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## Longhorn Café opens, grand opening July 24

By Jennifer Harbin  
Hesperian-Beacon

After over a half century of ownership and bringing good memories and food to Lockney Junior and High School students, the Longhorn Inn has changed its name and its menu.

In May, Chuck and Ronda Aufferl passed Lockney Inn to its new owners, Delfina and Manuel Valdez, who have dubbed it the Longhorn Café. The Café is no longer just a lunch destination for students, but will open its doors year round, serving authentic Mexican and American fare.

Valdez previously worked in the food industry at Main Street Pizza and Tastee Burger in Lockney and gained useful experience while cooking at the Sportsman in Quitaque.

"I enjoy cooking," said Valdez. "When I get stressed out I like to go into the kitchen and cook because it relaxes me."

It has always been her dream to have her

own business, but she never had the opportunity until now.

Her menu contains a variety of authentic Mexican recipes—her specialty—along with American favorites so that all appetites will be satisfied. Also featured on Valdez's menu are breakfast items such as pancakes and burritos.

Her Mexican food features slightly different ingredients than the TexMex that is popular in this region with accents of lemon and cilantro. She uses rancho cheese and a tomato-based sauce for her chili rellenos, enchiladas with mole sauce and rancho beans in place of refried beans.

"Some of the things you think you know what they are, like taquitos, are a little different," she said.

According to Valdez, they are a delicious variation made popular in Mexican culture with her special touch added.

As a small child, she remembers learning to cook and standing on a chair in order to reach the stove. Being the oldest of

five sisters and one brother, she learned by imitation by watching what ingredients her mother would use in her recipes. She still makes the same recipe for sweet bread that her mother learned as a girl growing up in Mexico. The first dish she remembers making was mole, a chicken dish with rice and mole sauce, served with corn tortillas.

In the past when it was the Longhorn Inn, students would frequent the Inn, but Valdez plans to make the Longhorn Café a place for all to come and dine. She also would like to welcome people to let her know what they think of the food so that she can make any changes if needed. Every day of the week there will be a special and always a new choice every week.

An Open House will be all day Wednesday, July 24, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Regular business hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Sundays. Tuesdays will be open until 2 p.m.



Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian-Beacon

The Longhorn Inn across from Lockney High School, now the Longhorn Café, open their doors Wednesday, July 24, for an Open House. The restaurant, which features Mexican and American food is no longer just for students to enjoy, but open to the entire public. Pictured are owner Delfina Valdez and son Fernando Valdez.

## 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.

### FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY

The Floyd County Library in Floydada will host "Meet the Author" on Thursday, July 25th from 10 a.m. - 12 noon and then 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Kael Rhys is the author The Horseman Chronicles.

### 4-H FOOD BOOT CAMP

Floyd County 4-H is hosting a 4-H Food Boot Camp on July 31st from 10 AM - 2 PM. The event is open to all youth in Floyd County and there is no charge. It will be at the County Extension Office at 110 S. Wall. Call 983-4912 to RSVP so we'll know how many to plan for.

### FORTENBERRY REUNION

The Fortenberry Family Reunion will be held Friday, August 2 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 3 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada. See article in this week's Hesperian-Beacon for further details.

### St. Mary Magdalen Jamaica,

St. Mary Magdalen Jamaica will be held Saturday, July 27. Starts at 11 a.m. Come for menudo, tamales and coffee at 8 a.m. Everyone is welcome for music, food and fun.

### WEST TEXAS CHEMICAL CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of the West Texas Agricultural Chemical Institute has been scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Scottish Rite Temple - Learning Center located at 1101 70th Street, Lubbock. Pre-registration will be online soon at <http://wtaci-tamu.edu/Registration.html>. Registration forms have been mail. Contact Jason Woodward at 806-632-0762 for questions about the program and CEU's.

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## Lockney VFD and EMS makes major safety upgrades with Monsanto Fund grant

AIKEN, Texas (July 22, 2013)— Fire search and rescue is now safer for volunteers and community members in the Aiken area. Thanks to the Aiken Monsanto site, the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department and EMS (LVFD) will now be able to purchase state-of-the-art rescue equipment using a \$17,588 grant from the Monsanto Fund.

The LVFD is a 25-member, entirely volunteer squad servicing Floyd County. Using the \$17,588 grant, the department plans to purchase a Stryker PowerProXT, a powered patient transport cot. The cot will be added to the department's newly updated ambulance as a safer, more efficient way to rescue and transport individuals requiring medical attention.

"Using the existing cot, our firefighters must lift and load patients manually," said Darrell Rasco, LVFD treasurer. "The upgraded technology decreases the chance of injury from loading and also helps to better protect the patient in the process."

In addition to the cot, the LVFD will also be able to purchase a thermo imaging processor, a camera that allows firefighters to see through darkness and smoke.

"This grant makes us an all-around safer, more prepared department," said Rasco.

The LVFD received a \$9,955 Monsanto Fund grant last year, again through the Aiken Monsanto site, to maintain firefighter's personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves, respirators and oxygen bottles. The LVFD provides annual fire safety training to Aiken Monsanto site employees. In the event of an emergency, the LVFD would support the Aiken Monsanto site as first responders.

"The Lockney Volunteer Fire Department is a pillar in our community," said Inigo Ibarra, Aiken Monsanto site lead. "They are charged with keeping us safe and so our site is honored to be able to support them and further fund its safety initiatives."

This year, the Monsanto Fund awarded 127 site grants to nonprofit organizations in 26 states. In Texas alone, three site grants were awarded and totaled \$35,588. The Monsanto Fund strives to meet the critical needs of rural communities by investing in local projects focused on K-12 education, hunger and nutrition, and first responders.

## "Million dollar rain" encourages farmers

By Jennifer Harbin  
Hesperian-Beacon

The past week rain fell hard on Floyd County, leaving crops and lawns lush and healthy to the delight of residents.

"Our cotton looks gorgeous with 3-3.5 inches around Lockney, 4 inches west of Plaview and 3 inches in Swisher County," said Lesca Durham of D&J Gin. "Flomot got 1.5 inches and Floydada received 3-4 inches. We love it!"

The irrigated cotton is looking good and the dry land is coming on...if we could get another inch in August the dry land might make according to Durham. A cotton buyer that has been driving around this area revealed that Floyd County looks the best along with southwest Ralls. Farmers have been saying it was "a million dollar rain".

Aaron Hendricks, general manager of Floydada Coop Gin, shared that Floydada got 2-5 inches overall and Barwise averaged out at 4.5 inches.



Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian-Beacon  
Floyd County received unusual amounts of rain for the typical drought we have been having the last three years. Lockney and Floydada both received over 3.5" the past week which has had a reviving effect on the crops in Floyd County.

## Mission



Courtesy Photo

The First Baptist Church of Lockney team ready to leave on their trip to Panama where they will hold a Kid's Camp and spread the Word of God. Their itinerary takes them to small village of San Francisco, one hour outside of Panama City.

## FBC fly missionaries to Panama, teach Kid's Camp

By Jennifer Harbin  
Hesperian-Beacon

Their bags were packed as twenty-three missionaries loaded up early Tuesday morning on what will hopefully be a successful trip to the small village of San Francisco in Panama.

After flying to Dallas, Miami and then to Panama City, the group from the First Baptist Church of Lockney, which includes ten adults and thirteen students, will take a bus trip an hour out of town to the small, poor village.

FBC adopted the Louderbacks, a missionary family, approximately six years ago after being in the mission field. The Louderback family is made up of dad, mom, three girls and one boy and originally hail from Thomasville, Ga. According to Youth Minister Chad Cook, "it was our goal to join them again someday. Our church volunteered to sponsor them and

supply any needs that they might have."

According to Pastor Jonathan Sullivan, through the collaboration of the Louderbacks and FBC they set up a trip focused on a "Kid's Camp", which is comparable to the Vacation Bible Study that was recently held in Lockney called "Paul's Adventures". Children from four to fifteen will be attending, and both adults and students will benefit from the week-long class that will be held at a community building at La Boca, the local First Baptist Church.

"The first thing is to minister to the kids and adults the love of Christ and open the eyes and hearts of the 23 people going to the importance of sharing Christ with others," said Katie Cook, another member of the party and wife of Chad Cook.

From what they are hearing, the La Boca See FBC, Page 7

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## Deaths

### Ralph Ferguson

Graveside services for Ralph Ferguson, 77, of Petersburg, Texas were held at 5 pm Sunday, July 21, 2013 in the Floyd County Memorial Park, Floydada, Texas. Rev. Bobby Ferguson officiating.

Services were under the direction of Abell

Funeral Home & Flower Shop of Abernathy, Texas. Mr. Ferguson died at his home in Petersburg, Tuesday July 16, 2013. He was born October 25, 1935 in Abernathy, Texas and was raised in Floydada.

Local survivors include his

sister, Ruby Bunch of Floydada and a brother, Charlie Ferguson of Floydada.

The family prefers memorials be sent to the American Cancer Association, 3513 10th Street, Lubbock, TX 79415, or to a favorite charity.

### Susan M. Grigg

Services for Susan Bobbitt Grigg, age 60, of Clovis, New Mexico will be held Friday, July 26, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lockney, Texas with Dr. Donald G. Proctor officiating. Burial will follow at the Lockney Cemetery.

Visitation will be held in Clovis, New Mexico from 5-7 on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at Steed Todd Funeral Home. A visitation will be held in Lockney, Texas prior to services on Friday, July 26, 2013 from 10-1 at the First Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be Jared Grigg, Brandon Grigg, Randy Harris, Dwayne Dotson, James Johns, and Mark Grigg. Honorary pallbearers will be Jayce Brown, and Wes Ham.

Susan was born Susan Marie Bobbitt December 11, 1952 in Lockney, Texas to Jim Bert and Gladys Hall Bobbitt. She passed away at her home July 20, 2013 in Clovis, New Mexico. Susan graduated from Lockney High School in 1971. Susan then attended Wayland Baptist University and continued on to Texas Tech University.

She married Mike Grigg July 27, 1973 in Lockney,



SUSAN M. GRIGG

Texas and they later adopted two beautiful children that completed her life. She left Texas with her family and built a life in Grand Junction, Colorado where Mike worked for the Denver Post. Susan began teaching pre-school at the Rainbow Children's Center. She was definitely very special, and one of the best.

Later the family moved again to Mobile, Alabama. Susan's life was full of laughter, children, and family. Nearing the end of her journey here on Earth, Mike and Susan moved to Clovis, New Mexico to be closer to the family they had left behind two decades ago. She worked at the Clovis Nazarene School, when she became ill December 12, 2012. She was a

lifelong Baptist and one thing there was no question about Susan, was that she would be going to heaven. She was a kind and faithful servant.

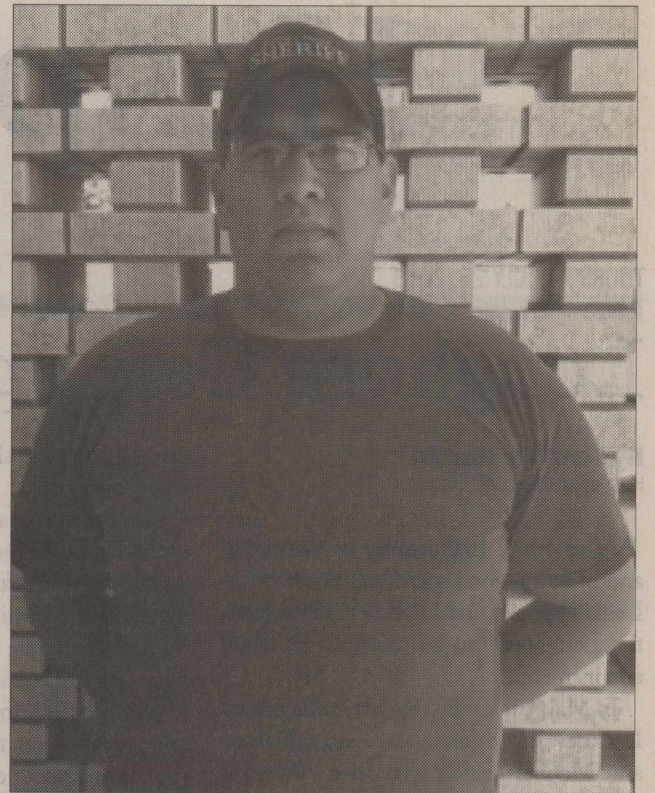
Susan is survived by her husband, Mike Grigg of Clovis, New Mexico; one daughter, Jaime and her husband, Wes Ham of Mobile, Alabama; one son, Jason and his wife, Amanda Grigg of Mobile, Alabama; four grandchildren, Celesta Grigg, Jackson Grigg, Halli Ham, and Trevor Ham, all of Mobile, Alabama; her mother, Gladys Bobbitt of Lockney, Texas; one sister, Donna and her husband, Jimmy Mitchell of Amarillo, Texas; her mother and father in law, Jess and Sara Grigg of Lubbock, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her father, Jim Bert Bobbitt.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Steed Todd Funeral Home 800 East Manana Blvd Clovis, New Mexico 88101 (575) 763-5541 [www.steedtodd.com](http://www.steedtodd.com)

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Clovis Nazarene School, 1800 N. Norris Street in Clovis, New Mexico 88101 in her name.

## Meet Deputy Matthew Arguello



Age: 23

**Education:** Graduate of Hale Center High School, Texas Jailers License, attended South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) in 2012 to obtain Texas Peace Officer's License

**Family:** Wife Megan Arguello, father of 2

**Hometown:** Hale Center

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family, hunting and fishing

**Time in Law Enforcement:** February 2008-present; Hale County Sheriff's Department as a jailer, TDCJ Price Daniel Unit in Snyder, Marsha Formby Unit in Plainview, Lubbock Police Department Detention Officer, reserved with the Lorenzo Police Department and Floyd County Sheriff's Office Deputy.

**Time in Lockney:** I enjoy the community and hope to see my family flourish being so close to family.

**Best Part of the Job:** I enjoy taking an active role in my community, in both ensuring its safety and doing my part to help it grow.

**Challenges of the Job:** Dealing with the negative and most people never seeing the positive.

## Lockney Senior Citizens

Senior Center Menu  
July 29-August 2

**Monday:** Meatloaf  
**Tuesday:** Mexican Stack  
**Wednesday:** Chicken Fried Steak  
**Thursday:** Chicken and Dumplings  
**Friday:** Enchiladas

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Gladys Bobbitt's daughter Susan on Saturday after her battle with brain cancer. Embre Douglas is still receiving treatments and is doing well. If there are any members who have not yet paid their dues, please do so immediately. There were ten who enjoyed potluck on Thursday night and games afterwards. If there is anyone who would volunteer to help gather news for the Senior Center please talk to Renee Armstrong or Jennifer Harbin.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the bake sale for Susan Grigg, brought dishes or volunteered in any way. It was a great success overall!

*A special thank you to all who brought food, called, sent cards, visits, memorials, and prayers in memory of our Mother, Bennie Golightly. It is such a blessing to live in a community such as we do with wonderful and caring people. Once again thank you.*

*Dayne and Penny Golightly & family*

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### Robert Luna

Robert Luna, age 60, passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2013.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada with Father Angelo Consemينو & Father Ike Temporaza officiating.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park. Rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at the Moore Rose Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Robert was born on April 23, 1953 in Hondo, Texas to Presentacion Luna and Maria Santos Flores.

He fell in love and married a wonderful woman who was his high school sweetheart on August 30, 1972 in Plainview, Texas. Next month they would of celebrated their 41st anniversary. Together they had 6 wonderful children, Kathy, Bobby, Jennifer, Felisha, and the quatas' Kayla, and Kimberly.

His occupations were working as a reserved police



ROBERT LUNA

officer in Goodland, Kansas, Floydada High School, and Caprock Hospital in Floydada, then he retired after 20 years from working at the City of Floydada.

He was an active member of the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church and a member of Knights of Columbus. His hobbies included coaching his children at little dribbler's basketball games, little league baseball and adult softball. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, BBQing, carpentry, and he loved dancing. He was a true fan of the Floydada Whirlwinds, Dallas Cowboys, and Texas Longhorns, and

most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family especially his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Presentacion and Maria Santos Luna.

Robert is survived by his wife of over 40 years, Connie Luna of Floydada; a son, Robert Lee Luna of Lubbock; his daughters, Katherine Michelle Isaac of Marble Falls, Jennifer Marie Luna and husband, Jimmy Medellin of Floydada, Felisha Nicole Cavazos and husband, Andrew of Floydada, Kayla Hernandez and husband, Jesus of Granite Shoals, and Kimberly Luna and husband, Zeke Warner of Lawton, Pennsylvania, 12 grandchildren, Deatocha Angel Trevino, Ramon Lara III, Joel Sebastian Lara, Trinity Faith Isaac, Nathaniel Joshua Luna, Sammy Segura III, Robert Jon Segura, Alaina Marie Segura, Karah Lianne Cavazos, Kaylee Brielle Hernandez, Jacob Alexander Hernandez, and Lillian Maxine Warner; four brothers, five sisters, and many other relatives and dear friends.

### Damacio Segura, Sr.

Damacio Segura, Sr., age 68, passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2013, in Floydada. Visitation was held on Friday, July 19, 2013 at Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship Church. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Calvary Cornerstone Church with Pastor Raul Sanchez officiating.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Damacio was born on October 2, 1944 in Karnes City, Texas. He married the love of his life, Maria Lourdes Segura, they were married for 48 years. She passed away 3 years prior to him.

Damacio had eight children; four boys and four girls that love him so much. He also has 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren that adore him. Damacio was a member



DAMACIO SEGURA, SR.

of Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship Church.

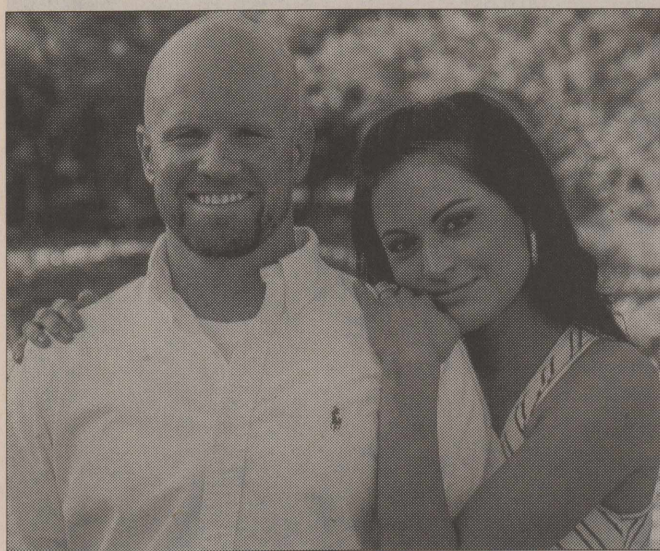
He loved spending time with his children and having everybody together. He loved working at the Plains Baptist Assembly. He was an outstanding family man and always wanted his family to be happy. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his children, Yolanda Castaneda,

Damacio Segura Jr., Juan Segura, Pedro Segura, Olga Lerma, Susana Lopez, and Jesus Segura, all of Floydada, and Maria Ramos of Lubbock; siblings, Aurora Madrigal of Apopka, Florida, Margarita Romero of Floydada, Juanita Noyola of Homestead, Florida, Alicia Torrez of Homestead, Florida, Ricardo Segura of Carrizo Spring, Samuel Segura of Floydada, Anita Delgado of Abilene, Angelita Peralez of Floydada, Juanio Segura Jr. of Edinburg, Maria Magdalena Delgado of Floydada, Jose Segura of Bryan, Texas, Felipa Garza of Wimauma, Florida, and Maria Consuelo Caballero of Floydada.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria Lourdes Segura, three children, Diana Segura, Maria Segura, and Isidro Segura, his parents, Juan Segura Sr., and Olivia Segura, and a brother, Juan Segura Jr.

# SOCIETY



SARAH ANN MARTINEZ  
AND CHRISTIAN MCKINNON

## Martinez and McKinnon to wed

Simon and Olga Martinez of Lockney, Texas proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Anne Martinez to Christian McKinnon, son of Bill and Marcia McKinnon.

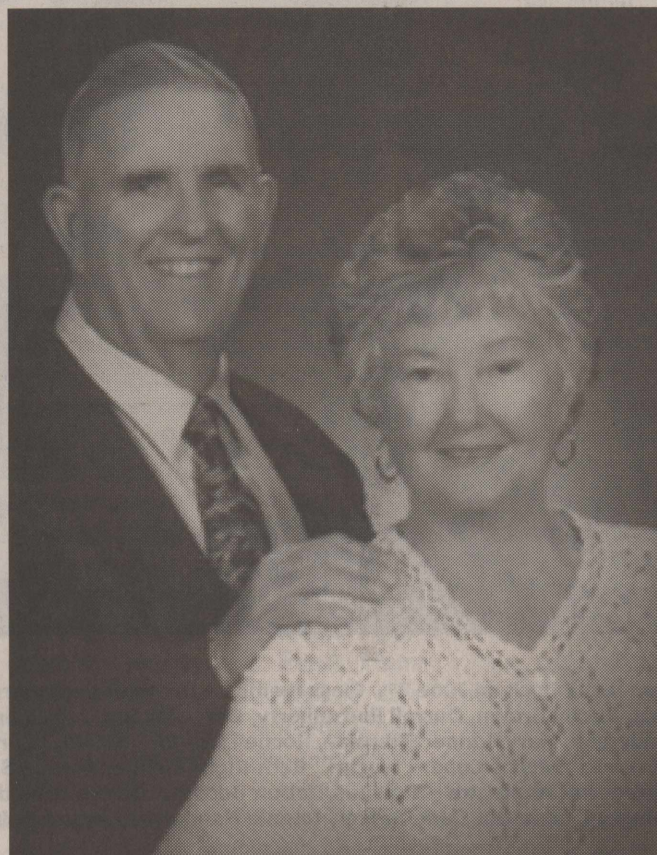
The bride-elect is a 2005 Lockney High School graduate. She is currently employed as a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas.

The prospective groom serves as a youth pastor at Glen Meadows Baptist Church in San Angelo, Texas. The wedding will be held in San Angelo, Texas on August 10, 2013.

The happy couple plans to reside in San Angelo, Texas.

'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. (Mark 10:7, 8).

## Johnson's celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary



MR. AND MRS. TOM JOHNSON

Tom and Dixie Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a family trip with all their children and grandchildren.

Tom Johnson and Dixie Ford were married July 13, 1963 at the home of Raz Ford.

The couple were long-time Lockney residents prior to their move to Plainview in 2006. Mr. Johnson is a retired farmer and Mrs. Johnson is a retired hairdresser and homemaker. They are members of First Baptist Church, Plainview.

They have one daughter, Melissa and son-in-law, Doug Chadwick, who have three girls, Bailey, 21, Abbey, 18 and Kirby, 13.

They also have one son, Steve and daughter-in-law, Brenda Johnson, who have two children, Lauren, 19 and Drew, 15.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

If you are 60 years or older, come join us at the Center. It's good to see friends and enjoy a great meal. If you plan to eat at the Center please call Sylvia by 10 a.m. Our phone number is 983-2032.

Janis Lloyd had her son, Patrick, Eva, Henry and Emma in her home for a weeks visit. They live in Dallas. Janice said they had a great time visiting.

I was told that Nell McClung fell recently and broke 6 ribs on each side. We pray that she will recover quickly. I know that has to be very painful.

Bill Gilbreath's son, Garry and his wife, Wanda Gilbreath, was surprised by their three sons and families at a very good friend's home in Terrell, Texas. It was their 40th wedding anniversary. Bill did not get to go to the celebration because of health problems but did talk to them on the telephone.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume were in Post last Saturday to visit with Melvin and Barbara Byrd. Melvin was the minister at City Park Church of Christ in the 70's. Melvin and Barbara left Floydada and moved to Port Orchard, Washington where they still reside. Melvin has retired from preaching. He fills in occasionally. They also visited with Melvin's brother, Ed Byrd, that worked at the Floydada post office for several years.

My son, Greg and Mona Bond were here for a few days. Mona is in Lubbock visiting her family.

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 Martha White Farris - Jacqueline Gregory, Jerry and Sheree Cannon

In memory of Doris McLain - Jacqueline Gregory, Nancy Lawson, Jerry and Sheree Cannon

In memory of Jimmie Lou Stewart - Jacqueline Gregory

In memory of Milton Evans - Jerry and Sheree Cannon

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## Museum Archives

# Natural Gas Comes to Floydada

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By Will Martin

I will tell of the things leading up to natural gas for heating and cooking first before gas.

I suppose the early settlers used mesquite wood and hackbeny if they lived close enough to the breaks to pay them for their trouble of grubbing the wood and hauling it home. Some people used cottonwood out of the canyons and along the creek banks under the caprock for their firewood.

After ranching was so popular cow chips were used for heating and cooking. They beat no fuel at all. But my, my, so much trouble connected with using them. We used them a lot when the great depression was on. We would take a wagon and a tow sack for each person that went along. We would drive about 2 miles to the best parts of Mr. Massie's pasture. The thickest patches were where the cows had been fed cottonseed cake and bundle hegari.

When we got in a good thick patch everyone would grab a tow sack, jump out of the wagon and see who could get his or her sack full first and empty the most sacks full in the wagon. When we got the wagon full we would head for home, pile the cow-chips in a heap near the back door, spread cotton sacks over them to keep them dry in case of rain. In those days

this was an unnecessary precaution most of the time, but can't be too sure either way. To go by yourself wasn't too romantic.

When a person poured a little coal oil on the chips in the stove and put a lighted match to it you would soon have a good fire going for a few minutes. But you would soon have to shake the grate, get the ashes out and put more chips on the fire. Cow chips made a hot fire but sure did bum up fast. The old time tale on cow chips was that it took two people to keep a good going fire. One to keep cow chips on the fire and shake the ashes below the firebox and someone else to scoop the ashes and carry them to the ash heap in the backyard. Some people believed that ashes sprinkled on cabbage plants and other plants would keep the bugs off them. I don't know. We didn't have as many squash and other bugs as we have now. I believe that if so much commercial spray that is used to kill lady bugs and other good bugs along with plant destroying bugs was not used we would do better. I think that when we tamper with nature's balance we will someday pay the price.

After cow chips and mesquite wood used for firewood, we began to gradually have coal used by some people. If they used freight wagons to haul various good from Amarillo and Childress, etc. If a person had the wagon and teams why

could he not haul coal. This of course was before the railroads came to Floydada. I haven't found any data on this subject. But it sounds reasonable to me that the haulers of goods used on the farms and goods for resale in town. The freight wagons were wonderful.

My family spent several years at Mr. Massie's ranch on the canyon, just before they bought our little place. So they had plenty of wood and cow chips to burn for cooking, heating, etc.

The train came to Floydada in 1910 and it wasn't long until we had several coal dealers that sold to both town and country people. How pleased the railroad made the people, to get things they had a hard and slow time getting before the trains. Any young chap living in these modern times would think that it was slow back in those days in comparison to now. It seems like a marvel to me that Johnny Carson would give a program in New York in the morning and be in California that evening to give his regular program. Nearly everything else is that fast in comparison to back yonder.

I almost forgot two more things that some people used for fuel, not everyone just a few people. These two things were cottonseed and maize heads

One time in the 1920s coal got so high, probably on account of miner strikes, that maize heads were cheaper than coal. We

burned them for a while that winter. We also burned cottonseed that was much cheaper than coal that winter. It seemed like a shame to bum these two things but we had a surplus of both these things and they were very cheap on the market..

When we get to natural gas, I remember it started to be piped from Borger, Texas, to the nearest towns. What year they started I don't know, I was about 12 or 13 years old. When the wind was from the north we could smell the strongest smell like rotten eggs till the wind changed.

They told us it was a chemical used in drilling oil and gas wells. They must have found another method because the odor stopped in about two years.

I am going to guess that gas came first to Amarillo of course, selling gas to all town between Borger and Amarillo. Then as they were slow it probably came to Canyon City. From there I suppose it came to Plainview taking in the towns on me route. I haven't learned if Lubbock got their gas from this route or from wells south from there.

From Plainview the gas line came to Aiken, then to Lockney, then to Floydada. The line came from Lockney, just about straight south until it got almost due west of Floydada which caused it to be almost 3/4 miles north of our house. There was a lane dividing the White farm from the Wyman farm.

My brother-in-law was farming part of the Mooney farm that was about a mile and a quarter north of our house. A person must go down that lane to get to my sister's house. There was no water on the Mooney place and my brother-in-law hauled water in former vinegar barrels from our well to use at their place.

When we would want to make a trip from or to our house and cross the pipeline ditch me workmen were kind enough to lay strong boards across the ditch for a bridge for anyone to cross the ditch.

I thought it was interesting to watch the laying of me pipeline. They hauled joints of pipe about 25 or 30 feet long laying them so they could be rolled over on heavy boards over the ditch. Workmen would use tongs to pull the new pipe to be against the ready welded line and a welder would weld the new pipe to the line. They would take the timbers out from under the pipeline several yards down the line and let the pipeline drop to the bottom of the ditch, which I think was about 3 or 4 feet deep.

I think the reason it was buried that deep was to keep anything from happening to the line from the surface. Of course, when the line was tested for leaks it was covered with dirt. What was a miracle to me was that a solid iron or steel pipe could straighten out

as those pipes did. If they heated them with an electro torch I never saw it at the different places I spied on them.

This I have been telling about was 2-1/2 miles from town. When they reached even of town they turned the line south to about even of Emmitt Henry's house where there was built a flock house where they had their instruments. If I understand it right there were pressure gauges, often valves to control the lines that went to different parts of town. The first line I don't know who got the first gas but Floydada got it's first natural gas in me year of 1927 in the fall of the year.

Of course, it was slow to get gas to all over town. I don't know when you could say it was complete. Maybe five or six years. Some people were afraid of natural gas being slow to take anything new. The gas company had to have so many houses to sign up before they would run a line down a block. The gas company had there troubles too. Some places they couldn't get a right of way to run certain places. But seems now that most people are happy with gas except the inflated price.

I suppose most people know that natural gas in natural state is tasteless, odorless and can't be seen. They have to mix a chemical with it to make that odor that we smell to let us know it is present.

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# Lockney High School Class of 1953 holds 60<sup>th</sup> year reunion



Courtesy Photo

The Lockney High School Class of 1953 held their 60<sup>th</sup> year reunion in Lubbock on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Class members in attendance were (Top row, l-r) Harley Wright - teacher, Gene Applewhite, Ted Carthel, Bill Sherman, Orland Gilbert, Bobby McCormick, Loy Davis, Buddy Brown, Durrell Fortenberry, Dick Blenden, Alfred Smith, Delton Jack, C. B. Smart, Donald Wiggington, Jimmy Hill, Norton Baker, Bryan McCulloch; (Middle row, l-r) Nita Kellison Henderson, Mary Bonner Sherman, Rochell Rigdon Dorman, Audrene Rhine Robison, Frances Copeland Huddelston, Nina Vernon White, Nancy Holland Marble, Pat Pylant Smith, Ann Cooper McCormick, Myrtis Cope - teacher, Beth Rigby Hodge, Jimmie Smith Whitlock; (Seated, l-r) Susie Farish Frizzell, Ruby Wilson McLeod, Dorothy Marr Turner, and Mavis Tate Reecer. Attending but not in picture - Rowena Dalton Booher. Others attending the reunion were Brenda Carthel, Dovie Gilliland, Virginia Taylor, Joy McCulloch, Faye Fortenberry, Clydell Jack, Ollie Wiggington, Lena Hill, Jane Baxter, Dennie Henderson, James Robison, Wendell Huddelston, Don Marble, Keith Stansell, Donald Reecer, and Charlie Wilson.

## SPC Reese Center to offer The 501 CNA class on July 29 Generation Grammar Gap

**REESE CENTER** - 2 Room 206. The course Spaces are available in the upcoming Certified Nurse Aide course at South Plains College Reese Center. The course will run July 29 through Aug. 29 followed by Clinicals on Sept. 3-5. Registration will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at SPC Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q. The class will meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Building

of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. This course is required for all students taking the Certified Nurse Aide class. Upon completion of the 60 hours of classroom and 24 hours of Clinicals, each student will be required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination. Students must provide proof of immunization for Hepatitis B Series, 2-MMRs, Tetanus no older than 8 years, and a current negative TB test no older than 6 months prior to the first class, valid state issued photo identification, and social security card prior to enrollment. The names must match on both documents and not expire before the end of class. On-site registration will not be accepted for this course. A maximum of eight participants will be accepted for the class. Students will not be allowed to register or pay for this class without all requirements being met. Criminal background checks will be performed for all students. CPR certification is required and not included in tuition fees. Other supplies not included in the tuition and fees are a Blood Pressure Cuff and Stethoscope. Criminal Background checks will be performed on all students. No refunds will be given for criminal background checks. For more information, call (806) 716-4906.

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Do my television ears deceive me? I just heard a guy answer the question "How are you?" with the response "Well."

Good! I'm glad someone finally said he was "well" instead of "good." What's more, millions must have heard him say it. Maybe "good" is on its way out, and "well" is making a comeback. That'd be good.

Haven't you noticed for years that people routinely have been saying they're "good" when asked how they're doing? If it were true, virtue would be on the rise. At first I thought the obviously improper use of the word "good" was just a cutesy little short-lived trend. I supposed all who proclaimed themselves to be "good" did so with a certain awareness that either a rule of grammar was being broken or that they were not really answering the question being asked - or both, depending on how you analyze the issue. Now "good" is standard.

As for what social forces have converged to inspire virtually everyone to say, "I'm good," well, who knows? Maybe it's a "Me Generation" thing. We (I'm leading-edge Me) are supposed to be self-absorbed and narcissistic. What's good about that? But who's more likely to believe and proclaim himself or herself to be "good" than a narcissist, even if the original question isn't truly being answered? That's why I myself hereby resolve never to say "I'm good" whenever I'm asked how I am. It's a moral issue. From my

grammatically correct traditional use of the response "well," I shall look down on all the narcissists who say they're "good." So there. I'm parting with my generation on this one. I feel almost good enough about my resolution to say, "I'm good."

**INTERNET PAUSE.**  
The temptation was too great. Having mounted my grammatical high horse, I just had to do a little Googling to see if posers are already out there riding after the "good" offenders. Not surprisingly, I learned I'm not the only person bothered by the "I'm good" bunch. That's the Internet for you. You can always find compadres, whatever the cause.

Meanwhile, one of my newfound fellow-enforcers of Morality via Grammar (I just made up that name for our worthy aim) quoted an impeccable authority:

"And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

That's Matthew 19:17, King James Version. The context is Jesus in conversation with a rich young man, who could be the poster boy for the Me Generation.

Hmmm. What we have is the makings of an evil conspiracy: Television, the platform for the transformation of our society into whatever those amoral people behind the scenes want us to become, is a place where "I'm good" is said over and over, notably on talk shows at the beginnings of interviews. The afore-mentioned rampant narcissism is nurtured by the expression. If you buy my theory, consider yourself deputized for the good guys' posse. Let's ride.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
After the rains we made a visit to the Lockney Cemetery and were appalled to see the shape that the cemetery was in. The weeds are out of control. I do not know if there is someone in charge of taking care of the grounds but

IF there is they are not caring care of business. Again I do not know how to remedy this problem but it needs to be addressed.

Barbara Carthel  
Lockney, Texas

### Floydada Senior Citizens Menu

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# Irrigated crops on the High Plains “all over the map”

## USDA News

### USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Improve the Quality of Rural Housing

By Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION – Though there have been some recent rains and irrigation pumping is in progress, High Plains corn and cotton is “highly variable,” according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

There are currently a number of factors making it hard to categorize the overall condition of irrigated crops, said Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension agricultural engineer specializing in irrigation, Lubbock.

“There are several things going on,” she said. “First of all, for a lot of the state, especially the High Plains, we’re in the third year of drought. That presents its own problems, particularly where we have declining well capacities and regulatory pumping limits.”

All these things have come together to amplify the importance of increasing irrigation efficiency, Porter said.

For years, High Plains irrigators have been converting to highly efficient low-pressure systems such as low energy precision application, commonly known as LEPA, low elevation spray application, and subsurface drip irrigation,” she said.

“We have a very high adoption rate of these systems, and we have the technology to be very efficient, so mainly we’re fine-tuning the management these days,” she said. “For example, one of our strategies with corn under limited irrigation capacities is to plant fewer acres of corn and alternate it with a crop that uses less water.”

But irrigation in the High Plains is most always supplemental, according to Porter. It depends upon help from Mother Nature, and that help has been limited for years.

“As far as annual rainfall, we’re still way behind — about half what we should have,” she said.

There were some recent good rains that helped out some High Plains crops, and even gave dryland farmers a chance, she said. But the outlook for corn and cotton is still going to depend upon what growth stage of the crop, if it had a good foundation of soil moisture and if it had been irrigated well.

“On a case-by-case basis, at the field level, it’s all over the map,” she said. “We have some fields that are in pretty good shape and others that are really stressed.”

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:

The 12 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Districts Central: All crops, forages and landscape plants were stressed by 100-degree temperatures and the lack of rainfall. Forages, sorghum and corn were being harvested for silage earlier than anticipated because of extreme temperatures. Grasshoppers were causing havoc on hay fields and pastures as drought conditions continue to get worse.

**Coastal Bend:** The region had isolated showers but no significant accumulations. Some corn and grain sorghum was baled for hay due to poor potential yield and lack of other forage for livestock. Farmers who had corn and grain sorghum that made it to maturity continued to harvest, and were hoping soil moisture holds out for cotton. Sesame was blooming. Pastures further declined from the lack of rain and high temperatures. Ponds were low or dry in many areas. Trees showed signs of stress. Livestock producers in some areas were sup-

plying supplemental feed, while others were relocating herds. Where hay was being harvested, yields were low.

**East:** From 0.25 inch to 2 inches of rain fell over parts of the region. Some counties remained dry. Many counties reported hot, dry weather. Hay production greatly slowed as grass regrowth declined. Pastures and hay meadows were drying up. Some producers were trying to find hay to buy, while others were feeding supplements as grazing deteriorated. Grasshoppers continued to be a problem. The Harrison County corn was not expected to make a crop this year due to weather and grasshopper activity. Lake and pond levels were receding. Cattle were in good condition, with livestock producers selling market-ready calves and cull cows. Demand at sale barns was good on all classes of cattle. Horn flies were abundant.

**Far West:** High temperatures and steady winds rapidly reduced soil moisture. Pastures were deteriorating for lack of moisture. Irrigated cotton was doing well, but dryland cotton was suffering.

**North:** Soil-moisture levels were very short to adequate. Little rain was received during the past two weeks. Pastures were in fair condition but were browning up quickly. Corn was in good condition as it entered the dent stage. Soybeans were blooming, and sorghum was coloring and doing very well. Rice and peanuts were in poor condition. Cotton was in poor to good condition with all the crop squaring. The wheat and oat harvests were completed. All sunflower fields were planted. Livestock looked good. Stock-water tanks were getting low. Horn fly problems continued to increase. Grasshoppers were a major concern in many pastures and hayfields.

**Panhandle:** The region’s weather was hot and windy with a few scattered showers. Accumulations ranged from a trace to a few isolated areas receiving as much as 2.5 inches. Soil moisture continued to be mostly short to very short. Producers were busy irrigating as daytime highs ranged from the 90s to low 100s. Harvesting of wheat was ongoing. Corn development was all over the board with most about a week to ten days behind normal tassel and blooming. Late-planted corn was in the six-leaf stage in some areas. Cotton needed more moisture to take advantage of the recent heat units. Cattle were in good shape.

**Rolling Plains:** Summertime conditions were typical for the region with temperatures reaching 100 degrees everyday and no rain. Cotton crops are looking stressed with the hot, dry weather. Irrigated cotton looked okay, with farmer concerns being well-water reliability, flea hoppers, grasshoppers and weed pressure. Corn was burning up from the heat. Grasshoppers were taking a devastating toll on crops, trees and shrubs. Rangeland and pastures were in fair condition, though in need of moisture. Hay is being baled and most has already been sold before it is baled. Water tanks were drying up.

**South:** Hot, humid and dry weather plagued the entire region, causing soil-moisture levels to decline, and damaging rangeland and pastures. Soil moisture in the northern part of the region dropped from adequate to 100 percent short, with the exception of La Salle County where soil moisture levels were 60 percent short. In the eastern part of the region, soil moisture conditions were reported at short to very short. In the western and southern parts of the region, Dimmit, Willacy and Maverick counties had various levels of adequate soil moisture, while others ranged from 70 to 100

percent short. One hundred percent of the corn crops in the Atascosa area have silked, doughed and dented, with 80 percent of the crop matured. In Frio County, corn harvesting began, peanut crops were entering the flowering stage and irrigation on peanuts increased. No crop conditions were reported for the eastern parts of the region. In Zala County, producers had to irrigate cotton and late-planted corn. Also in that county, onion harvesting was completed, some early-planted corn was harvested, cabbage made good progress, watermelon harvesting was active and pecan growers heavily irrigated orchards. Pastures there were still providing grazing, but there was no new growth due to lack of rain. In Cameron County, cotton was progressing well while the corn and sorghum harvests were almost complete. In Hidalgo County, the grain sorghum harvest was ongoing. In Starr County, hay producers continued baling hay where possible. In McMullen County, forage quality declined and supplies were limited as soils dried out.

**South Plains:** Crops, pastures and rangeland were all struggling from the drought as highs reached into the upper 90s and above, accompanied by windy conditions. Insect pressure was light. Weed control has been the order of the day in some counties, as a few light showers during early July brought on a new flush of growth. Peanuts and sorghum were progressing well. A Lubbock County survey indicated about 40 percent of cotton fields lost to hail were replanted to grain sorghum. Early planted sorghum and sunflowers were blooming, and corn was tasseling. Only about 10 percent of cotton had reached bloom stage by mid-July. Irrigators were struggling to keep up with crop demands.

**Southeast:** Throughout the district, soil moisture ranged from very short to short. Corn was in poor to good condition, while soybeans were very poor to fair, and sorghum fair to good. Rice was in fair to excellent condition, and cotton poor to fair. Rangeland and pastures were in poor to good condition. Montgomery County had a few light showers late in the reporting period, but the showers did very little to alleviate drought conditions. Burleson, Brazoria, Waller and Walker counties had extremely hot and dry weather. Chambers County rice was progressing well as warm weather and long days made up somewhat for the slow start during the cooler-than-normal spring. Orange County was considering a burn ban.

**Southwest:** Dry conditions and temperatures in the high 90s and low 100s continued. Soil-moisture levels dropped and row crops declined. Grasshoppers were severe in some areas, damaging to hayfields and pastures. The sunflower harvest was complete. Livestock generally remained in good condition, but pastures needed rain to replenish grazing.

**West Central:** Very hot, dry, windy conditions continued. A few areas reported scattered showers. Cotton was off to a good start in most areas, but limited soil moisture slowed growth. Forage sorghum showed signs of drought stress. Hay harvesting was underway. Grasshoppers continued to be an issue in many areas, consuming large amounts of pasture grasses. The condition of rangeland and pastures further declined due to extreme heat. Livestock condition remained fair to good. Livestock numbers were slightly below average due to range conditions. More stock-water tanks were going dry. Some producers were selling off livestock due to lack of available water.

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 20, 2013 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help low- and very-low-income rural residents repair their homes. 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 Obama Administration and USDA are working to ensure that rural homeowners and renters have safe, affordable and sanitary places to live,” Vilsack said. “These grant funds will help low- and very-low-income residents in our rural communities maintain and repair their homes and make them more energy-efficient.”

“The cost of maintaining a home is challenging for many rural homeowners,” said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. “This funding, available through Rural Development Housing Preservation grants, will help rural property owners make improvements to ensure their homes are decent, safe, sanitary and energy-efficient.”

Grants are provided to qualified intermediaries such as town or county governments, public agencies, community organizations, federally recognized Indian Tribes, non-profit and faith-based organizations. The grants are then distributed to qualified homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents. The grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. In addition, the program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons.

For additional information on eligibility for Housing Preservation Grants, please see the June 18, 2013 Federal Register.

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 the Department 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.

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### Notice of Public Open House Meetings

**Proposed GSEC to White River 345 kV Generation Interconnection Project in Hale and Floyd Counties, Texas**

Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland) plans to file an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to construct a new 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Hale and Floyd Counties. To educate local communities on the project and gather public input, Sharyland will be holding public open house meetings and invites you to attend either or both of these meetings, which will be held at the following times and locations:

<b>Tuesday, August 6, 2013</b> Anytime Between 4:00 – 7:00 PM CDT	<b>Thursday, August 8, 2013</b> Anytime Between 4:00 – 7:00 PM CDT
<b>Floyd County Friends Unity Center</b> Halfway between Lockney and Floydada on Highway 70, at Muncy, Texas	<b>City Hall in the City of Abernathy</b> 811 Avenue D Abernathy, Texas

The proposed transmission line will connect new gas-fueled electric generation facilities that will be constructed by Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. (GSEC) in Hale County to Sharyland’s proposed White River Substation, to be constructed along Sharyland’s existing electric transmission line in Floyd County. The proposed transmission line will be approximately 55 miles long, depending on the route approved by the PUCT, and will be constructed on a combination of steel lattice and monopole towers in a right-of-way approximately 175 feet wide. Completion of this project will enable the introduction of approximately 928 megawatts (MW) of energy for use by GSEC member cooperatives within the portion of Texas served by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), as well as other Texas consumers in ERCOT.

Sharyland is dedicated to developing and routing the proposed transmission line in a manner consistent with the values and cultures of all the local communities, as well as the rules and policies of the Texas Utilities Code, the PUCT and ERCOT. POWER Engineers, a consulting firm retained by Sharyland, has developed a series of preliminary alternative routes for consideration. The purpose of these open house meetings will be to share information about the current route alternatives, and seek input from the public for use in refining the route alternatives. Please note that the format for these meetings will be “come and go.” As such, there will be no formal presentation, and attendees should feel free to arrive and depart at their convenience. The same information will be available at both of the public open house meetings.

Detailed information and maps depicting the current route alternatives will be on display at the meetings, and project representatives of Sharyland’s team will be available for one-on-one discussions, to answer questions, and to receive feedback regarding the current route alternatives. The route alternatives that will be presented at the meetings are preliminary in nature and, as such, are subject to modification based on information received at the meetings, as well as further study.

Should you have any questions concerning the meetings, please contact Sherry Kunka at 866-354-3335 or e-mail your questions to [suhelp@sharyland.com](mailto:suhelp@sharyland.com). Additional information regarding the project is also available at [www.sharyland.com](http://www.sharyland.com).

# AGRICULTURE

## USDA Announces Results for 45th Conservation Reserve Program General Sign-Up

AMES, IOWA, July 22, 2013 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept 1.7 million acres offered under the 45th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up. The Department received nearly 28,000 offers on more than 1.9 million acres of land, demonstrating CRP's continuing appeal as one of our nation's most successful voluntary programs for soil, water, and wildlife conservation. Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has enrolled nearly 12 million acres in new CRP contracts since 2009. Currently, there are more than 26.9 million acres enrolled on 700,000 contracts.

"For 27 years, lands in CRP have helped to conserve our nation's resources and played a part in mitigating climate change," said Vilsack. "American farmers and ranchers continue to recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP. As the commodities produced by our farmers and ranchers continue to perform strongly in the marketplace — supporting one out of every twelve jobs here in the United States — it is no surprise that American producers continue to recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP."

In addition to today's announcement, over the last four years, USDA has set aside significant acreage under CRP's Continuous enrollment programs to target habitat conservation on especially important lands. For example, in March, 2012, President Obama dedicated 1 million acres of CRP to Continuous Enrollment Programs to conserve wetlands, grasslands and wildlife. This year, farmers and ranchers have already offered more than 370,000 acres under Continuous CRP sign-up, a figure that

is impressive given that the lack of a Farm Bill extension last fall meant that CRP enrollment only reopened this spring in May. Lack of a comprehensive Farm Bill this year has resulted in uncertainty for achieving further enrollment objectives under continuous CRP.

CRP is a voluntary program that allows eligible landowners to receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland throughout the duration of their 10 to 15 year contracts.

Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings prevent soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. In 2012, CRP helped to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields by 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds respectively. CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year. CRP also provides \$2.0 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs.

In addition, CRP sequesters more carbon dioxide than any other conservation program in the country, and also reduces both fuel and fertilizer use. Yearly, CRP results in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

USDA selected offers for enrollment based on an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) comprised of five environmental factors plus cost. The five environmental factors are: (1) wildlife enhancement, (2) water quality, (3) soil erosion, (4) enduring benefits, and (5) air quality.

## Assignment: Texas Buckets and Boots



Pat Green performing at the Buckets and Boots concert near Graford, Texas.

It seems like an unlikely time and place for a huge outdoor music event but July in Palo Pinto County is the perfect place where country stars and enthusiastic fans meet. Now in its

third year, the Bucket and Boots benefit concert has entertained thousands of fans and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the benefit of local volunteer fire crews.

The first concert was held in 2011 just after the devastating wildfires that consumed thousands of

acres and homes in Palo Pinto County and around Possum Kingdom lake.

Dallas-area energy executive Lance Byrd opened his Rocker B Ranch to host the concert in order to raise money to financially help the local, all-volunteer fire fighting crews and to celebrate the men and women who are on the front lines protecting life and property in the area.

In the first year, the concert (which is professionally produced and held in a bermuda grass pasture on the ranch) attracted over 4,000 people to the property that lies just west of Graford.

Since the first concert, the Buckets and Boots Foundation has disbursed over half a million dollars through grants to local fire departments.

This year, I arrived at the concert as a guest of the National Rifle Association's, NRA Country brand. NRA Country is a lifestyle brand that, according to their mission statement, "...is a celebration of American values: Respect. Honor. Freedom. It's a lifestyle and a bond between the country music community and hard-working Americans everywhere. It's powered by pride, freedom, love of country, respect for the military, and the responsibilities of protecting the great American life."

This year's event was a big one and while I don't know the final tally, I

can't imagine that there are any fewer than 6,000 in attendance this year. That number is significant - especially concerning the rural nature of the venue. Throughout the crowd, I visit with firefighters and first responders from the area and country music fans from as far away as Paris, Texas.

Aside from the concert, a fund raising auction is held and serving as master of ceremonies for this year's event is Willie Robertson of the television show, Duck Dynasty. The venue is full when, at 6pm sharp, Robertson takes to the stage to introduce the first act to an appreciative crowd.

The first act to play this year was the Turnpike Troubadours from Oklahoma. Their blend of country music storytelling and Americana/bluegrass musical stylings quickly primed the crowd for the next act.

Follow the Troubadours, Pat Green took the stage and immediately connected with the crowd and had them singing along to all the songs that's made him legendary in the Texas music scene.

The third act to perform was Texas country artist Casey Donahew. Donahew is another standout in the Texas music scene and by the way he deftly engages the audience, you can tell is stagemanship is honed through nights of playing to adoring fans.

Tracy Lawrence closed the show. Each hit he sang was like a trip back in time. When you hear guys like him on the radio, it is easy to take for granted how talented performers are. The ability to sing night after night on tour and engage the crowd is a skill that I am sure is harder than it looks. At the Buckets and Boots concert, Lawrence and the rest of the acts entertained with ease.

Me and the rest of the crowd loved it. For more information about the concert, upcoming dates, and the foundation, check out [www.bucketsandboots.com](http://www.bucketsandboots.com).



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## SPC Firefighter Academy has openings for Fall 2013

LUBBOCK - South Plains College Fire Technology has 12 available slots for individuals interested in becoming Texas state-certified firefighters. Applications are being accepted to fill the next class. The 2013-14 Basic Fire Academy class begins Aug. 26 and ends May 7, 2014.

Application packets can be picked up at the front desk or Office 151 at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q or download

at [www.southplainscollege.edu/fireacademy](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/fireacademy). Individuals interested in trying out for the academy must submit the academy application which is different from the general SPC application required of all incoming SPC students.

This course is designed for anyone interested in a career as a firefighter in the municipal, state or federal fire service. It is an evening class that meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through

Thursday and every other Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for both semesters. After the completion of the academy and additional medical training, students will be eligible to test for state firefighter certification.

Individuals with prior military service, females and minority applicants are encouraged to apply. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

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## Texas schoolchildren reel in easy money

(AUSTIN) — Two serious fishermen today won exclusive rights to a couple of the hottest fishing spots along the Texas coast, earning the school children of Texas an easy \$68,651 in the process.

The School Land Board voted to accept the top two bids for two General Land Office fishing cabin sites

along the Texas coast. The cabins, located on islands built by dredge materials, are known among coastal outdoorsmen as some of the finest, most secluded fishing spots anywhere along the Texas coast.

By law, the number of available sites is strictly limited, making opportunities to bid on them a rare treat.

"Serious fishermen and duck hunters know the value of these sites and the bids can get pretty high — little bits of paradise like this don't become available every day," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. "But the school kids of Texas are the real winners today."

One permit site — on the upper Texas coast on Moody's Island, just between Christmas Bay and West Bay — went for \$16,000.

The site is only accessible by boat via Titlum Tatlum Bayou. The winning bidder must tear down and haul off an old and decrepit cabin on the site and even then won't own the cabin he will have to build.

The other permit site — located in Kenedy County in the Land Cut area of the Laguna Madre — went for a whopping \$52,651. It also is only accessible by boat. The permit site is located on uplands originally created by the dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway. The area is still an active dredge disposal site if needed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

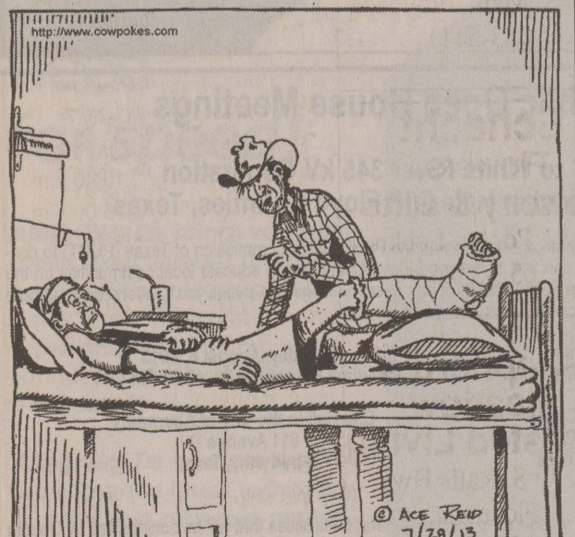
This is only the fourth time the General Land Office has offered cabin permits on a sealed bid basis. The permits were initially awarded to those occupying the cabins

in 1973 when the School Land Board and General Land Office were granted regulatory authority over the structures on state lands.

Since then, the permits have either expired, relocated, or have been transferred to other interested parties with School Land Board approval. The permits will be issued for five years, and can be renewed in five-year increments if all conditions of the contract have been observed. Anything built on the sites will belong to the state of Texas and the cabins can only be used for recreational purposes — no commercial activity is allowed.

For additional information, please send an e-mail to [cabins@glo.state.tx.us](mailto:cabins@glo.state.tx.us), visit the GLO Web site at [www.glo.state.tx.us](http://www.glo.state.tx.us), or call Amy Nunez at 361-825-3038.

**COWPOKES** By Ace Reid



"Zeb, you're shore a disappointment to me, I thought you could ride 'em!"

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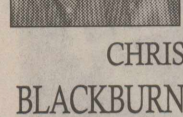
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# The Paperboy

## The beginning of a bottomless pit

**M**y 7-year-old son Sutton Hawk and I went to McDonald's last week. If you have children or grandchildren, you may be aware of the power of McDonald's over much of the planet's youth.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Anyhow, it wasn't too long ago when a Happy Meal - of either the McNugget or cheeseburger variety, would be sufficient. Those days are gone.

As we were three cars back from ordering, I asked him what he wanted. His reply: "I want a 20-piece McNugget, large fries and large Dr Pepper."

"Boy, you can't eat all of that," I replied. "I don't know Dad, I ate that Quarter-pounder the other day." Which was correct.

So, wanting to see what kind of damage he could do, I ordered the 20-piece.

Now before you get on to me for mistreating my son and the epidemic of childhood obesity, Sutton Hawk is not a small child. He's a head taller than the kids his grade and weighs 90 pounds. One thing that exists on both sides of his family is size. So, he's the size of a fourth grader or even a fifth grader.

Back to the story: We get home and since my wife and other son are gone, we decide to eat in the living room and watch one of the Batman movies.

After sitting there a few minutes, I noticed he had stopped eating. I asked, "Are you okay?" "I'm pretty full," he said. "What's the damage?"

"I ate 15. I'm sorry I didn't eat them all. I think I drank too much Dr Pepper first." I'm sitting there in disbelief. And at that exact point, I realized that I should probably be raising cattle because this child may grow up to be a very large human.

My other son, Jackson, is tall and thin. Sutton Hawk outweighs him by 10 pounds. Believe it or not, Jackson eats more than his brother.

So the days of the Happy Meal, and all other children's meals, look to be over. So could be the days of eating out.

I'm a big guy and I can remember eating large when I was a teenager. Even when I was stuffed, it was a matter of hours before I was starving. But that was as a teenager. Now I have two boys who out-eat their mother and are closing in on me!

My wife and I consider ourselves blessed that our boys love Ramen noodles. Even if it does take several packages...

incoming seniors what they would like to do for their last event.

"We prayed about it and the Lord put the Louderbacks on our hearts," said Cook. "We've done tons of fund raising—we've sold pickles, cakes, run concession stands, held a baked potato supper and raised enough funds to cover the basic cost of the trip."

"We've been overwhelmed how the Lord has worked this out," said Cook. "He has provided the funds and made the whole process seem so easy."

The trip to Panama begins on July 23 and they return July 30. Those going on the trip are Chad Cook, Katie Cook, Jonathan Sullivan, Jennifer Sullivan, Heath Rexrode, Jeri Rexrode, Rodney Hunt, Shandra Kidd, Trinity

Nevins, Kyle Nevins, Addison Sullivan, Lawson Sullivan, Kalebh Cook, Austen Rexrode, Audrey Rexrode, Mary Sammann, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Landry Kidd, Hannah Kid, Kameron Hunt, Wil Prayor and Tristan Schlueter.

They ask that while they are gone to please pray for God to prepare their hearts for service and sharing His word and to prepare the hearts of the people they will share with.

Upon their return, they would like to invite not just the FBC members, but the entire community, to attend a cookout on August 4 at 6 p.m. There will be hamburgers and ice cream as a "thank you" to the community for their support, and the kids will share pictures and stories of their experiences abroad.

### FBC

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church is very excited for their arrival and is putting out flyers all over the village to invite everyone to attend. The village is not very big and quite poor, lying in the jungle, and the FBC group will drive two hour round trip daily on their rented bus into the village for Kid's Camp, staying in a hotel in Panama City at night. The children of San Francisco will be in school while they are there and come to the camp in "shifts" throughout the day.

The idea to make a trip to Panama started a little over a year ago when the youth group came back from camp. Cook asked the

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Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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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 Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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**CARR'S CHAPEL**  
Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship .... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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**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.  
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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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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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Sunday School ..... 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday).. 6:30 p.m.  
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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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Sunday Singing ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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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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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**  
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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

Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. Wed. Mass ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat..... 10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAPTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
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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**  
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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**  
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Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service..... 7:30 p.m.  
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Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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Worship Service .... 11:00 a.m.  
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## Bake Sale



Jennifer Harbin/Hesperian-Beacon

Saturday the Lockney Senior Center held a bake sale in honor of Susan Grigg, daughter of Lockney resident Gladys Bobbitt. A great number of people showed up in support of the cause, filling all three rows of tables in the center.

## History



Photo by Elaine LaBaume

"1947 J.C. Higgins" bicycle owned by Elaine LaBaume: J.C. Higgins was the brand name of a Sears & Roebuck popular range of bicycles. The namesake J.C. Higgins was a Sears' employee who spent his entire professional life working for Sears until his retirement in 1930. The emblem on it says "Made in USA, J.C. Higgins, Sears, Roebuck & Co." LaBaume's neighbor, Gary Pate, worked in a bicycle shop as a boy and helped her find the serial number on it. "I remembered that my daddy, Ashel McDaniel, had a good wheat crop the year I got it and he bought me my bicycle and bought him a new saddle." She doesn't remember for sure how old she was when she got it. By looking up the serial number on Google, and talking to Tommy Assiter, she knew it had to be from 1947. Assiter said "there was a good wheat crop in 1947." My bike was blue trimmed with white. I was almost 6 years old. In those days you didn't get a little bicycle with training wheels and then graduate on up to different sizes until you got a "big bike." A lot of families, no matter how large, only had one bicycle, maybe one boy's and one girl's. LaBaume has a sister six years younger than her and when she got old enough to ride her bicycle her parents had it refurbished and they "shared" it. She has kept it and never gotten rid of it for all those years. When they lived on J.B. Avenue in Floydada she told her parents that she wanted it. It was painted white and they "planted" it in a round flower bed and planted red verbenas around it. They now live on Lee Street and she has "dragged it out" and "planted" it in the front yard and put geraniums in the basket.

## Waiting



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## Farm bill conference with Senate will await food stamp bill

By Erik Wasson

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Okla.) said Tuesday evening that a formal farm bill conference with the Senate will have to wait until the House decides what to do with a standalone food stamp measure.

Lucas said that he cannot "in good faith" press GOP leaders to appoint conferees until he works to craft a bill cutting food stamp funding.

"It would be difficult for me to move for a formal conference unless we address the nutrition issue," Lucas said.

A split farm subsidy only bill passed the House narrowly on Thursday.

Senate Democrats are calling for an immediate conference with the bill the Senate has passed, which contains \$4 billion in food stamp cuts — much less than the \$20.5 billion in the original House farm bill that failed on the floor. The House sent the text of its farm bill to the Senate on Tuesday, removing one procedural hurdle to moving toward a conference.

Lucas said he has started informal discussions with Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) as he polls the House GOP conference on what to do on food stamps.

Lucas and House Majority Leader Eric

Cantor (R-Va.) will convene a working group of House members to craft a new food stamp bill on Wednesday. Lucas said that he needs at least a week or two to draft a bill.

"I would like to have something before we go home for August. I don't know if that is humanly possible, but I am trying," Lucas said. "Through the course of two votes and two debates, there has been some solidifying of positions, so I have less flexibility than I had before."

Earlier on Tuesday, Lucas updated his committee on the farm bill process. The memo, obtained by The Hill, noted the formalities of the farm bill conference going forward. Lucas clarified to The Hill that the memo was not meant to suggest that the House would agree to a farm bill conference before dealing with the food stamps provisions.

"I think in good faith, I have to try to achieve some kind of consensus bill on nutrition," Lucas said. "It may not take long to determine whether that's possible and whether the divisions are too hard."

Some rural Republicans appear to be advocating for food stamp cuts similar to that in the original bill in the interest of aiding the House-Senate compromise while fiscal conservatives want something closer to the \$135 billion in cuts in the House-passed budget.

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