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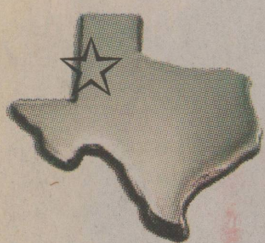
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Commissioners work to balance budget

By Homer Marquez

With the cards of state and federal funding cuts dealt, top Floyd County officials are now working feverishly to try to come up with a budget plan just in time for the upcoming fiscal year. For the past several months, Judge Penny Golightly and other department heads have dedicated long hours of hard work towards the efforts of coming up with a financially sound blue print for the County's proposed budget. Last Monday, during their monthly court session, county commissioners continued their reviews and deliberations over the proposed budget in the hopes of creating a balancing solution to the County's financial budget.

Devoting most of their last two court sessions and a special called meeting on July 28 to budget workshops, court officials have been committed to spending this time analyzing the expenditures and revenues of the proposed budget.

With state cuts stripping a little over \$80,000 from the county, the objective of creating a balanced budget seemed to be a doubtful task for county officials. With the cost of maintaining a county steadily going up, county department heads were able to come up with a proposed budget that estimated deficit of a little over \$40,000; to cover the \$40,000 shortfall, the County would have to dip into their general fund. However, commissioner's court officials felt it would be beneficial for the county not follow the examples made by those in the state and federal levels and collectively agreed to try to balance the budget.

In a special meeting on July 28, commissioners got their first opportunity to do just that as the agenda called for deliberation on the effective tax rate and a vote to set the salaries, expenses, and allowances of the county.

A fix to boost up revenue for the county could have been to raise the county's tax rate; but commissioners

felt that with the drought and the economical affect that it is poised to have, such a tax hike could have a serious strain on county residents. The commissioners voted unanimously to keep the effective tax rate the same at \$0.63881.

Next on the agenda, the commissioners reviewed the proposed yearly increases for salaries, expenses and allowances for the county. Feeling that tightening the belt would be the only way that county could stay finically stable; the commissioner's court voted unanimously to keep salaries, expenses, and allowances the same as last year. The cutting of raises would ultimately lead to a cut in the deficit.

Other agenda items in the July 28, special meeting would be paying the bills and approving farm contracts for Buford farms for the removal of silt from dirt stock tank for water conservation, and John Scott for the building of a

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Courtesy Photo

Floyd County's AgrLife Agency held a cooking class for kids on Monday; during the class, kids got a hands-on experience in cooking as students made muffins and bread from scratch. Pictured above needing dough are Caitlin Bishop, Rita Martinez, Hannah Franks, Rachel Graham, Mallory Graham, Allison Orr and Lauryn Carroll. Today the AgrLife Agency will also be holding a preservation class.

Lockney and Floydada ISDs ranked 'Academically Acceptable' for 2011

By Marva Rasco and Homer Marquez

Accountability ratings for Texas school districts were released last Friday, July 27 by the Texas Education Agency. Both Lockney and Floydada Independent School Districts received an Academically Acceptable rating as other school districts across Texas saw an overall drop in ratings, due in large part to the end of the Texas Projection Measure, which helped to boost ratings for schools the past two years.

Results of ratings across the state show that 569 schools were ranked Academically Unacceptable

this year, as opposed to 104 schools in 2010. During the 2010-2011 school year, TEA implemented several new measures which impacted campus ratings significantly in districts across the state. Those new measures include: the elimination of the Texas Projection Measure (TPM) for ratings purposes, the addition of five new accountability measures, increasing the passing percentage for math and science and the inclusion of the TAKS-Modified and TAKS-Alternate test results taken by Special Education students.

TPM was originally developed as a growth

measure that was used in the state (and federal) accountability systems. TPM allowed schools and districts to receive credit for students who did not meet passing standards on state tests, but who demonstrated they were projected to pass in a subsequent year. Even with the more stringent standards when compared to recent history (without taking TPM into account), Lockney ISD increased, stayed even or saw only a 1 or 2 percent decrease in a majority of its scores among all students; however, eliminating TPM created a

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The Floyd County Fair Needs Your Help

By Carol Huggins

The 2011 Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair is now a little more than a month away - September 15-18. Lots of planning and lots of work has been done; but, there is still more to do. Several areas are in need of work.

There will be a work day on Saturday, August 13 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds. This will be to clean up, touch up the paint, and work on the Entertainment Building to get it ready for the Queen's Pageant. Anyone will be royally welcomed to help

with this. We are starting to work on the office building, so if you have carpenter skills, we can use the help. Some more electrical updating is needed if you have that skill, and also there needs to be more work done on some of the booth areas.

There are still some events that need chairmen or helpers. The Kid's Rodeo needs a chairman and some helpers. The Children's Barnyard needs monitors to keep the animals and kids safe from each other. The Fishing Tanks also need some monitors, and the Pet Show needs helpers. If you, or an organization you are a member of, would like to help in any of these areas, please call Kay Martin 652-3386, Carol Huggins 652-3115, or Neta Marble 983-3644.

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August 18	Crosbyton - Scrimmage	Home	5:00 pm
August 26	Slaton	Home	7:30 pm
September 2	Floydada	There	7:30 pm
September 9	Ama. Arbor Christian	There	7:30 pm
September 16	Tahoka	Home	7:30 pm
September 23	Olton	There	7:30 pm
September 30	Nazareth	Home	7:30 pm
October 7	Booker	There	7:30 pm
October 14	OPEN		
October 21	*Panhandle	Home	7:30 pm
October 28	*Clarendon	Home	7:30 pm
November 4	*Quanah	There	7:30 pm
*District Game			

2011 Floydada Whirlwind Football Schedule

August 12	Brownfield	Home	6:30 pm
August 18	Olton	There	TBA
August 26	Sunray	Dick Bivins	4:30 pm
September 2	Lockney	Home	7:30 pm
September 9	Wellington	Home	7:30 pm
September 16	Post	There	7:30 pm
September 23	*Spearman	Home	7:30 pm
September 30	*Fritch	There	7:30 pm
October 7	*Tulla	Home	7:30 pm
October 14	OPEN		
October 21	*Highland Park	There	7:30 pm
October 28	*Dimmitt	Home	7:30 pm
November 4	*Abernathy	There	7:30 pm
*District Game			

Fair to hold Miss Floyd County Pageant

It's that time of year again; time to polish your rhinestones, practice those turns, and perfect that smile!!

Yes ladies and gentlemen, the Miss Floyd County Pageant has returned with all the shimmer and glimmer and sparkle!!

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?

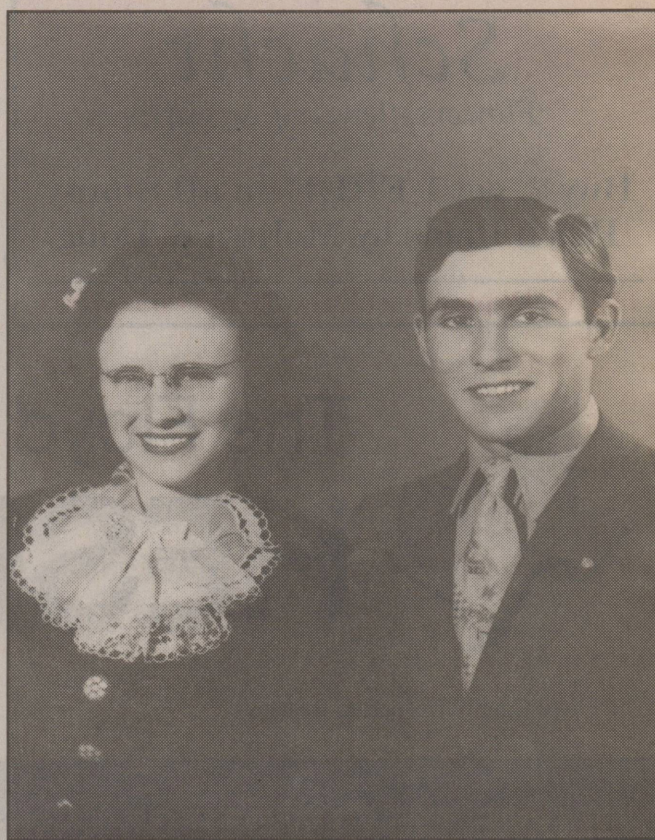
Entry in the Miss Floyd County Pageant is available to all girls 3 years to 19 years of age who currently reside within Floyd County and/or the surrounding area counties.

Interviews will be held Saturday, September 10, 2011, at the Lockney High School. 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; Barbara Carthel at 652-2492, or Angie Guerro 652-1188.

Right now you can pick up applications for the pageant at these local stores; Clarks Pharmacy, Heart's Desire (both location), Heaven Scent, and Payne Pharmacy.

66th Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. FLOYD BRADFORD of Floydada celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 10, 2011. Floyd Bradford and Euna Fawver were married on August 10, 1945. They are the parents of Conley and Kaye Bradford of Litchfield Park, Arizona and Danny and Diane Bradford of Thomasville, North Carolina. They have four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They will have another great-granddaughter the last of August. Conley and Danny Bradford were home the first week of July. Floyd and Euna celebrated a month early with them.

Bradford Reunion held in July

By Euna Bradford

Bob and Jean Logan of Weatherford, Texas visited Floyd and Euna Bradford Friday night, July 29th for a sandwich meal.

Those spending the night on

Saturday, July 30th were Bob and Jean Logan, K. W. and Geneva Cook of Winters, Texas, Pat and Evelyn Bradford of Claude, Texas, Mary Emert, and Floyd and Euna Bradford, all of Floydada.

From The Archives

From Floyd County Hesperian and Lockney Beacon February 25, 1973

FLOYDADA IN THE TWENTIES...BATHS

By Arthur E Gamble
Cleanliness may be next to Godliness but the difficulty we had with bathing in the 20's in Floydada sometimes made it seem that Godliness was easier to achieve.

With no indoor plumbing whatsoever in many homes, bathing was normally a once a week affair at best. Bathinettes for the baby were years in the future so the little people were often bathed in the dishpan. The kitchen was the place where the water was heated—so it became the household bath on Saturday night. With its linoleum

floors, water could be wiped up quickly, and big coal cook-stove provided heat enough to remove the chill, and some of the stoves had hot water wells on the end next to the firebox that used the heat radiated to the sides to heat the three gallon container [an example may be found in the museum]. Teakettles and other pans furnished the balance of the water which was placed in the #2 wash tub for the bathing.

As you might guess, sanitation was not considered—just the removal of dirt and grime was important. Customarily, my sister (being the baby) was bathed first, then my younger brother, me and finally mother. The same water was used by all with the addition of more hot water as the tub cooled off.

Palmolive, Woodbury's and

Ivory were all still in business and were very much around back then. Lifebuoy made it on the scene later and with its strong scent let us know that it must be doing a good job because it certainly left us with a new smell. It is amazing how these old standbys of yesterday have adapted themselves to changing tastes and are all still popular today.

Summertime bathing was a more impromptu affair—particularly for the young. A horse tank, lake or down to the swimming hole in Blanco Canyon furnished cooling relief in those preairconditioned days. Even a home made shower with water from an overhead barrel provided a degree of cleanliness.

You will note in telling about those kitchen baths, no mention was made of the man of the house using that same tub of water. No sir, that was back when men were men and smelled like—that is unless they had just returned from the barber shop where they went for the grandeur of a bath in a real bath tub.

I remember Hilton's barber shop just west of the square on California Street as a sort of a marble palace. It had four barbers in front and in the back in private little cubicles, there were some honest-to-gosh bath tubs.

The Negro "shine boy" was more or less in charge of the bathing facilities being responsible for washing out the tub after each user. The charge for a bath was 25 cents—same price as a kid's haircut—and it was rumored that for a nickel or a dime tip the porter would scrub you

back for the height of luxury. This flat fee entitled you to a tub of hot water, soap and towels. On rush days, a time limit was established by tacit agreement that by rule and no one took too much time.

Granted that a barber shop was a man's haven, I never could see why there wasn't such a place for bathing available to little boys and the women. As Floydada put in its sewerage system and gas arrived from the Panhandle, most homes put in indoor plumbing with bathtubs (and everything) and the day of the barbershop bath was doomed.

I guess we all had "B.O." back in those days but when everyone smells about the same I suppose you never notice it. I do remember the school room smell of thirty little kids all wearing sneakers with the added aroma from lunches, or worse still, the smell of the soup being made down in the cafeteria.

Back in the 1920's if we had a bath before Sunday School and Church, we could go a whole week with never another thought of bathing. I guess it is the influence of those days that makes me feel positively filthy if I don't get my daily shower.

I like to be clean, smell clean and look clean—so if you don't mind, I don't believe I'll mourn the passing of this segment of our good old days. Godly? I have my doubts—but as to cleanliness—outside of one day per week—NO!

From March 4, 1973
FLOYDADA IN THE 20'S...HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND TRAILS

As late as 1929, the only paved road in West Texas on the plains was the 16 miles from Lubbock to Slaton with the remainder being just graded roads. There were no federal or state highways during those days.

Highways were promotions of individuals or groups. Usually they were marked on telephone poles, fences, building with a stencil and some paint. The Bankhead Highway ran through Dallas, Ft. Worth, Abilene, Big Spring on to El Paso and the west coast. Later it became known as U.S. 80 and is now Interstate 10.

The Northern part of the country had a famed highway known as the "Lincoln Highway" and was later known as U.S. 40. Its name prompted the story about the Englishman making his first cross-country trip who told his host "That Scotsman Lincoln is quite a road builder but I can't say so much for that Frenchman, Mr. DeTour!"

Floydada was distinguished by being on the FFF Highway. I don't know where it started or ended but it came in from Matador and went out toward Plainview. I was told that it was the Ft. Worth, Floydada and Frisco Highway and saw no reason to question that logical assumption.

Travelers back then had to be hardy souls and ready for almost anything.

Dad had some business in Denver so the entire family plus an attorney from Matador loaded in the car and off we sailed for Denver. The first night we reached the North bank of the Canadian

River where we camped. The sound of the coyotes in the surrounding ranch country is something that stays with you for life. The next night saw us in Raton in a camp at the bottom of the famous Raton Pass. Car trouble once caused some apprehension, but Dad noted that the garage man wore an emblem indicating he was a Pythian Brother. So Dad gave him the secret grip when they shook hands and his check was accepted without question.

Without road markers, just getting the right road and on to the next town was no small accomplishment. Frequent stops to ask directions were a part of every trip. Directions sometimes were "go down this road until you cross the little creek and see a barn with a bull Durham sign on it, then bear right up the hill..." Since most barns had many signs on them and what was meant by "little" creek—traveling was truly a great adventure.

Most long distance traveling was done by railroad but the travel by auto was the coming thing. Campers were encouraged since they added to the local economy by buying gas, groceries and other supplies as they passed through out town.

Touring cars were those open top cars and usually had a couple of extra tires tied

On the back of the spare and a folding rack on the running board held a tool box, along with extra cans of oil, gas and water. Some elegant automobiles had trunks sticking out the back and were the epitome of elegance—in fact, if coupled with two extra tires in fender wells—you were known to be a man of wealth, position and distinction wherever you were.

Roads were maintained by each precinct so you would find wide variations even within counties. Streets in the town were strictly town business so you traveled on a patchwork of varying roads. Most roads were graded with high crown for drainage thereby making it certain you would slide in the ditch if the going got wet. Dry times enabled you to see other cars coming from miles away. So it was advisable to wear special clothing for traveling if you wanted to look decent when you arrived.

Yet, travel we did—trips for distances and under conditions that would be unbelievable today. Help thy neighbor was the keynote of the traveler and somehow we got there and back.

I'm glad those days are gone for good.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

If you rent a house in the country that's in ill repair, rent to an animal lover and tell them no pets.

How so? People who like animals are less likely to freak out over the occasional snake in the toilet or nocturnal scratching noises in the attic. The trick is to find a renter who doesn't like animals too much to do battle with the invaders.

Why the no-pet rule? A typical old house in the country doesn't need more fleas.

Meanwhile, our animal readers -- raccoons especially -- are questioning my use of the term "invader." In my mind's eye, Mr. Raccoon is wearing glasses and reading the morning paper, shaking his head and raising his eyebrows at the idea of being called an invader. In the background Mrs. Raccoon is fixing breakfast -- eggs and bacon. She's wearing an apron. They're in the attic.

Well, I've got a message for raccoons. Get off welfare! If it weren't for us humans and our garbage and dripping outdoor hydrants and houses with the occasional accessible attic, you'd have to live in trees and find food on your own and wash your cute little hands and faces in creeks. So there.

Think I'm kidding about snakes in the house and raccoons in the attic? Ask my renter. Her name is Terri.

By the way, as you perhaps know, you don't have to live in the country to be invaded by wildlife, raccoons especially. They're everywhere. I remember seeing a whole family traipsing through Wichita Falls very early one morning -- down-



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch
Terri Drake cradles a raccoon in her arm at the Quanah Parker Celebration in Quanah last month. When the baby raccoon fell through Drake's ceiling the main day of the festival, her solution was to take it along.

town, at that. Seems like they were near the main post office.

Here's another rule of thumb:
If you have raccoons in your attic, it's best not to have any holes in the ceiling. Small raccoons fall through ceiling holes. They are cute when they're little.

Also, if you have an air conditioner cooling the room with the hole in the ceiling, expect the raccoons to hang out near the hole. After all, it's hot in the attic.

Advice to landlords:
If you visit your renter, don't sit under the hole.
I don't make these things up.

Last night when I dropped in on Terri, we ended up in the cool room with the hole in the ceiling. I sat not quite

under the hole. No little raccoons tumbled through. No big raccoons peered down. Fine with me.

But, according to Terri, the usual scenario these days is less dramatic. A resident raccoon simply settles in close to the hole and drops one leg down to feel the cool air. It's that kind of heat wave.

Some people who've had to sell all their cattle because of the extended drought are still keeping a water tank full for the deer. That's nice.

At the other end of the spectrum, Terri is air conditioning raccoons. Oh well.

Years from now we'll all be swapping tales about how we survived the summer of 2011. Some venerable raccoons are going to have the best story of all.

THIS WEEK'S

FLOYD COUNTY FAIR

The Floyd County Fair Association will have a work day on Saturday, August 13. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Whirlwind Booster Club will hold their meetings on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Heather and Holly and their families*

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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.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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

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Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
Lockney
Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth)...7:15 pm

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.

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.

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.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

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Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 6:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion... 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
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English Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

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983-3524

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Oliver Clark
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Man-Makers

By Rodney Hunt

On Friday, 36 young men took the field and as they approached they all had one thought "I am about to attempt a very difficult task -The Man Maker." Each knew that they would be showcasing a football practice and going all out in front of friends and family and towns folk. They would face a challenge even after the full practice. This challenge would be a very grueling and physically demanding Man Maker. Each wondered how well would he

do; would he finish or just collapse in front of all? As they stepped onto the field, a flash of lightning and a loud clap of thunder roared over the field, as if to say to each player "are you ready?" They went back to the locker room and waited for the lightning to leave. The anticipation increased. "Lets get it done" one said. They walked back out minutes later and began with blocking drills and stations; then on to "Air Raids".

Football balls were flying everywhere, bodies

flying down the green to catch the ball; then finally a water break. Then the whistle blew, "Line up for the Man Maker."

It begins; running, scrambling to the ground on your belly as the whistle blows. Up and down they go, each pushing themselves to their best. 100 yards down and back. Now spider crawls and then crab walks. As they finished these they began to pair up with a team mate; what once was an individual challenge now had a team mate added to it. "Don't

let each other down! Finish This" screamed a team mate. Finally the grueling comes to an end; but wait, what is this? Team mates not finished, "Go help! Words screamed out in encouragement, "You're almost done. Don't give up!" "Grab a leg and help carry." What was an individual, thought now turns to a team effort. They have come together no longer individuals, N.O.W. a TEAM; Ready to face the next challenge together. The Season.... How will it go?

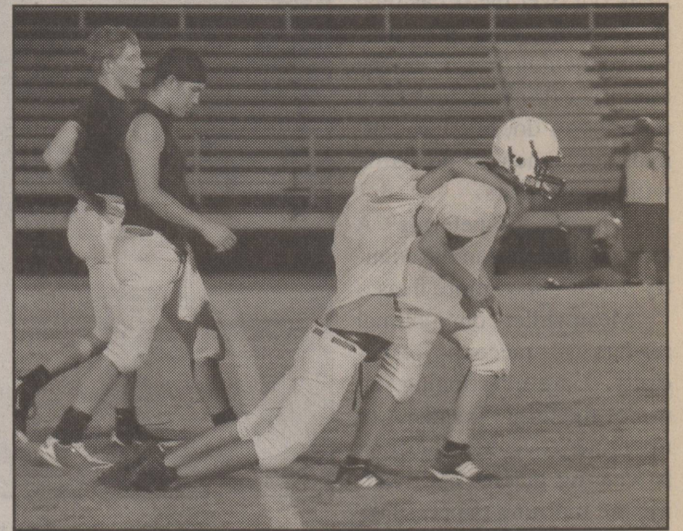


Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography

Last Friday, the Longhorn football team once again participated in the long tradition of Midnight Madness; which includes the two-a-day classic the "man maker".

New band donations made

The Lockney Band Booster Club would like to thank the following for making new donations to the band uniform fund: Dr. Kevin and Michealle Stennett, Tommy and Julie Cathey, Jack and Sandra Lass, Lonny and Karen Hooten, Eddie and Cheryl Teeter, and the J.M Carthel Family Reunion. A total of \$13,520.47 has been raised. The Band Booster would once again like to thank everyone that donated.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Last week, the Lockney High School Art Club held the return of school's Summer Art Camp. During the Art Camp, club members taught younger students the fundamentals of art concepts and the different types of art mediums available. Throughout the week, high school students in the club, created and prepared a number of art lessons for the daily four hour classes. The first class was dedicated to 4 year-old to pre-k, while the second half of the day was reserved for older kids. Camp goes seemed to have tons of fun as they learned the basic principles of sculptures, painting, and jewelry making. Proceeds from the camp will go to art club members as they try to raise money for their yearly art trip. Last year, students headed to San Antonio to visit the Art Institute and San Antonio's Art museum. Lockney's art program is a highly decorated program, producing award winning artist every year.

2011 LOCKNEY LONGHORN FOOTBALL JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEPTEMBER 1	FLOYDADA	LOCKNEY	6:00
SEPTEMBER 8	ARBOR CHRISTIAN	LOCKNEY	6:00
SEPTEMBER 15	TAHOKA	TAHOKA	6:00
SEPTEMBER 22	OLTON	LOCKNEY	6:00
SEPTEMBER 29	*CLAUDE	LOCKNEY	6:00
OCTOBER 7	OPEN		
OCTOBER 20	*PANHANDLE	PANHANDLE	7:15
OCTOBER 27	*CLARENDON	CLARENDON	7:15
NOVEMBER 3	*QUANAHA	LOCKNEY	7:15

2011 LOCKNEY LONGHORN FOOTBALL 7TH AND 8TH SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEPTEMBER 8	ARBOR CHRISTIAN (7 th -8 th)	THERE	5:00/6:00
SEPTEMBER 15	TAHOKA (7 th -8 th)	HERE	5:00/6:00
SEPTEMBER 22	*OLTON (7 th -8 th)	THERE	5:00/6:00
SEPTEMBER 29	*CLAUDE (7 th)	HERE	5:00/6:00
SEPTEMBER 29	*NAZARETH (8 th)	THERE	5:00/6:00
OCTOBER 13	FLOYDADA (7 th -8 th)	HERE	5:00/6:00
OCTOBER 20	*PANHANDLE (7 th -8 th)	THERE	5:00/6:00
OCTOBER 27	*CLARENDON (7 th -8 th)	THERE	5:00/6:00
NOVEMBER 3	*OUANAHA (7 th -8 th)	HERE	5:00/6:00

All times subject to change. Schedule is dependent on opponents having two JH teams where listed. We are still looking for an Oct. 6 game.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Lockney ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM on August 23, 2011 in Board Room of the Lockney ISD Administration Office Lockney, Texas.

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

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	\$ 1.14 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

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	6 % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	0 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	6 % (decrease)

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	\$ 169,098,110	\$ 176,645,770
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 212,210	\$ 73,130
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 91,858,258	\$ 94,248,458
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 201,850	\$ 73,130

* "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* \$ 0

* 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	\$ 1.14	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.14	\$ 1,865	\$ 7,573
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.21	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.21	\$ 2,440	\$ 7,376
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.14	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.14	\$ 2,400	\$ 7,376

* 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	\$ 36,006	\$ 36,397
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 24,817	\$ 25,233
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.14
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 283	\$ 288
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 5

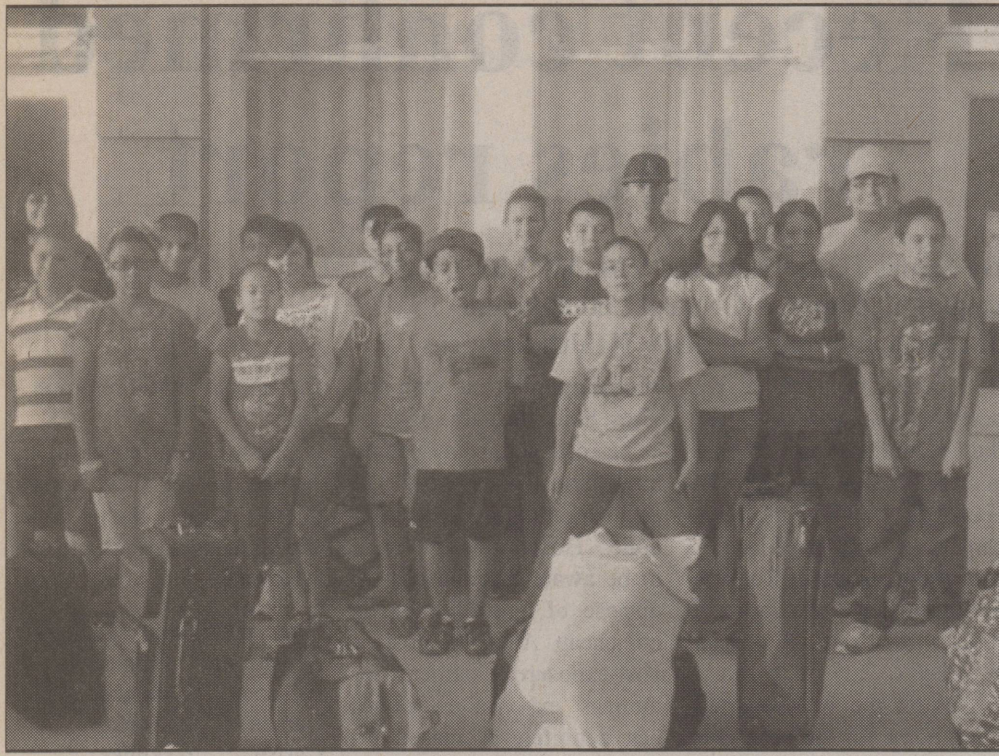
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year 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 1.14. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.14.

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)	\$ 3,300,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0



Courtesy Photo

Recently, camp goers returned from their summer retreat to Camp Hoblitzelle, pictured above are Camp Sponsor Teresa Gonzales, JJ Rodriguez, Marcos Luna, Daniel Palomin, Alyssa Gutierrez, Efen Fernandez, Ethan Nunez, Theresa Andrade, Alex Torrez, Salissitty Naranjo, Tiffany Nunez, Destiny Esquivel, Nimsi Reyes, Nathen Salazar, Johnathan Rodriguez, Hanna Casias, Bethany Salazar Anthony Sanchez and in the front Andrew Esquivel. Funding to pay for the camp comes from donations and purchases made at Floyd County's local Salvation Army store. The store in Lockney will be having a back to school sale on Monday through Thursday from 9am to noon. Donations can still be made to help with school supplies.



Photo by Homer Marquez

It was another great week of two-a-days as the Floydada Whirlwinds prepared for the upcoming 2011 season. This Friday at 6:30p.m, the Whirlwinds will put their hard work on display as they host Brownfield in their first scrimmage of the year. Following the scrimmage, the 2011 Whirlwinds will take time to hang out with fans during Meet the Whirlwinds.

4-H Star enrollment party to be held Aug. 12

By Mark Carroll, CEA-AG
Floyd County

The Floyd County 4-H Club will be hosting a 4-H Star enrollment party starting at 6 pm on August 12th at the Unity Center.

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

year. The evening will include a free hot dog supper. The Science Spectrum will be conducting an astronomy program with their new digital space bubble and after dark they we will look at the stars with their telescope.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please join us for fun and games as we kick off a new 4-H year for 2012.



2011 FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEPTEMBER 2	LOCKNEY	LOCKNEY	6:00
SEPTEMBER 9	WELLINGTON	WELLINGTON	7:00
SEPTEMBER 16	POST	FLOYDADA	6:00
SEPTEMBER 23	*SPEARMAN	SPEARMAN	6:00
SEPTEMBER 30	*FRITCH	FLOYDADA	6:00
OCTOBER 7	*TULIA	TULIA	6:00
OCTOBER 14	LOCKNEY	FLOYDADA	7:30
OCTOBER 21	*HIGHLAND PARK	FLOYDADA	6:00
OCTOBER 28	*DIMMITT	DIMMITT	6:00
NOVEMBER 4	*ABERNATHY	FLOYDADA	6:00

*DENOTES DISTRICT 1-AA GAMES

SCRIMMAGES:

AUGUST 14	BROWNFIELD	FLOYDADA	TBA
AUGUST 19	OLTON	OLTON	TBA

2011 FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL 7TH AND 8TH SCHEDULE

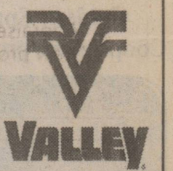
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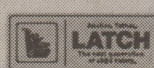
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Rodeo, concerts to help Silverton's population explode

SILVERTON, Texas – Have you ever seen a population explosion up close?

It's something you'll want to see, and it's about to happen in Silverton. The annual Buck Wild Days Rodeo will help jump start the celebration on the plains, featuring the top athletes in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association during three performances set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18-Saturday, Aug. 20.

"This is one of those times where we get people coming to Silverton from all over the Panhandle," said Ken Wood, chairman of the volunteer rodeo committee. "We've got about 1,500 people who live in Briscoe County, and they'll all be here. Of course, so will a lot of people from a lot of other counties."

That's how a town with a population of around 600 people expands by thousands over three August nights. It's also how thousands of people turn up the heat through top-flight competition and entertainment.

In addition, this year's Buck Wild Days Rodeo

will feature a dance "On the Diamond" after each of the rodeo performances.

Thursday's dance is free, but there will be six top Texas Country acts playing over the final two nights of the rodeo for just \$15 each night. That's a whale of a bargain, considering Friday night will feature William Clark Green, Hogg Maulies and No Dry County; Saturday's show is James Lann, the Zack Walther Band and Jason Nutt & Highway 70.

"We've got some outstanding Texas Country artists, and they're excited to be coming to Silverton," said Corey Johnson of 106.1 KFLP-FM in Floydada, the station helping produce the concerts during the Buck Wild Days Rodeo. "It's definitely going to be a good time."

Word about the annual community celebration has been getting out all over the Texas Panhandle and surrounding regions. A year ago, the volunteer committee upped the ante a little in making the rodeo part of the PRCA, the top sanctioning body in the sport. It provid-

ed a place to play for some of the very best contestants in ProRodeo as well as the outstanding animal athletes from Carr Pro Rodeo.

"That place was standing room only on Saturday night," said Pete Carr, owner of the Dallas-based livestock firm. "People came from everywhere. It's pretty incredible."

That's what makes Buck Wild Days Rodeo even more of a celebration. Taking place in conjunction with the 119th Briscoe County Celebration, those former residents who now live elsewhere return to town for the reunion and entertainment.

"I've been working Silverton a few years, and each year I'm impressed with that rodeo and the people that come to town for that weekend," said Ken Stonecipher, a professional rodeo announcer from Guymon, Okla., who will call the action this year with Louisianan Andy Stewart. "It's pretty spectacular, and everybody comes to get a little buck wild."

"It's definitely a good time."

South Plains Assn. of SWCDS to Meet

The South Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SPASWCDs) will meet August 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the PYCO Industries located at 2901 Ave. A in Lubbock.

The featured program speaker is Mark Schwirtz, President and General Manager of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative. Schwirtz will talk about the Cooperative as well as its operation of a wind generation farm.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative provides whole-

sale electric service to 16 electric distribution cooperatives who serve 260,000 member-consumers in 24 percent of Texas which includes the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau regions as well as in the Oklahoma Panhandle and in Southwestern Kansas.

Representatives from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service will update SWCD directors on state and na-

tional soil and water conservation programs and issues during the business session.

Twenty-four soil and water conservation districts in the South Plains region of the state

are members of the SPASWCDs. Counties which the SWCDs serve include Bailey,

Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry and Fisher.

Recent confirmed rabies report

By James L. Alexander, DVM, MPVM, DACVPM
Regional Zoonosis Control Veterinarian
Texas Department of State Health Services

After a brief lull in reported cases, case #49 for the region has arrived and is case #1 for this year in Hansford Co. The most recent prior confirmed rabies activity in Hansford Co. was in 2009 when 2 skunks were reported; the last one was on 4/23/2009.

This is the 3rd reported rabid horse for the year. Our Region has not reported more than 3 rabid horses in a single year since my records began in 1996 but 1998, 2005 and 201 each had 3 rabid horses confirmed. I will not be surprised if we surpass that total this year.

To help prevent that, please recommend to horse owners that their animals be vaccinated against rabies. Horses live in the same place as the skunks, so they are at risk of

becoming infected with the virus. Since the value of horses has dropped, some people may think it isn't worth the cost of getting a vaccination done. Horse owners need to be aware that the cost to dispose of a dead horse is not cheap. Also, the cost of post-exposure treatment for humans exposed to rabies has definitely increased. In comparison, the cost of rabies vaccination for a horse is quite inexpensive. So, unless a horse owner has enough land for a dead horse to rot away on, or enough land and a backhoe to dig a big hole, and is cognizant enough of rabies symptoms to avoid human exposure, a relatively cheap rabies vaccination is pretty good insurance against having to incur the high cost of equine disposal or human

rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

Please keep encouraging people to get their horses, show stock, high dollar breeding stock, dogs and cats vaccinated.

Our statistics are now:

Armstrong	2 skunks
Briscoe	2 skunks
Carson	2 skunks
Castro	6 skunks
Childress	4 skunks
Gray	1 skunk
Hale	6 skunks
Hansford	1 horse
Hemphill	1 skunk
Lamb	1 skunk
Lipscomb	1 skunk
Motley	1 cow
Parmer	1 skunk
Potter	5 skunks, 3 cats
Randall	5 skunks, 1 horse
Swisher	4 skunks
Wheeler	1 cat, 1 horse
Total	49 cases

Drought taking a toll on local cattle herds

(FLOYDADA) – Floyd County is going on months without measurable rain and local ranchers are feeling the pain, with many selling herds to cope with the chronic drought conditions.

"The drought is forcing us to ship more and more cattle," said cattle producer and Floyd County Farm Bureau President, Tanner Smith. "With continued drought conditions, we are

feeding a lot of hay and have even started shipping some spring calves to the sale."

According to a report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 86 percent of pasture acres in Texas are in poor or very poor condition. More than 90 percent of the state is in the two most severe drought stages.

"Some ranchers in the county are sending cattle to other states where there is

more grazing," he said. "The cattle herd in Texas is already at record low levels. It will take several good years to recover from this one."

Market prices have slipped recently from record highs, showing signs producers statewide are culling herds and digging in. Weather forecasters predict ranchers may not see rain relief in Texas until the end of September.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Hey world, change your attitude!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

What is the economy? If you'll allow me some abstract thought... The economy is generated from attitude. Right now, there is a global negative attitude.

What if you had no clue what the national deficit was? What if, as far as you knew, everything was okay? Or at least, as good as it always is?

Would not knowing about global economic turmoil improve the economy? Of course it would. You would be more likely to fill up instead of just putting \$20 in the tank. You'd be more willing to shop for school and get your household needs out of the way.

In a perfect world, the economy would have a more natural flow. When you throw in humans with opposing economic philosophies, poor communication skills, and self-serving motives, you have a complete mess.

Speaking of the economy: there is one way the United States could change the sorry global attitude. President Obama could fire the idiots in his cabinet who have zero business experience and replace them with individuals with a variety of experience.

If I were president, I would study history and look at what has worked in the past during economic turmoil. I would then surround myself with the most qualified people I could find to advise Congress on the best course of action. Furthermore, Congress would be back in session until we had a plan to get our fiscal house in order.

If Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is the best Obama can do, that is an awful statement to the American people. Geithner needs to be fired and replaced with someone who has a proven record of turnarounds.

I promise such a move by Obama would get attention around the world. Instead, Obama gave Geithner a vote of confidence. I just don't understand this thinking.

How wonderful would it be if our members of Congress had term limits? I honestly think the culture in Washington could change if term limits were in place.

It's been my observation that when a member of Congress is in Washington for too long, they belong to Washington and not the Americans they work for. How else can they avoid arriving at the same conclusions we do in our every day lives?

Another benefit to term limits would be the amount of time and money it takes to win elections. If our representa-

tives and senators were limited to one or two terms, I think you'd see quicker action out of both bodies. I also think you'd see action for the greater good instead of special interests.

There is no question our financial system needs to be retooled for today's world. There is also no question our political system needs work as well.

Did you know that the majority of our fighting forces come from rural America? They do. The brave men and women doing the hard work are from our towns and we need to keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers every day.

When you've been at war as long we have, those insulated from it begin to take it for granted. But their wives, husbands, moms, dads and children don't.

I'm very proud of those of you serving and supporting the troops. You are owed much for your sacrifice and I sincerely hope you can feel our support from where you are.

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Other Opinions

'New Normal' is political flim-flam

By RICK MANNING

There is a new phrase that is being bandied about in these hard economic times that should be frightening to anyone who believes that America's rightful place in the world is on top of the economic pecking order - the "New Normal."

Surprisingly, it is very difficult to find a definition of this economic description as virtually every article that mentions it is seeking to find how the "new normal" is impacting individuals and business as they adapt to it.

Given this difficulty, I thought I'd help these searchers for what the "new normal" looks like by going to the dictionary. Normal is defined as "usual" or in the second definition "healthy." Obviously, new means "recently made" or "replacing existing one."

So, those pushing the "new normal" economy in America are effectively telling America to get used to it. This economy is usual, healthy and it has replaced the existing one.

Effectively, those pushing the term "new normal" are through words attempting to get America to accept an economy where in July alone there are 374,000 fewer people in the workplace than in the month before.

They are trying to get Americans to accept an unemployment rate exceeding 9.1 percent as healthy and usual.

They are trying to get Americans to accept millions of energy jobs not created because the federal government policy is to promote supposed green jobs that don't exist.

They are trying to get unemployed and underemployed Americans to accept their premise that our economy just cannot create jobs, and they should be happy living off government handouts provided by the lucky few who are allowed to slave away so they can be supported.

The "new normal" is exactly the change that Barack Obama envisioned in 2008, and it is the economy that he intends to continue giving America through his job choking regulators at the EPA, NLRB, Labor Department and Department of Interior.

The "new normal" is exactly the change that Obama, Reid and Pelosi envisioned and delivered when they bankrupted the nation by going on a spending spree that added trillions of dollars to the national debt and put automatic spending in place that is irreversible in a divided Congress, and cost our nation our AAA bond rating for the first time in history.

The "new normal" is what they intended when they took over the nation's health care system and put automatic implementation language in place to ensure that hundreds of billions of dollars will be spent to implement a plan that the public neither wants, nor needs. A plan that a divided Congress cannot rip out by its roots even though the House of Representatives has voted to do just that.

This is the "new normal." An economy that is growing at less than 1 percent, while economic forecasters from the White House make revenue projections based upon an assumed growth rate of 3 percent.

The new normal is a government directed economy that prevents job creation by forcing someone who wants to extract valuable minerals from the earth in Alaska to spend just under \$150 million in environmental impact statements to dig in an area that is designated by the Alaskan government to be mined. A mine that still is awaiting federal government approvals even after the massive expenditures proved negligible impact.

The "new normal" economy accepts the delay in building a pipeline to move oil from the Canadian oil sands north of Alberta through America that would create tens of thousands of new high paying jobs, because environmentalists don't like the way the oil is taken out of the ground in Canada.

The "new normal" is for American taxpayers to send \$2 billion to a Brazilian oil company that is bigger than Exxon-Mobil so they can drill off-shore of Rio de Janeiro, and then sell U.S. consumers the oil that their taxes paid to extract.

It is clear that those pushing this concept of the "new normal" economy are banking on the American public forgetting what is really normal.

In November of 1980, when Jimmy Carter was viewed as one of the worse presidents in history due to his economic failure, unemployment stood at 7.5 percent, and it was in the 6 percent range for most of his presidency.

Over the two decades from January 1990 to January 2009, the average unemployment rate in January was 5.8 percent.

Now, two and a half years later, this President's apologists want America to accept a "new normal" of more than 9 percent unemployment?

The truth is that the term the "new normal" is nothing more than an attempt to get American voters to accept the failure of the Obama Administration's policies.

If they are able to convince America that \$1.6 trillion deficits are necessary to maintain the "new normal", then they will convince America to re-elect them to maintain the current "best you can hope for" economy.

Political apologists of the same ilk who derided the 4.6 percent unemployment rate economy during the Bush Administration for only producing "hamburger flipper jobs," now seek to convince America that a rate twice that amount just needs to be accepted as normal.

To be clear, there is nothing normal about an unemployment rate that hovers between 8.8 and 10 percent of the American workforce.

There is nothing normal about more than 2 million people abandoning the workforce in the last twelve months alone.

There is nothing normal about people walking away from their homes because it no longer makes sense to pay the mortgage.

In the past two and a half years, we have experienced change to what is being sold as "normal." Hopefully in November 2012, America will choose to return to the real normal, and the prosperity that our free enterprise system has produced throughout our nation's history.

Because the one thing that is abundantly clear is that the "new normal" is the economic equivalent of New Coke, it might be new, but it is definitely not improved.

Cell phones now a necessity for America's poor

By REBEKAH RAST

America's definition of poverty differs from how many other countries would describe it. You know America is indeed a blessed nation when its poorest households are described as having a refrigerator, television, microwave and some even having an Xbox or other gaming system.

But only about 90 percent of the population has a cellular phone. According The New York Times, "That leaves 32 million, including the infirm, still up for grabs."

The federal government is working with telecommunications companies to fix that.

"The program is about peace of mind," says Gary Carter, manager of national partnerships for Assurance Wireless, a company helping low-income people obtain cell phones. "It's one less bill that someone has to pay, so they can pay their rent or for day care... It is a right to have peace of mind."

Is he asserting that having a cell phone is now a civil right?

Looking at how widespread this program has become and seeing how much tax dollars are being poured into it, you'd think so.

A perk of the program for low-income people is the cell phones are given to them for free. Some programs allow up to 250 free minutes a month. For a low-income person to qualify for a free cell phone program, including Lifeline or SafeLink, a person must meet federal low-income guidelines or qualify for one of many social service programs, including food stamps or Medicaid or even school lunch programs.

The Heritage Foundation summarizes the program:

"This particular program is covered by the federal Universal Service Fund. At first it received its money by essentially

taxing telephone companies that provided long-distance service, with the money then being used to provide affordable rates for those living in less densely populated areas where phone service was more costly. However, in 1996, Congress voted to extend the use of this fund to subsidize low-income households and subsequently expanded the list of those required to pay into the fund to include: local telephone companies, wireless companies, paging services, and payphone providers. In 2008, the Federal Communications Commission began subsidizing cell phones for low-income households."

The price tag for this service in 2010 was \$1.32 billion. Lifeline was the most prominent low-income program costing about \$1.2 billion.

"If there is ever an example of social welfare and the entitlement mentality, this is it," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government. "The government cannot afford to be handing out luxuries for free. Cell phones are not a necessity."

But those benefiting from the system feel differently. Leon Simmons' story is reported by The New York Times. He is on disability while his wife works a minimum-wage job. Their monthly income is about \$1,600 after taxes. They have a land line telephone, high-speed Internet and cable, and now Mr. Simmon's enjoys a free cellular phone. He admits that he doesn't see what all the fuss is about and why so many people are into cell phones, but will he use it? Yes, he said, "It's free."

Simmons is not the only person enjoying his new perk. The SafeLink program is now in 39 states and has more than two million customers nationwide.

But not everyone is a grateful beneficiary of this program. Telecommunication companies like Verizon, AT&T and

Sprint have to provide this service per the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These companies hope that providing phones to low-income people might help them get new customers once those people can afford their the phones on their own, but until then, and in order to recoup their losses, "the companies turn around and hike their fees to paying customers."

This should do nothing but frustrate those who regularly pay their cell phone bill.

On top of this, The Heritage Foundation reports that customers of these cellular phone programs are loosely monitored. Heritage's Robert Rector said, "This means that if an individual's income increases to where he or she is no longer eligible for the service, there is no one to make sure he or she stops receiving it." Though Assurance Wireless claims that every 12 months, participants have to show proof of eligibility to remain in the program.

"This type of program only promotes more American dependence on an already broken system," says ALG's Wilson. "The government cannot afford this program, nor can taxpayers. At a time when Washington needs to make spending cuts, this is one program that needs to be zeroed out."

All Americans with a cell phone or land line provide funds to the federal Universal Service Fund. As more Americans become eligible for this program, the more money it will require. This kind of social welfare falls into the category of government-provided luxuries, not necessities.

Only in America is poverty described as a person with a place to live, a way to buy food, air conditioning and a cell phone.

Texas Drought Officially the Worst Ever

As Texas continues to bake in record heat, the drought news for the state continues to be bleak — Texas is now in the midst of its most severe one-year drought on record, according to John Nielsen-Gammon, the Texas State Climatologist and professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University.

Preliminary reports from the National Climatic Data Center indicate that July 2011 was the warmest month ever recorded statewide for Texas, with data going back to 1895, Nielsen-Gammon reports. The average temperature of 87.2 degrees broke the previous record of

86.5 degrees set in 1998. The June average temperature of 85.2 was a record for that month and now ranks fifth warmest overall.

Rainfall totals were also unusually light across the state. The July monthly total of 0.72 inches ranks third driest, surpassed by the 0.69 inches recorded in both 1980 and 2000. This is the fifth consecutive month in which precipitation totals were among the 10 driest for that month, says the Texas A&M professor.

Among the other rainfall records set this month: least year-to-date precipitation (6.53 inches; historical average 16.03 inches;

previous record 9.36 inches in 1917); driest consecutive 8, 9 and 10 months on record (7.25 inches 8.35 inches, and 9.17 inches respectively); and driest 12 months ending in July (15.16 inches, previous record 16.46 inches in 1925).

"These statistics rank the current drought as the most severe one-year drought ever for Texas," Nielsen-Gammon explains. "Never before has so little rain been recorded prior to and during the primary growing season for crops, plants and warm-season grasses."

Texas would need more than 4.5 inches of rain in the next two months to avoid breaking the 1956 record for driest 12 consecutive months, he adds.

"Dr. Nielsen-Gammon's work confirms the harsh realities," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples

says.

"The extreme heat and unprecedented dry weather are crippling agricultural operations in Texas upon which all Americans rely for food, fuel, clothing and other daily necessities. This historic drought has depleted water resources, leaving our state's farmers and ranchers in a state of dire need. The damage to our economy is already measured in billions of dollars and continues to mount."

Recent rains have brought some relief from drought conditions in extreme west Texas, extreme south Texas and extreme southeast Texas. However, in the interior of the state, conditions remain dire, Nielsen-Gammon says.

"The climate division that covers west-central Texas has received only 3.32 inches of rainfall since Nov. 1," says Nielsen-Gammon. "That's

less than 21 percent of the historical average and less than half of the previous record, set in 1956. Add in the record heat, and it's just devastating."

Nielsen-Gammon notes that the most severe Texas drought overall is still the 1950-1957 drought. During the most intense year of that drought — 1956 — Texas set its all-time record for lowest 12-month precipitation, 13.69 inches ending in September.

"But in 1956, much of the rain fell in the spring when crops were being established," he says. "The current 12-month total (from 2010 to 2011) is dominated by rain that fell early last fall, and the ground had already dried out in many parts of the state by planting time."

Because the 1950-1957 drought lasted longer, it had a substantial impact on water supplies across the state,

and most water supplies are now designed to withstand a similar drought, the Texas A&M professor explains.

"The present drought is shorter but sharper," Nielsen-Gammon adds. "So far, its impacts have been disproportionately felt in agriculture, but many water suppliers throughout the state have now imposed water restrictions."

"The outlook is not entirely grim," he reports. "Late August and September bring increased chances of widespread rain from tropical disturbances, as well as the occasional cold front. Some computer models predict a return to La Niña conditions this winter, which would imply continued dry weather, but most predict neutral conditions in the tropical Pacific and the possible return of normal weather patterns."

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Bareback riders expecting Carr's best in Silverton

SILVERTON, Texas — Fans in the Texas Panhandle know their stuff when it comes to rodeo.

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Wild Days Rodeo plays before thousands during the three performances set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18-Saturday, Aug. 20.

It's why some of the greatest bareback horses in the Professional Rodeo

Cowboys Association will be some of the featured athletes in the community that boasts of a population around 700 people.

"We'll have all the heat with us," he said, referring to the best animal athletes

wearing Carr Pro Rodeo's Rafter C brand. "It should be really good."

That might just be an understatement. This is the little rodeo that could, and now it's a showcase of top rodeo talent. From Real Deal, the 2005 PRCA Bareback Riding Horse of the Year, to Riverboat Annie, the 2007 reserve world champion bareback horse, to Deuces Night, one of the great young bucking mares, the Carr pen is full of tremendous athletes.

"If you look at the NFR stock roster, you can see Pete Carr's loaded," D.V. Fennell said of the Carr Pro Rodeo owner. "That's not just me saying that. That's 16 of the top bareback riders in the world. He's got superstars."

On the surface, it looks like Silverton's rodeo will definitely be Buck Wild. But horses of that caliber tend to draw the top cowboys to town. They crave the energized beasts. It's how they make their livings; more importantly, it's how they win world championships.

"To be successful, you've got to want to win," said Justin McDaniel, the 2008 world champion bareback rider. "Pete goes all out. He tries really hard. You can go to any of Pete's rodeos and win on any of his horses on any given day."

Wes Stevenson is the reigning Silverton bareback riding champion, having scored an 88-point ride on Carr's Alberta Child last August in the rodeo's inaugural year with the PRCA, the top sanctioning body in the sport. The victory was a piece of the puzzle that led the Lubbock, Texas, cowboy to his sixth qualification to the NFR.

"The most important thing to me was that I got to get on some good bucking horses," said Stevenson, who had just an hour and a half drive to compete. "The money I won there was the confidence-booster I needed. I knew

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Referring to the articles in the paper (FROM THE ARCHIVES) the last few weeks, by Arthur Earl Gamble. Sure brings back memories. Arthur Earl and I were very good friends. We played together, and walked to school together. We were neighbors, we lived in the same block, two blocks west of the Methodist Church.

We didn't have many things to play with but we used our imagination. One thing I remember we did was build what we called a bottle ranch. We would cut up tree limbs into little posts, used string for fence. Made corals this way. A shoe box was a barn. Some kind of bottles were cows and another kind was horses. I don't know, but I guess we had fun doing it.

Arthur Earl's story about the milk business is familiar too. Yes, my folks had a cow and the things he said about milking and taking care of

the milk brought back memories. I remember carrying a quart of milk to a neighbor, widow lady.

The Gambles moved to Lubbock in the late 20s. I think Mr. Gamble was involved with insurance and real estate. Anyway Lubbock grew and so did the Gamble's business. Arthur Earl carried it on.

Several other families moved to Lubbock from here in those early years and helped Lubbock grow. John Scoggins and Ray Dickey families. They went into the Automobile business. John Harvey Scoggins was a friend and classmate. I'd say we were 9-10 years old when they moved.

Harold Chapman family moved. They were very active in the real estate business and development of Lubbock. Harold and Ray Chapman, from this family, were very active in real estate and development of Lubbock in later years.

A Strickland family moved to Amarillo. Their two sons later were in construction.

There have been others, but these, I knew.

Another thing. His story about the Doctors. Dr. George Smith was my father-in-law. I married Margaret Smith. Lost her 4 years ago.

Guy W. Ginn
Floydada, Texas

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Elwin Ozell Chappell, Deceased, were issued on July 28, 2011, in Cause No. 5891, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Juanita Chappell

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

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ranch road. Agenda item number four on that docket would be a request by Lindan Morris that would allow him to take over as taker of the court's minutes. Supposedly, Morris felt unsatisfied with how the minutes were being taken, claiming that minutes were not readily available at some meetings. County Clerk, Ginger Morgan, who is responsible for taking the minutes, contested that legally she was only one with the authority to record the minutes, presenting cited instructions from a government law book that described her statutory duties. After a brief discussion, between Mrs. Morgan and the court, Commissioner Morris would drop his agenda item but requested that Morgan provide all minutes before the following court meeting. Following that agenda item, County Clerk Ginger Morgan would retake the floor for an agenda item that requested a budget amendment for the cost she had acquired by traveling to a state mandatory class. She explained that the state was now requiring her to attend a Preservation of Vital Statistics Records class, whose expenses for the travel was not originally budgeted because she didn't know about having to take the mandatory

class. Morgan's request asked for a reimbursement for the \$278 travel expense. After a review of the Clerk's budget, Mrs. Morgan and the County Treasurer noted that there was a computer glitch in the book keeping software, and Morgan actually had an extra \$217 in her budget somewhere. Assured by the Treasurer confidence that the money was in the budget, Commissioner Morris moved to amend the budget \$61 to cover the expense; the court would approve unanimously. The last items on the agenda would be a personal manual update and a discussion on the threat of a lawsuit per Commissioner Morales; because Commissioner Morales was not in attendance the discussion was postponed. During the August 8, court session, commissioners reconvened to once again tackle the budget, but first the court would approve the re-plot of lots in Dougherty to make Block 30. The request by Randy Pernel would be approved. The court would also accept donations from Vinoka Morris and Bill Glass for surplus roadway material and unanimously pass the resolution for the creation of the South Plains Rural Transportation Plan. The Rural Transportation plan would act a sort of

lobbyist group for rural communities during Texas Department of Transportation meetings. Agenda items that would be tabled for the next commissioners meeting were discussions on additional funding from FEMA and a meeting with New York Life Insurance. Shortly after, the court would reenter their budget workshop. Due to keeping salaries and allowances the same the commissioners were able to shave the proposed budget's deficit to a little of \$16,000. In order to balance the budget, the commissioners would individually decrease their precincts budgets by eliminating some overtime money and extra labor costs; collectively the cuts would put the proposed budget in the black. Next on the path to passing a budget, court officials will do a little more tweeking to the budget before it is put up for approval. After the budget workshop, the court unanimously passed a policy update that gave the Sheriff the option of either using overtime or comp-time to pay his employees. Closing out the meeting, Commissioner Morris requested more information on the threatened lawsuit of Commissioner Morales. Several months had passed since the original letter describing Commissioner

Morales claims had first been mailed, but no action has yet been taking. Currently, lawyers for Morales and the County are in deliberation, but Morales assured the court that the lawsuit would more than likely be followed through. Commissioner Morris again raised the question that the pending lawsuit could be a conflict of interest and requested that Commissioner Morales step down as commissioner while the lawsuit was going on. Commissioner Morales then rebutted that it was a conflict of interest to him when the commissioners didn't ask former Commissioner Jon Jones, to step down after the election outcome had been overturned. The rest of the court commented that they had no authority over the matter and that they didn't keep up with the lawsuit because it was between them. Commissioner Morales then commented that they should have kept up with the matter like they were keeping up with it now; Commissioner Johnson added that the court wasn't directly involved in a lawsuit then. Commissioner Morales then added that any further discussion should be left up to the lawyers. The court would adjourn after the discussion.

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larger impact on individual campus ratings. In Lockney, ratings fell from Recognized to Academically Acceptable for the Lockney Elementary and Lockney Junior High campuses. The High School ranked Academically Acceptable as it did in the 2010 school year. Lockney ISD Curriculum Director Marva Rasco said "while we were not pleased with all of our TAKS scores, there were some key areas that did shine. Although we are obviously relieved that we are not one of the large numbers of schools that were rated Academically 'Unacceptable', we recognize the need to improve our overall ratings as well as specific areas. These results have provided us a goal to aim for in the 2011-2012 school year. We will continue to examine our strengths and weaknesses to ensure that all of our students continue to not only meet but exceed the standards." Floydada would also see some changes as the new indicators used in determining the school's classification this year were updated. "There weren't significant drops in (TAKS) scores," commented Floydada Superintendent, Gilbert Trevino, "what happen this year is that state through in some more indicators." Indicators which included raising the percentage of Commended students needed in order to qualify for a Recommended status and counting the scores of all special education students opposed to the percentage they used in the past. Floydada ISD would receive an overall status of Academically Acceptable; with Duncan Elementary and the High School both being considered Academically Acceptable. However, Floydada's Junior High School would drop to Academically Unacceptable. Floydada

ISD will not undergo any type of punishment for the Unacceptable status of the Junior High, but will implicate an improvement program in the upcoming year. Lockney Curriculum Director, Marva Rasco added that she would like to see the state utilize more consistent measures in its accountability system. "The public reads the rating in the newspaper and with unlimited knowledge of a very complex system; they compare ratings from one year to the next. Because of the inconsistency of the accountability measures that were used for the last 3 years it is very confusing. It is like comparing apples to oranges instead of apples to apples. Therefore, a district can improve in many areas but 'appear' to regress." This school year, TEA will introduce a new accountability test, the STAAR—State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, which is reported to be a more rigorous assessment program developed to meet the requirements of House Bill 3 which was passed by the 81st Texas Legislature and incorporated into Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 39. STAAR will test the same subjects as TAKS for students in grades 3-8, but for high school students (beginning this year with grade 9), STAAR will mean twelve end-of-course assessments for the following courses: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English I, English II, English III, World Geography, World History, and U.S. History. Students in grades 10-11 will continue to take TAKS tests as the STAAR is phased in with grade 9. According to the TEA, "accountability ratings will not be released in 2011-2012 while student performance standards are set on the STAAR and the new accountability system is developed."

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If you are interested in renting a booth during the Fair, please contact Darlene Broseh 685-1080 or Carol Huggins for a rental form. There will be an Old Fashioned Auction on Thursday night of the Fair. If you, or your business, have items to donate to this, please contact Elsa Cooper

652-3473 or a Fair Board Member and we will arrange to pick those items up from you. Friday night will be Gospel Singing night. If you would like to sing or have a group that would like to perform, please contact Ed Marks 652-3157 so he can put you on the schedule.

Floats, marching bands, horse riders, bicycles, old cars, new cars are all needed for the Parade on Saturday at 10:00. Please contact Renee Armstrong 685-7796 if you are interested in being in the Parade. The Queen Pageant is coming back this year. It will be on Saturday with the little

girls starting at 1:00 and the big girls at 6:00. Anyone interested in entering needs to contact Ann Anderson 652-2166 for entry forms and requirements. The next Fair Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds. Everyone is always welcome.

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we had a chance to get on some of Pete's good bucking horses, and that helps me a lot down the road."

Stevenson wasn't the only area cowboy to fare well in Silverton. In fact, three-time world champion Will Lowe of Canyon finished second with an 85-point score on Dirty Jacket, a horse that has been a fixture at the NFR. It was the second time Lowe earned a good paycheck on that horse in 2010 - he also won the Guymon (Okla.) Pioneer Days Rodeo with an 87 on Dirty Jacket.

"He just likes to buck," Lowe said. "He's such a good horse. He's in the TV pen at the NFR, so you know he's the one guys want to get on. You usually draw good when you go to a Pete Carr rodeo, but that horse is one you'd want to get on every time."

No matter which cowboy draws which horse, Carr likes the idea of having the best vs. the best.

"It's the match-up that makes the difference," Carr said. "It's supposed to be good."

Lockney Senior Citizens Center News

By Renee Armstrong

Dues are due!!! Dues are due yearly every July 1, Please come by the Center and take care of those.

Walter Reeves had a stroke. I have spoken to Elaine his daughter he is improving. He will be going to a rehab center; I will do my best to keep y'all updated.

Rudy Zachary is in the hospital but is improving. Please keep Walter and Rudy in your prayers.

The Center will have another fund raiser Lunch in

September. We are still trying to get a date for this.

A huge Thank you!!! to Cargill Cattle Feeders for your generous donation of brisket of the fundraiser. Quilt tickets are on sale, 6 for \$5 or a \$1 each. Hope you all have a great week.

Lockney Senior Citizens Center Menu August 15-19

Monday- BBQ Sausage
Tuesday-Enchiladas
Wednesday-Fried Chicken
Thursday- Spaghetti
Friday-Pork Chops

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

On Saturday, Aug. 6, Jon and Elaine LaBaume participated in a time of solemn prayer for the restoration of our nation "in crisis." It was held at the First Baptist church in Lockney. Breakfast of pancakes and sausage was served before the prayer service. The whole community was invited to participate.

MENU

August 15 - August 19
Monday - Pizza pie, Italian

blend, salad, garlic bread, blueberry muffins

Tuesday - BBQ franks, ranch style beans, fries, roll, banana pudding

Wednesday - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cherry pudding

Thursday - Chicken spaghetti, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit

Friday - Lasagna, Oriental blend, salad, garlic bread, apple crisp



Photo by Homer Marquez

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has announced that Lowe's Pay-n-Save in Floydada has been selected as the August Business of the month. Pictured above are Meat Market Manager Dimas Marmalejo, Chamber President Charla McHam, Store Manager Johnny Summers, Chamber Director Kay Wilson, and Produce Manager Ricky Coronado. The Lowe's Pay-n-Save has been in the community for 28 years and employs around 28 employees. Born and raised in Floydada, Store Manager Johnny Summers has been at the supermarket since its arrival 28 years ago. Mr. Summers is also the store manager for nine different Pay-n-Saves in the region. The Lowe's company will soon be celebrating its 65 anniversary and owns a total of 150 stores in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona.

AgriLife agents give reports at Commissioners' meeting

By Homer Marquez

On Monday, August 8, Texas AgriLife Extension Agents, Melissa Long and Mark Carroll gave their monthly report to the Floyd County Commissioner's Court. In their scheduled monthly reports, AgriLife representatives give status update to commissioners on current agriculture, community, and Floyd County 4-H activities.

During the August court session, AgriLife Extension Agent, Mark Carroll took the floor to describe the current status of Ag and 4-H happenings in Floyd County. In his report, he explained that the organization was again very busy as he attended a number of meetings this past month including the TCAAA, Ag agent state conference in Wichita Falls; a Ag Committee meeting that continued to make plans for the up-coming Ag tour on September 1, and will also include a youth program for Lockney and Floydada Elementary; a turn row meeting at the beginning of the month; a

number of horticulture meetings and the Plains Cotton Growers meeting.

In 4-H, five students would go Lubbock for the District Record Book judging competition; qualifying for state in record book judging would be Janna Davenport. The 4-H adult leaders would also meet to plan the activities in the up-coming year.

Carroll also explained that the current drought was continuing to ravage the state's agriculture community. Agent Carroll reported that out of the 112,033 acres of irrigated cotton that had been planted this year, 5,206 acres had already been classified as failed; this would add on to the 59,000 acres of failed dry land crops. Hot and dry weather has also sped up the maturity rate of the cotton; as a result, harvesting this fall could be moved up to this month.

Corn would also see a loss as 2,743 acres of white corn planted, 1,273 would be deemed failed; 1,273 acres out of the 7,905 acres of yellow corn

would also be deemed as failed.

On the other hand, pumpkin crops jumped as farmers in the county planted a total of 420 acres of different varieties of pumpkins.

After Mr. Carroll's report, agent Melissa Long took the floor to speak about the agency's community events. She had also been extremely busy last month as she has worked with both senior citizens groups to try to raise awareness on getting mammograms. Long reported that she was currently working with the Silver Thimbles Quilting Club to finish a Breast Cancer awareness quilt that will be on displayed during the "Friend a Friend Pink Event" that will be held Sept. 24 at the Unity Center. Long has also spent time working the Texas Migrant Council teaching kids the importance of food nutrition. She also reminded everyone of the 4-H Banquet that will be held on Aug 21, and the 4-H Star enrollment party will be this coming Friday night.

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Cotton Market Weekly

Compared to other commodities and investments this week, cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) showed relative strength, especially during Thursday's "dump everything" session in which cude oil dropped by over five dollars per barrel, the CRB index lost 2.8 percent and stock markets around the globe had the largest selloff since October 2008.

"Just what was driving the cotton market is a bit of a mystery," an analyst said. "Some speculate fresh money flows and even some potential short covering might have supported the market."

Meanwhile, Texas cotton producers cannot get a break. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, more than 99 percent of Texas was in one level of drought or another by the last week of July, and daytime high temperatures continued to challenge or beat historical records in many parts of the state.

The Plains areas continued to suffer from 100+ degree weather as well as wind. The wind died down a bit, but was consistent. The high temperatures continued to stress cotton plants in the region that already had suffered through record drought conditions this season. Plant development

in some areas of the lower Rolling Plains region had reportedly improved on irrigated acres, but USDA reports that some growers are beginning to limit irrigation as input costs increase due to the terrible drought.

Growers in the Coastal Bend resumed harvest work in remaining fields after the threat of heavy rain and wind last week-end. Tropical Storm Don proved to be a non-event as it dissipated and moved ashore from the Gulf of Mexico and rainfall totals were limited as was any impact on crop quality for bolls remaining in the field.

Texas was not the only state suffering from adverse weather conditions. Cotton producing regions in Kansas and Oklahoma also were experiencing above average temperatures and dry conditions. Much of the cotton in Oklahoma was in dire shape with 88 percent of the crop rated as very poor to poor for the week ended July 31, according to government figures.

Elsewhere, dry and hot conditions were in place across most of the Delta where excessive heat and humidity resulted in warnings and advisories across most of the region. Record temperatures were

recorded in much of the northern Delta, but field remained in mostly good shape across the region and boll set had advanced rapidly in the last week. Cotton in Mississippi was a week behind schedule but remained in mostly fair to good condition as growers have been irrigating heavily during the hot, dry weather in recent weeks. Fields in Louisiana have shown some improvement due to more regular rainfall of late.

While the weekly nationwide crop progress report for last week represented the poorest crop conditions in history for this time of the year, the crop is marking marginal progress, according to USDA. However, it continues to be late.

"This will become of heightened concern if the weather forecasters are even reasonably accurate," a trader commented. "A very active hurricane season is forecast and does not bode well for the Mid-South and Southeast crops as late as they are. Additionally, should that prediction prove to be correct, then forecasters say that the drought in Texas would be expected to continue with only marginal relief. Of course the former would reduce the 2011 crop while the latter would spell trouble for the 2012 Southwest crop," he explained.

In other news, for the first time in 18 weeks USDA reported positive export sales of old crop cotton. Net export sales of 8,500 bales resulted as sales to China, Thailand, and Turkey were partially offset by cancellations from Japan and South Korea. Net sales of 3,100 bales for delivery in 2011-12 were primarily for China.

Export shipments of 100,000 bales were 27 percent lower than the previous week and 23 percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, and Turkey.

On the spot cotton scene, after four consecutive weeks that producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico had sold no cotton online, 502 bales were sold in the week ended Aug. 4. Average prices received by producers ranged from .95 to \$1.03 per pound.

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