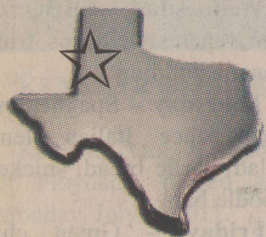


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## Superintendents prepare for senate bill

By Homer Marquez

After several rounds of fierce deliberation in both the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature and in the extended special session, Texas lawmakers have finally come up with a bill that will determine state educational funding for the next two years.

Senate Bill 1, which was passed by the Texas Senate with a 21-9 vote in the closing hours of June's special session, will call for \$4.2 billion in state educational cuts within the span of two years.

The dramatic and groundbreaking funding cuts to independent school districts across the state are a result of the \$27 billion deficit that is currently looming over the state. For the past several months

during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, Texas school districts have watched in anticipation as both the Texas House and the Senate representatives fought to balance the state budget. Throughout this process, as education cuts began to look even more definite, school administrators across the state began to prepare for worse case scenarios in their own budget planning. After no solution was found by the closing date of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, state representatives entered into a one month special session to determine the final outcome of state's educational funding. After the dust settled, state legislators came up with Senate Bill 1 as the best solution for the State's current financial short fall.

Now with start of a new

school year only a few weeks away, school administrators across the state are running to try to complete their own budgets for the school year. "First, we don't know what the final outcome of SB1 is just yet," commented Floydada ISD Superintendent Gilbert Trevino, "All the numbers and district budget runs are pretty much assumptions right now; based on what the Legislative Budget Board believes will be the outcome. Basically, I think it's safe to say that there was a 7.61 percent cut in public education for the 2012-2013 school year, and a 2 percent cut in the 2013-2014; however, each district will be affected differently."

It is projected, that Floydada ISD will see a 5.1 percent cut in this first

year of Senate Bill 1 which works out to about \$291 less per student than they received last year. During the second year of SB1, the school district will see a 1.3 percent cut, which will work out to \$77 less per student than last year. All together, the Floydada ISD will be cut an estimated \$234,000 during the first year of SB1 and \$62,000 in year two.

In Lockney, according to Superintendent Phil Cotham, Lockney ISD will be expecting to lose 6 percent of educational state funding, which will work out to about a \$251,601 funding cut during the first year.

As state representatives worked on the final cuts to educational funds, school administrators across Texas prepared for the worst as

they looked to make their own budget cuts in order to make ends meet. During the last school year, almost every school district in Texas incorporated some kind of financial saving program as a way to keep from having to cut teachers positions if the proposed state educational cuts were too extreme. Districts across the state shutdown schools and eliminated faculty as ways to save money.

It was no different here in Floyd County as both Floydada and Lockney ISD's looked for ways to save money; "Our Board has been very proactive in addressing the coming shortfall," described Superintendent Cotham.

In Lockney, an incentive

program for early notice of resignation saved the school quite a few dollars as three elementary teachers took advantage of the program that paid a one-time incentive payment of 20 percent of their base salary if they gave an early notice of resignation. Also by not replacing positions left already retiring teachers or replacing the needed positions with new teachers who work at lower pay scale, Lockney's ISD was able to save a considerable amount of money.

In Floydada, by consolidating the Junior High School with the High School, the ISD was able to save a ton money by cutting the overhead of running a

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## Welcoming JE Irrigation



On Wednesday, the Floydada Chamber of Commerce welcomed JE Irrigation with a ribbon cutting; pictured above are: Andy Carthel, Chamber Director, Cally Poole, Jaron Everett, Owner, Barbara Gilliland, Kay Wilson, Regina Adams, Bobby Gilliland, Karen Houchin, Paulette Robison.

Floydada's Chamber of Commerce welcomed JE Irrigation to the community last week with a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Wednesday. JE Irrigation celebrated their grand opening last Tuesday and Wednesday with the opening of their two locations in Floydada and in Dougherty. Owned by irrigation expert,

Jaron Everett, JE Irrigation specializes in the sale, service, and design of T-L pivot systems.

A licensed dealer since 2008, Jaron Everett at JE Irrigation has the capabilities to install and maintain all of your irrigation needs. At his stores, JE Irrigation offers a variety of parts including

all T-L parts, wheels, and some electric pivots parts from other makers. "We can get any irrigation parts you need," explained Mr. Everett, "just because we don't have it, doesn't mean we can't get it."

In Dougherty, where the main headquarters are located, customers can pick up all

their irrigation needs as well as buy feed and hardware. For more information about JE Irrigation, you can contact JE irrigation at 806-559-0186 or email [j\\_e\\_farm@yahoo.com](mailto:j_e_farm@yahoo.com), you can also visit his stores at 372 Hansford Street in Dougherty and at 111 West California Street in Floydada.

## Multi-County Turn Row Meeting Scheduled

A multi-county turn row meeting has been scheduled for 8:00 am June 15 in Ralls.

The meeting will be held at the Pleasant Hill Gin located just North West of Ralls on FM 1471. The program will be conducted by the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Services offices in Floyd and Crosby counties.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

Program topics include

an update on conditions across the South Plains on cotton production, insect management and a plant disease update.

The program is being sponsored by Crop Production Services.

For more information, contact Mark Carroll, AgriLIFE Extension agent in Floyd County, at 806-983-4912 or Caitlin Frederick, AgriLIFE Extension agent in Crosby County, at 806-675-2347.

## Commissioners discuss budget and elections

By Homer Marquez

Floyd County commissioners reconvened on Monday for their scheduled July court meeting. During the court session, county officials deliberated on a number of agenda items including countywide election precincts and a budget workshop.

Following the routine pledge and invocation, the commissioners opened up the court with the agenda item that approved the payment of this month's bills. After a quick review, the court would vote unanimously to approve the consent agenda that paid bills for the month of July, as well as accepted last month's minutes and approved reports given by departments.

After that action, the court gave the floor to AgriLife extension agents, Melissa Long and Mark Carroll for their monthly report. In the report, Mark Carroll explained that the AgriLife office had been extremely busy this past month. Mr. Carroll gave commissioners a status report on cotton varieties trails they were currently

being conducted; Mr. Carroll reported that the irrigated trial crops were doing fair but was in desperate need of rain. Mr. Carroll also added that for the past two weeks about 60 percent of farmers that are growing both cotton and corn are starting to divert water from their corn crop to their cotton crops. With drought conditions giving little chance for irrigated corn to survive, desperate farmers are looking salvage the rest of their crop by moving their irrigated water towards their cotton crop.

This summer's drought has devastated the mostly agriculture community in Floyd County. A lack of substantial rain for the past several months has lead many farmers to lose thousands of acres of crops. It is reported that out of the 165,000 acres of cotton land in Floyd County, the entire 60,000 acres of the dry land crops have been lost due to the drought, leaving only 105,000 acres cotton on the life support of irrigated water

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# Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Here we are, the middle of July, oh boy! This year has passed fast; 170 days left in the year.

We had two birthdays here at the Center; Mel Holcomb and Ray Sissney, and happy birthday to all the July seniors.

W.L. and Clementine Carthel have their son, Wayland, visiting from Japan. Remember coffee at 9:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m, Monday thru Saturday. Exercise will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m to

9:30 a.m.

Pot Luck will be on Thursday night at 6p.m; bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

### Menu

- Monday-Cheeseburgers
- Tuesday-Mexican Stack
- Wednesday-Meat Loaf
- Thursday-Salmon
- Friday-Enchiladas

### July 25-29

- Monday-Pot Roast
- Tuesday-Tacos
- Wednesday-Fried Chicken
- Thursday-Spaghetti
- Friday-Brisket

# FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Our phone number is 806-983-2032.

If you are 60 years or older come join us.

This past week some of our visitors were Guy Ginn's daughter who lives at Petersburg. Max Fowler also ate with us. I didn't get to go everyday to the Center so I'm sure we had other visitors. Please come back!

On Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Margaret Soudelier along with family and friends, attended a memorial service for her daughter, Debbie

Prehn. This took place at Debbie's gravesite in the Floydada cemetery. The family members present were Dan and Mitzi Nixon, Laci and Jaylee Nixon, and James Lovell, all of Floydada, Denise Nixon and Melissa Mowel of McKinney, Texas, Doug, Phyllis and Heath Nixon of Paradise, Louisiana, and Scott, Leslie, Camden and Keegan Nixon and LuAnn Collins, all of Lubbock. Friends present were Bill Gilbreath, Wayland Faulkenberry and Jo Payne of Floydada and Selbey Shurbet of Plainview. After services the family met at the home of Dan Nixon for visitation and a nice meal.

My son, Greg Bond spent the weekend with me. I had him doing a lot of "Honey-Do" jobs for me. Mona went to Lubbock to be with her family. Michael is in Dallas going to college and working and Bethany is in South Carolina and working. Layne Kirk of Amarillo came and spent Saturday with Greg.

Our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Bain.

Our sympathy to the family of Leroy Burns.

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

In memory of Jim Nosbit - Johnnie Ward.

In memory of Ozell Chappell - John and Judy Dun-

lap. In memory of Kenneth Bain - Shorty Turner. Thought for the Week - Please PRAY FOR RAIN!!!!

### MENU

July 18 - July 21

Monday - Lasagna, Italian bread, salad, garlic bread, fruit parfait

Tuesday - Fried chicken, potatoes, corn, roll, cake

Wednesday - BBQ on bun, ranch style beans, fries, banana pudding

Thursday - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian blend, salad, garlic bread, snickerdoodle bars

Friday - Green chili chicken, carrots, peas, roll, jello w/fruit

# From The Archives

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

By Marisue Potts Powell

The lady volunteers chattered nervously, selecting vintage clothing, stored in the inner sanctums of the museum, to be worn in a photographic session. A Lubbock artist, Duward Campbell, had requested subject material for his paintings: women, bonnets, and quilts. Along with a little atmosphere from the two-story bunkhouse of the Montgomery Ranch, the weather-beaten boards and hitching post of a frontier town, The Floyd County Historical Museum supplied all.

One of the direct results of that sunny morning session was a 24 x 30" oil painting, "Charter Members," featuring Ora King of Floydada and Mary Lou Bollman of Lockney. Considered as a potential phone book cover, the colorful canvas is currently showing in the James M. Haney Gallery of Amarillo.

Though Campbell draws heavily on the working cowboys and horses of the Caprock region for his trade, it is the rural women, tenacious and spirited, that "touch his heart while captivating his artist eye."

Sponsored by the American Indian and Cowboy Artists Association, a collection of Campbell's work is showing in San Dimas, California, and Wichita, Kansas. He has recently completed a brochure for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and is working on a repeat poster for the Cowboy Symposium at Texas Tech.

Future plans for the Texas Tech graduate include creating prints from "Lone Star," a canvas which featured Dorothy Merrell of Lockney and the late Alta Belew, grandmother of Lou Bureson of Floydada, at Mott Line Camp in a 1985 sitting.

Drawing attention to a unique country heritage while providing props is but one way the Floyd County Historical Museum reaches out, people to people. Since its inception on May 25, 1971, when a group

of citizens led by sparkplug Alma Holmes, met to discuss the possibility, the museum's aim has been to foster an appreciation of history, art, the natural and social sciences in children as well as adults.

Under museum sponsorship and Jim Word's expertise, a week-long field school was held by The Texas Archeological Society in Blanco Canyon on June 7, 1975, yielding many artifacts and cultural clues about the Indians who once camped there.

Culminating two years of writing, research, and collecting family histories by volunteers from sixteen communities, the Floyd County History Book was published in 1979. Guiding the 624 page volume to its completion was the book committee: Chairman Virginia Taylor, Anne Swepston, Glenna Miller, Georgia Finley, Norma Welch, Ruth Harrison, June Ware, Neta Marble, and Nancy Marble.

School groups enjoy the educational displays of a hardware store, pioneer living, homemade toys, and thrill to hear first hand information from working cowboy Q. D. Williams, telling about the ranching and brand displays. Often these experiences become the basis for writing about a period in history for classroom credit. After visiting the museum and its archives, Lockney students embarked upon their own research about their town's roots. The results launched them into a publishing venture with "Lockney Legacy."

Community-minded Boy Scouts, under the guidance of Jim Word, offer their services to the museum while earning requirements for badges with such jobs as repairing the back fence.

Each year in December, the museum offers the natives a chance to reminisce and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas tree, a cedar from the breaks decorated with popcorn, paper chains, and cranberries. Santa shows

up for the festive open-house affair which features home-baked goodies and a band playing music of yesteryear.

The C. Surginer & Son Hardware and Implement Store building (1912-1937) was donated to the museum by the Isaac Carr Surginer family with the deed recorded on January 17, 1972. Eli Neff led local volunteers and Green Thumb employees in refurbishing the building. A replica of Thomas Montgomery's T-M Bar Ranch on the west wall was the first of many building projects to come: a room for Judge Duncan's furnishings, display cases, and storage areas.

A formal dedication for the museum on May 23, 1976, honored Rufus L Floyd of Gonzales, Texas, a descendant of Floyd County namesake, Dolphin Ward Floyd, one of thirty-two volunteers who went to the aid of the Alamo in April 1836, though the odds for their survival was small to none. Ten years later the museum feted and hosted the Floyd family reunion in conjunction with the dedication of the Floyd County historical marker on the courthouse square.

From the first, the museum has been blessed with many dedicated volunteers, too numerous to mention. The first board of directors, elected on June 28, 1971, included: Robert Lee Smith, president; Ted Bell, vice-president; Nancy Marble, secretary; Margaret Daniel, treasurer; Kenneth Broseh; Jonnie Delle Cogdell; Dee Copeland; Reba Henry; Alma Holmes; Duncan Hollums; Eli Neff; Joe Parrish; Virginia Taylor; Joyce Williams; and Jim Word. These officers secured the official charter on September 23, 1971.

For fourteen years Georgia Finley served with distinction as hostess. Today Lila Kendrick and Evelyn Pierce welcome visitors on all weekday afternoons, except on holidays. Their services are funded by Green Thumb, a federal program implemented locally which hires

senior citizens.

With the induction of Judge Duncan in 1988, the Hall of Fame project was begun. Soon all of the first elected county officials will be so honored.

In 1989 the Mary Lou Bollman History and Research Center was established in the museum annex. Named for Mrs. Henry Bollman, an untiring researcher, supporter of the facility, and historian of the area who was honored as Lockney Woman of the year, it includes a portion of her extensive collection.

Researchers, both amateurs and scholars, find the museum's growing collection of family and community history files and books, microfilm, photographs, and newspaper archives helpful in a wide range of subjects. The Historical Commission has successfully researched fourteen state historical markers, six in the past year alone.

In addition, the spacious annex, one a frozen foods meat locker plant which was donated by Lesley Surginer for museum use, serves as a meeting room for family reunions and groups such as the newly formed Caprock Genealogical Society.

Always busy during the Old Settlers celebrations with are, quilt, and wild flower shows, the museum and its numerous activities present a popular subject for television news. Often serving as host is former Chamber of commerce head, Olin Watson, who uses his business experience to good advantage in promoting the causes of the nonprofit organization. Watson dreams of the time that a near-by building can be turned into a perform arts theatre.

Funds for the operation of the museum come primarily from an annual membership drive, memorials, and donations. Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Burns are among the benefactors helping with the day-to-day expenses of the landmark building.

The Pioneer Memorial Wall is covered with granite stones inscribed with family names and dates, lest we forget, past to present, people to people.

## Engagement & Wedding Announcement



Jana Marie Everett and Oscar Garza, III

Everett and Garza to wed  
Raymond and Maria Everett of Floydada proudly announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jana Marie Everett to Oscar Garza, III, son of Oscar Jr. and Liz Garza of Floydada.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ruby Lamb.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Oscar Sr. and Cande Garza and Francisca Trevino and the late Rodolfo Trevino, all of Floydada.

The couple will marry Saturday, July 23, 2011 at the Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada.

## Booths needed for Pink Event

By Melissa Long  
CEA-FCS

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.

Booth space will be available for non profit as well as for profit organizations. No booth rental is required, but a door prize is requested.

Booths will open at 10:00. The program and luncheon will be from 11:30 - 1:00.

Please call the County Extension Office at 983-4912 for more information or to sign up for a booth.

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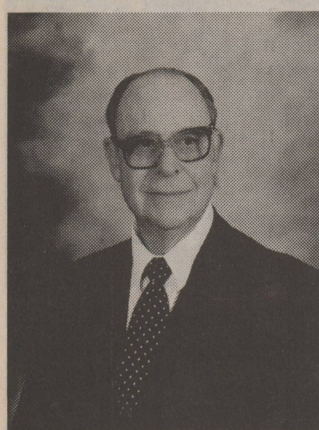
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# OBITUARY



**KENNETH BAIN, JR.**

Kenneth Bain, Jr., age 92, of Floydada, passed away Monday, July 4, 2011.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church Friday at 11 a.m. on July 8, 2011 with Les Hall officiating. Interment was held at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada. Visitation was held before the service starting at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Kenneth Bain, Jr. was born on June 4, 1919 in Floydada to Kenneth Ewing and Lucy (Stevenson) Bain. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1936.

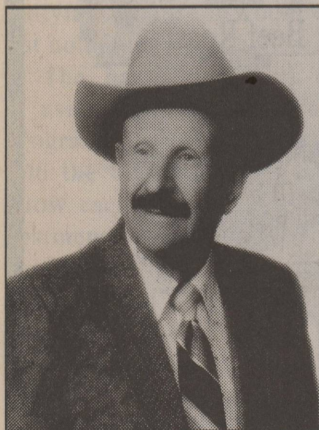
Kenneth worked at First National Bank in Floydada and completed 3 years of college at Texas Tech. He entered the Army in February of 1942 where he served 4 years in the 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during WWII. In 1946 he entered the University of Texas Law School and graduated in 1949. He returned home and became a partner with his father in the practice of law. On the death of his father he entered private practice, serving 46 years as Floyd County Attorney.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church since 1989 after his original church home, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church dissolved in Floydada. He was chosen as Man of the Year in 2003 by the Floyd County Pioneer Association. Kenneth enjoyed bowling and golfing in his spare time and loved Texas Tech Football. He was a Charter member of the Saddle Tramps at Texas Tech in the late 30's.

Kenneth is survived by his niece, Mary Pettit and husband, Gary of Plano and his great-nieces and nephews, Steven Pettit, Susan Thomson and Greg Pettit.

Memorials may be made in memory of Kenneth Bain, Jr. to the First United Methodist Church, 203 W. Kentucky, Floydada, TX 79235.

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



**LEROY B. BURNS**

Leroy B. Burns, age 89, of Floydada, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2011 at his home surrounded by family.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Floydada at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2011 with Bro. Hal Farnsworth and Pastor Tim Franks officiating.

Interment followed at Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Leroy Bascom Burns was born on July 4, 1922 in Denton to John Ambrose and Laura Jane (Painter) Burns. He attended school in Knot and McAdoo, Texas.

Leroy honorably served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII with the 316<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers Battalion in North Africa and Italy receiving the Bronze Star for his duties. While in the service, Leroy lived in California and in Oregon.

He married Loretta Turner on October 27, 1942 in Lubbock. In 1959, he began part-ownership of City Auto in Floydada until he retired in 2005. Leroy ranched in Motley County, was a member of the Floydada City Council from 1973 to 1997 and a member of the VFW and Elk's Lodge.

Leroy was also a member of the fire department for 14 years, a reserve police officer, mechanic, truck driver and on the EMS Board. Throughout his life, Leroy was able to visit all 50 states and 7 countries.

He was a loving husband, father, PawPaw, brother and friend. Leroy loved to travel and play with his grandkids, his great-grandkids, his dog, Q-Tip and his horse, Rocky. Leroy was a member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, John and Laura (Painter) Burns and two of his sisters, Dorothy Jordan and Mildred Burns.

Leroy is survived by his wife of almost 69 years, Loretta (Turner) Burns; his son, Richard Burns and wife, Rebecca of Lubbock; his three daughters, Sherry Hacker and husband, Clifford of Knox City, Rhonda Guthrie and husband, Larry of Floydada, Sheryl Back and husband, Earnest also of Floydada; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and two sisters, Johnnie Drake of Vacaville, California, Bonnell Waldrop of Bakersfield, California and extended family and many, many friends.

Memorial donations may be made in Leroy Burns' name to the Area Community Hospice, 3109 Olton Rd, Plainview, Texas 79072; Floydada EMS, PO Box 373, Floydada, Texas 79235 or to Floyd County Museum, PO Box 304, Floydada, Texas 79235.

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



**ALENE WARREN MCADAMS**

Alene W. McAdams, 89, of Lubbock, died on June 30, 2011. Mrs. McAdams was born on July 30, 1921 in Floyd County to the late James Oscar and Flora Dean Noland Warren.

She married Y. E. McAdams, Jr. on March 24, 1962 in Floydada. She was a retired Chief Clerk at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Floydada. She was a founding, charter and Honorary member of South Plains Porcelain Art Guild as well as past president. Alene was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Alene is survived by two nephews, Craig Hambright and wife, Susanna, of Lubbock and children, Grant Hambright and wife, Cindy of Beavercreek, Ohio, and child, and one niece, Treva Wilson and husband, Mike, of Lubbock and children, and brother-in-law, Gordon Hambright, of Floydada. Darlynn Hambright, deceased, was a sister to Mrs. McAdams.

Celebration of life service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. A visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2011 at Resthaven Funeral Home.

Y.E. and Alen McAdams requested memorials to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch P. O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79105

Condolences may be offered at [www.resthavenfuneralhome.com](http://www.resthavenfuneralhome.com)

**ALARTA JOYCE HARTSELL TAYLOR**

Alarta Joyce Hartsell Taylor, 91, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2011 in San Antonio.

A graveside service will be held in Quitaque at a later time under the direction of Holley Funeral Home in Canyon.

Mrs. Taylor was born on January 1, 1920 in Chico, Texas to Flora and Hugh L. Hartsell. Her family moved to the McCoy Community when she was six and she completed school there.

She married John P. Taylor on April 9, 1939 and they were married 54 years, until his death in 1993. They resided in Canyon where they owned Taylor-Evans Feed Stores until 1961, when they moved to Oklahoma. They returned to Canyon in 1982. Mrs. Taylor moved to San Antonio in 2004.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Huella Campbell (Weldon) of Mt. Pleasant, Texas and Linda Green of San Antonio; two grandsons and spouses, Kyle (Katie) Campbell of Denton, Texas and Bryon (Mary) Green of Bourne, Texas and one great-grandchild, Addison Taylor Green. She is also survived by one brother, Charles Hartsell of Davis, Oklahoma and one sister-in-law, Anna Mae Hartsell of Ardmore, Oklahoma as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, Patsy Joyce Taylor, her parents, one brother and one sister.

**THIS WEEK'S**

**LOCKNEY CHAMBER HOSTING KCBDB AND CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE**

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be helping host KCBDB news cast on July 25<sup>th</sup> and cooking free burgers for the public. This will be located in front of the Lockney Elementary. They will also be hosting a city-wide garage sale on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Cost is \$10 to get your name on the map. Deadline for this is August 1<sup>st</sup>. You may contact Kay Martin at J & K Insurance, 652-3386 or Melissa Kunselman at Kaleidoscope, 652-2960.

**FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Due to the extremely hot weather, the Floyd County Historical Museum has announced they will be open each day from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. only. These hours will remain in effect until further notice.

If you need more information, you can call the Museum at 806-983-2415.

**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.

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Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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 Evening7:00 p.m.  
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**CARR'S CHAPEL**

Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

West College & Third,  
Lockney  
Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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**CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Ivan Gomez, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study...9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed./Music  
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students  
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney**

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

Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship ....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....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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**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.  
Morning 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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**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  
Floydada  
983-8177



# Lady Horn picked for All-South Plains Team

By Homer Marquez

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal has recently announced its All-South Plains Softball Team selections for 2011, and Lockney's very own Lady Horn, Sunny Williams, has been selected into the all-stars team's ranks. "I am proud to be included in such an outstanding group of players," commented Ms. Williams, "and I am thankful to those who recommended me."

Sunny's outstanding season last year undoubtedly made her a shoe-in for this prestigious honor, as she helped the young Lady Horns reach another consecutive playoff berth.

"Sunny is a good hardworking athlete with a great work ethic," commented Lockney softball head coach, Lisa Schumaker, "she is a big part of our softball program

and is a great leader. We are excited about her receiving this award and look forward to all of her endeavors during her senior year."

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal selected Sunny as a Utility Player for the All-South Plains team commenting:

"Williams took to whatever position she played for the Lady Longhorns. She was an infielder and catcher for Lockney and produced at the plate, too. Williams had 39 RBIs, scored 40 runs and 22 extra-base hits in 81 at-bats."

Ms. Williams, who will be entering her senior year at Lockney, is already gearing up for next year's season, "Our varsity softball team only graduated one senior in May, so I expect us to be just as tough as we were last season and to go far into the playoffs."

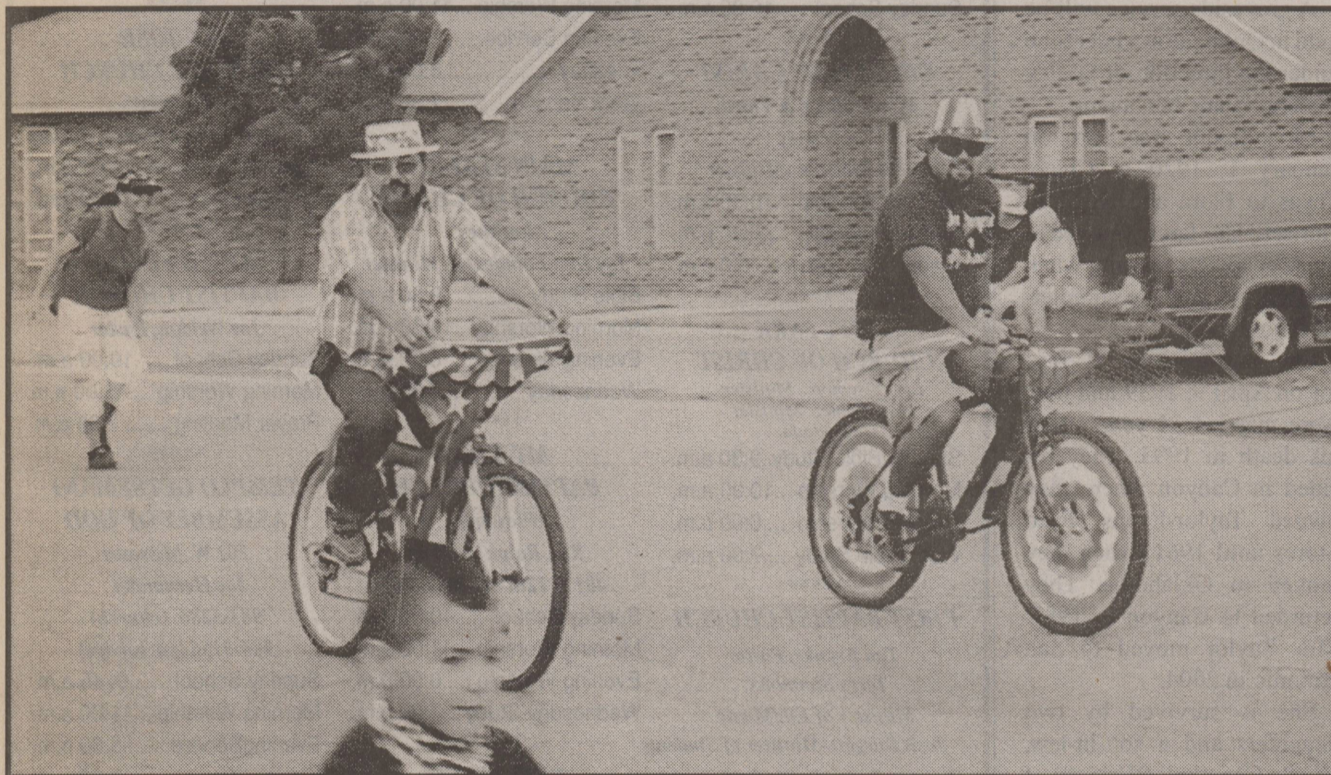


The Lubbock Avalanche Journal has recently selected Lady Horn, Sunny Williams, as a member of their 2011 All-South Plains Softball Team.



Lupita Mendoza, of Floydada, shows off her extravagant Last Supper antique that her daughter Lydia Zalva gave to her as a gift. After reading a story about Lockney painter Irene Garza in the Floyd County Hesperian Beacon, Mrs. Mendoza asked Mrs. Garza to use her skills to paint her Last Supper wall hanging; after three days of painting, Mrs. Garza returned the newly painted antique.

**THE DEADLINE TO DONATE TO THE LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORM FUND is Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.** If anyone is interested in donating, donations can be sent to PO Box 1166, Lockney, Texas 79241 or donations can be made to the LHS Band Uniform Fund at Happy State Bank. For more information, you can contact Kay Martin at 652-3386, Michealle Stennett at 652-2571, or Ginger Mathis at 652-2960



Courtesy Photo

During the Lockney Bike Parade this past Fourth of July weekend, a family with a strong tradition of military service hopped on two wheels to celebrate Independence Day. Lockney resident, Robert Molina (left), who himself was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, was visited by his brother, Raul Molina (right) who is an Air Force Veteran. Raul, who is currently working for BAE Systems as an engineering technologist, made the trip all the way from Rockledge, Florida. Not pictured is their sister, Elma Molina Castor, who is a LT Col. for the Air Force. Mrs. Castor who was a Lockney grad in 1982, is currently working as consultant in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

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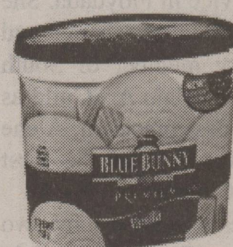
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# The Fair is still coming

For the second year back at our former location in Lockney, the Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair is being planned for September 15-18. The Fair Board is meeting regularly with lots of fun things to do and see in the works.

For the kids, there will be a fishing tank, pony rides, a Thomas the Tank type train ride, and possibly other rides and events. There will also be a Pet Show on Sunday afternoon for kids and adults and their pets.

Of course, there will be entries in the arts and crafts, cooking, and canning departments. Bring your best efforts to win ribbons and bragging rights. All entries will be taken on Wednesday afternoon/evening.

Thursday night will be the Old Time Auction - lots of goodies for everyone. Anyone with something they would like to donate to this auction, please call Carol Huggins. Back this year, after a few years' hiatus,

will be the Miss Floyd and Surrounding Counties Queen Pageant. Ann Anderson and her helpers are looking forward to making this a fun time for everyone. She will have entry forms and all information ready to go soon, so make plans to enter or attend this fun event on Saturday at the Fair.

The Fair Parade will be in downtown Lockney on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Get your floats, bicycles, horses, etc ready.

Other events and activities are still in the planning stages, but, to be sure, a good time will be had by anyone who attends this great community event.

Also, please remember if you want to rent the Entertainment Building between now and the Fair, it is available. Just contact J&K Insurance for a contract. And, as a memorial or to honor someone, please send donations to Box 694 Lockney.

## Floydada City Council hears request from citizen, denies request for Special Use Permit

By Sara Sisemore  
Correspondent

During their June 21 meeting, the Floydada City Council entertained a request from citizen Kay Hicks to revisit Ord. No. 10-3 relating to the parking of vehicles in the front yard. Hicks presented her request to the council to reconsider including in the ordinance guidelines excluding parking vehicles in back yards. She said her house sits so the sewer line goes across her neighbor's back yard, where they park some of their vehicles. Hicks said she has spent more than a few thousand dollars on repairing this sewer line over the past few years. Councilwoman Bettye King made a motion to amend the ordinance so that people cannot park vehicles in their back yards. The motion died for lack of a second.

The council discussed Esmeralda Jimenez Alaniz' request for a Special Use Permit to sell general merchandise in a residential area at 206 N. 13th St. According to Mayor Bob Gilliland, there was only one person present at the public hearing and that person was in opposition to Alaniz' request. Alaniz was not present to pursue the matter. Councilman Sam Green made the motion

to deny Alaniz' request for a Special Use Permit. Councilman Gabriel De La Fuente seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Atmos Energy requested the city to sponsor a clean up day. Atmos Energy provides some roll-off boxes to take away items and will cookout for those involved. Green said he thought it was an excellent idea. The mayor suggested getting some youth groups together for "on call" duty to pick up items around town and take them to the roll-off boxes. The council approved the motion to accept a clean up day with the date yet to be determined.

Jack Alaniz, water and sewer superintendent for the city, got some price quotes from Oden Chevrolet for new and used pickups for the Maintenance and Water departments. City Manager Gary Brown said it's very difficult to find a used pickup with good mileage and a good price. King made a motion to look into some new pickups for the Maintenance and Water Departments. Nielson seconded the motion. King said the reason she suggested new verses used is because of the warranty which comes with the new trucks. Councilwoman Alicia Tucker asked whether

the department specifically needed a 4x4. Alaniz said it would be best for the department to have at least one 4x4 pickup. Nielson made a motion to amend the prior motion to purchase the cheapest two trucks on the bid sheet presented to the council. The council agreed to purchase the two cheapest trucks on the bid sheet.

Lot 2, Block 129 is next to Jimmie Lou Stewart Park, southwest corner across the street. The council unanimously approved the \$300 offer to purchase from Aaron Rendon for Lot 2, Block 129, of the Original Town. This lot is next to Jimmie Lou Stewart Park on the southwest corner across the street.

Brown said he is just beginning to put together the 2011-2012 Operating Budget for the city. He requested if there's a project the council wants included in the budget, to please let him know before the end of the month.

The council unanimously approved motions to deny Southwestern Public Service Company's application for approval to Renew Interruptible Credit Option and Saver's Switch Tariffs and SPS's Proposed Tariff Sheets Related to Certain Amendments to SPS' Interruptible-Service Tariffs submitted on

or about May 17, 2011 - resolutions the council passes every year.

Brown informed the council of a new program available through City Connect - the city's current emergency calling system. According to Brown the National Weather Service divides territories, and when they issue an alert, they put in the code(s) for everyone affected and the computers will automatically list the affected counties. For \$2,500 extra a year City Connect provides a program that when the NWS issues an alert, it will automatically call everyone within the area whom has the City Connect program. Brown said he prefers the current system where the NWS calls Floydada's fire department and spotters are sent to watch for potential problems. Green made the motion to not participate in the new City Connect program - the motion passed unanimously.

The council held an Executive Session to consider and take action on the competitive matter of purchasing Southwestern Public Service System.



Photo by Dara Ware

OLD SETTLERS COUNTY TEAM ROPING was held on July 9, 2011 at the Marble Arena in South Plains. Seventy-seven teams gathered to compete for the title of Floyd County Champion team ropers. Tate Glasscock presented the winners with their buckles. Winning teams were: 1st place were Clinton Ware and Cody Ware, 2nd place were Cody Ware and Tate Glasscock, 3rd place were Matt McPherson and Tate Glasscock. Buckles were donated by the following businesses: R & S Auto, Ray Lee Equipment, CPS-Davis Farm Supply, RES, and Lighthouse Electric. Thanks to all the donors and the people who volunteered to help run the team roping.

## KFLP 'Live from The Backroom'

Spotlighting the best in up and coming bands, 106.1KFLP is proud to host these artists in their "Live from the Backroom" sessions. Scheduled for this summer's performances are:

- Wed. July 20 - Mark McKinney
- Wed. July 27 - Matt Stell & the Crashers
- Wed. August 3 - Mike Ryan
- Wed. August 10 - Chad Johnson Band
- Wed. August 17 - Brian Keane

## FISD considers request for school uniforms, abstinence program

By Sara Sisemore  
Correspondent

During the Public Comments section of their June meeting, Floydada Independent School District heard a request from citizen Manuel Mendez about the idea of using school uniforms in Floydada. Mendez said he believes if you send the kids to school in play clothes, they'll go to play; but if you go to school in a uniform, you'll go to concentrate. Mendez said he knows his daughter is distracted by the clothing fads that run through the school. Mendez said he believed a child's individuality should be expressed through personality and behavior, not through their clothing. He pointed out that it would cut down on bullying because it would equal everyone out no matter what their economic status.

The board discussed the possibility of using the "Power 2 Wait" Abstinence Program. Superintendent Gilbert Trevino told the board they can take action and allow each campus to have some type of abstinence program to educate students based upon their age or they can say the district is not going to adopt any program right now. The "Power 2 Wait" program is recommended by The Department of Health.

Elementary Principal Mac Sherman commented if the board chooses to do it, the district is locked in to do it, but if nothing is adopted, then the district isn't responsible for it. Trevino said, "We know there will be some concerns." He said currently at Duncan the counseling program educates the kids about what is a good touch and a bad touch - he said it is not, however, an abstinence program. When asked by the board, Sherman said it is his opinion to take care of this topic through the counselors.

School board member Rachael Castillo asked what the pregnancy rate is like in Floydada. No specific numbers were known. The board unanimously moved to take no action toward doing this program.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report and cash flow statement. Rainwater said 98.11 percent of taxes have been collected compared to 97.93 percent this time last year. Rainwater told the board, "All the checking account

money has been moved to First National Bank because we got under a million. We still have the two million in the CD at Lubbock National Bank." She also commented, "We had a high month of bills in May - \$100,000 of expenses of moving the junior high." She said she's still hoping the district will be able to project a little more revenue from the State as our student counts are up some.

In discussion of the preliminary budget for 2011-2012, Trevino told the board the district has no clue what the State is going to do to us. Trevino said the district is expecting to get less from the State, but should get some assistance from the Federal Government. According to Trevino, the district should get \$191,000 less in year one, and only \$98,000 less in year two. He mentioned the district has made up about \$350,000 of that going into next year with the junior high consolidation.

The board unanimously approved an Athletic Training Services Contract for 2011-2012 with Lubbock Sports Medicine for the price of \$17,500 to cover all of Floydada's athletic events.

The board approved allowing expenditures in excess of \$250 for out-of-district travel to attend the TASA/TASB Convention in Austin the end of September. Everyone on the board said they'd like to and plan to attend.

Trevino told the board a waiver must be signed saying the district is not going to use what the State usually requires for the Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System. The board approved the waiver unanimously.

The board adopted a resolution to authorize certain district personnel access to American State Bank signature cards.

Legal advisor Fred Stormer was present to consult with the board on compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 regarding the redistricting of single-member districts.

This year's TAKS testing results were also presented to the board. The district had good testing results.

The board held an executive session to discuss salaries for the Business Manager, Curriculum Director, Special Education Director, and Athletic Director.

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## USDA Crop Certification Deadline is July 15, 2011

(Floydada, Texas) July 11, 2011 –Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley reminds producers that the annual crop certification deadline for spring-seeded crops is July 15, 2011.

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can

prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits.

"I encourage all producers to visit the Floyd County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the July 15 deadline in order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements," said Bradley.

Considering the current drought situation in Texas, producers are also reminded

to report crop losses insured through Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days of the disaster or after the loss is apparent.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747.

## USDA Authorizes Emergency Haying of CRP Acres for 73 Texas Counties

(Floydada, Texas) – July 6, 2011 - In response to drought conditions, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) authorized emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for 73 Texas counties.

The following counties are approved for emergency CRP haying: Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Briscoe, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Ellis, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hill, Hidalgo, Hockley, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Kinney, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Starr,

Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Tom Green, Uvalde, Wheeler, Wilbarger and Yoakum Counties. Haying authorization will end on August 31, 2011.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Bradley. "It is also important for producers to obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," she said.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unharmed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed,

the remaining unharmed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unharmed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay. There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction depending on the number of acres actually hayed.

To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying.

Please be mindful of the current fire danger in Floyd County. Inspect your equipment prior to cutting and baling any CRP hay.

For more information on and to request approval for emergency haying of CRP acres contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747.

## Texas NRCS offers additional funding following wildfires

Lubbock, TX, July 1, 2011-- Landowners affected by wildfires in the West Texas region can apply for financial assistance through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for range' deferment of all livestock grazing throughout the growing season, plant health concerns, and cross fencing assistance.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program and NRCS will be accepting applications for current funding assistance through July 29, 2011. In order to apply, landowners must visit the local NRCS office in the USDA Service Center in their county to fill out an

application. Applications will be ranked and those approved for funding will be offered an EQIP contract.

Mickey Black, NRCS assistant state conservationist said, "NRCS is prepared to assist landowners with prescribed grazing for deferment to rejuvenate plant health and prevent soil erosion due to drought and the effects from wildfires.

"We want to provide assistance that will enable landowners and livestock producers to accelerate the recovery of the health and vigor of affected grazing land," he said.

Black suggests landowners consult with their local NRCS district conservationist to

develop a conservation plan, which can be an effective strategy for pasture and rangeland recovery and mitigating the effects of the dry conditions that Texas is experiencing.

Wildlife habitat also can be impacted by wildfires and NRCS can provide technical and financial assistance in re-establishing the habitats for desired species.

For further assistance in evaluating your land and planning practices to address concerns following a wildfire, contact your local NRCS office or Soil and Water Conservation District. For more information about EQIP, visit Texas' NRCS website at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip).

## Texas NRCS announces additional funding for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat

Lubbock, Texas, July 1, 2011 – The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced available funding through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken (LPC) Initiative which targets specific

counties in the Panhandle and South Plains regions.

The LPC priority area includes the following counties: Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Hemphill, Roberts, Wheeler, Gray, Donley, Collingsworth, Deaf Smith, Randall, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Bailey, Lamb, Cochran, Hockley, Yoakum, Terry, Gaines, Dawson, Andrews, Martin, Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Armstrong, Hale, Lubbock and Lynn.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program. NRCS will be accepting applications through July 29, 2011 for current funding. Producers interested in the LPC initiative should contact their local

NRCS office for technical and financial assistance and learn how program options can benefit their needs.

The LPC initiative is a local and regional working partnership through the NRCS EQIP program focused on assisting producers in conservation plan development to help maintain, establish, improve and manage habitat for the LPC.

"This program provides an opportunity for cropland and rangeland producers in the designated priority counties to implement practices for improved Lesser Prairie-Chicken habitat and grazing conditions on rangeland," said Manuel DeLeon, NRCS wildlife biologist in Lubbock.

## High Plains Producers Consider Abandoning Acreage Due to Drought, Heat

Record-high temperatures and the worst drought in nearly half a century has left many corn producers across the Panhandle deliberating irrigation and management strategies for a successful crop. While the majority of the region's corn acres are irrigated, 2011's extreme conditions can be too much to reckon with for many producers and their available irrigation resources.

According to Texas AgriLife Agronomist Brent Bean and Irrigation Specialist Nich Kenny, much of the corn in the Texas Panhandle has experienced up to a 7-inch water deficit due to rainfall shortage through June compared to typical seasons. Even assuming a producer has the irrigation capacity to meet this increased water demand, increased pumping cost alone would add up to an additional \$35 per acre in input expenses.

These conditions have left some producers with just two options, 1) irrigate corn acres at less than full water demand or 2) strategically abandon

a portion of corn acres to allow remaining acres to be adequately irrigated. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service has developed a document to aid producers faced with this tough decision, which is available on the Texas Corn Producers Board's website here: <http://bit.ly/n2qTKn>.

TCPB discussed this issue with Sam Cameron, a risk management specialist with the USDA-Risk Management Agency in Oklahoma City, Okla., who said producers choosing to abandon irrigated corn for grain should contact their insurance company so they can have the acres appraised or adjusted in accordance with their policy.

"USDA-RMA said the producer's insurance company must be contacted prior to destroying the corn for silage or other use," TCPB Executive Director David Gibson said. "The company's adjuster may then determine the value of the crop or request the producer leave strips to be harvested at the end of the season to determine actual yield loss."

TCPB encourages producers planning to abandon corn acres and divert the crop to silage to reference a brief document on nutritive value concerns for drought-stressed corn harvested prior to maturity developed by Texas AgriLife Beef Cattle Specialist Ted McCollum, available here: <http://bit.ly/oaswqF>.

Producers with further questions or concerns about their insurance policy should contact their insurance agent. For additional information on Texas corn production, visit [www.TexasCorn.org](http://www.TexasCorn.org).

The Texas Corn Producers Board is a statewide board funded by a voluntary half cent per bushel checkoff program. Checkoff funds are used for research, education and promotion to further the corn industry in Texas, and to create better marketing opportunities for producers. For more information, visit [www.TexasCorn.org](http://www.TexasCorn.org) or contact TCPB Communications Director Stephanie Pruitt at [stephanie@texascorn.org](mailto:stephanie@texascorn.org).

## USDA Deadline to Apply for 2009 SURE Crop Disaster Benefits is July 29

(Floydada, Texas), July 11, 2011 –Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley, announced that the deadline to apply for assistance for 2009 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program is July 29, 2011.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster," said Bradley. "All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses must apply for SURE program benefits by the July 29th deadline," she said.

To meet program eligibility requirements, the farming operation must be physically

located in a county that was declared a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a 2009 Secretarial Disaster Designation.

Producers located in designated disaster counties must have suffered at least a 10 percent loss on a crop of economic significance and purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

However, an operation located in a county that did not receive a primary or contiguous disaster designation, can still qualify for SURE benefits if the actual farm production was less than 50 percent of the

normal production on the farm due to a qualifying disaster event.

Producers and legal entities collectively cannot, directly or indirectly, receive more than \$100,000 in SURE and other FSA disaster assistance payments. FSA disaster programs include SURE, Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP).

Producers or legal entities, whose nonfarm income is more than \$500,000, are not eligible for SURE program payments.

For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747.

## Texas NRCS receives funding for Panhandle and South Plains water conservation projects

Lubbock, Texas, July 1, 2011 – The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced additional funding in the Panhandle and South Plains regions to enhance natural resources on Texas agricultural working lands. Additional funds are now available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to address water conservation concerns through the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) and the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative.

"AWEP and the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative are both voluntary programs and provide financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to improve water conditions on their agricultural land," said Salvador Salinas, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "With water supplies at an all time low, this is just one more way agriculture can help conserve its use."

AWEP and the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative promote ground and surface water conservation by helping farmers and ranchers

implement agricultural water enhancement activities. Projects address water quantity resource concerns in the 49 Panhandle and South Plains counties within the Aquifer area.

Types of water enhancement activities include water quantity or water conservation plan development; irrigation system improvements and irrigation efficiency enhancements; water conservation restoration and activities designed to mitigate the effects of drought. All these activities are utilized to enhance water quantity or water conservation benefits on agricultural lands.

Producers are encouraged to work with NRCS on conservation planning assistance to develop a conservation plan as a primary tool for long-term management of their natural resources.

"Benefits of a conservation plan go a long way in helping producers protect and improve their land," said Jon Weddle, NRCS program manager in Lubbock. "The plan will help producers qualify for NRCS financial assistance to implement the conservation practices to make the changes on their farms or ranches. It will also serve as a planning tool, and can be modified as they change their objectives and goals throughout the years."

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program. NRCS will be accepting applications through July 29, 2011 for current funding. NRCS implements the programs by entering into EQIP contracts directly with agricultural

producers.

Visit your local USDA Service Center and talk to the NRCS office staff about the details for AWEP and the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative, conservation planning, and other programs to help protect your farm. For more information about EQIP, go to [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip) and click on Texas 2011 EQIP information.

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# OPINION

## The Paperboy



### Feeling the pinch?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I understand that our region of the country is "better off" than most, but small businesses in town are struggling.

Many businesses, including mine, are experiencing slow pay. It has a domino effect. Your customers are slow to pay you causing you to wait to pay your vendors and so on.

The drought is another major factor in our local economy. As dry and hot as things have been (thank God some areas are receiving beneficial moisture this week), people are absolutely beat down by the weather. As the rains come, you can hear a collective sigh of relief.

So much of what turns our economy is predicated on agriculture. Farmers and ranchers remain our lifeblood because they produce a lot, and they spend a lot. Our crop growers and cattlemen are doing everything they can, but it takes rain to make it work. Pretty simple really.

Our current economic problems can be helped some by local consumers. If locals will focus their spending habits on their local market, you'll help your neighbor stay in business and provide job security to the hard working people in town. As a resident of your county or community, you need to know you are a huge factor in the health of your local economy.

I understand your local store may not have exactly everything you need, but they have enough for you to cut your out-of-town shopping down by one-half. How much

money could you save if you cut your out-of-town trips to once per month? Don't forget to add in the money for gas, meals and impulse purchasing when you're doing your math in your head.

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Do you ever think about what town was like when you were child? Or if you're too young to have seen it first hand, what your parents and grandparents remember? Do you want to see it like that again?

Believe it or not, it is possible to pump life into downtown. It is difficult and requires determination, organization and money. Most of all, it takes most of the people getting on the same page about how to begin and what the vision is.

I think it would tickle 90 percent of us to death to see evidence of improvement. But in order to gain some consensus on how and where to begin such endeavors, as many people as possible need to be included in the process.

If you travel, you've seen towns of all sizes improve dramatically over a relatively short time period. If you think your town is too far gone to be relevant, then you need to get out of the way and stay out of the way. I have seen several towns under 1,000 in population receive millions with very little coming out of local pockets. How? Because they were organized to the point of having excellent grant writers. Plus, they knew who to ask for money to fund their projects.

You know, I got a bad rap when BMG began to purchase

community newspapers. In some towns, it was perceived that some large company was coming in to take away from and not add too. The fact is I care a great deal about the towns and counties we're involved in. I want to see them flourish. I want what most of you want and your newspaper needs to help lead such efforts. It needs to serve as the goodwill ambassador and conduit of information regarding such endeavors.

I encourage you to get with your friends and neighbors and brainstorm about what you want for your community. When you come up with some ideas, send us your input and we'll share it with your neighbors. Be sure and be constructive and not harsh in your comments. The object here is to build on what we have ... what the generations before us have built. Let's not tear each other apart. Experience tells us that does absolutely no good and we all fail as a result.

I promise the things which weave us together far outnumber those that tear us down. It's time to realize that in our towns, counties and even across the country. We have to open our hearts, minds and ears and tackle the difficult things together. And it can all start right here at home.

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### Other Opinions

## New to the Endangered Species list: Toucan Sam and Tony the Tiger

By REBECCA DIFEDE

Recently, First Lady Jill-of-all-trades Michelle Obama added another job to her ever-expanding repertoire: poacher. When speaking to reporters at an event at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on May 11th, she unveiled her "Let's Move" campaign to stop childhood obesity which included getting rid of popular cartoon characters in the marketing of unhealthy foods (such as sugary cereals) and using those characters to only promote healthy alternatives (perhaps a donkey who eats veggies?).

Madame Obama claims that this program is meant to lower rates of childhood obesity and diabetes by encouraging kids to eat healthy and watch their weight, however she is missing one key fact: the foods that children eat are the choice of the parent, not the child. If a parent wants to buy their children Fruit Loops, they will, regardless of advertising. And by the same token, if a parent only wants their child to eat granola, it doesn't matter how "Gr-r-reat" Frosted Flakes are, their child won't be eating them.

This war on the General Mills characters (and any other animations related to the sale of children's foods) is only a reprise of a previous war on Joe Camel, the popular cartoon camel who once adorned magazine pages and TV ads selling Camel cigarettes. This campaign was done to help prevent kids from smoking, however it goes without saying that juveniles are no less inclined to smoke cigarettes now that Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man have gone the way of the Dodo.

Michelle Obama's campaign is not only patently ridiculous, but also a gross waste of our country's time and energy. We need to be focusing on the economic crisis and the debt ceiling, not trying to stop kids from being "coo coo" for coco puffs.

In the weeks following this announcement, a campaign to combat this graphic slaughter was created, known as the Sensible Food Policy Coalition, which is ironically being headed by known Mao Ze Dong enthusiast and former Obama Administration communicator, Anita Dunn.

One main reason that changing the marketing strategy of so-called unhealthy products to children will fail in preventing them from becoming obese or contracting diabetes is because of the simple fact that kids do not like the taste of vegetables, preferring a sweeter snack. Not only that, but because of their parents insistence that they are "good for them", they become rebellious and refuse to eat them (as we all did as children), and that wouldn't change, even if Tony the Tiger suddenly became a fruit lover (eat gr-r-apes!) or the Lucky Charms Leprechaun sang "catch me lucky carrots, they're magically lowfat" (it's just not as catchy).

Just one bite into their first bowl of these

Captain Crunch Celery Berries, children would notice that despite their cartoon celebrity endorsement, they still tasted like vegetables. Count Cauliflower notwithstanding, if it doesn't taste great, it is likely to be less filling. (Okay, wrong subject.)

By enacting this program the government is, in effect, trying to dictate to parents what is acceptable for kids to eat, which is a violation of their parents rights to feed them as they wish.

Michelle Obama is actively hunting down the beloved children's icons and seeking to destroy them because she believes that if



Toucan Sam no longer sells Fruit Loops, that kids will no longer want to eat them. If they were eating the box, that might be true, and then at least they'd be getting their fiber. However, since the product itself is not being changed, only the ways in which it is promoted, kids that already like these products will still want and be able to buy them, regardless of a different or missing animal doodle adorning the box.

What is revealed in this campaign is the Obama Administration's obsession with style and marketing rather than focusing upon the details and substance.

Beyond this, the First Lady's plan not only hurts our society on an economic level (by

taking away advertising profits from all of these companies) but also from the perspective of big government coming into America's kitchen and organizing the pantry.

Ironically, the same Michelle Obama who is rallying to get kids healthy by publicly executing the Trix Rabbit, has been revealed to be somewhat hypocritical in the healthy eating, 'set a good example' arena (she must get it from her husband). According to an article in the Washington Post, Michelle 'Let's Move' Obama might not be able to move after her lunch on Monday, July 11th. Apparently she scuttled on down to her local Shake Shack where she consumed a meal containing 1,556 calories, nearly all of the recommended calories for an entire day. Good thing the Shake Shack doesn't have an adorable cartoon mascot, otherwise some enterprising trial lawyer might be suing them for inducing the First Lady to gorge herself. Of course, it could just mean the food isn't that bad, and should be enjoyed.

Michelle Obama's own actions show that a government campaign to vindictively hunt down and erase Lucky the Leprechaun has nothing to do with the eating choices that parents make for their children. Perhaps it is nothing more than some deep seated anti-toon attitude that drives her to push for the extinction of these characters.

Is her toon hatred treatable? That is something that only a government paid doctor under the new ObamaCare law can properly determine. However, as a parent who makes these choices for her own children, she should know better.

### Other Views

## The Euros Last Gasp

By BILL WILSON

While Obama sits here and plays rhetorical games with the \$14.294 trillion debt ceiling, attempting to sucker Republicans into increasing taxes, there are strong headwinds from across the Atlantic that threaten the U.S. economy.

Greece's default is inevitable. And the fate of the euro is in question.

The only real question currently facing policymakers in Brussels is whether banks foolish enough to lend money to a bankrupt socialist government will take losses, or if the European Central Bank (ECB) will simply print more money to bail out Greece's creditors.

That decision will have major ripple effects. If bondholders take losses on Greek debt, American financial institutions like Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, and AIG are said to be on the hook for honoring credit default swaps sold to insure against Greece's default on its €340 billion debt.

If, on the other hand, the banks are bailed out, and the ECB buys back the Greek bonds with printed money, then it is the central bank that is on the hook for any Greek default.

At that point, a Greek default would in principle lead to the ECB's insolvency. The European Central Bank (ECB) is already on the hook directly for over €120 billion in Greek debt, including tens of billions of Greek debt it accepted as collateral when making other loans.

So, whether the ECB further intervenes at this point or not, a Greek default would hurt the ECB — and the euro — most of all.

Even if U.S. financial institutions foolish enough to insure against Greek default were still to be the ones on the hook to honor the swaps, nobody expects the global banking ruling class to really take any real losses on sovereign debt, no matter how richly deserved. The assumption is that these institutions cannot afford to honor the credit default swaps. So, who would bail them out?

The Federal Reserve, as usual. As in 2008 and 2009, the Fed's emergency facilities would once again likely bail out financial institutions all over the world deemed too big to fail. Or, perhaps the newly minted, FDIC-operated, so-called "orderly liquidation fund" under Dodd-Frank — really, an unlimited bailout fund — would be invoked.

One way or another, institutions that purport to be private will be made whole by the public treasury, just as creditors of Greece, Portugal, and Ireland already have been. Soon too Italy's creditors will try to get a piece of the action. They won't lose a cent.

However, that does not make a Greek default any less damaging economically. Yields on Italian and Spanish debt are soaring, and Portugal, Ireland, and Greece are already dramatically high as the crisis continues. A default in Athens would force markets to price in potential defaults for the other

states, which means punitively high interest rates.

This will place even more pressure on the ECB to paper over the debts of the other European states. Meanwhile, the crisis will claim new victims that have, as a matter of political choice, spent far beyond their means.

The ultimate casualty may be the euro itself. If the monetary union breaks up — How does Greece default and remain in the eurozone anyway? How does the European Central Bank go bankrupt and the euro remain a viable currency? — gone will be a cushion the U.S. has relied on economically for the past two years.

As the financial crisis turned from bad to worse, there was a flight to safety in two havens: gold and U.S. treasuries. In 2010, the same flight occurred in the heels of the sovereign debt crisis in Europe. The euro plunged, and the dollar, treasuries, and gold went up.

Sadly, the exchange rate is only a matter of relative weakness. Both the euro and the dollar are racing to the bottom.

Without the euro, attention would be more centrally focused on the unsustainable U.S. Treasury bubble, where already the Fed is intervening to purchase trillions of U.S. debt with printed money. So heavy has the Fed's hand been in treasuries markets that creditors have not yet begun pricing in a U.S. default.

When they do, watch out for the falling dominoes, even if Uncle Sam hasn't.





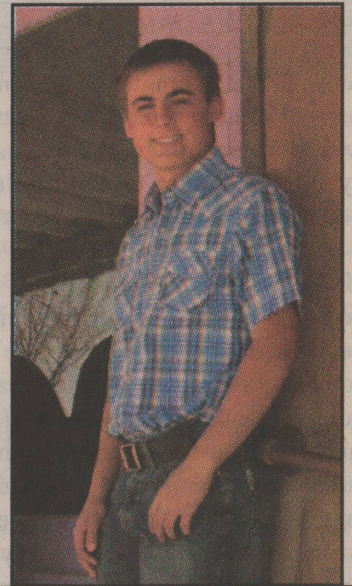
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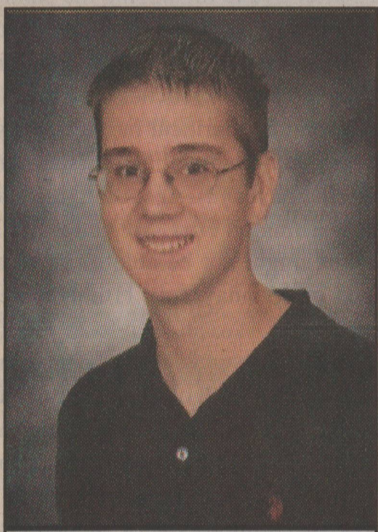
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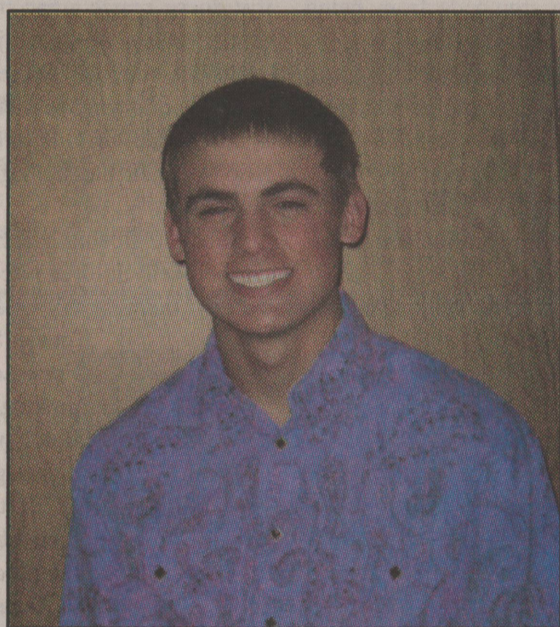
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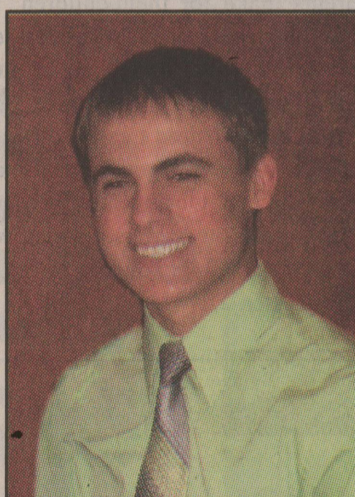
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# Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Invites Applications to Promote Regional Business Development and Job Creation Efforts

TEMPLE, July 7, 2011 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to support regional economic development strategies and promote job creation.

“The Obama Administration is working on a regional basis to build networks of strong, self-sustaining rural communities,” Vilsack said. “This program will help create jobs and assist in identifying and developing business opportunities in rural areas.”

Almost \$2.5 million is avail-

able through USDA Rural Development’s Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program. The program promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities and regions with exceptional needs. The RBOG program provides training and technical assistance grants for business development, entrepreneurs, and economic development officials and assists with economic development planning. Funding is available to rural public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Native

American tribes and cooperatives with primarily rural members that conduct activities for the mutual benefit of the membership.

Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants are due August 1, 2011. Application instructions may be obtained from the July 1, 2011 Federal Register, page 38604, www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-01/html/2011-16555.htm or by contacting your local USDA Rural Development office.

In June, President Obama

signed an Executive Order establishing the first White House Rural Council, chaired by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. The White House Rural Council will work through-out government to create policies to promote economic prosperity and a high quality of life in our rural communities.

Since taking office, President Obama’s Administration has taken significant steps to improve the lives of rural Americans and has provided broad support for rural

communities. The Obama Administration has set goals of modernizing infrastructure by providing broadband access to 10 million Americans, expanding educational opportunities for students in rural areas, and providing affordable health care. In the long term, these unparalleled rural investments will help ensure that America’s rural communities are repopulating, self-sustaining, and thriving economically.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission

area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$150 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

## A Small Lizard with a Big Impact

There is a quiet war being waged in Washington right now. While many are pre-occupied with budget fights and the next presidential election, the Administration is slowly brewing up a concoction that if implemented as planned, will give the federal government control of millions of acres of private property in this nation.

Members of TSCRA have long been concerned about the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and its plan to regulate everything on a rancher’s land from stock ponds and drainage ditches to the dust stirred up by our cattle. But now it seems that another federal agency is setting its target on the ranching community. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), an agency within the Department of Interior, has proposed to add the dunes sagebrush lizard to its list of endangered species included in the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The lizard lives in the western part of the United States including New Mexico and some parts of West Texas where ranching and oil production takes place.

This is a major issue for the Texas beef industry because if the lizard is listed, much of the ranching land within the habitat range could be off limits to cattle.

It seems like a simple issue-the lizard is endangered of becoming extinct so the government must do whatever it takes to stop that from happening. But that’s not really what is going on.

While the ESA may have had good intentions, it has simply become another ve-

hicle used by the federal government to control what you can and can’t do on your land. Less than 1 percent of the land in West Texas was surveyed to determine that the lizard is endangered, and what’s more, there is no sound evidence supporting the claim that the lizard population has decreased. The data provided is not strong enough to merit a listing. FWS will likely list the lizard anyways, even without sound scientific proof. Common sense would tell you that before the government implements new regulations that will cost huge losses in the ranching and energy industries, they should at least have strong proof that there is a problem.

It’s also important to note that the ESA allows just about anyone to petition for a species to be listed as endangered, and it allows the public to sue the agency if petitions are not responded to within a certain time frame. Today, the ESA protects more than 1,300 species in the U.S.; however, in the past few years the agency has been bombarded with petitions and lawsuits from environmental groups.

Over the past four years the agency has received more than 1,200 petitions. That’s almost as many species that have been listed since the law was created 38 years ago. Texas has 90 species that are currently listed and another 19 waiting to be on the list, including the lizard. The lizard was petitioned to be listed by the Center for Biological Diversity, who stated that they will refuse to let the dunes sagebrush lizard be another casualty of cattle grazing and the Bush

energy policies.

Ranchers aren’t opposed to helping endangered species, and, in fact, many ranchers have implemented pasture management and conservation programs to promote healthy habitats for wildlife and cattle. However, Americans need to ask themselves if moving forward with policies based on lax science is worth severely damaging an industry that provides them with food. This is the price that will be paid if environmental groups and the federal government move forward with their plans.

Ranchers work to protect the environment, but we can’t continue to do this if our land is controlled by someone else. And that seems to be the goal of the federal government. First our water, then our air, and now our land through unscientific and inconclusive regulatory decisions made by those who believe the federal government should have control over everything we own.

The lizard is just one example of many proposed endangered species throughout the state, most of which will have a negative effect on the cattle industry. TSCRA will continue to work against these and any other regulations that would stifle the cattle industry and ultimately endanger the vitality of our nation’s food supply. Joe Parker, Jr. is a third generation rancher from Clay County, Texas. He is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He is also chairman of the board and president of the First National Bank of Byers.

## Neugebauer statement on H.R. 2429, a bill to help the Agriculture Industry

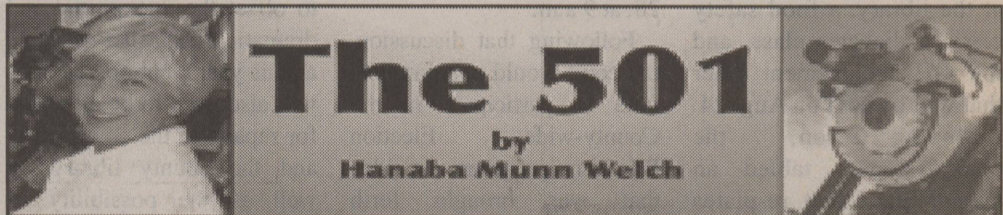
WASHINGTON, DC - Last night, Representative Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) introduced H.R. 2429, a bill that will ease restrictions on fuel transport for farmers and custom harvesters. Under current federal law, class A commercial drivers license (CDL) holders cannot transport more than 119 gallons of diesel fuel without a Hazardous Materials (HM) endorsement, which can be costly and time-consuming to obtain. This is called the “bulk packaging” definition of hazardous materials.

“The restriction of 119 gal-

lons of diesel fuel makes it very difficult for some farmers and custom harvesters to transport the amount of fuel necessary for a single day of field operation with today’s equipment. Some farm equipment, like large combines and cotton pickers, can have fuel tank capacities of 300 gallons or more. Current restrictions force agricultural employees to make multiple trips from the service fuel station to the equipment in the field, wasting valuable time and money during the busiest time of the year.

“My bill would allow custom harvesters, agricultural retailers, agricultural business employees, agricultural cooperative employees, and agricultural producers to haul up to 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel if the service vehicle is clearly marked with a placard reading ‘Diesel Fuel,’ without having to obtain a Hazardous Materials endorsement.

“H.R. 2429 would help the agriculture industry operate more efficiently – the bill is a common sense step that recognizes the needs of modern production agriculture.”



People who never lose anything just don’t know what they’re missing.

What they’re missing, of course, is the joy of finding what they’ve not lost.

Me, I’m a loser, and today has gone really well.

First I lost both my cell phones. Usually I lose just one and use the other one to ring it. The first time I tried that trick, I answered the missing phone the moment I got my hands on it. I couldn’t figure out who was calling. I finally figured it out.

Today, having lost both phones, I was stymied. But I thought I knew where I’d left them – side by side in the basket in front of the handle on the shopping cart I had shoved five minutes before into a cart collection chute on the Wal-Mart parking lot. Unfortunately, I was trapped in line at McDonald’s when I missed the phones and realized where they likely were. When you’re stuck in line at McDonald’s, you’re stuck in line at McDonald’s.

When I’d finally paid for my breakfast burrito, I departed McDonald’s posthaste to return to Wal-Mart.

Alas. No shopping cart.

Did I mention that my main phone case also held my credit cards and driver’s license? I do know how to lose things.

But the Wal-Mart cart-collector guy allayed my concerns. He said he’d just found my phones and turned them in. I love him.

That’s another thing people who never lose anything miss. They miss feeling great affection

for that perfect stranger who finds what’s lost and doesn’t keep it.

Incidentally, most finders are honest – at least from my experience. I’m long on experience.

Once I lost a whole batch of credit cards on a city bus in Washington, D.C., of all places. The finder mailed them back to me anonymously along with a Bible passage. Nice. I don’t remember now which passage it was – just that it wasn’t the parable of the lost coin or the lost sheep. Those are my favorites.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch at day’s end, my husband waited patiently for the cows to come home and noticed the red and white cow and her black and white calf were missing.

Off we went to look for them. They were in none of the right places. We theorized mother and calf might have gotten shut in the far pasture inadvertently during a recent roundup. When it comes to rounding up cows, inadvertent happens.

Soon I was following cow trails though our mesquite forest while my husband drove the fence line in his Ford V-8, yippee-i-o-ki-a, if you know the song. Except he drives a Chevrolet.

When I thought I saw a distant heat-shrunk carcass, my heart sank. It was a big piece of plastic.

When the cow-calf pair ultimately came into glorious view, calmly standing in long shadows under hackberries and black locust trees by the old earthen tank, well .... What can I say? Whether you’ve ever lost a cow, share my joy. My cup runneth over.

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pumps. However irrigated crops are not a guarantee, as scorching heat and blowing winds continue to evaporate a sizable amount of water before it's even absorbed by the cotton plant, leaving some field with dead spots. Nevertheless, farmers will continue pray for substantial rain as they pour most of their resources into keeping what they can alive. If lucky, many farmers will look to break even when harvest comes; but by then, the second wave of the ripple effect will hit home as a short harvest will definitely send a big blow to gins, trucking companies and ultimately the local economy.

Finishing up their report, Melissa Long talked about 4-H and other events put on by the agency. Mrs. Long explained that 4-H students had just returned from the 4-H Round Up in College Station, where participants competed in a number of events including livestock judging, photography and rifles. Next year the 4-H Round Up will be held a little closer to home as the state will travel to Lubbock for competitions. Mrs. Long also reported that four students had participated in the Leadership Camp that was held in Levelland. Events on deck for the extension agency include a summer reading program at the library, a food safety class, a diabetes class, and the 4-H achievement diner that will be held on Aug. 24.

Moving on, the commissioners tabled an agenda item that re-plates Block 30 at Dougherty for a dedication deed because Randy Pernell needed to gather more information.

**Emergency** Communications of 911 representative, Jeanette Brosch, also addressed the agenda item that requested that County Road number 322 be changed to 312. The request was made to

Commissioner Amado Morales, by a resident who lived on the road. Mrs. Brosch explained to the court that request could not be granted because it would throw off the logistics and systems put in place by emergency personal. Mrs. Brosch also added that she would be happy to personally explain to the resident the reasoning behind her decision.

Next on the agenda, Commissioner Morris requested that the court address the threatened lawsuit that Commissioner Morales may bring on the county. Commissioner Morris asked Commissioner Morales for an update on current status of the possible lawsuit Morales has on the county concerning the 2006 election. Morris mentioned that 30 days had already passed since the initial letter that threatened a lawsuit had been delivered to Floyd County officials from Morales' lawyer. Commissioner Morales stated that he could not answer that question at that time because he needed to talk to his lawyer; Morales added that he had already been scheduled to meet with his lawyer later on that day. However, Morales did mention to Morris and to the court that currently nothing had changed. Commissioner Morris suggested that the court revisit the issue during their scheduled special session that will be held on the July 28, at 9 a.m.

Following that discussion, the court would unanimously vote to participate in the County-wide Election Precincts program, an idea that was brought forth by County Clerk, Ginger Morgan. The County-wide Election Precincts program is a pilot program in Texas that allows voters to conveniently vote at any available polling place despite the precinct that they live in. A Texas House bill passed in 2006, allowed the Secretary of State to select up to three counties with a population above 100,000 and

two counties with a population below 10,000 to participate in the program. The first counties to be selected for the elections that were held in 2010 were Collin, Earth, Lubbock, and Madison counties. This year, the state will pick four more counties to participate. The unanimous vote by the commissioners on Monday will put the Floyd County in the running to be selected as one of the Countywide Election Precincts.

Also passed unanimously by the court on Monday would be the appointment of Judge Penny Golightly to the board of the Central Plains Center, the approval of a lease agreement to Trans World Network Corp. for use of the Sheriff's radio tower, the approval of the sale of Lot 2, Block 129, to Aaron Rendon for \$300, and another 90 day extension of the burn ban.

Closing out the meeting, the court officials entered a work shop to go over next year's budget. The court's workshop was the first of several to come as officials work to create an efficient budget despite a lower flow of revenue due state cuts and a population decrease. Over the next few meetings, the county will try to strategically place funds so that the basic needs of the county are met.

The Juvenile Detention and Fire Departments will look at the possibility of seeing a slight increase in their budget to offset the unexpected and dramatic deficit that occurred as this year went on. Monies will also need to be allocated for repairs to the court house and the county library, as well as the possibility of salary raises. Individual Commissioner Precincts will be dipping into reserve funds as a way to cover a deficit that is being created by rising gas prices.

With finances being extremely tight this year, the court discussed some possibilities that could help reduce some of the pressure in next year's budget.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Continuing their efforts in ensuring that every patient has a comfortable experience during their stay, WJ Mangold Hospital in Lockney has recently announced the purchase of a new and state of the art C.T. Scanner. The acquisition of the scanner now moves the small town hospital one step closer to the forefront of technological innovative hospitals in the area. Using the latest technology, the new G.E. Scanner now gives patients a more convenient experience as the doctors use over 30 digital slices per second to get a better look at the brain, neck, chest, abdomen, pelvis, extremities and iliofemoral arteries. Pictured above standing next to the new scanner are; radiological specialist, Jerry Klein, Diane Klein and Suzy Meyer.

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third school and eliminating the administrator position of the Junior High. Also by not replacing the positions left by three retiring teachers, eliminating a nurse's position and a secretary position, as well as recently adopting a tax rate of \$1.17, Floydada should be on its way to balancing their budget.

By implicating these measures last year, Lockney was able to cut \$240,000 from their budget expenses. Add that number with the \$116, 101 that the school will receive from a federal program called Education Jobs Funds which was designed to help keep schools from laying off teaching jobs across the country, and the district is very confident that they will be able to reach a balanced budget. In Floydada, their efforts to save money combined with the \$190,714 from Education Jobs Funds, has left the ISD confident enough to balance their budget. "It's been a

challenging summer because of the legislature's delay in coming up with a suitable funding plan for public education in the state," commented Superintendent Trevino, "Now that they have decided on a finance bill, we will have to wait until TEA releases the funding template to know for certain what the impact will be. However, I think the numbers I gave will be pretty close to what the actual cuts will be."

Nevertheless, despite the impressive financial maneuvers that each school district used to save jobs and their budget the true effect of the state's massive educational cuts will still be felt in the classroom, "The sad part of all of this is our ability to remediate students who struggle has been diminished," commented Superintendent Cotham, "Our school has never overspent or lived above its means. However, now we have been forced to compromise

basic programs for our students. The state has cut an unprecedented \$4 billion dollars from education. Effective public schools are our best opportunity to place well educated young people into the workforce, keeping our economy strong. Good education is also effective in keeping people out of our prison system and off public assistance. We will rise to the occasion and do a great job; however, Texas is dangerously close to becoming known as a state that places emphasis on high performances while disregarding the ones who make it possible...teachers. I'm not sure the legislature fully recognizes the amount of work teachers put into their jobs. Many nights, weekends, and summers are spent preparing for students. Senate Bill 8 allows schools to lower teacher pay or give unpaid furlough days to staff, but it also reflects our loss of respect for the profession."

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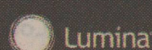
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