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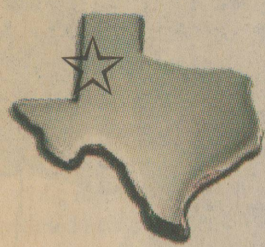
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## Trevino named lone finalist by Floydada ISD board

By Anne Carthel  
**Floydada ISD Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director**

The Floydada ISD school board met in a brief called meeting on Monday night, February 21, to consider superintendent candidates in an effort to determine a single lone finalist.

With all board members in attendance, the motion was made by Rachel Castillo to name Gilbert Trevino as the lone finalist for the position. The motion was seconded by William Dean, and the board voted unanimously for Trevino. Lone finalists must be posted for twenty-one days before a final vote can be taken.

Trevino was a graduate of Hale Center High School

in 1991. He received his Bachelors' and Masters' Degrees from Wayland Baptist University, and earned his Superintendent's certification from Texas Tech University.

He has served the district for the past twelve years, beginning as a teacher and coach at Floydada Junior High. He later moved to Floydada High School as an English teacher and coach, and then served the junior high as assistant principal and coach. For the past six years, he has served in the role of elementary principal at A. B. Duncan Elementary.

Trevino and his wife, Laticia, have two children, Erin, who is six years old, and Aiden, who is four.



GILBERT TREVINO

## Mangold Memorial Hospital leases Cogdell Clinic in Floydada

By Homer Marquez

In the efforts of continuing to provide top quality health care for Floydada citizens, both Caprock Hospital District and W. J Mangold Memorial Hospital have teamed up to devise a plan that will ensure that the medical clinic in Floydada will continue to provide adequate health care for the community since the departure of Dr. Salmon Ahmad a few months ago.

Recently, Caprock Hospital District, which

overseas medical affairs in Floydada, has announced that the district will lease out the Floydada clinic to the W.J Mangold Memorial Hospital and their network of Cogdell Clinics. With this collaboration, W.J Mangold Memorial Hospital has announced that Dr. Jamie Cox and Physician Assistant, Krysta Eugenis will now head operations of the clinic.

"We're very excited  
**COGDELL**  
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Photo by Homer Marquez

Signs of Floydada's growth became even more tangible as the city's newest business, Family Dollar, opened its doors for the first time last week. "Well it is exciting, I'm excited for the community to have a new business," commented Store Manager Marlene Defmarain, "I think it's a good variety for people to have...and it's an opportunity for growth." Even though doors are currently open, the new Family Dollar store plans to host its grand opening celebration on March 10th; store hours will be 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Sunday.

## Potential TDRA abolishment could damage Floyd County

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Rural Texas may be on the verge of losing its voice. If the Texas Department of Rural Affairs is abolished, it could be detrimental to Floyd County.

Since 2002, over \$1.4 million in grants and funds have come from the TDRA to entities in Hall County including Floydada and Lockney.

The TDRA is now under siege in Austin and was specifically being targeted by Governor Rick Perry during his State of the State address and more recently by the introduction of House Bill 1181.

Last week, delegation representing rural Texas interests received mixed signals from Senator Robert Duncan, Representative Warren Chisum, who authored the original bill leading to the TDRA, and TDRA Executive Director Charlie Stone.

According to Duncan, the

TDRA is still in play as no bill has been introduced in the Senate and eliminating the agency does little to the bottom line. "It doesn't save any money," Duncan said.

Duncan added that if the TDRA was abolished and services moved into the Texas Department of Agriculture like HB 1181 dictates, cities like Memphis would not be forgotten. "Being part of the TDA wouldn't be bad," Duncan added. "Staples (TDA Commissioner) is a good man, but he won't be there forever."

Duncan said he would look at the house bill again and work against any such legislation which might be introduced in the Senate.

A visit with Rep. Chisum on the same issue, dampened the collective mood of the group.

"It's a done deal," Chisum said regarding the abolishment of TDRA. "It's one of these tough decisions

we have to make."

Chisum is in lockstep with Gov. Parry's assessment that the TDRA is DOA and gave it absolutely zero chance of surviving despite the remaining fact the bill has yet to be voted on in the House or introduced in the Senate.

Stone's opinion on the survival of the TDRA was a complete 180 from Chisum's.

"We're still alive," Stone said. "There are bills out there, but we're still around. We're hoping there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

Stone was emphatic about the difference the agency has made for small towns across the state. "If they get rid of us, there will never ever be another rural agency for rural Texas. If they'll leave us alone, we can continue to work for Rural Texas."

Stone said HB 1181 is not a done deal by any measure. "It has to go all the way

through the house and then to the Senate side."

Stone encouraged those living in rural areas to call or email their state representative and senator and voice their concerns.

For now, it's business as usual.

"The good news is, we have enough money to operate as an agency," said Stone. "We'll be doing everything you are used to."

If TDRA survives, funding will be slashed as over \$10 million is not appropriated in this session for the agency. But Stone said the cuts will effect grants and opportunity and not operations.

"We will try and depend on the goodwill we've had over the years and hope it makes a difference," Stone continued. "I think we're the most responsive state agency out there."

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## Private Applicator & WPS Handler Training to be Held

Area residents who are in need of a private pesticide applicator's license from Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) can attend a training on Friday, March 4, 2011 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Floyd County Extension office

located at 110 South Wall in Floydada, Tx. The event is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County. The private applicator's license allows an individual to apply restricted

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## 16th Annual Floyd County Friends Gala scheduled for March 26th

By Elaine LaBaume

March 26, 2011 is the date to mark your calendar to attend the 16th Annual Floyd County Friends Gala. Tickets went on sale March 1st and there are only a limited number of tickets available.

Remember this is "the largest social event of the year in Floyd County." You will not want to miss this year's gala. Floyd County's own Tom "Spanky" Assiter will be the speaker and he is bringing his wife, Amy, also an auctioneer. He is the son of Tommy and Joy Assiter and the brother of Tim Assiter that has so faithfully helped us with the gala since its inception. They have a

younger sister, Darla Assiter Carthel.

Spanky is famous for several auctions but perhaps the most recognizable one is the Barrett Jackson Collector Car Auction. The theme for the auction will be "Sold It" "Sold It" "Sold It" but I believe it will go down in our "gala history" as "Barrett Jackson----Floyd County Style." Spanky has a real story to tell about his career. Don't miss it!!

Tickets are available at Nick Long/State Farm Insurance in Floydada and at D & J Gin in Lockney. You can also contact Unity Center manager, Jon LaBaume.

Tickets are \$30 each or a reserved table of 8 for \$280.

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## Its Official, PUC of Texas Approves CCN for Floyd County

By Justin Jaworski  
 Executive Director  
 Floydada EDC

It seems we've been waiting forever to know just when Floyd County would finally get electric transmission lines. As many know, our area is a rich resource for what is known as Class 4 wind.

Unfortunately, this resource holds little economic value if

we cannot sell the electricity the wind can generate. On February 10, 2011, the Public Utility Commission of Texas finally approved the segment of line that will go through Floyd County.

In September 2010, Sharyland Utilities submitted a Certificate of Convenience

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### Floydada Senior Citizens News

**By Margarette Word**

I'm sorry I do not have any news for this past week. I had to be somewhere else on Wednesday when we had our largest crowd for lunch so I don't know if we had visitors.

My son, Greg Bond was here over this past weekend. Mona, his wife was in Lubbock visiting her family. Her brother, Steve Dean is in the hospital very ill and I'm sure she is spending most of her time in the hospital with him.

Layne Kirk of Amarillo was here Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> visiting Greg and some of their friends. They always have such a good time together.

We are to have very bad weather tomorrow. I wish we would have rain instead but for some reason we just do not get it. Maybe if we all

would start praying for rain, God might hear our prayers and send us rain.

Happy Birthday to those who have a March birthday: March 4 - Molly Stringer; March 5 - James Lovell; March 6 - Wanda Williams; March 22 - LaFaun Smith; March 24 - Mildred Smitherman; March 28 - Louis Pyle; March 28 - LaNell Tardy; March 31 - Shorty Turner.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

**In memory of Louis Lloyd** - Orman Farms-Dalhart, KMB Farms Kaeley, Kerley, Max and Brunner Orman.

**In memory of Marie Warren** - Gloria Fannon.

**In memory of Geneva Cockrell** - L. B. Stewart, Jerry and Winola Galloway.

**In memory of Peggy Probasco** - Gloria Fannon.

**In memory of Bud Turner**

- L. B. Stewart.

**In memory of Steve Wilson** - L. B. Stewart.

**In memory of Doug Walding** - L. B. Stewart.

**In memory of Don Baxter, Sr.** - L. B. Stewart.

*"Thought for the Week"*

- Your friends love you anyway.

**MENU**

**March 7 - March 11**

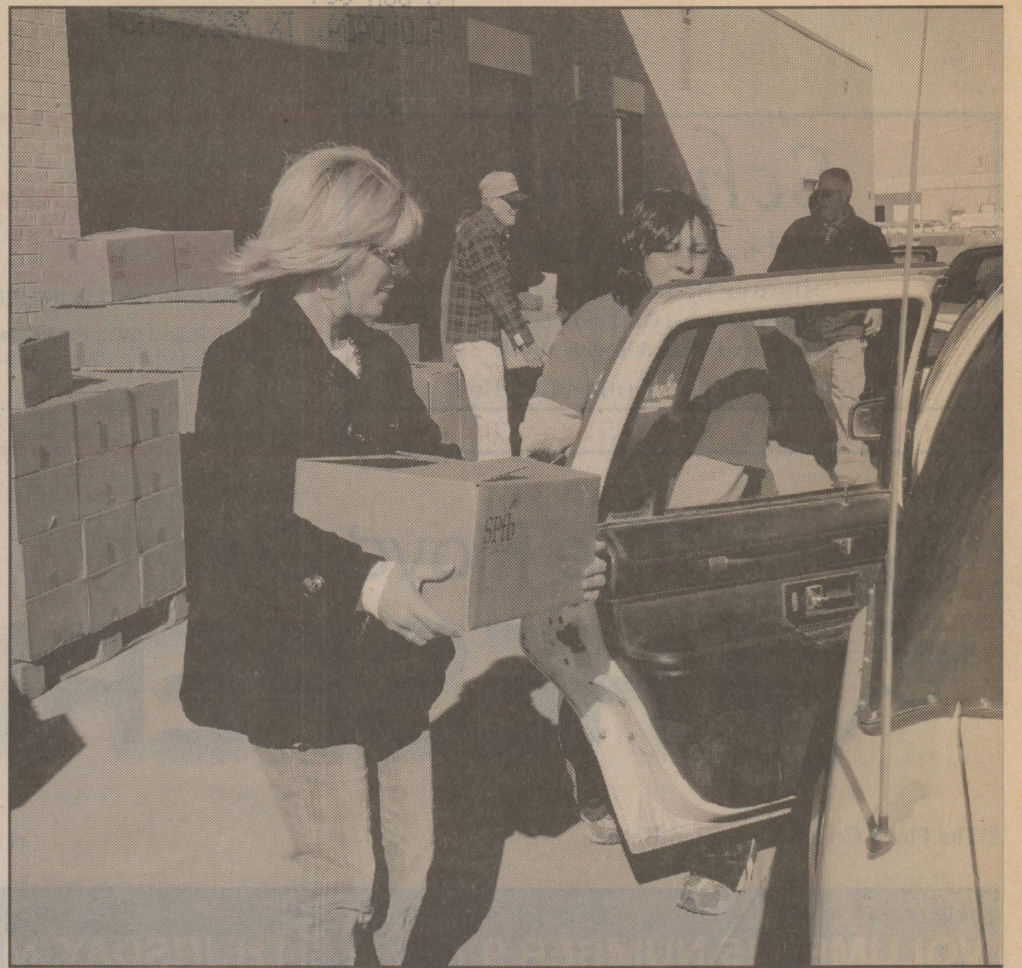
**Monday** - Pork Chops, spinach, au gratin potatoes, roll, cherry salad

**Tuesday** - Chili, pinto beans, cornbread, banana bread

**Wednesday** - BBQ ribs, potato salad, pinto beans, roll, cookie

**Thursday** - Chicken tacos, pinto beans, salad, crispy chocolate bars

**Friday** - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli w/cheese, roll, snickerdoodle bar



Courtesy Photo

First Baptist Church of Floydada recently partnered with South Plains Food Bank to provide local free food boxes to residents in need. The Mobile Pantry visits Floydada once each month and church members help distribute units to those who have been approved by the Food Bank. They are currently distributing units to approximately 100 families. Pictured loading food boxes is Brenda Heflin.

### South Plains Hobby Club News

**By Sandra Lass and Janis Julian**

Despite the frigid weather, the Hobby Club met on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at the South Plains Baptist Church. Members present included Lou Burselson, Mary Quattlebaum, Edith Muncy, Margie Young, Margaret Kitchens, Peggy Roberts, Candace Scott, Virginia Taylor, Wanda Lane, Mary Lou Zinck, Janis Julian and hostesses, Carolyn Marble and Joy Smitherman. Janis Julian, President, invited Mary Lou Zinck to present her program about her trip to Israel last year.

Dressed in Israeli attire, Mary Lou shared her slides and provided a narrative about her

experiences on her November, 2010 trip to Israel. While Mary Lou had visited Israel for a week the year before, this trip was unique because the tour was led by Jews who call themselves "Believers in Jesus." The "Believers in Jesus" do not call themselves Christians, they accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah and their Savior but they retain their identity as Jews. Secondly, the tour was longer (two weeks), it was more in depth, required a lot of walking and the group visited sites not normally part of the usual tour of Israel. The group went to the Negev Desert and saw old writings on the rocks written by Jews centuries ago.

Mary Lou said that they visited places from one end of Israel to the other: from the Syrian/ Lebanon border in the north to a ranch adjacent to the Egyptian border in the southern part of Israel. They also saw many places in between: a kibbutz (an Israeli collective farm or settlement), Masada (an ancient mountaintop fortress), the Dead Sea and many places in Jerusalem that Mary Lou said that she had not seen on her tour the year before. Mary Lou said that throughout the tour she saw many school children groups who were being shown the ancient sites, a very important part of every Israeli child's cultural and religious history. Mary Lou showed a miniature menorah, a seven branched candelabrum symbolizing the seven days of the Creation used in the ancient Tabernacle in the desert and in the Temple in Jerusalem. She also showed a shofar, a trumpet made from a ram's horn, blown for warning, summoning and ritual purposes

by the ancient Hebrews and now sounded in the synagogue at Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Holiest Jewish holiday in which fasting and prayer for atonement are prescribed). Janis said "Mary Lou had pictures and other interesting items that helped us feel as if we had taken a tour of Israel with her." Mary Lou took her tour with the Hebrew Roots Center in Lubbock, but added that "you really need to be in good shape as there is a lot of long walking and climbing involved." She suggested the Hebrew Center in Lubbock for those who wish to take a less physically rigorous trip.

Carolyn and Joy served delicious refreshments of vegetable bars, assorted crackers and dips, assorted cheese cakes and a tasty cake with whipped cream, along with hot spiced cider and coffee.

Peggy's puzzle (author unknown): I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for the facts, and for others, it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to a number of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of the 17, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are the names of 17 books of the Bible in these sentences. (One preacher found 16 books in 20 minutes. It took him three weeks to find the seventeenth one.)

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2011 at the Floydada Country Club for lunch and a program by Lou Burselson as Molly Bailey.

### Kimball names RSVP volunteer of the month



RUTH KIMBALL

Ruth Kimball of Lockney is the RSVP Volunteer of the Month. Born and raised in Plainview, she married Dan Kimball in 1946 after graduating from Plainview High School.

Dan returned home to Plainview after serving his country in the Navy. Ruth attended school with his sister and she also knew his brother. The matchmakers introduced the couple and they enjoyed a wonderful marriage lasting for 57 years. Dan passed away in 2003.

Dan was a self-employed electrician and they started married life together west of Edmonson. After 30 years, they moved into Edmonson where Ruth resided for another 30 years.

She moved to Lockney three years ago to be near her daughter, Susan Patridge. She is thankful to be near Susan and enjoys time spent with her two grandchildren

and five great grandchildren. While in Edmonson, Ruth worked at the Post Office for 25 years. She is an accomplished seamstress and has sewn for the public for many years.

Ruth generously shares her time sewing for others. She has made over 150 stuffed bears for Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. These bears are given to children who come to the emergency room or admitted to the hospital to give them something special of their own to hold on to while they are sick.

She has made 70 beautiful pillowcases she shared with RSVP for nursing home residents receiving the Christmas Shoeboxes and for children at the Crisis Center of the Plains. She has also made 20 adult bibs that have been shared with nursing home residents. Each item Ruth sews is top quality. She is a perfectionist.

Ruth volunteers at the Lockney Nursing and Rehabilitation Center each month with her daughter and Elsa Cooper to host a birthday party for the residents. She also helps with the yearly auction to raise funds to purchase Christmas gifts for the nursing home residents. Her compassion for others

is evident as she gives of her time and talents in a quiet and caring way.

She attended the Church of Christ in Edmonson for many years and is now a member of the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney. Her faith is an important part of her life.

Through the years she was active in the Home Demonstration Club, a Girl Scout leader and a 4-H leader. She enjoys reading, gardening and, of course, sewing.

Ruth says she enjoys all the things she gets to do and feels helping other people also helps her. RSVP is proud to have such a special lady as one of our volunteers.

*Runningwater Draw RSVP is sponsored by the City of Plainview and housed by Wayland Baptist University on the Wayland campus. For more than 38 years volunteers aged 55 and over have been sharing their time, talents and knowledge for others in Floyd, Hale and Lamb counties. There is no cost to join and supplemental insurance is provided while volunteering. Call RSVP at 291-1895 for more information or come by the RSVP office at 2503 W. Eighth.*

### Lockney Senior Citizens News

**By Renee Armstrong**

Quilt tickets are on sale, \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Bar-B-Que lunch; Brisket, chicken and all the trimmings; \$5 per plate. We will serve from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or whenever we run out of food; bring your family.

Our sympathies to the Broseh family in the death of Juanita. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

**Menu**

**Monday**-Salmon  
**Tuesday**-Chicken Fajitas  
**Wednesday**-Chicken Fried Steak  
**Thursday**-Shrimp  
**Friday**-Pot Roast

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Floyd County's own Tom "Spanky" Assiter will be speaking

**3RD ANNUAL PADUCAH PIONEER DAYS MARCH 12**

**8:00** Cowboy breakfast

- Sanctioned BBQ cook off
- Tour of jail and Museum
- Stagecoach Rides
- Roping demonstration
- Longhorn cattle and pictures
- 4 free Bouncy Houses

**10:00** Motorcycle Run 1st bike out

**11:00** Free Cornbread and Beans

- Windy Ridge Posse shoot out
- Bed turning by quilters

**3:00** Cook off winners announced

**5:30 - 7:00** BBQ served at VFO

**9:00** Dance to Larry Lang and The Lone Star Troubadours

[Floydada, TX]— United Blood Services has issued an appeal for all blood donors in the Floydada community. To help with the blood supply, an Floydada Community blood drive will be held in the First Baptist Church gym, Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon - 6 p.m.

All donors will be entered into

### Give Blood, Give Life...March 10 at FBC

The monthly drawing for a \$250 Visa gift card and can also enjoy free refreshments.

All donors past and present are asked to come and lend a hand. The need for blood is constant and volunteer blood donors contribute to nearly all the blood used for patient care in the United States.

Only five percent of the population that is eligible to donate actually does on a regular basis. "If all who are eligible to donate would do so on a regular basis (three to four times per year), blood needs could be met

and shortages could become a thing of the past," said local spokesman, Brandon Baker.

In the West Texas area alone 130 units of blood and blood products are needed everyday. Each donation can save up to three lives and anyone who is able to donate is encouraged to come by the blood drive, roll up your sleeve, and give from the heart!

To schedule an appointment please contact Jean Appleby or log on to www.bloodhero.com and enter sponsor code:floydada Walk-ins are also welcome.

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# Obituaries

## JUANITA TINSLEY BROSEH

Juanita Tinsley Broseh, age 81, passed away Sunday, February 27, 2011 in Plainview. Services were held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 3 p.m. at the Plainview Memorial Park with Rev. John Terrell and Jack Thompson officiating. Burial was under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Juanita (Tinsley) Broseh was born March 7, 1929 in the Sterley Community to Roy H. and Edith Elizabeth (Downe) Tinsley. She graduated Lockney High School in 1946 and later graduated from Wayland Baptist University. Juanita married James Kenneth Broseh August 22, 1957 in the Sterley Community. She was a lifetime board member of the Floyd County Historical Museum, a 4-H Adult Leader and a member of the Lockney Band Booster Club. She was a member of Grace Fellowship Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Kenneth Broseh on October 25, 1997.

Juanita is survived by her son, Earl Broseh of the Sterley Community and her daughter, Darlene Broseh of the Sterley Community.

Memorial donations may be made in Juanita Broseh's name to the Floyd County Historical Museum Genealogy Dept., PO Box 304, Floydada, TX 79235.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

Russell officiating. Burial was under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Billy Jack Eudy was born December 3, 1928 in Floydada to George and Lillie Eudy. He was a business teacher for 38 years. He began his teaching career January 1950 in Morton, Texas where he taught 1-1/2 years and then taught for a year in Portales, New Mexico. He began teaching in Floydada in 1952 and taught there for 16 years. He then began teaching at Lubbock Roosevelt in 1968 where he taught for 20 years. He was named "Teacher of the Year" at Floydada High School and at Roosevelt High School. He was a 1946 graduate of Floydada High School. He received a Bachelor's degree at Texas Tech University and a Master's degree at West Texas State College.

He had numerous UIL winners in typing, shorthand and journalism. He had a state champion typist and four state champion newspapers. He received the Edith Fox King Journalism Fellowship Award from the University of Texas in 1961. He was a 1971 Leader of American Secondary Education. He was a Sunday school teacher and elder in the Floydada Presbyterian Church. He was a member of Texas Business Education Association and a charter member of the Roosevelt Classroom Teachers Association. He enjoyed collecting quotations and sending them to his relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were four sisters and two brothers.

Billy Jack is survived by three nieces and three nephews. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity. Accolades to the 94 persons sending cards and several calls on his 80th birthday.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

Chapel Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation was held Thursday, February 24, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Kirkland died February 21, 2011 in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Teresa Annette Spurlock Kirkland was born August 9, 1965 in Floydada, Texas. She was one of three children born to the marriage of James Owen and Barbara Ann Thompson Spurlock. She was a graduate of Tenaha High School with the class of 1984 and attended Panola College. Teresa married Rondall Kirkland July 20, 1985 and together raised three children in a loving home.

She worked for Trinity Industries Plant 19 as an Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Kirkland was a very active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church as a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Teacher. She loved flowers, gardening, crafting and Beckville Bearcats sports and served as President of the Beckville Boosters.

She is preceded in death by her mother, uncle, Robert Ellis, aunt, Elvern Ellis, grandparents, Ollen and Bea Spurlock.

She is survived by her father, James Owen Spurlock of Mineola; husband, Rondall Kirkland of Beckville; children, Zachary Kirkland and Seth Kirkland, both of Gladewater and Rebecca Kirkland of Beckville; brothers, Randy Spurlock of Round Rock, J. Garrett Spurlock of Latch, and step-brother, Bowen Spurlock of Mineola; grandson, Remington Blake Kirkland; aunt, Jan Caldwell of Floydada; cousin, Quetha Derryberry of Lubbock; in-laws, Geri and John Kirkland of Beckville; nieces and nephews, Peyton Ann Spurlock, Cammy Spurlock, Carly Spurlock, John Kyle Kirkland, Lane Gentry, Marcie Langford, Jessica Kirkland, Randa Roberson, Rae George, and numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be, Danny Kirkland, Todd Kirkland, Greg Mattheson, Galen Haden, Gary Haden and Adam Porter.

An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).



## TERESA ANNETTE KIRKLAND

Funeral services for Mrs. Teresa Annette Kirkland, 45 of Beckville, Texas were held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Billy Hughes officiating. Burial followed in the Harris

## David Crain to lead meetings at FBC Lockney



**DAVID CRAIN**

Christian speaker, musician, and recording artist, David Crain, will be leading revival meetings at the First Baptist Church of Lockney March 6-9. The initial meeting will be held at 10:45 Sunday morning

followed by a 6:00 PM evening session. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday meetings will be at noon and 7:00 PM. Any and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

David Crain is a high-energy Christian musician and speaker who travels nationwide using music, humor, and a direct approach to reach people of all ages. He has had the privilege of singing and speaking to hundreds of thousands of individuals over the past 25 years at conferences, churches, and schools across the United States.

David has recorded ten studio albums and has written music recorded by Chris Tomlin, Michael Armstrong and the Continental Singers. His songs

range from contemporary worship to ballads and he is well known for writing humorous songs with pointed messages.

Over the years David Crain has ministered on stage with artists and groups such as Audio Adrenaline, Russ Taft, Kathy Troccoli, Rebecca St. James, Out of Eden, Mark Lowry, New Song, Geoff Moore, Charles Billingsly, Small Town Poets, Big Tent Revival, Al Denson, Sonic Flood, Third Day, Sierra, East to West, Paul Smith, Russ Smith, Russ Lee, Ricky Skaggs, Ken Smith and many others. David resides in Grand Saline, Texas with his wife, Betty. They travel the country together. They have two grown sons, Josh and Caleb.

## THIS WEEK'S

### CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics 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.

### FLOYDADA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

A Floydada Community blood drive will be held on Thursday, March 10th from 12 noon - 6 p.m. in the First

Baptist Church gym. All donors will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 Visa gift cards. FIND THE HERO IN YOU! Give blood 3 times a year.

### LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTER MEETING

Lockney Band Boosters will hold a meeting on March 10 at 6 p.m. in the band hall.

*We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits during the loss of our precious grandson, Devin Lance. It helped us get through this difficult time in our lives.*

*Our precious little angel is in heaven now. It's good to live in such a caring community.*

*God Bless,  
Junior and Mary Martinez*

# 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  
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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  
Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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## CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, 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 -Minister of 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

John Franklin, 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.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship .... 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..... 7:30 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  
Jay Don Poindexter, 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. Ralph Jackson  
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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## NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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## OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

310 E. Mississippi  
Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise.. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship .... 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..... 7:30 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  
Jay Don Poindexter, 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. Ralph Jackson  
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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## NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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## OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

310 E. Mississippi  
Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise.. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.

## 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  
Pastor Lupe Rando  
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  
Rev. Patrick Maher, Pastor  
Wed. Confession...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 Hernandez  
983-5286 (church)  
983-5156 (parsonage)  
Sunday School ..... 9: 45 a.m.  
Morning 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 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.  
Thursday Service.... 7:30 p.m.  
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## Trinity Assembly

500 W. Houston, Floydada  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5 p.m.  
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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington  
Minister  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service .... 11:00 a.m.  
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## WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada 983-3548  
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.

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Barwise Community  
983-2737

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**Clark Pharmacy**  
320 N. Main - Lockney  
652-3353

**Payne Family Pharmacy**  
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983-5111

**Davis Lumber**  
102 E. Shubert  
Lockney  
6523385

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Lockney  
652-2293

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Plainview  
293-1318

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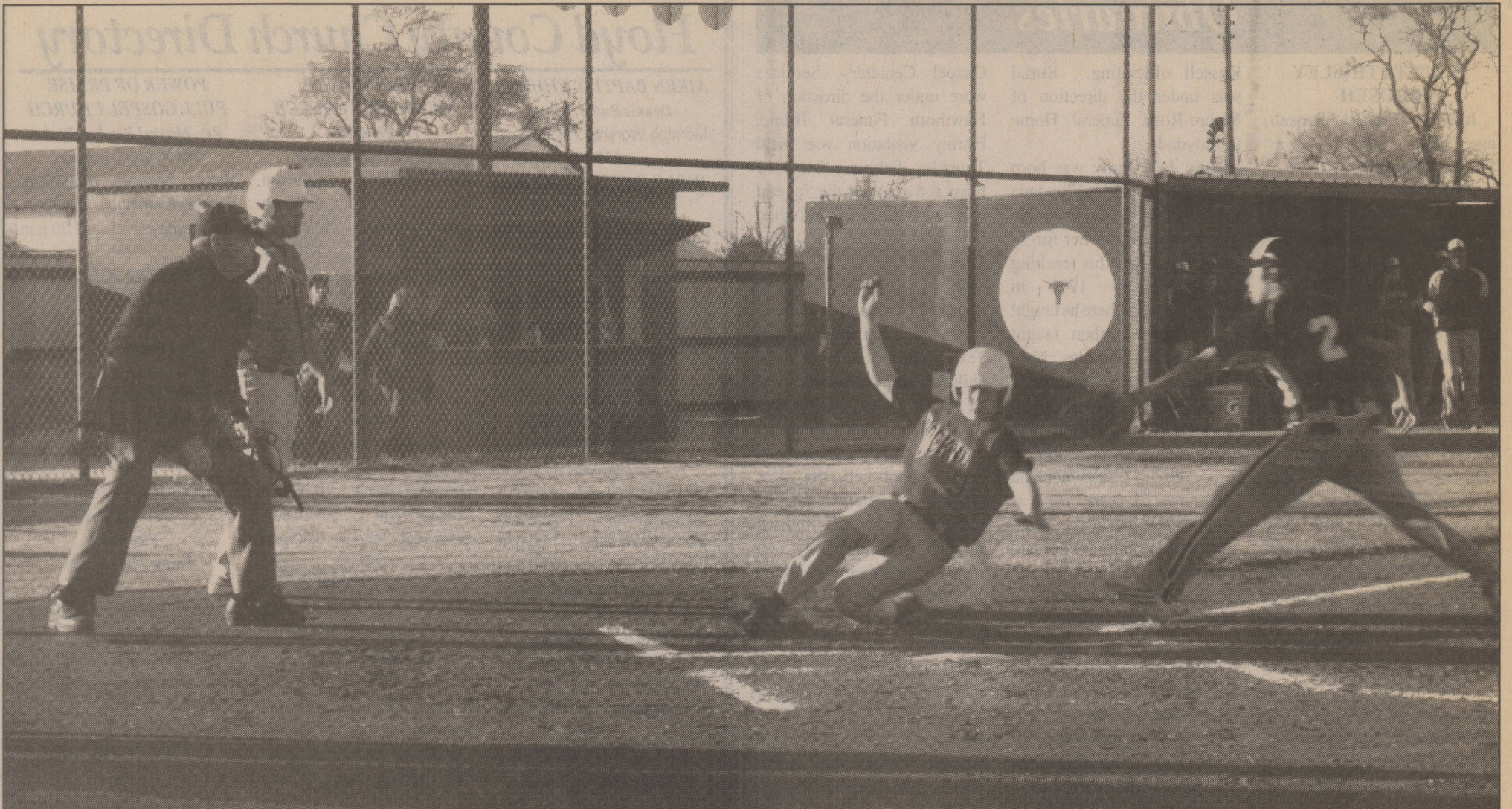
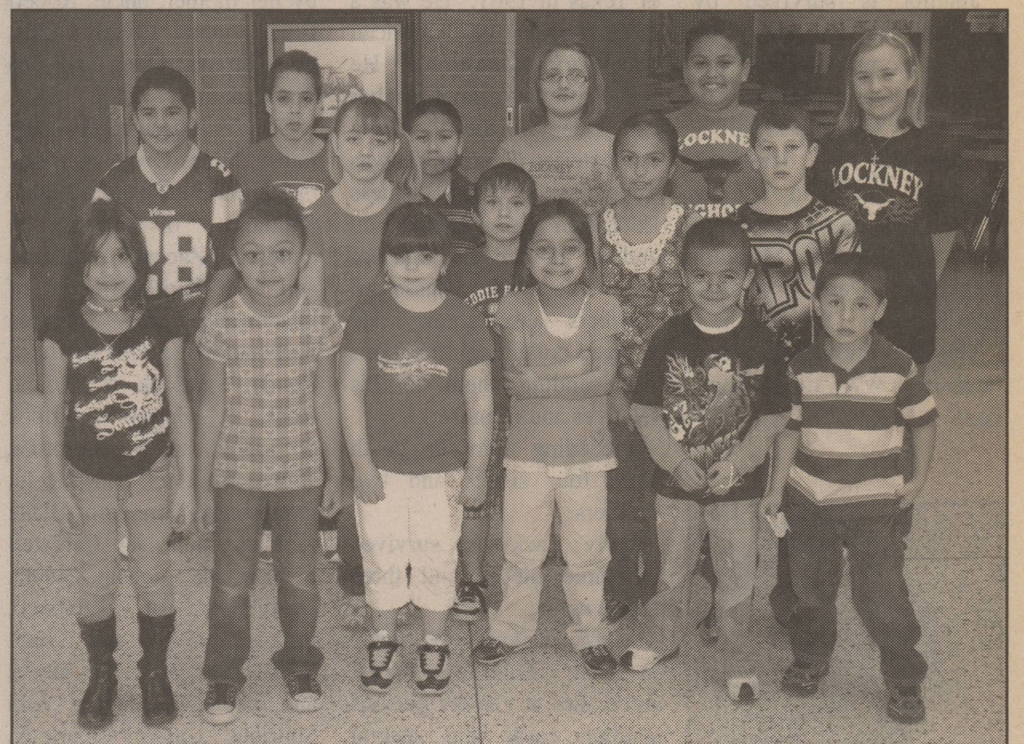


Photo by Homer Marquez

HE IS SAFE--The Lockney Longhorns sent a strong message to their district with a 31-3 victory over Morton in their first game of the year last Tuesday. From today to the 5th, the Horns will be New Deal for a tournament.

### Lockney High School Honor Roll "A" Honor Roll

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|---|--|--|
| <b>12th Grade</b><br>Maria Castorena, Kami Hunt, Judith Wofford   | <b>"A-B" Honor Roll</b><br><b>12th Grade</b><br>Devin Cabellero, Antonia Morales, Sabrina Guerrero, Shialo Huerta, Christopher Rodriguez, Chase Thompson | <b>Rodrico Trejo</b><br><b>9th Grade</b><br>Ashly Alvarado, Tanille Bigham, Jake Bramlet, Nathan Caballero, Alyssa Cruz, Paula Cuellar, Michael DeLeon, Heather Fierros, Lance Fulton, Kaitlyn Jackson, Bethany McCulloch, Tanae Ramos, Alanie Rendon, Alexis Rodriguez, John Rose, Brenda Salazar, Enrique Segovia, Reeda Sustaita, Matthew Teeter, Brittany Thompson, Janette Ybarra |
| <b>11th Grade</b><br>Logan Edwards, SyAnn Foster, Christina Q. Jackson, Landon Kidd, Amber Segovia, Riley Teeter          | <b>11th Grade</b><br>Steven Fernandez, Tanya Hernandez, Crystal Sanchez, Danielle Thompson, Sunny Williams   |  |
| <b>10th Grade</b><br>McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Taylor Rose, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart | <b>10th Grade</b><br>Erik Cortez, Jose Guerrero, Rene Guerrero, Landry Kidd, Canderlaria Rea, Susie Salas, Kelsie Stennett,                              |  |
| <b>9th Grade</b><br>Robert Hunt, David Johnson, Jasmine Pena  |  |  |



LITTLE LONGHORNS: Monte Mendoza, Anthony Salazar, Nathaniel Castillo, Adree Stapp, Jose Gonzalez, Mackenzy Ragland, Brett Moore, Anahi Asencio, Silas Poole, Allison Scott, Mia Salas, Haven Walker, Addison Durham, Desiree Salas, Earnest Alvarez, Adrian Hernandez.

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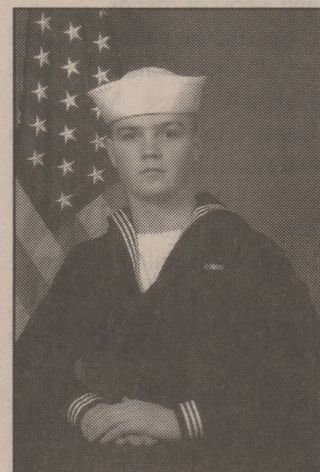
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The Floyd County Hesperian Beacon would like to congratulate Blake Milstead for his completion of boot camp for the United States Navy. Blake Milstead graduated on Feb. 11th in Great Lakes, Illinois. Now stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Blake Milstead is training in construction and heavy machinery as a Navy Seabee. Blake is a 2010 graduate of Lockney High School. His grandparents are C.F. and Wanda Barber.

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### High Plains Water Restrictions Would Damage the Economy

LUBBOCK, Texas (February 25, 2011) – Draft regulations approved by the High Plains Underground Water District #1 on Tuesday to restrict irrigation use of water from the Ogallala Aquifer could stifle economic activity across much of the South Plains.

“It is my view that these regulations will undeniably reduce agricultural production and the job-producing income it contributes to our area’s economy,” said Max Swinburn, Corn Producers Association of Texas board member and producer near Dimmitt, Texas.

The restrictions in the draft regulations include:

• A limit of 15 acre-inches of water per contiguous control acre per year beginning Jan. 1, 2012.

• “High decline” areas will be identified by May 31, 2011, meters must be installed on all wells in these areas by Jan. 1, 2012, and annual reports must be submitted beginning the 2012 growing season.

• Allowable water use will be reduced by an additional 5 percent each year that a high decline area exceeds an allowable decline.

Joe Reed, Corn Producers Association of Texas board member and producer near Kress, Texas, says these regulations will have a grave effect on more than just agriculture in the area.

“Regulations this substantial and put into place in the 2012 growing season would drastically impact the area’s agricultural industry, as well as the income, land values, loan repayments, business expenditures and local tax revenues throughout much of the South Plains.”

See WATER on Pg 9

### Lockney School Lunch Menu March 7-11

**Monday**

**Breakfast**-French Toast or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Steak fingers or Grilled Cheese, potatoes, broccoli, pears, roll, milk

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast**-Eggs and Sausage or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Nacho Grande or Burrito, salad, applesauce, milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast**-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Chicken Nuggets or Steak Patty, potatoes, green beans, peach cobbler, roll, milk

**Thursday**

**Breakfast**-Mini Corn dog or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**- Cheese enchiladas or ham, pinto beans, salad, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk

**Friday**

**Breakfast**- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Pizza or Corn dog, corn, pineapple, milk

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The Floyd County Hesperian Beacon would like to congratulate the 2010-2011 Lady Whirlwinds on a fantastic season!!!

## Lady Winds End Season at 26-5

### By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds ended their season last Tuesday night in the regional quarterfinal game at Lubbock Estacado. The Dimmitt Bobbies defeated the Lady Winds 49-33. The Lady Winds could not find their touch that had brought them 26 victories on the year earning them the District and Area Championships.

Dimmitt had quarter leads of 11-8, 24-10, and 36-22. Floydada could never get a rhythm going. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter would only net the Lady Winds 2 points compared to Dimmitt's 13. The difference would be at the free throw line where Dimmitt connected on 22 of 32 and the Floydada was 5 of 12.

Whitley Beedy had 11 points and 6 rebounds. Avery Miller had 9 points and 2 rebounds. Brityn Helms had 4 points and 4 assists. Sarah Sanders had 4 points and 4 steals. Sarah Jo Miller had 3

points and 3 assists. Breann Gooch had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Liz Suarez had 1 rebound. Also contributing to the effort were Nikki Seymour and Emily Hall.

The Lady Winds had a remarkable season. Not only did they have 26 wins and 3 straight district titles, the Lady Winds won the Anton and New Deal Tournaments. They reeled off 15 wins to start the season.

The seniors are Whitley Beedy, Breann Gooch, and Brityn Helms. What a class act these three young ladies are. They are great leaders; awesome teammates, but most of all they have a lot of heart. Thank you ladies for a great four years. You have won 82 games in four years along with the other achievements I have mentioned. You will truly be missed. What a great journey you have taken us on. We had a lot of fun.

The cupboard is not bare as we will return six varsity

players and several will step up from the junior varsity that went 19-4.

I would like to thank the players, their family, our students, our school staff and administration, and community for all of your support this year. You were awesome.

I would like to thank our managers this year. Taylor Orr, Mattie Sanders, and Ashley Lucke. You did a great job.

We could not have achieved what we have this year without the tireless effort and guidance from our coaches. Thanks to Coach Eddleman and Coach Cook with the junior varsity, ninth grade and helping me with the varsity. Thanks to Coach Morales, Coach Heflin, and Coach Williams for your direction in the junior high programs. All of you helped me tremendously and the future Lady Winds Varsity team looks very promising.



Photo by Homer Marquez

FLOYDADA PITCHER, Seth Nielson (24), threw the hot fire as he helped the Whirlwinds cruise to a 5-2 victory over Tulia. From March 3rd to the 5th, the boys will be traveling to Vernon for tournament action.



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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for February 28 – March 4 were (back row, l-r) Eric Johnston, Alesse Davis, Caitlynn Sanchez, Katie Dunn; (front row, l-r) Samara Brown, Camila Trevino and Alize Vizcayno.

## Whirlwind track teams run in Olton Track Meet

### By Coach Ayala

The Floydada Whirlwind Varsity, Junior Varsity, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track teams competed in the Olton Track Meet held on Thursday, February 24 and Friday, February 25. Track results are as follows:

### VARSITY:

#### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU March 7 – March 11

**Monday**  
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, milk

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast- Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast-Pancakes, syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Chicken spaghetti, English peas, tossed salad, French bread stick, fruit, milk

**Thursday**  
Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, fresh broccoli w/ranch, fresh fruit, saltine crackers, milk

**Friday**  
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk

**1<sup>st</sup> place** – 4x100 relay – T. Morales, B.J. Perez, D. Marmolejo, A. Pleasant  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** - Pole Vault – Cole Covington  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place** – 4x200 Relay – T. Morales, B.J. Perez, D. Marmolejo, R. Mathis  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place** – Shot put – J. DeOchoa  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place** – Discus – J. Marmolejo  
**6<sup>th</sup> place** – 4x400 relay – B.J. Perez, C.Covington, A. Ascencio, R. Mathis

**JUNIOR VARSITY:**  
**6<sup>th</sup> place** – Long jump – Hector Rodriguez

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place** – 4x100 relay – D. Martinez, A. Chavarria, J. Barrientos, O. Perales  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place** – 4x200 relay – D. Martinez, A. Chavarria, J. Barrientos, O. Perales  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place** – Triple jump – Daniel Martinez  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place** – Discus – Josh Posada

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** – Shot put – Josh Posada  
**4<sup>th</sup> place** – Shot put – R. Mora  
**4<sup>th</sup> place** – 4x400 relay – D. Martinez, T. Lowrance, J. Barrientos, O. Perales  
**6<sup>th</sup> place** – Long jump – Daniel Martinez

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** – 4x100 Relay – R. Cuba, V. Ramirez, J. Mendoza, A. DelaFuente  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** – 4x200 Relay – R. Cuba, V. Ramirez, J. Mendoza, A. DelaFuente  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** – 4x400 Relay – R. Cuba, L. Everett, J. Mendoza, V. Ramirez  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** – 100 Meter Dash – A. DelaFuente  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place** – 110 High hurdles – C. Seago  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place** – Long jump – Vecinte Ramirez  
**4<sup>th</sup> place** – Shot put – Josh Gonzales  
**5<sup>th</sup> place** – 800 – Logan Everett

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## Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for Emergency Farm Loans for damages and losses are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices located in Floydada and Crosbyton, Texas, for physical and production losses only. Becky V. Rainer, Farm Loan Manager said today for the following Secretarial Natural Disaster Determinations:

- S3102- February 16, 2011 based on losses caused by the combined effects of excessive rain, flooding, flash flooding, and high winds associated with and in addition to Hurricane Alex, June 29, 2010 through July 31, 2010.

Floyd and Crosby Counties are among the 23 designated contiguous disaster counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans to cover losses resulting from the combined effects of excessive rain, flooding, flash flooding, and high winds associated with and in addition to Hurricane Alex, June 29, 2010 through July 31, 2010.

Becky V. Rainer said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans up to 100% percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit

from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Ms. Rainer said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted through October 17, 2011 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Ms. Rainer said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Floydada and Crosbyton, TX are open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

## Direct & Counter-cyclical Payment Signup Ends June 1

(Floydada, Texas), February 25, 2011 – Stephanie Bradley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Floyd County reminds producers that the deadline to sign up for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) program is June 1, 2011.

Payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Advance payments of 22 percent on the 2011 DCP program will be available starting December 1, 2010. The remaining 78

percent of the DCP payment will be issued after October 1, 2011.

Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

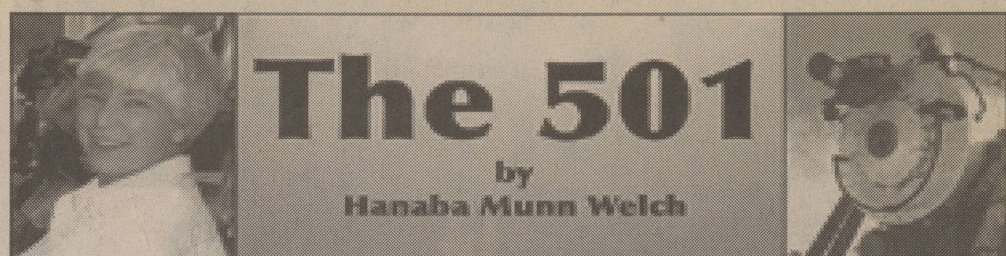
"It is important that producers submit their DCP contracts before June 1, 2011 because applications will not be approved after this date," said Bradley.

Producers can fill out a DCP contract at any USDA Service Center or online. To

access the online service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. To get a Level 2 account, producers must complete an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and then visit the local USDA Service Center to verify their identity.

Bradley encourages producers to make appointments now rather than waiting until closer to the June 1st deadline.

**The Floyd County FSA office is currently taking appointments to sign up for the DCP program. Please make a call 806.983.5747 to make an appointment.**



Some hotels you remember; some you don't.

Right now I'm comfortably ensconced in a La Quinta in Paris, Texas, expecting my stay to be as unremarkable as a meal at McDonald's. That's what you pay for – not to be surprised.

If you want adventure instead, look for a ratty old tourist court where the door keys really are keys and you don't know which light bulbs will burn if they're even there. Who knows? Paris might not even have one of those old motels. They're getting scarcer.

Regarding standard lodging, my mind goes back to the last place I stayed in Paris.

The year was 1989, and it was the other Paris – the one in France. The Hotel Mary was the cheapest place to be found. Maybe they named it Mary to snag low-budget tourists from England. They got me instead.

The bathroom was down the hall, except you had to go not only down the hall but also up one floor. The one on

our floor was broken. Really.

The desk clerk was a swarthy character with a shaved head and an earring. Nowadays he wouldn't stand out in a crowd. Back then he was scary. Rhymes with Mary.

My other cheap hotel memory from Paris is less rhyming. It was the Dagmar. The year was 1969. I loved the Dagmar because I was studying French and was enamored of all things Parisian, even the threadbare Dagmar with its unlikely name.

Sadly, when I looked for the Dagmar 20 years later, it was gone. In fact, a whole stretch of the Rue St. Jacques had lost its character to an upgrade, sort of the way the Champs Elysee isn't what it used to be either. Oh well. Plus ca change, plus ca change, or something like that. But it's still sad to go back to a city like Paris and look in vain for your old hotel (unless it's the Mary).

But think about it. Although I can't say what's happening everywhere, most of today's

spiffy cookie-cutter hotels in this country aren't likely to be around for long. They're like the buildings at some international expositions – good enough for the event but built not to last forever. On the other hand, who cares? Since they're all so much alike, who's going to remember one from another 30 years from now? Of course, I'll be having a hard time remembering my name by then, much less all my favorite chain hotels.

Even so, I may remember this particular one.

My friend Jodi and I are here for a conference, sharing a room. When we returned tonight, we were astonished to see her bed neatly made and mine untouched.

OK, so I left a little cardboard box on a corner of the bed. Am I ignorant of hotel etiquette? Did room service interpret the box as a signal not to make the bed? I'm asking.

Anyway, forget what I said about no surprises.

To top it all, there's a light bulb out.

## FSA has resources to help livestock producers who suffered winter losses

(Floydada, Texas) – February 25, 2011 – Stephanie Bradley, Executive Director for the Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that permanent disaster assistance programs created in the 2008 Farm Bill allow FSA to offer relief to producers affected by adverse weather.

The winter months brought much snow, ice and frigid temperatures across the state causing livestock and forage losses.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides livestock producers with benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. The Emergency

Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including blizzards and wildfires. For livestock producers, ELAP assistance may be available for feed losses due to a major weather event. ELAP benefits paid are based on FSA's calculation of the value of feed lost compared to the feed needs of the livestock during the disaster period. Producers should document any

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Divided we fall

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

This is not about left or right. This is about losing our voice.

Of all the issues in front of Congress, how many concern us? Most of them. How often are WE considered during debate? Almost never.

Let me ask you this: Who screwed up the economy? Big government? Fannie and Freddie? Corporate greed on Wall Street? Big labor unions? Poor lending practices by major banks?

So am I correct in saying that rural Americans are having to help cleanup a mess they had no part in?

Small town banks aren't responsible, yet their reputation has been tarnished by the conduct at major banks.

Main Street has been crushed by the recession. How much federal money was used to bail out the mom and pop stores struggling around the country?

Are you a Democrat? Are you a Republican? Has either party recently done anything of significance for rural Americans? We pretty much take care of ourselves around here.

Part of the problem with our system is a lack of representation. We have become the red-headed stepchild of America. We're regarded as dumb and out-of-touch.

Which area of the country is supplying the majority of the men and women fighting our wars? Rural America!

Who is supplying the fuel for this country? Rural Americans!

Who is providing the food for this country - meat, poultry, vegetables, etc.? Rural Americans!

Who is growing the fiber to make clothing? Rural Americans!

Who is watching the inmates? Rural Americans!

Rural Americans need a united front. There is strength in numbers, but it takes organization and effort.

Can you imagine a Political Action Committee representing 80 million rural Americans? That would indeed be a powerful lobby. It's enough power to not only be heard, but effect real change.

But, in order to sustain our small towns, we have to be creative. Small towns need an active Economic Development Corporation and an active Chamber of Commerce.

We live in a world of technology where you can work from anywhere. There are plenty of educated alumni who can work from anywhere. Identify them and have those discussions.

Towns should also reach out to retirees in an effort to move back home. The cost of living can't be beat and fighting traffic in the city is certainly no pleasure.

Look at the historical value of your town. Do you have potential on the square? Does Main Street look pleasant?

What about hunting? Last time I checked, every landowner I know has something to shoot while every city man I know is itching to shoot something. Cater to your hunters.

The ways to improve are only limited to the imagination. It takes vision, but more than that it takes leadership,

organization and effort.

In most towns, the same few volunteer for everything while those on the sidelines cheer them on or moan and groan. Since the country is broke and grant money is tight, labor is going to have to come through volunteers or inmates (if you can get them). That means the people on the sidelines are going to have to get in the game.

You're going to have to rely on the generosity of local and area businesses. If you can find the equipment, I bet the owner is reasonable enough to buy into a worthwhile project and give you a break money-wise. Be sure to give publicity for such good deeds.

If I had a dollar for all of the crying about how the "town has shrunk" and "how nice downtown used to be" and "we can't get anyone to move back home," I'd have enough money to get these towns rolling.

I love rural America and those people in the big cities, they want to love it too. They want out ... perhaps not permanently, but at least from time-to-time.

It's time rural America found her voice. Get organized, build partnerships and implement proven systems which have aided towns in similar circumstances. And by all means, take an interest and let your elected officials - at every level - know you're out here busting your butt just like the next guy!

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### Other Opinions

## TEXAS HISTORY IS UNDER ASSAULT

In the early 1800's, it was a common occurrence to see signs on homes and businesses across America that read "Gone to Texas". This rush was driven by the excitement of a new land of boundless opportunity and fortune, a land that gave a chance to all: builders, entrepreneurs and a cast of low and humble characters.

The new citizens who came here helped to create the most colorful and dramatic history of any state in the union. They fought in wars and perished, became Texians and Tejanos, and established a republic that built the identity of Texas...proud and independent. Through this rich and diverse history grew the internationally famous Texas mystique.

How we honor our history is what makes us Texans. It binds us together. It makes us distinct and, we believe, makes us the envy of most Americans and propels both national and international visitors to come see the places and hear the stories that built this great land. Arguably, only one or two other states in the Union evoke international interest, visitation, and admiration as Texas. Because of our state's history, the economic benefits of investing in, maintaining the awareness and presence of, and placing more history on display supports tourism on a global scale.

Today, however, the worldwide Texas mystique, built on both its history and this eco-

nomie engine is under siege. The unthinkable is happening: the ability to discover and preserve Texas history is under assault.

The recent State of the State address and pronouncements by a policy foundation have called for either the suspension or the outright elimination of the Texas Historical Commission as non-mission critical. That, of course implies that the pursuit of Texas history, your history, is not critical. In one breath, our ability to discover and preserve unique Texas history which attracts tourists to visit us, plus a great investment on behalf of taxpayers, could be seriously compromised, if not destroyed.

Heritage tourists spend 50% more, take more trips and stay longer than any other segment in all tourism. For Texas, the math is simple.

For every one dollar spent in tourism promotion in 2010, over six dollars of tax revenue is realized. Heritage travelers are the most profitable segment of this model. But that's not the whole story. Through the Texas Heritage Trails Program, much of small town Texas are able to make their own proud history visible to visitors and, most importantly, to the biggest segment of all Texas tourism... Texans.

So a question must be posed - is the most sound business plan for Texas one that will

undercut and cripple an agency that maintains and generates fuel for one of the state's three most prolific economic engines?

Texas in 1895 realized that to ensure the future performance of local governance in all local matters for its citizens, it must invest in a network of its governmental sub-divisions: the counties. The idea was - in the spirit of this epoch program that created perhaps the nation's best collection of public architecture - that a century later, state leadership determined to again reach out beyond Austin into rural communities to invest in and assist counties with their courthouses through the brilliantly conceived Historic Courthouse Restoration Program. This was a real action to balance the use and leverage of funds in all of Texas, not just Austin. This program has been as big as Texas, for all Texans. However, it is unfinished.

The undeniable economic impact of the Historic Courthouse Restoration Program is only part of the THC story. THC programs help communities plan the best use of their main streets spurring redevelopments of downtowns, while all the time saving our precious and distinctive Texas history. The THC reaches into every county in Texas with an unpaid network of over 3,000 volunteers who depend on the THC for guidance and expert advice.

So the history that makes us proud, makes us who we are and makes us distinctive to others should be cast aside? Put on hold? Suspended? Eliminated entirely?

It is in this current budget frenzy that calm heads should step back a moment and realize that these changes contemplated to the Texas Historical Commission have the unintended consequences of undermining the very thing that makes Texas a place like no other and creates such a significant and statewide economic benefit. Texas history should not be negotiable or suspendible. It should be revered, guarded and upheld.

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## Inflation!

By ROBERT ROMANO

The big-spending politicians in Washington cannot say they were not warned.

As the financial system was brought to its knees in 2008, a torrent of government spending, borrowing, and money-printing was unleashed by Congress, the Treasury, and the Federal Reserve.

First, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were nationalized, which has already cost taxpayers more than \$150 billion. Bear Stearns and AIG got their \$210 billion. The \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program followed, but quickly abandoned its mission of purchasing devalued mortgage-backed securities (MBS), instead deferring to the Fed, which printed \$1.25 trillion out of thin air to buy the Government Sponsored Enterprise paper. GM and Chrysler too got their bailouts totaling \$80 billion.

Then, when Barack Obama took office, the \$821 billion "stimulus" spending bill was enacted, and the Fed began expanding its U.S. treasury holdings, first by \$300 billion.

All told, it was a gargantuan, unprecedented \$3.5 trillion expansion of government.

At the time, critics, including Americans for Limited Government (ALG), predicted that once the economy began to move again, strong inflation would follow, weakening the recovery. In "The Sky's the Limit," published on Jan. 14, 2009, I wrote, "the prediction is not for instant inflation, but that once market-based thawing does apparently begin to ensue, and all the excessive liquidity finds its way into the marketplace, demand will spike in one area or another and thus so will prices. There will be another asset bubble. And then the politicians will dutifully declare that the 'recovery' has ensued."

Fast forward two years, add into the mix the Fed's \$600 billion QE2, ObamaCare, the Dodd-Frank financial takeover bill, and over \$2 trillion in new government debt since

Obama's first budget was adopted, and the seeds of inflation have not only been planted, but watered and fertilized. The Fed's share of the national debt has soared, from \$475 billion in Jan. 2009 to more than \$1.2 trillion today. That now makes the central bank the number one lender to the U.S. government in the world, more than China or Japan.

Overall, the Fed's total balance sheet has expanded from \$896 billion in Aug. 2007 when its latest round of quantitative easing began, to over \$2.5 trillion today, a 187 percent increase.

Now, prices are following suit. After a huge surge in oil in 2008, which saw the price of a barrel of oil peak at nearly \$150 in July 2008, right before the financial crisis of September, it is now mounting a comeback. It has risen from a low of \$33 in Jan. 2009 to nearly \$100 a barrel today, a 200 percent increase. Gold has risen from a low of about \$820 an ounce at that time to over \$1,400 now, a 70 percent increase.

The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) price index too has risen, from its Feb. 2009 low 141.2 to an all-time high of 230.7 in FAO's latest release, a 63 percent increase. Its previous high came in Jul. 2008 when it hit 220.8. Then, the high costs of food had sparked food riots throughout the Third World.

Today, high food prices have toppled the governments of Tunisia and Egypt — both revolutions started in part as food price protests — and have set off a wave of civil unrest throughout the Arab world.

CNBC host Larry Kudlow explains the problem: "Commodities are priced in dollars, and the Federal Reserve has been overproducing dollars for more than two years. Consequently, emerging markets throughout the world — and the food sector in particular — are suffering from rising inflation."

The Wall Street Journal, too, lays rising energy inflation at Ben Bernanke's doorstep: "The Fed absolves itself of any responsibility for rising oil prices, attributing them to rising

demand from a recovering global economy. Demand has been rising, but not enough to explain what has been a nearly across-the-board spike in prices for dollar-traded commodities."

The Journal continues, "A spike in one or two commodities can be explained by a change in relative demand. A uniform price spike suggests at least in part a monetary explanation. The Fed will use the Libya turmoil as another alibi, but there's no doubt in our mind[s] that oil prices include a substantial Ben Bernanke premium." Indeed.

Clearly, with broad-based, substantial price increases across food, energy, and metals, inflation has regained considerable momentum. It's even showing up in the Producer Price Index (PPI), which measures the cost of raw materials to our nation's private sector job creators. All three groupings, Finished Goods, Intermediate Materials, and Crude Materials have risen from 170.1, 169.8, and 160.3 respectively in Feb. 2009 to 184.4, 190.1, and 234.1 today.

With prices rising this fast, is it any wonder that unemployment remains persistently high? Every single day, the cost of doing business is going up. That's going to hurt job creation and squeeze profit margins, and if it continues unabated this year, will stall the entire recovery — as was readily predicted over two years ago to anyone who would listen.

Of course, the price increases are all by design. It's what Keynesian deficit-spending and expansive money printing is supposed to achieve. But now it is risking another economic slowdown or even a recession if oil prices get too high again.

The only question now is if Washington, D.C. will do just a little self-examination, see the direct correlation between government policies and inflation, and for the first time in a generation make a much-needed adjustment. We need to stop spending, stop printing money, and stabilize the dollar once and for all — before it is too late and the economy goes off the rails again.

# Leadership Academy Class Announced

The Texas Agri-Life Extension Service's V.G. Young Institute of County Government has announced the members of the fourth class of the Commissioners Court Leadership Academy. The class includes 20 members from across the state of Texas. The first session of the Academy will be held on April 5.

"The program provides advanced leadership training to county judges and commissioners through a series of educational activities around the state and in Washington, D.C.," said Rick Avery, director of the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service's V.G. Young Institute of County Government.

Over 500 officials attend an annual conference that Extension already conducts for commissioners court members. "The Academy builds on that experience," said Avery.

Members of the new class are: Mark Allen, Jasper County Judge; Rick Bailey, Johnson County Commissioner; Lynn Cartrite, Moore County Commissioner; Irma Cauley, Brazos County Commissioner; Paul Cothren, Cass County Commissioner; David Dubose, Orange County Commissioner; Penny Golightly, Floyd County Judge; Patti Jones, Lubbock County Commissioner; Chris Kirkendall, Hardin County Commissioner; Jimmie Long, Howard County Commissioner; Loyd Neal, Nueces County Judge; Lee Norman, Garcia County Judge; Jim Pack, Erath County Commissioner; Roy Parker, Jasper County Commissioner; Jeff Thompson, Harrison County Commissioner; Kelly Taylor, Cherokee County Commissioner; Byron Underwood, Cherokee County Commissioner; Larry Wiley, Wilson County Commissioner; and Grover "Tiger" Worsham, Trinity County Commissioner.

Participants commit to 16 days of seminars during the Academy's two-year time frame, Avery said.

The program's objective are:

- \* To increase knowledge of county government and the way governments at all levels interact;

- \* To become better communicators with other government officials, members of the media and community residents;

- \*To improve the leadership and decisions-making skills; and

- \*To improve the ability to serve as an advocate for local issues on all levels of government.

Participants must be willing to learn and work for the betterment of county government in Texas, Avery said.

# Floyd County History From the archives of the Floyd County Museum

*From The Floyd County Hesperian July 15, 1965 The History of the Caprock Country*

## ARTHUR B. DUNCAN LED ORGANIZATION OF FLOYD COUNTY IN 1890

On June 1, 1884, there came to Floyd County its first family to settle here—the Arthur B. Duncans. Silas was their only child at that time. A boy named Robert A Prince came with them.

Something of the hardship of the frontier is shown in the fact that Arthur B. Duncan did not even get to see his new baby daughter, Mrs. Maude E. Hollums, until she was one week old. According to a story in the Plainview Daily Herald for May 27 of this year, written by the regional editor, Homalu Hood, he was on a business trip to El Paso, which took a few weeks, and his wife had an Indian scare in the long interval, which proved to be a "false alarm." The dugout in which they lived was eight miles south of Floydada and their nearest neighbors were the Hank Smiths, over across the Crosby County line in Blanco Canyon. The toll of privation, endurance, and anxiety was quite a price to pay for being the first settler in a new county.

Mrs. Duncan's twin brother J. J. Day, lived in Floydada; another brother, M. M. Day, resided at Lockney.

The ten children of the Duncans were: Silas E., now deceased, who lived at Floydada; Arthur B who long lived in Floydada, and moved to Canyon doing abstract work, also deceased; Mrs. Emma L. Watkins of Lubbock; and the following, all still living

Mrs. Maude E. Hollums, Mrs. Edith E. Pitts, Mrs. Hope E. Hammonds, Mrs. Ruby Brown, Mrs. Mattie (J. Sam) Hale, Carrol V. Duncan, and Mark W. Sanderson Duncan.

One of the "grand old men" of the early days of Floyd County was Arthur B. Duncan in whose dugout home the voters helped decide to organize the county in 1890. He was born August 12, 1862, in Hopkins County, Texas, the son of William B. and Elizabeth Duncan. His father was a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and he practiced his profession in both Arkansas and Texas, dying in Grayson County in 1874. His mother was a daughter of William Vaden, of Hopkins County, and died at her home at Plainview in July of 1892.

Arthur Duncan was wed to Sarah K. Day in December of 1882 in Montague County. The schooling he was able to obtain was extremely limited, since his father's death occurred when Arthur was only 12. But he did have the advantage of a fine teacher in his home county, J. E. F. Coger, in a rural school. According to Claude V. Wells, "The unselfish aims of this teacher profoundly impressed

his pupil with life's realities and obligations." Duncan was always a diligent student in the lines of his activities as a county official, abstracter and realty dealer, and as a farmer and salesman.

Mr. Duncan expected to buy some watershed school land in Blanco Canyon, the School Land Act of April 12, 1883, then being in effect. But before he reached Floyd County the land board had taken them off the market, leaving them to cattlemen. The only thing left to do for a man with limited means was to buy a quarter section of dry land, and at this juncture the farmer was definitely taking a back seat to the cattleman. Well, piping, windmill—all of these were needed by Duncan, and he didn't even know how far he would need to drill for water!

"Red tape" could hinder a man even in the '80's. First, Duncan was forced to go across rough country to Clarendon to take care of the necessary legal paper work. Only a year previous he would have had to go to Young County, but this territory's land work was now under the Donley Land District. But it was bad enough, even at that: No marked trails, a few cow camps; and then ten years of delay before his claim was fully recognized, due to the finicky attitude of the government about official surveyors. C. U. Connolee who surveyed his land and later lived in Eastland, was a competent surveyor, but under the law was only allowed to show Duncan where his claim was. In July of 1885 T. S. McClelland, the official surveyor for Donley Land District, made the survey for Duncan, and his field notes, when sent in to the General Land Office, showed this claim to be in conflict with the other land. A correct survey was made in 1887, after Floyd was attached to Crosby County for land purposes, and H. C. Knight, official surveyor for Crosby Land District, made a survey that was finally recognized in 1895, when Duncan got his patent.

The Duncans lived in a dugout for six and one-half years, the front wall being of sod, the floor of dirt, the roof of timbers and dirt, and the building big enough for two average rooms. A cloth partition separated the kitchen from the living room. It was modestly furnished, as were all homes in that region then. A fireplace was dug out of the solid wall in the living room, the chimney having to be curved to avoid a stone projection. As a result the family could very well have sung the later favorite, "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes." A rough stone protruded itself a few inches above the floor level, but a bedstead was placed over it, doing no harm. Until the county was organized this was the

home for the family, the first three daughters being born there, and many a person being given hospitality. Mrs. Maude E. Hollums, who maintains the abstract office, was born there, this being the first birth of a white girl in the county.

The Commissioner's Court for Crosby County, meeting at Estacado, ordered an organization election for Floyd County, April 14, 1890. It was called for May 28 of that year. Precinct No. 1 met a Lockney, presiding officer being J. F. Lockney; # 2 was at Della Plain, with J. A. Ewing in charge; # 3 voted in Duncan's dugout, with W. M. Ewen in charge; and W. A. Merrill presided for the election at his own house for Precinct 4. An exciting six-week's contest followed, the site for the county seat being at stake. Out of a total of 83 votes; Floydada received 55 and Della Plain 33. Duncan was chosen county judge; John C. Hendrix, county attorney; R. T. Miller, county and district clerk; D. W. Jenkins, sheriff and tax collector; E. E. Keeley, county treasurer; L. C. Darby, tax assessor; W. M. Massie County surveyors; (sic) with these commissioners: C. F. Ramsey, T. B. Michael, W. R. Vandever, and B. P. Merrell. The officials all went to Estacado to be sworn in, and to have their bonds approved by Judge Dockum.

After a lengthy court fight, Floydada was confirmed as county seat.

Judge Duncan was familiar with judicial procedure to some extent, for even before the organization of Floyd County he had been appointed by the commissioner's court of Crosby County as justice of the peace for the same area, so in a real sense he simply "took one step upward."

With her husband deceased for a number of years, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan decided, too, to go west. So early in the spring of 1885 she joined her daughter, Edith, in living at the home of another son, W. V., on the Owens, Marseilles, and Duncan sheep ranch. They had traveled by rail to Abilene. At this time the canyon was a community center. In the words of Claude V. Hall, "Homes were soon provided, but most of them were dugouts. A frame house was too much of a luxury, as lumber had to be freighted from Abilene and Colorado City over trails not easy for wagons. Living was comparatively easy, though not elegant or sumptuous. Supplies were purchased in large lots."

A man helps to make his times, even as his age had a part in shaping his own destiny and fortunes. A lesser man might have gone back east, or have sunk into obscurity, with everything seeming to go in the direction of the ranchers, with the

delay in getting land titles, the dryness of the area, and other inhibiting factors. There were many in the early days who thought that the Staked Plains would never sustain anything more numerous or complex than a cattle-raising community, providing for few people. To the typical rancher of the period it was practically inconceivable that purely stock-raising country could be made into a rich agricultural section, and a man was considered a nuisance and chaser after rainbows if he was down on his luck and hoped to find a cheap home in the west. If not willing to take a place in the bunkhouse on a ranch he might as well set his cap for another sphere of operations. Men must be of more than usual fortitude if they were to outlast the frozen welcome of the cattlemen when it became known they were interested in developing farms. Ranchers found that farmers could use guns too, if needed; that fortitude and perseverance could be traits of non-ranch people. While Duncan came considerably later than the "wild west" period of this area, he was by no means lacking in challenge to his stick-to-it-iveness. As Claude V. Hall, with his acute sensitiveness to reality and historical perspective has stated it: "The coming of the small stock-farmer was inevitable, and his remaining soon passed the stage of conjecture."

Duncan was very much in touch with reality, and a number of factors were working in favor of the cause—he espoused, that of family-unit living in a settled agricultural community. A farmer could homestead 160 acres out of the public domain with a nominal cost in fees; barbed wire was a great civilizing agent in this isolated country; the migratory instinct combined with the love of novelty and adventure to urge many a person to the west; many who lived in the old settled sections despaired of ever owning homes there, and when they were able to get a trip west provided for, came here, with little on hand but determination and high hopes; many who had already once been pioneers found they liked this life, and feeling hemmed in when their communities became "too settled", went west again; finally, state school lands (often belonging to counties "back east", such as was true in Crosby and Floyd Counties) were placed on the market at alluring prices and on liberal terms.

In this environment of mingled hope, frustration, and effort, Arthur B. Duncan sought his fortune, and the welfare of his family and neighbors.

In 1931 this "First Citizen" of Floyd County died. Mrs. Duncan also died during the depression years.

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

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#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6216-89-001 for ROADWAY AND DRIVEWAY DRAINAGE CULVERTS in LUBBOCK County, etc., will be opened on March 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office office for an estimate of \$199,164.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 35655

#### State Office

Const./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District  
District Engineer  
135 Slaton  
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771  
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Administration of the estate of **R. C. FAWVER, DECEASED**, has been commenced by the issuance of letters testamentary to the undersigned on February 23, 2011 by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5875 styled IN RE ESTATE OF R. C. FAWVER, DECEASED, in which court the matter is pending.

All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 23th day of February, 2011.

ESTATE OF R. C. FAWVER, DECEASED

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additional costs associated with transporting feed to livestock.

"Many farmers and ranchers have faced a rough winter, and they need to know FSA has programs that offer relief when they need it most," said Bradley. "For LIP benefits, producers should document the number and kind of livestock that died due to the winter storms and notify our office as soon as possible," she said.

To meet eligibility requirements under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss within 30 days from when the loss is apparent to the producer. It is also important that the verification of death loss is verified by an unrelated

third party. Another disaster assistance program available to livestock producers is the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) which provides financial assistance to producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP requires that producers obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the grazed forage crop under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA) or file the required paperwork and pay the administrative fee by the applicable state application closing date for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

"Although we don't often think of drought and snow in the same context, it is very possible that both

weather conditions are occurring at the same time and LFP is available to help alleviate the financial strain caused by drought," said Bradley.

Bradley stressed that applications received for any of the livestock disaster assistance programs are considered on a case-by-case basis and producers should be prepared to provide required information to determine eligibility and applicable benefits.

Producers who have questions regarding livestock disaster assistance program eligibility and the application process should contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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right in. Dr. Ahmad has established an extremely good practice here in Floydada, and we're very grateful for what he has done in the past 15 years... and we just feel Dr. Cox will take that and grow from that point."

And it is without a doubt that Dr. Cox will prove to be strong addition to the community as this 7- year veteran of medicine looks forward to his transition to the Floydada Clinic. "I'm excited and I'm anticipating good things for the community...I'm very excited to be going to Floydada," explained Dr. Cox. As soon as Dr. Cox caught word of Dr.

Ahmad's plans to move his practice to Plainview, Dr. Cox approached Mangold Memorial Hospital directors with his aspirations to take his practice to Floydada. "I've been talking about it for about a year or year and half, and we just kind of been praying about it, that God would open the door and we walk through it... and he did," explained Dr. Cox "I felt like it would be good for both of our communities...good for our hospital as well as the community there because we're tied together...and my heart was to provide the best medical care that I can for that community...I hope its a long-term, very good

relationship and I'm going to work towards that."

On March 1st, Mangold Memorial Hospital will move into the Floydada Clinic which was previously occupied by Dr. Ahmad, and after that, current clinic staff will under go a week of brief training as Mangold Memorial transitions medical records into their computer systems.

On March 7, the Floydada Cogdell Clinic will open its doors to new and established patients as they host their grand opening. Overall, operations for the clinic will remain the same, hours for the clinic will continue to be Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL**

the old railroad depot was located. It was agreed that action would be started to get the property cleaned.

City manager Brown advised the council that there was no additional information or action on the over head water tower maintenance, animal shelter re-location, the 2009 Home Grant or

the Texas Community Development Block Grant.

Council member Green moved to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting and the special meeting held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Council member King provided a second to the motion and the motion received a unanimous vote.

Council member King moved to approve the paying of the bills for the month of January. Council member Green seconded the motion. All of the council members voted for the motion.

With there being no further business for the council to discuss, Mayor Gilliland adjourned the meeting.



Photo by Freddie Gonzales

Strong wind gusts caused grass fires to run rampant across West Texas last Sunday. Out of control fires burned over 100,000 acres of land and destroyed 58 homes in the Panhandle. In Matador, grass fires forced residents to evacuate to the schools as the fires got dangerously close to houses. Fortunately, with the help of brave volunteer firefighters from across the area, including firefighters from Floydada and Lockney, the fire was able to be contained by Monday morning.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Last Thursday, Lockney athlete, Devin Caballero made her future official as she signed her scholarship to run cross-country and track for the Odessa College Wranglers. "We're excited," commented Odessa College Track Coach, J.R. Torrez, "getting a runner of Devin's caliber just kind of helps us build year after year." And with Wranglers looking to become national contenders in the up-coming year, the acquisition of the Ms. Caballero is looking to be the perfect fit at the perfect time. While in Lockney, Devin Caballero's athleticism turned lots of heads as she progressed into a superstar of cross-country and track. Running Cross Country for all four years of high school, Devin was able to rack up a number of awards including Lockney's Most Athletic for 4 consecutive years. During her junior year, Devin would also join the track team, competing in the 800 meter and Mile events. In her first year of track, Devin was able to place 1st in the Floydada meet, 2nd in the Lamesa meet, and was even able to make it to the Area and Regional track meets. Now with her senior year coming to a close, Devin's future seems limitless as she prepares for the transition from Lady Horn to Wrangler, "I'm very excited, I can't wait to get started," expressed Ms. Caballero.

# Local VFW seeks community assistance

By Homer Marquez

To the countless number of sacrifices made everyday by our brave United States Military Service Men and Women, veteran memorials and veteran services only hold a fraction to the great debt that our country owes to our soldiers; but it is through these outlets that communities are able to stand together and pay homage to our Nation's heroes. It is for this reason that the up-keep and maintenance for our local veteran memorials is an issue of great importance. It is also for this reason that our local Floyd County VFW chapters are looking for assistance

in maintaining our Veteran Memorials.

"I'd like to thank everybody for their support and effort" commented Lockney VFW Chapter President Edward Marks, "we have a very unique park, none like it anywhere else, its built with love and its here to represent all those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom, and to serve those who are serving, and those who have served, and to encourage those who will serve."

Throughout the years chapters of the United States Veterans of Foreign Wars, or VFW, have served as a non-profit organization that aids

military soldiers and their families in any way they can. The chapters of the VFW are usually the ones in charge of memorial services or assemblies honoring soldiers.

"It doesn't cost much to keep the park going, but it does cost something to buy flags and pay for fertilizer and chemicals...and we would appreciate anyone who would like to help us, no donation is too small," elaborated Mr. Marks.

Anyone who would like to donate can make there checks out to the VFW Post 5616, PO Box 427, Lockney, Texas or contact Mr. Marks at 806-518-8448; all donations are tax deductible. Mr. Marks also commented that donations of labor to the up-keep of the Veterans Memorial would also be greatly appreciated. Anybody interested in joining the VFW, can contact Mr. Marks or Bill Weir in Floydada.

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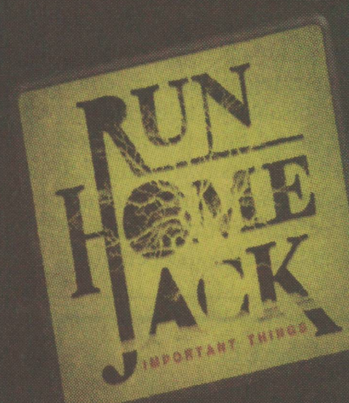
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