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Bravery through love

By Homer Marquez

It's the elements of a pure and absolute love along with the unwavering strength of faith that gives the concept of bravery a foundation to stand on. Much too often are these bright spots in the human condition made cliché though the casual rigors of everyday conversation; however, when witnessing firsthand the strength and compassion of a family solely relying on these qualities, an observer is left with an overwhelming sense of inspiration and an outlook on life that focuses more on the substantial and less on the petty.

A portrait of these characteristics can, without a doubt, be found in the loving bond between young mother, Amanda Barnett, and her precious son, Caysen, "He's pretty much a ray of sunshine, God's gift to me," explained Miss Barnett, "every time I look at him it amazes me how something so small can be so strong."

In mid-2010, then 3 year-old, Caysen was diagnosed with MLD, or metachromatic leukodystrophy; a rare and incurable genetic disorder that affects the growth of myelin, a covering that acts as an insulator around nerve fibers in the central and peripheral nervous systems. Over time the disorder shuts down nerves causing the deterioration of muscles and organs. MLD affects 1 out of 40,000 people. There are three different stages of the disease; infantile, juvenile, adult.

After symptoms became noticeable in August 2009, Caysen underwent a series of extensive and sometimes very unpleasant tests

to pin-point the diagnosis. Caysen was initially misdiagnosed with CIDP, a chronic disease that is caused by swelling and inflamed nerves. Caysen was treated with rehab and injections designed to stimulate his nerves in order to control symptoms. However eight months later, after a drop in his progression, a MRI revealed that Caysen had actually had MLD. "It was gut-wrenching," described Miss Barnett, "I can't even imagine a situation being worse than that, ever; it was horrible."

However, despite the prognosis, brave little Caysen has decided to dwell on the positive, focused on cherishing every moment with his family. "He is the strongest, most willed man I've ever met, and he's four," described Miss Barnett.

An avid music lover, Caysen enjoys spending his days jamming the latest tunes with his family; and when he's not rock 'in out, Caysen can be found watching his favorite cartoon mouse, Mickey; "he loves Mickey Mouse" added Miss Barnett. Recently, the Make-A-Wish Foundation donated a ton of Mickey Mouse toys to Caysen during a family reunion. The Make-A-Wish day will be featured in an up-coming news broadcast on KMAC 28.

With a bright smile and a shining attitude, Caysen's spirit has served as an inspiration to anyone who has met him; "Caysen has touched so many lives," commented Barnett, "people look at me all the time and are like 'your son is amazing'...he's the strongest



Courtesy Photo

A testimony of true bravery, mother, Amanda Barnett and son Caysen have focused on the positive as they both share an inspirational experience in the face of adversity.

man I ever met." His bravery through this time has helped his entire family cope with an ordeal that would normally devastate the common majority, however Caysen's loving character has helped his family and friends to focus and treasure the important things in life. "God gave me this so that I learn to appreciate my son.

I know what's coming... (But) for me I get to enjoy my son every day, I know it's coming, but I've learned to appreciate him and learned to love him, I was blessed with a time frame. You have to look at the positives, you have to realize that everything happens for a reason...that little baby saved my life," com- See BRAVERY on page 11

Atmos Energy recognizes first responders



Photo by Homer Marquez

On Friday, Atmos Energy held an honorary lunch for the duties of first responders in Floyd County.

As a tribute to all that do to keep the citizens safe and health, Atmos Energy held a lunch in their honor last Friday. "With the tenth

anniversary of 9/11, we want to at least remember our first responders in all of our communities. They risk their lives every day, our (firemen), police, our EMS, and the people that even work in the dispatch, we want recognize and tell them we appreciate it," explained Atmos Energy Operation Manager, V.O Ortega, "because at Atmos Energy, as a gas company, we respond to emergencies also; to the gas leaks, and we depend on the fire department, the police, and the EMS. They're usually there before us, they've already secured the area, and we appreciate what they do every day."

Atmos Energy, who donated all the food, also traveled to the other towns in their first responder's appreciation tour.

The Floyd and Surrounding County Fair is Here, Sept. 15-18

By Carol Huggins

After many months of planning and hard work, the Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair is finally here. The Fair begins this week on Thursday with entries being taken in all categories from 3 - 6 p.m., so bring your crafts, sewing, canning, baking, garden items, art and photography to compete for prizes.

The Old Time Auction will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday with Larry Ogden asking for your bids. There will be something you just can't live without, so bring your checkbook and bid on all the wonderful items that have been donated. Money raised here will benefit the Fair Association and help keep the Fair going for next year.

Friday is School Day with the local schools bringing students to have a look at the Fair. Friday night will be Gospel Singing - an event brought back from the past. There will be performers as well as general singing.

Saturday is the big day - starting with the Parade down Lockney's Main Street at 10 a.m. If you want to participate with a float, bicycle, 4-wheeler, horse, etc. just be at Mangold Hospital around 9 to get lined up. Following the parade, the activity shifts to the Fairgrounds. At 12 noon there will be the Skeet Shoot and at 1 p.m. the Wash-Pitching, both will be at the east end of the Fair Building. Ladies' Day will begin at 1

p.m. in the east end of the Fair Building with several interesting programs planned.

Also at 1 p.m. will be the Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Teen Miss Pageant in the Entertainment Barn. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. At around 4 p.m. the Cow Pattie Bingo will begin and continue for "as long as it takes". Holder of the "special" tickets will have a chance at winning either \$500, \$300, or \$200. Tickets are being sold by Fair Board Members.

Starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, the Miss Floyd County Pageant will commence and a new queen will be crowned. Cost is again \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Following the Pageant "Twisted Road" will play for the Fair Dance from around 9:30 - midnight.

Sunday will start with Community (Cowboy) Church at 11 a.m. The Kid's Rodeo will begin at 1 p.m. and at 2:30 will be the Kids' Pet Show. The Fair will close Sunday at 4 p.m.

Ongoing activities at the Fair will be the "Chainsaw Guy", the Kids' Fishing Tank, the Children's Barnyard, the pony rides, the train rides, and craft and food vendors. There will also be a climbing wall set up on Saturday.

So, the Big Fair Weekend is finally here. Everyone come out and have a good time! It's Floyd County's time to shine!

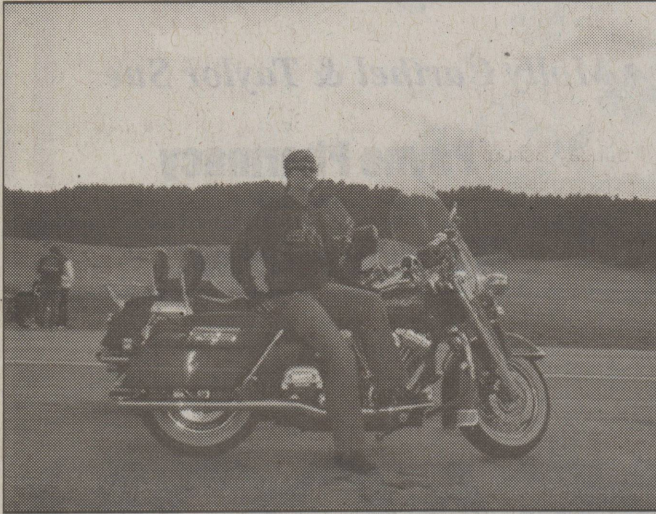
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Genealogy workshop to be held in Floydada

The Buffalo Grass Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Floydada) and the Mary McCoy Baines Chapter of the American Revolution (Plainview) will cosponsor a genealogy workshop from 10a.m to 2p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Floyd County Historical Museum (equipped with ancestry.Com and Wi-Fi) in Floydada. The free workshop will help participants learn

how to search for ancestors in census records, military records, court records and more, and also provide information regarding documentation required to join DAR. Bring a sack lunch, drinks and dessert will be furnished. RSVPs appreciated but not required. Contact kimhome3@suddenlink.net, tfg12@suddenlink.net, or pamelaccasto@gmail.com for more information.

Members of 'Breast Ride Ever' Harley Davidson Motorcycle riders to attend 'Friend to Friend Pink Event'



Jolene Boone, a member of the Breast Ride Ever, will be one of thirteen Harley Davidson Motorcycle riders at the Friend To Friend Breast Cancer Awareness program (Pink Event) at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on Saturday, September 24. A free lunch and program will take place from 11:30 - 1:00.

**By Melissa Long CEA-FSC
Floyd County**

Jolene Boone began riding a dirt bike in the 70's. She began riding a Harley Davidson about 10 years ago when she was living in Delaware. She and her husband moved to Lubbock about six years ago. She has relatives in this area.

She began riding with the Breast Ride Ever women two years ago when Becky Carroway, Director and a Harley rider, came to her and ask if she would be interested in joining up with some women in Oklahoma for the ride. They were the only two women from Texas to go to Oklahoma after

only about three weeks prep time and started out on the first Breast Ride Ever.

Breast Ride Ever was started by Suzanne Hay in Lawton, Oklahoma two years ago. They created the all women's motorcycle riding group to raise money and awareness of BREAST CANCER of both women and men. Forty-three women made the ride this year on the 1500 mile ride through Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico stopping at Harley Davidson Dealerships along the way to raise money for breast cancer. The funds raised in Lubbock stay locally and are used for purchase of wigs, to hire babysitters, pay for mammograms, help buy groceries for families and other needs.

Jolene has not had cancer herself the disease has touched her family. Her husband is a prostate cancer survivor, and one brother is a survivor of Hodgkin-Non Hodgkins Lymphoma and her father died of cancer. She knows people that have had breast cancer and survived and known other women

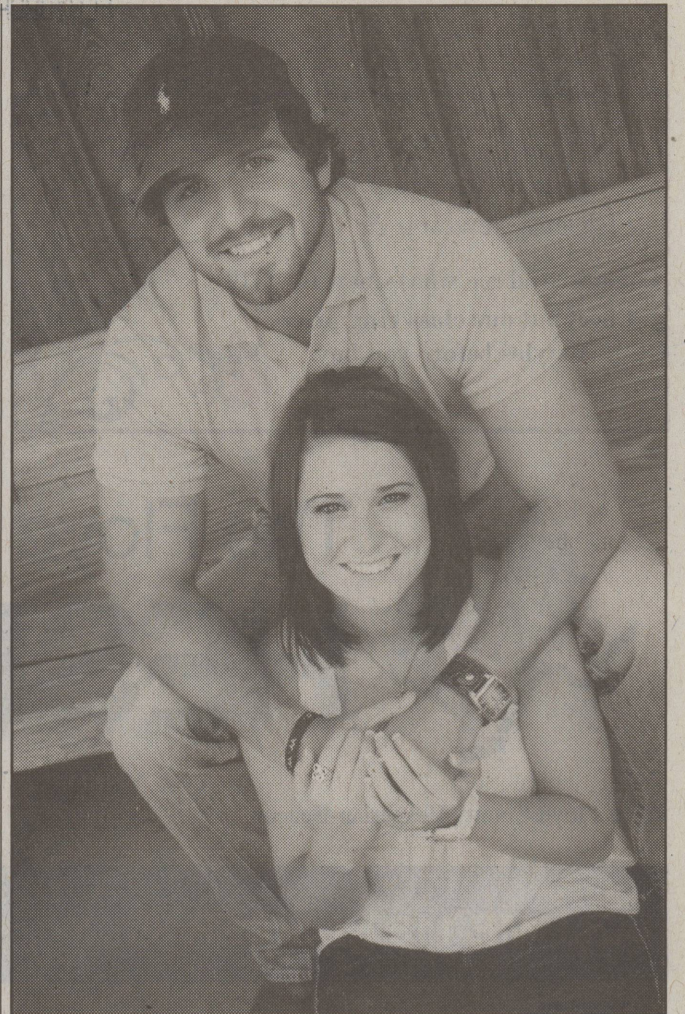
that have fallen to the disease.

TexasAgri Life Extension invites you to attend the "Friend to Friend" pink event at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on September 24th and meet 13 of these women and see their Harley's and other bikes. They will be decorated for the event as they decorate them for their yearly ride.

All women 40 years and older are encouraged to come out and take part. There will be a FREE LUNCH, an informative program and door prizes from 11:30 - 1:00. Booth will open from 10:00 - 11:30 and will reopen again after the luncheon from 1 - 2 PM.

Friend To Friend - Staying Well Together is a program to encourage females 40 years and older to be screened for breast and cervical cancer annually so that these cancers are detected early, when they are the most curable.

A Friend To Friend Pink Event Quilt will be on display and raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



**WHITLEY DANIELLE GILLIT AND
JASON ALAN NUTT**

Danny and Missy Gillit of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitley Danielle to Jason Alan Nutt, son of Danny and Laura Nutt of Floydada.

Whitley is the granddaughter of Marilyn Gillit and the late Wayne Gillit and Sandra Medley and the late Ray Medley, all of Lubbock.

Jason is the grandson of Barbara Nutt of Floydada and the late Edwin Nutt and Leonard "Sut" and Carol Pittman of Burleson.

The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Frenship High School and is currently a senior at Lubbock Christian University and will graduate in May.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2006 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2011 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a degree in Animal Science.

The couple plan to be married on December 10, 2011 at Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock and plan to reside in Floydada.

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Friends of the Library

By Carolyn Cheek

The Friends of the Library will hold a very important meeting on Tuesday, September 20th in the Floyd County Library conference room at 4:30 p.m. At this meeting we will be discussing plans for the Punkin' Days book sale as well as other important matters. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in becoming a member to join us at that time.

The next book sale will again be a two-day sale to be held at the library on Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th. We

hope you plan to come by our sale and purchase books for your winter reading. The proceeds from our sale help us finance much needed projects for the Floyd County Library.

We also welcome book donations. We need your donation to help make our book sale a success. Please bring the books you would like to donate to the library. Please do not put them in the outside book drop. The book drop is for library books only. If you have books to donate and do not have a way to get them to the library, just call one of our members and we will gladly come by your home and pick them up.

We always need children's books and newer fiction and non-fiction books. We really appreciate all your donations.

Mark your calendars and don't forget to visit the Friends of the Library book sale.

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OBITUARIES

DOYLE RAY BURNS

Doyle Ray Burns, age 55, passed away on August 29, 2011 at his home in Arlington.

Memorial services were held at 1 pm, Saturday September 10, 2011 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada.

Doyle Ray was born November 27, 1955 in Plainview to Osville Lavern (Bob) and Lottie Bell Swepston Burns.

PAT NEFF

Memorial services for Patricia Ann Neff, 68, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 10, 2011 in the Cone Cemetery with Don Martin officiating. Burial was under the care of Adams Funeral Home Ralls.

Pat was born in Lubbock on October 26, 1942 to the late David and Juanita (Lemons) Stewart. On January 21, 1961 she married Donald Neff. Pat was a long time business owner in Lubbock Texas. She loved spending time with her family.

She is preceded in death by one brother, Ronnie Dean Stewart.

Survivors include one daughter and her husband, Dwana Denise Rush and Bill Yarbough of Lubbock Texas; one son and his wife, Donald Dwain and Tammi Neff of Houston Texas; one brother, Rhudy Glenn Stewart; four grandchildren, Ami Neff, Derek Neff, Katie and Kiriste Rush.

www.adamsfuneral.com

GED evening classes begin

Floydada and Lockney have GED classes beginning the week of September 18th. Those who are 17 years of age or older may enroll in free GED classes.

Floydada classes will meet at 701 E. Lee on Monday and Tuesday evenings at the South Plains Community Action Association building.

Lockney classes will meet on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in a classroom in the Lockney Elementary. In Lockney enter at the back west door where there is a GED sign posted and park

between the track and the building about midway.

All night classes meet from 6-9 p.m. each evening, but you do not have to stay the whole three hours if your work schedule doesn't permit. It is hard for most people who work to get home, eat a bite and come at six and stay til nine, so it is fine to come about seven o'clock.

All supplies and books are provided. Computers are used when appropriate.

No childcare is provided. You cannot bring children, but if you and a friend want

to come and don't have anyone to keep the kids, swap out and come at least every other time.

All subjects are taught. Some come to work on the computers and improve their own skills even though they may already have a GED. Others come to review math skills, so they can help their kids in school. Whatever your needs, we want to help.

For more information call 806-652-3764, Monday - Thursday between 4-5 p.m. and leave a message. Your call will be returned.



Technology changes fast. So do chicken parts. Codes are involved. It's tough to stay abreast.

I myself have just figured out the difference between nuggets and tenders. "Nugget" is code for who-know's-what. Think "parts is parts." Tenders are recognizable as white meat, "recognizable" being the operative word.

Children eat nuggets. They get tricked into it with dipping sauce and toys. Fine.

But shouldn't we worry that today's generation thinks a nugget is a chicken part? Wings aren't what they used to be either. We all risk becoming chicken illiterate.

My first lesson in parts was at the big white kitchen sink where my mother dissected chickens. I perched on the kitchen stool. She identified everything, including the brain,

remarkable for its scarcity of wrinkles. I saw lungs. I saw fat. The crow was a curious piece that didn't exactly make sense. Mother said it had to do with chicken digestion. I ranked that bit of trivia right up there with cows having four stomachs.

Anyway, I learned early about chickens, comb to tail, in-nards included.

The word "nugget" then applied only to cowboy movie treasures. Chicken tenders didn't exist. Nor did strips. The breast stayed intact and went to the man of the house if he wanted it. A lucky child might get a leg. Sometimes I got one. Mother played the martyr and ate the back. I liked the heart and gizzard. But wings? No way. Wings were pitiful looking pieces. Eventually they got eaten too, sometimes even by me. We didn't waste food. They weren't that bad when nothing else was left.

Wings were folded into triangles. Even when floured and fried you could see the bumpy skin where feathers used to be. You could imagine the bird stretching and flapping those three-part wings to fly up to roost or to evade a pursuer intent on wringing its neck - a chicken part most kids today have never

seen, much less wrung, not that I ever did any neck wringing myself. Nobody did at our house. Instead, Daddy used a tobacco cutter as a guillotine. Then he threw the wing-flapping headless carcass into a nail keg for it to flop wildly until it decided to expire completely. I'd say our chickens were lucky to escape the wringing experience for the more humane guillotine, leading edge when it was invented and still good for chickens two centuries hence.

Back to wings. They've changed. Don't blame evolution. I've figured it out. The scrawny wingtip with the feather bumps - the very bone that makes a wing a wing - is getting tossed. I'm guessing to be nuggetized. The remaining spiced-up wing parts are masquerading as full-fledged wings, all in the name of football snacks. That doesn't make it right.

I never appreciated the wingtips when they were still part of the wing. I miss them now.

Maybe a chicken part opportunist somewhere will invent a way to doctor up wingtips and sell them as something special. I'm waiting.

I wonder what they'll call them.

We would like to extend a BIG thank you to everyone in the entire community for all your prayers, cards of encouragement, and your love during this difficult time of our loss.

We offer a special thank you Bro. Tim Franks and his staff at First Baptist Church; to everyone who brought a dish for luncheon; to Chip and his staff at Moore Funeral Home; to Gilbert Trevino and his staff for all they did.

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FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY-WIDE PEP RALLY

There will be a Community-Wide Pep Rally on Tuesday, September 20th. The pep rally will be held downtown Floydada and will begin at 8 p.m. Come out and show your support for the Whirlwinds!

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Floyd County Museum will change their hours back to afternoon hours, 1-5 p.m., starting Thursday, September 15. To contact the museum call 806-983-2415.

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.

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

West College & Third, Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study. 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening 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 Study....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

Lockney
Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.
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Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

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Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

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Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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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.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.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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Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living
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Floydada
983-8177

Foster Exhibits Grand Champion Prospect Steer; Elected to AJCA Board of Directors at 2011 AJCA NJHS

Platte City, MO – SyAnn Foster, Lockney, Texas, exhibited the Grand Champion Prospect Steer, FBF Leroy Brown Steer 1CM, at the 2011 American Junior Chianina Association (AJCA) National Junior Heifer Show (NJHS) June 30, in Kansas City, Mo. The Sept. 27, 2010 son of FL Leroy Brown 1CM weighed 782 lbs and was the Class 2 winner.

Foster also exhibited the Chianina Class 6 winner, FBF Xpect Untouched 084X 1CM.

Foster also participated in various contests during the week and placed 4th in senior showmanship.

Foster was also elected to the AJCA Board of Directors for a two-year term and will serve as the public relations director.

“Rockin’ to 2011” the 2011 NJHS, kicked off June 26 and concluded July 1, 2011. The show was held in conjunction with the Maine-Anjou and Charolais



Courtesy Photo

SyAnn Foster, Lockney, Texas, exhibited the Grand Champion Prospect Steer, FBF Leroy Brown Steer 1CM, at the 2011 American Junior Chianina Association National Junior Heifer Show June 30, in Kansas City, Mo. Among those pictured with Foster are 2010-2011 ACA National Queen Kelsey Culp, Jody & Shawnda Foster, and Senee’ and Segayle Foster.

associations at the American Royal Facility in the heart of Kansas City, Mo., and had a great turnout of 181 Chianina juniors and

221 head of Chi and Chi-influenced cattle from 22 states: Dave Allan of Schulenburg, Texas, was the judge.

For more information on this event or any AJCA or ACA activity, please contact the ACA at (816) 431-2808.

Foster Exhibits Class Winner at 2011 AJCA NJHS

Platte City, MO – Senee’ Foster, Lockney, Texas, exhibited the Chiangus Class 11 winner, LSB Sultans Charm 144X 2CA, a Feb. 1, 2010 daughter of FBF Sultan 200S 2CA, at the 2011 American Junior Chianina Association (AJCA) National Junior Heifer Show (NJHS) June 30, in Kansas City, Mo.

Foster also participated in various contests during the week and placed 6th in the senior livestock judging contest.

“Rockin’ to 2011” the 2011

NJHS, kicked off June 26 and concluded July 1, 2011. The show was held in conjunction with the Maine-Anjou and Charolais associations at the American Royal Facility in the heart of Kansas City, Mo., and had a great turnout of 181 Chianina juniors and 221 head of Chi and Chi-influenced cattle from 22 states. Dave Allan of Schulenburg, Texas, was the judge.

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Lockney 8th graders sail pass Arbor

By Coach Reynolds

The Lockney Longhorn 8th grade team had a great season opener this past week. Hosting Arbor Christian Academy, the Longhorns were able to score 38 points to Arbors 0. Levi Kasner made his time worthwhile when his number was called. Levi scored the first touchdown of the game by running a 28 yard touchdown. He was also called to punch in the 2 point conversion. The Longhorns didn’t have to wait long for the offense to shine again as Derek Patel intercepted a pass from Arbor quarterback. Sergio Ascenio was then given his opportunity scoring a 24 yard touchdown. Kasner was called upon again scoring the

2 point conversion. With stiff defense the Longhorns get the ball back. This Allowed Justin Suarez a chance to run in a 24 yard touchdown. Josh Cruz followed with a 2 point conversion. To start off the 2nd half, Levi Kasner fielded the kick off and 76 yards later was standing in the end zone. The final scoring was done when Justin Suarez ran an 83 yard touchdown. Stephen Setliff catches the 2 point conversion. Defensive Coordinator Coach Strickland said, “The Longhorns had a great first showing and he liked what he saw.” The Longhorns will host Tahoka Thursday starting with the 7th grade at 5:00 - 8th grade to follow

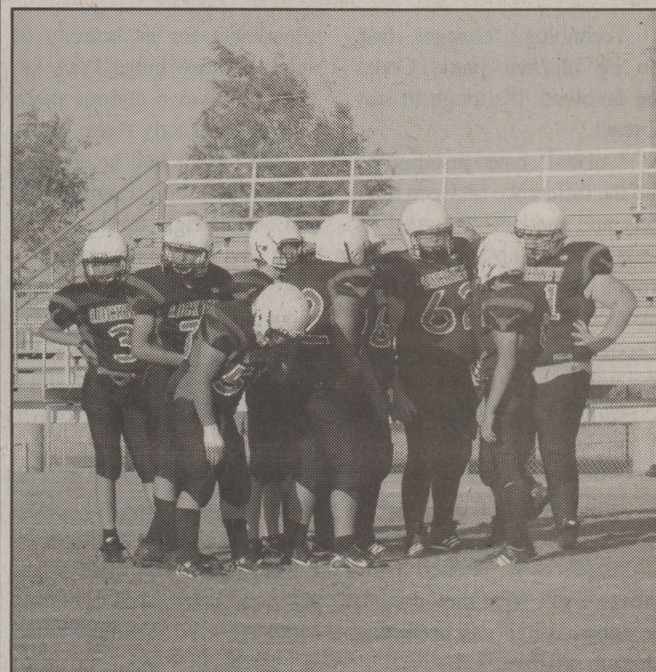


Photo Kat Wallace

After the cancellation of Lockney’s Varsity game, the Lockney JV was in the spotlight this week. The JV team suffered its third loss on Thursday Sept. 8th as they traveled to Dimmitt to take on the Bobcats. After fighting their way to a 0-0 tie in the first half the Longhorns were not able to find the end zone falling to the Bobcats by a score of 20-0. The team will look to rebound next week as they take on the Tahoka Bulldogs in Tahoka.

Foster Exhibits Reserve Grand Champion Chiangus Female; Elected AJCA President at 2011 AJCA NJHS

Platte City, MO – Segayle Foster, Lockney, Texas, exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Chiangus Female, BMS Xcellance 2CA, at the 2011 American Junior Chianina Association (AJCA) National Junior Heifer Show (NJHS) June 30, in Kansas City, Mo. The Nov. 4, 2010 daughter of FBF Turning Point 514T 1CA was also the Senior Heifer Calf Champion and Chiangus Class 4 winner.

Foster also exhibited the Chiangus Class 12 winners, BMS Xposed 2CA, a Jan. 19, 2010 daughter of FBF Turning Point 514T 1CA.

Foster also competed in various contests during the week and placed 4th in the senior livestock judging contest.

Foster was also re-elected to the AJCA Board of Directors and was elected the 2011-2012 AJCA President.

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Courtesy Photo

Segayle Foster, Lockney, Texas, exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Chiangus Female, BMS Xcellance 2CA, at the 2011 American Junior Chianina Association National Junior Heifer Show June 30, in Kansas City, Mo. Among those pictured with Foster are ACA National Queen Kelsey Rutt, Payton & Mike Stoppel, judge Dave Allan, Jody & Shawnda Foster, Joe Seale and Senee’ & SyAnn Foster.

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Spotlight: Sara Ashley



This week's spotlight shines on FISD teacher, Sara Ashley

By Sarah Jo Miller-Staff Writer

This year, Floydada brought in a few new staff members to our school district. One of them is Sara Ashley, who teaches Geometry and Pre-Cal. To better

inform you of this new face on campus, I interviewed her and here is what she had to say.

Sarah Jo: Why did you decide to come to Floydada?

Miss Ashley: Mainly, because I was looking for a job

and just graduated college. I also like small towns because I grew up in one.

Sarah Jo: What is your favorite thing about this school and community so far?

Miss Ashley: I really like the community and the huge amount of support the people have for each other.

Sarah Jo: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

Miss Ashley: I would live in Ireland because it is absolutely gorgeous and I have Irish heritage.

Sarah Jo: What is one thing on your bucket list?

Miss Ashley: I want to visit Egypt and see The Pyramids, The Nile, and The Ancient Ruins.

Sarah Jo: What is an unknown special talent?

Miss Ashley: I can sing.

Sarah Jo: What would be a must have in your classroom in order to have a productive day?

Miss Ashley: Me!

Photo by Jim Covington



The Floydada Whirlwinds would hit a snag in their season after a crushing 40-6 defeat at the hands of the Wellington Skyrockets last Friday. Throughout the whole night, the 'Winds fought to subdue the massive physical size of Wellington's players.

In the first half, Floydada's defense continued their struggles as a

strong running game and precise passing bulldozed Wellington into the end zone. By the end of the first half, the Skyrockets racked up 22 points and 240 yards of offense. Coach Seago commented at the half that arm tackling and small mistakes were behind Floydada defensive troubles.

In the second half, Floydada offense began moving the, after Wellington's defense consecrated on shutting down Floydada's offensive powerhouses, Rex Mathis and Jordan Woody, in the first half.

Critical plays by John Angel Yannis and the rest of the offense began to chip away at Wellington's defense in the second half. In the fourth, Floydada would finally get six, after fumble recovery by Xavier Cervera lead to a 50 yard run by Mathis that put the Wind's deep in Skyrocket territory. A few later, a six yard pass to Woody from Martinez, put the 'Winds on the board.

However, Wellington would pretty much stay consistence in the half, scoring another 18 points, making the final score to 40-6.

It's obvious that the 'Winds will need to improve their tackling skills if they're going to beat Post in their second away game in the season this Friday.



Courtesy Photo
CONSOLATION RUNNER-UP: As it has been said, good help is hard to find, but not in the generous community of Floydada. The following small businesses donated money to help buy baseball uniforms: Dr. William Dean DDS, J&E Irrigation, Crop Production Services (CPS), Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, and ACE Hardware. Each contribution made participating in the 11 and Under 2011 Western Fall Ball League possible. The team from three separate communities finished as Consolation Runner-Up with a final record of 6-7. We encourage each family to support your local businesses because they support us. Pictured (back row, l-r) Coach Thomas, Andrew Vega, Mark McGowen Ruben Marmolejo Theron Zuber (Idalou) and Coach McGowen; (front row left to right) Jason Edgar (Lubbock) Braden Fullerton (Lubbock) Jacob Thomas, Chris Emert, Jacob Chavarria and Coach Chavarria. Not

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Floydada Cross Country Teams Run at Lubbock Meet

By Coach Styles

Floydada Cross Country team ran at the Lubbock Micrographics Meet on Saturday at Mae Simmons Park. Bensebedo Perez led the Floydada Boys team by finishing 4th overall in the Boys Division II race. Emily Prisk led the Floydada Girls team by placing 28th in the Division II race. All results are below.

Boys

- Bensebedo Perez 18:34
- Adrian Gonzalez 20:33
- Tyler Renfro 21:08
- R.J. Gomez 21:38
- Josh Chavarria 22:01
- Ryan Chavarria 22:58

Matthew McGowen 23:48

Pedro Guerrero 27:50

Girls

- Emily Prisk 14:51
- Amelia Gonzalez 14:58
- Esmo Garza 15:57
- Aimee Chavarria 16:33
- McKenna Johnson 18:41
- Liz Morales 18:46

The cross country teams are improving every week. This week, all times were at least a minute faster than their last meet. Great job keep working hard.

We will be running in Plainview Saturday at Running Water Draw Park (Kidsville). We would love to see you there Saturday.

2011 FLOYDADA CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	MEET	LOCATION
Aug. 27 th	Olton (HS)	Olton Country Club
Sept. 3 rd	Open	
Sept. 10 th	Lubbock (HS, JH)	Mae Simmons Park
Sept. 17 th	Plainview (HS, JH)	Running Draw Park
Sept. 24 th	Lubbock (HS)	Mae Simmons Park
	Abernathy (JH)	Abernathy High School
Oct. 1 st	Sundown (HS, JH)	Sundown High School
Oct. 8 th	Abernathy (HS, JH)	Abernathy High School
Oct. 15 th	Spur (HS, JH)	Spur Football Field
Oct. 24 th	District (HS, JH)	Mae Simmons Park
Nov. 5 th	Regional (HS)	Mae Simmons Park
Nov. 12 th	State (HS)	Old Settlers Park, Round Rock

Varsity Boys and Girls: Mark Styles
Assistant: Randall Eddelman
JH Boys and Girls: Stacie Murphree

Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

- September 15:** JV Football VS Post Here, 6:00 pm
- 7th/8th Football VS Post There, 5:00/6:00 pm**
- September 16:** Varsity Football VS Post There, 7:30 pm - Pep Rally 12:10 pm
- September 17:** Cross Country at Plainview
- September 22:** District JV Football VS Spearman There, 6:00 pm
- District 7th/8th Football VS Spearman Here, 5:00/6:00 pm**
- September 23:** District Varsity Football VS Spearman Here, 7:30 pm
- All School Pep Rally, 2:45 pm**
- Lion's Club Pre-Game Supper**
- September 24:** Cross Country at Mae Simmons
- September 27:** Plainview HS College Day for seniors
- September 28:** Balfour Meeting for juniors and seniors during tutorials

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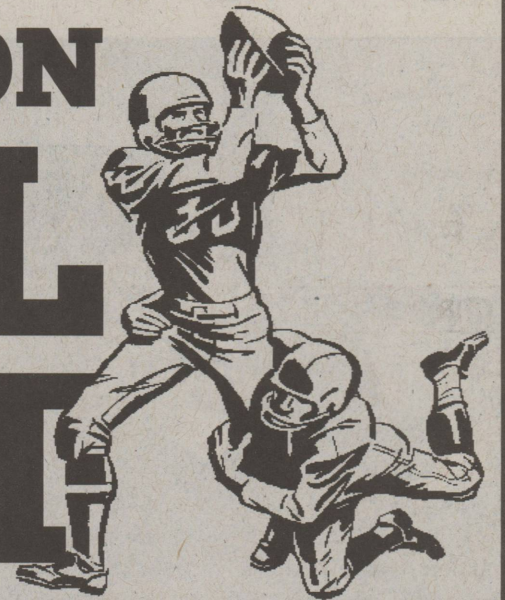
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Clark Pharmacy 11. Highland Park 12. Wheeler	First National Bank of Floydada MEMBER FDIC 13. New Deal 14. Seagraves	Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living 15. Nazareth 16. Smyer	Windmark Insurance (Clar Schacht) 17. Happy 18. Hart	Cornelius Oil Services 19. Canadian 20. Sanford-Fritch
Quality Body Shop 21. Texas Tech 22. New Mexico	Heart's Desire 23. Texas A&M 24. Idaho	Davis Lumber 25. Colorado 26. Colorado State	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada 27. Northwestern 28. Army	D&J Gin 29. Auburn 30. Clemson
Lockney Cooperatives 31. Washington 32. Nebraska	Payne Pharmacy 33. Kansas State 34. Kent State	Cogdell Clinics/ W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital 35. Oklahoma State 36. Tulsa	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Lockney 37. West Virginia 38. Maryland	Tastee Burger 39. Texas 40. UCLA
Hammond Sheet Metal 41. Cowboys 42. 49'ers	DeBruce Ag Services 43. Bears 44. Saints	Floydada Power and Light 45. Steelers 46. Seahawks	Main Street Pizza 47. Redskins 48. Cardinals	Assiter Insurance Agency/ Assiter Punkin' Ranch 49. Browns 50. Colts
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Official Entry Form Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada or Lockney no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries will not be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of ties, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at a Hesperian-Beacon office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one per person per week.

At the end of the 10-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first prize of \$100. Second place will be awarded \$75 and third will be \$50.

OPINION



The Paperboy

Keeping up with discovery

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Like so many young children, I fell in love with dinosaurs when I was a child. I was fascinated by them.

Back then, scientists did not know half of what they do now. A lot has changed since the 1970's.

In the grand scheme of things, humans have not had the tools to expand our knowledge like we do today. Supercomputers, space-based telescopes, atom smashers - the advances are mind-boggling.

When you think about exploration and everything it encompasses, science is night and day compared to 40 years ago. Heck, there was still plenty of land on this planet we were learning about then, not to mention our lack of knowledge concerning the oceans and space.

This week an exoplanet-hunting telescope from the European Southern Observatory has found more than 50 new alien planets — including one so-called “super-Earth,” which could potentially support life.

These exoplanet-hunting telescopes look for planets which could sustain life based on what we know about Earth's relationship to our sun. The exoplanet findings came from the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher instrument, or HARPS. It is actually much more complicated than that, but no need to get too technical.

The latest discovery of alien planets includes 16 which are potentially rocky worlds that are more massive than our planet. One in particular - called HD 85512 b - has

captured astronomers' attention because of the way it orbits its sun. It suggests the planet could be ripe to support life.

“The harvest of discoveries from HARPS has exceeded all expectations and includes an exceptionally rich population of super-Earths and Neptune-type planets hosted by stars very similar to our sun,” HARPS team leader Michel Mayor of the University of Geneva in Switzerland said in a statement. “And even better — the new results show that the pace of discovery is accelerating.”

The so-called super-Earth is estimated to be only 3.6 times more massive than Earth, and its parent star is located about 35 light-years away, making it relatively close. (A light-year is the speed light can travel in one year. Light travels at 186,000 mph a second).

HD 85512 b is located in a narrow region where the distance is thought to be just right for the existence of liquid water. And where there is water, there is life.

“This is the lowest-mass confirmed planet discovered by the radial velocity method that potentially lies in the habitable zone of its star, and the second low-mass planet discovered by HARPS inside the habitable zone,” said exoplanet habitability expert Lisa Kaltenegger, of the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Germany and Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Boston. In other words, it meets the conditions for life.

Further analysis of HD 85512 b and the other newfound planets will be able to determine more about the potential

existence of water on the surface.

“I think we're in for an incredibly exciting time,” Kaltenegger told reporters in a briefing. “We're not just going out there to discover new continents — we're actually going out there to discover brand new worlds.”

It's amazing to me how rapidly astronomers are discovering planets similar to Earth. Astronomers have used HARPS to observe 376 sun-like stars. By studying those stars, researchers have found that approximately 40 percent of stars similar to the sun host at least one planet that is less massive than the gas giant Saturn. Approximately 40 percent of sun-like stars have at least one low-mass planet orbiting around it.

Astronomers have previously discovered 564 confirmed alien planets, with roughly 1,200 additional candidate worlds under investigation.

As I mentioned before, the advances mankind is making are remarkable. And while the discovery of exoplanets is still new, we are now discovering several planets at a time. And the more we learn, the faster we search.

Take note of what's around you. Look at the tools you use and how they've changed your life. Computers, smart phones, 3-D television ... technology knows no bounds. I wonder what things will be like in 40 years?

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Perry's 'Ponzi Scheme' Diagnosis Is Accurate

By HOWARD RICH

Texas Gov. Rick Perry made waves during a recent Republican presidential debate when he referred to Social Security — one of the entitlement programs responsible for our nation's skyrocketing debt — as a “Ponzi scheme.”

“You cannot keep the status quo in place and call it anything other than a Ponzi scheme,” Perry said. “It is a Ponzi scheme to tell our kids that are 25 or 30 years old today, you're paying into a program that's going to be there. Anybody that's for the status quo with Social Security today is involved with a monstrous lie to our kids, and it's not right.”

Many in the Republican establishment — including several elected officials responsible for perpetuating this generational fraud — scolded Perry for his remarks. In fact, one former advisor to George W. Bush went so far as to call Perry's views on the subject “toxic.”

In defending itself against Perry's criticism, the Social Security Administration (SSA) released a statement acknowledging that the program “is and always has been either a ‘pay-as-you-go’ system or one that was partially advance-funded.”

Translation? New investors are required to pay off older investors — the very definition of a Ponzi scheme, or what the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission would call

“an investment fraud that involves the payment of purported returns to existing investors from funds contributed by new investors.”

Of course the SSA has a very literal defense against this analogy.

“The American Social Security system has been in continuous successful operation since 1935,” the agency's release noted. “Charles Ponzi's scheme lasted barely 200 days.”

Perhaps, but can a system that's careening toward insolvency really be called “successful?” Also Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme — which defrauded thousands of investors out of billions of dollars — went on for at least two decades before it was finally detected. Most importantly, Charles Ponzi didn't have politicians and bureaucrats working with him who could compel higher taxes, the printing of new money or the accumulation of trillions of dollars in debt. If he did, his scheme might still be fleecing unsuspecting “investors” just like our government is doing.

According to Michael D. Tanner — a senior fellow at the Cato Institute — Social Security taxes have been raised at least 40 times since the program's inception by a total of more than 800 percent (even after adjusting for inflation). Meanwhile, the ongoing decline in Social Security benefits is forcing millions of Americans to work longer than ever before. In fact, a new Ohio State study reveals that reductions in ben-

efits are responsible for anywhere between 25 to 50 percent of the recent spike in delayed retirements.

“Most experts think it is inevitable that there will be further reductions in Social Security benefits to keep the program financially balanced,” the study's author concluded. “Those changes may very well lead to even later retirements.”

Of course these “changes” will lead to later retirements — which further underscores Perry's point. The only way to “fix” Social Security is to compel additional sacrifices from new workers while simultaneously reducing the benefits they are entitled to receive when they retire. It's exactly what Ponzi and Madoff did — only the victims of this scam have no choice in the matter.

Social Security's unfunded future liability is a scarcely-fathomable \$20 trillion — and growing. Also expanding is the imbalance between those who are forced to pay into the scam and those who are taking money from it. In 1945, there were 42 workers per Social Security recipient. Today, there are only three — and that number is shrinking.

Rick Perry has correctly diagnosed Social Security as a Ponzi scheme. Now the only question is whether our political leaders will finally summon the courage to scrap this scam in favor of private accounts that will truly provide for the long-term welfare of our citizens.

When entitlements meet Big Government regulations

By REBEKAH RAST

America is a nation that invests heavily in its social welfare programs. One program in particular is growing so quickly that independent companies are catching on and now wanting a piece of the government-subsidized pie.

Food stamp benefits, also called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), have grown by leaps and bounds as high unemployment continues to plague the nation.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports that one in eight Americans was enrolled in the program as of February of this year. Anti-hunger group Food Research and Action Center was quoted in a Reuters article stating, “This is the highest share of the U.S. population on SNAP/food stamps.”

The cost of the program has skyrocketed as well. USDA records show food stamp benefits went from \$28.5 billion to \$64.7 billion from 2005 to 2010.

Since this is a program fully subsidized by the U.S. federal government, more companies including retailers and restaur-

rants want to be involved and reap the benefits as well.

The latest chain of restaurants lobbying for their share is Louisville-based Yum! Brands. Its restaurants include Taco Bell, KFC, Long John Silver's and Pizza Hut.

“It makes perfect sense to expand a program that's working well in California, Arizona and Michigan, enabling the homeless, elderly and disabled to purchase prepared meals with SNAP benefits in a restaurant environment,” Yum! spokesman Jonathan Blum told USA Today.

But some groups aren't so excited about fast food restaurant's bid to get involved.

USA Today quoted Kelly Brownell, director of Yale's Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity. She said, “It's preposterous that a company like Yum! Brands would even be considered for inclusion in a program meant for supplemental nutrition.”

What concerns her is fast food is not as healthy an option as a grocery store and allowing consumers to use food stamps at a fast-food restaurant might only propagate the obesity epidemic in America.

Ironically, First Lady Michelle Obama shared similar concerns about the obesity problem and continually encourages children and adults to eat healthier. In fact, her main issue so far while in the White House has been to reduce the obesity rate among children. Allowing food stamps to be used at fast food restaurants might very well disrupt her goal.

So will those who overwhelmingly support government handouts like food stamp benefits restrict their usage to conform to their own ideals? Even as food prices continue to rise and the cost to feed a family at a fast food joint makes more economic sense?

The road of entitlement has crossed the road of government regulation and the agenda of those who favor Big Government is stuck at the fork.

What a world we live in when the people who support doling out money for food programs to feed those in need have to then decide if participants in their program can purchase food from places that sell it at a more reasonable price. It's no wonder programs like this always turn into Big Government boondoggles.

Obama's Story of America

By BILL WILSON

For Barack Obama, economic prosperity for 14 million Americans seeking a job is just a matter of borrowing a few more dollars, and printing yet more money. And of course, paying your fair share — by Obama's rules.

It is Obama's “story of America,” where the only solution for government's unsustainable spending is to reach into your pocket, and the only way to grow the economy is to put it on the charge card.

Which is the same old story.

During the longest period of sustained high unemployment since the Great Depression, is now the time to raise taxes on job creators? And at a time when the nation is already steeped in a \$14.7 trillion debt that cannot be repaid, is another \$447 billion of “stimulus” the answer?

This is more of the same, and is precisely the recipe to turn the United States — into Europe, where merely funding government through more borrowing is tearing society to pieces. There, painful tax increases are thought to replace governments' tepid efforts to control spending, too.

Specifically, Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress called for raising taxes on capital. He claims the hike is at the behest of billionaire Warren Buffett.

Even if it is, when you want less of something you tax it. So, there will be less investment, further squeezing the balance sheets of businesses large and small. That in turn will increase the cost of doing business in America, resulting in yet more jobs being shipped overseas.

As for his plan to fork over hundreds of billions of dollars to balance state and local government budgets — again — that will only put off the day of reckoning yet again for politicians. How?

Obama is merely incentivizing profligate states like California and Illinois to resist spending cuts — and wait for a bailout. Kind of like Greece. . . Or Italy.

In principle, his call for an infrastructure bank could be worth looking at, but only if all such spending was specifically exempt from Davis-Bacon union wage guarantees, and is accompanied by off-setting spending reductions elsewhere in the bloated budget.

Otherwise, it will just be a payoff to Obama's Big Labor political allies in the midst of the worst sovereign debt crisis in history.

Obama has no plan to grow the economy. He only has a plan to grow the government — in the hopes that it will trickle into the real economy.

But he already tried that. The results are in.

While the debt grows at 10 percent, the economy only grows at 1 percent. After trillions of dollars of fiscal and monetary “stimulus,” unemployment remains above 9 percent.

Why will more of the same work now? We are already caught in a trap, which more spending — and raising taxes — will not lift us out of. Government is only taking money away from the private economy. From creating real jobs.

The money lent to the government — there are over \$2 trillion in treasuries sales every year — could be invested into equities of American companies. Instead, that capital is lent to the government to pay off the nation's creditors, and ever increasing health care spending, unemployment benefits, food stamps, and other social welfare.

Government has become a parasite that can only take from producers to sustain itself — harming production in the process. The only way the economy will grow again is to foster domestic production, not by starving it. Obama's few hat-tips in this direction will not achieve the goal. Business is not going to make long term decisions based on temporary relief.

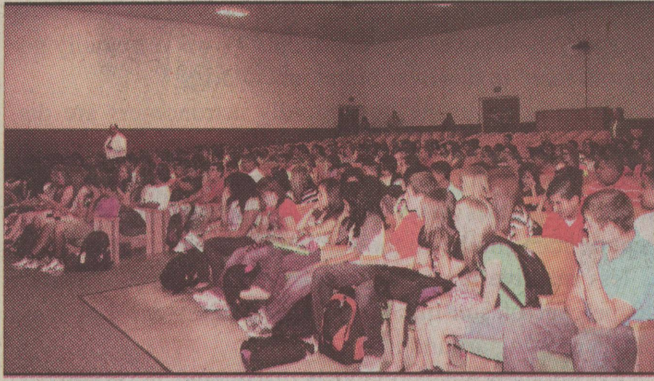
The one sure thing that would come from the Obama proposal is deeper debt and a nation — states, the unemployed, and an increasing number of zombie businesses — tethered tighter on the government leash.



Whirlwind News



New Changes to FISD



Photos by: Cynthia Smith & Emily Hall

The first day of school was a new experience for the junior high and high school students of Floydada ISD. For the first time ever, the high school block will be at capacity. (On the left) Students gather in the auditorium for Mr. Morren's "Welcome Back" speech. (On the right) New junior high portables added to the high school campus.

By Emily Hall
Staff Writer

Due to recent budget cuts in the state's funding, Floydada ISD made the decision to join its high school and junior high campuses. Beginning this school year, all students, grades seven through twelve, will be housed on the high school campus.

"This was the smartest thing to do because of the state's bud-

get being cut, so we came up with a way to make up the difference to avoid cutting staff," said Gilbert Trevino, Floydada ISD Superintendent.

At the end of April 2011, it was communicated to the junior high staff that they needed to pack up their belongings and be prepared to move to a new building for the 2011-2012 school year. During the summer, the janitorial staff, the

students who are employed by FISD, and some of the high school staff worked countless hours to ensure that the building would be ready for the upcoming school year.

"The building is very nice. The rooms are a lot bigger and it's a better environment to learn in," math teacher, Nancy Trevino said.

The junior high building consists of six portables

joined together. There are also nice, sizable walkways to and from the main high school building. Soon to be built is a fence around the campus.

"I like having all the junior high students at our building. All the kids make me feel 'empowered.' Now the buses don't take as long, and we get home faster," FHS senior Isaac Martinez said.

GPA? What's That?

By Homero Ramirez
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what in the world the acronym GPA meant? Well, GPA stands for Grade-Point Average, which is the grading scale for your classes. Your classes have one of three grading scales, which range from four to six points. Your four-point classes include Athletics, Band, and Home

Economics. Your five-point classes include your Mathematics, Science, English, and Social Studies courses along with your computer classes. Your six-point classes include Pre-Advanced Placement, Advanced Placement, and Dual Credit courses. So, what does this mean for high school students? It means, the higher your GPA is the better your

chances are to being accepted into a reputable university. All colleges in Texas accept the top ten percent of students in your class, except for the University of Texas, which accepts the top eight percent.

Attending any university could really cause a financial burden if you don't have outside help. Fortunately, scholarships provide financial help

that will enable you to attend college. Here are two great websites that offer scholarships. These websites are not guaranteed to give you a scholarship to college, but the sooner you apply for them, the greater your chances are to receive them. You can visit these great websites for more information www.aie.org or www.astweb.com

Opportunities beyond the High School Classroom

By Taylor Orr-Staff Writer

Many seniors graduate high school without thinking about the next step toward their future. There are many post-high school options for all graduating students. The most common option is to attend a four-year college after high school. An advantage in attending most four-year colleges is that they offer a wider variety of undergraduate degrees. Another advantage is there are more extracurricular activities such as fraternities, sororities, sports, etc., that allow for participation. In addition to advantages, many universities have a few disadvantages as well. One major

disadvantage when looking to attend a four-year university is the cost of tuition. The average cost for one semester at a distinguished college is approximately \$4,000.00. That can sometimes be a deterring factor for any student and his/her family. The number of students in a classroom setting can also be a disadvantage for many incoming freshmen. A class with an attendance of 200 or more students can be intimidating, especially if he/she comes from a high school graduating class of fifty students or less.

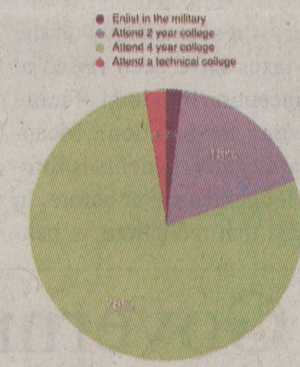
Some students may choose to attend a two-year college, also known as a Commu-

nity College or Junior College. Two-year schools offer smaller class sizes, which allow you to have more one-on-one help with your professor. Also, if students don't meet the entrance requirements for a four-year school, community colleges give them the chance to bring up their GPA so they might be allowed entrance into the four-year school of their choice. Some things that students might find negative about a two-year school are the limited courses and degree plans. Students also might have trouble transferring their courses from a two-year college to a four-year university.

Technical colleges are another option for students. These schools allow students to get a vocational degree in one specific field. This would be beneficial to students who know what they want to do and their job doesn't require four years of education. The final option that stu-

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Students have is enlisting in the military. If students join the military, they'll automatically get a monthly income, health care benefits, possible funds to use for a college education, living expenses, discounts on food, and countless other services.



Graph by: Taylor Orr

Staff's Corner



Floydada Newspaper Staff: Top (L-R) Advisor-Cynthia Smith, Staff Writers- Taylor Orr, Shani Ross, Sarah Jo Miller, Homero Ramirez. Bottom (L-R) Merritt Johnson, and Emily Hall.

By Cynthia Smith-Editor

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed." ~Theodore Roosevelt

I stumbled across this quote the other day as I was searching for something to attribute to this week's edition of the "Whirlwind News." After teaching for five years, it has become evident to me that the fear of failing is the one thing that most people have in common. This will be the first year that Floydada High School has offered a Journalism class to its students. I have to admit that I was a little afraid when the opportunity was presented to me to teach the class; "Who me? Teach a class how to write for the local newspaper? You've got to be joking, right?"

These were the questions that paralyzed my tongue from verbalizing them. Failure is an

action or state that I fear most and some may even say that it is because I'm a perfectionist.

As I began to contemplate the idea of asking for another assignment, I was reminded of the words my mother used to say to me whenever I felt like giving up. She would say, "Nothing beats a failure if he tries." Those seven words, small in size, but monstrous in meaning, have helped me achieve more things in life that I would've never imagined. These are definitely words to live by. With that being said, I'd like to add: I know that there are many obstacles that we will face daily, but just know that giving up is not an option. After all, the avoidance of failure is not what hinders us from being successful, but rather the initial non-attempt of success. Until next time...

Guess Who?

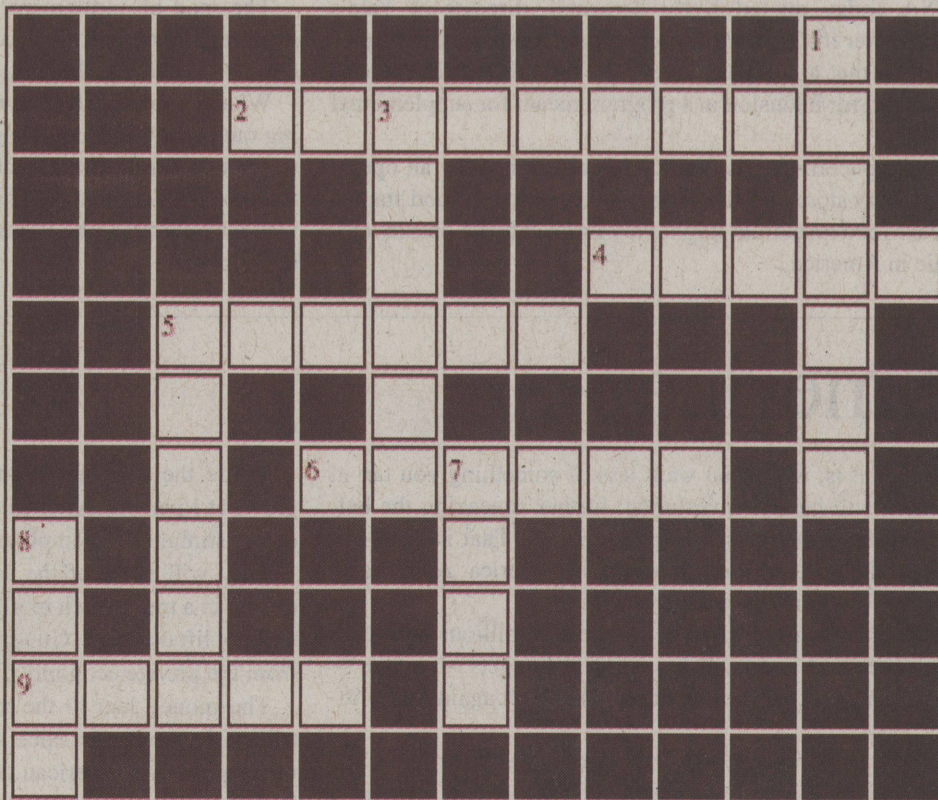
By Shani Ross

Across

- This teacher loves Italian food and spends his/her entire work-day on the computer.
- This employee's last name begins with "S" and he/she has a pet llama.
- A senior at FHS who plans to farm after college
- This teacher is new to FISD and attended Wayland Baptist University.
- This student's favorite hobby is eating and has a fish named Leroy.

Down

- This student wants to play baseball WT after high school.
- A junior who plays tennis and runs track
- This teacher's classroom houses the most pets in any room at FHS.
- This teacher's last name and his/her hobby are the same.
- This student is a junior who wants to be a programmer when he/she graduates.



*Hint- Use last names for teachers and first names for students

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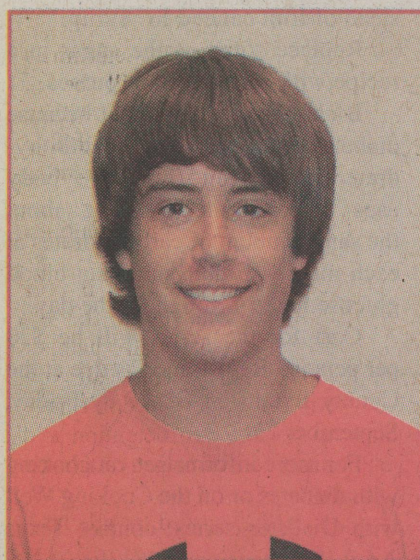
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Longhorn News



A Transition from High School to College



By Kameron Hunt
Correspondent

Every high school senior looks forward to the day they receive their diploma and throw their graduation hat in the air, as it signifies the beginning of a new start in life. For many recent high school graduates, the first stop on their road to their future career is college. I interviewed 2011 Lockney high school graduate and now Red Raider, Kami Hunt, to find out how much different college is than high school and what high school students today might need to know in order to better prepare for their future college experience.

Kameron: "How is college different from high school?"
Kami Hunt: "You are more independent, and you're re-

sponsible for yourself."

Kameron: "What do you miss about high school?"

Kami Hunt: "Being around people I know, and knowing how everything works."

Kameron: "What are some of the enjoyable things about attending college?"

Kami Hunt: "Being on your own and meeting people with similar interests."

Kameron: "What are some of the challenges of being a college student?"

Kami Hunt: "Living in a dorm with someone you're not familiar with."

Kameron: "What is your college major and what are your future career goals?"

Kami Hunt: "Studio art with an emphasis in photography. I want to become a professional photographer."

Kameron: "Now that you are in college, what advice would you have for current high school students wishing to attend college, to help them make the transition easier?"

Kami Hunt: "Be completely prepared, and if you're not sure of something ask someone who knows."



Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography

Falling in line with their N.E.W attitude, the Lockney Longhorns unveiled their new mascot during a recent pep rally; armed with a sleeker and more ferocious Longhorn, the Longhorn cheer team is now well equipped to cheer on the 'Horns to victory.

Transitioning from Lockney Portable High to Lockney High School



By Jasmine Pena-Correspondent

On January 11, 2009, Lockney High School was burned down in a tragic fire. For the remainder of the year, the students of Lockney High School attended classes in local churches. The portable buildings were brought in the following year, which is where the students of Lockney High School called

home for two years.

Going to school in the portable buildings was quite a challenge; in between classes, the students had to go outside no matter what the weather was like. They also had to carry around almost every single book, paper, binder, and folder in a backpack since there were no lockers. For two years, the students referred to Lockney High School as "The School Trailer Park High School".

The opening of the new Lockney High School building brought a great amount of joy to all of the students, especially for this year's seniors who were freshman when the school burned down. All of the students were finally able to attend school in an actual build-

ing, but what excited most of the students was the fact that they all had lockers. When asked what they thought about the new school, one freshman student said, "It is a great learning environment and it's an honor to be a part of a new beginning". One of the juniors said "I think that it's really nice and I am super grateful to be able to spend the day in a beautiful, air conditioned building instead of a trailer park where bugs fell from the ceiling. The lockers and bathrooms are awesome!"

In the new school there is a lot of new technology. They have received new computers, desks, projectors and interactive white boards. The theatre department was also very lucky to receive a new auditorium. There is a lot more room to move around now, than while in the portables. Behind the school there is a courtyard where the students can wait for the bell to ring. In the courtyard, there is a memo-

rial of the old high school built from the entry way bricks of the previous school that survived the fire.

When asked what they liked about the new school one of the teachers commented "what I like about the new school is my cool and unusual room. My favorite thing is my smart board. I also enjoy being in the same building with all of the students and teachers." Another high school teacher stated, "It is really great to be in the wonderful new building, I am very glad that I can experience this new school."

The transition from the portable buildings into the school was quite a transformation. All of the Lockney High School faculty and students will always be very grateful of their new building and they hope to have many fantastic years in our beautiful new school.

Life in High School as a freshman



By Kayla Jimenez-Correspondent

Since I've been in high school I've noticed things have changed. You have more demands and responsibilities placed on your time, as well as more goals to achieve.

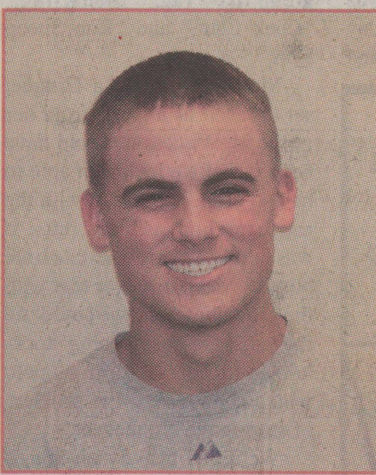
My fears of leaving junior high and entering high school were that I thought everybody was going to pick on the little freshman. I knew that once I got into high school everything was going to change, and it would be a different world from Junior High.

Some things that have surprised me about being in high school are the larger

amount of homework and shorter due dates to get it completed in. I have more options than did I junior high such as having an opportunity to play on the high school softball team, work on the yearbook, in addition to traveling and competing in the band.

I enjoy our brand new school and I also enjoy having longer lunches, and going to the football games with the band. Although high school is a little harder than junior high, I have discovered that if you stay on task and what you need to do, it's not so bad. I am looking forward to my time here at Lockney High School.

Teacher Spotlight: Principal Todd Hallmark



By Jake Bramlet
Correspondent

Teachers and administrators are fundamental to the learning experience of students at Lockney ISD. To begin our teacher spotlight, we have talked to high school Principal Todd

Hallmark.

Mr. Hallmark grew up in Lockney, Texas and is a 1988 graduate of Lockney High School. He has worked in education for 17 years serving in different capacities of the school district. Mr. Hallmark began as a 6th grade science teacher as well as a junior high coach. While coaching, Mr. Hallmark had an opportunity to coach football, basketball and track. Mr. Hallmark began in administration as a junior high Principal where he served for 3 years, before taking on his current role as High School Principal.

Mr. Hallmark said one of the biggest challenges of his current job as Principal is making sure the teachers and students have the resources they need to be successful in whatever they do. He stated that he enjoys working with the students and teachers to help them achieve their full potential. His most memorable moment in education was moving into the new high school and knowing that despite the challenges, we made it through the hard times.

Outside of school, Mr. Hallmark enjoys fly fishing in Colorado and spending time with his family. Mr. Hallmark's wife Shana is a 1990 Lockney graduate and

currently the high school counselor. Mr. Hallmark also has a daughter Kennedy which is a freshman at Lockney High School and a son Bryson who is currently in 5th grade at Lockney elementary.

Mr. Hallmark said he enjoys the small town atmosphere of Lockney where everyone helps each other out. When asked if there was anything that people may not know about him, Mr. Hallmark replied, "Growing up in Lockney, there isn't anything that everyone already knows". The student body of Lockney ISD would like to thank you Mr. Hallmark, for your service to our school and community.

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Tuesday
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Lunch-Sloppy joes, pickle spears, corn coblette, fresh apple, multigrain chips, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast-Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk

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Breakfast-English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, seasoned corn, apricot cobbler, milk

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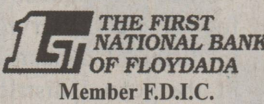
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FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Floydada will conduct a final public hearing on its 2009 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, on September 20, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the City Hall, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada, Texas. Topics to be discussed are completion of water improvements and expenditure of grant and local funds.

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



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Cooking Well With Diabetes Classes Set

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS
Floyd County

For people with diabetes, maintaining healthy blood glucose levels is a matter of life and death. One way for people to better control their glucose levels is to eat healthful meals and snacks at regular times each day.

To help local residents learn how to plan and prepare meals that can be enjoyed by people with and without diabetes, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is planning a four-part series of cooking classes called Cooking Well With Diabetes. The classes will be held from 5:45 - 8:00 October 3, 10, 17 and 24 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Meeting Room at 110 S. Wall in Floydada.

The series will include cooking demonstrations as well as discussions of research findings on diabetes. For instance, recent research has shown that people with diabetes can enjoy a wide range of foods - including sugars - in moderation.

Years ago, the term "sugar diabe-

tes" was in common usage because it was thought that eating too much sugar caused diabetes. In those days, people with diabetes were advised to avoid sugar all together.

Those days are gone, said Mary K. Bielamowicz, an Extension nutrition specialist. Research has shown that moderate consumption of sugars and fats can still be part of a healthful diet for people with diabetes, as long as they keep their blood glucose at healthy levels.

Carbohydrates are found in grains, pasta, cereals, dairy products and vegetables particularly starchy vegetables such as beans, corn, peas, potatoes and winter squash.

Protein foods such as meat, fish and poultry do not contain carbohydrates, unless other ingredients such as breading are added to those dishes.

Many carbohydrate foods also contain fiber, which can help reduce blood cholesterol and blood glucose levels. Carbohydrate foods that contain high levels of dietary fiber include whole grains, fruits and veg-

etables.

Because the body quickly absorbs the glucose from sugary and high-starch foods, eating large amounts of them can cause blood sugar levels to skyrocket. People with diabetes should consume some starchy or sugary foods including breads, potatoes, desserts and fruit juices only in moderation, experts say. Instead of abstaining from sugars and starches altogether, they should consume a balance of different kinds of carbohydrates, such as more whole grains, nonstarchy vegetables and whole fruits, and less starchy and sugary foods.

One way to keep a check on the amount of sugars in the foods you buy and eat is to read the nutrition label on food packages carefully. Sugar is sometimes listed as sucrose, glucose, fructose, high fructose corn syrup, honey, oactose, maltose, dextrose and sugar alcohols such as sorbitol or mannitol.

Another way to reduce your sugar intake is to modify your recipes, Bielamowicz said. For example:

When baking, reduce the amount of sugar by one-quarter to one-third.

In cookies, bars or cakes, replace one-quarter of the sugar with nonfat dry milk. This cuts calories while increasing the calcium and protein in the finished product.

Add extra flavorings or spices. Use unsweetened frozen fruit juice or canned in its own juice instead of fruit canned in syrup.

Replace some of the sugar in a recipe with fruit juices or purees.

Bielamowicz added that because diabetes is a problem of carbohydrate metabolism (how the body uses carbohydrates), eating about the same amount of carbohydrates at each meal will help maintain blood glucose levels throughout the day.

Cost for the series will be \$20 per person. Registration is due at the County Extension Office by Friday, September 23.

For more information on cooking with diabetes or on the Cooking Well with Diabetes series, contact Texas AgriLife Extension at 983-4912.

From the Archives

From the Floyd County Hesperian and Lockney Beacon
June 3, 1973

FLOYDADA IN THE TWENTIES...GAMES
By Arthur E. Gamble

As a little boy in Floydada during the 20's there was little in the way of commercial entertainment available for us. There were the Saturday movies with the "Perils of Pauline" drawing us back to see how she got away from the alligators, elephant stampede, or whatever peril she had been left in the previous week.

Our heroes were Ken Maynard, Hoot Gibson (who reputedly once worked on the Matador Ranch), Tom Mix, Harry Carey, Tom Tyler and assorted western heroes who could be counted on to kiss their horse, ignore the maiden they had just rescued in true hero style, and ride off into the sunset for another day and another adventure.

So most of our entertainment was home grown. For playing by ourselves, my brother and I constructed a wondrous "Bottle Horse Ranch" out in the peach orchard. I remember that we used 6-ounce medicine bottles for our riding horses, round bottles for cows and square bottles for bulls. Back then all kids knew the difference between bulls, cows, and steers without having to take a course in agri-

culture at school.

Twine and stocks made fences, handfuls of grass became hay and with our imagination, we played make-believe ranching for hours on end. Later as I developed a desire to be a Civil engineer, we included canals, barges, and lakes.

Really, there were home games, school games, Scout games, and party games. Each had their place in life and seldom was one played over in the field of the other.

At school, marbles was quite a game. Sometimes you had a taw line, marbles were placed in a circle and you tried to knock marbles outside the line with your taw. Taws were usually "aggies" or agates as we would call them today. Sometimes someone would run in a "steely" which was a steel ball bearing that could split a "glassy" in one shot if it hit properly. Of course there were peewee's which were baked bits of clay and extremely cheap. To play for "keeps" was frowned on as a form of gambling—but it was done by some of the racier boys.

My favorite marble game was played by digging four holes about two or three feet apart in the shape of a square with a fifth hole in the center like the five on a domino. It was a game of skill and some of us became quite adept at it.

Tops were also approved for school—but the use of loaded ones was frowned on. Some kids could do all sorts of tricks with tops and the merits of the sharp point vs. the round tip could be argued endlessly.

Girls played "Jacks" and sometimes, boys would join a game if there weren't too many of their peers around. My cousin, Polly Cardinal, still claims to be the "World's Champion Jacks Player and having been beaten by her, I am willing to concede.

Cowboys and Indians was based largely on our Saturday movies. We had rubber band

guns made from wood with clothespin triggers. Getting the "drop" on your opponent was the thing to do and when shot, you had to fall artistically. Back then all we knew that the sign of a "gun slinger" wasn't the tied down holsters—because all cowboys wore those. It was the tanned right hand. All legitimate cowhands were vain about two things—their soft white hands and their feet encased in the best of boots they could afford. In order to be ready for action at all times, the gunslinger would not wear a glove on his shooting hand—so the tanned hand was a giveaway.

If a house could be found without fences attached thereto, a good game of "Annie Over" was in order. Usually a tennis ball was used to throw over the house and must be caught before it hit the ground. Protocol demanded that you call "Annie Over" as a warning, then throw the ball. If caught, those on the other side could come around from either direction, and if they could hit a member of the other team with the ball, then he came over to their side. The game continued until all the kids were on one side or the folks in the house came out and said "You kids stop that noise. It sounds like the inside of a bass drum in the house." Usually the latter happened before the first.

On picnics, games were played like "Red Rover, Red Rover," "Drop the Handkerchief" (sissy except at the birthday parties where you were on your best behavior), "Three Deep," "Mulberry Bush" and "London Bridge."

Indoor parties had their own games like "Clap In, Clap Out," "Post Office," "Fruit Basket," "Musical Chairs," "Hull Gull," and Button, Button, Who's Got the Button."

At Scouts, Active games were favored for the all male group like "Tag," "Skunk Tag," "Cock fight," and "Run Sheep Run."

Mother once got a Croquet set to teach us a game from her girlhood. I guess it would have been OK if we had been able to have a proper court but with the rough ground, pebbles, etc., it was hardly a game to excite little boys. We did discover that with the grownups gone we could use the balls and mallets plug stock-horses to play a form of polo which soon solved the problem of storing the croquet set.

We relied heavily on imagination and recently I was startled to see some little neighbor girls playing with a stagecoach they had build with a wagon, some sticks and sheets. Later

I even saw them playing "dress up," and again, operating a lemonade stand.

So I am thankful to know that all originality and imagination is not gone from our children. These qualities were there to help us through those dark depression days and it is good to know they are still around in the youngest generation.

FLOYDADA IN THE 20'S...INCOME
By Arthur E. Gamble

I suppose there were some boys who had "allowances" during the twenties in Floydada—but I had never heard of that "right" until we moved to Lubbock. By then the habit of earning my own money was too ingrained to change. Besides that, Dad didn't encourage the change.

However, there were ways to earn money—even for small boys. I remember one time that one of the poultry dealers (I seem to remember it being Mr. Angus) set up a turkey dressing plant in the back of his cream and egg store where the turkeys were "New York Dressed". This meant they were hung up, their throats cut, drained and the feathers removed. Then they were chilled and shipped to market. As I remember it those who plucked the feathers received about 15 cents per bird. I never did try this but I do recall an uncle dragging a cousin from the place with him protesting that if he would let him alone he could earn 45 cents that day.

Of course, we had tried the lemonade stand—by we, I mean my brother who was four years younger and was my partner in most enterprises. I believe the minister was the only one who actually bought a glass of lemonade from us and paid in cash. I shall always have a warm spot in my heart for him. As time went on, we accumulated enough money to buy a case of "Nehi" soda pop which we cooled in the ice box and sold through our little stand. Incidentally, "Nehi" was to distinguish the big bottle from the smaller 6-ounce cola bottles and usually was shown alongside a beautiful girl with shapely legs—and wonder of wonders, the bottle came to her knees. (She must have been a midget.)

The picking of the flavors for our whole case was a matter of much discussion between the "pardners". I think that the memory of the patient bottler enabled my brother to have so much patience with little kids buying candy when we ran a grocery store for a short time years later.

Since we kept a cow and I had to milk her, my fringe benefit was to be allowed to sell the tow sacks back to Mr. Boothe, the feed and coal dealer. You soon learned how to gauge the sale of sacks because if you let the accumulate into enough to

amount to real money—say over a dollar there might be an inclination to let them be traded in on the fee bill. Cotton seed hulls came in big loosely woven sacks where as cottonseed meal and bran came in smaller, tightly woven sacks. If you let a sack get wet, it would either rot or get stiff either of which would destroy the value at the feed mill.

To this day I hate to get a feed sack wet. We usually loaded the sacks on our little red wagon and hauled them the half mile to the elevator. We felt that the money was well earned just from the trouble.

Cotton pulling was an important part of the year for Floydada—so important that some years school let out so the kids could help in the fields. Some years, school would let out half days—other times for perhaps a week. At any rate, many of us went to the fields after school and on Saturdays. I had a vision of making good money but I am afraid I stayed in the lower echelon of cotton pullers. We never picked cotton—we pulled burr and all from the stalk. I have pulled bolls for a little as 35 cents per hundred—usually got 75 cents—and figured that if the price ever got to \$1.25 per hundred I would get rich.

I have worked in the field with men who could pull 1,100 lbs. Per day and have heard of men who could pull a bale a day. From my limited experience, I can say that anyone who can pull 2,000 lbs. Of seed cotton is really a hustler and with more stamina that I ever expect to have.

Through an accident, my brother and I stumbled on a real source of income—the distribution of circulars over Floydada. We "pardners" were very conscientious about reaching every house in town and soon work got around so we had practically a monopoly in Floydada. We did some of the same work in Lubbock and Slaton and came to know every mean dog in those towns. I still hate one brindle dog who never even snarled or raised his hackles but just started in biting.

I once filled in for a friend in delivering the Amarillo Daily News but with the early hours, gripes from customers, etc., I decided quite early there were easier ways of making money—like tow sacks, cotton and pop bottles—so I never went for a paper route on a permanent basis.

I guess these low paying odd jobs prepared me for the depression at 25 cents per hour. In those days a penny meant something and I don't think earning my money hurt me one bit. To us, this wasn't hardship but opportunity—of such experiences are attitudes made.

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mented Barnett. September is Leukodystrophy Awareness month and support for the young family has been amazing. Navy blue ribbons can be found all over town as the community rallies around Caysen, "Floydada; that community has just been amazing. I haven't lived there in ten years, and that community has pulled together, raised money, supporting the blue, calling me wanting to come by and see Caysen, sending cards in the mail constantly; Floydada has rocked, just been an amazing support system," described Amanda.

Still, an even stronger support system for the family has been Caysen and Amanda's family who has been a backbone for the two. "I think when something like this happens, it brings your family so together and so close," added Miss Barnett. Along with their faith and prayers, Caysen and Amanda's family has been a rock; with the help of her mother, Cathy Ferguson, her sister Kalli, her Mema, her father Lanny Barnett, Connie Barnett, and many others, Amanda has had plenty of support.

Shortly after finding out that Caysen was diagnosed with MLD, Amanda's mother, Cathy Ferguson received her home health license, so she could care for Caysen while Amanda worked to support the family; "if it wasn't for her I couldn't do this," commented Barnett. Throughout the day, Caysen can be found hanging out with his grandmother at her flower shop in Floydada.

When she has the opportunity, Amanda also gives motivational speeches on behalf of Leukodystrophy; sharing her and her son's inspiring story of faith and love.

Currently, doctors are continuing their research of Leukodystrophy, and support groups and awareness has continued to benefit the lives of those suffering through these ordeals. Connections and friends made through Leukodystrophy support groups have greatly helped this family as they cope with MLD.

A love fund has been created under Caysen, where money will go to the support of Leukodystrophy Awareness and their MLD support groups; the fund is located at American State Bank.

1950 Study Club News

By Margaret Jones

The 1950 Study Club met for the first meeting of the 2011-2012 club year in the Floyd County Library on Tuesday, September 6th at 4 p.m.

President Sandy Forehand called the meeting to order and voiced a prayer to pen the meeting.

Delicious refreshments of Key-lime pie, fresh grapes, nuts and drink of choice were served by hostesses, Lovene Moore and Martha Lotspeich.

Lee Battey was recognized as a new member.

Roll call was answered with the question....HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER? Various answers included.... Trips with family and friends, reunions, weddings, and attempts to stay cool in the extremely hot weather.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Geneile Evans and approved as read.

The Treasurers report was given by Fern Hartsell.

A discussion was held concerning the fundraiser and various projects for the year. A committee was appointed to bring suggestions to members at the October meeting.

Program chairman, Lovene Moore, passed out yearbooks and gave an overview of dates, places and programs for the year.

The next meeting on Tuesday, October 4 will be held in the Parlor of the First Baptist Church with a Book-Review to be given by Sarah Sanders. Each member is asked to bring a guest to the meeting.

Members presents were Betty Baker, Lee Battey, Carolyn Cheek, Carlyn Crawford, Geneile Evans, Gloria Fannon, Sandy Forehand, Fern Hartsell, Margaret Jones, Nancy Lawson, Martha Lotspeich, Doris McLain, Lovene Moore, Sue Moore and Mary Quattlebaum.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Renee Armstrong

As I write this article on September 11th I can help but remember what happened 10 years ago. As a child we would ask our parents or grandparents where the were when President Kennedy was shot, or when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and never in my wildest dream did I think maybe my grandkids or great-grand kids could ever ask me that same kind of questions. Thank you to all that have served in our Armed Forces, Police and Fire-Fighters. Thank you for keeping our city, state and country safe.

Remember the Fundraiser Luncheon Sunday afternoon, September 25th. We will begin serving at 11:45 a.m. and will serve till 2 p.m. or until the food runs out. The cost is \$5.00 per plate. We will have

brisket, sausage and chicken, beans, potato salad and coleslaw and dessert. Please come and join us for lunch.

Thanks again to Caprock Cattle Feeders for donating the brisket.

Ladies I need help with dessert. If you would like to donate a dessert, please call me at the Center or just bring it by the Center Sunday morning.

I have asked the FFA Chapter Student Council and NHS members from LHS to help serve.

- MENU**
September 19-23
Monday: Chicken and Dumplings
Tuesday: Meat Loaf
Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday: Hamburger Steak
Friday: Fish

Lockney School Board passes budget for 2011-2012

By Homer Marquez

In their first meeting of the school year, Lockney School Board members recently convened to discuss a number of agenda items, including the approval of the 2011-2012 tax rate and budget.

As usual, the board started off the meeting by unanimously approving the payment of this month's bills and accepting the financial report. For the month of August, the bank balance for the district came in at \$2,678,916; total revenue from investments for the month would come in at around \$374. The district also reported that they had collected 105 percent of their taxes for the month of July totaling \$3,430.

Following the financial report, the board gave the floor to Curriculum Director, Marva Rasco who gave the trustees a run down of the accountability ratings that were recently released by the Texas Education Agency. As reported in the Hesperia-Beacon late last July, the overall school district in Lockney was rated Academically Acceptable by the Agency. However new criteria and standards in this year's evaluation lead to a massive drop in ratings for school across the state. Mrs. Rasco explained to the board, new measures like the elimination of the Texas Projection Measure (TPM), the addition of five new account-

ability measures, the increase of needed passing percentage for math and science, and the inclusion of the TAKS-Modified and TAKS-Alternate test results taken by Special Education students had lead to the large number of rating drops for school districts in Texas. Over 560 schools across the state were deemed Academically Unacceptable this year, compared to the 104 districts in 2010. Although the Lockney school district did not drop as a whole to a lower rating, individual campuses were affected by the new rating criteria. 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.

In the article that ran previously, Curriculum Director Marva Rasco added, "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."

Breaking down the numbers even further, Mrs. Rasco explained that 86 percent of all students had met requirement standards for the TAKS in reading, while 80 percent of all students passed writing, 96 percent passed social studies, 80 percent passed math, and 79 passed science. Mrs. Rasco presented trustees with a packet that broke down data numbers even more and added she would happy to answer any further questions on the data.

Following Mrs. Rasco's report, the board met with the architect, Steve Afill who informed the board that construction crews were completing the final punch list for the new high school. The board would also approve fuel bids for the 2011-2012 budget; Raceway Fuel Company will be providing gasoline for the school at eight cents above the daily rack price per gallon, while Lockney's Co-op will provide diesel at .04 cents above daily rack price per gallon.

Next on the agenda, the board would unanimously approve the district's budget for the upcoming year. With state education funding cuts devastating many school this year, a proactive approach to the upcoming cuts helped the

Lockney school district avoid drastic measures to balance budget. With strategies like the Incentive Exit Program and not replacing some already exiting teachers, the district was able to create a surplus budget for the upcoming year.

In a nutshell, projected expenditures for the coming year will total \$5,644,439; with salaries costing \$4,278,060, textbooks costing \$58,117, maintenance, operations, and instruction expected to cost \$1,116,862, and Cafeteria supplies costing \$191,400.

Projected revenues include state funding which are estimated at \$3,919,350, \$58,117 for textbooks, \$1,197,300 coming in from local funds, \$306,568 coming in from federal funding, and \$191,400 for cafeteria supplies, adding up to a total of \$5,672,735 in revenue; leaving a \$28,296 surplus.

The board would also approve the 2011-2012 Tax Rate after holding a public hearing; the tax rate would stay at \$1.14.

During the administrative reports, Elementary Principal, Mrs. Williams reported an enrollment of 246 students in the elementary this year; Mr. Setliff reported 117 Junior High students enrolled this year; and Mr. Hallmark reported 160 students were enrolled in high school.

USDA Outlines SURE Eligibility Requirements for 2011 and 2012 Crops

(Floydada, Texas), September 7, 2011 -Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley, announced that legislative authority for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program ends on September 30, 2011. Producers must meet specific eligibility requirements to receive SURE assistance for disasters that occur on or

before September 30, 2011, and affect fall 2011 and 2012 crops.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster," said Bradley.

Producers can apply for a 2011 or 2012 SURE payment if a crop of economic significance located in a primary or contiguous disaster county under a

Secretarial Disaster Designation suffered at least a 10 percent loss because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011.

Crops are not required to be harvested on or before September 30, 2011, to maintain SURE eligibility. A loss claim will only trigger after FSA determines that the loss was because of disaster

See SURE on page 12

JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF FLOYD §

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DATED the 1st day of September, 2011, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 1st day of September, 2011, seized, levied upon, and will on October 4, 2011, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Floydada, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Floyd County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V__/P__) or document number of the Deed Records, Floyd County, Texas. The approximately property address reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

CAUSE NO. STYLING, DEFENDANTS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

5541TS
Lockney Independent School District v. Manuel Rendon, Jr. and Maria Rendon a/k/a Maria Guadalupe Rendon

ACCOUNT NUMBER: R000006284;
 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Block J, J.D. Burleson Survey

ACCOUNT NUMBER: R000003452
 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Lot 20, Block 2, Tuttle Addition to the Town of Lockney.

5749TS
Floyd County Appraisal District v. Ty Williams, Nikolyn Williams, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Lienholder (In Rem Only)

ACCOUNT NUMBER: R000006692
 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: 2.900 acres, more or less, out of the Northeast ¼ of the TT Ry Co Survey #90, Block D-2

5761TS
Floyd County Appraisal District v. Jorge Bernal

ACCOUNT NUMBER: R000003224
 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block 2, Moore 2nd Addition, City of Lockney

ACCOUNT NUMBER: R000002611
 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Lot 2, Block 2, Original Townsite of the Town of Lockney.

DATED the 1st day of September, 2011, at Floydada, Texas

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FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones
(September 9 article)

My...how very nice the COOLER weather has been. The welcoming showers we received Saturday evening and then again Sunday morning were a blessing indeed. When my windshield was covered in raindrops and I turned on my wipers, I was surprised to now they still worked properly. The fresh smell of rain is a fragrance beyond compare.

Wayland and Margaret Jones attended the Watermelon Festival in Plains this past Saturday. Thousands of people crowd into that small town each year to renew old friendships, rummage through the Vendors to see what new and unique handmade items are for sale, eat foot-long corn dogs or burritos, drink hand-squeezed lemonade and finish off with slices of delicious home-grown watermelon.

This special event is held the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend each year. The highlight for the Jones' was to hear their granddaughters, Haley and Kourtney Jones, from McKinney, Texas, as they sang songs and participated in the many difference styles of Musical Entertainment which started at 8 a.m. and continued until 6 p.m.

Margaret Word is home from Heritage Oaks where she has been receiving therapy. Her son, Greg and wife, Mona were here for a few days getting her settled. We are thankful that Margaret is back in Floydada and

we look forward to seeing her smiling face and visiting with her at the Center soon.

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family of Herman Graham. Herman fought a long battle with cancer and other health problems, but was never one to complain. He loved to visit and be involved in any part of the community. His presence will be missed.

Linda Crader is home and doing well after knee surgery. This week she is receiving therapy at home and plans to start therapy at Lockney next week. We hope to see Linda out and about real soon.

Boone Adams continue to improve after his long bought in the Lockney Care Center and hopes to be coming home soon. We miss Boone and his cheerfulness at the Center.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for flu shots on September 23 from 9:00 until Noon. Bring your Medicare card and be prepared to get your shots so you can stay well when flu season starts.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume and their children, Charles, Kelli, Harrison and Kate Childre of Lubbock spent the Labor Day Weekend in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. They were able to enjoy cool weather and drizzling rain most of the time.

The first morning there was a mother elk and her baby just outside the bedroom window. They took bird feed for the birds and had a hummingbird feeder as well and they

truly enjoyed watching all the birds. There were also deer grazing just outside the kitchen window. There was a fish pond near by where Harrison and Kate enjoyed feeding the fish. They drove over to Pine Springs Church Camp where Kelli and the children attend each summer.

Memorials:
In memory of Donna Henderson – Shorty Turner

In memory of Herman Graham – Shorty Turner, Ruth Hammonds, Betty Baker, Danny and Laura Nutt

In memory of Leroy Burns – James Hale and Family, Mary Fewell

In memory of Kenneth Bain – Herman Graham

In memory of Mary Fewell – Jerry and Darlene Soloman

In memory of Honek R. Cypert – Geraldine Callaway, Florence Jackson, Nancy Lawson

In memory of Wanda Hickerson – Herman Graham

By Margaret Jones
(September 12 article)

Football season is in full swing and in all the small towns around you can see those FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS. The weather has cooled and the nights are perfect for this sporting event.

Hopefully you are out and about and enjoying watching the young people in our community participate in becoming our Leaders-of-tomorrow.

Come out to the Center and join us for good food, fun and fellowship Monday – Friday.

Remember....There is Bingo at the Center this Friday night, September 16 from 2:30 until 4 p.m.

Visiting Cob Gilly for a long weekend were his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Steve and Cathy Steger from Kennedy, Texas.

Amy Ferguson, daughter of Wayland and Margaret Jones came for the weekend. Amy and Margaret attended the Beth Moore "Living Proof" live simulcast at the Spirit Arena, in Lubbock on Saturday.

Remember...Come to the Center from 9 a.m. – Noon on September 23 for your flu shot. If this date is not convenient, there will be another clinic to be announced at a later date.

Memorials:
In memory of Bob Allredge – Wayland and Margaret Jones

In memory of Herman Graham – Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hardy and Wayland and Margaret Jones

In memory of Donna Henderson – Mr. and Mrs. Don Hardy, Wayland and Margaret Jones

High Plains Water District Water Regulation Meeting

By Mark Carroll CEA-AG
Floyd County

CROSBYTON – The Texas Agrilife Extension Service in Crosby County will host an informational meeting for all producers and landowners to learn the new rules from the High Plains Underground Water District for irrigation. The HPWD adopted rules in July of 2011 that will require meters for wells and limit the amount of water pumped per acre for irrigation, beginning January 1, 2012.

Jim Conkwright, HPWD Manager, will deliver the program and answer all questions from the audience.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Floyd County Extension Office and producers from all counties are welcome to attend. County Extension Agents for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Crosby and Floyd Counties want to insure producers and landowners understand these rules and have an opportunity to ask questions directly to the HPWD.

Those involved in irrigated agriculture should make plans to attend, as these rules will be enforced by the HPWD through fines and other penalties.

The meeting will take place September 22nd from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. at The Smith House at 302 Aspen Street in Crosbyton. A chicken fried steak lunch will be served and registration is \$10. Please RSVP to the Crosby County Extension Office 806-675-2347 to help in the planning of meals.

Football Contest Standings

	THIS WEEK	OVERALL
Matt Williams	21/28	46/58
Coy LaBaume	22/28	43/58
Franklin Harris	19/28	41/58
Sammy Bradley	19/28	41/58
Jared Lambert	19/28	41/58
Keith Marricle	20/28	41/58
Max Yeary	20/28	41/58
Jack Covington	21/28	40/58
Chris Fulton	20/28	40/58
Pam Fulton	18/28	39/58
Dale Minner	18/28	39/58
Ricky Ascencio	19/28	39/58
Imelda Resendiz	19/28	39/58
Lanny Barnett	19/28	39/58
Johnny Dormon	21/28	39/58
Jane Pruitt	19/28	38/58
Diane Ramon	19/28	38/58
Martin Ramirez	18/28	38/58
Lance McHam	15/28	36/58
Nicholas Castro	20/28	36/58
Rachel Ramirez	18/28	37/58
Boyd Lee	13/28	32/58
Paul Lopez	15/28	31/58
Steve Stringer	15/28	30/58

** Note: Games between Lockney and Arbor and Lubbock High and Frenship were not counted in the scores this week. The game between Lockney and Arbor was cancelled and Lubbock High and Frenship was listed incorrectly...they did not play each other. The grading was based on 28 games this week.

'Wildlife and Wildfire: Arising from the Ashes' to be held at Matador Ranch

The program "Wildlife and Wildfire – Arising from the Ashes" will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, September 21 on the Matador Ranch located a half-mile south of Matador on Texas Highway 70. The ranch's entrance is on the west side of the road.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered to those with a private applicator's license. Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agent in Motley County, said the field day's purpose is to explore ways to survive a devastating fire coupled with prolonged drought.

"The 2011 fire season has been unprecedented in its scope and as such has impacted several million acres of wildlife habitat," he said. "The Matador Ranch is a prime example, as it suffered one of the first fires of the season with about 40,000 acres impacted. Our aim is to hear their story and also to listen to experts from AgriLife Extension, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as they share their knowledge.

"We encourage landowners, hunters and others interested in wildlife management to attend."

Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and one of the program speakers, monitored quail response to the large wildfires that swept the Texas Panhandle in 2006. "What we observed was that sandier soils recovered much faster than did the clay-loam sites," he said. "The sand shinoak on sandy soils comes back almost immediately to provide quail cover and deer browse.

"This year, the double-whammy of fire and exceptional drought pose a scenario like nothing we've ever seen before and the weather forecasters suggest more of the same this winter. During this program, we'll be offering various short- and long-term management recommendations to mitigate the negative impacts of these and future wildfires."

"As bad as these fires are, they do afford us an opportunity to monitor the effects, both good and bad, on wildlife habitat and game populations," Rollins said. "We just initiated and will discuss 'Operation Phoenix' during the field day. This study is meant to gauge the response of bobwhites on nine large fires across the Rolling Plains. We know it's just a matter of time until we see more wildfires, so the more we can learn about them now, the more prepared we'll be the next time."

Individual pre-registration is \$15 and includes lunch. RSVP by September 16th by contacting the AgriLife Extension office in Motley County at 806-347-2733 or rhmartin@ag.tamu.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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FSA Reminds Producers of Disaster Assistance Deadlines

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson reminded producers today about upcoming deadlines for disaster assistance. Nelson emphasized that losses must be the result of a weather event occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

“This year brought a host of extreme weather challenges for America’s farmers, ranchers and producers,” said Nelson. “USDA is committed to use the resources at our disposal to reduce the impact of these conditions and help producers get back on their feet. And this year, especially, it’s important for producers to be aware of program deadlines and to have their records in order so that they get the assistance they need.”

The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes coverage of disaster losses through these five programs:

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE);
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP);
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP);
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); and the
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

SURE applications for 2010 crop losses will be accepted later this fall. SURE applications for 2011 crop losses will be accepted in the fall of 2012, when the 2011 farm revenue data required by statute becomes available.

FSA is required to determine that the claimed loss was because of a disaster occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011. FSA must determine if a qualifying loss meets the established disaster relief criteria for at least one crop.

At the time the SURE application for payment is filed, the producer will be required to identify and certify a crop of economic significance that suffered a qualifying loss of 10 percent or more. At least one such crop with 10-percent losses on or before Sept. 30, 2011, is required by SURE.

“We encourage all producers to read the applicable disaster program fact sheets and visit their local FSA county office. The staff can provide additional information such as

the deadline for filing a program application or the initial requirement for filing a notice of loss,” Nelson said.

Important dates for the five disaster programs are summarized in the table below.

Program	Deadline to File a Notice of Loss	Application Period
SURE*	No deadline for SURE, but check with your crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) policy	2009: closed 2010: begins fall 2011 2011: begins fall 2012
LFP*	Not applicable	Now through Jan. 30, 2012
LIP/ELAP*	Within 30 days of when the loss is apparent, but not later than Dec. 29, 2011	Now through Jan. 30, 2012
TAP*	Not applicable when loss is apparent	Within 90 days of when loss is apparent
* Losses must be due to a weather event that occurs on or before Sept. 30, 2011		

Fact sheets for these programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets.

Additional information regarding the programs is at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

September is Disaster Preparedness Month

By Melissa Long CEA-FCS Floyd County

Many people think that when a disaster strikes the emergency management system, police, or National Guard will be there to rescue them, if needed. They will. But some disasters overwhelm the local response system, extending the time it takes for help to arrive.

You should be prepared to care for your family and yourself for at least 72 hours after a disaster. Estimates show that about 480 people die and another 2,880 are injured in U.S. disasters annually. In addition, thousands lose their livelihoods and jobs due to disasters.

Even though deaths and injuries due to disasters have been on the decline in the United States, there’s still room for improvement. And with just a few simple steps you may be able to save yourself and your family when a disaster strikes.

It is difficult to estimate deaths due to disasters because of the wide and varied nature of disasters. But worldwide, deaths due to disasters often skyrocket to more than 100,000 per year. While the U.S. population is about 5 percent of the world population, our death toll due to disasters is often far less than 1 percent of the world’s death toll. Many factors contribute to our safety record.

Local, state and federal warning systems help us prepare. The news media do a very good job on disaster coverage, especially in countries that have a free press. Some governmentally controlled media in developing countries

may avoid disaster coverage because it is “bad news” and may reflect poorly on the government. When that happens, fatalities can rise because the people do not have enough information. Education has helped reduce the impact of disasters. We learn in school or at work by doing safety drills. Building codes have often saved lives because many city buildings are built to withstand certain disasters.

We could sit around and come up with many other reasons why we’ve saved lives, but the fact is hundreds of people still die each year and thousands are injured due to disasters in the United States.

It is important to take some steps to prepare yourself for the most likely disasters that could affect you. It doesn’t mean, “I’ll ignore it, nothing will happen to me!” And, it doesn’t mean, “The sky is falling, so I’ll build a bunker.” What does it mean?

Be Informed.

A lot of information is available on the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. Additional information is available from the U.S. government Web sites, which you can find through the National Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) Web site www.EDEN.lsu.edu.

In addition, your local emergency management, law enforcement, American Red Cross, local library, and/or County Extension office may help you find information. The

first step is to find out what potential disasters may affect you. For some it may be tornadoes; for others it’s earthquakes. Being prepared means being informed about the most likely disasters that could affect you. It also means having a battery powered radio in case the power goes out. During a disaster, information is often as important for survival as food and water.

Make a Plan.

Plan in advance what you will do for the most likely emergencies. Your plan should include a family communication plan and a shelter in place plan, as well as the action steps you will take when disasters are eminent. The EDEN Web site and agencies mentioned above can help you find guidelines to make those plans.

Get a Kit.

Think of everything you might need if you shelter at home for 72 hours. The list of items doesn’t need to be extensive, but plan to have those items handy. Consider a smaller kit that you can leave in your office or car or take with you in case officials ask you to evacuate the area.

Take these steps and you will make your family safer, maybe even save your lives, during the next disaster. For many places in the United States, the next disaster is a matter of “when,” not “if.”

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'Twisted Road' to Play at the Fair



By Carol Huggins

Twisted Road, billed as "Live Texas Country", will be the featured band at the Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair Dance on Saturday night, September 17. The band is based out of Lubbock, but three of the band members claim Lockney as their hometown. Cole Pat-

ton plays lead guitar, Danny Huggins is on drums and vocals, and Bryan Cooper plays bass guitar with some vocals. Lead vocals and acoustic guitar are performed by Dan Patterson from Farwell, and Jeff Molzow of Lubbock plays the keyboard, vocals and other odd instruments. The band was formed in

2009 and has played at The Blue Light and Wild West in Lubbock, the Golden Light and Midnight Rodeo in Amarillo, The carvan in Albuquerque New Mexico, Top Deck in Farmington New Mexico, as well as various other venues and festivals across Texas and New Mexico.

The band will be touring throughout Wyoming in December and all across the western U.S. beginning in January 2012. The band's original songs are based in Texas Country and Southern Rock and have been getting airplay on area radio stations.

So, come out to the Fair on Saturday night, September 17, for a good time. The Dance will start around 9:30 (following the Miss Floyd County Pageant). Cost is \$5.00 per person. It'll be FUN!

Police Officer Alex Receives Annual Certification



By Karen Houchin

One of Floydada's finest, Officer Alex has completed his required tests and received his annual certification. Alex is part of the Floydada Police Department who only eats dog food and an occasional treat. Officer Alex is part of the K-9 force of Floydada.

Alex is a ten-year old German Shepherd and is certified in locating narcotics. He has been working since he was 2 years old. He also does search operations. Alex is actually owned by Floydada Police Officer Charlie Evans and his wife, Reserve Officer, Donna Evans.

Officer Alex works for free for the City of Floydada. Alex and his fellow canine officer, Miley, do not receive any funding from the City for the services they offer to the City Police Department. The City does not pay for any of the dogs' care, licensing, veterinary bills, all shots, housing, and food bills. The City does have Alex covered under their liability policy. Any funds garnered that assist the K-9 unit come from donations by civic clubs and concerned citizens.

Each year, Alex's and Miley's handlers are required to go through certification. On August 26, Alex went to the site of the former Tubbs Elementary School in Lubbock, where along with 15 other dogs and their officers went through the National Narcotics Drug Dog Detection Association test. Alex is required to certify in four different drug types. In order to be recertified the dogs must find one of two narcotics hidden in four different rooms. They have a total of three minutes per room to find at least one of the hidden narcotics in the room before moving to the next room. Before the dogs arrive, the narcotics are hidden in the building. The dogs go through weekly training and they cannot be on active duty until they are trained, proving to be reliable and get their certification. In the case of Alex's certification, the City of Floydada paid for this year's certification.

The K-9 unit is an important tool in fighting the war on illegal drugs in our community. Alex or Miley can quickly search a stopped car for illegal drugs.

Alex is also trained to take down a suspect when he believes his handler or another officer is being threatened. Alex had the opportunity in Floydada to take

a suspect who moved threateningly to another officer and responded by knocking the suspect down and holding him down with his weight and a grip on his arm.

Miley is a black Labrador cross and she is trained on narcotics and alcohol. She is used to search at schools and a backup when the dogs are needed in a police sweep or bust. Miley is 6 years old and has asthma so she is not used as much as Alex.

The Evans' are always seeking to train new dogs. Alex, in a normal big city unit, would already be retired but he continues to loyally serve in Floydada. Budget constraints will keep the City from replacing Alex when he retires. The Evans' are also seeking to train another dog as a search dog. The dogs become a familiar part of the police force and they become as family members to their handlers. Many a police dog will retire with his handler to live out a quiet life with the officer's family.

Alex and Miley have had the privilege of working with some of the area's finest law enforcement departments, the local Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Hale County Sheriff's and other area communities' police departments, in addition to their duties at area schools.

When Alex and Miley work a school, the students are removed from the search area and the dogs go to work. Alex and Miley have to be trained to not be distracted by others when working so they are trained in special ways to avoid distractions. One facet of training involves not being distracted by a cat, so the Evans' have a family cat that pesters Alex and Miley but they are passive to its attempts to rile them. They are also trained to be sensitive to people wanting to pet them, however, parents should advise children to always ask the officer handling the dog before approaching the dog to pet it. The dog may be working and if he is on duty his job comes first before play or attention.

The Floyd County 4-H is raising donations to help pay for equipment for the dogs and possibly to replace Alex and Miley someday. If you are interested in helping Alex and Miley fight crime and eliminate illegal drugs, please contact Charlie Evans or Donna Evans at the Floydada Police Department or a 4-H leader.

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occurring on or before September 30, 2011. Losses that result from disasters that occur after September 30, 2011, will not be eligible for SURE benefits.

Producers with 2011 and 2012 crops that suffer losses caused by disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, must also meet the following criteria:

- For insured crops, the insurance policy defines the coverage period as beginning on or before September 30, 2011

- For Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops, the coverage period begins on or before September 30, 2011

- The final planting date according to RMA and FSA (NAP crops only) occur on or before September 30, 2011.

Bradley points out that, "If the crop is planted prior to September 30, 2011, but the final planting date is after September 30, 2011, the crop will not be eligible for SURE benefits."

The sign-up period for 2011 and 2012 SURE will be announced at a later date, after the national average market prices are determined for each respective crop year. For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747.

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