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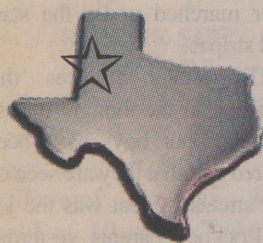
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A tease of rain

By Homer Marquez

Showers and thunderstorms teased the South Plains early last week with a welcomed night of heavy rain and slight flooding. On Monday, July 11, late evening storms across the northeastern South Plains produced much needed rainfalls and several spots of isolated flooding.

According to the National Weather Service, the heaviest rainfall occurred eight miles south of Silverton during the hours of 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. The Weather Service estimated that approximately 6 to 8 inches of rain had fallen around the area. A farmer, who lives 8 miles south of Silverton, reported to the NWS that he had measured around 4.8 inches of rain at his farm. On Highway 207, just north of the Floyd-Briscoe

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Courtesy Photo

Much needed showers blanketed northeastern parts of the South Plains on Monday, July 11; above, hours of heavy late night rainfall caused isolated flooding near the border of the Floyd-Briscoe County line.

Lockney City Council approves Mackenzie budget, LEDC makes plans for farmer's market

By Homer Marquez

During their monthly meeting, on Thursday, July 14, Lockney city leaders unanimously approved the 2011-2012 budget proposal for the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority board.

Presented by water authority board member, Van Breedlove, the proposed budget illustrated a slight decrease in expenses despite a small increase in the contract fees of the participating municipalities. MMWA, which is the Mackenzie water authority for Floydada, Lockney, Silverton, and Tulia, was able to offset contract rises with a decrease in payroll.

The City of Floydada would see a slight increase in their contract which was raised \$1,157 for a total of \$66,372. The City of Lockney, will be expecting a contract raise of \$633, to make their annual contract

\$36,313. Fortunately, with the retirement of a longtime water authority employee and the acquisition of a new employee, the water authority board is expecting to lower this year's budget by \$300, from last year's \$242,425 to \$242,125.

After the MMWA budget for 2012 was passed, Mr. Breedlove would remain on the floor to give a status report on the current conditions of Lake Mackenzie as well as a report on the bidding process that will repair all the water storage tanks used by the four municipalities.

Early this year, the four municipalities that draw water out of Lake Mackenzie agreed to cover the cost of repairs to the four water storage tanks that pump water to Floydada, Lockney, Silverton, and Tulia. The total cost for repairs was budgeted to be

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Junior High portables arrive

By Homer Marquez

Recently purchased portable buildings, which will be used as the new junior high facilities at Floydada ISD, are finally here. Located on the west side of the high school building, these new portable buildings will be the temporary home for junior high students after the district decided to consolidate and close the junior high school's building last spring as a way to save money during state budget cuts.

The main building, a 7,872 square foot, 124 feet x 64 feet portable, will hold eight classrooms, boys and girls restrooms, a faculty restroom,

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Photo by Homer Marquez

Two new portable buildings that will serve as a temporary home for Floydada Junior High students have arrived at the high school.

Floydada ISD Progresses in the Redistricting Process

Floydada ISD's Board of Trustees met with its legal counsel to review options for redistricting its five single-member trustee voting districts at its June 13, 2011 Board meeting.

A Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) met on June 22, 2011 and considered changes in the

District's population from the 2000 Census to the 2010 Census, the impact of those changes on Floydada ISD's five single-member trustee voting districts, and reviewed options for re-drawing certain trustee voting district boundaries.

The RAC unanimously voted to recommend Plan

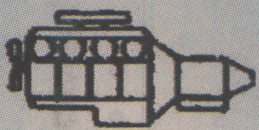
Option A to Floydada ISD's Board of Trustees, which it did at a Special Board's meeting on July 7, 2011. A copy of the Floydada ISD Redistricting Plan, which includes census statistics and voting district maps for 2000, 2010 and Plan Options A, B and C, is available on the District's website and in

the Superintendent's office for review.

Members of the community are encouraged to review this document and to attend a Redistricting Public Hearing on July 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Floydada ISD Board Room located at 226 W. California, Floydada, Texas.

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Channel 11 Community Coverage Tour Coming to Lockney

Newschannel 11 will be bringing its annual Community Coverage Tour to Lockney on Monday, July 25th. The 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news will be broadcast live at the Lockney Elementary School.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served by Atmos Energy. Drinks, chips and

ice cream will also be provided. Lockney Athletic Boosters will be selling shirts prior to the event so those who attend the event can wear matching Longhorn t-shirts. These shirts can be purchased at Kaleidoscope.

The event will also include booths sponsored

by WJ Mangold Memorial Hospital, entertainment by Lucy Dean Record and Run Home Jack, and lots of other fun activities. These festivities will occur in the timeframe between the two news broadcasts. Everyone is invited to attend.

Other sponsors for event include Lockney Chamber

of Commerce, the Lockney Economic Development Corporation, Lockney ISD, Schwan's Foods, Happy State Bank, Pepsi, United Supermarkets, and Lockney Cooperative.

Students from Lockney High School will stand in the backdrop of the broadcast set.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Our address is 301 E. Georgia. Our mailing address is P.O.Box 573, Floydada Texas 79235.

Tuesday, July 12th our visitors were Emagene Stansell, LuAnn Collins, Sam Spence and Jean Anderson. They are all from Lubbock.

Bingo was played at the Center Wednesday, July 13th. There were 17 in attendance. I think we all had a very good

time. They will come back August 25 to play Bingo, so mark your calendars. It will start at 2:30 p.m.

I got a note from Bill and Norma Feuerbacher and he wanted me to put their address in my article. They would love to have you write to them. They miss Floydada. Their address is:

BillandNormaFeuerbacher, 401 Rio Concho #814, San Angelo, TX. 76903.

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

In memory of Louis Lloyd

– John and Judy Dunlap

In memory of LeAnn Bishop

– John and Judy Dunlap

In memory of Leroy Burns

– Gene and Nancy Lawson, Bill and Norma Feuerbacher, William and Faye Bertrand

In memory of Kenneth Bain

– Gene and Nancy Lawson, Bill and Norma Feuerbacher

Thought for the Week

– Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of what you already have.

Menu

July 25 – July 29

Monday – Baked pork chops, mixed vegetables, scalloped potatoes, roll, peas /cottage cheese

Tuesday – Beef stroganoff, broccoli, corn, roll, cake

Wednesday – Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, roll, cobbler

Thursday – Chicken spaghetti, Oriental blend, salad, roll, fruit

Friday – Meatloaf, spinach, au gratin potatoes, roll, cookies

From The Archives

LOCKNEY SOLDIER BOYS RETURN HOME

Tuesday was a home-coming for a number of Lockney boys who sailed away nearly two years ago for far away France to fight for democracy and home. The train brought the largest bunch of boys that have returned at any one time since the homecoming started several months ago. Some fifteen of the boys from Lockney and the north half of Floyd county came in on this occasion, besides a goodly number that went to Floydada. It is said that twenty three in all belonging to Floyd county came in Tuesday. Those getting off at Lockney were: Jake Griffith, Jim

Sparks, Roscoe Moreland, Truman Meyers, Henry Ratjen, Henry and Orville Thompson, Harve Pace, Jim Herman Schacht, Ray Lee, Sidney Boswell Stanton Sims and Ivan Hess.

Well we remember the morning we all went to the train, this coming September will be two years, to bid these brave boys good by. There was not a dry eye in that vast crowd that morning. The boys went away cheerfully waving us a good bye. We were sending them to far away France amid danger on land and sea. We were sad that morning, for we did not know that we would ever see them again, but they were spared to return to us, whole in limb and sound in mind, and we believe they are strong in their faith of the goodness of a kind providence that guided them hence and enabled them to return to their friends and loved ones. Those boys saw active service and many of them have interesting things to tell of their varied experiences while away. They met the Hun on the field of honor and aided materially in bringing victory to the allied armies. Of all the boys sent from this community only one so far failed to return. We speak of William Landrum

who sleeps in the flowered covered valleys of France. He made the supreme sacrifice, gave all that you and I might forever live in peace and enjoy liberties of a free people. Some day his body will be returned to Lockney and entered among our own dead, and then Lockney and Floyd county will have an opportunity to pay their tribute to one as brave sons as ever marched under the stars and stripes.

The writer rejoices this morning in the thought that so many of our boys have been spared and that they are seen on our streets. Great was the joy of Lockney parents yesterday when their soldier boys came marching home straight as an arrow, happy and as manly set of boys as we have ever seen any where. We are proud of you Lockney-Floyd county boys. You have made a name for yourselves and your heirs forever.

Let us rejoice and give praise to Him who guides the destinies of us all. While not all of our boys are home yet, but such a great number of them have returned that it seems like the old happy days before the war to see them again on our streets. There are left yet in France several of Lockney's favorite sons. We refer to Raborne Thompson, Cleve McGehee, Goldie Burns, Will Ratjen, Canfill Collier, Glen Hamilton, Earn Byars, and others whose names we can not recall to memory. They will doubtless be home within a few months, and then we will have occasion for other rejoicings. Watt Griffith, Earl Cheshier and others have landed and are still in American camps. They are expected home most any day.

Since writing the above we have learned that another Lockney boy died in France, Huber Sparks, cousin of Walter Sparks of the Irick community.

Business of the Month



The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has announced that Cathy's Floral is July Business of the Month. Cathy's Floral is owned by Cathy Ferguson. The store has been in

business for 9 years. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Bobby Gilliland, Paulette Robison, Barbara Gilliland, all Chamber Directors, Gina Adams, Chamber Treasurer,

Kay Wilson, Chamber Director, Cathy Ferguson, owner, Keegan Barnett, 11 years old - grandson of Cathy Ferguson, Cal Rodgers, employee of Cathy's Floral, Laura Men-

dez, and Andy Carthel, both Chamber Directors; (front row, l-r) Caysen Barnett, 4 years old and Ryan Barnett, 8 years old, both grandsons of Cathy Ferguson.

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Lockney Senior Citizens Center Menu

July 25-29
Monday-Pot Roast
Tuesday-Tacos

Wednesday-Fried Chicken
Thursday-Spaghetti
Friday-Brisket

Kinast and Reddy to marry



Stacey Erin Kinast and Jon Jacob Reddy

Bruce and Brenda Kinast of Abernathy and Rick and Kelli Reddy of Floydada are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Stacey Erin Kinast to Jon Jacob Reddy.

The bride-elect graduated from Texas Tech School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is currently employed at Covenant Children's Emergency Room in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Texas Tech University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Applied Economics. He is currently engaged in farming in Floydada.

The couple will be married September 10, 2011 at Hillcrest Country Club in Lubbock.

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Sharon Hunt was recently presented the gavel as President of the Lockney Rotary Club. Other officers installed were Jim Martin – Vice-President, Jerry Cooper-Secretary/Treasurer, and Phil Cotham – Past President. Presenting the gavel to Hunt is Rotary District 5730 Assistant Governor Steve Long of Plainview.

Congratulations to
Gianna Davenport for participating at
State 4-H Roundup



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OBITUARIES

JERRY LYNN CARDINAL (1939-2011)

Jerry Lynn Cardinal, 71, of Houston, Texas (formerly of Floydada, TX) passed away on July 13, 2011 in Houston, TX after a lengthy illness.

A private graveside will be held.

BONNIE SUE EDWARDS

Bonnie Sue Edwards, age 76, of Lockney, passed away July 16, 2011.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church Lockney with Pastor Ricky Carstensen officiating.

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

Bonnie was born on October 9, 1934 to Charlie Jackson and Idalee (Singletary) Townsend in Bangs, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Edwards of Lockney; her sons, Darell and wife, Sheryl of Lockney, Rodney and wife, Lisa of Lockney, daughter, Kristi Isom and husband, Jeff of Abernathy; eight grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; one brother, Tommy Townsend and one sister, Ruby Collier.

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

MARY RUTH REWELL
Mary Ruth Fewell, age 90, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2011. Services were held on Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney.

Mary Ruth Fewell was born July 21, 1920 in Summerfield, Texas to Ex-Emander and Bertha Thornton. She was fifth of eight children. She was a graduate of Crosbyton High School in 1938.

She married William Harold (Bill) Fewell in 1940 in Crosbyton. Three daughters, Mrs. Harold (Vivian) Snell, of Floydada, Mrs. Dan (Sandy) Smith, of Denton, Texas, Mrs. Clarence (Katy) Ansley, of Justin, Texas and one son, William Harold Jr. (Billy) Fewell were born of this marriage.

Mary Ruth and Bill moved from Crosby County to Lockney in 1960, where they owned and operated High Plains Gin until 1983. They were members of the First United Methodist Church and the Texas Cotton Ginners Association. Mary Ruth worked along side Bill in the gin office and selling cotton seed.

She was a member of the UMW, and of the "DQ Coffee Girls" that became the "Senior Citizens Coffee Girls." She volunteered for Hospice and her church; where she was always helping with youth activities or baking pies for meals and working in the kitchen. She

delighted in visiting and tending to friends and her family. She was a friend to everyone she met and Granny to all the kids who loved her.

Mary Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, son, Billy, six of her brothers and her sister, June McDonald.

She is survived by one brother, Charles Thornton of California, three daughters and their husbands, seven grandchildren, 13 great grand children, and 2 great-great grandsons.

Bonnie (Gish) Palacios

Bonnie (Gish) Palacios, age 68, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2011 in Plainview. Services were held at the Floydada Cemetery at 11 a.m., Sunday, July 17, 2011 with Rabbi Johnny Escalante officiating. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Bonnie Lee Gish was born October 13, 1942 to Rex Allen and Maurine Virginia (Carpenter) Gish in Portland, Oregon.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Valerie Scott; her sons, Michael Max Palacios and Hector Jesus Palacios; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-gandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in Bonnie Palacios' name to Interim Hospice, 2606 Yonkers, Plainview, Texas 79072.

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

THIS WEEK'S

LOCKNEY CHAMBER HOSTING KCBD AND CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be helping host KCBD news cast on July 25th 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 6th.

Cost is \$10 to get your name on the map. Deadline for this is August 1st. 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.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers will meet Thursday at 5 p.m. at W. J. Mangold Physical Therapy building. Everyone welcome.

Floyd County Church Directory

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister

Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada

Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music

Josh Burgett -Minister of Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
John Franklin, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor

Early Worship8:30 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister

Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
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Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez

Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

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

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston, Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor

Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548

Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

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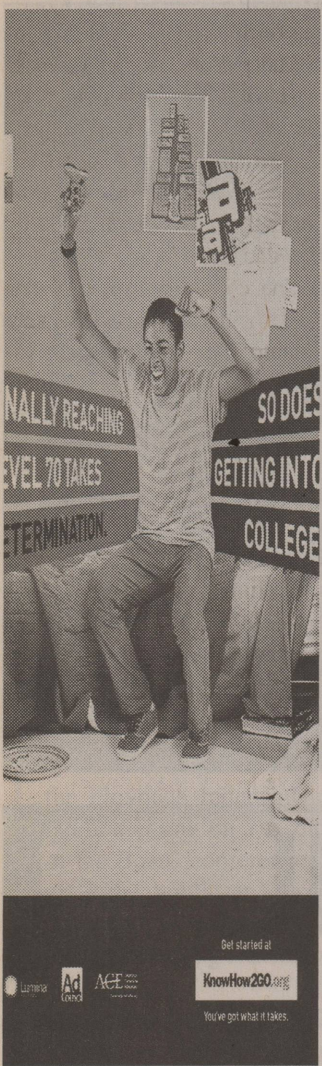
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292-4729

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652-2385

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To All our friends in Lockney and Floydada,
Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, flowers, visits, gifts, and especially the prayers while I was in the hospital. Everyone has been wonderful. We serve an awesome God and we know He will see us through the days ahead.
Thanks again,
Kay and Jim Martin

The family of LeRoy Burns would like to express their sincere appreciation for all the cards, calls, food, prayers, visits, and hugs extended to our family during our loss of LeRoy. The Area Community Hospice of Plainview were wonderful caregivers for LeRoy. Each one of them were so compassionate, gentle, and caring. The prayers and support of friends, family, and extended family lifted our spirits and helped us so much during the difficult days over the past few months.

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Sherry and Clifford Hacker, Sr.
Ricky and Rebecca Burns
Rhonda and Larry Guthrie
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Lockney school board prepares for new school year

By Homer Marquez

On Thursday, July 14, members of the board for Lockney ISD reconvened to discuss a handful of items in their last summer session of the year.

Opening up July's meeting, board members unanimously approved the payment of this month's bills. With the beginning of a new year just around the corner, and with construction to the new high school wrapping up this month, some of the biggest bills paid by the board in July included the cost of supplies and necessities. The bill for several new computers clocked in at a little under \$30,000, while new computer desks came in at around \$5,300. Bills totals for the district in the month of July added up to \$140,298.

In the July financial report, the district reported that they had collected 105 percent of their taxes for the month of June, totaling \$7,721. The school's bank balance as of July 15, excluding monies acquired from fire insurance but including investments, came in at

\$3,347,405. LHS fire insurance money would add another \$595,249 to that total.

As the district continues to get the schools ready for the first day of classes on Aug. 22, board members unanimously proposed to keep the 2011-2012 tax rate for Lockney ISD the same at \$1.14. The board will vote the tax rate effective during next month's meeting.

Next on the agenda, the board opened up fuel bids for the 2011-2012 school year; the board decided to only let local gasoline and diesel distributors bid for the contracts.

After approving campus safety inspections reports, the board adopted an amendment to accept the federal grant, Education Jobs Fund. The \$116,101 grant was designed to be given to school districts across the county, so schools could avoid making dramatic teacher cuts.

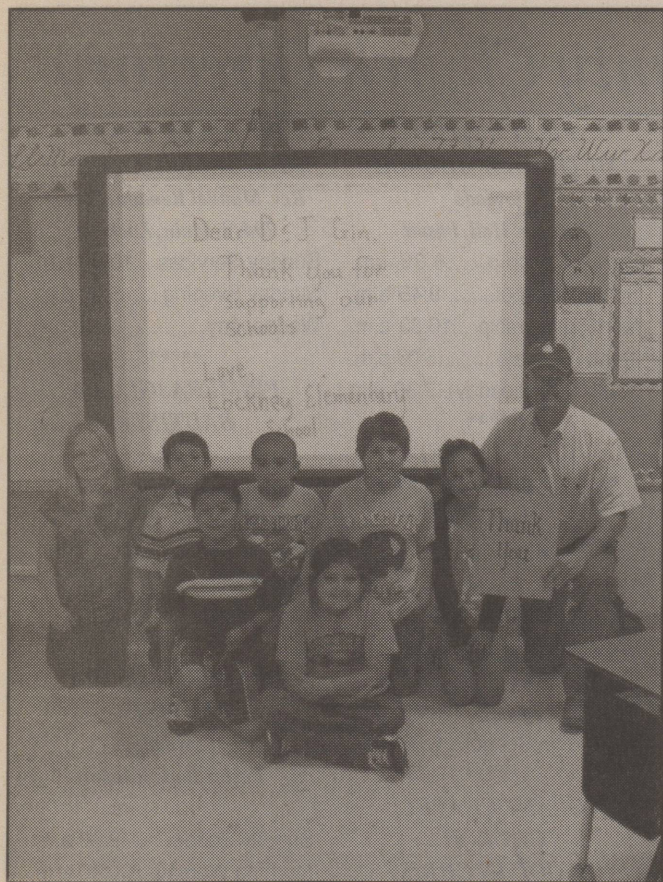
Following that motion, board members reviewed the final punch list for MPE systems in the new high school.

Earlier this month, high school teachers began to move in their stuff into their new classrooms at the high school. With all major construction complete at the high school, the final punch list illustrated the to-do list still left to do inside the school. The to-do list included working out a few minor details in some electrical systems and a final clean up.

In the Superintendent report, Mr. Cotham, presented the board with final numbers to the state budget cuts. Senate Bill 1, which was passed in June, will cut \$251,603 from Lockney ISD. The district will also be cut a \$42,000 Pre-K Grant this year.

With the one year only, Education Jobs Fund of \$116, 101, the net loss this year for the district will come out to \$177,502.

As way to offset the effects of the state cuts, major cuts to the 2011-2012 budget included; cuts in salaries which totaled \$230,000. The completion of the softball field last year will also deducted \$40,000 from the budget.



Courtesy Photo

Local individuals and business owners have come together in the efforts of giving Lockney Elementary a technological upgrade. Generous donations from the community have gone to fund additional Promethean Interactive Whiteboards for elementary classrooms. Recently, Eddie and Ann Foster, David and DarLee Foster, Jody and Shawnda Foster, and Lesca Durham of D & J Gin helped support the cause with a donation. Pictured above are Haley Widener, Josaih Hernandez, Jayden Sustaita, Nehemiah Montoya, Tabetha Hernandez, David Foster, Keanu Villereal, Elida Mendez.

Band uniform donations deadline extended

The Lockney High School Band Uniform Committee has extended the deadline for donations. A total of \$8,770 has been already collected so far; and the goal is \$20,000.

The uniforms need to be ordered, so if anyone is planning on making a donation, please do so as soon as possible. Individuals are also encouraged to donate. The total cost of one uniform is \$350.

Deposits can be made at Happy State Bank Lockney or given to Victory Stewart, Kay Martin, or Ginger Mathis.

Lockney Band members would like to thank the following persons who have donated to the LHS Uniform Fund; Jim and Denise Doucette, Jim and Kay Martin, Mike and Ginger Mathis, Berry Epps, Dr. Gary and Brenda Mangold, Floyd County Hesperian Beacon, Nell Schur, Warren and Barbara Mathis, Gayle Schacht, Lenny and Kelly Prayor, Lockney Rotary Club, Lockney Lions Club, D and J Gin, Lockney Chamber of Commerce, Bill and Kathy Hunter, and Joy Fulton.



Photo submitted by Linda Garcia
Cooling off and having fun! Adrian and Lily Anna Jimenez take advantage of the cities water, during a water main break on June 27. Parents are Marty and Lisa Jimenez of Lockney.

WTAMU Awards Diplomas at 2011 Spring Commencement

CANYON, Texas—Degrees were officially conferred on 773 West Texas A&M University students during its spring commencement exercises May 14 at the First United Bank Center.

The University awarded 630 baccalaureate degrees, 142 master's degrees and one Ph.D.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor

recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74).

The graduating class of 2011 included 39 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 55 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 93 with Cum Laude honors.

Six students also were recognized as Attebury Honors Scholars.

Graduates from Lockney included Tyler Kidd, Jeremy Pyle and Tori Terrell.

Graves film finalist in Texas Monthly contest

By RYAN MILLS

In Texas, cities and towns are more than just places on a map. They are part of who we are and how we define ourselves. Austin Film Festival & Texas Monthly challenged filmmakers to tell us about where they are from through film in 10 minutes or less.

Local photographer and filmmaker Russell Graves took notice and entered. His film is now among the finalists.

Graves' film "Where I'm From" is a 10-minute short about growing up in the country in Fannin County in northeast Texas.

Graves said last year's Texas Monthly contest gave him the idea.

"Last year I noticed all the entries were all about towns, mostly big places, but most were just towns and cities

across the state," Graves said. "I didn't grow up in a town, I grew up in the country. So this film is about all those people who didn't grow up with a city limits address."

Graves home address growing up was Route 1, Box 83B.

"That tells you nothing," Graves laughed. "In other words, no one would ever find it if you told them your address. All that said was I didn't live in a town."

The winners in the contest are chosen in two ways - one is by popular vote by readers voting online and the other is by critics choice. There will be two winners from each method of voting.

Graves' film was shot over two days in mid-May and he said his attempt was difficult with a 10-minute time limit.

"What I really tried to do was put in context what it was like being raised the way I was raised," Graves said. "It was a simple lifestyle. I was 23 years old in Childress before I had more than three channels. We couldn't get anything but an antenna at home. That was before satellite TV and cable wasn't available to us. So I spent a lot of time outdoors. So that's what I really tried to impart in the film."

Graves did not use a traditional video camera to shoot his film. Instead he used a Canon Digital SLR camera which is a still shot camera which has the capability to shoot video. All the editing was done by Graves in his home.

Visit www.texasmonthly.com/multi-media/filmcontest/2011 where you can vote as well as view his film.

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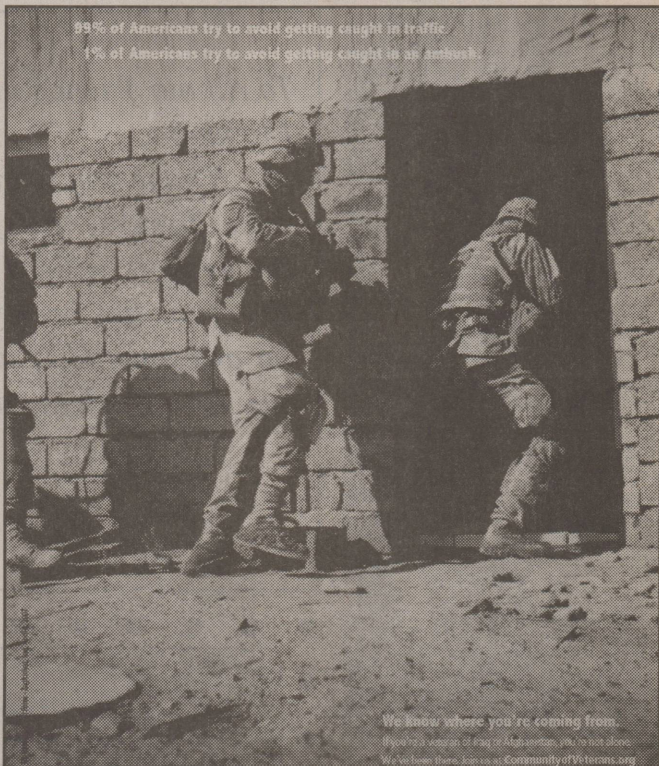
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SPC Crosbyton Center to offer digital photography class on Aug. 6

South Plains College will offer a digital photography class for photo enthusiasts – Digital Photography Jump Start, a one-day seminar set for Aug. 6. The class will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SPC Crosbyton Center, 206 Aspen St.

The cost is \$40. Payment is required with registration.

The courses will focus on basic shooting styles and lighting styles, information on downloading from the camera, preparing photos for print, Internet uploading, lighting and shooting styles, stop motion and adding motion to enhance photo quality. Participants will learn to shoot in manual mode to give the shooter more freedom to override program modes and push the envelope in photography

styles. Cameras should be digital SLR as well as point-and-shoots.

The Digital Photography Jump Start class will include an afternoon of outdoor photography. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and advised not to wear open-toe shoes. Participants must have their own cameras for the class.

The class will be taught by Wes Underwood, photographer/communications specialist at SPC.

To register, contact Kasey Reyes, secretary for the Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

For more information, contact Underwood at (806) 716-2215.

Angelo State Dean's List Announced For 2011 Spring Semester

The Dean's List for the 2011 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled and maintain a 3.25 grade

point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees from Floydada and Lockney include: Dillon D. Chesshir, Dusty J. Hicks, Lezlie K. Jackson and Jennifer L. Leatherman.



Don't tread on me.

The slogan most often accompanies the image of a patriotic rattlesnake. Text and serpent sum up our national sentiment when somebody makes us mad.

Tangle with a red ant, and the same slogan comes to mind – at least to my mind. It came to my mind last week.

I didn't tread on the ant. Perhaps I should have, but I respect red ants, even if they are arch socialists. They keep fire ants at bay, I loathe fire ants. It's the same sort of affection I feel for all bugs that are not roaches.

The ant was in a field-turned-pasture. I myself was armed with herbicide – not pesticide. Wrong weapon.

I really didn't know I was standing in a red ant path. A mesquite tree had my attention. Red ant paths are as distinctive as cow trails in their own way – just less noticeable. You're not likely to see one until it's too late. Sharp pain.

If you're gonna be anywhere near red ants, don't wear Crocs.

Crocs, in case you're not up to snuff on leisure shoes, were originally designed as spongy spa shoes. When the Croc people bought out the original producers of the foam footwear, they named the first style "Beach."

Crocs will probably never name a style "Pasture." Nor should they. Nevertheless some of us Croc-wearers will wear Crocs virtually anywhere but to funerals and weddings.

Classic Crocs have more holes than Swiss cheese. Red ants view all Croc holes as entry points. If you're hand-spraying mesquite trees where the red ants roam, it's risky to be afoot in Crocs.

The poor ant that bit me on the ring toe of my left foot must have gotten into a tight Croc spot from which he couldn't extricate himself. He looked the worse for wear when I removed him from my toe. More flattened than bulbous, I'd say.

Anyway, after that minor disaster I decided to go to Wednesday night church where there are no red ants,

although I do remember once when a spotted salamander walked in the back door. It's a country church.

Unless you're going to a healing service, church isn't such a good place to be if you're suffering from an ant bite. There I sat, listening to verses about Jesus healing the sick. The longer I sat, the more the pain spread up my foot from my stricken toe.

Finally I took a leave of absence to get ice from my car.

The ice helped. As the pieces melted one by one, my shoe began to fill with water. Crocs don't hold much water because of all those holes. Some ran out on the carpet.

But I drew less attention than the Sunday morning when I swatted the wasp on my pew mate's head with her Sunday School teacher's manual. Got him.

Wouldn't this be a good story if a deadly little rattlesnake had crawled in my Croc just in time for mid-week snake handling?

Another time. Another church.

Enter the No Ordinary Burger Contest

(Family Features)

Are your burgers the stuff of neighborhood legend? Do you love dreaming up inventive new recipes? Whether your signature creation is inspired by your favorite pizza flavors or by upscale bistro fare, we want to hear about it. Thanks to pork's versatility, even the most unconventional toppings make top-notch burgers. Whatever inspires you, you can't go wrong with pork on the grill – and your inspiration could win you free groceries for a year!

Thanks to the first-ever "No Ordinary Burger Recipe Contest," sponsored by the National Pork Board and Johnsonville Sausage, backyard chefs can share their spin on the traditional burger using new Johnsonville Brat and Italian Sausage Patties – for a chance to win big!

From now, through September 6, 2011, log on to www.johnsonville.com/burgercontest to submit your recipe and vote for your favorite pork burger. Six finalists—one selected by online votes and five selected by the Johnsonville culinary team—will be invited to compete in the "No Ordinary Burger" grill-off in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Two grand prize winners will be awarded a year's worth of groceries from Walmart and have their recipes featured on Johnsonville Brat and Italian Sausage Patty boxes. That should fire up your creativity!



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- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

Grill patties according to package directions. Top with provolone cheese; grill 1-2 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Brush rolls with oil; grill until lightly browned. Serve burgers on rolls with pizza sauce and basil.

Here are three ideas to get the juices flowing:

- Play up your family's favorite flavors: Love the spicy kick of jalapenos or the smoothness of good old fashion yellow mustard? Let your favorite toppings do the talking.
- Elevate your sides: Try piling your go-to side dish onto the pork burger in order to create a two-in-one meal.
- Think beyond the

bun: Just because it's a burger doesn't mean it needs a hamburger bun.

For more great ideas on how to keep pork sizzling, visit www.PorkBeInspired.com and www.Johnsonville.com.

To ignite your inspiration, fire up the grill and tease your taste buds with this scrumptious pizza burger recipe featuring new Johnsonville Italian Sausage Patties.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease. But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS. Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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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:
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Wed. August 10 - Chad Johnson Band
Wed. August 17 - Brian Keane

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 26, 2011
6:30 p.m.
226 West California

Notice is provided that the Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board conference room, 226 West California, to offer the public an opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed redistricting plan as provided by the Redistricting Advisory Committee.

Se Comunica que el Consejo de administracion del Distrito escolar independiente de Floydada se reunira el Martes, 26 de Julio de 2011, a las 6:30 p.m. en 226 West California, para dar al publico la oportunidad de ofrecer comentarios relativos al plan propuesto para la nueva division en distritos que ha presentado el Comité asesor para nueva division en distritos.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

During the time I was trying to resolve me and my brother's problem about some stolen items, as stated in my Letter to the Editor in the March 3 issue of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, I heard from several people that were also having problems with cases being filed. When I would ask why no one else had tried to get their items resolved, one of the main statements that came up was a fear of reprisal if they spoke up. I did not think much about this at that time, but as of the seventh of last month, I now know how they feel.

I learned on June 7, that the County Attorney had dismissed the one theft case he had filed while the other theft case was never filed. The reasons given for the dismissal are not true and I feel that he dismissed the case in retaliation; because I tried to inform the citizens of Floyd County of what a poor job he was doing as a County Attorney.

A few years ago the County Attorney dismissed a criminal trespass notice that I had filed with the Sheriff's Department so when the suspect came on my property again, the officers could not do anything. In that case, I took care of the problem myself and by the looks of the lack of action by the

County Attorney on these theft cases, it would not do any good to call the sheriff's department if I have a problem with someone stealing my property in the future. I know the Sheriff or his deputies would come as soon as I called, but it seems that even if they file any cases it stops at the County Attorney's door. Since my earlier letter, several citizens of Floyd County who also have had the same problems with the same results have contacted me.

During the time when I tried to have my property returned or paid the replacement cost, not once did the County Attorney contact me about the facts in either case. He also did not bother to contact me about the excuses used on the dismissal request to the County Judge.

I know that he talked with the defense attorney and took his word as gospel, even though the defense attorney was only trying to help the client. The defense attorney is paid to keep his client from being convicted which would mean that his client would then be deported back to Mexico. It is a shame that the County Attorney is so afraid of the defense attorney that justice takes a back seat in Floyd County.

This is not just my brother's and my problem, but is the problem of every man

and woman that is a citizen or has property in Floyd County, and who accepts the "Elected County Attorney" to be one of the representatives of the legal system to help defend our rights against the criminal element in this state.

In my first letter, I requested that the County Attorney recuse himself on this case and others that he was not going to prosecute because of personal reasons. I now feel that he should resign as the County Attorney so that the County Judge could appoint another attorney to take care of these cases.

While I was visiting with the Sheriff of Floyd County, I requested that when he had time, would he prepare a list from the Sheriff's Department CSR that is sent to Austin each year on the number of cases filed with the County Attorney during the years of 2009 and 2010. This would give the citizens of Floyd County some idea of what the problem might be. If the other departments would do the same, the results might be interesting.

I also asked the Sheriff about contacting the citizens when a case is dismissed so they would know what happened to their case; he stated that this was the job of the County Attorney.

James Hale
Floydada, Texas

USDA-FSA es el anfitrión de tres seminarios web sobre el proceso unificado de reclamaciones de discriminación para agricultores hispanos o mujeres agricultoras

(College Station, TX) - 11 de julio de 2011 - El Director Ejecutivo Estatal del USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), Juan M. García, anunció que habrá tres seminarios (basado en Internet de encuentro virtual) para discutir el proceso unificado de reclamaciones de discriminación para agricultores hispanos o mujeres agricultoras y los programas de préstamos de la FSA. Estos seminarios están programados para el 14 de julio, 28 de julio y el 11 de agosto a las 7:00 PM.

El 25 de febrero del 2011, el Secretario de Agricultura Tom Vilsack y el Fiscal General Adjunto Tony West anunciaron que se ha establecido un proceso para resolver las reclamaciones de agricultores y ganaderos hispanos, y mujeres agricultoras y ganaderas, que consideran fueron víctimas de discriminación al solicitar préstamos agrícolas del USDA durante ciertos períodos entre los años 1981 y 2000. El proceso de reclamación ofrece una alternativa optimizada al litigio y asigna por lo menos \$ 1,33 mil millones en compensación, además de hasta \$160 millones en condonación de deudas a los agricultores y ganaderos hispanos, y mujeres agricultoras y ganaderas que reúnen los requisitos.

Los seminarios (de web interactivo) of-

recerá una perspectiva general del proceso de reclamaciones, así como actualizaciones de préstamos agrícolas de la FSA. Temas de discusión incluyen requisitos de elegibilidad y garantías de pago, términos de préstamo y tasas de interés.

"Animo a los productores que deseen obtener más información sobre el proceso de reclamación o sobre los programas de préstamos agrícolas que se inscriban en uno de estos seminarios", dijo García. "Los seminarios son gratuitos y abiertos a los primeros 100 participantes que se inscriban".

García enfatiza que estos seminarios están concebidos como foros para discutir el plan general del proceso de reclamaciones y los anfitriones de la FSA no discutirán los detalles de cualquier reclamación individual durante el curso de los seminarios.

Para ver la programación e inscribirse al seminario, por favor visite el sitio www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/tx_hwwebinar_2011.pdf.

Para más información sobre estos seminarios, por favor contacte a Eddie Treviño al número

(979) 680-5221 o por correo electrónico a eddie.trevino@tx.usda.gov.

Lineman's Rodeo to showcase electric linemen skills

AMARILLO, Texas - Electric lineman from across the region will showcase their work and safety skills at the 20th annual Lone Star Lineman's Rodeo on Saturday, July 23 at Xcel Energy's Amarillo Technical Center on East Interstate 40.

Beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting past lunch, the competition will feature contests in two traditional line competitions and three mystery events. The top three Xcel Energy Texas and New Mexico teams and apprentices from the Amarillo event will earn a trip to the International Lineman's Rodeo in October in Bonner Springs, Kan. just outside of Kansas City.

The participants represent Xcel Energy operations in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, where there's no shortage of friendly rivalries even among employees of the same company.

"Just like a regular rodeo, our event showcases and fine tunes the skills that are critical to the jobs these men work every day," said Jim Fuller, Xcel Energy field operations supervisor in Amarillo.

The event is being held for the second year on the grounds of Xcel Energy's

Amarillo Technical Center at 7801 E. Interstate 40. The rodeo ground doubles as a training facility, and has been named for Don Taylor, an Xcel Energy retiree who was instrumental in starting the Lineman's Rodeo more than two decades ago.

The public is invited to view the competition, and soft drinks and food will be available, as well as games for kids.

Teams will compete in the Pole Climb with Raw Egg, Hurt-Man Rescue, and three mystery events.

The pole climb involves a lineman climbing a pole with an egg in a canvas bucket, removing the egg and placing it in his mouth, knocking loose an existing bucket atop the pole, and descending with the unbroken egg in his mouth.

Hurt-Man Rescue scores a lineman's ability to rescue a 165-pound, life-size dummy from atop a pole and bringing the dummy safely to the ground, secured in rescue rigging. Mystery events are unknown events that cannot be practiced ahead of the competition, but involve everyday job and safety skills expected of a utility line-

man. Teams consist of three participants - two climbing journeyman and a groundman. Scoring is based on correct work procedures and safety. Operations managers, coordinators, retirees, foremen, qualified journeymen and servicemen will serve as judges.

The competition also will include an apprentices division where individuals compete in five events: Apprentice Hurt-Man Rescue, pole climbing events, a written test, and two mystery events.

For more information, go to www.lonestarlinemanrodeo.com.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

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Contract 6230-53-001 for REMOVE AND REPLACE LIMIT SIGNS - WESTERN in LUBBOCK County, etc. will be opened on August 10, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,367,385.39.

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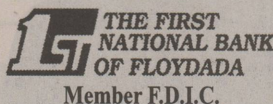
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CITY OF FLOYDADA DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM CONTRACT NUMBER 728212 FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Floydada will conduct a final public hearing on its 2008 Downtown Revitalization Program, on July 25, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas. Topics to be discussed are completion of the sidewalk activities and expenditure of grant and local funds.

The City encourages recipients of the project as well as other interested citizens to participate in the hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and comments to Gary Brown, City Manager. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact the City Hall office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. All written comments will be addressed in writing within fifteen days after public hearing.

The Undersigned hereby gives notice of Application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a BG Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit to be located at 102 South 5th Street, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, under the name of The Covey dba The Covey Smokehouse & Eatery, LLC. Monte D. Covington, Sole Member.

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OPINION

The Paperboy



Who made America great?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Who built America? There are several people who come to mind.

Of course our forefathers shaped the Republic and laid the foundation of government we still use today. However, individuals who took advantage of free markets and their own ingenuity should also be given credit.

Ben Franklin, a true renaissance man, is credited with several inventions including the lightning rod, bifocals and Franklin stove.

Franklin was a true genius and left his mark not only on the government, but also in advancing mankind.

Thomas Edison held over 1,000 patents in his lifetime. A few of his inventions include the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting, practical electric light bulb.

Alexander Graham Bell is best known for inventing the telephone. At a time when electricity was being harnessed in new ways, Bell was forced to defend 600 legal challenges on his inventions and won each time.

John Moses Browning invented the semi-automatic shotgun. Over 30 million firearms have been made based on his design.

Browning's inventions include the lever-action repeating rifle, semi-automatic shotgun, .22 caliber rifle, the Browning 1919 .30 caliber and M2 .50 caliber machine

guns (MGs), and the Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). Perhaps his most famous weapon, the BAR was adopted by the military and famously used by soldiers in World War I.

Willis Carrier invented the air conditioner. Step outside and tell me you can live without one.

Henry Ford invented the moving assembly line. Before his invention, it took days to assemble one automobile. As soon as his assembly line went into production, Ford's factory could produce a car every 93 minutes.

Charles Goodyear invented vulcanized rubber, which made it useable year-round.

Samuel Morse invented the telegraph and Morse Code, thus shrinking the globe.

Dr. Jonas Salk invented the Polio Vaccine. In 1955 there were 28,985 cases of polio in the U.S. and by 1957 that number had decreased to 5,894.

Orville & Wilbur Wright invented the airplane.

Look at what Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, and Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, have created. The two have revolutionized the computer industry and other digital equipment, changing the way the world communicates and does business.

When you look at what has been accomplished by individuals in this country, and how their inventions have advanced mankind and as a by-product, made us the richest country on the planet, you have to be amazed.

It's easy to see how the men mentioned here helped form the country. Their inventions and the evolution stemming from their inventions gave rise to cities, employed millions and made America great.

There is one thing which stands out concerning these individuals and how they were able to accomplish at such a high level. They did so with no help from the federal government.

That point has become lost on Americans as we depend more and more on the government to do our thinking for us.

It doesn't matter if it's the automobile or the computer, the government is not the creator nor does it foster ideas. It is up to individuals and companies to make a difference in advancement of technology because they can do so affordably.

We've come a very long way without the government needing to subsidize innovation. We'll probably continue to advance mankind if the government would save taxpayer money and allow those things to continue at their natural pace.

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The House That Debt Built (And Then Foreclosed On)

By REBECCA DIFEDE

With the economy falling to its knees beneath the titanic national debt, President Obama has recently decided to revisit the issue of the major housing crisis. Previously, he had only referred to the problems in the housing market in passing as "a concern", despite the millions of homes that have sunk into foreclosure during this recession. It seems that he has only just come up for air long enough to decide that to get re-elected he needs to look like he's doing something.

Following his Twitter Town Hall meeting, Obama began discussing his plans to help brighten the future of the otherwise dismal housing situation. According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, these so-called plans suggested "having taxpayer-owned mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac relax their rules for loans to investors", with the thinking that this would allow more people to take out loans and would begin to nibble away at the

housing inventory overload.

This idea would be really great if, say, this wasn't the exact thing that caused our recession in the first place. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were giving loans to pretty much anyone with empty pockets, and then when the time came to pay, well, the pockets were no less devoid of money. And now, after costing taxpayers over \$138 billion thus far, Obama is suggesting that we risk more of the country's money (that it doesn't have) by taking the loose lending standards and make them more relaxed. For this to happen, banks will pretty much have to give their associates bags of money, and have them fling it into the streets for passersby, holding a sign that says "Here you go, pay us back whenever!". I'm sure the upstanding citizens that borrow that money would be quick to return it.

Liberals would argue that the housing crisis wasn't caused by the fact that Fannie and Freddie gave away money to more people than The Price is Right, but rather the bi-partisan deregulation law pushed by Wall Street caused

the collapse. However, according to the report released by the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, (a committee which investigated all of the events surrounding the economic crash and interviewed over 700 witnesses), concluded that it was in fact "the collapse of the housing bubble—fueled by low interest rates, easy and available credit, scant regulation, and toxic mortgages" that caused the downfall of the economy.

Originally, President Obama had a plan to deal with the housing crisis which involved a mortgage assistance program known as the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) that promised to reduce the monthly payments of people who qualified. Over 2.7 million homeowners applied, hoping to get their interest rates lowered or loans extended. But because the criteria to be accepted into the program was so specific, only 1 in 4 households received any loan modifications through HAMP.

All in all, over 1.3 million people were disqualified from the program, and wasted count-

less taxpayer dollars to help only a small percentage of the at-risk population. The housing crisis is affecting millions of people, and the numbers are only going to grow until the Obama Administration stops trying to play sugar daddy with taxpayer money and let's the market hit bottom.

Though our President may believe he is trying to help these people, all he has really done is throw good money after bad in a blatant attempt to curry favor and win votes. In Obama's world throwing other people's money at a problem so he can appear to be caring is more important than actually standing aside and allowing the housing market to heal.

Unfortunately, with about 16 months until election day, his annual refocusing on housing is producing nothing more than the same faulty lending regulations that caused the problem in the first place. Hopefully, people will realize that you can't build a campaign out of failed promises, any more than you can build a house out of debt.

Proud Sponsors of Big Government

By DAVID BOZEMAN

Periodically, when tired of rebutting claims that taxes are too high, liberals just hold their heads back, and, with a self-satisfied smirk, proclaim that taxes are good. Some will even admit to a fetish of liking to pay taxes and wanting to pay more.

Columnist Leonard Pitts recently penned a semi-gushing salute not only to taxes but to the safety net they supposedly provide.

Pitts detailed the circumstances of 56 year-old delivery truck driver James, who lost his job. James finally found employment in a convenience store, but he suffered from back pain and arthritis, among other maladies, and could not perform the simplest tasks. Discovering a lump on his chest, and with no health insurance, he applied for disability and early Social Security, but qualified for neither. Pitts failed to mention if James had applied for Medicaid.

Desperate and in pain, James walked into a bank and passed a note to the teller demanding \$1 and medical attention. He never showed a weapon but was taken to jail where, according to Pitts, he now has "shelter, food and, yes, medical care."

While Pitts admittedly did not condone his actions, he expressed empathy. "I pay my taxes. I consider it a patriotic obligation — a sacrifice for the greater we." He then carries on with the generic rant against "anti-government forces that have dominated political debate...To hear them tell it, to be taxed is

to be robbed. And every federal program our taxes support is wasteful and unnecessary."

Pitts also discards the idea that government-run health care amounts to socialized medicine, and then claims that under socialism someone such as James would not have been driven to such an extreme (makes you wonder why the poor risk life and limb to flee socialist economies).

Sorry, Leonard, but your account of James doesn't make your case. We "anti-government" forces would have no problem with an individual such as James receiving help, but, according to your very words, Social Security and disability were denied by those outposts of compassion known as government agencies. As an aside, I bet bureaucrats in suburban Washington, D.C. aren't faring too badly these days.

Pitts rhetorically asks if insurance companies such as Aetna really have your best interests at heart. We "complainers" would like to see Aetna compete with many other companies for the consumer's dollar, and we would like to see a national safety net comprise state and local programs, as well as private charities. We want to offer James more options from which to choose, as opposed to an all-encompassing, budget-bloating Obama-style system. Now tell me again whose plan is more compassionate.

Pitts continues with the same turgid civics lesson we've all endured: taxes maintain our military, educate our children and fill the potholes. Furthermore, if you support police protection and garbage pickup, then, hey, you're a socialist, too!

Hey, Leonard, here's a quick primer on the mindset of anti-government forces dominating (if only!) political debate. There is a profound difference between lower taxes and no taxes, between smaller government and anarchy.

The reach of the state into individual lives, far from being the lament of a disgruntled few, has been the defining argument of America since our founding. Tea Partiers believe that programs intended to help the needy should also not induce dependency.

Furthermore, the purpose of federal power is to preserve state and individual autonomy on most matters outside of national security. It is not aid to the sick that many taxpayers protest, it is the gaseous, centralized federal behemoth (of the sort that denied James help) that feeds on itself at the expense of working America that has finally raised some ire.

Even union leaders and other loyal Democrats are requesting waivers from ObamaCare, which signifies hope. A slight dose of cynicism of federal over-reach and taxation secures everyone's liberty.

Those who brag about their affinity for the tax collector just want to advertise their own self-perceived nobility and their involvement above those ingrate Tea Partiers. But the most loyal sponsors of government largesse are the most docile conformists, and the enduring institutions that aid our most vulnerable — church, charity, capitalism, state and local autonomy — were not founded on conformity to the federal government.

Two Trillion Isn't Enough

By TAD DEHAVEN

Washington is the only town where the circus never leaves. Elephants, donkeys, clowns and a ringmaster residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue — our nation's capital has it all. And what a show they're putting on for the American people over raising the debt ceiling for the umpteenth time in recent years.

On one side we have a president whose surrogates warn of economic Armageddon if the debt ceiling isn't raised, despite the fact that he himself voted against raising the limit in 2006 as the junior senator from Illinois. On the other side are congressional Republicans, tasked with negotiating spending cuts in exchange for raising the debt ceiling — the same guys who happily voted for big-spending legislation when it was their gey in the White House.

In short, the two sides have a credibility gap on debt reduction that makes the Grand Canyon look like a pothole. That begs the question: What sort of deal will they ultimately agree to? The president doesn't want to have to rehash

this debate before the November 2012 election. That means that the debt ceiling will have to be increased by \$2 trillion in order to create enough space through the end of next year. House Speaker John Boehner has drawn his line in the sand: Republicans will only agree to increase the debt ceiling if spending is cut by at least as much. Thus, it is generally assumed that the two sides will have to negotiate a deal to cut spending by \$2 trillion.

Here's the problem: The \$2 trillion in cuts would be over ten years, or about \$200 billion a year. Suddenly, \$200 billion in annual spending cuts in exchange for increasing the debt ceiling by \$2 trillion through the end of 2012 doesn't sound so great — especially when one considers that lawmakers have a storied history of changing their minds about promised future cuts. Therefore, it is imperative that any debt ceiling deal contains real spending cuts.

"Real spending cuts" means terminating programs or reducing entitlement benefits — for example, eliminating programs at the Department of Education and repealing the underlying

program authorizations, or changing entitlement laws to reduce the benefit levels of programs such as Medicare. Future policymakers could reverse these cuts, but it wouldn't be easy given that the government's finances will probably remain in a precarious state.

Unfortunately, there's little evidence to suggest that real spending cuts are on the table. Were that the case, we would probably be reading countless articles on the consequent suffering of those who would be separated from the federal teat. Instead, there is a growing indication that the cuts will merely be amorphous reductions against the Congressional Budget Office's spending baseline, which projects spending over the next 10 years based on current law with an adjustment for inflation.

For example, negotiators could agree to freeze discretionary non-security spending for 10 years, which would "save" about \$1 trillion compared to the baseline. However, making sure that future policymakers adhered to the freeze would require a strict budget enforcement mechanism. Such mechanisms haven't

held up well in the past for the simple reason that when it comes to spending, the legislative fox is guarding the budgetary henhouse.

Even if we knew for certain that a \$2 trillion reduction in spending compared to the baseline would be achieved, again, we're still looking at a relatively small sum of money. According to the CBO's latest baseline, the federal government is projected to spend \$46 trillion over the next decade. Regardless of whether the federal government proceeds to spend \$44 trillion or \$46 trillion, the government will remain on an unacceptable spending trajectory.

Unfortunately, the current state of the debt ceiling negotiations indicates that the stakes holding up the big tent in Washington aren't going to be pulled anytime soon. On the bright side, perhaps this latest spectacle will cause more of the electorate to question why we've allowed so much of our collective well-being to be placed in the hands of so few. If so, there's a chance we can at least get the animals back in their cages before it's too late.

Cotton Market Weekly

July 14, 2011

After a sudden rebound on Wednesday, cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) turned back to the downside Thursday, falling to limit 400-point losses after contracts failed to advance in early trading on the back of the previous day's sharp gains.

"ICE cotton futures saw a decent recovery Wednesday as a punch drunk market fought back with the rest of the commodity complex and rallied to four-week highs on the back of the U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman's indication that more U.S. economic stimulus may be on the menu," a trader said. "The news wasn't enough to buoy the market for long, and prices tumbled back down the following day."

Earlier in the week, cotton futures reacted with a sharp retreat on numbers confirming what the market already suspected. USDA lowered estimated U.S. cotton production by one million bales from last month due to record abandonment anticipated in Texas and lowered an equal amount from its export forecast in response to weakening demand.

In the department's July 12 Crop Production report and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, U.S. cotton production was reduced to 16 million bales

due primarily to historic drought conditions in Texas where as much as 30 percent of cotton acreage is expected to be abandoned.

U.S. beginning stocks were raised 500,000 bales in response to continued export sales cancellations and the slow pace of shipments in the final months of 2010-11. Projected exports were lowered one million bales to 12 million due both to reduced U.S. supplies and weaker foreign demand. As a result, U.S. ending stocks were raised to three million bales, but the projected stocks-to-use ratio of 19 percent still is relatively tight.

World cotton consumption was lowered nearly two percent from last month as surplus yarn stocks and substitution of polyester for cotton in textile products are expected to reduce demand below previous expectations. Imports were reduced for several countries as a result of weaker demand growth with China accounting for more than half of the reduction. Exports were reduced for the United States, Brazil, and Australia but were raised for India. World ending stocks were increased nearly six percent to 51 million bales. The projected stocks-to-use ratio of 44 percent reflected recovery from the very tight levels of the two

preceding years but is still the third lowest since 1994-95, according to USDA.

"The July supply and demand report plunged another dagger in the heart of the bulls," a trader said. "The headline figure was the reduction of the American crop by a million bales, almost every other number was a disappointment to the optimists."

In other news, traders said USDA's weekly export sales report provided yet another reminder of just how difficult it is for merchants and mills alike to deal with the all-time record high cotton prices seen back in March. A net upland reduction of 91,400 bales serves to push more cotton from the 2010 carryout figure into the 2011 beginning stocks data. Net sales of 43,200 bales for delivery in 2011-12 were mainly for Turkey, Mexico, and Bangladesh.

Export shipments of 117,200 bales were down 21 percent from the previous week and 34 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, and Turkey.

Closer to home, for the second week in a row, producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold no cotton online in the week ended July 14 as there is very little available cotton left to sell in the spot cotton market.

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around \$1,356,524; with the cost of the repairs scheduled to be distributed among the municipalities according to what tanks they use. A water tank located on the south side of Lockney, near Highway 70 and 378, and the Rock Creek Tank, located north of Lockney are used by Lockney and Floydada.

Each city will only be responsible for their share of the bill; Lockney will fund 16 percent of the repairs, while Floydada will cover 33 percent. Tulia will cover 49 percent and Silverton will cover 2 percent.

Repairs to the tanks will include tank inspections and the replacing of the deteriorating steel tops of the tanks with a durable aluminum.

As of right now, the water authority just wanted to show the council some of the current bids that have been made for the repair job, which are currently below the authority's budgeted amount. No action by the council was required.

Mr. Breedlove also reported that drought conditions have lowered the depth of the lake to around 67 feet according to the elevation tower. The low water level has forced lake authorities to ban the use of jet skis

because of resurfacing trees and other obstacles that could potentially be dangerous. Fishing and regular boats are still allowed.

Next on the agenda, the council would open the public forum portion of the meeting. During the forum, Lockney resident, Rosie Rendon, would take the floor to speak about the Halco project that she has been working on for the past several months.

The project, which is a joint effort with the Texas

Department of Housing and Community Affairs, is designed to provide grant money to rural community residents so they can replace their decaying and dilapidated houses in with newly built homes. Homeowners who qualify for the program will have their rundown homes knocked down and replaced with a new home.

Earlier this year, the council approved a resolution that supported the efforts of the Halco project. At this month's meeting Mrs. Rendon reported that the state had approved the renovation of up to five houses in Lockney. However before that could be done, she needed the City to approve some guidelines and stipulations presented by the Texas Housing Department. The Council requested that City Attorney Lanny Voss review the letter before any further action was done. Currently, Mrs. Rendon has been searching for potential qualifying homeowners to participate in the project.

The council then made a request for the list of qualifications needed to be eligible for the project, and a copy of the current list of potential qualifying homeowners.

Floydada has also used this program for the past several years.

After the conclusion of the public forum, the council heard reports from the city departments. During the City Farm report, Mayor Roger Stapp made the suggestion that the city start looking into the possibility of creating a landfill. The Mayor stated that it was costing the City of Lockney \$42,000 a year to haul trash to the landfill by Floydada; and suggested that a landfill could possibly make the city revenue. As of now, the

idea is in its infancy stage, and the council will need to look to Texas Commission of Environmental Quality for direction.

Also in the reports, the council was informed that pool grant guidelines have stated that contractors will need to have the city pool finished by at least Aug. 1; no details were given on the consequences, if the project was not completed in time.

In the Lockney Economic Development Committee report, Councilmember, Bil Anderson reported that the LEDC has agreed to set up a farmers market on the southeast corner of Locust and Main Street; however it has not yet been decided whether the old Johnston's Tire building will be knocked down to make room.

Moving on to agenda items, the council unanimously approved the agenda item authorizing collection agency, Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott LLP to collect delinquent court fees, fines, and other debts.

The council also accepted a bid for the City to purchase a front-end loader for \$54,000; as well as approved the budget amendment for the purchase.

An \$8,000 bid by Adams Well Service for well repairs on the city's farm was also approved, as well as a \$1,950 bid by Dart Carthel Electric for electrical well repair.

Agenda items tabled for next month include, a possible action to accept a proposal from Joe Costello for painting and related work to the City shop building and maintenance barn; and a presentation by Lubbock Aero Care concerning emergency flight services and a cost options proposal to citizens of the City.

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restroom, and a storage closet. The second portable will hold two classrooms and two labs that will be used for science classes.

"The buildings are not a permanent solution to our need to upgrade our secondary facilities,"

commented Floydada Superintendent Gilbert Trevino, "however, this move allows us to close one campus and consolidate the two staffs that will end up saving us money in the long run. We are hopeful that money saved can be

used to address many needs that exist at the high school campus as far as the facility goes. We still have lots of work to do this summer to dress the portable building up and make them look aesthetically pleasing in the neighborhood."

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County line, running water puddles, more than three feet in depth, were found along the eroded road side.

Floyd County also received a considerable amount of rain, as the NWS, reported 5.5 inches of rain in the northern part of the county. In the city limits, the National Weather Service reported .62 inches of

rainfall in Floydada.

Storms continued to stretch across the northeastern South Plains throughout the night, dumping three or more inches of rain in Hall and Childress counties.

Unfortunately, as the rest of the week went on, tantalizing clouds dropped sprinkles and light showers across the

area. For the remainder of this week, temperatures will continue to teeter in the mid 90's with no showers in sight.

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