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Nine deaths since 2003

Lockney FFA ag students honor area domestic violence victims

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. The National Statistics for Domestic Violence reports that for one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.

There have been three deaths resulting from domestic violence in Hale County since 2003 and nine total from the area served by the Crisis Center of the Plains.

According to the statistics by the Texas Council on Family Violence, 150 women were killed in Texas by their male intimate partners in 2019 and the youngest of these victims was just 15 years old. In domestic violence situations, the focus is usually placed on women being the victims but this

report also showed there were 31 men killed by female partners in 2019 with the youngest male victim being a 17-year-old male. Same sex relationship can also be affected. The very same report also reported that one woman and three men were killed by their same sex partner, the council's website stated.

Domestic violence occurs when a person consistently aims to control their partner through physical, sexual or emotional abuse, the council said. The United States Department of Justice defines domestic violence as "a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship by one partner to gain or maintain control over another intimate partner."

Domestic violence can be physical or psychological and it can affect anyone of any age, gender, race or sexual orientation. It may include behaviors meant to scare,



The Domestic Violence silhouettes created by Lockney FFA ag students on display. (Courtesy photo)

physically harm, or control a partner. While every relationship is different, domestic violence typically involves an unequal power dynamic in which one partner tries to assert control over the other in a variety of ways, according to the Texas Council on Family Violence.

Insults, threats, emotional abuse and sexual coercion all constitute domestic violence. Perpetrators may use children, pets or other family members as emotional leverage to get their victim to do what they want. Victims of domestic violence experience diminished self-worth, anxiety, depression and a general sense of helplessness, that can take time and often professional help to overcome, according to the council's website.

Not every victim reports their situation to authorities, nor do they seek any kind of help, according to the do-

estic violence website. And just 25 percent of all domestic physical abuse assaults get reported and 20 percent of the rape victims report it, the site said.

Victims usually prefer to avoid any kind of unwanted negative attention. This is the main reasons behind under-reporting, the council said.

If the violence alone was not enough, victims of domestic violence are prone to HIV or STDs, some suffer severe effects on their mental health which can lead to severe depression and even suicide, according to the site.

In honor of the nine area victims, Lockney FFA ag students made nine life-size silhouettes to represent the women who lost their lives in the counties that the Crisis Center of the Plains services.

"The counties include Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe and Hall Counties.

The Crisis Center operates a 24-hour hotline, 1-800-293-7273," said Crisis Center advocate Brandy Heavs.

The students involved in this project were mostly upper-class Lockney FFA ag students. The students are Anson Rendon, Audrey Rexrode, Jose Sanchez, Valeria Tijerina, Noah Henderson, Maliki Alvis, Thalia Ascencio, Andrew Bustillos, Johnathan Cienfuegos, Shi Cochran, Kaleb Cook, Annalicia Hernandez, Jose Martinez, Cameron Poole, Damion Gonzales, Miguel Lara, Ashton Urrutia, Justus Abbott, Jordyn Varner, Nathan Cenicerros, Josh Jimenez, Josh Cienfuegos, Jadin Lara, Madison Johnson, Derek Luna and Austin Rodriguez.

"All these students worked so hard until COVID put an end to it. Even though my students were unable to finish, See **VICTIMS**, Page 12



Lockney FFA senior Jordyn Varner is seen here painting one of the silhouettes during her class period. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

Worst ice storm since 2007

Ice storm in Floyd County causes major damage for Lighthouse Electric

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — The ice storm that swept through Floyd County on Monday night, Oct. 26 has been the most devastating storm that Lighthouse Electric Cooperative has had to deal with since the 2007 ice storm," said Larry Ogden, Manager of Member Services/Safety Coordinator.

As of Friday, Lighthouse has reported to have more than 200 poles broken with multiple lines down.

"Tuesday and Wednesday were the worst part of the storm," said Mike Green, Member Services Assistant. "We were overwhelmed with calls here at the Floydada office. Our office also was without power for two days, and our battery backups were depleted so our phones were out, and we could not receive calls."

Lighthouse officials said they have 20 linemen working non-stop but with the damage so immense, it will take several days to restore



Lighthouse Electric Cooperative reported extensive damage in all of its service areas because of the major ice storm including downed poles and electric lines on State Highway 207. Damage to Floyd County's cotton crops still in the field has not been determined yet. (Photos courtesy of Dane Sanders)

everyone's power. "Our linemen work 16 hours before they are sent home to get rest. We do this for safety reasons," Green stated. "They are back the next morning to continue repairing the damage."

"We have system-wide damage from this ice storm. Lighthouse services 12 counties, which includes the area

our Memphis office covers. We provide service to about 2,200 people. There has been damage reported from all counties. It's still early to put a dollar amount on the damage this storm left, but it is significant," said Green.

"We have six Texas electric cooperatives and three contractors from New Mexico See **LIGHTHOUSE**, Page 12



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BURN BAN FLOYD COUNTY

The Floyd County Commissioners' Court extended the burn ban in Floyd County until January 11, 2021.

LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE

The Lockney Salvation Army is currently having a canned foods, blanket and coat drive that will continue through November to help prepare for the upcoming holidays and the coming new year.

The Lockney Salvation Army Store is located at 108 N. Main, across from the Lockney Post Office. Open on Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. For more info call Alicia Luna at 806-652-2488 (store) or 806-283-6452 (cellphone).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

First Baptist Church of Floydada is planning on being the drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse is sending training to FBC for touchless collection and PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves and masks) for volunteers. Ludustria Prisk at FBC is accepting donations for shipping, \$9 a box and items for the shoe boxes. Items you can donate are school supplies, soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, toys, plus lots of other items. FBC still has boxes available if you'd like to pack your own box. Operation Christmas Child collection week is Nov. 16 - Nov. 22. See the article on the society page of this week's issue.

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Early vote numbers could be record

By Barbara Anderson
The Hesperian-Beacon

"As far as I know, this is a record," County Clerk Ginger Morgan said about Floyd County's early voting in the 2020 general election. As of 4 p.m. on the last day of early voting, Oct. 30, 1,463 ballots had been cast, representing 37% of registered voters.

In 2020, Floyd County has 3,859 registered voters. By comparison, in 2016, Floyd County had 1,318 early voting ballots, which represented 32.22% of registered voters.

The Floyd County Clerk's

office sent out 200 mail-in votes and had received 191 ballots. These are not included in the early voting totals but will be included in the general election total on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

"There may also be provisional ballots that could be included in the election day totals and those could decide an election," Tess Smith of the Floyd County Clerk's Office said.

Provisional ballots, also called affidavit ballots, are given to a voter when a question arises about person's eligibility. Such a situation may occur if the name does not appear on the voter

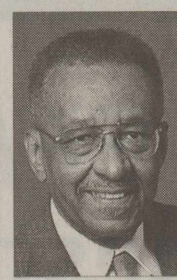
rolls, or if the voter did not bring proper identification, or, in some states, if they received a mail-in ballot but are trying to vote in person instead.

The federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 guarantees that, in most states, the voter can cast a provisional ballot if the voter states that he or she is entitled to vote.

According to Smith, voters have been steady in both polling places in Floydada and Lockney.

Complete results of the General Election races will be included in the Nov. 11 issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

Opinion Is Getting Trump Worth It?



Walter E. Williams

President Donald Trump is not the first president to be hated by a large segment of the American population. In more recent times, there was considerable hate for President Ronald Reagan. Even though the Democratic Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill and Reagan were polar opposites in their politics, they could be friends. Once, when Reagan confronted O'Neill about nasty things that he said about him in a newspaper, O'Neill replied, "That's just politics, after 6 o'clock we're buddies — we're friends." Politics today has become something not seen in our history. The true tragedy is that many Americans have bought into the hate, destructiveness and plain nastiness and are seemingly ignorant or uncaring about its long-term consequences for our nation.

Democrats say that if they win the presidency, they would increase the size of the U.S. Supreme Court by appointing justices who would do their bidding — packing the court. One wonders whether they think that a future Republican president would simply ignore what they have done. I doubt it. A future Republican president would resort to the same tactic and appoint justices that would do his bidding. The U.S. Supreme Court would become no less than a super-legislature, subject to the will of politicians.

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Last June, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill in favor of D.C. statehood. The measure was dead on arrival at the Republican-controlled Senate. But should Joe Biden win the presidency and bring with him majorities in the House and Senate, he would make statehood for D.C. — and Puerto Rico — a political priority. That would give the Democrats four more seats in the U.S. Senate, therefore guaranteeing them a solid majority. But would Republicans accept that without a response? What about splitting up strong Republican states, such as Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. For example, create a West Oklahoma and East Oklahoma or a North Utah and South Utah. That would give the Republicans four additional senators thereby offsetting the new Democratic senators.

You say, "Williams, dividing up states to get greater representation in the House of Representatives and the Senate would violate the Constitution." The fact of the matter is that making Washington, D.C., a state would violate the Constitution. Article I, Section 8, clause 17 of the U.S. Constitution provides explicitly for a national capital that would not be part of a state nor treated as a state, but rather a jurisdiction under the exclusive authority of Congress, a neutral "district" in which representatives of all the states could meet on an equal footing to conduct the nation's business.

So, far as dividing up states, Article IV of our Constitution, in part, says, "but no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress."

By the way, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln, who claimed that he was fighting against secession, violated the U.S. Constitution when he proclaimed the admission of West Virginia into the Union. The Virginia state legislature did not vote to support West Virginia's secession from Virginia.

The bottom-line question is whether our nation can survive the divisions that we see today. Too many people want to blame it all on Trump. How much blame can be put on Trump for the riots, looting and, as Axios estimated, the close to \$2 billion in losses from property destruction? What about the murder and shooting of civilians and law enforcement officers? What about the tearing down of monuments, not only those of Confederate generals but of Abraham Lincoln, Christopher Columbus, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and abolitionist Frederick Douglass?

Perhaps the most tragic aspect of today's division is that much of it is a byproduct of our education system where young people are taught to hate our nation's founders and founding principles. However, it is these principles, though practiced imperfectly, that have created the freest and richest nation in mankind's history. The question is if our nation can survive the widespread anti-Trump hate.

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Floyd County Sheriff's Crime Report

Sept. 1

Sheriff Raissez met with a complainant about her home being burglarized in the 1200 Block of County Road 256. The complainant reported that while she was out of town a 32-inch Vizio TV valued at \$200, a Phillips Blue Ray valued at \$25 and some costume jewelry were taken.

Sept. 10

Deputy conducted a traffic stop on FM 2286 east of the Hale County line that resulted in an arrest. When contact was made with the driver the Deputy could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from the driver. Emmanuel Gonzalez-Gonzalez, 21, of Colorado, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest and detention.

Sept. 11

Sheriff Raissez responded to a call of Criminal Mischief at the 2600 block of County Road 89. Complainant reported that someone had shot the liquid fertilizer tank and a solar panel at their drip station. The tank had been shot with a 9mm handgun. Total estimated damage is \$1750.

Sept. 13

Ismael Perez, Jr., 43, of Ralls was arrested in the 900 block of South Wall in the City of Floydada for Assault Causing Bodily Injury.

Sept. 26

Deputy responded to a traffic accident on US Highway 62 where a vehicle struck a deer. No injuries reported.

Sept. 26

Deputy responded to a dog bite in the 400 block of West Washington Street in the City of Lockney where a small child was bitten on the foot.

Oct. 3

Sheriff Raissez and Deputy responded to a crash on FM 54 where a vehicle left roadway then overcorrected and went into a sideways skid then rolling over approximately four times ejecting four of the five occupants. All five oc-

cupants were taken to UMC in Lubbock. Three with minor injuries and two with severe injuries.

Oct. 3

Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of West Poplar Street in the City of Lockney that resulted in an arrest. Steven Alexander Garcia, 20, of Lockney was arrested for tampering with physical evidence.

Oct. 4

Deputy attempted to stop a White Ford pick-up that disregarded a stop sign. The driver of the Ford pick-up led the deputy in a vehicle pursuit. The vehicle crashed about a mile inside Hale County as it attempted to turn down a turnrow. The driver was taken to Covenant Plainview and the passenger was taken to Mangold in Lockney with non-life-threatening injuries. Driver and passenger were identified as Alberto Bermea, 40, and Amanda Elam, 27, both of Plainview, Texas.

Oct. 5

Deputy responded to crash on US Highway 70 where a vehicle struck two cows in the roadway, disabling the vehicle in the lane of travel. A vehicle that was in the passing lane about a mile behind the first vehicle struck one of the dead cows that was lying in the passing lane. Both vehicles were towed away by Covington Wrecker service of Plainview, Texas. No injuries reported.

Oct. 7

Deputy conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of South 3rd Street that resulted in the arrest of Michael Sanchez, 29, of Floydada for driving while intoxicated.

Oct. 11

Sheriff Raissez responded to a call for burglary of a building in the 300 block of Armstrong Ave., in Dougherty where three firearms were taken. Complainant was not sure when the firearms were taken out of the home. A desert tan

colored AR 15 with a skull engraved on lower receiver was taken. Also taken were two Mossberg 12-gauge shotguns one camo in color and the other one black in color. The complainant was unable to provide serial numbers for any of the weapons.

Oct. 17

Deputy responded to a call for reckless driving on Highway 70 near the Hale/Floyd County line. Upon arrival Deputy observed a Silver Ford F-150 parked in the bar ditch. Deputy noticed the driver was slumped over the steering wheel asleep. Once contact was made with the driver it was noted that he was intoxicated. Justin Watson, 22, of Lockney was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Oct. 18

Deputy responded to a crash on State Highway 207 where a vehicle struck some concrete debris in the roadway. The vehicle went off the shoulder causing the left tire to burst and the right passenger side air bags to deploy. Both occupants were taken to Mangold and treated for minor injuries.

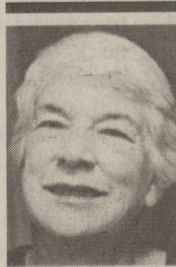
Oct. 19

Sheriff Raissez and Deputy received numerous calls where vehicles had been burglarized during the night in the City of Lockney. Video was captured from one of the residences and two suspects were identified. All items that had been taken were recovered and returned to the owners. The suspects were juveniles.

Oct. 22

Deputy responded to a crash on US Highway 70 where a semi hauling modules disregarded a stop sign causing a vehicle that was traveling west on US 70 to swerve to avoid colliding with the truck and trailers. The vehicle left the roadway striking a stop sign then went into the bar-ditch where it came to rest. The passenger of the vehicle was taken to a Childress hospital. No life

The 501: Icy Escapades



HANABA MUNN WELCH

At the end of a day on ice, I suddenly understand the meaning of the show name "Ice Capades." All it takes is a little ice to turn ordinary activities into escapades. No skates required.

Yes, I'm slow. It's taken me all my life to figure out that "capade" by itself is not a stand-alone word. That said, "ice-capade," hyphenated, seems to have fallen into general usage. The legendary Ice Capades should probably get some credit for the origin of the term, but any such etymology would be lost on Millennials. They don't know Lawrence Welk either.

Anyway, I decided yesterday's ice would make the day ideal for a voting escapade. Sure enough, I had my choice of the machines.

Inigorated by my icy drive to town, I kept my risk level up by voting in Spanish. (It was like the time I pushed "dos" for Spanish. Adrenaline is where you find it.)

After I cast my ballot, the cows set the agenda for the afternoon. They demanded a cold-weather handout.

The tractor acted sluggish. By the time I'd managed to spear and move and feed a bale of hay, the tractor wouldn't budge. Not good.

If there's anything that comes in handy on a farm when ice and slush prevail, it's a functioning tractor. I still remember Daddy starting the old John Deere one dark and stormy night when it was our only working vehicle. Maybe we'd stuck both cars. I don't remember. Mother and I watched from nearby. First Daddy had to dry something — maybe where the coil wire goes into the distributor. It seemed odd to me that just one paper

towel could fix everything. Pop, pop, pop, pop. Nothing beats the sound of a two-cylinder John Deere on a wet wintry night.

I don't remember the rest of that adventure. I just remember that glorious moment when the tractor started.

Back to yesterday. Because the tractor wouldn't move, I couldn't use the bale spear to properly unroll the big round bale. The longhorns were quite happy to manage on their own, using their horns not only to delve into the hay but also to keep the other cows away.

Feeling sorry for the polled and dehorned mamas, I decided to head back to town for some feed cubes.

I was backing a flatbed trailer with my usual finesse when the front right tire on the truck went into a mysterious mini-sink-hole. Stuck, I had effectively blockaded the driveway.

In retrospect I should not have tried next to blaze a new trail with the old Chevy pick-up. The ice-coated lantana bush won. Use your imagination.

My car was blocked in. My other car was a mile away at the other house. I walked into the north wind as darkness fell along with the temperature.

Somehow it made voting in Spanish seem like no big deal. And the real Ice Capades?

I think all the renowned extravaganzas lacked was a "Hee Haw" segment. I think I could write it.

WANTED: LAND IN FLOYD COUNTY

I am looking to buy land in Floyd County, Texas. Generally, in an area North-Northwest to North-Northeast of Floydada then North to the Briscoe County line. Preferably cultivated dryland farmland, CRP, expired CRP, or expiring CRP. If you are interested in selling your land or discussing this further, please call: Larry Bramlet — 806-983-7731 (cell).

SOCIETY

WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital October Employee of the Month

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Celeste Chiqui was named WJ Mangold's October employee of the month. She started working there in January 2019 as a phlebotomist.

Chiqui daily duties include blood extraction, analyze blood, urine and other bodily fluids.

"I love my job and I look forward to coming to work every day, because all my co-workers make each day fun," Chiqui said.

When she is not busy at work, Chiqui can be found behind a camera or in the kitchen cooking. She said she also loves to travel and surf the internet.



Celeste Chiqui
(Courtesy photo)

Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

With Thanksgiving just a few weeks away, this week's recipe of the week is Southern Cornbread Dressing. This old-fashioned southern cornbread dressing is a classic that is a must have for every Thanksgiving table. It is made with celery, onion, homemade cornbread, white bread and plenty of herbs. Everything about this recipe screams comfort food.

This recipe is moist and delicious with light and fluffy texture and the perfect blend of sweet and savory.

There is little difference between dressing and stuffing. Dressing tends to be baked almost exclusively outside the bird, while stuffing can be inside the turkey or in a separate dish.

The first step in this recipe is the cornbread. Make the cornbread at least one day in advance,



stale bread is best for dressing.

The cornbread is mixed with cubes of stale white bread. The butter top variety is what is recommended for this recipe but is not required. The breads are mixed with the veggies that have been cooked in plenty of butter, along with some broth, eggs and fresh herbs. Place the whole thing in the oven and bake to golden brown perfection.

Assemble dressing up to eight hours before the big meal and simply cover the baking dish with foil and store it in the fridge until ready to bake. The baking time may need to increase a bit because it will be a cold dish.

Season the vegetables with salt and pepper to taste. Place the vegetables in the bowl with the cornbread mixture.

Melt the remaining six tablespoons of butter and pour into a large bowl. Add the chicken broth, eggs, salt and pepper to taste, add the sage and whisk to combine.

Pour the butter mixture into the bowl with the cornbread mixture and stir to combine. Transfer the stuffing mixture to the prepared pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until dressing is browned and cooked through.

Sprinkle with parsley and garnish with sage leaves if desired. Serve hot.

Cornbread dressing tips:

- Make homemade cornbread dressing up to a month in advance and freeze it until ready to make stuffing.
- Add other flavor to this stuffing to make it unique. Some great additions are sausage, apples, mushrooms or chestnuts.
- While plain white bread is typically used, artisan bread, like a baguette, can be used.

Southern Cornbread Dressing

Ingredients:

- 1 recipe for honey cornbread or any 9" square cornbread that is homemade or store bought
- 5 slices stale white bread cut into cubes
- 10 tablespoons butter divided
- 1 large onion finely chopped
- 1 cup celery finally chopped
- 4 cups chicken or turkey broth
- 5 eggs
- 1 tablespoon fresh sage leaves finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Cooking spray
- Optional: sage leaves for garnish

Instructions:

Prepare the honey cornbread according to instructions. Cool the cornbread and crumble. Place the cornbread in a large bowl with the bread cubes and toss to combine.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9" X 13" pan with cooking spray. Melt four tablespoons of butter in a large pan over medium heat. Add the onion and the celery and cook

6th Annual Country Christmas Ball set for Dec. 5

By Dustee Sollis
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY – Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band will host the Sixth Annual Country Christmas Ball Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy, Texas.

The musical night will be dedicated to raising money for the volunteer fire departments of Lockney and Floydada. Last year, with the help of many individual businesses and sponsors, the band was able to raise \$10,000 for each fire department.

This year, the event will start at 6 p.m. with a catered meal furnished by River Smith's, followed by three hours of music by the 12-piece band.

Western swing, big band, Cajun, country classics and Christmas hits will be enjoyed by those who want to dance or others who want to sit and listen. There will be a complimentary coffee bar, silent and live auctions and vendors for Christmas shopping.

Tickets are \$40 for individuals and \$400 for a reserved table of eight. Call



Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band (Courtesy photo)

Dustee Sollis at 806-983-6228 for information on sponsorship or to get tickets.

Wendell Sollis, band leader, is a veteran banjo player, performing since the 70's. His shows include Six Flags, Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, Ruidoso, and Quartz Mt. resort in Oklahoma. He has performed with The Texas Playboys, Texas Sand and now leads the Sidekicks.

"This 12-member band is packed full of talent and will be ready to deliver a night of your favorite oldies. It will be great music, bringing back memories of days gone by. We have so many award-winning musicians, that it's appropriate to call the group all stars," Sollis said.

There will be a horn section with hall of fame winner, Steve "Hambone" Ham playing trombone. He currently plays with the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys and the Tulsa Playboys.

Steve Wilkerson, on the clarinet/tenor sax was inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. He has played with Barbara Streisand, the Temptations, Andy Williams and Glenn Campbell, to name a few.

With more than 40 years of experience as a musician, Bob Baker will play steel guitar. He started at age 13 studying with Eldon Shamblin and is a two-time Hall of Fame inductee.

Ronnie Dale Shultz, lead guitarist, has played all over the globe with well-known

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Operation Christmas Child collection drive begins in Floydada

By Barbara Anderson
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The amazing journey of a shoebox begins with Floydada residents. There still time to pack a shoebox as the 'Operation Christmas Child' official collection week is Nov. 16-22.

First Baptist Church has been the collection site for Operation Christmas Child for 12-15 years. According to the Samaritan's Purse website, more than 178 million children in more than 150 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox over the last 27 years.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church Floydada has shoeboxes that can be picked up to be filled or residents can use their own. When wrapping, allow the box to open as additional items will be added for the children. Shoeboxes are also available to purchase at Hobby Lobby.

Ludustia Prisk reported that as of Friday, Oct. 30, they have collected a total of 163 shoeboxes. These were shoeboxes that the GAs and the youth packed. "Last year we collected 969 boxes from Floydada and surrounding counties," added Prisk.

"Once the collection of boxes is finished at FBC and packed into large cartons, we will deliver the cartons to the Central Drop-off location at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock," Prisk said. "There the cartons are loaded straight onto the trailer and taken to the processing center in Dallas." For further information,



CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX SUGGESTIONS:

- **Wow Item**— clothes, shoes, musical instrument, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal, doll, backpack.
- **Toys**—cars, jump ropes, yo-yo's, playdough, stickers, foam ball, football, slinky, Etch A Sketch.
- **Clothing and Accessories**—socks, hats, scarfs, mittens, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries, blankets, socks, pants, shirts, loose fitting sundress, flip-flops.
- **Personal care items**— toothbrushes, bar soap, wash cloths, hairbrush, comb, colorful adhesives, reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils.
- **School Supplies**— pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons and markers, notebooks and paper, color and picture books, solar calculators, watercolors, glue.
- **Crafts**— hair bows, finger puppets, friendship bracelets, purse, sunglasses.
- **Residents are encouraged to enclose a note to the child and a photo of the family or group and an address so the child may be able to write back.**

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes, glass containers, aerosol cans

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call Ludustia at 806-983-3755 or email office@fbcfloydada.org.

The drop-off times available are from 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Nov. 16 -

Nov. 19; and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 - Nov. 21 by calling the FBC office to set up an appointment. On Sunday, Nov. 22, drop off during regular church activities, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Lockney Senior Citizens news

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. Delivery in Lock-

ney ONLY.

Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

The center's staff appreciates everyone and said they can't wait to see everyone again.

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

Floydada Senior Citizens news

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — We have reduced the days the center will be open to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These are the days in which we serve enough people to break even.

We will continue to deliver to those who depend on a meal to stay as independent as possible. And we will be glad to deliver a meal to anyone who calls us by 10:30 a.m. There is no extra charge for this service.

Our center is open to anyone of any age.

The price of our meals is \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. To become a member, we ask that you pay a yearly fee of \$25.

The first Tuesday of every month will be Taco Tuesday which will cost \$5. The third

Tuesday of every month will be Frito Pie Day and it will also cost \$5.

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

Nov. 9 - Nov. 13

Tuesday - Call Center for menu

Wednesday - Smothered pork chop w/gravy over rice

Thursday - Chicken and dressing

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Karen Houchin
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Thank You

Thank you so much to the Floydada and Dougherty Volunteer Fire Departments for coming out and helping with our fire. We are lucky to have people that we can call in our time of need.

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Obituaries

Quentin Van Lowrance

Quentin Van Lowrance, age 56, of Lubbock passed away peacefully in his brother's home in Floydada on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, after a brief battle with cancer.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2020 at the Lakeview Cemetery.

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

Van was born on January 13, 1964 in Plainview, Texas to Gene and Tiny Lowrance.

He attended school in

Floydada and later began his career as a fuel delivery truck driver. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle in his spare time.

Van is preceded in death by his father, Gene Lowrance.

Those left to cherish Van's memory are his mother, Tiny; his brother, Clay and wife, Patti; one niece, Magan Lambert of Plainview; two nephews, Matt Whittington of Stratford and Tucker Lowrance of Plainview. He is also survived by many cousins and friends.



VAN LOWRANCE

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Lubbock, 3702 21st Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

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

Nathan Arby Mulder

Nathan Arby Mulder, age 76, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, October 19, 2020.

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

Nathan was born January 20, 1944 to Arby and Letha Dolly (Fitzgerald) Mulder in Plainview, Texas.

Nathan grew up on the family farm at South Plains farming with his father and continuing to farm throughout most of his life.

He attended South Plains School through the eighth grade when he entered Floydada High School graduating in 1962. Nathan had many fond memories from his days at both schools. He attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas graduating in 1968 with his Bachelor's Degree.

At 17 years of age, Nathan surrendered to preach and served the Lord throughout his life pastoring. He faithfully and lovingly pastored Northfield Baptist Church in Northfield, Texas, Faith Baptist Church in Wellington, Texas, and was currently serving as the pastor of Flomot Baptist Church in Flomot, Texas for over 30 years.

Nathan was not known as a long-winded preacher but preferred to keep his

sermons as he described them, "short and sweet and to the point!" Pastoring was a delight and a blessing for Nathan and his wife, Kathy.

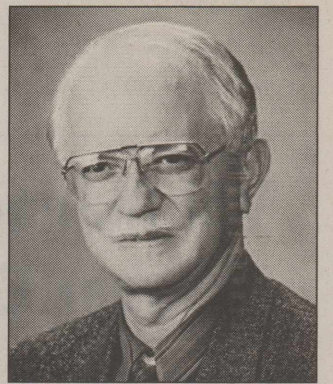
He had a variety of jobs in his lifetime including pastoring, farming, and serving as an Adult Probation Officer. He served as Chief Probation Officer for the 110th Judicial District in Floyd County for several years.

Nathan also served his community on the South Plains School Board and with Caprock Baptist Association, having held various positions including Moderator. He played a crucial part in the ministry, Christian Women's Job Corp of Floyd and surrounding counties. He and his wife have enjoyed serving through this ministry for 14 years.

Nathan married his wife, Kathryn Mary Rowland, July 14, 1963 at South Plains Baptist Church. He and his wife, Kathy, were blessed with 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Nathan was preceded in death by his parents, Arby and Letha Mulder and his younger sister, Katherine Ruth Mulder Taylor.

Those left to cherish Nathan's memory are his wife, Kathy; his daughters, Cindy



NATHAN ARBY MULDER

Hilliard and husband, Trent, and Penny Poole and husband, Ricky; his sons, James Mulder and wife, Karen, and Cory Mulder and wife, Lisa; his grandchildren, Madison Hilliard, Ashtyn Hilliard, Jessica Poole Vaughan and husband, Cameron, Zachary Poole and wife, Amy, Saida Mulder, Shayda Mulder, Shealtiel Mulder, Samuel Mulder, Zack Weiss, Blake Mulder, Sydney Bray, and Payton Bray; and great-grandchildren, Ian Vaughan, Adam Vaughan, Willow Poole, and Adeline Poole. Nathan's family would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the calls, texts and cards.

We would love to be with you all and enjoy your presence but due to the COVID-19 pandemic the family will have a "private family only" service.

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

DEVOTIONAL

Abundance

Psalm 40:3

"...we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance"

Encouraging Word

God's overall plan has always been and will always be to bring you to a place of abundance. No matter where you are at or what trials you are facing, God is wanting you to receive the overflow of his blessings. We have to prepare ourselves to receive what God is so willing to give to us. Our attitude has to be ready to receive the overflow. I know that life will always bring roadblocks along the journey. The route we take is not always easy. But if we endure and trust God then the overflow of his abundance will be the reward. God will reward your faithfulness and obedience and will bring you to a place of abundance. Your cup will be overflowing with all of his blessings. So, keep moving forward. Learn to celebrate the progress. You are not alone. God will see you through. Keep your head up and anticipate God to bring the overflow and abundance to you.

—Armando Morales

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

First and Last

Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. —Matthew 20:26-28 (NRSV)

Growing up, my brother and I had an ongoing dispute as to who was the favorite child. As the firstborn, I thought I had an edge. I'd been around the longest. But Steve, younger by four years and the only son and grandson, could rightly claim his own special place in our family.

My grandmother refused to succumb to our persistent efforts to have her choose which of us was her favorite grandchild. My brother and I would find a time when Gram wasn't surrounded by rival grandchildren and ask, "Gram, who is your favorite?" My grandmother's typical response, always offered with a smile, was, "You are my bestest and my worstest."

Many years later, the memory of this silly bit of dialogue still causes my brother and me to smile. It was the perfect non-answer to an unfair question. It reminds me of a story from Matthew's Gospel. The mother of James and John wanted Jesus to favor her sons in the coming kingdom. Jesus pointed out that her request had significant consequences.

So much of life is like this: We have a sense that we should be a favored child of God, perhaps at the expense of another. Gram had a way of reminding us just how much we were loved, not only by her but by God, who created all of us. —Ricki Aiello (Connecticut, USA)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for loving all your children. Teach us to do the same. Amen.

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Morning Worship...11 a.m.

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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
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.

First Baptist Church
Floydada
Mark Snowden, Pastor
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship
Ashley Adams, Minister 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
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.

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.

First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Pastor E. C. Ice, III
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.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 Sty. 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
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church
310 Mississippi, Floydada

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

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

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

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

San Jose Catholic Church
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

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

Floyd County 4-H Spotlight

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

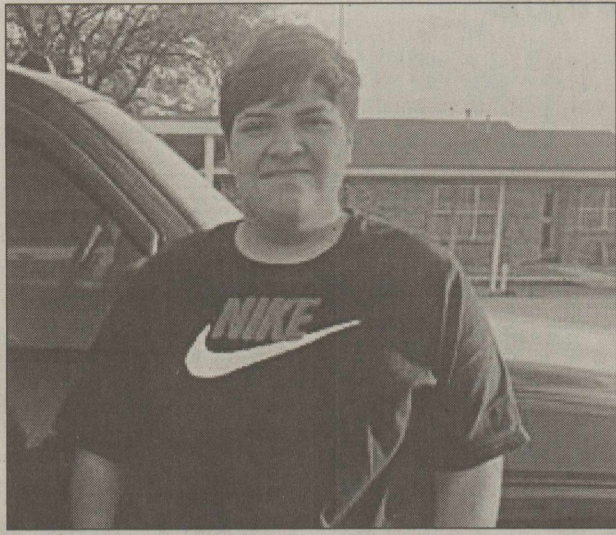
This week we have Drake Gonzales as the spotlight.

He is the son of Regina Gonzales of Lockney and the grandson of Johnny and Corina Gonzales of Lockney.

Gonzales is a fourth-year Floyd County 4-H'er. He has taken part in the archery project, the food challenge and the rifle and pistol projects as well as stock shows. His true passion is the archery project where he competes at the local and district level.

In 2018 he competed in Graham and placed fourth in the District Archery. In March he placed first in NASP intermediate division in Fort Stockton. In 2019 he was the secretary for the 4-H local chapter.

Gonzales is a freshman at Lockney High



Drake Gonzales (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

School where he is a member of student council. He also has a love for band. He started out playing the alto saxophone but is now playing tenor saxophone due to a storage of tenors.

Gonzales is a kindhearted kid who loves his family and cherishes spending time with them. He is also addicted to watching The Office on television.

Drake said when he graduates from high school, he wants to have a career in Law Enforcement in the Forensic Science Department.

Gonzales says, "I really enjoy being in 4-H because of all the new people I get to meet, plus I love the fact that I'm always learning something new. It's just a great club to be a part of."

Floyd County students qualify for Texas 4-H Ambassador Program

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

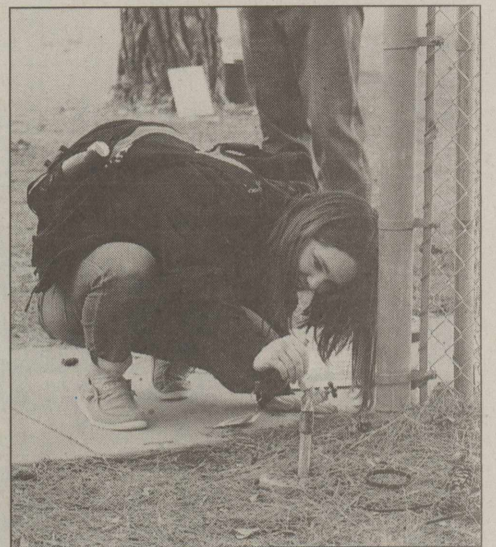
FLOYD COUNTY - Due to the COVID-19 restrictions this year, the Texas 4-H Ambassador Program held a Zoom meeting and Floyd County so two of their three Texas Ambassadors could finish the training.

TyAnn Phillips of Lockney completed the online training for Water Ambassador. Due to a reason out of her control, Sierra Snowden of Floydada will finish her training on another date. Phillips is a second year Water Ambassador.

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors program provides high school age 4-H members and youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering and management of water in Texas.

Wyatt Bigham of Lockney is a first year Shooting Sports Texas Ambassador. Bigham complete his online training via zoom on Saturday as well.

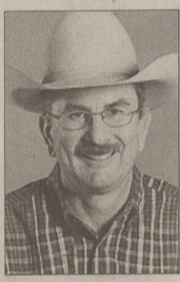
Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent Texas 4-H and youth development program and specifically Texas 4-H shooting sport for public relations purpose at special events such as donor-supporter functions and with general public, peer groups, 4-H groups, community service



TyAnn Phillips is a second year Floyd County 4-H Water Ambassador. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

groups, schools and media contacts. They serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports programs, helping to make 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible. The Ambassadors further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

For more information on Floyd County 4-H, contact Mark Carroll or Cristen Brooks at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office at 806-983-4912.



Rodeo Insider

Awards banquet scheduled.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Awards Banquet is scheduled for Dec. 2, at Dickies Arena, the night before the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo begins at

Globe Life Field in Arlington.

The categories range from Announcer of the Year to Stock Contractor of the Year to Large Indoor Rodeo of the Year.

Tickets are \$100 each or \$1,000 for a table of 10. PRCA members may purchase tickets to the banquet at www.prcaconvention.com, starting Nov. 1.

Cooper wins match.

Four-time world champion Tuf Cooper, a Childress native who has homes in Weatherford and Decatur, clinched the tie-down roping match roping title at the Cinch Roping Fiesta on Saturday (Oct. 24) in San Angelo, according to gosanangelo.com. Cooper pocketed the coveted \$20,000 winner-

take-all prize as the result of edging 2019 PRCA world champion Haven Meged in the 12-head match.

However, Meged, a former Tarleton State star who is from Montana, clinched the invitational tie-down roping title against a field of numerous world class ropers. He earned \$8440, which will count in the 2021 PRCA tie-down roping world standings.

With the title at stake in the finals round, Meged turned in a time of 9.9 seconds on his way to finishing first in the average race with a four-run time of 41.2, according to prorodeo.com. Caleb Smidt finished second with a 41.4 and Timber Moore came in third with a 42.0.

Brazilian Marcos Costa, a former Childress resident who currently lives in Menard, tied for fourth in the average. The 2017 world champion's total earnings were \$2,648.

Brett Hoffman, a Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame member, has covered rodeos and horse show events for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for more than 35 years. Email him at bchoffman777@earthlink.net.



Wyatt Bigham is a first year Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

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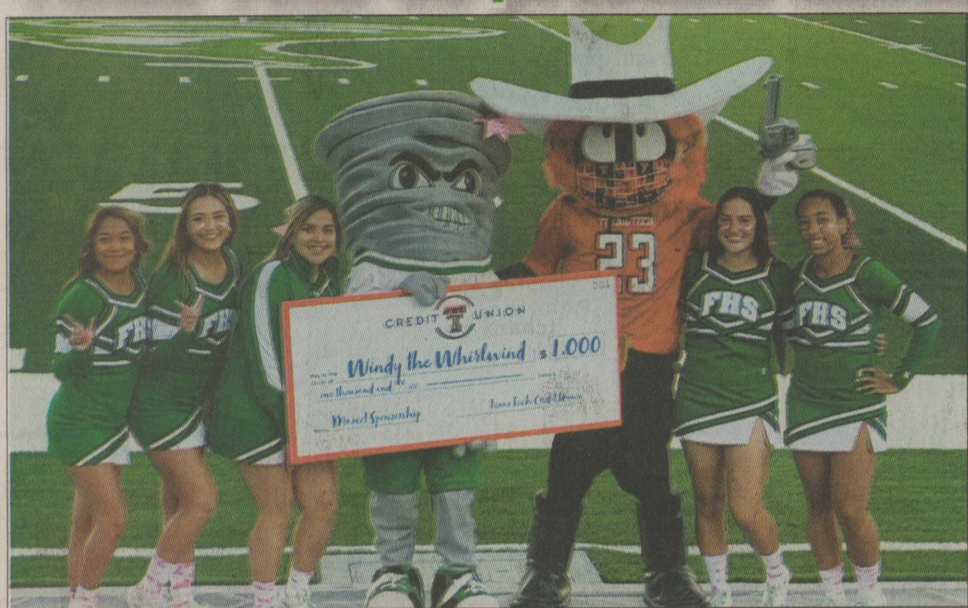
Floydada Whirlwinds

2020 Floydada Whirlwind JV Football



2020 Floydada Whirlwind Junior Varsity Football players are, top row, from left, #27 Aiden Trevino, #55 Kyler Gillespie, #84 Dalles Hernandez, #26 Phillip Rodriguez, #10 Orlando Ortiz, #22 Zaijah Riojas, #63 Damien Perez, #25 Nathanael Garza, #67 Hagen Hinsley, #64 Anthony Garcia, and #72 Gabe Silva. Middle row, from left, #9 Donovan Rocha, #2 Jayson Cooper, #70 Marcus Collins, #60 Armando Cruz, #20 Ryan Perez, #66 Noe De Los Santos, #52 Cristian Hernandez, #8 Jacinto Santos, #71 Noah Henderson, #3 Dillon Bruington, and #50 Gilbert Machado. Bottom row, from left, #11 Giovanni Baltazar, #4 Mike Rios, #12 Luis Martinez, #43 Jaxon Smith and #51 Matthew Luna. (Photo courtesy of Robin's Nest Photography)

Texas Tech CU presents check



Before the Floydada and New Deal game on Friday, Oct. 30, the Texas Tech Credit Union presented both schools with a \$1,000 check. The credit union is presenting 26 area schools with a check to help their mascots with new uniforms. Windy the Whirlwind mascot and the FHS varsity cheerleaders are shown with Raider Red as they hold the check they received. From left, Clarissa delaFuente, Ali Gonzales, Natalee Romero, Windy the Whirlwind, Raider Red, Audrie Strange and Alyssa Hinson. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Kalissa Hinson)

Whirlwind Pride Spotlight

By Barbara Anderson
The Hesperian-Beacon

Ava Gonzales, an eighth grader at Floydada Junior High School, is the daughter of Adam and Angie Gonzales.

She has been in band four years, one in high school, two years in junior high and one in elementary.

"I like being in band because Mr. Piland makes it a nice environment," said Gonzales.

Gonzales said she is looking forward to going and competing in state. She believes they can accomplish that goal this year if they hunker down and stay focused.



Ava Gonzales

Whirlwinds lose to New Deal



The Floydada Whirlwinds took on the New Deal Lions on Friday, Oct. 30 at Tyer Stadium for the last home game of this season. It was a hard-fought game for the Whirlwinds but at the final buzzer the score was New Deal 42, Floydada 14. Next Friday the Whirlwinds travel to Hale Center to take on the Owls. Game leaders were: Quincy Gonzales - 2 passes for 88 yards; Matthew Morales - 11 carries for 46 yards; Alexyz Alvarado - 1 catch for 88 yards. (Photos by Alyssa Obregon)

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

Nov. 9 - Nov. 13

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

Tuesday
Breakfast - Maple breakfast on a stick, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Country fried steak, roll, pepperoni pizza, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast - Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Beef nachos, Spanish rice, breaded chicken patty sandwich, cheesy Mexican refried beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Thursday
Breakfast - Turkey sausage & cheese sandwich, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Loaded meatlovers pizza, grilled cheeseburger, seasoned curly fries, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

Friday
Breakfast - Cinnamon glazed French toast, fruit, juice, milk
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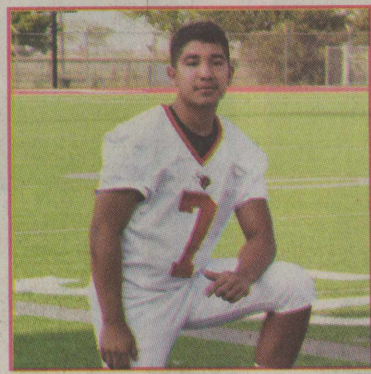
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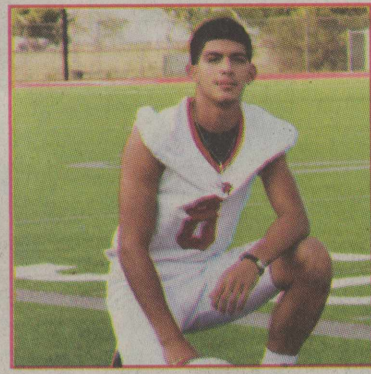
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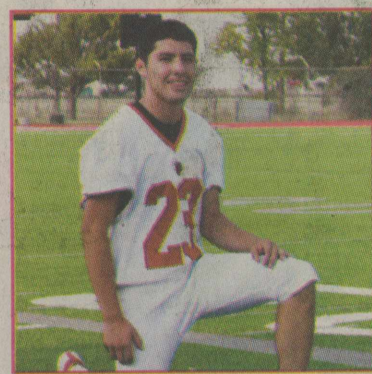
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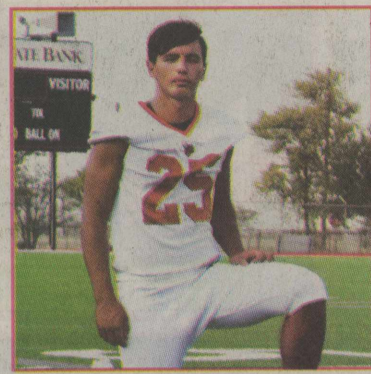
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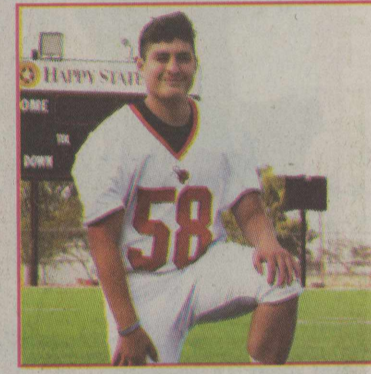
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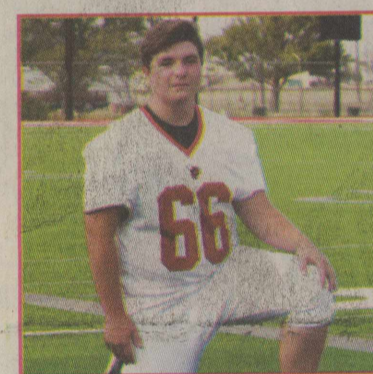
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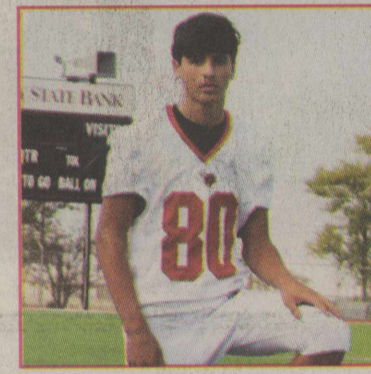
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Breakfast – Sausage kolache, cheese stick fruit juice, fruit, milk
Lunch – Pizza or Fiesta Bowl, carrots, salad, fruit, cookie, milk

Longhorn Pride Spotlight



By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

Lockney High School junior Brianne Rodriguez enjoys cheering and supporting the Longhorns. She has been cheering for LISD for five years.

She is the daughter of Michael and Isabel Rodriguez and is the oldest of three children. She loves having family time.

The game Rodriguez was so excited about was the homecoming game. "So many fans turn out to support the Longhorns, and you can feel the excitement in the air. I love when the stands are full of loyal Longhorn fans," Rodriguez said.



Brianne Rodriguez
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Honeybee nutrition might be key to healthy populations

By Gabe Saldana

Communications Manager
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A newly funded Texas A&M AgriLife Research project seeks to slow population losses among more than 2.6 million managed honeybee colonies in the U.S.

Honeybees provide pollination services that uphold \$16 billion in U.S. agricultural crops. However, managed colonies have seen annual declines. Those include a 40% decline as recently as 2018-2019, said Juliana Rangel, Ph.D, AgriLife Research honey bee scientist in the Department of Entomology, Bryan-College Station.

The declines are attributed to several general issues, including poor nutrition and susceptibility to pathogens and diseases, said Pierre Lau, AgriLife Research graduate assistant, and a Texas A&M University doctoral candidate in Rangel's laboratory.

Lau is also the project leader. To prevent future managed colony losses, his team will look for ways to strengthen bee colony immunity to disease pathogens by feeding them more nutritious diets.

The project is supported by a U.S. Department of Agriculture pre-doctoral fellowship titled "Optimizing Macronutrient Contents in the Honeybee Diet as a Mechanism for Pathogen Defense."

The research team includes Lau, Texas A&M graduate student Alexandria Payne, undergraduate students Cora Garcia and Jordan Gomez, along with Rangel. Spencer Behmer, Ph.D., AgriLife Research professor in the Texas A&M department of entomology, is also part of the team, as is his postdoctoral research associate Pierre Lesne, Ph.D.

Focusing on macronutrients

Researchers will place heavy focus on macronutrients, which are those nutrients in the highest demand by a healthy body for proper metabolism and physiology, Lau said.

His team's work will be to first understand the varying amounts of proteins and lipids, or macronutrient ratios, present in bees' diets. They



Pierre Lau, AgriLife Research graduate assistant, and a Texas A&M University doctoral candidate, in the honeybee laboratory. (Courtesy photo)

will work to optimize an ideal diet with varying ratios of macronutrients, then they will observe physiological benefits to bees that receive increasingly nutritious dietary mixes.

Commercial honeybee colonies succumb especially to *Nosema ceranae* and deformed wing virus. *Nosema ceranae*, a fungal pathogen, causes a fatal intestinal disease, while deformed wing virus causes death due to developmental complications in heavily infected adults, particularly due to crumpled wings.

Besides pathogens and diseases, Lau said, honeybee declines within agroecosystems — which describe most agricultural crop scenarios — can also come from parasitization, poor queen health, pesticide exposure and landscape fragmentation.

As such, in addition to immunity, the researchers will investigate how nutritional changes affect expression of genes that mediate proper honeybee development and growth.

Honeybee nutrition likely lacking

"We know that pollen is the most important source of nourishment for bees, but as a field of research, we have a poor understanding of all the macronutrients that make up pollen," Lau said.

At the same time, Lau and collaborators, in an un-

published study, were able to determine the nutritional content of certain pollens. In the same study, they noted that honeybees preferred pollen with a lower ratio of protein to lipids, or P:L ratio, than what would be currently available in the beekeeping industry. Moreover, Lau said, existing research shows that organisms naturally seek out pathogen-fighting nutrients in their surroundings.

"Does this mean that honeybees can alter their macronutrient intake to self-medicate and increase their tolerance to a pathogen, given the availability?" Lau said. "It could also be that the role of lipids is more significant than we understand."

Additionally, Rangel said, honeybees need certain plants in the vicinity to help them with physiological processes. Those include metabolizing certain macro and micronutrients. What if those plants are not available in a crop system?

"We know that honeybees need variety in their diet," Rangel said. "But, to what extent are certain nutrients required, or even sought after, by the bees for proper nourishment?"

"Can we introduce supplemental macronutrients that allow honeybees to self-medicate in the presence of pathogen infections?" Lau added. "This will be our focus for the next two years."

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979 WORD HISTORY

Thomas Jefferson work was born in Dimmit County, in South Texas, February 17, 1883. His father was Thomas Word and his mother was Mary Lee Day. His grandmother Day could only speak German. He married Lena Mae Raney, who was raised at Crowell, Texas. After they were married, they moved to Greer County at Willow, Oklahoma, where Tom Word of Lockney, four brothers and twin sisters were born. Two died in infancy.

They moved to Elida, New Mexico in 1916 in a covered wagon. They only stayed one year because it rained only once all year. The family moved to Collinsworth County in 1917, where the last daughter Inez was born in 1919.

In 1924 they came to the plains in a Model-T car. It took them all day to come to Mother Word's sisters. Mrs.

Will Rexrode, who lived at Lone Star. The Word children were very excited about coming up the Caprock. Later they brought the livestock and farm equipment by train and settled at Aiken for one year on the place where Oscar Golden now lives. Then he bought a farm at Lone Star where B. W. Cox now lives. They lived there until all the family were grown.

They farmed with teams, raised cotton and maize. They had a windmill with the water going to a water barrel, then running through the milk trough to an earth tank where the stock drank.

In about 1938 they got electricity. Mother Word never threw away any leftover ice cubes: they were saved to cool drinking water in the evening. They always milked cows, raised their own hog meat to cure.

Mr. and Mrs. Word were active in church work. Mr. Calvin Applewhite, Thurston Rankin, Mr. Word and maybe several others bought and started the Lone Star Baptist Church. Part of the present building is what they first moved there. Mother Word was wonderful person. She always did up her washing and patching the first of the week. I've heard her say "A stitch in time saved nine." The rest of the week she would visit her neighbors, "Ma" Phillips, as most people called her, and Grandmother Applewhite. As long as she was able, she walked.

About 1948 they moved to Lockney. She passed away in 1950. Mr. Word passed away in 1976 at the age of 92. Their oldest daughter Neta married John Buth. The Buths were also a pioneering family that lived in the county for many years.

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Major ice storm hits Floyd County, causes damage

When the weather changed, and the ice storm blew in on Monday night, Oct. 26, Lockney and Floydada residents lost trees due to the heavy ice and freezing weather. Residents of both towns experienced loss of electricity and wireless telephone service. The City of Lockney, City of Floydada and Xcel Energy crews worked long hours in the severe cold weather to get their customers' service restored. Lighthouse Electric crews were still working as of Friday, Oct. 30, to get services restored. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham, Barbara Anderson & Courtesy Photo)



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and Oklahoma sending multiple crews to assist with the restoration," said Green. "With the help of these extra crews we hope to have all our customer's outages restored within a week or less." When a storm knocks out power to homes, farms or businesses, residents may use a generator. If a generator is improperly installed it has the potential to be extremely dangerous to the Lighthouse linemen, first responders and family members, according to Lighthouse officials, who added the company is currently updating its mapping system and encourages customers to call the office with that information. The engineering department will inspect the installation of the generator to make sure it is safe. For further info, please contact Lighthouse Electric Cooperative at 806-983-2814.



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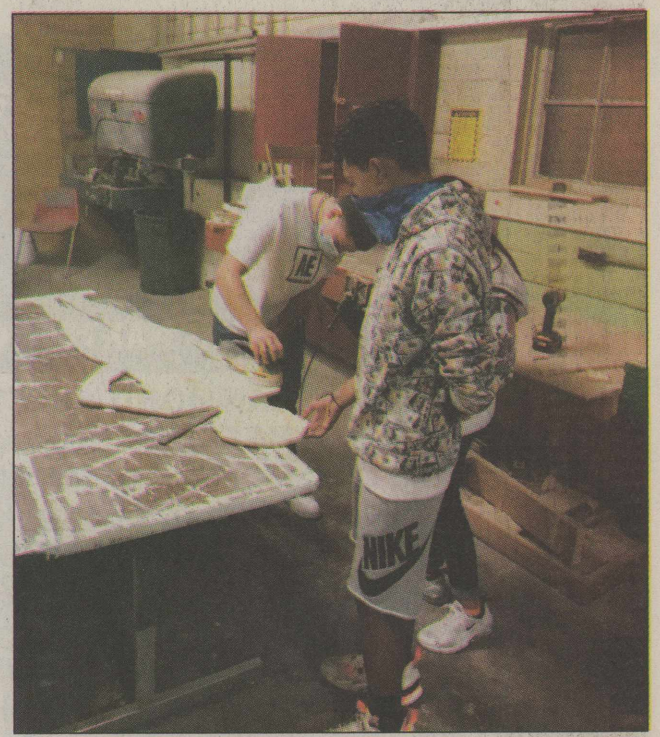
ish this project, they worked hard," Perryman said. "I know this project touched each and every one of their lives. I am proud of these students for stepping up and working so hard on this project."

"Domestic violence is something that everybody needs to be aware of. I am so glad that my students were able to take part in this particularly important project," Lockney Ag teacher, Daryn Perryman said.

The students at LHS also were able to read some of the plaques that were placed on the silhouettes with the narratives on how that person died. "One plaque that really stands out was of a 35-year-old mother who was shot in the face as her 15-year-old daughter watched and the ex-husband left the scene in the woman's car. He shot and killed himself when he was stopped by police. So many lives changed that day," said Perryman. "Domestic violence is something that everyone needs to be aware of, and the lasting effects that just keep going on."

"The Crisis Center of the Plains is a non-profit organization that offers emergency services, support services, safe housing and additional resources for people who need them. In connection with the services the Crisis Center offers, Broadway Treasures, an avenue where women and men can shop with vouchers from the crisis center to help in starting a new life. The Crisis Center always has a Christmas store upstairs, where parents who are getting crisis services can shop for their children at Christmas time," said advocate, Ms. Heavs.

"We accept new items to be placed upstairs at Broadway Treasures here at our office, which is located at 115 E. 7th Street in Plainview. We also accept monetary donations that help to buy bus tickets for our clients that may not be from this area and want to get back home. Or we buy birth certificates and drivers licenses that may have been destroyed. There's a number of items that we use the money for," said Heavs. "Broadway Treasures takes donations of house-



Lockney FFA ag students taking the time to make sure each silhouette is completely sanded. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



Maliki Alvis, Shi Cochran and Annalicia Hernandez team up to get this silhouette ready for painting. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

hold items, clothing for men, women and children. Furniture also is an item that they accept for our clients. These larger items like beds and living room furniture are always in needed by our clients. Really anything a person would need to start over in life."

To make a monetary donation or donate gift cards from a grocery store or Wal-

Mart, those donations can be mailed to Crisis Center of the Plains, P.O. Box 326, Plainview, Texas, 79073. "The Crisis Center of the Plains will have the nine silhouettes on display sometime in November at the Plainview Courthouse, then they will be on display in Lockney at a later date. The place and date have yet to be determined, due to COVID," said Heavs.

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artists such as Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Leroy Van Dyke, Lynn Anderson, and Hank Thompson. He's highly in demand as a session player and performer, as he has mastered five different types of musical instruments.

On the accordion, Ginny Mac, from Fort Worth, will astound the audience with her magical voice and charisma. She's performed at the Grand Ole Opry, and MGM in Vegas. Ginny has accompanied Grammy award winners Brave Combo and Riders in the Sky.

Lucy Dean Record, a 96-year-old keyboard player from Lockney, has a trophy case filled with musical honors. She's in several Halls of Fame and was awarded Instrumentalist of the Year at the Will Rogers Awards.

Brady Rasco, a local fiddler and firefighter in Lubbock, has played since the age of 8. At Tarleton, he was a house band member for the Cross Timbers Opry. He's played with the Sidekicks and local bands for the past 10 years.

Another hall of fame fiddler, Greg Gibbs, began playing in 1984. He's performed with Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Kelly Spinks, and the Sidekicks. Greg received the Hero

award by the Cowtown Society of Western Swing Music Award in 2015.

Rodney Lay, on bass, was on Hee Haw for 12 years as bandleader and bass player for Roy Clark. Hank Thompson and Waylon Jennings had top 20 songs that Rodney composed. Today he plays for the Tulsa Playboys.

Chad Maines, drummer from Dickens, Texas, has been playing drums since he was 13 years old. Chad accompanied his dad of the Maines Brothers Band. He has played at the Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the Cactus Theater in Lubbock, and the annual Bob Wills' Day in Turkey, Texas for the last five years.

Football Contest Standings Week 9

	THIS WEEKS	TOTAL
Brent Sanders	16/23	155/202
Daniel Diaz	16/23	155/202
Domingo Faz	16/23	152/202
Franklin Harris	17/23	147/202
Ricky Ascencio	15/23	145/202
Boyd Lee	12/23	145/202
Renee Armstrong	17/23	142/202
Steve Stringer	16/23	120/202
Kellie Cantwell	15/23	114/163

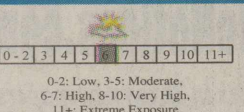
NOTE:
Two games were not counted this week.
Wisconsin/Nebraska - cancelled
Kentucky/Missouri - listed wrong

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Weather Summary

Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High/Low
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	73 / 43
Thursday	Sunny	74 / 45
Friday	Partly Cloudy	73 / 43
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	75 / 46
Sunday	Sunny	77 / 47
Monday	Sunny	81 / 52
Tuesday	Sunny	80 / 49

Local UV Index



Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 73°, humidity of 35%. South southwest wind 11 to 16 mph. The record high for today is 86° set in 2005. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 43°. Southwest wind 7 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 41°. The record low for tonight is 2° set in 1991. Thursday, skies will be sunny, high of 74°, humidity of 34%. South wind 7 to 10 mph. Thursday night, skies will be clear, overnight low of 45°.

Weather Trivia

In 2004, what rare hurricane-related phenomenon occurred? **Answer:** In March 2004, a hurricane in the Southern Atlantic Ocean made landfall in Brazil.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Wed	2:23-4:23	2:48-4:48	Sun	5:54-7:54	6:20-8:20
Thu	3:14-5:14	3:40-5:40	Mon	6:46-8:46	7:11-9:11
Fri	4:07-6:07	4:34-6:34	Tue	7:37-9:37	8:03-10:03
Sat	5:00-7:00	5:27-7:27			

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 11/8	7:09 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	10:48 a.m.
Thu	7:10 a.m.	5:49 p.m.	9:39 p.m.	11:42 a.m.
Fri	7:11 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	10:36 p.m.	12:34 p.m.
Sat	7:12 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	11:38 p.m.	1:20 p.m.
Sun	7:13 a.m.	5:47 p.m.	Prev Day	2:02 p.m.
Mon	7:14 a.m.	5:46 p.m.	12:43 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Tue	7:15 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	1:50 a.m.	3:16 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
10/24	69	28R	71/44	0.00"	10/24 0
10/25	43	31	71/44	0.00"	10/25 0
10/26	25	20R	71/44	0.01"	10/26 0
10/27	30	20R	70/43	0.63"	10/27 0
10/28	33	30	70/43	0.01"	10/28 0
10/29	53	35	70/42	0.00"	10/29 0
10/30	64	33	69/42	0.00"	10/30 0