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## New judge oversees commissioners court agenda of grants, financials, and upgrades

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

In new county judge Marty Lucke's first session presiding over the Floyd County Commissioners, the court dealt with annual reports from county offices, a year-end review of finances, updates on grants, the recurring agenda items of improving courthouse internet, computers and hot water and a proposal for a new grant which caused one county commissioner to recuse himself from the vote.

Floydada Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Sean Overeynder and Elena Quintanilla, South Plains Association of Governments Regional Services Director, presented a Texas Capital Fund application proposal to the court for \$100,000 for Floyd County Supply.

The project, which has no liability for the county, comes from funds from Texas Department of Agriculture. TDA, however, does not allow individual applications. All applications must come from city or county entities. Floyd County Supply is owned by Precinct 2 commissioner, Lindan Morris, and he recused himself from the court for the vote, but made himself available for questions from commissioners.

Morris said he has plans to convert Floyd County Supply to a modern, state-of-art convenience store in Floydada that would be comparable to one that you would find in any city. He said his company had market research that showed that a demand existed for such a facility in Floydada. He said he planned to use the funds from TDA to rehabilitate his business and hire employees.

Quintanilla said that SPAG would be the administrator of the grant.

The court unanimously approved submitting the Texas Capital Fund application.

Rick Knapp, from Knapp and Company, PC, Dallas, a firm which has been handling the county's audit since 2009 reported on the year-end financial review for the county.

Knapp noted that this year's financial report is improved year-over-year. He said property taxes are up due to expansion in the wind and energy transmission sectors. He noted that the county is up \$211,000 in

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## Donation



Courtesy Photo  
First National Bank of Floydada Chief Financial Officer Amanda Hinsley presented Craig Dubois (right) and Corey Johnston (left) of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department with a \$5,000 donation.



Courtesy photo  
Petersburg farmer Ronnie Hopper and his son, R.N. Hopper, are among recipients of the 2015 Farm Press-Cotton Foundation High Cotton Awards.

## Hoppers Selected for National Cotton Council Award

By Staff and Media Reports

Petersburg farmer Ronnie Hopper and his son, R.N. Hopper, are among recipients of the 2015 Farm Press-Cotton Foundation High Cotton Awards.

The Hoppers were honored at a breakfast last week at the Beltwide Cotton Conference in San Antonio, coordinated by the National Cotton Council.

Father Ronnie and son R.N. Hopper of Petersburg, Texas accepted the award from Southwest Farm Press. The Hoppers told the crowd that change is constant on the farm operation.

In 2006, their farm grew mostly

continuous cotton and has since shifted to a rotation of cotton, wheat, and sunflower. The operation went 100 percent no till in 2008 to conserve water, soil, and other components.

One of the best moves a producer can implement to help farming success, says Ronnie, is to inspect and evaluate the farm on a regular basis.

Ronnie told the crowd, "The best fertilizer in the field is the farmer's foot - being in the field checking the crop."

R.N. says weather is the biggest challenge on their farm located about 60

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## 2015 Caprock Crop Production Conference to be held 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 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, 7 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 conference 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 7 Continuing Education Units available by attending the conference will include 4 General, 1 IPM, 1 Laws and 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, 2 Crop Management and 3 Professional Development.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Speakers will be: Mark Kelley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; Dan Gregory, New York Life Insurance; Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; Brian Witt, Texas Department of Public Safety; Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers; Jacob Reed, BASF; Peter Dotray, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; Jason Woodward, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; Jason Coleman, High Plains Underground Water District; and Steven Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture.

The conference will conclude at 5 p.m. with evaluations and CEU certificates.

If you need assistance or have questions please contact the Floyd County Extension 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, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

## 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.

### HARRINGTON BREAST CENTER MOBILE

The date for the Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach to be in Lockney has been **RESCHEDULED!** It will be at the Mangold Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 9 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.

### 2015 CAPROCK CROP PRODUCTION MEETING

**CORRECTION:** The 2015 Caprock Crop Production Meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 21 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 info you can call the Floyd County Ag Extension Office at 806-983-4912.

### OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting on Monday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the First National Bank Community Room.

### FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Nativity scenes from the collection of Carolyn Cunningham will be on display at the Floyd County Historical Museum throughout the month of January. Museum hours are Monday - Friday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

## 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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## Deaths

### Christina Samora Aleman

Christina Samora Aleman, age 70, passed away Thursday, January 8, 2015.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 10, 2015 at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada with Father Ike Temporaza officiating.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore-

Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Christina was born on December 5, 1944 in Luling, Texas to Martin and Benita (Hernandez) Samora. Christina enjoyed watching TV and shopping. She loved to be in the kitchen and cook. What she loved the most was spending time with her friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Martin

and Benita Samora, Abel Aleman, Sr. and three brothers.

Christina is survived by two sons, Abel Aleman and wife, Martha of Lubbock, and Adan Aleman and wife, Cindy of Amarillo; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters.

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

### Robert Lee "Bob" Quisenberry

Robert Lee "Bob" Quisenberry, 84, of Petersburg passed away on January 8, 2015 at his home.

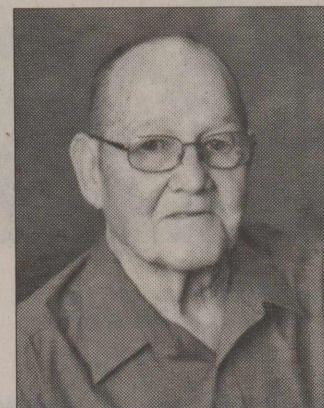
Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 10, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Petersburg with Vernon Ferguson officiating.

Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

A visitation was held on Friday, January 9, 2015 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bob was born on November 29, 1930 in Lockney, Texas to Charlie and Grace Quisenberry.

Mr. Quisenberry lived in Lockney and Floydada and moved to Petersburg in June of 1998. He married Dorothy Nell Pool on July



**ROBERT QUISENBERRY**

28, 1950 in Clovis, New Mexico. She preceded him in death in 1978. He married Beth Gregory on April 27, 1991 in Lubbock.

He is survived by his wife, Beth Gregory Quisenberry of Petersburg, Texas; his daughter, Judy McCollum and husband, Dennis of Lubbock, Texas; his sons, Donald Quisenberry of Portland, Texas and Danny

and wife, Kelly Quisenberry of Earth, Texas; his brother, Denny Quisenberry of Floydada, Texas; his blended family, Robert and wife, Genie Gustin, Monte Gustin, Tina Holmes and husband, Rik and Tammie Van Liew and husband, Ricki. He has twenty-two grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Nell Pool, one son, Randy Quisenberry and three brothers, Bill Quisenberry, Charles Quisenberry and Lawrence Quisenberry.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, 3702 21st Street, Lubbock, TX 79410 or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com)

### Joy Jackson Smitherman

Joy Jackson Smitherman, a life long resident of Floyd County, died peacefully on January 8, 2015, free at long last from ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease.

She is survived by her children, daughter, Brynn of Fort Worth and son, Kelly of Boston; her

siblings, Bob Jackson of Ovilla, Texas, Floy Bishop of Uvalde, Texas, and Lynn Jackson and wife, Joyce of Duncanville, Texas. In addition she is survived by her brother-in-law, Mac Smitherman and sister-in-law, Charlene Smitherman, of Barwise.

Other surviving relatives include many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Mrs. Smitherman will be laid to rest in her beloved community of Floydada.

A service to celebrate her life and to commemorate her many loving friendships will be held in late January.

### Norberto A. (Papa Chulo) Hernandez

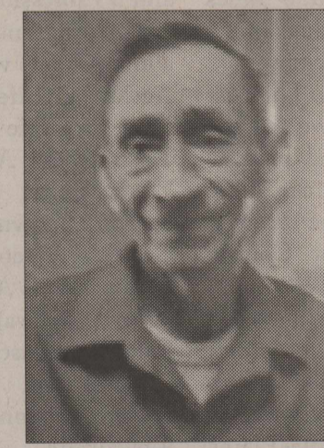
Norberto A. (Papa Chulo) Hernandez, 70, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2015 at his residence surrounded by his family.

Visitation was held from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at Getsemani Templo located at 701 West Missouri Street, Floydada, Texas.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 2015 at Getsemani Templo with Pastor Joe Hernandez, officiating.

Burial will be held in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Robert Massie Funeral Home.

He was born on June 6, 1944 to Apolonio and Dolores (Adame) Hernandez in Millican, Texas. Norberto worked on



**NORBERTO HERNANDEZ**

local farms for many years until he became disabled.

Pallbearers will be nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his twin sister, Norberta Flores.

Norberto is survived by three brothers, Tomas Hernandez and wife, Virginia of Floydada, Texas, Lorenzo Hernandez of San Angelo, Texas, and Santos

### Daniel Bert Ehresman

Daniel Bert Ehresman, 51, of Clovis, New Mexico, passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2014 in Clovis.

Memorial services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015 in the Plainview Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

### Augustine Rosales

Augustine Rosales, 58, of Plainview, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2015 in Plainview.

Services are pending with Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

## The Paperboy

### You've been warned about AI

Make no mistake, it will be us against them. I'm sure you've seen one of the *Terminator* or *Matrix* movies at some point. If not, here's the storyline of both series of hit movies: we develop Artificial Intelligence and the machines take over and conquer our civilization.

It sounds so ridiculous. I mean it's not like we have armed drones flying over head with the capability to receive orders from anywhere in the world. Oh wait...

A couple of days ago, some of the top scientists and technology leaders on this planet, including Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk, signed a letter warning of the potential dangers of developing AI.

"Because of the great potential of AI, it is important to research how to reap its benefits while avoiding potential pitfalls," reads the letter, which was published Sunday. "Our AI systems must do what we want them to do."

From speech and facial recognition to self-driving vehicles, progress in AI is likely to have an increasing impact on humanity, the letter states. "The potential benefits are huge ... The

eradication of disease and poverty are not unfathomable," the letter says.

Hawking has worried about AI publicly before. In December of 2014, Hawking said the development of AI could "spell the end of the human race."

One of the main things that concerns me regarding our technological advances is how quickly it is happening all around us coupled with some less than wholesome world leaders.

Take North Korea for example. These guys got mad at Sony over a movie and proceeded to hack the company. And they did it easily.

Now think about China, Russia, North Korea, and several Middle Eastern countries pouring resources into the development of AI. That scares me much more than the known scientific community's stance on such things.

Today, we have the technology to control our homes, offices, TVs, computers, etc., with our phones. Our phones are now voice controlled computers.

Are we heading for a day when Siri does more than answer questions? I had an elderly friend once tell me they were glad they weren't going to be around long enough to see humanity destroy itself with our inventions. I think he was onto something.

With so many companies, governments and individuals around the world developing the latest and greatest technology as fast as they can, it only increases the chance that we push the envelope to far. And once our machines get smarter than us and learn the art of replication and duplication, it's going to get real interesting.

Simply put, there are just no checks and balances in place when it comes to technology. That should scare us all.

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Funding is provided by the Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Head Start to South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., to procure the vehicles solicited in this request for proposals for use by the SPCAA Head Start Program.

RFPs are available by email by contacting Robert Whitfield, [Rwhitfield@spcaa.org](mailto:Rwhitfield@spcaa.org) and Olivia Barbosa, [Obarbosa@spcaa.org](mailto:Obarbosa@spcaa.org) or by phone call to 806 762 8815.

RFP responses are due by 3:00 pm on January 16, 2015. Vendor selection is expected to occur by January 21, 2015 with vehicle delivery due by February 20, 2015

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# SOCIETY

## Business of the Month



The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has chosen South Plains Community Action as their "January Business of the Month". Shown is (l-r) Mary Martinez, Dalia Arvizu, Grace Gomez and Joann Chavarria.

## Lockney Salvation Army receives donations



Courtesy Photo

By Denise Doucette

The Lockney Salvation Army "Christmas Food Baskets" were handed out to some of our seniors and families in Lockney just before Christmas and around the same time the FUMC Methodist and the Baptist Church men had their Coat Drive.

The Lockney First United Methodist Church and the Baptist Church recently collected donated winter coats and jackets of all sizes, children's and adults,

and warm blankets from our community for the Salvation Army's store.

If anyone needs a warm coat or blanket, please come by the Salvation Army Store located across from the Lockney Post Office and next door to the Home Health Care. Our hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can also reach us by calling Alicia Luna at 806-283-6452.

The Salvation Army would like to say thank you to the First United Methodist Church, the Baptist Church and all those who donated warm coats and blankets.

## JUDGE

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revenues, including depreciation, over the prior year. In last year's report the county showed a deficit.

He noted that the county still had issues. The employee retirement programs are still underfunded, even though the county made a one-time payment of \$50,000 toward the program.

He noted that the county had made improvements in reconciliation procedures, but work was still needed to be done. The audit found unrecorded transactions that had to be corrected.

In other court action commissioners heard from county clerk Ginger Morgan and Tax Assessor Collector Delia Suarez about the need for new computers. Both offices are on Windows XP, which cannot be upgraded. The court recommended

that they bring bids to the next meeting.

District Clerk Patty Davenport spoke about the courthouse staff compiling a consistent set of specifications for upgrading the courthouse internet and for having vendors bid on these specs.

Finally County Judge Marty Lucke said he would look into hot water heaters for hot water in the restrooms.

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

#### THE E.M. (DOCK) WALLINGS

E. M. Walling lived at Walnut Springs, Bosque County, Texas. The land was rocky and poor for farming. He and his son, Jay, heard of the good grass and plenty of water and came to Floyd County and bought land from E. P. Morey, August 5, 1891, southeast of Floydada. When school was out in 1892, E. M. moved his family to Floyd County, to a three-room dugout and one room house.

In 1893 he hauled lumber from Amarillo, Texas to build his home. This was welcome after living for three months on a trip west in wagons, one being pulled by oxen owned by a brother in law. Bud Grantham, who helped them move. The small children rode in the wagons and the older ones rode horses and helped drive me stock.

After a few years E. M. moved his family to Floydada where they ran a hotel. Many business people ate lunch with them and they had several boarders. This was the Harkey Hotel, bought by E. M. in 1898. Some of the boarders were Billy Montgomery who worked at the courthouse, Raleigh Scott, a druggist and Will Massie, a real estate dealer. One day E. M. and son Kay went hunting and brought in a prairie dog and an owl, asking Annice to cook them. She said she would cook the dog but not the owl. All the boarders said the prairie

dog was delicious. A little while after lunch the youngest boy became ill. Mr. Massie asked Floyd T. "What is wrong?" and Floyd T. said, "I must have ate too much of that damn dog." Mr. Massie has told this story many times.

As the brakes were full of wild animals and this is where they got their fire wood, they saw many panthers, and another son was trapped on the wagon by a panther while older brothers gathered wood. One time Kay killed a bear and Annice also cooked it, which was also good.

E. M. bought lots where the Lockney High School now stands and built his home there. He was asked to help when people were sick, and many said they owed their life to him. He lost his wife in 1902.

E. M. and Annice's children were Kay, Jay, Donnie, Letha, Daisy, Sally, Earl, Charley, Jeff and Floyd T. In later years E. M. married Mollie Winn Holden, who had a daughter Lois, and in 1909 E. M.'s last child was born, Willie Wanda.

E. M. sold real estate, did trading, and became a good veterinary. While he was treating a horse one time the horse fell on him which cost him his life. This was 1919. All of his family are buried in the Floydada Cemetery except one daughter, Sally McDonald, who lives in Plainview, Hale County, Texas at this writing.

## HOPPERS

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miles north of Lubbock with an annual rainfall of about 26 inches. In the worst of the Texas drought several years ago, the Hopper farm received just four inches of rain all year.

The Hopper family uses a no-till crop-production method it recommends to other farmers seeking more efficient water use.

The High Cotton Awards were initiated by Farm Press and the NCC 21 years ago to demonstrate that cotton growers and their families are concerned about the environment. The program is supported by a grant to The Cotton Foundation from Farm Press Publications.

"The High Cotton Award winners are some of the best cotton producers in the nation," Greg Frey, Farm Press Publications' publisher, said in a news release. "But they also do their utmost to protect the land, air and water. They represent the

very best in environmental stewardship."

Ronnie Hopper and his son, R.N., believe in no-till crop production, and predict it will gain acceptance across the Texas High Plains as farmers deal with the increasingly serious problem of a declining water resource.

Reasons for no-till cotton production include soil and water conservation, energy and labor savings, and replacing organic matter in the soil.

The thing that makes it work, they say, is crop rotation. "The success of no-till cotton relies on rotation," Ronnie says.

R.N. notes, "We started converting to no-till production in the summer of 2006, and we became fully no-till about 2008. There have been only a few exceptions when we had to work new farms to level fields or take out beds."

Technology, including herbicide-resistant crops, improvements in planting and spray equipment, and better varieties "allowed us

to plant no-till cotton," he says.

The result has been significant water conservation and improved soil, both contributing to better yields. Their success in improving efficiency and their commitment to creating a more sustainable production system were among the factors leading to the Hoppers being selected for the 2015 Cotton Foundations/Farm Press High Cotton Award for the Southwest region.

Hopper knows the issues of water well. He also serves as an elected member of the board of directors of the High Plains Water District board and his jurisdiction includes Floyd County.

The Hoppers represented the Southwest in the High Cotton selection. Other High Cotton recipients were Rick Morgan, Corapeake, North Carolina, representing the Southeast; George LaCour, Morganza, Louisiana, representing the Mid-South and Mark Watte, Tulare, California, representing the Far-West.

City of Floydada  
Floydada, Texas  
Municipal Pool

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Municipal Pool** will be received by the **City of Floydada**, at the office of the **City Manager**, until **10:00 am** local time on **Thursday January 29, 2015**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing a **municipal pool and related site improvements**.

Bids shall be on a lump sum and/or unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: the **City of Floydada**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 am and 5:00 pm**.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at Floydada City Hall (114 W. Virginia, Floydada, Texas) on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm; and the office of the Engineer, KSA Engineers, Inc. (600 S. Tyler St., Amarillo, Texas), on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Contract documents including bid proposal forms, plan sheets, and specifications for the Project may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com).

Please submit questions for this Project 72 hours prior to bid opening through [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com) in the Q & A portal.

Addenda issued will be posted on [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). You will be notified of addenda automatically through email if you downloaded your plans and specifications via [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com).

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 am** local time on **Thursday, January 22, 2015** at the **Floydada City Hall**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: **City of Floydada**  
By: **Jeff Johnston**  
Title: **City Manager**  
Date: **January 15, 2015**

## SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Floyd

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution, issued out of the Honorable 242<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Hale County, Texas on the 18th day of November 2014, by Carla Cannon, District Clerk of Hale County, Texas for the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and 67/100. (\$110,993.67) plus costs of suit, under a Judgement in favor of Petersburg Co-Op vs: Deryl Evans, Defendant, in cause number B39594-1402 placed in my hand for service, I, Paul Raisse, as Sheriff of Floyd County, Texas did on the 5th day of January 2015 levy upon certain Real Property, situated in Floyd County, Texas described as follows, to wit:

Legal description: TR: S/PT W ¼, BLK: K, SURV: 10 LE Willams  
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Approximate location: 300 blk CR 280 Floyd County, Texas

and levied upon as the property of Deryl Evans, and that on the first Tuesday of February 2015, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Front of the Court House of Floyd County, in the City of Floydada, Texas at 10:00 AM, by virtue of said Levy and Writ of Execution, I will sell the above described property at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said Deryl Evans, and in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three weeks preceding said day of sale, in the Hesperian Beacon, a Newspaper published in Floyd County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of January 2015

Paul Raisse  
Sheriff Floyd County

By Cory Speed  
Chief Deputy Cory Speed

# FLOYDADA SCHOOL

## SPC honors students named to fall 2014 Deans' lists

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Students named to the Deans' Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

Local students named to the Dean's List were Maria D. Lira of Floydada, Michael R. Cisneros of Floydada, Casie D. Augustine of Lockney, Heather M. Fierros of Lockney, Alanie R. Rendon of Lockney and Alexis A. Rodriguez of Lockney.

### Floydada Varsity Basketball Round-up

#### BOYS

Date	Opponent (*=District)	Results	Score	Record (Overall/Dist)
11-25	Childress	72-53	L	0-1
12-1	@ Idalou	78-30	L	0-2
12-4	Nazareth	41-33	L	0-3
12-12	Anton	58-47	W	1-3
12-13	Tahoka	56-54	W	2-3
12-16	Farwell	65-58	L	2-4
12-19	@ Ralls *			
1-2	@ Hale Center *	37-35	L	2-5 / 0-1
1-6	Olton *	62-59	W	3-5 / 1-1
1-9	@ Lockney *	63-53	L	3-6 / 1-2
1-13	Abernathy *			
1-16	@ New Deal *			
1-20	@ All Saints Episcopal School			
1-23	@ Ralls *			
1-27	Hale Center *			
1-30	@ Olton *			
2-3	Lockney *			
2-6	@ Abernathy *			
2-10	New Deal *			

## FLOYDADA PTO NEWS

January 16, 2015

\*\* Basketball games in New Deal

January 17, 2015

\*\* Power lifting in Plainview

January 19, 2015

\*\* NO SCHOOL \*\*

\*\* Basketball games in Floydada vs Ralls

#### NOTICE:

\*\* In order for us to have Popcorn/Pickle Friday in January we are in need of several people to come and help. PLEASE let us know if you are available and we can start planning.

#### REMINDERS:

\*\* Bring your Box Tops to school. There will be winner each 6 weeks for the child who brings the most Box Tops, the winner

will be announced at the Character Counts Pep Rally. If you want to help out please send your Box Tops with a student or drop them off at the school office. Proceeds go to various school projects that benefit will the kids.

\*\* Please send new school supplies if your child is needing them. Teachers should let you know if your child needs more or new supplies.

#### FACEBOOK

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## SPC to offer Concealed Handgun class on Jan. 17

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer a Texas Concealed Handgun License class on Jan. 17 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building on the Levelland campus. The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a lunch break.

The classroom portion will cover firearm safety, the use of force, non-violent conflict resolution, lawful weapon carry, storage with children in the home and contacts with law enforcement personnel. It runs about five hours.

The range portion covers range safety rules and commands, and the shooting portion of the class at distances ranging from three to 15 yards. The number of students will determine how long the range portion requires. Inexperienced shooters might want to take the N.R.A. Basic Pistol

course before taking the C.H.L. course.

Students will need to bring either a revolver or semiautomatic pistol of at least .32 caliber and 50 rounds of ammunition to match. Eye and hearing protection are provided for students who do not have their own.

The cost of the course is \$70 for students getting their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license. Although renewals now are handled strictly online, the 15 or more changes in Texas firearms law in 2013 make a refresher course a good investment. Students need to register and pay in advance. Space is limited.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

## School Board Members Honored

(Austin) – January 2015 is School Board Recognition Month, a time to thank the more than 7,300 locally elected leaders who deeply care about the success of all Texas children. These dedicated men and women serve without pay on local school boards. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages education and community leaders to show appreciation to these people for their un-failing commitment to the students in their charge.

"Please join me in recognizing the service of local boards as they strive for excellence in our public schools," said James

B. Crow, TASB executive director. "The long hours and enormous responsibilities of school board service often are invisible to those who may not fully understand the challenges facing public education. Yet, these local trustees embrace hard work as they demonstrate compassion and concern for the success and well-being of every Texas student. They work closely with parents and educators to develop sound education policies in their districts and set high standards for student success.

"In communities across the state, school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious

issues, deal with financial uncertainties, and still provide excellent educational experiences for all of our children. Join us in applauding them for their diligent attention to the future of Texas schoolchildren, their local communities, and this state," he said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 5 million public school students.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Thank you to all who have remembered the Center with donations and memorials for 2014. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Jon LaBaume's twin brother, Don, and his wife, Janice, from Abilene got to Floydada Friday afternoon. They were on their way to Breckenridge, Colorado to meet their son, Randell, to spend a few days in a rented condo. Randell is an airline pilot with Southwest Airlines. Jon was at the Unity Center getting ready for the stock show, so Don went out there to see all that was going on before the show on Saturday.

They continued on their trip Saturday morning.

For those who wish to give memorials and donations, our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Serving time is 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. Please call Sylvia or Anna by 9:30 if you plan to eat at the Center. 806-983-2032. We are located at 925 W. Crockett St.

#### MENU Jan. 19 – Jan. 23

**Monday** – Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk

**Tuesday** – BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/ sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk

**Wednesday** – Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whipped topping, low-fat milk

**Thursday** – Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

**Friday** – Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce & pickle, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, low-fat milk

## Unity Center News

By Elaine LaBaume

Floyd County Friends opened the doors to the newly built Unity Center on January 01, 2000.

On Saturday, January 10, 2015, the Floyd County Stock Show was held in the Unity Center beginning the 16th year. Yes, it has been that long. I was in a "stall" in the ladies restroom and another woman was in another and I heard her comment to someone else, "this sure is a nice facility." Did that make me happy....yes.

During the show some of us "older ones" discussed the horrid days in the old barn and how to this day we are so very thankful to God that HE helped us build the Unity

Center.

Jon LaBaume was appointed the manager when it opened and continues doing that. Although, I help him more than anyone realizes. It is a big job when you consider every-

thing that has to be done to maintain it and keep up with booking the center.

Thank you to so many that still support the Unity Center.

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# LOCKNEY SCHOOL



Courtesy Photo

Lockney Scout Troop 259 received a donation in the amount of \$1,500 from the Joachim Foundation, presented by Jim Doucette, to go towards the purchase of new camping equipment. The check was presented to the Scouts and Bill Hunter on Tuesday night, January 6, 2015 at Main Street Pizza in Lockney.

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Lockney Varsity Basketball Round-up				
BOYS				
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11-18	Paducah	L	49-48	0-1
11-21	@ Claude	L	57-41	0-2
11-24	Hart	W	71-32	1-2
11-25	Bovina	W	78-54	2-2
12-2	Roosevelt	W	72-44	3-2
12-4	Haskell	W	50-30	4-2
12-5	Knox City	W	50-46	5-2
12-6	Anson	W	59-49	6-2
12-9	Spur	W	78-35	7-2
12-12	Plainview Christian	W	74-25	8-2
12-16	Morton	W	68-50	9-2
12-19	@ Sanford Fritch	W	61-42	10-2
1-2	Abernathy *	L	52-51	10-3 / 0-1
1-6	@ New Deal *	W	66-60	11-3 / 1-1
1-9	Floydada *	W	63-53	12-3 / 2-1
1-13	@ Ralls *			
1-16	Hale Center *			
1-20	Olton *			
1-23	Smyer			
1-27	@ Abernathy *			
1-30	New Deal *			
2-3	@ Floydada *			
2-6	Ralls *			
2-10	@ Hale Center *			
2-13	@ Olton *			
2-17	@ Smyer			

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Mitchell, Coy Kidd, Cindy Ford, Ray Sissney, Peggy Nance. We appreciate you all.

Remember exercise with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45-9:15 a.m. Coffee time is Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday Pot luck is at 5 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

Family Night Fish Fry is Friday nights from 5-8 p.m. It's all you can eat. Come let us do the dishes!

Thank you all who have given memorial donations in honor of Bernice Kent, Alice

### MENU Jan. 19 - Jan. 23

- Monday – Baked potatoes
  - Tuesday – Tacos
  - Wednesday – Oven fried chicken
  - Thursday – Salmon
  - Friday – Grilled chicken
- (Menus subject to change with notice)

## Wit and Wisdom of Texas

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

*Wit and Wisdom of Texas looks to show the readers the common sense and uncommon genius of many Texans from the past to the present. I hope you enjoy and delight in these comments.*

I was born in Saratoga, Texas, a little town there in the Big Thicket about 60 miles north of Beaumont. Needless to say, we were very, very poor, but we always managed to have enough to keep our bellies full. – George Jones

When I left Chicago, people said, 'Careful with that Texas heat'. I'm like, 'I'm from Puerto Rico. I know heat.' – Amaury Nolasco

I grew up in Alice, Texas, a small oil town with one theater that only showed Roy Rogers movies. So when I got the role, I had never even seen a Bond film and had only had a vague notion about the idea of a Bond girl. – Lois Chiles

I admit to the richness and the softness and the luxuriance of the Panhandle landscape generally now, but not to a beauty superior to that I knew. For the landscape that moves a man most powerfully is the landscape in his mind, the country that comes back in dreams and unguarded reveries. It grew up in his mind when he wasn't looking. – Paul Crume, whose "Big D" column appeared in The Dallas Morning News from 1948 until 1975

He would take a few steps and stop, turning his proud face toward us to discharge his shots; he fought like a true soldier. Finally he died, but he died after having traded his life very dearly. None of his men died with greater heroism, and they all died." Lt. Col. Jose Enrique de la Pena, "With Santa Anna in Texas", A Mexican officer describing William Travis at the Alamo

The roads are full of errant thieves united

with the Indians, and without a small force of mounted troops to clean-up and guard them, I cannot respond to the security of travelers .... If it is possible to permit me to continue in service the 14 men and augment them with 10 more and a Sergeant, I can respond to the security of the roads. – Stephen F. Austin, explaining to Mexican authorities why he needed to continue the employ of the first force of Texas Rangers, November 1823

I have done all I can to keep Texas from seceding. Now if she won't go with me, I'll have to turn around and go with her. – Sam Houston, reluctantly agreeing to Texas' secession from the union, 1861

When one of the first windmills in the Texas Panhandle was installed and put into operation, the owner took his crew of riders out to see how it worked before acceptin' in from the contractor. When he saw the little trickle of water flowin' out he was as tickled as a cub bear with a honeycomb, and declared that the windmill would revolutionize the cow business. One skeptical cowhand eyed the small stream, and said, "Hell, Boss, I could get behind a bush and do a better job than that. – Ramon F. Adams, "The Old-Time Cowhand," 1948.

Thirty five of the most beautiful white stallions were brought into Hollywood for the role of 'Silver.' None would do until one was found in Texas ---- perfect for the role. – Mario Demarco, "The Lone Rangers of the Silver Screen and Television"

Although Texas was always as large as it is now, and even larger, yet somehow or other it was not discovered by Europeans until as late as AD 1665. It is a little singular that it was not discovered sooner, particularly as it was always left out of doors after dark. If Texas had been a woodpile or a chicken it would probably have been discovered much earlier. – Alexander Edwin Sweet, "Texas Siftings," 1882

## Home Country

By Slim Randles

It was the cold outside that bound us together better inside the Mule Barn truck stop. The coffee warmed our innards and the laughter at the philosophy counter heated our souls to very comfortable.

It was Doc who noticed it first. He's trained to be observant, of course.

"Dudley, me lad," said Doc, "are you on a diet?"

Dud, whose body would fall into the "just right" category, shook his head.

"Not me, Doc. Why do you ask?"

"Every day, for years, you put sugar in your coffee. You didn't this morning."

Dud straightened himself up grandly and turned to his rapt audience.

"I discovered something about myself, Doc. Yes, in looking over my life, I've come to a conclusion.

"It all began right after Anita and I were married," Dud said. "One morning she came up and whispered to me that my life would be greatly enriched if I were to remove that dead tree in the back yard.

"Then she made me my favorite breakfast one morning,

French toast with sourdough bread, and she sat in my lap and said if that sagging post on the porch were to be replaced, it just might cause extreme happiness to burst forth upon our stage."

"Is there a point to this?" Steve asked.

Dud sipped his coffee and grinned.

"So last month, she came up behind me and put her arms around my neck and started feminine-wiling on me and asked if I'd get my pickup painted so she wouldn't be embarrassed when she rode with me."

"Dud," said Doc, "I can see your truck isn't painted, and I drove by the other day and your porch post still leans, and I thought I noticed that dead tree still out in your back yard."

"You're right, Doc. That was my big discovery and why I no longer put sugar in my coffee."

The others stared at Dud. Dud just grinned. "I found out I'm sucrose intolerant."

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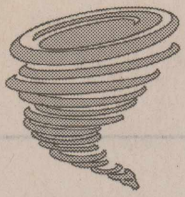
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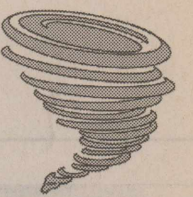
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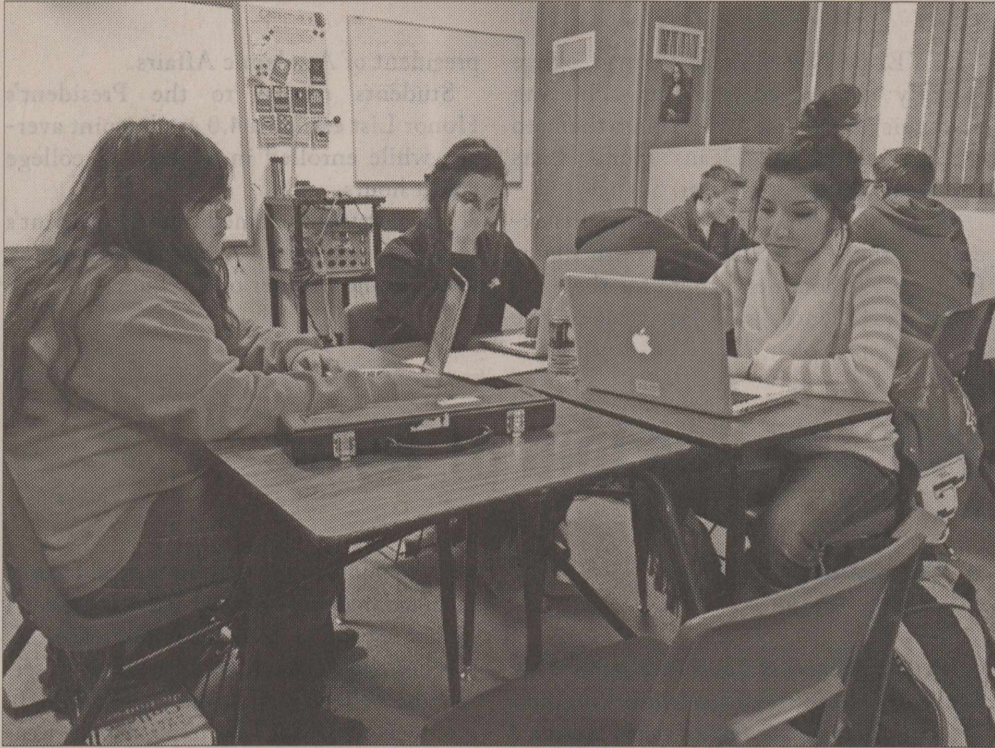
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# Whirlwind News



## Preparations for Prom, a Yearly Tradition



**By Kimberly Pacheco**  
Staff Writer

Upperclassmen are privileged because they are allowed to attend the prom, a celebration of the year and of their years of education, along with their peers and the faculty. It is an evening full of excitement and anxiety for students and faculty. The prom is a yearly event, and students can be expected to put great effort into their attire and their "ride" to the entrance. Ultimately, it is an opportunity for the junior class to host a formal dinner and dance for the seniors graduating this Spring.

Each year, the junior class and their faculty sponsors develop and organize in preparation for the fancy event. They work together with students and parents by offering fundraisers, maintaining the concession stand during basketball games, and hosting dinners in order to earn funding for the prom. Students are given opportunities to earn "points" toward their admission to the prom by participating in various fundraising events in the duration of the school year leading up to the event. In preparation, the prom committee has been viewing prom catalogs, reviewing menu options, and working on the awards,

dance, meal, and dessert.

Mrs. Jennifer Emert, faculty sponsor for the prom, said, "Prom committee will be meeting Monday, January 12th, 2015 to decide the color schemes, the theme and decorations." In recent years, the event of the prom has become much more manageable for students and faculty alike due to the committee's decision to opt for a venue to be leased for the evening.

This year prom will be held at the Plainview Country Club on Saturday, April 11th, 2015. Students are invited to bring a date to the prom. All students attending prom must be either a junior or a senior. Freshman and sophomores will not be allowed. If a student wishes to bring a date from out of town, their date must be a junior or senior. For students that did not earn all their points, they must pay to make up the difference in the cost of admission. School rules still apply to out of town dates, and students that bring out of town dates must pay an admission fee of \$25. The typical dress code for males is a tuxedo, but formal attire is accepted. Females may wear a long evening gown or a short party dress (fingertip length), but low cuts are discouraged.



## Anticipating All-Region Band

**By Destiny Cabello,**  
Junior Editor

January 15, 2015. Twenty-three Spirit of the Winds band members will travel to Abernathy High School to audition for the All-Region Band. Several students from surrounding areas will be in attendance to participate in either the symphonic or concert band competitions that will perform Saturday January 24 in Lubbock, Texas.

The auditions consist of two scales and sections of two short pieces, referred to as "études". Contestants receive the music months in advance to prepare for their tryout. Merely one scale, the chromatic, is the only known definite aspect of the audition. The only 'catch' is the section of the piece that is performed for evaluation - which isn't distributed until the day of the contest. Every etude averages around 5 or 6 lines

of different levels of difficulty to demonstrate one's skillfulness. Band directors will be divided among the instrument sections to judge the auditions. The judges are not aware of which competition they are judging until the day of competition to prevent biased evaluation. In the competition the judges are held behind a music stand to contribute to a fair tryout.

For Floydada band, All-Region has been the main priority. After contests and necessary concerts for the public, head band director Justin Ogden has offered all students additional assistance before and after school to practice for the audition. There will be 7 freshmen, 10 sophomores, and 6 juniors attending Abernathy's concert tryout.

Of the sophomores taken, Kaylee Morren is also participating. Morren is not in the band during the class

period but is rehearsing and partaking solely as an extra curricular participant. This is an opportunity for her to be in band without taking the class. She plans on being in the band class next year, and this will benefit her by keeping her in practice when she rejoins the band class next year.

In addition to Morren, other students have devoted numerous hours to this audition. Lewis Alaniz goes everyday after school to improve his etudes and scales. He hopes to advance past this tryout to the symphonic band. Making either band is a privilege and we hope we can take all of the 23 members to perform on Saturday. Mr. Ogden has complete faith in his musicians to perform great at competition. Despite the outcome, he is proud of all they have accomplished in preparation for the All-Region audition.

## UIL Upcoming Meets

January 17 @ Texas Tech

January 24 @ Morton

January 31 @ O'Donnel

February 7 @ Dimmit

February 14 @ Idalou

## World News Update: Terror in Paris

**By Roxy Chavarria**  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at approximately 11 o'clock, three men armed with AK-47s raided the building of a weekly publication called Charlie Hebdo in the city of Paris, France leaving 12 people dead and 11 people injured.

Charlie Hebdo is a section of the newspaper that consists of rousing cartoon images of politics, pop culture, and religion. There was not a verification of a motive, but they believe that the purpose of this horrifying manslaughter was a publication of cartoons in the Charlie Hebdo section of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

After the numerous murders, officials released the names of the three killers: brothers, Saïd and Cherif Kouchi, both in their 30s, and Hamyd Mourad, at 18 years old. Hamyd Mourad later that day turned himself into the police saying he was forced to carry out the shooting.

On the next day, Thursday January 8, 2015, police discovered that there were two other accomplices along with the Kouchi brothers named Amedy Coulibaly and Hayat Boumeddiene. Infiltrating a local Jewish supermarket, Coulibaly armed with two Kalashnikov assault rifles, held at least 15 people hostage. Four shoppers by the names of Yoav Hattab, Philippe Braham, Yohan Cohen and François-Michel Saada were shot dead on site.

Police shot and killed Coulibaly at the supermarket just after he shot the four hostages. Almost simultaneously, police then shot Chérif and Saïd Kouachi for the liability of the 12 deaths that included two police officers on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. After all the tragedy, and three gunman dead, Boumeddiene, Amedy Coulibaly's girlfriend is still on the run. It was reported that she recently crossed into Syria on January 8, 2015. Stationed around the outskirts of Paris, about 1,500 troops are hunting down Boumeddiene while keeping Paris safe for precautionary measures.

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# Longhorn News



## Get Pumped Up with the Return of Lockney's 6th Man

By Lissa Hernandez, Lena Luna, and Lexi Chavez

On Friday, January 10, during the basketball games against Floydada, the Lockney High School 6th Man made its re-appearance to basketball season. The 6th Man is a group of high school students aiming to pump up basketball players by shouting, chanting, wearing funny costumes and just acting crazy.

A few of the notable 6th Man actions from Friday's games included reading

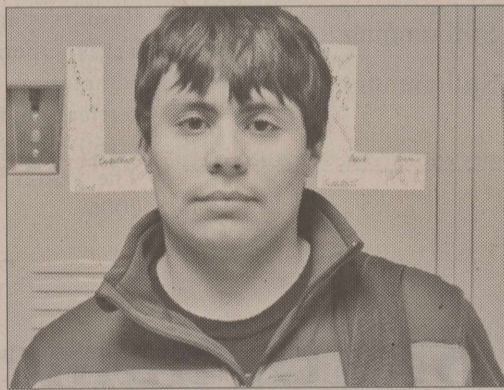
newspapers when the Floydada players were announced, doing spirit fingers during Longhorn free throws, and yelling "You can't do that!" when players from Floydada fouled.

Originally, students had their doubts about how successful the return of the 6th Man would be. After seeing how well it went last week, many hope to see the group return.

"I think they should do that at every game, there was such a great turn out against Floydada" said Junior Lena Luna.

## Senior spotlight: Matthew Darin DeLeon

Matthew Darin DeLeon was born in Lockney, Texas to David and Cythia DeLeon. He has lived in Lockney his whole life. After graduating, Matthew plans to go to school to be a coach.



## New Year, New Semester

By Emiliee Encizo & Sheridan Keyser

Christmas break began on December 19th for Lockney High School. The student body and faculty all enjoyed getting to spend the holidays with their family and celebrate the beginning of 2015.

"I had fun on Christmas break. It was cold, and it was good. I did not, however, like the fact that the road was icy and it made it dangerous to travel. I was ready to come back to school to get this semester done and have summer start," said sophomore Lizzie Belt.

Students came back to school on the 5th of January. While some students may still find themselves writing 2014 on a few of their papers, there is no doubt that all students got ready to learn new things in this new year. Students have three six-weeks left until the end of the year and a sad farewell to this year's seniors.

"I really missed hanging out with my friends and talking with the teachers. I also missed my books. I'm ready to get started learning and get the semester over with," said sophomore Abel Salazar.

Since it's a new semester, all the teachers have some new plans to get students prepared for

another round of semester tests and STAAR tests at the end of the year. These plans range from helping students focus more to discovering new ways students to learn.

"My plans for this semester include lots and lots of writing," said Lockney High School English teacher Melanie Ragland.

A few New Year's Resolutions by Lockney High School students:

- Blanca Bueno: "My New Year's resolution is to make Lockney a better place by picking up trash that blows in the wind."

- Jace Klein: "My New Year's resolution is to get more things accomplished while simultaneously spending less time on the internet watching TV shows such as "Once Upon A Time" and "Doctor Who."

- Sarah Garza: "My New Year's resolution is to do more work around the Lockney community."

- Valerie Hernandez; "My New Year's resolution is to get through school without killing people."

- Sara Keyser: "My New Year's Resolution is to travel to different places around the world."

- Avian Luna: "My New Year's resolution is to eat healthier."

## Lockney Elementary Third Six weeks Honor Roll

### First Grade

Daniel Alvarado  
Rihanna Castillo  
Nickolas Cervantes  
Adrian Jimenez  
Aatrayu Leal  
Lillian Luna  
Madison Marmolejo  
Adrielle Martinez  
A fMryee Salazar  
Kara Sanchez

Falyn Graves  
Sophie Gutierrez  
Moses Hogan  
Madison Jimenez  
Bryson Klein  
Brinley Lefevre  
Haygen Lefevre  
Yareli Naranjo  
Lucas Rodriguez  
Maricco Salas  
Victoria Salazar  
Trinity Schlueter  
Jailee Zavala

Brailey Kidd  
Nadia Perez  
Eliana Vasquez

### Fourth Grade

Hailey Afill  
Abran Castillo  
Deacon Franklin  
Lexi Morgan

### Fifth Grade

Gabriella Cervantes  
Hunter Flick  
Damion Gonzales

### Second Grade

Javan Cook  
Kaileigh Cook

### Third Grade

## Lockney Junior High A Honor Roll

### 6th grade

RyAnn Castillo  
Kalebh Cook  
Hunter Lefevre  
Cristal Sanchez  
Tasha Schlueter

### 7th grade

Diego Azua  
Emily Longoria  
Brett Moore  
Clay Moore  
Josiah Rodriguez

### 8th grade

Lyndee Setliff  
Bryson Walker

## Lockney Junior High A/B Honor Roll

### 6th Grade

Justus Abbott  
Joshua Cienfuegos  
Jessica Hernandez  
Fette Jackson  
Sebastian Perez  
Cole Poole  
Audrey Rexrode

Madai Chavira  
Elida Mendez  
Kayla Rodriguez Archer  
Tyra Rosales  
Keanu Villarreal  
Hailee Widener

Bryson Hallmark  
E'Lora Luna  
Sierra Martinez  
Reagan Nuncio  
Adrianna Palomin  
Daniel Palomin  
John Salazar  
Haley Sanchez  
Fernando Valdez

### 7th Grade

Anahi Ascencio

### 8th Grade

Liborio Ascencio  
Tyrell Egnew  
Jose Felan

## Lockney High School A Honor Roll

### 9th Grade

Aleah Jimenez  
Karissa Petty  
Nohelia Salazar  
Tristan Schlueter

Seattle Jackson  
Luke Kasner

Sarah Belt  
Sarah Carstensen  
Darby Long  
Andrew Palomin  
Wil Prayor  
Ashley Roberts  
John Salas  
Nicholas Sherman  
Dixie Williams

### 10th Grade

Elizabeth Belt  
Tabetha Bigham  
Emiliee Encizo

### 11th Grade

Levi Kasner  
Jace Klein  
Jake Moore

### 12th Grade

Ignacio Ascencio

## Lockney High School A/B Honor Roll

### 9th Grade

Ryann Araujo  
Alyssa Barretero  
Jose Gonzalez  
Alyssa Gutierrez  
Julio Lara  
Nimsi Perez  
Nickolas Rendon  
Austen Rexrode  
Jaden Rosales

Valerie Hernandez  
Hannah Kidd  
Maria Palomin  
Haley Walker  
Tavien Walrath

Elizabeth Salas  
Stephen Setliff

### 10th Grade

Calvin Borunda  
Shelby Dunbar

### 11th grade

Shelby Coats  
Anissa Guerrero  
Elizabeth Hernandez  
Scott Lass  
Ozzy Mondragon  
Andrew Rodriguez  
Salvador Ruiz

### 12th Grade

Leslye Flores  
Esperanza Guerra  
Javier Guerrero  
Mari Hernandez  
Ellie Naranjo  
Ryan Poole  
Isabella Rodriguez  
Lidia Sanchez  
Brenna Tidwell

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# AGRICULTURE

## Monthly EDC board meeting covers retail recruitment workforce development

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

At its monthly meeting the Floydada Economic Development Corporation board discussed a presentation made by Aaron Farmer with Retail Coach. Retail Coach is a consultancy firm that specializes in helping communities attract retailers.

Sam Green made a motion to approve the GAP Analysis and table discussion to purchase entire Retail Coach package until the next board meeting, and Roger Hughes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the minutes from the month of December, Green made a motion to approve the minutes Hughes seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the financial report for the month of December, Hughes made a motion to approve the financial report, Louis Bearden seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

EDC Director Sean Overeynder gave his monthly activity report:

The EDC continues to research and contact entities in order to support local businesses

in Floydada for retention and expansion. He met with the SBA to gather information for future use of new and existing businesses.

Overeynder continues to foster relationships with First Wind and Sharyland Utilities.

Work continues on a new website by gathering current and up to date information for each page.

The EDC continues to work on promotion opportunities for the city in an effort to increase our current populace.

The EDC mailed out remaining brochures to motels for display in their lobby, and continues to work on workforce development strategies for Floydada's workforce.

Overeynder completed EDC Report and emailed to the Texas Comptroller's office as per request of Russell Gallahan, Administrator for Type A/B Sales Tax for Economic Development and continues to pursue interest from those who would like to serve on the EDC board for one seat.

He researched manufacturing companies that are looking to expand. Of the nine researched, he noted that the city only met the criteria of four in what they were seeking.

## Littlefield Denim Plant Closes

By DOUG McDONOUGH  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon, Plainview Herald

Forty years after it opened in 1975, the American Cotton Growers Denim Mill in Littlefield has ceased operation.

The plant, which was Littlefield's and Lamb County's single largest private employer, went silent Tuesday.

In early November 2014, the company announced that it would shutter the plant in 60 days due to industry pressure and foreign competition.

When it closed Tuesday its workforce was 340 employees, which is down from a normal staff of more than 600.

In reaction to the

closure, the South Plains Workforce Commission organized a job fair in Littlefield on Wednesday, drawing more than 30 businesses from throughout the region in an effort to recruit employees from among the mill's displaced staff.

"There is a lot of unanswered questions that we have," Littlefield City Manager Mike Arismendez told area news media earlier this week, "but this community has rallied together, continued to be steadfast, and continued to work forward. And we will get there, and we will have the opportunities that we need to open up the plant again. So we are resilient, and we will bounce back."

Littlefield has long carried the nickname of

"Denim Capital of the West" because the facility has a normal annual production of 36 million yards of denim. That's enough to stitch 24 million pairs of blue jeans.

American Cotton Growers early last year was purchased by an investment group from New York City, which had expressed plans to continue operating the mill in Littlefield. It was one of the last active clothing mills in the United States.

The November unemployment rate for Lamb County, the most recent figures available, is 4.8 percent. That's compared to Hale County's jobless rate of 7.1 percent for the same period.

## Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas update

By Tom Musser

FLOYD COUNTY:

Rock Solid Operating, LLC of Irving Texas has been issued a Recombination Permit for the Foster Lease (69173) Well #1 located 6-1/2 miles northeast of Floydada in Section 16, Abstract-1493, Block T.

The Recombination Permit lists "To Plug Back, Cut Window, and Drill Vertical Hole". The recompletion vertical depth is issued to 9,850 feet (McIntosh Penn).

The Foster Well #1 was originally drilled by Basa Resources in 2005, with change of operator to Tyner Texas Operating Company in 2010. Two horizontal completions were attempted on this wellbore. The vertical depth is 9,002 feet, with horizontal section of 2,160 feet, for a total wellbore footage of 11,162 feet. The Foster Well #1 has been Shut-in since December 2006.

2014 Floyd County Bale Count through Jan. 9		
Gin	Count	Status
Floydada Coop	55647	Still ginning
McCoy Gin	19269	Still ginning
Scott Gin	20048	Finished
Blanco Gin	No report	Still ginning
Marble Brothers Gin	4256	Finished
Darty Gin	23032	Still ginning
Barwise Gin	18600	Finished
Lockney Coop	22215	Still ginning
D&J Gin	28541	Still ginning
<b>TOTAL BALES</b>	<b>191608</b>	

## Agricultural Secretary Announces Cotton Board Appointments

T. Mark Hegi of Petersburg reappointed

(MEMPHIS, TN) - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the appointment of 12 members and 14 alternates to The Cotton Board. The Cotton Board is made up of cotton producers and importers appointed by the Secretary to oversee the Cotton Research & Promotion Program.

The Cotton Board Chairman, David Grant, a producer from Garysburg, North Carolina was pleased with Secretary Vilsack's appointments saying, "I look forward to working with the new appointees and gaining their diverse perspective about the activities of our Board and our industry, as well as leaning on the experience and knowledge of the Members and Alternates who have been re-appointed to serve."

The newly appointed member is: Debra R. Barrett, Producer, Edroy, TX. The newly appointed alternate members are: Chuckie Ward, Importer, Hickory, NC; Marshall D. Draughn, Importer, Severna Park, MD; Pamela Hunter, Importer, Frisco, TX; Donna B. Winters, Producer, Lake Providence, LA; David Dunlow, Producer, Roanoke Rapids, NC; Michael Popp, Producer,

El Campo, TX; and Dustin Mancebo, Producer, Dos Palos, CA.

The re-appointed members are: Rodger C. Glaspey, Importer, Fresno, CA; Patricia M. Reber, Importer, Plymouth, MN; Carlos Moore, Importer, Naples, FL; Maureen Gray, Importer, New York, NY; Debi M. Gregg, Importer, Huntington Beach, CA; Aaron A. Barcellos, Producer, Los Banos, CA; George G. LaCour, Jr., Producer, Morganza, LA; Marty E. White, Producer, Jonesboro, AR; James C. Robertson, Jr., Producer, Indianola, MS; David M. Grant, Producer, Garysburg, NC; and T. Mark Hegi, Producer, Petersburg, TX. The re-appointed alternate members are: Courtney OKeefe, Importer, Quincy, MA; Stefanie M. Rotta, Importer, Elkins Park, PA; Richard B. Bransford, Producer, Lonoke, AR; Tom J. Gary, Producer, Greenwood, MS; and Bryan K. Patterson, Producer, Amherst, TX. Secretary Vilsack also re-appointed Marshal Cohen of East Moriches, NY to serve as a Consumer Advisor to the Board.

Each of these appointees will serve 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2015, and ending December 31,

2017.

Secretary Vilsack also selected Heidi Goold, Importer, Pewaukee, WI as an alternate member whose term expires on December 31, 2015, and Sigifredo Valverde, Producer, Shallowater, TX as an alternate member whose term expires on December 31, 2016.

The Cotton Research and Promotion Program is designed to advance the position of cotton in the marketplace. It is funded by assessments on all domestically produced cotton and imports of foreign-produced cotton and cotton-containing products, and is authorized by the Cotton Research and Promotion Act of 1966. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service oversees operations of the Board.

## Smith named to TAPPS All-District Teams



Photo by Don's Photography

Konner Smith, a junior at Plainview Christian Academy was named to the TAPPS 6-man 1st Team All-District Linebacker on defense and 1st Team All-District Utility Back on offense. He was also named to the All-District All Academic Team.

Konner had 118 tackles in 9 games and ran for 1,010 and had 17 touchdowns.

He is the son of Kyle and Shelly Smith of Floydada.

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# 2015 FLOYD COUNTY STOCK SHOW



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon  
Floyd County FFA members and 4-H members showed off their finest animals at the annual Floyd County Stock Show at the Floyd County Unity Center on Jan. 10. The show began about 7:30 A.M. and concluded later Saturday evening with a Buyers' Meal and Sale. Complete results and pictures of the all the Grand and Reserve Champions, Showmanship Awards and Scholarship recipients will be published in the Jan. 22 Hesperian-Beacon.

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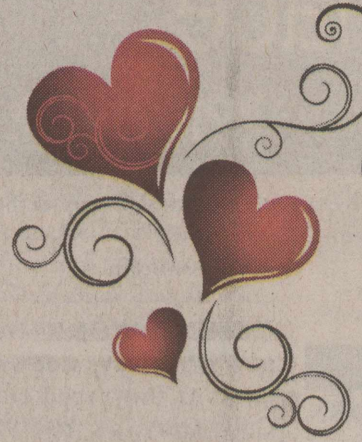
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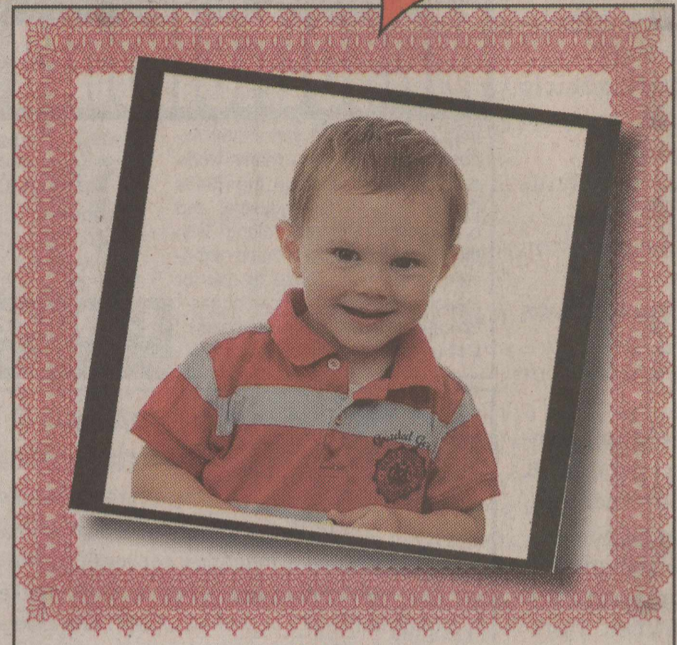
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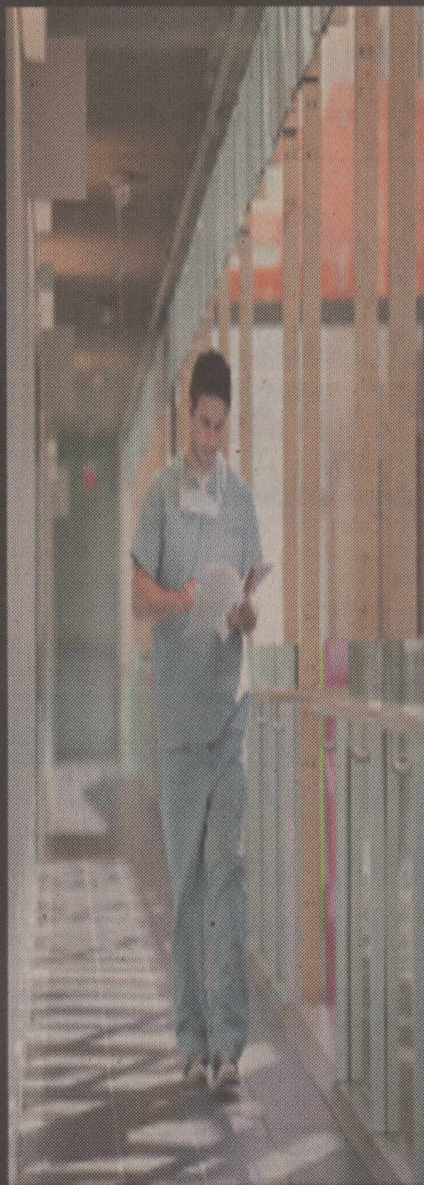
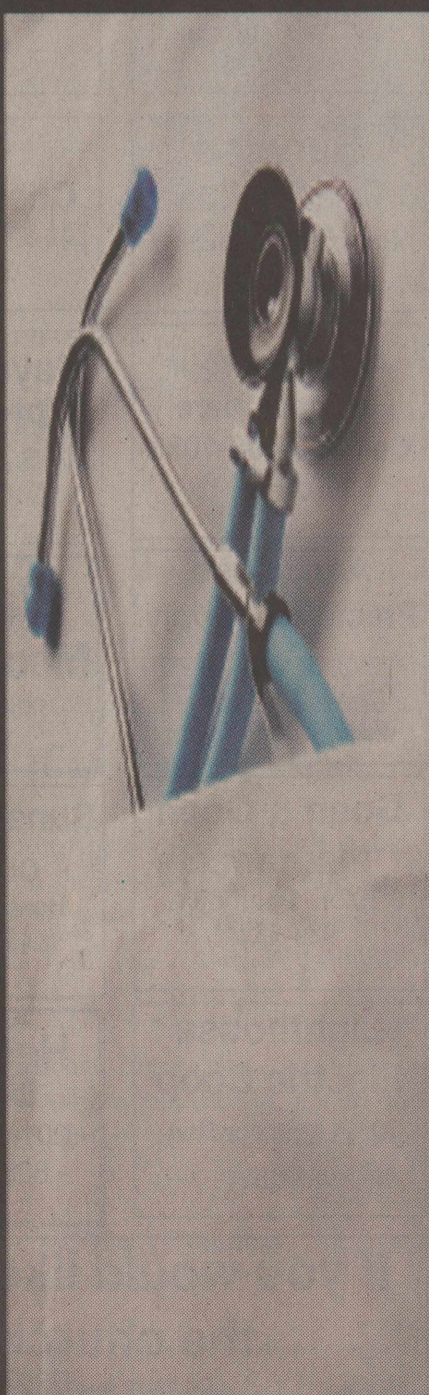
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