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48 years later, the Harmony Plains Singing School is still going strong

By Homer Marquez

For generations, multitudes of faithful singers from all across the Nation have made the trip to the big city of Cone, in the efforts of fine-tuning their vocalist's skills. For the past 48 years, musical students have traveled from as far away as Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Alabama, Louisiana, and all over Texas to attend the Harmony Plains Singing School in Cone, the small community located a few miles south of Floydada.

Since 1964, the Harmony Plains Singing School has specialized in teaching students of all ages the basics of singing through the incorporation of classic acappella hymnals once sung by early Primitive Baptists. Run by a group of degreed instructors, church leaders, and dedicated volunteers, the week long singing camp provides students a fun and instructional learning environment while at the same time exalting J.E Barrington, Gary Barthrough song and prayer, the Spirit of their faith. "Really there's a blessing, not only the singing...there's a joyous spirit all week long." commented Camp Administrator, Elder Richard Halbgewachs. Started 48 years ago, after one of the founders, J.E. Barrington was inspired to open up a singing school in West curriculum and teaching

Texas after visiting a similar school in the metroplex, the Harmony Plains Singing School opened its doors on Aug. 3, 1964 in a small school house in Lakeview, Texas. Enrollment for the school's inaugural event was 68 students.

The following summer, the school set up camp at New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada. That year, over 140 students, ranging in ages from two to sixty, would pack the church for the singing school's second session.

In 1966, the board for Harmony Plains agreed to acquire the former Cone school house as their new permanent home. Since then, the school has undergone many additions and several improvements to better suit the growing number of students that make the trip to Cone every year, "We've grown by leaps and bounds," explained school instructor and son of rington, "last year we almost had 400 people here. I'm not sure what our attendance is and we're always able to pick people up as the week goes on."

styles have remained the same throughout the years. "I teach my classes just like I was taught," commented instructor, Bryce Lowrance, who holds a music master's degree from Texas Tech, "my uncle Sonny, taught me in many classes, and I find myself saying the same things he used to say, the same lame jokes and everything" Mr. Lowrance explained as he laughed.

The format for the singing school is pretty basic. Students are broken up into groups according to their age; ranging from pre-school and to high school, to college students and adults. Each day of the week long camp is broken up into three parts; during the morning after breakfast, students participate in a general assembly devotional which is followed by classes. After lunch, classes resume throughout the afternoon with breaks for recreation. In the evening after supper, the school holds



Photo by Homer Marquez During their 48th annual session, July 17-22, the Harmony Plains Singing School continued their long tradition of premier instruction in West Texas. Above, instructor Bryce Lowrance teaches several young students the basics of singing.

part harmonies, some times more then that if we have people singing more trathing that (instructors) many of these classes." promote is that it's not all round notes, there's different el instruction that gives some the year is about \$15,000 a

up a hymnal and sing songs they've never sang before...

students a better opportunity to learn music, "The fine arts aren't stressed enough in public schools," commented instructor Gary Lowrance, Bryce's father," and so some children never got to perform the way they perform here at the school, because it wasn't offered, and we provide that.'

Tuition is not charged by Harmony Plains, but relies and we're blessed to have simply on donations made ditional parts; but the first degreed teachers teaching in by students and their parents. The budget to keep It's this caliber or high lev- the school going throughout year. However, the school is also extremely grateful for the support they have gotten through the years from the citizens and farmers of Cone, Floydada, Ralls, and other surrounding communities. During the early humble beginnings of the school, local See HARMONY PLAINS on page 8

However despite the tremendous growth of the school, the Harmony Plains' an evening service which is followed by fellowship.

In the classes, students today, but it's in the 300's, are taught the basic building blocks of singing, "the Primitive Baptist Church sings acappella which means there's no musical instruments accompanying," explained Instructor Bryce Lowrance," we sing in four

shapes, and that the system that we use to teach the students. We call them the Do Re Mi's, there's a different shape for each of the seven scale degrees; and it makes it were you don't even need an instrument, you just know what it sounds like ... and we teach that to the littlest ones and then they are able to pick

Community Coverage Tour hits Lockney



Photo by Homer Marquez

On Monday, July 25, anchors Karin McCay, Abner Euresti, John Robison, and Pete Christy with News Channel 11stopped Lockney during their 2011 Live Community Coverage Tour; opening up their five day tour in Lockney, the KCBD news team, personally met with the citizens of Lockney as they covered news stories that highlighted the city's unique culture.



By Homer Marquez

KCBD News channel 11 stopped the city of Lockney this past Monday, during their ninth annual Live Community Coverage Tour. Each year during the summer, the news organization highlights uplifting stories and facts from the communities of the South Plains.

chosetovisitLockney, Snyder, destroyed in a fire in 2009; Plainview, Wolfforth, and Ralls for their 2011 coverage tour. "We love to kind of get to know the folks during the summer season," commented

KCBD Chief Meteorologist, John Robison, "it's a great way to visit with them and let them know us personally, instead of just always seeing us on television. We always get a great response, the communities support us, and we just kind of do this as a way to show support to the communities; we haven't forgotten them, they're very, very important of what we do.'

This was KCBDs the first time to visit Lockney for their Live Community Coverage Tours. TV crews and camera filled the school yard as New Channel 11 did a live shoot of their six o'clock news program and ten o'clock news program at Lockney Elementary.

During the two broadcasts. news anchors, Karin McCay, Abner Euresti, John Robison, and Pete Christy, spotlighted several local stories including coverage of the founding of Lockney in 1889; local artist, Andy Stapp, whose paintings has been featured on T.V. and in movies; a feature on piano teacher and Texas swing Hall of Famer, Lucy Dean Record; a feature on the completion of Lockney's new high This year, New Channel 11, school, after the original was as well as features on W.J. Mangold Hospital, Lockney's

Memorial Park, and the **See COMMUNITY COVERAGE** on page 8

Floydada Chamber of Commerce begins preparing for Punkin Day

year again, and the Floydada Chamber of Commerce starting to prepare for the 24th annual Punkin Day celebration, which will be held on October 8.

As usual, the itinerary for the day's celebration will include tons of fun, as chamber members plan for great events like; the arts & crafts show, a baked goods contest and auction, a costume contest, a decorating and pumpkin carving contest, a 5K run and Fun Run, Pumpkin Jail, Pumpkin Pie Relay, and lots more.

Featured entertainment at the 2011 Punkin Day celebration will include singer and Floydada's own, Susan Turner Browning.

Nominations for the 2011, Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Employer of

It's almost that time of the Year are currently being accepted. To nominatea person or persons, please write a brief summary on why you are nominating the person for the category.

> Nominations can be sent by email to floydadachamber@yahoo.com, or mailed to the Floydada Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 147 Floydada, TX 79235. You can also send nominations to Facebook, or by calling (806)983-3434.

> Deadline for nominations is Thursday, September 15th at 5 p.m; no late nominations will be considered. Winners will be chosen by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

> If anyone is interested in volunteering to help please contact us. We meet the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 126 W California.

First Baptist Church in Lockney invites community to special prayer time for America

On Saturday, August 6th, a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for a special 2011, the whole community is invited to participate in a time of solemn prayer for the restoration of our nation "in crisis."

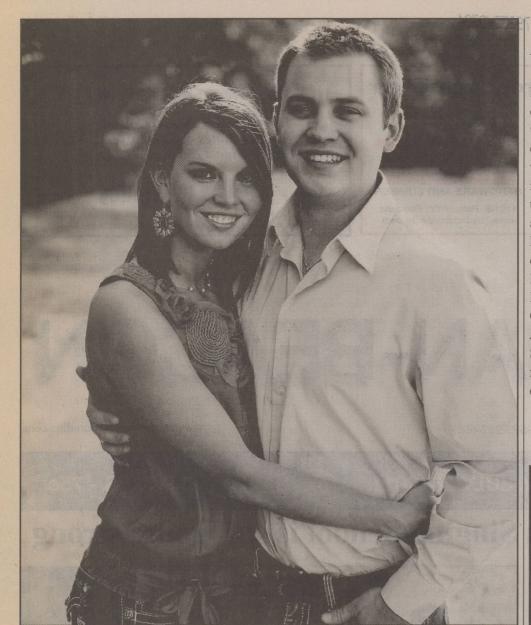
First Baptist Church in Lockney will open its doors on that Saturday from 7:30

prayer service.

Breakfast (pancakes, coffee and orange juice) will be served beginning at 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Prayer service will be held from 8 - 8:30 a.m.

This prayer time is in re-See PRAYER on page 8

Thursday, July 28, 2011



MOLLY KATE CARTHEL AND TAYLOR BLAKE SUE

Carthel and Sue to marry

Davy and Kathy Carthel of Friona are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Molly Kate Carthel of Lubbock to Taylor Blake Sue of Lubbock. Taylor is the son of Sheldon and Atha Sue of Floydada.

Grandparents of the bride are Ann Carthel and the late Bill Carthel of Friona and Charles and Lois Wales of Dimmitt.

Grandparents of the groom I.S.D

are Johnny Bill and Margie Sue of Floydada and the late Reverend Fred and Genet Blake of Winslow, Arkansas.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Friona High School. She graduated magna cum laude from Texas Tech University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She is currently a kindergarten teacher at Wolfforth Elementary in Lubbock

The prospective groom is a 2005 graduate of Floydada High School, and a 2011 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. He currently works as a member of the leadership program for Samuel Jackson Incorporated.

The couple will exchange vows on October 29, 2011 at the Legacy Event Center in Lubbock, and will make their home in Lubbock.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada 50th celebrated their wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 3, 2011 with a family celebration in Lubbock. They are the parents of Anthony and DeAnn Holcomb of Lubbock, Tommy Holcomb of Childress and nephew, Morris Keele of Lubbock. Holcomb and Marilyn Gwinn were married July 7, 1961 in Roaring Springs, Texas. They have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb





Photo by Homer Marguez

Mangold Memorial Hospital and Covenant Health Systems were on hand during Monday's KCBD Community Coverage Tour, as the two health care services provided free health and safety tips to the community. On the right, Mangold Memorial Hospital provided free health screenings and checked shot records for Lockney students; on the left, Covenant focused on safety, providing safety and health tips and donating anti-texting bands and bike helmets.

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong Your dues are due!!! Please come by the Center and take care of them. Re-

member meal costs go up Aug. 1 to \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Mary Ruth Fewell, she passed away on July 14, and her funeral services were held on Saturday, July 16. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Remember we still have quilt tickets for sale; 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Come by the

Center and get them. Exercise with Dorothy will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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

> Menu August 1- August 5 Monday-Chicken and Dumplings

Tuesday-Tacos Wednesday-Pork Chops Thursday-Baked Potatoes

Friday-Grilled Chicken

The 60th Annual Fortenberry Family Reunion

By Norma Welch

The 60th J. C. Fortenberry family.reunion will be held August 5-6, 2011 at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada, Texas.

The center will open Friday, August 5th at 3 p.m. Supper will be served at 6 p.m. Hamburgers will be furnished by the reunion. Bring a freezer of ice cream at 12 noon. Meat, bread, for the contest or cookies or cake for dessert.

There will be game for all ages and plans are for the waterslide to be back again this year.

Saturday, August 6th breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. There will be sour dough biscuits, gravy, eggs, sausage, bacon, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee.

The memorial service, business program and meeting will held be Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday lunch will be drinks and table service will be furnished by the reunion. Come and bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship with relatives and friends.

See you there!





. MARY MAGDALÉN ATHOLIC CHURCH 309 South Wall St. Floydada, TX Annual Church Fundraiser Saturday, July 30, 2011 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. LOTS OF FOOD, GAMES, **MUSIC, & ENTERTAINMENT BE SURE TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!! LOTS OF PRIZES! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**

ATTENTION: Make sure to stop by the ticket booth to cash in money for tickets All food and game booths will only accept tickets) Thursday, July 28, 2011

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HOMER RAY CYPERT Graveside services for Homer Ray Cypert, 90, of fee Girls." She volunteered Lockney were held at 10 a.m. for Hospice and her church: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

in Floydada, Texas.

Homer departed this life on kids who loved her. July 24, 2011

by his wife of 69 years and a son, Billy, six of her brothhis parents.

He is survived by sons, Donald. Jerry and wife, Denise of Lubbock, James of Cisco and brother, Charles Thornton of Gene of Amarillo; sisters, California, three daughters Doris McPeak of Salinas, and their husbands, seven California, and Mary Wilson grandchildren, 13 greatof Farmington, New Mexico; grandchildren, and 2 greatbrother, Gayle of Lubbock, great-grandsons. 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mary Ruth Fewell was born July 21, 1920 in Summerfield, Texas to Exemander and Bertha Thornton. She

Lockney

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 cottonseed.

She was a member of the UMW, and of the "DQ Coffee Girls" that became the "Senior Citizens Cofwhere she was always helping with youth activities or He was born September 4, baking pies for meals and 1920 in Floyd County to Bass working in the kitchen. She and Goldie (Brown) Cypert. delighted in visiting and tend-He married Marjorie Lea ing to friends and her family. Starkey on August 11, 1939 She was a friend to everyone she met and Granny to all the

Mary Ruth was preceded He was preceded in death in death by her husband, Bill, ers and her sister, June Mc-

She is survived by one

CAROLYN GRIFFIN

MARY RUTH FEWELL Floydada, passed away Sat- pice, 2606 Yonkers, Plain-Mary Ruth Fewell, age urday, July 16, 2011 in Wil- view, Texas 79072. 90, passed away Thursday, liamsburg, Virginia. Crema-

how pleasant it is for brethren

(Psalm 133:1) -KJV'

Templo Getsemani Assem-

blies of God church located

at 701 W. Missouri Street in

Floydada has been serving

the people of this (our) com-

munity with great joy and

genuine love for many years

and we're looking forward to

continuing serving, but with

more effectiveness in Jesus'

name. We are excited to an-

nounce our New Schedule of

Worship Services for Sunday

people of Floydada the new

time for our Spanish Worship

Service, from 9:30 to 10:45

a.m. and our New English

We want to inform the

mornings.

to dwell together in unity!"

Pastor

Carolyn was born August 4, 1942, in New York City to Harry and Theodora Dey. She married Edwin Dale Griffin on December 7, 1963 in Philadelphia, PA. She was employed in the nursery of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada, for the last 20 years and loved working with the children.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dale Griffin.

She is survived by three sons, Steve Griffin of Floydada, Matt Griffin of Firestone, Colorado, and Russell Griffin of Williamsburg, Virginia; 2 grandchildren, Nichole Griffin of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Russell Griffin, II of Williamsburg, Virginia, and a sister, Judy of Woodbury, New Jersey.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, or to the Hospice House of Williamsburg, 4445 Powhatan Parkway, Williamsburg, VA. 23188.

BONNIE (GISH) PALACIOS

Bonnie (Gish) Palacios, age 68, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2011 in Plainview. Services were held at the Floydada Cemetery at 11a.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-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in Bonnie Pala-Carolyn Griffin, age 68, of cios' name to Interim Hos-

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 Evening7:00 p.m. ****

CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

**** **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.

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 - Min. 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

Carl Moman, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.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. Tuesday......8:00 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** Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. ****

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 310 E. Mississippi

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 ***** PRIMERA IGLESIA

BAUTISTA Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Discipleship5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****

> PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada **Pastor Reverend Raymond** Asebedo Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening6:00 p.m. ***** SAN JOSE **CATHOLIC CHURCH** Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m. ****

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 ***** **TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD** 701 W. Missouri Joe M.Hernandez 983-5286 (church) Sunday School English..... 9.45 a.m Spanish Worship9:30 a.m.

English Worship 11:00 a.m. EveningService......5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. ST. MARY MAGDALEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada **Rev. Angelo Consemino** Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m. Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m. ****

SALEM

Lockney

Rev. Joe Hernandez

held on Saturday at the First direction of the Cremation rose.com United Methodist Church in Society of Virginia.

Online condolences may July 14, 2011. Services were tion services are under the be made at www.moore-

THIS WEEK'S

LOCKNEY CHAMBER **HOSTING LOCKNEY CITY-WIDE GARAGE** SALE The Lockney Chamber of Commerce 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. -1p.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.

Templo Getsemani Assemblies of God By Joe Hernandez Worship Service will be from

11:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. "Behold, how good and

We also have both Spanish and English Sunday School classes are different times. English Sunday School will be from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. and our Spanish Sunday School will be from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

If you don't have a church home, come join us this Sunday ad worship along with us and invite the Lord God into our life. If you don't join us here for worship, please go somewhere - that's the important thing. We have Monday night prayer at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. every week. Getsemani is praying for you. Thank you, Pastor Joe Hernandez.

For more information call 983-5286.



Photo by Homer Marquez Alternative country band Run Home Jack and Texas Swing, featuring Hall a Famer, Lucy Dean Record, provided entertainment though evening during KCBD's coverage tour.

Attend the Church of Your Choice!

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m Wednesday...... 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Youth)....7:15 pm



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Floydada 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.

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. Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m. ***** **TRINITY ASSEMBLY** 500 W. Houston Henry Russell, Co-Pastor

Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor 983-5499 or 983-2887 Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. ****

TRINITY **LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence** Community on FM 2301 293-3009 **Rev. Peter W. Harrington** Minister Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m **** **WEST SIDE**

CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

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

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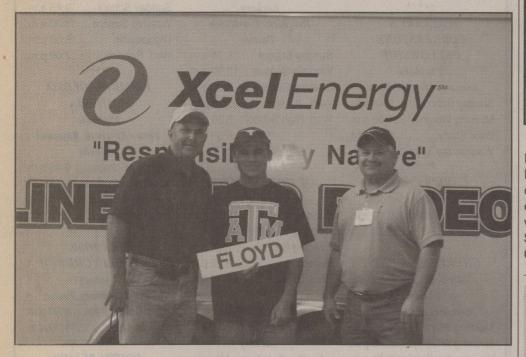
Band uniform donations deadline extended

The Lockney High School Band Uniform Committee has extended the deadline for donations. A total of \$10,070.47 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 new persons who have donated to the LHS Uniform Fund; Anabel Bramlet, Dart and Joann Carthel, Lucy Dean Record, Barry and Algene Barker, Schacht's Flowers, and Sally Shaw.



Courtesy Photo

Young people involved in the 2011 Xcel Energy 4-H Electric Event explored the world of electricity through science-based activities. Students learned and applied the latest electric practices and energy efficient measures in everyday living and developed self-confidence through leadership initiatives. This event was sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Xcel Energy. Participating in the week long camp outside Cloudcroft, New Mexico from Floyd County was Jake Bramlet. Pictured are Plainview Area Manager Chris LeFevre, Jake Bramlet and Hereford Area Manager Mike Grant.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service to offer QuickBooks Premier 2010 courses

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will offer Quick-Books Premier 2010 computer short courses on Aug. 11-12 in Lubbock and Aug. 18-19 in Amarillo.

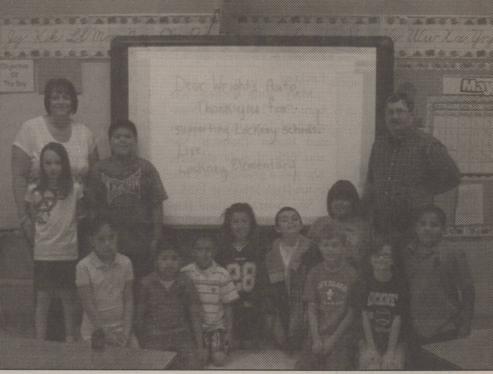
The trainings will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at each location, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, who will coordinate the event in that city. Jay Yates, AgriLife Extension

respective cities. They are located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of Lubbock.

QuickBooks Premier is a double-entry business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, Jones said. In the two-day course, participants will learn how to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits. No

ples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer. Class size is limited to 15 to provide a handson experience for all participants, Jones said.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 8 for the Lubbock session and by Aug. 15 for the Amarillo session. Payment is due upon arrival on the first day of the course.



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, Wright's Automotive helped support the cause with a donation. Pictured (left to right) are Tarri Wright, Ansley Dunn, Andrew Sanchez, Saria Martinez, Nick Castro Tuff Araujo, Carly Rendon, Joel Valdez, Kayla Rodriguez, Clary Moore, Joey Vanlandingham, Elias Acencio, and Mr. Steve Wright

Lockney Elementary Registration

Lockney Elementary will be having registration for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and all new elementary students on Aug. 8-12 from 9a.m to 4p.m, with an hour long lunch break at 12 p.m. Students will need; Social Security card, birth certificate, current shot records, and copy of parent drivers license to register. All students must have current immunizations to start classes.



Fidibus.

Is my mother trying to tell me something?

The word popped into my head today without warning. Initially I couldn't remember where I'd heard it, but rather than wracking my brain the old-fashioned way, I searched for "fidibus" on the Internet.

As I muddled through 21 Google pages of sites, illustrated memories of "fidibus" began to drift back to me all on their own, essentially my mother at a card table performing her hat trick.

been the hat trick.

The whole phrase, in fact, was "hocus, pocus, fidibus!" I'd already remembered her entire invocation before I finally found it on the Internet -- or at least I think I'd remembered it before I found it. I'm not quite sure.

Whatever. I just know the Internet is humanity's collective brain. The more mine quits working, the more I'm going to depend on it. Or maybe the more I depend on

me. It's not fair to all of us who've had to remember things the hard way. Nor is it fair to today's generation to have it so easy. As much as I hate speed bumps, I'd really like to put some up ahead on their Information Highway to rattle their brains a bit. Except it's my highway too. Oh well.

As for "fidibus," my mother's use of the word still remains a bit of a mystery. Per the Internet, "fidebus" is the dative and ablative plural of the Latin word "fidei." To make it work magic, shift the emphasis from the middle syllable to the first and misspell it.

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risk management specialist in Lubbock, will coordinate the Lubbock course.

the Texas AgriLife Research

prior computer experience is necessary.

Registration for each two-Both events will be held at day course is \$125 and covers computer-lease payments and Extension Center in their and teaching materials. Cou-

For more information or to register call Yates at 806-746-6101 or email jayates@ ag.tamu.edu or Jones at 806-677-5667 or dliones@ ag.tamu.edu.

The routine required three walnuts and three men's hats. Except walnuts were rarely available, so Mother usually wadded up pieces of paper as substitutes.

Shuffling of the hats was involved. When Mother eventually lifted the hats, one at a time, the "walnuts" wouldn't be where anyone thought they were going to be. As for "fidibus," that's what made it magic. It's what she said as she waved one hand over the hats right before she lifted them and amazed everyone with her wizardry. Without "fidibus," it wouldn't have

it, the more my own quits. That's a scary thought.

OK, so you're not worried about my brain. You've already figured out it's in the all-systems-shutting-downnow mode. But in a greater context, consider all kids growing up today with the Internet. Already they don't have to depend on their own brains. When they're older, they won't have a functioning set of tools in their craniums to sort through their own old memories. They'll just click on something and -"hocus, pocus, fidibus" - the sought memory will magically appear.

Mother took Latin. Ergo, she knew "hocus, pocus, fidibus" wasn't how Cicero would have said it. So maybe she heard the phrase instead in her youth at the Chautauqua performances that so intrigued her.

Or maybe she learned it when she and my father sold popcorn on the carnival circuit.

Who knows? Some things you never figure out, even with the Internet.

That scenario bothers

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Re-Class from Gas Well to Oil Well:

The Tyner Texas Operating Company McIntosh Lease (69665) Well #1077 has been Re-Classed from a gas well to an oil well, and is now listed in the new oil field: McIntosh (Penn) Field.

9, 2011 and May 16, 2011 reported the McIntosh Well #1077 has been producing since June 2010. From June 2010 thru December 2010 the McIntosh Well #1077 produced 372 barrels of oil and 1,435 mcf of casinghead gas, and from January 2011 thru April 2011 the McIntosh Well #1077 proeduced 55 bar-Monthly production reports filed on March rels of oil and 48 mcf of cashinghead gas.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Lockney, Texas, will receive bids for water system improvements until 10:00 A.M. on the 16th day of August, 2011 at Lockney City Hall, 218 E. Locust St. Lockney, TX 79241. Mailing address: City of Lockney, P.O. Box 387 Lockney, Texas 79241, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the construction of the following:

Ground Storage Tank (w/ Demolition)

Yard Piping

Booster Pumps

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of OJD Engineering, LP, 328 E. Hwy. 62 Unit #1 Wolfforth, TX, 79382, Phone 806-791-2300, Fax 806-791-2301. Documents may be purchased at a cost of \$50.00 per set. This fee is not refundable. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Ben Lewis P.E.

This bid is a unit price contract. Method of payment to contractor will be via check by the municipality after approved requests for payment

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to City of Lockney , or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Commerce and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Attention is called to General Condition 309, "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects". The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it:

1. Is not a Contractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

2. Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

3. Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

The City of Lockney reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Lockney for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

City of Lockney Rodger Stapp, Mayor

August 16th, 2011

Flores graduates from South Plains College Evening Police Academy

South Plains College hosted the 2011 Evening Police Academy Graduation on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Sundown Room.

The academy featured 23 graduates. They were Sonya Flores of Floydada, Jeremy Ross of Levelland and Nina Perez of Sundown.

Lubbock graduates were Christopher Abalos, Christina Ames, Darian Bethune, Dedricke Dunn, Forrest Eubank, Michael Ferguson, David Flores, Tim Gonzales, Djuan Goswick, Edward Granberry, Sarah Owens, Joshua Vanbebber, David Trevino, Rene Vilegas, Cody Shannon and Christy Stith.

Other graduates included Garrett Nitsch of Winters, Luis Montelongo of Plainview, and Scott Brandon and Mario Navejar, both of Shallowater.

For more information, contact Joe Wise, Law Enforcement Technology Program Coordinator, at (806) 716-2356.

USDA Announces Last Call for Producers to File AGI Forms with the IRS

Failure to do so Will Result in Interruption of Program Payments

(Floydada, Texas) – July 25, 2011 - Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Stephanie Bradley, reminds producers that they must submit an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form (CCC-927 or CCC-928) to the IRS as soon as possible in order to maintain eligibility for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether a payment recipient's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. The form became a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year, however many program participants have not yet submitted this form for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

"Producers who fail to file these forms before Sept. 2011 will receive a notice from the National Office stating that the producer is ineligible for 2009 and/or 2010 payments," said Bradley. "The producer will be responsible for fully refunding all payments received under programs subject to AGI limitations," she said.

IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of the average AGI can be provided to USDA. Individuals must submit form CCC-927 and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, eligible producers will not receive USDA program payments.

Bradley further clarifies that these consent forms are required for payments received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as those received through FSA. Completed forms must be returned to the IRS

For more information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806-983-5747

Star Enrollment Party

at 6 p.m. on August 12th at the Unity Center

4-H members will be demonstrating the projects they participated in this past year and volunteers will be on hand to answer

The Floyd County 4-H Club will be questions on 4-H enrollment for the coming hosting a 4-H Star enrollment party starting year. The evening will include a free hot dog supper and the Science Spectrum in Lubbock will be demonstrating their new digital space bubble.

> Everyone is invited to attend, please RSVP to the extension office by August 9.

TAWC Finalizes Program For Summer 2011 *Pioneers* In Agriculture Series Workshop And Field Day

LUBBOCK, TX – With current, record drought conditions and an uncertainty in the future of agriculture, water management has become increasingly important to West Texas farmers. In response, Texas Alliance for Water Conservation (TAWC) has coordinated the 2011 Production Agriculture Planning workshop.

As part of the Pioneers in Agriculture series, topics to be discussed include irrigation issues on the South Plains; a description of new, water efficient crop varieties; various water management technologies and practices; and the integration of variable-rate technologies. The field day will be on Thursday, August 4 starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy, Texas. The field day will feature speakers during a tour of different project sites, and will conclude with a provided meal.

Designed to connect today's producers with the latest research information, the Production Agriculture Planning workshop draws on the knowledge-building tradition of field days.

"This field day is an opportunity to see the latest research, learn of new energy and water saving technologies and hear first-hand from commodity groups and political leaders the future directions for agriculture and water management," said Rick Kellison, project director for TAWC.

The TAWC project utilizes on-farm demonstration sites, including cropping and livestock systems, to identify the various production practices, technologies and systems that

AGCO

help maintain individual farm profitability while improving water usage efficiency. One of the main goals of this project is to extend the life of the Ogallala Aquifer, while maintaining the viability of local farms and communities

The Texas Alliance for Water Conservation is a unique partnership of Floyd and Hale county producers, data collection technologies, and collaborating partners that include: individual industries, universities, and government agencies. The TAWC project was made possible through a grant from the Texas Water Development Board. For more information and a final schedule for the field day, please visit the official Web site of the project: http://depts.ttu.edu/tawc. To RSVP to this event, please call Angela Beikman at (806) 742-2774 or complete the online form at http://www.depts.ttu.edu/tawc/pages/contactus.htm.

Thursday, August 4, 2011 Floyd County Unity Center, Muncy, TX 7:15 am Registration and refreshments 7:30 am Welcome & Introductions - Dr. David Doerfert, Texas Tech University

7:40 am Managing within a Changing Water Management Environment

Water Management Research Update: Mr. James Bordovsky, Agricultural Engineer & Associate Research Scientist, Texas AgriLife Research

> My Experiences with Ir-See TAWC on page 8

Grants, Loans and Technical Assistance Among Aid Available for Texas Wildfires

(COLLEGE STATION, TX), July 25, 2011 – A true team effort exists in response to wildfires in the state of Texas, as numerous state and federal agencies offer help to those responding to and recovering from the fires.

In addition to support from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also have assistance programs available.

of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing).

• Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) which offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornados lightening, extreme heat, and extreme cold.

• Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) that includes payments to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible cur because of the drought and the effects from wildfires. Our assistance will enable landowners and livestock producers to accelerate the recovery of the health and vigor of the affected grazing land.

erosion that continues to oc-

NRCS is offering technical and financial assistance statewide to landowners through several programs;

• The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) helps with deferred grazing of livestock, to rejuvenate plant health and to prevent soil erosion, and cross fencing assistance.

• The Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) initiative is

'Mother Nature has not been kind to Texas farmers and ranchers in 2011," said Juan M. Garcia, State Executive Director for Texas FSA. "Although not a remedy to the extensive hardships and heartbreak experienced by many producers this year, it's my hope that FSA's disaster programs and loans can alleviate some of the financial strain producers have suffered from the devastating impact of the recent natural disasters."

FSA offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist agricultural producers statewide in their recovery efforts following wildfires or similar qualifying natural disasters. Visit http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ for more details. The assistance programs available include:

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) which provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land severely damaged by natural disasters; includes fence loss. (Currently, 32 counties have received ECP funding. Additional counties are being reviewed and considered for funding – please contact the local FSA office to determine status of ECP availability).

Non-Insured Crop . **Disaster Assistance Pro**gram (NAP) which provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss

livestock because of drought or fire.

Assistance Tree **Program** (TAP) for eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for qualifying tree losses due to natural disaster.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Under the ELAP, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) which offers payments to eligible producers who have incurred crop production losses or crop quality losses, or both.

Emergency Loan Program - The recent primary or contiguous Secretarial Disaster designation for all counties in Texas which triggered the availability of FSA's low interest (3.75%) Emergency Loans. These loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, wildfire and other natural disasters or quarantine.

NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas said, "NRCS in Texas will help landowners to address wind



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.

• Additional conservation funding through the NRCS may also be used to address plant health needs for rangeland producers that have suffered losses from recent wildfires.

Applicants should visit the local NRCS office to fill out an application for costshare assistance. Information is also available at www. tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

There are also SBA and **FEMA programs:**

For information on SBA disaster assistance programs, call SBA's Customers Service Center at (800) 659-2955 for more information. See GRANTS on page 8

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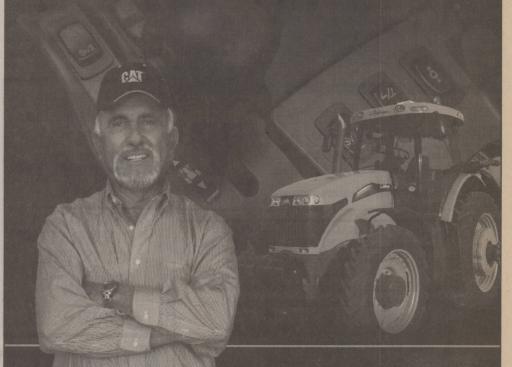
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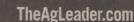


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Cotton Market Weekly

Before moving to the downside Thursday, traders looked for direction on both ends of the spectrum Wednesday as cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) refused to follow the previous day's limit gains and instead traded either side of unchanged.

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"As the market bounced up and down Wednesday, bears sold rallies looking for lower lows based on the perception that yarn supplies continue to back-up around the world causing prices to decline, and bulls were buying breaks due to the oversold nature in price and the idea that drought conditions in West Texas and Southern Georgia will limit supplies," a trader said.

The continuing drought still was the prevailing topic of conversation among cotton market observers. Texas still is at the epicenter of a once-in-a-generation drought stretching from Arizona to Florida. Thanks mostly to a La Niña weather pattern, the eight months from October 2010 through May 2011 have been the driest eight-month period on record for Texas since record keeping began in 1895, according to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service (NOAA/NWS).

The crop languished in the heat as USDA classified 57 percent of the Texas crop to be in poor condition or worse as of July 17. Cotton plants across most of the Northern and Central portions of the state were withering under the strain of high temperatures, wind, and no measurable rainfall.

NOAA/NWS explained the seriousness of the situation in July by reporting that in many locations, including West Texas, it would require more than twice the average seasonal precipitation over the next three months to end the historic drought.

In other news, July 21 marked the third consecutive week that producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold no cotton online. Traders said the drop in sales is due to the fact

contractor.

there is very little available cotton left to sell in the spot cotton market.

USDA's export sales report showed more net cancellations for current crop sales. Net upland sales reductions of 6,800 bales resulted as sales to Mexico, Taiwan and Thailand were more than offset by cancellations by Indonesia, China, and South Korea. Net sales of 31,200 bales for delivery in 2011-12 were mainly to China, Guatemala, and Thailand.

Export shipments of 120,300 bales were up three percent from the previous week, but down 21 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Vietnam, and Turkey.

"There are only two weeks left in the marketing year and given the recent pace of shipments, export sales may have to be revised lower again albeit by a small margin," a trader said.

Analysts noted that global demand for cotton has been lower the past several months, but many were optimistic about the return of international buyers as well as the continuation of healthy cotton prices in the upcoming season. Both items were good news to those farmers fortunate enough to produce a cotton crop under the season's extreme weather conditions.

"Demand for cotton has slacked off somewhat due to less demand from consumers in response to higher prices for cotton products, and in response to the slowing of purchases by textile mills because they had yarn sitting unspun in inventory and had to move it out before they would step in and buy again," said an analyst.

"Even with Texas' dismal crop outlook as a result of a severe ongoing drought, there will be an increase in world production and carryover this year, and that will probably keep price from going back above \$1.25," he said. "But, I think we'll still have ample opportunity to price cotton at \$1 or more."

From The Archives FLOYDADA, TEXAS...MEMORIES OF THE 1920'S

From The Lockney Beacon **January 21, 1973 By Arthur E. Gamble**

The following are from the memories of a small boy in a small town during the 1920's. My family moved on the Plains of Texas from Ellis County on a cold afternoon in 1901 — as I have heard Dad tell the story. They had been preceded by Uncle Ira (known as I. D. Gamble) and Granddad Gamble (John Houston Gamble) who came out and bought the Walter May land northwest of Floydada. The next spring, Dad and Uncle Jake (B. M. Gamble) came out and broke out part of the land and as reported by Homer Steen in his Notebook, they played around waiting for the rain. When the rain finally did come, they planted some maize and returned to Ellis County. There were no weeds on the sod land so that fall they returned to harvest a grain crop that had never been cultivated.

Weeds-particularly the tumble weed or Russian Thistle-were brought into West Texas in the feed for horses used in building the railroad grades over the plains. By their very nature, they spread rapidly. Dad said that when they first arrived in Floyd County there were no prickly pear but that someone brought in a bunch of cattle from old Mexico that had been fed on them and they spread over the country from the seed carried in those cattle.

Uncle Ira and Cousin Bill Robbins were in the mercantile business until they sold out shortly before the "big fire". Dad was still in school and many of his lifelong friends such as the Burrus boys and Sam Henry were schoolmates. Dad did a little horse breaking or "bronco busting", drove a freight team up to the end of the railroad at "Canyon City", finally taking time out to attend the Metropolitan Business College in Dallas where with this friend John Haney (later banker in Ralls) he studied bookkeeping and banking.

Golden. This did not last too long before it broke up and he went into the same business with J. C. Price. When the big oil boom hit Wichita Falls, Dad and Mr. Price formed the Gamble-Price Oil Company and Dad moved his family there to be vice president and general manager of this company during the years of 1918-1920. One of my memories of Wichita Falls was a returning soldier sharing some cake with me at a picnic celebration held on the courthouse square. Other memories of that period include mud, dust, water shortages, boom towns, stolen cars, slush pits, fear of falling in the "hole" or cellar, bull wheels, walking beams, steam boilers and engines and "big city living."

Gamble-Price Oil Company returned 3 to 1 on their investors' money and the little company was closed out and we returned to Floydada where we lived until July, 1929, when we moved to Lubbock, Texas, the "Hub of the Plains and the Home of Texas Tech."

With the oldest son ready for high school, two more children growing up and ambitious for their children to have college educations, it was quite apparent that a move must be made. Although other towns were discussed, the choice was narrowed to Abilene and Lubbock and all considerations were made as to both.

On a visit to both towns, I think the deciding factor was the change in temperature when on this hot muggy day, Mother and Dad drove on the Plains near Post. So just as a depression hit, Dad gave up his position and business in the town where "home" had been for 28 years and for our benefit in the field of educations, Lubbock became our home permanently.

So my memories of Floydada are those of a little boy between his 5th and 14th birthdays. Little boys don't necessarily recall big earthshaking events but they do remember the constant historians-but if you want to remember and enjoy the times of the "twenties" with a small boy, join me.

From The Floyd County Hesperian date unknown.. **By Arthur E. Gamble**

FLOYDADA IN THE 20'S....DOCTORS

During my life in Floydada, Doctors played an important part-because these men were our friends, neighbors and almost part of the family.

My birth was attended by Dr. Childress. I don't remember him but from everything I heard of him he was an excellent physician. He never would admit just how big I was at birth because in his opinion a "Doctor who would let a patient's baby get that big ought to be shot." I was 11 pounds and more--closer to 12 pounds. But thanks to his fine care, Mother and son came through in good shapeboth in good health more than a half century later.

Dr. V. Andrews had his office in the back of Woody's drugstore in Floydada. In nearly all West Texas towns Doctor's offices were in drug stores. The Doctors Smith-George and Lon-had their office in the Triplett Druglater the Massey Drug and later still in their own hospital. Dr. Andrews was a second generation physician (son of Dr. R. C. Andrews) and quite competent. The Smith brothers were sons of an old pioneer Methodist minister who lived his last years in Floydada where he was active in the Methodist Church and could be near his beloved sons.

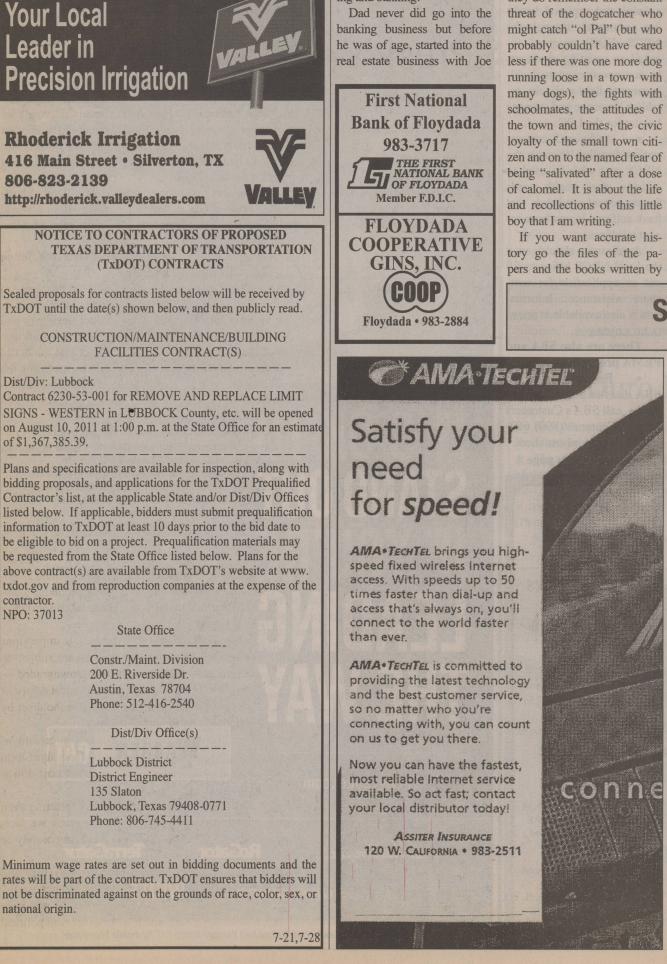
Dr. George Smith was an excellent doctor and chiefly worked with diagnosis and internal medicine. Dr. Lon Smith would have to rank amount West Texas' finest surgeons of all time. It is too bad that so often people remember a mannot at his prime--but after he has worn himself out serving his community and no longer able to maintain the killing dietetic department of the little hospital wasn't as advanced as was Dr. Lon because for her first meal following the operation Mother was served fired pork sausage and boiled cabbage. She refrained and survived the food at the hospital.

Dr. Lon (as everyone called him) was called on for many kinds of operations. If surgery was indicated, then it was taken for granted that the case went to him. With his own practice plus the many cases sent by other physicians, he would sometimes spend hours at the operating table until exhausted. He would settle in for a little well earned rest only to have an emergency call him back to the surgery again.

Specialization was in the future in most towns but Plainview did have a good hospital with Dr. Nichols,, Dr. Anderson and Dr. Gidney available. Over at Lubbock there was a group of Doctors who were beginning to specialize with Dr. Hutchinson being eyes, ear, nose and throat; Dr. M. C. Overson being the baby doctor and Dr. J. T. Krueger specializing in surgery. These doctors had their office over the First National Bank until they built the Lubbock Sanitarium and moved to offices there.

Doctors made house calls in those days and most babies were born at home. When a cowboy broke a leg, some was gored by a bull or any other of the major catastrophies that could happen to farm and ranch people occurred, the word was 'somebody ride for the doctor" and many hairy stories are told of those rides. But there was never any question about whether they could get the Doctor to come or not-none of this "take two aspirin and call me during office house next Thursday" stuff-the Doctor went with his little black bag to save a life if possible.

If those early day doctors were handling their workload today with the high fees, medicare, etc., they could have all been rich-but back then a Doctor was lucky if he got paid for delivering a baby by the time the child was ready for school. These were dedicated men who took their oath seriously and did their best to minister to all who needed them.



pace of his younger days. So it was with this fine surgeon, Dr. Lon Smith.

As a testimony to his skill, Mother was stricken with appendicitis when she was approximately 7 months pregnant with my sister. With his great skill, he performed the operation and some two months later my sister was a normal delivery. I doubt there is a man alive today who could have had the record of his successes with the instruments, equipment and facilities that he had to work with back then. Incidentally, the

Smith may be a "common" name over this country, but when you precede the name with Dr. Lon or Dr. George memories of two great men come flooding back. Floydada should give thanks they were there when needed.



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OPINION



The Paperboy

To dream the impossible dream

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

The following is a list of cuts proposed by the House Of Representatives. Look at the list and ask yourself if there is anything you can't live without?

The list:

• Corporation for Public Broadcasting Subsidy. \$445 million annual savings.

• Save America 's Treasures Program. \$25 million annual savings.

• International Fund for Ireland . \$17 million annual savings.

• Legal Services Corporation. \$420 million annual savings.

• National Endowment for the Arts. \$167.5 million annual savings.

• National Endowment for the Humanities. \$167.5 million annual savings.

• Hope VI Program.. \$250 million annual savings.

• Amtrak Subsidies. \$1.565 billion annual savings.

• Eliminate duplicative education programs. H.R. 2274 (in last Congress), authored by Rep. McKeon, eliminates 68 at a savings of \$1.3 billion annually.

• U.S. Trade Development Agency. \$55 million annual savings.

• Woodrow Wilson Center Subsidy. \$20 million annual savings.

• Cut in half funding for congressional printing and binding. \$47 million annual savings.

• John C. Stennis Center Subsidy. \$430,000 annual savings.

• Community Development Fund. \$4.5 billion annual savings.

• Heritage Area Grants and Statutory Aid. \$24 million annual savings.

• Cut Federal Travel Budget in Half. \$7.5 billion annual savings.

• Trim Federal Vehicle Budget by 20%. \$600 million annual savings.

• Essential Air Service. \$150 million annual savings.

• Technology Innovation Program. \$70 million annual savings.

• Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program. \$125 million annual savings.

• Department of Energy Grants to States for Weatherization. \$530 million annual savings.

• Beach Replenishment. \$95 million annual savings.

• New Starts Transit. \$2 billion annual savings.

• Exchange Programs for Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Their Historical Trading Partners in Massachusetts . \$9 million annual savings.

• Intercity and High Speed Rail Grants. \$2.5 billion annual savings.

• Title X Family Planning. \$318 million annual savings.

• Appalachian Regional Commission. \$76 million annual savings.

• Economic Development Administration. \$293 million annual savings.

• Programs under the National and Community Services Act. \$1.15 billion annual savings.

• Applied Research at Department of Energy. \$1.27 billion annual savings.

• FreedomCAR and Fuel Partnership. \$200 million annual savings.

• Energy Star Program. \$52 million annual savings.

• Economic Assistance to Egypt . \$250 million annually.

• U.S. Agency for International Development. \$1.39 billion annual savings.

• General Assistance to District of Columbia . \$210 million annual savings.

• Subsidy for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. \$150 million annual savings.

• Presidential Campaign Fund. \$775 million savings over ten years.

• No funding for federal office space acquisition. \$864 million annual savings.

• End prohibitions on competitive sourcing of government services. Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act. More than \$1 billion annually.

• IRS Direct Deposit: Require the IRS to deposit fees for services it offers (such as processing payment plans for taxpayers) to the Treasury, instead of allowing payments to remain as part of its budget. \$1.8 billion savings over ten years.

• Require collection of unpaid taxes by federal employees. \$1 billion total savings.

• Prohibit taxpayer funded union activities by federal employees. \$1.2 billion savings over ten years.

• Sell excess federal properties the government does not make use of. \$15 billion total savings.

• Eliminate Mohair Subsidies. \$1 million annual savings.

• Eliminate taxpayer subsidies to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.\$12.5 million

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annual savings.

• Eliminate Market Access Program. \$200 million annual savings.

USDA Sugar Program. \$14 million annual savings.

• Subsidy to Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).\$93 million annual savings.

• Eliminate the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program. \$56.2 million annual savings.

• Eliminate fund for Obamacare administrative costs. \$900 million savings.

• Ready to Learn TV Program. \$27 million savings.

• Eliminate death gratuity for Members of Congress.

• HUD Ph.D. Program.

• Deficit Reduction Check-Off Act

The total savings of these cuts is \$2.5 trillion over ten years. That is very significant.

Now consider this: let's say you are liberal, or progressive, and you don't want to see any cuts. Knowing it's impossible to sustain our government at the current pace, would you agree to the following:

• Tax all imports coming into the United States;

• Sell significant acreage of federal lands to U.S. individuals and corporations;

• Take 10% of GDP from Iraq and Afghanistan until our expenses of war are covered;

• Drill on U.S. soil and exploit the other natural resources existing in our borders.

Doing those things alone would grow the economy substantially and create tremendous job growth, so why not?

There are ways for us to get ahold of this country without the stupidity on display 24/7 in Washington. Once again, finding common ground on what the country wants should not be as difficult as we are led to believe.

Instead, we let government grow, create uncertainty and never gain traction.

If we don't get these issues solved soon, what is going to happen when Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, Louisiana and a few more southern states are footing the bill for California, Michigan and New Jersey? I can tell you it won't be pretty.

It's time for Congress and President Obama to stop the grandstanding and badmouthing and do the necessary things required to make us solvent for the long term.

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Introducing the New "Teflon President - 2012 Model"

Satire by Victor Morawski

Hey, kids! Boy are those Republicans and Tea Party Conservatives gonna' be in a tizzy when they hear this. For years they've been saying things like "In 2008 he ran on charisma and catchy slogans; in 2012 he'll have to run on his record." And "How long can they continue to blame George W. Bush for all the nation's problems?" Just wait 'til they see what we have for them.

Introducing the new "Teflon President" – 2012 Model!

Since the 1980's conservatives have had their very own Teflon President — the Ronald Reagan model. Now it's time for those of us on the left to have ours. Our new Barack Obama model comes with the highest quality non-stick surface, guaranteed to last an entire campaign season.

Kids, let them throw a charge at your Teflon President and watch in amazement as it trickles down harmlessly and vanishes. Your new model will absolutely accept no responsibility for anything that could hinder his reelection chances or your money back! You'll see; nothing sticks to him — absolutely nothing.

Are they complaining that the "stimulus" bill didn't create many jobs? Tell them, "Don't blame the President, blame Congress" for not letting him spend even more as was originally suggested by James Galbraith and Dean Baker of the Center for Economic and Policy Research.

Are they claiming that if there is any economic growth at all, it's happening too slowly? Just remind them what the President himself said in a June weekly radio address "Don't blame me, blame the Japanese earthquake and Tsunami!"

Are they saying that we are still in a recession for all practical purposes? Agree with Christina Romer. Tell them not to blame the President but chide them for their lack of in-depth economic knowledge and failure to realize that we in fact are in a recovery after all, a "growthless recovery."

Are they claiming that he has had three years and the economy is not fixed yet — not even close? Just tell them he didn't know how long it was going to take to fix the mess he inherited. And kids, if it's taking him this long to fix it then who broke it? That's right! Don't blame the President, blame George W. Bush.

Are they worried about near four dollar per gallon gas prices? Don't mention his drilling moratorium and slowness in approving offshore drilling permits or his destabilization of Libya, just be like MSNBC's Chuck Todd and say, "Don't blame the President, blame the Federal Reserve" for printing too much new money — along with, of course, a greater global demand for oil. Do they charge him with conducting an illegal war in Libya? Say, "Don't blame the President, blame Congress" for not noticing early enough that he was extending the conflict beyond the two-month deadline set by the War Powers Act and agree with him that we're just not doing enough fighting there to call it a war.

Do they moan about rising food prices? Say, "Don't blame the President, blame Global Warming" for hindering world food production, as a new Stanford University report by David Lobell claims.

These and other accusations will roll off your new Teflon President like water off a duck's back.

We do apologize that you'll have to wait 'til next year to order yours. Though hoping to have your new model out in 2011, we've hit a bit of a snag. Our product designers had wanted to convey the President's good-natured, happy-golucky, devil-may-care attitude toward the fact that the entire country seems to be falling apart around him by including the phrase "What, me worry?" on the base of each new model. There has been an unexpected delay though as it seems that slogan is already in use.

David Axelrod said recently that 2012 will not be a referendum on Barack Obama's policies. Why? 'Cause he knows our new model will be out by then. Why else?

\$3 Trillion is Not \$4 Trillion

By TAD DEHAVEN

Can't these guys count?

Credit rating agencies Moody's, S&P, and Fitch have explicitly warned that if Congress does not enact a fiscal consolidation plan totaling at least \$4 trillion over the next ten years, the nation's Triple-A credit rating will be downgraded.

In this context, on July 25, competing proposals were released by the House and Senate that cut \$3 trillion and \$2.7 trillion over ten years, respectively.

Are they kidding? The House and Senate are double daring the credit rating agencies to make good on their downgrade threat.

On the side of caution, one might imagine that in order to avert a downgrade, the only proposals on the table right now would reduce borrowing by at least \$4 trillion. Even on a conservative basis, it might have been wise for both chambers of Congress to overshoot the \$4 trillion mark of minimum savings by several trillion more. Why?

Because all of the baseline assumptions related to tax revenue by the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office are predicated on economic growth assumptions that are, to say the least, extremely rosy.

The Office of Management and Budget's baseline scenario already has revenues rising from \$2.174 trillion this year to

\$4.820 trillion in 2021. For the savings under either proposal to be realized, revenues will have to grow by 120 percent in the next ten years, and the economy will have to practically double in size.

If those numbers are wrong and revenue only rises to \$3.5 trillion in 2021, the debt will actually increase by more than \$7 trillion above the projected baseline, more than erasing any savings from either plan.

When one delves further into Moody's criteria governing a downgrade, both proposals will likely fail to avert a downgrade should interest owed reach 18 to 20 percent of revenue paid to the Treasury. The trouble is that at \$430.4 billion, gross interest already reflects 19.79 percent of revenue.

Even if the government's rosy predictions of economic and revenue growth prove to be true, by 2021, the \$1.3 trillion of gross interest on the national debt will total over 26 percent of revenue, and that's if interest rates only rise to their historical norm of 5 percent. By then, we'll have long since been downgraded.

Perhaps congressional leaders have received private assurances from the credit rating agencies that these proposals will avert a credit downgrade. Or, maybe they have secret knowledge of robust economic growth coming in the next ten years.

Or, perhaps they don't take the threat of a downgrade seri-

ously at all.

Considering that both proposals are being presented as political solutions to what amounts to a math problem, it appears most likely that this threat is not being taken seriously.

And that should make all Americans nervous.

What makes these politicians think the U.S. is impervious to a credit downgrade? Other sovereigns who are subject to the same credit ratings — that too have been downgraded are likely to demand equal treatment for the greatest debtor of all, the U.S., when it fails to meet the basic threshold set by the agencies in defining fiscal sustainability.

Those who assume an American monopoly on creditworthiness are risking everything in exchange for very short-term political calculations that will become irrelevant post-downgrade.

Now, neither political party in Washington is offering even a minimum solution to the gargantuan debt crisis we face, when soon the debt will become so large it cannot possibly be repaid.

Yet if either the House or Senate proposals pass, they will fall short of the \$4 trillion minimum necessary to get our fiscal house back in order. If we are downgraded, it will have been from a failure of courage and leadership of both political parties in Washington.

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9:45 am Load buses to 1st field site

10:00 am Field Site #1: The Latest on Water Efficient Crop Varieties . Water Efficient Corn Research: Mr. Jeff Miller, District Sales Manager, Pioneer Hi-Bred

10:45 am Load buses to final field site

11:00 am Field Site #2: Impacts of Sprinkler

rigation Scheduling in the Head Choice and Integrating Variable-rate Technologies into your Management Plan Variablerate Technologies: Mr. Edwin Smith, Senninger Irrigation,

> Load buses 11:45 am to return to Unity Center for lunch and remainder of program

12:00 pm Lunch Program

Update on Water Management Technology in the TAWC project: Dr. David Sloane, AquaSpy

What's Next in Water Management Decision Tools: Dr. Stephen Maas, Texas Tech University Keynote Speaker: Senator Robert Duncan, District 28, The Senate of Texas

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America.

farmers donated food and allowed students to use their facilities for showering before facilities were built on the school's grounds. A cotton gin in Cone, which sits right across the street, would eventually donate the showers and bathrooms which were formally used by the gin's farmhands.

Throughout the years, through grace and the dedicated help of volunteers, the Harmony Plains Singing School has grown to be a fixture of West Texas history, and a musical staple in

Harmony Plains currently has no plans of slowing down and is encouraging new students to take advantage of what they have to offer. "We're not a closed school," explained Gary Barrington, "anybody that loves the Lord and wants to come here and learn to sing better, and learn how to more perfectly praise the Lord, and enjoy the fel-

lowship, their welcome." For more information on the school you can visit their website at www.harmonyplains.com.

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FEMA is supporting the wildfires with a presidential disaster declaration that will reimburse 45 Texas counties for Emergency Protective Measures, Fire Management Assistance Grant declarations for 43 Texas wildfires, and the availability of Hazard Mitigation funds statewide. Find more information about the recovery operations on the TDEM website at www.txdps.state. tx.us/dem

together and the various communities; what one pro-

State Coordinating Officer

Shari Ramirez-MacKay. "Our goal is a unity of effort across the spectrum of government from the local, state and federal level that provides the greatest amount of assistance to those impacted by the wildfires," said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Kevin L. Hannes. "There are multiple programs and sources of assistance that are available to increase the speed of "When everyone works recovery and create stronger

Free trade agreements would boost agriculture investment, job growth

The three pending free trade agreements with Panama, Colombia and South Korea could generate \$2.5 billion in American agricultural exports and 22,500 jobs for the U.S. economy. All three agreements are awaiting a congressional vote following lengthy disputes among both chambers of Congress and the Obama administration.

"Free trade with these countries would expand the market opportunities available to farmers and ranchers, opening up new sources of revenue for their products," said Tanner Smith, from a swift resolution and quick pas-President of Floyd County Farm Bureau.

Although the agreements have passed the mock markup process, Republicans are concerned with the administration's addition of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) to the South Korea deal. TAA would provide financial aid to workers whose jobs are affected by the free trade agreement. However, many trade supporters are concerned legislators are distracted

sage.

"In the interest of the health of our rural and agricultural communities, we must not delay these free trade agreements any longer," Smith said. "More jobs, especially in rural communities, would give our economy a much-needed financial boost."

Officials hope to complete a vote on all three free trade agreements before Aug. 6, when Congress is expected to break for the August recess.

will spend "ample time" sifting through

what research-based information is

available relevant to animal feeding

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to three percent — of total U.S. green-

ife Extension, after an accounting and

sharing of research results, to come

up with suggestions of ways to reduce

house gas emissions, Mukhtar noted.

Animal agriculture, has been identi-

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operations and climate change.

AgriLife Extension to address effect of climate change on animal agriculture

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas EPA for animal agriculture, but that AgriLife Extension Service will share a \$4.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture with five other land-grant university extension agencies to address issues associated with climate change and animal agriculture.

One of the main purposes of the grant is "to gather research-based practical information to identify existing and new practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from animal feeding operations," said Dr. Saqib Mukhtar, AgriLife Extension engineer and interim associate department head of the Texas A&M University department of biological and agricultural engineering.

"We have a lack of information in climate change - or climate variability — when it comes to animal agriculture," Mukhtar said. "And we do not have the Extension outreach education capacity in the U.S. to address climate-

In addition to the direct effect of atmospheric climate change on animal agriculture, there's the regulatory atmosphere to consider, he said.

"Currently, greenhouse gas-emission reporting is not enforced by the

heroism of Lockney resident, Archie Jones.

Before and bin-between newscasts, Lockney resi-

information on early detection and safety, Floyd County'sugown Mangold Memorial Hospital would ings.

may not be the case in the future," Mukhtar said.

It's commonly known that ruminant animals produce methane and other gases during digestion, but more work is needed to estimate how much of these gases, as well as waste water, is produced under varying management and climatic conditions, he said.

"In Texas, we have a little better advantage on the Texas AgriLife Research side, of which I'm also a part. The researchers at the Center for Agricultural Air Quality Engineering and Science have been measuring greenhouse gas emissions from dairy and beef cattle operations," he said. "So we have some estimates of how much nitrous oxide, methane and carbon dioxide are produced by animal agriculture in southwestern climate and management systems.'

The grant will enable AgriLife Extension and extension personnel in several universities in the Southwest and other regions to come together and "chalk out a plan," Mukhtar said.

"First we need to learn ourselves what is available in terms of information and education," he said.

Mukhtar said he and his colleagues

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to Lockney citizens on the location of a blue jewelry bag that was hidden somewhere in Lockney; the first dents packed the traveling also be on site, checking person to find the bag, kept studio for a chance to show children's shot records, and the bag. The finder's keepproviding health screen- er this year would be Amy Deleon, who followed the clues and found the bag at the basketball courts behind the elementary. Mrs. Deleon won a stunning necklace valued at \$2,400.

western swing legend Lucy Dean Record and alternative country band Run Home Jack.

Closing out the broadcast, sports anchor, Pete Christy, focused on Lockney sports as he interviewed Lockney basketball and softball coach, Lisa Schumacher; Lockney sports director and head football coach, Malcolm Morbe, and groundskeeper guru, Kenny Hooten.

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emissions from animal feeding operations," he said. "Once we have that information base built for the southwestern region, then we will start building educational materials, webinars, lesson modules, and such that we can bring to the extension personnel and technical service providers, commodity groups and general public."

AgriLife Extension's share of the grant will be about \$670,000. Eventually, the goal is to share information not just at the state and regional levels, but nationally as well, Mukhtar said.

The other land-grant university extension agencies sharing the grant are the University of Nebraska, Washington State University, the University of Georgia, Cornell University and the University of Minnesota.

change issues in animal agriculture."

programs are offered, it helps recovery speed forward that much more," said

gram doesn't cover, another program may be able support."

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off their hometown pride. A free dinner was provided to the citizens courtesy of Atmos Energy, United Supermarkets, Pepsi, and Schwan's.

tems would join the Tour this year, providing health

Another new event joining the tour this year would be the Finders Keepers contest, put on by Ander-Covenant Health Sys- son Brothers Jewelry in Lubbock. Beginning at noon, kcbd.com gave clues

Providing entertainment for the evening would be

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sponse to Governor Perry's calling our nation to prayer, saying "there is hope for America, and we will find it on our knees... We believe that America is in a state of crisis. Not just politically, financially or morally, but because we are a nation that has not honored God in our successes or humbly called on Him in our struggles."

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