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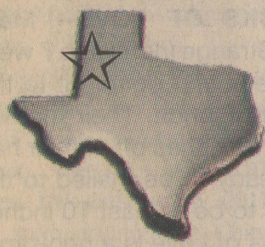
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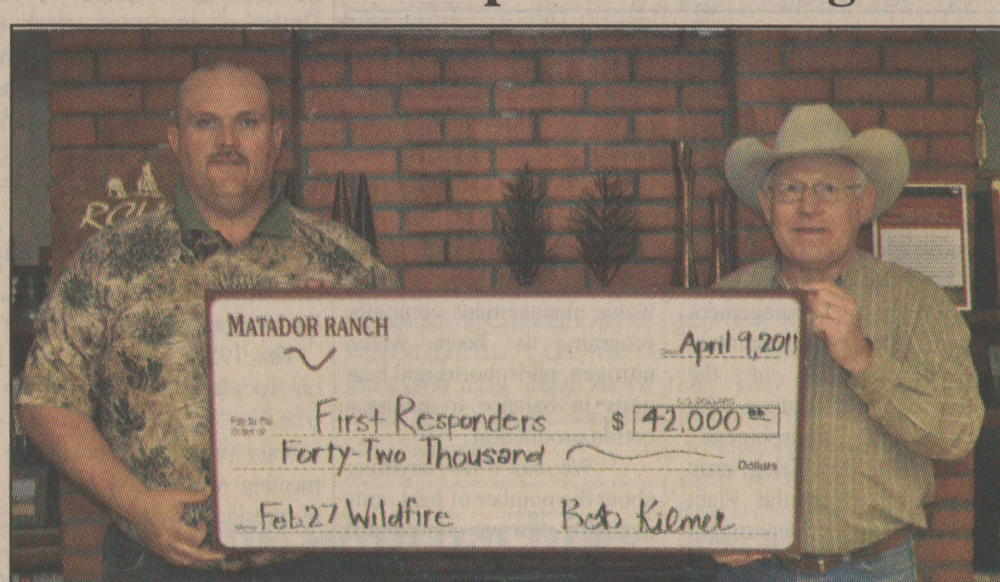
**Matador Ranch donates to first responders of range fires**

MATADOR, Texas – Matador Ranch is donating \$42,000 to 13 area volunteer fire departments and the Motley County Emergency Medical Service.

Matador Ranch is contributing \$1,500 to the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department and \$500 each to the Lockney and Dougherty volunteer fire departments.

“There is no good way to say ‘thanks’ to the many men and women who responded quickly to the range fire that swept through this area in February,” said Bob Kilmer, Matador Ranch manager. “While we lost about 20,000 acres of grass and miles of fence, we were fortunate that no historic buildings or homes were damaged by the fire. We appreciate the work of so many to protect those buildings and the Matador community.

“The many volunteers – including several on our immediate staff – give of their time and talent. We’re trying to help fill the financial gap that the fire caused to these local fire departments.”



Courtesy Photo

MATADOR RANCH donated a total of \$42,000 to 13 area volunteer fire departments and emergency medical services. A donation of \$1,500 was given to the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department and the Lockney Fire Department received a donation of \$500. These donations were given in appreciation of their help in the range fire that swept through Motley County in February. Presenting the check and representing the Matador Ranch was Les Woolsey (left) and Bob Kilmer (right).

Volunteer fire departments at Matador, Roaring Springs, Flomot, Paducah, Turkey, Dickens, Crosbyton, McAadoo, Ralls and Spur as well as the Motley County Emergency Medical Service also will receive contributions.

“We hope that our small donations help where it’s needed most and that others in the surrounding communities also think about contributing to one or more of these volunteer organizations,” Kilmer said.

Kilmer also praised the work of the Texas Forest Service, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Motley County and the Salvation Army.



Photo by Homer Marquez

As a token of gratitude for all the hard work and sacrifice that the firefighters of Floyd County put forth, last Monday, Floyd County’s Commissioner’s Court signed a resolution that made April 11, 2011, Floyd County Firefighter Appreciation Day; (above) Floydada’s Volunteer Fire Department accepts the honor.

**Election cancellations set for both Floydada and Lockney**

By Homer Marquez

Unopposed candidates in both Lockney and Floydada will set up the cancellation of May’s upcoming school board and city council elections.

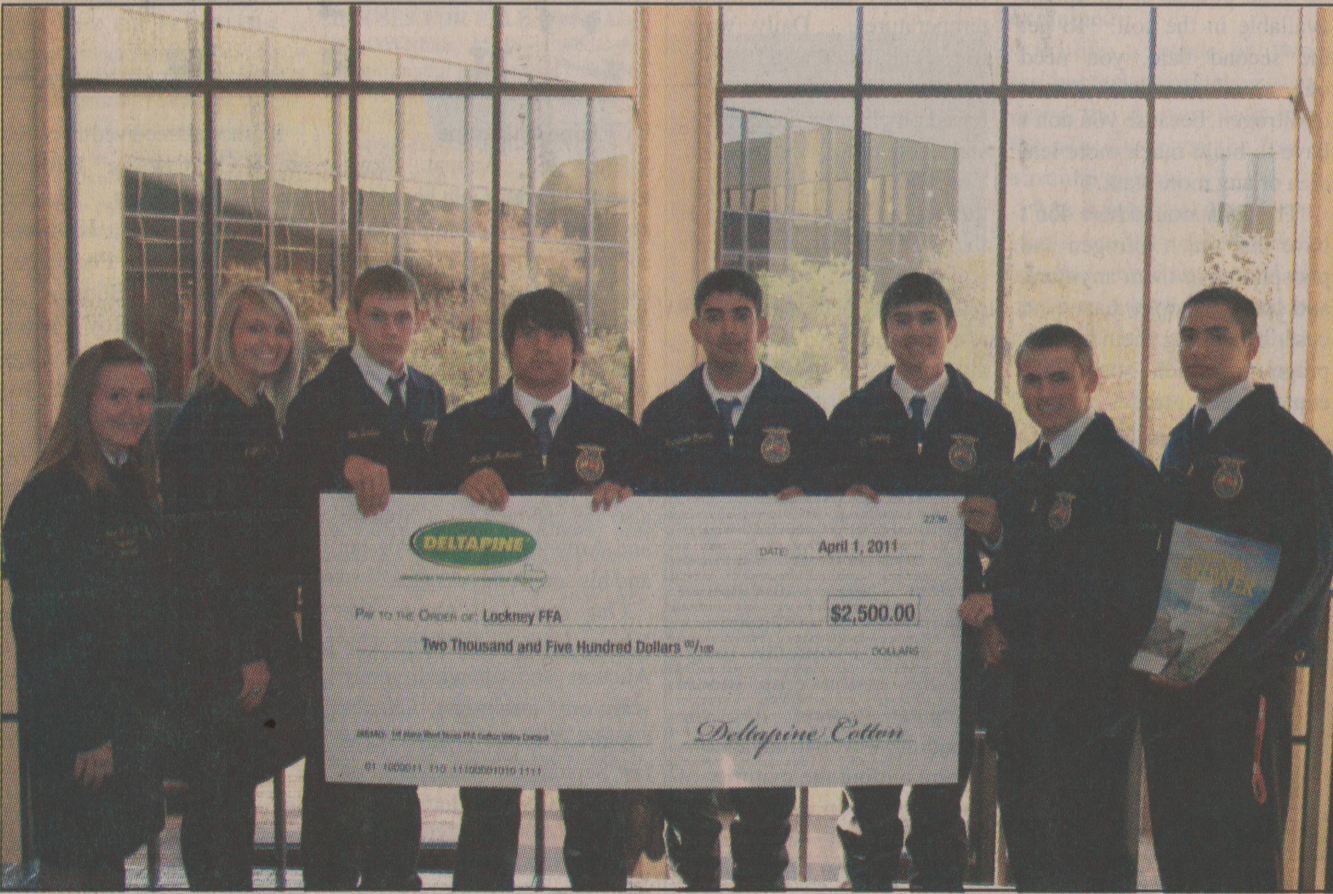
In Floydada’s City Council, Incumbent Mayor Bobby Gilliland and Incumbent District 2 Councilmember Dana Crossland will hold another two years in office after it was announced that no one had signed up to run for the positions. In District 3, after being the only one to sign up, Alicia Turner would earn the council seat that was left open by former council member Gary Carthel. Soon after the resignation of Councilmember, Sue Ward last month, the city council unanimously appointed, Gabriel de la Fuente as Floydada’s Councilmember

will serve a one year unexpired term.

The election for Floydada’s Independent School District School Board was cancelled after board member At-Large, Lyle Miller and District 3 board member, Rachael Castillo were both unopposed.

It would be a similar situation for Lockney’s ISD as board members, Jimmy Kemp and John Quebe would go unchallenged.

On Thursday, Lockney’s City Council will vote to cancel their election after only one candidate signed up to run. Kay Martin will assume her new council member seat after the position left open by incumbent Michael DeLeon, who decided to step down from the position last month. Mayor Roger Stapp and Council Member Kelly Prayor will both go unopposed.



Courtesy Photo

**LOCKNEY FFA WINS DELTAPINE VIDEO CONTEST:** The Lockney FFA Chapter has worked the last few months developing a video entitled “How Cotton Affects our Community”. This video was part of a contest developed by Monsanto and Delta Pine Cotton Seed in order to shed light on the cotton industry and how important it is to our communities. The video was judged by a panel of Monsanto employees and also was judged based on an online internet vote. The Lockney FFA Chapter came out in front taking home a \$2500 grand prize. “This was a great project that really helped us understand how much cotton really does impact our town,” said KaCee Armstrong, President of the Lockney FFA Chapter. The idea of the video was to better inform students on the South Plains about the effect of cotton, however viewers from 48 states and 18 countries were logged on to learn a little about cotton production. Floydada FFA was also in the winners circle taking home 5th place and a \$1000 check. You can see Lockney’s winning video and the other placing videos by going to www.cottonvideocontest.com.



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Producers Cooperative Elevator is excited to introduce our new General Manager Bryan Schrader. Bryan has been managing grain facilities for the last six years at Evans Grain in Kress. He and his wife, JoAnn, and their two children, Demi and Amadeo currently reside in Tulia. Bryan is a Kansas State University graduate, and before getting into the grain business worked in the cattle feeding industry. “I was in a manager trainee program with Bartlett Cattle Co. in Tulia when I met my wife, and I have been out here ever since. You know you have adopted West Texas as home when you go back to visit family in Southwest Iowa, and as you’re going through Missouri you get closter phobic from all the hills, trees, and curved roads. It really bothered me that I couldn’t see 5 miles in any direction. That’s when I knew this was really home”, said Schrader.

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**Floydada Senior Citizens News**

**By Margaret Word**

Our mailing address is P.O.Box 573, Floydada, TX. 79235. If you plan to eat with us come to 301 E. Georgia at 12 noon. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Our phone number is 983-2032. We have had some really good meals at this Center this past week. The fellowship has been great too. We all enjoy getting out of the house, laugh a little, visit with friends and eat a very good lunch.

Shorty Turner brought some relatives with him to the Center

this past week. They were Early Pritchett and Jimmy Pritchett of South Plains.

Congratulations to Ted and Joyce Anderson who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary March 9, 2011. They married on March 9, 1961.

Our sympathy to the family of Edwin Nutt.

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

**In memory of Clovis Myrick** - Herman and Bonnie Graham, Don and Carolyn Hardy.

**In memory of Peachy Hampton** - Roger and Bo Poage and family.

**In memory of Faye Anderson** - Wilma Colton.

**In memory of Barbara Hatley** - Don and Carolyn Hardy, Steve and Karen Spence.

**In memory of Jim Simpson** - Don and Carolyn Hardy.

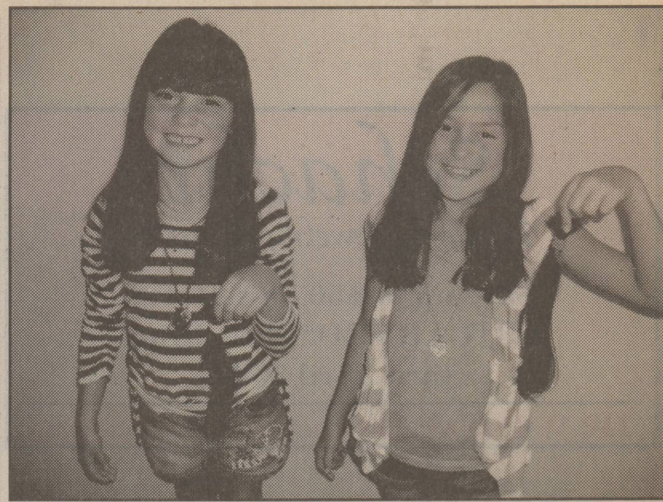
**In memory of Edwin Nutt** - Kathy Pritchard, Sue and Alton Higginbotham.

**In memory of Peggy Probasco** - Sue and Alton Higginbotham.

**Thought for the Week** - Pray for Rain!!!

**MENU**

- April 18 - April 21**
- Monday** - Lasagna, Oriental blend, salad, garlic bread, snickerdoodle bars
- Tuesday** - Beef stew, pinto beans, cornbread, pistachio salad
- Wednesday** - BBQ brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, roll, cobbler
- Thursday** - Sausage, cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, oranges & bananas
- Friday** - CLOSED



**Courtesy Photo**  
**SISTERS DONATE TO LOCKS OF LOVE--** Mary Strange (left) age 8 and Audrie Strange (right) age 7 were excited to cut their hair last week and donate it to the "Locks of Love" of Lake Worth, Florida. Their mother, Camaray (Gooch) Strange, cut 10 inches off of their hair and have helped them get it ready to be mailed to the organization. The donation has to be at least 10 inches or longer to be accepted. Locks of Love is a non-profit organization, which began in 1997 and has provided hairpieces to financially disadvantages children under the age of 21 with medical hair loss. Most of the people who benefit from the hairpieces suffer from an autoimmune condition called alopecia areata (which results in total loss of scalp hair). Other applicants have suffered severe burns, cancer, or endured radiation treatment to the brain stem, or have a variety of dermatological conditions. It takes 10-15 braids to make one wig. Children comprise over 80 percent of the donors. Donors provide the hair, volunteers staff the office, and the manufacturer hand-assembles each piece, which requires approximately 4 months. For more information on donating, go to [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org).

**Lockney Senior Citizens News**

**By Reene Armstrong**

I would like to apologize to you all for not getting any news in last week. It seems sometimes that the more we do the further we get behind.

Memorial contributions have been made in the memory of Bonner and Lenora Teeter, Dowell Brewer, Roger Dorman,

Juanita Brosh, Margie Turner, J.R Belt, Kathleen Thornton, Delbur Rose, Ella Goodwin, Mildred Reagan, and Roy Porter. Thank you all for your generous donation to the Center in the memory of your loved ones.

Our sympathy to the family of Horine Ratliff. Graveside

services were Saturday. Remember Pot Luck on Thursday nights; bring a dish and enjoy the fun. Bettye from Calvert Homer Health Care will be singing for you all on April 14; please come and listen. Exercise on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m., come join. You all have a

great week

**Menu**

- Monday**- Spaghetti
- Tuesday**- Frito Pie
- Wednesday**- Chicken Fried Steak
- Thursday**- Baked Potato
- Friday**- Fish

*From the archives....*

**FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM**

**FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY CENTENNIAL 1890-1990**  
 May 24, 1990  
 Reprinted from April 30 1987

**ON-THE-FARM WEATHER STATION INSTALLED**

An on-the farm weather station which monitors air temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, soil temperature, solar radiation and wind speed?

Could that lie in the future within the next 10 years?

No! C-Agri (Comprehensive Agri Services in Lockney) installed the above mentioned automated weather station on Eddie Teeter farm, six miles south of town on Thursday!

The field unit is programmed to relay information directly to the "main computer" in the C-Agri offices in Lockney "for the purpose of computer printouts, which are sent directly to subscribers of the soil and water fertility program and also to aid in utilization of a cotton crop model for cotton and also artificial intelligence that deals with all types of weather scenarios dealing with the production of cotton."

**SITE CHOSEN**

The unit, which was assembled by David Workman at the local facilities before being placed

on the Teeter farm, "provides hourly readings," which are transmitted to the firm's main computer. Data is retained on permanent file.

The nearest such automated weather station was installed last Wednesday at Texas Tech University research station at Brownfield. A weather station has operated there four years, but highly automated equipment was not available until last week.

Betty Hayes, who is employed in the C-Agri office points to the "time saving" advantages of the field weather station.

Last year, she and other C-Agri, personnel daily phoned the U.S. Weather Bureau in Lubbock and secured "Plainview area" weather data. The information then was manually fed into the computer.

Not only does the new innovation feed data directly into the computer and saves employee hours, it affords weather data from this immediate area. South Plains weather observers appreciate the variability of conditions within small areas.

**60-YEAR RECORDS**  
 The C-Agri cotton crop model computer has stored in its memory bank South Plains weather records spanning a 60-year period.

They believe such data is invaluable to farmer clients.

The automated weather station, designed to be "an aid to Comprehensive Agri

Service," is seen as a tool" to allow us to better monitor weather conditions for making recommendations for C-Agri's purpose and plans.

"What we are trying to do is develop a management system that will maintain the development of the cotton plant in balance with the thermal environment," explains Dr. Dan Krieg, crop physiologist with the Plant and Soil Science Department at Texas Tech University and a consultant to C-Agri.

"If you know what controls yield and you know when the plant is developing its yield potential, then you can do something about making sure that it is not suffering any kind of stress at that point.

"What we have seen in recent years is that people are not cutting back on their irrigation water as much as they are cutting back on other things, such as their fertility in the neighborhood of 80 to 100 pounds of nitrogen available in the top two feet of the soil, and you need about 30 to 35 pounds of phosphate available in the soil. To get the second bale, you need only an additional 50 pounds of nitrogen, because you don't have to build much more leaf area or any more stalk.

"The soils around here don't have that much nitrogen and phosphorus in them anymore, and most people have cut costs by cutting their fertility program, which may help explain the trend toward

declining cotton yields in the past several years.

**IMPROVED MANAGEMENT**

To reverse the trend, Keieg is working with a fertility/water management computer program to keep water, nitrogen, phosphorus and heat units in balance to enhance cotton production.

"We can't do anything about the number of heat units available, but we can control the other three. By matching the controllable inputs to the duration of the growing season and making some management decisions during the growing season based upon what we expect to happen in terms of heat units, we can increase cotton production."

Basically, with the assistance of C-Agri—headed by Ricky Kellison—growers are becoming increasingly aware of and using data on the number of heat units that are being accumulated on a day-to-day basis.

Heat unit accumulation is calculated from the daily minimum and maximum temperatures. Daily water use is calculated as a function of the evaporative demand, based on climatic data and the stage of crop development. The water-holding capacity of the soil and how much water the plant can extract out of the soil were measured.

"Then, by using this data in a computer program, we are able to calculate the future water-use rate of the crop and predict when irrigation should be scheduled."

**DATA ACCURACY**

On-the-farm weather reading, made available by the new weather station, can enhance data fed into the computer.

C-Agri officials point out the cotton crop model computer system has the capability—well in advance—of pinpointing the maturity of cotton bolls. In a given field and establishing an optimum defoliation date.

Obviously, the more accurate weather data available for the computer, the more reliable will be projections it affords producers.

The computer age is arriving in agriculture... complete with an accompanying on-the-farm weather station!

*1950 Study Club News*

**By Margaret Jones**

The 1950 Study Club met on Tuesday, April 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the Floyd County Library meeting room. The meeting was called to order by president, Sandy Forehand. Sandy called on program hostess, Doris McLain, who introduced Dennis and Mary Carter of Lockney.

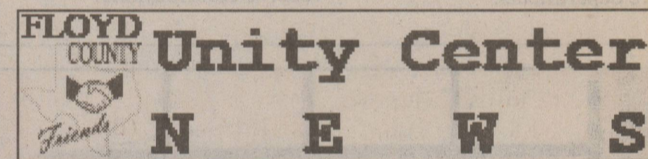
The Carters are Professional Clowns, who definitely wear a variety of hats. Dennis, dressed in his clown regalia, immediately attracted the attention of those in attendance. A most interesting presentation captured everyone's attention of what is involved in desiring, becoming and continuing as an entertainer of all ages, in this unique and often times challenging profession. As

Christian Clowns, the Carters have the opportunity to share their message in a totally different environment.

Refreshments of sandwiches, chips, cookies and spiced punch were served by hostesses Sue Moore and Geneile Evans.

Those present for the meeting were Joy Assiter, Carlyn Crawford, Geneile Evans, Gloria Fannon, Sandy Forehand, Fern Hartsell, Margaret Jones, Sue Lovell, Doris McLain, Lovene Moore, Sue Moore and guest Norma Feuerbacher.

The next meeting will be a Salad Supper to be held in the home of Margaret Jones on May 3. The program for the evening, MAKING BEAUTY SIMPLE, will be presented by Charline Hendrix.



**By Elaine LaBaume**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Floyd County Friends Gala has come and gone. It was another huge success. We don't have the total money amount yet but I will report that when we get it. Tom "Spanky" Assiter was awesome! We were truly blessed that he agreed to "come home" and tell his life story. The Assiter Auctioneers were also awesome.....Spanky and Amy Assiter, Tim Assiter and his son Bandy Assiter.

Our son, Coy, loves the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction and attended, along with our son-in-law, Charles Childre, the one in Las Vegas last September. The Assisters' honored Coy by letting him wear one of the Barrett-Jackson ties at the gala.

To help make it "Barrett-Jackson—Floyd County Style" the following men loaned us their classic vehicles to have on display at the gala: Ronnie Hopper, Louie Bybee, Mike Mathis, Gary Pate, Dickie Lambert and Johnny Bill Sue. We sincerely say "Thank you" to them.

Memorials received this week are: R.C. "Carlton" Fawver, Sue Dye Jones, Maxine Hill, Tate Jones, Kathleen Thornton, Scott Perryman, Mac Bynam, Bonner & Lanora Teeter, Roy Porter, J.R. Belt, Delbur Rose, Olga Miller, Russell Guillems, Joe Cole and Wanda Kelm.

Memorials can be mailed to Elaine LaBaume, 901 West Lee Street, Floydada, TX 79235 or you can go by D & J Gin in Lockney.

The flag that hung during the gala was donated by Melissa Long. It had belonged to her late father, Bev Roberson. Two gracious ladies each donated a flag to the Unity Center the week of the gala. They are Carolyn Marble of South Plains and Helen Bertrand of Floydada. Carolyn and her family donated the flagpole in memory of Fred Marble.

A big "thank you" to all that had anything to do with the gala. We could not operate the Unity Center without having the gala each year. Besides, its fun and "the biggest social event of the year in Floyd County."

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## Obituaries



**LOUISE ELY FAWVER**

Longtime Floydada resident, Louise Ely Fawver, age 84, passed quietly from this life to the next on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, after a lengthy and difficult illness.

Services were held for Mrs. Fawver on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada, Texas. Officiating was Elder Steven Boyd, minister of Mount Carmel Primitive Baptist Church in Churchville, Maryland, and Elder Ronnie Hedges of New Salem Primitive Baptist Church of Floydada. Interment was held at the Floyd County Memorial Park, under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

On October 8, 1926 in Tokio, Texas, Mrs. Fawver was born to William Henry and Lottie Pearl Ely. She was the youngest of nine children in her family, and she spent most of her childhood in the Brownfield area, and she attended schools in Brownfield. In 1943, she moved to Floydada with her sister, Gertrude, to work at Jackson Studios, a photography business owned by her older sister, Rachel and her brother-in-law, Hubert Jackson. The three sisters managed the business during her brother-in-law's term in the military. A handsome photo of a Floydada football player caught her eye and she placed it on her desk at the studio, and ironically, that young athlete became her husband some time later.

While in Floydada, she met and married R. C. "Carlton" Fawver on November 6, 1944, in Plainview. She was a devoted homemaker when her children were young. She and her husband farmed for a number of years before moving to town. After she and Carlton became owners of Floydada Implement, a Massey Ferguson and Hesston dealership, she went to work as the bookkeeper for the business. She remained in that position for over forty years. She was as much a part of the success of the company as her husband was. Together, the dealership was honored as one of the "Top Dealers in the North America Continent" repeatedly in the 1970's.

She loved drawing,

gardening, and sewing, but most of all, she loved working side by side with her husband in the business. She was affectionately called "G-Mama" by all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada for over fifty years, and loved her church family dearly.

Mrs. Fawver is survived by her sister, Gertrude Asher of Killeen; one son, Clinton Fawver of Welch; one daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Hulon Corthel of Floydada; six grandchildren, Melissa Allsup, AJ Fawver, Lewis Fawver, Casey Criswell and his wife, Marri, Corey Johnston and his wife, RaNay, Cienna Thrasher and her husband, Zac, and six great-grandchildren, Callie, Brady, Riley, and Bode Criswell and Camden and Cash Johnston.

Mrs. Fawver was preceded in death by her husband, Carlton Fawver, her parents, Willie and Lottie Pearl Ely, her brothers, Virgil Ely, Volus Ely, Lynn Ely, and her sisters, Lillie Ely Goodrich, Winnie Ely Boyd, Rachel Ely Jackson, and Irene Ely.

The family suggests memorials to be made to the New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada or the Harmony Plains Singing School Foundation. Memorials to either may be sent % Ronnie Fowler, 4304 45th St., Lubbock, Tx. 79413.

### FLORENE DURHAM RATLIFF

Florene Durham Ratliff, age 91, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2011 in Plainview. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Silverton Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. Ricky Cartensen officiated.

Opal Florene Grimland was born May 7, 1919 to William and Flora Belle (Loper) Grimland in Prairie View, Texas. Florene married Gordon (Blackie) T. Durham, Sr. on September 28, 1940 in Claude, Texas. The couple resided in Silverton and were blessed with four children, Gordon, Bill, Bobby and Jackie. Blackie passed away in June 1957. She later married J.M. Ratliff on December 7, 1960 in Silverton. The couple then relocated to Lockney in 1962. J.M. Ratliff passed away in July 1987.

Florene had served as the Briscoe County Treasurer from 1958 to 1962 and later worked as a bookkeeper in Lockney. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

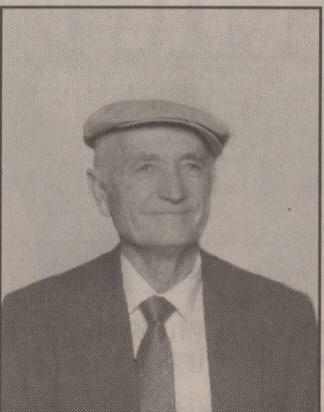
Florene was also preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers; two sisters; and

two grandchildren, Trevor Durham and Amy Durham.

She is survived by her three sons; Gordon Durham and wife, Mercedes of Longview, Washington, Bill Durham and wife, Bettye of Carrollton, Bobby Durham and wife, Veronna of Ft. Worth; her daughter, Jackie Scroggins and husband, Harold of Amarillo; her step-daughter, Nellie Dunavant and husband, Neal of Plainview; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in Florene Durham Ratliff's name to the Silverton Cemetery, or to Hospice Hands of West Texas.

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



**DELBUR (D.C.) ROSE**

A Celebration Service for Delbur (D.C.) Rose will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene in Plainview.

D.C. went to be with his Lord on Friday, March 18, 2011 at the Prairie House. His body has been sent to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. His son, Jerry, had an accident the week of his death. Now, we invite you to be part of this celebration as Jerry is recovering.

He was born June 9, 1937 to C.H. and Mary Ida Rose in Lockney. Lucy Dean Record is his sister. He married Bennie Mavat Lester in 1937 and had two sons, Jerry and Johnny.

He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. He sang in a men's quartet and loved music. He was a cotton farmer who spent 22 years driving a Lockney bus. He will be remembered for his kindness and gentleness and his generosity with all he had touched by his life.

Survivors include his sister, Lucy Dean Record of Lockney; his two sons, Jerry and his wife, Karen of Lubbock and Johnny and his wife, Margaret of Plainview; grandchildren Denton Rose, Brenda Berg, Sherlene Gillis of Lubbock, Bryan Rose of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Garron Rose of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Brandon Rose of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-grand-grandchildren.

## Floyd County Church Directory

**AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-5278  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.  
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**CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music  
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students  
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney**  
John Franklin, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min..  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ....10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship ....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday .....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday .....7:30 p.m.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.  
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**NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
310 E. Mississippi  
Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise ....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.  
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**POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 N. Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship .....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Floydada  
Pastor Lupe Rando  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening .....7:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Patrick Maher, Pastor  
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe Hernandez  
983-5286 (church)  
983-5156 (parsonage)  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemio  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
Mon.Wed. Mass .....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:45 p.m.  
Morning Praise ....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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**Trinity Assembly**  
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Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington  
Minister  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ...11:00 a.m.  
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**WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Floydada 983-3548  
Sunday Worship .....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....5:00 p.m.

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EMS Week May 15 - 21



# Lockney High competes in district UIL meet

Lockney High School hosted the District 5-1A UIL Academic meet on Tuesday, March 29 and on Wednesday, March 30.

Almost 300 students competed from Clarendon, Claude, Crosbyton, Hale Center, Lockney, Memphis, New Deal, Ralls, Quanah, and Wellington. Eighteen LHS students would advance to the Regional meet that will be held at South Plains College on Friday, April 15.

Making up the Accounting team are; Cassandra Ascencio, Tanya Hernandez, SyAnn Foster, and Erica Marmolejo. In that division, Marmolejo would place second, Ascencio

would place fifth, and Hernandez would finish in sixth. The team was coached by Monty Teeter.

Isabel Solis, Mary Sammann, Johnny Rose, Jonathan Sustaita all placed 5th in Calculator Apps; the team was coached by Ashley Williamson.

Competing in Computer Apps were; Collin Fulton, David Johnson, and Steve Karlin; the team was coached Melanie Ragland.

The Computer Science team placed first and will now advance to the Regional competition that will be held on April 15. Rico Trejo earned first, Chase Thompson came

in second, Chris Rodriguez would place third, and Nikki Jimenez placed fourth; that team is coached by Bryan Cooper.

Toni Morales placed third in Editorial Writing, and sixth in Feature Writing; her coach was Jessica Jordan. Luke Sherman, Jasmin Rodriguez, and Maison Ragland also competed in Journalism events.

In Ready Writing, Katie Jackson would place first, also competing in Ready Writing were Maison Ragland and Dillon DeLeon; Melanie Ragland was their coach.

The Literary Criticism team, consisting of Lindsay Stewart,

Kami Hunt, Krista Wofford, McKenzie Kemp, and Jasmine Pena, earned first place once again. The team will continue there quest for a second state championship. Lindsay would come in first and Kami would place second; the team was coached by Lesha Woodard.

In Current Event, Chris Rodriguez's third place medal and Chase Thompson's sixth place finish would earn the team first place; also competing were Taylor Rose and Rico Trejo, the team is coached by D'Lyn Morris.

Dylan Aufill's first place and Quinn Jackson's fifth place in Number Sense would lead their team to another

first place title; they will now advance to the Regional meet. Also competing in Number Sense would be Landry Kidd, David Johnson, Luke Sherman and Kameron Hunt. Coached by Pam Fulton, the Number Sense team has advanced to the Regional competition every year for the last 15 years; they also have hopes of returning to Austin for the state meet.

Competing in Informative Speaking, Nathan Caballero and Heather Fierros would grab fifth place; also competing was Landry Kidd in Persuasive Speaking, their coach is Melanie Ragland.

Competing in Poetry Interpretation was Tanae Ramos, Memory Lane, and Alexis Rodriguez. Competing in Prose Interpretation was Rayann Race, KaCee Armstrong, and McKenzie Kemp; the LHS speakers are coached by Melanie Ragland.

The Social Studies team consisted of Jake Bramlet, Marcos Mercado, and Molly Cazares and were coached by Jay Ragland

The Science team consisted of Chris Rodriguez, Chase Thompson, Landon Kidd, Mary Sammann, Taylor Rose, Steve Karlin, Jake Bramlet,

and Hunter Thompson finished fifth in their competition; their team was coached by D'Lyn Morris.

Susie Salas, Isabel Solis and Shayla Vasquez competed in Spelling and Vocabulary; Racheal Kasner is their coach.

The Math team of Erik Cortez, Amber Segovia, Dillon DeLeon, Rico Trejo, and David Johnson finished fifth and are coached by Monty Teeter

Lockney High School is very thankful to these students and coaches who spend an enormous amount of time and effort to prepare and perfect their skills in these UIL contests. We are also appreciative of those in the community who worked as time keepers, food chairwomen, and graders helping us host the event; First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Main Street Pizza, Michealle Stennett, Beth Bramlet, Barbara Mathis, Eugene Tannahill, Gayle Schacht, Bill McCarter, Charlotte Brock, Betty Jackson, Phil Cotham, Reeda Cay Smith, Candance Scott, Judy Wofford, Renee Armstrong, Rhonda Aufill, and Lana Kidd.



**Computer Science Team:** Chasé Thompson, Chris Rodriguez, Nikki Jimenez, Rico Trejo



**Current Issues and Events:** Taylor Rose, Chase Thompson, Chris Rodriguez, Rico Trejo.



**Number Sense:** Kameron Hunt, Luke Sherman, David Johnson, Quinn Jackson, Landry Kidd, Dylan Aufill



**Ready Writing:** Katie Jackson



**Literary Criticism team:** Lindsay Stewart, Krista Wofford, McKenzie Kemp, Jasmine Pena, Kami Hunt

## Longhorns compete in District track meet

This past Friday, the Lockney Longhorn's track team headed to New Deal for the District 5-1A Championships. The results for both the Boy's and Girl's Teams are as follows: In the Girls 100 meter dash, Tanae Ramos would grab first place. In the Girls 200 meter dash, Tanae Ramos would grab second and Tanya Hernandez would grab sixth. In the 400 meter dash, Memory Lane would place seventh; in the 800 meter dash, Devin Caballero would place second and Jasmin Rodriguez would place sixth. In the Girls 1600 meter run, Devin

Caballero would once again place second; in the Girls 300 meter hurdles, Alanie Rendon would place first and Syann Foster would finish seventh. In the Girls 4x100 meter relay Lockney would finish second; in the 4x200 meter relay, Lockney would finish fifth; and in the 4x400 meter relay, Lockney would finish third. In the Girls high jump, Alanie Rendon would finish first and Alexis Rodriguez would finish sixth. In the Girls pole vault, Alexis Rodriguez would place third and in the Girls long jump, Quinn Jackson would come in fourth and Tanae Ramos

would finish ninth. In the Girls triple jump, Tanae Ramos would finish first. In the Girls shot put, Mary Sammann would place sixth, and in the Girls discus throw Meagan Dun would place fifth and McKenzie Kemp would place sixth.

In the Varsity Boys 800 meter run, Ryan Diaz would grab the sixth position. In the Boys 1600 meter run Ivan Davila would place fifth; and in the Boys 3200 meter run Ivan Davila would place sixth. In the Boys 4x400 meter relay Lockney's team would come in at fifth; and in **See LONGHORNS on page 9**

## Lockney Junior High Track

The Lockney Longhorns 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys track team competed in the District track meet on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> in Lockney. The 'Horns did very well and worked very hard for the awards they received. "This week's track meet went really well. We could not have asked for anymore effort from the kids then what we got. We ended the night well with a mile relay win by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It has been a joy coaching all these kids this year; they work very hard and do what you ask." Coach Kyle Browne.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sprint Relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Derick Patel, Levi Kasner,

Sergio Ascencio, Justin Suarez; Mile Relay 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Derick Patel, Levi Kasner, Sergio Ascencio, Justin Suarez; 100m Dash- Justin Suarez 4<sup>th</sup> place; 200m Dash- Levi Kasner 1<sup>st</sup>; 2400- Daylen Gatica; 5<sup>th</sup> place and Jake Moore 4<sup>th</sup> place; 1600- Jake Moore 6<sup>th</sup>; 300 Hurdles- Sergio Ascencio 1<sup>st</sup> place; Shot Put- Ruben Ascencio 1<sup>st</sup> place; Triple Jump- Levi Kasner 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Discus- Ruben Ascencio 4<sup>th</sup> place; Long Jump- Justin Suarez 6<sup>th</sup> place

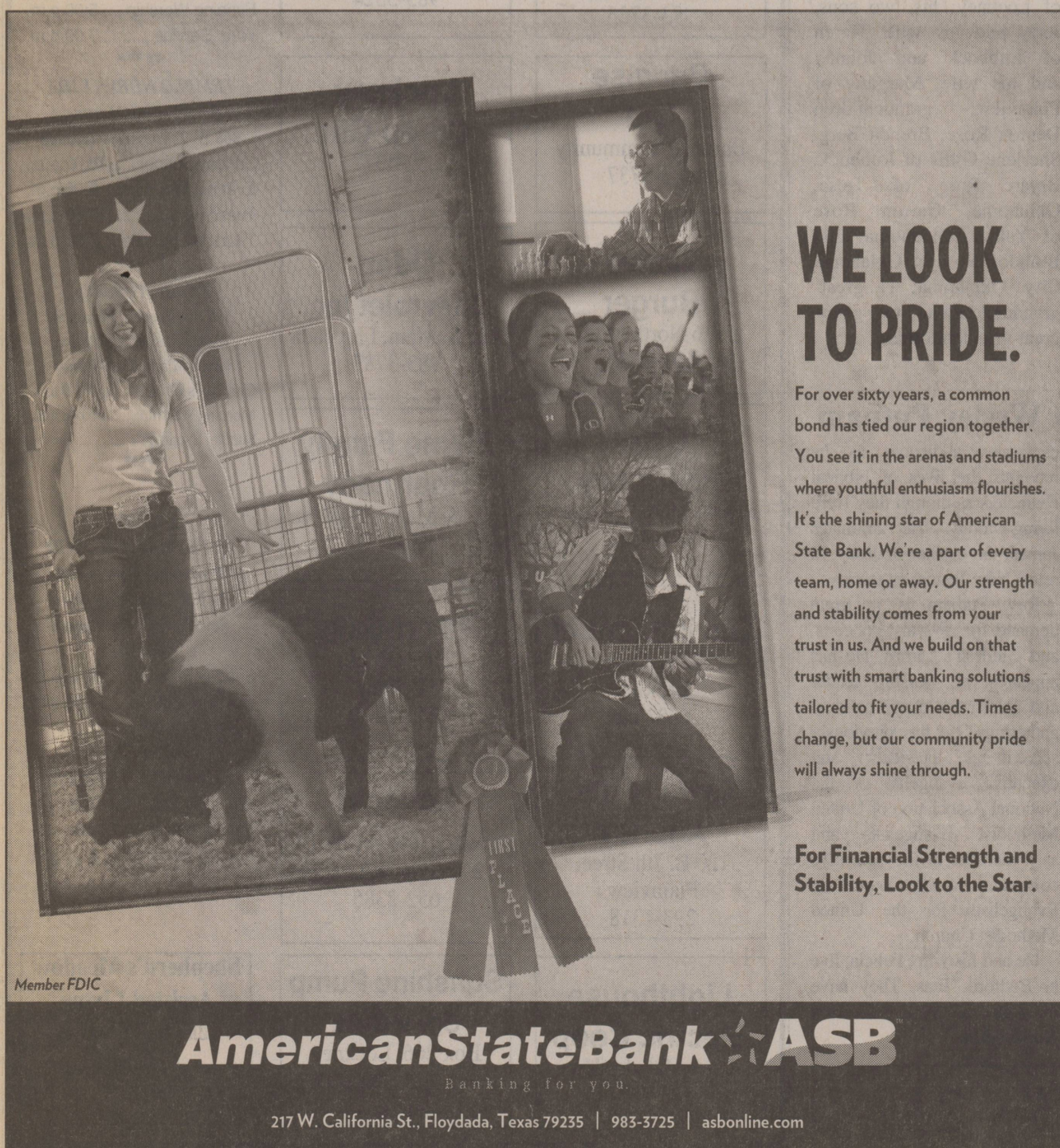
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sprint Relay 4<sup>th</sup> place- Darin Deleon, Nic Sherman, Michael Guerrero, Ignacio Tapia; Mile Relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Marcos Bueno, Nic Sherman, Michael Guerrero, Ignacio Tapia; 800 Relay 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Marcos Bueno, Nic Sherman, Michael Guerrero, Ignacio Tapia; 400m- Marcos Bueno 2<sup>nd</sup> place; 110 Hurdles- Eli Guerra 5<sup>th</sup> place

300 Hurdles- Eli Guerra 4<sup>th</sup>; Shot Put- Michael Guerrero 4<sup>th</sup> place

Triple Jump- Ignacio Tapia 1<sup>st</sup> place; Marcos Bueno- 6<sup>th</sup> place

## Lockney School Lunch Menu April 18-21

- Monday**  
Breakfast-Donut or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch-Pigs in a blanket or Grilled Cheese, corn, pears, milk
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast-Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch-Fish Sticks, or Ham, pinto beans, spinach, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast-Oatmeal or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch-Chicken Patty or Tuna Sandwich, potato, casserole, green beans, orange smiles, roll, milk
- Thursday**  
Breakfast-Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch- Pizza or Corn dog, corn applesauce, milk
- Friday**  
Holiday



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A late comeback would not be enough for Lockney to take down the Tahoka Bulldogs last Thursday, the Lady Horns would fall 6-5. The Lady Horns would quickly bounce back with a 3-1 victory over Ralls on Saturday.

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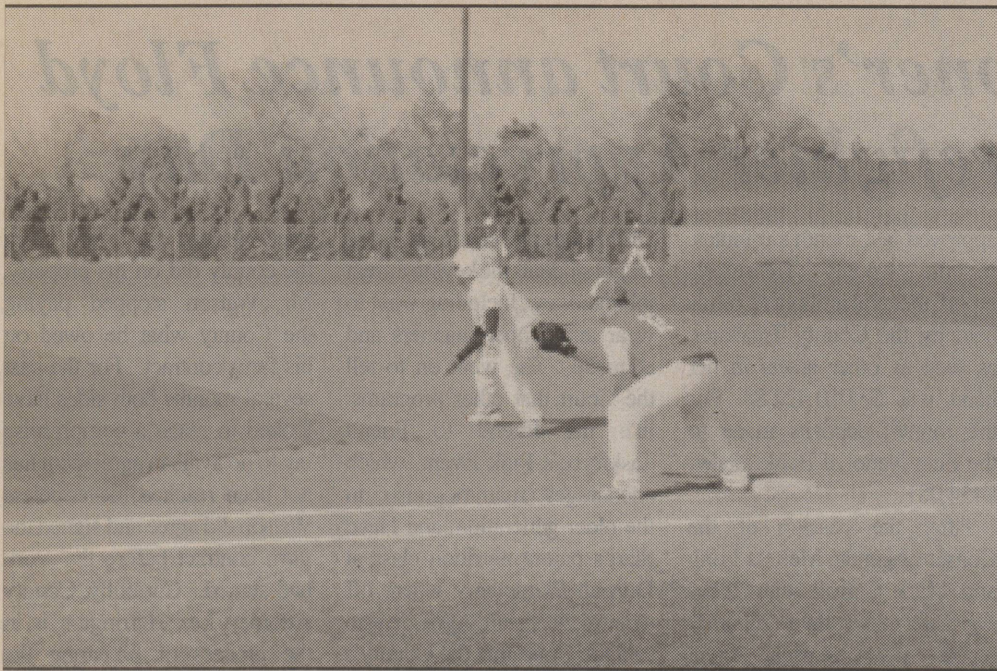


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After a 10-5 loss to the Abernathy, the Floydada Whirlwinds are now in tie with the Antelopes for third place in the division. With a 4-4 record in district, and a 9-7-1 record overall, the 'Winds will look to win out the rest of the season for a chance at the playoffs.

## Floyd County 4-H Archery Match held



4-H ARCHERY participants and leaders are (front row, l-r) Luke Carroll, Carly Lehman, Rachel Graham, Lindi Miller, Ryder Glass, Caleb Miller, Carson Miller, Kaleb Whittle; (back row, l-r) Bill Glass, Mallory Graham, Jianna Davenport, Winfield Davenport, Jacob Graham, Corbin Lehman and Alex Glass. Also leading and not pictured was Patty Davenport. Shooting and not pictured was Cutter Smith.

By Mark Carroll  
CEA-AG

### Floyd County

The Floyd County 4-H Archery Match was held Sunday, April 03, 2011. Competitors shot six rounds of six arrows indoors and then had one shot at each of the twelve 3-D targets. All competitors shot barebows.

Participating as Clover Kids were Ryder Glass, Carson Miller and Lindee Miller. First year junior participants were Corbin Lehman, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Cutter Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Carly Lehman, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the junior division, 1<sup>st</sup> place was Kaleb Whittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Caleb Miller and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Luke

Carroll. Intermediates were Alex Glass, 1<sup>st</sup> and Rachel Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Seniors were Jianna Davenport, 1<sup>st</sup> and Jacob Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup>. High point individual overall was Kaleb Whittle with 310 points. The District 2 4-H Archery Match will be held on Saturday, April 30 in Littlefield.

4-H is an educational program for youth ages 9 to 19. The 4-H archery project teaches safety and the fundamentals of archery. It also builds self-confidence and self-esteem. Bows, arrows and targets are provided for youth to use.

The Floyd County 4-H archery project has been

the recent recipient of two grants. The first was a \$500 grant from the Texas Friends of 4-H. This grant was used to purchase five bows for the members to use. The second grant was a \$4,600 grant from Easton Archery. Bows, arrows, 3-D targets and indoor foam targets were purchased with the Easton grant. The grant money is greatly appreciated. We can now equip more youth with better equipment.

The archery project meets October through April. The coaches are Bill Glass, Winfield Davenport and Patty Davenport and the newly certified youth assistant, Jianna Davenport.

## SPCAA Head Start now accepting applications

FLOYDADA, TEXAS – South Plains Community Action Association Head Start in partnership with Floydada ISD is currently accepting recruitment applications for the 2011-2012 school year. The Floydada ISD Head Start program serves children 3 and 4 years-old. Children must turn 4 years old by December 31, 2011 to enroll in the Head Start program.

In addition to preschool education, children enrolled in Head Start will receive complete medical, dental, mental health, disabilities and family support services all to help prepare the entire child for success in kindergarten.

Selection for this program is need-based and considers age, income, life circumstances, employment and disabilities. Ten percent of funded enrollment is reserved specifically for children with disabilities. SPCAA HS is able to provide individual support

services for children with special needs.

Families can call (806) 983-2296 Floydada ISD to complete an application or to learn more about this program. Floydada ISD will have a Recruitment Roundup on April 15, 2011 from 9 AM to 5 PM.

SPCAA Head Start partners with area public schools to provide Head Start services in a 12 county area. SPCAA Head Start classrooms are in Lubbock, Levelland, Littlefield, Denver City, Morton, Muleshoe, Sudan, Smyer, Ropesville, Brownfield, Plainview, O'Donnell, Lorenzo, Floydada, Crosbyton, Slaton, Post, and Olton.

Head Start is a nationwide program that began in 1965 under the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson. The program is considered by many to be one of the most successful federal programs in history and Head Start programs can now be found in nearly every county of the country.

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

April 18 – April 22

### Monday

**Breakfast** – French toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch** – BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk

### Tuesday

**Breakfast**– Sausage, toast/jelly, cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**–Golden fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, hot roll, milk

### Wednesday

**Breakfast**–Waffles/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**–Garne Guisada, refried beans, rice, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk

### Thursday

**Breakfast**– Breakfast sausage roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**–Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, fruited geletin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk

### Friday

Holiday

Celebrate EMS  
Week  
May 15-21



Courtesy Photo

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 11<sup>th</sup> were (back row, l-r) Andrew Salinas, Donald Gibbens, Leslynn Ortiz, Maliki Hardaway; (front row l-r) Marissa Yannis, Ilan Lopez, and Mary Strange.

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### COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

After almost a week of quiet trading, cotton returned to its volatile pattern Tuesday and continued to trade somewhat erratically the remainder of the week. Analysts said anticipation of USDA's monthly supply/demand report and expectations of lower U.S. cotton production, coupled with fear of dry weather across the Texas region, were pushing prices higher.

This month's U.S. cotton forecasts for 2010-11 showed lower production, higher domestic mill use, and lower ending stocks. The production estimate was reduced 215,000 bales from last month based on USDA's final Cotton Ginnings report released on March 25.

Domestic mill use was raised 100,000 bales, reflecting

recent activity, while the export estimate remained unchanged. Ending stocks were reduced 300,000 bales to a record low 1.6 million, the equivalent of eight percent of total use.

USDA's 2010-11 world cotton estimates included lower production and higher consumption, resulting in a two-percent reduction in ending stocks. World production was reduced approximately 400,000 bales based on decreases for the United States, the African Franc Zone, Turkey, and Pakistan, which were partially offset by an increase for Brazil.

World consumption was raised by the department, reflecting increases primarily in Pakistan

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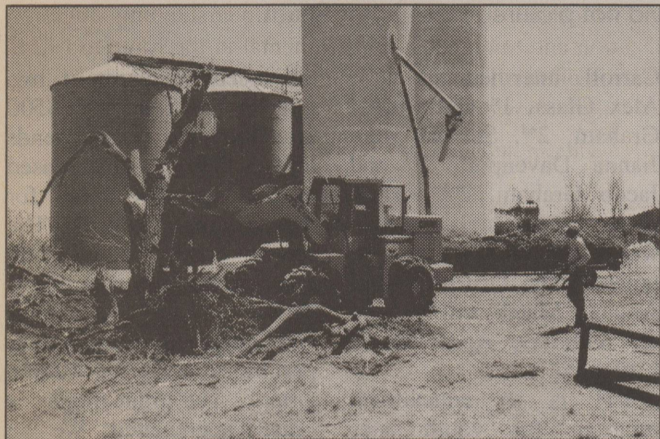


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**HARD AT WORK**-(above) Precinct 4 Commissioner, Amado Morales and Henry Bolton work to clean up the land that was recently donated to the County. Last month, the City of Floydada donated about a lot and half of land to Floyd County, the land is located near the City's old train depot and is on the east side of precincts 1, 3, and 4's equipment barn. Since the donation, Commissioner Morales and Mr. Bolton have been busy cleaning up trash, scrape metal and dead trees from the area; in the next several week, the Commissioner plans to remove over 200-300 tons of foundation concrete from the location. After the clean up is complete, the County is planning to level and fence in the lot so the County can store their heavy equipment.

## Commissioner's Court announce Floyd County Firefighter Appreciation Day

By Homer Marquez

On April 11, Floyd County Commissioners convened once again to review and discuss key agenda items in their monthly meeting. Kicking off this month's court session, the Commissioners signed a resolution that declared April 11, 2011 as Floyd County Firefighter Appreciation Day.

For the countless man hours that these brave and selfless volunteer firefighters have put into protecting the citizens of Floyd County, as well as the citizens of the surrounding counties, the Commissioner's Court spoke on behalf of Floyd County as they thanked these outstanding citizens. Serving without any type of compensation, Floyd County's Volunteer firefighters have time and time again put themselves in harms way to protect the citizens of Floyd County from damaging fires; and with a year of extreme dry weather and ramped grass fires, both Floydada and Lockney's Fire Departments have been able to save thousands of acres of land and incalculable amount of personal and community property. The signed resolution was only a small tribute to the great appreciation that the county as a whole has for their local fire departments; following the passing of the resolution, the court treated the fire departments to a complementary breakfast.

Following the resolution, the Court went back to business as usual; after no public comment or proposed farm bills, the Court unanimously approved this month's consent agenda. In the consent agenda, the commissioners paid the bills and

approved last month's minutes. In the County Treasurer's report, the total amount of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hand was \$3,020,422.88. For the month, deposits made to the First National Bank totaled \$454,081.

After the passing of the Consent Agenda, Melissa Long and Mark Carroll with Texas AgriLife gave their monthly report. Busy as usual, Agent Mark Carroll informed the Court that the 4-H Livestock Judging Team had competed in six competitions in the past four weeks. In their recent competitions the judging team finished second at Texas Tech and eighth in the Clarendon competition; this Saturday, the team will head back to Texas Tech for district competition. This week, AgriLife will be heading to Lockney's school district to host "Power of the Wind". Sponsored by the renewable energy company, Horizon Wind Energy, the five day curriculum will show fifth grade science students the principals of harvesting wind energy. During the presentation, kids will get a hands-on lesson in wind energy as students get an opportunity to build and study their own miniature wind turbines. The "Power of the Wind" program will head to Floydada's school district on the third week of May. Carroll also went on to inform the Court that the Ag Committee was in the process of planning their Caprock Conference. AgriLife agent, Melissa Long also reported that her "How to Interview" class at the high school was a great success.

During her presentations, Long taught students the keys to a great job interview, including what to wear and proper manners and etiquette. She went on to tell the Court that other programs, like the Friend to Friend Taskforce's Pink Event, which encourages mammograms in the older generation, and Head Start's parent nutrition class at Duncan Elementary where off to an excellent start. AgriLife also told the Court that the County's Fashion Show was going to be held on Tuesday, April 5. Six 4-H members and two Clover Kids will be participating in the event; also coming up, district competition will be on deck for photography and fashion design, as well as for archery and raffle. AgriLife did want to invite every one to the Issue Identification Forum that will be held this coming Monday; the forum gives the local community a chance to give the 4-H program some direction on some future plans. Issues concerning FCS, agriculture, community development and youth issues will be addressed; in the past this forum led to the construction of the Unity Center in Muncy.

Closing out the Court session, the Commissioners unanimously voted to approve a bounty agreement.

On April 1, the Commissioner's Court held a special called meeting to address and resolve some important items. After voting to extend the burn ban another 90 days, the court voted to pursue with a court lawsuit against Dean Watson for a delinquent farm contact. Late last year, after claiming he was

over charged for some work the county did on his property, Mr. Watson stopped paying the County what he owed on his farm contract. For the past several months both sides have looked to reach a compromise but to no avail an agreement has not been reached; nevertheless Watson did agree and signed the farm contract before the work had started. Currently, County Attorney Lex Herrington is in the process of preparing the lawsuit.

Also on the April 1, agenda, the commissioners discussed the possibility of approving a contract with the software company, idocket. The purpose of the software would be to link up and back up the files held in the Courthouse, including county records and criminal files. The software would allow departments like the Clerk's Office, the Sheriff's Office and others to share, store, and file in a more congruent and uniform way. In the past each department, has used a different filing and storing system, but now the state is requiring the already financially strapped counties to convert to a more uniform system. The application of the idocket software would save time in converting the files to the states new guidelines. After hearing from an idocket representative on two separate occasions, the commissioners still felt that the County could not cover the cost of the software in this year's budget; the agenda item to approve the idocket software was not passed with all four commissioners voting opposed, Judge Penny Golightly would abstain from voting.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Floydada

#### Condemnation Proceedings

for

the following described properties:

- 328 W. Jackson @ 3rd St. - Lot 16, Block 42, Original Town
- 329 E. Jackson @ 9th St. - Lots 14-16, Block 37, Original Town

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT FLOYDADA CITY HALL IN REGARD TO CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PROPERTY LISTED ABOVE. PERSONS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY HALL AT 983-3834 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

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## NRCS Honors volunteers during National Volunteer Week

Temple, Texas April 6, 2011- National Volunteer Week is April 10-16 and the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is celebrating the week by thanking and honoring its Earth Team volunteers for their service to conservation. Nationally, in fiscal year 2010, nearly 30,000 people donated 641,549 hours of service to NRCS.

NRCS Acting State Conservationist Salvador Salinas said 218 Earth Team volunteers donated 5,733.50 hours of service in Texas alone. "That's worth \$119,543.48 of benefit to our customers and the taxpayers," Salinas said. "These are impressive numbers

and we are grateful for the help, but we also recognize much more conservation work needs to be done."

Earth Team is NRCS' official volunteer resource. The program partners volunteers with NRCS employees. It was created in 1985 and offers opportunities to individuals over the age of 14 who are interested in volunteering and making a positive difference for the nation's natural resources. Through the use of community projects, volunteers assist NRCS conservationists in areas ranging from conservation technical assistance to teaching and generating awareness about conservation.

"The NRCS theme for

this year puts it best - *Earth Team Volunteers are the Key Foundation of Conservation.*" Salinas said. "They allow us to stretch available resources and help us put conservation practices on the ground. And, as Chief Dave White said a year ago, 'Earth Team makes it possible for us to achieve our mission of Helping People Help the Land.'"

Salinas said he hopes National Volunteer Week will motivate others to volunteer to help NRCS with its conservation mission. "Earth Team volunteers work closely with our staff and they play an important role in our state's conservation work. As a result, volunteers tell us our

assignments are personally very rewarding," Salinas said.

For more information on the Earth Team Volunteer Program visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/volunteers](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/volunteers) or call (toll-free) 888-526-3227.

NRCS (originally called the Soil Conservation Service) has provided leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private land owners and managers conserve their soil, water and other natural resources since 1935. For more information on NRCS visit [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its

NRCS

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)**

To the registered voters of the City of Floydada, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Floydada, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 14, 2011, for voting in a general election to elect 1 Mayor, At Large; 1 Councilmember for District 2; 1 Councilmember for District 3

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 14 de Mayo de 2011 para votar en la Elección General para elegir 1 Alcalde, En Grande; 1 Miembro Del Concilio, Distrito 2, 1 Miembro Del Concilio, Distrito 3

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Massie Activity Center  
513 W. Georgia St.  
Floydada, TX 79235

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

City Hall, 114 W. Virginia St., Floydada, TX 79235 (location) (sitio)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of \* a.m. and \* p.m. beginning on (entre las \* de la mañana y las \* de la tarde empezando el May 2, 2011 - 2 de Mayo de 2011 (date) (fecha)

and ending on (y terminando el) May 10, 2011 - 10 de Mayo de 2011 (date) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Karen Lawson	* May 2	7 am - 6 pm
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votación Adelantada)	May 3	7 am - 7 pm
	May 4	7 am - 6 pm
114 W. Virginia St.	May 5	7 am - 6 pm
(Address) (Dirección)	May 6	7 am - 5 pm
Floydada, TX 79235	May 9	7 am - 6 pm
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)	May 10	7 am - 7 pm

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

May 6, 2011; 6 de Mayo de 2011 (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 18 day of January, 2011. (Emitida este día 18 de Enero, 2011.)

*Bobby Gilliland*  
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)**

To the registered voters of the City of Floydada, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Floydada, Texas):

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(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 14 de mayo de 2011 para votar en la Elección Especial para elegir un Miembro del Concilio En Grande por un término no vencido de un año

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May 6, 2011; 6 de mayo de 2011 (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 15 day of February, 2011. (Emitida este día 15 de febrero, 2011.)

*Bobby Gilliland*  
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)



# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### One Nation, Under Whom?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I know some of you reading this are agnostic or perhaps atheist. Others may be Muslims, Buddhists, Hindu or practice another religion. This column is not intended to judge anyone for their beliefs. I think a person's beliefs are of a very personal nature and it's not necessarily anyone else's business.

I am a Christian and I believe God has made a tremendous difference in my life. I also believe the power of prayer helped my wife survive a serious illness and my son survive after getting run over by an SUV. You may think I'm misguided, but it is what I believe and I give thanks to God for these things and others every single day.

I guess I've taken Christianity for granted in terms of number in the United States.

My preacher was in New York City planning the church's second mission there. When he addressed it last year, my first thought was, "Why in the world are we doing a mission in the U.S.?" Before becoming a little more informed, I actually thought it would be a waste of time.

I learned a valuable lesson. This is not the United States of America of my childhood and certainly not the USA of earlier times.

I find conflict about this issue within myself. Not to sound like a zealot, but there are a lot of lost people in this country.

How many churches do you have in your town? Several. I'm assuming that is because there is a demand. There are plenty of other Christians not attending church for a variety of reasons. In our part of the country, 90 percent believe in God and the vast majority of those are Christians.

In Manhattan, Queens and Long Island, all part of the NYC metropolitan area, there is one church per 59,000 people. That statistic alone sheds light on how many people out there are unaware as there is a church for every few hundred here.

Based on last year's mission trip, many of those visited had never heard of Jesus Christ. Now I can understand some tribe in the middle of Africa never hearing of him, but it's hard for me to comprehend someone living in America and never hearing of Jesus.

As I said above, religion is personal. More people have been killed on this planet in the name of religion than any other reason. No wonder people have a hard time speaking openly on the topic of religious beliefs outside of church.

In the south and southwest, many of us cannot imagine a life without God. We pitch a fit each time we feel federal or state governments are using political correctness in an ef-

fort to get God out of the government, schools, business, etc. It's tricky to navigate the line of church and state and despite my hardheadedness, I understand that each American has the freedom to believe how and what they wish. Being a land free of religious persecution has always been a large drawing card for this country and we should all take pride in that.

While many may reject the notion of Jesus Christ, it is my wish that the world at least know of him. How to accomplish this is a major task to say the least.

I'm always hesitant to write about my inner feelings regarding by religious beliefs. I don't think it's the job of your local newspaper to "preach" any religion. However, I felt like sharing this information with you because it's interesting. I also think it's wise to try and understand why different people believe in different things. It helps to get to know that individual which helps in communication. Understanding, communication and tolerance are instrumental in the route to peace on this planet. That should be a prayer for anyone believing in a higher power, no matter who he is.

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### Other Opinions

## The Public School Ban on Homemade Lunches

By REBEKAH RAST

The public school lunch program is again making headlines.

You might have thought this issue was already resolved when Obama signed into law the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, a bill strongly supported by First Lady Michelle Obama in her effort to curb childhood obesity. Through this law, school breakfasts, lunches and vending machines were refashioned to be more nutritious and offer only healthy options.

But now the issue is back, and school officials have now launched a ban on homemade lunches.

At public school Little Village Academy on Chicago's West Side, students are not allowed to pack lunches from home, reports the Chicago Tribune, instead students must eat school-provided lunches, or not eat at all.

The Chicago Tribune goes on to report that school Principal Elsa Carmona, "created the policy six years ago after watching students bring 'bottles of soda and flaming hot chips' on field trips for their lunch."

"Nutrition wise, it is better for the children to eat at the school." The Chicago Tribune record-

ed Carmona as saying, "It's about the nutrition and the excellent quality food that they are able to serve (in the lunchroom). It's milk versus a Coke. But with allergies and any medical issue, of course, we would make an exception."

It appears that school officials think they know how to better meet the needs of their students than the student's actual caretakers. At least students with health and allergy concerns get a pass.

When giving this new idea of banning homemade lunches a closer look, a different motive on behalf of school officials begins to surface.

When students are forced to get lunch in the school cafeteria, they are forced to spend money on that lunch. Where does that money go? According to the Chicago Tribune, "Any school that bans homemade lunches also puts more money in the pockets of the district's food provider, Chartwells-Thompson. The federal government pays the district for each free or reduced-price lunch taken, and the caterer receives a set fee from the district per lunch."

That makes much more sense. Especially after seeing how public school teachers reacted to Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's law ending their collective bargaining rights. The last thing

on those teachers' minds was their students as they spent days protesting causing entire school districts to shut down. It seemed odd that school officials would really be pushing this new mandate through claiming they only have the student's best interests in mind.

The more the government intrudes on the lives of Americans, the less freedom its people have.

Since Obama has been President, Congress has passed the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, restructuring school lunch programs to be more nutrition conscience; ObamaCare, included a federal-menu labeling law that affects restaurants with 20 or more locations by forcing them to put nutritional information for menu items on the menus themselves, menu boards and even drive-thrus. This law also requires vending machine owners to comply by the same rules. And, in April 2010, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a plan to begin limiting the amount of salt allowed in processed foods. Though it does not know what the reduced sodium levels will be, the FDA hopes to implement the plan over a 10-year span.

It seems this Congress, Obama's administra-

tion and school officials have forgotten that eating at McDonald's is a choice.

"It is not the job of the federal government or school officials to be regulating diets," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "That is the job of the parents. Leaders, whether it is the President of the United States or principal of a public school, should not be using taxpayer money to further their nanny state antics."

Another Chicago school allows the students to bring homemade lunches but confiscates all sugar- or sodium-packed snacks. Principal Rebecca Stinson of Claremont Academy Elementary School said, "that though students may not like it, she has yet to hear a parent complain."

Parents might start complaining after they realize their child is starving since many students don't want to eat the cafeteria food. But then again, that fits right into Michelle Obama's whole goal — children who don't eat, won't gain weight or someday be obese.

Looks like her "Let's Move" initiative is taking a whole new identity within Chicago's school system with "Let's tell you exactly what you can and cannot eat."

## Iceland Declares Independence from International Banks

By BILL WILSON

Iceland is free. And it will remain so, so long as her people wish to remain autonomous of the foreign domination of her would-be masters — in this case, international bankers.

On April 9, the fiercely independent people of island-nation defeated a referendum that would have bailed out the UK and the Netherlands who had covered the deposits of British and Dutch investors who had lost funds in Icesave bank in 2008.

At the time of the bank's failure, Iceland refused to cover the losses. But the UK and Netherlands nonetheless have demanded that Iceland repay them for the "loan" as a condition for admission into the European Union.

In response, the Icelandic people have told Europe to go pound sand. The final vote was 103,207 to 69,462, or 58.9 percent to 39.7 percent. "Taxpayers should not be responsible for paying the debts of a private institution," said Sigríur Andersen, a spokeswoman for the Advice group that opposed the bailout.

A similar referendum in 2009 on the issue, although with harsher terms, found 93.2 percent of the Icelandic electorate rejecting a proposal to guarantee the deposits of foreign investors who had funds in the Icelandic bank. The referendum was invoked when President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson vetoed legislation the Althingi, Iceland's parliament, had passed to pay back the British and Dutch.

Under the terms of the agreement, Iceland would have had to

pay £2.35 billion to the UK, and €1.32 billion to the Netherlands by 2046 at a 3 percent interest rate. Its rejection for the second time by Iceland is a testament to its people, who feel they should bear no responsibility for the losses of foreigners endured in the financial crisis.

That opposition to bailouts led to Iceland's decision to allow the bank to fail in 2008. Not that the taxpayers there could have afforded to. As noted by Bloomberg News, at the time the crisis hit in 2008, "the banks had debts equal to 10 times Iceland's \$12 billion GDP."

"These were private banks and we didn't pump money into them in order to keep them going; the state did not shoulder the responsibility of the failed private banks," Iceland President Olafur Grimsson told Bloomberg Television.

The voters' rejection came despite threats to isolate Iceland from funding in international financial institutions. Iceland's national debt has already been downgraded by credit rating agencies, and now those same agencies have promised to do so once again as punishment for defying the will of international bankers.

This is just the latest in the long drama since 2008 of global institutions refusing to take losses in the financial crisis. Threats of a global economic depression and claims of being "too big to fail" have equated to a loaded gun to the heads of representative governments in the U.S. and Europe. Iceland is of particular interest because it did not bail out its banks like Ireland did, or

foreign ones like the U.S. did.

If that fervor catches on amongst taxpayers worldwide, as it has in Iceland and with the tea party movement in America, the banks would have something to fear; that is, the inability to draw from limitless amounts of funding from gullible government officials and central banks. It appears that the root cause is government guarantees, whether explicit or implicit, on risk-taking by the banks.

Ultimately, such guarantees are not necessary to maintain full employment or even prop up an economy with growth, they are simply designed to allow these international institutions to over-leverage and increase their profit margins in good times — and to avoid catastrophic losses in bad times.

The lesson here is instructive across the pond, but it is a chilling one. If the U.S. — or any sovereign for that matter — attempts to restructure their debts, or to force private investors to take a haircut on their own foolish gambles, these international institutions have promised the equivalent of economic war in response. However, the alternative is for representative governments to sacrifice their independence to a cadre of faceless bankers who share no allegiance to any nation.

It is the conflict that has already defined the beginning of the 21st Century. The question is whether free peoples will choose to remain free, as Iceland has, or to submit.

## Wisconsin's Dewey Defeats Truman Moment

By RICK MANNING

How is it possible to experience the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat simultaneously?

Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate JoAnne Kloppenburg declared herself the victor in her big labor funded race to change the balance of power in the Wisconsin Supreme Court last Thursday.

MoveOn.org breathlessly sent the victory e-mail proclaiming that Big Labor and even bigger government had been saved by a scant 200+ votes.

Then something strange happened. They finished counting the votes and Kloppenburg came up a mere 7,000+ votes short of victory.

Oops.

Kloppenburg's classic Dewey Defeats Truman moment is all the more stunning due to the millions of dollars spent by organized labor to flip the Court in response to Governor Scott Walker and legislative Republicans reform of public employee collective bargaining law.

We have all been inundated through the news media with the public employee capitol building sit-ins.

We have seen the vows by the left that they were going to make their opponents pay a hefty political price.

Yet, in this low-profile election with all the marbles on the table, Big Labor rolled snake eyes.

Losing a vote in the legislature is one thing, it hurts but ultimately is survivable. Not being able to back up your political threats is political death.

Is it possible that all of those tens of thousands angry public employees gathering at the state capitol really were more interested in taking a few days off on a field trip, rather than actually winning?

Maybe.

What is more probable is that contrary to the polling, there are more people in Wisconsin who care deeply about keeping the size and scope of government under control, than there are people who want to maintain high pay, low pressure jobs for bureaucrats while bankrupting their state.

Nationally, the damage to the left is incalculable. After AF-SCME (American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees) spent more money than anyone else in 2010 in a losing effort to keep the world safe for public employees, the political perception in DC was that Wisconsin was a game changer.

The Wisconsin wake-up call was going to energize the liberal coalitions and send the tea party movement reeling.

But as they say, Elections Happen.

Now, every Republican and even some Democrat Governors

and state legislators may be emboldened to pursue what is in their state's financial interest — cut the size and scope of government including ending the stranglehold public employee unions have held on government purse strings.

In Washington, DC, House Speaker John Boehner must feel emboldened in his attempt to force fiscal sanity on the government, while at the same time President Obama and Harry Reid must be scratching their heads wondering what happened.

How did the great labor coalition fall so miserably short in a state that has a long liberal tradition like Wisconsin?

How do Obama and Reid hold together the Senate Democrats on big spending issues when 22 Senate Democrats face the voters in a short 18 months knowing that they will have to wear their public employee union contributions like a scarlet letter?

How do they withstand House Republican budget proposals, like the one from Republican Study Committee Chairman Jim Jordan, which actually returns our federal government's budget to balance, when they don't have any plan and their main political allies have proven to be worse than paper tigers?

A nightmare scenario for the left, but absolutely great news for the tea party who are fighting to restore America's greatness.

Today we are all Badgers. On Wisconsin!



# Washington's holiday gives taxpayers added time

DALLAS — Taxpayers have an extra weekend to file their federal income tax returns this year because of a District of Columbia holiday. The deadline for 2011 is Monday April 18, instead of April 15.

"Usually, 20 to 25 percent of all taxpayers file in the final two weeks of the tax season, and about 7 percent of taxpayers generally seek a six-month extension to file," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman.

If you cannot meet the April

18 deadline, file an extension, Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. All taxpayers can use IRS Free File at IRS.gov to submit a Form 4868 for an automatic six-month extension. And, Free File will be available through the October 17 extension deadline for late filers.

"More than 230,000 Texans have used Free File so far this year—it's a great online resource," Sanford added.

Sanford said that if you just

haven't yet filed your return, doing some research at IRS.gov can pay off for some folks. For instance, if your income decreased because of a layoff or a cut in wages, you may be eligible for certain tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Numerous economic recovery tax credits are also still available. For some credits, such as the Making Work Pay Credit, individuals must claim the \$400 (\$800 for married couples) in order to receive it. (Use Schedule

M to calculate your Making Work Pay credit.)

Most importantly, if you believe you may have trouble paying your taxes, contact the IRS immediately. There are steps that can be taken to help ease the burden.

"The IRS recognizes that some taxpayers may be going through tough financial times," Sanford said. "Unfortunate events such as job loss or tapping a retirement fund can obviously have an impact on taxes." If you are unable to pay the

total balance due, you should pay as much as possible and then contact the IRS about an installment plan. Even if you cannot pay the balance due, it is important to either file a return or request an extension to avoid the failure-to-file penalty.

Additionally, if you pay as much as you can by April 18, you can lessen the amount of interest owed. The late payment penalty is usually one-half of one percent of any tax (other than estimated tax) not paid by the regular due

date. It is charged for each month or part of a month the tax is unpaid. The maximum penalty is 25 percent.

In addition to Free File, the IRS offers other free tax help services through volunteers at 12,000 sites nationwide. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites serve taxpayers whose 2010 incomes were \$49,000 or less. Tax Counseling for the Elderly sites serve taxpayers who are 60 and older. A list of sites is available on IRS.gov.

## Neugebauer statement on Troop Funding Bill

WASHINGTON D.C. - Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX), issued the following statement today regarding the House of Representatives passage of the Troop Funding Bill (H.R. 1363):

"Today, the House voted on a bill which would keep the government open until April 15th. More importantly, this legislation would fund the military for the next 6 months regardless of whether or not there is a future government shutdown.

"I voted in favor of this bill because it is imperative that funding the military does not get caught in the middle of debates to fund the rest of the

government. Military men and women put themselves in harms' way everyday fighting for the freedoms that all US citizens enjoy. They do not also need to be worried about whether or not they and their families will be taken care of. I understand some are willing to shut down the government, but not at the cost of leaving military families with uncertainty.

"Once the funding for the military is resolved and off of the table, we will need to reach an agreement for a long-term solution, or the Democrats will force us to shut down the government so they can keep spending money we do not have."

## THIS WEEK'S

### OLD SETTLER'S ASSOCIATION

The Old Settler's Association will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18 in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

### SPIRIT OF SHARING SALE

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

**Mark Your Calendars Now - Old Settler's May 28**

## The Flowerdeew Hundred Post Mill Tour

By Linda Moore

The Flowerdeew Hundred Post Mill, a unique 17<sup>th</sup> century windmill is ready to receive visitors. It is said to be the first windmill in America. The 40 ton mill is from a Virginia Plantation located about 25 miles upriver from Jamestown, Virginia. It was not built for pumping water or generating electricity but to grind grain. It is the only working post mill in the United States. The post mill was grinding grain 111 years before George Washington was born and 155 years before the Revolutionary War began.

The post mill sits on specially prepared 140 by 150-foot gravel and concrete pad on the rise to the north of the American Wind Power Museum located at 1701 Canyon Lake Drive. It stands three stories high and its blades will span 59 feet.

Mary McClurg, a member of the Lubbock Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, was instrumental in obtaining this one-of-a-kind windmill for the American Windpower Center located here in Lubbock.

Mrs. McClurg is a 13<sup>th</sup> generation direct descendant of the original owner of the land who had the windmill built in 1621. His name was Sir George Yeardeley originally from England.

Sir Yeardeley was eventually knighted and appointed Governor of the Virginia Colony.

The name "Flowerdeew" is said to be derived from Yeardeley's wife's family from Norfolk, England. The "Hundred" is derived from old England. The term was used to describe the amount of land required to support 100 men at arms. It was also a term meaning a unit of land which was about half way between a shire and parish; equivalent to an English county. The "Post" refers to the fact that the entire grinding "works" rests on a huge post above ground. The post supports 50,000 pounds. The piers of the post mill go 13 feet into the ground for added support of the building housing the "works."

The mill was made from English oak brought from England on ships. The original mill was destroyed but an exact replica was constructed again in 1978. The mill, a true marvel of engineering, has a wooden wheel that is 60 feet in diameter. The tail section contains a smaller wheel that turns the entire building 360 degrees on a track to keep the blades always pointing into the wind.

In March of 2010, a millwright began dismantling the mill. It took

5 weeks to dismantle. All 40 tons were loaded onto three flat-bed trucks for transport to Lubbock which took another six weeks. It took seven weeks to reassemble the post mill.

The post mill is a working exhibit. Visitors can go inside the post mill to see it actually grinding grain. There will also be a video projection system for those who are unable to climb the 20 steps into the post mill.

Several entities were interested in securing the mill, including a group in Virginia who wanted it kept in the state. Thanks goes to Mrs. McClurg for her part in securing the mill for the American Winpower Center.

On Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 am the Lubbock Chapter of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas will be hosting a box lunch tour of the Flowerdeew Hundred Post Mill at the American Wind Power Center. Tours will include the collections in the building and on the grounds with special attention to the Flowerdeew Hundred Post Mill. There will also be a video describing the recently completed mural of life on the south Plains located on the patio walls.

Cost of attending will be \$20 per person which includes admission to

the Wind Power Center, all tours, the video and a delicious box lunch prepared by Slaton Bakery. The public is invited. Reservations are required by April 18<sup>th</sup>. To reserve your place, call one of the following numbers:

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and the United States. Revisions to world trade included lower exports by Brazil and the African Franc Zone and lower imports by China and Pakistan. Forecasted ending stocks of 41.6 million bales were 36 percent of world consumption which was the smallest stocks-to-consumption ratio since 1993-94.

USDA's weekly export sales report held a few surprises this week. The department reported an upland sales reduction of 16,700 bales resulted in the week ended March 31 as increases for China, Bangladesh, Turkey, and the Philippines were more than offset by cancellations from Mexico, Indonesia, and Japan. Net sales of 268,200 bales for delivery in 2011-12 were mainly for China, Colombia, and Mexico.

"Although a net reduction in current crop cotton sales was somewhat expected by the

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market, the real surprise was the 124,700 bales of new sales to China," a trader said. "Although the new sales were partially offset by some cancellations by the country, China still was the best buyer of current crop cotton for the week with a total purchase of 20,800 bales."

Export shipments reached a marketing year high at 510,500 bales, up 15 percent from the previous week and 27 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, and Bangladesh. Experts say exports now need to average roughly 337,546 bales per week in order for the U.S. to hit USDA's current 15.75 million-bale estimate.

Closer to home, very little cotton remains in the hands of producers and available for sale. Therefore, spot cotton sales dwindled in the week

ended April 7 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold no cotton online compared to the previous week when producers sold 242 bales at prices ranging from \$1.84 to \$2.02 per pound.

Meanwhile, the planting of next season's crop is off to a respectable start. The government released its first official crop progress report of the season this week, and despite drought conditions in most cotton growing areas of the United States, cotton still is going in the ground rather quickly. As of March 29, the 2011-12 U.S. crop was roughly six percent planted versus four percent at the same time last year and the five-year average of five percent. Texas was 10 percent planted compared to only six percent last season and the five percent five-year average.



**Little Longhorns:** Austin Rodriguez, Adri Palomin, Aleah Jimenez, Devan Hernandez, Nick Diaz, Jayden Sustaita, Tristan Schlueter, Isaiah Luna, Malaki Alvis, Obadiah Casias, Makai Varela

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**Fireblight study looks at new chemical, biological and biorational controls**

OVERTON — A Texas AgriLife Extension Service plant pathologist has begun evaluating new products, both chemical and biological, to control fireblight on pear and apple trees.

"Fireblight is a really big issue for commercial fruit producers of pears and apples, but also for homeowners and nursery growers who produce trees for homeowners," said Dr. Karl Steddom, plant pathologist.

Steddom is conducting the study at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton where he is based.

Fireblight is the most devastating bacterial plant disease affecting apple and pear trees, according to Steddom.

The bacterium is usually introduced into the plant in the early spring as bees and other insects pollinate newly blooming flowers, he said.

Once introduced, the disease progresses very rapidly. The flowers soon start to rot and turn black, looking as if they've been burned by a torch.

"Hence the name fireblight," Steddom explained.

Within a week or two, the bacteria work their way down the flower stem into the new shoot via the tree's vascular system.

"As it works its way down, you'll start to lose leaves, and the whole shoot will die down to where it started its growth this year," he said.

Currently, there are only three products registered for use for fireblight on fruit trees.

"And we don't know (lacking independent tests), how well two of those products really work," Steddom said.

The tried-and-proven method, copper fungicide, involves spraying "pretty much every week" throughout the spring

growing season, he said. The process is expensive and labor intensive for commercial growers, and more work than homeowners usually want or have time to do.

The treatment also leaves a bluish residue on plants that homeowners often object to, Steddom noted.

Copper fungicide isn't a restricted-use pesticide, which means homeowners won't need to have a Texas Department of Agriculture license to buy or use it, he said. However, it's not usually available in home and garden stores.

"And the trees don't end up looking that good, even with all that work," Steddom said. "So what we're doing is testing a number of old and new products to see how they perform."

For the test, Steddom inoculated 144 Kieffer trees with the fireblight bacterium. For the test, the container-grown trees were spaced 5 feet apart in a single row about 750 feet long. The single row allows him to control spray drift better from tree to tree than if he used a standard orchard arrangement, he explained.

This is important in order to limit a given spray treatment to a single tree.

Steddom is testing a total of 13 products, including copper fungicide and the other two registered chemical controls, plus ten products that are not yet commercially available. Some of the products are chemical controls; some biologicals. He is also comparing a relatively new class of pesticides called "biorationals," which, strictly speaking, are not biological, but are derived from biologicals.

"The biorationals are supposed to be effective and more environmentally friendly than chemicals, but we'll see," he said.

Currently, Steddom and

AgriLife Extension don't recommend a frequent spray schedule for homeowners. Instead, the recommendation is to let the disease progress into the summer when days are warmer and drier.

"You want to wait until it's warmed up quite a bit, otherwise when you cut the shoot, the bacterial will get on your shears, and you'll transfer that bacteria from place to place," he said.

Shears may be sanitized after pruning one shoot before the next, but it generally takes a couple of minutes submerged in rubbing alcohol to kill the fireblight bacteria, according to Steddom.

Bleach can also be used, but it tends to cause shears to quickly rust.

"So an alternative is to use two pairs of shears," he said. "While you're trimming one shoot with one pair, the other pair can be sitting in the alcohol, disinfecting."

The one-year study was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's IR-4 Project, which is also referred to as the Minor Crop Pest Management Program. The full results will be available sometime in the fall of this year on the IR-4 website at <http://ir4.rutgers.edu/>.

If some products show substantial or even partial control, IR-4 may fund the study a second year, Steddom added.

"It all depends upon what we learn this first year," he said.

Until the results of the study are known, growers or homeowners wanting more information about fireblight control in home orchards should contact their local county AgriLife Extension agent, he said.

A county-by-county directory of AgriLife Extension agents can be found at <http://county-tx.tamu.edu/>.

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the Boys high jump, Alejandro Salazar would come in fifth. In the Boys shot put, Shaq Thompson would finish fifth and Josh Cuellar would come in seventh; and in the Boys discus

throw, Thompson would come in fourth.

Overall at the meet, Lockney's Girls team would place third and Lockney's Boy's would place tenth. Qualifying

for the Area meet will be; Tanae Ramos, Devin Caballero, Alanie Rendon, Lockney's Girl 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams, Alexis Rodriguez, Quinn Jackson, and Shaq Thompson

**DRP Amnesty deadline approaching quickly Last date to apply is Apr. 7**

The last day to apply for the Driver Responsibility Amnesty Program is approaching quickly. Eligible drivers have until Thursday, April 7 to sign up for the program that will allow them to pay only 10 percent of what they owe up to \$250 and reinstate their suspended driver

licenses.

Thus far, only 13 percent of the 713,444 people who are eligible to participate in the DRP amnesty have signed up.

This one-time amnesty program applies to drivers who had a surcharge assessed between Sept. 30, 2004, and Dec. 31, 2008,

and are delinquent on those payments. No other amnesties will be offered once the April 7 deadline expires.

Drivers are not required to make a payment when they sign up; however, they must pay off the total reduced amount owed by April 17, 2011, to retain their driving privileges. Failure to pay the reduced amount in full will result

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**Texas Game Warden arrests murder suspect**

LITTLEFIELD — A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden has arrested a 71-year-old man wanted in Colorado for first degree murder in the shooting death of his wife of 45 years.

Game Warden Lance May was on his way to a meeting with a group of Bailey County land owners to discuss deer hunting issues about 1:30

p.m. Tuesday when he saw a west-bound late model car swerving from lane to lane on U.S. Highway 84 and Loop 430 about a mile east of Littlefield.

Suspecting an intoxicated driver, the warden briefly followed the car as it continued to operate erratically, stopping it at the intersection of Wayland Jennings and Badger Streets in Littlefield. May routinely radioed in the plate number of the vehicle to obtain registration information and soon learned the driver was wanted on an assault warrant issued in Mecklenburg County, N.C. and arrested him.

The man was identified as Richard Paul Stewart of Independence, MO.

While talking with Stewart, who seemed to be confused and having difficulty remaining conscious, May became concerned for the

man's health and called for an ambulance. The man was taken to Lamb County Health Care Center in Littlefield. About midnight, he was transferred to the intensive care unit at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

About the same time, May received notification that an arrest warrant for first degree murder and domestic violence had been issued for Stewart in connection with the fatal shooting of Norma Stewart, 71, about 7 a.m. Monday in Westminster, CO.

Game Warden Maj. Rick Gully of Lubbock said Stewart remains under guard Wednesday at the Lubbock hospital.

May, originally from Lubbock, has been stationed in Lamb County since his graduation from the TPWD game warden academy four years ago.

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## Got hogs? New fact sheets fat with details on feral hog behavior, capture

By Paul Schattenberg

If you aren't aware of feral hogs in the Childress area, you haven't been around these parts long.

Though feral hogs are well-known pests to landowners throughout the state, there is still much people are unaware of regarding their behavior and what may be done to manage them, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

To help fill in the blanks on feral hogs, a group of AgriLife Extension experts have developed several fact sheets relating to management of this problematic species, said Dr. Jim Cathey, a specialist in wildlife ecology at Texas A&M University in College Station and contributing author to these publications.

Cathey and other AgriLife Extension personnel -- Chancey Lewis, assistant; Matt Berg, program coordinator; Dr. Jim Gallagher, wildlife specialist; Nikki Dictson, program specialist; and Dr. Mark McFarland, soil fertility and water quality specialist -- collaborated on several new feral hog fact sheets reflecting a variety of expertise and perspectives.

"We tried to address the realistic and practical aspects of feral hog identification and management through these publications," Cathey said.

"Their content is based on what we know from our individual experience and professional expertise, as well as from input received

from farmers, ranchers and other landowners who have had encounters with feral hogs."

The new fact sheets address topics ranging from recognizing evidence of feral hogs to methods of capturing these non-native animals.

Feral hogs cause an estimated \$52 million in damages to the Texas agriculture industry each year. They also cause problems in suburban areas, and in rural areas they compete with wildlife for food, cover, and space.

"Feral hogs not only damage crops and other property in the Plum Creek Watershed and other areas of the state, they also have been identified as a possible source of non-point pollution to the water table in many locations," McFarland said. "And their aggressive rooting and wallowing contributes to the problem of soil erosion in many areas of the state."

While the publications are focused on feral hog management in the Plum Creek Watershed area of Travis, Caldwell and Hays counties, most of the information is applicable statewide, according to the authors. The publications include photographs, capture-method building instructions and tips for successful capture.

The new fact sheets can be found on the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership website at <http://pcwp.tamu.edu/feral-hogs/capture-techniques> and may be downloaded free from that site. Color versions of these publications

may be obtained for a charge from the Texas AgriLife Extension Bookstore at <https://agrilifebookstore.org>, and also are available in Spanish from that site.

One of the new publications titled "Recognizing Feral Hog Sign" deals with indicators of feral hog activity, including damage from rooting, crop damage, wallows and rubs, tracks and trails, droppings and beds.

"Hogs are very mobile and often travel from field to field in search of food," said Gallagher, who works at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde. "It's important to know where they've been and to anticipate where they may be going in order to increase the chance of success in capturing them. Recognizing their sign will help landowners in that process."

Additional new publications "Box Traps for Capturing Feral Hogs," "Building a Feral Hog Snare" and "Corral Traps for Capturing Feral Hogs" give detailed instructions on how to construct and use these different means of capture.

A new associated fact sheet titled "Placing and Baiting Feral Hog Traps" provides instruction on how to choose promising locations for trap placement and the best types of bait to use. It also includes a hog bait recipe, list of baits and trapping tips.

"Feral hogs are not considered wildlife and are not classified as a game species in Texas,"

Cathey said. "Instead, this exotic species is considered free-ranging livestock."

Cathey said feral hogs and their damage are the responsibility of the landowner where they are found, and, as a result, landowners spend considerable time and money in attempt to manage these animals.

"Once feral hogs are established in an area, complete eradication is unlikely," he said. "There is no silver bullet or a single quick fix."

However, by using multiple approaches, landowners and managers can limit the size of feral hog populations and reduce the level of damage."

Cathey said each management approach referred to in the new fact sheets may be viewed as one option in the "toolbox" for feral hog management.

"A combination of techniques will likely be needed to have a sustained effect and diminish feral hog impacts," he said. "And to produce the best results, these different



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in the reinstatement of the total amount past due and the suspension of driving privileges.

To apply for the amnesty program, see the surcharge website at [www.txsurchargeonline.com](http://www.txsurchargeonline.com) or call 1-877-207-3170. No requests will be accepted in person, by mail, e-mail, or fax.

Once the online or telephone application is approved, the surcharge suspensions will be cleared on the applicant's driving record within three business days. After the 3rd business day, the applicant can review the reduced amount and begin making the necessary payment of the reduced balance, which must be paid

in full by April 17, 2011.

The Driver Responsibility Program, which assesses fees for a variety of driving-related offenses, was passed by the Legislature in 2003, and directed the Department of Public Safety to administer the program. Traffic offenses that carry an automatic surcharge for three years include DWI-related offenses, no insurance, driving while license suspended, driving without a license and point accumulation. For example, the fee for a first-time DWI offender is \$1,000 per year for three years. The revenue generated by DRP goes to trauma centers, emergency medical services, and the General Revenue Fund.

## Gardening made easy with free, new online publications

COLLEGE STATION — Cilantro and eggplant. Maybe they weren't in grandma's garden, but today's vegetable fancier can grow them with ease thanks to a new "Easy Gardening" series by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The Easy Gardening series, available free online at <https://agrilifebookstore.org/>, still offers garden favorites such as tomatoes and cucumbers but has been updated to include less familiar plants and gardening practices such as organic production, according to Dr. Joe Masabni, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist.

"With the resurgence of home gardening, whether it's because of the economy or Mrs. Obama talking about gardening or just because people are getting back to gardening, the fact is these type of publications have always been popular," Masabni said, noting that

AgriLife Extension has offered Easy Gardening publications for decades.

Cilantro and eggplant were added, Masabni explained, to reflect questions he gets from people who are consuming a wider selection of ethnic foods.

"There is also interest in local produce," he said, "so I updated them to reflect the new varieties that are available and added information about organic production for all of the vegetables, then added some of the new crops."

The series offers 24 publications on individual vegetables or gardening techniques. Masabni said they are "easy" because they can be read in about 5 minutes to provide information needed to get someone started.

"This will not make you an expert, but will give you basic information on how to grow the crop from soil fertility to planting to harvest," he added.

## San Jacinto Day Festival on April 16 celebrates Texas' 175th

LA PORTE — The annual reenactment of the Battle of San Jacinto takes on added significance this year with the celebration of the 175th anniversary of Texas independence. The freedom-winning battle in 1836 will be recreated at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 16, with hundreds of Texian and Mexican army reenactors, booming cannons, cracking musket fire and thundering hooves.

The public is invited to witness the excitement at the admission-free San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. The festival, which lasts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., features a full day of music, entertainment, food, games and fun set amidst living history.

The battle reenactment, the most popular event of the day, features reenactors dramatizing the decisive battle where Gen. Sam Houston led his Texian soldiers to victory over the Mexican Army, eventually leading to almost a million square miles of Mexican territory becoming a part of the United States. The reenactors will dramatically interpret the Runaway Scrape (Texians

fleeing from the advancing forces of Santa Anna), the march of the Texas Army from Gonzales to San Jacinto, the cannon duel, and the final battle between the two forces.

During the day visitors can wander freely among the Mexican and Texian camps to learn what the soldiers of that era were doing prior to the battle and to see how civilians lived in 1836. In the military camps, visitors will learn how to perform the close order drills of the day. A few lucky children will be chosen to stand with the cannon crew and pretend to load the cannons. Afterward they will be presented with cannon soot to wear on their noses as a badge of honor.

Festival activities taking place at the base of the San Jacinto Monument celebrate this special day in Texas history with entertaining and educational activities, including Celtic string band music, K. R. Wood's "Camp Cookie" chuck wagon review in song and words, Liz Talley's Texas dancehall tunes, dulcimer music and square dancing performances. Last Chance Forever, the Birds of Prey Conservancy will display hawks, owls, eagles, falcons,

vultures and other magnificent birds.

A children's area will feature a petting zoo, a 55-foot train, Lucas Miller, the "Singing Zoologist" as well as crafts and games from the 1800s.

For more family-friendly festival fun:

- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department interpreters will offer guided tours of the restored marshlands and answer questions about the wildlife inhabiting the park, including otters, diamondback terrapins, peregrine falcons, wood ibises (storks), brown pelicans, reddish egrets, roseate spoonbills, great blue herons, osprey, mottled ducks and American avocets. The marsh is historically important in that it barred the escape of many of Gen. Santa Anna's troops during the 1836 battle.

- Battleship Texas, the first battleship memorial museum in the U.S., is open for visitors (fees are listed below.)

- Inside the San Jacinto Monument, visitors can enjoy the artifacts of the San Jacinto Museum at no charge, and for a modest fee, take a 489-foot elevator ride to the top of the Monument. Visitors also can see the film, Texas Forever!!

The Battle of San Jacinto, and tour museum exhibits.

Visitors will enjoy free admission to the festival and battle reenactment. Combo tickets for the elevator ride, exhibit and movie inside the monument can be purchased: \$12 for adults, \$10.50 for seniors and \$8 for children. Fees for the Battleship Texas are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for school and youth groups with a reservation, and free for children 12 and younger.

The San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site is located just 22 miles east of downtown Houston — take Highway 225 east to Independence Parkway north (formerly Battleground Road) and for approximately 3 miles. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for comfortable viewing of the Battle Reenactment.

For more information about the San Jacinto Museum of History or the San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment, please call (281) 479-2421 or visit [www.sanjacinto-museum.org](http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org). For more information on the Battleship Texas, please call the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department at (281) 479-2431.

## Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab confirms anthrax case

COLLEGE STATION — Sample tissue submitted to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory has tested positive for anthrax in a Central Texas beef cattle herd, according to agency officials.

The Texas Animal Health Commission confirmed the anthrax case on a ranch in Hill County near Whitney, 30 miles north of Waco. A veterinarian submitted the tissue samples to the diagnostic laboratory in College Station.

"It's not unheard of, but somewhat unusual (for anthrax to be discovered in Central Texas)," said Dr. Amy Swinford, head of diagnostic bacteriology for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

The laboratory conducted

a series of tests to confirm the identity of the bacteria isolated from the cow's spleen, Swinford said.

"While the organism can be cultured from infected tissues, the preferred specimen is a blood sample, which can be collected without opening the carcass and potentially contaminating the surrounding soil," she said.

Over the years, the laboratory has confirmed cases of anthrax as early as March and as late as December, although the disease typically is discovered during summertime in the state, according to Swinford. Most recent cases have been primarily in Southwest Texas, which is the endemic area for anthrax in the state.

Animals will be restricted

from movement and vaccinated, according to animal health officials.

The anthrax spores live in the soil and can continue to be a threat to livestock if not vaccinated, Swinford said. Recent dry, warm weather likely created a favorable environment for the spores to form.

"Also, when you have a heavy rain, spores that may have been deep within the soil can float to the surface," Swinford said. "They are then more easily ingested by livestock as animals graze the forage; the spores enter into their systems, germinate and cause disease."

"I give credit to great people here in this laboratory," she said. "Myself and my three senior technicians are on call to do this diagnostic work. Upon diagnosis of a reportable disease (such as anthrax), we notify TVMDL directors immediately, who in turn notify state health and Texas Animal Health Commission directors."

"This is another example of

the laboratory providing early detection on diseases of high consequence and providing services to protect our livestock industry," said Dr. Tammy Beckham, Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Medical Laboratory director.

"We work closely with the industries and veterinarians across the state to provide timely, accurate diagnosis. In the case of infectious diseases such as anthrax, the time to diagnosis is critical for control and containment. Our staff is among the elite in their field and as such, works diligently to protect the agricultural, companion animal and public health sectors of Texas and the nation."

For more information on anthrax or the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, visit <http://tvmdl.tamu.edu/>. Information about anthrax is also available on the Texas Animal Health Commission's website at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> or call 800-550-8242.

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