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Floyd County Stock Show set for Jan. 10-12

By Charles Keaton
 The Hesperian-Beacon

MUNCY - Floyd County Stock Show events begin on Jan. 10 ending with the show and sale Jan. 12 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Raffle tickets to benefit the Scholarship Fund are being sold by Board Members. Each ticket is \$100 with first prize of \$7000, second prize \$3500 and third prize \$1500. Drawing will be held at the Stock Show on Jan. 12. You don't have to be present to win and winners are responsible for all taxes.

Here is a schedule and rules for the upcoming show.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, January 10, 2019	
10:00 am	Barn Opens
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Heifers and Steers Weigh in
5:00 pm	Dairy Heifer, Heifer, Steer Show
Friday, January 11, 2019	
9:00 am	Barn Opens
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Swine, Goats, Lambs Weigh In and in place
Saturday, January 12, 2019	
8:00am	Gilt Show Barrow Show
Approx. 12:00pm	Lunch Break
No Animals Leave Barn without Superintendent Approval	
	Goat Show Lamb Show
Approx. 4:00pm	Set Up Premium Sale Scholarships/Entertainment
Approx. 5:00pm	Buyer's Meal
Approx. 6:00pm	Premium Sale
Load All Animals Upon Conclusion of Premium Sale	
Sunday, January 13, 2019	
2:00pm	Cleanup Unity Center

2018-2019 Floyd County Junior Stock Show Assn. Board of Directors

President - Billy Lefevre; Vice President - Tanner Smith; Shane Lloyd; Don Chesshir; Gary Nixon; Chad Hinsley; Chad Cook; Steven Orr; Miguel Guerrero; Heath Rexrode; Clint Bigham; Brandon Alvis; Bill Glass; Roger Hughes; and Wes Anderson.

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Floyd County Junior Stock Show Scholarship Program

The Floyd County Stock Show Scholarship program was initiated in 2002. The purpose of the scholarship program is to reward the years of hard work by the High School Senior Exhibitors who have showed at the county stock show three of the last four years. Through this program, the board of directors hopes to help further the exhibitor's higher education at a college, university or trade school.

The individual scholarships awarded initially were in the amount of \$500.00. However, due to the support of the Floyd County community, these scholarships have increased over the years to \$750.00 in 2010 and to \$1000.00 in 2011.

The 2014 "John Deere Gator Raffle" greatly contributed to the funding of the scholarship program into the future.

The board of directors of the Floyd County Junior Stock Show Assn. is very proud to be able to offer scholarships to the exhibitors of Floyd County. We appreciate their years of hard work in these endeavors and wish them well as they continue their higher education.

Scholarship Recipients

2002 Jurahee Jones, Tye Woods, Kacie Young

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Fourth Annual Country Christmas Ball - A Fun Filled Success



Members of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department and the Floydada Fire Department accepted checks from Wendell and Dustee Sollis. The donated proceeds originated from the 2018 Christmas Ball held on December 3rd at the Unity Center. Pictured L to R: Patrick Hart-LVFD, Donnie McLaughlin-LVFD, (back) Lyndall Stapp-LVFD, (front) Dustee Sollis, Wendell Sollis, 'Cowboy'-FVFD, Larry Guthrie-FVFD and Chad Guthrie-FVFD.

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Fourth Annual Country Christmas Ball was held on November 30 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Approximately 500 people attended, and enjoyed big band, western swing, classic country, Cajun, and Christmas songs. Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks' All-Star Band provided the evening's entertainment, and the entire event was in memory of Craig Dubois, Floydada's fire chief who passed away in November.

Because of the generosity of the sponsors, the live auctions, and the silent auctions, \$14,000.00 was raised. Wendell and Dustee Sollis presented each department with a \$7,000.00 check on December 21st.

The firefighters helped extensively in the set-up, seating of guests, and clean up of the facility.

The opening ceremony included a Marine color guard from Lubbock. Jodey Arrington, U.S. Representative, for Texas's 19th Congressional District, led the opening prayer. He brought flags that flew over the nation's capitol, and they were auctioned as well.

A catered meal of fried chicken and fish was served by River Smith's of Lubbock, followed by music from the 12-piece band. Other activities included drawings, shopping with 13 vendors, and a silent and live auction.

Tim Assiter conducted the live auction of several donated Kenneth Wyatt paintings, Navajo Indian sand paintings, homemade fudge from Lesca Durham, 2 hand painted fiddles, a shop heater from Western Equipment and other donated items.

Wendell and Dustee Sollis would like to express their gratitude to the dancers, the decorators, the sponsors, and the firefighters for contributing to a successful night. The generosity of the participants before, during, and after the event was greatly appreciated.

The following is the poster that was on display at the Country Christmas Ball, listing each of the sponsors of the event.

Floydada's 2019 Improvements List

By Deon Fincher
 The Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada City crews have a long list of resolutions for this 2019 year. Many of the endeavors are funded by grants, others are just projects that have been put on the back-burner. In either case, it is easy to see that City Manager Darrell Gooch and his teams are focused on improvements, beautification and clean-up in and around Floydada. Here is a list of those undertakings:

Andy Taylor Park-\$75K grant from the TX Parks and Wildlife. This project has been in the works for a few months, but City crews are on track to



A rendering of the digital sign that will be installed at the intersection of 2nd Street and Missouri Street. This technological updating has been provided by The Floydada Chamber of Commerce, Floydada's EDC and the City of Floydada. A portion of the funding came from Hotel/Motel tax receipts.

start making a lot of headway with the softball park renovations. The park project will in-

clude two new softball fields, cinder block backstops, batting cages. See **LIST**, Page 2

Upcoming

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

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LIGHT THE CROSS MEMORIAL PRINTS

"Light the Cross" Memorial prints are available at Script Printing, Cathy's Floral or Karen Houchin Law, starting at \$20.00 each. Help keep the Cross lit in Blanco Canyon by making a donation or purchasing a print. They make great and unusual gifts. Donations may be made at First National Bank, Floydada.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Every Tuesday in January we will be having a \$3.00 meal. The next Bingo night will be held on January 8 at 5:30 p.m. Our progressive cash bingo "pot" is now at \$104.00. Join us for a chance to win the progressive bingo money and other prizes. For more info see our article located on the society page of this week's issue.

VETERAN RESOURCE MEETINGS

Veteran Resource Meetings are every 3rd Thursday of each month at the Plainview Salvation Army Center located at 201 Ash Street. (Ash and 2nd Street). Dinner will be served at approximately 5:30 PM. Meeting will proceed after Dinner. Contact Loren Lee St. Dennis, MVPN Ser- See **NOTES**, Page 2

Corrections

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

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Brandon Harrison

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Corrections

In the 12/27/2018 edition, within the Lockney City Council Meeting, the vote to allow the EDC to give funds to Shannon Shurbet to remodel the Car Wash was erroneously reported as a unanimous vote. Councilman Tyler Dunivan voted against the motion to approve granting the funds. The vote was four in favor-one against.

Digital Sign, Street Improvements, Demolition

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada City Council met in Council Chambers for their regular meeting on December 18, 2018.

The first agenda item was requests from the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, the Floydada Economic Development for funds from the Hotel/Motel tax proceeds to go toward a digital sign to be placed at the intersection of 2nd street and Missouri. According to City Manager Darrell Gooch, EDC Manager Justin Brown and Chamber of Commerce Manager Kortney DeBock, signage will be available to businesses and non-profit groups around town.

"We need to sit down and come up with a specific use-policy," stated Gooch, "but it will be a good thing for the community."

The Floyd County Museum also requested funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax account for reimbursement of museum

advertising. The Council broke into Executive Session for a time. Upon reconvening, a motion to appoint Patty Lowrance as Interim City Secretary was made and discussed. The council voted unanimously in favor to instill Lowrance into the interim position.

Resolution to proceed with the Tx Community Development Block Grant program application was made and approved. The grant funds will be utilized for paving o East California Street. The \$175,000 grant requires in-kind matching. The city will be providing the labor, hauling, etc. as their matching amount.

The council opened the meeting for discussion on the progress of the demolition of the old Sears building located on the northwest corner of Main Street and Missouri. A demolition contractor has done a walk-through and given an estimate of the demolition costs. An Asbestos Abatement team inspected

parts of the building that could safely be entered and granted an emergency waiver with recommendations for the demolition of the building due to safety issues. The City crews will be providing dumping services for the project. Procedures to protect the southern connected structure will be taken to ensure damage to that building and its roof. Reserve funds will be available to cover expenses that may arise due to the demolition. Motion was made, and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the November 20, 2018 were approved. The cash balances and investments were reviewed, and those reports approved by unanimous vote.

City Councilors present: Bettye King, Steve Lloyd, Gabriel DelaFuente, Gail DuBois, and Tanner Batteny. Also present were Mayor Bob Gilliland, Karen Houchin-City Attorney, Tali Jackson-Municipal Judge/JP, and Darrell Gooch-City Manager.

About town

I count myself extremely fortunate to be in a professional position that catapults me deep into the goings on in our county. I tell the truth--there are so many individuals that, quietly, make enormous differences in others' lives and so many people have no idea that anything has ever taken place.

About this time last month, I was in the process of getting all dressed up. Terry and I had purchased tickets to the 2018 Christmas Ball, featuring Wendell Sollis and the Sidekick's All-Star Band. Of course, I had heard that the affair was 'wonderful' directly from Lucy Dean Record's own mouth, but I still didn't have much of an idea as to what to expect.

As the evening hours approached, I wondered how many would be attending. Granted, the newspapers had run the story, and the event was airing on the area radio stations, but I had not encountered anyone who had tickets or who had attended in the past.

As we pulled our vehicle into the Unity Center parking area, I was stunned. We weren't late, but we also weren't early--but the parking lot was spilling over into the grassy areas around the building. Why had this event not been in everyone's conversations in the previous weeks? Had I, somehow, been hiding under a rock?

The evening turned out to be a delight! Although not a part of a reserved table, we ended up, quite randomly, sitting with a couple who had been childhood friends with Terry's mother and knew my brother-in-law quite well. The other couple at our table were from Canyon and were closely acquainted with friends of Terry's from his growing-up years. The hours of music and conversation passed entirely too quickly. I remember saying to Terry as we walked hand-in-hand to our truck, "This was amazing! The music! The fellowship! We'll be attending from this year forward!" He heartily agreed.

This past week, I was called to take pictures of the presentation of donations from the proceeds of that evening to Lockney's and Floydada's Fire Departments. \$7,000 was given to each department! \$7,000 dollars! While visiting with Wendell and his wife, Dustee, they stated that this year the sponsorships "... kept coming! We would think that we had everything wrapped up and we'd get another call." In the end, everything about the event was hugely successful.

Which leads me back to the statement in the beginning of this writing. There are so many individuals that, quietly, make enormous differences in others' lives and so many people have no idea that anything has ever taken place. Friends, Wendell and Dustee Sollis, together with so many other generous individuals in this area, have done something amazing, and we all need to share that great news!

As this new year is just beginning, let us all resolve to applaud, celebrate and support activities and events such as the Christmas Ball, and perhaps, the 'good' will ring louder than any bad.

TxDOT Seeking input for Highway Design

Special to Hesperian Beacon

LUBBOCK — TxDOT is conducting a Statewide Truck Parking Study and assessing current highway design and how it impacts the movement of freight in the state of Texas.

As part of these studies, TxDOT is holding statewide workshops to gather input from freight shippers, drivers, logistics professionals and facility operators to assess truck parking and freight infrastructure design needs, challenges, opportunities and solutions.

Texas' transportation system was built over multiple decades and, as a result, many highways

were not designed for today's freight vehicles and transportation requirements. In addition, significant technological advances are changing the way freight moves. The study will be looking at how to make improvements to pavement, bridges, rail crossings, intersections, tunnels and access points to better assist freight mobility.

These meetings are open to public and those who work in the freight industry.

When: January 9, 2019--8:30 am- 11:00 am

Where: Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, 3301 East 50th Street, Lubbock, TX 79404.

The 501: Brainy Squirrel

Squirrels are smart. They remember where they bury hundreds of pecans every year. Or maybe thousands. I forget. My husband and I learned about squirrel memories from educational television. We were amazed.

Meanwhile, our backyard squirrel doesn't like having to remember so many burial locations. This year he loosened the hail screen that covers our defunct chimney. He can't waltz right into the living room, but the chimney somehow provides access to some invisible interior spaces. Our walls are likely holding pecans in places. I don't blame the squirrel. Who wants to eat something that's been in the ground?

We first heard his squirrel-in-the-house sounds early in December. It's a soundtrack for the holiday season -- counterpoint to the poetic calm described in "The Night Before Christmas" when all the creatures weren't stirring. Nor did our squirrel stir in our house on Christmas Eve night, but only because our handy daughter, Rachel, went up on the rooftop at midday to reattach the screen -- second fix this winter.

Rachel must have secured it well. That afternoon -- or was it the next morning? (I forget) -- our squirrel appeared at our back door wanting in. Seriously.

It's a sliding glass door. He banged on it some, rather persistently. OK, maybe I exaggerate. Just picture a squirrel knocking. He wanted in. He obviously figured the patio door would be the next-best thing to the chimney. He was concerned about

his stash. We've just transitioned to children's book -- one that includes Santa Claus, also chimney-challenged.

Proposed story line: The star, calculating Smarty Squirrel, gets into Santa's bag of toys, stowaway style. Santa uses his magic powers to get down the chimney. Smarty Squirrel gets dumped out along with the toys right in front of the fireplace. He spies roasted pecans left as a snack for Santa, who has turned his attention to filling the stockings. Despite his age, Ol' St. Nick hears Smarty grab the pecans. He turns with a jerk, catching him in the act.

But, true to his jolly nature, Santa lets Smarty have the pecans. Then he invites him to hop back in the bag to keep him company for the rest of his round-the-world trip.

By night's end, Santa's bag is full of various pecan confections, plus perfumery cookies, all squirreled away by his enterprising new companion.

The day goes down in history as Santa's first return to the North Pole with treats for his hardworking elves. Smarty takes the job of Santa's snack collector, a new position.

Rudolph, no longer the newest member of the team, is jealous at first. He gets over it. I'm thinking hit song.

As the book ends, Santa doesn't yet realize Smarty will help him remember who's been naughty or nice -- potential theme of the follow-up book and the movie sequel.

Apologies for the Christmas-y topic. I could've saved this column for next year, but would I remember I wrote it and where to dig it up? Not likely.

If I only had a squirrel brain.

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cages and practice area; new concession stands and restrooms--which require digging and installing a septic system, new lights, new bleachers and a parking lot. This park is in a low area for the city and has had drainage problems. This is being corrected with a lot of dirt and bedding

material which is being used to raise the field up above ground-level, in addition, a drainage system for and around the park will help to divert high water to other locations. The EDC is joining in on this project by providing new playground equipment made specifically for children 2 years-old to kiddos 10 years-old. Gooch stated that he is working to have the fields done and ready for play for the 2019 Summer League season.

Recycling Center-City crews have already started clean-up and beautification of the city's Recycling Center. New lighted signs have been installed, and old signs removed. Old fencing has been taken down and new fencing is slated to be installed. The building will get the remainder of its bricks covered with matching tin. The driveway and parking area will be cleaned and levelled, and weedy curb areas will be filled in with concrete. The major ad-

dition will be the removal of the old card-type marquis and installation of a large, new, digital screen. The EDC, the Chamber of Commerce and the City have all chipped in funding for this technical upgrade.

Crockett Center Remodeling-The old nursing home structure has been in need of extensive remodeling and upgrades. Being used by multiple entities within the city, this building is receiving much-needed maintenance. One project that is on the list is to have a new sign built, on which all of the entities may attach or display their representation. Entities regularly using this building include the Sr. Citizens, MHMR, SOS, Lions Club, Rotary Club and a few additional renters utilizing the space.

HOME Grant-The City is working on re-applying for the USDA HOME Grants. These rural-development grant and loan funding sources are provided to help improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Specifically, the HOME grants provide funding to construct four residences for low-income families.

TX Community Development Block Grant-\$175K has been obtained by the City to provide revamping of two blocks of the streets, curbs and gutters on

East California Street, specifically where the old railroad crossed.

Electrical System Upgrade-The City has been working to upgrade the electrical system from 2400 volts to a 7200-volt capacity. Based on the electrical grid, separate sections of the city are targeted to receive the upgrade this year. This increase in capacity will assist in negating the power outages experienced in the past.

A few small projects that are on the list include installation of security lights at Jimmie Lou Stewart Park and landscaping improvements that will allow for easier maintenance at Wayne Russell RV Park. Conversations are progressing with TxDOT to allow for more permanent garden-wise planting at the 'Y' intersection of 2nd Street, HWY 84 and Houston Street.

NOTES

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vices Coordinator at Central Plains Center, (806) 291-4470, lorens@clplains.org, 715 Houston Street, Plainview, TX 79072

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Veterans Crisis Hotline 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)

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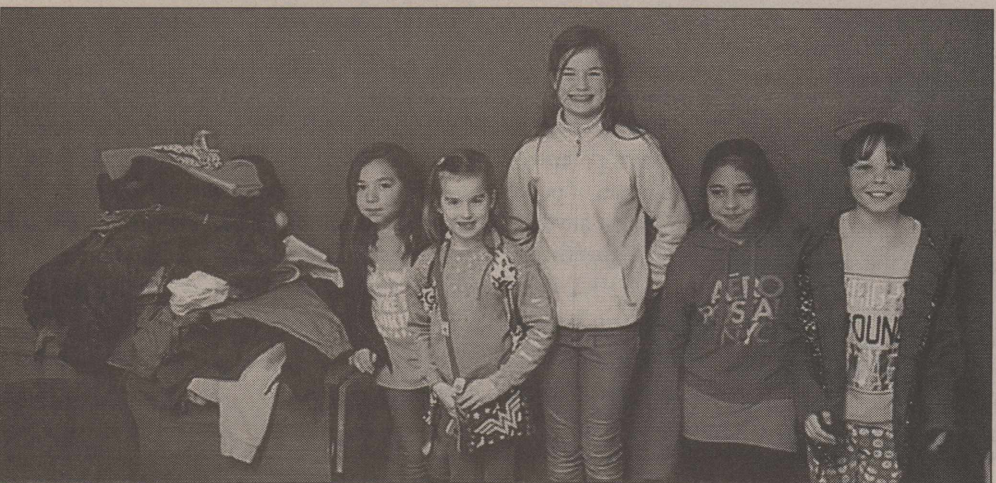
SOCIETY

Girl Scouts Busy with Floydada Senior Citizens News Holiday Projects Covenant Children's Hospital



Troop 6210 spread some Christmas cheer with the money earned from nut and candy sales. The girls went to Walmart and purchased \$200 worth of toys and then delivered them to Covenant Children's Hospital just in time for Fire Santa to deliver them and brighten the day of the patients. Girl Scouts with Fire Santa (L to R): Ta'Kiya Briley, Emily Williams and Taniah Hawthorne and Fire Santa.

Women's Crisis Center



Troop 6210 also collected coats and jackets and donated them to the Women's Crisis Center in Plainview. These girls are making the world a better place one small act of kindness at a time. Be sure to shake their hands when you see them. Girl Scouts with coat donations (L to R): Zaybree Back, Ella Snowden, Mia Snowden, Addison Hinson and Emily Williams. Other Girl Scouts helping with these projects but not pictured: Cindy Rodriguez, Sierra Snowden, Canella Taylor and Kyla Taylor.

Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

"It is growing cold. Winter is putting foot-steps in the meadow. What whiteness boasts that sun that comes into this wood! One would say milk-colored maidens are dancing on the petals of orchids. How coldly burns our sun! One would say its rays of light are shards of snow, one imagines the sun lives upon a snow crested peak on this day. One would say she is a woman who wears a gown of winter frost that blinds the eyes. Helplessness has weakened me. Wandering has wearied my legs."
—Roman Payne

"It's January and I'm kicking snow off the ground. I just threw out the flower you made me promise to water, handle with care, because I was too careless, you said. Careless with things and people, around me and behind

and I remember being still for just a second or two, thinking that it's so much easier to leave and start anew, than take care of what's already here."
—Charlotte Eriksson

"JANUARY,

The first month of the year,
A perfect time to start all over again,
Changing energies and deserting old moods,
New beginnings, new attitudes"
—Charmaine J Forde

"I am in no mood to fulminate on paper--I wish the two of us were in a room together

talking of what matters most, the air thick with affinity. In January a man crawls into a cave of hopelessness; he hallucinates sympathies catching fire. Letters are glaciers, null frigates, trapping us where we are in the moment, unable to carry us on toward truth."
—Carlene Bauer

"Dickensian poverty tends to occur after Christmas in January. For it is then, with pockets empty, diary decimated and larder bare, that the general populace sinks into a collective pauper's hibernation until Valentine's Day."
—Stewart Stafford

"Sometimes the wind made her feel like she was not alone. The icy blasts there seemed to whisper and call her name; they had done so tonight. Not only whispered her name but told her to do it. A frigid voice from somewhere in those January howls had told her to kill them, kill them all."
—Don Roff

"No one's ever achieved financial fitness with a January resolution that's abandoned by February."
—Suze Orman

"Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January."
—Hal Borland

"January is always a good month for behavioral economics: Few things illustrate self-control as vividly as New Year's resolutions. February is even better, though, because it lets us study why so many of those resolutions are broken."
—Sendhil Mullainathan

"Feeling a little blue in January is normal."
—Marilyn Henner

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - We are continuing the \$3.00 Tuesday meals each week. Check the menu for details on what will be served.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30.

Our Progressive Bing cash is now at \$104.00! January 8 will be our next bingo party. Doors open at 5:30. We have cash prize bingo, door prizes, food, and snacks available.

Freida Dunn, BSN,ET, is

present the 4th Thursday of the month for a blood pressure clinic at 11:30. Our next clinic will be Dec. 27. November clinic will not be held due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Our mailing address is P.O. box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorial

MENU
January 7 - January 11
Monday - Pork chops w/ baked beans
Tuesday - Tacos - \$3

Wednesday - Hamburger casserole

Thursday - Chicken fried steak

Friday - Salmon croquettes
(Menus subject to change without notice)

TUESDAY MEALS - \$3.00
FLOYDADA SR. CITIZENS

JANUARY 8 - Tacos
JANUARY 15 - Beef Stew
JANUARY 22 - Chili
JANUARY 29 - Taco salad

\$3.00 includes, salad bar, drink, dessert
serving 11:30 to 12:45

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Remember your membership dues are due now! It's \$30 per person for the year.

Mark down these events on your January calendar:

JANUARY:
4th - Friday Family Night Fish Fry
20th - Sunday Lunch
21st - Bingo
28th - Board Meeting
Breakfast is served here at

the Center from 5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday only. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat lunch at the Center. Our phone number is 806-652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45-9:30 a.m.
Coffee time - Monday-Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Thursday night pot luck

is from 5-9 p.m. Bring a dish and a friend and enjoy games afterwards.

MENU

January 7 - January 11

Monday - Chicken & dumplings

Tuesday - Salmon

Wednesday - Taco salad

Thursday - Soup & grilled cheese

Friday - Baked chicken

(Menus subject to change without notice)

DPS Releases Texas Gang Threat Assessment

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has released the Texas Gang Threat Assessment, which was developed to provide a broad overview and update of gang activity in Texas.

"The findings in this report are further evidence that the State of Texas must continue to do all it can to proactively and aggressively combat gangs operating in our state," said Governor Greg Abbott. "Over the last few years, we have expanded the number of Texas Anti-Gang Centers, and initiated and supported violent crime task forces in our state. With gangs continuing to pose a serious threat to public safety in Texas, our residents can rest assured that we will remove these ruthless criminals from the streets and bolster the safety and security of our communities."

Significant findings in the assessment include:

Gangs are a significant threat to public safety in Texas.

Gangs in Texas continue to work closely with the Mexican cartels.

Gangs assessed with a Tier 1 ranking pose the greatest gang threat to the state.

Some members within traditional gangs, such as Texas Syndicate and Texas Mexican Mafia, operate independently of the gang.

Younger gang members are relinquishing traditional gang structure and rules, opting for less organizational oversight and the freedom to serve in self-interested roles.

Motorcycle gangs continue to challenge the dominance of the Bandidos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang in Texas.

Gangs use social media to communicate, boast and recruit.

"Gangs and their associates remain a significant threat to public safety, not only because of their penchant for violence and criminal activity, but also their relationships with other criminal organizations, such as Mexican cartels," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This report provides an overview of the gangs operating in Texas, which gives law enforcement critical information to help protect our communities from these violent organizations."

The Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Centers are funded by grants from the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas

Governor's Office to support targeted, regional approaches to combating gang violence. This includes partnerships between state, local and federal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to closely coordinate activities related to the prevention, intervention and suppression of gang-related crime and violence. DPS supports each of the six TAG centers across the state - with locations in Houston, Irving, El Paso, Lubbock, San Antonio and McAllen. Additionally, at Gov. Abbott's direction, DPS continues to commit resources and personnel to violent crime prevention operations in Houston, San Antonio and Killeen.

The Texas Gang Threat Assessment evaluates and classifies gangs to identify which organizations represent the most substantial threat. The report reveals that there are as many as 100,000 gang members across the state. The assessment is based on the collaboration between and contributions by multiple law enforcement and criminal justice agencies across the state and nation.

To view the full Texas Gang Threat Assessment, please visit the DPS website.



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Embracing the New Year

Fast away the old year passes; / Hail the new, ye lads and lasses!
Such lively, optimistic words! *Deck the Halls* pulls double duty as a song – it addresses both Christmas and the New Year holiday. Well, now that Christmas is wrapped up and has a bow on it – do you see what I did there? – our attention shifts to the latter.

It seems to be universally agreed-upon that with each year time seems to pass more quickly, but what's behind that? According to a 2016 article in *Scientific American*, "Engaging in a novel exploit makes time appear to pass more quickly in the moment. But if we remember that activity later on, it will seem to have lasted longer than more mundane experiences ... Our brain encodes new experiences, but not familiar ones, into memory, and our retrospective judgment of time is based on how many new memories we create over a certain period." In other words, our brains record experiences that are new-to-us in high definition and detail, but barely make any memory of things that are "old hat." For example: How many of you can remember the first time you ate a chicken-fried steak (or fill-in some other regular food for you)? You can't remember that, because it's a common enough memory for folks in the Lone Star State. But how many good Texas-born and Texas-bred diners can't remember the first time they ate sushi (and some of you may still be resisting that one!)?

Friends, as you and I grow older (and I'm getting older as fast as I can), we must keep our minds engaged and in gear! This requires that we not simply rehearse old conversations, sing old songs, read old favorites, and reminisce of days gone by. The Scripture tells us, "Say not, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask this" (Ecc. 7:10). Rather, we ask such a question from nostalgia – because it's comfortable, familiar. But it's not better.

New is not inherently, always better either – but *new* keeps us on our toes and engaged. Many people wish for God's blessings in the new year, but I hope you're anticipating God to *work* in your 2019 life. What parts of you will God cut away to make you look more like Jesus? What things will he add to your life so that you're more Christlike? He will *renew* you if you'll cooperate!

Don't run from *new* – it's how God keeps working in our lives! Greet the New Year with excitement for what God is doing!

Levi Sisemore preached for the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada 2007-2014. He is currently a minister at the Church of Christ in Fredericksburg, Texas. He can be contacted through his personal website, HymnalCollector.com

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Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

STOCK SHOW

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2003	Corey Hayter, Janee Hrbacek, Katie Kelley, Garret Mathis Chase Mitchell, Ashley Norrell, Tasha Powell, Brady Rasco, Kellen Wyrick
2004	Ross Bennett, Cody Gardener, Lindsey Nutt, Justin Stoener
2005	Eddie Lee Fortenberry, Katy Gooch, Meghan Graham, Trey Graves, Tate Greer, Karah Hrbacek, Hagen Johnson, Kayla Kelley, Lauren Powell, Spencer Schaubert, Cody Ware Whitney Williams, Mandi Woods
2006	Jeslyn Bradley, Tyler Chessir, Jason Nutt, Marla Reeves Jeffri Vaughn, Clay Ware, Ty Young
2007	Taylor Beedy, Britnee Brotherton, Kallie Ferguson, Tate Jones Kayla Kelley, Edrie Marricle, Ryan Monreal, Krista Rasco Asa Cole, Johanna Dawdy, Senee Foster, Will Foster, Allison Griggs, Chris Hayter, Garrison Marricle, Brandon Monreal, Brady Ragland
2009	Dillon Chessir, Tyler Derryberry, Segayle Foster, James Mercado, Tori Wilburn
2010	Walker Kemp, Mason Lipham, Kaylie Nutt, Kortney Williams
2011	Alece Annunziato, Cassie Martinez, Kacee Armstrong
2012	SyAnn Foster, McCrae McCormick, Katie Miller, Hayden Lipham, Kat Araujo, Meagan Dunn
2013	McKenzie Kemp, Eric Cortez, Karmicheal Ramos, John Paul Chavarria, Kelsey Nutt, Jose Guerrero,
2014	Reeda Sustaita, Ky Teeter, Tanille Bigham, Madolyn McCormick, Kolby Williams, Braden Graves
2015	JW Jackson, Haley Dunbar, Sarah Carstensen, Javier Guerrero
2016	Jared Orr, Reagan Hughes, Rita Martinez, Kirby Nixon, Karis Carstensen, Anissa Guerrero, Scott Lass, Stephen Setliff
2017	Shelby Dunbar, Tabettha Bigham, Seattle Jackson
2018	Alex Glass, Steffani Chavarria, Jacob Chavarria, Keenan Nixon, Austen Rexrode, Ryann Araujo, Karina Torres

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1977	Joe Araujo	2001	Cienna Carthel
1978	David Foster	2002	Kacie Young
1979	Jody Foster	2003	Tasha Powell

1980	Doug Sparkman	2004	Molly Long
1981	Monty Seymour	2005	Spencer Schacht
1982	Margie Araujo	2006	Ty Young
1983	Jodi Smith	2007	Krista Rasco
1984	Earl Broseh	2008	Senee Foster
1985	Brent Williams	2009	Segayle Foster
1986	Coy LaBaume	2010	Mason Lipham
1987	Matt Mitchell	2011	KaCee Armstrong
1988	Kelli LaBaume	2012	SyAnn Foster
1989	Dean Smith	2013	Kelsey Nutt
1990	Grant Cage	2014	Ky Teeter
1991	Stacey Hinsley	2015	Haley Dunbar
1992	Chad Cook	2016	Kirby Nixon
1993	Todd Cage	2017	Shelby Dunbar
		2018	Keenan Nixon

RULES

Swine Division

- I. Swine refers to Barrows and Open Gilts ONLY.
- II. The minimum weight for swine will be 90 lbs and exceptions left to the discretion of the swine superintendent.
- III. Swine weights must be submitted as recorded at the show barn on the official scales supervised by the swine superintendent. Weight cards are due by 4:30pm Friday prior to the show.
- IV. No weigh back will be required.
- V. Swine classes will be broken by the weight submitted at time of weigh-in. There will be no more than 15 head per class. Classifications are left to the discretion of the swine superintendent.
- VI. There must be at least THREE LIKE ANIMALS to constitute a breed.
- VII. Mineral oil, baby oil, and powder will not be permitted on swine.
- VIII. Gilts must have ear notches and breed identification on their state validation forms by December 1st of the year prior to the show.
- IX. Gilts and Barrows will show separately and shall be treated as individual divisions.

Swine Classes

1. Black OPB: Spot, Poland, Berkshire, Hereford
2. White OPB: Chester, Landrace
3. Duroc
4. Hampshire
5. Yorkshire
6. Cross Bred

Steer Division

Animals exhibited may be fed in any manner suitable to the individual exhibitor. All steers must be halter broke to show and show in the arena to be eligible for the premium sale.

II. Steer Classifications:

1. Blacks

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The Goldfish Bowl

Jesus looked at [the disciples] and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." —Mark 10:27 (NRSV)

When I was young, I wondered why so many people would want such small, unexciting creatures as goldfish for pets. Then on a school trip to a botanical garden, I saw a pond full of fish, and a brilliantly colored one stood out to me. I was surprised to learn it was a goldfish. "Aren't goldfish small?" I asked. "Not at all," our guide replied. "Some goldfish will grow even larger than these. It depends on the size of their environment."

Years later, I finally understand the broader lesson: Our perception of the world can limit us from the limitless possibilities Christ offers. How often have I been like a goldfish in a fishbowl, unable to see my potential for growth? Worse still, how often have I confined others to

small bowls by writing them off as insignificant or unexciting?

My faith in Christ's power teaches me that I could achieve so much more if I could forget my perceived limitations and swim beyond the boundaries I have placed on myself. With a wider perspective, I could see others' potential to grow and could move them from small bowls to an ocean of possibilities. Just imagine a world full of people who believe that anything is possible through Christ and who reach out and claim it! Together we could do astonishing things.

—Nelson Nwosu Chidera Omeregbe (*Anambra, Nigeria*)

TODAY'S PRAYER

God of endless possibilities, broaden our view of your world to see the uniqueness of all you have created. Amen.

<http://devotional.lupperoom.org/devotionals>

Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578

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

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

Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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

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
Mark Snowden, Pastor
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music
Ludustria Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Lockney
Joseph Tillery, Pastor

Chad Cook, Youth 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
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th St. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.

New Salem Primitive Baptist Church
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
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Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi
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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
Rev. Renato Cruz
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell
Sun - 9 a.m. Children Bible study
10 a.m. - Mass
Wed. - 6 p.m. - Faith Formation -
CYO to follow
Thurs. - 6:30 pm- Evening Mass

South Plains Baptist Church
Dan Beaty, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.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. Renato Cruz
Parochial Vicar - Jacob Powell
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
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Kari & Justin Brown, Pastors
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

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

STOCK SHOW From Page 4

2. Non-Blacks
 3. British
 4. Hereford
 5. American
- III. Steer exhibitors will blow and show for fitting purposes.
IV. Steers must be state validated by July 1st of the year prior to the show.
V. Absolutely no paint will be allowed.

Dairy Heifer Division

All Dairy Heifers must have registration papers or an AOB county validation by November 1st of the year prior to the show. Animals must be papered or validated in the exhibitor's name. Identifying tattoos may be checked against registrations and papers at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.

Dairy Heifer Breed divisions are at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.

Dairy Heifers must be owned by November 1st of the year prior to the show.

Dairy Heifers must have been born after September 1st of the second year prior to the show.

Dairy Heifers must be blood tested or be calf-hood vaccinated if over twelve months of age.

Heifer Division

I. All heifers must have registration papers or an AOB county validation by November 1st of the year prior to the show. Animals must be papered or validated in the exhibitor's name. Identifying tattoos may be checked against registrations and papers at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.

II. Registered classes will be broken by age. AOB classes will be broken by hip-height. Breed divisions are at the discretion of the cattle superintendent.

III. Heifers must be owned by November 1st of the year prior to the show.

IV. Heifers must have been born after September 1st of the second year prior to the show.

V. Heifers must be blood tested or be calf-hood vaccinated if over twelve months of age.

VI. Heifer exhibitors will blow and show for fitting purposes.

VII. Absolutely no paint will be allowed.

Goat Division

I. All wethers must be state validated and does must be county validated by November 1st.

II. Wether or meat goats may be shown.

III. All goats must be slick shorn within 3/8th of an inch above the knee and hock, with the exception of the switch.

IV. No painting, powdering, or dyeing of goats will be permitted.

V. Goats must be de-horned or tipped. No de-horning or tipping will be permitted on the show grounds.

VI. Showing style is left at the discretion of the exhibitor.

VII. Exhibitors must submit weight cards to the lamb and goat superintendent by 4:30pm on the Friday prior to the show.

Lamb Division

I. Ewe and wether lambs may be shown. Rams, stag lambs, and ewe lambs showing signs of pregnancy will not be permitted to show.

II. Weight cards must be submitted to the goat and lamb superintendent by 4:30pm the Friday prior to the show. The superintendent will have the authority to class the lamb division, according to timely submitted weight cards, and to re-weigh first and second place class winners. Weigh backs are subject to a 5lb over/under tolerance.

III. All lambs must be shorn within 7 days of the show.

IV. Lamb breeds will be divided into classes according to weight. Where possible, classes will consist of not less than 6 and no more than 12.

V. All lambs must be state and or county validated by November 1st.

VI. No paint, dye, or any form of artificial coloring shall be permitted. Un-ethically fitted lambs will be barred from the show at request of the superintendent and the discretion of the Executive Committee of the stock show board.

VII. Classifications and class divisions or additions at the discretion of Superintendent.

Lamb Classes

1. Fine Wool: Rambouillet, Merino, or cross of the two.
2. Fine Wool Crossbred: Typically first cross of a Suffolk, Hampshire, Corridals, Dorset or Columbia with either a Rambouillet or Merino
3. Southdown: Purebred Southdown
4. Medium Wool

GENERAL RULES

I. The Floyd County Junior Stock Show, its officials, or any persons involved in or with the show, in any capacity, will in NO case be responsible for the death, loss, injury or damage that may occur to any animal, person or equipment at any time or place. Entry affirms agreement.

II. Entries may be accepted from any regularly and timely enrolled 4-H member, boy or girl, who is 9 years of age and / or in

the 3rd grade or older before the show, or FFA and FHA members under the supervision of the current Floyd County Extension Agent, Lockney, or Floydada Vocational Agriculture Instructor. Exhibitors must be enrolled in public school within Floyd County. Exceptions must be approved by the Executive Committee of the stock show board.

III. All animals must be in show condition to remain on premises and may be disqualified at the discretion of the superintendent and the approval of the Executive Committee.

IV. All animals, to be eligible to show, must be on feed in Floyd County, at the primary residence of, or on land owned by the exhibitors family. All animals are subject to the state rules of validation, procedures and times. Exceptions must be approved by the Executive Committee of the stock show board.

V. There will be any ENTRY FEE of \$20 per HEAD assessed for participation in the Floyd County Stock Show. There will be a DEADLINE of DECEMBER 1st for submission of entry information and fees to the appropriate advisor. There will be no refunds on entry fees.

VI. The show barn, located in the Muncy Community at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center Building, will open on the Thursday and/or Friday prior to show day to receive animal entries. All animals must be in the barn Thursday and/or Friday, unless approved by the superintendent. Weigh-in of animals will occur from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Thursday and 1:00pm to 4:00pm on the Friday prior to the show.

VII. Exhibitor, parent, or advisor must be present at time of weigh-in and submission of weight cards to the superintendent.

VIII. All animals will be shown according to timely submitted weight cards. All determinations of the weight judge or superintendent are final.

IX. Floyd County Junior Stock Show officials, exhibitors, and guests will follow the standing rule of The Floyd County Friends Unity Center at all times. PINE SHAVINGS ONLY may be used as bedding. The premises are to be kept clean, all trash and bedding to be removed at the conclusion of the show and sale. All animals must be securely penned or tied. No animal is allowed free access to roam the show ring or open areas of the barn. Animals will be re-penned once and asked to leave upon further occurrence.

X. Only paid entries will be allowed to show.

XI. Showmanship participation is limited to species and classifications in which the exhibitor has a valid entry. Showmanship divisions are as follows: Junior Division, 13 years of age and younger the day of the show; Senior Division, 14 years of age and older the day of the show.

XII. UIL rules will be followed. Compliance must be agreed upon by all involved school districts prior to arrival and exhibition of animals. Guidelines, dates, and eligibility must be known by the appropriate advisor prior to the arrival and exhibition of animals. Unsportsmanlike conduct, deception, fraud, and or un-ethical practices by exhibitors, parents, or advisors will not be tolerated. Penalties for such behavior will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the stock show board.

XIII. The Executive Committee of the Floyd County Junior Stock Show Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, General Superintendent, and Division Superintendents. This committee shall have the authority to decide any and all matter that arise during the show and show week.

XIV. The Floyd County Junior Stock Show Assn. will allow no more than a total of 31 cattle animals and a combination of 126 animals of other species, show eligible, a place in the premium sale. The

percentage of swine, goats, and lambs to be offered at the premium sale will be a direct function of the number of each represented on the day of the show. Animal of any show eligible species may be offered to offset cattle numbers less than 31. Cattle shortfall replacements will be determined in the same manner as above explained.

XV. Each exhibitor will be allowed to draw sale premium on ONLY 2 ANIMALS of any combination of species. The EXCEPTION to this rule is an exhibitor with more than two Grand Champion animals. All Grand Champions will be offered for the premium sale. It shall be the responsibility of all exhibitors to walk through (Grands and Reserves) or represent their animal in the premium sale. Inability to do so must be approved by the Executive Committee. All animals that are offered at the premium sale will sale on a PER HEAD BASIS.

XVI. All Grand and Reserve Grand animals must remain on the show grounds until the conclusion of the premium sale or released by the superintendent. No animals may leave the barn after the lunch break unless released by the superintendent.

XVII. Each animal is required to be state and county validated. Validation may be done under a family name thereby making any sibling or step-sibling eligible to show any validated animal. Each exhibitor is subject to ALL above rules and a paid entry must exist for EACH INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL.

XVIII. These are general rules. If there is a conflict between these and the division guidelines, the DIVISION RULE WILL HAVE AUTHORITY.



It's that time of year when everyone is "taking a look back" on the past year. I prefer to look toward the future, instead, especially when it comes to my garden!

It's been two full months since I've gotten to dig around in my gardens, and I have grand plans for my 2019 garden design. With the blessed moisture of late, the soil is loose enough that I can get out with my spade and start forming the foundations of my growing areas.

As I am writing, I am also thinking about what I need to get planted in the next few weeks. Our bunnies have been putting out plenty of fertilizer this winter, and that compost will definitely improve the condition of our soil. Our keyhole gardens are serving as our 'cold season' gardens--they all still have things in them that are growing.

That means that the majority of what we need to get planted will have to go into the ground. And, Terry and I have plans for smaller, above-ground boxes specifically for our tomatoes--those boxes are half-way built, we just have to place them, fill them and then plant them. Yes, I've got a few selected plants already pushing through their little soil

podis in the spare bedroom--currently, just broccoli and tomatoes. I've also been nurturing a whole bunch of garlic and some green onions. These are all just little guys, right now, but they are growing well, and will provide a bountiful harvest this summer.

With all of this greenery flourishing in our garden, I know that I'll be spending much of my time outside. I've already got an out-door bunny run brewing in my mind, and a pergola under which Terry and I can rest and watch our critters. Oh yeah, and I have a great idea for outdoor lighting made from empty wine-bottles.

Perhaps that is why I love my garden--I think of it as a canvas--a place where I can let my creativity fly free. I can follow time-tested arrangements, or go against the grain and try something 'outside the box' completely. If something doesn't really work well, there is always a new season just around the corner in which adjustments can be made.

My wish for all of my gardening friends, is that this new year brings pleasure and bounty in all your gardening adventures. Happy New Year!

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Whirlwinds, Lady Winds tournament summaries Lady Winds vs Petersburg



Courtesy Photo
Lady Winds Head Coach Tommy Simmons directs Kierra Henderson (#23) while Kylie Ricketts (#24) sets a screen in first round action at the Wellman-Union Holiday Classic on Thursday, Dec 27. Floydada lost to Petersburg 29-27 in overtime.

Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK – The Floydada Whirlwinds opened the first round of the World's Largest High School Basketball Tournament, the FiberMax Caprock Classic, with an easy 62-33 victory over Ropesville Thursday morning, Dec. 27.

Garrett Hobbs knocked down 22 points to lead the Winds while Quincy Gonzales added 18 in the win.

Floydada then hit Borden County right from the start en route to an 83-49 win Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27.

This time it was Gonzales who led all scorers with 25 points, while Hobbs added 18. Caden Britt also added 11 and Marcus Perez had 10 in the second-round victory.

Floydada played Slaton Friday afternoon, Dec. 28.

The Whirlwinds will host Bovina on Friday, Jan. 4 before starting district play against Post on Jan. 11.

Petersburg Exacts Revenge Against Lady Winds

WELLMAN – After falling to Floydada earlier in the season, Petersburg outplayed the Lady Winds in a first round game at the Wellman-Union Holiday Classic Thursday, Dec. 27, winning in overtime 29-27. The win broke Floydada's four-game win streak, the longest in five years, as the Lady Winds fell to 8-7 on the season.

Petersburg was held scoreless in the first quarter but outscored the Lady Winds over the next four periods and got a shot to drop at the buzzer from Alexa Livar to claim the victory.

Gina Vega led Floydada with 9 points and 4 rebounds while Kylie Ricketts added 7 points and 6 rebounds in the loss. Floydada played Lubbock Kingdom Prep on Friday afternoon, Dec. 28.

The Lady Winds will begin district play on Friday, Jan. 4 by hosting New Deal, then they travel to Hale Center on Jan. 8 and will host Post on Jan. 11.

Longhorns, Lady Horns play in Caprock Tourney

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LUBBOCK – The Lockney Longhorns opened the FiberMax Caprock Classic on Thursday, Dec. 27 with an 89-80 victory over New Way Christian Academy of Odessa.

The Horns were led by Anson Rendon with 19 points, Noel Cenicerros with 17 and Sebastian Perez with 15.

Then Lockney ran into Shallowater in the

second round and couldn't keep up with the Mustangs, losing 92-37.

The Longhorns begin district play by hosting Hale Center on Jan. 11

Meanwhile, the Lady Horns fell to Lubbock Christian High 75-38 in their opening round game.

The Lady Horns open district play on Friday, Jan. 4 by hosting Post then will travel to Ralls on Jan. 8.

Lockney vs New Way Christian Academy



Courtesy Photos
The Lockney Longhorns' first game of the FiberMax Caprock Classic tournament took place Thursday afternoon. The boys took their game in overtime, Longhorns 89, New Way Christian Academy 80.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU January 7 – January 11

Monday
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday
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Lunch – Meatloaf & seasoned potato bowl w/ biscuit, cheese pizza
yellow corn, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday
Breakfast – BIC chicken biscuit sandwich, fresh fruit, milk
Lunch – Chicken corn dog, Country fried steak rice bowl,
green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU January 7 – 11

Monday, Jan. 7
TEACHER WORK DAY

Tuesday, Jan. 8
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Lunch – Crispy Tacos, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Veggie Cup, Oranges,
Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 9
Breakfast – Waffles & Sausage or Cereal & Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Roll,
Pears, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 10
Breakfast – Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch – Hamburger or Hot Dot, Fries, Carrots, Garnish, Snowball
Salad, Milk

Friday, Jan. 11
Breakfast – Donut & Sausage or Cereal & Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
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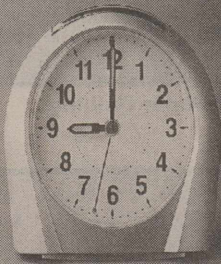
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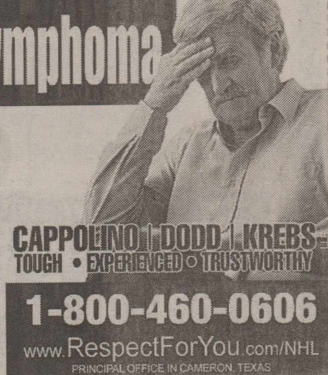
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Local Nativities Collection Stuns

By Deon Fincher
The Hesperian Beacon

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I continue to be amazed at the creativity and artistry of individuals all over the world. Recently, I met Carolyn Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham lives in Lockney where she houses a stunning and impressive collection of nativity scenes—every size, every color, plain, intricate, carved into nuts and crafted out of paper—these scenes of Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus pull you in with their detail and amaze with their cultural expression.

When asked how and where she finds these unique pieces of art, Mrs. Cunningham replied, "I've found a lot of them at the Museum of Texas Tech University gift shop; I used to get bunches of catalogues in the mail from which I found some, and I have gotten several from estate sales." Mrs. Cunningham worked for Lighthouse Electric for 42 years. Upon retiring, she purchased a computer for her home. Her 'treasure trove' came in the form of eBay, and she jokingly admits that the site is her downfall.

"I've got nativities from 113 different countries!" she explains as I peruse the lighted showcases full of exquisite examples. "This is just a small sampling," she states, and then asks if I am adventurous.

Ha! I answer, "Totally!" Mrs. Cunningham leads me down a staircase and into a basement where shelves of more nativities rest against the walls. "I really can't pick out favorites—they are all so different from each other."

She points out a few more sets and proceeds to describe how these came to be in her possession. "This set was rescued from the trash." It was a beautiful, kiln-fired display of ten individual figurines. "I did finally track down the artist—she lives in Michigan." She adds with a twinkle in her eye, "But that is part of the fun of collecting—researching the origins of each of the sets."

After the visit to the basement, we moved to a shed in her back yard where she has shelf units, labeled by continent, chock full of boxes filled with these collectibles. Each box is lovingly labeled with a picture of the display and the country of its origin. A large table in the middle of the room holds scattered boxes and pieces of displays that she is readying for collectible shows, or ones that have recently been returned.

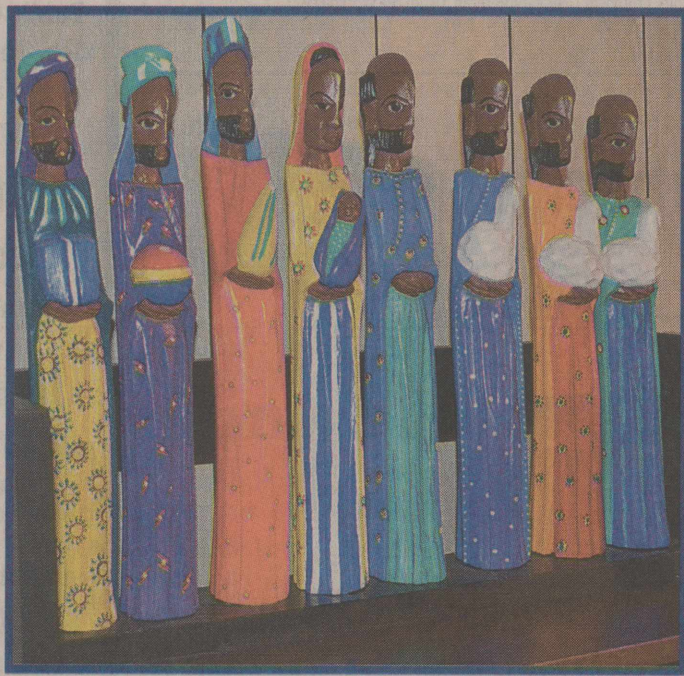
These photos are just a minute selection of this indescribable collection. During the month of January, the Floyd County Historical Museum will be featuring about a dozen of Mrs. Cunningham's nativities. I encourage everyone to stop by and spend some time appreciating the cultural artistry and meticulous detail-work of this one-of-a-kind collection.



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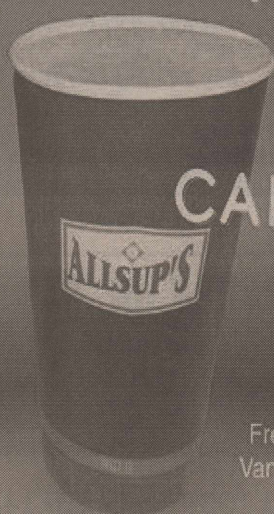


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