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Lockney School Board discusses naming of softball field

By Homer Marquez
 On Thursday April 14, members of the board for Lockney's Independent School District convened once again to discuss and review several items in this month's agenda. April's agenda would include discussions over student insurance, the naming of Lockney's sports facilities, and administration reports.
 After the invocation, the first item on the agenda was to read and approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Normally a routine procedure for the board, however last month there was one agenda item whose vote drew up quite a bit of confusion. Last month, members of the board got an opportunity to vote on giving Lockney's newly built girls softball field an official name; during the meeting's public forum, Randy Henderson and Danny Lambert suggested to the board that they consider naming the field Kenny Hooten Field, after Lockney's groundskeeper who has gained quite a reputation for his stellar upkeep of Lockney's athletic ball parks. During the construction of the softball field, Mr. Hooten along with the help dozens of community volunteers went beyond the call of duty in building the new ballpark.
 After the public forum, board member Jimmy Kemp made the motion to name the field, Kenny Hooten Field, board member Robbie Long would second the motion. Board member Aaron Wilson would contest the motion, claiming that the board

needed more time to discuss the matter; Mr. Wilson also suggested other possible name candidates like Jesse Garza. Wanting to officially name the field before the field's dedication on March 22, Jimmy Kemp's motion to vote on naming the field, Kenny Hooten Field was now on the table. It was at this moment that confusion sprouted; after a call to vote, the board member's vague and ambiguous signs for approving or opposing the motion made it difficult to get a proper count for the vote. Slight hand motions marking yea or nay caused many in the board room to be confused on the actual vote count. Last month, the Hesperian-Beacon reported that the motion had passed with a vote count of 6-1, with Aaron Wilson opposing. Minutes written by board member Lonny Hooten would show a 5-1 vote count, with Aaron Wilson opposing and Lonny Hooten himself abstaining.
 However, Board member President John Quebe and board member Rene Guerrero both claimed that they had voted against the motion, leaving some to believe that the motion passed 4-3; but if that was the case, Hooten choosing to abstain from voting because he was related to Kenny Hooten would have made the vote count 3-3, with Jimmy Kemp, Robbie Long, and Mike Lass voting to name the field Kenny Hooten Field, and John Quebe, Aaron Wilson, and Rene Guerrero
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Graham Advances to State in 4-H Fashion Show

By Melissa Long
 CEA-FCS
 Floyd County
 Mallory Graham, senior 4-H'er from Floydada 4-H advanced to State by winning first place at the District 4-H Fashion Show held Tuesday, April 12 at Abernathy Elementary School. Mallory participated in the Senior Buying Formal Division and placed first enabling her to participate in State 4-H Roundup held on the Texas A&M campus at College Station, Texas.
 Other Floyd County 4-H'ers who participated in the District Show in their respective categories and their placings included: Junior Construction Specialty: Caitlin Bishop - 3rd place; **FASHION**
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Courtesy Photo
 Floyd County 4-H members participated in the District Fashion Show held Tuesday, April 12 at the Abernathy Elementary School. Participants and their awards included (left to right) Korleigh Webb - 3rd place; Lauryn Carroll - 3rd place; Caitlin Bishop - 3rd place; Mallory Graham - 1st place; Payton Teeple - 1st place and Rachel Graham - 3rd place.



Courtesy Photo
 Lockney fifth grade science classes took part in the Power Of The Wind Project led by Texas AgriLife Extension and Floyd County 4-H and sponsored by Horizon Wind Energy. One of the classes participating included (front row, l-r) Ryder Race, Joe Ochoa, Mariza Alonzo, Ricky Cuellar, Destiny Soliz, Karina Torres; (back row, l-r) County Commissioner Precinct 2 Lindan Morris, 5th Grade Science Teacher Leigha Pate, Adree Stapp, Alma Mendez, Austen Rexrode, Lan Vanlandingham, Evory McCulloch and Efen Nunez.

TAKS testing to be administered

Lockney ISD and Floydada ISD would like to remind parents that we will be administering TAKS Tests in Grades 3-11 during the week of April 26 - 29, 2011.
 Please make sure your child is not absent on these days. Arrangements for doctor appointments and other engagements should be avoided if possible.
 You can help your child by making sure that he/she is well rested, eats a good breakfast and is on time each morning. Your child will have an opportunity to eat breakfast at school if they so choose.
 Thank you again for your support!

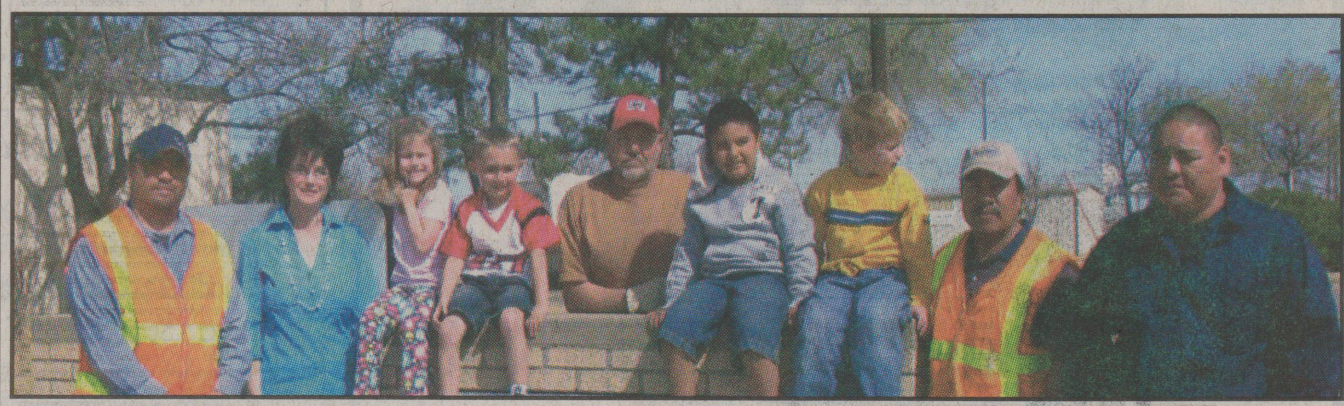


Photo by Debbie Montandon
 Recently, Lockney's Noah's Ark Preschool was able to let a group of public servants know how much the community appreciated the hard work that they do to keep our busy communities running. As a form of gratitude, the kids made posters for all the men and women at Texas' Department of Transportation office in Floydada. The preschool let them know that they were grateful for the work they do every day to keep our roads not only safe but nice. Noah's Ark wanted them to know that they, like many other service jobs, hear when people are not happy; however, the children wanted to let them know that they are thankful for them. Pictured are Sid Sanches, Jesse Morales, Adolfo Chavarria, Drake Gonzales, Brailey Kidd, Tucker Schlueter, Kyler Gillespie, Zahn Turner, Randy Payne, and Joe Barrientos

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By **Margarette Word**

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX. 79235. If you are 60 years or older come to eat lunch at a reasonable price at 301 E Georgia.

If you are disabled and need help with lunch at noon call the Center at 983-2032 and discuss your need with Sylvia and she can give you information about home delivery.

Ruby Gooch is home after spending several days with her daughter, Millie Badgett and family in Amarillo. Ruby had a birthday while in Amarillo so they had a very nice get-together celebrating her birthday.

My son, Greg Boad of Granbury was here over the past weekend. Mona was in Lubbock visiting her mother, a sister and two brothers. Bethany, Greg and Mona's daughter is a Texas Tech student and will graduate in May.

Elaine LaBaume and Joy Denton of Amarillo, formerly of Floydada, have been on a trip to the Hill Country. Points of interest they visited were Kerrville, Comfort, Wimberly, Marble Falls, Burnet, Hico, Stephenville and Dublin. They visited Joy's son, Todd Denton and family of Boerne.

On their way they stopped in Sweetwater and visited

with Joe and Rosemary Paty, formerly of Floydada. The LaBaumes', Dentons' and Patys' were all neighbors on J.B. Avenue.

Our sympathy to the family of Louise Fawver.

Our sympathy to the family of Margie Fowler. Her service will be in June or July.

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

In memory of Faye Anderson - Wilma Colston.

In memory of Louise Fawver - Class of 1970.

In memory of Barbara Hatley - Dorothy Schweitzer, The Class of 1951.

Thought for the Week - If

a man has common sense, he has all the sense there is.

Sam Rayburn

Please pray for our fire fighters and for rain!!!

MENU

- Monday** - Spaghetti w/ meatsauce, salad, Oriental blend, garlic bread, fruit salad
- Tuesday** - Baked chicken, navy beans, brocolli, roll, rocky road pudding
- Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cookies
- Thursday** - Beef stroganoff, spinach, blackeyed peas, roll, jello w/fruit
- Friday** - Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, salad, crispy chocolate bars

1934 Study Club News

By **Wilma Gowens**

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Wilma Colston with Diana Glover as co-hostess.

Delicious refreshments were served at a table with a beautiful Easter Motif by Diana Glover.

Call to order was given by Faye Bertrand. Prayer was led by Margarette Word. Club minutes and Roll call was given by Willie Mae Ferguson.

Emagene Haensch gave a book review "The Worst of Time", by Timothy Egan.

"The Worse of Times" was a story about life in the Dust Bowl Era, a time that about all of the club members were able to recall stories about.

Attendance was 100%. Members present were Faye Bertrand, Wilma Colston, Betsy Dempsey, Willie Mae Ferguson, Diana Glover, Wilma Gowens, Emagene Haensch, Jo Lyles, and Margarette Word.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2011 in the home of Willie Mae Ferguson for a Salad Luncheon with each member bringing a salad.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By **Renee Armstrong**

Hello from the Senior Citizens Center. I'm sorry for the mix up last week on the menu, I had it in my mind that this last Friday was Good Friday.

Please call the Center at

652-2745 or on my cell at 685-7796 for any news that I may have missed.

Visiting Mel and Marjorie Holcomb over the weekend was their daughter, Charlotte Roderick, granddaughter, Charla, and great-

granddaughter, Addison. They all had a great time.

For those of you who did not make it to Pot Luck last Thursday, Bettye from Calvert Home Health sang for those in attendance; from what I hear it was great.

I hope you all have a great Easter.

Menu

- Monday**- Grilled Chicken
- Tuesday**- Tacos
- Wednesday**- Fried Chicken
- Thursday**- Salmon
- Friday**-Pot Roast

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Earth Day 2011 - America's Farmers & Ranchers... the Original Conservation Stewards

While we appreciate the significance of April 22nd as Earth Day, we need to remember to protect and conserve our natural resources each of the 365 days of the year.

Working for the USDA Farm Service Agency has strengthened my appreciation for everyone involved in the agriculture industry - those who practice the year-round, lifetime commitment to protecting our natural resources. As a society, we have made many advances since the first Earth Day in 1970. Thanks to the numerous

technological advances in agriculture, we learn, on a daily basis, improved ways to protect the land, water and air that has been gifted to us and for which each of us is responsible during our short time on this Earth.

Since that first Earth Day, forty one years ago, Americans from every walk of life have joined forces to encourage proactive stewardship of our natural resources. But even before that first Earth Day, American farmers and ranchers, "walked the talk," when it came to conservation... constantly and willingly adopting management practices that reduce soil erosion, improve water quantity and quality, reduce air pollutants and increase wildlife habitat and

related populations.

America's farmers and ranchers depend on the earth's productivity to support their families and to provide the food, fiber and bio-fuels for the entire world. For these agriculture producers, resource stewardship is not a one-time, once a year obligation, it is their livelihood, tradition and a way of life that spans generations.

Farmers and ranchers are the foremost stewards of the land - they have learned enhanced ways to grow crops and implemented improved methods for raising livestock. They appreciate and respect the fragile nature of our natural resources and know it is important to safeguard the environment today, tomorrow and always. On Earth Day 2011, FSA salutes the American farmer and rancher...our nation's original conservation stewards.

Respectfully submitted,
Juan M. Garcia
State Executive Director - Texas
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THIS WEEK'S

OLD SETTLER'S DAY CELEBRATION
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for the list of activities that will be held this year!
CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

From the archives....

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian and The Lockney Beacon May 24, 1990
Floyd County Centennial

THE WHIRLWINDS AND LONGHORNS: A Tradition is Born

When our men come home from France, following the Armistice which brought an end to World War I, they found a far different country than the one they left only a year earlier. American entered the war believing that its military forces were fighting to make the world safe for democracy.

The war effort on the home front changed the attitudes and lifestyles of the entire nation. Mobilizing for the encounter had placed the United States at the forefront for industrial development among the world's powers. Factories that had turned out arms and ammunition were now channeling their resources for the peacetime economy.

It was boom times for all—in cities as well as rural areas. It was an age of economic expansion without precedent in the country's history. And, it was the age of national heroes—a carryover from the national pride and victorious attitude of the war.

In a sense, American "came out of its shell." American literature experienced its most dynamic growth in the second decade of the Twentieth Century, with such writers as Carl Sandburg, Sinclair Lewis, William Faulkner, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway leading the way. The entertainment business reached its highest ebb during the 1920s, with Hollywood becoming the movie capital of the world.

D. W. Griffith's 1915 film epic, *The Birth of a Nation*, had earlier established a lasting pattern for modern motion pictures. In the 1920, Warner Brothers produced the first talking picture, *The Jazz Singer*, featuring the former vaudeville star Al Jolson. No single event ever captured the hearts and enthusiasm of the masses as the solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean by Charles Lindbergh—it virtually roused the country to a fever pitch of excitement.

The "national hero phenomenon" actually traces its origin to the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden. It was at those Summer Olympics that James Francis "Jim" Thorpe became the first person ever to win both the decathlon and pentathlon. Thorpe, a gifted athlete from the Indian Industrial had taken the country; Floyd County was no exception.

Almost from their inceptions most towns and school in Floyd County fielded sports teams of some sorts. Softball, volleyball and basketball were popular in the smaller rural schools. Entire communities turned out for the contests, and fierce rivalries developed among several towns.

Cedar Hill and Curlew (later to be South Plains) were famous for their basketball teams. Cedar Hill's 1921-1922 basketball schedule included Fairview, Liberty, Lockney, Rosalind and Sunset. That year, Cedar Hill sent several boys to the Interscholastic League Track Meet held in Lockney.

Sandhill was noted throughout the region for its baseball teams, as was the Floydada town team. Most smaller towns in West Texas

organized baseball teams during this period. One of the only Floyd County men to ever play professional baseball received his initial experience and training while playing for the Floydada town baseball team.

During the 1920s the Harley Sadler Tent Show was in its heyday. Not only did the troupe provide clean and wholesome entertainment throughout its territory, but also Sadler had a baseball club. A number of locals played ball for the Sadler team including Ed and "Lefty" Holmes, Jim Curry, Elmer Mickey and A. V. Womack.

They helped Sadler's ball club chalk up victories on baseball diamonds all over West Texas. "Lefty" Holmes later played professional baseball with the Indians of Topeka, Kansas.

The enormous popularity of college football teams such as Notre Dame, University of Southern California and Georgia Tech was responsible for the emergence of high school football across the land by the 1920s.

The Floydada and Lockney schools organized football teams sometime prior to 1920. The natural rivalry of the communities was carried onto the athletic fields and a West Texas tradition was born.

Little is known or recorded as to the nicknames and mascots of Floyd County's earlier sports teams. Apparently, the nickname of Lockney's school squads has been the "Longhorns" almost from the beginning. The colors of early Lockney teams were maroon and white.

Those first years of high school football in Texas were far different than are known today. For one thing, the players were

allowed to participate until their twenty-first birthday. It might be stated that many schools at that time were often represented by "town" squads.

A quick glimpse at photographs of the players in the 1920 illustrates this point. The players were more mature than the schoolboys of modern times.

Another difference from today was that the early teams were not as regulated, based on the sizes of the schools. Floydada's teams of the 1920 regularly played such larger schools as Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo. In 1924, Floydada played to a 7-7 tie with a team of Lubbock "All-Stars" at the South Plains Fair.

In 1921 the colors of Floydada were green and white however, up to that time there was no nickname or mascot associated with the Floydada High School—that changed for all time the next season.

Floydada defeated the Lubbock High Westerners and Plainview Bulldogs en route to a district championship in 1922. Floydada then advanced to a bi-district encounter with the Amarillo High Golden Sandstorm. When asked by an Amarillo sportswriter what chance his team had against the powerful "Sandies", Floydada coach J. C. Wester replied, "We just have 17 boys, and our team will only be a small whirlwind in front of the Amarillo Sandies."

Just as Grantland Rice had made the "four Horsemen of Notre Dame" a household word, the Amarillo scribe picked the name "Whirlwind" from Coach Wester's remarks. From that time on, the green and white of Floydada's teams have been known as the "Whirlwinds."

EASTER SERVICES

First United Methodist Church, Floydada
Breakfast at the Church - 8:30 a.m.
Worship service - 10:50 a.m. only

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
Palm Sunday, April 17 - 11:30 a.m.
Holy Thursday, April 21 - 7 p.m.
(The Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet)
Good Friday, April 22 - 7 p.m.
(Passion of the Cross, Holy Communion)
The Easter Vigil, April 23 - 7 p.m.
(Service of Light, Celebration of Baptism, Lord's Supper)
Easter Sunday, April 24 - 11:30 a.m.
(The Resurrection of the Lord)

ALL OTHER CHURCHES IN FLOYDADA AND LOCKNEY WILL HAVE THEIR REGULAR SERVICES AS SCHEDULED

The Family of Delbur Rose thanks you for your expressions of sympathy, your prayers, your memorials, and your cards at Delbur's death.

Jerry Rose, son of Delbur, thanks you for your continued prayers for his recovery from his terrible automobile accident. He had serious back injuries and is slowly learning to walk again.

To the people of Lockney and Floydada and the surrounding communities, you are the best and again we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Karen Rose and Family
Johnny and Margaret Rose and Family
Lucy Dean Record and Family

The family of Edwin Nutt would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation all the many acts of kindness shown to us.

To all the ones who called, visited, brought food or came to the funeral....we say thank you.

Barbara Nutt
Danny and Family
Zach and Family
Mark and Family

Floyd County Church Directory

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

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

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

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

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
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GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

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Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

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

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
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Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Pastor Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

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Lockney
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Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
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Mon./Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
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Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston, Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

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Rev. Peter W. Harrington
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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

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LITTLE LONGHORNS: (back row, l-r) Saria Martinez, Joshua Pena, Kevin Lopez, Shawn Marquez, Evony McCulloch; (middle row, l-r) Hailee Widener, Lyndee Setliff, Luke Gonzales, Eli Alvarez; (front row, l-r) Josiah Ascencio, and Eric Martinez.

LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

<p>"A" Honor Roll</p> <p>9th Grade - Nathan Caballero, Michael DeLeon, Anna Hernandez, Robert Hunt, Kaitlyn Jackson, David Johnson</p> <p>10th Grade - McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Taylor Rose, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart</p> <p>11th Grade - Logan Edwards, SyAnn Foster, Christina Jackson, Landon Kidd, Amber Segovia</p> <p>12th Grade - Devin</p>	<p>Caballero, Kami Hunt, Antonia Morales</p> <p>"A-B" Honor Roll</p> <p>9th Grade- Cody Amador, Clay Bigham, Tanille Bigham, Jake Bramlet, Alyssa Cruz, Heather Fierros, Lance Fulton, Nikki Jimenez, Stephen Karlin, Bethany McCulloch, Jasmine Pena, Cynthia Pesina, Tanae Ramos, Alexis Rodriguez, John Rose, Matthew Teeter, Hunter Thompson, Janette Ybarra</p>	<p>10th Grade - Belia Astorga, Jose Guerrero, Rene Guerrero, Canderlaria Rea</p> <p>11th Grade -Steven Fernandez, Angelica Gonzales, Breanna Guerrero, Jessica Pena, Danielle Thompson, Sunny Williams, Dylan Aupil, Riley Teeter</p> <p>12th Grade- Dora Bueno, Sabrina Guerrero, Shialo Huerta, Christopher Rodriguez, Isabel Solis, Judith Wofford, Maria Castorena, Chase Thompson</p>
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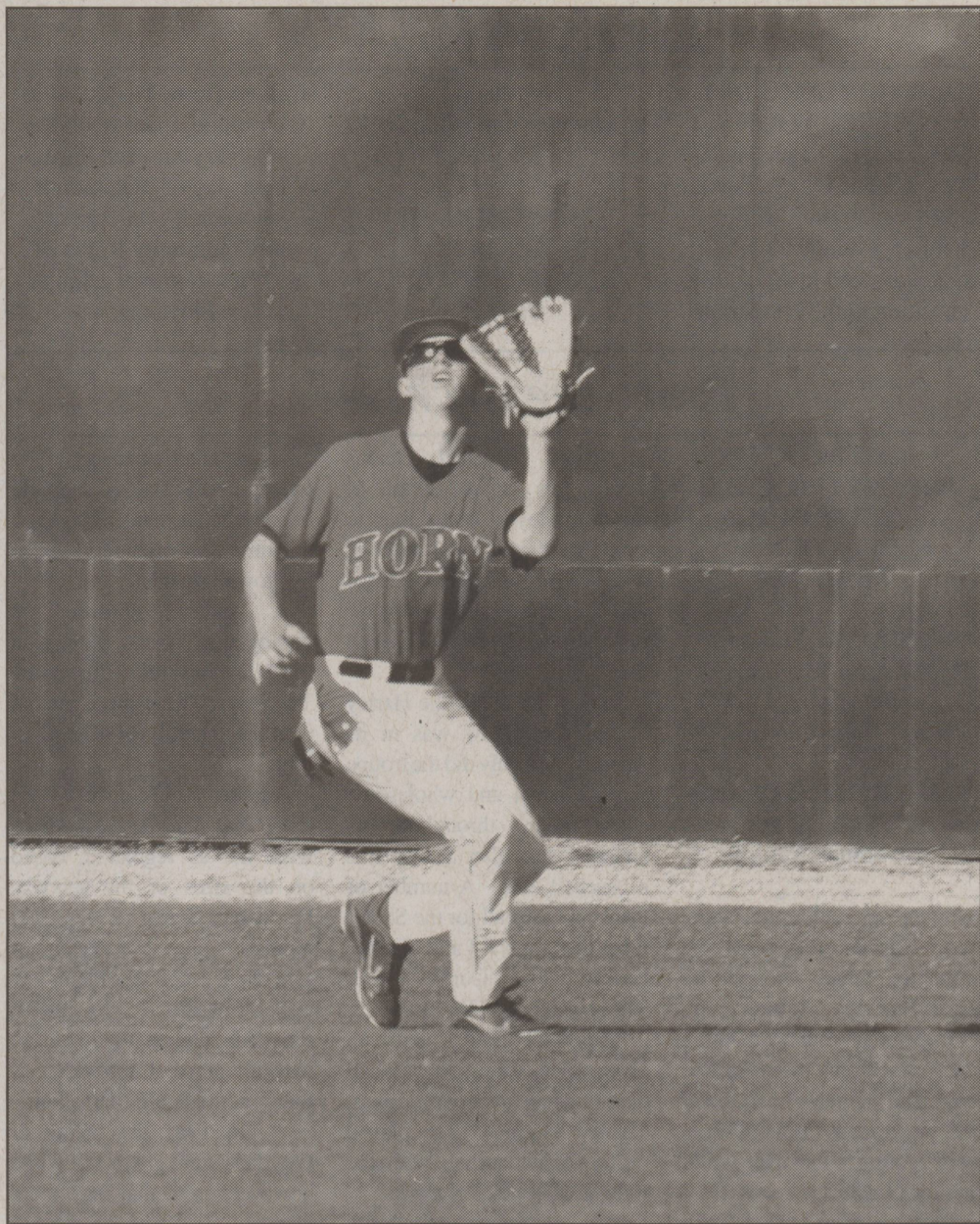


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The Lockney Longhorns are playoff bound as they look to finish off the season in first place this week. After a 9-7 loss to Nazareth last week, the Horns bounced back with a 12-0 victory over Olton on Friday; a win this week over the Hale Center Owls will clinch district for Lockney.

Lockney School Lunch Menu
April 25-29

<p>Monday</p> <p>Breakfast-Blueberry Muffin or Cereal, toast, juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch-Hot Dog/ Chili or Grilled Cheese, tater tots, apple slices, milk</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Breakfast-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch-Chicken Fajitas or Ham and Cheese, refried beans, salad, pineapple, tortilla, milk</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Breakfast-Pancakes or Cereal, toast, juice, milk</p>	<p>Lunch-Spaghetti or Steak Fingers, salad, peaches, bread, milk</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Breakfast-Eggs and Ham or Cereal, toast, juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch- Baked potato or Burrito, carrots and ranch, applesauce, roll, pudding, milk</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Breakfast- Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, toast, juice, milk</p> <p>Lunch-Barbecue on Bun or Corndog, pickle spears, corn, orange smiles, milk</p>
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Photo by Connie Barnett

After a whopping 17-1 victory over Crosbyton, Lockney's Lady Horn Softball team is cruising into the playoff with a momentum that could lead to state title. The Lady Horns will finish out their regular season with an away game in Seagraves this Thursday.

Lockney High School's One Act play has outstanding year



One Act Play: (back row) Lindsay Stewart, Chris Rodriguez, Tanae Ramos, Kami Hunt, Krista Wofford, Kelsie Stennett, and Josh Armstrong; (front row) Jasmine Pena, Jasmin Rodriguez, Nikki Jimenez, and Johnny Rose.

Lockney High School's play, THE COVER OF LIFE, directed by Lesha Woodard and Jessica Jordan, had an outstanding competition season in the UIL One Act Play Contest this year. At Zone Competition, the play was chosen to advance, and several students won awards. Robbie Reyes received the Best Actress Award, Chris Rodriguez received an All-Star Cast Award, and Lindsay Stewart received an Honorable Mention All-Star Cast Award. THE COVER OF LIFE was also chosen to advance at the District Competition with Tanae Ramos earning the Best Actress Award, Jasmine Pena and Robbie Reyes earning All-Star Cast Awards, and Chris Rodriguez and Krista Wofford earning Honorable Mention All-Star Cast Awards. Then, at the Area Competition, the play was chosen as Alternate. Crew awards at Area included Kami Hunt receiving Outstanding Stage Manager and Johnny Rose receiving Outstanding Sound. Cast awards included Tanae Ramos and Lindsay Stewart receiving All-Star Cast awards and Robbie Reyes receiving an Honorable Mention All-Star Cast award.

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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 11th were (back row, l-r) Damon Monroe, Cutter Smith, Lexi Molinar, Paige Rogers, Jason Sammaripa; (front row, l-r) Makenlee Lemons and Elijah Contreras.



Courtesy Photo
DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 18th were (back row, l-r) Kendal Hughes, Avery Silva, Dora Cervera, Payton Teeple, Jaylen James; (front row, l-r) Raymnd Chavira, and Aiden Enriquez.

Whirlwinds compete at District Track Meet

By Coach Ayala

The Floydada Whirlwinds competed at the 2011 District Track Meet for Varsity was held Wednesday and Thursday, April 6 and 7 in Abernathy. The District Track Meet for Junior High was held Saturday, April 9 in Abernathy. The Regional Track Meet will be held Monday, April 25 and Tuesday, April 26 in Odessa.

Varsity:

Regional qualifiers are:

Cole Covington - 1st place - Pole Vault (14')
Troy Morales, Bensegado Perez, Rex Mathis, Adrian Pleasant, Alt. John Angel Yannis - 3rd place - 800 M Relay.

District track results are:
Troy Morales, Bensegado Perez, John Angel Yannis, Rex Mathis - 4th - 400 M

Relay

Adrian Pleasant - 4th - 100 M Dash, 6th - 200 M Dash,
Troy Morales - 5th - 100 M Dash
Rex Mathis - 5th - 200 M Dash

Juan DeOchoa - 6th - Discus

JUNIOR VARSITY:

Jordan Woody, Matthew McGowen, Diego Cervera, Ventura Gonzales - 3rd - 400 M Relay, 3rd - 800 M Relay

District track results are:
Joseph DeOchoa - 1st Shot Put
Andrew Perez - 5th Shot Put

Hector Rodriguez - 4th - Long Jump
Venturo Gonzales - 4th - High Jump

Anthony Ascencio - 2nd - 400 M Dash
8th GRADE - FINISHED 3RD PLACE:

Tucker Lowrance - Danny Martinez, Aaron Chavarria, Omar Perales - 1st - 400 M Relay, 1st - 800 M Relay
Aaron Chavarria - 2nd - Long Jump, 3rd - Triple Jump
Corbin Nutt - 1st - Pole Vault, 1st - 110 High Hurdles, 5th - 300 Intermediate Hurdles
Danny Martinez - 4th - Long Jump, 3rd - 100 M Dash

Joshua Barrientos - 4th - 200 M Dash
7TH GRADE - FINISHED 3RD PLACE:

Joshua Gonzales, Vecinte Ramirez, Juan Mendoza, Aaron DelaFuente - 3rd - 400 M Relay

Robert Cuba, Kyi Baker, Vecinte Ramirez, Aaron DelaFuente - 2nd - 800 M Relay

Robert Cuba, Aaron DelaFuente, Juan Mendoza, Vecinte Ramirez - 1st - 1600 M Relay

Robert Cuba - 1st - 100 M Dash
Juan Mendoza - 1st - 200 M Dash

Josh Castaneda - 5th - 100 M Dash
Vecinte Ramirez - 4th - Pole Vault

Cavin Seago - 6th - 110 High Hurdles
Aaron DelaFuente - 3rd - Shot Put

Lorenzo DelaCerde - 6th - Shot Put

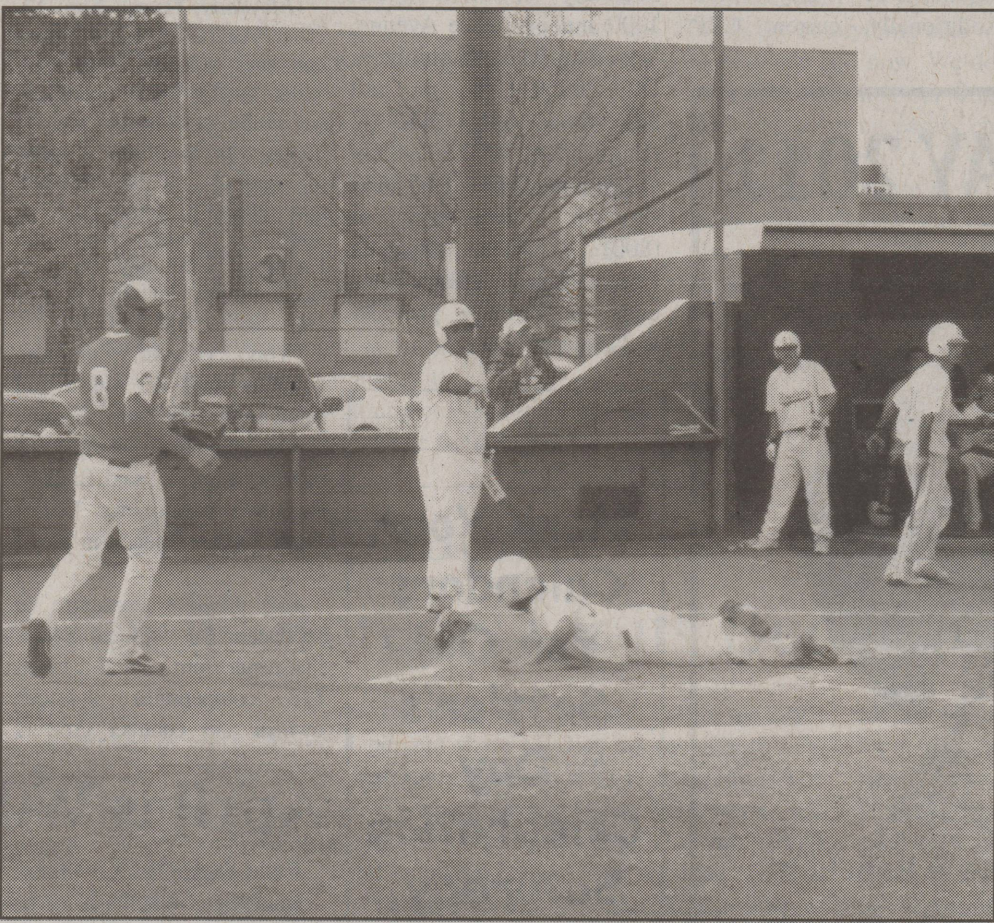


Photo by Homer Marquez

Continuing to fight hard for a playoff spot, the Floydada Whirlwinds baseball team broke even this past week with a 9-7 win over Muleshoe on Tuesday, and 0-2 lose to Idalou. The Winds improved to 5-5 in district and 10-8-1 overall; on Friday, Floydada will take on Friona in an away game, and then the team will return home to end their regular season play with a game against Littlefield.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

April 25 - April 29	
Monday	
Breakfast -Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk	Lunch -Chicken spaghetti, English peas, tossed salad, French bread stick, fruit, milk
Tuesday	
Breakfast - Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk	Lunch -Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Wednesday	
Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk	Lunch -Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, fresh broccoli w/ranch, fresh fruit, saltine crackers, milk
Thursday	
Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk	Lunch - Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk
Friday	
Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk	Lunch - Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk

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Conservation Reserve Program General sign-up deadline is Friday

WASHINGTON, April 13, 2011 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack reminds landowners, farmers and ranchers that the opportunity to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up 41 ends on Friday, April 15. Producers who want to offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up may enroll at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office where their farm records are maintained. "CRP enjoys strong backing from farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor sports enthusiasts," said Vilsack. "For 25 years CRP has improved water and air quality, preserved habitat for wildlife, and prevented soil erosion. I urge any eligible

landowner to visit their county office to learn more about this program." CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to protect their environmentally sensitive land. Through CRP, eligible landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land can be enrolled for a period of up to 15 years. During the general sign-up period, farmers and ranchers may offer eligible land at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this sign-up provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP

participants with contracts expiring this fall may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2011. The general sign-up for CRP will not affect cropped acres for this growing season. Acres will be enrolled in the program in the fall. Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp> for additional information regarding CRP.

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4-H'ers compete in fashion story board

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS
Floyd County

Twelve Floyd County 4-H'ers participated in the District II Fashion Story Board competition. Fashion Story Boards were displayed at the District Fashion Show held Tuesday, April 12 at the Abernathy Elementary School and awards were presented.

Floyd County 4-H members, their respective categories and placings were as follows: Junior Pet Clothing - Lauryn Carroll - 3rd place; Junior Non Wearable - Payton Teeple - 1st place and Luke Carroll - 3rd place; Kortney Campbell - participation; Junior Wearable

- Payton Teeple - 1st place, Kylie Ricketts - participation, Carly Lehman - participation, Caitlin Bishop - participation and Korleigh Webb - participation. Intermediate Wearable - Rachel Graham - participation, Catharine Kemp - participation; Intermediate Non Wearable - Remington Ricketts - 1st place. Senior Jewelry - Jianna Davenport - 3rd place.

4-H'ers participating in the 4-H Fashion Design project were asked to create a look in one of the five categories inspired by nature's four elements - Fire, Water, Earth or Wind.

Fashion Story Board is one of the many projects offered through Texas AgriLife

Extension and Floyd County 4-H. Fashion Story Board was led by Patty Davenport.

For more information call the Texas AgriLife Extension office in Floyd County at 983-4912.

Extension Programs serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Courts of Texas cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

Livestock Indemnity Program benefits available

(Floydada, Texas), April 12, 2011 -As the drought in Texas continues, wildfires are a daily threat to livestock operations across the state. In the event of losses experienced as a result of wildfire, eligible ranchers and livestock producers can apply for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"This program provides livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," said Bradley, executive director for USDA Farm Service Agency in Floyd County.

LIP provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from natural disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers

for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. **Drought is not an eligible cause of loss.** Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

Bradley adds, "A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Livestock that die within 60 days of the date of the qualifying event, but prior to Oct. 1, 2011 will be considered eligible for loss benefits."

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type an weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle = 3%. These established

percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under, "normal" conditions.

According to Bradley, producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event. This may include an unrelated third party account to verify losses.

After filing a notice of loss, livestock producers should file a LIP application as soon as possible to avoid a delay in processing and receipt of disaster assistance. For more information on LIP, the LIP application process and other FSA programs, please contact the Floyd county office at 806.983.5747 or visit FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx>.

April is Wildfire Awareness Month

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - More than 983,000 acres of Texas land have burned so far this year, a result of dangerous, rapidly-spreading wildfire.

April is Wildfire Awareness Month, and Texas Forest Service's prevention and mitigation staff is spreading the word that Texas is susceptible to wildfire. It can be a force of nature, taking lives, homes and property.

Texas Forest Service has identified more than 14,000 communities as being at risk for wildland fire. So far this year, the agency has saved more than 3,300 homes and buildings

- but 231 structures have been lost, and one fire-related fatality occurred in February.

Families should teach their children about fire safety, post fire emergency telephone numbers and avoid outdoor activities that could cause a spark when the state is under severe drought conditions, as it is now.

"Your home and your yard can be your first line of defense in the event of a fire," said Wildland Urban Interface and Prevention Program Coordinator Justice Jones. "Create an area around your home that is free of flammable plants and other

items."

Families should have a fire action plan detailing how best to exit the home and where to meet if a fire occurs. Residents can download information about "Firewise" safety principles - simple measures you can take to protect your home and family.

Learn more about how to protect your family and home by visiting the Texas Forest Service website. More disaster preparedness information also can be accessed through the Texas Department of Emergency Management.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

315 Million vs. 545

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

It's not about us. It's not about the working people. It's not about Moms and Dads and it's sure as heck not about seniors or children.

It's about power, money and greed. It's one big charade and unless people remain watchful and demanding, it's not going to change anytime soon.

When you look at the financial condition of the United States, what do you think? We're struggling, right? We're facing mounting deficits, our entitlement programs are out of control and we're spending money like a 17-year-old with Dad's credit card. These are obvious points we can all agree on.

What we can't seem to agree on is who got us in this mess and how to get out of it?

Our problems have very little to do with the American people. We are simple pawns in a game of power and greed controlled by the 545.

The real "blame" for our problems are the 545 human beings in control of EVERYTHING.

Every single national problem we have has been created by 545 people we've trusted to do the right thing. Instead they have been manipulated by special interests and controlled by lobbyists. Basically, the 545 have sold their souls over the years and now, when it's time to pay for THEIR transgressions, we're broke.

In Washington, D.C., 100 Senators, 435 Representatives, one president and nine Supreme Court Justices make the rules we all live by. While the names of the 545 change some, the mentality to spend more than we take in has not. The 545

are legally, morally and individually responsible for our problems.

I think this is where the water is muddied. We, as spectators, get caught up in ideology, tradition, name-calling and the rest of the shenanigans which make for good political theater. We are tricked by slick politicians and have bought into the "blame the other party" game which has done nothing for us but has allowed politicians to kick the ball down the road for someone else to deal with.

The "old way" in Washington has become so commonplace, that we are running out of chances to avoid catastrophe.

You can't blame big banks or the Federal Reserve Board. The board was created by Congress, which delegated its duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private central bank.

You can't blame special interests and lobbyists. They have no legal authority and do not vote. The politicians they approach and buy are the ones voting on legislation. Legislation which has our hole deepening.

If the tax code is unfair, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If the budget is in the red, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If our fighting forces are spread too thin in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If our education system is a mess, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

The 545 spend a lot of time blaming bureaucrats. These are people hired by the 545 and they can be fired by the 545.

In fact, there is not one thing wrong with this country that cannot be fixed by the 545 if they choose to do the right things, which they have each taken an oath to do.

Don't like the president's budget? Vote it down and pass a better one. If the president vetoes it, overpower the veto with a larger margin.

We, the 315 million, should not let the greed and incompetence of the 545 ruin this country. But we are letting them. And every day they make it harder for us to be able to dig out because every day they spend more money than they take in.

What will it take to change the process where "we the people" are back in charge? It will take term limits, major campaign finance reform and restraints on lobbyists and Political Action Committees. Unfortunately, the 545 control this and since it would take money out of their greedy hands, the chances of such reform are slim and none.

The bottom line is we will no longer have Social Security, Medicare or anything else with the status quo. Changes have to be made and now. We don't have a choice in the matter. And in time, when our financial house is in order, we can make whatever necessary changes the "people" deem necessary for the people.

Americans need to stop thinking party and start thinking people. Take the "D" and the "R" out of the equation and replace them with "\$." Because this is what's at stake. They are taking our money and making poor decisions. That should be enough to get you fired...

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Other Opinions

California Can Look Within its Borders for its Budget Answers

By REBEKAH RAST

A state boasting the world's eighth-largest economy now suffers from a 12.2 percent unemployment rate. What has happened to the once-booming state of California?

California Gov. Jerry Brown wants the answer to that question so he sent Lieutenant Gov. Gavin Newsom to the state of Texas where 165,000 jobs have been created over the past three years.

Bloomberg quoted Gov. Brown saying, "Let's get more jobs, more businesses. Some of our state legislators are going to Texas to find out how they're doing. Gavin Newsom's going with them. I'm waiting for his report, when he gets back, and if he has any good ideas, I'm going to share them with you."

In a three-year time span, California has lost 1.15 million jobs. Bloomberg states, "While signature industries such as technology, trade and tourism have rebounded, construction and government employment are

weak or falling" in the state.

But California didn't need to go to Texas to get its answer. It only needed to look to another leader within its borders.

"What everyone can learn from Texas is that low taxes combined with limited public employee union power equals job growth and economic prosperity," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "And that is exactly what the city of Sanger in California is doing."

According to the Sanger Herald newspaper, the city's unemployment rate rests at 28 percent. It is a town facing some of the highest poverty in the nation and its mayor is Joshua Mitchell.

While running for election, Mayor Mitchell said the city's debt, the amount of bad loans that it has and the lack of revenue coming in were of main concern. "I fully recognize we are in a financial mess and I will make it my top priority to fix it."

And he has. In February, the City Council

passed an incentive to return half of the city's 1 percent share of sales tax revenue to new businesses that open in a vacant building. The City Council also agreed to waive sewer and water development fees for new commercial and industrial construction projects.

The city wants the passed measures to "make sure that roadblocks to business development and operation are moved aside so businesses can feel comfortable locating here," stated Dan Spears, the city's manager of planning, community and economic development, as recorded by The Fresno Bee newspaper.

An article written by Serafin Quintanar, a past Congressional Candidate for California's 20th district, credits Mayor Mitchell for reining in spending as well. He writes:

"Sanger was paying the highest salaries for many department heads in Fresno County, even more than Fresno, the largest city in the county! Obviously, this had to be changed. So, Mayor Mitchell had the unions put their

MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) up for a vote before the council. The council voted it down. Then the Mayor did something that is often heard in the rhetoric and pandering of politicians when running for office, but not put into practice. He told various departments to make concessions or have their department privatized. The results were what conservatives have always known; the unions backed down and conceded rather than be completely forced out of the equation."

ALG's Wilson is right. It looks like Lieutenant Gov. Gavin Newsom did not need to travel to Texas to learn how to make business and people in California prosperous once again.

Wilson adds, "Unlike California, big spenders and union employees know better than to mess with Texas and Mayor Joshua Mitchell."

The Real Issues in Wisconsin

By BILL WILSON

On February 27, My Opinion, Penn Miller clearly illustrates the envy theory of the left. However envy does not justify support of public sector unions at taxpayer expense. It is not wages and benefits that are the real issues in Wisconsin.

The bill in Wisconsin would require state workers to contribute 6 percent of their income towards their retirement and 12 percent towards their healthcare. These percentages are similar to what private sector workers pay. State workers in Wisconsin are agreeable to starting to contribute toward their health and pension funds.

The real reason that unions bussed thousands of people to Madison to protest is because the legislation makes the unions directly accountable to their members. The state will no longer withhold the \$700 annual union dues from employee paychecks. Unions must collect it directly from their members.

Unions have difficulty collecting dues in other states that passed similar legislation. The other issue that has inflamed the Wisconsin unions is that the union must be recertified each year by a majority of its membership. It is ironic that unions would protest legislation that would give their members a greater say in their own future.

In the 25 years that my wife was a teacher, she saw the union that she joined change from a professional association committed to helping teachers provide the best education for children to just another industrial union that was concerned with political power and getting Democratic politicians elected. Helping teachers to provide the best education for the taxpayer's money was not a priority.

Rather than rewarding good teachers through merit pay, the union promoted pay rates based on seniority. Benefits like healthcare and pensions were valued over wages, because benefits were not taxed and pension obligations did not have

to be accounted for immediately in school district budgets. However, it is exactly these unsustainable benefits that are creating financial crisis in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and numerous other states.

The usual solution that Mr. Miller and the others on the left propose when unions, and the politicians they help to elect, raise benefits and pensions to the point of bankrupting the states is to raise the taxes on the rich. However, the top 5 percent of taxpayers already pay more of the tax burden than the other 95 percent and over half of that 5 percent are small business owners that report their company earnings on their personal returns.

If public sector unions and the politicians that they helped to elect in Wisconsin and other states were not grossly irresponsible stewards of the public's money, they would not fear the legislation in being proposed in Madison, Wisconsin and numerous other budget strapped states.

Budgeting Apples and Oranges

By ROBERT ROMANO

A battle has broken out between the tea party movement and House Republicans over just what the now-enacted continuing resolution (CR) for fiscal year 2011 will achieve in real savings. Activists have been responding to AP reports that the resolution cutting \$38.5 billion would only result in \$352 million in actual cuts to outlays in 2011.

How can this be?

The difference is between the not-commonly-understood "budgeting authority" for 2011 versus outlays that will actually occur in 2011.

Here's the facts: the 2011 CR addresses the non-emergency budgeting authority for 2011. It authorizes \$1.049 trillion of spending versus the total \$1.364 trillion discretionary portion of the budget that will actually be spent this year. Why the difference?

Because discretionary outlays for 2011 serve as a function of the 2011 non-emergency budgeting authority plus the war supplemental plus budgeting authorities enacted by previous Congresses. All that was on the table with the continuing resolution was the

non-emergency portion, and a small portion of mandatory spending.

Also including in the \$1.364 trillion discretionary spending is the war supplemental that will cost \$159.4 billion, but CBO projects only \$75.583 of it will be spent. The rest of it, approximately \$240 billion, is spending that was already in the pike from previous Congresses.

Therefore, departments and agencies will have to burn through the remaining funds before the impact of \$38.5 billion reduction of the budget authority is felt.

In many ways, this discussion over the savings of the continuing resolution is a testament to just how much Congress spent under Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid, who controlled Congress from 2007 through 2010. Congress authorized so much spending, it has not even all been spent yet.

For that reason, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education will spend \$202.5 billion in 2011 even though Congress has only authorized \$156.5 billion this year. The additional \$46 billion was already authorized, and not subject to the CR that passed Congress. Another example is that the Transpor-

tation and HUD will spend \$131.76 billion in 2011, but the CR only authorizes \$55.49 billion. The other \$76.26 billion was previously authorized.

So, Speaker Boehner is correct that he has reduced the budgeting authority by \$38.5 billion from its previous level — the savings of which will be felt over time beyond 2011. And the tea parties are correct that this will have little effect on 2011 outlays, and that the minuscule savings felt this year fall far short of the Pledge to America to "roll back government spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bail-out levels, saving us at least \$100 billion in the first year alone and putting us on a path to balance the budget and pay down the debt."

The American people were expecting more, and for the most part, that is why the outcome is surely disappointing to most observers.

However, on the bright side, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the bill will reduce outlays by about \$20-\$25 billion over the next ten years, with "[t]he vast majority of the \$20 billion to \$25 billion reduction in projected outlays would fall in the five-year period spanning fiscal years 2012 through

2016, with a small amount occurring over the 2017-2021 period."

Obviously, with such a small reduction in the total \$3.7 trillion budget, there is much more to be done. If the tea parties, and more broadly the American people, really want to reduce total outlays, it will require more reductions in the discretionary budget authority, as Boehner has accomplished here. Additional savings can be found by rescinding previous budget authorities.

And the bulk of the real savings will be found by reforming the \$2.194 trillion of mandatory spending programs by rolling back eligibility requirements, amending and in some cases repealing legislation that requires the Treasury to spend the money. ObamaCare is a perfect example of legislation that must be repealed to rein in Medicaid spending as well as health insurance subsidies under the insurance exchanges.

In order to get at the heart of the nation's spending problem, all of the spending needs to be on the table. And with this now-enacted continuing resolution, it was not, as the American people have learned. In the 2012 budget process, it needs to be.



Friends my age have been known to say, "I'm turning into my mother."

Lately when I've looked in the mirror I've had cause to reflect that I'm looking more and more like my own late mother if not exactly acting like her. Maybe it's my prematurely gray hair. Once prematurely gray, always prematurely gray.

Sunday morning at church the congregation watched a video clip of a silver-haired lady telling about a Ugandan woman who made enough money raising cassava to build and lease primitive wheelbarrows. She used the wheelbarrow money to establish a canteen and the canteen profits to build a school for girls. The woman telling the story looked something like my own mother, I thought. Apparently she had an interest in mission work in Uganda and for that reason was the spokesperson for the Ugandan woman, who was asking for money to help run the nice school.

By late afternoon I was loading my paper plate at a church picnic, mixing and mingling and meeting new people and reintroducing myself to people I'd met before who didn't remember me either so it didn't matter. It's a church with a high median age. Makes me feel young.

A man came up to me and asked me the name of the town in Uganda. I told him I thought it was Lira, but I also told him I wasn't the woman in the video.

There you have it. I knew she looked like my mother. I just didn't know I looked that

much like my mother. Oh well.

Maybe if I can just keep my wits about me I won't be surprised when I begin to lose them in the same style.

Through the years my dear mother was fond of relating various stories. I spent enough time with her to know virtually all of them. One evening at a friend's house, she was taking longer than I thought necessary to tell one of her stories.

"Get to the point, Mother," I urged her. "What was it?" she asked.

Mother never lost her sense of humor. Speaking of points, I'm having a little trouble now getting to one. Maybe if I tell what happened last night a point will emerge.

My friend Norma and I were parked curbside at McDonald's when a young man approached and asked for a dollar to help pay for gas so a friend could take him to his grandmother's house in the next town. He didn't look like a full-blown meth user.

We asked him his grandmother's phone number and exactly where she lived. Things didn't quite add up.

By the time it was all over, we'd gotten her correct number via the Internet and called her. We even handed him the phone. He kept up the act, but it became apparent she wasn't in the next town and wasn't expecting him. We didn't give him the dollar.

My mother could always spot a con. I never could. Maybe I really am turning into my mother.

The Salvation Army providing round-the-clock support at wildfire locations in Texas

Dallas, TX (April 18, 2011) – More than one week after initial deployment, Salvation Army Officers, staff and volunteers continue to provide round-the-clock assistance and relief to firefighters, other responders and residents affected by wildfires throughout the State.

On Sunday, April 17, the most concentrated efforts took place in and around the small city of Strawn, TX, located only 90 minutes West of Fort Worth. Salvation Army Disaster Canteens (mobile kitchens) from Dallas, Plano, Waco and Fort Worth have been deployed and staff worked throughout the weekend to provide meals, hydration and spiritual support in Strawn, Palo Pinto and Graford. Volunteers from the nearby Mineral Wells Salvation Army Service Unit assisted the efforts by serving and delivering meals to exhausted responders.

To the South West, in Coke County, Salvation Army disaster teams from Austin, Midland and San Angelo assisted those working to contain another rapidly spreading

fire fuelled by the unpredictable, blustery wind and extremely dry conditions. The Disaster Canteen from Wichita Falls also responded to calls for assistance over the weekend as several fires broke out to the North and West of the city. It is reported that more than 500,000 acres has been consumed by about a dozen fires over the last two weeks in Texas.

Since Saturday April 9, The Salvation Army has served more than 6,500 meals, 8,500 drinks and 4,800 snacks at wildfire locations and remain committed to providing relief as long as is needed.

Monetary donations to support The Salvation Army Texas Wildfire Relief can be made by mail to P.O.Box 36607, Dallas, TX 75235, by phone at 1-800-SAL-ARMY or online at www.salvationarmytexas.org

For more information about The Salvation Army's disaster response effort, please go to www.Facebook.com/SalvationArmyTexas, www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org, or www.salvationarmytexas.org.

Loans and grants to implement renewable energy systems

TEMPLE, TX - April 15, 2011 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack invites agricultural producers and rural small businesses to apply for loans and grants to implement renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

"Biofuels and other renewable energy sources present an enormous economic opportunity for rural America and the rest of the nation," Vilsack said. "President Obama and I recognize that we need to win the future by implementing a long-term strategy to meet our country's current and long-term energy needs. The funding I am announcing today will help make America's farmers, ranchers and rural businesses more energy efficient."

"We're pleased to offer this funding availability to those who are interested in identifying and implementing projects that will conserve energy," said Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. "Projects funded through Rural Development's REAP program reduce our dependence on foreign resources and help Americans become more energy-sufficient."

USDA is providing funding for up to \$61 million in guaranteed loans and \$42 million in grants through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Funds are available to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses develop renewable energy systems, including assistance to fuel station owners to install flexible fuel pumps that will offer Americans more renewable energy options. In addition, funding is available for energy efficiency improvements and studies to determine the feasibility of renewable energy systems.

Recently, USDA issued a rule to clarify that the definition of renewable energy systems in REAP includes flexible fuel

pumps, sometimes referred to as "blender pumps." This clarification is intended to provide fuel station owners with incentives to install flexible fuel pumps that will offer Americans more renewable energy options. The Obama administration has set a goal of installing 10,000 flexible fuel pumps nationwide within 5 years.


The rule also makes the following clarifications:

- Grants are available for audits of energy improvements and studies to determine the feasibility of renewable energy systems; and
- Agricultural producers in non-rural areas are eligible for REAP assistance. Small businesses must still be located in rural areas. This clarification makes REAP eligibility requirements consistent with those of other USDA energy programs.

Under REAP, local businesses receive assistance to deploy wind, solar and other forms of renewable energy. For example, in Texas, the Red Caboose Winery was a recipient of a REAP grant in 2010. The grant was used to create an electric generating system with

44 photovoltaic panels and 2 inverters, which generate 9.9 kWh of electricity. The system is tied to the grid, and any excess electricity is fed onto the grid. Red Caboose Winery is the most sustainable winery in Texas and the only winery that generates 100% of its own electricity. The winery uses 100% rainwater for irrigation in the vineyards, recycles all of their barrels, and composts all of their waste.

The deadline for submitting completed REAP applications for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvement programs is June 15. For renewable energy feasibility studies, energy audits and renewable energy development assistance grants, the deadline to apply is June 30. For information on how to apply for assistance, contact you're the USDA Rural Development Texas State office at 254-742-9780, or see page 20943 of the April 14 Federal Register, <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-8456.pdf>. A list of USDA offices is available at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html>.




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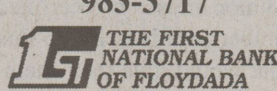
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NOTICE OF 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

The FLOYD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on May 5, 2011, 9:15 a.m. at 104 E. California, Floydada, Tx.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ <u>280,900.</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ <u>no increase</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>4</u>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>3</u>

Floyd County Appraisal District
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The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing unit served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

4-21c

COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

After breaking support on Wednesday, cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) continued their downward path Thursday as weekly export sales figures were not helpful in reversing the trend.

In the week ended April 7, USDA reported widespread cancellations with old crop obligations being rescheduled ahead into the next marketing year position. As a result, the total net new sales of upland cotton came in at 165,800 bales. Export shipments of 308,900 bales were down 41 percent from the previous week's marketing year high and 27 percent lower than the

four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, and Indonesia.

In the spot cotton market, very little cotton remains in the hands of producers and available for sale. Therefore, sales continued to be slower in the week ended April 14 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold only 76 bales of cotton online compared to the previous week when no bales were sold.

Meanwhile, market observers still were buzzing about last week's prospective plantings report, pairing the data with the continuing drought and attempting to

pencil in personal acreage estimates and make marketing decisions accordingly.

"Cotton acreage estimates may push the markets up and down as planting season nears, but lingering dry weather across the Cotton Belt could have a much bigger impact on the market in the longer term, according to a cotton economist.

USDA's March 31 Prospective Plantings report was a surprise to many, projecting U.S. cotton plantings at 12.56 million acres of upland and Pima. The market reacted fairly strongly with new crop cotton prices moving to just under

\$1.40 per pound. Some industry observers think cotton acreage may end up a couple of percentage points higher than the department's March projections.

"How much acreage is actually planted is a matter of economics and weather. The average change from March estimates and what actually is planted by June is about 4 percent up or down," the economist explained. "But, even if the number goes higher, there is no indication that actual bales will be higher because of the dry weather. It's reasonable to expect lower yields and higher abandonment. Until

we have a clearer picture, I would expect new crop futures to remain high and volatile"

Weather continues to be a big concern for U.S. cotton acres and production as exceptionally dry weather continues to affect much of the U.S. cotton-producing region. Despite the dry conditions, cotton plantings in the U.S. were at seven percent complete as of April 9, up one percentage point from last year, according to USDA.

Extreme drought conditions are spread from southeastern Arizona to the Mississippi River and most

of the reporting districts in Texas are reporting 90 percent of their acreage in the very short category in regard to topsoil moisture. As of this writing, there was no predicted precipitation for the cotton growing areas of Texas in the 10-day forecast. Although producers in West Texas sometimes can plant until July 4 and still produce a crop, the longer planting is delayed the more questionable harvest time weather becomes. Cotton growers in the state were praying for a sizeable amount of planting rain in the near future.

Donations sought for Ranchers affected by wildfires

FORT WORTH, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is encouraging Texans who wish to make financial donations to ranchers affected by the recent Texas wildfires to do so through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Star of Texas Agriculture Relief (STAR) fund.

The STAR fund will use financial donations to help purchase hay and fencing supplies for ranchers in the affected areas. Donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made at www.texasagriculture.gov or by calling 512-475-1615.

"Many ranchers across parts of West Texas have been completely devastated by the raging wildfires. Thousands of grazing acres have burned, cattle have been lost, and hundreds of miles of fences have disappeared," said Joe Parker, Jr., a rancher in Clay County and president of TSCRA.

"Thankfully, most of these fires are under control; however, the dry and windy conditions continue to pose serious threats which has us all feeling a little

uneasy. "The flood of support from Texas ranchers, the industry, and state and local officials has been remarkable. We here in the cattle industry know what it means to work together to help each other out, which is why the continued effort to support those affected by the fires is so important. TSCRA would like to thank Commissioner Staples for his ongoing support and efforts for these ranchers."

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Floydada

Request for Specific Use Permit for the Sale of General Merchandise in a Residential Area at the following described property:

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT FLOYDADA CITY HALL IN REGARD TO A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE SALE OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA AT THE PROPERTY LISTED ABOVE. PERSONS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY HALL AT 983-2834 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

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NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FLOYD

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

DATED Marc 31, 2011, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter styled and numbered causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on March 31, 2011, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in May, 2011, the same being the 3rd day of May, 2011, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Floydada, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Floyd and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO.	STYLING, DEFENDANTS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
5607TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Lydia Barrera the North 1/2 of Lot 12 and all of Lot 13, Block 7, Moore Addition, City of Lockney
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or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED March 31, 2011, at Floydada, Texas.

By: Paul Raisse, Sheriff, Floyd County, Texas

You may contact the Planiff's attorney at 325-672-4870.

4-7, 4-14, 4-21c

Is intolerance good for Immigration Policy

Darrell Ahrens isn't an intolerant man, but he believes that intolerance has its place in America today -- and that when it comes to immigration policy, it's not a negative thing.

"Sometimes intolerance can be a genuine expression of love," said Ahrens, a retired marine and former Air Force Officer, as well as author of the book *Divine Love/Divine Intolerance* (www.curlyscorner.com). "As an example, the idea of protecting our borders and tightening our immigration policy has a lot of people pointing fingers and using words like 'racist' or 'bigot' at those of us who take a dim view of our porous borders. But it's not about that at all. It's the fact that we have tolerated that situation and accepted illegal immigrants into our nation and our economy that has produced the current crisis. That's why maybe

a little intolerance is what we need to shine a new light on the issue."

Ahrens believes that immigration reform isn't just about securing borders for reasons of national security or even about American jobs. He believes it should also be about fairness to those who are trying to enter the country legally.

"The average amount of time it takes for someone to become an American citizen is several years," Ahrens said. "Some people are paying thousands of dollars in government application fees, and several thousand more if they employ an immigration attorney. So, how do you think they feel when they make an effort to honor our laws and regulations, but see us tolerating a vast population of illegal immigrants just because they're already here?

It's not fair, and one of the founding principles of this country is fairness and justice. Intolerance of illegal immigration is a way of ensuring justice for those who are going through the legal process of immigration."

Ahrens is further concerned that the immigration debate is simply one of the many symptoms of the bigger problem -- our unnecessary adherence to principles of political correctness. He believes that we are so concerned about not offending people, that we are unable to have a real public debate about the issue.

"As soon as someone raises their voice about our borders being as porous as a sieve, that person is labeled as a racist or a bigot, and that's just ridiculous," he added. "We have immigration laws already, and we have

people who obey them and those who disobey them. We should reward those who are in the country legally, and punish those who aren't. That's what laws are for, and being in favor of a policy that protects our borders is not an inherently racist or bigoted position. It's about protecting America and Americans. But we have so succumbed to this group mentality that we can only talk about the policy issues that don't offend people of color, when it has nothing to do with ethnicities. It has to do with national security and the justice all Americans want for themselves. It's an example of over-tolerance -- tolerance that goes to such an extreme that it actually undercuts its original goals of being fair to everyone. So, against that landscape, I think a little intolerance is just what we need to set things right again."

FIELD

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voting to oppose the motion. The 3-3 vote would have killed the motion, but it was assumed by some board members that Hooten had voted for naming the field, Kenny Hooten Field; the assumption would lead to the motion being passed. The problem would lie at the end of the vote, when an official and clear tally of who voted for what was never announced. Realizing the board's mistake to do so, Board President John Quebe would later apologize at April's meeting for not officially announcing the actual count for the vote, and also stated that the votes from each board member would need to be more apparent and obvious in future votes. Since it was not clear what the actual vote count was, Quebe contacted the board's lawyer to see what the next step was to rectifying the situation; if March's minutes could not be approved, all of the actions that took place March's agenda would be

void. The lawyer suggested that the board rescind last month's motion to name the new softball field, Kenny Hooten Field and have a revote. During April's meeting, Aaron Wilson would make the motion to rescind last month's decision and Rene Guerrero would second; the motion to rescind would pass with a 6-1 vote; Board member Mike Lass would oppose. Next the board would have to make a motion to reconsider naming the sports facility; that motion, which was made by Jimmy Kemp, was unanimously passed by the board members. Following that decision, the board would now vote to name the softball field, Kenny Hooten Field after the motion was made Robbie Long and seconded by Jimmy Kemp. With Lonny Hooten once again abstaining to vote, the motion to keep the name of the softball field, Kenny Hooten Field would unanimously pass 6-0.

Moving on, the board would vote unanimously to approve the payment of the current bills, tax reports, and investments for the month; in April, the school district's financial balance with investments would total \$3,427,068; insurance money from Lockney's High School fire would bring in an additional \$1,184,096.

After the payment of the bills, the school board gave the floor to public comment; taking the floor would be Dr. Gary Mangold and Phillip Garza. After the board kicked around the idea of maybe giving the ball parks an umbrella name like the Jesse Garza sports complex last month, Dr. Mangold and Mr. Garza asked the board to consider taking the next steps in naming the sports complex after Jesse Garza. In their presentation, Dr. Mangold, who was a long time friend of Jesse, reminded the board of the dedication that Mr. Garza had toward his community and towards the school district. A community leader, Dr. Mangold, spoke about the late Mr. Garza's love for baseball and softball as well as his accomplishments in the past that helped make Lockney's baseball and softball programs a reality today. Both Dr. Mangold and the late Mr. Garza's son, Phillip felt that the honor of naming the sports complex after Jesse Garza would be fitting to the achievements that Mr. Garza had in the community of Lockney; the school board agreed and assured them that it would be considered.

After the public forum, the board heard a presentation on the "Power of the Wind" program that was being conducted in Lockney's fifth grade science classes this

past week. The program, which was sponsored by Horizon Renewable Energy, gave kids a chance to get a hands-on lesson on how energy is derived from the wind. Students got a chance to build their own miniature wind turbines and measure their results. Fifth grade science teacher, Ms. Pate, along with students Ryder Race and Adriana Stapp and Floyd County Extension Agents Mark Carroll and Mellissa Long, explained to the board that the program was having great success in giving students a fun and interactive experience with the mechanics of wind energy; the "Power of the Wind" program will be hosted in Floydada next month.

Next on the agenda, the school board would approve the audit agreement with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert, and Moss, L.L.P.; the audit agreement will ensure that the firm will be conducting the district's yearly financial audit in August. Lockney's school board would also unanimously vote to cancel the election for positions in the school board; board members John Quebe and Jimmy Kemp would keep their seats for another term after it was announced that no one else had chosen to run. Also unanimously approved by the school board would be the district's insurance policy from Texas Kids First for the 2011-2012 school year. The insurance would cover 516 students with athletics and activities accident insurance and catastrophic coverage; the total cost in premiums will total \$21,062.

During his Superintendent report, Mr. Cotham wanted to let the board know that a warrant issued for Willie Luna that was printed in the Plainview Herald was a mistake. Mr. Cotham told the board that the warrant

was a miss print and that the person they were looking for was not the Willie Luna that has been currently working for the school; the Plainview Herald has issued a retraction and the Plainview Police Department has written a letter to the board clearing up the mistake.

After an update on the construction of the new high school, Cotham explained that the new tower located by the band hall was for the school's internet service. The tower will take the place of the T1 lines that the school currently has and will speed up the connection of the school's internet; the tower, which is also connected to both Plainview and Floydada, will allow the school to have another option of internet service in case a connection is lost. Cotham also reported that two more teachers had taken advantage of the district's Exit Incentive Program. The program was designed to pay 20 percent of the their base salary to teachers who decided to retire; the program was put in place to prepare for extreme budget cuts in the state's educational funds in the upcoming state budget, the teachers that took the incentives were Charlanne Burson and Melody Willey.

Closing out the meeting, the board would consider naming Lockney's other sports facilities. Throughout the rest of the meeting, members of the board would deliberate the name options for Lockney's sports facilities. Names in the ring included the Jesse Garza Sports Complex and Volunteer Park. By the end of the discussion, members of the board agreed that they would need more time to discuss their options; no motion was made for any of the suggested names and item was moved for a later time.

FASHION

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Junior Buying Casual: Lauryn Carroll - 3rd place; Junior Buying Specialty: Payton Teeple - 1st place; Junior Embelished or Recycled: Korleigh Webb - 3rd place and Intermediate Buying Casual: Rachel Graham - 3rd place.

The objectives of the 4-H Fashion Show are to apply the knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection, learn construction techniques or comparison shopping skills, become aware of fashion interpretation and style and practice presentation and modeling techniques.

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