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Golden crowned Texas State Champion Auctioneer

**By Valerie Grimm
 Director
 Texas Auctioneers Assn.**

Saturday night in a crowded ballroom of auctioneers and guests, Clay Golden of Aiken, Texas, earned a coveted spot in the roster of champion auctioneers as he was named the 2012 Texas State Champion Auctioneer.

Having successfully advanced during the preliminary round of bid calling, he advanced with nine other semi-finalists to the interview portion, where last year's champion posed a set of questions to the contestants. The panel of five judges then combined the scores of the two events to determine five finalists to compete live during the Saturday banquet.

Golden and the other finalists each sold three items and were scored again

on their poise; speed and rhythm; clarity; voice control; and appearance, among other things. In a close competition of exceptionally talented individuals, Clay Golden's engaging chant and professional demeanor set him apart from the rest and earned him the title of Champion.

Golden has been an auctioneer for 12 years and been married just slightly longer to his wife of 14 years, Heather. He said he attended cattle sales as a child and has always enjoyed auctions. So much so, that upon graduation from Texas Tech, his father sent him to auction school. He attended the Kenneth Gregg Auction School in Plainview in 1997. Clay's company, Golden Auctions, specializes in farm equipment, business liquidations,

real estate and benefit/charity events.

Their two children, Brenner, 12, and Brooklyn, 10, were not in the crowded ballroom when the decision was announced, but it was a proud moment for all. Golden had competed in the state championship six times prior, placing in the top 5 five times and earning 2nd place three times.

Golden says the win feels, "Amazing." He describes the high tension a contestant feels when selling in front of one's peers, and expressed a sense of relief at having accomplished his goal. Golden doesn't flaunt the accomplishment; in fact, he spoke of a sense of camaraderie that develops with other contestants during the competition. "Bonding and friendships made through



Clay Golden

the process are probably way better than winning it." Other contests decided that night by the distinguished panel of judges also included Tom Lester as the Texas Champion Ringman, Audri Muirhead as the Texas Rookie Champion Auctioneer and Mack Cornett as the Texas Senior Champion Auctioneer.

Marquez steps down as newspaper editor, Harbin steps in

After working for almost two years at the *Floyd County Hesperian Beacon*, reporter Homer Marquez will be stepping down as the newspaper's editor.

"It's been a wonderful ride, I love working with the fine people of Floyd County and by no means is this a "good bye" only a "see you later", commented Marquez.

Marquez has accepted a job as the new Sport Editor for the Plainview Herald where he was born and raised.

"What can I say about Homer?" said Chris Blackburn publisher of the *Hesperian-Beacon*.

"Homer is a good man and a strong journalist. I've enjoyed watching Homer grow as a writer and his effort and commitment to the *Hesperian-Beacon* are appreciated. Homer is a winner and he'll be successful in Plainview. We'll miss him, but we're hoping an arrangement can arise where Homer will continue to contribute from time-to-time."

Replacing Marquez will be Jennifer Harbin who will be joining the paper this

week as the new editor and reporter.

"I'm thrilled to have Jennifer return to Floyd County with the experience she's gained in journalism and photography," said Chris Blackburn.

"I think our readers will appreciate Jennifer's ability to write an array of stories. I know how important the quality of writing is to our readers and the skill set Jennifer brings to the table will play to the paper's advantage."

"It's really great to be back in Floyd County, especially as the editor of the newspaper," Harbin said.

"I've always enjoyed writing, my mother is an English teacher, and through the years I've tried to build as a photographer and a writer and I'm excited that the best place for me is giving that to the people."

As far as the nuts and bolt go for the *Hesperian-Beacon*, all contact information for the newspaper will stay the same. Harbin will be a roving report but will occupy the Lockney newspaper office.



Jennifer Harbin



Homer Marquez

Stapp returns to television



Courtesy Photo

Following his TV debut on "Car Warriors" back in 2011, Lockney Airbrush artist Andy Stapp will be returning to television as he volunteers for Spike's "Search and Restore" on "Horsepower TV".

By Homer Marquez

Airbrush extraordinaire Andy Stapp will soon be returning to a tube near you as the Lockney artist is set for an August guest spot on Spike TV's hit series "Search and Restore".

This time around, the format will be a little different from Andy's 2011 guest spot on the Speed Channel's "Car Warriors" which pitted Andy and a local group of car builders against a group of all-stars in a 72-hour, winner-take-all classic car build-off.

The competition on "Car Warriors" was so fierce that Andy coined the show's now famous phrase "You cut this hood and I'll cut your neck".

Now, a little over a year

later, Stapp is using his painting skills for a more rewarding cause as he volunteers for "Search and Restore".

"What "Search and Restore" is about is going out and finding people who have cars and that have a good story about them," commented Stapp.

The show's format will focus on finding and rebuilding classic cars that have special meanings and memories for families all across America.

Similar to a home makeover show, Andy and a team of builders will spend around six weeks restoring cars for families who have touching

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Coach Seago to leave Floydada

By Homer Marquez

After leading the Whirlwind Baseball team into their deepest playoff run in the school's history this past spring; Floydada head coach Jamie Seago has decided to hang up his green hat.

Seago will be moving out of Whirlwind Country to become the new head

baseball coach for the 2-A Hawley Bearcats.

"It's going to be hard to fill his shoes," Floydada Athletic Director Todd Bandy said.

"I wish him all the best. Seago did a great job for us while he was here in Floydada".

Seago, going on his 15th year of coaching, has worked six years in Floydada as the football offensive coordinator and as the 'Winds head baseball coach.

As the baseball coach, Seago had

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LIFESTYLES

John and Christine Lyles to celebrate 90th birthdays



JOHN AND CHRISTINE LYLES

Please join us Sunday, June 24, 2012 in honoring John and Christine Lyles as we celebrate their 90th birthdays. The reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Hale Center, Texas from 2 to 4 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend. No gifts please.

John was born on the family farm near the Campbell Community in Floyd County on the 16th of June, 1922. Just over a month later, on July 18th, the woman who would be his wife was born in Magdalena, New Mexico.

In 1932, Christine Hinton moved with her family to Dougherty, Texas. John and Christine married on December 17, 1943 and moved to Hale County in 1946 where they have re-

sided since. They have four children, Linda and husband, Bob Spangler of Woodway Texas, Glenn Lyles of Plainview Texas, Don and wife, Tina Lyles of Rocklin, California, and Nada and husband, Gary Rogers of China, Texas. They have six grandchildren, Chrystal and husband, Rob Gardner of Waco Texas, Jordan Lyles of Rocklin California, Daniel and wife, Katie Doyen of Midland Texas, Deven and wife, Brianne Doyen of College Station Texas, Ross Rogers and Ryan Rogers of China Texas. They also are blessed with six great-grandchildren, Jesi and husband, Matt Stone, Victoria, Madison and Gabrielle Gardner, Casen Doyen and Henry Doyen and one great-great-grandchild, Hayden Stone.

4th on Broadway to Offer Two Street Dances

LUBBOCK, Texas - For the first time in their 22 year history, this year's 4th on Broadway Festival will offer two street dances for listening and dancing pleasure. The kickoff of the 2012 4th on Broadway festivities will be a Street Dance for the Hispanic Community on Tuesday, July 3. The popular bands appearing this year are Grupo Solido, Ram Herrera and Shelly Lares. The dance will be located at the corner of Broadway and Texas adjacent to the Lubbock County Courthouse. Advance tickets are priced at \$10 and are available at all Select A Seat locations. Tickets will be \$15 at the gate. Gates will open at 7:30p.m. for the Tuesday night show.

Grupo Solido is a Norteño/Tejano band comprised of six members from Rio Grande City, Texas. They have released five records since their inception in 2000, and have been recognized at both the Latin Grammy Awards and the American Grammy Awards.

Ram Herrera is a Tejano singer who has been releasing albums since 1981, both as a solo act and a member of several different bands, such as "The Outlaws." The Tejano Music Awards recognized him as "Male Entertainment of the Year" in 1989.

Shelly Lares is also a Tejano singer who has released numerous hit albums since signing her first record deal in 1989. She has been nominated repeatedly at the annual Tejano Music Awards

in categories such as "Female Entertainer of the Year" and "Female Vocalist of the Year." She was inducted into the Tejano Hall of Fame in 2008.

The second street dance will feature three country bands and will take place on Wednesday July 4, also at Broadway and Texas. Tickets are priced at \$15 and are available at Select A Seat and at the gate. Gates open at 7p.m. for the Wednesday night show.

Headlining the evening is the Josh Abbott Band who began recording in 2007 and reached the Top Country Albums charts in 2010 with their popular album, "She's Like Texas". The band is now on tour promoting their newest album, "Small Town Family Dream"

William Clark Green started as a solo act in Lubbock. In 2008, Green put a band together and released their first album, "Dangerous Man". The band is currently promoting their new single "Catch Me When I Fall" featuring Josh Abbott.

The opening act will be Kentucky native Brandon Adams who is a bluegrass and country singer currently on tour promoting his music. 4th on Broadway is an annual two-day event in Lubbock held by Broadway Festivals, Inc., to promote and celebrate the historical significance of the downtown area. The street dance will be located at the intersection of Broadway and Texas Avenue.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

"There shall be showers of Blessings....This is a promise of God"...The Rains did come and the Winds did blow, and all the People Said, "AMEN". Driving in a torrential RAIN STORM, in the middle of the night, can be a frightening situation, and that is where I found myself this past Tuesday night between Idalou and Ralls. The icing on the cake was the HAIL STORM in the Ralls area. For a short time, an angel, in the form of RED BLINKING TAILLIGHTS, a short distance ahead, aided in the maneuvering of our car when windshield wipers could not control the situation. Prayer is a great comfort in perilous times.

Sorry if you missed Boone Adams' Birthday Bash!! Sitting in his chair with a smile as big as all outdoors, Boone welcomed everyone with a hearty hand-shake or hug, live music to dance to, and snacks galore at THE COVEY this past Saturday afternoon. He CHAIR-DANCED with his lady friends to foot-stomping rhythms and thanked everyone for coming to help him celebrate turning 90 YEARS YOUNG! Boone, you are my role-model!! Always a Gracious, Gentlemanly Host, as the words to the song go... "YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE". May you celebrate more birthdays and eat cake and ice cream every day.

Thank you for bringing friends and family to the Center. On Thursday, Brannon and Misty Rodgers and children, Ty and Aubrey of Crosbyton had lunch with their grandparents. Brannon is the grandson of Guy Ginn and Misty is the granddaughter of Faye Bertrand.

Euna Bradford has recently returned from a two-weeks vacation to Thomasville, North Carolina, to visit her son, Danny, daughter-in-law, Diane, and grandchildren, Roger and Jamie and 9 months old Julie La Guardia. Euna's grandson, Justin, of Thomasville is here helping out with the farming during the busy season. Her son, Conley and wife, Kay of Litchfield, Arizona were here visiting last week. Euna loves to cook and I am sure her company enjoys that.

Wayland and Margaret Jones drove to Big Springs on Father's Day Sunday to visit with their daughter and family, Amy, Johnny and Josh Ferguson of Big Lake and Jake Ferguson of Big Spring. Returning home they visited their son and family, Greg, Channa, Skylar and Pake Jones in Post. They also enjoyed the greenness of the canyon area after such a drought last year.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

DIFFERENT DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CAKE

2 cups flour, 2 cups sugar, 5 heaping Tbs. Cocoa, 1 cup oil, 2 eggs, 1 cup milk w/2 Tbs. vinegar (to sour), 1 tsp. soda, 1 Tbs. vanilla, 1 cup boiling water. Mix

all together in order given. Bake in greased pan at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

ICING:

2 cups sugar, ¼ cup white Karo syrup, ½ stick butter, ½ cup milk. Bring to boil and boil 2 minutes. Stir in 1 tsp vanilla, 1 small package milk chocolate chips. Beat until thickened. Spread on cake while hot.

Special recipe of Betty Baker.

Thought for the Day - Do something kind for someone at least once a day.

Betty Baker

Memorials by Margaret Word.....

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. Please mail to Floydada Senior Citizens Center, PO Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

In memory of Gene Lawson - Shorty Turner, Jimmie Lou Stewart, Grace Ashley, Martha Lotspeich, Eva Parker, Dale and Chris Lawson, Q.D. and Joyce Williams, Nelson and Cheryl Hogg, Lovene Moore, Stanley and Lou Burleson, Gale Ramsey, Mac and Charlene Smitherman, Jane Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mayo, Margaret Word

In memory of William Bertrand - Stanley and Lou Burleson

In memory of Judy Turner Stanley - Stanley and Lou Burleson

In memory of Irwin Seymour - Stanley and Lou Burleson

In memory of Nell Swinson - Stanley and Lou Burleson

In memory of Dr. Tommy McIntosh - Stanley and Lou Burleson

In memory of Robert and Leta Warren - Stanley and Lou Burleson

In memory of RayNell Bearden - Stanley and Lou Burleson

In memory of John Emanuele - Jane Pruitt, Margaret Word

In Honor of Harold Bertrand - Darrell and Nancy Mayo

MENU

JUNE 25 - JUNE 29

Monday - Beef stroganoff noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low fat milk

Tuesday - BBQ chicken fillet, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low fat milk

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, low fat milk

Thursday - Hot dog on bun, mustard, baked potato w/sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin, low fat milk

Friday - Rigatoni w/meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

June 25-June 29

Monday: Barbecue on a bun

Tuesday: Enchilada casserole

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak

Thursday: Beans and Cornbread

Friday: Roast beef

The Lockney Senior Center will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

THIS WEEK'S

TEXAS PLAINS FEDERAL C.U.

Texas Plains Federal C.U. located in Floydada will be holding their annual

"Member Appreciation Day" on Friday, June 22 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

There will be hot dogs, drinks and games to play. Freebies will be given away!

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Bring your lawn chairs and celebrate the 4th of July on **Saturday, June 30th** at White River Lake.

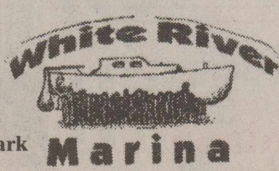
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OBITUARY

JUAN SEGURA

Juan Segura, age 84, of Floydada, passed away, Monday, June 11, 2012.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 2012 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Juan was born on December 23 1927 in Karnes City, Texas to Primitivo and

Macaovia (Arillola) Segura. Juan married Olivia Saucedo in Karnes City, Texas on April 15, 1943. Juan's favorite thing to do was playing bingo. Juan was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada.

Juan is survived by ten daughters, Felipa Garza of Waimauma, Florida, Aurora Madrigal of Orlando, Florida, San Juanita Noyola of Homestead, Florida, Maria Alicia Torrez of Florida City, Florida, Lucia Nunez of Abilene, Margarita Romero of Floydada, Anita Delgado of Floydada, Angelita Peralez of Floydada,

Maria Consuelo of Floydada, Maria Delgado of Floydada; five sons, Damacio Segura, Sr. of Floydada, Ricardo Segura of Carrizo Springs, Texas, Samuel Segura of Floydada, Juan Segura, Jr. of Edinburg, Jose Segura of Bryan, Texas; 81 grandchildren; 130 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Juan is preceded in death by his wife, Olivia Segura, his parents, three brothers, three sisters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rosefuneralhome.com.

Texas Highways' July issue offers Canyons, Springs and Balloons

AUSTIN, TX— Summer in Texas is the perfect time for cool adventures.

Texas Highways' July cover story features the Panhandle's Caprock Canyons

Trailway—a 64-mile trail system that offers hikers, cyclists and equestrians an opportunity to explore the historic path of a former rail line.

In "San Marcos Springs Eternal," writer Joe Nick Pa-

toski finds kayaking the cool, clear waters of Spring Lake at Aquarena Center a welcome respite from the sweltering summer. Glass-bottom boat rides and hiking trails are just some of the eco-friendly ways to enjoy the natural beauty of the springs.

Other summer adventures featured in the latest issue of the official travel magazine of Texas include: quilter's art showcased at the Texas

Quilt Museum in La Grange; the lure of barbecue and watermelons in Luling; the urban gardens of Dallas; the Great Texas Balloon Race in Longview; the Old West charm of Saint Jo; and a touching tribute to longtime *Texas Highways* contributor Howard Peacock.

The July issue is on sale now at newsstands around the state. Or, order online at www.texashighways.com.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Lockney Beacon July 13, 1978

NEVER ASKS A HAND TO DO ANYTHING HE WOULDN'T DO

By Felicia Applewhite

R. V. Webster's youth was during the depression of the 1930's. His father had bought a farm southwest of Lockney. Times were hard then.

It was a period of extreme decline in national economy with dwindling business activity, falling prices and unemployment.

"Mother did private nursing. She would be gone two and three weeks at a time. She nursed at Quitaque, Matador, Turkey, Roaring Springs and Flomot. She earned \$7 a day. God rest her soul. I have heard her say that she didn't sleep at all some nights. She was supposed to have four hours sleep each night. I can't see how she did it. I am sure she would go three and four days without sleep." While she was nursing R. V. and his father batched. Those batching days come to R. V.'s mind readily.

"My dad was not a good cook. Once, he decided to make pies. They were terrible. Dad said, "They probably are not good for a kid to eat, but mother is coming in soon. We'll save them for her to eat."

Once when R. V. decided to make pies by a recipe, he found himself face to face with a brand new term—"corn starch". He had never heard of that. Since he found no such item on the cabinet shelves, he measured out starch used in starching clothes. Nobody could eat the pies.

During those times, nobody went anywhere. There was no gasoline to run a car on. People went to town about once a week, usually on Saturday. On those Saturdays, the streets had little groups of people stopping to visit.

Cotton and everything was pulled to town by horses. The cotton was picked by hand and sometimes it was after Christmas and on into spring he remembers.

R. V. had his mind on a

little café operated by Betie and Hugh Counts when he and his father would be on their way in to town.

"Dad would give me a nickel and I'd buy a hamburger at the Count's café. I guess I was about six or seven. I had my choice in spending the nickel. I could buy the hamburger or I could buy a big ice cream cone for 5 cents."

This was when R. V.'s father and his help were working with an old combine that was always "breaking apart." They finally located a used one that was for sale but found the owner wanted more for it than a new one cost. His argument concerning the high price he was asking was "This one has been tried."

Grandmother Webster believed in teaching children to work. She would urge them on by saying, "Come on, children. See how high the sun is."

When I was that age there was one food that I liked a lot. That was turnips. One time when Mother was nursing, I fondered on them. I remember, I was sick". And that is one food that R. V. can't stand today.

R. V. became a business man early. His first business was because of Tab Meriwether.

I remember Tab liked squab. I just went into the squab business. I raised the squab pigeons and brought them for the Count's café to cook for Tab's breakfast. The squab brought around 25 cents a pair. I was in the money!! I could buy a hamburger, a double-dip ice

cream cone and a 10 cent show ticket for the price I received for one pair of squab," he says.

Before R. V.'s mother and father were married, his father was in the trenches fighting in Europe. While he was there, his mother and father moved southeast of Lockney to farm in 1917.

"My grandmother was always afraid that Daddy would get into trouble while he was in the service in Germany. A few years after my father died, we found a bunch of letters he had written back from Germany to Grandmother.

It seemed that he was answering letters he had from her where she had constantly cautioned him to stay out of this and that. One of his letters to her was comical. Dad had written back, "Mother, I am not going to be playing cards or getting into any kind of bad trouble."

R. V.'s grandmother Lee's family history shows the Lees to have come originally from Tennessee and Virginia.

Grandmother Webster was a Lee. A part of her history includes Robert E. Lee of Virginia, commander-in-chief of the Confederate Armies in the Civil War. Also, "Light Horse Harry" Lee or Henry Lee, an American statesman and Revolutionary War Commander, belongs in the Webster family history. He was the father of Robert E.

"My great-grandmother Lee was a sister to Ray Aston's grandmother. Grandmother Lee and Grandmoth-

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The family of Raymond E. (Gene) Lawson thanks each one for their prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, food and other things you did to help us during this difficult time.

We appreciate the community's outpouring of support for our loved one.

The Lawson/Bishop Family

Nancy Lawson

Rex and Karen Lawson

Greg Bishop and Sydney

Mike and Rozanne Bishop and Caitlin

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor

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Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL

Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

West College & Third,
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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister
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Floydada

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Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor

Early Worship8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

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 Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise ...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

LOCKNEY CO-OP GIN

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BARWISE GIN

Barwise Community
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CLARK PHARMACY

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DAVIS LUMBER

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Lockney
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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 Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.

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 School10:00 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.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemio
Phone: 983-5878

Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez

Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St.

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

Lockney Elementary "A" Honor Roll Report

First Grade

Alvis Malaki, Christian Ascencio, Thalia Ascencio, Britney Ascencio, Hailey Afill, Andrew Bustillos, Jonathan Cienfuegos, Madison Johnson, Jonathan Lara, Lexi Morgan, Mijoy Pedroza, Arlen St Dennis Adriana Villarreal

Second Grade

Mireya Ascencio, Gabriella Cervantes, Emma Dunn, Austin Rodriguez, Miranda Sarinana, Clare Smith

Third Grade

David Amaya, RyAnn Cas-

tillo, Esai Garcia, Hunter Lefevre, Matthew Martinez, Dylan Morgan, Yareli Pecina, Sebastian Perez, Tasha Schlueter

Fourth Grade

Anahi Ascencio, Felipe Azua, Madai Chavira, Ainslee Dunn, Taylor Moore, Josiah Rodriguez, Kayla Rodriguez Archer, Abigail Rogers, Joey Vanlandingham.

Fifth Grade

Liborio Ascencio, Evelyn Perez, Lyndee Setliff, Addison Sullivan, Fernando Valdez, Bryson Walker

COTTON MARKET WEEKLY JUNE 14, 2012

Cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) tumbled lower Tuesday on speculative selling following a record high estimate for world cotton ending stocks for the upcoming 2012-13 season. A few days later, USDA's weekly export sales report provided a bullish surprise, sending cotton futures back to the upside.

USDA's monthly supply/demand report pegged world 2012-13 ending stocks at a record 74.5 million bales, up from last month's estimate of 73.7 million. However, data concerning China was the big news.

China's beginning stocks for 2012-13 were raised to 27.3 million bales from 24.6 million in last month's USDA report. With a projected 67.3 million-bale inventory, China now is expected to account for over 40 percent of the world's beginning stock figure in 2012-13.

Once market players reminded themselves that only Chinese mills could access the country's cotton stocks, the impact of the figures on Tuesday's market was dimmed a bit, an analyst explained. But another observer said the large Chinese cotton stockpile is a double-edged sword.

"On the one hand, it is a bearish factor given the size of cotton stocks at this time, but if the Chinese are the only ones who can get their hands on the cotton, the world market would not be impacted

for now by its presence," he reasoned.

According to a USDA representative, the most significant revisions to the agency's world 2011-12 cotton estimates were an increase of nearly 1.8 million bales in China's imports, reflecting a continued strong pace of deliveries and corresponding increases in exports for India, Brazil, Australia, the United States, and Malaysia. China's 2012-13 imports also were reduced due mainly to larger estimated beginning stocks, accounting for most of the almost 700,000-bale reduction in world trade.

China's cotton imports estimate in 2012-13 was reduced to 13.5 million bales from 14 million. Total cotton consumption by the country was cut to 40 million bales from 41 million.

"Since China is the world's largest cotton producer, consumer and importer, its domestic programs and policies not only impact the domestic market but influence the global market and international prices," a market observer noted. "As always, we'll continue to keep an eye on any development there."

In its report, the government estimated world 2012-13 cotton exports at 36.9 million bales, down from 37.6 million, and cut world

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Kids cool off with a refreshing dip at Lockney's newly renovated pool.

Photo by Homer Marquez

Xcel Energy Foundation awards education, environment grants to area nonprofits

AMARILLO, Texas – The Xcel Energy Foundation is awarding \$221,000 in grant funding to 31 nonprofit groups in Texas and New Mexico.

The grants are being made through the Education and Environment focus areas of the Xcel Energy Foundation, which awards funding to nonprofit groups working in towns and cities served by Xcel Energy.

"Communities that value education and the environment are healthy communities," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "By supporting the nonprofits that promote these values, we hope to contribute to the overall health and prosperity of the communities we are privileged to serve."

The Foundation's Education and Environment focus areas are two of four annual grant programs in which area nonprofits can participate. The other focus areas are Economic Sustainability and Arts & Culture. The Foundation also matches United Way contributions dollar for dollar and matches employee gifts to non-profit agencies dollar for dollar, Hill said.

Area groups receiving Education funding are: Amarillo Area Foundation – Amarillo, Texas

- Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Foundation – Amarillo, Texas
- Amarillo Education Foundation (Women in Science Endeavors) – Amarillo, Texas
- Canadian Educational Foundation – Canadian, Texas
- Chaves County CASA – Roswell, N.M.
- Eastern New Mexico University – Portales, N.M.
- Frank Phillips College Development Corp. – Borger, Texas
- Girl Scouts of Texas-Oklahoma Plains, Inc. – Amarillo, Texas
- Golden Spread Council Boy Scouts of America – Amarillo, Texas
- Green Education Foundation – Amarillo, Texas
- Inquiry Facilitators, Inc. – Hobbs, N.M.
- MyPower, Inc. – Hobbs, N.M.
- New Mexico Junior College Foundation – Hobbs, N.M.
- Opportunity School – Amarillo, Texas
- Shallowater Education Foundation – Shallowater, Texas

South Plains Council Boy Scouts of America – Lubbock, Texas

- South Plains College Foundation – Levelland, Texas
- Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) – Amarillo, Texas
- Wayland Baptist University – Lubbock, Texas
- West Texas A&M University Foundation – Canyon, Texas
- Women in Science Endeavors (WISE) – Lubbock, Texas

Area groups receiving Environment funding are:

- Amarillo Education Foundation – Amarillo, Texas
- Amarillo Zoological Society – Amarillo, Texas
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle – Amarillo, Texas
- Class 4 Winds & Renewables – Amarillo, Texas
- Don Harrington Discovery Center – Amarillo, Texas
- Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture – Friona, Texas
- Keep Roswell Beautiful – Roswell, N.M.
- Ogallala Commons – Nazareth, Texas
- Rio Blanco Heritage

Foundation – Crosbyton, Texas

- Tascosa High School Excellence Council – Amarillo, Texas

Information about Xcel Energy Foundation grants can be found on the company's website, xcelenergy.com. Questions may also be directed to the following Xcel

Energy employees:

Terry Price, senior foundation representative, Amarillo, Texas – (806) 378-2388

Wallace Hill, regional manager, community and economic development, Amarillo, Texas – (806) 378-2916

Steve Deaton, regional manager, community and economic development, Lubbock, Texas – (806) 796-3291

Mike McLeod, regional manager for community and economic development, Roswell, N.M. – (575) 625-5499.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.4 million electricity customers and 1.9 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

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A SHORT STORY ABOUT
GROWING UP WITH AN
UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

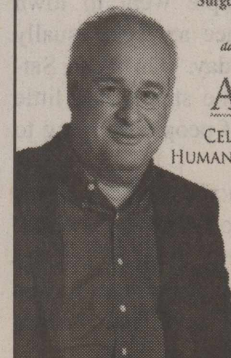
Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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Floydada School Farewell to FHS Faculty



By Taylor Orr and Emily Hall-Staff Writers

This week, we continued the series and profiled eight remaining teachers, all of which are employed at A.B. Duncan or Floydada Jr. High, who unfortunately will not be returning to FHS after the year is over.

"I will miss all of you who are a part of our faculty. It has been a blessing to work with you, our students, and their parents," commented Kathy Mulder.

"I am going to miss my students' smiles and their eagerness to learn new things," Kristin Bandy said.

"I'll enjoy spending more time with family and reading. Maybe I'll do a little more traveling, or then again, maybe I'll just be lazy!" Phyllis Smith said.

"I have been employed by Floydada ISD for over 31 years," Nora Collins said.

"Next year, I plan to spend time with my fam-

ily and do the things we haven't had time to do," commented Mary Martinez.

"I have been teaching at Duncan Elementary for four years," added Nikki Gonzales.

"I'm planning on enrolling into a graduate program to complete my Masters Degree so I can teach at a university," commented Joann Chavarria.

"What started as a need for employment soon grew into much more. It became my goal to help inspire a love for reading in our students and make the best literature available to them. Seeing the excitement and pride in a child's eyes when they first learn to read brings me great pleasure," commented Sherry Colston.

Pictures of Mrs. Mulder and Mrs. Martinez were unfortunately unavailable, yet their work is just as appreciated as the others. FHS will miss these teachers and their hard work greatly!

One Last Rave for the Radical Restaurants of Floydada

By: Merritt Johnson-Staff Writer

Throughout the year, the FHS journalism staff has evaluated a variety of restaurants in Floydada. Although the food that was served differed greatly, it was a pleasant surprise that each diner's service and quality of meals were amazing. Whether it was spicy enchiladas from Ray Ray's or delicious barbeque from The Covey, both were unique and tasted wonderfully. The atmospheres

of all the restaurants in Floydada are also diverse, but one thing that can be found in all is congeniality. If a person walks into one of the many cafés as a stranger, they will leave with a multitude of friends by their side. Community members that dine out in Floydada are just as welcoming and warming as the staffs who manage the businesses. Overall, it was an absolute pleasure to get the chance to review the restaurants and experience them all.

Floydada ISD Employs Three New Teachers

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, to discuss the employment of new personnel and discuss selling unused district vehicles.

The resignations of Kathy Cortinas and Kristin Bandy were accepted by the board, and the board approved the employment of the following personnel: Ofelia De Leon to teach Spanish; Matthew Nix as a coach/teacher; and Whitley Nutt as a teacher and coach at FHS.

Superintendent Gilbert Trevino recommended the district call for sealed bids to sell district vehicles and buses no longer being used by the district. The board

unanimously agreed to call for sealed bids.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the Tax Report and Cash Flow Statement. M&O current tax roll is \$2,754,539.38, with net collections of \$2,692,630.70. I&S current tax roll is \$298,547.59, with net collections of \$286,383.82. That brings the percentage of current tax roll collected to 97.75 compared to last year's 98.11.

Superintendent Trevino was given the authority by the board to set the 2012-2013 stipends.

The board discussed Charles Tyer's motion to allow expenditures in ex-

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Courtesy Photo

Mrs. Cortinas and Mrs. Ruedas 3rd graders received top honors in the "Take Time to Read" program during the month of April. "Take Time to Read" is sponsored by the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, Grand Lodge of Texas and the Floydada Masonic Lodge #712. Pictured are Mrs. Cortinas, Bill Glass, Lodge Representative, and the 3rd graders who did an outstanding job reading! Congratulations!

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Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at:

A.B. Duncan Elementary
1011 S. 8th Street
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
June 4-29, 2012 and July 9-20, 2012

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June 4-29, 2012
and
July 9-20, 2012
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MENU
MONDAY - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk
TUESDAY - Pizza, corn, pickle spears, fruit, milk
WEDNESDAY - Crispy tacos, pinto beans, rice, salsa, fruit, milk
THURSDAY - Corn dog, mustard, potato rounds, fruit, milk
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger, mustard, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk

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BID NOTICE

Floydada I. S. D. is now accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following vehicles:

- 1- 1991 GMC - Safari Minivan
- 1- 1997 Chevrolet Crewcab Longbed work truck
- 1- 1999 Chevrolet Crewcab Longbed work truck
- 1- 1991 Chevrolet short bed truck
- 1- 1995 International 53 passenger school bus
- 1- 1995 Blue Bird activity bus

These vehicles may be viewed at the Floydada ISD bus barn

Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent, 226 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235, no later than 12:00 PM, July 19, 2012.

Bids must be sealed and marked "Vehicle Bid". Please submit a separate bid for each vehicle. The bids will be opened and tallied at 1:00 p.m., July 19, 2012. For specifications contact Gilbert Trevino at 226 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235 or call 806-983-3498.

F. I. S. D. reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 110 N. 5th Street, Floydada, Texas (Floydada Storage Spot). Property sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Contents of spaces generally described as household goods of the following tenants:

Kris Jones, Rosa Guerra, David Walding, Vicki Beaty, Tina Guzman.

Contact Rosie at Storage Spot, 806-853-9075.

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TSCRA to Host Ranch Gathering in Roaring Springs

FORT WORTH – Come join the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) for a ranch gathering Thursday, June 28, at the Roaring Springs community center. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a complimentary beef dinner.

TSCRA Special Ranger Dean Bohannon will update the crowd on recent livestock and equipment thefts in the area and how ranchers can better protect themselves against thieves.

There will also be a discussion on TSCRA's legislative efforts in Washington, D.C. and Austin.

"TSCRA ranch gatherings are a great place for folks to get together and discuss what's going on in the cattle business and how they can get involved," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president. "These gatherings aren't just for TSCRA members. Anyone interested in the cattle industry is invited to attend."

The event is open to the public. All members of the press are invited to attend. Please RSVP to 800-242-7820, ext. 192, or rsvp@tscra.org.

The community center is located at 1100 FM 3203 in Roaring Springs.

The ranch gathering is sponsored by Novartis Animal Health.

TSCRA is a 135 year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 15,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

Texas Lake and River Swimmers reminded of potential health risks

With summer starting to heat up, people across the Brazos River basin are heading to nearby rivers and lakes. However, the conditions that make the water temperature so delightful can also encourage the growth of a rare but dangerous microorganism.

The Brazos River Authority encourages visitors to enjoy the water, while being aware of health risks associated with swimming in or around stagnant or slow-moving water.

Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), which is most common during the summer, is a rare disease caused by *naegleria fowleri*, an amoeba found in almost all untreated, fresh surface water and in soil. The amoeba thrives in low levels of fresh water that is warmer than 80 degrees and stagnant or slow-moving. The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organism is forced into the nasal passages – usually from diving or jumping into water or from water skiing. The amoeba makes its way into the brain and spinal cord, destroying brain tissue.

Symptoms of the nearly always fatal infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens. Although PAM is rare – affecting about one to three people a year in Texas – those infected usually succumb to the disease within a week.

There were 10 known cases of PAM in Texas between 2000 and 2010, according to state health officials. No cases have been diagnosed in Texas since the beginning of 2011. Worldwide, only a few hundred cases have been reported over the last 30 years.

To prevent infection, it is recommended that those taking part in warm, fresh water-related activities use nose clips or hold their noses shut while jumping into water. With the amoeba often found in soil, it is best to avoid stirring up underwater sediment. The Texas Department of Health recommends that people avoid stagnant or polluted water and take "No Swimming" signs seriously.

While the BRA tests for a variety of contaminants, such as *E.coli* at more than 100 sites, no testing is conducted for the PAM microbe.

PAM cannot be spread person to person nor by drinking water. Swimming pools and hot tubs that are properly cleaned, maintained and chlorinated are generally safe, as is salt water.

For more information contact the Texas Department of State Health Services Public Information Office at (512) 458-7400.

USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres for Floyd County

(Floydada, Texas) – June 13, 2012 - Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Stephanie Bradley today announced that Floyd County is authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2012. Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during the previous 12 months.

This authorization brings the total to 15 counties approved to graze CRP acres. The CRP emergency grazing authorization for FY 2012 is effective immediately

and ends on September 30, 2012.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage," said Bradley. "Producers must also obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that outlines permitted grazing practices," she said.

Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may

grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under the emergency authorization and current CRP participants, who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval to graze eligible acreage and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing of CRP acres contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747.

Staples urges Congress to reform endangered species act

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is urging Congress to put an end to the overbearing regulations of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the abuse and misuse of the Endangered Species Act. In an ongoing effort to protect Texas private property owners' rights, jobs and natural resources, Commissioner Staples today submitted written testimony to the United States House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources.

The committee is holding an oversight hearing, titled "Taxpayer-Funded Litigation: Benefitting Lawyers and Harming Species, Jobs and Schools," which is examining how litigious groups use the Endangered Species Act and other federal laws to hinder species recovery, jobs and education.

"Congress needs to step in to end this game of 'endangered chicken' once and for all," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said, regarding the tactics of threats by activist and the USFWS. "The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is recklessly driving the taxpayers' truck on a collision course with our economy, food producers, true species steward landowners and taxpayers. Let's hope Congress takes the keys away before more damage is done."

Below are excerpts from Commissioner Staples' testimony encouraging the EPA to explore ways to provide real and reasonable protection to legitimately threatened species:

"It is clear the ESA has been used to accomplish the goals of radicals and those seeking to expand the reach of government.

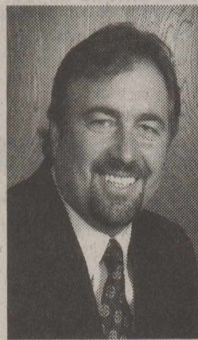
"A sad irony of the implementation of the Endangered Species Act is that it promotes regulation over incentives, often to the detriment of the species it proposes to protect. Rather than supporting proven conservation efforts, the ESA has been used to suffocate opportunities that promote species propagation through non-governmental, non-regulatory methods.

"I implore Congress to take action to provide true relief to the people of Texas and the United States. The perversion of the ESA continues to create victims and take hostages.

"When will science retain its place as the foundation for decisions – ahead of activist litigation and threats in the absence of evidence?"

"Approximately 84 percent of the land in Texas is in privately-owned farms, ranches and forests. Our landowners are responsible for managing the natural resources that sustain our state's population of 26 million; feed and clothe the world; provide a healthy environment; and create the jobs that power our economy. We believe in sound decision making, private property owners' rights and the fact that government is not the answer to every problem. The execution of the ESA conflicts with these principles and has been a source of concern for Texans for decades.

"Congress must act now to provide relief to landowners, states and businesses that are being deprived of property and the opportunity to work and create jobs as activists abuse the Act in a grab for the land and water upon which Americans depend."



We Have to Work Together to Fix Our Water Challenges

By Bob Meyer

In his 1852 expedition to explore the headwaters of the Canadian and Red Rivers, U.S. Army Brigadier General Randolph B. Marcy—a Captain at the time—described the Llano Estacado as "very smooth and level... without a tree, shrub, or any other herbage to intercept the vision... the almost total absence of water causes all animals to shun it: even the Indians do not venture to cross it except at two or three places."

General Marcy's description of our region probably sounds unfamiliar to many who, like me, call the Texas High Plains home. Instead of being considered an ocean of short prairie grasses, the Llano Estacado today is known primarily as a sea of cotton, corn and cattle. So, what is the difference between General Marcy's view of the Llano Estacado then, and our experience today? Of course, the answer is water.

Irrigated agriculture has been the economic lifeblood for most of the High Plains region since our forefathers mastered the ability decades ago to tap the vast underground water reservoir called the Ogallala aquifer using mechanical pumps. But unlike many groundwater aquifers found in other parts of Texas, the Ogallala doesn't fill back up—or recharge—as fast as it is pumped.

Think of it as a savings account that earns very little interest, but that is still relied upon often to make large withdrawals. Unless the pace of withdrawals is changed, it's likely that those finite resources are going to dwindle to unhelpful quantities before we are in a position to easily adjust.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) has taken important steps to address these issues by recently developing new rules on groundwater pumping measurement, recording and limits. These rules were crafted and adopted after the HPWD held numerous meetings across the 16-county district to engage as many interested people as we could in the overall discussion. They also satisfy the requirements placed on the district by state law. Once the rules were finally adopted, however, my fellow HPWD board members and I all expected that we would continue to receive feedback on the district's path toward long-term water conservation for the High Plains.

We were right. After hearing from valued stakeholders across the district, my board members and I decided that a two-year moratorium on the enforcement of the new HPWD rules was needed to create a greater window of time for groundwater well owners and operators to better adjust to the new requirements.

In addition, the HPWD is using this window of opportunity as a chance to take an even closer look at available alternatives to water well meters, and to examine the reliability of those alternatives for groundwater management purposes. This technical study will also include an assessment of how to identify areas within the HPWD boundaries that, because of depletion, may not even be capable today of pumping as much as the groundwater production limits in the district's rules.

This work is being performed with the assistance and feedback of the district's recently created Agricultural Stakeholder Science Advisory Group. At the end of the study and the advisory group's work, which is expected to wrap up within the next 14 to 18 months, the District's board will consider the findings from the study, which will give the board an opportunity to re-evaluate the direction, scope and appropriateness of other aspects of policy in the rules.

As many of our valued stakeholders have said repeatedly, it is important that we all continue working together to tackle this issue that is so critical to the success of our farms, our families and our entire way of life on the High Plains. The HPWD is committed to doing just that—to keep our stakeholders engaged in the process while we all work toward addressing this important challenge.

To those who live, worship, work and raise their families on the Texas High Plains like I do, we can't fathom a return of the Llano Estacado to the grassed, inhospitable mesa of General Marcy's days. In fact, we will work to do everything we can so that our future generations won't have to describe our region someday as having an "almost total absence of water." This challenge is far too big to tackle alone, though. We will only get there by working together.

Robert "Bob" Meyer is an irrigated and dryland producer in Deaf Smith County. He currently serves as the HPWD Board president.



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Western Fibers Takes Insulation in New Directions

By Everett Brazil, III

Western Fibers has been a Harmon County mainstay for more than 36 years, providing sustainable insulation made from recycled paper and cardboard to housing contractors across the United States. The company is still a vital part of Hollis, even after the housing collapse of 2008. Mike McGuire is co-manager of the company with the Horton family, and their vision remains true the company's legacy as they push it in new directions.

Paul Horton was one of the original developers of Western Fibers, with J.H. Foster, Doug Burns and Jack Burnett. They built the company to process environmentally-safe insulation, using his background with the Hollis Cotton Oil Mill to create a ground-breaking product.

"There are about 25 insulation manufacturers in the country, and five have similar agricultural backgrounds," McGuire said. "Paul had been in the cattle feed business before manufacturing insulation, and he understood it from that perspective."

Western Fibers markets cellulose insulation, a product made from plant fibers. Horton designed and patented the Wall Kote II cellulose spray system and the Champ Series insulation machine.

Cellulose is a natural product found in all plants, even trees, and has qualities

that make products manufactured from them beneficial in many applications. Hollis was a perfect fit because of the community's agricultural base.

"Cellulose is present in everything from trees to corn, and you can make basically anything out of cellulose fiber," McGuire said. "The reason we're using cellulose is because we're in an ag community."

Western Fibers works with communities across southwest Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle to source its cardboard and recycled paper, including Hollis, Altus and Weatherford, in Oklahoma, and Childress, Pampa, Wellington and Hereford, in Texas.

One of the things that makes cellulose insulation so attractive is that it provides a much more efficient product compared to insulation manufactured out of conventional materials. It also poses no health risks to the manufacturer, installer or homeowner.

"The fire rating and performance are much greater than foam or fiberglass, without the chemicals, so it's really a natural, green product," he said.

Western Fibers hit its stride in the housing boom of the 1990s, moving insulation to housing projects in 28 states. McGuire, an Oregon native, was a contractor



Mike McGuire and Western Fibers retrofit houses across the state with new insulation manufactured in Hollis. This house is northeast of town.

in Washington State, with a focus on energy conservation. He was using Western Fibers in projects in the Pacific Northwest when Horton asked him to be a representative for the company, marketing the insulation at trade shows across the United States. McGuire relocated to Hollis in 2007, seeing Oklahoma as a unique opportunity to promote the "green" industry and sustainability.

"We were working with



Photos by Everett Brazil, III

A mountain of recycled paper and cardboard wait to be manufactured into insula-

architects, developing credibility, and developing a reality for what we were doing," he said. "Insulation was going on, and we were trying to promote state-of-the-art insulation."

The housing collapse of 2008 hurt the entire industry, including Western Fibers, and they had to find new ways to market insulation products in the new era.

"Historically, our business has been 90 percent new construction, and 10 percent retrofit, and we had to reinvent that market," he said.

The reinvention is moving the company in new directions. One market for cellulose fiber in a post-housing construction era is youth livestock shows, where cel-

lulose can provide natural bedding for animals. Western Fibers has tested the market with Harmon County 4H and FFA students, and has seen a positive response with what they market as Stall Kote.

"Western Fibers wouldn't be here without the local agriculture industry, and we are working with the younger generation on the value of insulation, as well as the importance of recycling," McGuire said. "We want to be a part of the educational process."

The company has also moved into oilfield industry with a cellulose-based lost circulation material that fills fractures in the earth that allows drilling fluids to escape.

"They need a product that goes into cracks, and cellulose has a unique aspect that seals the cracks and allows them to continue to drill," he said.

McGuire also perceives new partnerships with drilling rigs to recycle paper products generated on-site.

Western Fibers is about insulation, but it's more about protecting the environment and leaving it better than they find it. For McGuire, environmental awareness is as much a lifestyle as a business.

"We encourage recycling," he said. "We need to preserve the environment for our children so they can have the quality of life we have enjoyed."

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Ranchers Trump Politicians and Activists When it Comes to Cattle Care

By Joe Parker, Jr.

If history is any indicator, then we can be sure of one thing — when the government gets too involved, the problem usually gets worse. Flip through pages of history and you'll see examples of this time and time again.

Common sense tells us that we should learn from our mistakes, but unfortunately, that's not always the case in Washington, D.C.

Case in point — Sen. Dianne Feinstein from California and Rep. Kurt Schrader from Oregon recently introduced legislation that would federally dictate how eggs can be produced. S. 3239 and H.R. 3798, the Egg Products Inspection Act Amendments of 2012, would codify an agreement between the United Egg Producers and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) calling for federally mandated production practices in the poultry business.

This is a slippery slope for all livestock producers, and a road better left untraveled.

Here's why. America's farmers and ranchers are experts when it comes to taking care of their animals. Government bureaucrats are not. Neither are sneaky executives at HSUS.

Many of them have never spent significant time on a working cattle ranch.

Ranchers are experts on animal care because it's our obligation. It's the right thing to

do and we know quality beef begins with quality care. This is why we work tirelessly to keep our livestock healthy, safe and secure. We take this commitment so seriously that we personally invest millions of our own dollars into programs like the Beef Quality Assurance program and the Cattle Industry's Guidelines for the Care and Handling of Cattle. These programs and guidelines are designed by true experts including ranchers, veterinarians, animal scientists and animal care specialists with only the best interest of cattle in mind.

Let's dig deeper and look at the lobbyist group behind this legislation — HSUS. It's no secret this group wants to eliminate all animal food production. A staffer at HSUS has gone as far to state that his "goal is the abolition of all animal agriculture."

HSUS can't make consumers stop eating beef, but they can raise millions of dollars under false pretenses and turn around and use that money to buy votes in Congress that hamstring the livestock industry. They do this with the hope that it will eventually become too burdensome and expensive for family ranches to stay in operation.

The intention behind S. and H.R. 3798 is not to better protect livestock. If it were, the government would heed the advice of the World Organization of Animal Health when it acknowl-

edged that mandated animal production practices are not in the best interest of promoting true animal welfare. They would work alongside ranchers rather than weigh them down with costly and unnecessary regulations.

Passing this legislation as a stand-alone bill isn't the only option HSUS is seeking. There has been talk about including this as an amendment to the 2012 Farm Bill, or other ag-related bills that come through the House or Senate. They will do whatever it takes to see this legislation become law.

Unfounded and irresponsible lawmaking like this could eventually disable ranchers like me from providing families, both at home and abroad, with a safe, abundant and healthy food supply. We simply cannot afford for that to happen.

This is why it is so important for ranchers to band together through TSCRA. Together through a strong membership, we can help elect officials who understand and respect the beef industry and stop HSUS and other anti-agriculture groups from chipping away at the livestock industry one senseless regulation at a time.

Joe Parker Jr. is a third generation rancher from Clay County, Texas. He is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He is also chairman of the board and president of the First National Bank of Byers.

Patterson calls for changes to Endangered Species Act

Lawyers, not lizards, benefit most from taxpayer-funded litigation

WASHINGTON — Testifying today before the House Natural Resources Committee, Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson described abuse of the Endangered Species Act by federal authorities who propose adding species to the endangered list based not on sound science, but in response to lawsuits filed by federally funded, radical environmental groups. Taxpayers have paid more than \$15 million to these groups since 2008 to settle such Endangered Species Act lawsuits.

"The only thing endangered in this process is fiscal responsibility and American jobs," Patterson said. "Listing a species, without adequate scientific data, just to settle a lawsuit is outrageous. When a species is added to the endangered list, it usually means threatening entire sectors of our economy and putting American jobs at risk."

A recent example of the impact a potential endangered species listing can cause was seen in West Texas, where more than 80 percent of landowners like ranchers and oil and gas producers were forced to sign conservation easements to protect the dunes sagebrush lizard after it had been nominated as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. On June 13th, the agency declared the

lizard would not be added to the endangered species list.

Patterson said the compromise wasn't one to be celebrated, since it was born out of a taxpayer-funded legal tactic and not population data on the lizard. "Oil and gas operators will be paying fees into a fund to mitigate the impact to habitat of the dunes sagebrush lizard, despite there being no proof it is threatened or endangered," Patterson testified.

Patterson told the committee the real problem was one predicted in 1970, by Nebraska Senator Roman Hruska.

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is faced with a no-win situation," Patterson said. "They are overwhelmed by environmental groups with hundreds of candidate listings that the agency cannot possibly respond to in the statutory timeline specified. They then find themselves in violation of that statute and subsequently sued by these same groups that filed to protect the species."

Taxpayer-funded litigation has changed how potentially endangered species are considered for federal protection, Patterson said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's 2012 budget request includes \$24.6 million for the endangered species listing pro-

gram, including paying a staff of 141, according to the New York Times. That is an 11 percent increase from the previous fiscal year and a 28 percent rise since 2009. The agency estimated that in 2011 it would be able to make final listing decisions on only 4 percent of warranted petitions within one year as required by law, down from 12 percent in 2010.

"These groups create the problem by purposely overwhelming the agency, knowing that they will be unable to respond, and then dictate an outcome because the agency settles," Patterson said. "Taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill for this kind of abuse of the system."

In addition to lawyers fees, from 2007 to 2011, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave \$680,492 in tax money to the Wild Earth Guardians, according to congressional testimony. During that same time, the Wild Earth Guardians sued U.S. Fish and Wildlife 76 times, including the lawsuit that triggered the proposal to list the dunes sagebrush lizard.

"Right now, the Endangered Species Act helps out the lawyers more than the lizards," Patterson said.

Patterson's testimony may be seen here: <http://naturalresources.house.gov/Live/>.

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Aston made a pact that if one died before the other that the one left would raise the children of the one who had died. It so happened that Grandmother Aston re-married, so Grandmother raised Ray's aunts.

Of course, all of this happened before Kelly Webster's father moved his family to Floyd County in 1917.

"Before coming to Floyd County, Dad had graduated from Ann High School in Cook County. He then went on to banking school in Oklahoma until the war broke out and he volunteered in the Infantry.

"When he came back from the war, he met my mother, who was studying to be a nurse in Plainview. They were married then."

After R. V.'s father and mother married, his father continued an interest in lodge that had begun while in Germany.

"He came back here and went through the chairs, took chapter and Council. He couldn't do any more because money was so scarce. Later, he took Knights Templar and Scottish Rite. He also received his Knight's Commander Court of Honor degree because he had done

so much extra work. All the while R. V. was in school in Lockney. "In high school four or five of us went into the chicken business. We sold them in Plainview to cafes.

Once when shoe sizes were being taken at school, R. V. gave his as two sizes too large to save money, he thought.

"I wanted to save all the money I could. I was so money conscious. When I tried to run in those shoes with my toes curled up to keep them on, I saw my mistake, I couldn't run."

In his last year in high school, there was war again. The men teachers were called from public school for military service.

"We were left without a coach, so we coached ourselves. We had a four-team round robin. Once, when we went to Olton for a practice game, I was so enthusiastic about going that I forgot and left all my equipment at home in Lockney." He graduated in 1944.

During this time, R. V.'s mother was working for Dr. Greer and his father was with Dwight Jackson.

"Dad and Al Dutton bought Dwight out. Later,

they moved to where we are on Main Street. We are still in the same building they moved to. Henry Hodel bought the wholesale part of the operation. Hamilton Gammage has that now.

"Our business had a sudden boost in the late 40's and early 50's when cotton pickers from the Valley swarmed into town.

The price of cotton went to 40 cents. During that time, R. V. and his dad stayed at the station until 11 or 12 at night and all day Sundays.

Then gasoline was 23 1/2 cents a gallon.

"Those people would come in and fill up 5-gallon cans of coal oil. We would sell 250 to 300 gallons on a Saturday. That doesn't sound like much, but when you think of cranking it by hand, it is a different story. On Saturdays we sold over 2800 gallons of gas at about a dollar at a time—four gallons at a time."

This was during the time when so much practical joking was going on around Lockney. It was particularly noticeable around business establishments where men congregated to while away a little time.

"Yes, you would think that

if you did stuff like that to people, they wouldn't come back, but they would. They expected it."

The Webster Gas Station was no exception. They owned a mongoose. The mongoose was a tail in a cage that M. D. Arban had brought in.

"Did you ever see a mongoose?" was the question asked of someone who had not experienced the mongoose trick. "No. Well, get over there and we will see if we can run him out." When the man was in place, the trigger would be released and the tail would jump out on the one waiting to see a mongoose for the first time. It would give you quite a start if you had never had a mongoose jump out on you.

...and many car seats were wired directly to a spark plug.

"There were not as many flats then as now. I don't know how we could ever have gotten them fixed. Now if a tire is not fixed and back on the car in 15 minutes, you have lost money. It's all a little different from the time when you had to get down and take out an inner tube.

"The first tractor tire that I ever saw was one that Joe An-

person brought into Dwight's to be fixed. You didn't go out to fix them then. Now, one holds three or four barrels of water. We have to carry the equipment to the field."

The Websters had all that equipment stolen a few days ago along with the pickup it was in. The highway patrol found it near Snyder

The present work force at Websters includes three men on permanent pay roll and two high school boys. R. V. has a half day off "when or if the boss can take that much time off."

"We built our house where Rita and I live now in 1965. My mother died there in 1966. She said before she died, "You know death is not bad. I can feel God everywhere. I can feel God all over this room. You can't imagine how it feels."

One treasure in Webster home is an 1870 Bible handed down by Great-Grandad Webster, who had served as a doctor during the Civil War. The "History of the Denominations of the World Both Ancient and Modern" is an extra entry in the old Bible.

Another treasure is Great-Grandmother Lee's 30-hour clock with a regular swift-striking announce-

ment of each hour. Near it is a roll-top desk that was once in the courthouse in Plainview. Close by are the pictures of the two children, Debbie and Dr. Robert and family.

It took a family of purple martins to make the Websters bird watchers. They have had the bird house for seven years, but when two little purple martins hatched out this year, real interest began.

"About 10 grown ones have kept watch over the two little ones and have all helped in feeding the little ones. The little ones surge way out to get the food that is brought them. If we slam a gate, it frightens them. Mowing or walking around doesn't bother.

R. V. was asked specifically about his feeling or comparison of church now and when we knew it some years back.

"Once there was more fellowship. Now people rush out and don't stay around to visit," he says.

Basically, the "tough" experiences of youth in the depression might have been responsible for R. V. Webster's work creed. He has never asked a hand to do anything he wouldn't do himself.

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an overall 74-60 record with Floydada. During his six years the 'Winds reached the playoffs four times, reaching Bi-District, Area, and Regional Quarterfinal championship games.

"Seago has been able to get the baseball program going in the right direction," Bandy said.

Definitely leaving Floydada with a stronger foundation then how he found it, Seago is confident that the 'Winds will have the support to continue their winning ways.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported the baseball program and hopefully it will continue to grow and get better. I've enjoyed the people I have been able to meet

while in Floydada. The kids have worked really hard for me day in and day out. They have made it very enjoyable for me," Seago said.

Seago will be joining the Bearcats who have won four straight District titles from 2008-2011 and won the Area championship in 2011.

"I'm very excited, it's a new challenge," Seago said.

As for Floydada, Bandy said he is currently conducting interviews for the new head coach job. At the end of the year, assistant Floydada baseball coach Cory Benson announced that he would not be returning for the 2013 season. Assistant coach Mathew Nix from Memphis has since been hired to replace Benson.

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2012-13 cotton consumption to 109.0 million bales from 109.9 million. Analysts saw U.S. cotton figures as neutral to the market since production was left unchanged at 17 million bales.

Meanwhile, for the week ended June 7, USDA's export sales and shipment report showed upland sales for both current and next marketing year totaled a net 1.015 million bales. Net export sales also were impressive with 219,600 bales reported. As has been the

case for some time now, the bulk of the sales activity was to China. In fact, of the total that week, China accounted for 927,300 bales.

Sales on the spot cotton market also were higher as Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico producers sold 3,707 bales online in the week ended June 14 compared to 1,807 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 62 to 72 cents per pound versus 53 to 54 cents per pound the previous week.

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cess of \$250 for out-of-district travel for board members to attend the annual TASA/TASB Convention in Austin on September 28-30, 2012. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The board discussed but took no action on the 2012 STARR/TAKS results and

the 2012-2013 preliminary budget, and approved the minutes from the May 15, 2012 regular and called meetings with a correction made to the spelling of Charles Tyer on item #4. They also unanimously approved the payment of the May 2012 bills.

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Staying Active - It's nice to unwind by lying on the pier to soak up the sun or taking a boat ride around the lake, but it's also fun to get moving during the trip. **Hiking** - Campers can enjoy the scenery and burn calories at the same time. **Hiking** is an effective workout and gives you a chance to slow down and enjoy nature.

Biking - Hit the open road on a bicycle. It's a great way to burn calories, tone muscles, and fit in a cardio workout. Remember to wear a helmet!

Swimming - Swimming is a full-body workout. It's easy on your joints, raises your heart rate, and is refreshing on a hot day.

Canoeing or kayaking - This is a great opportunity to get on the water and use your upper body strength. Not only does it work muscles and raise a person's heart rate, but it can also be a peaceful activity.

Volleyball - If you're near a beach or have enough space at the campsite, get a group of people together for a few rounds of volleyball. **Geocaching** - This is an outdoor scavenger

hunt that uses a GPS and coordinates to locate a cache that others have hidden, including trinkets, amazing views, and other objects. It's a chance to connect with nature and is fun for the whole family.

Eat Well - Before a camping trip, create a menu for the week. Planning meals ahead of time allows you to stay on track with healthy eating habits. **Breakfast** - Oatmeal and fresh fruit are great options for a sensible breakfast. Try making scrambled eggs over the campfire with a cast iron skillet. **Snacks** - Pack celery, carrots, apples, oranges, grapes, or nuts as snacks. Choose foods that are easy to carry on a hike or store at your campsite.

Protein - Prepare lean meats for lunch and dinner - chicken, fish, turkey dogs, beef labeled "choice" or "select," or buffalo burgers. **Fresh produce** - Watermelon, berries, and apples are great summer selections. Prepare fresh vegetables - corn, peppers, onions, etc. - over the campfire by placing them in a foil packet and nestling it into the coals


(this can also be done with potatoes, chicken, or fish). **Be Safe: Sun Matters** - Avoid the damaging effects of the sun and the issues caused by excessive heat, such as heat stroke. Lather up with a thick layer, about a shot glass full, of broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30. The higher the SPF, the more sun protection you will receive. Generously apply the sunscreen and reapply often.

Dress to protect. A wide-brimmed hat is ideal to protect areas that are exposed to the sun, including your ears, eyes, forehead, nose, and scalp. Wear UV-blocking sunglasses to protect your eyes. Look for a label that indicates that they block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB radiation. Wear lightweight cotton clothing to cover up your body without overheating. Seek shade or avoid direct sunlight during the hot-

test part of the day, usually between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Find a shade tree or relax under an awning.

First Aid and Emergency Supplies - Bandages, Tweezers, Ibuprofen and other medications like allergy relief or antacid, Flashlight, Antibiotic cream, Scissors, Batteries, Compass or GPS, Oral antihistamine, Tissues, Ice pack and Insect repellent containing DEET. **Hydration** - Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink water. Signs of dehydration include dizziness, confusion, headaches, loss of energy, dry skin, rapid pulse, sticky saliva, and dark urine. Limit your consumption of alcoholic beverages and sugary soft drinks to help avoid dehydration.

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Thank you Floyd County



By Homer Marquez

It's amazing when you're hesitant or nervous about going down an unfamiliar path that life seems to be pushing you toward, God will always be there to clear away the brush before you even take your first step.

With that being said, to my readers, friends and colleagues, as much as it pains me to write this, I regret to inform you that I will be leaving my post as the editor of the *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*.

The past two years have been two of the best years of my working career. The wonderful people that I have been able to work with and the new friends I have made along the way has made my stay in Floyd County one of the most rewarding experiences that I have ever experienced.

I will be leaving the Hesperian Beacon to become the Sports Editor of the *Plainview Herald*.

The decision to leave was a very difficult one to make, as some of you may have known, however an offer that I just couldn't refuse and the expected addition of another little one to my family gave me no other option.

I greatly appreciate the support of the *Hesperian-Beacon's* readers and the help that I have received from members of Floyd County. I owe you a tremendous debt in helping me try to improve this newspaper and make it somewhat of a snapshot of the Floyd County community.

Thank you to those that have granted me countless favors as I learned the in's and out's of journalism. Thank you to those who gave me a chance, and welcomed me into the richly unique Floyd County family; this is what I will miss the most.

I especially want to thank my colleague and good friend Barbara Anderson and the good people of Blackburn Media Group for

their love and support.

The very talented Jennifer Harbin will be replacing me as the editor and writer of the newspaper. I have met this hard working individual and I am positive that the transition will be smooth and seamless.

I am not, by any way, saying goodbye as I plan to visit constantly, I will still cover local events and will act as constant resource for the county.

I cannot thank the entire county enough, and I hope I will be able to work with the good people of Floyd County in the immediately future.

A major factor to the survival of a small community newspaper is COMMUNITY; so I know you all will continue to support the printed voice of the Longhorns and the Whirlwinds.

Thanks again, and don't be strangers; call me anytime just to chat. I will see you very soon.

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No matter where Floyd County Queen Darby Long goes she still takes time to catch up on her local news. Earlier this month, Long visited Musshino Japan as a Lubbock Junior Ambassador.

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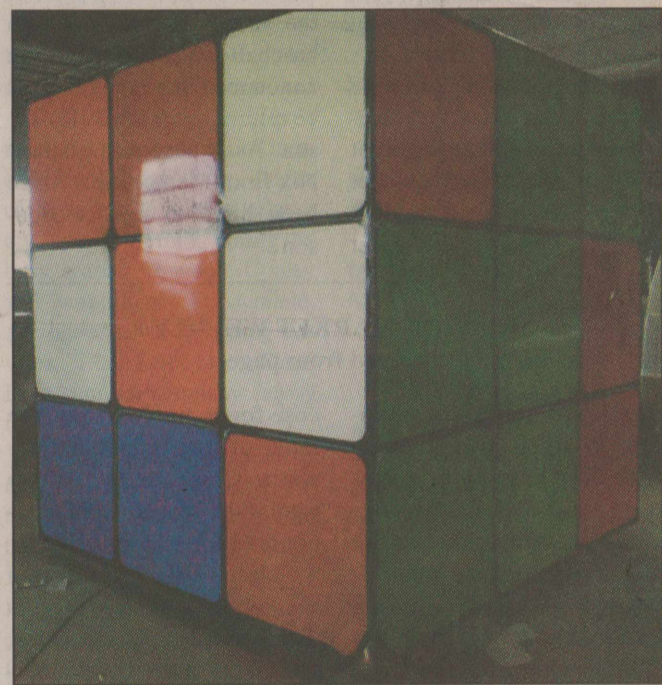


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On his free time, Andy Stapp and a group of helpers are looking to enter the Guinness Book of World Records with an 8 feet by 8 feet Rubix Cube that will sit 25 feet in the air along Hwy 70.

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stories.

"The reason I love this format is because it is real laid back, there's no drama. It's about building a car for some family somewhere and doing a good thing for a good cause," Stapp said.

"There's nothing better than turning the car over to the family. They do a big reveal, and the family is very excited. Everything is brand new, motors get rebuilt, new interior...they are brand spanking new. So it's a wonderful feeling to be able to do this," Stapp added.

Stapp was approached about doing the show after a "Search and Restore" producer saw Andy on "Car Warriors".

The season's premier episode will air on Aug. 19 on Spike's PowerBlock TV programming; and will feature Andy painting a 1948 pickup for a family in Philadelphia.

Stapp is penciled in to make a few more appearances on the show as he is scheduled to leave in July for more filming.

Stapp will also be do-

ing some guest spots on the Speed Channel's "Gearz" and Spike's "Horsepower TV", where he will be promoting his new signature series of Speed Dawg gear shift knobs.

In his free time, Stapp has been back in his hometown working on a plan that he says will put Lockney on the map.

For the past several months, Andy and helpers, Sid Weekes, Chris Warner, Wilmer Archer, and Tyson Evens, have been building an giant eight feet by eight feet Rubix Cube that will sit 25 feet in the air along Hwy 70.

Currently Stapp is meeting with Guinness World Record representatives to register the cube as the world's largest; beating the current cube that measures 4 feet by 4 feet.

"Basically when people say, 'why are you building a rubix cube?' I say why not," said Stapp.

The giant Rubix, which he said was inspired by places like "Cadillac Ranch", should be up by early July.