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## SOS finds new location

By Jennifer Harbin  
 Hesperian-Beacon

The south wing of the old nursing home in Floydada, which has sat unused, will experience new purpose and be home to tenants again. The Floydada Spirit of Sharing started their move-in process on Monday, July 1, transferring clothing and nonperishable food items into the new location at 925 W. Crockett Street.

The location that SOS is moving into was scheduled to be demolished by the City of Floydada, but City Manager Gary Brown said "it was too good of a thing to demolish"

according to SOS President Margie Sue. Because the City owns the building, they will take care of the utilities (which SOS has paid in the past at their old location), helping the not-for-profit organization.

In the near future, Floydada Senior Citizens will be joining them in the building, taking up another of the three wings. Senior Citizens are hoping that people will participate more once they're out there on Crockett Street.

With the help of SOS volunteers, city employees and Parent Adolescent Center volunteers, they began their move on Monday. SOS will be closed the entire week from July 1-5

in order to move and sort everything out before reopening on Monday, July 8. Business hours will be Monday and Thursday from 2-5 p.m.

The original building, located on Highway 70, was the acquired by the urgings of Jack McIntosh. The building was in foreclosure and eventually became theirs after receiving help from the Federal Housing Authority. The original members were Jack McIntosh, Peggy Midley, Paul Westbrook, Pauline Pierce, Helen Martin, Jo Bryant (Wilbanks), Esterline Windom, Regi Gross, Ethel Carmack, John Campbell, Margie Sue and Helen Lipham, with last two being the

last active original members. It was in the 1980s that the population of Floydada had swelled because of the incoming migrant workers. Business boomed at the local SOS, requiring two interviewers to process everyone who came for help. But, after the labor camp closed, that cut the influx down a lot due to less need for manual labor (because of replacements by machines and chemicals in the fields.) There is not nearly as much business now, but SOS still has a presence, providing to most of Floyd County.

Recipients can come once every 90 days for help with food and

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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.

#### 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.

#### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

A parade will begin at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney at 10 a.m. Bring your decorated bicycles, wagons, 4-wheelers or golf carts for a march from the Church of Christ to the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center and back. After the parade, punch and cookies will be served.

#### FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS

There are no restrictions in Floyd County when setting off fireworks, but be careful not to start a fire and follow all safety precautions.

## Council hits on water grant, animal control

By Jennifer Harbin  
 Hesperian-Beacon

In the Lockney City Council Meeting, held Thursday, June 20, the floor was open in public forum and Deputy Matthew Arguello gave an update concerning loose dogs in Lockney. Currently Lockney does not have an Animal Control Officer, but Sheriff Paul Raissez assured the council that the Sheriff's deputies are available to take calls when they are in town concerning dogs. Currently it has become a big problem in town with dog packs roaming around, especially at night, and it was discussed that with the conditions like they are, more pens are needed to house the animals. If the City of Lockney needs to quarantine a dog, Floydada's facility is the only one available and could be used at a charge. Anderson suggested getting a task force assembled to discuss and make recommendations on the issue at hand.

"I want the public to be aware that we are trying to do something about these dogs," said Charlotte Hooten. According to Sheriff Raissez, "the sooner the pins get up, the sooner we can help this problem."

"We received a call recently that a family was trapped in their house by a dog," said Deputy Justin McBride. "We get two to three calls a day concerning dogs."

The council discussed what citizens could do in the event of a weather disaster and Anderson suggested using some FEMA money to build a commu-

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## Oath



Courtesy Photo  
 Elected Floydada City council members: Steve Lloyd, Bobby Gilliland and Dana Crossland were sworn in during the May 21 Floydada City Council Meeting.

## Honor



Courtesy photo for The Hesperian-Beacon  
 Winfield and Patty Davenport, center are shown receiving recognition for outstanding leadership at Texas A&M University in College Station.

## Davenports recognized with the Salute to Excellence

By Ethan Fortenberry  
 CEA-AG/NR  
 Floyd County

Involving the whole family has been the major emphasis Winfield and Patty Davenport have used to strengthen the shooting sports program in Floyd County.

The Davenports were recently recognized for their outstanding leadership with the Salute To Excellence Distinguished Leader award at Texas 4-H State Roundup held on the Texas

A&M campus in College Station.

Involving everyone in fun shoots, cookout recruitment dinners, covered dish safety meetings and holiday gatherings, have been the rule rather than the exception. Countless hours have been given by them for practices in order for 4-Hers to be ready to participate, as well as, securing needed grant funds to continue the program.

Winfield and Patty's leadership and involvement of others has made a major impact on the youth, as well as, the adults in Floyd County.

## No fireworks restrictions

According to County Judge Penny Golithly, there are no restrictions in place this Fourth of July for Floyd County. Although we are in a severe drought, neither Floydada or Lockney has official restrictions on setting off fireworks in the county. As has been the case in the past, no fireworks are allowed within the city limits at any time. If enjoying a display in the country, make sure to get the permission of the land owner before setting of any fireworks. Be sure to follow safety guidelines to ensure that no dry grass

or structures are caught on fire.

Lockney will also hold its annual Fourth of July parade, inviting residents to bring their patriotically decorated bikes, wagons or golf carts. Almost any mode of transportation is welcome. Bring the kids, big and small, out to the Main Street Church of Christ by 10 a.m. to begin the ride to the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center. Upon return to the Church of Christ, cookies and punch will be served in celebration of Independence Day.



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## The Paperboy Invasive species arrives

Florida's Department of Health and similar agencies in other states have been warning people about a brain-eating amoeba that could be lurking in fresh water bodies.

In a recent press release, the department raises the issue of Floridians contracting a parasite known as *Naegleria fowleri*, which is found in warm, stagnant water.

"This type of parasite enters the human body through the person's nose and makes its way to the brain," according to the release. "The rare infection causes a life-threatening disease called primary amoebic meningoencephalitis."



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The disease can start anywhere between 1 to 14 days after contact, with symptoms including headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. It causes a person's brain to swell, leading to seizures and hallucinations.

"So as you see the temperatures in lakes and rivers rising, we want to be very careful not to be in the shallows stirring up the muck where this amoeba can be found," Steve Huard, public information officer in Florida said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states on its website that the *Naegleria fowleri* parasite grows best at temperatures of 115 degrees Fahrenheit or higher so the water would have to be very warm.

While there is currently no official connection between the *Naegleria fowleri* parasite and the zebra mussel, it would not surprise me if the two were linked.

And speaking of zebra mussels, their larvae, known as veligers, have been confirmed in Lake Bridgeport. The news comes days after the discovery of the invasive exotic in Lewisville Lake.

Soon, just like Oklahoma lakes, Texas' lakes will be inundated with the invasive species.

Originally from the Balkans, Poland and the former Soviet Union, zebra mussels found their way to the Americas in the 1980s via ballast

water of a ship. The small invaders were first found in 1988 in Lake St. Clair, Mich., and are currently known to have infested 29 states and more than 600 lakes or reservoirs in the United States.

Zebra mussels can have economic and recreational impacts in reservoirs.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, "Zebra mussels can clog public-water intake pipes, harm boats and motors left in infested waters by covering boat hulls and clogging water-cooling systems, annoy boat-dock owners by completely covering anything left under water and can make water recreation hazardous because of their razor-sharp edges."

From the environmental perspective, zebra mussels are filter feeders, which mean they compete with baitfish such as shad for available forage. Any impact on baitfish in turn can affect their predators -- game fish such as bass, striped bass and catfish. Zebra mussels are also very harmful to native mussel populations because they will colonize on their shells and essentially suffocate them.

"The spread can be slowed by making sure boats that operate in zebra mussel-infested waters are not used in any other body of water until they have been cleaned, drained and dried. In addition, TPWD adopted rules regarding the transfer of zebra mussel larvae in water from lakes Texoma, Lavon, Ray Roberts and Lewisville. To comply with these rules, boaters and anglers need to drain all water from their boats (including live wells) before leaving those lakes."

Much like the fire ant which was introduced in Texas decades ago reportedly from houseplants from Alabama, the zebra mussel is having a negative effect and literally changing the way we think about invasive species.

It is important to keep yourself informed of such things and how they may impact you.

If you own property and have fresh water on it, it may be just a matter of time before zebra mussels become your problem. In just 33 years they have infested 29 states. And when they arrive, they don't leave...

## Rep. Charles Perry: SB5 raises standards, protects unborn

June 28, 2013 -- During the final days of the first called special session of the 83rd Legislature emotions ran high at the Capitol as the Texas Senate debated Senate Bill 5. After 15-plus hours, it was disheartening to see both the outcome and the manner in which the legislative process was made a mockery of by various groups.

SB 5 is about raising the standards of care for women who are pregnant and protecting the lives of the unborn who feel pain, by banning abortions after 5 months, both measures I support.

SB 5 requires the same health and safety regulations as an ambulatory surgical center, requires a doctor providing abortions to secure admitting privileges at a nearby hospital within 30 miles and requires a doctor to personally administer abortion-inducing drugs to the patient.

When a woman makes the decision to undergo this procedure, she should have qualified medical services available, especially as she nears the five-month mark, because the more advanced a pregnancy becomes, the more risk there is to the mother.

This bill does nothing to deter current clinics in operation, it simply requires they raise their standards of care.

If they truly care about the issue at hand, providing the women of Texas with the highest standard of care, they will have no issue complying. If not, they are stating they are only in it for the

money.

Planned Parenthood's annual 2011-12 report shows they provided 333,964 abortions with 45 percent of their revenue coming from government grants or reimbursements. Total revenue of \$1.199 billion dollars is surely enough to comply with the standards SB 5 would require.

The truth is, SB 5 attempts to make the environment in which abortion procedures are done meet medical standards that ensure within the confines of today's technology the safest possible outcome.

Additionally, this bill seeks to protect life by banning abortions after 5 months due to the ability of the unborn to feel pain. A recent University of Texas and Texas Tribune poll shows 62 percent of Texans are for prohibiting abortions after 5 months.

In the end, all life, from conception to natural death should be our number one priority. Life is God's greatest creation. SB 5 is one more tool to provide a safer health care environment which may save a life.

Gov. Rick Perry has called another special session so we may take up and consider the unfinished business of the state.

I'm grateful for the leadership Gov. Perry exhibited by calling another special session and look forward to fighting for those in our state without a voice, our most vulnerable, the unborn.

**Charles Perry is state representative from Lubbock, serving House District 83.**

## Council Agrees to Lease Agreement with SOS and Senior Citizens

By Sara Sisemore  
Correspondent

The Floydada City Council met on June 18 for their regular monthly meeting. It was a short meeting with little to discuss. Those present were Mayor Bobby Gilliland, council members Sam Green, Gabriel de la Fuente, Gale DuBois, Bettye King and Steve Lloyd, City Manager Gary Brown, City Secretary Selia Arellano, City Attorney Karen Houchin, Police Chief Darrell Gooch, and Code Enforcement Officer Reuben Ramon.

The council unanimously authorized the mayor to sign the lease agreement with both the Spirit of Sharing and the Floydada Senior Citizens. According to Brown, this lease agreement will allow both entities to use the former nursing home facility free of charge. Both

organizations have agreed to give to the city the net proceeds from the sell of their currently owned property with the funds to be used for work on the new location.

The city council agreed to issue a special use permit for a mobile concession stand to be placed at 510 South 4th Street for the summer.

In other business, the council unanimously accepted the high bid for each of the advertised surplus vehicles and backhoe. The high bids were as follows: a 2000 Ford Extended Cab pickup for \$800, a 1999 Chevrolet extended cab pickup for \$1,300, a 1994 Chevrolet pickup #1 for \$250, a 1994 Chevrolet pickup #2 for \$850.50, and a backhoe for \$10,250.

The minutes of the May council meeting and the payment of the bills were approved.

## The 501 Don't cast your pearls before swine

I wouldn't argue with that bit of advice no matter who said it.

But a jewel in a pig's snout? It's a different matter.

Picture yourself face to face with a pig wearing a nose ornament. What do you see? Not whiskers, dirt and slime, but the jewel.

In my mind's eye, the pig trinket is bigger than the dainty little diamonds and rings that adorn the noses of about half my favorite baristas. But even if it's a very small sparkler set in a pig's nose, your eyes invariably gravitate to the unexpected bit of bling as soon as it catches the light. Eyes are like that.

For what it's worth, I think all pig jewelry should be big and splashy. That said, television pig Maxwell probably will wear a modest earring in his next appearance -- something to match the refined side of his persona.

Oops. Replace "person" with "pig" in that word. We humans slant our language, don't we? Anthropomorphize a pig, and your poised to blaze new trails through the political correctness maze. Does a pig have a personality or a pigality? Do pigs care? We digress.

What first made me think of jewels in pigs' snouts was an elegant copper sink I spied this week while shopping for plumbing parts. A design in mosaic glittered on the outside of the

basin. On the inside, the shiny hammered copper surface gleamed up at me. Let's call it a steal at \$199.

So far, the renovation of our humble farmhouse half-bath has cost about \$25 for everything -- garage sale paint, one piece of cement board for 15 square feet and one pack of chap stick-on floor tiles. What's lacking in the renovation is a focal point. The copper sink would do it.

At this point, if you think I'm serious, I am. It would be an eye-catcher of the highest order, right up there with jewels in pig snouts. Picture the basin sitting on a glass-topped cleaned-up sizeable vintage board from something like a vintage hog trough. The old bathroom walls are already perfect. Short of adobe plastered in white, nothing sets off pseudoantique copper objects like whitewashed wood walls built of lumber marked with century-old saw cuts. Yes. It would work.

When I mentioned the sink idea to my husband, who's kept his distance (150 miles) while I've tackled this half-bath redo, he didn't say no. He's an architect. He understands focal points.

Instead he cautioned that the gyp in our well water might react in a bad way with copper.

Phooey. He's right. It would indeed. Oh well. But I'm not giving up my dream. That's why there's Photoshop. We'll put the old sink back in, but on the wall we'll hang a picture of what the bathroom would have looked like with the fancy copper basin.

In the end we'll be glad we didn't spend the money. Over time, even a jewel in a pig's snout loses its pizzazz.



### Lockney Senior Citizens Menu July 8 - 12

**Monday:** Sloppy Joes  
**Tuesday:** Baked Potatoes and Tuna Salad  
**Wednesday:** Fried Chicken  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti  
**Friday:** Pork Chops

Membership fees are due immediately. Payments may be made by mailing a check to Lockney Senior Citizens Association, P.O. Box 82, Lockney, TX 79241 or dropped by the center. The menu is subject to change without notice due to availability.

## Kids Kamp 2013

July 25th - 28th  
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# SOCIETY

## Museum Archives From The Floyd County Historical Book "Memories," 1979

### SOUTH PLAINS

Remember the town of Curlew, Texas? If you do, you have been in this part of the country a long, long time. The Curlew Store and Post Office were the forerunners of what is now South Plains, Texas. The late J.D. Childress established the Curlew Store in his home in 1909, which was one mile north and five miles east of the present town of South Plains.

Mr. Childress selected the name Curlew from a large number of birds that at one time stayed around the lake that was about a half-mile from his house.

His store was the first set up at a point where two stage lines crossed. Passengers that were traveling on a stage going northwest and wanted to board the one that was going back northeast would wait for the other stage at the store, and vice-versa. This was probably one of the last of such stations in this area.

The post office was later moved to the home of Mrs. J. W. Simms, who lived two miles east and a mile north of South Plains. The post office remained there until 1927 when the new railroad made its appearance in the plains country. At the time South Plains was founded, the Curlew Store was operated by Frank Jarrett, one mile north of the J.D. Childress corner and was moved to South Plains in the year 1929.

### THE END OF CURLEW

One hundred and sixty acres of land was purchased

from Lucy Thomson, nee Lucy Harper, and forty acres was purchased from Sam Gilliland to form the town site of South Plains. The land came from what was known as "The Harper Land". The forty acres purchased from Gilliland lay on the west side of the road, the remainder of the land was on the east.

The two hundred acres was platted and cut up into town lots by the late A.B. Brown. An auction sale held in the fall of 1927 attracted people from miles around. Some of the choice lots at the auction brought as much as \$1,000 each, however, most of them sold for \$350 to \$600 each. Some of these same lots have since been sold for as low as \$15 each. Some were sold for taxes in 1945.

The "South Plains News Weekly", a newspaper owned and operated by John Deaver. Then of Lockney, was set up in the town in 1928. He composed and printed the paper in Lockney, where he had another newspaper. The paper vanished in the latter part of 1929.

A doctor moved into South Plains in the fall of 1928 and began his practice. However, he stayed only about a year and a half before he, too, left.

The most residents that most people can recall ever being in South Plains was about twenty. Most of the people that had lived there left during the Depression and a few years later when World War 11 began. A lot of them moved because of the shortage of building materials in the town.

At the platting of the townsite, Mr. Brown put up a modern "Water

Works" which consisted of a 50,000-gallon water tank that was constructed on a sixty-foot tower. Water lines were put underground to service the larger part of the town. The water service took care of the water needs of all the residences and businesses except the gin and elevator that were, and still are, located on the south side of the railroad. These firms had their own wells drilled to take care of their own supply demands. After a few years the city water lines were extended to serve them.

### GROWING CITY

One of the first large buildings was a two-story hotel. It consisted of a dining room and twelve rooms upstairs and living quarters, dining room, and four bedrooms downstairs. The first operator was a Mr. Harris, followed by Mr. McHorse, and Mr. McKowen, who was the manager of the firm when it was destroyed by a fire in 1934. One of the features of the hotel was that it served three family-style meals a day.

Postmaster John B. Jamigan opened a grocery store and post office until his death in 1948. Some of the other groceries that have been operated at one time or another include C. T. Bums Grocery, John Knox Grocery and Frank Jan-est Grocery.

George Naydor managed the Panhandle Lumber and Hardware for a number of years. The town once had one wholesale Oil Company and three service stations. The stations-Cities Service, 3 D. Oil

Co., and Phillips-operated by John McClendon, L.T. Wood, and Jack Callahan and Clayton Bond (not necessarily in that order".

The South Plains Gin was owned and operated by F.A. Smith and Lon Davis Sr. Burton Thomson and Gilbert Bean were owners of the elevator. A farm machinery business was owned by Wilbur Wilson.

At one time South Plains had two cream buying stations. Swift and Company and Trinidad Creamery, run by Agee and Knox.

Other business included a restaurant operated by Mr. Agee: tailor shop owned by Martin Jamigan; two garages owned by John McClendon, L. T. Wood and Latrel Graham; drug store owned by Elmer Thomson; barber shop owned by Skeet Thomson; helpy-selffy laundry, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Lutha Campbell; ice house operated by Judd Jarrett; and a bowling alley that was owned and operated by Wilbur Wilson that featured "No charge to Play".

A telephone exchange in South Plains was operated by Mrs. John Myers in her home.

The Staniforth Registered Hog Ranch that was located four miles east of South Plains had several hundred feet of plumbing underground. The ranch featured me finest in pork but wasn't able to stay in business during the Depression.

Two other businesses were a blacksmith shop fan by E. C. Claud and a beauty shop run by Ida Mae Pearsey.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

If you are 60 years or older, please come to eat with us. The food is very good. The price is very good. We enjoy visiting each other too. Please call the Center by 10 a.m. so Sylvia will have enough food prepared. It really breaks up your day.

Geraldine Callaway of Lubbock fell several days ago. She's okay even though she broke a bone. Last Wednesday Judy Tatsch of Pueblo West, Colorado was a visitor in Nancy Lawson's home. Judy is Nancy's niece and they entertained with a lunch and a get-together. Relatives attending were Nancy's sister, Geraldine Callaway, Florene Jackson, and sister-in-law, Ethel Brown, all of Lubbock, Kaye Phillips, Sheryl Smith, also of Lubbock. From Floydada were Kellie Williams, Amanda Hinsley and her sons, Reese and Cooper, Rozanne and Caitlin Bishop and Greg and Sydney Bishop.

Linda Crader went to Vancouver, Washington to see her son, Scott and his family. She got to be there for his graduation from Oregon State University on June 3rd. He received his MBA degree in Medical Management.

While she was there they did some sight-seeing around the Portland-Seattle region. Especially beautiful at this time of year were the roses in the International Rose Garden in Portland. So many rose varieties, colors and fragrances were growing there. They went to the Oregon Historical Museum and spent most of the day. Many visitors were there while they were and the museum was very interesting.

The last Saturday she was there, they drove to the Oregon vineyard country so she could see the grapes growing and the beautiful area where the vineyards are. The temperatures during her 3 weeks in the Vancouver area were in the 60's and 70's during the days. Her grandchildren attend schools in Vancouver. School did not dismiss for summer until June 18th.

Faye Bertrand's sister-in-law, Betty Beatty of Roswell, New Mexico was in Floydada visiting. She and Faye ate lunch at the Center on Friday, June 28th. We enjoyed visiting with Betty.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. Our address is PO Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. The Center's phone number is 983-2032.

### MENU

July 8 - July 12

**Monday** - Rigatoni w/meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

**Tuesday** - BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk

**Wednesday** - Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, bread stick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, low-fat milk

**Thursday** - Swedish meatball, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, margarine, angel food cake w/strawberries, low-fat milk

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

## Floydada Lions Club

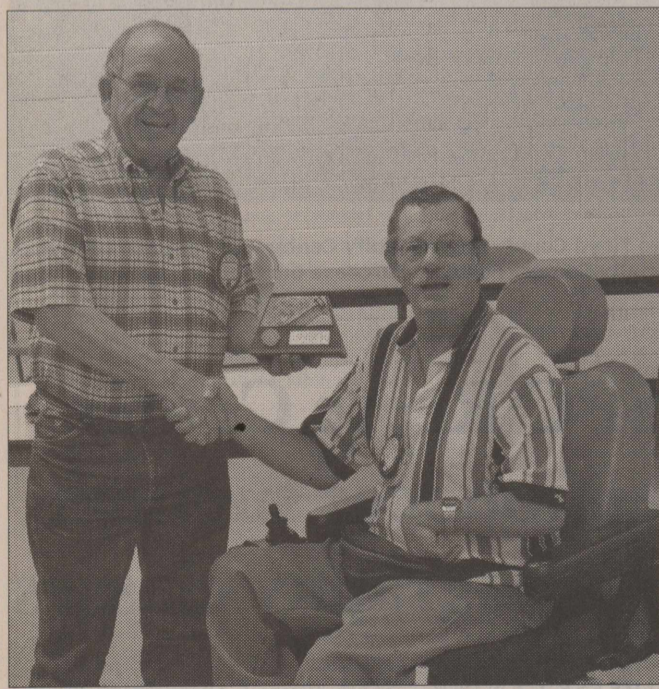


Photo by Tommy Ogden

Floydada Lions Club incoming president, Tony Whitfill (left) presented a plaque to the outgoing president, Charlie Ferguson (right) last Thursday during their meeting.

## Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show in Lubbock

Silver Spur Trade Shows announces its third Gun and Blade Show of this year scheduled for June 29-30 at the Lubbock Civic Center. Show hours are Saturday 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. Admission is only \$5 for adults and children under 12 years old are free. You can get 2 for the price of one for the first hour each day and active military and NRA members get a \$1 off discount (limit one). Also, all uniformed police, firemen, state troopers and game wardens in uniform get in free.

Silver Spur Trade Show producers, Kim & Monty Sansom, have over 20 years of experience in the trade show business. They produce over 22 gun & blade shows every year as well as two Specialty

Expo Shows.

The Lubbock show is sold out with over 350 exhibitor tables of thousands of new & used guns, knives, swords, ammo, holsters, hunting and shooting accessories and even jewelry, purses, gift items and more for the ladies.

A new attraction at this show is a Laser Shooting Game. Also, the NRA & TSRA will have information booths at the Show. If you're looking for that hard to find part come to The Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show.

You can even bring your own personal guns for sale or trade at the show. Buy, sell or trade at The Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show, June 29-30, Lubbock Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock, TX 79401.

## South Plains College to host Camp Bluegrass July 14-19

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Bluegrass July 14-19. The camp will celebrate the music of Flatt & Scruggs.

This six-day residential camp attracts bluegrass musicians from across the nation. A group of 35 musicians from Arizona

will be attending the camp. The camp is designed to improve individual skills of banjo, guitar and mandolin players. Also, classes will be provided for fiddle, Dobro, bass and vocals. Classes are conducted in the Commercial Music building with nightly faculty performances in the

Tom T. Hall Production Studio.

Instructors for 2013 Camp Bluegrass are Bill Evans, Alan Munde and Sterling Masat, Banjo; Tim May, Eliot Rogers and Dan Miller, Guitar; Joe Carr, Steve Smith and Gerald Jones, Mandolin; Nate Lee, Fiddle; Jon Weisberger,

Bass; Tim McCasland, Dobro; and Dede Wayland, Vocals.

For additional information, call Joe Carr, Professor of Music, at (806) 544-9703 or (806) 716-2493 or visit the web site [www.campbluegrass.com](http://www.campbluegrass.com).

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# FLOYDADA SCHOOL

## Floydada T-Ball



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**Floydada All-Star T-Ball Team**—The Floydada All-Star T-Ball (5-6 year olds) team played in the Crosbyton All-Star Tournament and placed 5th. Players on the all-star team were #1 Brae Ballesteros, #3 Caleb Speed, #5 Carson Tucker, #7 Kirsten Pyle, #9 Kilee Lynn, #11 Hagen Hinsley, #13 McKenna Chance, #15 Emmanuel DeLaFuenta, #17 Kaden Weeks, #19 Dustin Zavala, #21 Logan Smith, and #23 Tyrean Henderson. Head coach for the all-star team was Cory Speed. Assistant coaches were Andrew Arvizu and Jackie Lynn.

## 4-H News



Courtesy Photo

**Floyd County 4-H Donates First Aid Kits:** Floyd County 4-H members Rachel Graham and Jacob Graham presented First Aid Kits to Floyd County Friends Unity Center manager Jon LaBaume. The First Aid Kits contain basic first aid supplies and are to be available for use by those participating and attending events at the Unity Center. Funds to purchase the first aid kits were raised through donations to One Day 4-H as well as other fund raisers held throughout the year.



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**BID NOTICE**

Floydada I. S. D. is now accepting sealed bids on district vehicles and trailers that will be sold to the highest bidder. Vehicle and trailer information is listed below. Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent, 226 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235, no later than 10:00 AM, July 15, 2013.

Bids must be sealed and marked "Vehicle Bid" or "Trailer Bid." The bids will be opened and tallied at 10:15 a.m., July 15, 2013.

If you have any questions, contact Gilbert Trevino at 226 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235 or call 806-983-3498.

F. I. S. D. reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

2001 Chevrolet Suburban – 237,281 miles (new engine installed at 74,558 miles)

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1996 – GMC 53 passenger Bluebird Bus with 128,900 miles, automatic transmission

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Rancher Gooseneck Trailer, 6' x 24'

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## SPC Reese Center announces summer photography classes

REESE CENTER – South Plains College Reese Center announces summer photography schedule. The classes are designed to improve the skill set of digital photo enthusiasts. All of the classes will be taught at SPC Reese Center campus in Building 8 Room 822b.

The second summer classes will include:

Digital JumpStart class will cost \$50. This class is designed for the new photographer to learn the "in-and-outs" of your camera and to teach the participant how to get the most out of their camera. Class dates are Saturday (June 29) and Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Nighttime Digital Photography will be taught during late evening into the night from 4 p.m. to midnight. Students must have taken the Jump Start Class prior to taking this class. The cost is \$50. Class date is set for July 22.

Intermediate Digital class will cost \$50. The class will build on the JumpStart class to cover more advanced techniques and using camera strobe and fill flash. The class will be offered from 1 to 9 p.m. on July 27.

Back to School Sports Photography Workshop will cost \$50. Students will learn the proper techniques needed to cover fast-action sporting events. The class will meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 24.

For more information or to register for classes, contact Wes Underwood, photographer, at (806) 716-2215 or (806) 544-4148 or via email at wunderwood@southplainscollege.edu.

# LOCKNEY SCHOOL

## Youth bring home top honors from National Junior Heifer Show

PLATTE CITY, Mo. — Segayle Foster, of Lockney, exhibited the 3<sup>rd</sup> place female, BMS Zsa Zsa, of class 9 in the Chiangus show at the 2013 American Junior Chianina Association (AJCA) National Junior Heifer Show (NJHS) June 20, in Grand Island, Nebraska. The March 16, 2012 heifer is sired by BMS Tiger.

Throughout the week, Segayle was judged on her sportsmanship, presentation of her heifers and stall area, participation in events, and her overall ability to maintain her own animals. At the awards banquet she was named the 2013 Herdsman because of her ability to fill the criteria. Segayle also competed as a senior in the Stockman's Challenge, Showmanship, and placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Livestock Judging.

SyAnn Foster, of Lockney, exhibited the Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer, BMS YoYo, in the Chiangus show at the 2013 American Junior Chianina Association (AJCA) National Junior Heifer Show (NJHS). The November 8, 2011 heifer is sired by BMS Tiger and was also the Class 14 winner.

SyAnn also exhibited the Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf, HIGG Zora 28Z, in the Chiangus show. The October 26, 2012 heifer is sired by HIGG Remedy 732T and was the class 3 winner.

Throughout the week, SyAnn competed as a senior in various contests and placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Stockman's Challenge, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Senior Showmanship, and 7<sup>th</sup> in Livestock Judging.

Ky Teeter, of Lockney, exhibited the 1<sup>st</sup> place fe-

male, SBC Yoursofine, in class 24 of the Chianina & Chimaine show. The November 14, 2011 heifer is sired by KBCC Carpe Diem.

Throughout the week, Teeter competed as a senior in the Stockman's Challenge, Showmanship, and Livestock Judging.

Kirby Nixon, of Floydada, exhibited the 5<sup>th</sup> place female, FBF Zahara 017Z, of class 21 in the Chianina & Chimaine show. The February 6, 2012 heifer is sired by Heat Wave.

Kirby also exhibited the 8<sup>th</sup> place female, JLJL Zoolander 102Z, in class 6; the August 15, 2012 heifer is sired by Heat Wave.

Throughout the week, Kirby competed as an intermediate in the Stockman's Challenge, Quiz Bowl, Showmanship, Livestock judging, and placing 6<sup>th</sup> in Team Fitting.

Keenan Nixon also exhibited the 2<sup>nd</sup> place female, FBF Zee Jackie 052Z, in class 15 of the Chianina & Chimaine show. The April 8, 2012 heifer is sired by Yellow Jacket.

Keenan competed during the week as an intermediate in the Stockman's Challenge, Showmanship, Livestock Judging, and placing 6<sup>th</sup> in Team Fitting.

"How the West was Won," the 2013 NJHS, kicked off June 15 and concluded June 21, 2013. Fonner Park of Grand Island, Nebraska, was host to the show, including 156 Chianina junior exhibitors and 153 head of Chi and Chi-influenced cattle from 19 states. Dr. Clint Rusk of Stillwater, Oklahoma, was the judge.

## LISD approves wind farm application, hires new teachers

By Jennifer Harbin  
Hesperian-Beacon

In a meeting on June 20, the Lockney Independent School District amended the 2012-2013 budget for the Longhorn Wind Project application fee of \$65,000. The project is the second of its kind to ask LISD to approve an application to put up a wind farm in their school district.

In the financial report, it showed the total taxes collected this year to be \$1,015,961.59. The month of May brought in \$5,692.75 in taxes, with the months of June, July and August still remaining. The June 2013 bank balance was \$3,389,252.19, as opposed to last year's \$2,817,832.39.

Policy 97 was updated, including several changes on the state and local levels as follows: CNA (local)-allows the district to transport students for which they are not receiving funding. It also allows them to claim students outside of Highway 70, but within the two miles of school, as a hazardous condition zone. The law currently states that students must be over two miles away to be picked up by bus, but since US Highway 70 poses a "hazardous traffic zone" and does not offer safe passage across a four lane busy highway, the school district may receive

supplemental state funding for transporting these students, even though they fall under the two mile rule; EIF- replaces the wording in this policy on academic achievement from "exit level assessments" to "state-required assessments). It also allows the Admission Review and Dismissal Committee to determine if each Special Education student should be held to satisfactory performance on state-required assessments prior to graduation; and EKB changes to the Administrative Code resulted in several changes to this policy. It makes the superintendent responsible for tests administration, provide exceptions for testing for students taking courses above grade level or who received credit for a course prior to an EOC test, provides more detail on cumulative scoring for students taking EOC tests, adds provisions for EOC's after a student completed a class via dual credit, distance learning, or correspondence, clarification on the 15% rule (which is now going away), clarifies that a retake on an EOC will only count if the score is higher, and clarifies when a student may request to take and EOC. Also, wording on test security and penalties for violating testing rules has been revised. For a complete list of all of the amendments, please

see a copy in the Superintendent's Office.

The board approved a handbook called "Lockney High School: Acceptable Use and Laptop Loan Agreement" that will be passed out at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, providing terms for using a school-owned laptop and consequences of improper use.

Lunch prices were raised from \$1.50 to \$1.75 for students and from \$3.00 to \$3.50 for adults.

There were some changes made to the auto, liability and property insurance under TASB Risk Management Fund. Last year's annual contribution on deductibles was \$37,766 compared to this year's \$35,821. Under "equipment breakdown", the deductible increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The deductible for general liability and school professional legal liability per occurrence was \$1,000 and has been raised to \$2,500. Under auto coverage, the deductible increased from \$250 per occurrence to \$1,000. Annual contributions for 2011-2012 were \$50,037 minus a \$5,004 discount (\$45,003) and \$46,458 for 2012-2013.

Resignation letters were accepted from Seth Kiker, Josh Strickland and Brittney Rasco.

See LISD, Page 8

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### 2012 Consumer Confidence Report Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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806-652-2355

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

For more information regarding this report contact:  
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The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, and odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concern. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water source(s) is currently being updated by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. This information describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment allows us to focus source water protection strategies.

For more information about your source of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer at the

#### Inorganic Contaminants

	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic*	08-03-2011	7.4	7.4 - 7.4	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass & electronics production wastes.
Barium	08-03-2011	0.0895	0.0895 - 0.0895	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2012	3.4	2.8 - 3.43	4	4.0	PPM	N	Erosion of natural deposits water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2012	2	0.08 - 2.12	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrite (measured as Nitrogen)	2012	0.02	0 - 0.02	1	1	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Selenium	08-03-2011	3.2	3.2 - 3.2	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

#### Radioactive Contaminants

	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/Photon emitters	2012	8.6	8.6 - 8.6	0	50	pCi/L*	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Gross alpha Compliance	2012	13.8	13.8 - 13.8	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits

#### Volatile Organic Contaminants

	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Ethylbenzene	2012	0.7	0.7 - 0.7	700	700	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum refineries.
Xylenes	2012	0.0029	0.0029 - 0.0029	10	10	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories.

#### Purchased Water - Unregulated Contaminants

Bromoform, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contamination
2012	Chloroform	5.9	0	14	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2012	Bromodichloromethane	9.9	0	13	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2012	Dibromochloromethane	17	0	9.2	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2012	Bromoform	6.5	0	1.2	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

#### Purchased Water - Regulated Contaminants

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contamination
2012	Atrazine	.20				

#### Purchased Water - Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Contamination
2012	pH	8.0	7.4	7.8	>7.0	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2012	Diluted Conductance	1200				umho/cm	
2012	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	227	213	265	NA	mg/L	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2012	Bicarbonate	277	260	265	NA	mg/L	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone
2012	Chloride	36	16	27	300	mg/L	Abundant naturally occurring element, used in water purification; byproduct of oilfield activity.
2012	Sulfate	274	28	201	300	mg/L	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oilfield activity.
2012	Total Dissolved Solids	659	375	552	1000	mg/L	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2012	Total Hardness as CaCO3	327	282	282	NA	mg/L	Naturally occurring calcium.
2012	Aluminum	0.198	0.242	0.242	.05	mg/L	Abundant naturally occurring element

#### Purchased Water - Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Contamination
2012	Nickel	0.0019	0.003	0.003	NA	mg/L	Erosion of natural deposits.
2012	Sodium	84.9	66	66	NA	mg/L	Erosion of natural deposits, byproduct of oilfield activity.

#### Purchased Water - Inorganic Contaminants

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL Measure	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contamination
2012	Flouride	2.34	2.11	3	4	4	mg/L	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2012	Nitrate	0.14	0.14	0.76	10	10	mg/L	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2012	Arsenic	0.0027	3	3	10	0	mg/L	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2012	Barium	0.198	0.182	0.182	2	2	mg/L	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2012	Selenium	0.0042	5.3	5.3	50	50	mb/L	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.

following URL: <http://gis3.tceq.state.tx.us/swav/Controller/index.jsp?wtrsrc=>

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL: <http://dww.tceq.texas.gov/DWW>

#### Source Water

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Status
3 - Shurbert / W 9th	GW	Active 7 days a week
4 - Shurbert / WOL RR	GW	Active 7 days a week
5 - Aiken, Texas	GW	Active 7 days a week
SW From Mackenzie MWA / CC From TX0230004	SW	Active 5 days a week

#### DEFINITIONS

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg.: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

MFL: million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

na: not applicable.

NTU: Nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity).

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppb: micrograms per liter (ug/l) or parts per billion, or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

ppq: parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)

#### 2012 Regulated Contaminants

##### Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)*	2012	13	0 - 19.5	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2012	16	0 - 22.4	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

# AGRICULTURE

## FSA NAP Coverage Available for 2014 Annual Forage Crops

Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley Fryer, announced that Texas FSA will offer Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2014 crops that are planted annually and used for livestock feed or fodder.

The Risk Management Agency (FSA) recently an-

nounced a pilot program that offers a CAT level Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan to producers in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Because there is limited time for producers in these states to transition from NAP to the new RMA pilot program, an exception

was made that will allow the states to continue offering NAP coverage for 2014. However, NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

Eligible producers can apply for 2014 NAP coverage at the Floyd County FSA Office using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and ser-

vice fee by the September 1 deadline for small grain crops. The deadline for NAP coverage for grasses is December 1. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Producers who meet the

definition of a limited resource farmer or rancher can request a waiver of the service fee.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"The easiest way for producers to protect their investment is to purchase

an insurance policy," said Bradley Fryer. "The past few years have proved that natural disasters are unavoidable, and producers can recover if they take the necessary precautions to mitigate risks."

For more information about NAP, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.3763 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Weather Whys

Q: How are double rainbows formed?

A: A double rainbow – the correct term is secondary rainbow – occurs in the same way as the rainbow in front of it, but the only difference is that two reflections are coming from the same area of rainfall, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "You need just the right angle to see two rainbows," he explains. "The secondary rainbow is always a little bit fainter in appearance because the sunlight is reflected internally twice by the same raindrop. Also, notice that the colors will always be reversed in a secondary rainbow. This is again caused by the way the light is reflecting off the raindrops."

Q: Is rain always needed to form a rainbow?

A: Yes it is required, says McRoberts. "For you to see a rainbow, the sun always has to be behind you and you must be fac-

ing an area of rainfall with the sun at your back," he adds. "When sunlight strikes the area of rainfall, the light is scattered from the raindrop and it produces colors of the spectrum, from light purple or violet to red. Raindrops lit up by sunlight produce a spectrum of colors caused by bending of the light, so a different angle to the rainbow can produce different colors to your eyes. You can create a rainbow yourself by taking a garden hose and turning it on, and with the sun at your back, create a water spray. If you look at the spray at just the right angle, you will see the spectrum of lights form – a rainbow. Areas of the country that have high amounts of rainfall, such as Hawaii and Florida, naturally will have the most rainbows."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

## RRC production statistics and allowables for July 2013

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of June 14 was 837, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 583 million barrels of oil and 7.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for April 2013 is 57,335,604 barrels of crude oil and 505,142,904 MCF (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary April 2013 production totals of 48,221,702 barrels of crude oil and 428,377,632 MCF of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1890 for crude oil and 1.1792 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not

include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for May was 356,879,249 Mcf compared to 395,143,999 Mcf in May 2012. The June 2013 gas storage estimate is 371,225,633 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial July 2013 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 8,341,220 MCF (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial July 2013 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for July 2013 is reported.

## USDA Announces Policy Change for CRP Emergency Grazing

Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Stephanie Bradley Fryer today announced that the Texas FSA State Committee revised a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency grazing policy that limited eligibility on acres grazed in previous fiscal years.

Based on a revised pol-

icy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres grazed during fiscal year 2011 or 2012 will be considered eligible for emergency grazing if NRCS verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain grazing.

CRP acres grazed in the fall/winter of fiscal year 2013 will not be eligible

for spring/summer grazing. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

"This policy change will allow eligible producers to graze acres that were grazed in the last two fiscal years if the conservation cover meets local NRCS standards," said Bradley Fryer.

Counties become eli-

gible for CRP emergency grazing when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Currently, 197 counties have reached the D2 level and are eligible for CRP emergency grazing. Click here to view a list of counties authorized for 2013 CRP emergency grazing.

This policy change ap-

plies to all counties authorized for CRP emergency grazing.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing

provisions," said Bradley Fryer. "Current provisions allow grazing on 100 percent of a field, up to the 75 percent stocking rate," she said.

For more information about CRP Emergency Grazing, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.3763.

## DWI crash victims lend their 'faces' to anti-drunk driving campaign

AUSTIN — In an effort to save lives and prevent roadway crashes over the extended Fourth of July weekend, the Texas Department of Transportation is introducing its Faces of Drunk Driving safety campaign to urge motorists to be smart and drive sober. Like all holidays, Independence Day ranks among the deadliest times on our roadways, and last year was no exception with 133 alcohol-related crashes in Texas.

"On average, there is an alcohol-related traffic crash in Texas every 20 minutes," said TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson. "Drunk driving crashes are 100 percent preventable and

so is the pain that comes with each one."

Throughout the month of July, TxDOT will host Faces of Drunk Driving events across the state at which safety advocates, law enforcement and victims of drunk driving will share their stories in front of 1,170 Texas flags, representing the number of people killed in alcohol-related crashes in Texas last year. More than 9,400 people also were seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes in 2012.

Helping TxDOT deliver this sobering message is 9-year-old Xitclalli "Chilli" Vasquez, who was paralyzed from the chest down after being hit by a drunk

driver in Fort Worth on July 9, 2011 (just three days before her eighth birthday). Also sharing their story is the family of Aaron Pennywell, 20, who was killed by a drunk driver two years ago in Cypress. These stories, along with those of more than a dozen others impacted by drunk driving, can be found at [www.FacesofDrunkDriving.com](http://www.FacesofDrunkDriving.com).

"If the possibility of killing yourself or someone else isn't a good enough reason to not drink and drive, you should know that being arrested for DWI also has longstanding, negative consequences," Wilson said. "DWI penalties include jail time, a suspended driver's license and as much as \$17,000 or more in fines, legal fees and other expenses. You and your family can't afford it, so be smart and safe while celebrating the holiday."

## Cotton News High Plains cotton acreage down

By Mary Jane Buerkle

High Plains producers planted less cotton than they did in 2012, according to the June 28 USDA Planted Acreage Report.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service reports that 3.7 million acres of High Plains land were planted to cotton this year, about a 12 percent decrease from the 4.17 million acres planted in 2012. This number is right in line with PCG's projection as published in the March 29 issue of Cotton News, which was based on feedback from member gins and growers.

The northern portion of PCG's service area saw more of an acreage shift, from just more than 1 million in 2012 to 860,000 in 2013, a 16 percent decrease. Planted acreage was down 10 percent in the Southern High Plains, from 3.15 million acres in 2012 to 2.84 million in 2013.

The drop was expected by many analysts, although these numbers actually are closer to the five-year average for the PCG service area.

"This acreage report is significant, but does not necessarily foretell production," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "Since those surveys, we have lost quite a bit of cotton acreage on the High Plains to severe weather events, and we certainly are still in a drought situation.

A few timely rains could make all the difference in the world for the 2013 crop."

Lubbock County Extension Agent

Mark Brown reported earlier this week that about 28,000 acres of cotton in southeast Lubbock County were destroyed on June 17 alone. Several other areas in the PCG service region are reporting crop loss, but official numbers still have not been finalized.

Thanks to some much-needed precipitation, overall progress of this year's High Plains cotton crop is closer to what could be called a typical year, but growers still face challenges. Additional rain still is needed across the entire area in order to sustain the crop.

Temperatures have exceeded the 100-degree mark over most of the High

Plains in the past week, but forecasts predict cooler temperatures and chances of rain over the next several days. Statewide, USDA reports that 5.7 million acres of upland cotton were planted, a 13 percent decrease from 2012 when Texas producers planted 6.55 million acres. Nationwide, planted acreage for upland cotton is estimated at 10 million, down 17 percent from 2012.

The June Acreage Report is based on producer surveys of actual planted acreage information. It is the market's first glimpse of how many acres have actually been planted to various crops during the current growing season and sets the stage for evaluating where the crop stands at this point. Up until now acreage discussions have been based on survey results designed to get a handle on producer intentions before they had actually put a seed in the ground.

**COWPOKES** By Ace Reid

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The Undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas for the renewal of a Private Club Permit. Said Business is located at HWY 62 West Side 1.6 miles North INT FM 54, 1120 CR 312, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas. Said Business to be operated under the name of Floydada Country Club 19th Hole; an unincorporated association of persons. James Clay Simpson, President; Weldon Gordon Emert, Vice President; Stephen C. Fyffe, Secretary.

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**SOS**  
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clothing. SOS also sells gently used items for affordable prices. Food available is nonperishable items donated annually by the community to Boy Scout Troop 357. Once a year, SOS will help people with a utility bill or prescription drugs that are in great need. They have also been known to furnish some gasoline or put people up

in a hotel when it's a necessity. "When you can help someone out who really needs it, it feels quite good," said Sue. "This is set up as an emergency situation—we only give food for a 3-day period. We help in times of great need, an emergency."

The SOS requests that items be brought inside through the south entrance only, and to not leave donated items outside because they can be damaged by the weather and ruined. SOS works together with the local pastors in town and

all churches should refer those who are in need to SOS. If you are someone in need, you may stop a local police officer or go to the Sheriff's office for help.

As SOS ushers in a new phase of their existence in Floyd County, it is nice to recognize that over the past 29 years at the old location, SOS has spent over \$160,000 helping people.

"That's a lot of help and it wouldn't be possible without the help of the community," said Sue. "They have been very giving."

**COUNCIL**  
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nity shelter. Reilly Webb, a representative from South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) informed the council that there were some grants available, but they wouldn't come around for another year. He also said that he would check to see if there were any federal funds through the Texas Department of Agriculture that could help Lockney. In the meantime, if anyone has a shelter and is willing to share it with others, please call Charlotte Hooten at City Hall to add your name to a list of homes that currently are offering shelter to those in need.

Webb also discussed the water grant for \$350,000 that Lockney has applied for. In Webb's opinion, "the sooner the city of Lockney puts it in the better, and it is not matched." Counties in the area have applied/and/or received water grants are already drilling new wells or fixing their current water issues. These grants were awarded in August according to Webb and are halfway through construction, with construction having begun in the middle of May. At the moment that the grant paperwork is submitted, Lockney must be in Stage 3 of their Drought Contingency Plan, which is no watering on Weekends or Wednesdays. Odd numbered houses may water Tuesdays and Fridays, and

even numbered houses may water Mondays and Thursdays. After three to four weeks, the TEA will send a contract. According to Webb, the contract should be looked at quickly, unless there is a disaster, and then the monies would be allocated to serve disaster areas first.

Anderson moved to adopt the water resolution as long as it states "Mayor and/or Mayor ProTem" in the case of the Mayor's absence.

The council discussed the Aposento Pentecostal Church and no action was taken due to the advice of the city's attorney Lanny Voss. He stated that the council did not have the authority to grant an extension for property that may be invaluable property. The council left September 1 as the deadline to finish the church repairs or it will be torn down.

AMEC, consultant, engineering and project management provider for the oil and gas, mining, clean energy, environment and infrastructure markets, which is subcontracted by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), has been hired to monitor Lockney's ground water to see how far contamination has spread since it started in the 1990s. The City Council met Wednesday in a Special Meeting to approve AMEC's request to drill another monitoring well.

Anderson moved to appoint Shad Schlueter back on the counsel for District 1, ending in a unanimous vote.

Sheriff Raissez introduced deputies Marco Martinez, Matthew Arguello and J.T. McBride.

The fire department got an emergency generator going, but according to Dart Carthel, it needs two to three hours to test it and the electricity could be off for a few hours at the city hall and fire station. The test should be performed by the end of the month.

The lights that line downtown have been having problems and were looked at by an electrician. He claimed that the city was "ripped off and those lights are not for this part of the country. Anderson claimed, however, that the fixtures are good anywhere and the posts are, too. He suggested replacing the bulbs and ballasts every time they go out. City Attorney Voss suggested that it "might be a good call to get a competent person who is a lighting expert to assess these things...(and) if we could get some kind of discount on ballasts and lights it would be worth it."

The new marquis sign located at the corner of Main and Locust Streets, paid for by the Lockney Economic Development Corporation, is up and running, displaying time, date, temperature and other pertinent messages.

The minutes from the May 16 and May 21 council meeting was read by Hooten. Kay Martin made a motion to accept them as written, with a second from Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Floyd County Church Directory**

**AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-5278

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.  
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Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Lockney

Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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**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 Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed./Music

Josh Burgett - Min. Students  
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor

Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor

Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney

Beau A. Hart, Minister  
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askew

401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study ..7:00 p.m.  
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Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
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Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
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Floydada

Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise .....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship .....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**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. Evening .....7:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor

Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**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 Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemينو

Phone: 983-5878  
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Mon. Wed. Mass ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez

Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday .....7:30 p.m.  
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Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
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The new marquis located at the corner of Main and Locust Streets featured the blazing hot temperature of 104 degrees on Friday, June 28, around 3:30 p.m.

Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian-Beacon

## LISD

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Kiker will be replaced by Shane Sherrill (Ag Sciences), Strickland will be replaced by Marc Puente (Varsity Boys Basketball coach), and Rasco's Junior High Science class will now be taught by Trinity Nevins. Cindy Belt is coming to replace Kim Lambert as the Family

Consumer Science teacher. Probationary contracts for Belt and Nevins were accepted by the board.

The audit agreement with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert, and Moss, LLP was approved.

In the Superintendent's Report, some work is reported being done in the Ag shop replacing some wall that was water damaged. Superintendent Phil Cotham reminded the board members of the upcoming trip to Dallas for

the Texas Association of School Boards meeting. Cotham also shared the teaching positions that were still open and needed filling. But by press time, all positions had been filled.

The minutes from the May 9 and May 29 meetings were read and approved by the board.

The next school board meeting will be held July 18 at 8 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office.

## Water supply diminishes, Lockney imposes water rations

By Charlotte Hooten  
City of Lockney Secretary

The City of Lockney is now informing the citizens of Lockney that as of July 11, 2013, we will be in Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan (water ration). The Landscape watering schedule is as follows:

Odd or Even is determined by the last numerical digit in the location's street address. Odd number street addresses will water only on Tuesdays and Fridays. Even number street addresses will water only on Mondays and Thursdays. No watering on Sunday, Wednesday or Saturday by either group.



Water customers and other users of the City's water that do not comply with this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty and fine for each day of non-compliance; and/or disconnection; or discontinuance by the city of

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## Home Country

By Slim Randles

The annual Fourth of July picnic was a celebration of time and freedom. We'd all watched the parade, earlier, because that's what you do on the Fourth, and we believe in it.

Our parade features Scout troops in uniform, the high school band, floats with pretty girls ... well, okay, it's actually Delbert's convertible with signs on the doors ... and little kids proudly leading their dogs down our main street. In other words, pretty much everyone.

Those of us who aren't marching have been known to say things like, "Hon, isn't that the O'Brien kid with that German shepherd? My, he's grown."

You know.

And then we go to the picnic and gorge ourselves and play softball and horseshoes and soak up the sun and laugh a lot. It's a time for asking mere acquaintances from grocery store sightings just how they're doing, in hopes of becoming real friends. It's time to catch

up on friends who have been solid bricks in our wall of life forever. It's also a time to rejoice and see new bundles of babies that have joined us since last year, and feel a bit sad at those who have left us, too.

It's a time when two guys on opposite sides, politically, can just smile and talk sports and enjoy each other. There's time enough to disagree on policies later on. No rush.

And we know, deep inside, that this is the real reason we celebrate our Independence Day. Because we can set aside our differences and have fun together. We can be free to have fun together because a long time ago some men in powdered wigs were smart enough to look ahead toward ... well, toward this very picnic of ours, actually.

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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.

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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.**

**1**

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**2**

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**3**

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