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DuBois reveals preparations for severe storms

By Jennifer Harbin
Hesperian-Beacon

During a severe thunderstorm winds blow hard, it rains intensely, and it can be difficult to know what to do during an emergency, especially when there are tornados involved.

Would you know exactly what to do during an emergency? Do you have a plan to protect yourself?

Floydada and Lockney proactively considered these situations and decided they would rather be safe than sorry.

When coming into the city limits

of Floydada, there is a sign that states that Floydada is a StormReady Community, and that comes with a lot of responsibility and planning.

"StormReady, a program started in 1999 in Tulsa, OK, helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property--before and during the event. StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs," according to the National Weather Service website.

To be officially StormReady, a community must:

Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center

Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public

Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally

Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars

Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

Craig DuBois serves as the Emer-

gency Management Coordinator for the City of Floydada. In a recent visit with him, DuBois explained the preparation that has gone in to protecting Floydada during severe weather.

During storms, the Floydada Fire Department is equipped with an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) that is safely located under the fire station. In the EOC, televisions are set up, along with radios and computers, to track storms in real time. Spotter units, which consist of two people in fire

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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 fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

The United Blood Services will be holding the Floydada Community Freedom Blood Drive on Thursday, June 27th from 2-7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Gym. All donors will receive a patriotic t-shirt and be entered in a drawing for an i-Pad. To schedule an appt. call Floydada Chamber of Commerce Manager, Kim Perez or 983-3434 or log onto www.BloodHero.com - Sponsor Code: floydada

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery every Monday night in Olton at the First United Methodist Church beginning at 6:30. A meal and childcare will be provided.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

Closure

Floydada and Lockney Senior Citizens Centers will be closed Thursday, July 4 to observe Independence Day.

Pray for Rain!

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office at 806-983-3737 or email fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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Court votes to move polling place back to FUMC

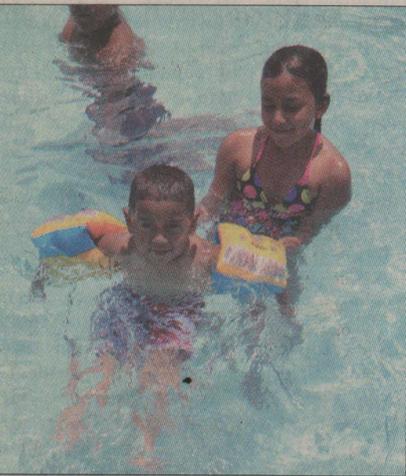
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On June 10, Commissioners' Court met to discuss the future location of the polling place in Lockney. Commissioner Lindan Morris said that he was approached by Rick Carstensen, minister of the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), about moving the polling place back to the FUMC of Lockney. Carstensen appeared before the court and read a letter from the church's Administrative Council expressing their desire to return the polling site to their church for future elections.

There had been much confusion during the November 2012 election among community members according to Carstensen. Commissioner Amado Morales expressed that he was "100% against voting in any church", because according to him, the constituents have told him they don't want to vote because it is in a church. Judge Golightly explained that those constituents have two weeks to go to early voting which is not located in any church and churches in Lockney and Floydada are some of the only locations large enough to hold elections. Morales mentioned moving the polling place back to the Massie Activity Center, but County Clerk Ginger Morgan added that that was not an option because of lack of internet access which is required by law. Morris made a motion

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Summertime



Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian-Beacon

School's out for the summer and that means endless hours splashing around the swimming pool to help curb the summer heat. A Lockney boy is seen here playing with a willing playmate.

Landscape



Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian-Beacon

On Bryant Street in Lockney, a resident has transformed their front yard by the driveway into an efficient, water-saving and beautiful garden area. Spaces like these are easily maintained and a responsible alternative during the current drought conditions.

Keys to drought tolerant gardening, conservation

By Jennifer Harbin
Hesperian-Beacon

Though modest rainfall promises temporary improvements in West Texas, Floyd County residents must look ahead and plan for more long-term solutions while surviving the ongoing drought that is plaguing the area.

Having been under drought conditions for three years, 2013 is looking to be just as bad as the previous years for Texas, if not worse. For the week of June 21-27, there is a probability for enhanced

chances for above normal temperatures, coupled with enhanced chances for below normal precipitation for Texas. That spells D-R-Y and is already having a substantial strain on water supplies. As of June 11, the area has received one to two inches of rainfall, which has perked up local crops and lawns a little, but with searing temperatures as they are almost every day, the long-term benefits are limited.

When it comes to keeping that lawn looking lush and green, more modest options and creative

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Deaths

Marvin "Lafayette" and Patsy Dolores Boone

Funeral services for Marvin "Lafayette" and Patsy Dolores Boone were held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 17, 2013 at The Assembly in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Burial followed at the Park Grove Cemetery in Broken Arrow under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home.

Marvin "Lafayette" Boone was born November 20, 1928 in Dimmitt, Texas, the son of Marvin Alton and Gladys Elois (Burlison) Boone. Lafayette died Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He was 84 years of age.

Patsy Dolores Boone was born October 31, 1933, the daughter of Thomas Bandy and Gladys Wendell (Smith) Fortenberry. Patsy died Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, just 25 hours after the love of her life, her husband of 60 years, Lafayette passed away. She was 79 years of age.

Lafayette was a 1947



MARVIN "LAFAYETTE" AND PATSY DOLORES BOONE

graduate of Turkey, Texas High School, a veteran of the United States Army and he retired from Burlington Northern Railroad after 46 years. Patsy was a 1951 graduate of Lockney, Texas High School, a homemaker who was a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Lafayette and Patsy were married on October 3, 1952 in Lockney, Texas. They moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 20 years ago from the West Texas/Lubbock/Plainview area. They were members of The As-

sembly in Broken Arrow.

Memorials may be made to the Assembly, 3500 W. New Orleans, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Leave a memory of Lafayette and Patsy or a word of encouragement to the family by visiting www.hayhurstfh.com and clicking online tributes.

They are survived by daughters, Paula and husband, John Turk of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Pam and husband, Jack Hayhurst of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Danita Clark of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Patrick and Sarah Vick, Preston Vick, Justin Turk, Tonya Turk, Trevor and Candace Hayhurst, Taylor and Eric Underwood, Lauren and Scott Tilley, and Tyler Clark; great-grandchildren, Parker, Cody, Elijah, Londyn, and Natalie; and Lafayette's sister, Eldora Workman of San Antonio, Texas.

Lafayette was preceded in death by sister, Lila Dean Wood.

E.J. Colvin

E.J. Colvin, age 90, of Lockney passed away Sunday, June 16, 2013 after a long illness.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at the Lockney Cemetery with Rev. Rance Young officiating.

Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2013 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

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

E.J. lived all his life in Lockney where he farmed cotton, wheat and milo and worked at the Lockney Gin after retirement. He was a loyal and loving brother. Those who knew him remember his love for gospel music and working in his yard.

He is survived by one sister, Ladell Brewer and one brother, Lon Colvin and wife, Lois, all of Lockney. Also surviving are his nephew, Terry Brewer and wife, Charlotte of Dangerfield, two nieces, Dianne Rose of Lockney and Jo Beth Ware and husband, Randy of Plainview and cousin, Jim Scott and wife, Gayle of Tulia.

Gabriel Mendoza, Jr.

Heaven gained a beautiful angel on June 9, 2013 when our beloved Gabriel Mendoza Jr. went to be with our Lord.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2013 at Temple Getsemani Assembly of God located at 701 W. Missouri Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Gabriel Jr. was born on February 16, 1970 to Ga-

briel and Connie Mendoza. He graduated from Floydada High School and attended Texas Tech University.

He is survived by his mother, Connie Mendoza and brother, Marcelino Mendoza of Floydada; father, Gabriel Mendoza Sr. of Plainview, Texas; brother-in-law and sister, Tony and Sandy Rando of El Dorado, Arkansas; neph-

ew, Stephen Mendoza of Floydada; nieces, Chelsea Rando and Martika Rando of El Dorado, Arkansas; nephew, Jaidyn Kade Johnson of Wichita Falls, Texas; grandparents, Ramon and Josefina Peralez of Floydada; and many close and dear friends in the San Antonio area.

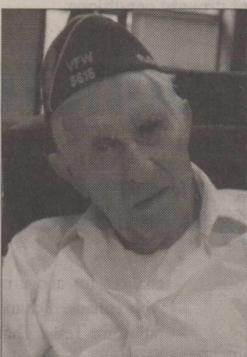
He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Patricia and Maria Mendoza.

Walter Reves

Walter Reves, age 95, formerly of Lockney passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2013 in Midland.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the West College and 3RD Church of Christ in Lockney.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. Friday,



WALTER REVES

June 14, 2013 at Moore Rose Funeral Home.

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

Walter F. Reves of Midland was called home by the Lord on June 12, 2013 in Midland, Tex-

as Walter grew up in Lockney, Texas. He was born in Lueders, Texas on November 12, 1917. He was a farmer, John Deere parts manager and worker at the local funeral home.

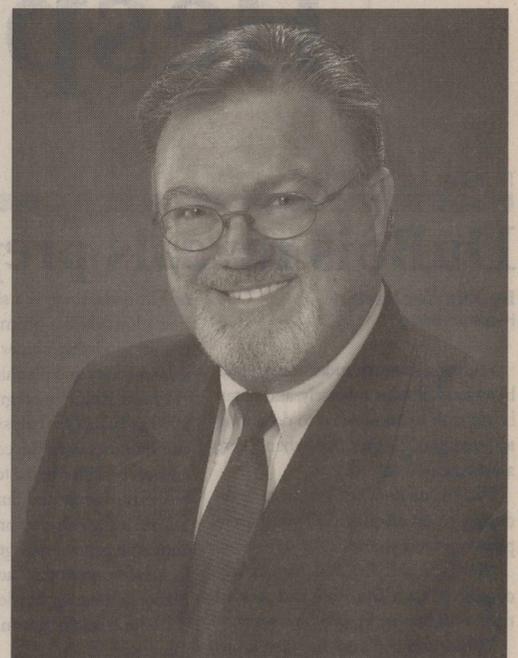
He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene, three sisters, Mildred, Marie and Christine.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory are his children, Elaine and husband, Rob McGuire of Midland, Stan and wife, Sherri Reves of Houston, Sharon and husband, Steve Patridge of Post, and Rex and wife, Amy Reves of Waxahachie.

Walter was a member of West College and 3rd Church of Christ in Lockney.

The family suggests memorials be made to the West College and 3rd Church of Christ.

Peoples Bank hosts retirement reception for Spike Wideman



SPIKE WIDEMAN

Peoples Bank hosted a retirement reception for Spike Wideman on Tuesday, June 18th at the bank's headquarters located at 5820 82nd Street in west Lubbock. Wideman is retiring from banking at the end of June.

Wideman joined Peoples Bank in 2005 as Senior Vice President overseeing the marketing department. He has been involved with new business development, customer retention, advertising and promotional efforts for the bank, which included a quarterly newsletter and the Bank Ladies program. Peoples Bank prides itself on good, quality customer service, which was also over seen by Wideman.

Before coming to Peoples Bank, Wideman spent time working on the family farm in Crosby County before starting a career in broadcasting at 16 years old in Floydada. He then worked at KCLR Radio in Ralls doing local news and Football and summer baseball sports. His first job in Lubbock broadcasting was as News Director at KLLL. That career also included eight years as an award winning Farm Broadcaster at KCBD-TV, KFYO, and KKYN in Plainview. After 17 years in broadcasting and radio sales, he began a 23 year career in banking, which included writing, producing, and recording radio and television commercials, creating brochures and support materials.

Wideman graduated from Floydada High School in 1966. He married Camilla Nash, also from Floydada, in 1970 and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1975 with a Bachelors degree in Secondary Education. He is also a 1992 graduate of the School of Bank Marketing with the American Bankers Association. He

has been involved with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Texas Tech Alumni Association. He enjoyed membership in the Bank Marketing Association. He was a classroom guest speaker in grade school and high school classrooms in and around Lubbock and as a guest lecturer at Texas Tech University on personal business management, financial literacy, and to encourage students to get as much education as possible.

Wideman worked at the Shallowater Branch of Peoples Bank for two years and became involved in the Shallowater community in many ways, including serving on the Student Health Advisory Council at Shallowater ISD representing the community.

He also worked in two separate stints at the Peoples Bank 34th Street location in Lubbock. He was active in promoting and publicizing the annual 34th Street Miracles Parade, which draws spectators that number more than 25,000 each year in December.

In retirement, Wideman is looking forward to spending time with his wife, two sons and three grandsons. And, he will continue to practice his customer relationship skills while working in a Lubbock real estate business with one of his sons. He also hopes to finish writing a book about growing up on the family farm and the funny and "not-so-funny" incidents they experienced. He enjoys photography and hopes to capture some great pictures in the years ahead. He also plans to continue to assist with the publicity and promotion of the 34th Street Miracles Parade over the greater South Plains region.

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SOCIETY

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McCOY COMMUNITY

In 1906, McCoy was a thinly populated community. Since McCoy was not a school district, pupils attended school at the old Starkey School. In about 1908, a school district was made up by parts of the Allman, Sandhill, and Starkey districts. The school was named McCoy after a bachelor by the name of A. J. McCoy living in the community.

A one room school house was built. Lumber was hauled from Plainview, Texas, by wagons and teams. Men of the community donated the hauling. Miss Adams was the first school teacher of the McCoy School. As time passed, enrollment grew until more room was needed. More rooms were added to the old building and three teachers were hired.

In 1925 a new brick building was built. Over one hundred students and four teachers now enjoyed the four class rooms and the auditorium. Later, high school students were transferred to Floydada. Finally McCoy School District was consolidated with the Floydada District and students were transported to school by bus, which is the present system.

Church services of several denominations were held in the school house. McCoy Baptist was organized in August 1912, with thirteen members. The Baptists held services in the school house

until 1923, when the new church was built. The McCoy Baptist Church grew to a membership of about 130 members. The Church finally disbanded in August 1962, and many members affiliated with Baptist churches in Floydada.

A Methodist Church was built at McCoy in 1925. They had a good church for a number of years. Later the members moved to other places and the building was sold.

About 1920, W. W. Smith built and operated a grocery store south of McCoy school house for several years, until his death. Later a store was built where the present store is located. At the present time McCoy has a grocery store and a farm supply that sells fertilizer and farm chemicals. In 1925 the McCoy Gin was built by Mr. Assiter and son. That same gin has been in operation to the present time. A grain elevator was built several years ago which is still operated by McCoy Grain Company.

Today many of the "old timers" have moved into town and McCoy is a rather sparsely-populated community. However, the visiting with friends and neighbors, the church picnics at the Baptist Encampment, the 42 parties, the good crops and the bad, and the winning softball teams still linger in the memories of those of us who shared life in the McCoy Community.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

If you are 60 years or older please come to the Center to eat a hot meal and enjoy the fellowship. If you plan on eating with us please call the Center, 983-2032 by 10 a.m. so that Sylvia will have enough food prepared.

Jancy Rodgers and Pat Ginn, children of Guy Ginn, eat with their father each week. They come on different days. His children are very good to him.

One day last week Shorty Turner's son, Grant Turner from Whiteface, came to the Center and had lunch with him. Grant's sons have been coming and spending a week at a time visiting Shorty. I'm sure Shorty has enjoyed their company.

I understand that Bob Bratton passed away recently. He lived in Floydada several years ago.

I also learned that Connie Self Williams passed away. She also lived in Floydada several years ago.

Our sympathy to the family of Martha Farris. She donated money several years to the Center, which we appreciated very much.

We do appreciate you remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. Our mailing address is PO Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

In memory of Jimmie Lou Stewart - Mary Shurbet, Sammy Hale, Bill and Norma Feuerbacher

In memory of Jimmy Collins - Bill and Norma Feuerbacher

In memory of Martha Farris - Shorty Turner, Gale Ramsey, Nick and Melissa Long, Fred and Pat Zimmerman III, John and Judy Dunlap, Janet Milam, Ruth Hammonds, Margarette Word, Randy and Judy Payne

out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom, Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it."

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded Teacher of the Year from the state of Arkansas in 2006.

Always remember our veterans and the rights they have won for us. Blessings abound in the USA!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

White Queso

1 lb. sausage or hamburger meat, but sausage makes it spicier; brown first and drain. Add 2 packages of cream cheese, and 1 can of Rotel. Heat and serve.

Thought for the Week - Stand at attention and put your hand over your heart when singing the National Anthem.

MENU

June 24 - June 28

Monday - Hot dog on bun, mustard, baked potato w/sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin, low-fat milk

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

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, low-fat milk

Thursday - BBQ beef brisket, ranch style beans, cornbread, buttered carrots, strawberries, low-fat milk

Friday - Oven fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low-fat milk

Lockney Senior Center Menu

Monday: Fish

Tuesday: Tacos

Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday: German Sausage

Friday: Hamburger Steak

The Center will be CLOSED

July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Membership fees are due July 1. The fee per person for the year is \$20. Fees may be mailed to the Lockney Senior Citizens, Box 82, Lockney, Texas 79241.

By Margaret Jones

As a proud citizen of America, the Greatest Country on earth, on this day in June when we celebrate FLAG DAY, I solemnly remember the sacrifices made that allows Old Glory to majestically wave in the breeze in front of my home. From an article sent to me by my cousin (via e-mail), I take the privilege to quote and remember the Blessing I receive each and every day....

"Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?" She replied, "You can't have a desk ntil you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk."

They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades."

"No," she said.

"Maybe it's our behavior."

She told them, "No, it's not even your behavior."

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom.

By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks

New 2013 Sales Tax Holiday Dates

The recent passage of Senate Bill 485 (83rd Regular Legislative Session, 2013) changes the dates of this year's annual Sales Tax Holiday to Aug. 9-11, a week earlier than previously scheduled. The law became effective immediately. The Sales Tax Holiday gives Texas shoppers a break from state and local sales taxes on most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100. Shoppers can save up to

\$8.25 for every \$100 they spend.

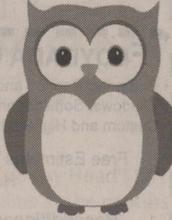
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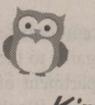
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Most children between ages 4 to 8 will need a booster seat to be safe and comply with the law. Safety experts recommend that all children under age 13 ride in the backseat. Adults and children must be buckled up whether they are in the front or back seat.

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

Make sure all children in your vehicle are properly secured. Use a child safety seat appropriate for their age, weight and height.

State law requires that you always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

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 From birth to as long as possible, up to the weight or height limit of the seat. At a minimum, keep rear-facing until age 1 and 20 lbs.

2



FORWARD-FACING SEATS
 From a minimum of age 1 and 20 lbs until the child reaches the upper weight or height limit of the seat.

3



BOOSTER SEATS
 From about age 4 to about age 8, or up to 4 feet 9 inches.

4



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TOTAL SCHOLARSHPS (LOCALLY) - \$29,462.	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED - \$213,062.
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Galvan signs with Wayland Baptist University Pioneers Baseball Team

After graduating in May 2013 from Floydada High School, Hunter Galvan had the honor of signing with the Wayland Baptist Pioneers baseball team. Hunter has always had the dream of being able to continue playing baseball after his high school career. He will attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall and looks forward to playing baseball with the Pioneers. Hunter is the son of Jake and Libby Galvan of Floydada.



Hunter Galvan recently signed with the Wayland Baptist University Pioneer baseball team. Pictured are (left to right) his parents, Jake and Libby Galvan, Hunter, and Wayland Head Baseball Coach, Brad Bass.

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Floyd County will hold a public hearing at 7:45 am on June 24, 2013 at the Floyd County Courthouse in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Disaster Relief Fund grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The County encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Penny Golightly, County Judge at the Floyd County Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Floyd County to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Floyd County at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

FHS Class Favorites



FHS JUNIOR CLASS FAVORITES
 Kyarah Pesina and Matthew McGowen



FHS SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITES
 Lindsey DeLeon and Joseph Rosa



FHS FRESHMEN CLASS FAVORITES
 RoxAnn Chavarria and Christian Chavarria

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Monthly Oil and Gas Statistics

APRIL PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,996 original drilling permits in April 2013 compared to 2,021 in April 2012. The April total included 1,765 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 42 to re-enter existing well bores, and 189 for re-completions. Permits issued in April 2013 included 615 oil, 111 gas, 1,206 oil and gas, 49 injection, six service and nine other permits.

MARCH CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary March 2013 crude oil production averaged 1,615,735 barrels daily, up from the 1,182,251 barrels daily average of March 2012.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for March 2013 is 50,087,788 barrels, up from 36,649,796 barrels reported during March 2012.

APRIL OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In April 2013, operators reported 1,894 oil, 505 gas, 88 injection and seven other completions compared to 780 oil, 360 gas, 54 injection and zero other completions in April 2012.

Total well completions for 2013 year to date are 7,449 up from 4,991 recorded during the same period in 2012.

Operators reported 69 holes plugged and zero dry holes in April 2013 compared to 1,162 holes plugged and three dry holes in April 2012.

MARCH NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 570,315,687 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for March 2013 up from the March 2012 preliminary gas production total of 539,443,341 Mcf. Texas preliminary March total gas production averaged 18,397,280 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in March 2013 came from 150,856 oil

wells and 91,529 gas wells.

APRIL TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 377

Oil Completions: 343

Gas Completions: 99

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 138

Oil Completions: 72

Gas Completions: 36

RRC District: (3) SOUTH-EAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 110

Oil Completions: 41

Gas Completions: 15

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 55

Oil Completions: 9

Gas Completions: 55

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 21

Oil Completions: 2

Gas Completions: 8

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 39

Oil Completions: 27

Gas Completions: 63

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 82

Oil Completions: 58

Gas Completions: 2

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 165

Oil Completions: 321

Gas Completions: 2

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 659

Oil Completions: 785

Gas Completions: 11

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 123

Oil Completions: 54

Gas Completions: 0

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 151

Oil Completions: 163

Gas Completions: 124

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 76

Oil Completions: 19

Gas Completions: 90

MARCH TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

1. KARNES - 4,205,438

2. GONZALES - 2,723,743

3. LA SALLE - 2,654,956

4. DE WITT - 2,300,091

5. ANDREWS - 2,276,422

6. GAINES - 1,970,517

7. ECTOR - 1,890,225

8. MIDLAND - 1,844,007

9. YOAKUM - 1,840,557

10. MARTIN - 1,835,478

MARCH TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

1. TARRANT - 66,336,702

2. JOHNSON - 33,361,263

3. WEBB - 22,834,388

4. PANOLA - 20,360,096

5. PECOS - 19,381,443

6. WISE - 19,368,771

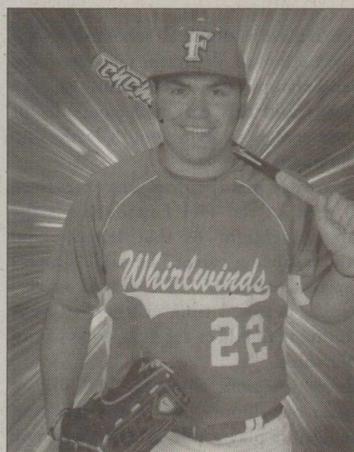
7. DENTON - 17,892,108

8. FREESTONE - 15,352,137

9. WHEELER - 14,806,039

10. NACOGDOCHES - 12,955,794

Galvan selected to play on Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches All-Star Team



HUNTER GALVAN

By Libby Galvan

Hunter Galvan, with the Floydada Whirlwinds, was selected to play in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches All-Star game on Sunday, June 2nd. He played in the All-Star game for the North team that won the game 10-9 against the South team. He played three positions on the team including pitcher, 1st base and outfield.

Hunter was also selected to attend the Under Armour Baseball Factory Day Camp at Wayland Baptist University on Sunday, March 17, 2013. After attending he was selected to attend the Under Armour Baseball Factory Camp in Omaha, Nebraska in June.

Early season pests mean trouble for stressed crops

By Ron Smith

Southwest Farm Press

Texas AgriLife Extension IPM agents in West Texas caution growers to watch for early-season insects that could cause significant damage, especially to plants already suffering from environmental stresses.

Spider mites and thrips are the primary targets.

Monti Vandiver, IPM agent for the Northwest Plains, has observed spider mites in corn and sorghum, particularly on field margins. "Now would be a good time to start developing a spider mite management plan," he says. "Primary strategies are threshold based curative methods or a preventive approach."

He recommends tactics that protect beneficial insects. "When considering a preventive miticide application, remember current products are not systemic and will only protect the leaves that are sprayed—any subsequent growth will not be protected. Applications to small corn or sorghum are also less cost effective when considering that less miticide is intercepted by the plant versus an application made to larger crop near canopy closure."

An extra application could pay off, he says. "The additional cost of a 'dedicated' preventive miticide application would likely be a good trade for the added protection offered by more crop coverage."

He's also seeing increased pressure from thrips in cotton. "I have observed immature thrips in some cotton that had a seed treatment insecticide applied. If immature thrips are present following seed treatments, the treatment has lost or is losing its effectiveness. Treatment thresholds for thrips in cotton are dynamic; under good growing conditions a foliar treatment should be considered when one thrips per true leaf is present, but in cotton growing slowly due to poor environmental conditions or other stress, the threshold should be reduced by half."

Cotton stressed by recent storms should be watched closely. "It cannot afford additional loss of leaf tissue," Vandiver says. "The lack of leaf surface area will make application coverage even more important. I cannot stress enough the need make timely insecticide applications for thrips. Insecticide applications based on visual plant symptoms are late and will not provide the economic benefit of a timely application and are what I like to call a

'revenge' treatment."

Gaines County

Gaines County IPM agent Manda Anderson is also seeing thrips pressure on cotton.

"Thrips numbers have been below threshold levels in the IPM scouting program fields," so far, she says. "However, we have seen a few fields in which the threshold should be lowered because the plants are already suffering from environmental damage, such as wind and blowing sand. In these cases, producers may consider lowering their thresholds to one-half thrips per true-leaf if they are seeing immature thrips in the already damaged fields." She says typical treatment threshold is one thrips per true leaf through the fifth true-leaf stage.

Anderson says presence of immature thrips indicate that thrips are reproducing in the field. She agrees that cotton farmers can't afford the damage. "Thrips feeding damage, along with the environmental damage, will set the plants back and slow growth and development."

Farmers should monitor fields. "Weekly scouting will help you to accurately monitor thrips populations and help determine whether leaf damage is being caused by thrips feeding, wind or blowing sand, or a combination of the two. Never make a treatment based solely on leaf damage; only treat if thrips are still present and the population has reached the economic threshold."

She says thrips are out and looking for an attractive crop. She's also found evidence of Kurtomathrips but says growers should not panic. "Earlier this week I found an adult Kurtomathrips on a cotton plant at the cotyledon stage, so we could see Kurtomathrips earlier this year, and a large Kurtomathrips population would likely be devastating on young cotton plants."

"Seed treatments would likely control this pest until the treatment starts wearing off. In 2011, we conducted three insecticide trials in Gaines County. Our data suggest that Trimax Pro (imidacloprid), Orthene (acephate), Intruder (acetamiprid), and Centric (thiamethoxam) all have excellent activity on Kurtomathrips."

Vandiver says farmers should continue to be vigilant for herbicide resistant weeds. "I have received several reports of potential glyphosate resistant pigweed," he says. "We need to be diligent in managing weeds using multiple and timely tactics."

Home Country

By Slim Randles

In the realm of country cooking, the elite are those who can take a heavy cast-iron Dutch oven, scrape out some glowing coals from a cook fire, and create masterpieces. And in this neck of the woods, the emperor of cast-iron splendor is Ed Parsons.

Ed actually has a j.o.b. to pay the bills, you know, but his passion kicks in on the weekend with about 600 pounds of pots, a lot of fire, an authentic cowboy chuck wagon and hungry folks who appreciate excellence. In fact, ol' Ed has come real close to turning an art form into a science. He does this by shunning the use of coals from a fire and relying instead on the practicality of charcoal briquets. Using charcoal, he knows to the minute when each dish is ready to eat, and he likes it that way.

A few years ago, he ventured to another state to participate in a chuck wagon contest, complete with a cowboy Dutch oven cook-off, and as usual he represented those of us here at home admirably. But what was more im-

portant was how he managed to carve his name into something of a legend in this out-of-state town.

"There were hundreds of chuck wagons and campfires out there," Ed said. "Seemed like miles of them. And this lady reporter from the local paper heard there was someone from out of state taking part, so she looked me up for an interview."

"I had just put some cobbler on in a 12-incher and had checked my watch, because with the briquets, I know it takes me exactly... I mean exactly... 18 minutes until it's ready. I suggested we go somewhere quiet for the interview, so we walked about a hundred yards away through dozens of chuck wagons and sat down for a visit."

Ed was his usual charming self through the interview, but kept an eye on the time, without seeming to. When 18 minutes had passed, he stuck his nose in the air and sniffed, then sniffed again. He said he'd have to be excused, because he could smell his cobbler and it was done.

"You can't possibly

smell your cobbler out of all the hundreds out there," the reporter said.

Ed gave her a kind look as you would to a newcomer in any sport, then sniffed again.

"Yep," he said, "turning brown on top. In fact, by the time we get back, the brown will be clear across the top. A good cook always knows his own cobbler."

He then led the reporter back through the maze of cooks, popped the lid on the Dutch oven, and showed her the finished product. Nice and brown all the way across the top.

Ed laughs at the memory. "Eighteen minutes," he says. "I'm telling you, eighteen minutes exactly."

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AGRICULTURE

4-H'ers awarded more than \$2.2 million in scholarships at 4-H Roundup

By Paul Schattenberg
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COLLEGE STATION — The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation has awarded more than \$2.2 million dollars in scholarships to more than 200 4-H members from throughout the state at this year's Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station.

Scholarship funds were provided by organizations and individuals across the state to help 4-H members attend the college or other institute of higher learning of their choosing, said Texas 4-H foundation officials.

"The Foundation strives to make getting an education easier for our young people," said Marcus Hill, 4-H Foundation board president. "We want to give 4-H'ers the confidence to go forth and get an education and to support them from the business world."

Jim Reeves, executive director of the Texas 4-H Foundation, said this year's scholarships were funded by about 50 organizational and individual donors.

"The 4-H scholarship endeavor began in 1959 with one \$1,000 scholarship donated by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo," Reeves said. "So it's not surprising that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo continues to be the largest donor organization among the current 48 scholarship donors comprising the 4-H Foundation's educational support."

Reeves said for 2013 the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will be providing 70 scholarships of \$18,000 each.

"This year's second-largest organizational donor is the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and rodeo with 13 scholarships of \$20,000 each and 12 scholarships of \$1,000 each, he added.

The largest individual scholarship donor was Richard Wallrath, who provided 35 scholarships of \$10,000 each.

Reeves said this year will conclude his 41-year career involving youth leadership development.

"I must say that the thrill I have received as director of the 4-H Foundation is the absolute highlight of that lengthy and highly rewarding career," he said. "One of my favorite activities each year is spending some personal time visiting with every individual 4-H'er receiving one of our scholarships."

"Every recipient this year will inspire pride in our donors due to the fact that these donors play a role in assisting these amazing young people reach their educational goals. These young people also increase my own confidence in the future strength and stability of our state and nation through the potential influence these young men and women will have on their own generation and the future."

This year's 4-H Roundup is hosting more than 4,000 participants from June 11-14 on the campus of Texas A&M University. 4-H is the youth program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

"4-H Roundup is Texas 4-H's premiere leadership event of the year," said Kyle Merten, AgriLife Extension 4-H and youth development specialist, College Station.

For the past 65 years, contests have been held throughout the counties in each of the 12 AgriLife Extension districts. Winners in about 50 competitive events advance to the state roundup.

Youth who attend this event are able to learn leadership skills, team building, citizenship development and competition skills as well as get the opportunity to network with other youth, Merten said.

Rains help, but drought maintains its stubborn hold

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COLLEGE STATION — Is Texas still in a drought? It depends upon where you are and whom you talk to, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor and reports from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents across the state.

Despite rains — substantial in some cases — drought still had a hold on much of Texas. According to the June 4 U.S. Drought Monitor, more than 87 percent of the state was still suffering from moderate, severe, extreme or exceptional drought. (For an explanation of the drought categories see <http://drought-monitor.unl.edu/classify.htm>.)

The areas with the worse drought conditions remained the Panhandle, parts of the South Plains, South and the Southwest regions.

Many parts of the state received rain since the monitor's June 4 report, and more recent reports from AgriLife Extension county agents reflect the effects of the added moisture. But the rain was by no means equally distributed. In the Panhandle, for example, agents reported the rain in some counties measured in inches, while others got no more than a sprinkle.

For example, J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agent for Randall County, Amarillo, reported there was "no significant accumulation."

"Even irrigated corn and cotton are beginning to suffer, and no dryland will be planted until some kind of rainfall occurs," he said.

The day after high temperatures of 106 degrees were recorded on June 4, Lubbock County was visited by a line of severe thunderstorms and extremely high, damaging winds, reported Mark Brown, AgriLife Extension agent. The storms brought as much as 2 inches of rain, which helped crops, but winds as high as 84 mph damaged structures, toppled trees and overturned many center pivots.

In East Texas, the thunderstorms were more benign, bringing only rain and greening up grass and promoting hay growth, reported Chad Gulley, AgriLife Extension agent for Smith County, Tyler.

In much of West Texas, rains did little more than settle the dust, as Norman Fryar, AgriLife Extension agent in Pecos County, reported.

Many South Texas counties reported rain since June 4, but as George Gonzales, AgriLife Extension agent for Webb County in Laredo, reported, with highs in the 100- to 103-degree range all week long, evaporation rates were very high.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries for the week of June 4-10:

Central: The wheat and oat harvests were nearly finished, with better yields than expected. Sorghum and corn were looking good thanks to timely rains. Hay production was going smoothly, with producers between first and second cuttings. Frequent rains meant grass was growing, allowing livestock producers to cut back on buying so much feed. With a reduced stocking rate and timely rains, warm-season grass stands were expected to quickly rebound from drought damage. Grasshoppers were out in full force and forecast to be a major issue this summer.

Coastal Bend: Scattered showers occurred across the region, accompanied in some instances with marble-sized hail, though no significant damage was reported. In some areas, row crops, rangeland and pastures improved with the added moisture. Cotton was in fair condition. Early planted grain sorghum began to ripen, and corn entered the dent stage. Small amounts of hay were being baled. Pond levels remained low.

East: As thunderstorms pushed through the area, most of the region received rain, from 0.2 to 5 inches. The heavier rains greatly improved growing conditions. Downed trees on fences were causing producers trouble in some areas. Pastures were in good condition with farmers spraying for weeds. Hay harvesting was in full swing with good quality and quantity reported. The harvesting of vegetables and blackberries continued with fair to excellent results. Farmers were starting to market vegetable crops such as squash and onions. Some farmers were preparing to dig potatoes. Cattle were in good condition. Producers were weaning and selling calves. The horn fly population was increasing in cowherds. Feral hog activity continued to be reported.

Far West: The region remained hot and dry, though some areas received enough rain to calm dust for a couple of hours. Farmers were

rushing to finish planting cotton; the crop insurance deadline was June 10. Alfalfa growers were taking a second cutting. Livestock producers continued to supplement or sell off cattle due to the drought.

North: More rain brought soil moisture up to adequate or surplus levels. Wheat turned color and matured, and some farmers began harvesting. Pastures and hay meadows were in good shape. Ryegrass hay was being baled. Corn and sorghum were in good condition and rapidly growing. Corn was expected to begin tasseling soon. Livestock were in good condition. Spring-born calves were averaging close to 300-400 pounds. Feral hog activity was heavy in some areas. Grasshopper populations were increasing daily, as were horn fly numbers. Vegetables suffered a lot of disease and bug issues.

Panhandle: Most of the region remained hot and windy. By the end of the reporting period, most areas had received some moisture — from a trace to as much as 4 inches. Hail accompanied the rain in some cases. Soil-moisture levels continued to be mostly poor to very poor. Crops under irrigation were progressing. Early planted corn was in the four- to six-leaf stage, though some later plantings were just emerging. Grain sorghum was still being planted, with some of the earliest plantings at the two- to four-leaf stage. Generally, the winter wheat crop was in very poor condition. Cotton was coming along, with most fields just emerging, though some earlier-planted fields were at the three- to four-leaf stage. Rangeland and pastures continued to be in very poor to poor condition.

Rolling Plains: The northern and western parts of the region received rain, from 1.5 to 5 inches in some counties. In the areas that received rain, cotton farmers were planting at a rapid pace. Some fields were too wet to get into, but producers were not complaining. Rivers ran for a few days and livestock watering ponds filled back up. Pastures were beginning to improve after the rains, and ranchers were moving cattle to greener pastures. The rainfall couldn't have come at a better time as winter wheat had been grazed off. Grain sorghum emerged and appeared to be in fair condition. Producers were planting peanuts. Jack County reported that all pecan grafting was done, and pest control was in full swing. Cattlemen in some areas were still supplementing cattle, and buying coastal Bermuda grass and wheat hay for summer use.

South: Soil-moisture levels throughout most of the region improved quite a bit. All northern counties reported adequate soil moisture, as did all the eastern counties, except for Kleberg and Kenedy counties, where soil moisture was at 70 percent very short. Western counties also reported adequate soil-moisture conditions, except for Maverick and Webb counties, where they were short. Counties in the southernmost part of the region reported very short soil-moisture levels.

Crops in the northern part of the region are doing well. Peanuts were being planted, potatoes were being harvested, corn was maturing, sorghum was turning color and cotton setting bolls. Rangeland and pastures improved as a result of many scattered showers during the last few weeks, enabling producers to reduce supplemental feeding. McMullen County reported an increase in armyworm activity. Pastures and rangeland conditions in the eastern part of the region looked good and green thanks to recent showers. In Jim Wells County corn was in poor condition, with 100 percent of the crop planted, 50 percent emerged and about 15 percent silked. Sorghum was not doing well in the eastern counties and neither was cotton. In the western counties, cabbage harvesting was halted due to wet conditions, but the onion harvesting was completed, and corn, cotton and sorghum crops were doing well. In Zavala and Webb counties, livestock supplemental feeding decreased, but many livestock producers were waiting for rangeland to fully recover before restocking cattle herds, especially as temperatures throughout the week were 100 to 103 degrees. In the southern counties, hot and dry conditions persisted. Citrus harvesting wound down, and grain sorghum was turning color. The cantaloupe harvest was ongoing in Starr County.

South Plains: Most counties received rain, with reports ranging from 0.2 inch to 3 inches. Many received hail with the rain, but damage reports were not yet in. Lubbock County also reported damaging winds up to 84 mph on June 5. Producers were trying to finish planting, but were fighting blowing dirt storms that followed the rains. There was enough moisture in some cases to germinate cottonseed in dryland fields, but available sub-soil moisture was not enough to sustain a crop. Hockley County corn looked good with little insect pressure. Producers began harvesting irrigated winter wheat. Pasture and rangeland greened up where there was rain, and stock-water tanks were catching water. Livestock was mostly in fair to good condition.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture visits with local producers in Lubbock

It's not every day that Washington D.C. comes to your front door, but on Friday, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack did just that.

"Today, I was encouraged by the Secretary's comments," Brad Heffington, chairman of Plains Cotton Growers, said. "It's nice to have a secretary that's actually proactive in the process of getting a farm bill passed. The important thing is that we have to get a farm bill passed in the House so they can actually go to conference and work out differences, and get a new five-year agreement for our producers, and all the farmers and ranchers, and agribusiness across the country."

Roughly 214 local producers like Heffington showed up to listen to Vilsack discuss key issues re-

garding the Farm Bill. One of the most important topics that hit close to home was crop insurance, and the direction producers will see it go.

"Crop insurance right now is a very good tool, but with the cost of production that continues to go up every year, your margins are less than what the difference in insurance and it's payouts are on average," Heffington said.

Secretary Vilsack made the point that insurance is vital for every farmer because Mother Nature can cause everything from extreme drought to flooding.

"You can be the best farmer, you can be perfect, you can do everything right, you can plant at the right time, you can select the right seed, you can tend it just exactly properly, and in this business you can be

perfect and end up with absolutely nothing," Vilsack said.

Another issue facing all Americans is who will farm in the next generation. The average age of the American farmer is 55, so the responsibility to help pass on the tradition falls on the shoulders of the older generation.

"I think the Secretary is doing us an excellent job," Dan Smith, with the Texas Farm Bureau, said. "He not only promotes and supports the agriculture industry, but also he has a deep concern or rural America and the rural way of life. I think he demonstrated that today, and the fact that he came all the way to Lubbock to promote the new Farm Bill, I think we're very lucky to have him and he's doing us a great job."

The next critical step in the process will be for the House to approve its bill. Then, both the Senate and House version will go to conference where a 2013 Farm Bill can be finalized.

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USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Support Small-Socially Disadvantaged Producers

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 12, 2013 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is seeking applications from cooperatives to provide technical assistance to small, socially disadvantaged agricultural producers in rural areas. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

"These grants will jump start small business hiring and help producers in areas facing economic challenges get the tools they need to succeed," Vilsack said. "Small businesses are the engines of job growth and innovation in America."

"One of USDA Rural Development's missions is to provide assistance that will increase the economic conditions of rural communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "These grants allow eligible applicants to provide technical assistance to small socially disadvantaged agriculture producers in rural areas and in turn, promote job creation and improve their operations."

Funding will be made available through USDA Rural Development's Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant program (SSDPG). The maximum grant award is \$200,000.

The SSDPG and other USDA business and cooperative development programs have had a significant impact on rural communities. In 2012 alone, they helped almost 10,000 rural small business owners or farmers improve their enterprises. Business and cooperative program funding created or saved an estimated 53,000 rural jobs in 2012.

Eligible applicants include cooperatives, groups of cooperatives, and cooperative development centers where a majority of the governing board or board of directors is comprised of individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged groups. Small, socially disadvantaged producers include farmers, ranchers, loggers, agricultural harvesters, and fishermen that have averaged \$250,000 or less in annual

gross sales of agricultural products in the last three years. Producers will be able to conduct market research, product and/or service improvement, feasibility studies, training, and implement business plans.

The application deadline for Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants is July 15, 2013 for paper applications and July 10, 2013 for electronic applications. For additional information on how to apply, see the June 12 Federal Register, page 35239, or visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_SSDPG.html.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration – the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

The 501 William Shakespeare, grain dealer?

Shakespeare eludes me. One of these days, given enough days, maybe I'll revisit the bard and take a carefree approach to understanding his work. Heretofore, I've taken him seriously. We've yet to connect.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Oh sure, I know a few quotes. "Out, out damn spot" comes to mind a racy thing to say when I was in high school. I didn't say it. Or maybe I did. Also memorable is "Double, bubble, toil and trouble; fire burn and caldron bubble." Something like that. Gripping prose.

My favorite goes something like this:

"To thine own self be true, and it follows as night upon day, thou canst not be false to any man." It's the kind of quotation you can tell yourself you understand. But when I ponder it, honestly, I'm not sure what it means. Maybe that's the point. If I admit I don't understand what he was saying, I find myself being honest with you too. Hmmm.

If I've lost you, I don't blame you. Shakespeare has that effect on me too, unless sung by Elvis. Remember "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" Elvis is crooning; then comes the monologue:

"You know someone said that the world's a stage and each must play a part." It's not Shakespeare verbatim, but it paraphrases lines from "As You Like It." Shakespeare:

"All the world's a stage, and all men and women merely players: They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts."

Sounds good, but, as long as we're being honest, I have theological issues with the concept.

Allow me to paraphrase Shakespeare to fit my own philosophy.

"All the world's a laboratory, and all men and women are overseers of experiments. They finish them and start them. And one man or woman in his or her time performs

many experiments."

Shakespeare no doubt based his views on his own experiences. Don't we all? If you've ever tried farming, you share my perspective.

The experiment this week was guar planting. If you've never heard of guar, don't worry about it. The stuff grows mainly in India and likes dry weather. It's a bean much smaller than an English pea. Guar is a key ingredient in ice cream and drilling mud, among other things. Hence the demand.

Guar can be planted with a grain drill. If you have a really old worn-out drill, the whole process can turn into borrowing from Shakespeare a Comedy of Errors, especially if you attempt to modify the drill with duct tape and pieces of Coke cans.

Did Shakespeare know anything about farming?

INTERNET PAUSE.

In his Stratford life, Shakespeare was a grain seller! In a drawing of his original funerary monument in his hometown church, he appears to be holding a sack of grain. Over time, the sack has become a tasseled cushion, and he's acquired a quill pen.

People who don't even believe Shakespeare wrote Shakespeare would say he was primarily a grain dealer.

Maybe he and I can connect after all.



USDA Announces A Notice of Contract Proposals to Support Advanced Biofuels Production

TEMPLE, June 12, 2013 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the availability of up to \$98.6 million to support the production of advanced biofuels, and an opportunity for eligible producers to submit applications. USDA remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

"The United States is on the path to a cleaner, more secure energy future," Vilsack said. "USDA provides payments to eligible producers to support and expand the production of advanced biofuels, which are a key component of President Obama's 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy to reduce the Nation's reliance on foreign oil."

The payments are provided through USDA Rural Development's Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels, commonly referred to as the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program. It was established in the 2008 Farm Bill to support the expansion of advanced biofuel production. Payments are made to eligible producers based on the amount of biofuel produced from renewable biomass, other than corn kernel starch. Examples of eligible feedstocks include crop residue; animal, food and yard waste; vegetable oils; and animal fat.

"Through the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels and other programs, USDA is working to support the investment and infrastructure necessary to build a biofuels industry that creates jobs and produces renewable fuel," said Texas USDA Rural Development State Director Paco Valentin. "Payments in Texas have been used to support and expand advanced biofuel production."

Producers who did not apply for payments during the October 2012 application window may now apply for payments for third and fourth quarter fiscal year 2013 production as well as for any applicable incremental production. Applications received by July 11, 2013 will be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funds. Complete details on how to apply and on available funding are found on Page 34975 of the June 11 Federal Register, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-06-11/pdf/2013-13778.pdf>.

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trucks, go out into the county and observe and track storms. All the while, reporting back information to DuBois. There are also two other people in contact with the National Weather Service to acknowledge what is being seen on radar and to report what is being seen in the field. When a storm is approaching, the radar on the screen in the EOC updates frequently and gives volunteers a more accurate representation, unlike what is seen on television.

In the past, the City of Floydada would sound four sirens to alert residents of inclement weather, but that has recently

been replaced with a calling system that contacts residents who have registered their home or cell phone with City Hall. A live message is sent out to those registered warning of coming or immediate storms. The whole purpose of the system is to be prepared and give residents enough notice as possible, while maintaining contact with the National Weather Center.

According to Tim Franks, the First Baptist Church minister, Floydada citizens are welcome to take shelter in the basement of the church if they do not have a cellar or access to one. In case of an emergency, the basement will hold up to 500 people and can be accessed by entering the east entrance under the awning where they will be met by greeters and

sent in the appropriate direction.

After speaking to Volunteer Fireman Donnie McLaughlin, of Lockney, he stated the City of Lockney has a similar weather tracking headquarters to ensure that residents are safe, but he was uncertain of the location of any public storm shelters in Lockney. In the past, residents were allowed to take shelter in the First United Methodist Church and where Happy State Bank currently resides, but the bank is no longer open to the public. It is uncertain whether the FUMC still offers their basement for shelter.

Sheriff Paul Raissez is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Floyd County and was unavailable for comment at time of press.

GARDENING

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gardening should be in the mix. At this point, heavy watering has become costly, both for the valuable water supply and for the wallet, and is irresponsible and wasteful.

There are many attractive alternatives for beautiful lawns that take little watering and can make your lawn the envy of the block.

Xeriscaping is landscaping or gardening that works well in an arid climate that helps reduce or eliminate the need for supplemental watering. Gardening for an arid climate doesn't mean that the lawn has to look dry and like a desert, in fact, there are many varieties of plants in this region which are quite colorful, with interesting textures and looks that would be welcome in any yard. Drought does not mean boring, in fact many succulents have interesting shapes and vibrant colors to choose from. Succulents are plants that are able to store water in their leaves and stems in order to tolerate dry conditions.

Also to be noted, over watering is an issue when using timed sprinklers. More often than not, when watering a dry climate-friendly yard, it is easy to water too much, losing precious water to evaporation. This can easily

be remedied by setting timed sprinklers to the manual water setting.

According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, there are seven water-saving principles that will help your growing efforts this summer.

Before doing anything, sit down and plan and design the space to be landscaped. Make a drawing outlining where trees and buildings are and where bushes, flowerbeds, rock gardens and turf areas will be. Be sure to include patio areas in the equation.

Make certain to call a local Extension Office to get help testing the soil before any work is done. Also, in the planning process, get practical about reducing the turf areas. Less lawn may be taken care of yet enjoyed with less water waste.

Plant selections should be planned out, with proper research, and before planting anything, till in 4 to 6 inches of organic material such as shredded pine bark, compost or leaves for healthier beds. According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, when selecting what to plant "pick trees, shrubs and groundcovers that are adapted to your region's soil and climate. Texas is blessed with an abundance of beautiful native plants from which to choose. Most require less water and fertilizer and have

fewer pest problems than nonadapted exotic plants that have been introduced into Texas landscapes."

Efficient irrigation must be provided and is key when considering xeriscaping. "By zoning an irrigation system, grass areas can be watered separately and more frequently than groundcovers, shrubs and trees. Sprinkler and drip irrigation can be used together to conserve water in the landscape" according to the TAES website. Drip irrigation and sprinkler watering are both water-saving options that don't tax the water supply.

Mulches need to be used to conserve water and greatly decrease evaporation. Good mulches to use are wood chips, compost or pinebark and help maintain soil temperatures and reduce soil compaction, as well as reducing weeds.

Lastly, appropriate maintenance helps the turf mature and encourage deeper root growth when cut the right height. Mow St. Augustine grass and buffalo grass at three inches, Bermuda grass at one inch, centipede grass and Zoysia grass at two inches.

Most of all, an attitude of conservation needs to be adopted for the sake of water supplies as well as future planning for generations, and beautiful yards, to come. Happy landscaping!

Floydada Community Freedom Blood Drive

The United Blood Services will be holding the Floydada Community Freedom Blood Drive on Thursday, June 27th from 2-7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Gym. All donors will receive a patriotic t-shirt and be entered in a drawing to win an i-Pad.

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RanchFest June 29 in Childress

CHILDRESS — RanchFest 2013. It's the buzz in Childress and across West Texas and Southwest Oklahoma.

Childress' first Red Dirt concert, hosted by Childress Theatre Company, will be staged lakeside in historic Fair Park Saturday, June 29, from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Proceeds from the family-friendly event are dedicated to the restoration of The Palace Theater in downtown Childress.

The stage will sit on the north side of the park, adjacent to the covered bridge that stretches across the century-old lake where Col. Charles Goodnight watered his herds, decades before the park was created.

TNo outside food or drink will be allowed. Attendees will be issued bracelets and will be free to come and go throughout the evening.

Advance tickets, at \$25, can be purchased locally in Childress at the Chamber of Commerce office, at Preston Insurance & from Kay House at Farm Bureau. At the gate, tickets will be \$30.

Tickets can be purchased online from EasyTix, www.myeasytix.com, and by phone at EasyTix, 1-877-840-0457.

Information about The Palace and RanchFest 2013 can be viewed on their Facebook page "RanchFest 2013" and on The Palace website, www.rememberthepalace.com

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U.S. Cotton-Crop Forecast Cut 3.6% by USDA After Texas Drought

By **Marvin G. Perez**
Special to the Hesperian

The U.S. Department of Agriculture trimmed its forecast for the domestic cotton crop by 3.6 percent because of dry conditions in Texas, the biggest state grower. The cut beat analysts' expectations.

In the 12 months starting Aug. 1, farmers may harvest 13.5 million bales, down from 14 million projected last month, the USDA said today in a report. On average, analysts and traders expected a drop to 13.98 million bales, a Bloomberg survey showed. A year earlier, the crop was 17.32 million bales. The U.S. is the world's top exporter.

As of June 4, exceptional- or extreme-drought conditions spread in West Texas and north-central areas of the state, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Through yesterday, cotton futures in New York climbed 13 percent this year as the USDA projected a reduction in acreage after lower prices in 2012 prompted growers to shift to

more-profitable crops including corn and soybeans.

"Early indications suggest the western half of the Cotton Belt may see drought conditions persist well into summer," Gary Raines, a vice president of economics and analysis at FCStone LLC in Nashville, Tennessee, said in an e-mail. "This outlook is particularly troubling for abandonment prospects in Texas."

U.S. exports may be 11 million bales in the 12 months that start Aug. 1, down from 13.6 million in the current season, the government said. Unsold supplies may drop to 2.6 million bales from 3.6 million, and yields may decline to 800 pounds per acre from 887 pounds.

World output will be 117.16 million bales, down from 120.97 million, the agency said. Consumption will be 110.17 million bales, up from 108.1 million. Stockpiles may be 92.49 million bales, up 8.9 percent from 84.93 million. A bale weighs 480 pounds, or 218 kilograms.

Down Payment Assistance Grants Available to Homebuyers in Lubbock and surrounding areas

(Lubbock) The South Plains Housing Finance Corporation and Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation have partnered to make down payment assistance grants available to purchasers of homes throughout the South Plains. The Welcome Home South Plains Home Loan Program combines a grant totaling 5% of the buyer's loan amount with a 30 year, fixed-rate FHA, VA or USDA-RD loan.

Program requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

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- the homebuyer does not have to be a first-time buyer; and
- income used to qualify the buyer for the loan must equal \$65,200 or less (however, the buyer's actual income may be higher than \$65,200).

A news conference introducing the Welcome Home South Plains Home Loan Program will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the South Plains Association of Governments office, 1323 58th Street, Lubbock.

"While many folks can afford a monthly house payment, some have trouble accumulating the cash needed to cover their down payment and closing costs. We're pleased that Welcome Home grants will help families overcome this issue, and fulfill their dream of homeownership," said Sandra Wallace, President of the South Plains Housing Finance Corporation.

Mortgage lenders participating in the program include: City Bank, Fairway Independent Mortgage, First United Bank, Happy State Bank, Hometrust Mortgage, Peoples Bank, Prime West Mortgage, Prosperity Bank, Southwest Bank and the Texas Tech Federal Credit Union.

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<p>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-5278 Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Bible Study6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship9:00 a.m. Sunday School10:30 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 Levi Sisemore, Minister Ivan Gomez, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Franks, Pastor Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music Josh Burgett - Min. Students Sunday School9:15 a.m. Morning Worship10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Youth) .7:15 p.m. *****</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m. Youth (Wednesday)..6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lockney Rev. Ricky Carstensen Pastor Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship Service10:30 a.m. Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....7:30 p.m. Tuesday8:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST Lockney Beau A. Hart, Minister Bible Study9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Timothy Askew 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing10:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 310 E. Mississippi Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise..11:00 a.m. Evening Praise5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 N. Main, Lockney Sunday Services...10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Discipleship5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 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 ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.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..... 11:00 a.m. Spanish Worship9:30 a.m. English Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH Floydada Rev. Angelo Consemio Phone: 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 Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School9:45 p.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD Washington and 1st St. Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School10:00 a.m. Evening Worship5:00 p.m. Tuesday7:30 p.m. Thursday Service...7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>TRINITY ASSEMBLY 500 W. Houston Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor 983-5499 or 983-2887 Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.</p>
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that the polling place be moved for early voting and the main election back to the Methodist Church in Lockney, contingent on the approval of the Department of Justice. There was a second by Commissioner Mike Anderson and all voted in favor except Morales.

Mayor Roger Stapp of the City of Lockney appeared before the court requesting that the county apply for a water grant along with them to help with their emergency water problems. Applying for the grant comes with no cost to the county. The MacKenzie water supply will run dry within 180 days, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The court agreed to partner with Lockney and apply for the \$350,000 grant, combining it with the City of Lockney's grant of \$350,000, to cover the costs of digging a new well and other costs to get a new water supply for Lockney. City Secretary Charlotte Hooten agreed to take care of all the paperwork, easing the burden of the county. The estimated time it will take to dig a new well and complete construction will take at least ten months at the minimum.

Morris presented his observations on maintaining county road equipment and proposed taking money from the Reserve and allocating monies to each precinct in the interest of purchasing newer equipment instead of paying lofty maintenance fees. Morris believed it would take \$500,000-\$800,000 to make these changes and would be visible in the next

budget. Judge Golightly made it clear to the commissioners' that it would majorly dip into the budget. Morris made the motion to take \$800,000 out of the reserve to distribute evenly into the precincts. The motion passed unanimously with Judge Penny Golightly abstaining.

The court had an animated discussion on whether or not to make it mandatory for the Road and Bridge employees to purchase protective footwear. Judge Golightly expressed that she thought it should be mandatory, but the other commissioners said that it should not be unless an allowance was provided to each employee. A motion was made by Morales for a maximum allowance of \$125 per employee per year for protective footwear. A second was made by Commissioner Nathan Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Angela Burkham, Regional Program Director for Family and Consumer Sciences, presented Amy Kress, the new CEA-FCS AgriLife agent for Floyd County. Her starting date will officially be July 18. A motion was made by Commissioner Nathan Johnson, with a second from Morris, and passed unanimously.

Kyle Smith, of Goen and Goen Insurance, revisited the court with information on the hospital plans that the court reviewed to meet the federal government's requirement to offer medical insurance to all employees to take effect October 1. A motion was made to accept the two hospital plans by Blue Cross Blue Shield being reviewed, RS07 and RS18. The motion carried.

There were corrections to the part-time payroll in the consent agenda that were

brought to the attention of the court by Anderson. County Treasurer Jo Elliott was consulted and the error corrected. The minutes of the May 13 and June 3 agendas were approved, as well as the monthly reports from the County Clerk, Treasurer, JP 1&4 and 2&3, District Clerk, part-time payroll, and fund transfers. The Treasurer's monthly report, filed on May 31, showed total funds held in the sum of \$2,439,157.30. Also approved was a bond for Deputy District Clerk Barbara Edwards, Deputy County Clerk Terasa Smith and Floyd County Court Coordinator Lori Morales. The consent agenda passed unanimously.

In a letter to the court from City Manager Gary Brown, it stated that the code enforcement officer of the City of Floydada deemed the property at 326 W. Jackson St. unsafe and the court voted to remove all unsafe structures.

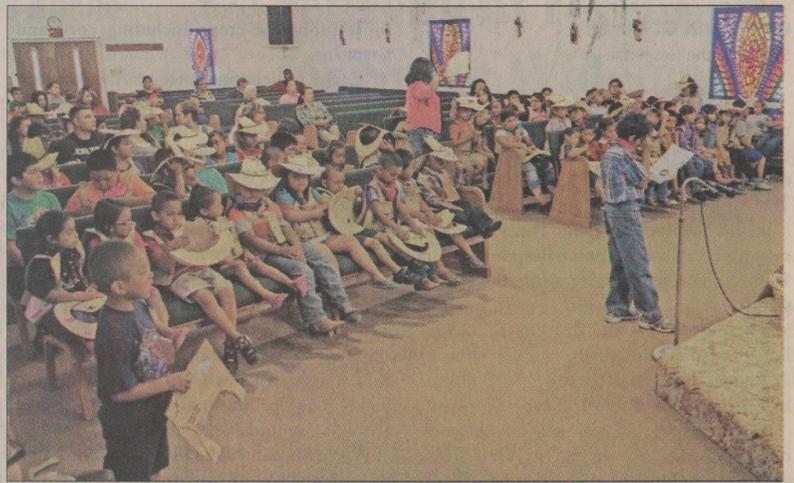
Sheriff Paul Raissez presented new deputies Marco Martinez and Matthew Arguello to the court.

A farm contract for Jerry Battey, located at 2791 FM 51 in precinct 4, was unanimously approved.

Becky Lozada, employee from Sam's Club, gave a presentation to the court concerning membership renewal and explained the difference between a \$45 membership and the Plus Membership worth \$100 per year. No action was taken during the meeting. Lozada was available after the meeting for county employee Sam's Club membership renewals.

Johnson moved that the County Road 166 crossing by Steve Johnson with plastic water pipe in concrete be approved, with approval from all commissioners.

Vacation Bible School



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St. Jose de Calasanz Catholic Church in Lockney held their annual Bible School June 10-14 with a record 75 attendees. The first day there were 56 students, but everyone went home and invited others to attend. It was a big success and there was a great response according to Bible School staff. SonWest Roundup, with its western theme, taught the Kindergarten through sixth graders stories from the Bible that points them toward Jesus. The main biblical theme was Hebrews 13:8 which states "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." The staff would like to thank Valerie Ascencio for organizing it and all the volunteers who helped, as well as Jr. and Lillie Leal for bringing the bulls for the kids to see.

Harvest time



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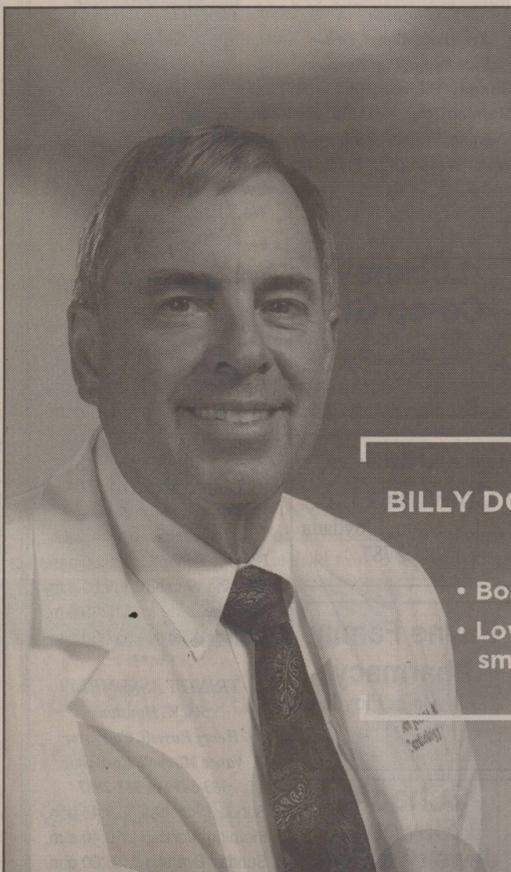
Producers Elevator, a few miles east of Floydada on Highway 70 East, was a beautiful sight on Thursday with its golden crop waving in the wind and fluffy cumulus clouds drifting by.

Old Glory



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On Flag Day, June 14, "Old Glory" could be seen down almost every street, wafting in the wind, gently reminding everyone what a "grand old flag" she really is. Flag Day was first established by a Wisconsin teacher named Bernard J. Cigrand in 1885. He proposed the idea of Flag Day "to inspire not only his students but also all Americans in the real meaning and majesty of our flag." I bet you didn't know that there are currently six U.S flags in outer space, for each Apollo Mission--11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17--each put one on the moon.



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