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Federal spending cuts may hit home sooner than expected

By Homer Marquez

With the possibility of a default threatening to smear the financial reputation of our Nation, Washington lawmakers battled over the weekend to try to find a solution to America's budget crisis before Tuesday's deadline sent our Nation's credit status into delinquency.

In the final hours before Tuesday's deadline, our Legislative branch was able to avoid a catastrophic financial default by coming up with a deal which allowed our Government to raise our Nation's debt ceiling and incorporate federal spending cuts.

On Monday, Congress enacted a compromise that will raise our Country's current \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling by around \$2.1 to

\$2.4 trillion. In addition to that, Congress will also plan for roughly \$2.4 trillion in federal spending cuts over the next 10 years. Cuts that will be applied to discretionary programs that congress approves annually, discretionary programs such as defense and other security programs that make up more than half of all discretionary spending. Entitlement checks for Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare are predicted to be excluded from these cuts.

The first phase of cuts will be minimal in order to avoid sending the economy into another recession. Around \$900 billion of spending will be cut initially once Congress passes the legislation; and another \$1.5 trillion will be decided later on in the year.

Deciding what cuts will make up the \$1.5 trillion needed for phase two of the spending cuts, will be a 12 member congressional committee, made up of 6 Democrats and 6 Republicans. From now until November, this 12 member congressional committee will evaluate and make cuts to programs, in order to reduce spending.

So how does all this directly affect the citizens of Floyd County? Well, according to TORCH, or the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals, the elimination of crucial rural health care programs and funding could have a detrimental financial effect on local hospitals like Mangold Memorial Hospital, especially if funding for programs like the Critical Access Hospital program is

cut. In a recent report from the Congressional Budget Office, programs like the Critical Access Hospital program, which Mangold Hospital qualifies for, were cited for elimination as a way to save money.

Currently, Mangold Memorial Hospital's size and location allows the medical facility to take advantage of the programs available funding. In order to qualify for the program, the hospital must be a small facility that gives limited outpatient and inpatient hospital services to people in rural areas. The Critical Access Hospital must be a rural acute care hospital consisting of no more than 15 acute beds and ten swing beds, and the hospi-

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Two-a-day practices open up 2011 season



Photos by Homer Marquez
 Monday kicked off the start of two-a-days, a long running Texas tradition, which is designed to get players back in shape for the up-coming 2011 football season. For the next two weeks, both the Whirlwinds and the Longhorns will dedicate the rest of the summer drilling and running through plays.

By Homer Marquez

The boys of fall were back on the gridiron this week, as Monday marked the first day of two-a-day practices for both the Floydada Whirlwinds and the Lockney Longhorns.

For the next couple of weeks, these two titans of Floyd County will be looking to get back into the groove, as they prepare for another season of action-packed Texas high school football.

Early Monday morning, before the grueling summer sun took effect, players for both teams were already geared up and on the field, determined on getting back into the football mindset. A continuation of last spring's off-season workouts, both teams hit the ground running, as coaches conditioned bod-

ies and sharpened minds with a workout program that instituted tons of drills and play running.

During the remainder of two-a-day practices, coaches for both the Whirlwinds and the Longhorns will be using this time as a way to evaluate their current arsenal and adapt game plans before heading into the 2011-2012 season; "We're going to learn the things that we're planning as far as what's going to be the bases of our offense, defense, and kicking game, and also obviously get them in shape to where their ready to play a game at the end of August," explained Lockney Longhorn Head Coach, Malcolm Moerbe.

In Lockney, the District 1A Longhorns will look to bounce back after a 3-7 overall record in 2010. Incorporating a N.E.W philosophy, or No Excuses Whatsoever, the Longhorns are taking all the necessary steps towards dominating their four team district after going winless in district play last year.

Losing only eight seniors this year, the Longhorns will be counting on the experience gained by younger players last season. A trial by fire, many underclassmen answered the call and filled-in spots left open by injuries during the season last year. A relatively young team, this experience will undoubtedly pay-off for the Longhorns, as these players will definitely be stronger and wiser in the 2011 season, "They've come a long way, just playing ten Friday night games certainly matures you, and through the off-season and through the summer, its the best summer workouts we've seen since I've been here as far a participation, so I think they realize what they got to do," explained Coach Moerbe.

As far a strategy goes, Coach Moerbe will look to emphasize highlights last
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Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Lions president, Penny Golightly (left) congratulated Jimmy Willson and presented him with a 65-year membership pin. As of June 2011 Willson will have been with the Lions Club 65 years. He is a charter member of the Floydada Lions Club which was started in June 1946.

Golf Tournament to Support South Plains 4-H Activities Set for Aug. 16

By Mark Carroll
 CEA-AG Floyd County

The South Plains 4-H program will host a one-day golf tournament at the Plainview Country Club on August 16, 2011. The tournament is open to anyone wishing to play golf. The format for the tournament will be a four-person scramble. The entry fee is \$50 per person (\$200 per team). Individuals are welcome. Entries are due August 9th.

Entry fee covers the green fee, cart rental, lunch, beverages, and all the fun you can have. Prizes will be
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Templo Getsemani Assemblies of God

By Joe Hernandez Pastor

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1) - KVT Templo Getsemani Assemblies of God church located at 701 W. Missouri St. We are excited to announce our New Schedule of Worship Services for Sunday mornings.

The new time for Spanish Worship Service is from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. We also provide the community with a "New" English Worship Service- "all English", and this service is from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Come join us this Sunday and worship the Lord.

I believe many people long to draw closer to God, desire to belong and be part of a Christian community and would like to do something good for

God's Kingdom. Make an intentional effort to go to God's house this Sunday, expect Him to speak to you directly, and follow His leadings as He pulls you closer to his side.

If you honestly give Him your undivided attention, and respond to Him, you will leave the building with God's peace in your heart and mind.

We have Monday night prayer from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. every week.

If you need prayer...give us a call, and tell us what you would like for us to pray for. You're also invited to come by and we will pray for your specific need.

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FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Soudelier

The Senior Citizens News has been missing the last couple of weeks because Margarete is in Lubbock, first in hospital and now in rehab. We certainly hope she will be home soon. Everyone at the Center is missing her.

Jon LaBaume's twin brother, Don and his wife,

Janice from Abilene spent the week-end with Jon and Elaine. They were enroute to their son's in Denver, Colorado.

If you are 60 or older come and join us.

Memorials this past week were:

In memory of Mary Fewell (Vivian Snell's mother) -

Jerry and Darlene Soloman

In memory of Kenneth Bain - Herman Graham

In memory of Wanda Hickerson - Herman Graham

MENU

Monday - Chicken salad sandwiches, soup, fruit

Tuesday - Chicken quesadillas, salad, beans, cinn-

mon crisps

Wednesday - Fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, cornbread, pistachio salad

Thursday - Southwestern pork, salad, vegetables, pumpkin crunch

Friday - Mushroom chicken, broccoli & cheese, corn, roll, rocky road pudding

Lann brings cowboy experience to Silverton rodeo concert

Jason Nutt & Highway 70 to perform "on the diamond"

SILVERTON, Texas - It's quite fitting James Lann is the headline Texas Country concert act on the final night of Silverton's Buck Wild Days Rodeo.

Lann is a cowboy, the fifth generation of his family to be such. Raised on a ranch where he rode horses, roped livestock and handled many of the other duties everyone in this part of the country is familiar with, Lann has been playing and singing since the age of 14.

The sweet country crooner will be the final act of three nights of entertainment in Silverton, a community of about 600 residents. It's a whale of a way to close the three performances of rodeo, set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18-Saturday, Aug. 20. The weekend will feature a free dance after Thursday's rodeo and six great Texas Country concerts after Friday and Saturday nights' rodeos.

"Who better to headline the Silverton Buck Wild Days Rodeo than someone who understands the sport," said Corey Johnston of 106.1 KFLP-FM. "James Lann is that guy."

Lann, who has released two phenomenal albums, will be joined "on the diamond" Saturday night by the Zack Walther Band and Jason Nutt & Highway 70. Lann will carry with him an outstanding repertoire, which features four No. 1 songs on the Texas Country charts. His most recent, "Halfway To Houston," went No. 1 this year. In 2009, he reached No. 1 with "Honky Tonk Two Step Queen," then followed that with "The Talent Requires" and "Every Kiss Goodnight" in 2010.

From his beginnings on the

music scene - where he opened for acts like Chris LeDoux, Pat Green, Wade Bowen, Clay Walker and Darryl Worley - to where he is today, Lann has found a comfortable place in Texas Country.

That's quite convenient for Zack Walther and his band, who reside in the genre. In fact, Walther brings new musical twists to the Texas music scene, and his talent has been accepted inside the renowned Gruene Hall in New Braunfels, Texas.

The band's most recent album, "Into The Fray," includes 10 songs that features Walther's hard-hitting lyrics. Walther began playing at the age of 13 but didn't get a "real" guitar until he was 15. As for songwriting, he continues to hold tight to his influences, Jimi Hendrix and Simon and Garfunkel - with a Texas Country twist, of course.

"The Zack Walther Band is one of the most refreshing acts I've heard is years," Johnston said. "Those guys are talented enough to shut Piers Morgan up for good."

Jason Nutt & Highway 70 is based in Lubbock, and their upbeat, catchy style has been a hit with fans. Nutt, a singer and songwriter, had formed a number of bands before he teamed with fiddle player Tanner Evans, bassist Dub Wood, drummer Tyler Richardson and lead guitarist Clint Chapman. Each artist brought his own background into the act to form the talent that will be on display in Silverton.

"Jason Nutt & Highway 70 is the perfect fit for Saturday night's show," Johnston said. "He's a local guy with big talent."

From The Archives

From Floyd County Hesperian January 28, 1973

FLOYDADA IN THE 20'S...MILK BUSINESS

Back in the 1920's, refrigeration was rudimentary, roads were rough, trucks were slow - so milk was usually a local affair. Ice cream could be shipped some distance if done so quickly via railway express but even at that certain risks were involved.

Floydada had one small dairy at the time with a limited clientele but most of us had cows out in the lot behind the house. A corrugated iron drinking tub holding 250 to 300 gallons of water was filled from time to time and a rack to hold pummies, cotton burrs or cane bundles provided roughage that would keep a cow going pretty well. Most families fed a supplemental feeding of bran, shorts, cottonseed meal and sometimes cottonseed hulls. In the summer these cows were staked on a long chain on the vacant lots to graze but care had to be exercised to be sure they didn't reach blue weeds since these weeds would give a flavor to the milk that was called

"blueweedy" and made the milk unfit for human consumption.

To become acquainted with the mammals of God's earth, each boy in this world should start his study with milking a cow. One of the first facts you learn is that a cow does not "give" milk - you have to take it away from her. Sometimes this is an unequal battle but persistence pays off and in time the milker even comes to take pride in his prowess - showing that it doesn't take much to make some people proud.

Jersey and Guernsey cows were usual with Holsteins being left to the dairies who were more interested in quantity than in quality. The choice of a cow was a matter for considerable discussion and different people had different ideas about how to choose. My dad favored the smooth, pretty Jersey whereas Uncle Jake favored the big, ugly, rough looking crossbreeds. Often Uncle Jake's cows gave more milk which was a matter for considerable "hurrahing" between the brothers.

John Hollums was a local real estate trader who had a cow that he traded to his father-in-law,

Judge Duncan. He told the old Judge that the cow gave so much milk they didn't know what to do with it. That night when he milked the cow, Judge got about half a cup. Upon calling John's hand on it, he was told - "that's what I said, she gives so much we don't know what to do with it - it's too much for the coffee but not enough for the cereal!" (Incidentally, this story was told to me by the son and grandson of the two principals involved).

Milking was one chore that was more or less considered "men's work" which meant that it usually fell on the boys of the family - but the women did help out at times. I always considered myself sort of sanitary because I usually dusted off the area around the bag and tits before I started milking. I didn't take much stock in the story that dairies washed off the bag and tits (don't try to confuse me with something about teats - don't know what those are) because any boy would know that in cold weather the cow would freeze.

Being a sanitary type milker, I always dipped out the falling items that I could see with the naked eye. You learned quite early that lowering your head and butting it into the flank of the cow provided a measure of security because you could feel her muscles tighten if she started to raise her right hind leg to kick. You could often block her raising the leg but once it was raised to kicking position you only hope was to dodge. Two rules you learned early - you milk a cow from the right side - you mount a horse from the left.

All homes had "milk strainers" consisting of a tinmed cone with a piece of brass screening across the smaller open end. Since we were somewhat sanitation minded, mother usually doubled a "cup towel" and lined the strainer with it, thereby getting more of the foreign matter. A good milk cow "gave" from 3 1/2 to four gallons per day of rich Jersey milk but the average was probably closer to 2-2 1/2. Less than 1 1/2 gallons per day wasn't worth messing with and the cow was dried up and turned to pasture to await the arrival of the next calf.

The milk was strained into gallon crocks and let "set overnight" so the cream could rise to the top. This cream was used for cooking, ice cream, cereal and butter. Oleo was a white looking stuff (by law, no color could be added) that no right thinking housewife would serve her family - real butter it was - whether on biscuits, light bread or in cakes.

Churning was a job that little boys or girls drew without respect to sex. The old dasher type made a distinctive chug-chug that could be heard from some distance so laying down on the job was difficult. Later when the "Daisy Churn" with its glass jar, metal gears on top and wooden paddles inside came along, the job was less dreary, so the kids didn't draw the job as much as formerly - now mother would do it sometimes. After all a complicated piece of machinery like that was too much for a child's mentality.

The milk left after the cream was skimmed off was referred to by us as "blue-John" - was a thin bluish tinged product but had many uses. First it was used for drinking - a sizable glass for everyone at every meal - ice tea was a luxury and coffee was reserved for the breakfast of those of maturity. Since limited straining produced limited removal of foreign matter, certain habits of drinking this milk were formed. Till this day, I can pick the old boys who were raised during the days of home grown milk - they are the ones who leave the last quarter inch of milk in the glass.

The leftover milk had many uses - when the milk soured and formed large curds called clabber, it was widely consumed as a drink. By boiling clabber, placing it in a cloth sugar sack, hanging it on the clothes line to drain, the resultant curds formed a hard curd cottage cheese. This was mixed with salad dressing, chopped onions, and other seasonings to become the first dairy product of its kind for many of us. Skim milk could be used with a rennet product to make perhaps the worst ice cream available at the time - but it was better than nothing - barely.

Surplus milk could be sold at times to those whose cow had gone dry and wouldn't freshen for awhile - but seldom did we have a regular customer for a very long time.

During these years, polio was known as the "rich kids disease" since it seldom hit us unsanitary, "home produced milk drinkers. The rich kids had the pasteurized milk which could usually be identified by its faintly "cooked" taste and came in bottles from the sanitary dairies. Nowadays, to prevent polio, some polio virus is placed on a cube of sugar and consumed - thereby inoculating the person against this dread disease. With the chaff, trash and flies that fell in our milk, we were thoroughly protected against polio and perhaps diseases that haven't even been named yet.

So it is with heartfelt thanks that we look back on that good old unsanitary milk that nurtured and protected us from all harm.

Nursing school starting online master's degree

By Teresa Young

Beginning in the fall, the School of Nursing at Wayland Baptist University will launch a Master of Science in Nursing degree, offered completely online.

The school, which is housed at Wayland's campus in San Antonio, began to work on plans and research for a nurse educator-focused graduate degree not long after it got its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program off the ground a few years ago.

According to Dr. Diane Frazor, dean of the school, the MSN was part of the plan all along.

"In education, every faculty member I hire must have a master's degree in nursing of some sort, and most hospitals are looking at nurse educators to be master's degree prepared," she said.

While master's degrees in nursing are not uncommon, Frazor said most lean toward preparing nurses for the clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner roles instead of the education route. And when it comes to making that leap into the nurse educator field, most people have had to learn as they go.

"Master's degrees used to be only for administrators or nurse practitioners, so folks who teach have all just had to learn how to do that in the classroom by trial and error," she said. "I got my doctorate in education so I would have the education experience as well."

This degree, then, will help prepare nurses to step into the education realm with confidence that they know not only how to be good nurses but how to teach others to be good nurses.

Part of that confidence, Frazor said, comes from the unique structure of the WBU degree program. The 36-hour master's degree includes a course from the School of Business that includes exposure to marketing, management and finance... all the aspects of the job that Frazor said she had to do from rote. The degree also includes a focus on organizational structure, which is vital in healthcare situations whether the setting is a hospital or a school.

About a year ago, Frazor began researching degree programs and designing one that would fit those needs, with the help of a master's degree student she was precepting. She built courses and found textbooks, then the program went before the WBU officials and Wayland's accrediting body, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, for approval.

Wayland's undergraduate nursing degrees earned accreditation from the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission, and Frazor plans to pursue the same accreditation for the MSN. That requires waiting until the first class of master's degree graduates are ready to graduate.

The MSN will begin with the fall term that begins August 15. The 11-week term is one of four offered each year through WBU, so participants can easily finish the degree in six terms, or roughly 18 months, if they complete two classes each term. All classes are online, and the degree ends with a practicum done wherever the student lives with a faculty mentor in their field of choice.

The degree offers great flexibility for participants because there is no sequence to classes taken. Students can enter the program at any time they wish.

In order to apply for the MSN degree program, students must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from an accredited institution and provide transcripts. Applicants with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in their last 60 undergraduate graded hours are guaranteed admission to the graduate program. Those with lower GPAs will be required to submit a writing sample and may be admitted on probationary status.

Tuition for the MSN program follows that of the Virtual Campus at Wayland, which is \$359 per credit hour.

For more information about the master's degree in nursing, contact the School of Nursing at (210) 486-5034 or visit the Web site at www.sa.wbu.edu

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During the Floyd County and Surrounding Areas Fair in September, we will crown a new Miss Floyd County along with her Floyd County Princesses. Are YOU going to be the next Miss Floyd County?

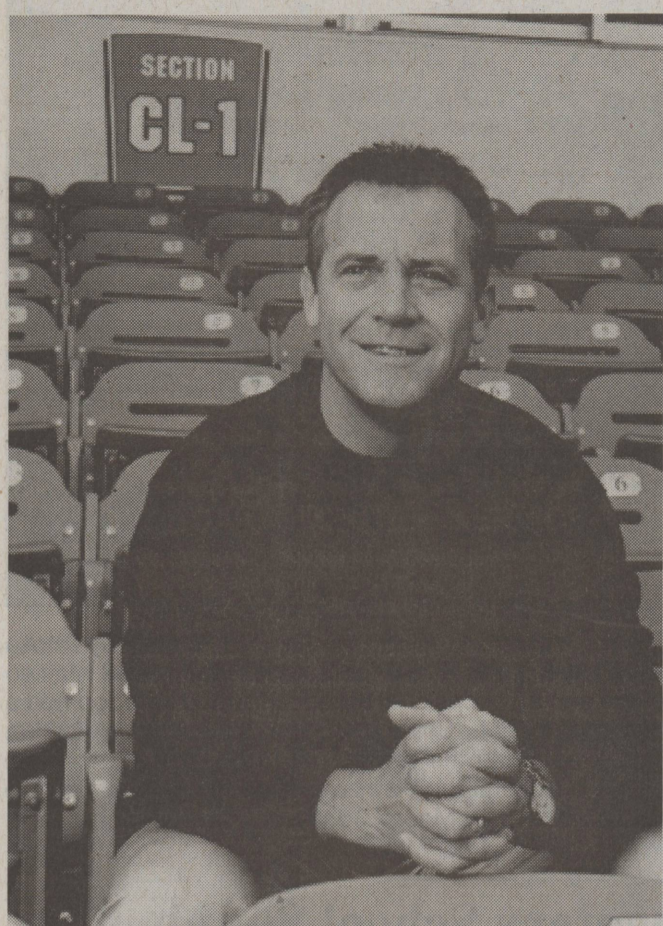
Entry in the Miss Floyd County Pageant is available to all girls 3 years to 19 years of age who currently reside within Floyd County and/or the surrounding area counties.

Interviews will be held Saturday, September 10, 2011

Pageant will be held Saturday, September 17, 2011; during the Floyd County Fair.

Watch for more details to come or "Like" Miss Floyd County on Facebook! You may also contact us with any questions at missfloydcounty@gmail.com or call Ann Anderson at 652-2166.

Plainview Area Go Tell Crusade to host evangelist, Rick Gage



RICK GAGE

Rick Gage of Duluth, Georgia, a longtime evangelist who focuses on small to medium-sized communities throughout the country, will be the speaker for the Plainview Area Go Tell Crusade schedule Oct. 2-5 at Greg Sherwood Memorial Bulldog Stadium in Plainview. Each of the evening services begin at 7 p.m. They will include lively worship music and a guest testimony. Churches in Plainview, Hale Center, Cotton Center, Abernathy, Petersburg, Lockney, Floydada, Olton, Hart, Dimmitt and Silverton have been invited to participate. Gage held a similar

crusade for Swisher County in Tulia last year, resulting in a reported 380 decisions to receive Christ or renew a Christian commitment. Gage - who played football at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla. before serving as an assistant coach at Texas Tech and Liberty University - and a ministry colleague also will speak in school assemblies in Plainview and area communities on making good life choices. In addition to crusades, Gage's Go Tell Ministries hosts many camps for young people during the summer. According to general chairman Danny Andrews, more

than 20 churches and several independent ministries were represented at organizational meetings and they are being called on to secure congregational leaders who will enlist volunteers for counseling and follow-up, youth activities, outreach (inviting people to the crusade) and prayer support. A kickoff banquet/fundraiser will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Ollie Linder Center. Tickets are \$10 and will be available soon at churches in Plainview and the area. They also will be available at Street Real Estate, 3010 Olton Road, and Lewis, Kaufman & Co., 2308 W. Fifth, in Plainview. "While the banquet will be an exciting event with Rick Gage presenting a challenge, we hope others will not wait until the banquet but will go ahead and make a financial commitment that can have eternal significance. All gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated and contributions may be sent to Plainview Area Go Tell Crusade, 2308 W. Fifth, Plainview, TX 79072. "We know that many people of all ages in Plainview and the area did not grow up in Christian homes, have seldom if ever been in church, and have not heard the life-changing message of Jesus Christ," said Andrews. "We want to afford that opportunity to as many people as we can." Anyone needing more information about the crusade or banquet and those wishing to volunteer to be a part of the crusade effort may contact Andrews at 729-7154 and 296-7721.

THIS WEEK'S

LOCKNEY CHAMBER HOSTING CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will also be hosting a city-wide garage sale on August 6th. You may contact Kay Martin at J&K Insurance, 652-3386 or Melissa Kunselman at Kaleidoscope, 652-2960 for more information.
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

SURE 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.

Live From the Backroom Calendar

- August 3 (5:00pm) - Mike Ryan
- August 10 (5:00pm) - Chad Johnson Band
- August 17 (5:00pm) - The Hogg Maulies
- August 24 (5:00pm) - Rankin Twins
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Carthel Reunion

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Lockney Senior Citizens Center Menu

August 8 - 12

- Monday - Cheeseburger
- Tuesday - Frito pie
- Wednesday - Chicken Fried Steak
- Thursday - Meat loaf
- Friday - Fish

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<p>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-5278 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST Levi Sisemore, Minister Ivan Gomez, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study. 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Franks, Pastor Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music Josh Burgett - Min. Students Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Youth)..... 7:15 pm</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m. Youth (Wednesday) .. 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lockney Rev. Ricky Carstensen Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High 5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST Lockney Jay Don Poindexter, Minister Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study ... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 310 E. Mississippi Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible... 10:00 a.m. Morning Praise... 11:00 a.m. Evening Praise 5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 N. Main, Lockney Early Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Discipleship 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. Evening 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (church) Sunday School English 9:45 a.m. Spanish 11:00 a.m. Spanish Worship 9:30 a.m. English Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH Floydada Rev. Angelo Consemينو Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. Mon. Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 p.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD Washington and 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>TRINITY ASSEMBLY 500 W. Houston Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor 983-5499 or 983-2887 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.</p>
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South Plains College announces fall 2011 registration

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will host registration for the fall 2011 semester on its Levelland, Byron Martin Advance Technology Center, Plainview Center and Reese Center campus locations Aug. 22-25.

Fall classes begin Aug. 29. Fall on campus registration for technical majors only at SPC Byron Martin, 3201 Ave. Q in Lubbock, is set for 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 22. Students should be admitted to SPC with transcripts on file to be eligible for registration.

SPC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th St., will host fall registration from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 23 in the Main Office.

The Levelland campus will offer registration from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 24 in the Technology Center.

Registration for Reese Center and the Byron Martin ATC classes will be from 1:30 to

5:30 p.m. on Aug. 25. Registration will be held in Building 8 on the SPC Reese Center campus.

Late registration on all campuses will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 29-30. A late fee of \$15 will be charged. The add/drop fee is \$5. On the Levelland, Byron Martin ATC and Reese campuses, students should report to the Counseling Center. On the Plainview campus, students must report to the Main Office. On-line late registration is available Aug. 29-30 for returning and new students who have been accepted for admission may register through MySPC.

All students must bring the following items to registration: a trial schedule, pen or pencil, a valid Texas driver's license, vehicle registration information and form of payment for tuition and fees.

Lockney ISD to Host Dedication Ceremony for New High School

Excitement is growing as the construction of the new Lockney High School building comes to a close. Southwest Fourth Street in Lockney has had a steady flow of traffic since the old building was destroyed by fire on the night of January 11, 2009. Substantial completion for the new structure was reached in early July; however, workers are tackling punch list of items to be corrected.

Lockney ISD Superintendent Phil Cotham has an enthusiastic outlook on the impact the new facility will on the community. "We are very proud of our new school and are excited to be starting

school in it", said Cotham. "This building is state of the art, and it will have a big effect on our students, staff, and community for years to come."

The new building is almost 20,000 square feet in size. It has many similarities of the old facility, yet there are a variety of differences that should be met with pleasure. The school logo is part of the terrazzo floor in the commons area near the entrance. A courtyard memorializing the old structure has been erected in the back of the school. This area will be much more accessible and more usable than before. The

office area is much larger than before, and a lecture hall has been added for a variety of uses.

A dedication ceremony has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, at 6:30 p.m. This observance will take place in Longhorn Gymnasium, and the public is encouraged to attend. The program will consist of brief speeches by Superintendent Cotham and Lockney ISD Board President John Quebe. The Longhorn Band will play selected tunes, and Sharon Hunt will sing special music for the event. After the ceremony, everyone will be invited to tour the new facility.

Air Force Airman Mercado graduates from basic military training



Air Force Airman Hector J. Mercado

Air Force Airman Hector J. Mercado graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Mercado earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Hector Mercado of Lockney, Texas.

Mercado graduated in 2009 from Lockney High School.

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The Lockney Boy Scouts spent a week at the Tres Ritos Scout Camp in New Mexico last week enjoying the mild temps and an occasional thunderstorm. The troop had a great time cooking outdoors, sleeping in tents, doing pioneering projects and working on scouting skills. The troop was awarded the terrific troop award for the best all around scout troop at the camp. Pictured at the Vietnam Memorial at Angel Fire are (l-r) Jace Klein, Jim Huggins, Bill Hunter, Jake Moore, Jonathan Sustaita, Scott Lass, Mike Lass and Mariano Alonzo.

Lockney Elementary School Supply Lists 2011-2012

PPCD/PK

- 4 boxes 8 ct. Crayola brand crayons (NO JUMBO) crayons
- 1-4oz. Elmer's white school glue school glue
- 1 small school box
- 1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors scissors (rounded ends)
- 4 glue sticks
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 pkg. 8 ct. CLASSIC COLOR markers
- 2 #2 pencils (no jumbo)
- 1 set watercolor paints
- 4 folders with pockets
- 1 box ZIPLOC bags (boys-gallon & girls-quart)
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 pkg. safety pins 75ct.)
- 1 (4 ct.) package of Play Dough (Crayola brand)
- 1 pkg. of 5 oz. cups (boys only) COLOR markers
- 1 pkg. napkins (girls only)
- PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES

Kindergarten

- 3 boxes, 24 ct. CRAYOLA crayons
- 3-4oz. Elmer's washable (Black label, NO GEL)
- 1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends)
- 2 #2 pencils (no jumbo)
- 1 small school box
- 1 folder with pockets
- 1 Kinder. nap mat
- 1 SMALL blanket or towel
- 1 TRAVEL SIZE pillow
- 2 boxes Kleenex (175 count)
- 1 pkg. Napkins (140 count)
- 1 pkg. Styrofoam cups (small, 75ct.)
- 1 set watercolor paints
- 1 pkg. 8 ct. CLASSIC (CRAYOLA - washable)
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 pkg. of small safety pins
- NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS
- NO TABLETS OR PAPER
- REQUIRED PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES

First Grade

- 2-4 oz. bottles Elmer's school glue (no 8 oz.) glue (no gel)
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 box 24ct. #2 yellow pencils
- 1 pair children's rounded Fiskar scissors scissors
- 1 school box
- 1 coloring book
- 4-16ct. boxes Crayola crayons
- Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 container Play Dough – any color cloth)
- 2 large pink erasers
- crayons
- 6 folders with pockets at bottom
- 2 containers Clorox Disinfecting Wipe
- 1 box Crayola Classic Washable markers (broad tips only)
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 package construction paper (assorted colors)
- 1 4-count box dry erase markers
- NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS

Second Grade

- 1-8oz. bottle Elmer's school glue
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 2 pkgs. #2 pencils
- 1 pair children's Fiskar scissors
- Erasers
- 2 folders with pockets
- 1 container Clorox
- 2 zipper pouches (plastic or cloth)
- 3- 16ct. boxes Crayola
- 1 package map colors
- 1- 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 1 subject spiral notebook (no perforated pages)
- NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS

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During the annual Jamaica at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada, Celia Slalazae, Gabriella Cervebera, Yolanda Gonzalez, and Carman Rodriguez spent their time in the kitchen working on making delicious homemade tamales.



SPC Photo/Wes Underwood

ACADEMY GRADUATES – South Plains College recently hosted the 2011 Evening Police Academy Graduation in the Sundown Room on the Levelland campus on Tuesday, July 26, 2011. The class featured 23 graduates. Sonya Flores (pictured) of Floydada participated in the graduation ceremonies.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB WILL BE HAVING A MEETING ON THURSDAY AUGUST 4 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA TO ELECT OFFICERS

Floydada ISD School Supply List 2011-2012 AB Duncan Elementary

Pre-Kindergarten - Wish List:

Your child will need the following list of supplies for Pre- Kindergarten.
 1 - Tri-fold Kindermat
 2 - Boxes of Kleenex
 1- Eight count box of crayons
 2 - Jumbo Glue Sticks
 2 -Spiral Notebooks (70 ct.)
 1- 10-count box of washable markers
 1 - package of #2 pencils
 2- 8 oz. Elmers glue/White School glue (No "no run" glue)
 1 -round tip scissors
 \$1 for Nicky communication folder
 Change of clothes for all times
 Large Backpack (No Wheels)
 ** Please label each individual item (in permanent marker) with your child's name.

Kindergarten:

1 pkg. of pencils (12 count)
 1 pair of blunt tip scissors
 2 boxes of Crayola Brand crayons
 4 glue sticks
 1 spiral notebook (1 subject and wide rule)
 1 3-ring binder (1½ inch with clear sleeves on outside)
 1 zippered pencil pouch (with holes to fit in binder)
 1 backpack (no wheels, please)
 2 Boxes of Kleenex
 1 set ear phones
 1 set of extra clothes (please label clearly with first and last name, place in a plastic bag)

First Grade:

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ALL 1st GRADE CLASSES

2 boxes of Eagle wooden pencils, # 2
 1 box colored pencils
 1 large pink eraser
 1 pair sharp scissors
 5 glue sticks
 2 boxes 300 count Kleenex
 2 boxes of crayons (24 count)
 1 large zipper pouch (with holes to fit in binder)
 1 blue plastic pocket folder
 1 yellow plastic folder
 2 spiral notebook (1 subject and wide rule)
 1 Three ring binder (1-1/2 inch with clear sleeves on outside)
 1 package of regular notebook paper
 1 set ear phones

In the spirit of sharing and cooperation all supplies will be divided in the classroom as needed by the homeroom. Please DO NOT label anything. NO SCHOOL BOXES

2nd Grade:

LANGUAGE ARTS/SOCIAL STUDIES

2 wide-ruled 70-page spiral notebooks
 2 plastic pocket folders with brads (yellow/red)

MATH/SCIENCE

1 composition journal
 1 wide-ruled 70-page spiral notebook
 1 plastic pocket folder with brads (blue/orange)

READING

1 composition journal
 2 boxes #2 yellow wood pencils
 2 large pink erasers
 2 wide-rule solid-color 70 page spiral notebooks

1 pkg 200 sheet wide-rule notebook paper
 2 solid-color pocket folders WITH brads
 2 boxes 150 count facial tissues

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ALL 2nd GRADE CLASSES

1 set earphones (WILL USE FOR LAPTOPS)
 2 large pink eraser
 1 pair Fiskar sharp scissors
 2 bottles of Elmer's school glue
 4 glue sticks
 2 boxes Kleenex
 1 pkg. of markers
 2 boxes of crayons (48 count)
 1 large zipper pouch (for pencils, crayons and scissors)
 1 plastic green pocket folder

Please DO NOT label anything. No designs on folders.

*With the exception of the three-ring binder, all items will be put together in a class supplies collection and used as needed by any student who contributed to the class supplies. Decorative pencils, folders, and spirals are strongly discouraged, as they will most likely not be distributed to the child who bought them.

3rd Grade:

2 blue paper folders with brads (Reading)
 1 green plastic folder (AR)

1 plastic folder w/pockets & brads (Blue)
 2 blue spiral, wide-ruled (Reading)

1 red spiral, wide-ruled (Math)
 2 composition notebooks (Math & Science)

1 red plastic folder w/pockets & brads (Math)

1 black binder with plastic insert cover (1 inch)

2 boxes of 24 count pencils
 2 big pink erasers

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William Clark Green headlines Friday concert lineup

SILVERTON, Texas – The chances are good that William Clark Green will find a lot of comfort in Silverton, a community of about 600 residents

You see, Green was raised in Flint, Texas, a town that boasts a “sparse” population. That’s tiny. But Green’s music isn’t, and that’s why he’s the headlin-

ing act Friday night’s action-packed concert list at the Buck Wild Days Rodeo, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. The concert, which will also feature Hogg Maulies and No Dry County, will follow on the baseball diamond adjacent to the rodeo grounds shortly after the last bull is bucked.

Green began writing music at age 13 and was opening act for The Dragliners at age 14. Now accompanied by his band – bass guitarist Cameron Moreland, drummer Jay Saldana and banjo player Austin Davis – Green recorded his first album, “Dangerous Man,” which released in September 2008,

But he garnered some valuable lessons along the way. As a freshman at Texas Tech, Green began playing the Monday night spot at Recovery Room and worked his way up to the headlining show on Thursdays. He played at the Blue Light in Lubbock, Texas, and after many acoustic shows, he found



the band that carries his name. “The fact that the Buck Wild Days Rodeo in Silverton has William Clark Green headlining Friday night’s concert moves the summit of local entertainment to an elevation that will leave those in attendance gasping for air,” said Corey Johnson of 101.6-FM KFLP in Floydada. “Texas Country music is on the rise and I can’t think of anyone better to lead this event than someone as ‘dangerous’ as William Clark Green.”

Built in Rotan, Texas, the Hogg Maulies are based in Lubbock and share a vibrant sound that is reaching listeners. Formed by lead vocalist Rode Morrow and drummer David Mullins, the five-member band boasts of strong roots in the Texas Country genre, thanks in part bass guitarist Craig Tally, lead guitarist Jeff James, and electric rhythm guitarist Parker Morrow.

The band is on its third album, August Rain, which has released the single “Good Heart.” It’s a nice addition to the band’s other two albums, Here To Stay and Live At The Blue Light.

In its purest form, Hogg Maulies is proud of the roots dug deep into the Texas Coun-

try soil. From their first shows at a hanger in the Rotan airport to their regular sets at the Blue Light in Lubbock, the band has found a zone that fans have come to enjoy.

“I can assure you of two things: this year’s rodeo will be ‘Buck Wild’ and the music, well ... it’ll be ‘Hogg Wild,’” Johnston said.

With its country and Americana music touched by classic rock ‘n’ roll, No Dry County is leading the way for a younger generation of artists involved in Texas Country. Led by lead singer Trent Langford, No Dry County performs heartfelt music with lyrics that are about real life experiences.

It’s fitting the four-person band is reaching out to fans of the Buck Wild Days Rodeo, where their songs about real places and real people will be well received. It’s why Langford, Mitchell Rambo, Monte Ebeling and Matt Newsom have No Dry County gaining popularity.

“With No Dry County leading off the Texas Country trifecta at this year’s Silverton rodeo, you can bet that this will soon be the premier event in the Texas Panhandle,” Johnston said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Floydada Independent School District
(name of school district)
will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 23, 2011
(time, date, year)
in FISD Superintendent Office Board Room, 226 W. California St.
(name of room, building, physical location)
Floydada, TX 79235
(city, state)

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e), in accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17	/ \$100	<i>(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)</i>
School Debt Service Tax			
Approved by Local Voters	\$.13787	/ \$100	<i>(Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)</i>

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year*
Total appraised value** of all property	\$365,035,920	\$ 377,954,430
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$ 491,310	\$ 487,740
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$221,874,670	\$ 215,809,921
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$ 442,180	\$ 487,740

* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.
** “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
*** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
**** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 5,397,962.00
* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.13123 *	\$ 1.30123	\$ 3,425	\$ 7,111
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.25745	\$.14712 *	\$ 1.40456	\$ 3,895	\$ 6,998
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$.13787 *	\$ 1.30787	\$ 3,665	\$ 6,554

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 33,988	\$ 34,394
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 22,631	\$ 22,972
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.30123	\$ 1.30787
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 294	\$ 300
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 6

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.30787
(the school district rollback rate determined under Section 26.08, Tax Code)

This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.30787
(the school district rollback rate)

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,750,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

-- Randy’s Roundup -- A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Debt Limit Vote

Last night, President Obama and Congressional leaders struck a deal regarding the debt ceiling and government spending, and the House voted on it this evening. We have come a long way in these negotiations to get our fiscal house in order, but ultimately this bill’s failure to include a Balanced Budget Amendment, combined with unvetted spending cuts for our nation’s military while our nation is at war, resulted in my opposition to this bill. It is critical that a Balanced Budget Amendment be embraced by our government and our States if we are serious about shrinking our \$14.3 trillion debt, reducing our deficit, and getting America growing again. American families have had to tighten their belts and do more with less; so should Washington.

We have a big spending problem in this country, and it needs a big solution. Simply put, this bill doesn’t go far enough in addressing our crushing debt. The government cannot continue to borrow 42 cents for every dollar we spend. As Congress moves forward, I will continue to work in support of ensuring economic certainty for our nation. Washington must spend less of taxpayer hard-earned money, and work to create an economic climate in which more higher skilled, higher paying jobs are created.

Legislation in the House

On July 21st, the House passed H.R. 2553, the 21st short-term extension of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs since 2007. To avoid the lapse of many essential FAA programs, the Senate would have had to take up and pass H.R. 2553 and the President would have had to sign it by midnight on Friday, July 22nd. Unfortunately, the Senate chose not to consider the bill and many FAA programs have now lapsed. While flights are still taking off and air traffic controllers and other essential safety personnel are reporting for duty, the Senate’s inaction has resulted in thousands of employees being furloughed and federal grant aid for airport improvements being cut off for virtually every airport in the country, including the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, the Abilene Regional Airport and the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport.

I have reached out to Rep. John Mica, Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation

& Infrastructure, to express my concerns. He is continuing to encourage the Senate to extend FAA programs as quickly as possible. Airports throughout the country should not face these damaging lapses in funding because of irresponsible passivity in the Senate.

Last week, the House passed H.R. 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act, which would direct the President, within 30 days after a final environmental impact statement, but no later than November 1, 2011, to issue a final order granting or denying the Presidential Permit for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. The construction of this pipeline would bring more Canadian crude oil to American refineries, and will offer the United States several benefits: more jobs, lower gas prices and a dependable energy resource from a trusted ally. Our country’s current economic challenges need real help, and the expansion of the pipeline will bring that assistance. I encourage my colleagues in the Senate to quickly move this legislation forward and send it to the President so construction can begin, people can get to work and affordable oil is made available for the people of the United States.

District Events Next Week

Next week, I will be back in the district. I will be holding a press conference in Seminole regarding the listing of the sagebrush lizard and the lesser prairie chicken on the Endangered Species List. I introduced amendments last week to the Interior appropriations bill that would prohibit the listing of these animals on the Endangered Species List.

We will also be holding press conferences in Lubbock and Abilene highlighting the American Job Creators initiative, to encourage small business owners in the 19th District to speak out about government regulations. As I solidify next week’s schedule, I will be sure to keep you apprised of the times and places for events in the district.

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

A perfect year for testing drought-tolerance in wheat varieties

By Mark Carroll
CEA-AG,
Floyd County

With 2011 going into the record books as one of the driest in the High Plains, many dryland wheat acres were abandoned and irrigated yields suffered as producers had to allocate water to other crops, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.

Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo, said insect infestation and disease infections were low throughout most of the region and only a few low-lying fields in the southwest Panhandle were damaged from freeze injury. So the biggest contributor to the wheat crop's demise was drought.

However, AgriLife Extension was still able to gain much data from variety trials across the region that will be useful as producers begin planning the new crop, Bean said. Seven of the nine dryland trials planted were harvested, as were trials at six irrigated locations around the High Plains and the New Mexico State University station near Clovis, N.M.

Across the region, most harvested wheat fields were planted late on land fallowed in 2010, Bean said.

Irrigated wheat didn't fair much better than dryland, he said. Yields were down because many producers had to quit watering wheat early to concentrate their irrigation water on establishing corn or cotton.

Compounding the drought conditions in the irrigated variety trials were hot air temperatures during flowering and late freeze damage that pushed yields even lower, Bean said.

The highest average yields, 67 bushels per acre, were recorded in the Dimmitt trial. Three varieties - TAM 112, Winterhawk and TAM 113 - yielded in the top 25 percent at five of the six locations.

"This is only the second year we have had Winterhawk, a Westbred variety, in our trials," he said. "TAM 113 was released this year by Texas AgriLife Research and will not be commercially available until 2012."

Bean said other top varieties were TAM 111, OKO7209 - an Oklahoma State University experimental, Duster and Bill Brown. Noteworthy also were Hatcher and the AgriLife Research experimental TX05A001188.

In the dryland trials, the lowest average yield, 12.1 bushels per acre, was at Etter and the highest average yield, 34.7 bushels per acre, was at the Groom location, he said. All of the dryland locations were on fallowed land.

Those locations in the eastern part of the Panhandle - Groom, Silverton, Perryton - that yielded the highest greatly benefitted from a late fall rain, Bean said.

Varieties yielding in the top 25 percent in at least four of the seven locations were TAM 113, TAM 112, OKO7209, Armour, Winterhawk and TX05A001188. Other varieties of note were Hatcher, AP 503 CL, OK07214, TAM 111, Duster and Mace.

"Mace is a Nebraska variety with good wheat streak mosaic tolerance," Bean said. "This is the second year it has been in our trials and overall its yield has been average."

Bean said varieties are recommended after reviewing their performance at multiple locations over a minimum of three years. Emphasis is placed on the consistency of varieties yielding in the top 25 percent.

For example, TAM 111 and TAM 112 have each been in the top 25 percent in 18 of 28 dryland variety trials in the High Plains during the last five years. Their consistent high yield across a range of conditions easily qualifies them as recommended varieties for dryland production, he said.

Other varieties that are recommended for dryland are Hatcher, Endurance, Duster, Bill Brown and Armour, Bean said. Endurance is especially good as a dual-purpose wheat for grazing and grain production. Hatcher and Bill Brown are Colorado State varieties with Russian wheat aphid tolerance.

Armour is a Westbred variety making its debut on the recommendation list, he said. Armour is an early maturing variety and can be short, although there was no trouble with harvest.

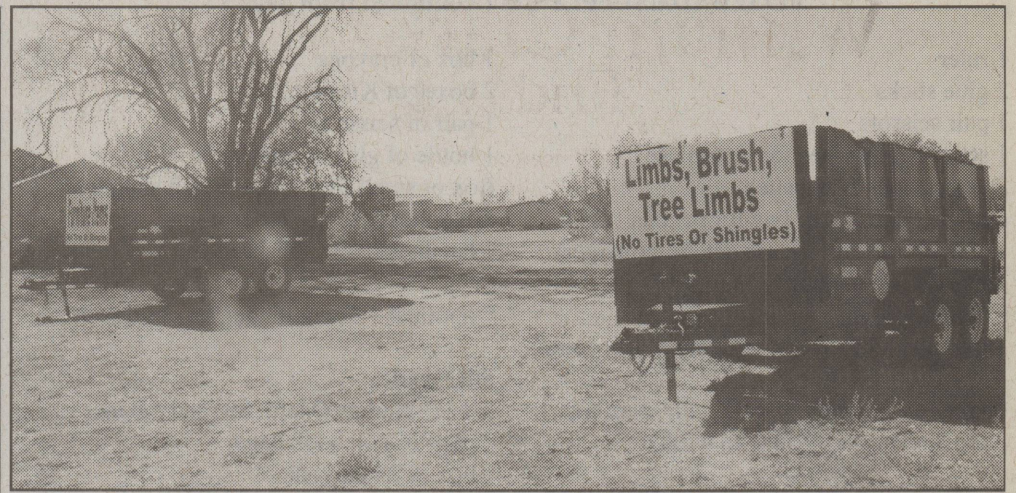
The varieties recommended for full- and limited-irrigation are the same as those listed for dryland with just a couple of exceptions, Bean said.

"TAM 112 is not recommended for full irrigation only because straw strength can become an issue under high water and nitrogen conditions," he said. "TAM

304 will work well under full irrigation because of its excellent straw strength and good disease resistance.

"Armour would likely be okay for limited irrigation, but yields have only been slightly above average under full irrigation. TAM 113 does not make the recommendation list only because it will not be available until 2012."

Bean said yield data from previous years as well as variety descriptions and other information can be found at the following website under the agronomy link at <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/amarillo-center-programs>.



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The City of Lockney is making available two dump trailers for City of Lockney citizens only. The trailers are marked with what items citizens are allowed to put in them. The City is asking the citizens to please obey the signs; because if they are misused, the City will be forced to pick them up and citizens will have to use Floydada's or Plainview's landfills until the collection site can be re-opened. Please do not leave items lying on the ground; make sure the items you are dumping are put into the proper trailer. The trailers will be available 24/7 for your convenience until further notice from the City of Lockney. If trailers are full please do not dump until the City empties them.

Keep Texas Beautiful Offers Training Sessions Aimed to Bolster Regional Environmental Initiatives in Childress

The Training Session will Focus on Affiliate Coordination and Youth Programs

CHILDRESS, TEXAS - Keep Texas Beautiful will provide training sessions tailored to the initiatives of area affiliates and interested communities from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 15th, 2011 at Main Events, 240 North Main Street. Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) offers training programs in the organization's three focus areas of litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction to inspire, strengthen, and grow their affiliate programming and bolster community engagement. Training sessions are offered on a variety of topics including, but not limited to, Affiliate Coordination, Award Applications, Board Development, Event Planning, Fundraising, Recycling, Social Media, Volunteer Management, and Youth Programs.

The September 15th session will highlight Affiliate Coordination and Youth Programs. Keep Childress Beautiful, a local KTB affiliate, will host the training and hopes for these sessions to help provide an overview of who and what is Keep Texas Beautiful and ideas to involve youth in your community clean-ups, events and organization. The Waste in Place curriculum will be discussed, as well as

hands on activities. The training is free, and is open to all KTB affiliates and communities interested in learning more about Keep Texas Beautiful.

For more information about these training sessions or directions to Main Events, please contact Susan Leary, Chamber of Commerce at 940-937-2567, or by email at keepchildressbeautiful@gmail.com. Registration is required. Please register at www.ktb.org. This event is being sponsored by Keep Childress Beautiful, Chad Holland Real Estate, and Hampton Inn and Suites.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 360 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on KTB's affiliate network, and to learn how your community can get involved, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.ktb.org.

Cotton Market Weekly

A two-session rally back above the one-dollar mark ran out of strength as selling pressure weighed on contracts. Cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) reversed course Thursday ending on modest losses after two straight days of sharp gains that had lifted the December delivery more than six cents higher after a prolonged slide.

Thursday's USDA export sales report was considered a bad news/good news affair by most traders. The report showed a net cancellation total of 64,100 bales of old crop cotton with China posting the largest number of cancellations. On the other hand, China also was the best buyer of the week picking up 111,800 bales of 2011-12 crop cotton. Net sales of 104,700 bales for delivery in

2011-12 resulted as increases for China were partially offset by decreases for South Korea and Pakistan.

An observer said the revival of new crop purchasing has to be taken as a hint that cotton prices are finding some 'value based' buying interest.

The export shipment total was on the light side at 136,800 bales. The figure was up 14 percent from the previous week but down three percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, and Vietnam. Traders believe the shipment figure soon will pick up.

"With so much cotton sold into the early portion of the coming season, look for the shipment number to increase as soon as cotton can be picked, ginned, baled, and

boated," a trader said.

On the spot cotton scene, July 28 marked the fourth consecutive week that producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico sold no cotton online. Traders say the drop in sales is due to the fact there is very little cotton left to sell in the spot cotton market; however, with the cotton harvest in South Texas gaining momentum, sales might increase in the near future as more cotton becomes available.

This week, growers in the Texas Coastal Bend and the Lower Rio Grande Valley areas were racing to harvest cotton in advance of Tropical Storm Don. Based on projections from the National

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Floyd County Lawn & Garden Tips



August

- Apply enough water to the lawn to wet soil to a depth of 4-6 inches. Watering lawns in the early morning is the best time
- Rejuvenate rose bushes by pruning plants about 25% to achieve new growth for blooming.
- Keep watering trees to maintain healthy foliage. They need one to three inches per week.
- Plant for a fall garden. Remember tomatoes take about 90 days to grow, set fruit and ripen.

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

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Notice of Vote on Tax Rate
Floyd County Commissioners' Court voted on the effective tax rate: \$0.63881/\$100 in special session July 28, 2011.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Floydada I.S.D. will be accepting bids for the purchase of fuel, oil, and other services for its transportation department for the school year 2011/2012.

Bids will be accepted in the Superintendent's office until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2011. Bids will be opened Friday, August 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office and a recommendation made to the school board on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at the regular meeting. Bid packets can be obtained at the Superintendent's office at 226 West California Street.

FISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET

The Floydada Independent School District
(name of school district)
will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 23, 2011
(time, date, year)
in FISD Superintendent Office Board Room, 226 W. California St.
(name of room, building, physical location)
Floydada, TX 79235
(city, state)

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	<u>3.57</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase	or	<u>-0-</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	<u>3.57</u> % (decrease)

FLOYDADA SUPPLY LIST continued from page 5

- 1 ruler
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 set of headphones for laptop use.
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 nylon large zipper bag for pencils
- 1 box 24 crayons (please get 24, no larger)
- 1 box classic markers
- Colored pencils
- 1 package index cards 3x5 Lined, 100 count.

**optional - 1 water bottle with spout top (take home every Friday to wash)

4th Grade:

- 5 subject spiral with pocket dividers - Reading
- 2 - 1 subject spirals - Writing and Social Studies
- 1 composition journal - Science
- 1 three-ring binder (1 inch) - Writing - to stay in classroom
- 5 plastic folders with pockets and brads - Math, Writing, AR folder, Take home and replacement
- 2 packages wide-ruled notebook (NO COLLEGE RULE)
- 2 packages of pencils
- 1 red ink pen
- 4 highlighters

- 1 box of crayons
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 bottle of glue or glue stick
- Box or small bag to hold small supplies
- Headphones to use for laptops
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener

* optional - 3 ring binder for child to carry.

5th Grade:

- 3-1 1/2" binders (Math, SS, and Science)
- 2 pkgs of notebook paper
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pkg of markers
- 4 folders with pockets and brads
- 2 spirals
- 1 pkg map colors
- 1 pkg of red pens for grading
- 2 highlighters
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 pkgs of dividers
- 1 pkg of pencils
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Composition Notebook for Science & Math
- \$1.00 for weekly folder

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Hurricane Center, heavy rains and high winds were expected to make landfall just south of Corpus Christi on July 30. Cotton producers in the rest of the state are hoping for some precipitation from the storm.

Water demands remain high in Texas where hot, dry, and windy conditions persist. Triple-digit temperatures in northern Texas and the Plains are stressing plants in irrigated fields and soil moisture levels are low, causing the majority of cotton to be rated in unsatisfactory condition.

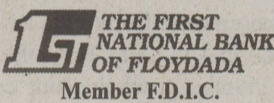
Crop conditions in Texas as of July 17 deteriorated slightly as USDA's latest plant health estimates pegged the state's crop at 59 percent very poor to

poor compared to 57 percent the previous week. Although harvest now is underway in South Texas, growers in the remainder of the state struggle to keep fields irrigated during the driest nine-month period on record.

Elsewhere, welcome rain was reported this week in South Alabama, the Florida Panhandle, Georgia, and the Carolinas where extreme drought conditions still persist. The precipitation should improve crop conditions throughout the region. A heat advisory was in place for much of the Memphis Territory where heat index values were over 105 degrees. Rain earlier in the week helped replenish soil moisture levels, and milder temperatures followed the storm

system giving crops some relief. U.S. conditions as a whole are a mixed bag, leaving cotton market observers to wonder about the final yields of the crop.

"The one real question that remains bubbling under the surface is: What is the size of the U.S. crop?" a trader said. "I've rarely seen such a lack of confidence in producing an estimate. It will be interesting to see what the government figure will be in its August report."

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LOCKNEY SUPPLY LIST continued from page 8

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Third Grade

- 2 large pkgs. notebook paper
- 1- 3 ring binder
- #2 pencils - No mechanical pencils
- 2-4oz. bottles Elmer's school glue
- 2-1 subject spiral notebooks (no perforated pages) (clear outer pocket)
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 3 folders with pockets
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 pair children's sharp point scissors
- 2 boxes 24 ct. Crayola crayons
- 1 zipper pouch
- 2 boxes map colors
- 1 Stretchy Book Cover (for library book)
- 2 small personal pencil sharpeners
- 1 roll of paper towels (boys only)
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (girls only)

Fifth Grade

- 1 large 3 hole zipper pouch
- 2 pkgs. wide rule notebook paper - 200 count
- Crayons
- Map colors
- Markers
- 1 pair Fiskar's sharp point scissors
- 2 1 1/2 inch Clearview binders
- 3- 1 subject spiral (no perforated pages)
- 1 5-pack dividers
- 1 package multi-color construction paper
- 2 white glue sticks
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- #2 pencils (mechanical pencils are good)
- 5 folders with pockets and brads
- 1 small personal pencil sharpener
- 1 black Sharpie marker
- 2 Highlighter markers
- 1 Stretchy Book Cover (for library book)
- 2 packages 3x5 index cards (lined)
- 1 box Ziploc Bags (quart)

PLEASE MARK ALL SUPPLIES WITH STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME AND BRING TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY!!!

Fourth Grade

- 1 large pink eraser
- 1 Five-pack dividers
- 1 ruler with inches & centimeters (no jointed or folding rulers)
- 1 1 1/2 inch Clearview binder
- 2 folders with pockets only
- 2 highlighter markers
- 2 red ink pens for grading
- 2 spiral notebooks 70 pages - no perforated pages
- 2 glue sticks
- 3 large boxes Kleenex markers
- 3 pkgs. wide ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- 1 pair children's sharp point scissors
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 large 3 hole zipper pouch
- 1 Stretchy Book Cover (for library book)

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awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd teams. The tournament will include individual prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, and door prizes. The field is limited to 22 teams. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will be a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Sign up at your County Extension Office.

The golf tournament supports two important South Plains 4-H activities. The Bob Benson Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Bob Benson was a longtime county agent in the South Plains 4-H, Dis-

trict 2, (Hale County). Bob lost his battle with cancer in August 1999, and a memorial educational scholarship was developed in Bob's name for South Plains 4-H members. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be used to fund the scholarship. The remaining fifty percent of the proceeds will be used for The 4-H EXCELL Scholarship, a travel fund for South Plains 4-H members who have qualified for National 4-H activities. EXCELL stands for EXperience, Citizenship, and Examples for Lifetime Leadership

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Wednesday, August 3rd and Thursday, August 4th - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. 1502 Erskine St. (4th & Ave Q then 1 mile north). Name brand clothing and miscellaneous from Hollister, American Eagle, Aeropostale, Old Navy, rue21, GAP, Old Navy and many more. 8-4c

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Abraham Lincoln in 2012?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Could Abraham Lincoln be elected president today?

Let's take a closer look:

Lincoln had no formal education. In fact, he attended very little school because of a lack of teachers. Can you imagine what the media would make out of a man without a "formal" education.

Despite the lack of education, there is no disputing Lincoln's brilliance. Once he learned to read, he began gaining knowledge. As an avid reader of a wide-variety of material, Lincoln more than made up for his lack of schooling.

As a member of the Illinois Congress, Lincoln developed his skill as an orator.

For 16 years, he worked as a lawyer handling transportation cases as the country grew westward.

In a U.S. Senate run, his debates with Stephen Douglas gained him acclaim and attention. He lost to Douglas, but Lincoln's reputation grew in the north and he was elected president a couple of years later.

As you know, Lincoln despised slavery. It sickened him and his stance helped the Republican Party grow in stature. He also swung northern Democrats to his side which anchored him as president during the Civil War.

In his Inaugural Address, Lincoln voiced: "In your

hands, my dissatisfied fellow countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail you... You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to preserve, protect and defend it."

Back to today. Let's say Lincoln somehow got over the "lack of education" hurdle. Now let's look at his past. Lincoln was reportedly a good husband and father, despite being absent from the home much of the time.

In comparison to our last three presidents, Lincoln's actions away from the public eye, or before he made a name for himself, were mild compared to recent presidents.

How about looks? How would Lincoln do on television?

If (and this is a big if) people listened, he might have a fighting chance.

In my opinion, Lincoln would get slaughtered by the media on looks alone. Let's face it, we haven't elected an ugly president in a while now. It's possible, but he would face an uphill battle.

For Lincoln to win office today, he would need the best team of handlers ever known and would have to run an incredible campaign appealing to much more than whatever demographic made up his base. A Lincoln campaign would cost a fortune. Would voters throw their monetary

support behind this poor, odd-looking, uneducated man.

Today, there is no way in the world this country would elect Abraham Lincoln as president. I just can't see it happening.

The media would destroy his character and he could not raise enough money to combat them.

In dedicating the military cemetery at Gettysburg, Lincoln said: "that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

It makes me wonder who is running for office today. Are there any Lincolns out there? If so, we need them identified and elected. This primary season, why don't you give the candidates you are looking at the Lincoln test. See what lies underneath the television persona. You never know, there could be greatness out there ready to make this country better.

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The No Solution Deal

By BILL WILSON

A late deal struck by House and Senate leaders to raise the debt ceiling — with spending cuts that won't balance the budget anytime soon, if ever — is a sad commentary on the state of affairs in Washington. There is no solution in sight.

It leaves the American people short-changed; who in 2010 voted to rein in government at all levels, most importantly, from spending far more than it takes in. While families struggle with their monthly balance sheets, the federal government has been on an unprecedented spend-a-thon that would wipe out anyone else who tried it.

Since Barack Obama had his first budget passed (accounting for two years of spending), he has accumulated \$2.4 trillion in new debt. That's over \$1 trillion a year in new debt, a number that will continue unabated through 2021 when the debt reaches \$26 trillion.

That is, if the government's rosy economic projections turn out as everyone hopes, with a robust economic recovery and millions of new jobs created. If the projections are wrong, and the economy does not double in size in the next ten years, revenues will fall far short of expectations.

Aside from the lack of spending cuts, an essential feature of any plan a family would follow to reinstate fiscal prudence, the other essential ingredient missing from the deal is a recipe to get the economy growing again. It will do nothing to reduce the exorbitant cost of doing business in America, with corporate taxes among the highest in the developed world.

Where the federal regulatory overkill threatens to shut down millions of more jobs. And where the new costly healthcare entitlement, ObamaCare, threatens to topple the federal treasury once and for all.

With 0.4 percent revised growth in the first quarter, and an anemic 1.3 percent increase in the second, the economy is already falling well short of expectations. Barack Obama promised that unemployment would not get higher than 8 percent, but it went much, much higher. In fact, this is the longest period of sustained high joblessness since the Great Depression.

House and Senate members who wish to turn the Ship of State around can still take a stand in opposition to a deal that will neither get the economy moving again nor avert a Triple-A downgrade by credit rating agencies, including S&P, which was looking for a plan at least \$4 trillion in size.

By issuing their warnings, some criticized the rating agencies for previous failures. But, rating debt is not science. It is prospective. Markets were pounding European debt auctions long before raters issued further downgrades on troubled sovereigns. Greece was just downgraded again as the situation continues to deteriorate.

But these private companies do serve an important function to their customers, who understand that risk assessment is not 100 percent and can never be. What they can get is an assurance that certain bonds are more likely to pay out than others through objective, independent means.

Which is the sort of scrutiny Washington wants to avoid.

Any frank accounting of the federal books would find that we are not meeting our obligations honestly now. In the past two fiscal years, the government only made ends meet with a printing press, selling three-quarters of Treasuries to the Federal Reserve, according analysis done by one of the biggest bond-buyers, Pimco.

If we are indeed downgraded, it will be on the heads of every politician in Washington who accepted this deal, or who signed it into law without putting the structural reforms necessary to affirm our creditworthiness through the future.

Republicans in effect have ceded their only leverage for the next two years to have restored order to the nation's fiscal house. They are to be credited with extracting the spending cuts they did, which may save a little less than \$1 trillion over the next ten years. But those savings will most likely be made irrelevant by weak economic growth and less-than-expected revenues.

In the end, what will matter for the American people is whether they get their finances back in order, or if they deteriorate beyond reckoning. A brave few will stand up and say, "No deal," to their leaders in Washington, but they will not be enough to stop the debt from growing unabated.

The danger is that the debt is already too large, and will be a permanent weight that slows the economy down and restricts desperately-needed job growth. We needed a solution, but instead just got another cockamamie deal that won't stop the spending.

New NASA Data Blow Gaping Hole In Global Warming Alarmism

By JAMES TAYLOR

NASA satellite data from the years 2000 through 2011 show the Earth's atmosphere is allowing far more heat to be released into space than alarmist computer models have predicted, reports a new study in the peer-reviewed science journal Remote Sensing. The study indicates far less future global warming will occur than United Nations computer models have predicted, and supports prior studies indicating increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide trap far less heat than alarmists have claimed.

Study co-author Dr. Roy Spencer, a principal research scientist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and U.S. Science Team Leader for the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer flying on NASA's Aqua satellite, reports that real-world data from NASA's Terra satellite contradict multiple assumptions fed into alarmist computer models.

"The satellite observations suggest there is much more energy lost to space during and after warming than the climate models show," Spencer said in a July 26 University of Alabama press release. "There is a huge discrepancy between the data and the forecasts that is especially big over the oceans."

In addition to finding that far less heat is being trapped than

alarmist computer models have predicted, the NASA satellite data show the atmosphere begins shedding heat into space long before United Nations computer models predicted.

The new findings are extremely important and should dramatically alter the global warming debate.

Scientists on all sides of the global warming debate are in general agreement about how much heat is being directly trapped by human emissions of carbon dioxide (the answer is "not much"). However, the single most important issue in the global warming debate is whether carbon dioxide emissions will indirectly trap far more heat by causing large increases in atmospheric humidity and cirrus clouds. Alarmist computer models assume human carbon dioxide emissions indirectly cause substantial increases in atmospheric humidity and cirrus clouds (each of which are very effective at trapping heat), but real-world data have long shown that carbon dioxide emissions are not causing as much atmospheric humidity and cirrus clouds as the alarmist computer models have predicted.

The new NASA Terra satellite data are consistent with long-term NOAA and NASA data indicating atmospheric humidity and cirrus clouds are not increasing in the manner predicted by alarmist computer models. The Terra satellite data

also support data collected by NASA's ERBS satellite showing far more longwave radiation (and thus, heat) escaped into space between 1985 and 1999 than alarmist computer models had predicted. Together, the NASA ERBS and Terra satellite data show that for 25 years and counting, carbon dioxide emissions have directly and indirectly trapped far less heat than alarmist computer models have predicted.

In short, the central premise of alarmist global warming theory is that carbon dioxide emissions should be directly and indirectly trapping a certain amount of heat in the earth's atmosphere and preventing it from escaping into space. Real-world measurements, however, show far less heat is being trapped in the earth's atmosphere than the alarmist computer models predict, and far more heat is escaping into space than the alarmist computer models predict.

When objective NASA satellite data, reported in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, show a "huge discrepancy" between alarmist climate models and real-world facts, climate scientists, the media and our elected officials would be wise to take notice. Whether or not they do so will tell us a great deal about how honest the purveyors of global warming alarmism truly are.

The Next Republic of California?

By REBEKAH RAST

"The last thing I want to do is create a state that's a carbon copy of what we have now," says Republican Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone about his recent plan to fix the state of California.

His plan: split the state into two.

If he has his way, the new state would be called South California and would be America's 51st state.

"The latest proposal takes most of Southern California with the exception of Los Angeles and dips into the Central Valley," says former California U.S. House of Representatives' Member Richard Pombo, former Chairman on the House Committee on Natural Resources. "This would create a more conservative state."

A more conservative state is exactly what Stone and many Californians are looking for. Thirteen counties would break away from the state including: Riverside, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego and Tulare. The Los Angeles Times reports, "Combined, those counties are home to about 13 million people. Republicans account for the majority of regis-

tered voters in all of those counties except San Diego, San Bernardino and Imperial."

"California may be at the point where something like this desperately needs to happen," Pombo says. "People are talking about this right now because of the state of the government; people are looking for something, a change."

Republican Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone's plan isolates much of the coastal area in California. This is the area most conservatives consider to be the reason why the state faces such economic turmoil due to its liberal penchant for high taxes and overbearing regulations. Because of this, Pombo says some people wish the plan for the secession would include more of the state. "If the proposal took in more of the Central Valley, people might take it to more. No one wants to be with the coastal areas."

California faces an 11.8 percent unemployment rate. For perspective, in a three-year time span, California has lost 1.15 million jobs. A big factor of the high unemployment in the state is the high taxes businesses must pay. The fact that businesses, large and small, are leaving the state to find more business-friendly environments is only part of the reason why Stone has proposed this break up of California.

"Our taxes are too high, our schools don't educate our children well enough, unions and other special interests have more clout in the Legislature than the general public," Stone said in a statement, reported by the Los Angeles Times. "It has to change."

Whether or not Stone's plan is the kind of change California needs or is looking for, the state doesn't seem too amenable to deviate from the status quo.

"We went through the 2010 election and Republican seats were picked up everywhere except California," Pombo says. "The state with the most problems voted for more of the same."

Ironically, on a national level our nation seems to be experiencing the same kind of divide between red and blue states. There is a saying that trends start in California, and the irreconcilable differences cited by Supervisor Stone are seeming played out on a national stage every day in Washington, D.C.

While Stone and others have determined that the marriage in California cannot be saved, many observers in Washington hope that this California trend doesn't spread.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

My husband believes in watches. He thinks everyone should. When we married, he gave me a really nice watch – gold and silver with diamonds in the bezel. I liked wearing it. It looked good on my wrist. Sometimes I even looked at it to see what time it was. It's my favorite watch wherever it is.

That's right. It didn't take me long to lose my wedding watch. Or maybe I just misplaced it. I'm still not sure. Anyway I knew he'd bought it at a big chain store so I went there to buy another one just like it – easier said than done. Several watches looked like mine with only minor differences in their designs. Luckily I'd only recently used my camera hand to take a picture of wild plums in my other hand. My watch was in the picture – just the band and clasp but enough imagery for me to go by to buy an exact replacement. So I did.

Then I lost the second watch.

So I bought another one, referring again to the wild plum shot. Then I found the first watch, meaning either I found the wedding watch or the replacement. Only God knows. I just know I ended up with two identical watches. Nice watches.

Over the years I've been careful never to put the two watches in the same place or to wear one with the other in view. I wouldn't want my husband to have to sort things out. There'd be questions.

It's not easy never to put things in the same place. It's sort of the opposite of always putting something in the same place, which is the rule for how not to lose a watch. As for me, all I'm really good at is keeping up with the wild plum picture.

Recently my two watches seemed to dwindle to one. I'm not sure which one, but at least I still had one my husband could assume he'd given me for our wedding. Maybe it is. Anyway,

he noticed it needed a new battery – I was used to ten minutes after seven -- and he also thought it could use a new crystal. He took it to the jeweler. Sweet of him. I picked it up the following week. It looked great.

A few days later condensation appeared under the new crystal, and it quit running. I took it back to the jeweler. He popped it open and saw rust. Oops! I'd gotten the watch wet. Life isn't fair.

Of course, I wasn't sure which watch I'd gotten wet. Could I have switched it with a missing watch? I searched for duplicates but found none, so I took the non-running watch back to the jeweler. He's replacing the movement.

Next, wild plum picture in hand, I went back to the chain store to buy one more watch.

If there's anything I plan to be sure about in my life it's that I'll always have my wedding watch. I use the term loosely.

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year, and improve on stumbling blocks, "We're going to do some things differently...differently offensively, do some things differently defensively, you always got to be willing to adapt; but at the same time we're going to look back at the things we did well last year and we certainly want to keep doing them and incorporate some other things that will help us be more effective."

The coaching staff is planning to incorporate their same formation as last year, running mainly a 4-3 defense, and an I-Wish-bone spread, offensively.

On Aug. 13, the Longhorns will be hosting the Tulia Hornets in the first scrimmage of the season.

Down the street in Whirlwind Country, Coach Bandy and 'boys started off the new year with a bang after an optimistic start to two-a-day practices, "I'm very pleased," explained Floydada Head Football Coach Todd Bandy, "we had a good spring last year and a lot of them have brought that over. A lot of times you have a good spring, and then you have to re-teach everything from the very first day; but we didn't have to re-teach a lot of stuff that we did in the spring, so I'm very pleased with our first practice."

Leading off the up-coming season on the right foot will be a great start for the Whirlwinds who look to improve last year's even overall record of 5-5.

Losing 14 seniors this year, but only four starters, the Whirlwinds will also be looking to capitalize on a young but experienced team; "The thing about it is, we lost the seniors, but we

only had three of four that started for us; so we got a good nucleus of kids coming back on the ball," explained Coach Bandy, "The nucleus is our sophomores (now juniors), we played Abernathy, the last game, with six sophomores on both sides of the ball, our quarterback played ten games as a sophomore, Jordan Woody played ten games, both of them, on offense and defense. We got sophomores who wind up being senior experienced because they've played ten games...if we can stay healthy, good things ought to happen."

On formation, Coach Bandy explained that the Whirlwinds will pretty much keep some things same, "Offensive is going to be same thing, other then we're putting the quarterback in the gun... We're staying in the offset-I, we're going to spread it a little bit this year, just to try to give our skilled kids a better shot, we're going to try to run more plays. Defense we're going to be the same, we're going to stay in a split look against run teams, but in a passing situation we will be getting in a 3-4."

The key to success this year will be found in Floydada's plan to speed up their offense which is being emphasized in two-days, as Coach Bandy explains, "One of main things, is trying to speed up our offense, and that's going to be the focus of the whole season, especially during two-a-days."

Floydada will be able to put their hard work to the test a little earlier this year as the Whirlwinds host Brownfield in a scrimmage next Friday; Meet the Whirlwinds will also be that night.



Photo by Homer Marquez

On Saturday, the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada held its annual Jamaica and church fundraiser. Loads of food, games, music, and entertainment were on hand Saturday, as the community enjoyed the festivities.

Band uniform donations deadline final extension

The Lockney High School Band Uniform Committee has extended the deadline for donations one last time as the time limit for ordering the uniforms in time for the 2011-2012 school year is rapidly approaching. A total of \$11,920 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; James Carthel, Dr. Cynthia and Shad Schlueter, Davis Lumber, Rodney and Sharon Hunt, Dr. Kevin and Victory Stewart, and Dr. Douglas Kopp.

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tal must be at least 35 miles away from the nearest hospital, Mangold was grandfathered past that rule because of Lockney's location to Plainview's hospital.

As a result of being classified a Critical Access Hospital, hospitals like Mangold are certified to receive cost-based reimbursement from Medicare. The reimbursement that CAH's receive is used to improve the hospital's financial performance and prevent hospital closures; and with a large percentage of Mangold's patients being uninsured or on Medicare, eliminating this source of funding will be damaging to the hospital very existence. Currently, there are over 1,300 hospitals

across the country that takes advantage of the Critical Access program.

Also posing a threat to rural hospitals will be the possibility of restructuring federal matching on Medicaid bills. As federal budget problems mirror those just tackled by the Texas legislators, a tightening on the belt of federal medical funding will look to also tighten the belt for state funding, as states may see a 30 percent cut in federal matches if Congress votes to implicate a new block grant funding system. This restructure could disrupt another program that Mangold utilizes which includes add-on payments called disproportionate share payments and upper payment

limit payments that help offset losses from Medicaid and uninsured patients.

Currently, organizations like TORCH and community leaders are setting their sights towards Washington representatives, in the efforts of protecting the existence of rural hospitals.

Local representatives will also be looking to sound in on the negotiations, as Congressman Randy Neugebauer commented to the Hesperian-Beacon, "There are numerous rumors circulating regarding what cuts may or may not occur. Also, the current debt limit or debt ceiling deals are still being worked on today as we speak. Throughout this debate I have maintained that in order to fix our \$1.6 trillion deficit, we must put everything on the table to be reviewed for savings. Additionally, I recently sent my staff to visit a rural hospital and speak with employees about the situation our country faces. While I do not support eliminating funding for rural hospitals, I don't think we can say they are immune to cuts as we work to reduce the debt burden on future generations of Americans."



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