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Montandon brothers with "Coffee Courier" return for Cowboy Christmas Ball

By Zane Montandon
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

We had our humble beginnings drinking coffee with our dad, Francis Montandon of Lockney, Texas, when children still drank coffee that wasn't "Kid's Temp" or decaf. I remember first drinking coffee with a lot of sugar in it.

On Sunday mornings, at Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney, before bible class I would go back into the fellowship hall and get coffee with the men who would say, "Want some coffee with your sugar?" Then, little by little, I wanted more coffee and less sugar until one day all I wanted was black coffee, just like my dad.

I remember walking down the hall of the church building when I was little trying as hard as I could to not spill, yet dripping all along the way. Bill Hunter worked so hard



to keep the place looking good, no thanks to me.

When Zane and I left home we both enjoyed learning new ways of making coffee which always was a ceremony than the push of a button. I got my first job as a barista at Starbucks and Zane soon after was hired at a local Lubbock coffehouse known as Sugar Brown's.

While working at Starbucks I was given one pound of coffee every week, which was more than even I could drink.

But when Zane and I would share and compare Starbucks

coffee to roasting companies, like Evocation out of Amarillo, I realized that I was missing out. He and I booked a

trip up to Chicago for a barista training class with the renowned Intelligentsia Coffee and Tea.

Shortly after, I left my job at Starbucks to work for another coffee shop.

It was the beginning of summer in 2012 when we decided to start "Courier Coffee." We had been wanting to start a coffee catering service so we booked an event in July even though we had no equipment or supplies. But with the event scheduled, we



Courtesy Photo

Two brothers from Lockney have started a coffee bar service and will be at the Cowboy Christmas Ball to be held at the Unity Center in Muncy. Zane Montandon is on the left and Zach Montandon is on the right.

had to make it happen. We bought our first espresso machine, then a workbench with wheels, water pump, then cups, flavorings, and hustled to put everything together in a month.

Since then, we have been

part of various weddings, church events, farmers' markets, Christmas parties, LCU events and even a baby shower (decaf for that one, of course).

It has been a great experience to work together as

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EARLY DEADLINES



Thanksgiving Deadlines:
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Upcoming

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COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL

The Cowboy Christmas Ball, December 11, 2015 at the Unity Center. For Ticket information contact Elaine LaBaume @ 806-983-9153, Payne Pharmacy in Floydada and D&J Gin in Lockney.

HIGH PLAINS AG CONFERENCE

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual High Plains Ag Conference from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock. For more info, see the article on the farm page of this week's issue.

SANTA ON THE SQUARE

The 1st Annual "Santa on the Square" will be held Saturday, December 12th, 2015, and will be open to the public from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. downtown on California Street. This year we really want to make this a unique celebration of Christmas

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Correction

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Grass Fire Burns 100 acres in Floyd County Last Week

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

A grass fire 13 miles Northeast of Floydada burned 100 acres Monday, Nov. 9 before it was contained by responders from the Floydada Fire Department, the Lockney Fire Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, according to Floydada Fire Chief Craig DuBois.

The blaze was situated near Highway 207, the closest municipality was the community of Cedar Hill.

According to DuBois, first responders received a call to protect the Gilly house which was situated near the fire. The Lockney Fire Department brought in three 2-man rigs providing six people. The Floydada Fire Department arrived with four rigs, seven people, and a water tanker. Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez was on hand to assist.

According to Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez, "The



Courtesy photo

A grassfire burned 100 acres near the community of Cedar Hill before first responders from Floydada, Lockney, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department extinguished it on November 9. No one was injured and no buildings were damaged.

call came in at noon, and we didn't finish until about three." It took three hours to extinguish the fire.

The fire chief noted that although no one was quite sure what started the fire, "It could have been from a wheel bearing from a cotton stripper or module maker," he said, and noted that there was evidence of a vehicle of that nature nearby.

The fire started at the southwest corner of the Langley family farm and moved through to the northeast corner of the Gilly family

farm, the chief said. Fortunately there were no injuries and no buildings were damaged or destroyed.

DuBois had some advice for preventative measures in cases such as this. "If you have a house, and it's surrounded by CRP, shred about 100 yards surrounding the house."



Lowes Lockney

Courtesy photo

An unidentified 77-year-old female driver hit her accelerator instead of the brakes and slammed into the front of the Lowe's Grocery Store in Lockney on Friday morning. According to store personnel, no one was injured in the incident. An estimate of the cost of repairs was not available. Store personnel said that the four-foot high brick wall probably saved the store from further damage and possible injury to people inside the store. The store closed Friday afternoon to clean-up the mess as well as make temporary repairs to the windows and doors.



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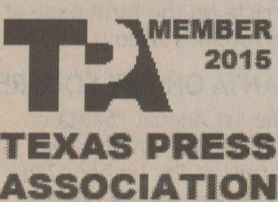
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The 501 Faux Fire is hot Trend

Things aren't always what they seem. Sometimes they're just what we want them to be. Consider faux fireplaces.

All my life I've wanted a real fireplace, but I've decided to face reality. If there's going to be a fireplace in my life, I must settle for faux.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

I'm an easy sell. Maybe it's because I've got a soft place in my heart and brain for all things French. "Faux" sounds good to me, especially compared to "false."

In fact, faux works nicely for many things false, except maybe false teeth (faux doesn't cut it) and falsies. If you don't know the definition of the latter, you were probably born after implants became the rule for replacing or enhancing everything human, teeth included.

Back to fireplaces.

My plan is to build one to fill in a blank space on one farmhouse wall. I've got experience, but all my previous creations have been temporary structures made from cardboard boxes scavenged from dumpsters, painted or covered in brick-motif paper and installed in the foyer in our real house for Christmas. They've looked good enough to take the chill out of a winter day. But all my past fabulously faux fireplaces will be prologue (pun intended) if my current project becomes reality. This time I'm building a real faux fireplace - one with an electric faux wood-burning stove.

What's not to work? I even have my grandfather's pendulum clock for the mantel. Unlike the one in the song, it's not too tall for the shelf (not if I measure ahead of time), and it didn't quit ticking when he did.

Indeed, I envision a future for me in faux fireplaces. I'll surprise my husband with this first one that I'm building on the sly. As carpenter-architect, he'll help me build an improved version for our other house. Then he'll take over the whole enterprise as president. I'll concentrate on marketing. We'll sell faux fireplaces worldwide, either as kits or, more likely, as plans.

You're thinking nobody is going to buy plans for a simple faux fireplace they can figure out themselves? You're right.

Therefore, we'll come up with something different. Via the Internet, we'll offer faux fireplaces for two niche markets - college students and the elderly.

If I were serious, I wouldn't be sharing my idea. Humor me. We can pretend. Make-believe and faux jibe.

But it's really true that if anybody needs a touch of home, it's a college student or someone who's moved into a retirement facility or nursing home. A little hang-on-the-wall fireplace or one that stands alone should work. Such fireplaces would be lightweight for shipping. If not inflatable (a concept that borders on the oxymoronic), the fireplaces could be canvas fashioned to fit snap-together frames.

For my first college dorm room, Daddy built shelves over the toilet. The dorm mother ordered the college carpenters to replicate them for every bathroom. Maybe I'll likewise introduce an improvement to the rest home environment when I arrive with a fireplace tucked under one arm.

Paperboy France is sending a clear message

It didn't take France long to send a clear message in response to the heinous acts perpetrated by soulless terrorists Friday. Don't mess with us! Did that surpass you like it did me? Europe is in a bad spot concerning the



CHRIS BLACKBURN

number of immigrants they've been inundated with for the past decade. But despite this, they are taking the fight to the people they think are responsible.

Russia, who has confirmed that their airliner was brought down by a terrorist's bomb, is also being very aggressive. They are even aligning themselves with France in the effort to eradicate ISIS or ISIL or IS or whatever they're being called these days.

Meanwhile, we targeted some oil pipeline and announced we are going to start to share intel with France.

What in the world? You mean we haven't been? I was shocked when I heard this. We should be sharing and receiving intel from all of our allies each and every day.

But apparently, climate change is much more important than the security of Americans or our allies.

Does anyone else think this is all a long, sad joke?

ISIS announced yesterday that Washington D.C. is next on their hit list.

What did our president do?

He announced that we are going to accept 10,000 Syrian refugees before the end of the year and force them on the American people.

Does anyone actually believe there aren't terrorists in the midst of these

refugees? Of course there are.

Truthfully, I can't believe France is being this aggressive and we are behaving like, well, France. Or at least the way I thought France would behave.

Obama is being mocked by countries around the world for his lack of resolve and stunningly, he is now being questioned by our leftist media who actually made time to stop covering the spoiled brats on U.S. college campuses long enough to cover the terror.

I can't believe I'm typing this, but we need to be much more like France concerning our responses to terror. Instead, we're going to be forced to house refugees of which contain some terrorists. It is truly baffling.

Right now, the Western World, Russia and China seem united in an effort to deal with these mass murderers. The U.S. should seize this opportunity and join with whatever is needed and eliminate this threat to our way of life.

And if there were ever a reason to get control of our border, it's now. Ask France about letting in undocumented immigrants. They've learned their lesson.

We have not. We're going to let in terrorists while these scumbags tell the world they will strike Washington. It is truly baffling.

But watch out! This climate is going to get us. In a few million years, it's going to get real cold, or hot, or something...

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Snow and Woody Plants

"Snow is both friend and foe to trees and shrubs," says Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP*, and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA). "Snow causes its share of damage, as we all know, but in many cases it also protects plants and their roots from extreme fluctuations in temperature that could damage or even kill them."

Excess snow, however, can also damage trees and woody shrubs by bending, breaking and splitting, and causing them to fall or uproot. Whether woody plants will be damaged in one of these ways depends upon several factors. Coniferous evergreens, for instance, can bear more snow weight than broadleaf evergreens. A tree's form can also determine how well it will withstand heavy snow. For example, pine (low altitude), spruce and fir trees with spread branches are more likely to be damaged by heavy snowfall than trees with steeper angled branches.

Arboreal shrubs with tall, narrow growth habits planted in hedges or as foundation screens, are a good example of a plant that doesn't handle heavy snow well. They tend to grow tall, with

multi-stemmed branches that are low to the ground.

"Snow will cause the branches to separate," says Andersen, who doesn't recommend planting arbovitae species in areas that get lots of heavy, wet snow. She also warns against planting them near buildings where snow accumulates on the roof, then falls in large piles. "Small, rounded woody-stemmed plants are a better choice, but make certain to give them enough root space away from the structure."

A tree's structure is also a factor in whether it will be damaged by ice storms. A tree with good, right-angle branches will have less trouble than one with narrow, more vertical branch crotches.

The type of snow is an important factor in potential damage to trees. Obviously, wet snow is more damaging because it is heavier. The time of season for snowfalls can also be a factor. With a wet snow in March, when there are no leaves on the branches, the tree may be able to withstand damage pretty well. But that same snow in late spring or early fall, when the tree is filled with leaves, could add unbearable weight.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Our Thanksgiving bake sale will be all day Friday, November 20th beginning at 8 a.m. If you wish to donate baked items please have them here either Thursday night or bring them Friday morning. All

proceeds will benefit the Center.

Remember Family Night Fish Fry is every Friday night, 5-8 p.m. and the cost is \$12 a plate...all you can eat!!!

Remember we will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th! Also, NO FISH FRY ON FRIDAY, NOV. 27th.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

Coffee time - Monday-Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Thursday night pot luck - 6:00-9:00 p.m. Come bring a dish and enjoy the games after supper.

MENU

November 23 - November 27

Monday - Soup and cornbread
Tuesday - Tacos

Wednesday - Chicken and dumplings
Thursday - CLOSED - THANKSGIVING
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in our community. This event is being hosted by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. For further info, see the article on the front page of this week's issue.

"KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL" CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Nelda Laney's "Keep Texas Beautiful" Christmas ornaments are now available at the Floyd County Historical Museum in Floydada. The cost of the ornament is \$20. This year's beautiful ornament design is the "Gulf Coast".

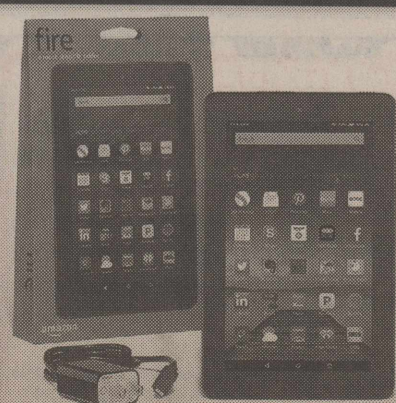
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A Reminder from the Floydada Police Department

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The Holiday Season is approaching and with it comes a potential increase in thefts and burglaries. It is a sad there are people who would like to steal items others have worked hard to get, but the Floydada Police Department is always here help.

If you do travel out of town sometime over the next couple of months, please notify the Floydada Police Department, so we can do a close watch on your house. We will make it a point to drive by your house numerous times to help prevent it from being burglarized.

Here are some tips to help prevent your house from becoming the next target:

- Lock all your doors and windows
- Activate your home alarm system if you have one
- Close your curtains and blinds to prevent someone from looking in
- Buy timers for a few lights to make it appear as if you are home
- Ask a couple of trusted neighbors to keep an eye on your house

• If you are leaving on vacation, do not post pictures or status updates on social media about the trip until you return.

• Keep money hidden in unusual places that only you know about

• Keep outside lights on or use motion activated lights to make it hard for people to sneak up to your house at night

If your house happens to be broken into, report it to the Police immediately. Do not enter the residence until an Officer says it is alright to do so. Do not touch any surfaces in case there are fingerprints that can be taken, but please be aware that it is uncommon for fingerprints to be found after a burglary. Some surfaces make it impossible to lift fingerprints, and most of the time the suspect does not leave an intact print that would lead to their identification.

A Floydada Police Officer is always available if you need one. Just contact the Floyd County Sheriff's Office at (806) 983-4901, the Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 or dial 911 for emergencies.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

1956 Study Club

By Virginia Stringer
1956 Study Club Reporter

The table was laden with beautiful and delicious items ready for the 1956 Study Club members and guest to begin the bidding.

The 1956 Study Club met November 10, 2015 in the First National Bank Meeting Room. This was the clubs annual holiday action fundraiser. The hostess was Terri Bush and co-hostess was Linda Matsler.

President Anne Carthel welcomed members and guests. We were delighted to have Tommy Covington and Suzanne Wyrick as guests. Thank you ladies for your contribution and participation to help in this fundraiser event.

Members and guests were served a delicious fall evening meal of loaded baked potato soup with toppings and a scrumptious spice cake. The tables were decorated with pumpkins and fall leaves.

After a short meeting it was time to "start the bidding". What fun we all had bidding on the items. Many of the items consisted of homemade jellies, breads, candies, cookies and craft items. Other items were arrangements and gift baskets.

We missed the members who were unable to attend because of illness and those who had other appointments. Members present were Terri Bush, Sheryl Back, Sheree Cannon, Anne Carthel, Sherry Hacker, Janis Julian, Linda Matsler, Nina Sanders, Judy Schacht. Susan Simpson, Trena Simpson, and Virginia Stringer.

The next club meeting will be December 8, 2015 in the old gym in the high school. The program is self-defense. And members don't forget that we will be having a Christmas ornament exchange. This is always a lot of fun so bring an ornament and join in the fun.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

Thank You!

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be closed Wednesday, November 25, Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving holiday.

Margaret Word was honored with a birthday party at Shepherd's Meadow on Wednesday. Senior Citizen friends who attended included Nancy Lawson, Faye Bertrand, Charlene Alldredge, Bill Ferguson, Wilma Colston and the honoree's son, Greg Bond, from the Metroplex.

A big thank you to volunteers who help our Center, Ester Ramos, Mike Collins, Alyne Evans, Charlene Norrell, Daryl Mayo and Bud Henderson.

Vicky Ferrel and Alyne Evans ate lunch at the Center.

The Veteran's Day program at Floydada High School was well attended by our Senior Citizens veterans who had served our country. James Lovell accompanied by daughter, LuAnn Collins, Cob Gilly with Wanda Williams, Joyce Williams in honor of relatives in the U.S. Marines, Q.D. Wil-

liams, sons, James and Monte Williams in the Army and grandson, Cortney Williams (Nancy's son) in the Navy. Also Travis Jones, Kent Covington, Tom Emert, Kendis Julian, and wife, Don Hardy, Phillip Wilbanks and wife, Jo, honoring late husband, Nile Bryant.

The high school students of the National Honor Society presented a high quality program of pictures of local veterans, national historical sites, patriotic music and essay.

Kirby Nixon, grandson of Doris and Leslie Nixon, played America the Beautiful on the fiddle. The Boy Scouts presented the National Stars and Stripes. Pledges were given to the American flag and to the Lone Star Flag of Texas.

Refreshments were served by the students following the

program. A group picture of all veterans present was taken in the Whirlwind Gym to conclude the morning event. The red, white and blue wreath was then presented and taken to the Memorial Center at the Floyd County Courthouse. Flags waved straight out I a cold north 52 mph wind in a clear cold morning and a West Texas afternoon.

A delicious roast beef lunch was served to members and guests at the Center to conclude the day's festivities.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12 noon every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

November 16 - November 20

Monday - Fried fish

Tuesday - Chicken w/rice and gravy

Wednesday - CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

Thursday - CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

Friday - CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

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Wit and Wisdom

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The difference between insanity and genius is success. - Bruce Feirstein

Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. - Albert Einstein

Sometimes the mind, for reasons we don't necessarily understand, just decides to go to the store for a quart of milk. - Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider

There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness. - Friedrich Nietzsche

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're okay, then it's you. - Rita Mae Brown

If you can't sleep, then get up and do something instead of lying there and worrying. It's the worry that gets you, not the loss of sleep. - Dale Carnegie

National Ranching Heritage Center Hosts 37th Annual Candlelight

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Visitors to the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) will step into a "living Christmas card" from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 11-12 when the 37th Annual Candlelight at the Ranch recreates a 19th century frontier prairie holiday.

"Just as pioneer ranches had no electricity, our pathways and historic structures will be lit only with lanterns, fireplaces, campfires and 3,500 illuminarias," explained Julie Hodges, NRHC Helen DeVitt Jones Director of Education.

Sponsored by City Bank, the annual two-night event requires the help of more than 150 volunteer Ranch Hosts, many of whom dress in period-appropriate clothing and recreate Christmas scenes in 15 historic struc-

tures dating from the 1780s to the 1950s.

"Our volunteers will be preparing holiday food, stringing popcorn to decorate trees, playing music—anything a family might have done in that day and time," Hodges said. "Even the train depot will have travelers waiting for the train."

Hodges said the event annually averages between 7,000 to 10,000 visitors and includes more than 100 yards of popcorn and cranberries for decorating trees. The NRHC maintenance staff visits a nearby ranch each year to cut cedar branches for the wreaths and trees that decorate Proctor Park, the center's 19-acre historical park.

In the Four Sixes Barn, visitors will be able to enjoy hot chocolate, cider and cookies while they watch Ranch Hosts dance to the fiddle

music of the Kothman Family. Carolyn Benitez, queen of the Bar None Rodeo Association in Plainview, will be Santa's helper as children visit with Santa in the NRHC main museum gallery while Brazos West provides cowboy Christmas music.

"Santa Claus has to leave promptly at 9:30, so families with children should plan to come early," Hodges explained. "The historical park tour ends in the museum gallery where families not only have access to Santa but also to unique gift items at Cogdell's Store."

Candlelight at the Ranch is free to the public, but Hodges suggests a \$2 donation per family. The NRHC is located on the Texas Tech University campus at 3121 Fourth Street. For additional information, call 806.742.0498 or email julie.hodges@ttu.edu.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

In our part of the country, fall means deer hunting. Many of us will dress up like a pile of leaves, go out into very cold weather, and sit still until we freeze to death.

Why? Because we want to have some venison this winter for the family. We'll figure out how much the venison costs us ... but only at gunpoint. Because this is not the most fiscally sane thing we do each year. Sanity would send us to buy some really tender beef to

eat. Where's the glory in that? No, there are still a lot of us who would rather go out and find the meat and bring it home. And we spend a lot of money each year, and read lots of books and magazines, and talk endlessly about techniques. It doesn't appear to be a rational way to live, but when you apply science, history, anthropology and Darwinian theory, it still doesn't make any sense, but at least now you sound more educated talking about it.

Doc's awfully good at that. When the subject came up the other day at the morning meeting of the world dilemma think tank (held daily at the Mule Barn truck stop since the Hoover administration) Doc said there was actually a very clear scientific reason for it.

"In cave days," he said, "only the best hunters lived to sire children. The oth-

ers ate weeds and died a sorry death. So we come from a solid line of successful hunters. We've been running around consuming varmints for about two million years that we know of, and we only started agriculture about 12,000 years ago. So if you divide this and carry the one ... well, another way to look at it is ... if man emerged from the trees a year ago, he was nothing but a hunter until 18 hours ago."

"Makes sense," said Dud, "think I'll buy some of that Autumn Fandango camo this year."

Brought to you by A Backpocket Guide to Hunting Elk by Slim Randles ... now a Kindle book on Amazon.

Home Country, the radio program, has come to your computer at <http://starworldwideneetworks.com/index.php/musicstarworldwide>

The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department smoker will be smoking on Tuesday, November 24th so you can have your Thanksgiving meat smoked. Need meat at firehall by 8 a.m. and picked up by 4 p.m. Call 983-2834 to reserve your spot on the cooker!

A minimum donation of \$10 will be appreciated.



Robert and Amy Eckert would like to thank the Floydada and Lockney Volunteer Fire Departments, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, and other individuals who assisted with the fire south west of our house on Monday, November 9. The fire was headed straight for our house. By the Grace of God and through the actions of both public servants and wonderful neighbors, the fire was diverted around our home and our personal property was protected. Thank you to all who helped, and thank God for putting the right people in the right place at the right time.

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Obituaries

Wanda "Boo Boo" Lane

Wanda "Boo Boo" Lane, age 83, of Lockney, passed away peacefully at home on November 10, 2015.

Graveside service were held at 10 a.m., Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Lockney Cemetery and a memorial service immediately followed at the South Plains Baptist Church.

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

Wanda was born on September 14, 1932 in Flomot, Texas. Wanda was married to Bob Lane from Turkey on November 29, 1952.

They both attended West Texas State University. They resided on a farm in the Sterley Community and raise their three children JH, Glen and Gwen.

Wanda worked as a homemaker and raised her children, she later took a job as a mail carrier for the US Post Office and eventually retired from the South Plains Post Office as Post Master.

Wanda was a member of the South Plains Hobby Club and loved to play Bridge with friends. She is preceded in death by her

husband, Bob, of 47 years in 1999.

Wanda is survived by her two sons, JH Lane of Lockney, Glen Lane of New Braunfels and her daughter, Gwen Lane-Waller of Bellville; grandchildren, Tara Lane Lenz, Kenya Lane, Brooks Lane, Gates Lane, Memory Lane, Stetson Lane, Drew Waller and Leah Waller; great-grandchildren, Braden, Natalie and Maysee Lenz and Maden and Harley Lane.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

Mary Muriel Thomas

Mary Muriel Thomas, 94, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2015.

A memorial service was held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in Greenwood Chapel. Entombment was held in the Greenwood Mausoleum, Fort Worth.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at Greenwood Chapel.

Mary Muriel Thomas was born Mary Muriel Fagan on January 26, 1921, to Lloyd and Pearl Fagan in Floydada. Mary became a Christian at a very young age and has always been in church.

She attended Waylon Junior College, and Abilene Christian College. She graduated with a teacher's degree from Texas Wesleyan College. She married Donald Thomas

of Floydada in 1945, and moved to Fort Worth. She taught school for 25 years at Burton Hill Elementary and then substituted for some years after.

Mary played Violin in the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra for 25 years and also played in her church orchestra. She belonged to Birchman Avenue Baptist Church where she was quite active. She and her husband helped build a mission church, Sunset Heights Baptist Church, and was a member for 20 years. Mary has lived the last few years at Brookdale/Ridgmar Assisted Living.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Pearl Fagan; husband, Donald Thomas; and son, Randall Don Thomas.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Kay Thom-



MARY MURIEL THOMAS

as Slaughter and her husband, John W. Slaughter; sister, Nelda Fagan Sims of Houston; niece, Gail Sims Shipley and her husband, Ed Sims and their three children and five grandchildren; nephew, Howard Sims and his wife, Ann and their three children.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be sent to Birchman Avenue Baptist Church Building Fund, 9100 N. Normandale St., Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

Clara Harbin

Clara Harbin, 92, passed from this life on November 11, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas.

Church services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 16th and D Church of Christ in Muleshoe, with Curtis Shelburne and John Gulley officiating.

Burial followed at the Muleshoe Memorial Park. Family visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, November 13, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born October 12, 1923 in Carter, Oklahoma to L.D. and Margaret Throckmorton.

She and Joe Harbin married December 12, 1941 in Whitharral, Texas. After Joe's service in WWII, they farmed in Whitharral until 1950 when they moved to Bailey County. They operated a dairy farm near Muleshoe until 1960. Clara worked at several jobs in Muleshoe, her fa-

vorite of which was at the Sears Catalog store. She moved to Hickory House in Levelland in 2013 then to Shepherd's Meadow in Floydada in December of 2014.

Clara was an enthusiastic hostess. Her sparkling personality, infectious smile and marvelous cooking made grand events of hundreds of church, family and social gatherings.

She was a member of the 16th and D Church of Christ in Muleshoe. She was a faithful Christian with a servant's heart and was widely loved for her sweet spirit. Her husband and her children did indeed call her blessed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, her parents, her step-father, W.B. Pointer, a brother, Clifford Throckmorton and a great-granddaughter, Haleigh Harbin.

Survivors include a son, Billy and wife, Linda of



CLARA HARBIN

Floydada; a daughter, Betty Little Bingham and husband, John of Charlotte, North Carolina and grandchildren, Aaron Harbin, Jennifer Harbin and Logan Bingham and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brothers, Dan Throckmorton of Mayfield, Colorado, and Verlie Throckmorton of Richardson; sister, Tressie McKelroy of San Antonio and a host of family and friends.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

Online condolences can be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Floydada County Sheriff's Report

10/20/2015 - 11/10/2015

10/22/2015- Deputies responded to 209 S. Main St. in Lockney for a fight in progress. A report was taken.

10/23/2015- Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 12:50 am on a vehicle at the intersection of FM 378 and Hwy 70. A male was arrested for transporting illegal aliens and another male subject for possession of a controlled substance.

10/28/2015- Deputies responded to 701 W. Locust in Lockney in reference to an assault. A subject was arrested and a report was taken.

11/04/2015- Deputies responded to the 2200 block of Hwy 207 in reference to an Assault. A report was taken.

11/05/2015- Deputies responded to a criminal mischief call at 202 E. College in Lockney. A report was taken.

11/07/2015- Deputies responded to a Burglary of a residence in the 600 block of CR 189. A report was taken.

CRASH REPORTS

10/23/2015- Around 7:30 p.m., Deputies responded to the intersection of FM 786 and Hwy 70 in reference to a crash involving a deer.

10/24/2015- Around 11:30 a.m., Deputies responded to the intersection of CR 312 and Hwy 70 in reference to a crash involving a deer.

10/26/2015- Around 7:22 p.m., Deputies responded to the 2900 block of Hwy 62/207 in reference to a crash involving a deer.

10/28/2015- Around 6:50 a.m., Deputies responded to the intersection of FM 2286 and CR 109 in reference to a crash involving deer.

10/29/2015- Around 11:50 a.m., Deputies responded to the 100 W. Bryant in Lockney in reference to a crash.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Noble Ones

The psalmist wrote, "I say of the holy people who are in the land, 'They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.'" — Psalm 16:3 (NIV)

The four friends of the paralyzed man in today's reading would not allow any barriers to stand between them and bringing their friend to Jesus. They were so determined that they dug a hole in the roof of the house where Jesus was preaching. I believe their efforts in bringing their friend to the Lord were only a small part of the time they must have invested in him. Who clothed and fed him? Who helped him relieve himself and cleaned up after him? Who provided a place for him to stay? Were these men his caregivers? No

doubt his life was not only in their hands but on their hearts.

For the seven months I was struggling with cancer, I called my wife "my cellmate." Our lives had come to a standstill, but she didn't complain. She cared for me and informed our family and friends of my progress. I'm sure I would not be where I am today if not for those who kept me on their hearts.

If anyone deserves to be honored today, it is those who serve unnoticed in caring for those who are ill or disabled. Though they are forgotten by many, to those they care for they are like the psalmist's noble ones in whom he delighted.

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Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
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Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ
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Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.

City Park Church of Christ
Matthew Benfield, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Tim Franks, Pastor
Logan Lamb, Min. Students
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.

Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th St. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
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Morning Worship -11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi

Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.

Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.

San Jose Catholic Church
Lockney
Msgr. Nickolas Rendon
Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.

South Plains Baptist Church
Joe Weldon, Pastor
SuNday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Ike Temporaza
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.

Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.

Templo Bethel
Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.

Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Tom Ross, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.

West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.

AGRICULTURE

Farmers to receive documentation of USDA services

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, Lyndal Stoup, reminds agricultural producers that FSA provides a receipt to customers who request or receive assistance or information on FSA programs.

"If you visit our office, you'll receive documentation of services requested and provided," Stoup said. "It's part of our mission to provide enhanced customer service for producers. From December through June, FSA issued more than 327,000 electronic receipts."

The 2014 Farm Bill requires a receipt to be issued for any agricultural program assistance requested from FSA, the National Resources Conservation Service and Rural Development. Receipts include the date, summary of the visit and any agricultural information, program and/or loan assistance provided to

an individual or entity.

In some cases, a form or document, such as a completed and signed program enrollment form, serve as the customer receipt instead of a printed or electronic receipt. A service is any information, program or loan assistance provided, whether through a visit, e-mail, fax or letter.

The announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers, strengthening risk management tools, expanding access to rural credit, funding critical research, establishing innova-

tive public-private conservation partnerships, developing new markets for rural-made products and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill. To learn more about FSA, visit www.fsa.usda.gov or to find your local USDA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Wind Energy Developments Discussed at Nov. County Commissioners

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Wind energy developments in and around Floyd County continue to be an ongoing focus of the Floyd County commissioners. Last week in November's monthly county commissioners' meeting Powerline Farms, LLC of Petersburg appeared before the court

to seek approval of a road crossing permit. Commissioners approved the permit unanimously 5-0.

Apex Wind Energy and South Plains Wind Energy, LLC also updated commissioners on the latest status of their wind farm projects.

In other court action, the court agreed 5-0 to install a door on the east side of the courthouse that would

be compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

Commissioners set the date of November 16 for the final canvassing of the 2015 election.

In other court action the court voted to close the FNB Home Reconstruction Account and transfer the money to the general fund.

Bailey County Pronghorn Slaughtered Near the State Line

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens are looking for anyone with information regarding three Pronghorn antelope that were killed near the intersection of 1731 and 298 in Southwestern Bailey County.

Late Tuesday afternoon, the Bailey County Game Warden received a call regarding three female Pronghorn that were killed on private property. Upon arrival, the Game Warden began piecing together the gruesome scene. It appeared that two Pronghorn were ruthlessly chased down with a vehicle and run over, with one of them being drug under a vehicle for 10-15 yards. The other Pronghorn was shot with a high powered rifle and left for dead.

Lubbock district public information officer Aaron Sims explains, this was a particularly

heinous crime. "I have never seen such a lack of respect for a precious resource, as well as the complete disregard for game laws and property rights." Although Bailey County has a resident herd population of the native Pronghorn, the low density populations only allow for a short 9 day hunting season, by special permit only.

With such a targeted attack on three Pronghorn in a specific area, Sims says this type of crime has a devastating effect on the herd. "The short season allows for the lawful take of these animals, but when someone ruthlessly slaughters three females of breeding age, it has a significant impact on the nearby population. It's this type of merciless crime that gives Game Wardens across the state the internal drive to do their job, protect Texas's natural resources, and catch poachers."

Although Game Wardens were able to collect evidence from the scene, and will continue to investigate, the public is encouraged to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity relating to illegally taken wildlife, as the violation(s) may occur again in the area.

The public is encouraged to report any information regarding this investigation as well as future violations that may take place. Tips can be anonymously reported via the Operation Game Thief hotline by calling 1-800-792-4263 (GAME). OGT offers rewards of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction for a wildlife crime.

If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with J. Aaron Sims, then please call/text at 806-773-3946, or e-mail Aaron at Aaron.Sims@tpwd.texas.gov

High Plains Ag Conference set Dec. 11 in Lubbock

By Steve Byrns

LUBBOCK – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual High Plains Ag Conference from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock.

"As is our custom with this event, the curriculum will cover an array of topics of interest to producers throughout our region and offer a number of Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units," said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County.

Individual preregistration, which includes lunch, is \$35 by Dec. 9 and \$45 thereafter and at the door, with no lunch guarantee. For more

information, contact Scott at 806-775-1740 or rj-scott@tamu.edu.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – one integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and three general – will be offered.

Topics and presenters will include:

- New Technologies in Resistant Weed Management – new chemicals to be used for pigweed control. How and when to apply chemicals for best pigweed control, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, Lubbock.

- Evaluation of Transgenic Cotton Varieties-discussion of new variety traits regarding bollworm resistance, Dicamba and 2,4-D tolerance, Dr. Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension cotton program specialist, Lubbock.

- Sugarcane Aphid Management-best management practices for sugarcane aphid control. What to spray, when to spray and how to determine the need to spray, Dr. Pat Porter, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Lubbock.

- Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Steve Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide inspector, Lubbock.

- 2016 AgriLife Extension Program Updates for Lubbock County, Scott, Mark Brown, county agent, and Vikram Baliga, county horticulturist.

- Industry Update, Angie Martin, Texas Corn Producers industry relations, Lubbock.

- Corn Sorghum Management, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

EPA proposed pesticide applicator rules potentially detrimental to Texas farmers

Farmers encouraged to submit comments by Dec. 23

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK, Texas (November 16, 2015) – The Corn Producers

Association of Texas encourages farmers to submit comments to the Environmental Protection Agency on its proposed rule

changes for applying pesticides by its Dec. 23 deadline.

The proposed rule applies to all restricted use pesticides, and includes all private, noncommercial and noncommercial political subdivision applicators in Texas. Some of the proposed changes are already established in the state's process; however, others will greatly affect the Texas pesticide program.

Proposed changes that may be of particular concern for Texas farmers are:

- Direct Supervision Change: Agricultural handlers should be compliant with the Worker Protection Standard, except exempt sites such as pasture, rangeland, etc.

- Training Requirements for Supervision of Noncertified Applicators: Applicators supervising noncertified applicators must be

licensed. Additionally, licensed applicator must provide training and be available if needed. There are also specific training requirements and restrictions on supervising from the same local office.

- Age Requirement: Must be at least 18 years of age to be a certified commercial or private applicator.

- Certification Period: Establishes a maximum certification period of three years for both commercial/noncommercial applicators and private applicators. Texas law currently allows for a 1-year certification period for commercial/noncommercial applicators, and a 5-year certification period for private applicators.

Additional details about how the proposed rules would impact Texans is available from the Texas Department of Agriculture HERE.

Farmers are encouraged to submit comments to docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0183 at regulations.gov by Dec. 23.

ily home. Now, they can do it for less than fifty dollars.

The Texas Access to Justice Commission has created the Transfer on Death Deed Kit, a set of do-it-yourself forms for preparing a transfer on death deed, a new and inexpensive way for people to transfer title to real property upon their death.

Established by the 84th Texas Legislature, a transfer on death deed bypasses the probate process, which can be lengthy and costly. It functions similarly to an insurance policy, 401K plan, or payable on death account, where the asset passes to a named beneficiary upon the owner's death. It also allows the owner to keep the exact same rights to the property that they've always had while they are alive. They can get the property tax exemption, use it as collateral on a loan, or sell the property as they like.

While the transfer on death deed is a welcome benefit for all Texans, it brings substantial relief to our low-income homeowners. "The family home may be the only real asset they have, but the most common way to transfer title in Texas is often financially beyond their reach," said Harry Reasoner, Chair of the Texas Access to Justice Commission. "Many

cannot afford to have a will prepared to properly transfer title to the property after they die, and even if a will exists, their heirs may not be able to afford to probate the will."

Failure to transfer clear title to property is a significant problem for low-income homeowners. The homes are often informally passed down to a family member, risking loss when clear title cannot be shown.

When a natural disaster strikes and a property has been informally handed down through generations, the people living there cannot qualify for FEMA benefits because they cannot show that they are the legal owners. The same is true for property tax exemptions.


These homes are often abandoned, causing blight and an invitation to crime to our neighborhoods.

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht commented, "While it is always best to have a lawyer, millions of Texans cannot afford one. The transfer on death deed is a useful tool for low-income Texans to transfer clear title to property. It will help keep families in homes, which benefits the communities in which we live by keeping people off the street and reducing blight."

The Transfer on Death Deed Kit includes forms and instructions for completing a transfer-on-death deed as well as a revocation form in the event that someone wants to cancel or change the transfer on death deed, and an affidavit of death that must be filed when the property owner dies. The Kit is available on TexasLawHelp.org.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL NEWS

Whirlwinds Fall to Stratford in Bi-District

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

BUSHLAND – Stratford took advantage of three Floydada Whirlwind turnovers win their bi-district contest 42-14 on Friday, Nov. 13 in Bushland.

The Elks jumped out to a 27-0 lead by early in the third quarter before the Whirlwinds could score their first time.

In the first quarter, Fernando Jacquez ran it in from two yards out and after the kick, Stratford had an early 7-0 lead with 5:16 left in the quarter. With 2:59 left in the quarter, quarterback Jack McBride found Jacquez for a 55 yard touchdown pass to give the Elks a 14-0 lead after the extra point.

In the second quarter, both defenses held their ground until late in the half when Kevin Hernan-

dez scored on a one yard run with 1:59 left in the half to make it 21-0 going into the locker room.

In the third quarter, Gage Brooks scored on a nine yard run to make it 27-0 in favor of Stratford with 8:09 left in the third quarter. With 2:46 left in the quarter, Floydada finally put points on the board when Corey Mathis scored from three yards out and after the extra point, the score was cut to 27-7. Following the kick-off, on the first play from scrimmage Stratford struck again as Gage Brooks raced in from 66 yards out and after the two-point conversion, stretched their lead to 35-7 with 2:30 left in the quarter. With 1:30 left in the quarter, Kyi Baker found Sammy Segura open for a 73 yard touchdown to make it 35-14 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Jacquez scored his third touchdown of the night as he sprinted in from 52 yards out with 6:11 left in the game to make it 42-14.

Offensively for the Whirlwinds, they managed only 260 total yards including 159 passing and 101 rushing yards. The Elks averaged nearly 10 yards a play as they ran 46 offensive plays for 446 total yards including 173 passing and 273 rushing yards.

Individually for Floydada, Baker was 8-17 for 159 yards and one touchdown. Baker also rushed 15 times for 52 yards, Mathis had 18 carries for 43 yards and one touchdown, Sammy Segura had three carries for three yards and Albert Dehoyas had one carry for three yards. Sammy Segura also had three catches for 97 yards and a touchdown, Mathis had one catch for

23 yards, Chris Emert had two catches for 12 yards and Jesse Segura had no catch for 12 yards.

Individually for Stratford, McBride was 6-11 passing for 173 yards and a touchdown. Brooks had 11 carries for 129 yards and two touchdowns, Jacquez had six carries for 90 yards and two touchdowns and Hernandez had 10 carries

for 57 yards and one touchdown. Jacquez also caught two passes for 75 yards and a touchdown, Gerardo Romero had one catch for 68 yards, John McBroom had two catches for 26 yards and Ty Hess had one catch for four yards.

Floydada finishes the year with a 4-7 record and made the playoffs for the second year in a row. Stratford now

at 10-1, faces Hawley at Lubbock's Lowrey Field at 4:00 P.M. on Friday, Nov. 20. The Bearcats defeated Anthony 60-0 to advance. The winner will play the winner of the Windthorst/Wellington game which takes place at Iowa Park on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 P.M. Windthorst defeated Forsan 34-12 and Wellington defeated Abernathy 28-8.

FLOYDADA vs STRATFORD

| Teams | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | FINAL |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Stratford | 14 | 7 | 14 | 7 | 42 |
| Floydada | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 14 |

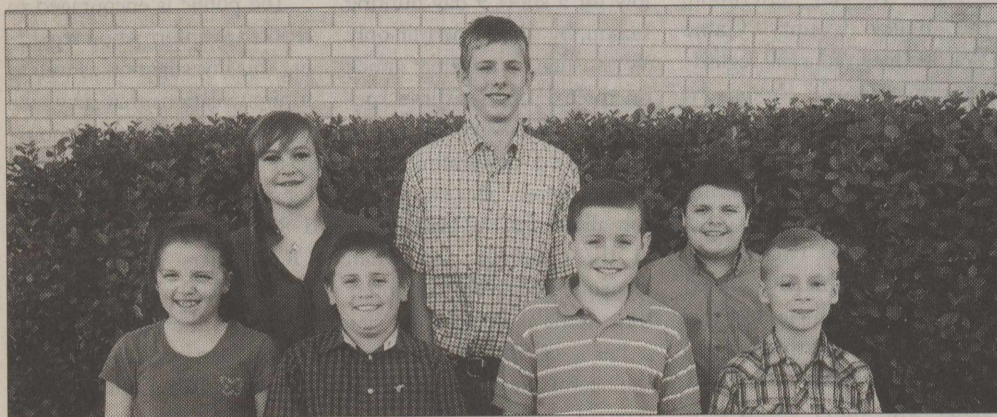
1st Qtr – Stratford – 5:16 – Fernando Jacquez 2 yard run; Kick Good
1st Qtr – Stratford – 2:59 – Jack McBride 55 yard pass to Jacquez; Kick Good

2nd Qtr – Stratford – 1:59 – Kevin Hernandez 1 yard run; Kick Good

3rd Qtr – Stratford – 8:09 – Gage Brooks 9 yard run; Kick Failed
3rd Qtr – Floydada – 2:46 – Corey Mathis 3 yard run; Kick Good
3rd Qtr – Stratford – 2:30 – Brooks 66 yard run; 2-point Pass Good
3rd Qtr – Floydada – 1:30 – Kyi Baker 73 yard pass to Sammy Segura; Kick Good

4th Qtr – Stratford – 6:11 – Jacquez 56 yard run; Kick Good

County Food Show



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H'ers compete in County Food Show at the Floyd County Extension office on Saturday, October 31st. Shown is (Top row, l-r) Rachel Graham, Mason Esty, and Hunter Lefevre; (Bottom row, l-r) Brinley Lefevre, Haygen Lefevre, Cameron Carlson, and Reece Carlson.

District Food Show



Courtesy Photo

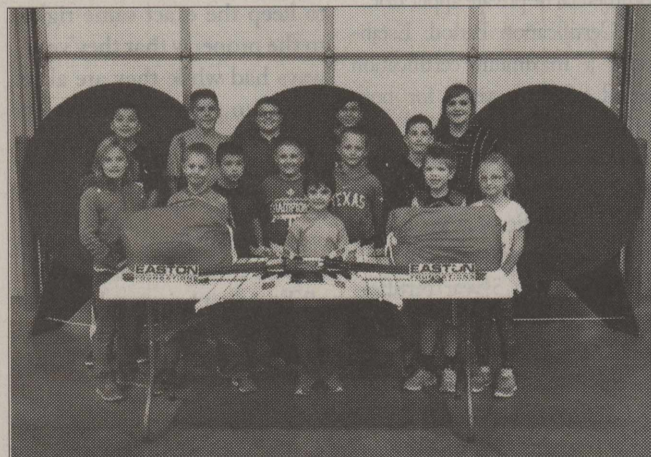
Floyd County 4-H'ers compete in District Food Show at Levelland High School on Saturday, November 7th. Shown is (Top to bottom) Brinley Lefevre, Haygen Lefevre, Hunter Lefevre, Rachel Graham, and Mason Esty.

Floyd County 4-H Receives Archery Grant

By Patty Davenport
Archery Coach, Floyd County

The Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports coaches are continually looking for opportunities to provide area youth with equipment. The archery project was fortunate to receive an equipment grant from The Easton Foundation. The goal of The Easton Foundation is to promote and maintain the viability of archery by growing the sport as a mainstream activity at the state, regional and national level.

Floyd County received new bows, arrows, finger tabs, 2 new arrow stop curtains and 3 new target butts with stands. The equip-



ment will allow youth the opportunity to experience the fun of archery at little cost to the youth.

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physi-

cal access provided, please contact Amy Kress, Cristen Brooks at the County Extension Office, 806-983-4912 or Patty Davenport at 806-778-8120 for questions or requests about this program.

2015-16 FLOYDADA Whirlwinds BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | JHG | JHB | 9G | 9B | JVG | JVB | VG | VB | TIME |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|------|
| **Nov. 3 | VALLEY and ANTON | | | | | H | | H | | 5:00 |
| NOV. 9 | JH Girls Open | | | | | | | | | |
| NOV. 10 | MULESHOE | | | | | H | | H | | 5:00 |
| NOV. 12 | JH BOYS OPEN | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 13 | LORENZO | | | | | H | | H | | 5:00 |
| NOV. 16 | Ralls | H | H | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| NOV. 17 | Morton | | | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| NOV. 19, 21 | ABERNATHY TOURNAMENT | T | | | | | | | | TBA |
| NOV. 20 | PETERSBURG | | | | | T | T | T | T | 5:00 |
| NOV. 23 | Hale Center | T | T | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| NOV. 24 | CHILDRESS | | | | | T | T | T | T | 6:00 |
| NOV. 30 | Olton | H | H | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| 30-Nov | Slaton | | | | | | | T | T | 5:00 |
| DEC. 1 | OPEN (BAND CONCERT) | | | | | | | | | |
| DEC. 3-5 | ANTON TOURNAMENT | | | | | | | T | T | TBA |
| DEC. 3-5 | OLTON TOURNAMENT | | | | | T | T | | | TBA |
| DEC. 7 | Lockney | T | T | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| DEC. 8 | MULESHOE | | | | | T | T | T | T | 5:00 |
| DEC. 10-12 | WHIRLWIND CLASSIC | | | | | | | H | H | TBA |
| DEC. 10-12 | ABERNATHY TOURNAMENT | | | | | T | | | | TBA |
| DEC. 14 | Abernathy | H | H | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| DEC. 15 | Girls OPEN | | | | | | | | | |
| DEC. 15 | Farwell | | | | | | T | | T | 5:00 |
| *DEC. 18 | RALLS | | | | | T | | T | | 2:00 |
| 18-Dec | Lubbock Titans | | | | | | | T | | TBA |
| *DEC. 21 | HALE CENTER | | | | | H | H | H | H | 1:00 |
| DEC. 29-31 | Caprock Classic | | | | | | | T | | TBA |
| JAN. 4 | NEW DEAL | T | T | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| *JAN. 5 | OLTON | | | | | T | T | T | T | 5:00 |
| *JAN. 8 | LOCKNEY | | | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| JAN. 11 | JH OPEN | | | | | | | | | |
| *JAN. 12 | ABERNATHY | | | | | T | T | T | T | 5:00 |
| *JAN. 15 | NEW DEAL | | | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| JAN. 18 | RALLS | T | T | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| JAN. 19 | HS OPEN | | | | | | | | | |
| *JAN. 22 | RALLS | | | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| JAN. 25 | HALE CENTER | H | H | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| *JAN. 26 | HALE CENTER | | | | | T | T | T | T | 5:00 |
| Jan 28 & 30 | ABERNATHY TOURNAMENT | | T | | | | | | | |
| *JAN. 29 | OLTON | | | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| FEB. 1 | OLTON | T | T | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| *FEB. 2 | LOCKNEY | | | | | T | T | T | T | 5:00 |
| *FEB. 5 - SN | ABERNATHY | | | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| FEB. 8 | LOCKNEY | H | H | | | | | | | 5:00 |
| *FEB. 9 | NEW DEAL | | | | | T | T | T | T | 5:00 |
| FEB. 12 | OPEN BOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| *Feb. 16 | RALLS | | | | | | | T | T | 5:00 |

* = DISTRICT GAME

SN = SENIOR NIGHT

Monday games will play in the following order 7A, B, 8A, 9th

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

November 23 – November 27

Monday

Breakfast – Chocolate chip French toast, orange, apple juice, milk
Lunch – Supreme nachos w/ salsa and cheese sauce, mini corn dog, crinkle cut carrots, fresh fruit, salad and vegetable bar, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast – Whole grain French toast sticks, banana, orange juice, milk
Lunch – Cheesy chicken fajita tacos, popcorn chicken w/roll, ham sandwich w/crackers, seasoned mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, salad and vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast – not available
Lunch – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, salisbury steak w/whole wheat roll and seasoned brown rice, broccoli, fresh fruit, salad/vegetable bar, fresh fruit, milk

Thursday

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Friday

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL NEWS

Eagles Take Out Longhorns in Bi-District

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – Seagraves jumped out to a 48-0 half-time lead and cruised to a 56-22 victory over the Lockney Longhorns in their bi-district game Nov. 13 at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

The state-ranked Eagles scored four quick touchdowns in less than seven minutes in the first quarter to take control of the game.

In the first quarter, Cory Kyle got the scoring started for Seagraves when he ran it in from 19 yards out and Pedro Hernandez added the extra point to make 7-0 with 10:45 left in the quarter. Kyle found the end zone again, this time from 25 yards out and Hernandez added the point after to make it 14-0 with 8:43 left in the quarter. Robby Pinon added to the Eagles lead with a 30 yard run and Hernandez added the extra point as Seagraves took a 21-0 lead with 6:45 left in the first quarter. Joseph

Guerrero scored from 35 yards out and Hernandez kicked the extra point to give Seagraves a 28-0 lead with 3:50 left in the first quarter.

The Eagles continued to pile on the points as Guerrero scored from four yards out to make it 34-0 with 10:46 left in the half. Guerrero added another score for Seagraves, scoring from five yards out and after the Hernandez extra point, the Eagles had a 40-0 lead with 4:37 left in the second quarter. Kyle added one more score for Seagraves as he scored from 24 yards out with three seconds left in the half and after Hernandez kicked the point after, the Eagles had a 48-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Uriel Martinez scored from 11 yards out and following a successful two-point conversion, the Eagles led 56-0 with 10:18 left in the half. Lockney finally found the end zone when Tevin Phillips scored from two yards out. Daylen Gatica kicked

the extra point to make it 56-7 in favor of Seagraves with 3:20 left in the third quarter. Ruben Marmolejo scored for the Longhorns from two yards out with 1:08 left in the quarter and after Gatica's extra point kick, the Eagles lead was cut to 56-14.

In the fourth quarter, Gatica connected with Jaden Rosales for a 39-yard touchdown pass with 10:00 left in the game, making it 56-20 in favor of the Eagles. Lockney scored a safety with 2:22 left in the game to make the final score 56-22.

Offensively, the Longhorns were contained by the Eagle defense all night. Lockney finished with 211 total yards including 130 on the ground and 81 passing. Seagraves had 414 total yards with 353 on the ground and 61 yards passing.

Individually for the Longhorns, Phillips had 12 carries for 84 yards and one touchdown, Gatica had one carry for 16 yards,

Trevor Ascensio had four carries for 14 yards, Marmolejo had three carries for 14 yards and a touchdown and Israel Cuellar had two carries for two yards. Gatica was 3-10 passing for 81 yards. Rosales had all three receptions for 81 yards and touchdown.

Individually for Seagraves, Kyle had eight carries for 139 yards and three touchdowns, Guerrero had six carries for 87 yards and three touchdowns, Evan Anderson had two carries for 54 yards, Pinon had

three carries for 52 yards and a touchdown, Martinez had one carry for 11 yards and a touchdown and Raymon Aranda had one carry for six yards. Guerrero was completed four passes for 61 yards and Martinez completed two passes for 10 yards. Quashus Williams caught two passes for 39 yards, Martinez had two receptions for 12 yards, Chase had one catch for 10 yards and Kyle had one catch for no gain.

The Longhorns broke a 10-year playoff drought

and finish the year at 5-6. The Seagraves Eagles moves to 10-1 on the year and will take on the Wheeler Mustangs at Amarillo River Road's Wildcat Stadium on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 P.M. The Mustangs defeated Springlake-Earth 31-27. The winner will face the winner of the Quanah/Farwell contest that takes place at Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 P.M. Quanah defeated Plains 53-0 and Farwell defeated Shamrock 34-26.

LOCKNEY vs SEAGRAVES

| Teams | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | FINAL |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Lockney | 0 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 22 |
| Seagraves | 28 | 20 | 8 | 0 | 56 |

1st Qtr – Seagraves – 10:45 – Cory Kyle 19 yard run; Kick Good
1st Qtr – Seagraves – 8:43 – Kyle 25 yard run; Kick Good
1st Qtr – Seagraves – 6:45 – Robby Pinon 30 yard run; Kick Good
1st Qtr – Seagraves – 3:50 – Joseph Guerrero 35 yard run; Kick Good

2nd Qtr – Seagraves – 10:46 – Guerrero 4 yard run; Kick Failed
2nd Qtr – Seagraves – 4:37 – Guerrero 5 yard run; Kick Good
2nd Qtr – Seagraves – 0:03 – Kyle 24 yard run; Kick Good

3rd Qtr – Seagraves – 10:18 – Uriel Martinez 11 yard run; 2-point Pass Good
3rd Qtr – Lockney – 3:20 – Tevin Phillips 2 yard run; Kick Good
3rd Qtr – Lockney – 1:08 – Ruben Marmolejo 4 yard run; Kick Good

4th Qtr – Lockney – 10:00 – Daylen Gatica 39 yard pass to Jaden Rosales; Kick Failed
4th Qtr – Lockney – 2:22 – Safety

Football contest winners



Barbara Anderson/The Hesperian-Beacon

The Hesperian-Beacon's Football Contest winners pictured were (l-r) Martin Ramirez (1st place), Coy LaBaume (2nd place) and Franklin Harris (3rd place). We would once again like to say "Thank You" to all the participants and sponsors that make this contest possible.

LHS Theater to Present Wizard of Oz

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – The Lockney High School Theater

students will be performing the Wizard of Oz Saturday, Nov. 21, at 6:00 P.M. in the Lockney Elementary Cafatorium. The charge is \$5.00

for adults and \$3.00 for children. So everyone come out and support our theater students. All proceeds go to the Theater Club.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Nov. 23-27

Monday, Nov. 23

Breakfast – Pancakes, Bacon, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch – Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Beef and Bean Burrito, Salsa, Corn, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Breakfast – Sunrise Sandwich Cheesy Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch – Nachos, Refried Beans, Salsa, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Soup, Tomato Cup, Garden Salad, Lime Sherbet, Pears, Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 25

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Thursday, Nov. 26

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Friday, Nov. 27

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Lockney High School and Junior High Basketball Schedules for 2015-16

| Date | Opponent | JHG | JHB | JVG | JVB | Var Girls | Var Boys | Time |
|-------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|----------|------|
| 11/3/15 | Ropes | | | H | | H | | 5:00 |
| 11/7/15 | Silverton | | | T | | T | | TBD |
| 11/9/15 | Olton | T | | | | | | 5:00 |
| 11/10/15 | PCA | | | H | | H | H | 4:30 |
| 11/12/15 | Olton | | T | | | | | 5:00 |
| 11/17/15 | Crosbyton | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 11-19,20,21 | Hale Center Tourney | | | | T | | | TBD |
| 11/20/15 | Claude | | | H | H | H | H | 4:00 |
| 11/23/15 | Abernathy | H | H | | | | | 5:00 |
| 11/24/15 | Bovina | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 11/30/15 | New Deal | T | T | | | | | 5:00 |
| 12/1/15 | Roosevelt | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 12-3,4,5 | Guthrie Tourney | | | | | T | | TBD |
| 12-3,4,5 | Childress Tourney | | | | | | T | TBD |
| 12-3,4,5 | Tahoka Tourney | | | T | T | | | TBD |
| 12/7/15 | Floydada | H | H | | | | | 5:00 |
| 12/8/15 | Spur | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 12-10,11,12 | Farwell Tourney | | | T | T | T | T | TBD |
| 12/14/15 | Ralls | T | T | | | | | 5:00 |
| 12/15/15 | *OLTON | | | H | | H | | 5:00 |
| 12/15/15 | Morton | | | | T | | T | 4:30 |
| 12/18/15 | PCA | | | | | T | | 6:00 |
| 12/21/15 | *ABERNATHY | | | | | T | T | 2:00 |
| 12-29,30,31 | Caprock Tourney | | | | | | T | TBD |
| 1/5/16 | *NEW DEAL | | | H | H | H | H | 4:00 |
| 1/7/16 | Hale Center | H | H | | | | | 5:00 |
| 1/8/16 | *FLOYDADA | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 1/11/16 | Olton | H | H | | | | | 5:00 |
| 1/12/16 | *RALLS | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| 1/15/16 | *HALE CENTER | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 1/16/16 | Lockney Tourney | H | H | | | | | TBD |
| 1/19/16 | *OLTON | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 1/22/16 | Smyer | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 1/25/16 | Abernathy | T | T | | | | | 5:00 |
| 1/26/16 | *ABERNATHY | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| 1/29/16 | *NEW DEAL | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 2/1/16 | New Deal | H | H | | | | | 5:00 |
| 2/2/16 | *FLOYDADA | | | H | H | H | H | 5:00 |
| 2/5/16 | *RALLS | | | T | T | T | T | 4:00 |
| 2/8/16 | Floydada | T | T | | | | | 5:00 |
| 2/9/16 | *HALE CENTER | | | H | H | H | H | 4:00 |
| 2/12/16 | *OLTON | | | | | H | H | 4:00 |

H=Home; T=There
*CAPS=District Games

Area Football Wrap-up Week 12

DISTRICT 2-2A-D1 (Floydada's)

Week 12 Results

Panhandle 35, NEW DEAL 31
Stratford 42, FLOYDADA 14
Wellington 28, ABERNATHY 8
Canadian 70, HALE CENTER 15

Week 13 Schedule:

Sunray (7-4) vs. MEMPHIS (5-6), 7 p.m. Nov. 20 Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Vega (11-0) vs. CROSBYTON (10-1), 7 p.m. Nov. 20 Friday, Plainview
QUANAH (7-4) vs. Farwell (6-4), 7 p.m. Nov. 20 Friday, Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium

AREA TEAMS (Records) Week 12 Results

VALLEY 66, Spur 8
MOTLEY COUNTY 45, Lueders-Avoca 0
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN 60, Pflugerville Concordia 14

Week 13 Schedules

Borden County (11-0) vs. VALLEY (10-1), 7 p.m. Nov. 20 Friday, Lockney
Forestburg (8-3) vs. MOTLEY COUNTY (9-2), 7 p.m. Nov. 19 Thursday, Chillicothe
PLAINVIEW CHRISTIAN (4-7) vs Waco Live Oak (8-2), 8 p.m. Nov 20 Friday, Robert Lee

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SW Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle fishing report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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Foss: Elevation 7 ft. below normal, water mid-60s and clear. Striped bass hybrids are good on live bait and lures. Catfish are good on liver and stinkbait. White bass are fair. Walleye are slow.

Lawtonka: Elevation normal, water 64 and clear. White bass are fair on spoons and small lures in the discharge.

Waurika: Elevation normal, water 68. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs around brush structure. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait stinkbait around points and along shorelines.

Alan Henry: Water stained; 63-68 degrees; 1.67 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Caroline rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

Arrowhead: Water off color; 62-67 degrees; 1.04 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Brownwood: Water clear; 68-72 degrees; 1.87 ft. low. Black bass are good on watermelon chatterbaits, Finesse worms and craw colored crankbaits. Hybrid striped are fair trolling spinnerbaits. White bass are good on small Rat-L-Traps and perch colored crankbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are good on chartreuse tube jigs over brush piles and under lighted docks at night. Channel catfish are good on cut bait and stinkbait over baited holes in 10 ft.-20 ft. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch.

Coleman: Water murky; 74-78 degrees; 7.16 ft. low. Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits and soft plastics. Hybrid striped are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and green tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

Ft. Phantom Hill: Water clear; 64-69 degrees; 4.84 ft. low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

Hubbard Creek: Water off color; 64-70 degrees; 17.4 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and shaky-

heads. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

Nasworthy: 62-68 degrees; 2 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits and Texas rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

O.H. Ivie: Water stained; 63-69 degrees; 45.6 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, jigs, squarebill crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

Oak Creek: Water stained; 61-68 degrees; 19.83 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on weighted flukes, medium running shad pattern crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Possum Kingdom: Water fairly clear; 64-69 degrees; 0.06 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on medium running crankbaits, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

U.S. Cotton Harvest is Over Halfway Complete

USDA released the monthly supply and demand report on Tuesday, Nov. 10, and this report showed a decrease in world production and consumption. With the First Notice Day for December contracts approaching, traders began to roll positions to focus on March.

Friday, Nov. 6

The week began with the December contract trading sideways and slightly higher before reaching its low of 61.65 cents per pound before settling down 29 points at 61.66 cents per pound. The March contract also closed lower at 61.74 cents per pound, down 39 points. According to one analyst, prices were under pressure Friday due to a combination of a stronger US Dollar supported by the bullish jobs data and the active index rolling.

Monday, Nov. 9

Volume remained strong on Monday at the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) with 45,100 contracts. December cotton reached a high of 62.07 cents per pound before settling at 61.90 cents, up 24 points. The March contract also settled higher at 62.12 cents per pound. According to one analyst, this was another day focused on the liquidation of the December contract and rolling positions with only nine trading days left before First Notice Day on Monday, Nov. 23.

According to the USDA crop progress and condition report released Monday, the US cotton harvest is 58

percent complete compared to 50 percent last week. This is behind the five-year average of 65 percent. Texas cotton harvest is up from 40 percent last week to 53 percent.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

On Tuesday, USDA released the monthly supply and demand report. According to this report, world production was cut 1.75 million bales while consumption also decreased 680,000 bales to 111.59 million bales. Beginning stocks were raised 150,000 bales and ending stocks decreased 880,000 bales. Cotton production in the United States was cut 60,000 bales to 13.28 million. Domestic consumption, exports, and ending stocks all remained unchanged. Chinese production was cut by 300,000 bales to 25 million bales while consumption also was cut by 500,000 bales. Chinese imports were unchanged at 5.75 million bales. This raised Chinese ending stocks by 200,000 bales. India production and ending stocks both decreased by 500,000 bales while consumption remained unchanged. Production in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas increased by 195,000 bales.

Following the release of the supply and demand report, March cotton moved moderately higher before settling down 13 points at 61.99 cents per pound. December cotton reached a high of 62.97 before settling at 61.93 cents per pound, up 3 points. ICE estimated it's volume at 55,600 contracts.

The Beijing Cotton Outlook released on Tuesday lowered China's production by 1.7 million bales to 23 million bales, below the USDA prediction of 25 million bales. Consumption predictions were forecasted at 32.4 million bales.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Buying support returned and March contracts traded at a high of 62.62 cents per pound before ending the day at 62.31 cents per pound, up 32 points. December cotton reached a high of 62.59 cents on Wednesday before settling up 25 points at 62.18 cents per pound.

Thursday, Nov. 12

March cotton traded between 62.03 cents and 62.70 cents per pound throughout the day before settling down 15 points at 62.16 cents per pound. The December contract also ended the day down at 61.84 cents per pound, down 34 points. Thursday's close for Dec/March was the lowest since June of this year. One analyst noted cotton joined the majority of markets with a lower close, which was led by the weakness in the December-March switch.

Areas from east Texas to Memphis experienced gusty winds and light rains overnight while near-freezing temperatures were recorded in the northern parts of West Texas.

Online sales for the week ended Nov. 12 totaled 18,663 bales, down from 22,192 bales the previous week. Average prices received ranged from 55 to 59 cents per pound.

we traveled to different coffee companies around the nation. Making the shift to a full time business, we decided that opening a coffee roastery in Lubbock would be a more scale-able business model. It was an exciting decision but not a simple one.

The majority of our work experience in the coffee industry has been in preparing coffee not roasting it. So while a roasting business seemed to be the best opportunity for us, it was the most unfamiliar path for us to choose. We took the risk, dove in, and changed the business name to Gold Stripe Coffee.

In January of this year we started by purchasing a sample coffee roaster with 1/2lb capacity and a few books on the subject. We took copious notes as we roasted sometimes for 14 hours in a day, working to learn all that we could and move forward with our plans. As we began filling larger order quantities we quickly outgrew the capacity of our small roaster.

Time drug on as we would find commercial roasters for sale only to be too slow to the draw to purchase one. Finally in August we were able to move forward on purchasing a 15lb capacity roaster! With this new roaster we have the capacity to roast 300lbs in a day.

For now our roasting operation is operated out of a warehouse space but you can order our packaged coffee through mkt.com/goldstrip-coffee and have it shipped or pick up a bag at Sugar Brown's coffee now located on 19th across from Lubbock High School in Lubbock.

We are looking forward to "going home" on December 11th to benefit the Cowboy Christmas Ball at the Unity Center in Muncy. You can get tickets by contacting Elaine LaBaume at 806-983-9153, Dustee Solis at 806-983-6228, D & J Gin in Lockney or Payne Pharmacy in Floydada. Prices are \$35 per ticket or \$350 for a reserved table of 8.

Texas BEEF Team Partners In Fight Against Diabetes

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Beef Council (TBC) continued a proud sponsorship of the Tour de Cure to benefit the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The Tour de Cure is a series of cycling events held in 44 states nationwide with a purpose to find a cure and raise awareness for diabetes and diabetes risk factors.

"Any time TBC can give back to the community and educate people about the healthfulness of beef at the same time, it's a win-win," Kathleen Pickett, Central Texas BEEF Tour de Cure Team Captain said. "ADA's Austin and Houston Tour de Cure rides offered the perfect opportunity to showcase the positive benefits of beef and encourage BEEF Team members to give back to their community by raising money to help fund diabetes related research."

Checkoff-supported cycling events included the Hula Hut Tour de Cure Kick-off Training Ride, Red Rider Rally, BEEF Team Kick-off Ride, Houston Tour de Cure ride, and the two-day Central Texas Tour de Cure ride from Austin to Fredericksburg and return. Additionally,

some riders in Austin completed a double century ride which was 200 miles. TBC also sponsored VIP dinners and a Champion's dinner throughout the year in each market to help tell beef's healthy story.

"The Texas Beef Checkoff has a great partnership with ADA and is committed to their mission and efforts to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes," Jennifer Matison, Senior Manager of Consumer Information with TBC said. "We want to share that research shows that eating more protein-rich foods like lean beef throughout the day can maximize optimal health, manage weight, maintain muscle to age vibrantly, optimize performance and help to prevent disease."

"Over 29.1 million Americans have diabetes, and we want to see that number decline, not grow," Hawley Poinsett, RD and Senior Manager of Nutrition with TBC said. "Including lean beef as part of a healthy diet can help people get the high-quality protein they need, along with nine other essential nutrients, including zinc, vitamin B12, vitamin B6 and niacin."

The Texas BEEF Teams consisted of 158 members, including 117 in Houston and 41 in Austin. TBC's BEEF Team raised over \$76,000 to support ADA's mission to help find a cure for diabetes, raise awareness of diabetes risk factors, and help people living with diabetes.

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) conducts the \$1 per head national checkoff program for Texas beef producers and is also the contractor for the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT), which administers the \$1 per head Texas state checkoff program. TBC's mission is to increase beef demand in the state through programs of beef promotion, research and education. TBC also helps fund national and international beef checkoff programs to increase marketing opportunities around the globe. The BPRCT's mission is to improve Texas producer profitability by strengthening and expanding beef demand. The TBC and the BPRCT are directed by a 20-member board of cattlemen and women representing the state's beef producers. For more information on this and other checkoff-funded programs, please visit www.TexasBeefCheckoff.com or call (800) 846.4113.

Pet Talk: Ringworm In Pets

Although the name often misleads pet owners into thinking a worm has invaded their pet's bodies, ringworm is actually a fungus that can affect the hair, skin and nails. Common in cats, this fungus can lead to circular patterns of hair loss and red, scabby bumps. Before you introduce another pet into your home, knowing the facts about ringworm and how to prevent the skin condition from spreading is crucial.

Dermatophytes, fungi that feeds on protein in the skin, hair and claws, is the agent of ringworm. Infections are transmitted by contact with infected hairs from another infected pet in the environment, or through bedding, grooming tools, and even fleas. The fungus can be passed between animals and humans, but young and elderly people are more susceptible to developing the infection. Those with weak immune systems are also more prone to ringworm.

Dr. Adam Patterson, clinical assistant professor and chief of dermatology at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explains the signs of ringworm. "Clinical signs of ringworm may include excessive shedding, broken hairs, patchy or circular areas of hair loss, dander, scabs, red bumps and occasionally deep-seated nodules," he said. "Some animals, especially cats, may be carriers of ringworm with no clinical signs. Diagnosis is based on history, clinical signs, fungal culture, and possibly skin biopsy. Fungal culture is the gold standard in

making a diagnosis, but it may take up to three weeks for fungal growth to appear."

Treatment for infected animals includes limiting their exposure to other animals and people. Since it is common for some pets to be asymptomatic, all animals in an infected household should be treated and tested for the skin condition. "Therapy is directed at killing fungus on the animal(s) and decontaminating the environment. Unfortunately, dermatophyte-infected hairs can remain infective for up to several months, necessitating environmental clean-up of shed hairs," Patterson explained. "If people in the household have ringworm-suspicious lesions, then consultation with a physician is recommended."

Limiting the infected pet to other animals and people can be effective in preventing the spread of ringworm, but anti-ringworm treatments are required to eliminate the infection at its source. Shampoos, lotions, sprays, dips and systematic therapy can all be prescribed to a ringworm-infected pet. If the animal is long-haired, clipping the coat can allow better contact with topical medicine and will remove infected hairs before they shed into the environment.

Besides treating your pet for ringworm, decontamination of the environment is essential to prevent further spreading of the fungus. Isolating your pet in an easily cleaned room (no carpet) is the first step in decontaminating your home. Wash all clothing that has touched the animal, as

well as destroy or thoroughly disinfect all collars, bedding, blankets, scratching posts, cat trees and grooming aids, if possible. Disposable dusting sheets and lint rollers can be effective in capturing loose hairs in the environment, and it is also recommended to launder exposed fabrics and pet bedding by washing twice in cold water with detergent. Thoroughly vacuuming rugs and draperies every one to two days will also prevent the buildup of infected hair. Disinfectants like Lysol and a Clorox mixture can be sprayed on tile floors, windowsills, vehicles the infected pet rode in, countertops and any other non-porous surface.

"The goal of therapy is to achieve two to three negative consecutive fungal cultures one to two weeks apart. Unfortunately, this usually requires at least several weeks of therapy," said Patterson. "The risk of re-infection for a single pet is relatively low if they live indoors and the environment is cleaned thoroughly. When adding a new pet to the household (especially cats), one should have the animal examined by a veterinarian and consider having a ringworm culture performed before bringing the pet into the family's living quarters."

Ringworm is contagious to both owners and pets, but the fungus can be treated through multiple methods. If you think your pet may be infected with ringworm, have your veterinarian examine him/her since several other skin diseases can mimic ringworm.

COFFEE

From Page 1

business partners and brothers. Our relationship lets us be more honest with one another. Brothers can argue one second and be laughing the next.

Our commonalities give us common purpose and our differences strengthen the team. We both love coffee, but Zane has a knack for the technical side of things, making sure everything we use is the best, and I handle the bookkeeping and public relations.

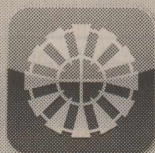
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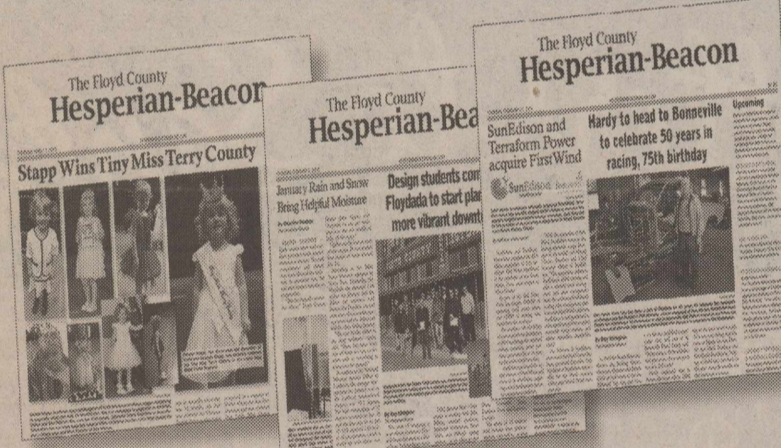
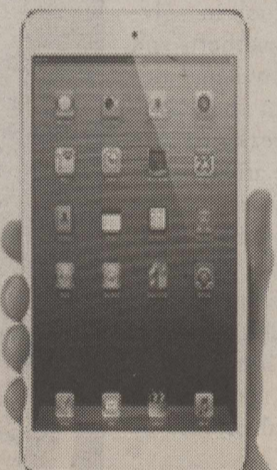
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Floydada Police Report

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon from Floydada PD

Floydada Police Officers, with help from the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, arrested three fugitives from justice on Tuesday, November 3. Juan Carlos Ascencio Jr. of Floydada was arrested on an outstanding parole violation warrant. Juan was found hiding in a closet after an anonymous tip was given to police. A few minutes later, Officers were given another anonymous tip about the location of Larry Guerra, who was wanted on an outstanding warrant from Floyd County. Francisco Llamas was also arrested and charged with hindering the apprehension of Larry Guerra. Francisco eventually allowed Officers and Deputies to search his house after saying, "I'm blind, so if he's in here, I wouldn't know it." Larry was eventually found hiding behind a door. Later the same day, yet another tip came in to the Police Department giving the location of Jose Cuba hiding out at the residence of Daisy Yannis. He had a warrant for his arrest for a parole violation. Larry was found hiding under a bed and Daisy was arrested for hindering apprehension.

Enoch Christopher Wickware was arrested on Halloween night at Allsup's Convenience Store. Enoch was seen in the parking lot and arrested by Police for violating a Criminal Trespass Warning issued by Allsup's.

Mary Hilda Diaz was arrested on October 21 for an active warrant out of Floyd County. Mary had been charged with Theft by Check.

Police recovered a stolen trailer from the 500 Block of South 8th Street on Saturday, November 7. The trailer was stolen from a farm in Hale County and the suspect is under suspicion for stealing several

more trailers from Lubbock County. Officers are working with the South Plains Auto Theft Task Force to return the trailer to its owner.

Police answered a call of an Aggravated Robbery on October 28. The victim was assaulted with brass knuckles and money was taken from him. The investigation is complete and an arrest warrant will be issued pending indictment by a Grand Jury.

Police were called to investigate a report of Theft on October 26 which lead to the arrest of a juvenile. The juvenile is suspected of using the victim's debit card to withdraw cash from an ATM.

A stolen wallet was reported to the Police on October 23. The victim said the wallet was likely taken while at work. There is no suspect at this time however the investigation is still active.

Police are investigating an aggravated assault that occurred on October 24. The victim was involved in an altercation and suffered injuries to the face that required hospitalization.

A theft of an air compressor was reported on October 25 from the 900 Block of West Houston Street. The theft occurred sometime between 7:00 pm on October 24 to the morning hours of October 25. The compressor was made by John Deere and had an 118cc Honda Motor. It also had dual air tanks totaling 5 gallons. No suspect has been identified at this time.

An investigation is ongoing into an Identity Theft case that was reported on

November 4. The victim discovered their Social Security number was being used in Arkansas. The Floydada Police Department is working with Arkansas Police to identify the suspect.

Police are also investigating a Burglary of a Vehicle that happened on November 4 in the 500 Block of West Kentucky. A suspect has been identified who also has several pending charges in other cities. A charge of Stalking may be added depending on the outcome of the investigation.

A total of 131 calls for service were answered by Floydada Police between October 21 and November 9.

Police were only able to catch the fugitives on November 3 because members of the public provided information that lead to their capture. Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty. Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries. Any small detail reported to the Police can be a big break in a case and lead to the arrest of the suspect so they are not able to victimize anyone else. If you suspect that you have come across property that is possibly stolen, report it to the Police immediately. You will not be charged with a criminal offense by doing so.

Letter to the editor

Around 5 p.m., on Monday afternoon (Nov. 16) I was in my sewing room, when Sunday (my dog) started barking really loud and constantly. I looked out the window and knew something was wrong.

After going out the patio door I saw this rattlesnake, coiled and rattling. I had to try to get my dog to safety and not lose sight of the snake. After much ado, Ruben Deleon arrived and took care of the snake.

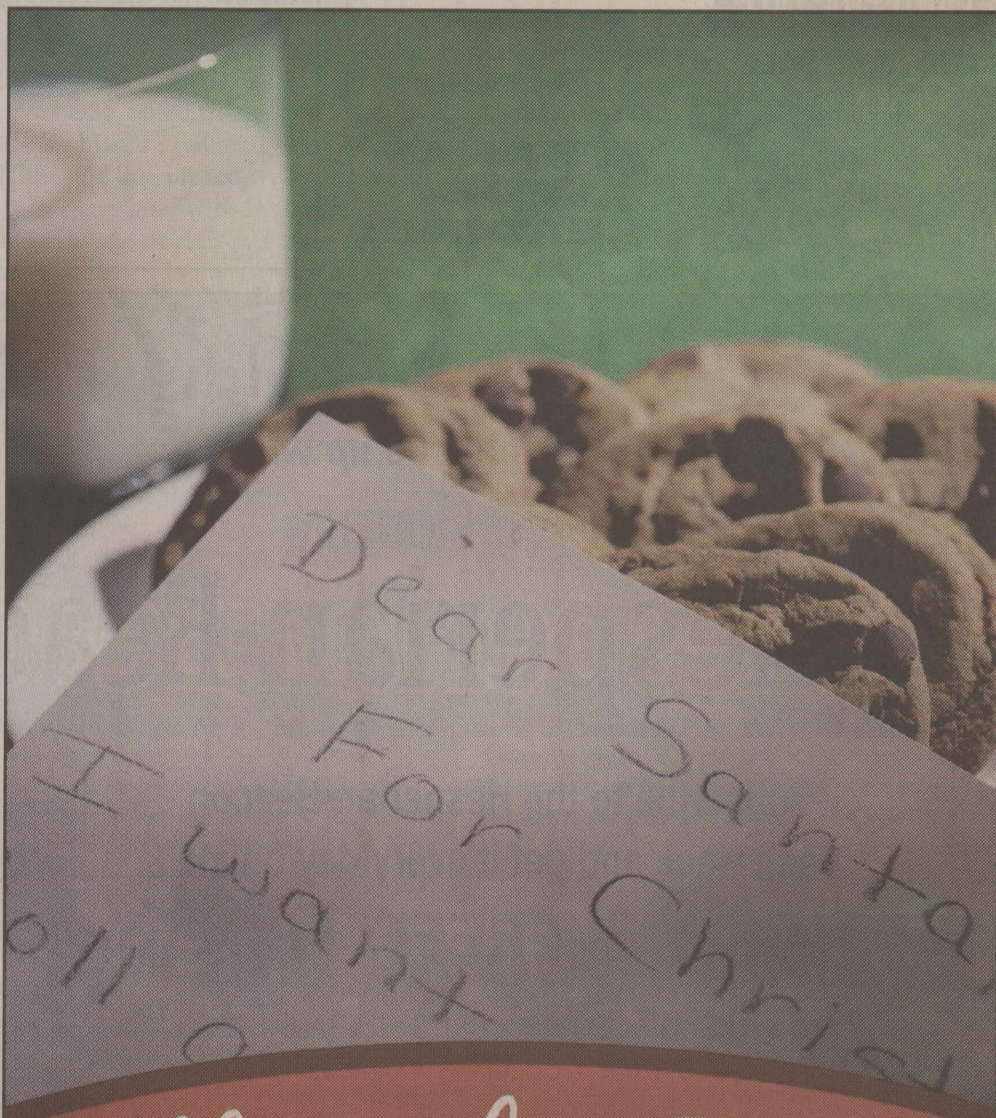
I thought it was a diamondback, but much worse. It was a Mojave Rattlesnake. They live in the Mojave Desert of California. It can also be found in the extreme western part of Texas and southern Nevada to Puebla, near the southern edge of the Mexican plateau.

This rattlesnake has very potent venom which is considered ten times more toxic than other North American rattlesnake, a fact that makes the Mojave Rattlesnake one of the most dangerous poisonous snakes in the United States. Their venom works as a neurotoxin and is called Mojave Toxin.

Please, everyone be cautious, especially with all the leaves in our yards.

By the way, Sunday got a pork chop for supper.

Sue Ward
Floydada, Texas



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