. But these days you don't run into "vex" much except in crossword puzzles.

Vexus is the name of a new fiber-optic services provider in town. Hugh and I agree we would find it hard to subscribe just because of the name. Hugh theorizes Millennials named the company. They may know their fiber optics, but they don't know when they're vexed.

And if the Vexus guys say they'll get to your house "directly," they'll no doubt be describing the route of their cable – not when they'll get you hooked up. When my grandmother said "directly," she meant fairly soon -- sort of like it was next on her list.

DICTIONARY PAUSE.

My dictionary says a dated use of "directly" does indeed mean "in a little while."

Here's to using dated words and phrases. Say "antigogglin" whenever you get a chance.

Maybe you've seen T-shirts and coffee mugs emblazoned with "Fixin' To – National Verb of Texas."

The entire South needs some "antigogglin" merchandise. Picture ANTIGOGGLIN printed on a T-shirt – tilted, of course.

The fine-print subscript? "Google it."

On second thought, why destroy the mystique? Let "antigogglin" speak for itself.

If anybody asks what it means, give 'em a straight answer. Or not.

**FLOYD COUNTY COVID-19 REPORT**

As of Thursday, March 11, Floyd County officials have reported (according to the weekly DSHS Report) 342 total cases (+1) with 322 cases (+9) reported as recovered. Floyd County has 1 active cases (-7) and has had 20 deaths (+0).

Floyd County Judge Lucke stated, "Unless Floyd County sees a significant increase in the weekly case report from DSHS, this is my last COVID-19 Report."

CASE #342: FLOYDADA – Male 50-59 years of age. Home recovery.

(Cases #1 through #341 have been recorded as recovered, deceased or unknown status.)

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**Floydada Senior Center News**

LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be open each Wednesday and Thursday during the month of March. We offer dine-in, carry-out or delivery.

Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. through 1 p.m. There is no added fee for delivery.

On Wednesdays we will be selling meals to go for \$5.00. We will deliver or you can take out. Please call 983-2032 for delivery before 10:30 a.m.

Membership fee is \$25 per year per person.

The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is 806-983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

**MENU**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24** Chicken strips - \$5

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25** Chicken fried steak

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31** Burrito smothered /chili - \$5

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1** Tacos

(Menu subject to change without notice)

**CAPROCK RAMBLINGS – AN OCCASIONAL SERIES**

*A day in Turkey and Quitaque*

KAY ELLINGTON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Roland is a former mayor of Quitaque, and we sat and visited with him and Donna for about a half an hour on opportunities and challenges of small towns and local businesses.

A great spot in Quitaque for a full-service dining experience was our next stop, the **Bison Café**. From Tex-Mex to chicken fried steak, you'll find it all there, in an inviting and spacious atmosphere that includes gift shopping as well. And make sure you check out the beautiful new mural and patio.

Owner Delma Ibarra chatted with us about her plans for the new year.

The restaurant offers weekly specials (be sure and save room for the homemade banana pudding when it comes around on the dessert list).

**RAMBLINGS** see page 11



**Lockney Senior Center News**

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

On Saturday, March 27 from 8:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. we will host breakfast with the BUNNY. This will be a fundraiser for the Center. Bring your own camera and we will provide the backdrop and the Bunny. Breakfast plates will also be available for \$6 per plate and single sausage and cheese kolaches will be available for \$1 each.

If you are planning on eating fish on Fridays, please call the Center and order in advance so we have an accurate count.

The Center will be closed on Good Friday, April 2.

Also, chef salads can be ordered from the Center any day of the week. Don't forget to eat breakfast at the Center on Fridays. We have not added kolaches (\$1) to our breakfast menu.

The Center has been partnered with South Plains Food Bank since January and will continue through the month of March. The program will be evaluated at the end of March to see if it will continue.

Breakfast is served at the Center each Friday morning from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. by dine-in or carry-out only. Cost is \$5 per plate.

The Center serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery. Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. The Center's staff appreciates everyone.

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

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**COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE** Harger and her team of committed women that serve the residents at the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center in Lockney. Back row, from left: Heather Harger, Alisha Hernandez, Alicia Gonzalez, Jorge Villarreal, Chad Tucker. Front, from left: Sandra Cavazos, Dora Luna, Veronica Villarreal, Trudi Tucker. Not pictured: Morgan Smith and Rebecca Luna. | COURTESY PHOTO

**HARGER** from page 1

got out of the Navy to take care of my mom because she suffered from a massive stroke," mentioned Harger.

When asked what prompted her to make a change in career Harger answered with, "I've been an LVN since I was 21 and I love the geriatric population, but I was just ready for a change. I just knew that I wanted to stay in the medical field and with the geriatric population and that is what led me here. I was a nurse for so long and I wanted a new perspective, so I went back to school and attended Wayland Baptist University in Lubbock and now I found the perfect fit."

Through her work experience, Harger also understands the importance of building a great work environment especially one that feels welcoming. "Here, we are a family. Our entire corporation is really family oriented" she said with a smile.

Harger and her team hold a mission to give their residents the best care. "Everything we do here is based on our residents and making sure that they have activities throughout the day and good food to eat. Our dietary department is fantastic. The food looks and smells good, even I eat the lunches," she said laughingly.

The Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center offers visiting hours each day of the week from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 7 p.m. Two visitors are allowed per resident and each visitor will receive a rapid COVID-19 test before entering the building. Visitors are also required to wear masks once inside the facility. "I wish we could have more visitors, but our residents are our priority, and we are doing our best to keep them safe during these times," said Harger.

Aside from ensuring that all the needs of residents are met, Harger is also working on building the population of her new home. "I would like to get more residents inside the facility. I am really working on building our census and serving the community members of Lockney and surrounding areas," Harger said.

Harger and her team are also working to begin serving breakfast the third Thursday of each month for community members to enjoy. More information will be announced once it is received. In the meantime, be sure to check out the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center's Facebook page to keep up with all the exciting things happening in and outside of the facility.

The community of Lockney is extremely blessed to have a group of women who are truly committed to their residents.

**Floyd County judge completes Leadership 254 training**

**SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON**

AUSTIN - Floyd County Judge Marty Lucke was one of 20 county officials who completed Leadership 254, the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) leadership development program designed specifically for county officials.

Lucke participated in 79 hours of leadership training during the 2019-2020 program.

Leadership 254 class participants represented each county office and came from rural, suburban and urban counties across the state. This was the program's second class. County officials had to apply to attend.

TAC provided scholarships to participants for the tuition fees for this program.

Attendees completed all required training elements, which included four training modules over the course of 2019-20 and 79 hours of classroom and experiential training exercises.

Leadership 254 is designed to advance the leadership skills of county officials to help them to meet the unique challenges of their duties. The program's curriculum challenged officials to grow as leaders through skills assessments, discussion, theory building, self-examination and experiential learning. Module materials focused on exploring new dimensions of one's self and relating to others; decision making, integrity and civility; leading others; and transformational leadership.

**Caprock Crop Production Conference set for April 1 at Unity Center**

**SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON**

The Caprock Crop Production Conference for Crosby and Floyd counties is set for April 1 in Floyd County. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service event will take place at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center, 990 Farm-to-Market Road 786 in Muncy.

The cost is \$45. Advanced registration is requested by March 25 for this in-person meeting so all COVID-related precautions can be taken. To register, contact Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agent for Floyd County, at 806-983-4912, or Caitlin Jackson, AgriLife Extension agent for Crosby County, at 806-675-2347.

The event will start at 7 a.m. with registration, coffee and donuts. The speakers will begin at 8 a.m. and the program will run until 3 p.m. There will be agriculture exhibits for viewing during lunch and breaks.

There will be six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units available: two general, two laws and regulations, one drift and one integrated pest management.

"This annual event is one

that folks return to time and time again," Carroll said. "This year's lineup of experts is outstanding and truly offers something for everyone in ag production."

Topics and speakers  
- Drift minimization - Jacob Reed, BASF Chemicals senior field biologist, Lubbock.

- Diseases affecting cotton and corn producers - Terry Wheeler, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Lubbock.

- Harvest aids - Robert Wright, Texas Tech University graduate student, Lubbock.

- Agriculture law update - Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo.

- Weed management strategies - Peter Dotray, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research weed specialist, Lubbock.

- Auxin training - Jackson. "This is the 27th year for the Caprock Crop Production Conference, and we are excited for a fantastic lineup of education, fellowship, food and door prizes," Jackson said.

Plains Land Bank and Vista Bank will be sponsoring the food and providing door prizes.

**FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**New Lockney**

**As part of its mission to preserve local history, the Floyd County Historical Museum has recorded and transcribed oral histories and other documents over the years.**

New Lockney became a cultural oasis in this raw western country. It grew and grew fast. The members of the Church of Christ, far and near flocked to the town of Lockney. Houses were in great demand, and since Floydada had some empty houses, Lockney people took great pleasure in buying these houses in Floydada and moving them to Lockney.

Lockney became an important trade center. People from Della Plain and Mayshaw moved to Lockney and increased the population.

Three daily mail lines went out-Lockney to Estelline; Lockney to Lubbock, and the Floydada, Lockney, and Plainview mail line.

A splendid passenger and express sage line was maintained. The old stage stop was located where the Jackson Tire Company is today. People looking for land in west Texas stopped first at Lockney.

A telephone exchange was put in, and the town had telephone connections with most towns on the Plains.

The Woodsmen of the World and the Masonic Order organized and had large memberships.

Lockney's Practical Business School, a new educational institute came into being. This school was founded by A. F. Reagan in 1906. The instructors were A. F. Reagan and L. E. Weathers.

The Lockney Ledger, the town's first newspaper, was founded by John C. Hendrix and later Romulus Jones was associate editor. In 1900 the Ledgers Name was changed to The

Llano Estacado and run by Mr. P. W. Henderson. In 1902 the name was changed to the Lockney Beacon with F. N. Oliver as editor. The Lockney Beacon served the city for many years with several different managers, including Homer Steen. In 1972 it was sold to the Floyd County Hesperian.

Lockney was also the center for amusement. The Chautauqua made regular one-week stands each summer. In the fall the Molly Baley Show came to Lockney.

Come cotton pickin' time in Texas, and Molly Baley was on the road! Bringing the thrill, romance, and glamour of the "Big Top" to Lockney and to many more small towns in Texas-that was The Molly Baley Show.

Mrs. Baley had acted as a spy and as a nurse in the Civil War. She was a colorful figure indeed, always wearing a long, sweeping black taffeta skirt, a

black velvet cape with fringe, and long strings of beads. On her fingers were huge diamond rings. Her hair was long and always done in corkscrew curls.

"Circus Queen of the Southwest" is the way the billboards read. Molly traveled in a buggy pulled by a gray mare. The song "The Old Gray Mare", was written for this animal. One time, when the show was in Lockney, the mare got sick. Molly stayed by her side day and night and pulled her through.

Always when the troop came to town, the first tent to go up was the cook tent. Farmers' wives could make a few dollars by selling vegetables, eggs, milk, and butter to Molly's cook.

It has been said Molly bought some lots in the city of Lockney so she would have a place to put her tent when she came each fall. When she was not using it, she encouraged to community to use the grounds for camp meetings. The boys could also use the grounds for a baseball field.

The actors of the show were, for the most part, members of her family. Molly had nine children-five girls and four boys. Her husband had died when the youngest was only a baby.

Many a Lockney boy got a thrill from carrying water to Baby Boo, the elephant, who came each fall with the troop. Others in the show were L-thea, the sword swallower; all kinds of clowns; even a baby clown who was, no doubt, Molly's youngest child; a Wild Bill, dressed in a leather fringe jacket; who could do all sorts of tricks on horseback; and the members of the band, complete with red and black uniforms. There were the Siamese twins, Daisy and Violet, joined at the hips, dressed in fancy clothes and playing saxophones. Ruth Mickey said, "I saw those girls once when they were not on stage, and they were not joined at the hips at all; when they were not on stage, however, this did not keep me from being very impressed with their show."

It was all very thrilling, and it helped to break the monotony of life on the farms and in the small towns in the early 1900s.

All the physical properties of the Molly Baley Shows have disappeared, but there remains the memories of grateful pioneers who cherished the memory of clean, wholesome fun, and who called Molly Baley, "My Friend."

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# Floydada Lady Winds claim blow-out district win over Ralls, 11-4

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BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

**RALLS** - The Floydada Lady Winds continue their winning way and had everything working on Tuesday, March 16, winning big over Ralls in a district game, 11-4. Floydada Lady Winds got their offense started in the first inning when Analise Perez singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run. Floydada tallied four runs in the seventh inning. The home run by Kayle Garza, an error on a ball put

in play by Alyssa Obregon, and a double by Marissa Obregon was included in this big inning. Erin Trevino took the win for the Floydada Lady Winds. The junior hurler went seven innings, allowing four runs on three hits and striking out seven. The Lady Wind's defense played well behind Trevino. Making important plays to keep the scoring down was third baseman Celese Wickware, the second baseman Kailee Sanchez, shortstop

Analise Perez and centerfielder Dani Zavala. Cadence Yocom took the loss for Ralls. Yocom allowed five hits and seven runs over five and a third innings, striking out four. Floydada Lady Winds tallied nine hits. Perez and Trevino all managed multiple hits for the Floydada Lady Winds. Trevino and Perez each collected two hits to lead Floydada Lady Winds. Season record: 11-0; District record: 4-0

# Lady Winds shut out Lady Horns

BARBARA ANDERSON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

**FLOYDADA** - Junior hurler Erin Trevino threw a shutout to lead Floydada Lady Winds past Lockney 16-0 on Saturday, March 20 at Annie Taylor Park in Floydada. In the first inning of this district game, the Floydada Lady Winds got their offense started when Marissa Obregon doubled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run. Floydada Lady Winds put up six runs in the second inning. The offensive onslaught came from a walk by Alyssa Obregon, a single by Kayle Garza, a sacrifice fly by Analise Perez, and a home run by Jrevino. One bright spot for Lockney was a single by RyAnn Castillo in

the fourth inning. Trevino was the winning pitcher and was so close to a complete shut-out game for the Lady Winds. The ace went four innings, allowing zero runs on one hit, striking out seven and walking zero. Karen Trenado took the loss for Lockney. The pitcher allowed eight hits and 16 runs over three innings, striking out five. Floydada Lady Winds socked one home run on the day from Erin Trevino. Perez led Floydada Lady Winds with two hits in two at bats. Floydada Lady Winds was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Obregon had the most chances in the field with eight. Kailee Sanchez led Floydada Lady Winds with three stolen

bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with ten stolen bases. Castillo went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Lockney in hits. On Monday, March 22 the Texas Girls Coaches Association State Softball Poll ranked the Lady Winds as #3 in Class 2A (includes 1A schools). The Lady Winds remain undefeated with their season record of 12-0 and district record of 5-0. The Lady Winds will travel to Hale Center on Tuesday, March 23 to play the Owlettes and will play host to Sudan on Friday, March 26 at Annie Taylor Park at 11 a.m. The Lady Winds JV will play after the varsity game. The game Saturday will conclude the first half of district play.

# Floydada Whirlwinds

## Whirlwind Cheer Squads named for 2021-20



**FLOYDADA COLLEGIATE ISD CHEERLEADERS** - The 2021-2022 Floydada Junior High and High School cheerleaders were announced on March 3.

Varsity cheerleaders (top photo) are from left, Alyssa Hinson, Faith Lopez, Devon Reyes, Savannah Benavides, Elena Foster, Clarissa Ramos and Mascot Mia Fipps.

Junior Varsity cheerleaders (middle photo) are from left, Kirsten Pyle, Allyson Romero, Katelynn Ramirez, Desiree De La Fuente, Hailee Garza and Alea Lira.

Junior High cheerleaders (bottom photo) are front row, seventh-grade cheerleaders, from left, Kyra Williams, Rilynn Hinsley, Madison Pyle and Mattee Rehkopf; Back row, eighth-grade cheerleaders, from left, Kyra Segura, Adele Ramos, Mylie Morales and Mykayla Fipps.



### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU MARCH 29-APRIL 2

**MONDAY**

Breakfast - Mint chocolate chip French toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Breaded popcorn chicken, roll, chunky fajita chicken salad sub, zingy crinkle fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**TUESDAY**

Breakfast - Chicken biscuit sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Grilled cheeseburger, creamy chicken Alfredo Rotini, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**WEDNESDAY**

Breakfast - Maple breakfast on a stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Country fried steak, roll, pepperoni pizza, spiced green beans, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

**THURSDAY**

Breakfast - Breakfast on a stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch - Country fried chicken, roll, pepperoni pizza, spiced green beans, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

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# Lockney Longhorns

## Lady Horns Softball

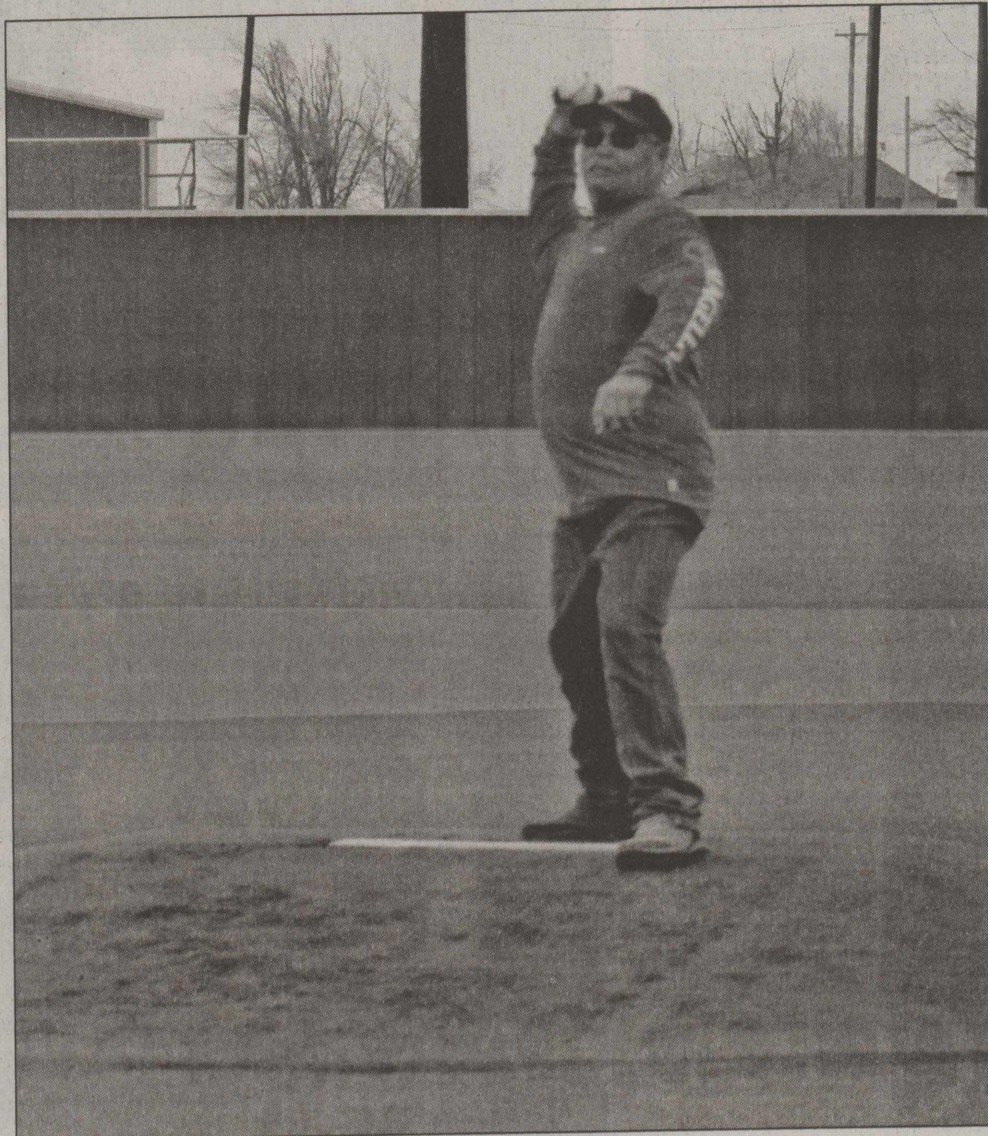
STAFF REPORTS

## Wright throws first pitch at Longhorn varsity baseball game

TERESA BIGHAM | HESPERIAN-BEACON

On Saturday, March 13, Steve Wright had the honor of throwing out the first pitch at the Longhorn varsity baseball game against the Floydada Whirlwinds.

When Wright found out the Longhorn baseball team was in dire need of a pitching machine so that the Longhorns could practice, Wright took it upon himself to contact local businesses, farmers and community members to donate the money for one. Wright had the money raised in just two hours.



WRIGHT HONORED AT GAME - Steve Wright throws first pitch in the Longhorn varsity baseball game. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTO



LADY HORNS WIN OVER SUDAN - RyAnn Castillo makes it to home base adding a run to the scoreboard. The Lady Horns played an exciting game against the Sudan Hornettes on Saturday, March 13 in Lockney. The Lady Horns won the game with an exciting score of 19-9. | TERESA BIGHAM PHOTO

## Lockney student named to ACU Fall 2020 Dean's List

STAFF REPORTS

ABILENE—Lizzie Belt of Lockney was named to the Abilene Christian University Fall 2020 Dean's List. Belt is a senior majoring in early childhood/elementary education.

Belt was among more than 1,300 students named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List. To qualify, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Abilene Christian is the highest-ranking university in Texas in a 2021 U.S. News & World Report assessment of institutions highly regarded for their commitment to student success. Nationally, ACU achieved Top 10 status in three and Top 50 in another of eight high-impact categories among 1,500 universities evaluated for the annual "America's Best Colleges" edition.

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU MARCH 29-APRIL 2

#### MONDAY

Breakfast – Sausage kolache or cereal & toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk

Lunch – Enchiladas or taquitos & queso, beans, corn, salsa, fresh fruit, cookie, milk

#### TUESDAY

Breakfast – Cheese omelet wrap or PBJ, fruit, fruit juice, milk

Lunch – Chicken & waffles, hash browns, veggie cup, strawberry, milk

#### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast – Waffles & sausage or muffin & yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk

Lunch – Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, black-eyed peas, salad, grapes, milk

#### THURSDAY

Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk

Lunch – Pizza or ham & cheese, chips, soup, tomato cup, corn, fruity gelatin, milk

#### FRIDAY

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## Three ceremonies highlight on-campus graduation at Wayland Baptist April 24

STAFF REPORTS

PLAINVIEW – Students graduating from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview this spring will take part in an historic day on campus. In order to accommodate all graduates and their guests who wish to be present, Wayland will hold three ceremonies on April 24.

- 9 a.m. Ceremony: Students from the May and December classes of 2020 who were not able to participate in a formal graduation ceremony due to COVID restrictions.

- 1 p.m. Ceremony: Graduates from the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences and School of Business.

- 5 p.m. Ceremony: Graduates from the remaining academic schools.

- All ceremonies will take place in Hutcherson Center.

- Admission is free but guests must present a ticket.

- Students who requested tickets will have them to give to family members and friends who wish to attend.

- COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

Wayland continues to follow COVID protocols as outlined by the Center for Disease Control, calling for physical distancing and the wearing of facemasks at all times. These protocols will remain in place for the graduation ceremonies and those attending will be expected to abide by these guidelines.

The venue will open to the public one hour before each ceremony. Parties are asked to enter as a group in order to be seated as a group according to COVID protocol. Individuals will not be allowed to save seats for those who have not yet arrived, and admittance is by ticket only.

The ceremonies will be approximately an hour in length, allowing cleaning crews the opportunity to clean, disinfect and reset between events. Those attending will be asked to disperse quickly and not congregate in any areas in or around the facility. The gymnasium will be cleared in a systematic manner immediately following each ceremony.

The 9 a.m. ceremony is designated for all 2020 graduates who were unable to have an official ceremony due to the pandemic. Wayland staff have contacted each graduate and 49 are expected to participate in the ceremony with more than 400 guests and university faculty in attendance. Graduates submitted the number of attendees who will be joining them. Tickets to accommodate the groups will be sent to graduates for distribution to their families and friends.

Students from the School of Business and School of Behavioral and Social Sciences will graduate at 1 p.m. The remaining graduates will participate in a 5 p.m. ceremony. Each ceremony will have 46 graduates participating and approximately 440 individuals in attendance. Tickets will also be required for these ceremonies and participants will have tickets in hand prior to the event.

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# Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

He bolted the old turn-of-the-century Underwood in a wooden box and sent it parcel post. Our mailman was like family, so naturally, I told him how much I was looking forward to getting the typewriter. Despite my prayers for sunshine and dry weather and roads, the rain continued and the mud deepened. Then one day, I saw the mailman slogging through the ankle-deep mud, the crated typewriter on his shoulder. It must have weighed 40 or 50 pounds, yet he carried it the mile to our house. The first thing I typed was a letter to the mailman, thanking him for the nicest thing anyone had ever done for me.

### Community News

Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, NM, visited from Friday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Jameson. He attended the graveside services of Mrs. Ellie DeLeon held at Idalou Cemetery Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Lindsey Bratton and daughter, Alice of San Antonio, visited last week with her father, Dr. David Martin. Richard Rogers of Lubbock visited last week with Donnie Rogers. Clois and Kathy Shorter were hosts of granddaughter, Haley Milam and friend, Morgan Byrd, students at Texas Tech in Lubbock, for a supper Friday night at the hotel in Turkey. Mrs. Janice Hughes attended to business in Silverton, Wednesday. Wilburn Martin is visiting in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Marilee took Wilburn to Amarillo Tuesday for a medical appointment. Mrs. Lori Kleibrink of Clifton visited last week with her parents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

### OBITUARIES

#### Carolyn Hardy, 1941-2021



Carolyn Hardy, age 80, passed away on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Carolyn J. Jackson-Hardy was born January 5, 1941 to A.S (Red) Jones and Opal Clark Jones in the Middlewell Community in Moore County, Texas.

She started first grade at Grady, New Mexico, and went to school there through fourth grade. She attended school at the Middlewell Elementary School in Moore County, Texas, fifth, sixth and eighth grade. Carolyn began the ninth grade in Dumas. When her parents moved to Lockney, Texas, in the fall of 1954, she went to school at Lockney until January 1957.

On January 11, 1957, Carolyn married James Gail Wilson in Lockney. There were two sons born to this marriage, Russell Gail (Rusty) and James Aaron. Carolyn, Rusty and Aaron lived with her parents in the Sterley Community, north of Lockney from 1962 until 1976. Rusty and Aaron went to school in Lockney.

Carolyn attended Lippert's Business College in Plainview. She worked at Baker Plow Company in Plainview for a year, then worked as a legal secretary to Ben P. Ayres, an attorney in Floydada, Texas, for twelve years.

On February 26, 1976, Carolyn married Floyd Wayne Jackson. Floyd Wayne became a dad to her sons. Floyd Wayne and Carolyn ranched, farmed and raised

registered quarter horses. They were co-owners of a filly named Hot Idea that won the 1977 All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. They also owned one-half share in the stallion Dash for Cash. Their mares produced quality foals that won numerous futurities and derbies.

Floyd Wayne Jackson died suddenly on July 24, 1996. Carolyn served as justice of the peace, precinct 2, Floyd County, from 1997 until 1999. Her son Rusty died June 9, 1999.

She accepted the position of executive director of the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada in 1999 and held that position until 2006. She loved working at the museum and especially in the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center. She loved Floyd County and its people. She would say that Floyd County's greatest asset was the people.

Carolyn was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lockney for many years. She taught fourth and sixth grade Sunday School class, served as head of the children's department and sang in the choir. When she moved to Floydada, she moved her membership to First United Methodist Church in Floydada. In later years, her health prevented her from attending. She greatly missed worshipping her Lord in his house and the fellowship with her church family.

Carolyn married Don Hardy on October 26, 2003. They lived in Floydada from 2004 until his death November 30, 2020.

She and Don collected classic cars and were members of the Lubbock Chapter of the Nifty Fifties Car Club and the High Plains Studebaker Drivers Club. They purchased buildings around the square in Floydada to house their collection. Hardy's Classic Cars includes Carolyn's Coca-Cola collection, her collection of beautiful Western saddles and her large collection of bits and spurs. Carolyn took pride in her saddle, bit and spur

#### Overheard

During the '30s we lived on a dirt road in north Missouri. When spring rains came, and mud made the road impassable by car, our mailman left our mail with the neighbor who lived about a mile away.

When my uncle, who lived in Oklahoma, heard I was taking typing in high school, he offered to send me his old typewriter.

collection.

Carolyn loved her Lord, her family, her friends, Texas, and Floyd County. She was a people person and never met a stranger. When she went out to eat, she hardly had time to eat because she had rather visit.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Floyd Jackson; son Rusty Wilson; sister, Cordella Briggs, and husband, Don Hardy.

She is survived by her son, Aaron Wilson and wife, Karen; Dedra Hardy-Jones and husband, Larry; Donald Hardy; her seven grandchildren; Kirk Wilson and wife, Brittney, Brance Wilson and wife, Kimberly, Bethany Miller and husband, Titus, Callie Flores and husband, Gabe, Marc Wilson, Bryce Thomas and Breck Thomas; her fourteen great-grandchildren, Dillan Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Emma Wilson, Roxie Flores, Laila Flores, Cecily Flores, Jillian Wilson, Ali Jane Wilson, Nash Wilson, Sawyer Wilson, Gatlin Wilson, Micah Miller, Daniel Miller, and Lucy Wilson; a niece, Tonya Briggs Hunt; and a nephew, Rocklan (Rocky) Briggs. Also surviving are her "friends like family," Rhonda Louise Lyles, Nancy Holland Marble, Seniada (Sandy) Aguilar, Isaac Martinez, Miguel Pena and Larry and Glenna Sue Griffith.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. through 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

A celebration of Carolyn's life was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday 24, 2021 in Lockney at First United Methodist Church. Reverend Kyle Brock and Titus Miller officiated.

Burial followed the service at the Lockney Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church of Lockney, Lockney, TX 79241, the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 10, Lockney, Tx 79241, or the Children's Miracle Network, 602 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79415.

### PUBLIC NOTICE - ORDER OF ELECTION

#### ORDER OF ELECTION FOR LISD SCHOOL BOARD

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 for the purpose of: a LISD School Board seat in Precinct 1 and a LISD School Board seat in Precinct 2.

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by: Friday, February 12, 2021. (A deadline is required to be stated in the order for a special election.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 601 West Poplar, Lockney, TX

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on Monday, April 19, 2021 and ending on Friday, April 23, 2021

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Tammie Mitchell  
PO BOX 428  
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 1, 2021

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Instruction Note: A copy of this election order must be delivered to the County Clerk/Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar not later than 60 days before election day.

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## Signs of market improvement for cattle producers

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Texas cattle producers should expect far better market conditions in 2021 despite recent disruptions and losses, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan-College Station, said the Texas cattle market is recovering from the week-long winter storm and is still slowly rebounding from COVID-related price declines between March and July of last year. However, conditions appear to be aligning for producers to see price gains after all the turmoil.

Winter storms cause disruptions to the Texas cattle market each year, Anderson said, and despite the severity and duration of Winter Storm Uri, the market is expected to rebound similarly as logistics return to normal and herd health improves.

"We get winter storms every year, so we often see market disruptions due to weather," he said. "If we get a storm in the Plains, and we can't move cattle from feedlots to processing plant, you get a price disruption. If there are big storms in population centers like Chicago or the East Coast, and people aren't able to go out to restaurants for a few days, it can disrupt prices. But those types of disruptions don't last long."

The winter storm caused widespread backups in the movement of cattle through the logistical supply chain from the producers' inability to move cows to market. Trucks were also unable to deliver processed meat to grocery stores and consumers stayed home to avoid icy roads. Normalcy returned as the various links in the supply chain began moving.

For instance, cattle processing was down 54,000 head the week of the storm, but rebounded by 114,000 head the following week, Anderson said.

### Cattle producers recovering from losses

Texas cattle producers' recovery from the winter storm will take time, but Anderson said expected beef price increases through 2021 could reduce the long-term impact.

"Some producers lost cows and calves, and most fed a lot more hay and supplements to keep their cattle warm," he said. "So, if ranchers doubled their ration of hay over the duration of the storm and you multiply that times the Texas herd of 4.7 million cows, then you're talking a big number."

Anderson's conservative estimate of statewide livestock losses is \$228 million, which includes sheep, goat, dairy and broilers. Ranchers also likely incurred damages to their operations, including equipment and water systems, and higher costs associated with extra hours and effort spent to help their herds survive.

There was also concern about the cost of weight losses and recovery, Anderson said. Animals were burning rations to stay warm rather than growing and adding weight during the frigid conditions.

Live weights for Texas and Oklahoma steers were 1,361 pounds before the storm compared to 1,251 pounds the week of the storm, a notable drop. Anderson said he expects weights post-winter storm to rebound, but weights may stay below last year.

Ron Gill, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Bryan-College Station, said the extremely low temperatures, snow and freezing rain will cause some weight losses in cattle. However, those type of losses are comparable to a heavy rain event causing mud bogs that cause cattle to expend more energy for movement, while cold and muddy compounds losses.

Gill expects some ranchers will experience lingering effects, such as calves born during the storm showing signs of lung development issues or frostbitten ears, which can cause discounts at sale barns. But he believes the majority of ranchers avoided severe losses because most operations prefer to schedule calving before and after February.

"South and East Texas are predominantly fall and winter calving, so most were on the ground by the end of January, and then others start a few weeks into March," he said. "So, I think most cattle producers avoided major losses, but they still incurred higher costs and might have some lingering issues with individual animals."

The winter storm's effect on wheat grazing potential could also impact input costs more, Gill said.

### Better than last year

Overall, Gill and Anderson said Texas cattle producers are better off than a year ago. COVID-19 caused a string of disruptions from restaurant closures to processing plant shutdowns that caused beef prices to nosedive.

Anderson said fed cattle prices were \$94 per hundredweight by July compared to \$119 per hundredweight this time last year. Fed cattle prices have continued a steady recovery to \$114 per hundredweight after ending 2020 at \$110 per hundredweight.

Both Anderson and Gill expect fewer cows and calves to be available throughout 2021 as the Texas herd contracts. That, combined with improved restaurant demand as COVID-19 vaccinations increase, could help prices maintain upward momentum.

"As far as inventory, we're meeting demand, so we can serve our export demand, which helps producers, and supplies won't be so high that they hurt domestic prices," Gill said. "We're in a much better position than last year because the system is working."

Newborn livestock were especially vulnerable during the recent winter storm. Cows and newborn calves required extra care from cattle producers. TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE PHOTO

## Cattle Market Report, week ending March 18, 2021

	Lubbock 3/16/21	Tulia 3/18/21	Hollis 3/13/21	Floydada 3/17/21
<b>Steers</b>	200-300			150-195
	300-400	150-163	176	165-210
	400-500	140-155		155-195
	500-600	140-150	157.5-173	145-185
	600-700	120-135	148.5-154	135-160
	700-800	115-122	128-145	120-142
	800-900		129.25-131	115-137
	900-1110		110.5	105-132
<b>Heifers</b>	200-300			110-160
	300-400	135-152.5		150-180
	400-500	125-145		132-163
	500-600	115-135	135.85-143.5	118-142
	600-700	110-125	126-134.5	110-135
	700-800	110-120		95-125
	800-900+		111	85-120
	<b>Bred Cows</b>	Young		
Older				600-1000
<b>Pairs</b>	Young	900-1400		
	Older	700-900		900-1200
<b>Packer Cows</b>		55-65	40-85	
	Fat			50-58
	Boners			57-65
	Thin	42-55		30-45
<b>Packer Bulls</b>		73-93	70-96	
	High Yield			80-96
	Low Yield			60-80

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- 28: Rifle Practice for Seniors 5 p.m. @ UC
- 29: Photography Project Meeting 5 p.m. @ CEO
- 29: Rifle Practice for Juniors/Intermediates 6 p.m. @ UC
- 30: Archery Practice 6 p.m. @ UC

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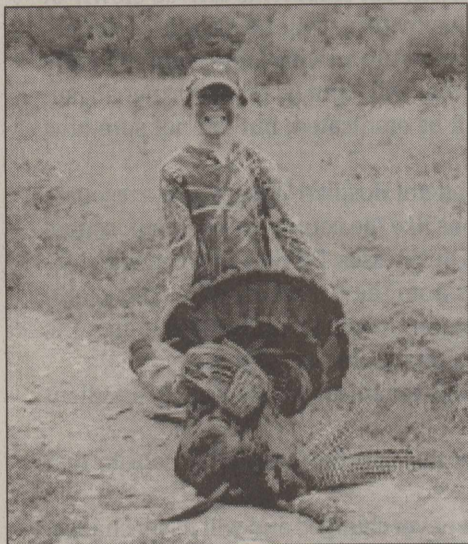
OUTDOORS NEWS

# Excellent season ahead for wild turkey

## North Zone season begins April 3, runs through May 16

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The forecast is in, and Rio Grande turkey season for Texas looks excellent. They had great production over most of their range the past couple of years—we even



**GOBLER SEASON** Check out “Turkey in Texas” at the Texas Parks & Wildlife website to learn more. | TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE

observed a single flock of 60 jakes in North Texas in 2020! Those birds are two years old now, and that means excellent hunting.

There will be a lot of jakes again this year, which means yet another good season in 2022. Take advantage of these high numbers and plan now to chase longbeards in your favorite spots. Check out “Turkey in Texas” at the Texas Parks & Wildlife website to learn more.

In the South Zone, the season began March 20 and continues through April 2. In North Zone the season begins April 3 and runs through May 16. The Rio Grande turkey bag limit in either zone is four birds.

The One-Gobbler-Only season in 10 counties, from Milam County south to Matagorda County, runs April 1–30. The Eastern turkey bag limit is one bird, from April 22 to May 14. Harvests of eastern turkey must be reported with the My Texas Hunt Harvest app or online.

Look over the Outdoor Annual’s turkey information for more details, including a list of counties in the One-Gobbler Only Zone.

Here’s a checklist of what hunters need to know:

- Upland Game Bird Endorsement and hunting license are required.
- Proof of Hunter Education is required for all hunters born after Sept. 1, 1971. Carry proof in the field or pull it up using the Outdoor Annual app.
- All turkeys must be immediately tagged with a tag from your license. Watch the short video, How to Tag a Turkey, for details.
- Eastern turkey must be tagged then also reported using My Texas Hunt Harvest.
- Keep proof of sex on any harvested wild turkey.

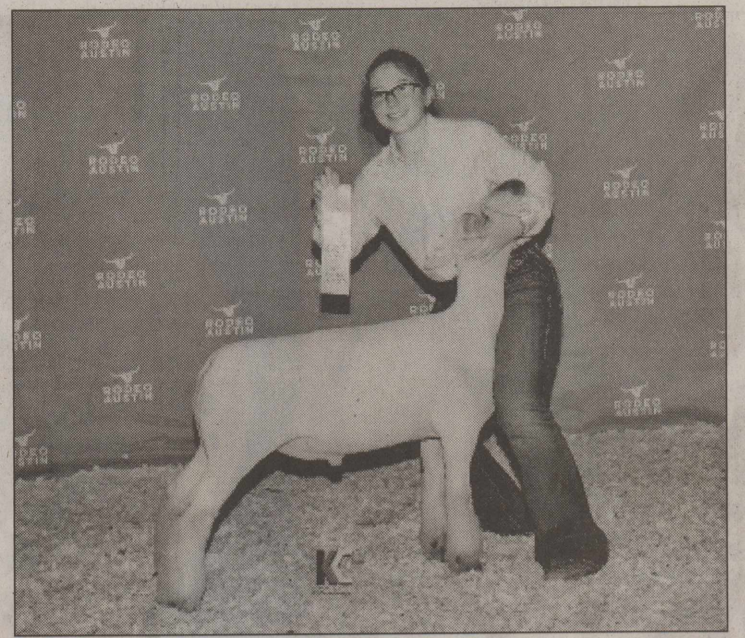
In spring, it is illegal to take any hen in one-bird bag limit counties, or to take non-bearded hens in the North and South zones.

**Wild Turkey restoration update.** Wild turkey restoration has been a success in Texas, with bird numbers rising from about 100,000 at the turn of the century to our current population of about 500,000. Reporting your harvest is key to turkey management efforts, and TPWD appreciates your participation.

Learn about the past year’s restoration efforts in the Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine blog, “Restoring East Texas’ Wild Turkeys.” To see turkeys being released, watch the recent video “Wild Turkeys Get a New Home.”

**How to brine your bird.** Wild turkey is a naturally lean meat, but you can enhance its flavor and juiciness by brining your bird before cooking it. Brining means to soak it in a mix of salt, sugar, and water or lemon juice.

Steven Rinella, an outdoorsman known as The MeatEater, shares his technique for brining and roasting a wild turkey. Brining is easy, he says, and it can make a big difference in the quality of your turkey on the plate.



**CHESSHIR SHOWS AT RODEO AUSTIN** – Congratulations to Floydada FFA member, Sydni Chesshir, for receiving tenth place with her Southdown lamb at Rodeo Austin last week. Chesshir is a eighth-grader at Floydada Collegiate Junior High School. | COURTESY PHOTO



**HINSLEY WINS AT HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW** –Floydada FFA member, Hagen Hinsley, garners fourth place and made the sale with his Heavy Other Cross Steer at the Houston Livestock Show last week. Hinsley is a freshman at Floydada Collegiate High School. | COURTESY PHOTO



**VEGA PLACES AT HOUSTON STOCK SHOW** –Kaitlyn Vega received tenth place at the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo with her Dark Cross Barrow and made the sale. Vega is a member of the Floydada FFA. In the picture is (front row, l-r) Armando Chavarria, III, Kaitlyn Vega, Miranda Reyes. (Back row, l-r) Jonathan Ramirez, Jr., Alejandra Ramirez, Amy Vega Chavarria, Armando Chavarria, Jr. | COURTESY PHOTO

**RAMBLINGS** from page 3

The Bison Café is conveniently located on TX-86 at the turnoff to Caprock Canyons State Park.

We also had a moment to stop in at the Quitaque Trading Post and Karol’s Kountry Korner, where you can find custom-made pies and sweets—along with a distinctive collectible dish to serve them in.

The home of Western Swing, Turkey, is only a ten-minute drive west. No trip to Turkey is complete without a stop at Lacy’s Dry Goods in downtown Turkey. A family business for multiple generations, including current overseer Chancey Oliver, Lacy’s fare ranges from the elegant to the practical, from Resistol hats and Justin boots, children’s jeans to sewing notions, boutique toiletries to colorful serving pieces.

Chancey personally helped us as we shopped in the store. You won’t get that kind of service at a Walmart. Take time when you enter to enjoy the eye-catching window displays.

If you work up a thirst in Turkey, you

may want to mosey down to Willy’s, the town’s new liquor store. Owner Kesten Sperry sat and visited with us about her welcoming space with its array of spirits, beer and wine, and her evolving plans for the store. She has already added fishing tackles, and fresh eggs are coming.

If we had been there on a weekday, we understand that a group of ladies pull out a table and gather for coffee most mornings.

Right across the street is Galvan’s Restaurant, 502 Main Street, which offers authentic, homemade Mexican food as well burgers, sandwiches, and fries. From enchiladas to chile rellenos to tacos, they serve it all with a smile.

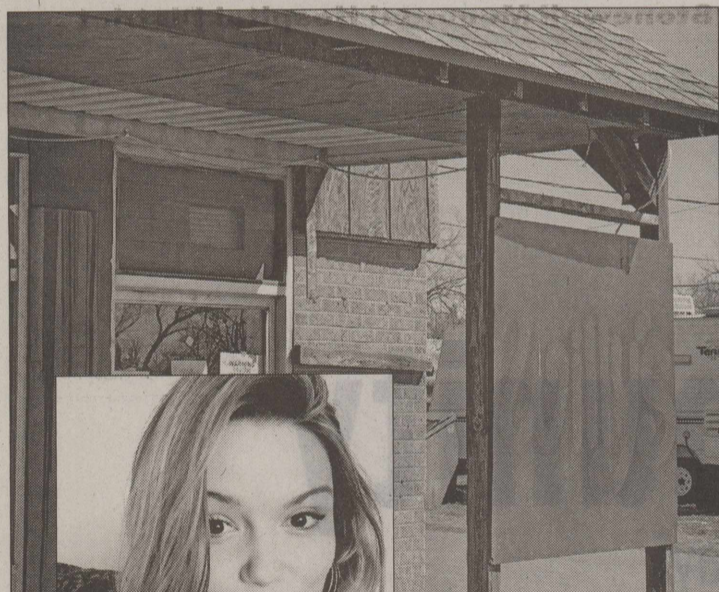
Don’t miss the photo op at the restored 1928 Phillips 66 gas station, the first of the company’s iconic structures in Texas—and also home to the preserved

No trip to Turkey would be complete without a steak dinner at the Hotel Turkey, 201 3rd Street, where Pat and Tina Carson and Dave Martinez and Carley du Menil-Martinez both stopped by the table to say hello. A great bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon, a perfectly cooked steak, an entertaining singer-songwriter, and sunlight streaming near the outdoor patio made for an ideal ending in this welcoming corner of Caprock Country.

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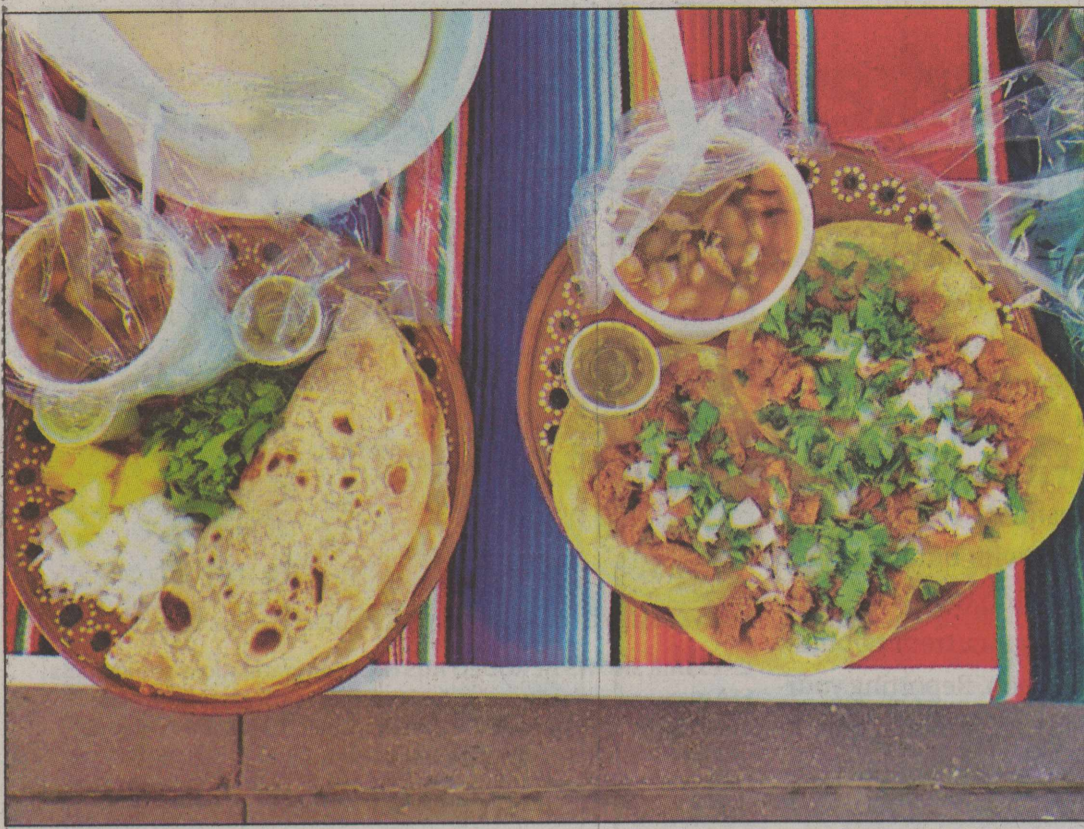
**WILLY’S in Turkey**—where even the small fry read the news! Kesten Sperry (inset, courtesy photo) launched the store this spring. In addition to beer, wine, and liquor, the store carries gift items, fishing tackle, and sundries. | CAPROCK COURIER



**LACY’S DRY GOODS** (left) offers shopping delights at every turn. | CAPROCK COURIER







## Corner Market makes debut in March

YELENA SERRATO | HESPERIAN-BEACON

FLOYDADA—On Saturday March 13, The Serrato Sisters organization held their monthly “Corner Market” event.

The Corner Market took place in downtown Floydada on the west intersection of Main and Mississippi. Community members chimed in on the fun to enjoy authentic Mexican food like tacos al pastor, gringas, corn in a cup, menudo, tamales and homemade tortillas prepared by Pura Sabrosura and other local vendors. Whirlwind Nutrition also made a special appearance serving their fat free, sugar free, energy boosting mangonadas topped with fresh cut fruit and zero guilt.

One local community member, Yanira Paz, also marked her debut at the Corner Market selling homemade bracelets and necklaces. The Corner Market had a great turn out which resulted in a complete sell out before the clock struck one.

“The Corner Market debut was just the spark to the fire we hope

to ignite in the community,” said middle sister Yuleida Serrato. The Serrato Sisters will host their next Corner Market on Saturday, April 10. The Sisters hope to keep their audience on the edge of their seats so be sure to tune into their social media platforms for special announcements and giveaways.

The Serrato Sisters, as well as the Corner Market, can be reached through Facebook, Instagram, The Corner Market website and email [theserratosisters@gmail.com](mailto:theserratosisters@gmail.com).



**AMAZING FOOD** Tacos al Pastor and gringas (top) are prepared freshly by Puro Sabrosura.

**THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM** Vendors at the first market day were ready to serve some delicious food and treats. | YELENA SERRATO

## MANGOLD from page 1

With his wife, Brandi and their five children, DiFranco and his family have found Lockney to be very welcoming. Mrs. DiFranco is from Ft. Worth and the couple have been married for twelve years. Before COVID interrupted so many family activities, DiFranco enjoyed coaching the kids’ soccer and tee ball teams. He said the family enjoys traveling to go to the zoo and to see his three-year old granddaughter in Colorado.

“COVID was a big disruption. I started here about 30 days before COVID hit,” said DiFranco, which made for changes in priorities from recruiting to writing new policy, making sure supplies were available, and working to stay ahead of it. He said he has been very impressed with the staff.

“Right off the bat, the people here were resourceful and creative and they worked well together,” said DiFranco.

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Although he said it isn’t safe yet, “we are seeing good progress with vaccines. I would still encourage the use of masks. The scariest thing about COVID is that its effects are so unpredictable. We want to avoid anyone getting severe illness.”

Hundreds of vaccines have been administered at the clinics in both Lockney and Silverton, but shipments arrived slowly at first. On March 29, all adults in Texas will be eligible to get the vaccine and now that shipments are arriving more regularly every other week, DiFranco said that will, “put us much further ahead. I’m hoping that COVID will be eradicated, but I’m not sure how realistic that is.”

He wants the Lockney General Hospital District to be a resource and help other organizations like the county government, school system, nursing home, and businesses. DiFranco earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Michigan and

his MSPH (Master of Science and Public Health) degree from the University of North Carolina. His predecessor, CEO James Heitzenrater served W.J. Mangold Hospital from 2013 to 2020.

“He was very caring and dedicated to healthcare and to this organization. He was an excellent leader,” said DiFranco.

Heitzenrater communicated a message to the community through the hospital’s website that remains accurate today.

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## STEWART from page 1

to get to know patients by name and to truly become a part of the community.

“Of all the places I’ve practiced, this is the first community where people have said, ‘We’re glad you’re here,’” he said. “It makes you feel good.”

In three weeks he’s seen 15 to 20 patients—daily. While the practice has served thousands of clients over the years, he expects he could provide care to as many as two or three thousand a year, and that the need in Floyd and surrounding counties could easily yield that.

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Dr. Stewart’s hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It’s located in the north side of the Cogdell Clinic building at 901 W. Crockett Street in Floydada. New and existing patients may call (806) 983-2975 for an appointment, or email assistant Gracie Diaz at [gracie@floydadadental.com](mailto:gracie@floydadadental.com).

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# Our Doctors are the Heart of Our Community

Happy Doctors’ Day!

TUESDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 IS DOCTORS’ DAY

It’s just one day, but the gratitude lasts all year.

A special day set aside to honor the men and women who devote their time, energy and expertise to administer healthcare to the people of our community.



## W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital

Dr. Gary Mangold, Family Medicine • Dr. Kevin Stennett, Family Medicine  
 Dr. Cynthia Schlueter, Family Medicine • Dr. Megan Janson, Family Medicine  
 Dr. JoBeth Augustyniak, ER/Hospitalist • Misty Holt, Family Nurse Practitioner  
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# SPRING FARMERS Market

**RICKELS PARK • DOWNTOWN SPUR**  
 The first one of the new year  
 Saturday, April 3 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 No Vendor Fees. First come, first served on vendor locations.

**LOOK FOR VENDORS SELLING:**  
 Baked Goods • Homemade crafts • Jewelry  
 Lotions, potions and fragrances • Decorative items  
 Sauces and spices • Jellies, jams, pickles; preserves

**- PLUS - DOWNTOWN EASTER EGG HUNT**  
 from 2 to 3 p.m., from Rickels Park to the Senior Citizens Center

Look for special golden prize eggs and take your golden eggs to participating merchants to be entered into a prize package!

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