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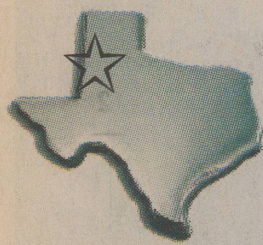
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Floyd County Gala honors R. C. "Carlton" and Louise Fawver

By David Foster

Carlton Fawver was born in Floyd County near the Lakeview Community in 1925 to Roy and Flora Fawver. He attended school in Lakeview and later in Floydada, where he excelled in football and even went on to play College Football for West Texas State University in Canyon. He met Louise and they married in 1944.

With the exception of a short time in college and in the military, Carlton lived his lifetime in Floydada. Carlton returned to Floyd County after service and farmed for a short time before going to work for Floydada Implement. In 1961, after 3 short years as a mechanic, he bought out one of the partners and not long after bought out the remaining partner. His wife, Louise, became bookkeeper and together was the owners of Floydada Implement, a Massey Ferguson and Hesston Dealership. They continued this business until they were in their 80's.

Floydada Implement was recognized as one of the top 100 dealerships in North America repeatedly during the 1960's and 70's. A Museum in Colbert, Oklahoma displays some of the original fixtures from their store and several pieces of their Antique Farm Equipment. This museum was dedicated to Carlton and Louise and it bears their name.

When Carlton passed away in November this past year, his last days were spent wishing he could once again drive the turn rows and dirt roads of the place he loved to call home. While Carlton and Louise were not likely to be found serving on local boards or volunteering for community service, they were avid supporters of the area sports teams. It was not uncommon for them to drive to small towns throughout the state to watch football and basketball games. They were always

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Photo by Homer Marquez

During the 16th Annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala, Carlton and Louise Fawver were honored for all of their support during the building of the Unity Center. (Above) Gala MC, David Foster presents Louise Fawver with an honorary plaque.

Grant money and loans now available for small rural businesses and agricultural producers

By Homer Marquez

The USDA's Rural Development Office is currently encouraging small rural businesses and agricultural producers to take advantage of the Renewable Energy for America Program, which offers financial assistance for those who want to purchase renewable energy systems or want to make energy efficient improvements.

Attached to the Farm Bill that passed back in 2008, the Renewable Energy for America Program or Section 9007 was created as a five year program that would allow grants and loans to be readily available for qualifying rural small businesses and agriculture producers who wanted to make energy saving improvements to their operations. With the program ending in 2012, the USDA's

Rural Development office is hoping that businesses and producers will take advantage of the available money; according to the USDA's website, back in 2009, it was estimated that \$55 million dollars would be available through this program.

Small rural businesses and agriculture producers who want to improve energy efficiency can qualify for a grant that would pay for 25

percent of their total eligible costs or could apply for a guaranteed loan that would cover up to 75 percent of their total eligible costs.

Small rural businesses who want to make energy efficient improvements can receive a minimum grant of \$1,500 to a maximum grant of \$250,000; for agricultural producers who would want

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FISD Discusses Replacement of Damaged Gym Floor

By Sara Sisemore
 Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met on March 8, 2011, to discuss the replacement of the rain damaged gym floor at Floydada High School, student insurance, and the Summer School and Summer Feed programs.

Interim Superintendent Cliff Stephens said the district has received two bids, both from companies in Amarillo for replacing the rain damaged gym floor at FHS. One of the bids was for \$51,155 and the other was \$66,000. According to the insurance company, the adjuster said they would be

paying the loss, but they don't know the exact amount yet - though it will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Stephens also spoke to the Ponder Company representative who came down from \$14,000 bid to approximately \$8,900 to resurface the Whirlwind Gym floor.

The board approved a motion to accept Ponder Company's bid upon receipt of the insurance money, as well as approving a motion to accept Ponder Company's bid of \$8,900 to resurface the Whirlwind Gym floor.

GYM FLOOR
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Floyd County Commissioners discuss March agenda

By Homer Marquez

Commissioners for Floyd County convened recently to review and discuss several significant items on March's agenda. Starting off the meeting as usual was the agenda item that paid the bills for the month of March; after a careful review, the commissioners unanimously voted to pay this month's bills.

Quickly moving on, the commissioners reviewed the proposed farm contracts for the month. After a short evaluation, the commissioners again voted unanimously to pass the proposed farm contracts. Receiving contracts were; RES Whirlwind Energy Center LLC for grading their ranch roads at the turbine farm for an incoming gate

to main office, B and G Harvesting who requested maintainer operations for washout land, and a contract was awarded to Ware Farms for the removal of a snow drift on the half mile ranch road and repairs to a washed out road.

Immediately following the contracts, the commissioners gave their attention to John Hruska, who wanted the Court to consider creating an interlocal agreement with the West Texas Rural Counties Association, so that the county could access the services of the association's Disaster Financial Recovery

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Back in July, heavy rains in Floyd County damaged county roads to almost unusable conditions. A few weeks later, FEMA would declare Floyd County and several other counties disaster areas. After a couple of weeks of evaluation, FEMA appraisers estimated that financial assistance needed to repair the roads in all four precincts would total about \$232,000.

For several months, Floyd County Commissioners

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Lockney City Council discusses stray dogs and 2010 financial audit

By Homer Marquez
 Members of Lockney's City Council met recently to deliberate several key agenda items on March's docket; some of the items discussed were reports from the various departments of the city, as well as the 2010 financial audit for the city of Lockney.

Starting off the meeting, the members of the council heard reports from the various departments of the city. In streets report, Mayor Stapp told the council that everything was currently running smoothly. After a harsh winter of frozen pipes and water leaks, the Mayor told the council that

everything was starting to slow down and get back to normal; currently, city workers are finishing up their part in the construction of the new sidewalks, which included clearing out all of the old concrete located on the east side of Main Street; Mayor Stapp also reported that if time permitted, the city would continue to work on filling up potholes throughout the city. During the police report, Police Chief Casey Wallace brought up the issue concerning the packs of dogs roaming the city. For the past several months the number

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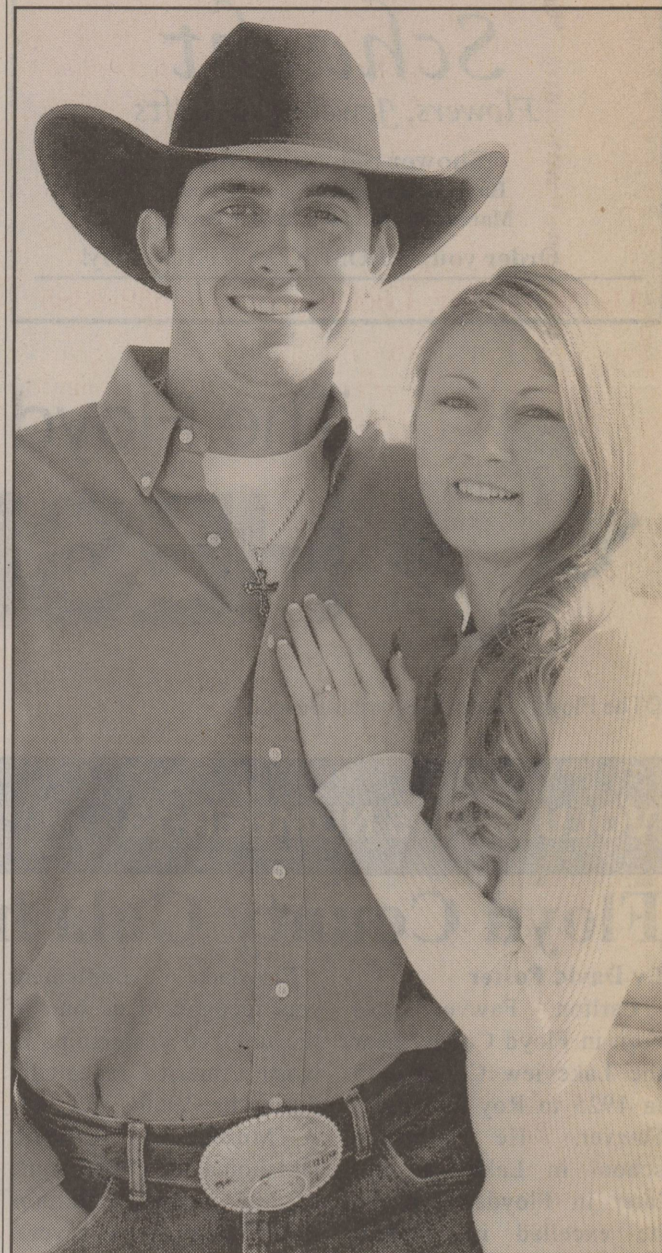
LOVELLS CELEBRATE 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The wedding of James Edward Lovell and Sue Ann Stewart took place on the evening of March 22, 1946 in a wedding chapel in Long Beach, California. James had just returned from WWII, overseas on

a destroyer. James was born in Aiken, Texas. He later moved to Lockney. He came to Floydada in the fifth grade and graduated from Floydada High School in 1944. He then went into the Navy. Sue lived in Long Beach, California most of her life. She graduated from Jordan High School in 1945. After their marriage and his discharge from the Navy, James entered Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, graduating in 1950, while Sue worked at a flight school at the Lubbock Airport. After his graduation, they moved to

California, bought a house and had three children. Lindsay, now deceased, Lu Ann, married to Mike Collins and living in Lubbock and Tom married to Mary Quisenberry and living in Hugo, Colorado. In 1960, when they tired of the city, they moved back to Floydada where James built a home in the country near Floydada, where they still reside. Later, Sue graduated from Tech, and in time so did the children. They are both retired teachers. James with 28 years of teaching and Sue with 18 years. They have five grandchildren.

Engagement Announcement



CODY WARE AND JESSE VOSS

Ware and Voss announce engagement

Cody Ware and Jesse Voss, along with their parents, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Berneda Voss and Eula and the late Gene Hutchinson, all of Logan, Kansas.

Parents of the couple are Clinton and Dara Ware of Lockney, Texas Louis and Rainell Voss of Logan, Kansas, and Jerry and Glenna Wright of Hartley, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Oklahoma Panhandle State University and is employed at Lighthouse Electric in Floydada.

Grandparents of the couple are Peggy and the late Billy Wayne Garvin of Silverton, Texas, the late W. R. "Raz" Ware of Lockney, Texas, James and June Hale of Floydada, Texas, John and

The prospective groom is also a graduate of Oklahoma Panhandle State University and is working on the Ware Ranch.

A June 11, 2011 wedding is planned at the Ware Ranch, Lockney, Texas.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Our mailing address is P.O.Box 573, Floydada, TX. 79235. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. Please mail all correspondence to our P.O. Box.

If you are 60 years or older come join us. It's a good place to visit friends and eat a hot lunch. We start serving at 12 noon. It is best if you call the Center at 983-2032 by 10 a.m. on the day you plan on eating with us.

Bob and Charlene Allredge on Saturday, March 20 had their family annual birthday get-together in their home. There were fourteen that showed up this year. They had a wonderful time being together.

Margaret Soudelier is home after spending over a month with her sister, Gladys Fitch of

Yuma, Arizona. They had a wonderful time shopping and visiting.

James and Sue Lovell celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last week. Their grandson, Addam and his friend, Joanie Stephens were also at the Center with Sue and James that day. Sue said that she and James were going to do something special this next week in celebrating their anniversary.

Jon LaBaume's sisters, Ann Haynes of Mesquite and Jane Bell of Plano came and spent several days visiting. They came especially to attend the Floyd County Friends Gala. They had been hearing about it for 16 years and wanted to come "see for themselves" if it was as great as Jon and Elaine had been telling them. They

came in time to help some at the Unity Center to get ready for the gala. The gala was all they expected it to be and more. Coy LaBaume is on the Unity Center board and spent time with them also. On Sunday they went to Lubbock to spend time with Kelli Childre and her family.

Happy Birthday to those who have an April birthday:

April 7 - Ruby Gooch; April 8 - Roger Poage; April 10 - Geraldine Callaway and Peggy Turner; April 20 - Tom Pearson; April 23 - Diana Glover; April 24 - Vance Mitchell.

If you are a senior citizen and you come to the Center and I do not have your birth date correct or if it is missing, please let me know so I can add your name to my list.

Our sympathy to the family

of Dale Scott King.

Our sympathy to the family of Dusty Ray Keith of Idalou. He was a great-grandson of Irene King (now deceased) and his grandmother, Jimmie Jo West (also deceased). Dusty's mother is Tonya (West) Bentley.

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

In memory of Barbara Hatley - Yvonne, Kathy and Rusty Perkins.

In memory of Bearie Coleman - John and Judy Dunlap.

In memory of Jim Simpson - Kathy Pritchard.

Thought for the Week - America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.

Alexis de Tocquerville

Lockney Class of 1958 Reunion

The Lockney Class of 1958 is having a reunion in Lubbock Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Those attending will meet at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon at the South Plains Church of Christ, 6802 Elkhart, Lubbock, Texas. The evening meal, around 6 p.m., will be at the Church.

Those attending will meet

at the Church around 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. The facilities will be available all day. Saturday afternoon, class pictures will be taken. Those attending are encouraged to bring pictures, memories and stories to share.

A class meeting will be held around 5 p.m. to discuss old and new business, as well as plans

for the next reunion.

Texas Roadhouse will cater the 6 p.m. evening meal at the Church. There is a choice of 8 oz sirloin steak or 8 oz. BBQ chicken, plus all the trimmings. Those attending should make reservations with Sunny Hammit and let her know their choice of entrée.

A block of rooms is being held

at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas for Friday and/or Saturday nights. Reservations can be made by calling 806-797-3241, asking for "Lockney Class of 1958" rate. Reservations must be made by April 1, 2011, to guarantee availability.

Anyone wanting more information may contact: Nelson and Anita Wofford, 806-698-8052 or Larry and Sunny Hammit, 412-854-1865.

Visitors are invited and encouraged to come and meet with the Lockney Class of 1958. A great time will be had by all attending.

Lockney Senior Citizen Menu

- April 4-8
- Monday-Hamburgers
- Tuesday-Tacos
- Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak
- Thursday-Pork Chops
- Friday-Smoked Chicken

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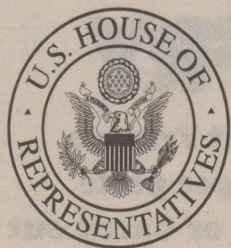
Congressman Randy Neugebauer invites you to the next Mobile Congressional Office Hours:

Thursday, April 7, 2011 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

105 South Main Street, Room 105
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19th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd Annual Sensations of Stage

An Opry Style Revue, produced by Martin Duckett and Susan Browning, and sponsored by Old World Antiques and Service Gin, will be held Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Fair Theatre, 711 Broadway, Plainview.

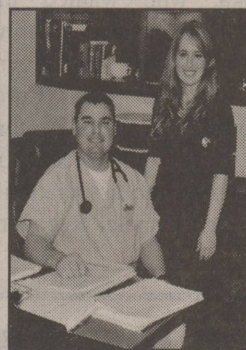
The 2nd Annual Sensations on Stage, A Celebration of Hope, is being presented by the Plainview Daily Herald

Relay for Life team. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

There will be performances by Susan Browning, Martin Duckett, Terra Watson, Tate Greer, Betty Smith, Steve Burrus, Kelly Turner, Terry Westbrook, Baxter Vaughn and more.

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Obituaries



CLOVIS MYRICK

Clovis Myrick, age 90, of Floydada passed away Friday, March 25, 2011 in Lockney. Services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada with Pastor Don Robertson and Pastor Tim Franks officiating. Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada. Visitation was held Sunday, March 27, 2011 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Clovis Dow Myrick was born May 16, 1920 to Henry Dow and Dena (Nevil) Myrick in Blue Ridge, Texas. He married Pauline "Polly" Cantrell on April 10, 1948 in Lubbock.

Clovis honorably served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during WWII. Pfc. Clovis D. Myrick, infantryman with the 7th Armored Division in Europe, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic action against the enemy in the vicinity of Chartres, France. Clovis holds the Purple Heart with one cluster. He was wounded in France and in Holland. The citation accompanying the Bronze Star Medal says

that "while making a night reconnaissance inside the city of Chartres, Myrick's halftrack was trapped in an enemy ambush of machine guns, grenades and small arms. While the other members of the platoon sought available cover. Myrick unhesitatingly sprang to the vehicular machine gun. Ignoring the concentrated volleys directed at him, he opened fire in the direction of the enemy. Myrick's accuracy and volume of fire aided the platoon greatly in withdrawing from ambush."

He was a lineman for Lighthouse Electric Co-Op and later did the same for the City of Floydada until he retired. Clovis' love was playing golf. He was Club Champion two times and had to his credit three Hole-in-Ones. Clovis also enjoyed making birdhouses, going out to eat and going dancing. He was a member of the local VFW and of the former Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Polly in November of 2003; both of his parents and a brother, Gloy Myrick.

Clovis is survived by his wife, Mildred Myrick of Plainview; his two sons, Donnie Myrick and wife, Greta of Spearville, Kansas; Dwayne Myrick and wife, Nancy of Grand Prairie; a daughter, Linda Jackson and husband, Cecil of Floydada; nine grandchildren, Delinda Lucke and husband, Marty; Brad Jackson and wife, Tali; Angela Arias and husband, Dr. Juan Arias; Dwayla Armstrong; Joey Myrick and wife, Kimberly; Tommy Myrick and wife, Kari; Shayla Oliver; Robin Hollis and husband, Bill; Rachel Haunschild and husband, Nick; 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Rasse D. Myrick and Jackie Myrick; and three sisters, Loweida Bunnell, Aris McWilliams and Joyce Lipham.

Memorials may be made in Clovis Myrick's name to the First Baptist Church of Floydada, 401 S. Main St., Floydada, TX 79235.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.



MILDRED REAGAN

Mildred Reagan, age 90, passed away March 25, 2011 in Lockney, Texas. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Lockney with Oscar Chavez officiating. Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney. Open visitation was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 from 12-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mildred was born on May 30, 1920 in Idalou to Claude and Fannie (Wolf) Keeter. Mildred married William "Billy" Reagan on December 24, 1939 in Quitaque. They were blessed with three children; Billy, Sandra, and Donna.

Mildred was a homemaker and also worked at Bill's Cash and Carry, Mize Pharmacy as well as several other jobs. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Billy in January of 1999.

She is survived by her son, Billy Dean Reagan of Lockney, her daughters, Sandra Demarest of Plainview and Donna Mosher of Lincoln, Nebraska; her brother, Joe Keeter of Lockney and her sister, Joy Assister of Floydada; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made online at www.moore-rose.com.

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m..

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

Lockney
John Franklin, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH

OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.

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Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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. Evening7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney
Rev. Patrick Maher, Pastor
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

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Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Angelo Consentino
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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
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Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

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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. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

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THIS WEEK'S

CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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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.

LOCKNEY CLASS OF 1958 REUNION

The Lockney High School Class of 1958 will hold their reunion on Friday, April 29

and Saturday, April 30 in Lubbock. Anyone wanting more info may contact Nelson and Anita Wofford at 806-698-8052 or Larry and Sunny Hammit at 412-854-1865. Reservations for motel may be made by calling Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 806-797-3241 and ask for "Lockney Class of 1958" rate. Reservations must be made by April 1st to guarantee availability.

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4-H Fashion Show held



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4-H Fashion Show participants took part in county competition at the Floyd County Library on March 22nd. Presenting them with their award was SyAnn Foster, Floyd County 4-H Council President. Participants included (front row, l-r) Lauryn Carroll, Payton Teeple, Cristin Kemp and Kaimee Webb; (back row, l-r) SyAnn Foster, Mallory Graham, Rachel Graham, Korleigh Webb and Caitlin Bishop.

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS
Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H members took part in county fashion show competition on Tuesday, March 22 at the Floyd County Library in preparation for the District Show to be held Tuesday, April 12 at the Abernathy Elementary School. Participants were recognized by County 4-H Council President SyAnn Foster. Participants in their respective categories included: Clover Kids - Cristin Kemp and Kaimee Webb, Junior Construction Specialty - Caitlin Bishop; Junior Buying Casual - Lauryn Carroll; Junior Buying Specialty - Payton Teeple; Junior Recycled and Embellished - Korleigh Webb; Intermediate Buying Casual - Rachel

Graham and Senior Buying Formal - Mallory Graham.

Special awards selected at the show included Best Interview Award - Lauryn Carroll and Best Model Award - Payton Teeple.

Also on display at the County Fashion Show were the 4-H Fashion Story Boards which will advance on to district competition. 4-Hiers who completed Story Boards included: Juniors: Payton Teeple, Lauryn Carroll, Kylie Ricketts, Carly Lehman, Caitlin Bishop, Kortney Campbell, Korleigh Webb, and Luke Carroll. Intermediates: Catharine Kemp, Remington Ricketts and Rachael Graham and Senior: Jianna Davenport.

Fashion Design participants were under the direction of project leader Patty

Davenport.

These programs are offered to youth 9 or in the 3rd grade up to 19 years of age through the 4-H and Youth Development program with the Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County.

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LOCKNEY SOFTBALL REVIEW

Lockney beat district opponent Crosbyton by run in the bottom of the 5th inning after a base hit by Lady Horn Shialo Huerta scored Center fielder Jennifer Ybarra from 3rd base with a score of 11-1. The lady horn defense held Crosbyton scoreless until the 5th inning when lady chieftain Bogart scored the teams sole point on a passed pitched ball. Freshman Pitcher Katie Jackson recorded eleven strikes from the pitching rubber. Offensively the lady horns had a slow start being held scoreless while leaving runners in scoring positions during the first two innings. The lady horn's rallied the bats scoring four runs in the 3rd inning from hits base hits

by Sunny Williams, Jennifer Ybarra, and Shialo Huerto, followed by an in-park home run by Kat Araujo. Quinn Jackson, Sunny Williams and Jennifer Ybarra got hits in the in the 4th inning scoring Jackson and Williams. Lockney looks to improve their overall record of 7-4 (3-2 in district) when they meet district opponent New Deal on March 26th

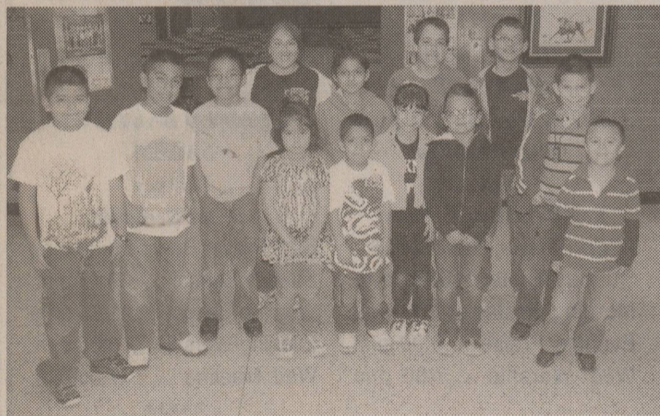
On March 26, the longhorn defense held New Deal to three runs in their 7-3 district victory on Saturday. New Deal scored one run in the top of the 3rd and the remaining two points in the top of the 5th from errors. New Deal was held to only 5 hits in seven innings by the longhorn

defense, as Pitcher K. Jackson walked five batters while striking out 14 others. Offensively the lady Horns looked better as Left fielder Tanya Hernandez drove in Gabby Peralez with a double in the bottom of the 3rd inning into deep into left-center field, which bounced off the fence lacking only feet from clearing the fence. Pitcher Jackson and DP Peralez both went 3 for 3 at bat, followed by catcher Sunny Williams who had two doubles, a single and a walk in her four at bats. The now 8-4 (4-2 district) longhorns look to improve their record as they face district opponent Seagraves on Monday March 28th at Kenny Hooten field in Lockney.



Photo by Homer Marquez

In honor of all the hard work that Kenny Hooten has given to the construction of Lockney's new girl's softball field, the Lockney ISD announced during last Tuesday's field dedication ceremony, that the new official name for the ballpark will be Kenny Hooten Field. For years now, Hooten's dedication to the upkeep and maintenance of Lockney's athletic fields has earned him a respectable reputation around the area. When it was announced that the school district was constructing a new softball field, Hooten went above and beyond his call of duty by building a large portion of the field. As a token of appreciation, Lockney's ISD felt that the name was fitting for the new ball park; Lockney's ISD will also be honoring the all the support and donations that made the field's completion possible by placing plaques throughout the field. (Above) Kenny Hooten poses with the 2011 Lockney Softball team.



LITTLE LONGHORNS: Nick Castro, Jamiel Pecina, David Amaya, Marissa Montoya, Odyssey McCulloch, Anthony Salazar, Caleb Prichard, Freddy Bueno, Aubree Urrutia, Nick Perez, Darin Luna, Lexi Morgan, Salvador Ascencio

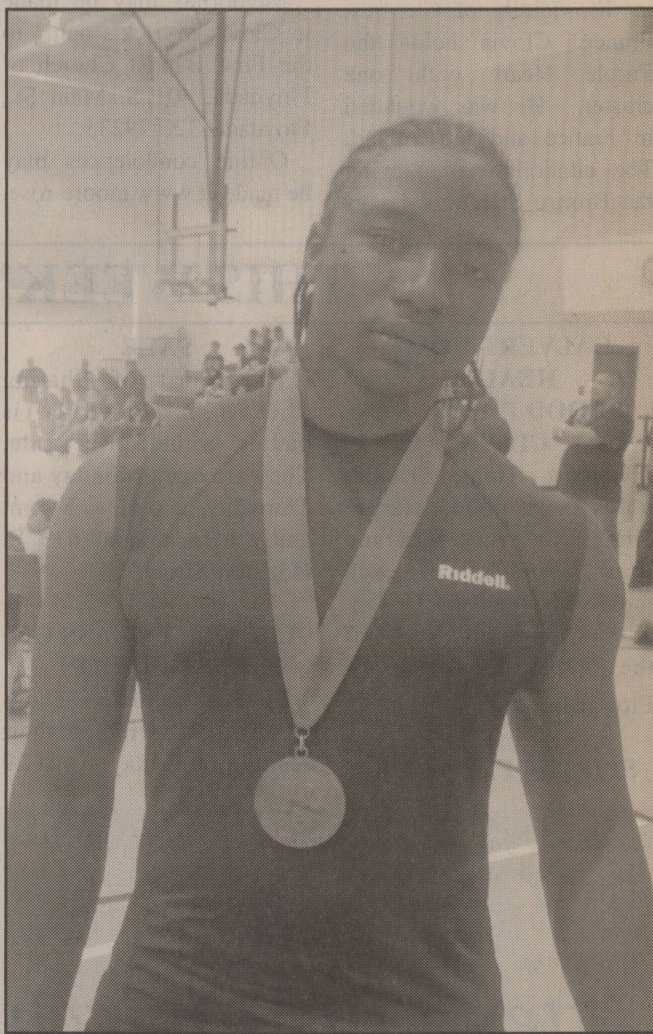
LOCKNEY'S GIRLS TRACK TEAM RESULTS

The Lockney girl's track team recently headed to Crosbyton for competition. Lockney's Devin Caballero would place first in the 800 meter run. In the 100-meter hurdles, Syann Foster would place second, Alanie Rendon would place third and Alexis Rodriguez would place sixth.

In the 100 meter run Alexis Rodriguez would place first, in the 400 meter

run, Quinn Jackson would place fourth and Alyssa Cruz would come in second. In the 300-meter hurdles, Alanie Rendon would place second, and Syann Foster would come in the sixth spot. In the 200 meter run, Tanae Ramos would come in at second and Brittany Thompson would come in fourth. In the 1600 meter run, Devin Caballero would come in second.

Thompson competes in Regional Powerlifting Meet



By Coach Browne

Over spring break Lockney senior Shaq Thompson competed in the Regional Powerlifting meet in Sundown Texas. Shaq finished 5th and had his best meet of the season.

Shaq has been a great kid to work with; he does everything you ask him to do and does it to the fullest. I am very proud of his accomplishments this season and wish him all the best as he moves to the next chapter in his life".

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Students of the Week



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DUNCAN STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for March 21 were (front row, l-r) Ryder Glass, Annalicia Hernandez, Reese Hinsley; (back row, l-r) Madison Barrientos, Jessica Aleman, Paige Rogers and Alex Mendez.



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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for March 7 were (front row, l-r) Jacob Luna, Miranda Reyes, Cheyenne Gloria; (back row, l-r) Isaac Hernandez, Ruben Marmolejo and Kylie Ricketts.

Students and Educator of the Month



Photo by Sara Sisemore

The Fisd Board of Trustees honored a few students and a teacher as Students and Educator of the Month for March during their March 8 board meeting. Pictured left to right are honorees Tyson Turner (senior), Ava Gonzales (kindergarten), Sherry Colston (educator of the month), and Preston Mallory (below).



FHS Tennis Team competes in State Team Tennis Tournament



STATE TEAM TENNIS—The FHS Tennis Team competed in the State Team Tennis Tournament held in Round Rock on March 10-11. Team members include (back row, l-r) Joseph Martinez, Jordan Woody, Breann Gooch, Jacob Graham, Joseph Herrera, Imelda Resendiz, Sarah Jo Miller, Mallory Graham, Hunter Schwertner, Shani Ross, Coach Smith; (front row, l-r) Lexi Covington, Cole Covington, Hannah Griffin, Haden Lipham, and Avery Miller. Not pictured was Brityn Helms.

By Coach Smith

The Whirlwind Tennis Team travel to Round Rock to compete in the State Team Tennis Tournament on March 10th and 11th.

The tennis team has nine new faces this year to add to our 6 returners and I am excited to have each one of them. This trip was a growing experience for many and a tuning up for those

that just got out of basketball.

We played Wall, the #2 seed in the tournament, for our first match. We took a 17 - 1 loss to a very solid team. The one win came from Hannah Griffin. It was a great win over a state mixed doubles champion.

Next two matches came as losses to Franklin and Industrial. Avery and Sarah Jo Miller came away with

their first wins as did Mallory Graham, Breann Gooch and Jordan Woody in the match against Franklin. The girls did a great job of carrying us in the match against Industrial with all 6 of our wins.

Our last match came down to us against Grand Saline. Determined we were not going home without winning a match, the team took the court and

came away with an impressive win of 13 - 6.

This is a young and somewhat inexperienced team that had to fight through some sickness while on this trip and I am proud of the effort each one of them gave.

Thank you to the four seniors on this team and to the returning team.... "We will get em next year".



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2011 STATE TEAM
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Lunch- Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

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Breakfast-Pancakes/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberries w/whipped topping milk

Thursday
Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and

See MENU on Page 8

Whirlwinds compete at State Powerlifting meeting

By Coach L. Bandy

The Floydada Whirlwinds competed in the Division 3 State Powerlifting meet this past weekend.

Troy Morales finished 10th with a total of 855

lbs in the 123 weight class. Juan DeOchoa also competed in the 220 weight class.

Congratulations to both of these seniors for an outstanding year!



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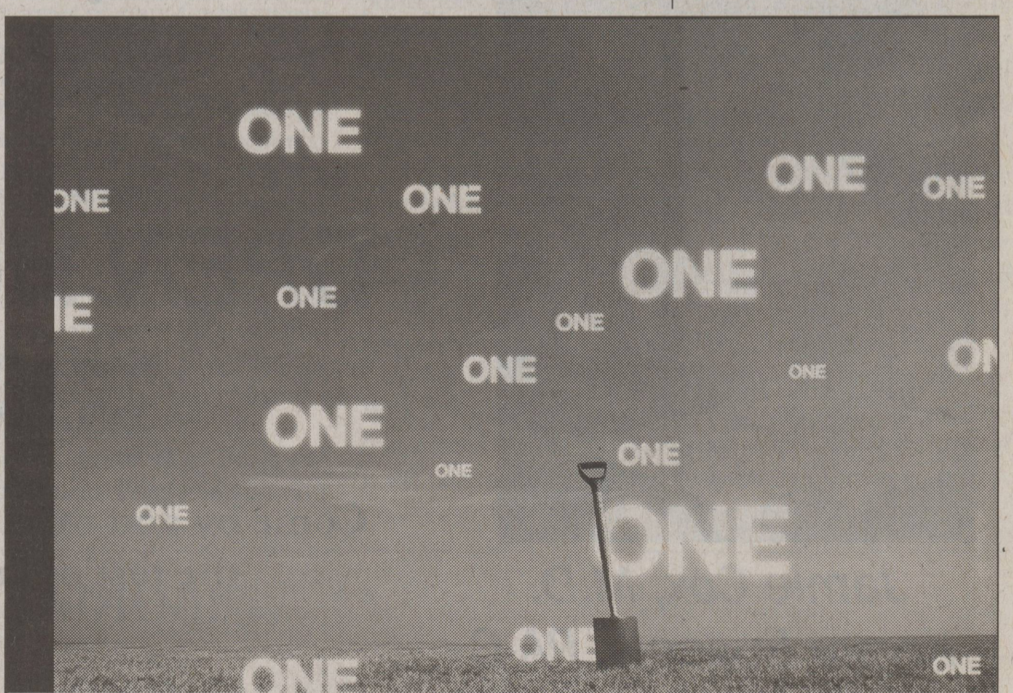
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New regulations must consider impact on people, not just water

LUBBOCK, — The process of drafting new water use restrictions must consider the lives of people as well as the water in the aquifer, David Gibson, executive vice president of the Corn Producers Association of Texas, said Thursday at a public meeting on proposed water regulations.

"If this process is only about water, with no consideration for people, then something has gone tragically wrong with our system of government," Gibson said.

The meeting in Lubbock was one of five public meetings held by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1 to hear comments on draft regulations approved by the district board on Feb. 22.

"These draft rules have the potential to diminish economic activity, eliminate jobs, reduce land values,

affect loan repayments, reduce revenue to school districts, cities and counties and crush prospering farms that hardworking families have worked for generations to build.

Gibson requested that the board delay final adoption of the rules to allow time for affected individuals, businesses and communities to work with the board on modifications to the draft.

"Agricultural producers recognize that something must be done to conserve water and slow the decline of the Ogallala Aquifer. We realize the time has come and we are ready and willing to work with the board members to ensure the new rules will be fair and effective," Gibson said. "There is no required deadline the board must meet to adopt new rules so there is no reason for not taking the time to get this right."

"All we ask is that you

give us some time and let us work with you to make modifications to these draft rules so that they can be implemented fairly and reasonably without devastating consequences."

If residents are unable to attend these meetings to present comments, Gibson said written comments must be submitted directly to the water district by 5 p.m. April 1. For more information about the proposed regulations, visit www.TexasCorn.org.

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Busting feral hog myths

By Robert Burns
From Mark Carroll
CEA-AG,
Floyd County

OVERTON -- Until recently, if anyone tried to tell you how many feral hogs there are in Texas, they were just blowing smoke, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife biologist.

"When it comes to feral hogs in Texas, separating fact from fiction is becoming a little easier as research reveals more about the pesky porcines," said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist. "There remains much we don't know about this exotic that has inhabited our state for the past 450 years."

Highest ranking among the myths are estimates of the actual number of feral hogs in Texas, Higginbotham said. A common number that has been bantered about for years is 1 to 4 million. But there was just no data to support this estimate.

That is, there wasn't until Dr. Roel Lopez, associate director of the Texas A&M University Institute for Renewable Natural Resources, recently used geographic information system procedures to turn the guesstimates into reliable estimates, said Higginbotham, who collaborated with Lopez on the study.

The term "geographic information systems," usually simply called GIS, refers to a procedure that involves diverse data gathering means, from on-the-ground GPS referenced data to satellite to historical records, and organizes it geographically.

"A simpler way to put it is that it's just a electronic map," Lopez said.

Using GIS techniques, Lopez was able to quantify first the extent of the feral hog habitat in Texas. He estimates that

"approximately 134 million acres, or 79 percent of the state's 170 million acres, represents feral hog habitat," said Higginbotham.

By knowing the range of feral hog habitat and the species population density in various types of Texas environments, Lopez also came up with a population estimate that has some meat to it, Higginbotham said. Lopez estimates that the actual number could range from a low of 1.9 million to a high of 3.4 million.

Exaggerated claims of feral hog population-growth rates are a related myth. Many of the population guesstimates are based on a purely arbitrary number of hogs in Texas being set at 1 million in the 1970s. This number, which also had no research basis, is then often extrapolated on using another bit of misinformation: That because of feral hogs' high birth rates, their population is doubling every year.

So what are the facts? A 2011 consolidation of past studies done by his graduate student, Janell Mellish, the average litter size in Texas, and the Southeast is 5.6 pigs, Lopez said.

It is also known, that on average, a sow is about 13 months old when she has her first litter, and that also on average, mature sows have 1.5 litters per year.

This means there is a significant population growth rate, but a far cry from the doubling-yearly myth, Lopez said.

"We estimated the population growth of feral hogs in Texas averages between 18 percent to 20 percent annually," Lopez said. "This means that it would take almost five years for a population to double in size if left unchecked."

The study, which was conducted by Lopez and Mellish, used three methods to estimate feral pig population growth in Texas: the statewide number of aerial permits issued for shooting feral hogs; the number of pigs processed in commercial processing facilities; and feral hog control data made available from U.S. Department of Agriculture-Wildlife Services.

Another common myth is that recreational hunting alone can control feral hog populations, Higginbotham said. "Of the dozen studies conducted across the nation, hunting removes between 8 percent and 50 percent of a population, with an average of 24 percent across all studies," he said. "In order to hold a population stable with no growth, 60 to 70 percent of a feral hog population would have to be removed annually."

Another myth is that it's possible to identify the breed of a given feral hog by its color markings.

"Today's feral hogs are descended from domestic breeds, Eurasian wild boars and, of course, hybrids of the two," Higginbotham said. "But despite claims to the contrary, simply

observing the color patterns, hair characteristics and size cannot let you definitively identify which of the three types and individual hog falls into."

One thing about feral hogs is definitely not a myth -- the huge amount of damage they do to crops, wildlife habitat and landscapes, Higginbotham said. And from all indications, the damage they do is expanding in scope and range.

"Feral hogs were once largely a rural or agricultural issue in Texas, inflicting over \$52 million in damage annually," he said. "But the porkers have literally moved to town and are now causing significant damage in urban and suburban communities. This damage includes the rooting of landscapes, parks, lawns, golf courses, sports fields and even cemeteries, as they search for food. It has been estimated that a single hog can cause over \$200 damage annually."

The \$200-per-hog estimate doesn't include the damage feral hogs do as they compete with other wildlife species, such as whitetail deer, for food and habitat, he noted. And some of the species challenged by feral hog invasions are endangered species.

It's important to keep in perspective that the bottom line is not an actual hog-head count, but the damage they do and how to develop ways to reduce it. "For those landowners actively engaged in deer management, their tolerance of feral hogs should be very, very low," Higginbotham said. "Can we (significantly) reduce the damage feral hogs do through control efforts? The answer is 'absolutely yes.'"

"Texas AgriLife Extension Service has demonstrated that through education and outreach and Wildlife Services-led control efforts, damage can be significantly reduced by control efforts," he said. "In a 2006-07 study funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture, agricultural damage was reduced by 66 percent via control efforts in just two years."

Since 2007, subsequent studies done by AgriLife Extension and again funded by the state's department of agriculture confirmed that control measures such as trapping and shooting "prevented millions of dollars in damage by reducing feral hog populations," he said.

"Landowners remain the first line of defense since Texas is 95 percent privately owned land," Higginbotham said. "This means arming the public with Best Management Practices and using various legal control methods to abate the damage by reducing feral hog populations."

For more information on feral hogs, visit the AgriLife Extension website, "Coping with Feral Hogs," at <http://feralhogs.tamu.edu>.

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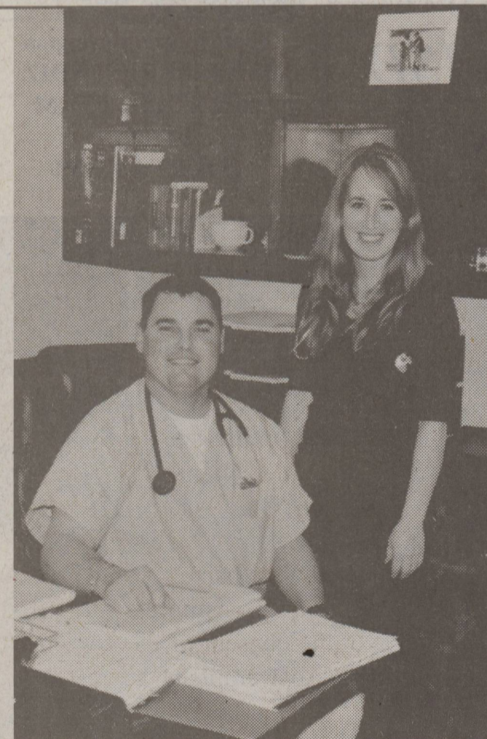
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OPINION



The Paperboy

The answer is all around us

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

In my humble opinion, we know how to create nuclear energy, but we are still not proficient at harnessing it.

If we're going to continue to progress into the clean, green world we all want to live in, we're going to have to face some hard facts.

Looking at the tragedy in Japan, it's apparent that we (developed countries) don't yet know how to properly contain nuclear reactors. Until we do, we need to ask ourselves if it is worth it and what needs to change to make it work and keep us safe?

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As our power demands increase, they must be met. If the U.S. is going to continue to lead the world for the rest of this century, coal is the answer.

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When it comes down to it, you have to make it personal... In other words, would you be comfortable with a nuclear power plant in your backyard today?

If we have learned anything about the problems with the nuclear plants in Japan, it's that we don't know enough about creating a fail safe facility.

For the past two weeks, I've listened to "experts" predict all kinds of things regarding the leaking radiation. The fact is we don't know what impact this will have on Japan and the rest of the world. We probably won't fully understand what has happened for years if not decades.

The fact is, we live on a planet which we don't completely understand. If we did, why in the world would we be building nuclear power plants on fault lines and near water sources?

I believe one day we will have the proper technology in place to easily power the world in a variety of ways, but we're not there yet. Until we are, the answer to our problem is all around us.

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Balanced Budget Amendment Takes Center Stage

By RICK MANNING

Senate Republicans are taking the bold step to make passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment on the upcoming vote to raise the debt ceiling promising to support an increase in exchange for the Senate passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment that would effectively put the federal government on a glide path toward a balanced budget within five years of its ratification.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell challenged President Obama on the upcoming debt ceiling vote in a quote in The Hill newspaper stating, "Republicans in the Senate will not be voting to raise the debt ceiling

unless we do something significant about the debt."

The Balanced Budget Amendment that was just released late on Friday with 33 Republican sponsors with the expectation that all 47 Senators will cosponsor the constitutional amendment would do just that.

Bill Wilson, President of Americans for Limited Government praised Senate Republicans for "keeping their word and offering a bold and innovative proposal to bring the nation's fiscal house into order."

The proposed amendment would require that the President transmit to the Congress a balanced budget that limits government outlays to 18 percent of the nation's Gross Do-

mestic Product.

Congress would be required to pass a balanced budget unless a specific deficit is approved by a 2/3 vote of both houses of Congress with an exception in the event that there is a declared war, only a simple majority is required.

The amendment would also require a supermajority 3/5 vote in both houses to increase taxes, as well as a 3/5 vote to raise the debt ceiling in the future.

Calling the proposal "by far the best balanced budget proposal that has ever been offered," Wilson said, "the provision to reduce the share of government to 18 percent of GDP is a huge first step."

The Balanced Budget Amendment is being offered as Congress grapples with funding the government in the face of a \$1.65 trillion annual deficit and an overall national debt that is projected to grow larger than the entire annual Gross Domestic Product of the U.S. before the end of 2011.

Passage of the Balanced Budget Amendment through Congress would require 67 votes in the Senate and 267 votes in the House of Representatives, at which point 37 states would have to ratify the amendment for it to become law. The President cannot veto a constitutional amendment.

Other Views

Above the Law

By BILL WILSON

Barack Obama is the unilateral president. He does what he wants, when he wants, and Congress — and the people — be damned.

The examples are too numerous to ignore. Recently, Obama ordered an attack on Libya without so much as consulting with members of Congress. This prompted a letter from House Speaker John Boehner highlighting that fact, and saying, "It is my hope that you will provide the American people and Congress a clear and robust assessment of the scope, objective, and purpose of our mission in Libya and how it will be achieved."

Boehner noted that "A United Nations Security Council resolution does not substitute for a U.S. political and military strategy." And it certainly does not substitute an explicit authorization from Congress, which is the ideal method of engaging a new military operation in a country not previously under attack.

But really, the Obama attack on Libya is hardly surprising, and it reflects a wider concern that this Administration simply does not care what Congress, the people's representatives, think. And for that matter, what the American people think about Obama's policies.

In fact, the attack is just the latest in a long line of arbitrary actions by a man who is seemingly above the law.

For example, the Administration recently announced its in-

tention to no longer defend the Defense of Marriage Act, even though it is the duly-enacted law of the land, and Obama is required to enforce it. In fact, Obama's Justice Department simply declared the law to be unconstitutional, even though it lacks the power to do so.

However one feels about the Defense of Marriage Act or same-sex marriage for that matter, Obama's willingness to simply ignore the law of the land is troubling.

There's more. When a federal judge in Louisiana struck down Obama's moratorium on Gulf oil drilling, Obama defied it and just reissued the same moratorium. The judge eventually found Obama in contempt of court for his refusal to comply with the ruling.

Then, when another federal judge, this time in Florida, struck down the entirety of ObamaCare as unconstitutional, the Obama Justice Department continued to implement regulations pursuant to the law. It waited weeks before finally asking for a "clarification" of the judge's clear-as-day ruling, when Judge Roger Vinson stayed his decision in an act of judicial charity.

Of course, one should also consider the Environmental Protection Agency's carbon endangerment finding, an arbitrary dictate that carbon dioxide — a natural biological gas necessary for the existence of life itself — was a "harmful pollutant" covered under the Clean Air Act.

And then there's the National Labor Relations Board and the National Mediation Board implementing administrative

rules changes to make unionizing that much easier for labor bosses.

And lest we forget, the Federal Reserve's pump-priming since the financial crisis found the central bank purchasing some \$1.25 trillion of mortgage-backed securities, and raising its U.S. treasuries holdings to \$1.3 trillion.

All of these changes and decisions have occurred without any change in law by Congress.

And then, the things that Congress did implement, under the Pelosi-Reid rein of 2007-2010, put in more opportunities for arbitrary administrative dictates occurring from on-high. For example, under ObamaCare, the individual mandate will allow faceless bureaucrats to funnel tens of millions of Americans from their private health plans into government-run health plans.

The Dodd-Frank financial takeover created a permanent bailout-takeover fund, giving the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation nearly limitless powers to levy assessments on bank holding and insurance companies, and to seize, liquidate, and redistribute whatever companies the government deems to be "systemically risky".

All of this has occurred under Obama's arrogant watch. With a willful disregard of the Constitution, the legislative process, and indeed, the consent of the governed. It is the administrative state. Answerable to no one.

Other Opinions

TARP Was Not a Success

By ADAM BITELY

Contrary to Robert Samuelson's claim that TARP has been a success story, it has been anything but.

Writing in the Washington Post, Samuelson claims that "[w]hen the entire financial system succumbs to panic, only the government is powerful enough to prevent a complete collapse." Clearly, Samuelson has never taken an economics course.

First, when the financial markets tumbled in 2008, the correct reaction would have been to allow the financial system to naturally collapse and allow it to rebuild itself by reallocating resources to those entities that were best suited to do that. Instead, the government stepped in and provided the TARP fund, which propped up zombie corporations and companies that had mismanaged resources. Such activity allowed bad business practices to continue.

Second, the government does not exist to prevent businesses from failing. When the Founding Fathers designed the Constitutional system of government, they laid out a system that allows the American citizen to perform at his best with extremely limited government intrusion.

Nowhere in the Constitution is Congress tasked with bailing out corporations that perform badly. But in our modern government, where the Constitution has been so badly per-

verted to mean anything to any politician that wants to do prevent the free market from doing what it does best, the politicians in D.C. created a fund that now exists to prevent favored businesses from failing.

Such a fund is nothing to celebrate. This fund has thus far denied the marketplace from providing its most sacred function of ensuring allocation of scarce resources. When signals are distorted in the market place, as they were with the bailouts provided from the TARP program, it does not allow investors and consumers to have all the information about the firms they do business with.

While Samuelson celebrates that this program did not cost the taxpayer as much as it was originally forecast to cost, he misses the key point that such programs should never exist in the first place. The only good cost of such a program is zero, and the only way to ensure that such a program does indeed cost zero is to never implement it in the first place.

As politicians in D.C. slap themselves on the back from supposedly "saving" the finance market, they should be blamed for staving off a free market correction. If politicians in D.C. wanted to ensure that the financial markets got back on their feet correctly, they should have stayed out of the collapse entirely.

Samuelson should read the wisdom that is offered daily from George Mason University economist Russ Roberts at

CafeHayek.com. As Roberts stated, "remember that the cost of the TARP isn't the cost to taxpayers. Even if banks paid back every single penny, the cost of the TARP is that it reduces current and future prudence."

Sure, Congressional inaction on this matter would have caused some level of pain in the marketplace, but that pain is part of the correction process. And if that pain is the cost of correcting the markets, then it is worth it to ensure that bad business practices are flushed from the system.

What started in 2008 was a long and drawn out process that will never deliver the results that a correction without government intervention would have delivered.

All Congress did was prolong the agony and make the correction slower. They wanted a "soft" landing, and they got one, with growth still less than 3 percent and unemployment still at about 9 percent almost three years later.

TARP was not successful in removing the bad actors from the financial markets, which would have happened had a recovery free of government intervention occurred. Instead, TARP served to prop them up and to allow them to continue with their financial chicanery. Therefore, the government has only proved that it was not powerful enough to ensure a robust recovery that would cleanse the financial markets of its bad apples.

FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND RELAY RESULTS

By Coach Ayala

The 8th grade boys track team finished in 3rd place in the Whirlwind Relays on Tuesday, March 8th. Results are as follows:

- 4 x 100 Relay – 1st place – D. Martinez, A. Chavarria, J. Barrientos, O. Porales
- 4 x 200 Relay – 1st place – D. Martinez, A. Chavarria, J. Barrientos, O. Porales
- Corbin Nutt - 110 High Hurdles – 4th place; Pole Vault – 5th place
- Tucker Lowrance – 100 Meter Dash – 2nd place; 200 Meter Dash – 3rd place
- Josh Chavarria – 1600 M Run – 3rd place; Long Jump – 2nd place
- 4 x 400 Relay – 3rd place – D. Martinez, J. Barrientos, J. Posada, O. Porales
- D. Martinez – Triple Jump – 3rd place; Long Jump – 4th place
- Aaron Chavarria – 100 M Dash – 3rd place
- Joshua Posada – 400 M Dash – 6th place; Shot Put – 5th place; Discus – 2nd place
- Matthew Sanchez – Shot Put – 6th place

The 7th grade boys track team won the Whirlwind Relays on March 8th as they finished in first place. Results are as follows:

- Seth Salinas – 2400 M Run – 5th place
- Logan Everett – 800 M Run – 6th place
- Calvin Seago – 110 High Hurdles – 4th place; 1600 M Run – 3rd place
- Kye Baker – 300 M Intermediate Hurdles – 5th place
- Josh Castaneda – 300 M Intermediate Hurdles – 6th place
- Luis Gonzales – 200 M Dash – 2nd place; 100 M Dash – 1st place; Pole Vault – 1st place
- Robert Cuba – High Jump – 4th place
- Aaron DelaFuente – 100 M Dash – 2nd place
- Vecinte Ramirez – High Jump – 5th place
- Juan Mendoza – Long Jump – 3rd place
- Josh Gonzales – Discus – 6th place; Shot Put – 5th place
- 4 x 100 Relay – 1st place – Robert Cuba, Vecinte Ramirez, Juan Mendoza, Aaron DelaFuente
- 4 x 200 Relay – 1st place – Robert Cuba, Vecinte Ramirez, Juan Mendoza, Aaron DelaFuente
- 4 x 400 Relay – 1st place – Robert Cuba, Luis Gonzales, Juan Mendoza, Vecinte Ramirez



Photo by Homer Marquez

On the right track for a great season, the Floydada's Whirlwind baseball team improved to 7-5-1 for the season and 2-2 in district. In their recent game against Olney, the 'Winds would bring home a 5-3 victory, against Iowa Park the 'Winds would earn a 12-1 win, and against Vernon the 'Winds would fall 1-4. In their first game in district against Dimmitt, the boys would bounce back with an 11-0 victory, against Abernathy, the boys would drop one with a score of 8-10; and against the Muleshoe Mules the Whirlwinds would pick up an 8-1 victory. On March 22, the 'Winds traveled to Idalou to take on the Wildcats, Floydada would drop that one 3-4 and on March 26, the 'Winds headed to Childress to play the Bobcats, but the 'Winds would drop that one as well 6-12.

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Friday	
Breakfast -Breakfast burrito	

Lockney School Lunch Menu

April 4-8	
Monday	Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Breakfast -Waffle or Cereal, toast, juice, milk	Lunch -Popcorn Chicken or Tuna sandwich, green beans, carrots and ranch, pineapple, roll, and milk
Lunch -Steak Patty or Ham, potatoes, green peas, orange smiles, a roll, milk	Thursday
Tuesday	Breakfast -Eggs and Ham or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Breakfast -Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, toast, juice, milk	Lunch -Burrito or Corndog, salad, applesauce, milk
Lunch -Beef Tacos or Chicken Patty, salad, pinto beans, fruited gelatin, combread, milk	Friday
Wednesday	Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Breakfast - Oatmeal or	Lunch -Pizza or Chicken Nuggets, corn, peaches, and milk



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First National Bank of Floydada President Monte Williams (left) presents a the Dougherty Volunteer Fire Department represented by Marty Covington (center) and Jim Covington (right) with a check in the amount of \$5,000 to help with expenses incurred from recent range fires.

Quilt Show to be held during Old Settler's Day

By Cheryl Dawdy

Quilters, one and all! Bring the beautiful quilts you have created or acquired to display when we celebrate Old Settler's. The Old Settler's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, May 28th. This year we are having a judged quilt show. There will be four judged classes: Pieced Quilts, Mixed Technique (Appliqued, Embellished, Art or Embroidered), Youth Quilts for High School age and younger, and Miscellaneous (Wearable, Runners, etc.). The winners will receive ribbons and cash prizes. We will also have a Viewers Choice and Antique Viewers Choice category. The winner of these two categories will be the quilt receiving the most votes. There will be a

prize ribbon and money for the winners of these also.

For those of you who do not want to enter your quilt in the competition, bring your quilt or quilted item to hang in the "Just For Show" area. These items will not be judged.

The deadline for entering your quilt or quilted item will be Friday, May 27th 3:00 to 5:30. Please bring your quilt to the building on the west side of the Museum where the quilts will be hung for our viewing pleasure.

It should be a fun time for all. So bring your prized quilts or quilted items and share with the community. If you have questions you can contact Ethelyn Garnett at 652-2525 or Cheryl Dawdy at 983-3627.



Friends of mine are going to Florence. They didn't ask me to go along, so I'm having a Florentine omelet instead – something that's probably not on the menu in Florencia.

Only in America, I'm guessing, does Florentine simply mean spinach. Who knows what they call a spinach omelet in Florence, where Florence is Firenze.

My husband, Hugh – Umberto in Firenze – when he's feeling generous, lets me help him with the French words on the crossword puzzles he tackles daily. Monday he asked me this one:

"Five-letter word with French?"

I think he'd already deduced it was "fries," but sometimes he humors me.

Of course in France they don't have French fries. They just have fries.

Daniel, a French teenager, once spent several weeks with me one summer, an unofficial exchange deal. He loved the French fries at a local hamburger joint – not because they were better than "pommes frites" in France but because he could put ketchup on them. Every time he grabbed the ketchup bottle, he smiled and his eyes lit up. Somehow the French hadn't yet discovered ketchup with fries – not then. McDonald's may since have changed everything.

Daniel, by the way, told me I spoke French with the accent of Bourgogne. I thanked him. He told me it wasn't a compliment.

If you're in France and you hear John Wayne French, you might be in Bourgogne.

Back to Italy, because I can't think of anything else to say about France, except I hear

there's talk that the French might end up in charge of the war, or whatever it is we're having, in Libya. I'm guessing that the French might depend on Libya for oil. Just guessing. Where is Libya anyway? Next to Algeria? Ivory Coast? MAP PAUSE.

Forget Ivory Coast. Libya lies between Algeria and Egypt. I've never met a Libyan, but I've met two Algerians – Djedir in Marseille and Herr Hellal in Vienna, which suggests Algerians get around more than Libyans. Maybe it's because Algerians (at least the two I encountered) speak French, a more universal language than Libyan, thus making them more sophisticated and likely to wind up in other countries. Herr Hellal, as I recall, had a wife in Bulgaria. That's sophisticated.

OK, maybe you spotted my error. They don't speak Libyan in Libya. They speak Arabic, albeit Libyan Arabic. Interestingly enough, the Internet stuff I'm reading indicates Libya's primary second languages (oxymoron intended) are English and Italian. Why not put the Italians in charge of the war thing? Just kidding. Incidentally, they used to rule Libya.

Wow. There for a second I thought I read that terrorism is rare in Libya. I blinked my eyes and saw instead that "tourism" is rare. Close.

The more I read about Libya, the better I understand why they don't get out more. They're always getting invaded. When the world comes to you, you don't have to go anywhere. Think Florentine omelet.

Meanwhile, I'm thinking couscous for supper, Libyan style. Close enough to Tripoli for me.

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Floyd County Annual Gala held March 26



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Entertaining guests at this year's Gala, the young and talented, Brooklyn Golden of Aiken gave her rendition of her favorite songs.

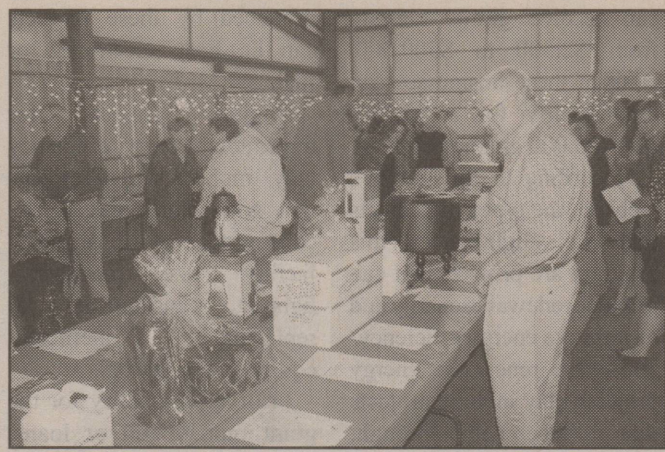


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During the Floyd County Gala, guests got an opportunity to bid on hundreds of great items during the Gala's silent and live auctions; all proceeds from the auctions went to support the Unity Center. During the live auction, two batches of Lesca Durham's famous fudge sold for an astounding total of \$3,300.



Photo by Homer Marquez
During the Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala, world famous auctioneer and Floydada native, Tom "Spanky" Assiter, gave an inspirational and motivational speech during the festivities. In his speech, Assiter spoke about his raising in Floyd County and the important lessons that learned there, as well as what lead him to become an auctioneer. Now a world-renowned grand champion auctioneer for the prestigious Barrett Jackson, Assiter also spoke about overcoming a life threatening brain tumor.

Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) continued to keep the heat on traders with swift moves and large daily trading ranges this week. Thursday, traders said the fact that cotton was up following a strong U.S. export report was not so much of a surprise, but the surprise may have been how well the market managed to shoot back up after the initial rally sputtered and prices dropped below unchanged.

USDA reported net upland sales of 331,100 bales were up noticeably from the previous week and from the four-week average. Increases reported for Vietnam, China, and Bangladesh were partially offset by decreases for Ecuador, Turkey, and Indonesia. Net sales of 213,800 bales for delivery in 2011-12 were mainly for China, Turkey, and Bangladesh.

At 400,000 bales, export shipments were up 28 percent from the previous week but down four percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, and Indonesia.

Closer to home, spot cotton sales were significantly higher in the week ended March 24 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 818 bales online at prices ranging from \$1.95 to \$2.00 per pound. The previous week, producers sold just 87 bales at an average price of \$1.90 per pound.

Despite spotty precipitation on the High Plains this week, drought conditions persisted throughout Texas, and extremely windy conditions mixed with above average temperatures rapidly depleted soil moisture levels.

Wildfires remained a threat for the Texas Panhandle, Rolling Plains, and South Plains due to above average temperatures, high winds, and low relative humidity. Growers in North Texas reported soil moisture levels ranging between very short to adequate in a few counties, but continued high winds in the area are stripping soil moisture. Some growers are reporting such dry conditions that they are unable to plow fields. Throughout the Texas Plains, most regions are very dry and are in desperate need of moisture. Planting

preparations now are underway with growers applying fertilizer and pre-watering fields, in some cases to soften soils so they can be turned.

Meanwhile, cotton planting was nearing completion in the Coastal Bend this week. No rain was in the near-term forecast for the region, and conditions should allow growers to continue planting at a rapid pace.

As the cotton now begins to go into the ground in South Texas and the new crop year begins, traders are highly interested in the amount of cotton U.S. producers intend to plant. Next week, they will get their first peek at USDA's Planting Intentions numbers.

"Spring's arrival reminds us that the government's Planting Intentions figures are right around the corner," a trader said. "A recent private estimate that suggests soybean plantings will be down more than initially expected gives more fodder to a better-than-expected increase in cotton acreage. However, whether it comes in at 13.5 or 14 million acres it won't be very much on our minds when the weather starts to perform for us," he said optimistically.

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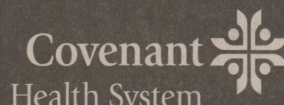
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Stephens informed the board the insurance company the district has used previously to provide student insurance, "Texas Kids First", will give us the same premiums as last year. However, the company wants to give the district better coverage, covering all school activities, not just interscholastic activities, for the same price as last year. The board approved continuing student insurance coverage with Texas Kids First for the 2011-2012 school year.

Elementary School Principal Gilbert Trevino presented information on the Summer School and Summer Feed Programs. According to Trevino, Summer School will be held on each campus from June 2 through 30, with the Summer Feed Program also being held on these days. The summer hours for each campus and district offices will be as follows: June 1-30, Monday through Thursday, 8-3, Fridays 8-12; July 1-5 all district offices will be closed; July 6-August 5, Monday through Thursday, 8-4, closed on Fridays. Summer School is geared toward those who didn't pass the TAKS test.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater reported M&O current tax roll at \$2,809,860.59, with net collected at \$2,715,494.67, and I&S current tax roll at \$291,385.30, with net collected at \$276,096.32. This makes for 96.64

percent collected compared to 94.96 percent this time last year. Rainwater said the average monthly expense is currently at \$614,000.

The board accepted junior high science teacher Lori Mullins and Sandy Vaughn's letters of resignation.

Lyle Miller, FISD board president, suggested Monday, March 14th, at 7:00p.m. as the date to name Trevino as the new superintendent for FISD. The board unanimously approved this after a motion was made.

Board trustee John Woelfel asked who would fill the void that will be created as Trevino leaves the elementary. Trevino answered, "After the 14th, I will probably name Robin Nixon as interim principal, then we will post the position. It must be posted for at least 10 days to see what kind of applicants we'll get." Trevino will also be taking steps to hire a new superintendent secretary to fill the position from which Laveta Morren resigned.

Stephens said his goodbye's to the board as Friday, March 11, was to be his last day with the district: "I now have friends here that I didn't have before. I hope I've done mostly what you wanted me to do. Y'all are very fine, good people and have good hearts about what you do. The district will be fine with Gilbert running it. I thank you for everything you've done for me."

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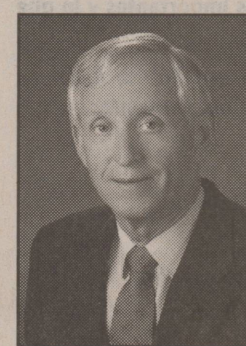
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to do the same, producers can receive grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$500,000. Both of these businesses can also qualify for a \$5,000-\$25,000.000 guaranteed loan.

According to the USDA's website, the types of projects that are eligible for this program are projects that can produce renewable energy and or improve energy efficiency.

Eligible renewable energy projects may include projects that produce energy through; wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, hydrogen, and

anaerobic digester. Energy produced by these projects can be heat, electricity, or fuel.

Eligible projects for improving energy efficiency may include improvements that will reduce the energy consumption of a businesses' facility, like retrofitting, lighting, insulation, or replacing inefficient equipment or motors.

In order to qualify for the grant money and or loans, businesses and agriculture producers must be located in a

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rural area, or in a community with a population less than 50,000; all proposed projects must be technically feasible, as well as meet environmental requirements and be owned by the applicant. To be eligible, rural small businesses must meet the definition of a small business according to the SBA small business standards. Private entities including sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, cooperatives and electric utilities are eligible to apply; other public bodies or non-

profit organizations are not eligible. Agricultural producers must receive 50 percent of their gross income from agriculture business, as well as engage directly with the production of agricultural products.

For answers to eligibility questions or help completing an application, interested parties can contact the USDA's Rural Development Office in Lubbock at 806-785-5644 ext. 4 or can visit the website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/

MARCH AGENDA

waited for reimbursement checks from FEMA. Finally, at the beginning of this year, the precincts received a lump sum check that was a fraction of what they were expecting; and on top of that, Precinct 3's portion of the money was still being held up by red tape. From then until now, the Floyd County Commissioners, along with several other counties that were shortchanged, have been going through the processes of getting more money from FEMA.

Now the West Texas Rural Counties Association is looking to lend a helping hand by offering access to their available resources, so that the process of getting the money that is owed to the counties is speed up. Hruska explained that the Association currently has access to former FEMA workers who could reevaluate the estimates made by the FEMA, and could use their connections to push their paper work through. He claimed that there was a possibility that the FEMA workers who appraised the damage last summer may have done a half-hearted job because all the damage was in rural areas, and FEMA workers would rather work in more populated areas on the coast.

Hruska explained that the efforts of the West Texas Rural Counties Association have already stirred some commotion in the state and federal

government, and they were on the right track to getting things done. So far the Association has already entered interlocal agreements with Dawson County, Ford County, Motley County, Cottle County, and Garza County. He explained that if Floyd County agreed to the interlocal agreement they would send their former FEMA employees to come reassess the damage to the road and see if the county would be owed any more money. If owed money, the West Texas Rural Counties Association would then use their political avenues to get the money owed back into the county roads of Floyd County. Hruska then explained that all this work would cost the county nothing, and that the Association would charge the government for their reimbursement; the only thing that the commissioners would have to do would be to take time and show their workers the damaged roads. Agreeing that they had nothing to lose by accepting the help, the Floyd County Commissioners unanimously voted to accept the interlocal agreement with the West Texas Rural Counties Association.

Next on the agenda, Melissa Long from Texas AgriLife gave their office's monthly report. In her report, Melissa explained the success that the 4-H has had in the Stock Shows as well as the positive impact

that her how to interview and food safety classes have had. Currently, the 4-H is preparing for the rifle, archery, and fashion district challenges.

Following the report, the commissioners discussed passing a resolution for a grant application for a new courthouse security system. The new security system would work similar to the security system that Allsup's uses, the system will allow employees to contact law enforcement at a press of a button in case an altercation or confrontation arises; the button will send a signal directly to law enforcement by tapping into their radio frequencies. Police officer, Cory Speed, who is also responsible for helping the AgriLife receive new computers by finding grants, will also be looking for grants to pay for \$12,000 system, so far Officer Speed has been able to round up \$5,000 through a zero matching grant from the Lubbock Area Foundation and is now planning to search for another grant through the Jones Foundation. The commissioner court unanimously voted to support the resolution.

Moving on, in order to better track, manage, and back up the records that the county is mandated to hold for several years, the commissioners court voted unanimously to designate Ginger Morgan as the Local Government Records Management Officer.

Next on the agenda, court reviewed a resolution that would support the creation of the South Plains Rural Transportation Planning Organization. With the speculation of massive budget cuts from the state, the South Plains Rural Transportation Planning Organization is working to try to lessen that impact that cuts will have on rural highways. To achieve this, the South Plains Rural Transportation Planning Organization will be prioritizing road work projects in West Texas. The commissioners unanimously voted to approve the resolution, but Commissioner Johnson advised that the commissioners would need to make their presence know at the Organization's meeting so that Floyd County is not left out of the decision making.

Afterwards the commissioner's court unanimously voted to pay half of the survey fees, \$430, for property that may be donated by the City of Floydada to Floyd County, as well as accepted the \$1,320 in denotations for the new trees that are going to be planted at the courthouse.

Items that were tabled for next month's meeting included the courts future actions dealing with Dean Watson's delinquent farm contract, along with the consideration of buying new bookkeeping software for departments in the courthouse.

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15.

A "rendition" is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2009. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2010.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2010 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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Or contact:

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¡No incurra en una multa! Rinda el informe de su propiedad imponible para el 15 de abril.

Debe rendir un informe a su distrito de tasaciones del condado que incluya una lista de toda la propiedad imponible de la que era usted dueño o que controlaba comenzando el 1ro de enero de este año.

¿Quién debe rendir el informe?

Usted debe rendir una declaración si es dueño de alguna propiedad personal tangible que produce ingresos, tal como el inventario y el equipo utilizados en una empresa. Si usted rinde su declaración tarde, no la rinde o hace declaraciones falsas, podría incurrir en una multa del 10 al 50 por ciento.

¿Existen ventajas en rendir la declaración?

Las ventajas de rendir la declaración son las siguientes:

- ☛ Usted puede dar su opinión sobre el valor de su propiedad. El distrito de tasaciones debe notificarle por escrito cualquier cambio en el valor de la propiedad y explicarle cómo puede protestar ese valor ante la junta de revisiones de las tasaciones.
- ☛ Usted registra la dirección postal correcta para recibir su factura de impuestos. Si envían su factura a la dirección incorrecta, usted es aún legalmente responsable de pagar a tiempo por sus impuestos y por las multas de pagos tardíos.
- ☛ También puede rendir un "informe de valor reducido" para notificar al distrito de tasaciones si ocurrió una reducción significativa en el valor de su propiedad durante el 2009. El distrito revisará su propiedad antes de asignarle un valor en el 2010.

¿Cuál es la fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para rendir los informes del 2009. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la solicita por escrito el 15 de abril o antes. El jefe de tasaciones puede extender su plazo por otros 15 días a partir del 15 de mayo si usted muestra razón justa.

¿Dónde rindo mi informe?

Rinda la declaración con su distrito local de tasaciones en:

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CITY COUNCIL

of stray dogs within the city limits has increased, posing a possible threat to citizens. Armed with a limited staff and a dog catcher pole, both the dog catcher and the police department have had a hard time catching the stray dogs; to combat this problem, the council will look into the possibility placing dog traps in the city. During the sanitation report, Councilman Anderson, explained to the council that they were getting closer to reaching an agreement with the Floyd County Fair Board about the use of the dumpsite located on the fairgrounds. Currently, both sides are looking to reach agreement on the proper use of the dumpsite so that the city can continue to burn trash there once the burn ban has been lifted. In the LEDC report, Charlotte Hooten, reported that the LEDC was currently working on trying to get a Family Dollar in Lockney, as well as some other businesses. Mrs. Hooten also reported that the LEDC had contributed some funds to help Lynden Morris with the construction with his RV Park. The LEDC wanted to stress that the organization was there to help Lockney grow and that any ideas that would help do so would be considered, anyone who would like to make their opinions heard or like some assistance in starting a new business could always contact the LEDC.

Moving on, the City Council gave the floor to accountant George Meriwether so he could give the Council the results of their 2009-2010 audit. In the audit report, Mr. Meriwether told the Council that they "had a year" and were in "a good financial condition". In his report, Mr. Meriwether reported that the audit revealed that in the City's governmental activity, which includes the general fund and their

special revenue fund, the City reported \$988,763 in general assets and \$64,959 in liability, leaving the City with a net total of \$923,804. In the City's business activity, which includes revenue from water, sewage, sanitation and ect, the City's audit reported \$1,250,614 in assets and \$85,634 in liability; compared to last year, the City would see a \$46,392 increase. The audit also reported that in 2010 the City was \$21,000 below their expenditure budget, and had \$70,604 in their pension fund. Overall the accounting firm encountered no difficulties in performing their audit and reported that there were no internal weaknesses; the Council would unanimously vote to accept their 2009-2010 financial audit.

Next on the agenda, the Council gave the floor to Brenda Barnes who was a representative for the environmental consultant group, AMEC. For the past several years, AMEC has been monitoring and trying to clean up the water well that was contaminated by the now closed, Jackson Tire. Seeping gasoline from the old tire store contaminated the water well located directly underneath the building; after traces of hydrocarbon and benzene were found in the water, the City was forced to close the water well that stretched underneath Main Street. Since the start of their clean up, AMEC has been able to reduce the traces of hydrocarbon and benzene in the well, and has also been able to stop the spread of the chemicals to other wells. During the City Council meeting, Brenda Barnes wanted to inform the members of the Council that AMEC was placing two new well monitors by the site. Last year, AMEC and the City Council decided to plug and abandon the

water well so no one could ever access their water; and to make sure that access to contaminated water could never be granted, the City Council is currently drawing up a resolution that would deny any future drilling into the water well.

During the meeting's public forum, the City Council fielded questions from Lockney citizen, Rosie Rendon who was enquiring about the possibility of the City getting grant money to help with the improvement of old and abandoned homes. The City Council supported the idea, but really had no clue on which avenue to go with to get the grants, so the City asked Mrs. Rendon if she could get some more information about the grants and present them to the Council the next session; Mrs. Rendon agreed.

Following the public forum, the City Council deliberated about granting solicitation permits to two sales companies. The first permit application came from International Sales who sells cleaning products door to door. After reviewing the application, the Council had many questions to ask the company but a representative was not present; because of this the Council would deny their permit. The next company applying for the permit was the insurance company, Platinum Services. Company representative Greg Hallett was on hand to take questions and after a short review and a couple of questions the Council would grant Platinum Services a permit for a few days.

Next on the agenda, the Council would discuss accepting a bid for the renovation of the swimming pool. Several month's ago, Lockney's city pool applied and was given a grant that would renovate and upgrade the city's pool; the grant would award the city

\$50,000 if the city could match the grant. After a lot of hard work the city was able to raise the appropriate funds to receive the grant. Since February the City of Lockney has been accepting bids from pool contractors; during this month's meeting, the Council would review the bids. After reviewing the submitted bids, the Council discovered that there was only one acceptable and qualify bid from the two competing contractors. As a result, in order to follow the guidelines set by the grant and to avoid delaying the start of construction which would push construction into the time that the pool would be open, the city voted to accept the bid from the only qualifying bid, which had estimated construction to cost \$116,000; to cover rest of the cost, the city will need to make up the difference.

The next action for the Council would be to give a credit to the water bill of Tommy Davis. Recently, while out of town, Tommy Davis' water meter read that he had used over 650,000 gallons of water last month; an obvious error and not a water leak, the City Council voted to credit Mr. Davis until the matter was investigated. The City Council would also pass the resolution that was introduced last month concerning the adoption of the resolution that would allow the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority to precede with the construction and improvement of their water transmission facilities.

Other items also considered and accepted by the City Council included the acceptance of a bid for lots 5-7, block 1 in the Southwestern Heights addition, as well as the acceptance to grant Nicole Ascenio a variance for a carport at 613 W. Wilson. Closing the meeting, the City Council amended the budget for \$18,000 for sealcoat.

Public Notices

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're *65 years old* or older—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the *65 or older* or *disabled exemption*, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "*ceiling*" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2010 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does not qualify.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2009, you won't need to reapply for 2010 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2010. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by **April 30** at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timberland!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "productivity value" of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2010 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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¿Una tasación basada en la productividad de sus tierras agrícolas, ganaderas o madereras puede reducir sus impuestos!

La ley de Texas permite que los agricultores, rancheros y madereros paguen los impuestos sobre su propiedad basado en una "tasación de productividad" de los terrenos elegibles, o sea, en la habilidad del terreno para producir cosechas, ganado o madera, y no en el valor de los terrenos en el mercado actual. Esto le puede economizar en sus impuestos sobre la propiedad.

¿Cuál es la fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha sido tasado basado en la productividad, o si es usted un nuevo propietario, debe solicitar a su distrito de tasaciones una tasación por productividad del terreno antes del 15 de abril para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos sobre la propiedad del 2009. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene razón justa y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril de 2010. Si se pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía pueda obtener el beneficio pero pagará una multa. Obtenga más información en la oficina de su distrito de tasaciones.

¿Debo solicitar la tasación todos los años?

Si su propiedad ya recibe una tasación basada en la productividad agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año, a menos que se lo pida el jefe de tasaciones. Si se requiere una solicitud nueva, el distrito de tasaciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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¿Varias exenciones contributivas podrían reducir los impuestos de su hogar!

Una exención contributiva para su hogar de residencia disminuye el valor imponible de la propiedad, reduciendo así los impuestos a pagar sobre la misma. Si su residencia está valorada en \$50,000 y usted recibe una exención de \$15,000, usted pagará los impuestos residenciales de una propiedad valorada en \$35,000.

¿Quién es elegible para recibir una exención contributiva?

Los dueños de una propiedad utilizada como residencia principal comenzando el 1ero de enero tienen derecho, desde esa fecha, a recibir la exención contributiva de \$15,000 para reducir los impuestos escolares a pagar este año. Sea la residencia una casa, condominio, o una casa móvil, puede ser elegible para la exención. Los condados, las ciudades y los distritos impositivos especiales también pueden ofrecerle exenciones contributivas para su residencia.

¿Existen otras exenciones disponibles?

Si usted está incapacitado o tiene 65 años o más, tiene derecho a recibir una exención adicional de \$10,000 de los impuestos escolares para su residencia. Si es elegible para exención contributiva como incapacitado o tiene 65 años o más, también tiene derecho a obtener un límite permanente de los impuestos escolares basado en los impuestos actuales. (El condado, la ciudad o la universidad comunitaria pueden establecer un límite y congelar los impuestos del 2010 para los propietarios incapacitados o mayores de 65 años.) El límite de los impuestos escolares para las personas de 65 años o más son transferidos al cónyuge sobreviviente de 55 años o más al momento del fallecimiento del propietario si es el cónyuge sobreviviente dueño y residente de la propiedad. Los dueños de 65 años o más o los cónyuges sobrevivientes de 55 años o más pueden también transferir el porcentaje de los impuestos escolares pagados a una nueva residencia basado en el límite establecido en la vivienda anterior.

Si usted es un veterano incapacitado que recibe de la Administración de Veteranos: 1) el 100 por ciento de su pensión por incapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar y 2) es considerado 100 por ciento incapacitado o, la Administración determinó que no puede trabajar, usted tiene derecho a una exención de impuestos del valor total tasado de su residencia. El cónyuge sobreviviente no es elegible.

¿Debo solicitar la exención todos los años?

No. Si recibió una exención contributiva por su residencia en el 2009, no hay necesidad de solicitarla en el 2010—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de tasaciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención por su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2010. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, puede solicitar una nueva exención hasta un año después de la fecha de su cumpleaños. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención para personas incapacitadas.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud a la oficina local del distrito de tasaciones antes del 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, puede contactarnos a:

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Carlton and Louise were well pleased knowing that finally, our two towns in Floyd County could successfully work together for one cause.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Close to 400 people packed into the Unity Center in Muncy last Saturday for the 16th Annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala. Throughout the whole night, friends and neighbors were treated to a full evening of entertainment as guests enjoyed fun, food, and giveaways last Saturday. As a token of appreciation for all those who have supported the Unity Center, Gala organizers filled the night with entertainment as guests enjoyed songs from Amy Assiter, Brooklyn Golden, and a motivational and inspiring speech from world famous auctioneer and Floydada native, Tom "Spanky" Assiter. After the entertainment, guests got to see "Spanky" in action as the Gala hosted its "Sold it, Sold it, Sold it" auction at the end of the night. Guests had the opportunity to bid on hundreds of donated items with all the proceeds going to support the Friends of Floyd County Unity Center. Gala organizers would like to thank everyone that helped make the night a success. A special thanks to Cargill Cattle Feeders, Lowe's Supermarket, and Delta Pine for sponsoring the Ribeye Steak Dinner and to all of Floyd County's youth and parents that served it, to Happy State Bank for sponsoring the \$1000 giveaway, to the Assiter family, and to the many more that donated items and their time.

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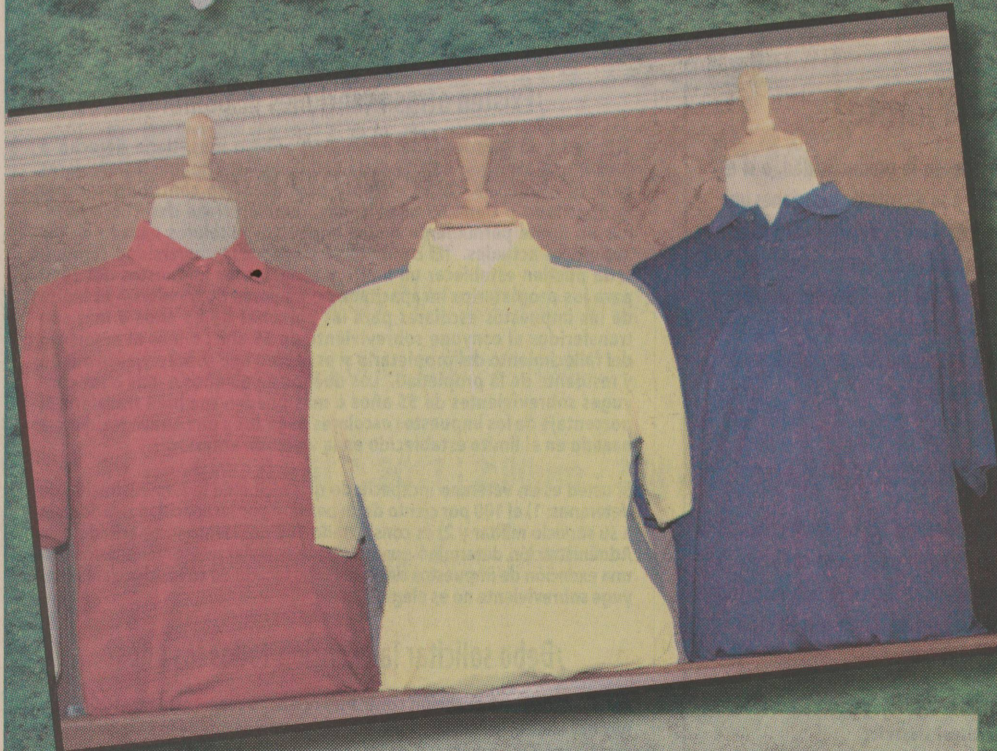
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