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Lockney celebrates the opening of new school



Photo by Homer Marquez

During Lockney's High School dedication last Tuesday, hundreds of guests poured into the recently completed high school for chance to see the new building.

By Homer Marquez

For the Lockney community, it was the final steps in a long journey as they walked through the entrance of their newly completed high school last week. Two and a half years after a fire completely destroyed their high school and shook the foundation of their community; Lockney was ready to open a new chapter in their long and proud history with the dedication of their new high school last Tuesday.

During the dedication ceremony, the Longhorn gym was packed to the brim with citizens, students, alumni, parents, news crews, and a number of others from the surrounding communities, eagerly awaiting the open house.

Reflecting on the night of Jan. 11, 2009, School Board President, John Quebe, captured the moment as he described his drive up

to the school after he had gotten the phone call that the school was on fire, "As soon as we turned on the road to head towards Lockney, I instinctually looked over to the lights; and I could see a glow. I kept watching, and then I could see flames coming up from nine miles away. My heart began to hurt," explained Mr. Quebe to the gym full of people, "but that was my beginning, I now that everybody in here has their own beginning of that night, and that fire; but tonight we come here together because we have a brand new high school right across the street and we get to look at it tonight. And on August 22, when the students start filling the hallways and sitting at their desks for the first time, and instruction and teaching starts going on; we will begin a new chapter for Lockney High School; and my prayer is that God will bless that school building as

First National Bank of Floydada receives recognition

August 2011: BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's leading bank rating and research firm, is pleased to announce that First National Bank of Floydada, Texas has not only endured the latest financial crunch, but has emerged as a preeminent example of community banking.

With this, Bauerfinancial bestows its highest 5-Star Superior rating on First National Bank of Floydada. This rating denotes the highest level of strength and performance that a bank can receive. In fact, First National Bank of Floydada has earned this 5-Star Superior rating for the last 90 consecutive quarters putting it in an even more elite group of "Sustained Superiority Banks". Only 3% of the nation's banks can claim this distinction.

"There are so many factors that go into our ratings that to list them all here would be impossible", according to Karen L. Dorway, president of the research firm. "Suffice it to

say that with its impressive capital levels, an enviable loan portfolio and low delinquent loan levels, First National Bank of Floydada demonstrates the epitome of community banking."

Established in 1890, First National Bank of Floydada has been proudly handling the banking needs of its neighbors and friends for 121 years. It operates through conveniently located offices on South Main Street in Floydada and can also be found on the internet at www.fnbfloydada.com.

First National Bank of Floydada: "Serving the community since 1890."

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Drought forces local ranchers to sale



Photo by Kat Wallace

Extreme drought conditions have forced many ranchers to sell off their herds because the lack of food and water for their cow's survival.

By Homer Marquez

The tight grip of the worst drought in Texas history continues its strangle hold, as dry conditions are now forcing local ranchers to sell the majority, if not all, of their cattle.

The effects of months under a scorching sun and a lack of significant rain have cooked pastures and have evaporated ponds, leaving cattle with no food or water.

Already consuming what's left of the grass to the ground, grazing cattle have spent the summer eagerly searching food on almost barren pastures. Recently, because of the drought and wildfires, 94 percent of pastures have been classified as poor or very poor by the Department of Agriculture; and with all that grass dead and none being predicted to be left for the winter, ranchers are being forced to make decisions

concerning their future in the cattle business.

Options are becoming very limited for local ranchers who are searching for way to keep their herds feed. Some ranchers are beginning to buy imported hay and feed for their cattle; but the extremely high price for imported feed or hay has crossed that option out for many ranchers who could face bankruptcy if they constantly had to ship in food. Others have chosen to temporarily ship their herd out of state towards greener pastures, but the staggering cost of transportation and boarding has left very few with that option.

As a result, a large number of ranchers are being forced to sell off many, if not all, of the herds at sale barns. According to John Fortenberry, of Floydada's Livestock Sale Company, July saw a huge

spike in cattle sales, reporting 1,200 heads of cattle sold in one week, 1,400 the following week, and 1,150 last week. Across the South, these numbers of cattle being sold at sale barns are doubling and tripling the amount sold during this time last year.

Texas cattle ranchers all over the state are selling a good majority of their herd, selling young calves earlier than usual and keeping only a few mothers in case the drought breaks; usually during times of drought, ranchers keep cows in their prime cattle bearing years. However, as the drought continues and the possibility of not having food during the winter, the pressures to sale all their cattle livestock may soon become a reality to ranchers.

Many have not opted to wait for the possibility of a break in the drought, and have sold all their cattle while they were big

and strong, leaving more room for profit, opposed to waiting and facing the possibility of selling a weaker and smaller cow.

Sale barns like Floydada's Livestock Sale Company, who not only service Floyd County but also surrounding counties like Motley and Lynn, are following the trend of selling older infertile cows to slaughter, and sending younger and plumper cows to feedlots to keep herds as profitable as possible.

Fortunately, according to Mr. Fortenberry, beef prices have stayed stable and steady, but he did add that prices have gotten weaker each week; and with the sale of this many cows this early, beef prices will surely start to drop at some point.

Consequently, because of these drastic conditions, ranchers who have chosen to sell off their entire herd will more than likely retire from the business, while some younger ranchers will return once weather conditions are better. However the process of rebuilding a herd will prove to be a long and costly experience once a rancher decides to jump back in.

The blow to the Texas cattle industry will definitely have an overall impact as this crisis combined with the failing crops will more the likely produce a little more than \$1.1 billion in agriculture losses. There will also be a financial strain on family whose majority income came from cattle.

However there is still hope, as rainfall could replenish the supply winter wheat for ranchers. The cultivation of winter wheat could keep herd sustained throughout the cold season.

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50th Wedding Anniversary

MR. AND MRS. NELSON WOFFORD of Lubbock celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, August 13, 2011 with a family dinner. Their children hosted the celebration. They are the parents of Breck & Lisa Wofford and Bart Wofford, both of Lubbock, and Blake & Bonnie of Keller and the late Brent Wofford. Wofford and Anita Joyce Durham were married August 18, 1961 at the First Methodist Church in Lockney. They have five grandchildren.



FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Soudelier

The Center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older come have lunch with us. Our address is 301 E. Georgia. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. Please call the Center by 10 a.m. if you plan to eat.

We will be having a Bingo game on Thursday, August 25th. We would love to have all the "seniors" present. We always have lots of fun. The games start about 2:30 p.m. and we are through about 4:30. Just come join us if you can.

I recently had the first part of what I thought to be a very minor out-patient surgery. However, this turned out to be quiet painful and debilitating. The second part of this procedure will be done on Monday, August 15th. If this one is anything like the first one, there will be no senior citizen news next week.

Congratulations to Marilyn and Ray Holcomb on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Emagene Haenisch celebrated her 88th birthday at the Center where the group sang "Happy Birthday" and were served birthday cake which Jo Lynn Dean had given to the Center.

The celebration continued Saturday when Jo Lynn and

Bill Dean served lunch to the following, Chris and Laura Sheppard of Dodge City, Kansas, Angie and Lucy Lynn Tombul of Virginia, Barry and Linda Haenisch of Pampa, and Kyle Haenisch of Borger. Only two were not present, Royce Haenisch of Weatherford and David Tombul of Virginia.

Jon LaBaume and his sisters, Ann Haynes of Mesquite and Jane Bell & husband, Glen, of Plano recently took a Royal Caribbean Cruise with Excursions and University Tours of Lubbock Christian University. Kelli Childre is the Excursions Director. The Excursions is a direct destination trip for LCU alumni and friends of all ages. Points of interest on the cruise were Jamaica, Cozumel and Gand Cayman.

Others on the cruise were Charles Childre, his parents, Stu and Judy of Lubbock, Ruth Childre of San Antonio celebrating her 90th birthday, Dorothy Stapp and Anna Belle Bramlet of Lockney, Margie Myrick of Plainview and her daughter, Grace of Dallas, both formerly of Floydada. There were a total of 30 in the LCU group on the cruise.

By Margaret Jones

If you have gone on vacation or just too hot to get out in the heat, we have been

missing you at the Floydada Senior Citizen. Come join us for good food, fun, and fellowship Monday through Friday.

Birthdays for the month of August are: Jon LaBaume - 3rd; L. B. Stewart - 15th; William Bertrand and Guy Ginn - 27th.

Margaret Word is still in rehab at Heritage Oaks in Lubbock. She is improving but probably will not be at home for another week or so.

Betty Battey has shingles and we hope is improving.

Boone Adams is in the Lockney Care Center and enjoys your visits.

Jo Lyles is at Shepherds Meadow at this time.

A date for you to remember is August 25th. Come join us for Bingo from 2:30 - 4:30 for great fun and maybe win a prize or two.

Memorials this past week were:

In memory of Honok R. Cypert - Geraldine Calloway, Florence Jackson, Nancy Lawson.

Thought for the Week - Here is a test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished: If you are alive it isn't.

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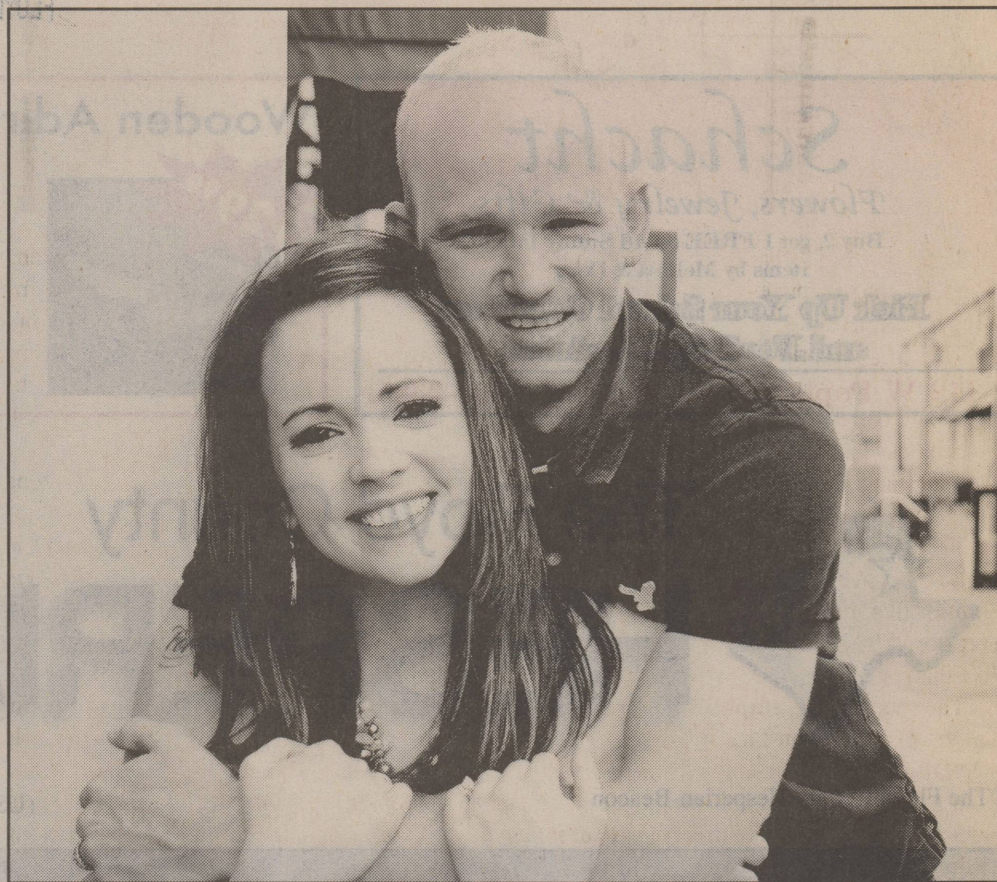
Monday - Spaghetti, Italian blend, salad, garlic bread, blueberry muffin

Tuesday - Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, cookies

Wednesday - Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, brownie

Thursday - Green chili chicken, salad, corn, roll, baked apples

Friday - Baked pork chops, broccoli & cheese, mixed vegetables, roll, jello w/fruit



TORI BREANNE TERRELL AND STAFF SERGEANT DANIEL SHERMAN COWAN

Terrell and Cowan to exchange vows

Jeff and Gay Terrell of Lockney are proud to announcement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tori Breanne Terrell of Amarillo to Staff Sergeant Daniel Sherman Cowan of Amarillo. Daniel is the son of Staff Sergeant Scott Cowan of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Tori is the granddaughter of Susie Frizzell and the late Pat Frizzell of Lockney and BJ and Rubye Terrell of Plainview.

Daniel is the grandson of Fred and Arvella Potter of Denton.

The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry, primarily focusing on the study of medicine. She will be applying to medical school in the fall.

The prospective groom is a 2004 graduate of Sanford-Fritch High School, and is currently a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army.

The couple will exchange vows on October 8, 2011 at Starlight Canyon in Amarillo and will make their home in Amarillo.

Texas Historical Commission announces Texas Plain Trail Region Heritage Tourism grant recipients

AUSTIN—Four organizations in the Texas Plains Trail Region were recently awarded \$22,650 in Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant funds by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The Texas Plains Trail Region is a 52-county area of the Texas Panhandle Plains and one of four heritage regions to receive grant funding in 2011. The Texas Mountain, Pecos, and Tropical Trail regions were also recognized.

Following a comprehensive review process, THC staff and four regional grant review committees recommended 13 projects to receive a total of \$82,920. Grant awards were approved during the THC's quarterly meeting in July. These grants support the development of high-quality, collaborative products and promotions that increase awareness of the rich cultural and historic resources found in Texas and strengthen regional desirability as a heritage tourism destination.

Texas Plains Trail Region recipients and projects include: the Armstrong County Museum's development of a heritage exhibit about the Charles Goodnight Ranchlands at the visitors center of the Charles Goodnight Historical Center, as well as a related traveling exhibit; the City-County Heritage Museum of Cottle County's expansion of the existing Schools of Cottle County exhibit; Motley County's post-production of a 15-minute documentary that will provide an introduction for visitors to the 1891 Motley County Jail; and the Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences' promotion and marketing efforts to expand and enhance the impact of the 2012 Quanah Parker Celebration in downtown Quanah.

"One of the ways the Texas Historical Commission fulfills its mission of preserving the state's archeological, historical, and cultural resources is by helping heritage organizations, communities, and tourism associations share their local historical treasures," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "These partnership grants help high-

light significant regional sites and enable the Texas Plains Trail Region to promote them as heritage tourism attractions."

The partnership grant program is part of the THC's award-winning, nationally recognized heritage tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program. Ten heritage regions make up the statewide program, which aims to increase tourism at cultural and historical sites in regions across Texas and revitalize local economies through regional tourism development and marketing. The program also stresses the importance of historic preservation to tourism and fosters effective local tourism leadership.

For more information about the THC's partnership grant program, contact Susan Shore at 512.463.6092 or susan.shore@thc.state.tx.us. To learn more about the Texas Heritage Trails Program, visit www.thc.state.tx.us. For ideas on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com or for a free Texas State Travel Guide, call 800.8888.TEX.

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Booths Needed for Pink Event

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County is planning a Friend To Friend

iPink Event for Saturday, September 24 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Texas AgriLife Extension Service received funding from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute to support delivering of the Friend To Friend program in 40 rural counties for the next two years.

The purpose of the Friend To Friend: Staying Well Together program is to increase the number of women 40 years old and over who meet the American Cancer Society's guidelines for breast and cervical cancer screening so these cancers are detected early, when they are the most curable.

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

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

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

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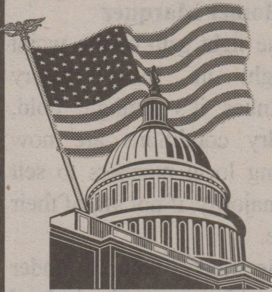
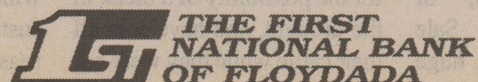


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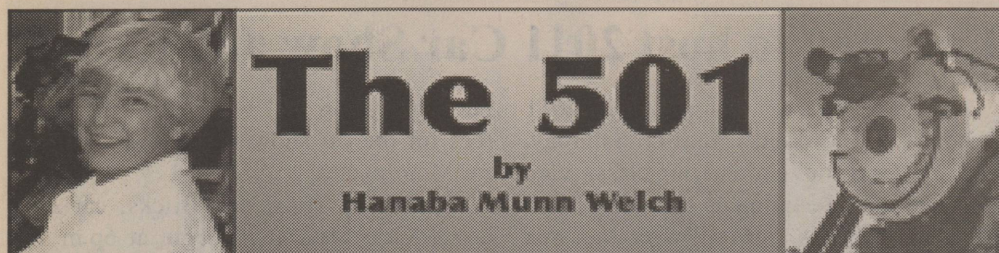
Due to our office being closed for the Labor Day holiday weekend, we will have early deadlines for our **ADVERTISING and EDITORIAL**

For the Sept. 7th issue only

Advertising and Editorial deadlines are Thursday, 4pm September 1st

Thank you for your cooperation and patience -The Staff At

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Thrift store bargains. They're the surprises that keep on surprising.

The first surprise is the find. You're scanning the racks and there it is. The perfect blouse. Or the perfect pair of pants, and just your size. Life is good.

Then you take home your treasure trove. If "trove" sounds like more than one surprise, it is. Thrift stores are like that.

The secondary surprises are yet to come. You find out why the previous owner of your new item decided to part with it. Charity's got nothing to do with it.

Sometimes you discover a cigarette burn. Or a small tear. Or a zipper that doesn't stay zipped. You just never know.

Sometimes everything's fine. That's a surprise too.

When there's nothing wrong with an item, I like to think the previous owner died suddenly. It's easy to part with the good stuff when you're dead.

No doubt I am projecting my own mindset onto all donors of thrift store merchandise. For me, it's hard to go

through the closet and choose the good items to give away. I'm attached even to my marginal favorites. Till death do us part.

If "marginal favorite" strikes you as an oxymoron, it probably is. But if it makes sense to you anyway because you cling irrationally to your own collection of marginal favorites that ought to be given away, well, I understand.

Meanwhile, back to thrift store bargains. What to do about the defects that don't become obvious until you get home? Apply the galloping horse principle.

You know what I mean. It's what you tell someone when they mention a shortcoming in their own attire, like a small stain or missing button or mismatched shoes (we won't go there) or whatever. "It won't be noticed on a galloping horse," you tell them, and they agree and feel much better.

Never mind that they aren't horseback and if they were they wouldn't be galloping. It's just an expression. Even so, when I say it to myself regarding any blemish

that keeps me from looking perfect, I see imperfect me on a fast steed, zipping by on-lookers who barely have time to blink, much less notice the failed seam in my Goodwill capri pants.

Here's another comforting thought:

If I didn't see the hole in the shirt when I bought it, why should anyone else notice? Never mind that my eyes are failing.

Voilà. Another solution. Hang out with other people who don't see well.

Or you could just consider yourself to be a walking statement for recycling. It's a religion. If you go that route, wear a necklace with a big recycling symbol for everyone to see.

We digress. Better I should tell you about my latest surprise find — a fabulous \$1.99 American Tourister tote bag in barely outdated sage. It has wheels.

Surprise. My arms are too short to pull the thing and make it roll right.

If you've read this far, and you're a gorilla, surprise! I've got a deal for you.

Join Comfort Keepers of Lubbock's STOP Senior Hunger Campaign

One in every nine seniors is at risk of hunger. Chances are, it affects someone you love - even a parent, grandparent or spouse. Comfort Keepers franchises across the country are uniting to create a voice for this epidemic and raise awareness about the risks of senior hunger and malnutrition. This initiative supports Comfort Keepers' goal to improve the quality of life for seniors and help them maintain healthy, independent lives.

Locally, Comfort Keepers of Lubbock is proud to promote this charitable initiative entitled STOP Senior Hunger. This senior nutrition campaign throughout September provides diet and nutrition information to help seniors improve their health and preserve their independence. The Lubbock area's STOP Senior Hunger campaign's goals are to:

1) Raise awareness about the growing epidemic of malnutrition that impacts millions of older Americans.

2) Provide senior nutrition handouts through www.comfortkeepers.com/Lubbock-tx for churches, companies, organizations and individuals to print out and share with seniors, their families and their caregivers.

3) Help caregivers and family members WATCH to detect signs of malnutrition in the growing population of older Americans. See the WATCH mnemonic details on the Detecting Hunger and Malnutrition in Seniors handout: <http://www.comfortkeepers.com/sites/default/files/document/SeniorHungerPoverty.pdf> or check out a senior nutrition blog and see Foxnews.com 2010 coverage here: <http://blog.comfortkeepers.com/category/senior-nutrition/>

The STOP Senior Hunger charitable initiative springs from the Interactive Caregiving philosophy of care that gives Comfort Keepers clients a more healthy and meaning-

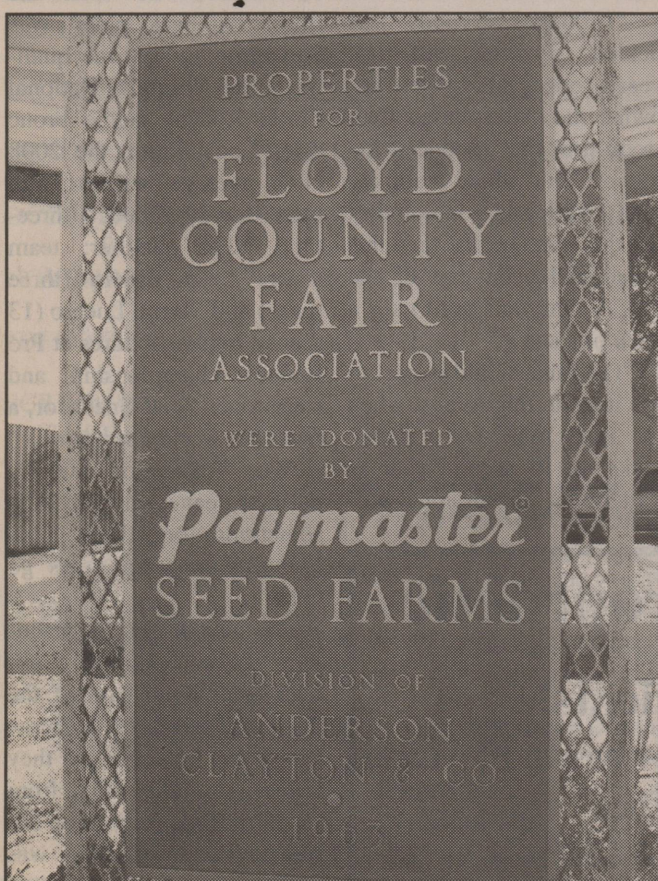
ful quality of life. "Hunger Action Month is in September, but seniors go hungry all year," said Lisa Carson, RN, owner of the Lubbock Comfort Keepers franchise. "We cannot fight every factor affecting hunger, but we can start here in our community by creating awareness about the issue and helping family members become more aware of the signs of hunger and malnutrition."

Hunger can lead to malnutrition and other serious health problems in seniors. In fact, it is estimated that as many as 85% of seniors in the care of others are at risk for malnutrition or undernutrition. Malnutrition is the result of the body not absorbing enough nutrients due to inaccessibility. Signs of malnutrition may include sudden weight gain or loss, bruising, or dental difficulties, sudden changes in taste, or a general disinterest in eating. For seniors, malnutrition means the potential for increased hospital stays, increased health complications, early entry into assisted living facilities and premature death.

In Lubbock, additional Stop Senior Hunger efforts include a food drive benefiting Lubbock Meals on Wheels' weekend meal bag recipients. To date, sponsors of this Lubbock campaign include: Platinum: UMC Health System, Gold: American Bank of Commerce, Bronze: Carillon Skilled Nursing and Accolade Home Health. To get involved, contact Kelley Pitts at (806) 687-7800 or Lubbock@comfortkeepers.com. To learn more about the issues of hunger and nutrition facing seniors, visit www.comfortkeepers.com/lubbock-tx.

MEDIA NOTE: Copies of Stop Senior Hunger's valuable senior nutrition handouts will be sent on separate emails for newspapers to use for articles if desired.

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As the sign states - the building and land was donated to the Fair Association by Anderson, Clayton and Co. If anyone can relate any history or has any old pictures of when the cotton oil mill was in operation, the Fair Board would really like to have the information.

Photos by Carol Huggins

THIS WEEK'S

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.

CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB

The Whirlwind Booster Club will be painting Whirlwinds on your driveway for \$10. Please call Jacob 292-6254, Libby 292-9852, Zora 685-9605 or Adolfo 983-3038 (leave message). They are also selling "Super Booster" signatures for the 2011 football program for \$10. If interested please call 983-3038 before Sunday, August 21st.

Floyd County Church Directory

<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 School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Bible Study6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship9:00 a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST West College & Third, Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</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 Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Franks, Pastor Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music Josh Burgett - Min. Students Sunday School9:15 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study6:30 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 Worship8:30 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 School9:30 a.m. Worship Service10:30 a.m. Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....7:30 p.m. Tuesday8:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>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. *****</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing10:30 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 Praise5:00 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 Worship10:00 a.m. Sunday Services....10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m. Wednesday7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. Discipleship5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Floydada Rev. Lupe Rando Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening7:00 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 School10:00 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 Worship9:30 a.m. English Worship.....11:00 a.m. EveningService.....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. Mass6:30 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 School9:45 p.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD Washington and 1st St. Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School10:00 a.m. Evening Worship5:00 p.m. Tuesday7:30 p.m. Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>TRINITY ASSEMBLY 500 W. Houston Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor 983-5499 or 983-2887 Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.</p>
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Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography

On Saturday, the Lockney Longhorns dawned on their pads for their first scrimmage of the season against Tulia. During the scrimmage, Longhorn's performance showcased some bright spots giving coaches a better evaluation of their team. "Pleased but not satisfied, I think that's probably a good way to sum it up," described Longhorn Head Coach Malcolm Morebe as he evaluated Saturday's performance, "we saw lots of good things...we threw the ball well, we ran to the football well on defense. When we got tired the very last time Tulia was on offense, we didn't look near as good; the quarterback had way too much time to throw. The offensive line performed well, there's not many of them, (and) there's not that much depth, but the ones that played did well. You go back to the film and you see things that you didn't do right, but I think that everything that we didn't do right is correctable, and it's our job to get that corrected...overall we came out of it with a good feeling in our mouths" On Friday, the Longhorns will host Crosby in their last scrimmage before their season opener against Morton.

Lockney to host 2011 Car Show and Cruise

Lockney will be hosting their 2011 Custom Car Show and Cruise on Saturday, Aug. 27. Gorgeous shimmering classic cars will once again be lining up and down Main Street as hot rods from all over the area come in to strut their stuff down the drag.

Once again, awards will be given out to the best of the best, as some cars will take home prizes for Best Interior, Best Motor, Best Paint, Best of Show and many more. The car show will start a little before noon,

but registration will begin at 9am. Entry fees for the car show will be \$25 and \$15 for Motorcycles.

The 2011 Cruise the Bricks, car drag down Main Street will begin at 6p.m and will last till 10p.m; entry fee for the cruise will be \$20. For more information on the car show, you can contact Louie at 806-292-5409 or at 806-293-3000; for cruise information contact Archie Jones at 806-652-3836.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Guests at Lockney's High School dedication admire the posters of class photos that go as far back as 1927. During the fire, emergency crews and some teachers raced back into the burning building to save priceless mementos like trophies and these posters.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Standing as a constant reminder of the community perseverance during tragedy, the old entrance of the high school, still singed by the fire, is the focal point of the courtyard.



Photo by Carol Huggins

Jim and Danny Huggins are working inside the main fair building constructing a barrier fence to protect entries at the fair. A workday was held last Saturday to get the building ready for the upcoming event. The Floyd County and Surround Counties Fair will be held Thursday through Sunday, September 15-18.

Lockney School Lunch Menu

August 22-26

Monday

Breakfast-Donut or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or Burrito, corn, peaches, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Eggs and Sausage or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken Nuggets or Steak fingers, potatoes, green beans, apple slices, roll, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancakes or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Beef Tacos or Grilled Cheese, pinto beans, salad, pears, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fajitas or Ham, refried beans, corn, rosy applesauce, flour tortilla, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or Corn-dog, salad, baked fries, orange smiles, milk

Menu subject to change without notice; Peanut butter and Jelly Sandwich-3rd choice daily

Carr crew, Silverton committee silences rodeo skeptics

SILVERTON, Texas — When the organizers of the annual Buck Wild Days Rodeo decided to take their event to the ranks of Pro Rodeo, there were some skeptics in the Texas Panhandle.

They're not skeptical anymore.

Now they're ready to take

it up another notch by improving the product during this year's rodeo, set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18-Saturday, Aug. 20. The key ingredient is the overall production of the rodeo, organized by the hard-working crew from Carr Pro Rodeo.

"I think everybody was tickled to death with last year's rodeo," said Pete Carr, owner the Dallas-based livestock firm that produced the rodeo. "Our whole team did really well, and you couldn't tell this was the first time this rodeo had been part of the PRCA. The fans got to see a heck of a show."

The fans should expect to see it again this August when the Buck Wild Days Rodeo kicks off its second year as part of the Professional Ro-

deo Cowboys Association. In its inaugural year in the PRCA, the rodeo was loaded with some of the best talent in the game.

The crowning moments might just be in the list of high-profile names of the contestants who won the titles: bareback rider Wes Stevenson, a six-time qualifier to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo; saddle bronc rider Cody Taton, the 2008 NFR average winner; bull rider Howdy Cloud, a three-time NFR qualifier; team ropers Luke Brown (three times) and Martin Lucero (13 times), regular fixtures at Pro Rodeo's championship; and steer roper Scott Snedecor, a two-time world champion.

The foundation laid in the first year in the PRCA is something organizers plan to build upon for years to come.

"I think it was outstanding," rodeo committee chairman Ken Wood said of the 2010 rodeo. "I don't know how it can be better, but they say it can. The folks from Carr Pro Rode stepped up our rodeo. The production was great."

"I've been to a lot of rodeos, and everybody had a chance to not just place, but a chance to win first place. I've never seen that anywhere. From a contestant's point See RODEO on page 8



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On Friday the Whirlwinds put their work to the test as they faced Brownfield in a scrimmage. Before the varsity hit the field though, the Whirlwind J.V had a good showing as they scored three times and held the Cubs scoreless. During the varsity scrimmage, the Whirlwinds would score once and Brownfield put it in the end zone twice after two long runs. "We have to continue to work on getting us better, except for two plays, the defense did a god job, but we still have a long way to go," explained Whirlwind head coach, Todd Bandy, "the offense did a great job of adjusting to their defense and moved the ball well. Scrimmages are a way for us to evaluate our kids against someone else's and we feel like we got a good feel for where we are at right now. We will improve on both sides of the ball and hopefully be better for the season opener." Floydada will travel to Olton this week for their last scrimmage before season opener against Sunray.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

August 22 – August 26

<p>Monday Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Chicken fajitas, tortillas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding sherbet cup, milk</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast- Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Country style steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast-Pancakes/ syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk</p>	<p>Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple, Texas toast, brownie, milk</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Beef and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, cinnamon applesauce, peanut butter bar, milk</p> <p>Friday Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Pizza burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, fresh grapes, milk</p>
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Courtesy Photo

Floyd County youth enjoyed the digital space bubble from the Science Spectrum Friday evening at the 4-H Star Enrollment Party. The digital space bubble is a portable planetarium the museum uses as an outreach program. The evening also included a hot dog supper and attendees concluded the evening with star gazing with a telescope from the museum.

2011 FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEPTEMBER 1	LOCKNEY	LOCKNEY	6:00
SEPTEMBER 8	WELLINGTON	WELLINGTON	7:00
SEPTEMBER 15	POST	FLOYDADA	6:00
SEPTEMBER 22	*SPEARMAN	SPEARMAN	6:00
SEPTEMBER 29	*FRITCH	FLOYDADA	6:00
OCTOBER 6	*TULIA	TULIA	6:00
OCTOBER 13	LOCKNEY	FLOYDADA	7:30
OCTOBER 20	*HIGHLAND PARK	FLOYDADA	6:00
OCTOBER 27	*DIMMITT	DIMMITT	6:00
NOVEMBER 3	*ABERNATHY	FLOYDADA	6:00

*DENOTES DISTRICT 1-AA GAMES

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2011 FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND FOOTBALL 7TH AND 8TH SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
SEPTEMBER 15	POST	POST	5:00/6:00
SEPTEMBER 22	*SPEARMAN	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:00
SEPTEMBER 29	*FRITCH	FRITCH	5:00/6:00
OCTOBER 6	*TULIA	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:00
OCTOBER 13	LOCKNEY	LOCKNEY	5:00/6:00
OCTOBER 20	*HIGHLAND PARK	HIGHLAND PARK	5:00/6:00
OCTOBER 27	*DIMMITT	FLOYDADA	5:00/6:00
NOVEMBER 3	*ABERNATHY	ABERNATHY	5:00/6:00

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Petersburg Day Celebration to be Held

The annual "Petersburg Day Celebration will be held on August 20, 2011. The theme for this year is "Celebrating the Hope of Tomorrow".

The parade will kick off at 6 p.m. followed by the awards and program at the Community center. Floats should be decorated to follow the theme of the parade. There will be food and craft booths, games and lots of time for visitation.

Entertainment will begin at 6:30 at the Petersburg Community Center. Leading off will be Judge Bill Coleman of Plainview followed by Ballet Folklorico Paloma Libra and Mike Porter of Dickens.

You are invited to participate in the parade by entering a float, car, antique car or

equipment, riding horseback, or with a horse draw vehicle. Parade participants will line up at the north end of Petersburg at the County Barn lot at 5 p.m.

Children and young people entering their decorated bicycles and 4 wheelers will meet to line up at 5:30 p.m. next to Gary's Automotive. For more information or questions about the parade contact Lacy Mayfield at 667-0223. To reserve a space for a food or craft booth, contact Cheryl Martin at 667-3583.

The Chamber of Commerce will bring in Cruise Duke for a free outdoor concert beginning at 9:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and come join us for an evening of fun and frolic in Petersburg.

Floyd- Briscoe County Farm Bureau Gives Back To The Community

By Charla McHam

On Tuesday, August 9, 2011 Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau made donations to the volunteer fire departments in Floyd and Briscoe counties totaling \$8,000.00. Each volunteer fire department received a donation from Floyd-Briscoe County in the amount of \$333.34 and Texas Farm Bureau matched our donation 3:1 making a donation of \$1,000.00 to each department. The volunteer fire departments receiving the donation were Floydada, Lockney, Dougherty, Silverton, Quitaque, and Coronado Shores. Representatives of the volunteer fire departments met with the Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau board of directors to be presented with the donations.

Since November 1, 2010 Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau has made donations totaling nearly \$5,000 to the community. The volunteer fire departments and EMS have received donations totaling \$3100.00. We have also given \$1000.00 in scholarships and made \$800.00 in donations to support various youth activities in both Floyd and Briscoe counties. \$530.00

has been donated towards community projects in Floydada, Lockney, and Silverton.

Being a member of Texas Farm Bureau has other benefits as well. We offer discounts of HughesNet high speed internet service, discounts on rental cars through Avis and Budget, discounts on paint through Sherwin Williams, and hotel and motel discounts across the state. We also offer discounts on prescription eyeglasses and contacts and amusement park tickets during the summer. There are many more benefits to being a member of Texas Farm Bureau. To view a complete list of member benefits visit our website at www.txfb.org

The Floyd- Briscoe County Farm Bureau board of directors is very proud to be able to support our local communities through these generous donations. We are also very active in political issues, especially those affecting agriculture. As a board we have the capabilities and resources to take issues beyond the local level and Texas Farm Bureau has a group of lobbyist that work on issues year round. If anyone ever has any questions,



Courtesy Photo

On Tuesday, August 9, 2011 Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau donated \$8,000 to the volunteer fire departments in Floyd and Briscoe counties. Pictured (left to right) Raymond McJimsey from the Coronado Shores VFD, Matthew Rainwater Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau board member, Albert Hartman from Coronado Shores VFD, Matt Francis Farm Bureau board member, Jerry Patton from the Silverton VFD, Dan Sanders Farm Bureau board member, Jackie Beck from the Quitaque VFD, Wes Campbell from the Doughert VFD, Ian McIntosh Floyd -Briscoe County Vice Predisent, Darrell Rascoe from Lockney VFD, Freddy Gonzales from Lockney VFD, Dan Smith Farm Bureau board member, Todd Hinsley Farm Bureau board member, Larry Guthrie from the Floydada VFD, and Tanner Smith President, Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau.

concerns, comments, or an issue that you feel needs attention don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to

help in all areas of agriculture as well as supporting our local communities.

If you are interested in

becoming a member of Texas Farm Bureau and helping support your local community please contact

Floyd County Farm Bureau at 806-983-3777 or Briscoe County Farm Bureau at 806-823-2234.

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Changes to CRP to Assist Producers Impacted by Severe Drought Conditions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, 2011 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is modifying its Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) policies to help those affected by sustained drought conditions. Throughout this year of extreme weather, USDA has supported and delivered assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country.

"We continue to do all we can to help thousands of farmers and ranchers in the southwestern United States who are struggling from drought," said Vilsack. "Many ranchers have been or will be forced to sell livestock due to drought and USDA will do what we can to help our farmers and ranchers during these challenging times."

The policy changes influence FSA rules governing emergency grazing. The period normally allowed for emergency grazing lasts through Sept. 30, 2011. FSA is permitting farmers and ranchers in drought stricken states who have been approved for emergency grazing, including those in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, to extend the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction.

Producers wishing to participate in emergency grazing must first request permission from the FSA county office by indicating the acreage to be grazed.

As a second condition designed to help livestock producers, FSA will allow producers nationwide to utilize harvested hay from expiring CRP acres when those acres are being prepared for fall seeded crops. Prior to this modification, all

mechanically harvested hay was required to be destroyed. This change enables livestock producers to feed the hay that is mechanically harvested to their own livestock or to sell or donate hay. Consistent with existing policy for managed or emergency haying and grazing of eligible CRP acres, rental payments will be reduced by 25 percent for those utilizing this option.

"We are eager to do all we can in the face of this drought crisis across the southern plains," said FSA Administrator Bruce Nelson. "This has been one of the worst dry and hot spells since the Dust Bowl era of the '30s."

For further information about the Conservation Reserve Program and Emergency Haying and Grazing, producers are encouraged to visit their USDA Service Centers or go online to www.fsa.usda.gov. Search under Conservation Programs and Disaster Assistance.

Time nears for re-registration of Marks and Brands

Every ten years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins August 31, 2011 and

concludes February 29, 2012. After the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration b another party. The cost of registering brand in Floyd County is \$16 per brand. Payment may be made by cash or check.

For additional information, contact the Floyd County Clerk's Office, Floyd County Courthouse, 105 S. Main Street, Room 101, Floydada, Texas 79235 or call 806-983-4900. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Garden and landscape workshop to be held Sept 2

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Floyd and Crosby counties will conduct a garden and landscape workshop from 9 am-1 pm, Friday, September 2nd at the Floyd County Memorial Library.

The workshop will include presentations on water efficient lawns and landscape; tree pruning and care; managing lawn and garden insects; household water conservation and rainwater harvesting.

The program will include a hands-on demonstration on how to make a rainwater barrel. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the program's first presentation will begin at 9 am. Ace Hardware of Floydada is sponsoring the sandwich luncheon and they will be giving away coupons to attendees.

There will be a \$10 charge for the program. This multi-county program will be offering three continuing

education units available for private applicators license holders. The units will include two in the general category and one in integrated pest management.

Attendees are encouraged to call the extension office by August 25th to RSVP because space is limited. For more information and to pre-register call the Floyd County Extension office at 983-4912 or Crosby County Extension office at 675-2347.

FSA Administrator to Tour Areas of Texas Struck by Worst Drought in State History

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10, 2011 - Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson traveled to Texas today to tour areas of the southern parts of the state devastated by drought and wildfires. Nelson said that USDA would continue to work to deliver assistance to those impacted by drought and encouraged producers to contact their local county or state USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency office. Nelson also highlighted an announcement made earlier this week that will offer additional flexibility in the Conservation Reserve Program to assist producers struggling from drought.

"Our top priority is to make sure that all farmers and ranchers know that we are here for them and that FSA provides programs to help them through one of the worst disasters in this state's history," said Nelson.

Nelson was escorted by Texas State Executive Director and acting Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs Juan Garcia.

"As a native Texan, I have experienced extremely high

temperatures and relatively dry conditions, but never anything of this magnitude," Garcia said. "I have no doubt that with help, Texas producers will bounce back and continue to be one of the driving forces in American agriculture."

In June, the drought - which has plagued the state since January - caused Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to name 213 counties in Texas as primary natural disaster areas. In an effort to further help producers, Vilsack relaxed rules governing the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) earlier this week by extending the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction.

Generally, land enrolled in CRP cannot be used for grazing unless special circumstances warrant the land to be opened for that purpose. Texas, along with Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma has been approved for emergency grazing.

So far this year, producers nationwide have received \$693 million in indemnity payments to help recover from disasters, including more than \$520 million to those affected by drought. Additional assistance for

livestock producers affected by the drought comes from the Livestock Forage Program which has already provided over \$50 million in Texas. This timely assistance helps ranchers purchase feed for their livestock when they need it most.

FSA administers several important programs that help producers recover from disaster damage and livestock deaths. Among the key programs available to address impacts from disasters are the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program.

USDA will continue to work with state and local officials, as well as federal partners to ensure that producers have the necessary resources to recover from these challenges.

Fact sheets for all FSA programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets. To find the USDA Service Center nearest you, please visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Cancer Cure? Monumental if True

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Last fall I lost my uncle to cancer. So, when the news broke last week that some individuals had apparently been cured of cancer, I listened closely.

Last week, Dr. Carl June and his team at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine claimed a victory that many were convinced was impossible.

June's team of researchers engineered a patient's own immune cells to treat a type of blood cancer called Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, or CLL.

CLL affects nearly 15,000 men and women a year and more than 4,000 will die from it.

For years, researchers have been trying to figure out a way to kill cancer cells using a patient's own immune system. "This is a form of what I would call ultimate personal therapy. That's a wave of the future," June said.

For CLL, the only known cure is a bone marrow transplant, which is only effective in about half of patients. For this new treatment, scientists used the patient's own T-cells - white blood cells that help fight infections such as bac-

teria. Scientists remove the T-cells, genetically reprogram them to attack leukemia cells, and inject them back into the patient.

The scientists at Penn treated three patients with CLL. In two, the cancer cells were completely gone six months after the immune therapy.

"The clinical doctor involved in this was astonished and so were the patients that a single infusion of the cells could have such pronounced anti-tumor effects in the patients," Dr. June says.

The treatment does have significant side-effects, including a very bad flu-like illness, but so far all 3 patients - who had incurable leukemia and no other options - are doing well, with two seemingly cured.

In the process, the treatment, "is like giving a scent to a bloodhound," according to researchers. "These T-cells have been given the scent of the leukemia cells and go hunt them down. The hope is to give T-cells the scent of colon cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer and train them go out and kill all kinds of cancers."

According to the Penn scientists, "once these cells were

put back into two of the patients, after 2 weeks, they became violently ill with the flu then after 28 days, not only did they feel better, but all cancer was gone. The tumor was literally blown away all at once."

The team is now set to test the gene therapy on non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, acute lymphocytic leukemia, ovarian, pancreatic and prostate cancers.

The researchers say they are optimistic, but cautious, as they should be. It will take years of study to navigate these uncharted waters. But if you are a terminally ill cancer patient, I wouldn't think you have much to lose by participating in the study.

I pray these scientists continue to be successful in this endeavor. It would perhaps be the most profound medical discovery in history and change millions of lives on this planet.

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Sovereignty Lost is Liberty Lost

By BILL WILSON

Only now, nearly four years into the economic maelstrom of the financial crisis, do we see the real cost: national independence and sovereignty. It isn't our money the Masters of the Universe want. It's not land or other hard assets they crave. It's our freedom they want, and the freedom of every other developed nation.

Now, I understand that at first blush such a statement may come across as a bit "black helicopter-ish" in tone and content. But, look at the facts.

Europe is the more severe and apparent case but the same process is taking place in Japan and the United States. Greece and the other second-tier economies were allowed to borrow at will, piling on debt so high that their small populations could never repay them. And, then the rug is pulled out from under them. What was the price of bailout? Submit to dictates from the EU. Greece was handed a laundry list of actions it had to take. Effectively, their governments were shoved aside while international bureaucrats took control.

Now, we learn that the same thuggish process has taken place in Italy. Prime Minister Berlusconi reportedly said, "With all those letters and communiqués, they [according to the paper, 'they' refer to the European Central Bank, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel] made us appear as a government under a compulsory administration. This is not true. Also, they decided to inter-

vene in favour of our bonds to save themselves, not Italy."

Ireland, Portugal, and Spain have also tasted the boot of the EU masters — either do as they say or drown. But, as Mr. Berlusconi so aptly points out, it is not Italy or Greece or any other country that is being "saved," it is the banks and the tiny handful of plutocrats who own and run them. He warned that "if today it's our turn, tomorrow it can be Paris's turn."

Entire nations of Europe are being pillaged to cover the bad bets of the banks. And the ultimate sacrifice demanded is their national integrity, their national independence. No more authoritative voice than socialist currency manipulator George Soros demands nothing less. In a column published recently, the socialist money-man called on Germans to, in effect, suck it up — pay the tab for Europe. Full national integration with nations losing the right to make fundamental spending decisions — sovereignty — is the price Soros and his predator band demand.

A similar fate awaits the U.S. We have a President who proclaims the problems can be addressed if we just fix our "broken" political system. Parroted by Obama-poodle Ezra Kline in the Washington Post, there never is a discussion of exactly what changes have to be made to our political system in order to "fix things." But given Obama's authoritarian tendencies and the demands of his union and radical "green" backers you can be sure of one thing; America will surrender even more of its independence to international gaggles, alphabet-soup UN agencies, and the world financial overseers.

From day one, Obama has pressed to submerge the United States under the thumb of others. His refusal to acknowledge the unique role of America in the world, his constant bowing and scraping to "world opinion," and his unilateral implementation of un-ratified treaties all point to where he wants to take us.

The incessant call to bind the productive nations of the world into world organizational control, whether the UN, the IMF, the World Bank, the G22 or other lesser known bodies, is becoming the hallmark of the economic crisis. Gordon Brown, the former socialist Prime Minister of Great Britain, wrote just this week of the need for a "world solution" to the financial crisis. Others are joining the chorus.

Americans were warned of this early in our history. As George Washington observed in his Farewell Address, "foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government". America, or European nations or Japan for that matter, will not find prosperity or peace by submitting to the internationalists. The World Governance crowd has nothing for us. They are the enemy of all that is truly American.

So, my first suggestions for budget cuts to the extra-legal Super Committee would be to eliminate all funding for the IMF, the World Bank and the UN. If we need to spend money overseas to support and defend the U.S., let accountable, U.S. employees spend it; not unelected, faceless bureaucrats who in their heart hate American independence and sovereignty.

Executive Orders Threaten Representative Government and Federalism

By REBECCA DIFEDE

Executive orders have become a common topic in the news recently ever since Obama announced his intention to issue one that will require businesses and individuals bidding on federal contracts to reveal their political donations to the civil servants who are making the contract letting decisions. Many stand in opposition to this potential rule, but because of this power granted only to the President, it will be very difficult for Congress to overturn.

An executive order (E.O.) is a direct mandate from the President that is implemented by the Executive branch. It has the full force of law and can be enacted immediately. If that thought scares you, congratulations, you have a functioning brain.

Though this seeming carte blanche authority is not an explicit power in the Constitution, it is considered implicitly granted as an "executive power" in Article III, Section 1. It can be traced back to 1789 when President Washington gave the first ever executive order, and President Lincoln is considered to have issued the first officially numbered executive order.

To date, there are 13,581 executive orders which are used to manage operations within administration agencies, extend diplomatic immunity for international dignitaries, designate public land, set up affirmative action requirements, etc. Basically, anything the President can issue an executive order about anything that he/she decides is important and it must be honored. If it is particularly egregious, Congress or the

Supreme Court could strike it down. But absent action, the executive order stands with the full weight of law.

Now because executive orders give the President freedom equivalent to giving a kid the keys to the Wonka Factory, sometimes they get carried away and issue edicts that are absolutely unfounded, and/or borderline tyrannical.

One fine example is E.O. 13132 which was enacted on August 4th, 1999 by then President Bill Clinton. Its purpose was to revoke E.O. 12612 (October 26th 1987) and significantly change the government's approach to the relationship between the federal government and the states.

The purpose of the executive order was to make it easier to issue regulations against the states. In the 12 intervening years between the executive orders (1987-99), the number of pages added to the Federal Register increased by 15.2 percent from 114,337 to 134,992. But after that, it has increased another 22.5 percent to 165,494, a record high.

The order also weakened a requirement that each regulation include an assessment of how it impacts states, making it unclear just by looking at the numbers how bad the damage has been. It may be incalculable.

There certainly is no shortage of laws to issue regulations from that will directly impact states. With new changes on the way with ObamaCare and the expansion of Medicaid, the Environmental Protection Agency's carbon "endangerment" finding and federal light bulb standards, or the decade-old "No Child Left Behind," three things (health care, energy emission standards, and education) that were never mentioned in the Constitution have been preempted by the federal

government.

The impact of the Clinton executive order was to simply ignore the text of the Tenth Amendment, which says that all powers not enumerated in the Constitution belong to the states. Instead, the order sought to make it clear that regulations could be issued against the states whether or not they were clear uses of constitutional federal power.

The Clinton executive order essentially changed the relationship of federalism by discounting the rights and authority of state government's giving the federal government absolute sway when their interests differ.

What is terrifying is if a president can so sweepingly change a concept that had existed since our nation's founding with a single motion, what else might the office be capable of? With little to no opposition, a president can enact anything he wants, so long as the agencies pretend there is not a strong constitutional basis for the contrary. That is too much power over too many people for just one person to possess.

In our nation of checks and balances, we need to start making sure that the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed in these executive orders, otherwise we could end up blindsided with a rule that we have no control over, but that has full control over us.

Let's hope that Congress takes a long, hard look at these laws that have been written into existence without a vote from our nation's elected representatives, lest executive orders continue to expand our government's power over we the people without even our state governments being able to stand in its way.

Who Speaks for the Average American - And Why It Doesn't Matter

By DAVIS BOZEMAN

Republicans are the party of the rich, or so I am told. While I consider myself, in terms of political/ideological identity, a constitutional conservative first, I do often vote for Republicans, thus friends and family ponder how a guy like me, of limited wealth (though fiercely independent and ambitious), could support the Washington branch of corrupt corporate America.

Republicans are so derisively linked to the rich that a litany of examples would seem almost redundant, so I hope readers will indulge me the opportunity to continue with my anecdotal case (furthermore, the notion of the GOP as the "party of the rich" is so manifestly absurd that I hardly know where to begin debunking it). Like the latest twist in a TV soap opera, some relatives, with brow-furrowing concern, surmise that because I have never bought property and dealt with "evil" bankers, I am just naive to life's pitfalls from which only benevolent Democrats would try to save me.

In truth, some of us choose our party affiliation/ideological identity from factors beyond our own limited circumstances. For instance, though I have no children, I support educational choice, up to and including vouchers. The Republican Party speaks to that, while the Democratic Party, beholden to teach-

ers' unions, does not. I support free market reforms to offer citizens greater choice in health care and insurance, which, far from being a pawn of the rich, should make me a vocal consumer advocate. I think a major overhaul of burdensome regulations would benefit businesses large and small (and I am grateful every day that President Obama's energy policies have never fully taken hold), as well as the "little guy" when he makes his purchases and pays his bills.

But sadly, the fallacy persists, and millions of hard-working, patriotic and, yes, conservative Americans continue to vote for the like of Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi, all the while claiming that "I'm not really a liberal."

I mean, c'mon, whose values and lifestyle have more in common with the average American's, Sarah Palin's or Nancy Pelosi's? Michele Bachmann's or Timothy Geithner's? Who would be more likely to tear up at the national anthem, former POW John McCain or a certain president who attended Jeremiah Wright's church for twenty years?

I agree with Ann Coulter, who once noted that, in fact, liberalism is a luxury of the rich — note that Hollywood, the Hamptons, the Maryland/Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. and most major urban areas remain hotbeds of liberalism, while rural and small-town America mostly stay conservative. Of course, the elite response to that is that North

Dakota, Wyoming and Kansas have been hoodwinked by the GOP into voting against their best interests.

Or could it be that — gasp! — Republicans just connect better with Main Street America?

Can a party stay viable for most of its 150-year history by representing such a narrow demographic as "the rich"? Does it stand to reason that you can seriously contend for the presidency by consistently nominating shills for Wall Street (and it's not like Democrats have never taken a dime from the rich).

In the end, like many conservatives, I recoil at any blatant appeals to my economic status. Not that I harbor some pipe dream of retirement by 50, I just see myself as an American first. It takes all of us to make this country work, labor and management, urban and rural, etc.

We are not class units in America, we are individual citizens, and most of us will not stay in the same economic column all our lives. Though some take comfort in their conferred status, ultimately, we each must determine our identities, lest they become lost in the public lexicon of political correctness and groupthink, hostage to those who seek power for their own sordid ends.

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of view, you can't always ask for that. But a chance to win first at a rodeo no matter when you're out or what you drew, you knew you had that opportunity. That's outstanding."

While the Carr crew played an integral part in the overall success, the company's owner kept putting the attention back to the local volunteers who spend their year planning for the event.

"There's a reason why this rodeo has been good and why they decided to make it a PRCA event," Carr said. "What a great committee. They were very hospitable. They were great to work with. Every time we turned around, they were asking what they could do to make their rodeo better."

What's even more impressive is that the community bands together to try to produce an event that will bring in crowds from all over the Texas Panhandle. Of course, this year's event will feature Troy Lerwill, one of the top acts in rodeo, and great announcers like Ken Stonecipher and Andy Stewart.

"I was just very impressed how large of an event you can have in such a small town with only a few committee members," Carr said. "We were so privileged to be part of their inaugural PRCA rodeo. That place was standing room only on Saturday night; people came from everywhere."

"It was just amazing what that committee pulled off."

Lockney Senior Citizen Center News

By Renee Armstrong

Dues are Due!! Come by the Center and take care of those, they are \$20 per person for a year. As of Aug 1, meal prices, are \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members

Lockney Senior Citizens Center Menu

Aug 22-26

Monday-Salmon

Tuesday-Mexican Stack

Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday-Hamburgers

Friday-Ham

Floydada City Council Approves Mackenzie Municipal Budget

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

During the July 19, 2011, Floydada City Council meeting, Dean Johnson - Business Manager for Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority - was present to go over the proposed 2011-2012 budget. Johnson explained they have increased the contracts to the cities some, drawing less interest than last year for a loss of \$900, bringing the total revenue to \$242,126 which is slightly more than last year's approved budget. On the expenses side of the budget, he explained the payroll expenses are going down due to a new employee with less experience as last year's employee which will put the total expenses at \$242,125, bringing expenses down slightly from last year. Johnson told the council that last year Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority operated on a deficit budget.

The council approved the proposed 2011-2012 budget as presented by Johnson.

Bobby Sanchez with AERO Care, which has been servicing the area for 21 years, was present to discuss the membership program with the council as an option to offer the citizens of Floydada through the City's billing system. Sanchez said AERO Care is the second largest medical air provider in the area. He explained that if AERO Care's services were used, for an annual fee of \$50-60 per household the individuals using the service would not receive a bill for the balance - their insurance would be billed, but the individual would not. He noted that those with Medicaid would not be billed either. Sanchez stated a typical helicopter bill would be \$17,000-\$20,000.

Councilman Sam Green made the motion to accept AERO Care's

program for the citizens of Floydada. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Gary Brown informed the council the city is currently barely able to keep up with water use and as a council they needed to know what the Drought Contingency Plan is. The mayor declared that the city would enter into Step 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan which states, "Curtailment shall be initiated upon existence of mild drought conditions and will include the following actions: advise the public of the water situation, encourage voluntary reduction of water use, contact commercial and industrial users and explain necessity of initiation of strict conservation methods, and implement system oversight and make adjustments as required to meet changing conditions."

The council took the 2011-2012 operating budget home with them to

review for the next meeting. Brown said they probably would not like the budget as it's a "bare bones" budget. He said it was not easy to put together, and he only asked for raises for five individuals and did not ask for a cost of living increase for the other employees. Brown stated this year's budget is not less than last year, but it's not far off. He said the city is "cash-flowing strong right now," but next year the city may have to dip into reserves.

After reviewing bids received for the maintenance work on the Mackenzie Water Authority tanks, the council approved a motion to go with the option that puts an aluminum roof on the Rock Creek tank.

The council approved the minutes from the June 21, 2011 meeting and approved payment of all June 2011 transfers, fixed expenses and city bills.

From the Archives

From Floyd County Hesperian and Lockney Beacon March 18, 1973

FLOYDADA IN THE 20'S...FRIENDS
BY Arthur E. Gamble

In one way, we each move through life in little compartments composed of our circle of friends. In school, I probably knew a few above and below me but by and large I knew those best in my grade. I found these compartments in college, in the service, and to a certain extent in later life.

So, in Floydada, my life during the 20's was compartmentalized with those of my friends. Somehow, I remember most of those boys and girls to some extent by their fathers and their occupations.

Joe Boothe's dad was in the elevator, coal, and feed business. Waldo Houghton was the son of Dr. Houghton. Bill Stephens who lived next door was the son of Curly Stephens, the café man. Bill had a brother, Leo, and two sisters—one older and one younger than he was—and both lovely girls.

Bill Snell's folks were farmers. Barney Roberts' dad was the boot maker. F. C. Harmon was the son of the furniture dealer and undertaker. Floyd Swain's father was a farmer who was killed in a fall from the windmill he was fixing. Back then, when

you had an emergency you just called "Central" and told her what the emergency was. So it was his sister who was on the switchboard at the phone office and had received the awful message of her father's fall.

I remember Floyd as a very quiet and gentle boy—don't get me wrong—there was nothing sissy about him in any way—but he was not given to belligerence as some of us were. Doubtless the tragic loss of his father had played its part in shaping his life.

There were the Dorsey's who father had married Joe Dolph Montgomery's mother who owned the café—thereby combining two fine families. B. B. King's father ran a furniture store on the north side of the square. Raymond King's father was a farmer who owned the big fine brick house out on the Ralls road. Hunter King's dad was a book-keeper and I believe his mother was related to the Tom Dean's. Hunter was to die the youngest of any of us.

The Eudy boys whose father would be called a sanitation engineer today, were classmates. Hermas Olsen was a member of the first Swedish family I ever knew—and looked the part. Hugh Jeff Ayers was the son of an attorney. John and Jack McKinney were sons of a prosperous farmer.

Kinder Farris had also lost his father who had been a good friend of my uncle. John W.

Smith, and was a party of an unusual pact. They were both tall, rangy, typical cowmen of the time. One day they confided to each other that they had a horror of tying and being buried in too short a casket. So these two young men made a pact that which ever one of them died first could count on the other to see that this didn't happen. If memory serves me right, Uncle John Smith who died in the flu epidemic of 1918-19 was the first to go. John Farris kept his vow to the letter. Incidentally, John W. Smith was the father of Polly Cardinal who is well known in Floydada today).

Kyle Glover was a good friend. I guess you could say that John Morris Watson was a friend although it seemed that whatever we did with each other seemed to strike sparks sooner or later, and we had many fights during our schooling together. John Morris's dad had a variety store in town and I believe they moved from Floydada before we did. Floyd and Lloyd Murray—the first non-identical twins I had ever known—were both fine athletes.

Since I was just going into my teens when we left Floydada, girls did not have the important role they later assumed when I began to notice they were different from us nice fellows—that is in ways other than being hard to get along with and making better grades to make us look bad.

Mary Ann Kimble was the daughter of the optometrist and jeweler, Wilson Kimble, and was one of the "brains" of our

grade. Wanda Teeple was the pretty daughter of a farmer (who lived on the west side of the road to Ralls, back this side of Ned King's big house.) Mary Louise Thurman and Louise Conner were my friends later on even after we were all in Lubbock. Virginia Welch's mother owned the Miladies Dress Shop. Mary Anna Ross was the daughter of mother and dad's best friends—Mary and Wister Ross. Olive Virginia Grigsby's folks lived near us and worked at the C. R. Houston store. Maxine and Marilyn were the daughters of R. E. Fry—they were younger than me but were friends. They inherited their mother's good looks and the last time I saw them they were still beauties.

Just before we left Floydada—and just as I began to notice girls—a true beauty came on the scene. Even her name was beautiful—Rhea Cloud. It seems that I first saw her at a party at the Fry's home one time—then we moved away and I never saw her again. (Incidentally, her husband Pete Shurbert, is a friend of mine and while I have had lunch with him in Roy, N>M> a time or so, Rhea had always been gone—but I am pleased to report that the word I get is that she is as beautiful as ever.

Little boys are seldom conscious of being particularly close to one friend over another—although my youngest son once confided to be about a certain boy that "he's my very best friend, but I hate him!"

I suppose that my closest friends of those years were John

Harvey Scroggin and Guy Ginn. I am proud to still have them as friends. Guy has stayed on in Floydada so I seldom see him but I see John Harvey from time to time here in Lubbock. But being friends never kept John Harvey and me from fighting. We would fight over almost anything. We moved to Lubbock together, attended high school together, as well as college. My last official wrestling match in college was with John Harvey and I am pleased to report that I won the match. (Don't ask John for his version—it will just stir things up again!)

These memories of our friends are wonderful because in memories no one ages—any bad traits are dimmed and the good traits are magnified many times. For example—there was R. L. Stovall who lingers in my memory as the strongest boy I ever knew. He had tremendous strength in his hands and arms and could easily chin himself 30 times while we were struggling to make 10. There was Louis Jordan who will always be the fastest runner. My cousin John Edwards Smith was the best shot with either a rifle or a shotgun.

Most of these friends are strictly for the past because I have not seen many of them since the 20's. But from these boys and girls I learned to get along with a pretty good cross section of the world. I wish for each of them the best in life and hope they have accomplished some of their goals. To each I say, "Thanks—for without you there would have been no memories—and memories are precious."

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