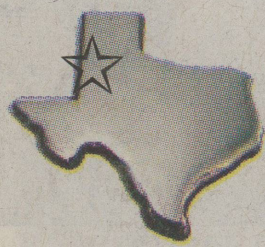


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**Donation made to Floydada Fire Department by JB and the Moonshine Band**

**By Corey Johnston**  
 Texas Country Music Artist JB Patterson of JB and the Moonshine Band recently stopped in studios at 106-1 Flip FM in Floydada for a taping of "Live From The Backroom". While in studio Patterson surprised host Corey Johnston with a donation to the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department to help offset cost of the recent grass fires in Floyd and Motley Counties. Patterson said, "We care about what is going on this part of the state, these fires were destructive to all involved and this is our little way of helping."



JB and the Moonshine Band are a group of four young East Texans who have exploded onto the Texas Country Music scene with their latest single "Perfect Girl" rising all the way to #7 on CMT Pure Country's 12-Pack. For more information on JB and the Moonshine band check out their website at www.jbandthemoonshineband.com and for more information about 106-1 Flip FM log onto www.1061flipfm.com. Live From the Backroom with JB and the Moonshine Band airs Wednesday, May 4th at 5 p.m.

**Donald 'Cowboy' Wiley named 'Firefighter of the Year'**

**By Corey Johnston**  
 The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Awards Banquet on April 6, 2011, naming Donald "Cowboy" Wiley as Firefighter of the Year. "Cowboy", as he prefers to be called, has given 35 years of service to the F.V.F.D. in addition to giving 5 years of service to the Shamrock V.F.D. and 3 years to the Levelland V.F.D. Over these 43 years Cowboy has always felt his fellow volunteers were his family.



**Courtesy Photo**  
 Floydada Volunteer Fire Department held their Awards Banquet on Wednesday, April 6th and named Donald "Cowboy" Wiley as Firefighter of the Year. Receiving awards were (left to right) J. C. Chappell, Armando Garcia, Donald "Cowboy" Wiley, Randall Sims and Darrell Gooch.

During his years of service Cowboy has instructed or worked at 124 fire schools in Texas A&M, Lubbock, Abilene, Canyon and Floydada and is well known by firefighters all across the State of Texas and respected by all who know him. In addition to instructing area training schools, Cowboy has served as Sergeant of Arms for the Panhandle Firemen's Fire Marshall's Association for 12 years and served the same position for the State Firemen's Fire Marshall's Association for 10 years. He has received numerous awards from the F.V.F.D. along with awards from organizations in Floyd County and Floydada. In 1999, the Floydada Chamber of Commerce

recognized Cowboy as the "Volunteer of the Year" for the hours of service he gave to the Floyd County Old Settlers Association, the Floydada Chamber of Commerce annual Pumpkin Day Celebration, Floydada Youth Sports Activities and the annual Floyd County Livestock Show. Cowboy is married to Sandy and they have one son, Chris, who is a volunteer firefighter with the Paducah V.F.D. They also have a daughter, Angela, who is

a former State Firemen's Fire Marshall's Association Mascot. Cowboy is proud of his children and his two grandchildren. The annual banquet, held at the Floydada First Baptist Church, was a chance for the department to celebrate the accomplishments of its members. Many awards were given out at this year's F.V.F.D. Annual Awards Banquet. The "Rookie of the Year Award" was given to Armando Garcia. Garcia

recently completed the West Texas Fire Training Academy with his Introductory Certification. Garcia is not only a talented fireman, but his artwork can be seen on business windows all over Floydada. The award for "Junior Firefighter of the Year" was given to J.C. Chappell. Chappell, has devoted countless hours to the F.V.F.D. during his years of service. He was recently  
**Firefighter**  
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**Local golfer gets big break**



**Photo by Mark Ashman/Golf Channel**  
 Local athlete, Justin Payne, grabs the spotlight as he competes in the Golf Channel's hit reality show, "Big Break Indian Wells". The show's premier will air on May 16 at 8:30 p.m. on the Golf Channel.

**By Homer Marquez**  
 Floydada's very own Justin Payne will rightfully get his "big break" as he steps into the spotlight to compete in the newest season of the Golf Channel's hit reality golf competition "The Big Break Indian Wells". Airing on May 16, the wildly popular golf show will pit our very own hometown hero against 10 other aspiring professional golfers as they compete for one biggest prize packages ever offered in the series' 15 year history; a chance to play in the PGA Tour's 2012 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, a minimum of cash prize \$55,000, an endorsement contract with Adams Golf, and tons of other prizes. Filmed on location this last January, at the gorgeous Indian Wells Resort in California, contestants for the series' newest season battled for the top prize on the golf resort's two championship

courses, the Celebrity Course and the Player's Course. "It was beautiful," described Justin, "I'd never played a course that was quite like that." Each week players faced elimination as they competed in number of different golf challenges that undoubtedly tested each golfer's physical and mental endurance; in the end, the last golfer standing would eventually be crowned the Big Break Champion. Starting off playing with his dad, Stan, in the sixth grade, Justin would quickly develop his game into a competitive force to be reckoned with as the years went by. In high school, Justin would become one of Texas' top junior golfers as he played for the Whirlwind golf team and participated in junior tournaments in the summer. After high school, Justin would continue to play throughout college as he played for both  
**Local Golfer**  
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**WHIRLWIND AND LONGHORN BASEBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULES**

**Floydada Whirlwinds vs Childress Bobcats**  
 Game 1: Friday, May 6th - 5 p.m.  
 Game 2: Saturday - May 7th - 12 p.m.  
 Game 3: Saturday - 30 min. after second game (if necessary)  
 At: Canyon Randall Baseball Field (see Floydada school page for direction info)

**Lockney Longhorns vs Claude**  
 Game 1: Friday, May 6th - 5:30 p.m.  
 Game 2: Saturday, May 7th - 1 p.m.  
 Game 3: Saturday - 30 min after second game (if necessary)  
 At: Amarillo Caprock



**Floydada Senior Citizens News**

**By Margarette Word**

Our mailing address is P.O.Box 573, Floydada, TX. 79235. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Lunch starts at 12 noon. For more information please call the Center at 983-2032.

Bill Gilbert spent five days around Easter weekend in Monahans visiting a grandson and family.

Margaret Soudelier flew to New Orleans to be with her family. She returned home after a week of visiting.

Recently Diana Glover's daughter, Pam and her husband, Roy of Lake Kiowa, Texas spent Easter weekend in Floydada visiting.

Ardis Daniel went to Kress, Texas to visit her daughter, Lori and family Easter Sunday.

Bob and Charlene Alldredge had their children and families at church

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and spent the day visiting and celebrating Mother's Day early because Roger their son, was home for a few days. Roger lives in California.

Betty Baker had a very interesting Easter weekend. She traveled to Altus, Oklahoma for her high school class reunion of 1947. The school she attended was named Southside and it took in people of Hess and Elmer, Oklahoma and surrounding areas. Her class that she graduated with was about twenty students. There are now about ten still around. There were six classmates in attendance at the reunion. They were served first because they were the oldest. They had a very good time. Mikayla Balderas was some of the entertainment. She was on American Idol last year. Betty spent the first afternoon with Pat Easley, a

classmate. They had dinner together. Pat's husband, Donald Easley has relatives here in Floydada, Corky and Janiece Guffee.

Betty drove home with Pat Haynes, another classmate from Lubbock. They were hoping to bring back rain with them but came home to a very dry community. They had a wonderful weekend.

I'm writing this article Sunday afternoon. It is very cold but the rain we had during the night was wonderful. It was good to hear the thunder and the rain falling.

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

**In memory of Sue Lovell** - Jack and Billie Jordan, 1950 Study Club, the W. G. Stewart Family, Don and Mazie Hegi, G.H.P.

Trucking, Sue Daniels.

**In memory of Edwin Nutt** - The daughters of Johnnie Cates, Jane Pruitt.

**In memory of Bob Goodnight** - Sue Daniels.

**Thought for the Week** - Thank God for the rain we got last night. Please God send some more!

**MENU**

**Monday** - Crispy chicken salad, vegetable soup, pimento cheese sandwich, fruit

**Tuesday** - Roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, banana bread

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

**Thursday** - Fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, pound cake w/ fruit

**Friday** - Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, peas, roll, blueberry muffins

**Lockney Senior Citizens News**

**By Renee Armstrong**

Hello from the Lockney Senior Citizens. I spoke with Carolyn Hardy on Monday and she was telling me about the Lockney Class of 1956. Their reunion was held at the Family Life Center of the South Plains Church of Christ

in Lubbock on April 29-30. Twenty-seven classmates were in attendance along with their spouses; Myrtis Cope, former math teacher was also there. The class was entertained by Lou Burleson of Floydada, with a skit about Belle Star. Everyone

enjoyed the time together; they laughed and ate and then laughed some more.

Mark you calendar on the 12th of May; Bettye from Calvert Home Health will be singing during Pot Luck. We hope you all have a great week.

**Menu**

**Monday**- Hamburgers

**Tuesday**- Tacos

**Wednesday**- Meat Loaf

**Thursday**- Salmon

**Friday**- Swiss Steak

**SOUTH PLAINS HOBBY CLUB NEWS**

**By Sandra Lass**

Did you know that you can clean most of your jewelry with a toothbrush and with just about any kind of toothpaste? We didn't until we met with three of "The 4 Gems" on Wednesday April 13, 2011 at the South Plains Baptist Church.

Virginia Taylor introduced Elaine McNeill, Anita Whitfill and Martha Galloway who gave a presentation on how to make costume jewelry, mainly necklace and earring sets. Before the presentation, Elaine said that she was "hooked after attending one class." She said that since that time she has made 700 pieces. Anita said that they make "one of a kind jewelry," and that she really doesn't remember how to make exactly the same piece twice. Martha said that she started making jewelry when Anita did and that "The 4 Gems" have been getting together for about three years in conjunction with local celebrations. Elaine said that they usually don't show and sell their jewelry at craft shows that are far enough away to require an overnight stay. They want their sales to be big enough to pay for any out of the area trips. "The 4 Gems" also teach classes

on how to make jewelry to groups such as the Hobby Club. When teaching jewelry making, Elaine said that the cost to students who make their own jewelry and buy the gems from "The 4 Gems" is about 1/3 what the cost of the gems would be if purchased elsewhere.

The ladies had displayed dozens of beautiful necklace and earring sets throughout the fellowship hall on five or six tables. On one table they had set up a display of their tools of the trade and invited us to gather around that table while Martha explained the use of each tool and how to make jewelry. Martha said that she uses a plastic bead palette to layout her gems, but that a yard stick could be used as well. The palette consisted of two nested u-shaped channels, each channel wide enough for the gems. These channels were what she used to lay out her beads. The palette also included slots for tools, wire and gems. Martha told us that the tools could be purchased at most craft stores like Hobby Lobby. She said that she used several different sizes of cutting and crimping tools. Martha used wire to string her gems together and said that most of the stones

"The 4 Gems" used were best quality gemstones, but that they also used some acrylic and wooden beads.

One popular piece that "The 4 Gems" make is a Jerusalem necklace which includes the jewels mentioned in Revelations 18-21 and include jasper, sapphire, emerald, chalcedony, sardonyx, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, jacinth, amethyst, pearl, clear glass and gold. They had one such necklace on display. Mary Lou Zinck said that she had purchased one of these necklaces from "The 4 Gems" but her necklace was quite different although it consisted of the same jewels as cited in the Bible.

Janis Julian and Virginia Taylor thanked Elaine, Anita and Martha for their presentation and then said that it was time to eat and go shopping. There were plenty of jewelry sets to choose from and lots of delicious food to eat. Margie Young, hostess, had prepared several dips, sandwich swirls, a lemon frosted Bundt cake, tropical punch and served chips, fancy crackers and coffee as well. Virginia Taylor distributed pastel colored cartons containing candy coated Easter eggs

and a hinged Easter egg with chocolate eggs inside.

Members present included Peggy Roberts, Wanda Lane, Margie Young, Ann Hartman, Janis Julian, Carolyn Marble, Virginia Taylor, Candace Scott, Carol Hopkins, Nancy Marble, Helen Teeple, Mary Lou Zinck, Betty Deavenport, Nina Teuton, Margaret Kitchen, Brenda Walls and Sandra Lass.

Peggy's note on Contrariness from "Over What Hill" by Effie Leland Wilder:

Four lanes of empty grocery carts and I can't pry one loose!

I pull and jerk and kick and hit, feeling like a goose.

They're welded tight together. If at last I get one free

It has one wheel that's headed north while the others disagree.

As it bumps along, ker-plunk, ker-plunk and squeakily complains,

Somehow I feel a kinship with the aging critter's pains!

The next Hobby Club meeting will be held at the home of Helen Teeple, RN on May 11, 2011. She will give a presentation on health information that we need to know.

**Floyd County wildflower show**

**By Carolyn Marble**

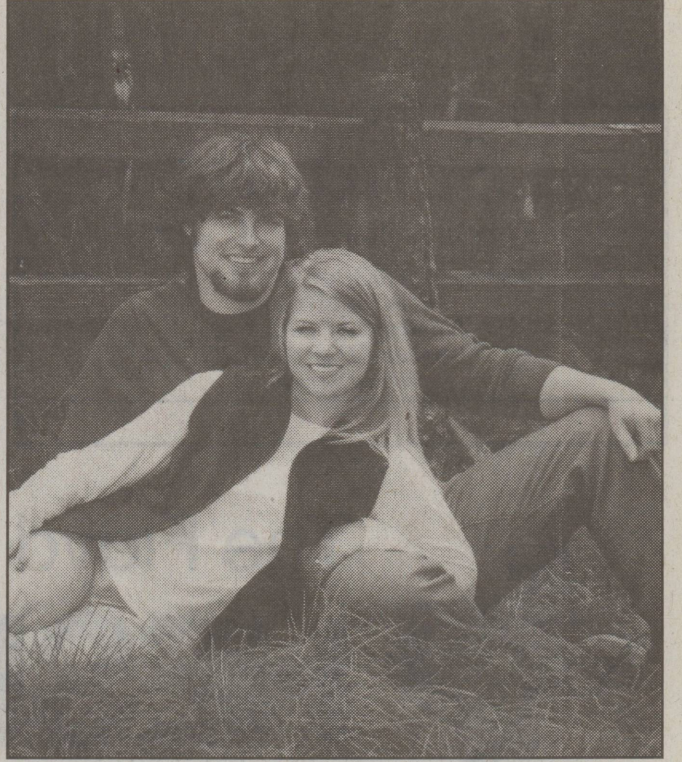
There will be a wildflower show in conjunction with OLD SETTLERS DAY on Saturday May 28 in the BARROW BLDG. More information will be west of the Museum.

So be on the lookout for any wildflowers. Even though it has been so dry, there will always be a few surprise blooms. More information will be forthcoming soon.



**Photo by Chamber Director Karen Houchin**  
**CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH**—The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has announced that the Floydada Ace Hardware is May Business of the Month. Ace is owned and operated by Wes Anderson and wife, Mona Anderson who purchased the store in July 2008. Pictured are (left to right) Chamber director Andy Carthel, Wes Anderson, Mona Anderson, owners, Chamber President Charla McHam, Gina Adams, and Kay Wilson, Chamber directors.

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**LAUREN ELIZABETH WALTON AND CORY MCDONALD ROBERTSON**

**Walton and Robertson to marry**

Mr. Joe and Mrs. Kelly Womble and Mr. Lance and Mrs. Karen Walton, all of Lubbock, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Walton to Cory McDonald Robertson, son of Dr. Michael and Mrs. Lisa Robertson of Lubbock.

Lauren is the granddaughter of Jane Pruitt of Floydada, Claudia McBrayer of Hereford, and Winnie Crowe of Lubbock.

Cory is the grandson of Cecil and Rena Robertson of May, Texas and Neil and Rue McDonald of Odessa.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Coronado High School, a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University and will receive her Master's degree from Texas Tech on May 13, 2011 in Elementary Education.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2003 graduate of Lubbock High School, a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech University and is currently in his third year at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center of Medicine.

The couple will be married July 16, 2011 at The Legacy in Lubbock.

**Friend to Friend event needs quilters**

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

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County is planning a Friend To Friend "Pink Event" for Saturday, September 24 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Texas AgriLife Extension Service received funding from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute to support delivering of the Friend To Friend program in 40 rural counties for the next two years.

The purpose of the Friend To Friend: Staying Well Together program is to increase the number of women 40 years old and over who meet the American Cancer Society's guidelines for breast and cervical cancer screening so these cancers are detected early, when they are the most curable.

The Friend To Friend Task Force, in conjunction with the Family and Consumer Sciences Committee is working on the plans for the next two years and is interested in putting together a Pink Quilt for the event. If anyone is interested in piecing

a 12 1/2 inch finished block in pink fabrics in honor or in memory of someone affected by breast cancer, we could use your help. We will need 30 blocks to complete a quilt. We will raffle the quilt.

If you are interested in completing a block or need more information, contact Melissa Long at 983-4912.

The Friend To Friend Pink Event will include an educational presentation and small group discussion, a sign up for mammography and Pap tests, refreshments, a styleshow, booths and door prizes. Mark your calendar for September 24 and plan to attend.

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.

**From the archives....**

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

From the Floyd County Hesperian January 4, 1962

**WILKS LAUNDRY EXPLOSION COVERS AREA WITH DEBRIS**

A terrific explosion heard all over Floydada and surrounding area Thursday night resulted in complete loss of the W. J. Wilkes Day and Night Washateria and did heavy damage in homes in a four block area east, west and

north of the establishment. Cause of the explosion has not been definitely determined.

There was no fire.

There was no boiler in the building but there was a big hot water heater, used to furnish water to the automatic washers. A thermostat governing the heater, as well as a safety valve both failed to function, according to one investigator.

The building housed four

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 Lockney Bridal Shower Selections  
**Ben Sherman & Katie Gilliam**  
 Plainview Bridal Shower Selections  
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**Hagen Hunt & Beckah Sisemore**  
**Michael Webb & Ashley Lewis**  
**Zane Hayes & Jordan Brumley**

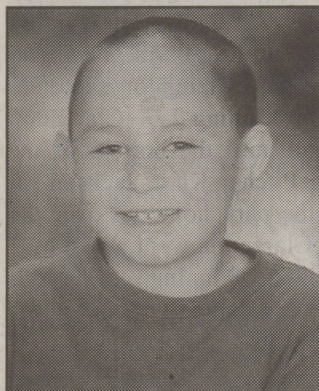
**Old Settler's Day Celebration**  
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## Obituaries



**VICTOR AND ELIAS BRIONES**

Victor Briones, age 59, and Elias Briones, age 8, of Plainview, passed away together on Saturday, April 23, 2011.

Rosary was held Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was held at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2011 with Father Angelo R. Consemينو officiating.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Victor "Chino" Briones was born in Michigan to Juan and Maria (Rodriguez) Briones on August 8, 1951. He worked as a forklift operator at Production Seed Plus, Inc. Victor married Mary Anita Gomez and the two of them were blessed with a son, Elias Briones on August 7, 2002 in Plainview.

Victor was a devoted father, loving son and brother. He was a hard worker who enjoyed drawing. Victor was a great friend and was well liked by all who knew him. He attended St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

Elias was a second grader at Hillcrest Elementary in Plainview. He always enjoyed being by his dad's side and helping him. Elias helped mow yards and was a great little handyman. He was very talented and smart little boy who was mature for his age.

Victor and Elias were preceded in death by their wife and mother, Mary on March 10, 2010.

Victor was also preceded

in death by his father, Juan Briones; his three brothers, Luis, Ramon, and Oscar and his sister, Candelaria.

Elias is survived by his paternal grandmother, Maria Briones of Floydada and his maternal grandmother, Rosa Martinez of California; three brothers, Pepe, Christopher and Jacob; five sisters, Christina Briones of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Connie, Terry, Erica, Jennifer and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Victor is survived by his mother, Maria Briones; his daughter, Christina Briones and his granddaughter, Adriana Ramirez both of Green Bay, Wisconsin; two brothers, Ramiro Briones, Sylvester Briones and his wife, Frances all of Plainview; four sisters, Rosa Cortez and husband, Mario of Lubbock, Dalia Sanchez and Roland Trevino of Floydada, Elida Lucio and husband, Johnny of Lubbock, Irma Vasquez and husband, Lucio of Floydada.

A Love Fund has been set up for Elias Briones at American State Bank, 217 W. California St., Floydada, Texas.

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

## Local Youth excel in Bible Drill Competition

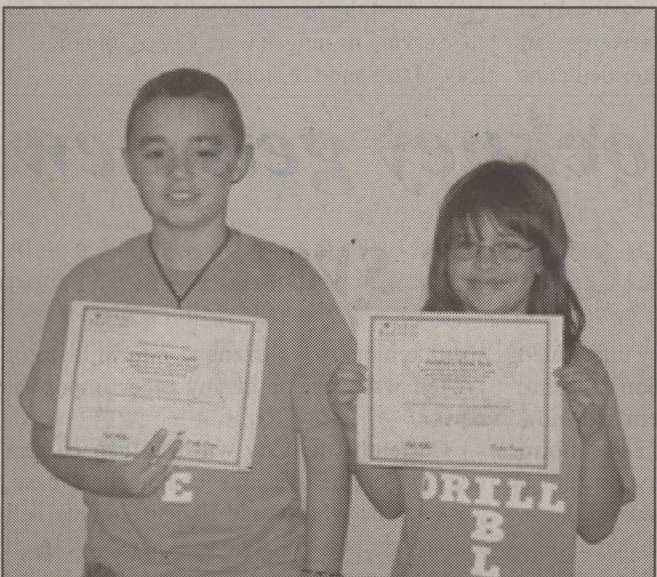


Photo by Sonya Glass

Alex Glass (left) and Allison Muniz (right) competed in the Caprock Area Associational Bible Drill competition held in Plainview April 3. They both also competed at the State level.

Alex Glass and Allison Muniz competed in the Caprock Area Associational Bible Drill competition in Plainview on April 3rd where they both received high enough ratings to qualify to participate in the State Bible Drill competition in Lubbock on April 15th.

At State, Alex received an excellent rating, and Allison received a good rating.

Beginning in September, they started memorizing 25 Bible verses, 10 key passages, and all the books of the Bible. During competition they must be able to quote which ever verse the caller announces. When called upon during the key passages and books of Bible portion of the competition, they must find it in the Bible and place their finger on the proper page in 10 seconds.

Alex is the son of Bill and Sonya Glass and is in 5th grade. Allison is the daughter of Mike and Jana Muniz and is in 4th grade.

Leaders for the 2010/2011 First Baptist Church, Floydada, Bible Drill team were Doris Wilcox, Gloria Fannon, Sherry Colston, and Melissa Eckeberger.

## THIS WEEK'S

### OLD SETTLER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Old Settler's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, May 28 in downtown Floydada. Make plans now to be there for lots of family fun. Be checking in the Hesperian 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.

### LOCKNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Lockney Chamber will be holding a meeting May 5th at 7 p.m. at the Dixie Tavern Cafe



## The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



Have you ever bought a can without a label and then been surprised?

It was like that last week when I shopped for green beans and bought turnip greens. That's what I get for leaving my glasses in the car. At least my husband likes turnip greens.

The last-minute menu change meant I had to scramble some. I don't remember our entrée. Memory loss goes with failing eyesight. But whatever our main item was, it went OK with the turnip greens. I remember that.

Turnip greens, however, call for combread. With no time for baking, I let the greens simmer while I skillet-fried corn fritters. I don't think that's exactly the right name for them. Memory fails again. Maybe I never did know what you're supposed to call combread cooked like pancakes. Mother never fixed them. That's my excuse. Anyway, they're almost the same as combread.

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 810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
 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 Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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 Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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**CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Levi Sisemore, Minister  
 Floydada  
 Sunday Bible Study. 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Tim Franks, Pastor  
 Terry Simmons,  
 Minister of Ed. Music  
 Josh Burgett - Minister of Students  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney**  
 John Franklin, Pastor  
 Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
 Phil Cotham, Music Min..  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .... 10:45 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday ..... 6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney**  
 Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
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 Sunday Singing ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
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 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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 652-2630

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 320 N. Main - Lockney  
 652-3353

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

**Sawaya Ins. Agency**  
 120 E. 7th Street  
 Plainview  
 293-1318

**Lighthouse Electric Coop**  
 703 A Matador Hwy  
 983-2814

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Floydada  
 Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
 Early Worship .... 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ... 10:50 a.m.  
 Youth (Sunday) ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Youth (Wednesday) .. 7:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Lockney  
 Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
 Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Jr. High ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
 Joe Bennett, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Lockney  
 Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
 Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Floydada  
 Rev. Ralph Jackson  
 401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Study .. 7:00 p.m.  
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**NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Floydada  
 Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
 (806) 637-0430  
 Sunday Singing ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
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**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
 310 E. Mississippi  
 Floydada  
 Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
 Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
 Sunday Bible ... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Praise .. 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Praise ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
 Lockney  
 Rev. Joe Hernandez  
 Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Washington and 1st St.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
 Rev. Herman Martinez  
 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Thursday Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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 983-3787

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 200 S. Main, Floydada  
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 Lockney  
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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 Consemينو  
 Phone: 983-5878  
 Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m.  
 Mon. Wed. Mass ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Confession Sat. .... 10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
 Lockney  
 Rev. Joe Hernandez  
 Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 p.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Washington and 1st St.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
 Rev. Herman Martinez  
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 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday ..... 7:30 p.m.  
 Thursday Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
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**Trinity Assembly**  
 500 W. Houston, Floydada  
 Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
 Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening ..... 5 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Providence Community  
 on FM 2301 293-3009  
 Rev. Peter W. Harrington  
 Minister  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
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**WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Floydada 983-3548  
 Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.

**Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living**  
 1230 S. Ralls Hwy  
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 983-8177



**Lockney Chamber of Commerce will hold their meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Dixie Tavern Cafe**

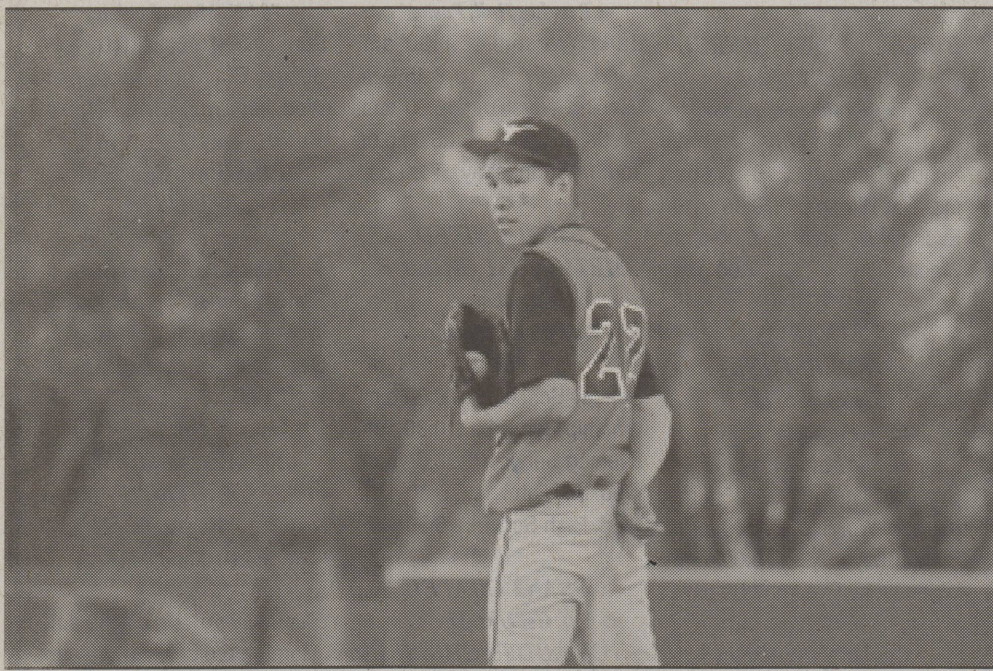


Photo by R.K Hunt Photography

With 14-10 loss in their practice game against Idalou, the Lockney Longhorns will look to fix the glitches before they face Claude in their first playoff game on Friday at Amarillo Caprock.



Photo by R.K Hunt Photography

After a heart-breaking loss to Clarendon in the Bi-District Championship Series, the Lady Horns will end their spectacular year with an overall record 15-8 and a third place finish in district. The Lady Longhorns will lose only one starter (Senior Shialo Huerta) and will return the other 10 starters in their 2011-12 season.



Photo by Homer Marquez

After receiving a grant from Texas' Department of Parks and Wildlife, Lockney began the renovation process to the city's public pool last week.

**Lady Horns fall to Clarendon in Bi-District Championship Series**

After a long, a three game battle against Clarendon, the Lady Horns Softball team would end their season after falling two games to one in the Bi-District series this past weekend.

In game one on Friday: Lockney won by a score of 4-2; in game two on Saturday, Clarendon run ruled the Lady Horns in the bottom of the sixth, 21-6; and in game three that same Saturday, Clarendon would win 13-11. Tournament highlights: Gabby Peralez, Tanya Hernandez and Sunny Williams scored in the third inning during game one to give the lady long horns a 3-0 lead. Quinn Jackson hit a single in the sixth to score Meagan Dunn. Pitcher Katie Jackson recorded 13 strike outs.

During game two, catcher Sunny Williams hit her first out of the park

homerun in the first inning scoring Quinn Jackson.

Game three, the lady horns scored 3 runs from Quinn Jackson, Tanya Hernandez, and Sunny Williams, but Clarendon answered in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> with 5 runs. Clarendon scored another 2 runs in the second inning and lead 7-3 after two innings.

During the third inning, Lockney scored Sunny Williams, Jennifer Ybarra, and Shialo Huerta while holding Clarendon scoreless and ended the third inning 7-6. Clarendon continued to lead until the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning when Pitcher Katie Jackson hit a 2 run out of the park homerun over the left field fence; Clarendon went ahead by 2 runs in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning scoring four runs. Lockney was unable to answer in the bottom of the seventh.

**Floyd County 4-H Roundup Held**

By Melissa Long  
CEA-FCS Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H'ers participated in the County Roundup on Tuesday, April 19 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in preparation for district competition to be held Saturday, May 7 at Levelland Middle School.

4-H'ers participating and their respective categories included: Juniors: Open Educational Presentation - Kortney Campbell and Lauryn Carroll; Shooting Sports Educational Presentation - Kaleb Whittle and Luke Carroll; Share The Fun Musical - Payton Teeple; Share The Fun Vocal - Brooklyn Golden and Share The Fun Choreographed Routine - Korleigh Webb. Intermediates:

Share The Fun Musical - Kirby Nixon and Share The Fun Vocal - McKenna Johnson. Seniors: Healthy Educational Presentation - Jianna Davenport and Merritt Johnson and Family Life Educational Presentation - Jake Bramlet.

Receiving the Most Prepared Awards for the evening included Junior - Brooklyn Golden; Intermediate - McKenna Johnson and Seniors - Jianna Davenport and Merritt Johnson.

County Council President SyAnn Foster introduced the Acts and Parent Leader Association President Beth Bramlet and recognized the participants.

Serving as judges were Cory Golden, Kay Matin and CJ Jacobs.

**City of Lockney gets new notification system**

Last week the City of Lockney implicated their new city-wide notification system, Blackboard Connect. The system will now allow city officials to contact and inform citizens with news via e-mail, text, or phone in the case of an emergency or bad weather.

Also, the system's new high-tech mapping technology will also allow the City to contact

specific blocks or citizens to inform them of broken water mains or any other important news.

Currently, the City will use their current records for the system's contact data base, but citizens who would like to include cell phone numbers for text messages or e-mail addresses can update their info at City Hall.

**4-H Photographers Excel at District Competition**

By Melissa Long  
CEA-FCS Floyd County

Four Floyd County 4-H members entered photographs in the District Competition held April 14 in Lubbock. They were among fifty-six 4-H'ers who entered 188 photographs in the judging.

Competing from Floyd County and their placings included: Juniors: Lauryn Carroll - White award in Plant/Flora, Luke Carroll - Red award in Animals/Domestic, Red award in Elements of Design, Red award in Nature & Landscape, and White award in Details & Macro. Korleigh Webb - Red award

in People. Intermediate: Catharine Kemp - received a Red award for Animals/Wildlife, Red award for Elements of Design, Blue award for Nature & Landscape, Blue award for Details & Macro, Red award for Night Photography, Blue award for Dominant Color and a Blue award for Catch All.

Photographs will be on display during 4-H Leadership Camp, May 31 - June 2 on the South Plains College Campus.

Neal Potts and Jake Bramlet have submitted entries to the State Contest and winners will be announced during State 4-H Roundup on the Texas A&M University Campus, June 13 - 17.

Patty Davenport served as the project leader for photography.

For more information about the photography or any other 4-H project, contact Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County at 983-4912.

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**Lockney School Lunch Menu May 9-13**

**Monday**  
**Breakfast**- French Toast or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**- Roasted Chicken or Steak Patty, potatoes, broccoli, pineapple, roll, milk  
**Tuesday**  
**Breakfast**-Eggs and sausage or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Nacho Grande or Corndog, salad, apple slices, milk  
**Wednesday**  
**Breakfast**-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Turkey and Dressing or Ham, potatoes, green beans, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk  
**Thursday**  
**Breakfast**-Mini Corndogs or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**- Cheese Enchiladas or Tuna Sandwich, pinto beans, salad, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk  
**Friday**  
**Breakfast**- Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch**- Hamburger or Sub Sandwich, baked fries, salad, orange smiles, milk

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# Floydada Wins District Tennis Championship



**Courtesy Photo**

The Floydada varsity tennis team won the 2-2A District Team Championship and the Girls Division Championship on Wednesday, April 6th in Plainview. Team members include (front row, l-r) Sarah Jo Miller, Breann Gooch; (middle row, l-r) Avery Miller, Cole Covington, Brityn Helms, Lexi Covington, Hannah Griffin, Haden Lipham, Shani Ross; (back row, l-r) Coach Smith, Jordan Woody, Joseph Herrera, Hunter Schwertner, Jianna Davenport, Mallory Graham, Imelda Resendiz, Joseph Martinez, Mallory Alaniz, and Jacob Graham

**By Coach Regenia Smith**  
On Wednesday, April 6th, the Floydada tennis team won the 2-2A District Team Championship and the Girls Division Championship. The Boys Division Championship was won by Friona.

The championship was close between Floydada and Friona with the score being 17 to 16. It has become a tradition to bring the trophy home to Floydada and every point counted.

Five Floydada varsity team members qualified for the Regional Meet that was held in Odessa on April 20 -21st. Those that qualified were:

**1st place Girls Singles:**  
Hannah Griffin def. Allison Cox (Tulia) 7-5, 6-1

**1st place Mixed Doubles:**  
Haden Lipham/Brityn Helms def. Soto/Miller (Friona) 6-0, 6-2

**1st place Girls Doubles:**  
Lexi Covington/Imelda Resendiz

def. Caswell/Hughes (Idalou) 6-2, 6-4

Also contributing to the point totals were:

**4th place Girls Singles:** Shani Ross

**4th place Boys Doubles:** Cole Covington/Joseph Martinez

Others that participated were:

**Boys Doubles:** Joseph Herrera and Hunter Schwertner

**Girls Doubles:** Avery Miller and Sarah Jo Miller

**Mixed Doubles:** Breann Gooch and Jordan Woody

**Boys Singles:** Jacob Graham

**J.V. Tennis winners were:**  
1st place Girls Singles: Mallory Graham

2nd place Girls Singles: Jianna Davenport

**Coaches Comments:**

I am extremely proud of this team. They have done an extra good job of growing the program. We have many

new faces on this team this year and each one has done a good job of learning the game and competing on a high level.

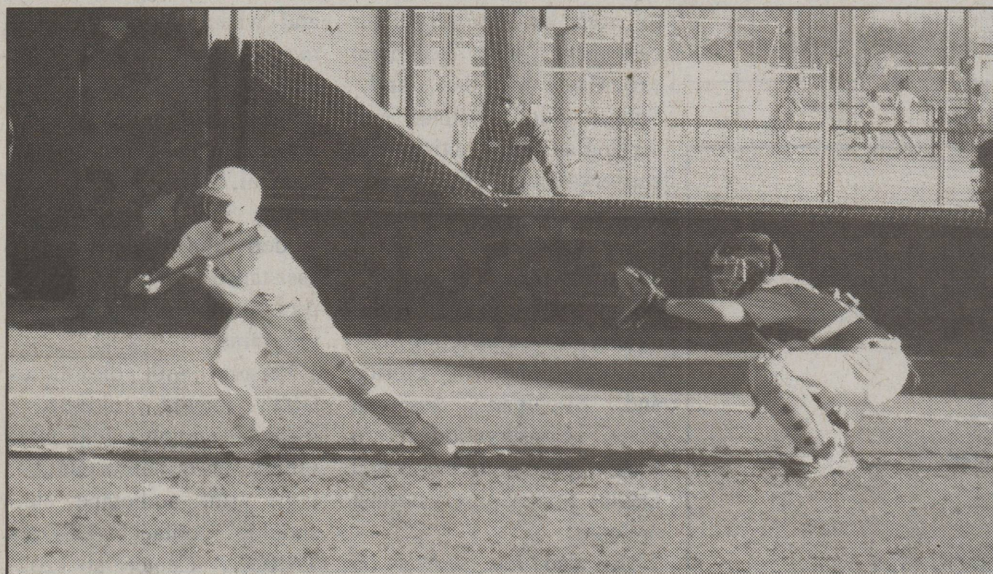
The Regional Qualifiers on this team have led this team the entire season. During the Regional Tournament they made their parents, our fans, themselves, and me, proud of the effort given during their matches. I love my tennis team and I am so proud of each person on this team.

I will miss my four seniors who are: Brityn Helms, Breann Gooch,

Lexi Covington and Joseph Martinez. Thanks for the great times and your leadership.

I cannot say enough thanks to the parents who do so much for this program. They support each player on the team and have supported me as well. Thank you for all you do!!!

Coach Smith



**Photo by Homer Marquez**

After a 7-3 victory over Littlefield last Monday, the Whirlwinds have earned a third place finish in their district and a spot in the playoffs. On Friday, Floydada will take on Childress in their first playoff series of the postseason. The first game is scheduled in Childress at 5pm on May 6, the second game will be held in Floydada at noon on Saturday, May 7, game three will be 30 minutes after the third game if necessary.



**COURTESY PHOTO**

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for May 9, 2011 were (back row, l-r) Jessica Perales, Lauren Hall, Zayda Juarez, Lindsey Marquz; (front row, l-r) Marquez Porter-Ortiz, Joseph Medellin, and A.J.Cisneros.

## 2011 2A State Baseball Play-offs Bi-District Round May 6 and 7

**Floydada vs. Childress**

3rd place 2-2A vs. 2nd place 1-2A

3 Game Series at Canyon Randall Baseball Field

Location: Off I-27, Turn East (right) at the Love's Truck Stop on Hollywood Rd.

The field will be to your at right light, right off of Hollywood Rd.

\$2 for students, \$ 4 for adults. District passes accepted

**Game 1: Floydada vs. Childress, 5:00pm start on Friday May 6th.**

**Game 2: Childress vs. Floydada, 12:00 pm start on Saturday May 7th**

**Game 3: 30 minutes after second game if needed. Will flip for home or sticks**

Childress is home team first game, Floydada second game. Childress - 3rd base dugout entire series  
Floydada - 1st base dugout entire series

We will leave Friday at 1:45. Saturday at 8:45



**Courtesy Photo**

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for May 2, 2011 were (back row, l-r) Celese Wickware, Refugio Torres, Michael Perez, Hannah Morales, Averi Anderson; (front row, l-r) Miya Fipps, Sydni Chesshir.

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU May 9 - May 13

**Monday**

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

**Lunch-** Hot dog with chili, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk

**Tuesday**

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

**Lunch-**Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, Rosie applesauce, milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast-**Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch-**Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk

**Thursday**

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

**Lunch-**Taco salad, pinto beans, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

**Friday**

**Breakfast-**Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch-**Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, baked chips, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk

## Happy Mother's Day!

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST

THE ESTATE OF JIM SIMPSON

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jim Simpson, Deceased, were issued on April 20, 2011, in Cause No. 5879 pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to:

BETTY L. SIMPSON

The address of such person is:

2841 County Road 71  
Floydada, Texas 79235

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

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State Bar No. 01602000  
Attorneys for the Estate

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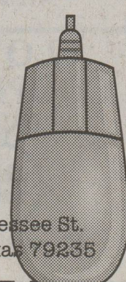
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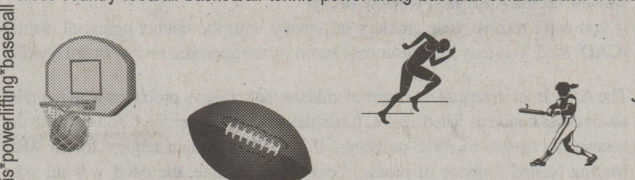
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All Athletes meals are provided.

Tickets can be purchased at the Floydada High School Office for \$12.00 each

Deadline to purchase meal tickets will be May 10!

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## RANDY'S ROUND UP

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
May 2, 2011

### Usama bin Laden killed in Pakistan Yesterday

As you may know, President Obama made a statement last night confirming the death of Usama bin Laden after almost ten years of searching for the terrorist responsible for nearly 3,000 deaths at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93 on September 11, 2001. President George W. Bush declared that we would find him, and last night that promise became a reality.

While we celebrate the defeat of the leader of the Al Qaeda terrorist organization, we have to remember that threats against us still exist. We know our enemies are waiting and calculating their next attack against us and the American way of life, and we cannot forget the threat they pose to innocent American civilians.

I applaud the diligence of our intelligence community and military for this achievement and victory against terrorism around the world.

The discipline and bravery that our military men and women have shown is commendable. I join President Obama, former President Bush and Americans everywhere in praising the fact that justice has been done. Just as September 11th brought us together out of grief and pain, I am confident this event will bring us together to celebrate the greatness of America, and the resolve we have, and carry out, when our citizens have been harmed or killed.

### Webinar Next Monday

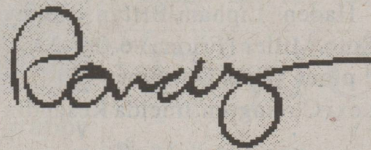
Next Monday, May 9, 2011, I will hold a Webinar on my [UStream channel](#) from 2:30-3:30pm. I encourage everyone to tune in. You can submit questions via Twitter (@RandyNeugebauer), Facebook, or email (Rep.Randy.Neugebauer@gmail.com). I will try to answer as many questions as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you. I will continue to put reminders on social networks this week and next Monday morning.

### Town Hall Schedule for May 2011

May 16th through May 19th, I will be traveling around the 19th district

hosting town hall meetings. Click [here](#) to see when I will be in an area near you. I welcome your input as we work to chart a course for America that creates jobs and does not steal the future from our children and grandchildren. I look forward to seeing you and discussing important topics of the day such as the budget, deficit, foreign affairs and small businesses.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. Please forward the Roundup to anyone who might enjoy hearing updates from DC, and sign up for mobile updates by texting **RANDY** to **GOPGOV (467468)**. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my [website](#) or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.



## Salinas named NRCS Texas State Conservationist

TEMPLE, TEXAS – April 27, 2011 – Salvador Salinas has been selected as Texas' State

Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) effective April 24, 2011.

He will be responsible for NRCS operations in Texas which includes 764 employees and 217 field offices throughout the state. NRCS is a federal agency that works with private landowners on conservation practices to improve and protect their soil, water and other natural resources.

"I am extremely honored to be selected as the state conservationist. We face challenging times ahead, and together we will continue to work hard to serve our customers with technical expertise on the land," Salinas said. Salinas was serving as Texas' acting state conservationist. He succeeds Donald W. Gohmert who retired from NRCS in 2010 after serving 3 1/2 years as state conservationist. Salinas also has served as Acting State Conservationist in Florida and Michigan, Assistant State Conservationist in Massachusetts and Texas, and Deputy State Conservationist in Texas.

He also has served on a two-year international

assignment in Cuernavaca, Mexico, along with many details to NRCS national headquarters in Washington, D.C. He is currently serving in an advisory capacity to the National Grazing Lands Coalition.

Salvador, a native of Rio Grande City, Texas, started his career as a range conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, now NRCS, in 1978. He received his bachelor's of science degree in range science from Texas A&M University in 1977. Salinas is Texas' 12th NRCS State Conservationist.

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## Floyd County Lawn & Garden Tips



### May

- Prune trees and shrubs that bloom in the spring after they have bloomed and only if needed.
- As the days get longer this spring you can move your houseplants outdoors. Move plants to conditions with morning sun and afternoon shade.
- Mowing regularly is the best strategy to keep weeds in check in your lawn.
- Apply enough water to the lawn to wet soil to a depth of 4-6 inches. One to one and a half inches of water is usually adequate.

For more information on lawn & gardening contact county extension agent Mark Carroll at 983-4912

## Perry on the death of bin Laden

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today issued the following statement on the death of Osama bin Laden:

"After years on the run, Osama bin Laden was finally brought to justice Sunday night. On behalf of all Texans, I'd like to extend our gratitude to the brave men and women of our military and intelligence communities who devoted their lives to

tracking this individual down, particularly the members of our valiant special forces who flew into harm's way Sunday to finally put an end to bin Laden's murderous reign. Our thoughts and prayers remain with those who will continue to wage our global fight on terror, placing their own lives on the line to keep us safe back here at home."

## Neubebauer releases statement on bin Laden's death

Washington D.C. Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) issued the following statement tonight after learning of the death of terrorist Usama Bin Laden.

"Almost ten years after September 11, 2001, we have made good on our promise to hunt down and kill Usama Bin Laden, the terrorist responsible for nearly 3,000 deaths at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93. I

applaud the diligence of our intelligence community and military for this achievement and victory against terrorism around the world. I join with President Obama, former President Bush and Americans everywhere in praising the fact that justice has been done. This is a rare moment in history when all Americans can join together and celebrate, just as we joined together to mourn after September 11th."

## USDA makes funding changes to BCAP

Floydada, Texas), April 26, 2011 –Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley, announced a provision that limits the amount of Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) funding available at \$112 million for fiscal year (FY) 2011.

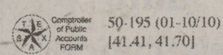
BCAP supports agricultural and forest land owners and operators through two distinct processes. The first process utilizes an approved project area to support the production of eligible energy crop feedstock produced within the project area. Project sponsors must

submit project area proposals to [jeffrey.dudensing@tx.usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.dudensing@tx.usda.gov) by May 27, 2011.

Approved project area participants may qualify for BCAP assistance under a contract agreement with Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Through this agreement, BCAP assistance will be issued in the form of crop establishment and annual contract payments.

The second BCAP process is implemented through matching payments earned for the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) of eligible biomass materials to a qualified biomass conversion facility by eligible material owners. Currently only herbaceous species are considered eligible materials for CHST matching payments.

"Both matching payments and annual payments will be affected by the reduction in program funding," said Bradley. "At this time matching payments for woody biomass have not been authorized; however, FSA anticipates that matching CHST payments for woody biomass species will be implemented this summer," she said.



## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

### Informal Review

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Contact Jim Finley, Chief Appraiser, telephone number 806-983-5253.

for questions concerning property value.

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

#### Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

#### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(Insert address.)

### FLOYD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

104 E CALIFORNIA, PO BOX 249

FLOYDADA, TX 79235

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

### Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.)

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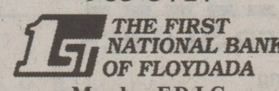
You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.


(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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# OPINION

## The Paperboy



### A victory for us all

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Our Navy SEALs were given the order and the world changed.

What an amazing turn of events. Talk about a morale booster to our troops and to the country in general.

The killing of Osama Bin Laden is major. This evil man - the mastermind of so much death and destruction - had become the stuff of legend.

I remember my nephews speaking of him years ago like he was the boogeyman. And the longer he stayed alive, the more the legend grew.

For Islamic extremists, he was their inspiration. The videos and tapes added to his legend. I can imagine the snickers ... the pride the terrorists felt when their leader continued to twist the thorn in the side of the bad 'ol USA.

I wonder if they're laughing now?

So what's our next move? Do we remove the troops? Do we shift resources to Libya and Syria where their people long for freedom?

The next few weeks for President Obama and the leaders of our fighting forces are key. Not only is it essential to keep our guard up, but it is very important to use this momentum and sever the many heads which will grow in Bin Laden's

place.

To be sure, Bin Laden's death is monumental. It had crossed my mind that it may never happen, meaning thousands of victims' families all over the world would lack proper closure from the many despicable acts he was behind. Thank God they now have that closure.

In hindsight, I wonder what Osama wanted to accomplish with his hatred and violence? Did he actually think he could bring this country down? Did he honestly think we would cower in the corner and self-destruct?

I've got news for any terrorist or government who believes strikes against this country will weaken us. They will not.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted our respect, he failed.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted us to live in fear, he failed.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted this country to crumble, he failed.

We are a people who love our country. We may fight like hell to try and get one another on the same page regarding how to run the country, but the common denominator of 99 percent of us is our love of country.

Yes, there are times when our rhetoric toward our countrymen is harsh. Yes, there are times when we are miles apart on what the proper course of action should be regarding a myriad of things. But you know what, it's always been like that and

probably always will be.

What sets us apart from other places on the globe is our love of country and our strong belief that freedom is worth fighting for.

President Obama deserves credit for his decision to take out Osama Bin Laden. He made the call and he was right and just in doing so.

Make no mistake, we still have huge issues in this country and we'll continue to fight like cats and dogs to resolve them. But surely we can all agree that the killing of Osama Bin Laden was the correct call.

I'm always proud to be an American. Navy SEAL Team 6 has made me that much more proud.

In my opinion, this was a huge victory in the war on terror. It is not over, but it does embolden our will.

Congratulations to our fighting forces, intelligence assets and the heads of our government on getting this done. We needed it in the worst way!

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### Other Views

## A Voluntarily Balanced Budget

By ADAM BITELY

Efforts are underway in the U.S. Senate to introduce a balanced budget amendment. If adopted, the federal budget would be constitutionally required to be balanced, and the politicians in D.C. would have no choice but to make sure that they pay for all of the nation's yearly fiscal obligations in the year that they make the expenditures.

The amendment would also limit spending to 18 percent of the Gross Domestic Product, preventing Congress from simply raising taxes to balance the budget.

While this seems like a move in the direction towards fiscal responsibility, why are the politicians that support such an amendment waiting to be forced to balance the budget?

This is not to say that they should stop their efforts on passing a balanced budget amendment, but they should also start acting as if it is the law already. So how about they voluntarily, without the coercion of a Constitutional amendment, introduce a balanced budget for 2012?

After all, they want support such action to be constitutionally mandated, why not start getting the nation's fiscal house in order now instead of years from now when the amendment is adopted - if it ever even is!

Proposed budgets that have been introduced for 2012 so far are lackluster. The best budget to date that was brought forth by the Republican Study Committee, but was killed in a bipartisan effort on the House floor. The RSC plan would have balanced the budget within 10 years.

The budget that Obama proposed, and similarly, the budget proposed by Rep. Paul Ryan are such poor attempts at getting the deficit under control that it is amazing that folks are seriously attempting to criticize one plan while supporting another. The budget plan from Rep. Ryan does take serious stabs at starting to implement budgetary reforms, but does not go nearly far enough to honestly begin putting the nation's fiscal house in order. The Obama budget is more of the same, with tax increases and no realistic plan to fix the out-of-control deficits.

But Senate and House Republicans have a chance to start doing something now that would go much further than anyone has suggested thus far. And taking the action of balancing the budget would be the responsible step to take.

If Washington politicians want to have some action to back up their rhetoric about being fiscally responsible and good stewards of the taxpayer's dollar, introducing a balanced budget for 2012 would be a good start. Simply proposing a balanced budget for 2012 would start the budgetary debate off on the right foot, and achieve a budget that puts America much closer to the right track than the one the nation is currently on.

Proposing a balanced budget in 2012 is a good first step in bringing about lasting change to the budgetary process. If Senate and House Republicans want to get the nation's fiscal house in order, they can start in 2012, and not even bother to sit on their haunches waiting for a day when the voters force them to balance the budget.

## Fool Me Once, Fool Me Twice

By RICK MANNING

The GAO came out with a study late last week in response to a request by a handful of congressional Democrats to determine among other things, why participation in individual 401(k) plans has been limited to about 50 percent of the workforce.

In findings somewhat akin to discovering that fish can swim, the GAO found that the people who contributed at or above the statutory limits in 2007 made more than \$126,000 a year.

No kidding? Really? Taxpayers paid the GAO to determine that the people who could afford to put \$15,000 a year away for retirement in a single year were people who made the most money?

Yeah, and if they spend another million bucks to study it, they might discover that most birds fly, and squirrels break into bird feeders.

Of course, the purpose behind the Democrat requested study is to try to create a series of studies that justify setting up another government-controlled defined benefit pension system in addition to Social Security.

Significantly, one member of the General Accounting Office's Retirement Policy Advisory Panel is Theresa Ghilarducci, who is best known for her proposal urging the government to eliminate 401(k) tax deferred savings accounts, and set up government managed retirement accounts instead.

Here is how Ghilarducci describes her idea in a 2008 New

York Times opinion piece, "Each person would contribute 5 percent of his or her pay. And the government would provide an annual deposit of, say, \$600, and also guarantee a 3 percent return, added to the inflation rate. (In a year with 4 percent inflation, for example, the guarantee would be 7 percent.)"

Read Ghilarducci's words carefully, when she says each person would "contribute 5 percent of his or her pay", she means, the government would take a mandatory 5 percent additional money from each person's paycheck to create another government pension program. Of course, once that worker dies, unlike the 401(k), the underlying 5 percent "contribution" stays behind with the government.

To provide some magnitude on how large this annual "contribution" would be, U.S. workers currently earn about \$5.6 trillion a year in wage income, a function of average household wages (\$49,777) multiplied by total households (113.5 million). A 5 percent mandatory "contribution" would total just more than \$280 billion a year. Ghilarducci would have the government hold that money for workers to collect upon their retirement. She'd probably even put it into a "lock box" with all those Social Security and Medicare dollars that don't exist anymore.

The reason that Ghilarducci is important to this debate is that no matter how Democrats want to try to spin it, her idea, that tax incentives to save for retirement are unfair because only those who actually pay taxes will benefit, is at the core of the most recent GAO study.

Rather than allowing individuals to save or not, as they

choose. Democrats want to put another government program in place to force that decision upon each and every worker.

Rather than allowing individuals to make investment decisions with their retirement savings, Democrats want to have the government do it for you, because they know best.

Rather than allow individuals to take their entire retirement nest egg and spend it when and how they please, Democrats want to dole it out like a child's allowance keeping whatever is left over after the death of the retiree.

And Democrats with the aid of official sounding Government Accounting Office reports written with the advice of Theresa Ghilarducci, are trying to create the illusion of an official, non-partisan sounding approach to grab another slice of every wage earners dollar. Doing it all for our own good.

Ironically, these are the exact kind of government-controlled defined benefit pensions that are going broke under the name of social security. They are the same kind of pension systems that are failing as public employee pensions. And they are the same kind of defined benefit pension systems that are underwater for many union members.

Now, Democrats hope to repackage this failed idea in the hopes that American's will be convinced that this time the government means it when they say, trust us, we're from Washington and we're here to help.

To quote my Dad, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

### Other Opinions

## Lifting Obama's Oil Embargo

By BILL WILSON

This week, House Republicans will be making moves to ramp up U.S. oil production, specifically by voting to lift Barack Obama's de facto moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. HR 1229 and 1230, being presented by House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings.

According to the Committee, "Despite officially lifting the moratorium in October 2010, the Obama Administration continues to slow-walk the permitting process - imposing a de facto moratorium." HR 1229 would require Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar to act on oil permitting applications within 30 days.

The legislation is attempting to restore production of oil in the Gulf that is being severely hampered by the Administration.

In fact, according to the Energy Information Agency (EIA), Gulf oil production will decrease over the next two years by 380,000 barrels a day from its 2010 level of 1.64 million to

1.26 million. That's a 23 percent drop. Although partially offset by increases in on-land oil production, the decrease in Gulf drilling will result in a net decrease of U.S. oil production by 150,000 barrels a day over the next two years.

Which is what Obama wants. Even after District Court Judge Martin Feldman enjoined the enforcement of the original moratorium as arbitrary and capricious, Interior Department Secretary Ken Salazar simply resubmitted almost the same exact moratorium with a few minor changes.

Making matters worse, despite the fact that the 2010 oil spill has pretty much been dispersed and cleaned, and the off-shore moratorium "lifted," Obama has not saw fit to get Gulf drilling back up to its 2010 capacity as he sits on new permits.

House Republicans are warning that the de facto moratorium is costing Americans their jobs as well, citing a study by Dr. Joseph Mason from Louisiana State University predicting "that if the de facto ban on deepwater drilling were sustained for 18 months, there could be a loss of 36,137 jobs nation-

wide, with 24,532 jobs lost in the Gulf Coast region alone."

Dubbed the "American Energy Initiative," Republicans are promising that their legislation will "create American jobs, lower gasoline prices and reduce our dependency on unstable foreign energy."

Which, with gasoline marching at lightning speed to \$4 a gallon, and soon perhaps to \$5, the American people sorely need some reassurance that their leaders are enacting policies that can at least ease some of the pressure on prices. Some action to strengthen the weak dollar as well, the primary cause of the current price spikes, is certainly warranted as well.

And with unemployment persistently high, there should be a preference for removing government hurdles to job creation, and cease policies that are actively killing jobs.

How long will Obama hold out? That's anyone's guess. But House Republicans deserve credit for calling him out on his de facto moratorium. We need to get the Gulf back to work.



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up in trees like matchsticks and across lawns. Mrs. Pope was in Dallas at the time of the explosion, possibly escaping injury.

H. G. Parker at 321 W. Calif. lost a plate glass window, measuring five by seven feet. The Parker residence is next to Harmon Funeral Home, which escaped damage. Windows were broken in the homes of W. A. Shaw, Ernest Kendrick, Mrs. J. H. Poore, E. J. Moorehead and W. M. Spears. T. A. Brown had broken windows and a cabinet was knocked from the wall.

Windows were blown out in the Mary Stanley home. A. J. Owens home had cracked plaster, W. M. Dorsey and J. M. Harrison had windows and frames destroyed.

Windows at the homes owned by Nell Swinson, Mrs. Jess Wood, Roy Patton, Leroy Burns, Mrs. Sam Thurman, Mrs. E. P. Nelson, Fred Battey, Dillon Patterson, Mrs. Mae Garrett and Arnold Schuppert were blown out.

At the Alva Sparks home a large bay window was blown out which measured 40 by 44 inches, as were two smaller windows in the upstairs attic.  
**Griffin Residence Damaged**

Heavy damage was reported from the Ed Griffins, 402 West California where only four windows remain intact in the home. Their back door was blown out and splintered in to three sections. Dishes were knocked from the cabinets. Mr. Griffin feels lucky that he wasn't injured when a bedroom window fell across his hips while he was lying in bed.

The Lawrence Stovalls, next door, lost the windows in their home and their automatic dryer was damaged when objects fell across it.

Others reporting damage to their homes or rent houses were J. Sam Hale, Mrs. Maud Hollums, Mrs. W. C. Sims, Ernest T. Williamson. A front plate glass was broken out at Radio Electric.

Possibly other homes were damaged to a lesser extent.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilks, who are owners and operators of the laundry, said they are usually at the business by 6 a. m. and sometime before. They feel so fortunate in not having anyone in the building at the time of the explosion.

Telephones in that area were back into operation in a brief time and electric service was restored by noon.

ers.  
Time of the blast was set at about 5 a. m. The clock in the W. J. Wilks home, adjacent to the laundry stopped at 5:05. Damage to the Wilks home was relatively light, compared to homes east and west.

**All Escape Injury**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Day of Winnemucca, Nev., here visiting the Wilks, were asleep in the north bedroom, receiving the most damage. Mrs. Day said shattered glass fell all over the bed but neither was cut or scratched. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Norris and family, Carlsbad N. Mex., were also visitors in the Wilks house but they too, escaped injury.

As far as could be determined there were no injuries from the explosion. However persons interviewed said they were plenty frightened. Some living a distance away though the sound of the explosion was a sonic boom.

**Reports From Home Owners**

Mrs. H. O. Pope, 328 W. Calif. St., lost some ten windows in her home. The frame of the house was shaken and a number of glass articles inside the home were broken or damaged. Debris from the laundry building was thrown

**Lockney City Council discusses fire safety and high weed violations**

By Homer Marquez

During their recent monthly meeting, members of Lockney's City Council met to discuss a few significant items on April's agenda; these items would include; fire safety, the Howco resolution, and the future of Lockney's citizen's collection site.

Starting off the meeting, council members entered a brief executive session to discuss personnel; after the session was over, the council chambers were re-opened to the public.

During the time allotted for reports from council members, advisory boards, and other city-related sources; council members discussed the possibility of re-releasing the city's overall fire emergency plan to the public. Brought up by Councilmember, Tina Graves, the fire emergency plan would inform the citizens of Lockney on the proper actions to take in case a wildfire was threatening the city; the emergency plan would include evacuation plans for the citizens, as well as the evacuation plans for the schools and the hospitals. Once the City Council has updated and has reviewed the emergency plan; the council will re-release the fire emergency plan in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon; copies of the plan will also be available at City Hall.

Lockney's City Council and the Texas Forest Service would like to remind everyone to obey current burn bans; some of the most common causes of wildfires are careless debris burning, unattended campfires, dumping hot charcoal or hot ashes, driving on a flat tire, parking or driving in dry grass, dragging chains on the road, welding or cutting, farm equipment,

discarded cigarettes of cigars, escaped prescribed burning, and arsonists. Pamphlets and more information about fire safety can be found at City Hall.

The City would also like to announce that their new emergency notification system is up and running. The new system will now be able to notify citizens of emergencies through e-mail, text, or phone; to sign up for the new service or for more information, citizens can contact City Hall.

Closing out the reports section of the meeting, Dickey McCarty updated the council on the progress of the sidewalk construction and Councilmember Anderson informed the council that the LEDC had not yet held a meeting for the month; no other reports were given.

After the passing of the consent agenda, the Council gave the floor to Rosie Rendon to discuss housing in Lockney and consider passing the Howco Resolution. A. & J. Howco Services, as described by Mrs. Rendon, is a grant writing company that has been helping other small communities like Floydada, Littlefield, and Petersburg receive grant money from the Department of Housing, and Community Affairs to restructure run down homes in the community. The Howco Resolution would allow Lockney homeowners who qualified a chance to take advantage of the grant money; some qualifications that must be met include that the owners are caught up on their taxes and that the owners fall into a certain income bracket. If the owner qualifies, the grant money would go to knocking down the existing home and replacing it with a new one.

Rendon told the Council that passing the resolution would cost the city nothing except a \$8,000 reserve for a project match and the city would be responsible for removing the knocked down homes. As of right now, grant money for the city could total up to \$435,000, but funding for the grant will depend on the funding of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The City Council would unanimously vote to pass the Howco resolution.

Following the passing of the resolution, the Council chose to deny International Sales a solicitation permit to go door to door selling cleaning products, but would extend a solicitation permit for insurance salesman, Greg Hallett with Platinum Services, for another 30 days. After that decision, the Council would unanimously vote to appoint Ed Marks to the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Board for a two year term effective on April 1, 2011.

Moving along, the Council would also pass adding Dental and Vision to the health insurance of their employees at no cost to the city, and would also officially cancel the May 2011 election because of unopposed candidates.

Also discussed in this month's meeting, the Council announced that it would be watching out for and enforcing high weed violations. The Council stated that un-kept lawns and lots could result in fines for the owners if they didn't clean the property 10-days after a warning had been issued; if the City was forced to maintain the lawn or lot, the City warned that the owners would be charged the cost of labor.

Closing out the meeting, the Council discussed and

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In the end, all that ended up out of kilter was our potatoes - instant mashed rather than fried. You can eat mashed potatoes with cornbread. We did.

There you have it. Not quite being able to see makes life more of an adventure - even at church, where the challenge is trying to figure out where to sit now that words and music are projected onto a big screen. Experimenting to determine the optimum viewing distance means meeting new people every Sunday. Maybe they're unsettled too. Call it musical pews.

As for printed material in general, it's mostly gotten smaller. Of course, people like me just need to wear the right glasses, whatever that means. I think it means buying lots of

pairs of various strengths and styles and having them here and there, close at hand as well as around the neck (where they weren't when I bought the turnip greens).

Here's a trick for you: If one pair of glasses isn't enough, add another pair. I'm the only person I know who employs this technique, but it works. I think I discovered it. Layered glasses. Maybe I'll start a trend!

But what I'd most like to do is inspire someone to invent and market shower glasses. Somebody already has designed a shower radio - a waterproof receiver that, if memory serves, hangs on a cord like shower soap, another handy invention. Come to think of it, I've seen neither lately. Maybe both soap and radio

were fads. But if somebody would invent shower glasses, they'd sell well. Surely many aging Boomers besides me can't read the small print on a bottle of shampoo with the naked eye.

What small print? The word that tells you if it's really shampoo or if you've grabbed the conditioner by mistake.

Not only is "shampoo" written small. It's crowded against "shampooing" for the French and "champu" for Spanish speakers. We sell them short. They could all figure out "shampoo."

And so could I, if only I could see it.

Granted, it's all part of the above-referenced adventurous life, but I don't like being surprised by conditioner. Better turnip greens.

Firefighter

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honored by the Boy Scouts of America with their highest honor of Eagle Scout. He has studied the principles of the fire industry and has chosen firefighting as a career choice and is currently enrolled in the Amarillo College Fire Academy.

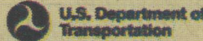
The award for "Outstanding Meeting Attendance" was

given to Randell Sims, who attended a total of 31 training/business meetings in 2010. The "Outstanding Fire Attendance" award was given to Chad Guthrie, who made a total of 51 runs in 2010. The "Outstanding Training Hours" award was given to J.C. Chappell, who made a total of 19 training

meetings. The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department would like to express its gratitude to all of the citizens of Floyd County for their continued support in 2010. If you would like more information about the F.V.F.D or to contribute to the Department please call 983-2834.



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Kenny Hooten, Director of Maintenance for Lockney ISD, has been chosen to receive the TMC Sports Field MVP Award for outstanding results on the athletic fields he manages. This is the first year the award has been given, and Kenny is the first recipient in this area. Mike Skeen, the field representative for Texas Multi-Chem, stated, "Kenny does more with his fields by himself than most places do with large maintenance staffs. His fields are always immaculate, and I think it is most fitting that he be the first to win the MVP award in the West Texas/Panhandle area." Mr. Hooten is one of three who have won the award in the entire state.

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