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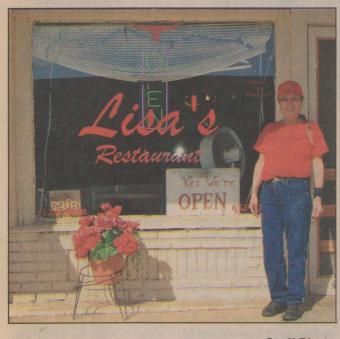
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Lisa's Restaurant celebrates 15 year anniversary



Staff Photo A well known favorite in Lockney, owner Lisa Rendon, recently celebrated her 15 year anniversary of Lisa's Restaurant.

By Homer Marquez

Along with its citizens, its homegrown businesses that also give a community its unique and unmistakable character; and for the past 15 years, Lisa's Restaurant in Lockney has done just that, serving mouthwatering food with a small town family atmosphere.

On Sept. 6, owner, Lisa Rendon celebrated the 15 year anniversary of her cafe, Lisa's Restaurant, which is located in the heart of Main Street. "Thanks to everybody for being so supportive...15 years seems like it was just yesterday," commented Ms. Rendon.

Initially started as a trial run, Lisa leased out a building downtown and opened up for business in the fall of 1996,"I was going to try it for at least six months, I leased it for six months and I thought I was going to stay their for six months, but by the time I knew it, it's been 15 years," Ms. Rendon explained with a smile.

Business boomed right off the bat for Lisa, as customers lined the small window

of her kitchen for a chance to order a plate of her American and Mexican classics. Since then, orders have stayed steady, as early morning customers continue to fill up her little cafe as they wait for their ritual breakfast burritos before heading to work.

However, regardless to the success, Lisa still loves to revel in the simple joys the cooking, as she explained that intimacy and familiarly of her restaurant makes her feel as if she was cooking for her family everyday, "I like to see people enjoying my food," commented Lisa, "everybody gets together, and it seems like everybody knows everybody...like a big family."

Prior to opening her restaurant, Lisa gained tons of cooking experience working at many restaurants and cafes around the area. Lisa has graced the kitchens of restaurants such as the Quick Lunch in Plainview, the Snack Shack, Janie's Diner and was the co-founder of Tastee Burger. Lisa has also worked in the food biz with Gene Newton, Bill Stricklen, and Terry Roberts.

After years of sharpening her culinary skills, Lisa decided to give it a shot and opened up her own restaurant, "After Janie (Archer) closed her place up, I decided myself to try it," explained Lisa, "to see how it feels to work on your own." and since then Lisa has not looked back.

Armed with a wide variety of recipes and with the help of longtime friend Pete Molina, who has worked at the cafe going on nine years, Lisa's Restaurant rarely lives by the menu, as she explains that she will make what ever the customer wants, "Whatever you feel like eating and if we got it we'll put it on your table, and if we don't got it, we'll go get it" explained Lisa.

A 15 year anniversary is monumental milestone for anyone in any field, and Lisa explained that she is grateful for the endless amount of support from the community and her dedicated patrons. As for the future, Lisa plans on continuing serving delicious food to her customers for year's to come.

Punkin' Day involves Four-Generation Family

By Karen Houchin

generations of one family being a very active part of the celebration. The first generation is Louis Pyle and wife, Virginia Pyle. Their son, Robert and wife, Paula then became the second generation and helped began Pumpkin Pyle with Louis and Virginia. They started growing and shipping pumpkins, from their farm 4-miles south of town, all over the United States, as did many of the area growers. The Pyle's continued to grow their operation adding their grandson, Jason and his wife, Lindsey as the third generation of growers. Now, the fourth generation, three daughters of Jason and Lindsey help with the pumpkins, daughters, Kirsten, 5 years old, Madison, 2 years old and Brooklyn, just 5 months old. Kirsten's favorite part of the pumpkin harvest is crawling across the top of the pumpkins from bin to bin, picking out her favorites.

Other Pyle family members have their Punkin' Day can now proclaim four- hand in making Punkin' Day a great success. Iantha Pyle Smith at one time served as Chamber director putting together super Punkin' Days. Louis and Virginia's son, David, has been a part of the farming operation over the years, and of course, daughter Janie Pyle Mills comes home to join in the fun of Punkin' Days, as does granddaughter, Amber Parkhurst and her family. You could say the entire families of Pyle's are fans of Pyle's Piles of Pumpkins. The Pyle's, along with other area growers make a generous donation each year to the Chamber to support Punkin' Day with pumpkins and gourds for decorating the games, such as the pumpkin toss, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin carving and painting, and

downtown square, to use in the various the pumpkin obstacle wheelbarrow race. Paula Pyle stated they are always See PUNKIN' DAYS on page 13 **FISD** approves roofing project and new A/C units

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

On September 12, 2011, the board for the Floydada Independent School District held a public meeting to hear discussion concerning the FISD rating under the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas and the School Improvement Plan for Floydada Junior High School.

after the public hearing, the at a cost of \$7130 per unit board approved a motion by plus \$2,000 for use of a crane Marty Lucke to accept the - the board approved the quote from Vince Daddio motion. Construction for the roofing project for Floydada Jr. High School 8 Classroom Building and Science Building at a cost of \$38,555.40.

Charles Tyer made the motion to replace three heating and air units in the

During regular session Duncan Elementary Cafeteria

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax

See FISD on page 13

Photo by Homer Marquez

The Miss Floyd County Pageant returned with all its glitz and glamour during this past weekend's Floyd County Fair. A total of 36 girls competed for the crown this Saturday, as girls competed in either the Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, Teen Miss, and Miss Floyd County categories. Darby Long (top center) would be crowned Miss Floyd County and Ashley Roberts (top left) would be crowned Teen Miss. Lau-



Photo by Karen Houchin

PYLE'S PILE OF PUMPKINS-Kirsten, Madison and Brooklyn Pyle love sitting and crawling on the piles of pumpkins located at the Pumpkin Pyle warehouse. Punkin' Days will be held Saturday, October 8 in downtown Floydada. Make plans now to attend and enjoy all the fun activities.



ren Hall (top right) was crowned Junior Miss and Kristina Sanchez (bottom left) was crowned as Little Miss. Taking home the Tiny Miss crown would be Anyaleigh Tambunga (bottom right). The first runners-up for Miss Floyd County was Reeda Sustaita, while the first runner-up for Teen Miss was McKenna Johnson.



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Thursday, September 22, 2011

FLOYDADA SENIOR **CITIZENS NEWS**

By Margaret Jones

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MY....MY...How blessed we are to be experiencing the coolness of the Early Fall Season. The refreshing SHOWERS of the past weeks of **REVIVED** our SPIRITS and RENEWED our FAITH that "THE DROUGHT" will not last forever.

Hopefully you have been able to be out-and-about to enjoy this special time.

One of my favorite sayings is......GET UP...... UP.....SHOW DRESS UP.....

Again....that POSITIVE **MENTAL ATTITUDE** really makes a difference.

Rememberflu shots are this Friday, September 23 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Bring your Medicare card and be prepared for the flu season ahead.

Bud Henderson brought a special guest to the Center with him this past Wednesday. Michael Holster, of Levelland, (past music-director of First Baptist Chuch, Floydada) graciously entertained us by playing the piano and singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden." Thank you Bud.

On Friday, Guy Ginn has as his special guests, family members from Petersburg.

Joining Guy for lunch were his daughter-in-law, Linda Ginn and granddaughter, Caryn Mulanax.

Joining James Lovell for lunch on Friday was his daughter, Lou Ann Colliins of Shallowater. and Elaine LaBaume and their son, Coy of Plainview all attended Kate Childre's first ball game of the season in Lubbock on Monday night, September 12th. She is 10 years old and plays for the "Orange Crush" She is the daughter team. of Charles and Kelli Childre. They won their game!!

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation

In memory of Herman Graham - Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Graham & family, Wayland and Margaret Jones, Jack and Billie Jordan, Roger and Bo Poage, L. B. Stewart.

In memory of Bob Alldredge - Wayland and Margaret Jones.

In memory of Donna Henderson - Wayland and Margaret Jones, L. B. Stewart, Raymond and Mary Poole

Thought for the Week -There is no such thing as a COMMON MAN in the sight of God.

> HACKBERRY LAKE-LAKE OF HISTORICAL FACT, TRADITION

From the Lockney Beacon

January 1, 1978

By Felicia Applewhite

Most anybody around Cedar Hill, it lies north-east of Lockney, can tell you something about Hackberry Lake which is about two miles north and one-half east of Cedar. George Taylor is one of the ones that can tell you some things.

To begin with George's grandfather Ceph Fortenberry's first home on the Plains was a half dug-out on the north east side of the lake. Early-day air conditioning was made possible by putting a dwelling on the north-east side of a lake because much of the summer wind was from the south-west. It was on the window sill of this half dug-out that George's grand-mother found a rattle snake stretched out in the sun. There was no screen on the window to keep him out.

from other parts ending a laborious climb up the steep Caprock.

"I don't know exactly where hackberry's name came from," says Taylor. At one time there could have been hackberry growing there. Near there, under the Cap it grows well. There is still a hackberry growing in the corner of J. A. Welch's place not far away."

The Hackberry Lake location had an advantage that Ceph Fortenberry was soon to learn. This location afforded a means for him to make a living for his growing family. He tells about it in "The Fortenberry Family record."

He found that he could get wood for the hauling not far older brother was accustomed to resting the muzzle of his gun on his toe.

The dinner was given by

her daughter, Ruth Balliram

of San Antonio, son, Paul T.

Rodriguez and wife, Ermie

also helped. Present at the

festivities were Mrs. Rodri-

guez' sister, Elizabeth De los

retirement.

From The Archives

"Accidentally he triggered the gun and shot two of his toes off. Excitedly, I started to unload the other chamber, but my brother told me to lay the gun down and go for John Kelly.

"I ran a mile to get John. Just as John and I were coming up, a preacher came by in a Model T. John stopped him. He took my brother to Lockney to Dr. Henry."

Antelopes, turkeys and other wild birds furnished food for early settlers around Cedar Hill and Hackberry vicinity. It took some "know-how" and some effort to get and to preserve such food. Some boys carried Santos from Amarillo, brothers, Dan Cuellar of Lubbock and Walter Cuellar of Floydada, and foster son, Juan Morales and wife, Anna of Fort Worth. Two brothers, Nicolas Trevino of Balch Springs, Texas and Jessse Cuellar of Amarillo were unable to attend due to health reasons.

Other out-of-town guests were niece and nephew, Ruben and Idolina Viadurri of Robstown, Texas, granddaughter, Janet Lykos of Corpus Christi, and niece, Nora Page of Mead, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Rodriguez had the honor of having 5 generations present, her son, Paul T. Rodriguez, his daughter, Cindy Garza, her son, Timothy and his son, Nathan Maserang, all of Lubbock.

Many other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends jointed the group to honor Mrs. Rodriquez.

Mrs. Rodriquez expressed her heartfelt thanks to all that came to share this happy milestone of 97 years.

ketball for the college.

After three years, he married Elwauna Smith in a marriage that made Elwauna her sister's niece. Her sister was married to George's Uncle Tom Fortenberry

Following college, he taught four year. One part of that four years was in Floyd County. Even though, he loved children, he turned from teaching to farming. So, again he was near Hackberry Lake. He and his Uncle Tom began farming around Cedar Hill. Their operation of 1,380 acres includes irrigation for feed grains and cotton along with a few cows on 325 acres of grass land.

The difference in their method of farming and that of his

Courtesy Photo Family Dollar is one of the many Floyd County businesses and individuals who has donated door prizes for the

Mrs. Rodriguez celebrates 97th birthday



Courtesy Photo CELEBRATION--Mrs. Lydia M. Rodriquez was honored with a dinner on September 10th for her 97th birthday. Pictured are (back row, I-r) sister, Elizabeth De los Santos, Lydia M. Rodriguez, brother, Walter Cuellar and (sitting) brother, Dan Cuellar.

A dinner was held for has made her home in Floy-Mrs. Lydia M. Rodriguez on September 10, 2010 at Templo Getsemani Assemblies of God Church to celebrate her 97th birthday.

She was born September

dada for many years. Lydia and her husband, Crecencio Rodriguez owned and operated the Little Grocery Stand until his passing in 1984. She continued to run the store for 15, 1914 in Nixon, Texas. She several more years until her

Friend To Friend Breast Cancer Awareness, Pink Event set for Saturday, September 24 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Booths will open from 10:00 -11:30 and reopen from 1:00 - 2:00. The lunch, style show and program will take place from 11:30 - 1:00. Pictured from Family Dollar are Lisa Ramirez and Manager, Marlene Desmarais.

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Hospice Hands of West Texas **Benefit Luncheon**

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(Brisket, potato salad, beans, dessert) Sunday, September 25, 2011 11:00 a.m. \$7 for adults, \$4 for children Silverton School Cafeteria (700 Loretta Street)

ALL PROCEEDS will go to the Hospice Hands Advisory Board which assists those hospice patients who do not have the resources or funds to pay for their hospice care, medication and equipment. Hospice Hands accepts patients who have private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and VA benefits, as well as private pay atients. However, Hospice Hands does not deny care to a hospice patient who does not have any of thes resources, and we rely on money from fundraisers to provide care for these individuals. For more information on Hospice Hands, call (806) 652-3000. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Fortenberry homesteaded there because of the lake with its bountiful supply of water.

The location and name of the lake were publicized by word of mouth by families moving west in frontier times. It was a good camping place because of the tall, waving native grass for stock and for plenty of water for all purposes.

"Mama and papa were earlyday settlers coming to Floyd County in 1890 as homesteaders. Our house was near a big lake. Often freighters and travelers, passing through the country, would camp near our house so they could water their horses from our lake," says Peet Fortenberry Kelly.

Such Plains lakes were a wonder to people coming here. Hackberry was of special interest because of its size and the amount of water it held. Too, this lake looked "mighty good" at the end of a long, and often hazardous journey by wagon

from Hackberry Lake just under the cap. He sold it to people in Estacado, Floydada, Emma and Della Plain. Too, there was "a small town of Lockney northeast of Della Plain."

"I made a living hauling wood from the canyons," he wrote. "Lots of the wood was used to burn, but if we sawed a tree that was good for posts, we cut it into posts. Wood haulers would come fifty miles to get the wood.

"We were paid about 5 dollars a load. I don't think I sold very many loads for less that five dollars. There was usually a cord or a cord and a half in every load.

"I hauled wood from the canyons for six years. During the first four years, I hauled a load every three days."

The Fortenberry holdings expanded, so as the Fortenberry children married one by one, each was given a quarter section of land.

Many exciting and interesting experiences of these children and of the grandchildren are told in the family book in connection with Hackberry Lake

"We were over there at the lake one time," says Taylor, "with a shot gun. There were three of us-my older brother, my younger brother and I. My

birds wires. Birds in the winter came to where horses had been fed and had scattered grain on the ground. When enough of the birds were busy eating, the boy would throw the wire into them and kill three or four to be dressed for eating.

"My mother," says Taylor, "knew the ways of preserving and cooking food. She said when they were coming up the Cap to this country, they killed turkeys. It was in cool October. They had a can full of turkey breasts. Meat seemed to save better then than now.

I have killed ducks, that mama would hang on the north side of the house to keep. There were seven children in our family, and all such food was welcome.

"One time Mama and Dad were killing hogs. I went to the field where the feed shocks were just covered with ducks. I shot nine with one shot.

"Mama had always helped dress the ducks. That day she was a little put out with me. She was a little too busy with the hog killing. I had to dress all nine of them myself."

College took George Taylor away from the happenings at Cedar Hill and Hackberry Lake for a while. At West Texas State University, he lived in Buffalo Courts and played bas-

grandfather who homesteaded at Hackberry is told by Taylor's mother.

"When planting time came, my father would hitch the horses to the plow and plow two furrows. Then he would plow the third furrow down the center of the two just plowed. I would then take my little bucket of seed, following behind him and drop the seed by hand. Then I would rest while he went another round and covered the seed."

By comparison, George Taylor and Tom Fortenberry began with used F30 Internationals for which they paid 10 to 1500 dollars for tractor, lister, planter and cultivator. A new modern, used tractor alone runs around 25.000 to 30.000 or 35.000 dollars. There is no limit to "what a fellow can pay." Repair bills could cost as much as a tractor.

Pumps have gone from 8-inch to 4-in capacity. Just suppose farming should depend strictly on nature like it was when our folks came here."

Hackberry Lake is a source of irrigation water when it has water in it, but Hackberry Lake, too, must depend on nature. It has made its contribution to the past and to the present. George Taylor is one of the one who knows something of the lake's history.



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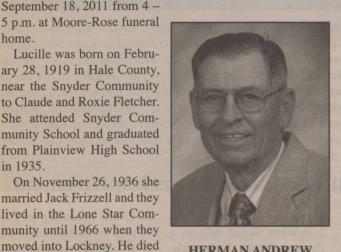
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interviewed about her hand and his grandchildren. Hermade doll clothes.

daughters and their spouses, Jackie and Kenneth Holt of Lockney, Mamba and Doug Tibbals of Wichita, Kansas and Joy and David Camden his parents, Henry and Grace of Weatherford, Oklahoma. Proceeding her in death was her husband Jack, of 62 years and one sister, Grace Marie and a son, David and his wife, Pat and son, Cass. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren

and 18 great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made in Lucille Frizzell's name to the First Baptist Church Lockney, Texas and Floyd County Library, Lockney, Texas.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose. Visitation was held Sunday, com.



HERMAN ANDREW GRAHAM

Herman Andrew Graham, age 81, of Floydada, passed away Thursday, September 1, 2011 in Floydada.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 3, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church with Les Hall officiating. Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Herman Graham was born May 31 1930 to Henry Herbert and Grace (Gross) Graham in Floyd County, Texas. He married Bonnie Newman on September 3, 1949 in Amarillo.

He supported 4-H, FFA Home. and the Stock shows. He was well known for witching wa-

DAY" show to display and be He loved people, his church man had 20 years of square She is survived by three dancing experience. Herman was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

He is preceded in death by Graham, two brothers, Arthur and H.E. "Ervin" Graham, Dillard.

Herman is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Bonnie Graham; two daughters, Linda Carol Calahan and husband, Jerry of Canyon, and Kathy Ross and husband, Dennis of Floydada; a son, Ronnie Graham and wife, Jill of Floydada; six grandchildren, Brandi Flippin, Paul Ross, Michael Calahan, Mallory, Jacob and Rachel Graham; three greatgrandchildren; one brother, D.T. "Buddy" Graham, and one sister, Ima Lea Gamblin.

RALPH EDWARD JACKSON

Rev. Ralph Edward Jackson, age 70, passed away Friday, September 16, 2011 at UMC in Lubbock.

Services will be held Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 2 p.m at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Interment will follow at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

A Memorial Wake will be held Friday, September 23, 2011 from 6-8 p.m, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

WILLIAM CARLEY WHITLOCK

William Carley Whitlock, age 84, passed away Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in Lockney

Services will be held at 11a.m. Friday, September 23, 2011 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 22, 2011 from 5-7 p.m. at Moore-Rose Funeral

Services are under the direction of Moore-Rose Fu-

Ranch when I met my first

chuckwagon cook, Cap War-

ren. Call him seasoned. The

wind was blowing and pick-

ing up the dust. The cowboys

had yet to arrive for lunch.

My parents and I were there

with visitors from Australia.

the lids of the cooking ves-

sels with horseshoes. When

the cowboys finally rode up

and Cap yanked those lids

off, a horseshoe fell in the

My mother, not knowing

what had happened, asked,

"What's this horseshoe doing

Cap quipped, "Tromping

When you need rain on the

Texas range and none's in

sight, you make do with dry

humor. Cap Warren could

spinach.

in the spinach?"

the weeds out."

dish it out.

Cap had weighted down

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.. *****

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor

983-5278 Sunday 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 Evening7:00 p.m. *****

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST West College & Third, Lockney

Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST Levi Sisemore, Minister Ivan Gomez, Minister Floydada

Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. *****

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Franks, Pastor Terry Simmons,

Minister of Ed./Music Josh Burgett - Min. Students Sunday School9:15 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Carl Moman, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min.

Phil Cotham, Music Min.. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

FIRST UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH** Floydada

Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship8:30 am. Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10.50 a.m. Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m. Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m *****

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lockney

> **Rev. Ricky Carstensen** Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Evening Service..... 6.00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. ****

> **GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....7:30 p.m. Tuesday......8:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST Lockney

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

> MT. ZION **BAPTIST CHURCH** Floydada

Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study ... 7:00 p.m. **** NEW SALEM **PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** Floydada **Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges** (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. *****

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POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH **Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor** 704 N. Main, Lockney Sunday Services....10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m ***** **PRIMERA IGLESIA**

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

> **PRIMERA IGLESIA** BAUTISTA Floydada

Rev. Lupe Rando 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 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**

Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m Prayer Meeting...... 7:00 p.m ****

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD 701 W. Missouri Joe M.Hernandez

983-5286 (church) Sunday School English..... 9.45 a.m Spanish..... .11:00 a.m. Spanish Worship9:30 a.m. English Worship.....11:00 a.m. EveningService......5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. ***** ST. MARY MAGDALEN **CATHOLIC CHURCH** Floydada Rev. Angelo Consemino Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.

Confession Sat......10-11 a.m. **** **TEMPLO BAUTISTA**

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LUCILLE FRIZZELL

Frizzell, 92 years of age, were

held Monday, September 19,

2011 at 10 a.m. at the First

Baptist Church, Lockney,

Texas. Interment followed at

the Lockney cemetery under

the direction of Moore-Rose

Funeral Home in Lockney.

in 1996. After she and Jack's

retirement together they made

over 200 beautiful quilts. She

worked for several years as

the city librarian and later as

a librarian in the Lockney Ju-

Lockney's Woman of the

Year and in 1983 she and her

husband were named Fam-

ily of the Year. A member of

First Baptist Church for over

40 years, she taught adult

Sunday School classes much

wife, mother and grand-

mother, in 1971 she donated a

kidney to her brother in New

York City, in the early days of

kidney transplants. In 1956,

she and her family were in-

vited to New York where she

Ever a servant, devoted

In 1975 she was named

nior High School.

of that time.

home.

in 1935.

Funeral services for Lucille

appeared on the NBC "TOter wells and filling potholes. neral Home of Lockney.



You know you're in a drought ferent story, but the cowwhen you think water droplets on your windshield mean uneventfully back to ranch your radiator hose has a leak. Couldn't be rain. No way.

drought of '98. I checked my ably rated alongside building temperature gauge and sniffed for anti-freeze. But it really was rain. The clay road got slick in a hurry. Civilization was nowhere near. If I slid off they're cowboys. into a ditch, what then? It's not like my cell-phone was room I fell into conversation working.

I wasn't alone. My passenger was a classic cowboy. Better yet, call him vintage. His main job at the ranch was to spend winters in a tent to nervous to be in town. And it keep poachers off the range and Canadian geese off the wheat. Maybe he still does.

that day was to be my guide. That doesn't mean he wanted to drive. He didn't even like being in a car. Like I said, a real cowboy.

What if we hit the ditch? All I had in my van was a bottle of Perrier and crackers. I figured I wouldn't have to share the Perrier. It probably rates with quiche on the cowboy list of food and drink.

Flashbacks of a 3-D movie came to me. The main character was a guy struggling to survive in the desert, tapping into cacti to drink the juice, wishing it was tequila. He'd broken his leg in a spill off a horse. He made his own splint. Would we be injured in our crash?

Suddenly the rain quit. Droughts are like that. Zane Grey would have spun a dif-

boy and I happily made it headquarters. He was especially happy. For him, taking Happened to me in the ranch visitors around probfence. Cowboys don't like to build fence. Ask Zane Grey.

> Typically they don't like to go to town either. That's why

Once in a lawyer's waiting with a cowboy and his wife. Of course, only she and I were talking. Cowboys don't talk.

He looked uncomfortable. She explained it made him wasn't even a big town.

The only cowboys who don't seem to mind talking, But it was summer. His job per my experience, are the chuckwagon cooks.

> Speaking of droughts, it was 1953 on the Waggoner

THIS WEEK'S

FRIEND TO FRIEND PINK EVENT

All ladies 40 years or older are welcme to the Friend to Friend Pink Event, Saturday, September 24 at the Floyd Count Friends Unity Center. A free lunch, program, hat style show and door prizes will take place from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Booths will be open from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m. For more information call 983-4912.

COOKING WELL WITH DIABETES CLASSES Registration for Cooking

Well with Diabetes Classes is due September 23. Cost is \$20 for a series of 4 classes. Classes to be held October 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Texas AgriLife Extension, 110 S. Wall, Floydada. For more information call 983-4912.

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.

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





Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise..11:00 a.m. Evening Praise5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Joe Hernandez 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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Washington and 1st St. Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****

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Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School10:00 a.m. Evening Worship5:00 p.m. Tuesday.....7:30 p.m. Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m. *****

TRINITY ASSEMBLY 500 W. Houston Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor 983-5499 or 983-2887 Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. **** TRINITY **LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence** Community on FM 2301 293-3009 **Rev.** Peter W. Harrington Minister Sunday School9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m. ***** **WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST** Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

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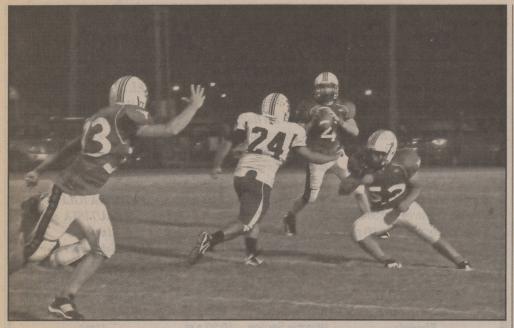
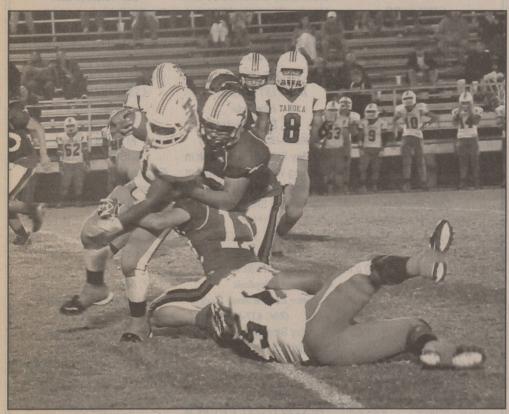


Photo by R.K Hunt Photography

Even though the Longhorns dropped Friday's game to the Tahoka Bulldogs by a score of 30-12, there was still plenty to talk about, after Lockney's offense finally found its groove for the first time all year in the fourth quarter. The first half for the Horns would mirror the previous games of the year; as the Lockney offense was unable to capitalize on huge Longhorn defensive stops. It was another impressive night for the defense as the forced five fumbles, and made two critical stops in their own red zone, however the Bulldogs would eventually break through as they put up 17 unanswered by the half. The woes continued for the Horns, as Tahoka would score another 13 in the second half; however, in the forth, big quarterback runs by Riley Teeter would put the Horns in striking position. Lockney would finally get on the board after a touchdown connection between Riley and Ian Dunbar. A few series later, Riley and the Longhorn ground game would march the ball down to the red zone once again. Riley would again connect with Ian Dunbar for another Longhorn touchdown. Now with a score of 30-12, the Longhorns were primed for a comeback, but unfortunately their late game rally would be cut short by the clock. However, the Horn's did seem to figure out a way to get the ball moving again, a key component that will be needed before heading into district play. This week the Longhorns will look to carry on the same momentum as the travel to Olton to face the Mustangs.



Two Lockney FFA Members Receive Lone Star Degrees



The Lockney FFA is excited to start another year after finishing a great year this summer. During the summer, students attended the Area I FFA Leadership Conference and the Texas FFA State Convention in Lubbock. This year Lockney FFA had two candidates for the Texas FFA Lone Star Degree. Senior KaCee Armstrong and Junior Meagan Dunn were presented with tober.

their degrees at a special presentation during the convention. The Lone Star Degree is the highest degree earned in the FFA at the state level. The Lockney FFA Chapter has an exciting year planned ahead and we look forward to working with the community. Don't forget about our annual meat and fruit sale that will be happening in Oc-

Lockney JV suffers loss but sees improvement

By Coach Ragland

The Lockney JV Football team traveled to Tahoka last Thursday to take on the Tahoka Bulldogs. Tahoka won the game 36-12 but the Longhorns showed much improvement from the previous weeks. Getting off to a quick start on

a very cool and soggy day the Longhorns scored first on a Demario Means 7 yd touchdown run, the extra point was missed. Tahoka answered with 3 touchdowns in the first half leading 20-6 at the half. Kameron Hunt completed to. passes for 50 yards to Mauricio Davila connecting on a 23 yd pass in the first half and a 27 yd pass in the second half. Eli Guerra capped off the scoring for the Longhorns on a 1 yd touchdown run late in the fourth quarter. The longhorns will host the Olton Mustangs next Thursday September 22.

Longhorn eighth grade shows another strong performance

By Coach Reynolds

came out with another cencio's number was then strong performance last called upon. He scored on Thursday night. Starting a 49 yard touchdown run, off the scoring spree was Daylen Gatica scored the Levi Kasner who ran for a PAT. Coming out of the half 46 yard touchdown. Justin - Levi Kasner gets another Suarez scored the following punt opportunity. He caught 2pt conversion. With the this one on the run also and Horns stiff defense, the bull- it was off to the races. Daydogs were forced to punt. lan connected with Stephen Kasner catches the punt on Setliff for the PAT. Ending

the run and scores a 20 yard The Lockney 8th grade touchdown run. Sergio As-

out the scoring was Stephen Setliff's 64 yard touchdown run. Daylan punched in the PAT. Junior High special teams' coordinator Coach Strickland said, "our two special team touchdowns were huge. It's hard to lose when you score points in your special team's game." The Longhorns will travel to Olton to play the Mustangs Thursday at 6p.m.

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."

Seventh grade Horns

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PUBLIC NUTICE 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

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 openspace 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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score a draw

By Coach Dunn

The 7th grade Longhorns ended in a 6-6 tie with the Tahoka Bulldogs. The touchdown was scored by a 40 yard pass from Trevor Acsencio to Jacob Ochoa in the first half. The longhorns will travel to Olton to play at 5p.m, this Thursday.

Lockney School Lunch Menu September 26-30

Monday

Lunch-Steak Patty or Ham and Cheese, potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, milk

Tuesday

Lunch-Hot Dog with Chili or Grilled Cheese, corn, baby carrots, fruited gelatin, milk

Wednesday

Lunch- Baked Chicken or Ham, potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple, roll, milk

Thursday

Lunch- Pizza or Burrito, salad, peaches, milk Friday

Lunch-Sub sandwich or Grilled Cheese, potato rounds, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk Menu subject to change without notice; Peanut butter and

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Floydada Runs at Plainview

By Coach Stles

The Floydada Cross Country teams ran at Plainview this past Saturday.

Leading the girls was Kristan Sanchez with a time of 13:44 to finish in 27th place. Amelia Gonzalez 14:42, Emily Prisk 15:07, Esmeralda Garza 15:54, Aimee Chavarria, Liz Morales 18:34 also competed for the Lady Winds.

Leading the Whirlwilnds was Benselodo Perez finishing in 8th place in at time of 19:14 to pace the Whirlwind runners. Tyler Renfro 20:55, Adrian Gonzales 21:21, Ryan Chavarria 24:18, Josh Chavarria 24:49, Mathew McGowen 26:26, and Pedro Guerrero 28:27 rounded out the Whirlwind runners.

A great job by all runners as they strive to better their times each week

until district October 24th

This next week we will travel back to Mae Simmons Park for the Lubbock Invitational Meet. The girls will run at 1:00 and the boys will run at 1:30. There will-be over 1300 runners there competing in 12 different divisions from Class A-5A.

Come out and support your local runners.



Photos by Jim Covington

On Friday, the Floydada Whirlwinds would make spectacular comeback as the defeated the Post Antelopes 42-34. After trailing 22-7 early in the first half, huge strikes from the Wind's offense and defense would level the score at 22-22 at the half. It was Floydada's show in the second half as the Whirlwinds runaway with the lead. For the night, Jordan Woody would have four receptions for 106 yards, and would score after a 65 yard kickoff return. Floydada's Cole Covington's 42 yard touchdown run in the second half

would also help put the final nail in the coffin for Post; on two carries, Covington picked up an impressive 49 yards. Rex Mathis would also have a great night carrying the ball 11 times for 88 yards and scoring on a 54 yard touchdown run. Defensively, the Winds looked like they have improved since their last game against Wellington; defensive lineman played a critical role as they occupied offensive lineman, keeping Floydada's linebackers free to make big stops. Overcoming adversity was the name of the game for Floydada on Friday, as they looked like a completely different team compared to the game against Wellington. The Whirlwinds will look to carry this momentum as they head into district play on Friday, as they host Spearman at 7:30.

Spotlight of the Week



Hinton Enrolls at McMurry University

Abilene, Texas.

2011 semester is 1472 stu- bers of society. dents. The enrollment is an increase from last year's total enrollment of 1,422 students.

"McMurry is very pleased with the strong en-

rollment that these num-

bers show," said Dr. Paul

Fabrizio, Vice President

for Academic Affairs. "We

think this is the result of our

strong academic program,

our emphasis on cost con-

trols and reasonable tuition

for our students. We are

pleased with both the num-

ber of students who have

chosen to come to McMurry

and to the quality of those

students. We look forward

recognized this month as a

top-ranked institution for

the 16th consecutive year by

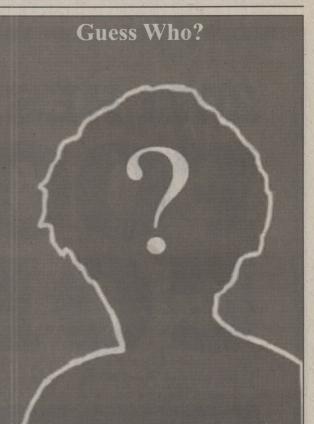
U.S. News and World Re-

McMurry University was

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By Shani Ross-Staff Writer

This student is currently a senior at FHS. She is very active with extra-curricular activities including playing tennis and being on the cheer squad. Outside of school this student is an active member of her church group and when she is not doing any of these things, she is eating. She also enjoys being a teacher's aide to one of the high school staff. She wants to attend Texas Tech and has a current career plan of becoming an X-Ray Technician. Also, this student enjoys the lake, going to the beach and to the mountains. Can you guess who this is?



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Photo by Sarah Jo Miller

Along with all the new teachers that were added to our school, we have a number of new students. This week's Spotlight student is Soledad Aguilar, who moved here from Plainview. Here are a few things she wants you to know about her.

Sarah Jo: Why did you where I paint posters. decide to come to Floydada High School?

Soledad: I heard it was a really good school.

Sarah Jo: What is your nifer Lopez. favorite type of music?

Hop

volved in anything here?

FLOYDADA

SCHOOL MENU September 26 - September 30

Monday Breakfast-French toast, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Hot dog with chili, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk Tuesday Breakfast- Sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Cheese enchiladas, refried beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, milk Wednesday Breakfast-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Philly steak sandwich, baked beans, pickle spears, baked chips, fresh fruit cup, milk

Thursday Breakfast- Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Ultimate taco salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad, brownie, milk Friday Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, western beans, sliced peaches, crispy cereal treat, milk

Sarah Jo: If you could be any celebrity, who would it be?

Soledad: I would be Jen-

Sarah Jo: What is one Soledad: It would be Hip- thing on your bucket list?

Soledad: I want to go Sarah Jo: Are you in- bungee jumping.

Sarah Jo: If you could go Soledad: I am in theater anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

Soledad: I would want to go to China to see how different it is from here.

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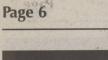
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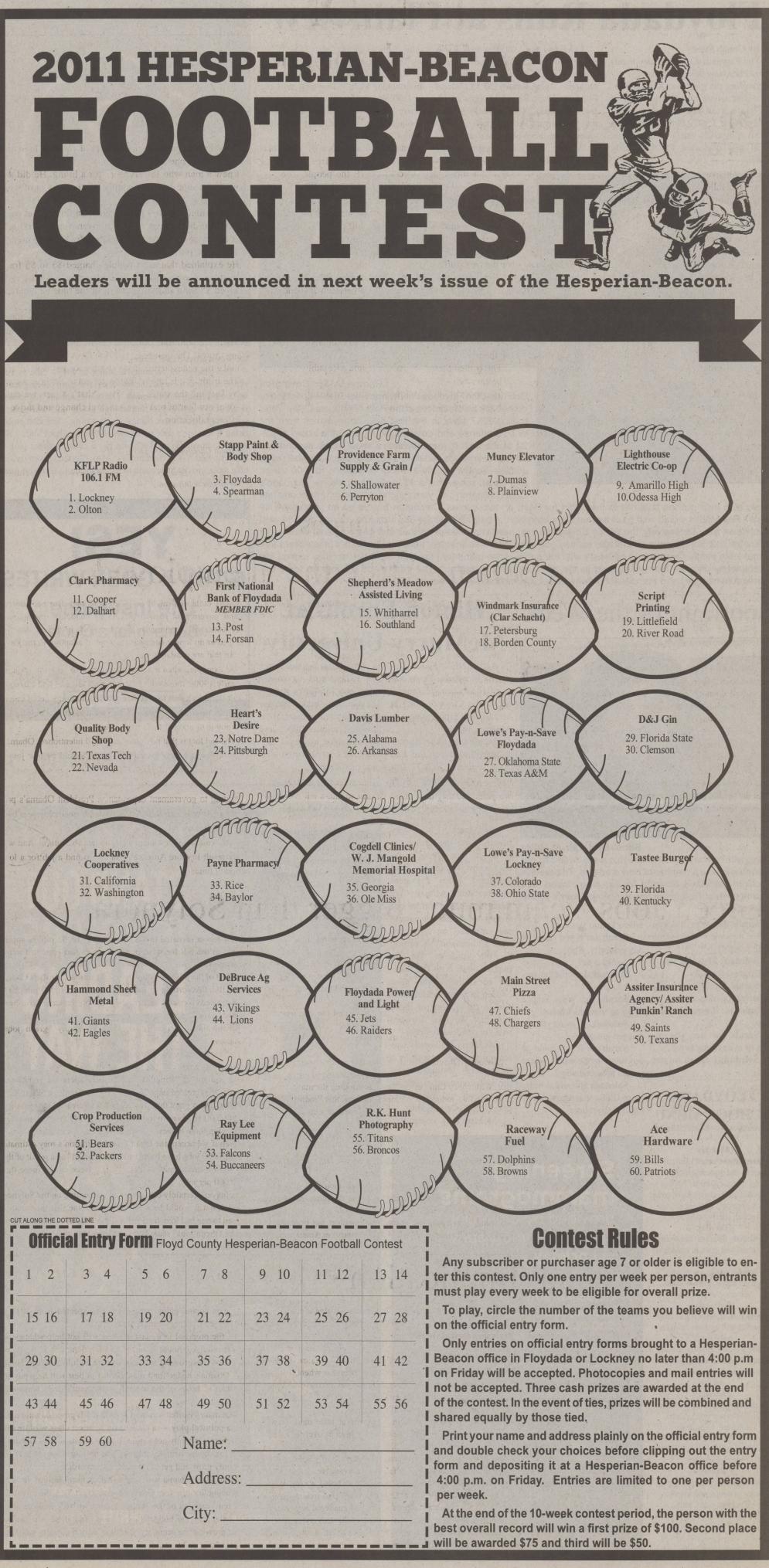
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OPINION The Paperboy

Can America Stand?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Have you ever helped your neighbor in a time of need? Did anyone tell you to do so?

I don't know of any responsible people who do not help the needy in some form or fashion. Americans are a very, compassionate people and will most likely stay that way unless the current climate in Washington stays the same.

To illustrate this point, I'll turn to a piece written which describes a mentality which has formed within our borders, but is already causing civil unrest in Europe:

THE REAL PROBLEM WITH OUR GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM

The folks who are getting free stuff don't like the folks who are paying for the free stuff.

Because the folks who are paying for the free stuff can no longer afford to pay for both the free stuff and their own stuff.

And the folks who are paying for the free stuff want the free stuff to stop.

And the folks who are getting the free stuff want even MORE free stuff on top of the free stuff they're getting already.

Now the people who are forcing people to PAY for the free stuff have told the people who are RECEIVING the free stuff that the people who are PAYING for the free stuff are being mean, prejudiced and racist.

So the people who are GETTING the free stuff have been convinced they need to HATE the people who are PAYING for the free stuff because they are selfish.

And they are promised more free stuff if they will vote for the people who force the people who pay for the free stuff to give them even more free stuff.

We have let the free stuff giving go on for so long that there are now more people getting free stuff than paying for the free stuff.

Now understand this. All great democracies have committed financial suicide somewhere between 200 and 250 years after being founded. The reason?

The voters figured out they could vote themselves money from the treasury by electing people who promised to give them money from the treasury in exchange for electing them.

The United States officially became a Republic in 1776, 231 years ago.

The number of people now getting free stuff outnumbers the people paying for the free stuff.

Obviously, this is a simplistic way of looking at our taxation. However, it illustrates a disconnect among some Americans who feel they are entitled to the same things those working for a living earn.

Why?

What has happened to the concept of working hard and taking pride in one's work?

I new a man who shined shoes for a living. He did not charge for a shoeshine. He simply left the amount of what he received to the customer.

I asked him one why he depended on faith to get paid. He told me he believed in his cutovers (customers) and their ability to show their appreciation for the high quality of service he provided.

He explained that most people charged \$3 to \$5 for a shoe shine. He also said it was very rare when he only received \$5 for a shoeshine. Most of the time he received around \$10.

The United States is a wonderful country with a lousy tax system. Not just on individuals, but across the board.

Their are solutions out there. There is a better way of doing things. The question is, do we have enough courage to make the necessary changes to advance our way of life.

The truth is, it is impossible to get out of the hole we are in by keeping the status quo. Since that's a fact, we must get over our fear of real governmental change and move in a different direction.

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Other Opinions

Unemployment benefits stifle the unemployed

By REBEKAH RAST

The number of people applying for unemployment benefits has reached its highest level in the past three months.

The economy is not growing like it needs to for Americans for find work, which is why in the past three years Americans have collected \$319 billion in jobless benefits.

A tanked economy explains well the reasons for an initial surge in unemployment. Businesses must adapt to a new climate and so often downsize while at the same time consumers consume less. But when the economy fell in 2007, it was expected to recover well before it has. This begs the question, why hasn't America recovered and where are the jobs?

A CNN article raises some of these very questions citing the U.S. Postal Service as an example. The article states the real culprit to the demise of the post office and the threat of cutting jobs and even limiting mail delivery, is email. "People are sending 22 percent fewer pieces of mail than they did four years ago,

to America? Yes. As America becomes more innovative and efficient, it is likely jobs will become not only more advanced and elite, but also fewer in number.

For three years and counting, businesses have been faced with tough, expensive, almost-impossible-to-meet regulations coming from this White House. For those companies that have survived new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) demands, ObamaCare mandates and the looming threat of tax increases, new methods of efficiency is what has kept them alive. A job that once took 10 people to do, might only take one.

Better efficiency and technology can in some cases mean fewer jobs, not something that the 9 percent of people who are unemployed today want to hear.

But it's OK because President Obama has extended unemployment benefits to 99 weeks for many of these people—almost two years—so they have plenty of time to find a job. Yes, they have ample time to find work, but the problem is, while they are out of the workforce businesses and those in the workforce are quickly gaining new skills and bettering today's technology. By the time the unemployment benefits run out and they go looking for a job, they're not going to be the least bit qualified. economy collapsed might not still be around. But because the federal government so freely gives its handouts, unemployed Americans will continue to look for work in a field that has changed or no longer necessary instead of adapting to the kinds of jobs that are available.

For example, when automobiles started to take the stage in the early 1900s, those who manufactured buggies and carriages didn't stand a chance to compete. Having no safety net of unemployment insurance, buggy and carriage makers had to learn the automobile or another trade to stay employed.

"The sad fact is that no matter how well intentioned, Obama's unemployment benefit extensions have locked people into a near-permanent state of dependency, which will be very difficult for them to recover from."

Adding to government dependency, President Obama's proposal in his American Jobs Act bill extends unemployment benefits for the most recent group of unemployed up to 99 weeks

opting for electronic bill payment and other net-enabled means of communication over envelopes and stamps," writes Douglas Rushkoff for CNN.

So technology in part is to blame for the lack of jobs returning

You see, many of the jobs that were around before America's

as well, which will cost taxpayers another \$62 billion. And will likely result in more Americans unable to find a job for a long period of time.

'Green Jobs' scam much bigger than Solyndra

By REBEKAH RAST

At the heart of Barack Obama's socialist agenda has been the myth that government-subsidized "green jobs" would stimulate a broad-based economic recovery.

"We need to invest in the jobs of the future and in the industries of the future, because the country that leads in clean energy and energy efficiency today ... is going to lead the global economy tomorrow," Obama said last March. "I want that country to be the United States of America."

Wishing didn't make it so, however — nor did \$93 billion in "green investment" included in Obama's failed "stimulus."

In an effort to get to the bottom of the "green jobs" scam, this month the U.S. House of Representatives began investigating a \$535 million federal loan awarded two years ago to Solyndra — a Fremont, California-based solar panel manufacturer which filed for bankruptcy last month (resulting in 1,100 lost jobs).

Of immediate interest to lawmakers is whether the Obama administration pressured officials into prematurely approving Solyndra's loan so that Vice President Joe Biden could participate in a "major Recovery Act announcement" with the company. Recently-uncovered emails lend credence to this theory, and the Obama administration is already neck deep in denials.

But the Solyndra debacle isn't just about taxpayers shelling out half a billion dollars on a vice presidential photo opportunity, it's about the broader failure of command economic intervention — "green" or otherwise.

"These jobs are gonna be permanent jobs," Biden said in announcing the Solyndra loan. "These are the jobs of the future. These are the green jobs. These are the jobs that won't be exported."

Nine months later Obama himself visited the company – touting Solyndra as a "stimulus" success story.

"The true engine of economic growth will always be companies like Solyndra," he said.

Obviously Obama is flat wrong on that point. The true engine of growth is free market — a lesson Solyndra found out the hard way. With cheap Chinese solar panels flooding the market and a corresponding reduction in global demand, this "industry" was on an unsustainable course — not unlike the government subsidizing its expansion.

A month before Solyndra went belly-up, Massachusetts-based Evergreen Solar — which received \$58 million in taxpayer aid — also declared bankruptcy. Months earlier, the company had moved 800 manufacturing jobs to China.

"This is one of the most oversupplied industries I've ever seen," an energy industry analyst noted at the time. "Evergreen is just the tip of the iceberg."

Losing "green jobs" to overseas competitors has been a hallmark of the Obama "stimulus." Last February, an American University report revealed that 80 percent of the \$2 billion appropriated in the bill for wind power projects had gone to foreign companies.

"Most of the jobs are going overseas," researcher Russ Choma told ABC. "According to our estimates, about 6,000 jobs have been created overseas, and maybe a couple hundred have been created in the U.S."

Meanwhile, America is littered with empty "green jobs" promises.

In Nevada, one solar company received \$55 million in federal and state tax credits — but hired just five new employees, while \$61.5 million in "stimulus" funds were spent on geothermal projects that created only 25 new jobs. In Seattle, a \$20 million weatherization grant that was supposed to create 2,000 jobs and retrofit 2,000 homes wound up producing only fourteen jobs and retrofitting three homes.

Even if we accept the Obama administration's rosy estimates that 225,000 jobs have been "saved or created" as a result of this \$93 billion investment — that's still a price tag of more than \$410,000 per job.

Taxpayers certainly deserve a full accounting on the Solyndra scandal, but it would be a mistake to assume that this scam is limited to one bad loan for \$535 million. The true cost of government's "green jobs" scam is much larger than that.

Obama's Capital Implication

By BILL WILSON

When Berkshire Hathaway chairman and chief executive Warren Buffett wrote his love letter to Barack Obama begging to have his taxes increased — a move that prompted Americans for Limited Government to note up to 1 billion in back taxes his company may owe — he implied that he would be comfortable paying capital gains taxes at a higher rate, and that those gains ought to be treated equally as income under tax law.

Obama capitalized on the Buffett oped in his recent address to a joint session of Congress, saying, "Right now, Warren Buffett pays a lower tax rate than his secretary — an outrage he has asked us to fix. We need a tax code where everyone gets a fair shake and where everybody pays their fair share."

Again, Obama implied that he was gearing up to raise the capital gains tax from its current levels. He promised that the tax hike would "help the economy grow and get our fiscal house in order," but it will do neither. Why?

When you want less of something, you tax it. More capital gains going to the government will result in less capital gains being reinvested in the economy. In this case, Obama is essentially calling for less capital to be invested in the U.S. by increasing the government's share of that capital.

Call it simple math.

Broadly speaking, increasing taxes on capital gains will also have the impact of driving investments overseas where they are taxed at lower rates. Even targeting the tax increase to hedge fund managers, as in the Obama proposal, will simply have the effect of moving those operations offshore.

So, at a time when growth is anemic at little more than 1 percent and unemployment persistently high at over 9 percent, Obama is proposing policies that will result in there being less capital to invest in domestic private markets. Sadly, for the average American, that will mean fewer jobs available.

- Besides driving investment overseas as noted above, White House budget director Jack Lew estimated that treating hedge fund managers' capital gains for services rendered would raise \$18 billion over ten years, or about \$1.8 billion every year.

That may seem like a lot of money, but to put it into context, that would account for little more than 1.4 percent of the \$1.244

trillion in capital gains tax collections expected from 2011 to 2020 by the Congressional Budget Office.

So, the proposal in a narrow sense will not help whatsoever to "get our fiscal house in order". With a deficit of \$1.5 trillion, the nation is borrowing at a pace of over \$4 billion a day. Therefore, Obama's hedge fund manager tax at best will help pay for less than 12 hours of the federal government's daily borrowing binge.

That makes Buffett's gambit and Obama's proposal little more than a political ploy — a clever way to inject class warfare into the debate. Certainly not a proposal that merits serious consideration for anyone actually interested in finding ways to "help the economy grow and get our fiscal house in order."

After all, if Obama was serious about fiscal reform, he'd be embracing Senator Tom Coburn's plan to cut \$9 trillion over the next ten years out of the budget, getting us back into the black and balancing the budget this decade. And if he was serious about growing the economy, tax hikes on job creators would be the last thing on his mind.

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Whirlwind News

Giving Back to the Community



Staff Photos by Imelda Resendiz and Cynthia Smith State Farm's Open House brings the community together. Top Left-: Connie Johnson-Office Manager, Bottom Left: Members of the FHS "Whirlwind Band," Middle: Band Director, Justin Ogden thanks local business owner, Nick Long, as Bertha Garcia, Service Representative and Gilbert Trevino FISD Superintendent look on. Top Right: Justin Ogden and Bertha Garcia, Bottom Right: Employees of First National Bank

American Schools vs. European Ecoles

By: Merritt Johnson

Many Americans are oblivious to the vast differences between American and European schools. Here in America, the schools are fairly large. However, in Europe schools, the facilities differ greatly. The schools are small, with no parking lots, gymnasiums, or athletic fields. European schools don't even have sports' teams. If you are a high school student, who would like to participate in sports, you must join community-based teams. sible you may begin at 8:00

In the day of a European pupil, you rarely switch classes, because the teachers rotate to you while you stay in the same classroom. Since the students stay in one room, there is no need for lockers in the European school. Students in Europe have the educational option of going to one of the three different types of schools. The choices are vocational, professional, and college-track schools. Depending on the school you attend, it is pos-.

am in the morning, have breaks throughout the day, and end at 6:00 pm in the evening. Academically speaking, the work there is considered more challenging than in America. In European schools the assignments are more like essays, and they rarely give any multiple-choice exams. As a compliment to American teachers, European students who have attended American schools say that the teachers in America are much more motivated and make the students want to learn.

Uniting As One to Serve Our Schools and Community

By Homero Ramirez Staff Writer

On Wednesday, September 14, our school administrators and local pastors assembled at Floydada High School's library to discuss roles they could play in the event of a crisis: such as the death of a student, teacher or tragic ac-, cident. One of the roles a pastor can play in our community

involves the provision of grief counseling as needed within the scope of the School Grief Plan. Pastors, as well as other community volunteers, can also spend time in the classroom as short-term substitutes. when a teacher becomes overwhelmed by emotions. Involving the pastor in our schools and community could provide students and teachers with the

Adjusting To New STAAR Test

moral support they will need to go through any unfortunate events. When a tragedy occurs, one's perspective of life can really change and havings someone to rely on can really help a person get back on track. Pastoral involvement in our school during challenging times can really have a positive influence in a student or teacher's recovery.

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"The thought of the students

By Shani Ross-Staff Writer and Cynthia Smith-Editor

proudly took part in this year's State Farm's Open House, hosted by Nick Long and staff. The band played several selections in support of this event. At the end of the performance, Nick Long generously made a charitable donation in support of the Floydada High School Band.

"We really appreciate the support that Nick gives to the school district as well as to the many people in the community," FISD Superintendent, Gilbert Trevino said.

Several members of the community were in attendance including: school

board member and wife, Charlie and Dale Tyre, em-The Whirlwind Band ployees of First National Bank: CFO-Amanda Hinsely, Bank Tellers-Sara Segura, Jessica Johnston, and Proof Operator-Connie Peralez, and Corey Johnston, local radio broadcaster for 106.1 FLIP FM.

"It was nice that everyone was invited, not just customers. We offer an open house for FNB in December as well," Amanda Hinsely said.

Band members performing for the Open House were: Sean Morales, Angelica Olvera, Christina Muniz, Carly Carthel, Christian Cabello, and Samantha Caballero.

"We always love to help the community and the donuts were delicious," Carly Carthel said. "It feels great to be appreciated," Samantha Caballero added.

This year's Whirlwind Band is under the direction of Justin Ogden.

"We are glad to come out and support the community in anyway we can," Ogden said.

Local businessman, Nick Long, joined our community in 1988. "After 23 years of business, we are very appreciative and are tickled to be a part of such a wonderful place. Floydada has been a great place to raise our daughter, and I am very proud of the whole community, especially FISD and all it has to offer. It is a win-win for everybody," Long said.

Staff's Corner



Photo by Cynthia Smith

At last week's Pep Rally, the Junior High Cheerleaders, along with sophomore, Mari Mar Lira presented Sonya Glass, mother of Alex Glass, with get well cards that were signed by the students of FJH and FHS.

By Cynthia Smith-Editor ciation. The Glass Family has started back to school on a half-"Gratitude is the music of written a note to you: day basis. We believe Alex is "A little over 11 years ago, doing as well as he is because swept by the breeze of kindwe moved to the Floydada of all the prayer warriors out ness." ~Author Unknown there constantly praying for community. Upon doing so, Sometimes words just aren't we were asked 'Why in the him and our family. God is great and powerful!

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the heart, when its chords are

enough to express a sincere gratefulness to the people who mean the most to us. This week's Staff's Corner column is dedicated to the Floyd County community. I've lived here for five years, and I must say that it has been a privilege and an honor to live in a community where if/when a tragedy occurs, everyone does his/ her part to help a fellow brother or sister in need; such as in the case with the family of Bill and Sonya Glass. So many members of our community showed their respects to the family, by sending food, offering an encouraging word, making a phone call and/or a visit to the hospital, praying, and a number of unimaginable gestures during their family's unfortunate

world we moved from Lubbock to here!' We choose to live here because we want to and not because we have to. Floyd county people are some of the best around. Time and time again we see the outpouring of love, support, and prayers from this community for people who are hurting or are in need. This is why we love this community and choose to make this our home. You won't see this kind of love and support from the big city...TRUST ME.

As most of you are aware, our son Alex sustained a head injury at the lake on Labor Day weekend. After a trip to the Emergency Room, a stay in Pediatric ICU, and a few more days in the hospital, he came home for a week and has since

Again, we would like to express our gratitude to this community as a whole. It is amazing how fast news travels in a small town, especially with the new technology available. The news of Alex's injury made it across of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, and who knows where else before Alex even knew he was hurt!!! We sure are glad we have unlimited texting on our phones!!

Thank you all again and may God Bless You.

Bill, Sonya, Alex, and Ryder Glass

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." ~ 1 John, 3:18

The College Life of One of Our Very Own Lady Winds

By Sarah Jo Miller Staff Writer

When high school seniors are going through their last year of high school, most of them aren't thinking about what awaits them the day after graduation. To provide a better perspective, Lexi Covington, a 2011 graduate of FHS, gives us a look into her first few months at Oklahoma University.

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When asked about how it is to not have her parents living in the room next to her, Lexi said that it is very different es-

pecially with learning how to manage her own time and not relying on them. Managing her time wisely is a specific thing that Lexi mentioned in what she's learned in the past few months at college. She also said that it was the one thing that she wished she knew how to do more of before she went to OU. Moving to a university out of state required that Lexi also meet new people of whom to befriend. Some of her new friends were those she met in her sorority, Alpha Phi. When

asked about her new life as a college student, she exclaimed, "I love it!" Another thing she's noticed is the different accents of the people at Norman, OK. In Lexi's words, "College classes much more difficult than those of high school. It is a complete change." Despite the normal small-town syndrome of not ever wanting to move away from home, Lexi has enjoyed living in a city "thirty times the size of our town," but she still misses certain things about Floydada.

FHS student, Alyssa Crone, is focused and ready to conquer the STAAR test. By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer thing, and it keeps everyone This school year, all students, accountable, but not every

Photo by Cynthia Smith

grades 3-9, will be taking the STAAR test. This test is replacing the TAKS test and is more thorough than previous state standardized tests. The teachers will have to adjust their curriculum to make sure the students are prepared to take the tests. A MARINA

student can learn at the pace that the state of Texas wants him or her to learn, and it's frustrating. The curriculum is not harder, but more in depth," Freshman English teacher, Brandi Cook said

Each core subject will have a different STAAR test "The testing is a good which will have a time length

taking this new test is scary because we don't know a whole lot about it, and I'm worried. I wish we had more information so we could be better prepared,"

Science teacher, Melva Dorman said Since the new standardized test will require more

possible deductions.

knowledge of the subject area, the students are working hard to adjust the way they learn. Teachers are giving more rigorous tests to make sure the students are obtaining the information given to them.

"We're studying really hard, going over reviews of topics we've already learned, taking tests and the teachers are really stepping it up on a lot of things. I'm a little nervous because it's supposed to be really hard," FJHS seventh grader Alyssa Vega said.

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Crossword Answers Week 9/15/11

1. Matthew

3. Ashley

5. Teeple

7. Cook

8. Neal

Across

- 2. Chavarria
- 4. Smith
- 5. Taylor
- 6. Aycock
- 9. Avery



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Longhorn News

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Azua

ACT/SAT **Preparation**

By Kameron Hunt Correspondent

High school juniors and senior across the United States are often haunted by the words ACT and SAT. The SAT and ACT are standardized college entrance exams which those seeking admission to college must test and score a set grade which varies between colleges. A poor score on the SAT or ACT could result in a denial of admission to the college you wish to attend.

Shana Hallmark is the Lockney high school Counselor and is familiar with these exams. Mrs. Hallmark says that students can excel in their course work and take college level course when available to help prepare them for the exam. She stated that websites such as ACTstudent.org and collegeboard.com contain preparation material to assist students in getting ready to take the test.

When asked about the importance of the ACT or SAT exam scores when it comes to gaining admission into college; Mrs. Hallmark replied "It's very important because every university has ACT or SAT score requirements.

Lockney Senior Meagan Dunn recently took the SAT exam. When asked how they prepared for the exam, both explained that they studied the websites provided by Mrs. Hallmark and took practice exams. Ms. Dunn stated, "I feel it helped me because I was able to see what was on the test beforehand. Ms. Dunn recommends that when preparing for the exam, make sure to take as many practice tests as you can and don't be nervous.

Courtesy Photo This week's Longhorn Teacher Spotlight shines on Spanish teacher Mrs. Kathy Azua.

By Kayla Jimenez-Correspondent

Our Teacher spotlight this week features Mrs. Kathy Azua. Mrs. Azua grew up in San Juan, Puerto Rico and graduated from high school in 1993. She has worked in education for 14 years and currently wears several hats of responsibility at Lockney High School. She teaches all levels of Spanish in addition to serving as the Student Council Sponsor and is a member of the side base committee.

Mrs. Azua enjoys working in and getting to know her students and admits that some of the challenges faced

in her job is getting students to enjoy their work. She stated that some of her most memorable moments of her teaching career include past students returning to show her their degrees in Spanish and having the ability to speak fluent Spanish.

Outside of school, Mrs. Azua enjoys spending time with her friends and family as well as reading. Mrs. Azua has one son Diego which currently is a student at Lockney elementary and a daughter named Krista. Her husband serves in the military and is the owner of Master Graphics in Plainview.



Courtesy Photo This week's Longhorn Spotlight is on Amber Segovia; above Amber (center) hangs

Lockney Literary Criticism Team

Gears Up for New Season

This year Lockney's UIL Literary Criticism team is extremely excited for competition. Lockney's Lit. Crit. team contains five members, Lindsay Stewart, McKenzie Kemp, Jasmine Pena, Ashley Roberts, and Darby Long and is led by Mrs. Woodard. Literary Criticism is a 90 minute test where the students are tested over things such as literary analysis, authors, and works that represent English-language literary history.

The Literary Criticism test is divided into three separate sections, in addition to containing a tie-breaking essay which students write to demonstrate their aptitude of literary analysis. seniors on the team. How-The first section of the test deals with different types of literary history and terminology. The second section of the test asks about the works of three different authors which students have to study. The third section of the test involves literary analysis skills. In this section, students break down and analyze different types of poetry.

The Students prepare for this competition by studying three different authors, one for each category. They also study literary terms as well as how to analyze poetry. The 2010-2011 Lit Crit team members were Kami Hunt, Krista Mangum, Lindsay Stewart, Jasmine Pena, and McKenzie Kemp. The 2010-2011 placed first in District, first in Regionals, and second in State competitions. Mrs. Woodard; who serves as the Lit Crit coach stated, "We have tough competition this year. We encounter Quanah, our primary state competition, at district. Also, our group is young this year- we have two freshman and no ever our chance for a repeat state visit is very high. The girls are all VERY smart and VERY dedicated, and three have been to the state competition before." We are extremely proud of the past successes of the Literary Criticism team as well as all of our UIL teams. We are looking forward to celebrating another successful year of competition.

out with her friends Ana Hernandez and Ellie Naranjo.

By Jake Bramlet-Correspondent

This week we begin our spot light on the students at Lockney. Amber Segovia is a Senior at Lockney High School. Amber participates in Band, UIL and is a member of the National Honor Society. Amber stated that the things she enjoys most about being a student at Lockney High School is seeing her friends, playing in and competing with the band and travelling on school trips, such as with the art club last year to San Antonio.

Aside from being a student, Amber works after school at the Physical Therapy Center in Lockney. She has also worked at the Plains Baptist Assembly the past two summers as a SMT (summer missionary). Aside of school and work, she enjoys reading, painting, and hanging out with her friends. After graduation, Amber is planning on attending college at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and study to become a nurse.



Courtesy Photo

Lockney High School Cross Country girls Marisol Hernandez, Whitney Ascencio, and Heather Fierros receive final instructions before completing at Mays Simmons Park in Lubbock. The Lockney junior high and high school cross country teams also completed in Plainview on September 17, 2011



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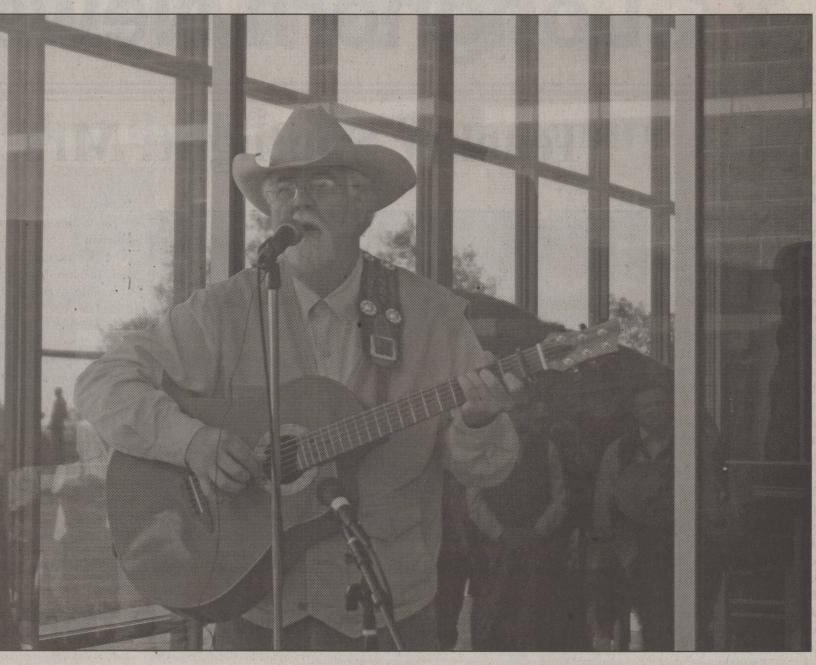
Bison Roaming Free Once Again at Caprock Canyons State Park

QUITAQUE, TX-A consistent convoy of vehicles crowded the roadways of Caprock Canyons State Park most all of Saturday afternoon to view something that's not been seen in the region since famed cattleman, Charles Goodnight operated the J.A. Ranch more than 120 years ago: free-roaming bison.

As part of a restoration master plan to return portions of the canyon escarpment to its original grassland ecosystem, 74 head of Southern Plains Bison, coined the Official Texas State Bison Herd, were released from captive pens inside the park, into a 700-acre prairie grassland that stretches from the park entry road, to the visitor center, to Lake Theo. To commemorate the bison release, the park hosted a day-long celebration on Saturday of historic and interpretive programs, bison burger lunch, trail rides and free park entry, all of which began with a program of speakers and a unique "ribbon cutting." Rather than traditional ribbon, authentic barbed wire taken from Goodnight's ranch site was ceremoniously cut.

The morning's presenters also included Andy Wilkinson, artist in residence at Texas Tech University's Southwest Collections and a descendant of Goodnight, who played his original song, "A Prairie Without A Buffalo." And Comanche Nation Chairman Johnny Wauqua was also on hand for the event.

they're bringing these bison closure. back. They are part of all of our heritage."



TPWD Photo by Bryan Frazier

Andy Wilkinson, Artist in Residence at Texas Tech University Southwest Collections, performs his song "A Prairie Without A Buffalo" during a ceremony at the Bison Restoration Celebration on Saturday at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque.

up close—a first for the park, which "I feel this is important be- has been home to the herd since 1998. cause we, our ancestors, used But it's also beneficial for the bison to live and travel through this 'and resources, both of which had bearea," Wauqua said. "I'm glad come stressed inside the smaller en-

"The great thing is, this is not an exhibit or a display of these bison; Foremost for the park it's a permanent release into their visitor, free-roaming bison al- natural range. They really have come low people to observe North home where they belong," said Don-America's largest land animal ald Beard, superintendent of Caprock

Canyons State Park. "But it's not just about putting bison into a larger area; it's truly part of a restoration plan for what was once a vast grassland. And it allows the public to enjoy these magnificent animals, and see them up close.'

To many, the release of these bison into an open range culminates the ultimate story of survival. Once numbering in the millions, American Buffalo (bison) were hunted to near

extinction toward the end of the 19th Century. And only because of Charles' Goodnight's wife, Mary Ann, were a few animals spared, which became the breed stock for five foundation herds in the U.S., including the herd at Yellowstone National Park, and, ultimately here at Caprock Canyons State Park.

"This particular population is the last remnant of the Southern Plains Bison herd, and they have traits that

are unique," said Dr. James Derr, professor of veterinary medicine at Texas A&M University and renowned bison geneticist. "This herd was on a path to becoming extinct in 50 years if something wasn't done. But steps are being taken here to help increase genetic diversity and make the herd population much healthier."

The bison are the crowning attraction at the 15,000-acre park, which See Bison on page 13



Floyd County, has received HOME Program funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to reconstruct five (5) homes that are:

• in poor condition,

• owned by households with at least one member who is elderly (62+) and/or disabled

• and owned by low income households with incomes that are not greater than 60% of the Family Median Income for the area within Floyd County, TX. (See eligible income levels below).

Floyd County invites eligible households to attend a general information session about the HOME Program, and to complete an application for the program on:

> **October 6th** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 2011 **RV** Community Center 801 North 2nd Floydada, Texas 79235

The general information session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please bring:

1. Driver's license or other type of identification

2. Social Security card for all Household members

3. Proof of ownership of your home (e.g., warranty deed)

4. Property "Tax Certificate" for most current tax payer year 5. Documentation showing earned income and/or benefits

received

(e.g., pay stub or social security letter) and 6. Latest electric and gas utility bill or Voters Registration Card.

Applications are available at the South Plains Community Action Association, 201 W. California, Floydada, TX. *Application Deadline is November 06, 2011*

Eligible Annual Income Levels Per Households

1 person: \$19,560 4 Persons \$27,900

2 persons \$22,320 5 Persons \$30,180

3 Persons \$25,140 6 Persons \$32,400



Floyd County provides services to eligible participants without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. All applications intake locations are accessible to persons with disabilities If additional assistance or information is required, please contact Dalia Arvizu at (806) 983-3134.

The City of Floydada will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2011 At Floydada City Hall 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for 2011.

The proposed tax rate is \$.40 per \$100 of value. This rate exceeds the effective tax rate by .00607 cents or .015425 percent.

> The rollback tax rate is .42533 per \$100 value.

Tax Code Section 26.052

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I hereby declare the week of September 18-24, 2011, as Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Week in	All		and the second
Whereas, this year's theme "Safety Counts—Your Community Depends On It" carries a strong message about the importance of safety and health on America's farm and ranch communities. The theme suggests that through increased awareness and educational initiatives, aimed at protecting the lives and livelihood of our agricultural producers, the nation's abundance of food and fiber will be secure. The National Safety Council commemorates the hard work and sacrifices of our nation's farmers and ranchers by observing National Farm Safety and Health Week.			
Whereas, although the theme of this year's observance focuses on the importance of protecting the lives and livelihood of farmers and ranchers, we must remember that presently, agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States. This is a huge toll with respect to the communities involved and the national productivity of our food supply. Safety and health education can play a vital role in reducing fatalities and injuries on the farm.	MAR		
The <u>FIDYA</u> County Farm Bureau, the Texas Farm Bureau, and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies join with the National Safety Council and other organizations in working toward the goal of a safer farm and ranch community. Therefore, I urge our farmers and ranchers to focus on farm and ranch safety and education			
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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

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DELTAPINE® Cotton commercial contest for students expanded

LUBBOCK, TX (Septem- school category) or FFA chapter

(if for the FFA chapter category) Second and third prizes in each category will each receive cash donations of \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively for their high school (if in the high school category) or FFA chapter (if for the FFA chapter category). Additionally, up to two videos may be selected from all entries received to air as a television commercial for the cotton industry in Texas.

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 Count, 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

5541**TS**

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 1/4 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

Paul Raissez Sheriff, Floyd County, Texas You may contact the Plantiff's attorney at 325-672-4870

ber 9, 2011) – Students will once again have the opportunity to win cash donations for their FFA chapter or high school as Monsanto Company -, on behalf of Deltapine® cotton - and Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. partner to present the Deltapine Cotton Commercial Contest.

The contest will put a spotlight on the regional cotton industry and the numerous ways cotton is used. Contestants are asked to produce a video 80 to 85 seconds in length about the importance of cotton in their own community, and its numerous uses, from textile production to by-products that aid us daily. Students are also encouraged to visit local cotton gins and growers when making their videos

"Many people who live in urban areas don't realize the importance of cotton to Texas or the tremendous impact it has on the state's economy," said Dave Rhylander, Deltapine cotton marketing manager. "Many of them don't know – or they take for granted – all the things that come from cotton that we use every day. We believe this contest will help both the students and the public have a better understanding of the value of cotton to all of us.'

Last year's contest included 10 FFA chapters participating. This year, many more high school students across West Texas are expected to participate. Deltapine is also proud to have Lubbockbased Plains Cotton Growers as a co-sponsor this season.

"We are excited to be a part of such a great contest that both teaches our local youth about cotton and promotes the industry among growers and the public," said Steve Verett, Executive Vice President for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. "We are committed to helping ensure that their videos tell the story of cotton in the most engaging way possible."

Upon completion, students will submit their videos using the contest's website, www.Cotton-VideoContest.com. In addition to accepting entries from FFA chapters in Texas, any Texas high school student may also enter.

The FFA chapter entries and high school entries will be divided into two separate categories, and prizes will be awarded to the top three videos in the category. The top video in each category wins a \$2,500 cash donation for their high school (if in the high RELEASE

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Submissions will be posted online for the public to vote for, "Like" and share using Facebook and other social media tools. Winners will be determined by online vote at www. CottonVideoContest.com and a judging panel that will consist of representatives from Deltapine, Plains Cotton Growers, and other industry professionals. Around December 14, 2011, the videos will be made available to the public for viewing and voting. Winners will be announced and donations presented at the 2012 Texas Cotton Ginners' Association (TCGA) Meetings and Cotton Trade Show

More details and a copy of the official rules for the contest are available at www.cottonvideocontest.com. All video submission must comply with the official rules in order to be eligible to win.

To learn more about Deltapine cotton varieties, go to www. deltapine.com.

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Memories and Rambling On... About Floydada Years Past

By Guy Ginn

These article by Arthur Earl Gamble, "FROM THE ARCHIVES" sure brings memories of how it used to be.

Arthur Earl mentioned the early grocery stores and the merchandise they handled. Most all stores those days were by independent operators and there might be more than on in the same business. There were several grocers. I can recall during my school years, Pierce King, Carl Minor, Jess Patterson, Hull and McBride and Jones and son. There might have been others

Also during this time the Massie brothers had a wholesale grocery warehouse on the railroad and could supply them with the staples. In the mid-30's Piggy Wiggly put in a store. The building is now the Catholic Church. This made it hard for the independents to survive.

Another type of store those days was the "La-

dies" store, by a Mrs. Welch and a "Mens" store by Glad Snodgrass.

I graduated in 1933. My parents gave me a new suit. "Glad's" had material samples to choose from. All wool. They measured me and ordered the suit. At that time suits were not kept in stock and had to be ordered. Two or three weeks later I got the suit. Probably didn't cost more than \$50. Some time later, J. C. Penney came. Lots of suits in stock.

One of Arthur Earl's articles, he talked about the doctors of those early years. I failed to mention a Dr. Houghton, who came in a little later. Dr Houghton removed my tonsils. His office was in the back of the drug store next door to the bank. A lot of the doctors had offices in drug stores.

One old custom that was popular with friends of newly weds was called a shivaree. I witnessed one. It was downtown. Loraine "Britt"

Britton was pushing his new bride around the courthouse square in a wheel barrow. Their friends were following in cars honking their horns and making all kinds of noise. Some of you may remember this couple.

There is a picture in the museum, of the west side business, made in 1926 I think. Taken from the top of the courthouse. This shows the store fronts and the name of the business. This picture was reproduced on the wall of the meeting room at the bank, when they remodeled. I would guess that is picture was made on Saturday as every parking space is full, cars parked perfectly. Saturday was a big day back then. If you haven't seen it, you need to go. It's very interesting.

Jack Deacon was the theatre owner. There was a show every night and Saturday afternoon. Saturday show was always a western. The plot was always the same. The popular cowboy always won the girl. I can remember an early one was Tom Mix. Later there was Roy Rogers and John Wayne and others.

I'm sure his business was good those early days. Then came television. That hurt show business. Jack had to close. The building stayed vacant for several years. Probably it was in the 70's that Aldine and Wanda Wiliams bought the theatre building and had a 3 bedroom house built inside. They enjoyed living there several years. After Aldine passed away, Wanda sold the building and home. It is still being lived in by the present owners.

Some other early buildings. The empty building on the southeast corner was one time a garage and auto store. I want to say White's Auto but it could have been something else. Cline and Rainer were there in the late 20's, 30's and 40's. I don't know what happened there.

The building at 201 W. California where the radio

station is located, originally was a dry good store by J. G. Martin. It was built in the late 20's. Mr. Martin passed away. The building was a Jones and Son grocery store late 40's. Until Fred Jones shot and killed a man in front of the store.

The REA occupied the building for several years until they built new offices east of town.

The old vacant building on the northwest corner was the Floyd County State Bank. Closed by depression of 1929.

I won't forget the courthouse. You can see pictures of the old courthouse at the museum and several places around town.

Some time in the middle 40's the old building got an electrical short in the upper tower and burned down. The old building had the fourfaced clock in the tower that chimed the hour and the half hour. The new building was built. The bell that chimed the time is located on a memorial base on the lawn southwest of the present building.

Several old buildings around town were at one time very busy, filling stations or service stations. Service is best because in those days, while filling your tank with gas they would clean your windshield, check your radiator for water, check your oil, air the tires if needed. Now it's all self-service.

The building where Don Hardy's business is, was originally a Ford dealership by Bert and Arthru Barker. This was early 20's when cars were beginning to sell. Arthur later moved to Lockney as the Chevrolet dealer.

The other building north of the hotel was originally a Dodge Chrysler dealer in the 30's and 40's.

These were good years. We have had some good and some bad....more good than bad.

Cooking Well Classes Teach Cut the Fat and Salty, Not the Flavor

By Melissa Long CEA-FCS Floyd County

Cooking Well With Diabetes Classes will be offered to help residents to cook flavorful meals with less salt and offered at the County Extenfat.

Cooking Well is a series of four lessons presented by Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County and will be

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Floydada will conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at the Floydada City Hall 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas to consider adopting the tax rate for tax year 2011.

sion Office meeting room at 110 S. Wall in Floydada beginning at 5:45 P.M. on October 3, 10, 17 and 24

Cost for the series of classes is \$20 and registration is due September 23.

Running Water Draw Arts and Craft Show coming soon

ing for the 37th annual Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival. This show started 37 years ago as a. fund raiser for the Plainview Rotary Club and to are geared up to have many assist in the many

projects they do for the Plainview area, today it is still an ongoing endeavor. Last year's show had 120 unique arts and crafts

Classes will include Educational Presentations, Food Demonstrations and Recipe Tasting. For more information

contact Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County at 983-4912.

Time is fast approach- booths with items to purchase for yourselves or as gifts for others. With

Christmas less than 5 months away, exhibitors for Running Water Draw wonderful items for you to

purchase as the perfect Christmas gift.

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Boyd Lee	22/30	54/88				
Paul Lopez	19/30	50/88				
Steve Stringer	17/30	47/88				
Lance McHam	15/30	36/58				
Charles Wall	16/30					

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Citizens are welcome to attend this open meeting

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

On September 29 2011 at 5:30 p.m., the Board of Commissioners of the Floydada Housing Attorney will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Floydada Housing Authority's Five Year plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place at the office at 210 East California.

The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the office of the Floydada Housing Authority, 210 East California in Floydada, Texas.

Thank you, Sudy Cochran **Executive Director** Floydada Housing Authority



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Currently your government officials publish their plans and decisions in the newspaper - including where they intend to build facilities you might not want down the street.

That could change in the future because they want to bury their public notices somewhere online, on a little seen, rarely visited government website - out of sight, out of mind.

Don't let government keep you in the dark.

If it is not in the newspaper, you won't know about it.

The Floyd County **HESPERIAN-BEACON**

Booths are still available for this year's Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival. If you are interested in having a booth at this year's show, please contact Betty Foster, show coordinator at

(806) 293-1057 or (806) 729-1150 for more information.

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THE FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' **COURT, PRECINCT 1, IS TAKING SEALED BIDS** FOR

Item #1 – International Track Loader Item #2 – Hyster 15 Ton Tilt Bed Trailer Item #3 - Large chain hoist on A-Frame with Steel Wheels

Contact Mike Anderson for information and for viewing: Mike Anderson – 773-2874

WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY AND ALL BIDS. ALL BID FORMS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE, FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 105, FLOYDADA, TX. DEADLINE FOR BIDS WILL BE SEPTEMBER 29, 2011.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Floydada will conduct a Public Hearing for the 2011/2012 **Operating Budget** on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Floydada City Hall 114 W. Virginia St. Floydada, Texas.

Citizens are welcome to attend this open meeting

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report and cash flow statement report, showing M&O Current Tax Roll at \$2,810,264.48, with net collections of \$2,774,487.36, and I&S Tax Roll at \$291,524.65, with net collections of \$283,348.76. This makes 98.73 percent of current roll collected for this year, compared to this 98.51 percent collected as of this time last year.

The board unanimously approved the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas Report as presented by Rainwater, the Class Size Survey as presented by Superintendent Gilbert Trevino, the School Improvement Plan for Floydada Junior High School as presented by Rex Holcombe and Superintendent Trevino, and adopted the District Concussion Management Policy.

The board also unanimously agreed to authorize a onetime expenditure not to exceed \$1 per WADA to join with other Texas public schools, taxpayers and parents as an unincorporated association for the purpose of speaking with a unified voice in the litigation of public school finance matters essential to the fair treatment of Texas taxpayers and public school children.

Under future items for discussion, Tyer asked to discuss an evaluation of the necessity of non-professional positions and Lucke requested to discuss trading the district's tractor for another model.

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also includes picturesque panoramas of vaulting, rustcolored canyons, 30 miles of hike, bike and equestrian trails and more than 70 campsites. Caprock Canyons State Park is formed by the erosion bed of the Little Red River, and is part of a larger network of canyonlands that includes Palo Duro Canyon State Park to the northwest.

For more information on Caprock Canyons State Park, or the Official State Bison Herd, contact park staff at (806) 455-1492. Or visit the tests or help run a children's state park Web site at www.

PUNKIN' DAYS continued from page 1

trying out new recipes with pumpkins or squash base. The girls' favorites are pumpkin cupcakes. The Chamber will be sponsoring a baking contest with pumpkin as the main ingredient, so all the area bakers need to get busy experimenting with your recipes.

The Pyle's have moved their operation to town and expanded it by taking over the location of long time growers, Gary and Hulon Carthel, now retired. Pumpkin acreage is down this year with only a few growers but Punkin' Day is still a very integral part of the community. Local grower, Tim Assiter says though the drought has hurt production there should be plenty of pumpkins to go around.

Punkin' Day should be bigger and better this year. Vendors are coming from all over to participate. Last year's event brought people all the way from Alaska to attend. The Chamber has added two of every kind of food booth to this year's event, so no one should stand in line for a long time for their favorite whether it is a turkey leg, a corn dog, lemonade or that sweet, sticky cotton candy. The Chamber is mapping out a new set up for the various booths on the streets to make walking easier. This will leave the courthouse lawn for the children's games.

Other activities will be the pumpkin pie relay. Find three of your friends and sign up to eat a quarter of a pie and run the relay course. Also, Chamber board member Amanda Hinsley, will be handling the 5K run and Fun Run. She will be signing up runners early Saturday morning for this event. Also, get your costume out of the attic and dust off the cobwebs and get ready to enter the costume contest. We have prizes for kids and adult both. If you would like to volunteer to help as a judge of the congame, call the Chamber num-

Commissioners talk roads

By Homer Marquez

Last Monday, Floyd County Commissioner reconvened at the courthouse for their September court session.

As usual, the commissioners started the session by unanimously approving September's consent agenda which made the motion to pay the month's bills and approved the court minutes from last month's meeting; no farm contract were filed for the month.

Following the routine procedure, the commissioners would give the floor to Floyd County's Texas AgriLife department for their monthly report. In the report AgriLife agent, Mark Carroll, gave an update on the department's past and upcoming events. He reported that 4-H activities were well underway; attendance at the 4-H's enrollment party was well over 60, as kids at the party enjoyed the Science Spectrum's indoor planetarium. The 4-H also recently held their annual banquet which recognized students and outstanding volunteers. Reported to have been a great success, attendance for the banquet came in at around 130.

Carroll also reported that the 4-H's Livestock and Meat Judging team had recently held their first practice; the Floyd Ag Committee and Crop Ag Committee had met to plan the Crop Production Conference which is scheduled for January; and he also reported that he had already made eight horticulture visits, and spent last week with an IPA agent plant mapping cotton variety trials in the county.

Concluding his portion of the report, Carroll introduced, Taylor Orr, who is now acting as this year's 4-H Livestock Ambassador for Floyd County. Miss Orr explained to the commissioner's court that she had spent four days at Texas Tech attending Livestock Ambassador Classes. Courses highlighted subjects on food and nutrition as well as showmanship skills. She also explained that she will be coaching the 4-H Junior livestock judging team and will be also teaching a Quality Counts program

at both Floydada's and Lockney's 4-H took the floor to address blade work that Clubs. The Quality Counts program is now a prerequisite for showing livestock at major shows. The program focuses on teaching students the characteristics and ethics needed to show livestock; Miss Orr became certified to teach this class during her Ambassador Courses.

Closing out their report, agent, Melissa Long, reported the agency will be planning to create a fund for all first responders in Floyd County, so the agency will be planning luncheon for first responders on Oct. 30 at the Unity Center. Long also reported that 4-H District President, Jake Bramlet, will be heading to the State 4-H Council at the Texas State Fair.

Following the AgriLife report, Commissioner Anderson reported that he would not put his precinct's pick-up or trailer for sell as previous stated, but would bid out the county's track loader.

The court would also accept a donation by Gary Nixon which hauled a load of asphalt for the county.

Moving on down the next agenda, another hit from state cuts forced he court to pass an item that reduced pay for the second day of jury duty from \$40 to \$28. The reason for the reduction was due to reduced reimbursements from the State for jury duty payments.

accept Sheriffs' and Constables fees for 2012; the fees will stay the same as last year.

The next agenda item would be a request for a culvert replacement at the intersection of RD. 109 and 80; the request was made by Randy Henderson. Falling in the precinct of Commissioner Lindan Morris, the Commissioner explained that limited funds in his budget would not allow him fix culverts for free, stating that if he replaced one, he would have to replace all requests and his budget could not afford that; however he expressed that he would be happy to replace culverts if the owners covered the cost

Following that item, James Hinton the meeting.

was being done to the roads by county employees. He expressed that it was his assumption that inexperienced maintainer operators had left humps and gouges on county roads by his land. He suggested that the county place new maintainer operators with more experienced operators while they were learning.

Hinton also expressed that in his opinion, the roads were too dry to be bladed in the first place. Commissioner Amado Morales, who is the commissioner for Mr. Hinton, then strongly interjected claiming that other farmers had requested that blade work be done. Hinton didn't argue the fact, but still suggested that maintainer operators be paired up with experienced operators. Commissioner Johnson then explained that new hires were paired with experienced operators and stuck with them until they learned the ropes, however sometimes the lack of experienced hands sometimes caused these problems, noting that experienced operators are hard to keep. But Commissioner Johnson assured Hinton that training was being properly done. Hinton did express that overall, he appreciated all what the commissioners do, and just wanted to make the suggestion.

Despite the discussion, Commis-The court also passed a motion to sioners expressed that current drought conditions has limited what the county could do to fix county roads and rain needed to fall in order for the roads to settle; but until then, commissioners urged people to drive carefully through the dirt roads because dry conditions has caused the dirt to become loose like powder, opening the doors for accidents. Commissioners, like Commissioner Anderson, are planning to talk to gins so they are aware of these hazardous conditions.

> Following the discussions, the court would adjourn. An item left for another time would be an update on additional funding from FEMA by Martin Altman. Mr. Altman was unable to be present at

Floydada ISD approves 2011-2012 Budget and accepts bids

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board met August 23, 2011, to approve the 2011-2012 budget and consider bids for the district for fuel, oil and tires.

The board approved a motion by board member William Dean to adopt the 2011-2012 budget as presented by Business Manager Sharon Rainwater. In order to meet the 2011-2012 budget revenue expectations, the expenditures to Scott Snipes board unanimously approved a motion by Freddie Morren to adopt a 2011-2012 tax rate of \$1.30787 (\$1.17 M&0 and \$0.13787 INS) as recommended by Rainwater.

FISD to use the GASB 54 as- payment of all July 2011 bills. signed fund balance as present-Trevino. The motion passed unanimously.

and addressed the board during to the board concerning school public comments concerning the current FISD grooming pol-

icy which does not allow male

students to wear braided hair.

Charles Austin also addressed

the board with concerns about

for the amount of \$10,212 and

to Amalia Rodriguez for the

amount of \$3,000. According

to the records, the amount to

Snipes was for an exterior door

and installation at FHS/FJHS

was for carpet and tile instal-

lation - both expenditures were

for the campus consolidation

project. The board approved

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The board inquired about

the same issue.

In other business, Curricued by Superintendent Gilbert lum Director Anne Carthel presented the 2010-2011 TAKS/ AYP Report, citizen Manuel Keith Collins was present Mendez made a presentation

uniforms (upon which no action was taken), and the board approved the employment of the following personnel: Brooke Burson for 6th grade Reading and Eason Campbell for 8th grade ELA.

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The board accepted Corne- and the amount to Rodriguez lius Conoco's bid for supplying the district with fuel and oil and Garcia OK Tire's bid for tires.

Rainwater presented the tax report and cash flow statement. M&O Current Tax Roll was at \$2,810,264.48, with net collections of \$2,769,069.09; I&S Tax Roll was at \$291,524.98, with net collections of \$282,568.87. This puts the percent of current tax roll collected

at 98.53 percent, compared to 98.38 percent at this time last year.

The board unanimously adopted the proposed GASB 54 method of reporting the Fund Balance, and board member Charles Tyer made the motion to adopt the resolution for

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of

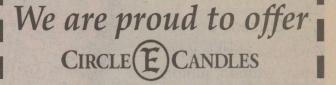
Elwin Ozell Chappell, Deceased, were issued on July 27, 2011, in Cause No. 5891, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Juanita Chappell.

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

Joe Heflin Attorney at Law P.O. Box 426 **Crosbyton**, Texas 79322 **DATED** on this 1st day of August, 2011.

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