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Taking the road less traveled

Wright takes right turn to business ownership

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - The road to owning his own business began with a high school co-op class and the love of repairing vehicles.

Steve Wright, owner of Wright's Auto, said he had no training when we applied for a job at Johnson and Johnson Garage after he graduated high school in 1992. He had only swept floors at Dan's Auto in Lockney before he graduated.

"This was my dream job," Wright said. "I love working with my hands and the challenge of finding what's wrong with vehicles."

The trip from being a mechanic to owner of the shop was not a planned one, Wright said.

Wright's adventure begins with brothers Ike and Lavon Johnson, owners of Johnson and Johnson Garage. It was the wives of the two, Hazel Raper Johnson and Lucille Jarboe Johnson, who encouraged the brothers in 1945 to begin saving for their own shop by putting a piggy bank, with some

pennies in it, under the Christmas tree with a note that read, "The beginning of Johnson and Johnson Garage."

By February 1946, the Johnson brothers had opened their own garage in the old Harve Pennington building. And a year later, the pair expanded to building on Locust Street, where Wright Auto is today.

Jerry Johnson, the son of Lavon and Hazel, had worked in the business since he was a small boy. In 1978 the brothers' partnership was dissolved. Jerry became the shop foreman and Lavon became sole owner. After the death of Lavon in 1979, Jerry purchased the business from his mother.

Wright went to work for Jerry at Johnson and Johnson Garage in early 1992. With hard work and dedication, he was soon taking on more responsibility. He was named foreman not long after he started.

Steve and his wife, Tarri, who have known each other since childhood, married in 1980. Steve grew up in Friona and Tarri in Silverton, but after



Steve Wright's family. Back row, from left, Justin Wright, Caleb Pritchard, Chris Pritchard and Caden Pritchard. Middle row, from left, Caycen Wright, Victory Wright, Tarri Wright, Steve Wright and Brandi Pritchard. Front Row, from left, Carly Wright and Carson Pritchard. (Courtesy photo)

they married they made Lockney their home.

In 2010 Johnson approached Wright about purchasing Johnson and Johnson Garage.

"I went home and told Tarri about the offer," Steve said. "We prayed about it and knew we had to do this because not only did I love my job, but we were worried about all the employees there being let go. Plus, we did not want our community to lose another business."

"We didn't know how we could possible buy the business, but we had to try. With our faith in the Lord and backing from this community our dream came true."

Today Wright's Auto em-

ployees six people, Lynton Garrett, Felipe Gatica, Tim Roberts, Curtis Dalrymple, Justin Wright and the couple's grandson, Cayden Pritchard.

Pritchard will be going into high school this fall. He is following in his grandpa's footsteps. Right now, Pritchard is sweeping the floors, stocking parts and taking out trash a few hours every day.

"I want to own my own auto repair shop just like my grandpa," Pritchard said. "Next to my dad, my grandpa is the best man on Earth."

Tarri Wright has taught elementary school for 28 years, and she recently retired from LISD. She has begun working

more in the office at Wright's Auto and taking care of her grandchildren.

The Wrights raised two children, Brandi and Justin. Both children also call Lockney home. Brandi is an emergency room nurse at the Codgell Hospital and Justin works alongside his dad. The couple also have six grandchildren, Caleb Pritchard, Caden Pritchard, Carson Pritchard, Carly Wright, Caycen Wright and Callen Wright.

For all your automotive repair needs, truck and tractor repairs and even well motor repairs call 806-652-2335 for an appointment.



Wright's Auto business sign was designed and made Lockney artist Andy Stapp. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Responding to COVID-19

Commissioners approve extension of disaster declaration

By Jackie Zimmerman
Managing Editor

The Floyd County Commissioners Court voted in its July 13 meeting to extend its existing disaster declaration through Aug. 10, following Gov. Greg Abbott's June 10 announcement to extend the Statewide COVID-19 Disaster Declaration.

The declaration, initially announced the first week of June, is following statements issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Division of Emergency Management and Gov. Abbott which all believe that a threat to public health still exists.

"Extending this Disaster Declaration helps ensure that Texas has the resources and flexibility needed to effectively respond to COVID-19," Gov. Abbott said in his statement. "To further mitigate the spread of the virus and

overcome this challenge, Texans should continue to do their part by wearing a mask, social distancing, and staying home if possible."

In accordance with state code, the Floyd County declaration authorizes aid and assistance through the emergency management plan and authorizes the county to initiate other health safety measures.

According to the declaration, the county can do what is necessary to promote health and suppress the virus and lists actions including quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining hospitals, and regulating anyone leaving or entering the county.

The declaration also follows state code stating anyone who violates the declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or jail confinement for no more than 180 days.

New columnist starting this week

Starting with this week's issue, LK Media is proud to bring Walter E. Williams, a highly respected columnist, to the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

Born in Philadelphia in 1936, Walter E. Williams holds a bachelor's degree in economics from California State University (1965) and a Master's degree (1967) and doctorate (1972) in economics from the University of California at Los Angeles.

In 1980, he joined the faculty of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and is currently the John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics. From 1995 to 2001, he served as department chairman. He has also served on the faculties of Los Angeles City College (1967-69), California State University (1967-1971) and Temple University (1973-1980). From 1963 to 1967, he was a group supervisor of juvenile delinquents for the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

More than 150 of his publications have appeared in scholarly journals such as *Economic Inquiry*, *American Economic Review* and *Social Science Quarterly* and popular publications such as *Reader's Digest*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *News-*

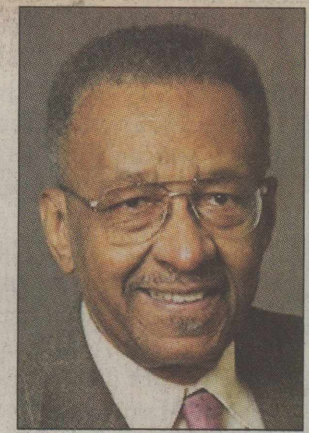
week. He has made many TV and radio appearances on such programs as *Milton Friedman's Free to Choose*, *William F. Buckley's Firing Line*, *Face The Nation*, *Nightline* and *Crossfire*, and is an occasional substitute host for *The Rush Limbaugh Show*.

In 1981, he began writing his weekly column called *A Minority View for Heritage Features Syndicate*. And in 1991, he joined *Creators Syndicate* as part of its friendly takeover of *Heritage Features*.

He also is the author of several books. Among these are *The State Against Blacks*, later made into a television documentary, *America: A Minority Viewpoint*, *All It Takes Is Guts*, *South Africa's War Against Capitalism*, *More Liberty Means Less Government*, *Liberty Versus The Tyranny of Socialism*, and recently his autobiography, *Up From The Projects*.

Williams sits on many boards of directors and advisory boards, including the Hoover Institution, Grove City College, Cato Institute, Institute of Economic Affairs and the Heritage Foundation.

The awards and honors Williams has received are many. These include the National Fellow at the Hoover Institute of War,



Walter E. Williams (Courtesy photo)

Revolution, and Peace; the Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship; the National Service Award from the Institute for Socioeconomic Studies; and the George Washington Medal of Honor from the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation and Adam Smith Award from the Foundation for Economic Education. In 1984-1985, he received the Faculty Member of the Year Award from the George Mason University Alumni. He is also a member of the American Economic Association, the Mont Pelerin Society and is a Distinguished Scholar of the Heritage Foundation.

Williams participates in many debates and conferences, is a frequent public speaker and has often given testimony before both houses of Congress.

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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 banderson@lknewsgroup.com.

FARMER'S MARKET FLOYDADA

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is now accepting vendors for the 2020 Farmer's Market. To be a vendor, please call (806)983-3434 or email manager@floydadachamber.com. Becoming a vendor is FREE!

TEXAS TECH CREDIT UNION

The Texas Tech Credit Union FCS Branch (230 W. California Street) will have a Grand Reopening from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, July 30. There will be food, drinks and door prizes.

FLOYDADA EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Floydada Ex-Students Association has announced that the 2020 Floydada High School Homecoming activities has been cancelled due to COVID-19. For further info, see the article located on the school page.

CHARLES TYER MEMORIAL SERVICES

Due to the spike in the coronavirus cases the memorial service for the late Charles Tyer of Floydada has been changed to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5 at First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

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News on the go



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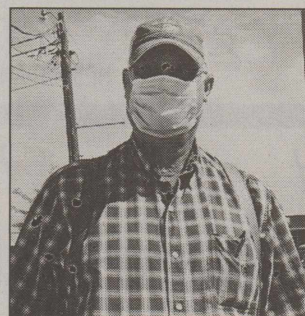
Floyd County residents make their voice count



Helen Teeple follows health protocols while voting on Election Day. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)



Connie Johnson heading to do her civic duty and cast her vote in the primary run-off election. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)



Kim Hinsley still his way to the polls, noting this year was no different than any others. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)

By Yelena Serrato
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY—Republican Dr. Ronny Jackson will face Democrat Gus Trujillo in November for the 13th Congressional District seat after voters gave the two the nod in the primary election run-off July 14.

In the Republican race for the congressional seat, Jackson defeated Josh Winegarner with 36,612 (55.6 percent) votes to Winegarner's 29,261 (44.4 percent).

Trujillo earned the spot on the November ballot after receiving 4,944 (66.3 percent) over opponent Greg Sagan's votes of 2,508 (33.7 percent).

In the general election on Nov. 3, Jackson and Trujillo will vie for the seat left by retiring U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry.

For U.S. Senator on the Texas Democratic ticket, Mary "MJ." Hegar claimed victory with 498,180 votes (52.1 percent) to Royce West's

457,555 (47.9 percent) to set up a match in November with three-term Republican John Cornyn.

Also on the Democratic ballot, Chrysta Castañeda defeated former State Rep. Roberto Alonzo in the race for Railroad Commissioner. Castañeda received 575,488 votes (61 percent) to Alonzo's 343,399 (38 percent). She will face Republican James Wright on the November general election ballot.

Larry Doss topped Steve Denny for the Republican nomination to the November ballot for the 7th Court of Appeals, Place 4. Doss received 33,281 (57.6 percent) votes compared to 26,492 (42.4%) for Denny.

Here is a look at votes in Floyd County:

On the Democratic ballot for U.S. Senator, both West and Hegar received 10 total votes from Floyd County.

In the Democratic race for District 13 U.S. Representative, Trujillo received four

votes to Sagan's three total votes.

Floyd County favored Alonzo for Railroad Commissioner with 12 votes over Castañeda's eight votes.

On the Republican ballot, Winegarner beat out Jackson for District 13 U.S. Representative with 103 total votes to Jackson's 73 votes.

In the Republican race for Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4, unexpired term, Doss surpassed Denny with 173 total votes compared to Denny's 67 votes.

According to the unofficial election results for Floyd County, voter turnout during early voting and election day were higher compared to early voting by mail.

"It is my civic duty to do this," Floydada resident Connie Johnson said she voted Tuesday Johnson said she is happy to serve her community, state and nation.

Helena Teeple and Kim Hinsley both said they "always vote."

Floyd County Commissioners approve KCBD advertisement

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The court approved 5-0 to spend \$1,995 for an advertisement to air July 28 on KCBD during the TV station's Live Community Coverage Tour. The ad will run from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and will highlight Floydada.

The commissioners discussed and approved the deputation of Vivian Martinez and Star Rodriguez to the sheriff's office. Lucke reported Martinez and Rodriguez have started working and have been training.

Also approved were continuing education certificates from the sheriff's office and the tabling of any action on

Forest Lawn Cemetery gates and fence due to bids not being available at the time of the meeting.

The court heard from Floyd County Agent Cristen Brooks who gave the Texas Agri-Life report and noted the agency is still working on contact calls for DHS because then number of calls have increased due to the number of COVID cases.

Brooks also reported that Karley Weems won the Walk Across Texas challenge having logged 646.6 miles in eight weeks. She also said the Floyd County 4-H achievement banquet has been postponed due to COVID-19 and will be scheduled for a later date, and the State Horse Show will be July 20-

24 in College Station.

Ag Agent Mark Carroll reported eight heifers, 10 steers, four pigs and two lambs were validated last month for the modified stock shows at the State Fair. He also reported the beef conference is scheduled for September at the Unity Center.

Commissioners also discussed the Floyd County Library being accredited for the 2021 fiscal year after the library reported no issues to the state. Accredited libraries are eligible to participate in any programs offered through the state library.

The next meeting will be 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 3 in the Floyd County Courthouse, room 105.



County Commissioners' vote Burn ban extended through mid-October

By Jackie Zimmerman
Managing Editor

An outdoor burn order is in effect until mid-October for all incorporated areas of Floyd County, according to an order issued last week by the Floyd County Commissioners Court.

The order stipulates certain criteria for burning outdoors, including burning material outside of an enclosure that must have a cover.

"The cover is to be of a mesh construction having holes small enough to prevent most debris from escaping the enclosure during burning," the order states.

Also, the order stipulates a way of extinguishing the fire must be available.

"A person violates this order if while burning he does not possess means for extinguishing a fire,"

the order states, "including an amount of water or fire extinguisher device that would be reasonable to extinguish a fire that is a foreseeable result of the intended burning."

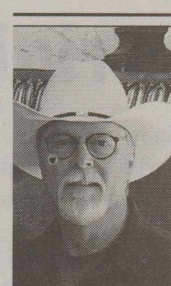
The order also gives the local fire department responding to an outside burn the authority to "take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire." Also, it states the local

fire marshal and/or peace officer will be sent to investigate the scene of the fire.

Anyone in violation of the order faces a Class C misdemeanor charge punishable by a fine up to \$5,000, according to the order.

The burn order will expire on Oct. 13 unless other action is taken by the commissioner's court or the county judge, the order states.

Between the lines When idiocy rules the courageous are in danger



BRUCE W. GREEN

"If people bring so much courage to this world, the world has to kill them to break them; so, of course, it kills them."

These are the words of Ernest Hemingway in "A Farewell to Arms."

Hemingway goes on to say of the world, "It kills the very good and the very gentle and the very brave impartially. If you are none of these you can be very sure it will kill you too but there will be no special hurry."

Hemingway's view of the pitiable condition of mankind might have been a bit dark. But, with respect to

the courageous man or woman in this modern age, it strikes me as spot on.

We are living in an age when idiocy rules.

We erect autonomous zones of tolerance and eject from them all who offer dissenting opinions. We graffiti streets and deface buildings with ridiculous slogans and do violence to those who dare to clean them up.

We conduct loud protests in the name of free speech while shouting down all who dare to offer conflicting speech. We insist that the ancient and traditional be removed from our written history, and we topple the statues of heroes and saints.

The modern media fuels the idiocy by extolling its virtues and giving it an instantaneous, if simple-minded, worldwide platform.

As if this were not enough, we mock and lobby to defund and dismantle the thin blue line that separates us from the barbarians.

We are rapidly becoming the barbarians.

And those courageous few who speak against this revolution must be broken. If they are too courageous, they must be killed to be broken.

Metaphorically speaking, of course. But perhaps not.

I must admit that I never imagined I would live in an American generation that would remind me of another age when the young toppled the old - the Cambodian Khmer Rouge. Google it.

Interestingly, The New York Times courageously reported on the horrors of that revolution in the 1970s. The Times is participating in the one happening in America in 2020.

By the way, if you want to get a graphic picture of what eventually happens in an unchecked ideologically Marxist revolution, watch the movie, "The Killing Fields." It does a remarkable job of telling the true story of what happens when the young topple the old.

Admittedly, what's happening in America right now is not yet a full-blown revolution. But no Marxist revolution ever begins in full-blown madness. It always begins as a growing movement of a revolutionary spirit.

Eventually, the young - energized by that revolutionary spirit - unchecked by timid and/or corrupt politicians, begin to topple the old - and everything associated with what has gone before - everything ancient, traditional, institutional. In our case, everything that has made America what it is.

Here's the kicker. You cannot reason with those intoxicated by a revolutionary spirit. They are moved by emotion, not reason. The only thing that can eventually tame an unchecked revolutionary spirit is an all-powerful revolutionary state - like Stalin's Russia, Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge Cambodia or Castro's Cuba.

And if history repeats itself - and it always does, especially for idiots - if what is happening in America is not soon checked by common sense and good government, we will eventually see a revolutionary state.

And in a revolutionary state, the courageous are in danger - at least until they are dead.

But maybe there is some good news in all this.

If someone like me, not particularly courageous, and only barely above the idiot level, can see the danger in what is going on in America, maybe there is hope.

There must be millions, or at least thousands, of people still out there with common sense and a lot to lose.

It's true that most of them are likely in the Texas Panhandle, East Texas, West Texas, Montana, Idaho and a few in Louisiana. But that's a start.

I am thinking all we need is a little courage and the common-sense philosophy that it's not dying we are afraid of; it's living silently while the barbarians are banging at the door. Email Green at bgreen@lknewsgroup.com

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THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979 A FAMILY NAMED SMITH

By Rebecca Smith

George Alexander Smith and Rebecca Isabel Brown were married in Illinois Bend, Texas. They moved with their five sons-Bob, Alvin, Ham, Grover and John-to Comanche (Indian Territory), which later was Oklahoma.

After the death of George Alexander Smith, Mrs. Smith and three sons-Bob, Alvin and Grover- moved to Floyd County in 1913. In 1914, Alvin passed away and Ham came with his bride, the former Rebecca Floyd from Waurika, Oklahoma. They farmed all their lives until he passed away in 1972.

Bob was a peace officer some twenty-seven years. Grover was a hog and cattle buyer. Alvin was married to Johnny Howell of Waurika, Oklahoma and was married only six months when he passed away.

Ham and Rebecca Smith had two children; Mary Katherine and Warren Ham-

ilton Jr.

There were a lot of hard times for the Smiths-the Depression and droughts-but they never gave up.

The Ham Smiths lived in the Old Blanco Community. They helped organize a Union Sunday School. Ham later helped haul the sand and gravel that went into the

First Methodist Church that was built in 1918 in Floydada.

There is a score of beautiful memories the Smiths leave.

They didn't go to town very often, only when they needed staple groceries. They raised their own chickens, in fact all of their own meats. They carried their wheat to Aber-

nath, Texas where they had flour and cereal made. They took the bran home to feed their hogs.

John Smith, the youngest son, never left Oklahoma. He married Essie Fay Jones and they raised six children. They still own the Smith Ranch at Addington, Oklahoma.

SOCIETY

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative names new President and CEO

By Mary Coyne

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Spokesperson Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AMARILLO — The Board of Directors of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. has elevated Kari Hollandsworth to the position of president and Chief Executive Officer, effective September 2, 2020.

Hollandsworth joined Golden Spread in 2009 as an Energy Analyst. She has gained broad experience serving in multiple roles, including Resource Planning Administrator, Electric Trading Manager and Director of Finance, Forecasting and Risk.

Most recently, she has been Vice President of Commercial and Asset Operations with responsibility for market operations and power supply activities, ensuring that initiatives and operations are aligned with the strategic direction provided by the Golden Spread Board of Directors.

Hollandsworth was Golden Spread's 14th employee and has been with the organization through a period of rapid growth, which involved expansion of the cooperative's generation fleet and the development of the organization's current strategic initiatives.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to build on the successful foundation and strategic direction Golden Spread has established in the last few years," Hollandsworth said. "The electric power industry is rapidly evolving, and we have an outstanding team that is well prepared to lead the organization through the transition ahead. I'm proud to be part of this strong Member Cooperative organization known for its reputation for excellence and integrity."

Prior to joining Golden Spread, Holland-



swordth worked at Xcel Energy for 11 years.

She holds a bachelor's degree in economics and business management from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Hollandsworth succeeds Mark Schwartz, who served as Golden Spread's President and CEO for more than a decade, and Scott Gross, who served as interim CEO since March 10.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a consumer-owned public utility organized in 1984 to provide electric service for rural distribution cooperative Members located in the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau regions of Texas, the Panhandle of Oklahoma, Southwest Kansas and Southeast Colorado. Golden Spread is headquartered in Amarillo and delivers competitive energy solutions to its 16 Member Cooperatives through wind and solar resources and state-of-the-art power plants in Texas near Abernathy and Denver City.

Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

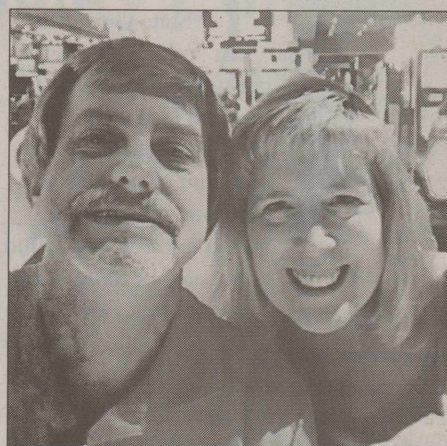
How about some banana pudding? This week's recipe is shared by Michelle Stennett. The recipe belongs to Stennett's mother-in-law, Theresa Stennett.

Stennett was born and raised in Lubbock. She graduated from Monterey High and attended South Plains College.

She met her husband, Dr. Kevin Stennett in 1987. They married in 1990 and moved to Lockney, where he was a physician ever since.

The couple have two grown children, Keenan and Kelsie.

When Stennett has free time she enjoys reading, bike riding and going camping. The couple are members of St. Alice Catholic Church in Plain-



view and enjoy attending services.

"My favorite time of the year is Christmas. I start putting up my tree the weekend before Thanksgiving so that when that long weekend of Thanksgiving happens, I can relax and enjoy it," Stennett said.

Theresa Stennett's famous banana pudding

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs beaten
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 6 Tbsp flour
- Pinch of salt
- 3 cups milk
- 1 tsp vanilla

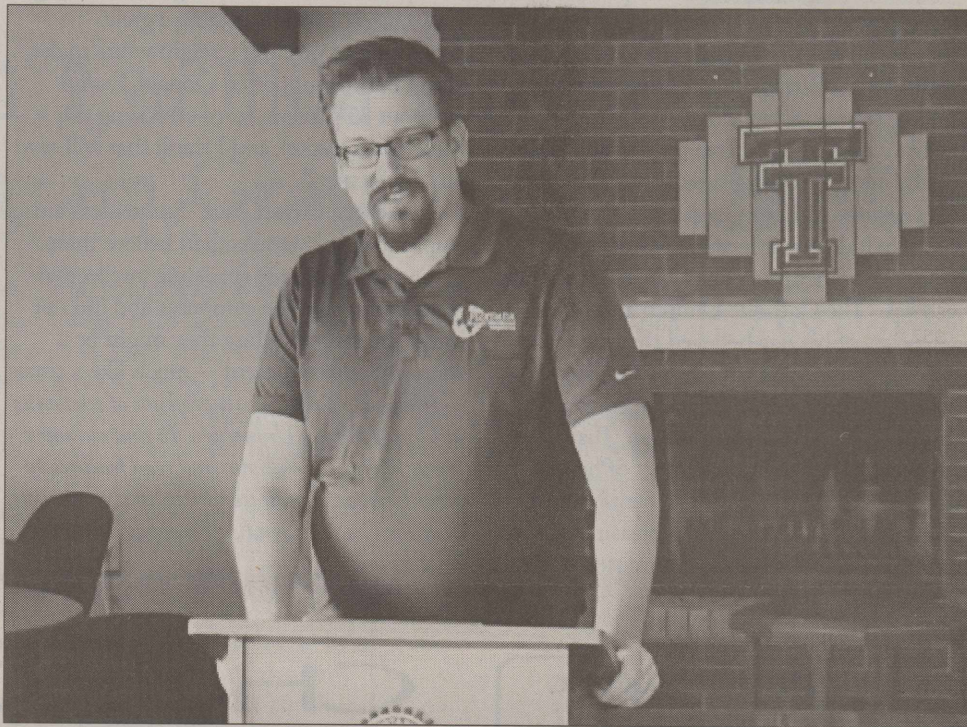
Instructions:

Cook until it thickens make sure the flour

is mixed in. Stir constantly. Once it thickens add one tablespoon of butter and stir. In bowl layer vanilla wafers, bananas, and pudding. On the last layer put bananas and top with wafers. Usually takes 3-4 decent size bananas.

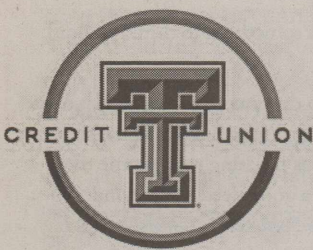
"This is a favorite for all the Stennett family. I know my mother-in-law used to take this to Thursday night senior citizens when they would have a meal," said Stennett.

Floydada Rotary Club



Justin Brown, Floydada EDC Manager, updates the Floydada Rotary Club on businesses coming to Floydada. The Floydada Rotary Club meets at noon on Wednesdays at the Floydada Senior Citizen's building. (Photo by Mike Green)

Texas Tech Credit Union FCS Branch Grand Reopening



By Yelena Serrato
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA— The public is invited to help Texas Tech Credit Union celebrate a grand reopening from 4-6 p.m., Thurs-

day, July 30 with food, drinks and door prizes for current and new members. The Texas Tech Credit Union is ready to serve their members so be sure to stop by and take part in the event.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The Center is now open for dining-in. Take-outs and deliveries are still available. Call 806-983-2032.

The center is in need of five more deliveries or take-outs per day. The staff is doing its best to stay open to deliver to those who cannot leave their homes. Everyone is still eating, even if self-quarantined. So, please order a meal to be delivered or come by for a take-out.

The prices of our meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Anyone who is breathing is eligible to eat with us or right now for a carry out or delivery.

The center also needs a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. Drivers receive a delicious meal as payment for their time. The driver will report to the Center at 11:15

a.m. The deliveries take about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call 983-2032 for home delivery by 11 am. Delivery drivers begin delivering at 11:30 a.m.

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

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials.

MENU

July 27 – July 31

Monday – Oven baked chicken

Tuesday – Tacos - \$4

Wednesday – Swedish meatball & noodles

Thursday – Salisbury steak

Friday – Pizza

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY- The Center serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, by curbside pickup, drive through or delivery. Anyone wanting lunch can call the Center by 9:30 a.m. daily.

JULY CALENDAR:
7-24 – Friday Night Fish

Fry – 5-8 p.m. \$12 per plate

7-25 – Saturday Night

Supper – 5-8 p.m. \$12 per

plate. BBQ chicken, brisket, sausage, cowboy beans, potato salad, and peach cobbler.

Fish Fry and the Saturday Night Supper will be served curbside pickup, drive through and delivery. For deliver please call 652-2745. PLEASE STAY IN

YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.

At this point, Thursday night potluck/game night is canceled until further notice.

The Center's staff appreciates everyone and said they can't wait to see everyone again. For questions, contact the center at 652-2745. Stay safe.

The 501: The eyes have it



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Smile with your eyes. It's all you've got.

On the other hand, masks lend flavor. Motifs are endless. Me, I just wear the plain disposable kind with the accordion pleats. Call me ordinary.

Masks matter, but when it comes to the task of truly representing your face,

the eyes have it.

A "Saturday Evening Post" story circa 1960 revolved around a woman with a mostly ugly face. She had beautiful eyes. Lucky for her she was a surgical nurse and got to wear a mask a lot. She was very proud of her fabulous eyes and knew how to make them look spectacular.

Then along came a patient, destined for surgery, who took offense at something she did or said. I can't remember which. From the gurney he remarked that she was probably really ugly under the mask.

Bad time to say something negative to your nurse.

She went berserk and ripped out his IV. That's how I remember it.

That story stuck with me. If ever I'm strapped to a gurney and a nurse peers into my face to see if I'm still conscious, I'm going to say something like "What nice eyes you have!" That's my plan.

Back to masks. You should dispose of the disposable ones and wash other kinds between uses. Right?

True confession:

I've been using the same three disposable masks for a few weeks. They stay on the dash of my car right under the windshield. When it's 109 outside, the sun and intensified heat are killing the Coronavirus

and anything else living on or near those masks. I hope.

The same goes for my rubberized fabric gas pump gloves. They rest on the dash.

Disclaimer:

I'm living by the "sunshine kills germs" rule, fingers crossed. When we learned that tenet in school the documentation seemed vague.

The traditional belief in sunshine as a germ-killer is why our neighbors one farm away periodically put their mattresses on the top of their concrete cellar to air.

We didn't put our mattresses on our cellar because our cellar was dirt.

Meanwhile, I've read a Facebook rant against people who re-use gloves for self-protection while spreading germs everywhere to everybody else. I've also read that used masks can transmit the virus. (When it comes to masks, you can find whatever you want to believe pretty easily.) Me, I'm sticking to my routine, letting pure sunshine kill any Coronavirus molecules on my dashboard items. I could be wrong.

CURSORY RESEARCH.

Yes! Sunshine really does kill germs. Somebody did a study in Oregon. Even though glass filters out some ultraviolet light, sunlight shining through windowpanes effectively kills germs. If that's true in dreary Oregon, think what the Texas sun can do!

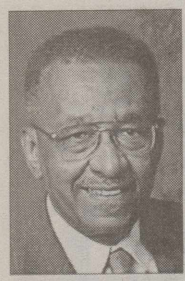
Unless sunlight loses its effectiveness when filtered through windshields.

Maybe I should put my gloves and masks on top of the windshield, pinned under the wipers? Will that work?

These are uncertain times.

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Despicable Behavior of Today's Academicians



Walter E. Williams

The Michigan State University administration pressured professor Stephen Hsu to resign from his position as vice president of research and innovation because he touted research that found police are not more likely to shoot black Americans. The study found: "The race of a police officer did not predict the race of the citizen shot. In other words, black officers were just as likely to shoot black citizens as white officers were." For political reasons, the authors of the study sought its retraction.

The U.S. Department of Education warned UCLA that it may impose fines for improperly and abusively targeting white professor Lt. Col. W. Ajax Peris for disciplinary action over his use of the n-word while reading to his class Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" that contained the expressions "when your first name becomes 'n---r,' your middle name becomes 'boy' (however old you are). Referring to white civil rights activists King wrote, "They have languished in filthy, roach-infested jails, suffering the abuse and brutality of policemen who view them as 'dirty n---r-lovers.'"

Boston University is considering changing the name of its mascot Rhett because of his link to "Gone with the Wind." Almost 4,000 Rutgers University students signed a petition to rename campus buildings Hardenbergh Hall, Frelinghuysen Hall and Milledoler Hall because these men were slave owners. University of Arkansas students petitioned to remove a statue of J. William Fulbright because he was a segregationist who opposed the Brown v. Board of Education that ruled against school segregation.

The suppression of free speech and ideas by the elite is nothing new. It has a long ugly history. Galileo Galilei was a 17th-century Italian astronomer, physicist and engineer, sometimes called "father of modern physics." The Catholic Church and other scientists of his day believed that the Earth was the center of the universe. Galileo offered evidence that the Earth traveled around the sun -- heliocentrism. That made him "vehemently suspect of heresy" and was forced to recant and sentenced to formal imprisonment at the pleasure of the Inquisition and was later commuted to house arrest for the rest of his life.

Much of today's totalitarianism, promotion of hate and not to mention outright stupidity, has its roots on college campuses. Sources that report on some of the more egregious forms of the abandonment of free inquiry, hate and stupidity at our colleges are: College Reform and College Fix.

Prof. William S. Penn, who was a Distinguished Faculty Award recipient at Michigan State University in 2003, and a two-time winner of the prestigious Stephen Crane Prize for Fiction, explained to his students, "This country still is full of closet racists." He said: "Republicans are not a majority in this country anymore. They are a bunch of dead white people. Or dying white people."

The public has recently been treated to the term -- white privilege. Colleges have long held courses and seminars on "whiteness." One college even has a course titled "Abolition of Whiteness." According to some academic intellectuals, whites enjoy advantages that nonwhites do not. They earn higher income and reside in better housing, and their children go to better schools and achieve more. Based on that idea, Asian Americans have more white privilege than white people. And, on a personal note, my daughter has more white privilege than probably 95% of white Americans.

Evidence of how stupid college ideas find their way into the public arena can be seen on our daily news. Don Lemon, a CNN anchorman, said, "We have to stop demonizing people and realize the biggest terror threat in this country is white men, most of them radicalized to the right, and we have to start doing something about them." Steven Clifford, former King Broadcasting CEO, said, "I will be leading a great movement to prohibit straight white males, who I believe supported Donald Trump by about 85 percent, from exercising the franchise (to vote), and I think that will save our democracy."

As George Orwell said, "Some ideas are so stupid that only intellectuals believe them." If the stupid ideas of academic intellectuals remained on college campuses and did not infect the rest of society, they might be a source of entertainment -- much like a circus.

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Floyd County records new COVID-19 cases, recoveries and 1 death

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - Floyd County officials announced there has been 9 additional active cases in Floyd County along with 10 recoveries and one death due to COVID-19.

As of Friday, July 17 there were 75 total reported cases with 40 cases reported as fully recovered and 32 active cases along with two deaths.

- CASE #75: FLOYDADA - Female 20-29 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #74: LOCKNEY - Male 80-89 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #73: LOCKNEY - Female 50-59 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #72: LOCKNEY - Female 80-89 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #71: LOCKNEY - Female 20-29 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #70: LOCKNEY - Male 60-69 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #69: LOCKNEY - Male 40-49 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #68: FLOYDADA - Female 20-29 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #67: LOCKNEY - Female 60-69 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #66: LOCKNEY - Male 50-59 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #65: FLOYDADA - Male 20-29 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #64: FLOYDADA - Female 12 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #63: FLOYDADA - Female 9 months old. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #62: FLOYDADA - Female 15 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #61: FLOYDADA - Male 2 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #60: FLOYDADA - Male 45 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #59: FLOYDADA - Female 48 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #58: FLOYDADA - Male 21 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #57: FLOYDADA - Male 21 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #56: FLOYDADA - Male 9 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #55: LOCKNEY - Female 32 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #54: FLOYDADA - Male 10 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #53: FLOYDADA - Male 34 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #52: LOCKNEY - Male 61 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #51: LOCKNEY - Male 59 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #50: LOCKNEY - Female 27 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #49: FLOYDADA - Female 18 years of age. Unknown. Recovered.
- CASE #48: LOCKNEY - Female 12 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #47: LOCKNEY - Female 64 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #46: LOCKNEY - Female 64 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #45: LOCKNEY - Male 48 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #44: LOCKNEY - Female 72 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #43: LOCKNEY - Male 65 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Deceased.
- CASE #42: LOCKNEY - Female 66 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #41: LOCKNEY - Male 24 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #40: LOCKNEY - Female 58 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #39: LOCKNEY - Male 18 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #38: LOCKNEY - Female 20 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.

- CASE #37: LOCKNEY - Male 48 year of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #36: LOCKNEY - Male 27 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #35: LOCKNEY - Female 49 years old. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #34: FLOYDADA - Female 40 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #33: LOCKNEY - Male 21 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #32: LOCKNEY - Female 26 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #31: FLOYDADA - Female 85 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #30: LOCKNEY - Female 4 months old. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #29: FLOYDADA - Male 15 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #28: LOCKNEY - Female 27 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #27: LOCKNEY - Male 58 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #26: LOCKNEY - Male 27 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #25: LOCKNEY - Male 34 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #24: FLOYDADA - Female 36 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #23: FLOYDADA - Male 50 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized.
- CASE #22: LOCKNEY - Male - 2 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered.
- CASE #21: LOCKNEY - Female - 22 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #20: LOCKNEY - Male 40 years of age. Quarantined. Hospitalized. Deceased.
- CASE #19: LOCKNEY - Female 46 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #18: LOCKNEY - Male 84 years of age. Quarantined. Recovered. CASE #17: LOCKNEY - Male 45 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #16: LOCKNEY - Male 34 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #15: FLOYDADA - Female 4 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #14: FLOYDADA - Female 9 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #13: FLOYDADA - Female 32 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #12: FLOYDADA - Male 38 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #11: FLOYDADA - Female 14 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #10: FLOYDADA - Male 42 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #9: FLOYDADA - Male 61 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #8: LOCKNEY - Female 39 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #7: FLOYDADA - Youth Age 14. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #6: FLOYDADA - Youth Age 16. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #5: FLOYDADA - Female 63 years of age. Hospitalized. Recovered. CASE #4: LOCKNEY - Female 54 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Exposure: work-related in the health-care industry. Recovered. CASE #3: LOCKNEY - Male 46 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Back to work. Negative test confirmed. Recovered. CASE #2: FLOYDADA - Female 29 years of age. Quarantined. Not hospitalized. Recovered with Negative test confirmed. Back to work. CASE #1: LOCKNEY - Female 65 years of age. Travel related. Self-quarantined/Not hospitalized. Recovered with Negative test confirmed. Back to work.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A Good Deed

Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." - Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

Our senior ministry group has added a new line to the above verse: "We were stranded and you rescued us." On a trip to Jackson, Georgia, our bus experienced transmission trouble. We noticed two vans in the parking lot of a nearby church. It was a long shot, but we stopped and asked if they would rent one of the vans to us for the 50-mile trip back to Atlanta. They said yes! Plus, they loaned us the van without charge or verification of our dilemma. They merely requested that we return the van that evening, which we did and with a full tank of gas. Of particular note, the church secretary

warmly welcomed the 16 of us in, offered us something to drink, and did not judge us by the color of our skin.

The next Sunday several of us returned to the church to say thank you in person. We made a donation to the church and gave flowers to the secretary. The people of this church truly lived out Jesus' teaching to welcome the stranger. We were the recipients of not just a good deed but a wonderful blessing from God. - Catherine Pettie Hart (Georgia, USA)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Gracious Father, thank you for the kindness of your children who help others stranded on the road of life. Amen.

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<p>Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship.. 11 a.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ Bob DuPont, 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. *****</p> <p>First Baptist Church Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship Ashley Adams, Minister of Music Ludustia 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.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Ron Kuykendall - Worship Leader Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Floydada Gary Boles, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church Priest - Sylvester Dsouza Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass Sun - 9 a.m. Mass Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass *****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
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AGRICULTURE

Floyd County "4-H Spotlight"

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

This week, the Floyd County 4-H spotlight shines on Nick Cervantes, a 7th grader at Lockney Jr. High, who has been growing his own garden this year.

As a first year 4-H'er, Cervantes said he started planting pods indoors in mid-April and transplanted them in early May. The garden includes corn, tomatoes, jalapeños, squash, banana peppers, cucumbers, carrots, pumpkins and watermelons.

"The jalapeños and squash are being used in kitchen already," he said. "Corn and tomatoes are almost ready. My garden this year is growing strong."

Besides gardening, Cervantes said he also is involved in the group's rifle and archery program, the swine project



and photography.

"4-H has helped me learn responsibility, independence, safety and creativity with all projects," Cervantes said.

"4-H is fun, and I have met new people."

Cervantes said his favorite subject is math and he enjoys all kinds of sports.

USDA FSA County Committee now accepting nominations

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WASHINGTON, June 12, 2020 – USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting nominations for county committee members on Monday, June 15, 2020. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for these members who make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2020 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2020.

"I encourage America's farmers, ranchers and forest stewards to nominate candidates to lead, serve and represent their community on their county committee," FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. "There's an increasing need for diverse representation, including

underserved producers, which includes beginning, women and minority farmers and ranchers."

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program, and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others, and organizations, including those representing beginning, women and minority producers, also may nominate candidates.

Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA

county committees. The committees are made of three to 11 members and typically meet once a month. Members serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to find out how to get involved in their county's election. Check with your local USDA service center to see if your LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 2, 2020. Read more to learn about important election dates.

Large, unprecedented enrollment

USDA accepts more than 1.2 million acres in Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

COLLEGE STATION – The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced the acceptance of more than 1.2 million acres in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands during the recent signup period that began March 16 and ended May 15. The number of acres offered during this signup period was 1.9 million acres, more than three times the number offered during the last signup period in 2016.

Through CRP Grasslands, farmers and ranchers can protect grasslands,

rangelands and pastures while retaining the right to conduct common grazing practices, such as haying, mowing or harvesting seed from the enrolled land. Timing of some activities may be restricted by the primary nesting season of birds.

"This large and unprecedented enrollment is a reflection of the popularity and importance of CRP Grasslands," State Executive Director Gary Six said. "The program emphasizes support for grazing operations and plant and animal biodiversity while protecting land under the greatest threat of conversion or development."

Participants will receive an annual rental payment and may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for establishing approved conservation practices. The duration of the CRP contract is 10 or 15 years. FSA ranked offers using a number of factors, including existence of expiring CRP land, threat of conversion or development, existing grassland and predominance of native species cover and cost.

The 2018 Farm Bill set aside not fewer than two million acres for CRP Grassland enrollment. On Oct. 1, 2020, grassland enrollment is expected to be 2.1 million acres. CRP is one of the largest conserva-

tion programs at USDA and marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020 with 21.9 million acres currently enrolled.

For more information on CRP Grasslands, contact a local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate a local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct

business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Rehkopf joining Whirlwind staff

By Yelena Serrato
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—Former Lockney Longhorn and Abernathy Antelope coach Matt Rehkopf will soon be wearing green and white.

Rehkopf will be joining the Whirlwind staff this coming school year as a high school business teacher and softball assistant coach. Rehkopf graduated from West Texas A&M University and coached the Abernathy Antelopes softball girls last season where he finished with a record of 13-1.

A partnership with Coach Morales and the rest of the coaching staff is what Rehkopf found appealing about joining the school community. "The good quality and tradition they have are the

reasons why I wanted to come to Floydada" Rehkopf said. "I am excited. I think it is going to be a good year."

One thing Rehkopf said he hopes his students and athletes will learn from him is that they can be themselves. When it comes to coaching, his main agenda is to ensure that his athletes are having fun.

"When you are having fun good things tend to happen. You start winning more games and it just snowballs from there." "I simply want to bring my energy and teaching aspects as well as my athletic aspects to Floydada," he said.

Rehkopf said he likes working with the students and seeing the little improvements they make each day.

"I never thought I would



Matt and Kristie Rehkopf. (Courtesy photo)

be wearing green, but here I am" he said laughing.

However, Rehkopf won't be alone on this new journey. His wife, Kristie, is the

school counselor at Floydada High School. He said he is looking forward to working with her. The couple has two children.

CDC updates COVID precautions for livestock shows

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - According to information posted on AGDAILY's website, The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention updated its recommendations to provide more detailed precautions for livestock shows.

Just last week the Dallas State Fair announced they would not open for the first time since World War II due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, according to AGDAILY, many states have allowed 4-H and FFA students to continue livestock shows and competitions.

"This allows young people to continue to do what they love while giving them something to work towards during the summer holiday," the post says.

The CDC has informed people of the following:

- Events that bring together people and animals, such as stock shows and fairs can increase the spread of COVID-19 among people and animals.
- The risk of animal to person spread is considered to be low.

- Fair and stock shows should consider the potential for spread from person to person, person to animal and possibly animal to animal.

- If people will be interacting with animals at an event, they are asked to take precautions to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

The CDC uses One Health, a collaborative working at the local, regional, national, and global levels—with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes recognizing the interconnection between people, animals, plants, and their shared environment.

"Fairs and stock shows pose a unique One Health risk because they bring together crowds of people and animals with opportunities for close contact among them and mixing of different animals from different places," according to the CDC.

The CDC has asked state fairs along with stock shows to consider the following steps:

- Split classes to limit the number of animals in the show ring.

- Cattle, horse, sheep and goat shows naturally lend to social distancing when on the walk; adapt spacing to maintain distance between participants.

- Limit the number of people and/or animals in a ring to ensure that at least six feet is kept between an animal and its handler and other people and animals including judges. The number of exhibitors and animals that can safely fit in a show ring or exhibit area may limit the number of animals that can be shown at one time.

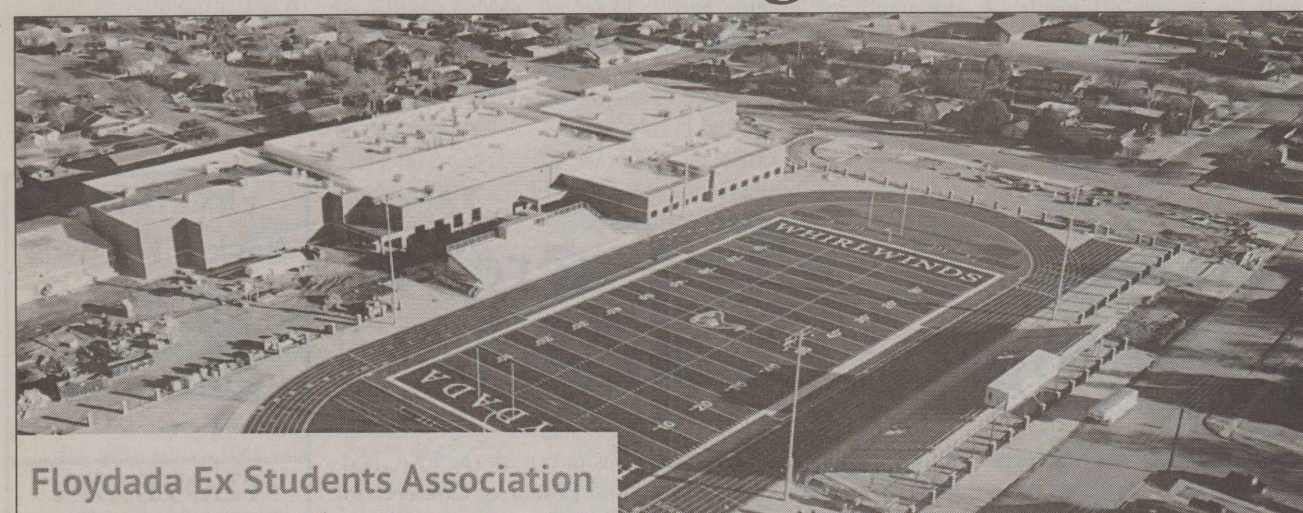
- Provide separate entry and exit points for visitors so they do not need to pass close together while coming into and going out of the ring.

- Stagger activities in washing and grooming areas, or other shared spaces, so that animals from different farms or households do not interact unnecessarily and so that people can maintain a distance of at least 6 feet apart from each other.

- Stagger animals move in/move out times to reduce contact between people and animals.

- Consider a show and go approach, with the animals stalled at a trailer and leaving immediately after the show if this will not compromise animal welfare.

Floydada Ex-Students Association cancels homecoming activities



Floydada Ex Students Association

By Yelena Serrato
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—In a statement released on the Floydada Ex-Student's Association Facebook page by committee secretary Kelli Lyons Reddy, the committee announced the cancellation of the 2020 FHS homecoming gathering due to COVID-19 concerns.

However, FHS still plans to continue with part of the homecoming celebration, that happens every four years.

"They will proceed with the Friday night half-time festivities in presentation of the homecoming court and the dedication of the Charles Tyer stadium," Reddy said in the statement.

Although Reddy said a

new stadium and school is an exciting new beginning for the community, it is best to showcase them when it is safe for everyone.

FHS alumni are "welcomed to visit the new stadium and school at their own convenience; however, no formal activities are planned at this time" Reddy said.

The FHS homecoming

is set for Sept. 4 when the Whirlwinds take on the Lockney Longhorns for a rivalry match up for the county trophy title.

To keep up to date regarding alumni activities, fans are asked to visit the Floydada Ex-Student's Associate website at floydadawhirlwinds.org or follow them on Facebook.

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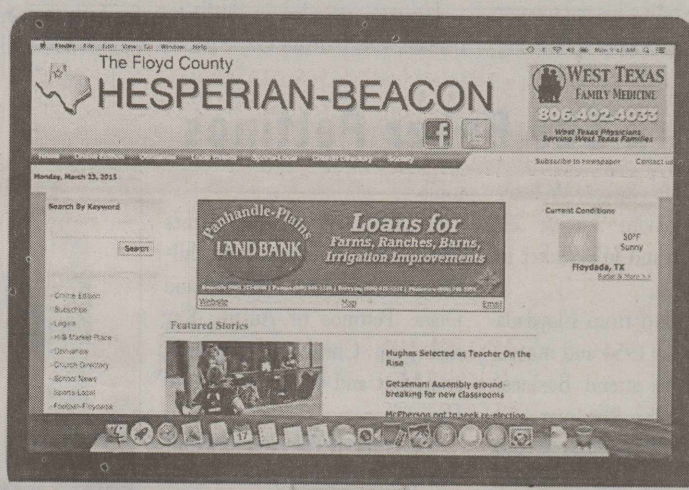
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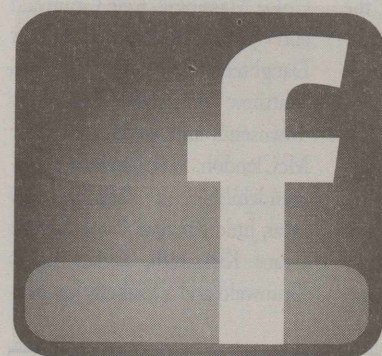
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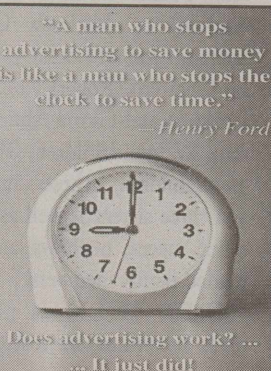
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OBITUARIES

Tomas H. Delgado

Tomas H. Delgado, age 83, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 in his home surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Graveside services were held at 9 a.m., Friday, July 17, 2020 at the Floyd County Memorial Park.

Visitation was held from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2020 and 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

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

Tomas was born January 11, 1937 to Jose Martin and Josefina (Hinojosa) Delgado in Brownsville, Texas.

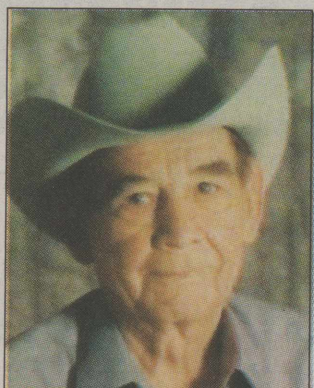
In 1959, he met Elisa Lopez in Lorenzo, Texas. Two years later,

on November 6, 1961, he married Elisa who was the love of his life. They then moved to Floydada in 1961, he became a ginner and worked for McCoy Gin for 52 years before retiring.

He really loved going to casinos, dancing and spending time with his family and friends.

Tomas is preceded in death by his parents, Jose Martin and Josefina Delgado; three brothers, Adan and Lorenzo Delgado, and Arnulfo Guajardo; and two sisters, Juanita Cortinas and Guadalupe Delgado.

Those left to cherish Tomas's memory are his wife, Elisa Delgado; four sons, Arturo Delgado (Heather), Tomas Delgado Jr., Ismail Delgado (Joanna), and Eulalio



TOMAS H. DELGADO

Delgado (Blanca); three daughters, Adelaida Saucedo (Richard), Esmeralda Delgado (Moises), and Elisa Suarez (Jesse); 28 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Eutimio Delgado and Daniel Delgado; and two sisters, Eva Flores and Maria Garcia.

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

Billy F Hendrix

Funeral services for Billy F Hendrix, 93, of Floydada were held at 2 p.m., July 19, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Graveside Services were held at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock at 1 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2020.

Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Mr. Hendrix entered into the gates of Heaven Thursday, July 16, 2020. He passed peacefully, with his family by his side at The Beehive in Floydada.

He was a funny, kind-hearted man who loved his family and community deeply. He always looked on the bright side of life and made something good out of the bad.

He was a member of The First Baptist Church and served on the church's counting committee for years.

He was a US Navy veteran during WWII, and a 1950 grad-

uate of Texas Tech University, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked as a house builder in his family business for several years.

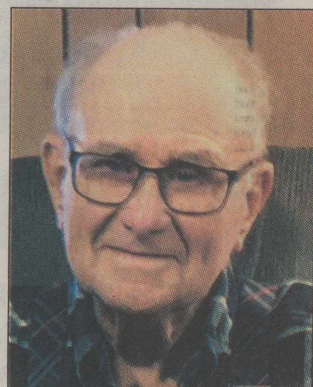
He married Margaret Eleanor Hendrix in Memphis, Tennessee on September 20, 1950, who preceded him in death.

He worked the majority of his life as a cotton farmer and was Juvenile Probation Officer of the 110 Judicial District for many years.

Mr. Hendrix was active in his children's lives, as a little league coach and with livestock shows. He was a former Lions Club member, serving as president in 1974.

He married Jettie Charline Langley on January 22, 2000.

Survivors include his wife; son, Mark Stephen Hendrix and wife, Joan of Odessa, Texas; son, Joel Hendrix and wife, Billie of Floydada, Texas; daughter, Susan Whited of Lubbock, Texas;



BILLY F. HENDRIX

a step-son, Andy Langley and wife, Brenda of Borger, Texas; and step-daughter, Cathy Webster and husband, Larry of Lockney, Texas; 13 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by wife, Eleanor, a daughter, Robin Janet Hendrix, son in law, Danny Lee Whited, a brother, sister, and his parents.

The family requests any donations in his memory be sent to Disabled Veterans or The First Baptist Church of Floydada.

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

Leonard "Lynn" Hobbs

Leonard "Lynn" Hobbs, age 74, went to Heaven on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 8:40 a.m. of natural causes.

Graveside services were held at 9 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2020 at the Floydada Cemetery.

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

He was born on October 11, 1945 in Clovis, New Mexico and grew up in the West Texas area.

He was a jack-of-all trades and a gifted mechanic who could tell what was wrong with a car just by hearing someone describe it to him and was never wrong with his answer.

Lynn was devoted to his family, had the best sense of humor and loved to attend his children and grandchildren's school events.

His favorite hobbies were going fishing on a nice day as he sat beneath a tree, working on old cars, as well as singing and playing the guitar.

He always got a kick out of all the new tech gadgets and could often be seen riding his red scooter through Floydada as he was taking

his grandsons for rides—blessing them with memories they cherish.

His favorite food was Kentucky Fried Chicken.

He was a devoted husband, father, and brother. He was a fierce protector of children and took in stray puppies and cats as well as those people who were in need. He never met a stranger, was always a friend and would give the shirt off his back if someone needed it.

Survivors include his sister, Venita Price of Lubbock, Texas; Robert Hobbs of Niangua, Missouri; James Newsom of Littlefield, Texas; Sherri Lynn Howard of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Shawone Hobbs-Price of Jarrell, Texas and nine grandchildren: David Hobbs, Stephen Taylor, Talon Taylor, Joleena Hobbs, William Hobbs, Kelly J. Schmidt II, Aaron Schmidt, William Price, and Michael Muse; as well as six great-grandchildren: Trinity Hobbs, Daniel Holt, Ashlee Hobbs, Cameron Hobbs, Dakota Holt, and Easton Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his late wife, Barbara Gayle Muse,



LEONARD "LYNN" HOBBS

whom he was married to and lived with in Floydada, Texas for 25 years and three grandchildren: Robert A. Hobbs, Dustin Taylor and Hunter Taylor.

His family would like to thank the staff at Crown Point Health Suites in Lubbock, Plainview Healthcare Center in Plainview, Clint Connors with Hospice and Dr. Ayman Karkoutly in Lubbock for their compassion, love and care of our Dad—Thank you all so much!

If you would like to share your thoughts, memories or condolences for Lynn you may do so at www.moore-rose.com.

Anita Mychele Reed Hammond

Anita Mychele Reed Hammond, 67, died on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Hendrick Medical Center. She was born April 13, 1953 in Lubbock, Texas to Willis (Ray) and Johnnie (Thompson) Reed.

Mychele graduated from Floydada High School, Class of 1971. While attending FHS, she played basketball for the Lady Whirlwinds, was Class Secretary, and a member of FHA and National Honor Society.

She and five other girls were best of friends and called themselves "The Six Pack." She loved to drive fast and was known to take one of her father's demonstrator cars from his Ford dealership out to the quarter mile strip to test her speed skills.

Mychele worked summers as a lifeguard at Plains Baptist Assembly until scandalously getting caught "swimming with other workers, including boys" and then began lifeguarding at Roaring Springs Ranch Club, where she saved the life of a little girl.

Following high school, she attended Angelo State University, where she met Robert (Bob) Hammond. They were married on August 4, 1973 in Floydada. They started their married life in Abilene and Lubbock until settling in Merkel, Texas in 1974. There, she began her career as an insur-

ance agent and opened Hammond Insurance Agency in 1976, while also serving the community as a member of the Merkel Lions Club.

In 1990, she continued her insurance career at Bennett & Associates in Sweetwater, and then in 2001, she joined Ron Mosely Allstate, which later became Jay Hansen Allstate, in Abilene. She spent many happy years serving her insurance customers at the Hansen Agency, as well as Tom Massey Allstate, until very recently.

Though Mychele was very dedicated to her career, her passion was her family. She loved being surrounded by her family and enjoyed hosting family gatherings in her home. Her best friends were her sisters, Susan and Lana, and she loved to cook, travel, laugh, and sing with them. She was a loving wife to Bob, and mother to Dana and Shera, who learned to be compassionate, just, stubborn, and to know no boundaries from her steadfast example. She loved her grandchildren, Avery, Aidan, Launa, and Gabriel fiercely, and attended many sporting events, plays, and important moments in their lives.

Her last days were spent with her grandchildren, which made her tremendously happy. Her downtime was spent as an avid reader, often reading several books



ANITA MYCHELE REED HAMMOND

at time, and sharing her love of books with her kids and grandkids. Mychele will be remembered for her infectious laugh, protective love, fun spirit, and realness.

Mychele is survived by her beloved husband, Robert (Bob) Hammond of Merkel; daughters, Dana Leamon and husband, Sean of Winters, and Shera Torrez and husband, Eric of Corinth; grandchildren, Avery and Aidan Leamon of Winters, Launa and Gabriel Torrez of Corinth; sisters, Susan Rainbolt and husband, Rooster of Baird, and Lana Hughs and husband, Neal of Potosi; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Johnnie Reed.

Graveside service were held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 17, 2020 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel. Friends visited the family at the Hammond home following the service at 524 FM 126 in Merkel.

Barbara Sue Baker Pettinos

Barbara Sue Baker Webster Pettinos was born August 23, 1936 to W.O. and Julia Baker in Floydada, Texas.

She graduated from Floydada High School in 1954 and moved to Lubbock to attend Business College. In 1957, she met and married Donald R. Webster, and together they had three daughters.

In 1975 the Websters moved to San Antonio, where Sue pursued a career with North East School District in the Payroll Department. She retired in 1990 and enjoyed activities at St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

She was a member of the United Methodist Women and also several Circles. She was a fifty-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron in Lubbock and Bexar Chapter in San Antonio. She also held several state offices. Additionally, she was also a member of San Antonio - Bexar Kiwanis Club.

Sue became a widow in 1999 and continued to live in San An-

tonio.

In 2000, she married James Pettinos and loved his three children as her own: Warren and Diane Pettinos of Austin, Kay and John Chance of Bulverde, and Matt and Cathy Pettinos of Houston.

She is survived by her husband, who gave her many years of great happiness. She is also survived by a brother, Billy Keith Baker of Haskell. She is also survived by three daughters, Carrie Friar, Cristie McClendon, and Julie Bledsoe. She is survived by the following grandchildren and spouses, Kenny and Amber Friar, Michael and Kelli Cool, Spencer and Kellyn Kirksmith, Reagan Grunwald and Chloe Massingill, Kyle Grunwald and James Korzekwa, Bryant Daughtery, and Logan Bledsoe, Matthew McClendon and Holly Townsend, and Jacob and Carly McClendon. Her precious great-grandchildren are Maddie Kay Friar, Jude Michael Cool, Emelia Grace Kirksmith, Dylan Lucas Grunwald and Elizabeth Joy Mc-



BARBARA SUE BAKER PETTINOS

Clendon.

A Virtual Memorial Service was held at 4 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2020 at the Porter Loring Chapel. Rev. Michael Crocker will officiate.

Interment will follow at a later date at Fort Sam National Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Porter Loring Mortuary in San Antonio.

You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.porterloring.com.

Margaret Biggs Saul

Margaret Biggs Saul, 96, of Plainview passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

A graveside service was held at 10 a.m., Friday July 17, 2020 at the Floyd County Memorial Cemetery in Floydada, Texas.

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

Margaret was born October 6, 1923 in Lockney, Texas to Homer & Lucy Harper.

She went to school at South Plains and in Lockney.

She married Elmer Biggs on October 5, 1941. They lived in the Muncy community. She worked at Kings Variety Store while Elmer was in the Merchant Marines. They farmed west of Muncy and after Elmer passed away on April 21, 1971, she worked at the Floydada Livestock Auction. She married Clyde Saul on April 14, 1979

and farmed and ranched while managing the Tulia Livestock Auction for several years.

She enjoyed being a pink lady for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Floydada until she moved to Plainview in 1996 where she transferred her membership to the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; three brothers, Arnold, Newell and Lenard Harper; and one sister, Melba Smith.

Margaret is survived by her son, Ricky Biggs and his wife, Marilyn of Plainview; two grandsons, Brandon Biggs and wife, Megan of Plainview and Ethan Biggs and wife, Kreighton of Plainview; five great-grandchildren, Bristol, Brix, Breagan, Kyatt, and Kais, all of Plainview; two step-sons, Bob Saul and



MARGARET BIGGS SAUL

wife, Nancy of Fort Worth, Texas and Jim Saul and wife, Barbara of Quitaque; step-grandchildren, Dora, David, Scott, and Kirk Saul; and a nephew, Tex Smith of Amarillo, Texas.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Covenant Hospital Ladies Auxiliary (Pink Ladies), 2601 Dimmitt Rd., Plainview, Texas 79072.

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

Frank Perales Guerrero

Frank Perales Guerrero, age 70, of Lockney, passed away on July 11, 2020 in Lubbock.

Cremation arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Those left to cherish Frank's memory are his wife, Amelia Guerrero; his children: Jay Mendoza (Maria) of Floydada, Francisco Guerrero Jr. (Shamona) of Lockney, Julian Guerrero (Chelsea), Connie Gonzales (Ramon Arevalo) of Lockney, Calixta Sustaita (Joe) of Lockney, Victoria Guerrero (Robert Robles) of Lockney, and Gloria Ann Guerrero; 27 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; three brothers and three sisters as well as many other nieces, nephews and extended family members.

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

Dorothy Fay (Rowell) Stapp

Dorothy Fay (Rowell) Stapp was born in Munday, Texas on October 22, 1927 to Thomas Elzyberry Rowell and Mattie Florence Hollomon Rowell.

She grew up in California with her parents and 11 siblings. Dorothy moved to Texas in 1946 and graduated Lockney High School in 1947.

Dorothy married Louis Ray Stapp in 1947 and they began their life in Lockney.

Dorothy was a secretary for the Church of Christ in Lockney for many years. Louis Ray and Dorothy were married for 45 years. She was a lifelong member

of the Church of Christ.

Dorothy will be remembered for her unselfish devotion to her family and her strong faith in God. She enjoyed quilting, walking and playing cards. She brought much joy to her family and will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her firstborn infant son, her beloved husband, her parents and 10 of her siblings.

Dorothy is survived by her sister, Mattie Rowell Yarbrough from Stockton, California; three sons, Rodger and wife, Belinda, Randall and wife, Virginia, both



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of Lockney and Lyndall of Floydada. She has nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

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



The Floyd County Tax Assessor – Collector's Office Will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 for required training. We apologize for any inconvenience.