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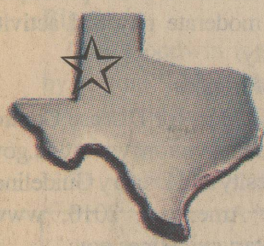
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## Locals participate in mini bull world tour

By Homer Marquez

Loads of diehard rodeo fans packed the house of Texas Tech's Equestrian Center last Saturday night to cheer on the future all-stars of tomorrow's bull riding circuit as the 2011 Miniature Bucking Bull World Tour made its stop in Lubbock over the weekend.

Started by Cirildo and Lillie Leal of Lockney, Texas, the Miniature Bucking Bull World Tour has been touring the country giving youngsters a chance to show off their bull riding skills in front of huge crowds. On Saturday, kids as young as 5 and as old as 14, traveled from across the country to take part in this week's miniature bull riding competition. Over 62 young cowboys and cowgirls showed up for the challenge, hailing from as far out as Iowa, Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and a number of communities here in Texas, including our very own hometown boys; 9 year old twins, Gunnyr and Tuff Araujo of Lockney, and

9 year old Jose David Lira of Floydada.

Last Saturday's show was only the third stop for the miniature bull riding competition since its creation several months ago. After reading an article concerning miniature bull rodeos in a magazine she found in a salon, Lillie Leal fell in love with the idea and immediately presented it to her husband Cirildo. Also recognizing the potential of the idea, Cirildo and his wife began to buy and raise these unique and distinctive miniature bulls. Known as the Texas Outlaws, the Leals' miniature cattle weigh-in at an average of around 400-600 pounds and are about 42 inches tall; and with only a fraction of the aggression of their full-size counterparts, these pintsize bulls are the perfect size for their pintsize riders. At the beginning of the year, along with the help of JR and Rey

MINI BULL

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Photo by Homer Marquez

Last Saturday, young cowboys and cowgirls strapped in and rode as the 2011 Miniature Bucking Bull World Tour headed to Lubbock. Riders came in from all around to participate in this unique rodeo; (above) Floydada's Jose Lira, 9 years old, get ready to leave the chute.

## Remembering a loving mother



Courtesy Photo

Prime examples of loving parents, T.J and Bearie Coleman used faith, compassion, and hard work as templates in raising their family. On Feb. 1, 2011, our community would lose the unforgettable Bearie Coleman at the amazing age of 107.

By Homer Marquez

Throughout the course of her long and fulfilling life, Bearie Coleman's unique and unforgettable sprit was able to touch and inspire anyone who was lucky enough to meet her. Spending the majority of her life as a loving mother, Mrs. Coleman's sole dedication was to her family; to the raising of her wonderful children and to the undeniable support that she gave her husband, T.J. Amazingly, Mrs. Coleman served as the backbone to her family at the same time that America's fabric of ideals and principles were dramatically changing in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Through the decades that revolutionized the world, Mrs. Colman's love and faith seemed never to cease or weaken; and even after her death on Feb. 1, 2011 at the remarkable age 107, her spirit will continue to live

in the hearts and thoughts of her family and friends for ages to come. "She was a strong Christian woman; she had many friends in the community and everybody always respected her," commented her daughter Bettye King, "most of the kids in the community called her mother...she was happy, she loved to laugh, she was real funny, she could tell some funny jokes."

Born on September 30, 1903 to Anderson and Willie Rauls of Oakwood, Texas; Bearie was the eldest of the couple's two children. Growing up, Bearie attended school and spent the majority of her childhood in Freestone County. In 1919, while still living in Oakwood, Bearie fell in love and married her first sweetheart, T.J Coleman. The young couple

COLEMAN

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## Barrett Jackson lead auctioneer to be featured speaker at Gala



Tom "Spanky" Assiter

By Elaine LaBaume

Floyd County Friends has announced that Tom "Spanky" Assiter, lead auctioneer of Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction, will be the featured speaker for their 16th annual fund raiser gala on March 26 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy. The gala's theme this year is "Sold It, Sold It, Sold It," one of Assiter's signature slogans.

The annual gala was started in 1996 to raise funds for construction of the multi-purpose center, which opened in January 2000. Since that time the purpose of the gala has been to raise operating funds for the Unity Center. The series of galas have raised over \$320,000. The facility is used for many local and area events such as the economic development meetings, agriculture education seminars, religious events, the county stock show and smaller events like weddings, and birthday and anniversary parties. Muncy is located half way between Floydada and Lockney on Hwy 70.

Assiter's inspirational story, celebrity status

and motivational style of speaking have made him a much-desired speaker and lecturer. His love and passion for the business has resulted in his becoming one of the most dynamic and sought after auctioneers in the world. He has conducted auctions across the United States, England, Canada, South America, Puerto Rico and South Africa.

In the summer of 2007, Spanky's global impact on the auction industry was recognized when he became one of the youngest inductees into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame and the Texas Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame. Since 1992, he has held court at the Barrett Jackson Collector Car Auction, billed as the greatest collector car auction in the world, with extensive televised coverage on Speed TV. He has also conducted auctions for the sale of factory automobile inventories including Honda, Jaguar, Toyota, Nissan, Mazda, Chrysler, Ford and GM, and in 2005 he was titled World Champion Auto

ASSITER

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## Floydada citizens urged to participate in City of Floydada notification system

With the approach of the spring severe weather season, citizens are encouraged to check and see that their families are well prepared. One important item that needs to be checked is that all citizens have their phone numbers registered with the City of Floydada's phone notification system, City-Connect.

The emergency notification system named City-Connect is a phone messaging system that will be used by the Floydada Fire Department to notify citizens of approaching storms. Citizen's phone numbers can be registered online at floydadaedc.com. On the website, citizens can click

on the City-Connect Icon in the upper left corner of the screen and fill out all important information.

If a family does not have access to the internet they are more than welcome to come to Floydada's City Hall and fill out a form which will be submitted in for them.

The City of Floydada will no longer use their siren system to warn citizens of approaching severe weather; the new phone system will allow for better communication.

City-Connect will also be used to send out information to citizens concerning activities and possible needed actions that citizens will need to take.

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## Health and Wellness

### Overpowering Obesity By Melissa Long CEA-FCS, Floyd County

Do you maintain a balanced diet and stay active each day? Eating well and being physically active are keys to success in obesity prevention. Obesity can lead to consequences on our nation's health and economy and is linked to a number of chronic diseases, including coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and some cancers. Most lifestyles of Americans are characterized by unhealthy options when it comes to diet and physical activity. We need everyone's help to overpower obesity and lead to healthier and smarter meal plan and physical activity options. The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010* exemplifies strategies that focus on consuming fewer calories, making informed food choices and being physically active to help Americans maintain their weight, reduce their risk for chronic diseases and promote overall health. To lose weight a person must eat fewer calories than what he or she expends. To maintain weight, one must

expend the same amount of calories that are consumed.

Fruits and vegetables are major contributors of a number of nutrients that are under consumed in the U.S. and are associated with reduced risk of many chronic diseases. Vegetables with more fiber and less starch such as dark leafy greens, broccoli, and carrots are relatively low in calories and can replace high calorie foods that aid in weight gain. Starchy vegetables such as corn and peas, as well as fruit should be limited to one serving per meal. Therefore, fill half your plate with non-starchy vegetables at every meal and snacking occasion.

Eating a variety of grains, including whole grains, allows adequate fiber intake into our diet. Whole grains are a source of nutrients such as iron, magnesium, selenium, B vitamins, and dietary fiber. Moderate evidence indicates that whole-grain intake may reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and is associated with a lower body weight.

Meat or poultry should be

lean or low-fat. By choosing healthier options, calorie and fat content can be reduced. Moderate evidence has emerged about the health benefits of consuming seafood. Therefore, the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010* recommends an intake of 8 or more ounces per week. Because oils are a concentrated source of calories, Americans should replace solid fats with oils, rather than add oil to the diet, and should use oils in small amounts.

Conserving calories is important and the healthiest way to reduce caloric intake is to decrease one's consumption of added sugars, fats, and alcohol, all of which provide calories but few or no essential nutrients. A large proportion of added sugar in the American diet comes from the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages.

Physical activity is important in maintaining a healthy weight as well as disease prevention. According to the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010*, children and adolescents should do 60 minutes or more

of moderate physical activity every day, while adults should get at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity most, preferably all days of the week. For all individuals, some activity is better than none. Physical activity is safe for almost everyone, and the health benefits of physical activity far outweigh the risks.

Overall, obesity can be prevented if individuals follow a balanced diet and participate in moderate physical activity daily.

#### References

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; www.cdc.gov/obesity and Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010; www.dietaryguidelines.gov

Prepared by Molly Cernosek, BS, Texas A&M University Dietetic Intern and Mary Kinney Bielamowicz, PhD, RD, LD, Regents Fellow, Professor and Nutrition Specialist, Department of Nutrition and Food Science, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, Spring 2011.

## Sodium and Potassium: Leading the way to a healthier heart

### By Melissa Long CEA-FCS, Floyd County

Do you salt your food before you taste? Should Americans cut back on salt? Sodium is important in maintaining proper fluid balance, regulating blood pressure, transmitting nerve impulses, and relaxation of muscles. But, too much sodium can be dangerous to our bodies and lead to heart disease, stroke, and/or kidney disease. With majority of sodium coming from processed, packaged foods, and restaurant foods, Americans on average get over 3,400 milligrams (mg) of sodium per day. The adequate intake (AI) of sodium for individual's ages 9 to 50 years is 1,500 mg per day. Lower sodium AI's were established for children

and older adults (ages 1 to 3 years: 1,000 mg/day; ages 4 to 8 years: 1,200 mg/day; ages 9 to 13 years: 1,500 mg/day; ages 14 to 18 years: 1,800 mg/day; ages 19 to 50 years: 2,300 mg/day) because their calorie requirements are lower. The Tolerable Upper Intake Level (UL) for sodium is 2,300 mg per day. Too much sodium leads to risks with the main risk being high blood pressure. To prevent risks from occurring, a UL is established to pose no risk to an individual. Ways to decrease sodium in the diet include the following:

- Avoid adding salt to foods.
- Limit canned, processed, and packaged foods.
- Limit the amount of restaurant visits, but if needed ask them to avoid adding salt to your food.

Season foods with herbs and spices that are salt-free.

Potassium maintains fluid balance and nerve transmission. Potassium does the opposite of sodium by lowering blood pressure by stopping the action of sodium. The Adequate Intake (AI) for potassium for adults is 4,700 mg per day. Individuals should consult with a health care provider for recommended levels if they have kidney disease or are taking certain medications, such as ACE inhibitors. Sources of potassium include bananas, orange juice, most fruits, potatoes, dried peas, peanuts, nuts, dairy products, and meats.

With sodium and potassium working hand in hand, it is essential to regulate the two of

them to allow for normal blood pressure. Unregulated blood pressure can lead to heart disease and stroke, which is the first and third leading cause of death in the United States.

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Floyd County Farm Bureau made a \$200 donation to both Floydada and Lockney EMS departments. Pictured (back row, l-r) are Floyd County Farm Bureau board members, Ian McIntosh, Wesley Campbell, Todd Hinsley, Matthew Rainwater, Matt Francis, Dan Smith, Boyd Jackson, and RN Hopper. Boyd Jackson also accepted the donation for the Lockney EMS. Accepting the donation for the Floydada EMS were (front row, l-r) Sheryl Back, Katrina Gooch, Floyd County Farm Bureau President Tanner Smith, and Mike Reeves.



Photo by Karen Houchin, Chamber Director

THE FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held the ribbon cutting for Family Dollar on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The grand opening of Family Dollar was also held that day. Pictured (l-r) are Amanda Zuniga, employee, Trinidad Uribe, employee, Corina Uribe, employee, Zina Martinez, Family Dollar District Manager, Marlene Desmarais, Manager, Kay Wilson, Chamber Director, Mrs. Rafael Ochoa, customer, Bobby Gilliland, Chamber Director and Charla McHam, Chamber President.



Photo by Karen Houchin, Chamber Director

FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held the ribbon cutting for Happy State Bank of Floydada on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Pictured (l-r) are Windy Jones, Branch Manager, Tashelle Yeary, teller, Charla McHam, Chamber President and Paulette Robison, Chamber Director.

**Heart's Desire**  
**Bridal shower selections for**  
Kayla Graves & Gaylon Rylnt  
Marissa Sparkman & Taylor Brock

**Baby Selections for**  
Lee and Karlon Brandon - March 26  
Reen McCrae Yeary  
Baby boy of Cliff and Tashelle Yeary  
Twin baby girls  
Glynn & Amy Sutterfield

### By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older come join us. We do have dues of \$15 per person per year. Call the Center for more information at 983-2032.

If you are homebound please call the Center. You may be eligible for meals to be delivered to you at a reasonable price. Sylvia can give you that information.

I saw Dahlia Russell at the Dairy Queen this past Sunday. She had knee surgery several weeks ago. She was walking much better and feeling very

good.

William Bertrand and his son, Ronald Bertrand of Lubbock went fishing for a couple of days at Lake Allen Henry. They caught very few fish but had a good time being together.

Edwin Nutt was moved to Prairie House in Plainview on March 1. He adjusted very well and was doing well until Tuesday of last week. He is sleeping most of the time and having difficulty swallowing and eating as well as some other health problems. Please keep the Nutt family in your prayers. He is in the TLC unit

and they welcome visitors.

Jon LaBaume is doing physical therapy in Lockney following his recent back surgery. He has not felt well for the past week.

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

**In memory of Louis Lloyd** - Floydada Coop Gins, Inc.

**In memory of Marie Warren** - Joe and Jean Appling.

**Thought for the Week** - Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars.

Henry Van Dyke

#### MENU

- Monday** - Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, corn, roll, cake
- Tuesday** - Baked chicken, buttered potatoes, broccoli, rice & cheese, roll, fruit salad
- Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cobbler
- Thursday** - Beef stroganoff, peas, carrots, roll, brownies
- Friday** - Hamburger steak, scalloped potatoes, spinach, roll, rocky road pudding

## 1934 Study Club

### By Wilma Gowens

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Emagene Haenisch with Margarette Word as co-hostess. Delicious

refreshments were served.

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Diana Glover. Club collect was led by Wilma Colston. Roll call, answered with "My Family History" and the club

minutes were given by Willie Mae Ferguson.

Nancy Marble, treasurer of the Floyd County Museum gave an interesting program on "Family History". Nancy encouraged each of us to research our family history. She gave us forms to fill out in getting started on our search.

Members present were

Wilma Colston, Betsy Dempsey, Willie Mae Ferguson, Diana Glover, Wilma Gowens, Emagene Haenisch, Jo Lyles, and Margarette Word. Faye Bertrand was absent due to a doctor's appointment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the home of Wilma Colston.

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## Obituaries

**ELLA MAYE GOODWIN**  
Graveside services for Ella Maye Goodwin, 87, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 17, 2011 at Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home, Lubbock.

Mrs. Goodwin passed away Sunday, March 13, 2011. She was born September 10, 1923 in Floydada, Texas to the late John Franklin and Icy Pearl Biggs.

Mrs. Goodwin is survived by a son, Todd White; and two granddaughters, Lauren Russell and Lindsey White. To send condolences

online, please visit [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com).

### BARBARA HATLEY

Barbara Hatley, age 76, of Floydada, passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in Lubbock. Services were held on at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Pastor Tim Franks officiated. Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Barbara J. Hatley was born August 22, 1934 to Emmitt and Ruth (King) Dutton in the Lakeview Community.

Barbara is survived by her husband, C. K. "Buddy" Hatley of Floydada; two sons, Mike Hatley and his wife, Julie of Midland and Mark Hatley and his wife, Lisa of Dumas and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in Barbara Hatley's name to the Floydada Senior Citizens, PO Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 or to the First Baptist Church of Floydada, 401 S. Main St., Floydada, TX 79235.

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

## 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.

### PIONEER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Pioneer Association (Old Settlers) meeting will be held Monday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

### SPIRIT OF SHARING SALE

The Spirit of Sharing (S.O.S.) in Floydada is having a half-price sale. They are open Monday and Thursday, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and are located at 619 E. Houston Street.

## From the archives...

### 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

### RANCH LIFE ON THE PLAINS

Spur is an almost magic name when ones begins thinking of the ranch and range life on the plains of Texas. The town bearing that name is a couple of counties away from Floyd. The interest the name brings up is much nearer. Even though farming has long outdistanced ranching as a means of living in this county, the jangle of spurs still has an entrancing sound.

The Espuela Land and Cattle Co. of Texas sold the famous Spur Ranch to S. M. Swenson and Sons, and associates, of New York, and the principle railroad town within that ranch received that name in 1909. Even the weekly newspaper is known as "The Texas Spur."

It took some tall explaining to convince the postal authorities in Washington of the appropriateness of the title for the post office. The Spur Ranch itself occupied land in two adjoining counties to Floyd, Dickens and Crosby, as well as in Kent and Garza, according to an article in the 1940 Hesperian 50th anniversary edition by Dr. Clifford B. Jones of Texas Tech.

It was purchased in 1907 by the Swensons. The basis of the Spur herd was the old Cross L bought in August of 1878 from the New Mexico-Colorado line by J. M. Hall. Others were bought in

Refugio, Texas, and trailed to Dickens Co. by Hall.

An interesting sidelight comes in the discovery in 1913 of potash, resulting from the drilling of what was then the deepest well in Texas, at 4,489 feet. The heavy brine was found at about 2,000 feet. A great industry of Texas thus had its birth. Both Spur, of Dickens County, and Girard, in Kent County, came from Spur land. Floyd County residents can have a feeling of pride in the traditions of this ranch. Dr. W. C. Holden of Texas Tech has written a book about the ranch.

The Matador Ranch, although established primarily in Motley County, with considerable holdings in Dickens County, had considerable acreage in Floyd County. These three counties held the "home range", though there was extensive pasturage at the Alomositas pasture in the Panhandle, as well as leased land up to and beyond the Canadian border.

The general outlines of this great ranch are fairly well known: How it was acquired early by "canny Scots"; the way in which the cautious yet realistic Scot board met periodically to review policies and make plans for their joint-stock company; the manner in which the details of management were left up to the local employees; the surprising results when they often showed a profit in years that most ranches used red ink in their ledgers; the inspiring story of how these men helped prepare the country for a different way of living in Matador and Roaring Springs as well as in Floydada's area, is told in a magnificent book by the vice-president for academic

affairs at Texas Tech, Dr. William M. Pearce. It should be, for a long time at least, the definitive model for studious research.

Col. Tom Montgomery was well up in his nineties and still actively managing the TM-Bar Ranch. Called "Colonel" by his friends, he preferred the "Tom" designation given him by intimate associates. Born at Spring Garden, Cherokee County, Alabama, Feb. 18, 1847, he grew to manhood in that state. At the age of 21 he left home and went to Seiver County, Ark., during 1868-9. 1870-1 were spent at Shreveport, La., when he moved to Marshall, Tex. Staying there until 1878. There he was married to Miss Lettie Ector on Nov. 2, 1875. She was the daughter of Gen. and Mrs. M. D. Ector. In 1886 his wife died, and their daughter, later to be Mrs. W. W. Johnson of Ft. Worth, was reared by Dr. and Mrs. George Jackson of that city.

Although only 18 when the Civil War ended, Tom has seen considerable service, and lost a brother in that conflict.

For around 60 years he operated the TM-Bar Ranch in southeast Floyd County. He also had extensive holdings in Ft. Worth. Even in advanced age he had remarkable use of his faculties.

Homer Steen has an interesting story about the hyphenated name of the man from whom he bought the TM-Bar. This man's original surname was Blocker, but in wooing the daughter of a Scot he was told that he could have his heart's desire if he would become a good Scotsman

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## Floyd County Church Directory

### AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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### CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.  
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### 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.  
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Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.  
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### 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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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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Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
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Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise ....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.  
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### 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

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Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....5:00 p.m.

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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. Communion....8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
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### SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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### TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD

701 W. Missouri  
Joe 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 MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemio  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
Mon./Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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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.  
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Photo by Homer Marquez

During their monthly school board meeting last week, members of Lockney's board took time out to recognize the achievements of this year's Longhorn Band. With a laundry list of awards and honors for the year, this group of musical all-stars was nothing short of amazing throughout the year. Recently, 21 members of the band qualified for State UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin. After superintendent, Phil Cotham, presented individual awards to band members, the percussion ensemble performed selections from Susan K. Powell's Re:Disaster for the board members, shown above are drummers, Dillon DeLeon, Chase Thompson, Steven Fernandez, Landon Kidd, and Jake Bramlet.



LITTLE LONGHORNS: Mary Jane Sanchez, Ainslee Dunn, Nimsi Reyes, Tristan Schlueter, John Cleto, Litzzy Reyes, Quinten Johnson, Jarmiah Lara, Jonathan Lara, J'Ann Pena, Jessica Soliz, Mariah Salas, Jakevon Arjona, Gunnry Araujo, Bryson Hallmark, Yareli Pecina



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H member SyAnn Foster won 1st place with her Simmental heifer at the 2011 San Angelo Stock Show. She also won the Senior Simmental Showmanship Award.



LITTLE LONGHORNS: Jocelynn Reyes, Tyrell Egnew, Lyndee Setliff, Destiny Soliz, laymundo Alvarado, Cristo Martinez, Carly Rendon, Reagan Nuncio, Mika Williams, Marie Solis, Jennifer Sanchez, Kylie Cole Michael Hogan

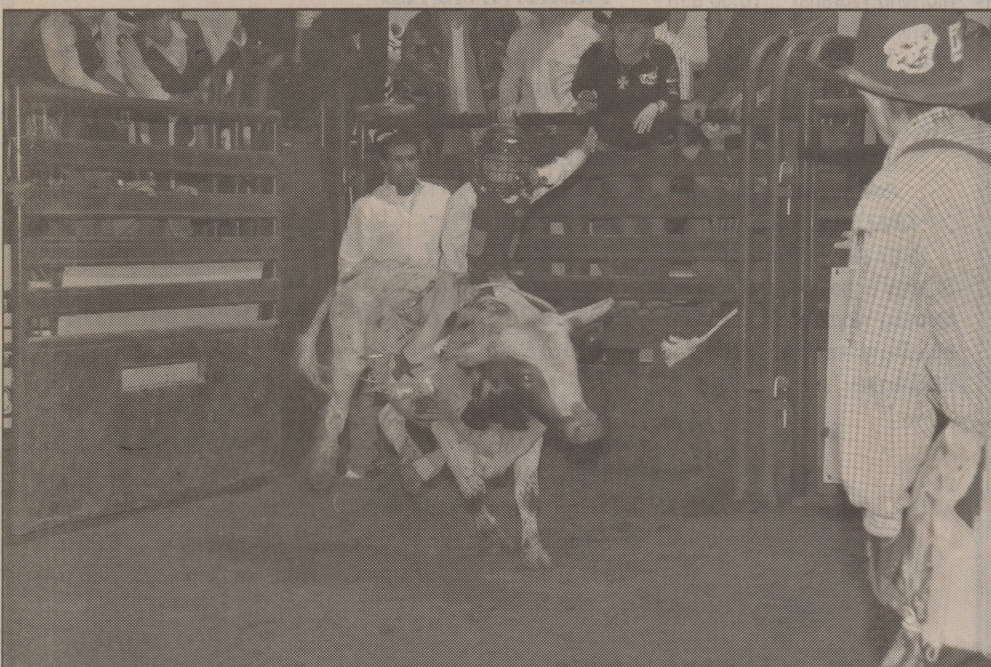


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During last week's Miniature Bucking Bull World Tour, young rider, Tuff Araujo held on tight as he tried to bring home another win.

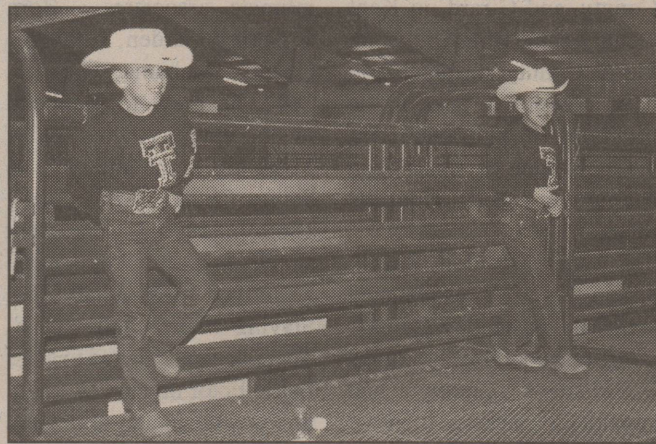
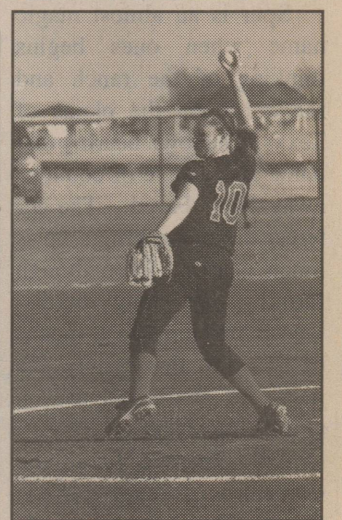


Photo by Dwayne Charro

Amazingly, at only 9 years of age, twins, Tuff and Gunnry Araujo have already become veterans of the sport, winning a combined total of over 50 awards and trophies. Before Saturday's Mini Bull rodeo, Tuff and Gunnry take time to relax before the start of the competition.



Courtesy Photo

Horns pull off 14-11 win over Sundown: The Lady Horns had a slow start during the first 3 innings trailing Sundown 6-2. The Lady Horns rallied late in the game scoring 4 runs in the 4th and 8 in the 5th inning. Lockney finished the game with 8 hits, five RBI's coming from Dolores Luna (1), Jennifer Ybarra (2), Gabby Peralez (1) and Alex Salazar (1). Lockney improves to a record of 5-1-0 overall and 1-0-0 in district play. Upcoming opponents district opponents Tahoka (away) on March 12th and Ralls (away) on March 18th before returning home on Saturday March 19th to meet non-district opponent Lubbock Christian High School

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**Lockney School Lunch Menu March 21-25**

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|---|---|
| <b>Monday</b><br>Breakfast-Donut or Cereal, toast, juice, milk<br>Lunch-Hot dog or chili dog or grilled cheese, fries, carrots, orange, milk                                  | <b>Lunch</b> -Steak Patty of Chicken Patty, potatoes, green beans, peaches, roll, milk  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>Breakfast-Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, toast, juice, milk<br>Lunch-Fish Sticks or Macaroni and Cheese, pinto beans, spinach, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk | <b>Thursday</b><br>Breakfast-Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, toast, juice, milk<br>Lunch- Chicken fajitas or corndog, refried beans, salad, applesauce, tortilla, milk |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Breakfast-Oatmeal or Cereal, toast, juice, milk   | <b>Friday</b><br>Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk<br>Lunch-Pizza or Burrito, corn, apple slices, milk                                       |

**Lockney Elementary Honor Roll**

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| <b>"A" Honor Roll</b>  | Jimenez, J'Ann Pena,   | <b>Second Grade</b>   |
| <b>First Grade</b>   | Lacy Phillips, Ezekiel Ramos, Austin Rodriguez, Clare Smith, Lillian Vanlandingham | Joshua Cienfuegos, Hunter Lefevre, Tasha Schlueter, Caleb Young |
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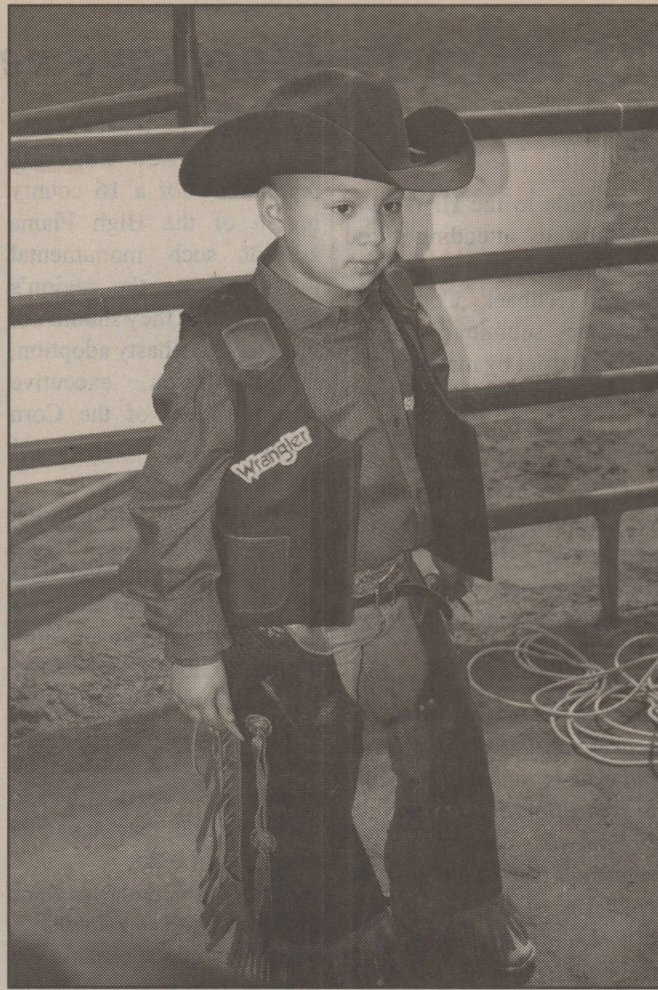






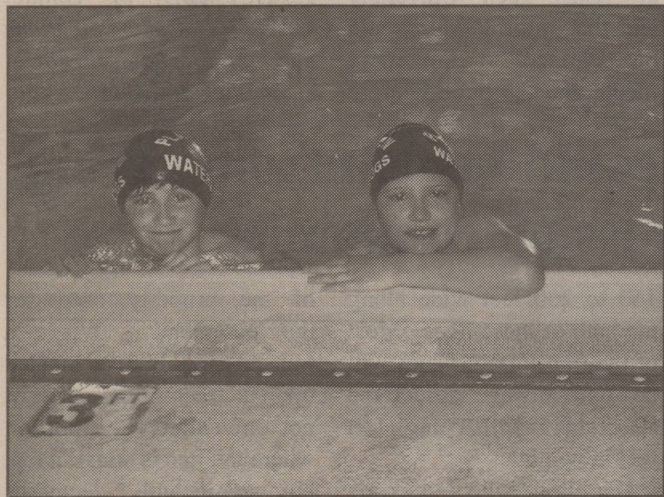
**Courtesy Photo**

Floyd County 4-H member Lauryn Carroll won Reserve Grand Champion with her Californian meat pen of rabbits at the 2011 San Angelo Stock Show.



**By Dwayne Charro**

Before heading out, Floydada Bull Rider, Jose Lira takes time to answer questions for the press at the 2011 Miniature Bucking Bull World Tour.



**Courtesy Photo**

James Gibbens and Donald Gibbens of Floydada competed in a swim competition held in Plainview on February 11, 2011. They swim for the Plainview Waterdogs which competed against the Canyon Swim Team. James placed 1st in the 50-meter Butterfly with a time of 1:14, and 1st in the 50-meter Freestyle with a time of 48:56. He also placed 2nd place in the 100-meter Individual Medley with a time of 2:24, and 2nd in the 50-meter Backstroke with a time of 1:14. Donald placed 1st in the 50-meter Breaststroke with a time of 1:20, 1st in 50-meter Backstroke with a time of 58:0, and 3rd in the 50-meter Freestyle with a time of 52:02.

**FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU**

March 21 - March 25

**Monday**

**Breakfast-** Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast-** Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Barbequed chicken, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast-** Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk

**Thursday**

**Breakfast-** English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, French bread stick, pineapple crisp, milk

**Friday**

**Breakfast -** Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch-** Pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, chocolate cake, milk



**Courtesy Photo**

Floyd County 4-H member Allison Orr received 2nd place with her Berkshire gilt at the CTBR show during the 2011 San Angelo Stock Show in San Angelo. She also placed 4th with her Berkshire gilt in the junior gilt show.



**Courtesy Photo**

Floyd County 4-H member Jared Orr, placed 1st with his Berkshire gilt at the CTBR gilt show during the 2011 San Angelo Stock Show. He also placed 2nd with his Berkshire gilt in the Junior Gilt Show



**Courtesy Photo**

Floyd County 4-H members Keenan and Kirby Nixon are pictured with the Reserve Breed Landrace gilt at the CTBR show during the 2011 San Angelo Stock Show.

**LANDOWNER MEETING**

**Monday, March 21, 2011 @ 6 p.m.**  
**Floyd County Friends Unity Center**  
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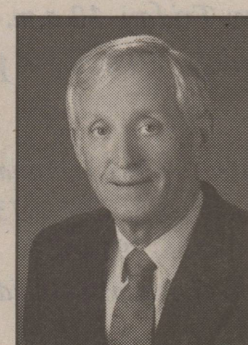
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## Community encouraged to attend upcoming water meetings

LUBBOCK, Texas (March 11, 2011) – The Corn Producers Association of Texas strongly encourages area agricultural producers and members of the community to attend upcoming public meetings on the High Plains Underground Water District's proposed regulations, which were released to the public Feb. 25.

The proposed water restrictions would dramatically affect income, land values, loan repayments, business expenditures and local tax revenues in ways that could reverberate through the entire economy of the South Plains, according to CPAT Executive Vice President David Gibson.

"Water use determines the productivity of agriculture, which is the number one driver of the economy of this area," Gibson said. "It's important that agricultural

producers and residents alike attend the public meetings and prepare written comments to present to the water district."

The HPWD has scheduled five public meetings to receive comments on the district's proposed rules:

**March 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.:** Hereford ISD Banquet Room, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford, TX

**March 23, 3-6 p.m.:** Robert Dysart Room, Lamb Co. Rural Electric Co-o, 2415 S. Phelps, Littlefield, TX

**March 24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.:** Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium, 1505 Western Circle, Dimmitt, TX

**March 24, 3-6 p.m.:** Plains Cotton Cooperative Association Board Room, 3301 E. 50th, Lubbock

**March 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.:** Plainview Country Club and Conference Center, 2902 W 4th, Plainview, TX

CPAT urges residents to prepare written comments

to provide to the HPWD, in addition to attending these meetings and providing verbal feedback. Comments may be submitted to the water district by mail as well, but are **due by 5 p.m. April 1.**

For further information about the proposed regulations, please visit the CPAT website, [www.TexasCorn.org](http://www.TexasCorn.org), or the water district's website, [www.HPWD.com](http://www.HPWD.com).

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## Local Farm Credit Association lends support to wildfire volunteers

AMARILLO, Texas, March 11, 2011 – In response to the wildfires that raged through the Texas Panhandle and the imminent danger of more fires in the weeks to come, Great Plains Ag Credit joined forces with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to provide assistance to rural fire departments and volunteer firefighters in several counties across the Panhandle.

The PRPC created the Panhandle Rural VFD Equipment Repair Fund with the Great Plains donation for rural fire departments to use in repairing equipment needed to maintain readiness during fire season. Great Plains Ag

Credit initiated the volunteer relief effort to show its support and appreciation to the deserving volunteers who risk their lives to preserve life, land and property for area residents, farmers and ranchers.

"The recent fires were devastating for so many people. We wanted to reach out and help our friends and neighbors," said Tim McDonald, Great Plains Ag Credit CEO. "Many fire departments suffered damage to their trucks and equipment during the wildfires, and Panhandle residents need the assurance that these volunteers are prepared for the increasing fire danger

associated with ongoing, dry conditions."

McDonald invited directors and staff to make donations to this relief fund. These personal donations, when combined with the Great Plains contribution totaled \$6,855.

To make a similar donation, readers are urged to contribute to the rural volunteer fire departments in their local communities.

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## More time needed to get water rules right

LUBBOCK, Texas (March 11, 2011) – New water use regulations for a 16 county region of the High Plains are of such monumental importance to the region's economy that they should not be rushed to a hasty adoption, David Gibson, executive vice president of the Corn Producers Association of Texas, said Friday.

"Water use determines the productivity of agriculture, which is the number one driver of the economy of Lubbock and the surrounding region," Gibson said. "The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District is not under a specific deadline to adopt new regulations, so it's vital that they take the time to do it right."

Draft regulations to place new restrictions on water use, written for implementation in May, were made available to the public for the first time on Feb. 25 with a deadline for public comments of April 1.

"After meeting with more than 400 agricultural

producers in four town hall meetings this week, it's clear there is a tremendous amount of concern over provisions in the draft that are vague and confusing, as well as uncertainty about the impact this will have on the economy," Gibson said. "There are many, many questions that need answers."

The proposed water restrictions would dramatically affect income, land values, loan repayments, business expenditures and local tax revenues in ways that could reverberate through the entire economy of the South Plains, he said.

"In each one of our meetings this week, people wanted to know if any economic studies had been done on the impact of the draft," Gibson said. "We know the district has had economic impact studies done by economists at Texas Tech University and that information should be released to the news media and the public before

the district holds its public meetings beginning on March 23rd."

"The main thing that came out of our meetings with producers this week was a desire to work with the members of the district's board to find ways to meet future water conservation goals without stifling the region's economic growth."

The district has scheduled public meetings on the draft regulations on March 23 in Hereford and Littlefield, on March 24 in Dimmitt and Lubbock and March 25 in Plainview.

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## Land owners could benefit from saying 'No' to transmission companies

Land owners in the regions affected by the impending construction of large electric transmission lines could benefit from rejecting offers made by construction companies. By the fourth quarter of 2013, approximately 2,400 miles of mega-size transmission lines will be constructed within the State of Texas. A majority of the lines being constructed will affect the Panhandle and Rolling Plains of Texas. As a result, area land owners are being forced to give up portions of their property along the path of these mega-size transmission lines.

"The property owners affected by these new transmission lines can either grant an easement or have their property taken pursuant to the Texas Laws of Eminent Domain," said Plainview Attorney, Brent Hamilton. Transmission line companies, granted condemnation authority by the State, will condemn easements from

160 to 200 feet wide along the path of these lines. Most of the transmission lines will be built using lattice-type structures approaching 150 feet in height.


Hamilton, who represents land owners in the process, states, "While most citizens of our region do not oppose the concept of generating electricity to deliver to the major metropolitan areas, all agree that land owners who contribute to the process should be fairly compensated." Hamilton states, "These land owners will receive a one-time payment intended to compensate them for their property being burdened with this mega-size electric transmission line in perpetuity. Texas condemnation laws require that land owners be compensated for the fair market value of the transmission line easement." Hamilton explains that "the fair market value includes more than just that part

of the property used for the easement. When a transmission line is located upon a tract of property, it not only affects the portion where the line is constructed, but significantly decreases the value of the entire tract."

Hamilton is concerned that "land owners who feel forced to accept the transmission companies' offers are not being adequately compensated." This concern appears to be well founded. Runnels County land owners are in the path of the same mega-sized transmission lines. However, these land owners are further along in the process, and the landowners electing to reject the transmission companies' offers, opting instead for condemnation proceedings, are obtaining compensation awards from 8 to 15 times those amounts being offered.

"Why is this the case," asked Hamilton? "First, there is a significant difference of opinion about value. Second," says Hamilton, "transmission companies are unwilling to recognize that having this large transmission line on a portion of an owner's property will have a significant effect on the value of the owner's adjacent property."

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## The Paperboy

### Epic tragedy unfolds before our eyes

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

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In the decades following World War II, Japan has been an incredible success story. With our help, a conquered Japan rose from the ashes like a Phoenix and is now the third largest economy on the globe. Honestly, what Japan has accomplished in the past 65 years is incredible.

They are also a prime ally and business partner. I would say Japan is right there with the England and Australia as our closest allies.

Now our friends are in desperate need of help. I know many of you are anxious to provide help in some way. That's one thing I will always love about this country: we are a giving people.

Unfortunately, in today's society, you have predators ready to pounce and profit off of generous people attempting to help the cause. Don't be fooled! Check the source and confirm that the cause is worthwhile and will directly benefit Japan.

One thing I've noticed during these past few days in Japan is the lack of looting. You have to admire a society where

honor rules the day. I've also been impressed with how prepared the Japanese Government is in attempting to manage and begin to cleanup.

I'm thankful for the thousands of Americans helping. Servicemen, volunteers, engineers - we've got feet on the ground making a difference. That makes me proud to be an American.

I'm not an expert on Japan so I did some research on the country and people. Society there is far different from ours. The Japanese culture is fascinating. If you'll indulge me, I've provided some interesting facts:

Sometimes the trains are so crowded railway staff are employed to cram passengers inside.

Japanese celebrate Christmas, but it is more like Valentine's Day in the western world.

More than 70% of Japan consists of mountains, including more than 200 volcanoes.

Mt. Fuji, the tallest mountain in Japan, is an active volcano.

There are four different writing systems in Japan, romaji, katakana, hiragana, and kanji.

Coffee is very popular and Japan imports approximately 85% of Jamaica's annual coffee production.

Japan's literacy rate is almost 100%. Sumo is Japan's national sport, although baseball is also

very popular.

When you use the restroom in someone's home, you should put on special bathroom slippers so as not to contaminate the rest of the home.

Japan is the world's largest consumer of Amazon rain forest timber.

Vending machines in Japan sell beer, hot and cold canned coffee, cigarettes, and other items.

There are around 1,500 earthquakes every year in Japan.

Average life expectancy in Japan is one of the highest in the world. Japanese people live an average of 4 years longer than Americans.

Japan is the largest automobile producer in the world.

Raised floors help indicate when to take off shoes or slippers. At the entrance to a home in Japan, the floor will usually be raised about 6 inches indicating you should take off your shoes and put on slippers. If the house has a tatami mat room its floor may be raised 1-2 inches indicating you should to take off your slippers.

Some traditional Japanese companies conduct a morning exercise session for the workers to prepare them for the day's work.

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### The Real Green Agenda

By RICK MANNING

The logic of climate change-driven policy continues to elude anyone with a rational mind who is actually concerned about the environment.

Professional environmentalists continually bleat about how we only have one planet, and we have to save it from man-made pollution. They have even gone so far as to declare some penguin species, which live in Antarctica as "endangered" under the U.S. Endangered Species Act in order to use that law as a hammer to stop supposedly dangerous greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

While these advocates may or may not be well-meaning, the one thing we can be certain of is that their policies are actually increasing pollution around the world.

The United States and Western Europe have the most stringent anti-pollution policies in the world. This means that when a widget is manufactured in the U.S., the environmental impact is far less than when it is produced elsewhere in the world.

Additionally, when a theoretical widget is manufactured and sold in the United States,

that widget doesn't create other environmental impacts through the burning of fossil fuels as it is loaded and shipped across the ocean to the U.S. consumer.

Yet, the impact of various global warming policies is to force manufacturing overseas to those very countries which have the least effective environmental laws, not only creating more pollution per widget, but increasing that exponentially due to the transportation of said widget.

At the height of the cap and trade debate, economists at The Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis estimated that the movement of the manufacture of goods away from the U.S. due to this "greenhouse gas" proposal would cost 400,000 U.S. manufacturing jobs due to the projected increased costs, shifting manufacturing away from the clean U.S. environment to less clean ones around the globe.

Currently, Obama EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson's global warming war on the U.S. industrial base is using the Clean Air Act as a cudgel against the domestic manufacturing base, discouraging U.S. production, and as a result, encouraging manufacturing in less environmentally friendly political regimes.

The obvious illogic of forcing the world's cleanest manufacturers to offshore their production facilities to China and other less environmentally friendly causes one to question if a cleaner environment is truly the objective of the professional greens.

A simple Google search reveals that the real green agenda is to lower the standard of living in the U.S. to deal with something that they call - ecological debt - a concept developed by a group called the New Economics Foundation.

The theory is that mankind is consuming more from the earth on an annual basis than the earth can replenish, and hence there is an ecological deficit.

Of course, the United States is the guiltiest of the guilty, as the New Economics Foundation claims if everyone consumed at the level of the U.S., we would need more than five earths to sustain the current world population. Great Britain would only take just over three earths, and so on.

When you understand the mentality that capitalism and the standard of living created by the free enterprise system is viewed as the enemy of the environment, the Obama Administration green policies make perfect sense.

While they cannot say it and survive politically, they want America's standard of living lowered for the sake of the world, and they will hide behind a cloak of green rhetoric to accomplish this agenda.

So, the next time you hear one of these government funded "scientists" railing about supposed global warming or climate change or whatever the next public relations iteration is, just remember that environmentalism is not at its core about cleaning up the environment. It is nothing more than an attempt to transfer wealth from the United States to third world countries around the world.

Perhaps the real genius of the green movement is that they have succeeded in putting a smiley face on policies designed to lower the standard of living of those who support them as they continue to push economic suicide.

After all, if they truly wanted less global pollution, the greens would be pushing for eliminating corporate taxes on all items produced in the U.S., encouraging the manufacture of goods in a place where dumping waste in the streams and the air is frowned upon, instead of places where it is accepted and ignored.

### Big Labor Rallies for Big Government

By RICK MANNING

George Soros' puppet group MoveOn.org, along with the AFL-CIO, SEIU and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and a laundry list of far left groups are staging rallies across the United States to try to stop the tea party/limited government momentum that has surged across the nation.

MoveOn's fear based rallying cry contained in the announcement e-mail tells the story of someone who purports to be a mother and college student who cannot get a job now, and worries when the mean old Republicans are done, it will be next to impossible to get one. With a baby who has had multiple heart surgeries, which the mean old tea party wants to deny her, she is just afraid for the future of America.

Not surprisingly, no mention is made in the e-mail or the flyer that the purpose of these rallies is to ensure that the U.S. government budget deficit will continue to balloon out of control. It is merely the common fear of someone who feels as though they benefit from the existing out of control spending and fears what will happen if things are changed.

Also, not surprisingly, the e-mail never mentions that in just a few years, that heart surgery will likely not occur due to the

ObamaCare-induced shortage of qualified surgeons to do it. Somehow by bringing the budget into alignment with our nation's revenues, the dreams of Americans will be shattered, at least that is the theme of the rallies.

The special interests behind the rallies are truly the shock troops of the hard left, and this is anything but a mom and pop operation.

In the 2010 election, AFSCME, representing public employees, spent more than any other group on elections, a whopping \$87 million. After they were soundly defeated at the polls, they are now back with a vengeance, funding rallies at times when public employees get off work (in Fairfax, VA the rally is at 4:30 pm), to try to stop elected officials from taking the financially necessary steps of reducing the size and scope of government.

The AFL-CIO has spent hundreds of millions of dollars over the past few election cycles to elect big government oriented politicians who are beholden to them. Representing 600,000 federal and DC dues paying government workers through the American Federation of Government Employees, the AFL-CIO has millions at stake in keeping government large and in charge.

The SEIU has its own government employee union arm, the National Association Government Employees with more than

42,000 dues paying members and a multi-million dollar budget.

The massive growth in public sector unionization has seen the number of public employees who belong to a union exceed private sector union members within the past year for the first time in history.

Growing government is good business for organized labor, as private sector industrial job creators flee the high costs of unionization to either right to work states or overseas.

Now you know the dirty little secret that Big Labor has been trying to hide. They are the ultimate beneficiaries of big government, and with their near uniform rejection in the private sector, their long-term survival depends upon government growth, and compulsory union membership.

Do you have doubts about why the Wisconsin protests became so virulent and over the top, as elected officials decided to take a step toward getting their budgets under control by limiting the power of public employee unions?

Expect more in the weeks ahead, as Big Labor struggles to maintain their government cash cow at a time, when America can no longer afford it.

### Europe's Gathering Storm

By BILL WILSON

On Mar. 12, the European Union (EU) reached an agreement to create a permanent €440 billion bailout fund to support troubled sovereigns like Portugal, Ireland, Greece, and Spain (PIGS). Despite a lot of talk of making the "senior bondholders" pay part of the loss in government bonds from the PIGS, ultimately this was not included in the agreement.

The European Central Bank (ECB) and the elite insisted that these holders be protected and paid back everything. But why? Ultimately, the issue revolves around who these bond holders are: mostly German and French banks that have lent about \$922.9 billion to these nations, according to a report by the Bank for International Settlements.

That represents 57 percent of the total \$1.613 trillion foreign exposure to the PIGS nations. And it explains the outcome of this agreement lacking any apparent haircut for the bondholders.

It also explains why the newly elected Prime Minister of Ireland, Enda Kenny, was unable to secure a deal with the EU to have his nation's 6 percent interest rate owed on €67.5 billion bailout loan lowered. Germany and France are insisting that Ireland increase its lowest-in-Europe corporate tax rate from 12.5 percent.

Since German and French banks are making the rules, they are not willing to accept getting paid less than was lent out, by taking a haircut on the bad loans through debt restructuring. They are not even willing to lower the interest rate on the debt

owed - except in return for Ireland eliminating the one economic advantage it has in its corporate tax incentives.

Instead, the banks have gotten essentially everything they wanted, a permanent bailout fund so they can sell existing debts that cannot be rolled over to the European Central Bank.

In some cases, these are the same banks that have lent to the U.S. and other sovereigns throughout the world. So, if the banks take losses on anything, it limits the amount of money that can be lent to other states. It is for this reason that the astronomical debts being held by governments throughout the world pose the greatest systemic risk to the global economy - everyone has skin in this high stakes game of musical chairs.

Losses in one group of those bonds would lead inevitably to losses elsewhere, since the initial losses limit the funds available to for others to refinance existing debts. That is why the central banks are stepping up and just printing the money needed for the sovereigns to refinance their debts. Which is exactly what is happening now in Europe.

What the ECB and others are afraid of is that defaults or even just debt restructuring will result in a deleveraging of government debt not unlike what was seen with the housing bubble popping the U.S.

The goal therefore is to create a "soft" landing for these financial institutions, which can then reposition themselves and probably limit future purchases. Also, since the expansion of government debt has become the most efficient means of increasing the money supply, if losses start occurring, the central banks worry this will slow down money creation and velocity,

leading to "deflation".

If these banks are anything like the Federal Reserve, they are counting these debt securities on the assets side of their ledgers. Which means, adding to the risks posed, these major banks may have leveraged these bonds to back borrowing. It is also possible that these debts are held as part of their reserve, which the Fed does, which is just as bad.

Why wouldn't they? These are supposed to be the "safest" investments in the world. If governments will just agree to monetize the debts if anything goes wrong, there is no risk in lending to even the most irresponsible of governments.

The only problem, of course, is that there is no such thing as a safe investment. That is the only reason why the German and French banks are so vehemently opposed to any restructuring occurring - it breaks the unspoken agreement between the banks and the governments. They cannot afford for the terms of that agreement to change.

Instead, the banks prefer that it is the citizens who are left holding the bag if these bills ever come due - in the form of inflation, higher prices, higher interest rates, and eventually, higher taxes. Unfortunately, these same banks are risking the collapse of whole currencies, like the euro and dollar, under the weight of these astronomical debts.

Such is the state of the social contract during the current sovereign debt crisis. No longer is the arrangement between the governed and the government, as the Irish people are quickly learning. Now it is between governments and their lenders. The governed, sadly, lack any representation in that arrangement.



## Texas Agricultural Land Trust hosts 'Saving Family Lands' seminars

Many Texas landowners today struggle to hang on to the family farm or ranch. To help address this issue, the Texas Agricultural Land Trust, a 501c3 organization whose mission is to help landowners protect, conserve and pass land down to future generations, is hosting two workshops featuring tax expert Steve Small.

"The combination of high land prices and burdensome estate taxes is making it difficult for families, even those who have done a significant amount of estate planning, to maintain ownership," Blair Fitzsimons, TALT Executive Director said. "As a result, Texas is losing productive agricultural land and wildlife habitat faster than any other state in the nation." One of the tools available to landowners is a conservation easement, a voluntary agreement between the landowner and land trust that restricts all future non-agricultural development of the property. In return for placing this restriction on the property, the landowner receives significant income and estate tax benefits. "The love of the land holds many families together," Fitzsimons said. "But if they are going to keep that land together, they often need information and effective tools to help them."

The four-hour "Saving Family Lands" seminars will be taught by Steve Small, cited by Forbes Magazine as

"the nation's top authority on saving land and money with conservation easements." As an IRS attorney, Mr. Small helped to write and implement the federal tax code sections governing conservation easements. Today, in his private practice, he advises landowners on protecting valued family lands, including preparing for the next generation of ownership.

Designed for landowners, CPAs, attorneys, and appraisers, the first seminar will be held in Houston on June 22nd at the Houstonian, 111 North Post Oak Lane, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. The second seminar will be held on June 23rd in Amarillo at the Amarillo Club, 600 S. Tyler Street, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$75/person, and \$100 for those seeking Continuing Legal Education credit.

The seminars are especially timely in the wake of tax incentives passed by Congress in 2010. These incentives, which expire at the end of 2011, enable greater utilization of the conservation easement tool by those who make their living from agriculture.

"Ranching and agriculture continue to be a way of life in much of Texas, and this heritage is threatened every time open space is lost," said Fitzsimons. "Losing rural lands is a problem for all of society, not just farmers and ranchers. These lands provide many public benefits,

such as aquifer recharge, carbon sequestration, and wildlife habitat." The seminars are sponsored by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Wildlife Association. Space is limited. To register for the seminars, visit TALT's website, [www.txaglandtrust.org](http://www.txaglandtrust.org), or call 210-826-0074.

**About Texas Agricultural Land Trust** ([www.txaglandtrust.org](http://www.txaglandtrust.org)):

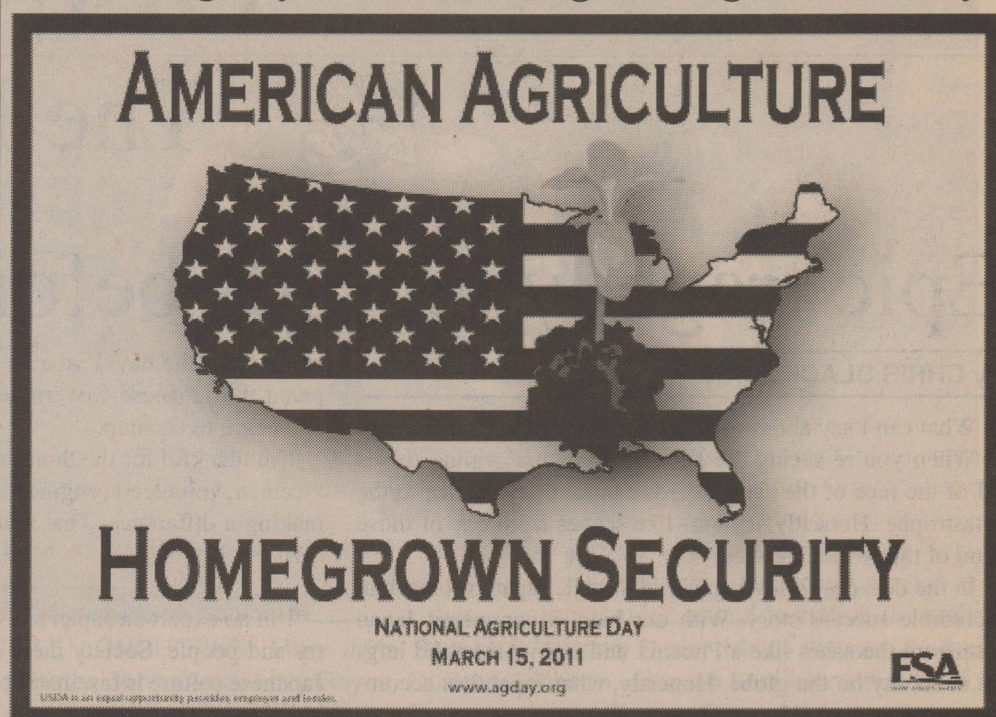
Modeled on successful agricultural land trusts in Colorado, Wyoming and California, TALT promotes the conservation of open space, wildlife habitats and natural resources on private, working lands. Four years after its founding, TALT has partnered with landowners to protect almost 100,000 acres. TALT's philosophy, mission and principles reflect an overarching respect for private property rights. Created by landowners for landowners, TALT is proud to help land stewards leave their legacy of wide, open spaces to future generations of Texans.

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Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association ([www.texasattleraisers.org](http://www.texasattleraisers.org));

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 133-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle

## National Ag Day 2011 - Honoring 'Homegrown Security'



In the past few weeks, there has been much talk and media coverage about unrest in the Middle East driving up the prices of fuel in the U.S. There is a certain sense of vulnerability when we realize events that occur half a world away affects our quality of life right here at home... in our own backyard. However, when it comes to food, fiber and yes, biofuels, we suffer no sense of vulnerability - Why? Because, thanks to America's farmers and ranchers, we have what I refer to as, "Homegrown Security."

Food, fiber and alternative fuel sources are affordable and abundant right here in the United States. Agriculture is the backbone of our nation. Our ability to provide for our own plus a significant percent of the world's growing population is the envy of all other nations. For this reason alone, it is appropriate that we recognize farmers and ranchers on National Ag Day, which we celebrate March 15, 2011.

But let me make my point stronger. The agriculture industry has made significant progress in the past century. That progress has made the United States the most self

sufficient country in modern civilization. Take for instance the most common commodity - grown in nearly every state of the union - Corn...

In 73 years (the average length of human life) agriculture has made America so productive and secure that its fundamentals are seemingly invincible. In that time, corn has become more than a food product or sweetener. It is an alternative fuel, a source for plastics and an icon for the industry. But it is just one of many as most commodities have seen similar successes, technological advances and alternative uses.

Because of agricultural ingenuity, we can feed, clothe and shelter ourselves and provide life's necessities to all U.S. citizens at home and to our armed forces worldwide. Agriculture is the first line of defense IN America. It is the first line of defense OF America. We owe the proud men and women involved in agriculture an enormous debt of gratitude.

I hope you will join me in making good on that debt as I extend a much deserved,

"Thank You" to America's farmers and ranchers on National Ag Day.

I, as well as the 1,666 USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) employees in Texas, understand and appreciate the amount of work that farmers and ranchers do on a daily basis to protect our natural resources and produce the nation's supply of food, fiber and fuel, and I encourage consumers to learn more about agriculture and the people involved in the industry.

We never want to find ourselves dependent on a foreign food supply. It's America's farmers and ranchers who make sure our nation stays independent from the ground up. And as long as America's farmers and ranchers remain steadfast in their stewardship and productivity, America will remain strong. Please take time on National Ag Day to show your appreciation for American Agriculture... our Homegrown Security.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juan M. Garcia  
State Executive Director  
USDA Farm Service Agency

## Skunks in populated areas pose rabies risk

Recent dry weather conditions have forced some skunk populations to migrate into some city limits; these skunks in particular are sometimes known to carry rabies which can pose a serious health risk to humans and livestock.

In the effort of reducing the risk of a rabies outbreak, Regional Zoonosis Control Veterinarian, James L. Alexander, is encouraging citizens to take several key safety precautions.

1. Do not leave pet food out at night; water that is easily accessible to skunks should also be removed if at all possible. People with livestock should protect animal feed to keep skunks from accessing it.

2. Eliminate areas where skunks can den. Buildings should be underpinned to prevent access by skunks; old cars and other debris piles should be eliminated.

3. Confine pets at night, if possible, and preferably inside a building. Skunks can crawl through small holes, even the holes in chain link fences.

4. Be sure pets are currently vaccinated against rabies; all 4-H and FFA type livestock should be vaccinated; other livestock should be vaccinated if there is a lot of human contact with the animals (horses, family milk cows, etc.); or the animal's value (monetary or genetic) justifies the expense of vaccination.

5. Avoid wild life that is out in the daytime. The local animal control or law enforcement agency should be contacted to remove the animal from the environment.

6. Strive to reduce or eliminate feral animals, dogs or cats, since they are usually not immunized and serve as a bridge between wildlife and humans. If a known feral

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#### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DORIS MARIE HAMMOND

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Doris Marie Hammond, Deceased, were issued on February 14, 2011, in Cause No. 5871, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to:

LINDA GAIL JOHNSON

The address of such person is:

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Persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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## YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE WATER MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE HIGH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT!!!

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has scheduled a series of meetings to receive public comments regarding proposed **DRAFT RULES** designed to achieve the Water District's desired future condition of "50/50," having 50 percent of the Jan. 1, 2010 saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer available for use on Jan. 1, 2060.

These proposed rules will impact all water users within the High Plains Water District's 16-county service area.

Public meetings are scheduled for the following dates/locations:

**March 23, 2011 9 a.m. to 12 Noon--Hereford ISD Banquet Room, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford TX.**

**March 23, 2011 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.--Lamb Co. Rural Electric Co-op, 2415 S. Phelps, Littlefield TX.**

**March 24, 2011 9 a.m. to 12 Noon--Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium, 1505 Western Circle, Dimmitt TX.**

**March 24, 2011 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.--Plains Cotton Cooperative Association Board Room, 3301 E. 50th Street, Lubbock TX.**

**March 25, 2011 9 a.m. to 12 Noon--Plainview Country Club/Conference Center 2902 W. 4th Street, Plainview TX.**

The proposed draft rules are available for viewing during regular business hours at the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX 79411-2499. Copies may be obtained by calling the district office at (806) 762-0181 or may be viewed/downloaded from the district's web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com).

Persons are encouraged to provide oral comments (3-5 minutes) at any of these public meetings. In addition, written comments concerning the proposed draft rules may be mailed to the High Plains Water District office until 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011.

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**LAND OWNERS**  
 So what are the numbers? In Runnels County, transmission companies' offers were \$3.75 to \$4.00 per linear foot. Land owners electing to reject these offers have been awarded \$28.00 to \$35.00 per linear foot by Special Commissioners in

condemnation proceedings. "While each property is unique," says Hamilton, "the awards generally indicate that the market value of these types of easements should exceed \$150,000.00 per mile rather than the \$18,000.00 per mile offered by the

transmission companies." Hamilton indicates that transmission companies have right-of-way agents in the area negotiating easements, and expects that condemnation proceedings will begin as soon as May of 2011.

**ASSITER**  
 Auctioneer. Currently one of the key auctioneers for the Keeneland Thoroughbred Racing Association, the largest thoroughbred horse auction in the world, Assiter has helped Keeneland sell billions of dollars of horses since he began in 2000. He was born in Plainview and raised in Floyd County. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1975. Spanky earned his Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of

Science in Speech-Mass Communications from West Texas A & M University. He received his Certified Auctioneer designation from Indiana University, as well as a degree from World Wide College of Auctioneering, and has the Accredited Auctioneer Real Estate designation. Assiter's wife, Amy, is also a very accomplished auctioneer who serves in that role and as a bidder for Barrett-Jackson. She also has a passion for patriotism

and an inspiring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, which she will perform at the gala. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets contact Nick Long State Farm Insurance in Floydada at 806-983-3441, D&J Gin in Lockney at 806-652-2251, or Floyd County Friends Unity Center Manager, Jon LaBaume, at 806-847-7414. Tickets are \$30 each or \$280 for a table of eight sponsorship.

**BARKER**  
 were inseparable, and it wasn't long before the two had their first child. In 1929, work seemed to be scarce in Oakwood, so T.J. Coleman headed north to Floydada to try to find work; once T.J. got established, Mrs. Coleman packed up their four kids and headed to Floydada on a train. Once here, being the hard worker that she was, Mrs. Coleman got a job working in the fields; hard work was never anything new for the Colemans and they made sure that their children we're taught the importance of that very virtue. The Colemans were finally home, and Mrs. Coleman enjoyed everything that Floydada had to offer, "She loved Floydada," commented Bettye, "she thought it was a good community...she always said this was a close-knit community, everyone looks out for each other... she felt it was a safe place to raise her children."

children, the Colemans were very active in their kids' education, expecting only the best efforts from all of their 13 children. Mrs. Coleman would sew most of her family's clothes as well as provided her family with three hot meals a day, including her famous fried cornbread. Mrs. Bearie also loved to garden, growing and canning a number of different kinds of fruits and vegetables. In her spare time, she was an avid fisherman, taking fishing trips up to the age of 98. When she was about 70 years old, Mrs. Coleman would become a huge Dallas Cowboy fan, "She loved to watch the Dallas Cowboys," commented Bettye King, "she knew the players, and she would call me back and forth if I wasn't over at her house, saying did you see what so and so did...she loved the Cowboys." Unfortunately, in 1977,

Bearie would lose her significant other, T.J., but the love of her family and friends kept her going strong. It was this interaction with family and friends along with her overall attitude and personality, that her daughter, Bettye King, claims keep her mother going for so many years, "What kept her going so long was her Christian attitude, and her kindness to people, and the friendship, the friendship she had with people cause she had visitors quite often in the community; that kept her going, she loved company." In the 107 years that Mrs. Coleman's loving spirit graced this earth, her memory will continue to live on forever in the hearts of her closest family and friends, including in the hearts of her 13 children, 44 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

As they raised their **SKUNKS** animal becomes friendly, that is a prime indicator the animal may be rabid and could suddenly become vicious. Trapping skunks or feral dogs and cats can be a help in reducing the risk, but pet and livestock vaccination is very effective when there is an outbreak of rabies in an area. This year we're accumulating cases at a rate 2.5 times greater than last year (4 last year and 10 this year by March 11). Our standard for a bad year was 2005 when we had 79 cases. By March 11, 2005 we had 8 cases with case number 9 showing up on March 15 and number 10 on March 16. Please do all you can to encourage pet vaccinations and skunk population reduction, implementation of these steps can discourage the presence of skunks in populated areas.

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**MINI BULL**  
 Mercado as well as with the help of fellow cattle raisers, Steve and Matt McPherson, the Miniature Bucking Bull World tour was able to kick off its first show at a cowboy church in Amarillo. After a great response, the show traveled to Iowa and then returned back to Texas for their Lubbock show; after this weekend's show the group will head to Utah to put on a show in front of an estimated crowd of 5000. So far, finding kids to compete in the shows doesn't seem to be a problem for the Tour as Mr. Leal explained that word of the Tour's creation spread like wildfire within the junior rodeo circuit. Legions of kids, who have been Mutton Bustin' and riding steers since they were 3 and 4 years old, jumped at the chance to saddle up with the bulls. Currently, the Miniature Bucking Bull Tour is divided into four divisions; the Tiny Tots division consisting of 4-5 year olds, the Pee Wee division consisting of 5-6 year olds, the junior division consisting of 7-10 year olds, and the senior division consisting of 11-14 year olds.

little difference between these cowboys and their PBR heroes. As they slipped on their boots and fastened their ropes, the look of concentration and focus grew ever more evident on each rider's face. For Lockney twin riders, Gunnyr and Tuff Araujo, it was just another day on their playground as they awaited the start of the competition. Amazingly, only 9 years old, these two brothers are already proven veterans of the sport as the twins have brought home over 50 trophies, including the C Bar T's Champion and Reserve Champion trophies. As both the twins explained, riding was there passion and they both dreamed of becoming a professional rider when they grew up; but just like the big boys the spoils of victory came at a price, as Gunnyr rode for a while with a cast after breaking his arm in December, and Tuff fought through bruised ribs in his last few rides. Currently being coached by Kenneth McKee of Wolfforth, these tough and rough riders are on the right track to following in the footsteps of their PBR heroes Tuff Hedeman and Lane Frost.

it" commented Jose when asked why he chooses to participate in rodeos; currently Jose trains for competitions on a small farm in his hometown of Floydada. For other riders, the competition has served as a positive outlet for growing kids. For 14 year old, Toby Bishop of Kingston, Oklahoma, competing and touring in the rodeo circuit has giving him an endless amount of confidence and self-esteem. After being introduced to riding by a friend, Toby used riding to overcome bullying and other problems that come with growing up. Within the 5 months that he has been competing, Toby's body and his confidence became stronger than before. Currently, Toby is on the right track for making a name in the rodeo circuit. Providing kids with this type of outlet, explained Mr. Leal, was one of the biggest rewards of the Tour.

Safety is still number one for the Tour as Mr. and Mrs. Leal explained that no kid is forced to ride and officials of the tour reserve the right to overrule a parent and pull a kid off of a bull if the child seems afraid and doesn't want to ride. Nevertheless, so far that has not been an issue as the mass majority of these brave little cowboys and cowgirls have conveyed an undeniable attitude of fearlessness and confidence from the time they reached the rodeo grounds to the time they opened the chute. In preparation, there was

With nerves of steel and an unapologetic confidence, you would have never guessed that this was Jose Lira's first time to ride a bull in competition. Riding out of Floydada, Jose David was ready to strap in and ride as soon as he got there. After watching PBR legends like Lane Frost on T.V., Jose David was bound and determined to follow suit and become a professional rider. Participating in rodeos for a little over a year now, Jose has had prior experience riding steers. "I just like

Kicking off the rodeo, singer, Sage Boatright performed the National Anthem as the Texas Tech's Masked Rider rode with the flag. Announcing for the night was 9-time PBR World Champion Bullfighter Rob Smets. Keeping the kids safe the whole night through was world renowned bullfighters John Pope and Alex Paredes of Amarillo, SW Jones of Apache, Ok and Rodeo Clown Dwane Poteet of Aspermont, Texas. Judges for the event were Kenneth McKee of Wolfforth and JW Sharrah of Lubbock. Winners for the night were Dillon Jacob of Fletcher, OK in the Senior Division, Matteo Nunez from Monahan in the Junior Division, Colby Pope of Amarillo in the Pee Wee Division, and a three way tie in the Tiny Tots Division between Michael Kennedy from Wolfforth, Mason Rehkopf of Dumas, and Shayne Spain of Forney.

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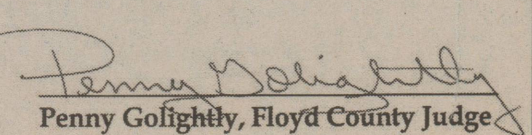
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Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

  
 Penny Golightly, Floyd County Judge





Courtesy Photo

**FHS STATE TENNIS TEAM**—Pictured are (back row, l-r) Joseph Martinez, Jordan Woody, Breann Gooch, Jacob Graham, Joseph Herrera, Imelda Resendez, Sarah Jo Miller, Mallory Graham, Hunter Schwertner, Shani Ross & Coach Regenia Smith; (front row, l-r) Lexi Covington, Cole Covington, Hannah Griffin, Haden Lipham and Avery Miller. Not pictured is Brityn Helms.

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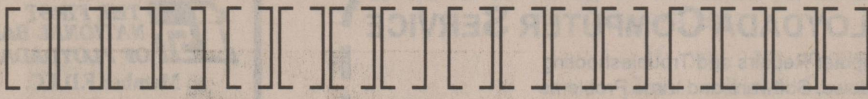
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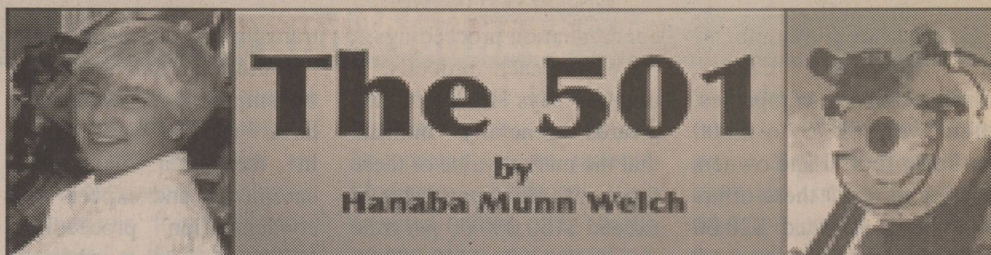
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What does a French rooster say?

Ask a beginning French class, and puzzled looks cloud the students' faces. Then it dawns on them (pun intended) that it's probably not "cock-a-doodle-do."

Sure enough, only English-speaking roosters say "cock-a-doodle-do." French ones crow "cocorico."

Sounds delightful, doesn't it? But if you're asleep by an open window in a charming French country cottage, a light breeze ruffling the curtains, "cocorico" probably sounds just as bad as "cock-a-doodle-do" if you're not ready for your bare feet to hit the floor.

At this point, are you wondering what French cows and pigs say? Maybe not. Don't worry. I don't know. I've never met a French pig. My only close encounter with a French-speaking cow was in 1972 in Belgium. I wasn't on the moo end of things. I don't remember what the cow said when I grabbed her by the tail to encourage her and her cohorts to leave the confines of the youth camp

where I was a counselor. They'd wandered onto our section of the creek via a weak spot in the fence. It fell my lot to drive them out - not that I spoke Belgian cow French but because all the other camp workers were clueless city dudes. So there I was, the only American, literally pushing those gentle dairy cows back onto their own turf. "Yee-ha!" wouldn't have worked.

INTERNET PAUSE.

OK, I looked it up. French cows say "meuh." If we could convince all animals to switch to Esperanto (not likely in view of Esperanto's universal failure to catch on with humans), cows would all say "muu."

Regarding pigs, instead of "oink, oink" it's "groin, groin" when French pigs belly up to the feed trough.

All this to say that we do animals a disservice when we assign them just one word, whatever their language, even if they get to say it twice, like pigs, who have trouble snorting just once.

Pigs also squeal. When they do, it's not an "oink"

nor a "groin." Cows have all sorts of moos. We have one that can sound just like my cell phone on vibrate. I fall for it every time.

If you have a dog, you know they have barks for all occasions. Our dog Fritz had a snake bark - "wow-oh-wow-oh-wow-oh." Thankfully he seldom had reason to use it.

When I brought home a fresh rattlesnake skin from the Mangum Rattlesnake Hunt for tanning, it still had a piece of meat sticking to it. Looked like a chicken neck to me. When I tossed it to Fritz, he started to devour it. Then he backed off and did his snake bark instead.

If Fritz was trying to tell me something, it was too late. I'd had rattlesnake for lunch the day before in Mangum, breaded and fried. Tasted like chicken to me.

Closing thought: Even if you don't speak any other languages but you understand your dog, count it. You can add the usual disclaimer:

"I don't speak dog, but I understand it."

### ARCHIVES

himself, thus he appropriated the clan name Douglas and was known as Blocker-Douglas.

Developing a reputation for great integrity, the Colonel said that when he came to this county all he owned was a good name and a \$40 watch."

J. B. Jenkins worked many years for the F's and JA's, before taking on a "small ranch" of his own, and becoming a director of the First National Bank in Floydada. Jenkins was an outdoor man, and made this statement: "I know the pig trails from Pecos River to the Saskatchewan. I have punched cows from the Pecos to Saskatchewan." His brother, Dan, was one of the pioneer cowboys of this area, and the first sheriff of Floyd County. He punched cows in the '70's and drove the Forked Lightning herd here for Creswell in the early 80's.

His brother also worked for Col. Goodnight, and had some interesting experiences in shipping cattle to Dodge City. He himself came to the F Ranch from the JA in 1898, its owner, L. R. Moore, having acquired it only a few years earlier from Goodnight. Officially this was known as the Moore and Creswell Cattle Company, and he stayed with them as long as they were in business.

At the same time they acquired a steer ranch in South Dakota, and the Casey (C. A. Bar) in New Mexico. Settlers became so thick in 1902 that they decided to

close out their Texas and South Dakota holdings and continue their cattle business in Canada. This was in southern Saskatchewan. Wintering in Montana, they eventually got 35,000 head into Canada. By this time shipping was being done largely by rail. There they had some interesting experiences with the fabled Mounties, who just didn't seem as fast on the draw as Texas cowboys. There was no friction, however.

The Jenkins cattle came from a small beginning made during his employment with the F ranch. "In those days most ranches allowed some of the boys to keep steers, but no stock cattle, but I was allowed to keep some cows. John Farris and I owned 8 or 10 sections of land on the Quitaque River. He was taking care of our cattle while I was in Canada. In 1905 he wrote to me regarding them and I found out that I had more cattle than I thought so I decided to come home and help him take care of them." In their new partnership venture they sold some land to Lucian Blakemore of Plainview and bought some land "under the hill". Farris used a U connected with F as his brand, while Jenkins employed the H-Y. Finally he cut the H out entirely, using only Y. Mr. Jenkins operated the "little ranch" until 1910, when he moved to Floydada.

The F ranch came into existence about 1870 and ceased to function in 1904. Terms that meant a great deal

to cattlemen, but usually have meaning for tenderfeet, were those such as "nighthawks", "wranglers", "remuda". Doubtless the agricultural and technical jargon (and much of agriculture is technical) would sound strange to the ears of the old cattlemen.

Although the work of farming, never so romantic as that of the range life, and the ranch existence that followed the fencing in by "bob wire" as the cowboys often called it, has largely taken over the spotlight in this county, and although most industry and business is closely geared to that of agriculture of a highly developed type, the days of the open range and cowboy are not completely over. Many citizens still thrill to its presentation on TV and in the movies and on radio, although the older ones certainly have reservation about its accuracy.

This is done better in that regard in western magazines of the more scholarly type, in historical pageants, where the fanfare has a pretty close approximation to reality, and in quite dramatic form when cowboys take a "businessman's holiday" and put on a rodeo. Barbed wire, in its march to progress, has had mighty allies in the windmill, the automatic electric pump, the plow, fertilizers, irrigation, crop rotation, chemicals that deal with insects, and so on. But the spirit of Floyd County surely has much in common with the song, "Don't Fence Me In."

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