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Walking path forthcoming for Lockney residents

By Jennifer Harbin

Dust off your workout shoes, because the Lockney Economic Development Corporation has decided to help its residents get active with a new walking path.

As part of a long-term project, the EDC will begin the first phase of construction by installing a walking path in the city block between Washington and Locust streets and 1st and 2nd streets.

Initially, the idea came to life when the EDC discussed building a skate park on the property. Shortly afterwards, they were approached by Suzanne Hill, a representative for Heartland Play, who offered her services.

EDC and Heartland Play designed a plan that, with the help of Texas Parks and Wildlife grants, will come to fruition over the next few years hopefully.

Hill contacted TPW to inquire about available grants but was told that none will be available until next year according to City Secretary Charlotte Hooten.

The initial plans for the property included pavilion, skate park, play area, and

walking path complete with landscaping, benches and lights.

"The board decided to start with the walking path that is one of the less expensive projects," said Hooten.

The overall cost of the project, including benches and lights, will be \$24,031 will be paid for by the EDC and maintenance will most likely be provided by the city, though it was uncertain at time of publication.

The lot is of significant size, according to Hooten, and she said that she feels the community will enjoy being able to have somewhere nice to walk and pursue other activities.

News of plans for the park hasn't reached everyone in Lockney. Cousins Brianna Vasquez, 15, and Tea Lopez, 14, were walking along at dusk Monday on the east edge of town, wishing out loud that vacant lots could be developed -- even wishing for a Wal-Mart.

The idea of a new park intrigued them both.

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Photos by Jennifer Harbin

Broken up concrete, left over from the days when the lot between Locust and Washington streets and First and Second streets was a filling station, will be removed soon for the new walking path the Economic Development Corporation will be building.

Fourth of July safety starts with common sense

By Jennifer Harbin

Fireworks are as American as apple pie, hot dogs, and baseball, but this patriotic pastime can be dangerous.

Safety is definitely an essential part of this Independence Day. Many precautions can be taken to ensure that no one is injured or property destroyed.

Setting off fireworks in Floyd County's dry climate means common sense should take precedence.

According to an order issued on June 11 by the Commissioners Court prohibiting certain fireworks in Floyd County, "conditions on certain uncultivated acreage in the county are extremely hazardous for the danger of fire."



The Mr. W fireworks stand, north of Floydada, is all lit up to receive people who are eagerly lined up outside.

Fireworks Safety Precautions

- ✓ Observe all local laws
- ✓ Never allow children to play with or light fireworks, even sparklers
- ✓ Older children who decide to use fireworks should always be supervised by an adult
- ✓ Use fireworks outdoors only
- ✓ Always read and follow all warnings and label instructions
- ✓ Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks
- ✓ Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves and grass, and other things that may catch on fire
- ✓ Never try to relight "dud" fireworks that have not fully functioned
- ✓ Keep water handy (a garden hose and a bucket) in case of a malfunction or a fire
- ✓ Light only one firework at a time
- ✓ Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water)
- ✓ Never light fireworks in glass or metal containers
- ✓ Never throw or point fireworks at other people, animals, or buildings that can catch on fire
- ✓ Families should attend professional fireworks displays rather than using fireworks at home.



Photos by Jennifer Harbin

Alea and her father, Orlando Lira, choose some sparklers and other items to enjoy leading up to their Fourth of July celebration.

The order restricts the use of "skyrockets with sticks... and missiles with fins."

According to Penny Golithly, Floyd County Judge, the burn ban is no longer in effect but she strongly cautions everyone to be careful and pick up all of their trash when they are through.

"There is to be no discharge of fireworks within the city limits," said Floydada

City Manager Gary Brown.

There will be a fine up to \$500, depending on how severe the violation, if anyone ignites fireworks within the city limits according to Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch.

"Go out in the county (to set off fireworks), and make sure (to) get the permission

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Floydada EDC Attends 2012 Wind Exposition

By Justin Jaworski

The Floydada Economic Development Corporation (EDC) recently participated in the 2012 Wind Expo hosted by the American Wind Energy Association. The event was held at the Georgia World Congress Convention Center in Atlanta, Georgia where thousands of participants gathered to showcase their products and

services. Over 20,000 wind industry professionals, experts, leaders, decision makers, and researchers attended the event.

The expo is an opportunity to meet new clients, solidify existing relationships, learn from industry experts, and interact with hundreds of exhibitors representing

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Parker earns top Scouting honors



Courtesy Photo

Eagle Scout Tye Parker stands proudly before the American flag bedecked with merit badges he has earned.

By Christy Parker

It is with great honor to announce that Tye Adam Parker was awarded the highest Honor of Scouting, Eagle

Scout. Tye is a member of Boy Scout Troop 1299 chartered out of Sun creek United

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LIFESTYLES

Community Concerts to be held in Plainview

PLAINVIEW – Community Concerts of Plainview invites the citizens of Floydada and Lockney to subscribe and share five diverse and entertaining performances with their Plainview neighbors at very affordable prices in Plainview, Pampa, Borger and Midland through reciprocal agreement.

The lineup in Plainview for 2012-2013 and the 68th concert season includes:

Red Head Express & The Walker Family, All-American family band, features family harmonies and hard-driving instruments with a

variety of musical styles, Monday, October 1, 2012. Legacy of Floyd Cramer, featuring Jason Coleman, grandson salutes Floyd Cramer and his distinctive sound, Monday, October 29, 2012. Yana Reznik, Russian concert pianist, talents have been showcased in Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and Moscow Conservatory, Thursday, November 29, 2012. Ricky Nelson Remembered, Nelson twins pay tribute to father, sibling harmonies accompanied by video footage of the Nelson family, Thursday, March 7, 2013. Side Street Stru-

ters, swing ensemble with vocalist, extensive repertoire, colorful costumes, tap dancing and 26 years of musicianship, Monday, April 15, 2013.

The concerts will be in Harral Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance at Community Concerts is by presentation of the appropriate portion of the season strip ticket. Early-bird prices, before June 1st, for the entire concert series is as follows: Adult, \$40; Student, \$10, Family, \$90, Single-

parent family, \$50. After June 1, prices will be as follows: Adult, \$45, Student, \$10, Family, \$100, Single-parent family, \$55. "Family" includes parents and all children in family under 19. Family can be grandparents and grandchildren. College students may purchase the \$10 student ticket.

Interested persons are asked to mail payment to Plainview Community Concerts, P.O. Box 1512, Plainview, TX 79073-1512. For more information call 293-4979 or 292-0471, or visit www.liveinplainview.org and order online.



Albert Einstein did some of his best creative thinking when he was working as a young man in a patent office in Zurich. For him, it was a job that didn't require all that much thought and effort; hence, he had free time to formulate theories that rocked traditional physics.

Sometimes it takes a routine job like that (not that examining patents would be routine for us non-Einsteins) to bring out the best of our brains – as long as we don't think about the job.

For me, it was my decade as a letter carrier that gave me time to think creatively about anything but what I was doing. I'm admitting it now. Fire me.

If you have a job that requires you to do the same thing day after day after day, it's hard to stay on task. Things might have been different if I could have varied my daily route, but creativity was not condoned. So, along I strode at better than the requisite number of steps per minute, going from house to house the same way every day, dreaming up various graphic designs for T-shirts and designing a half-block retirement complex, complete with putting green.

If you thinking I'm exaggerating about the number of steps, I'm not. They check you. At least they checked me.

Anyway, now that I'm devoting the rest of my life to digging grassburrs (Cenchrus echinatus L), I find myself again with time to think. No realm of endeavor or thought, no field of study, is safe from

me. OK, probably physics is safe. So is math. So is organic chemistry.

But not theology. A treatise on the equivalence of grassburrs to thorns as the embodiment of evil in this present imperfect world is taking shape as I work to rid our lawn of every last offending bur. The other weeds are safe. I love them for not being grassburrs. But Satan is a devious prickly hateful grassbur, and he's everywhere – hiding, in plain sight, hugging the ground, standing up straight. He's ripening in the hot, dry wind, which seems fitting.

Once I learn Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic, I'll find a place for grassburrs in my translation of the Bible.

Consider, for example, Isaiah 55:12-13:

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow."

Thornbush? Briars? Grassburrs are at least implied, I'd say. Maybe I'll just settle for implied.

As for Einstein, his deistic belief in God corresponded with his great awe for the beautiful laws of the universe.

If Einstein had been a botanist instead of a physicist, maybe he would have invented a way to eradicate grassburrs. Maybe not.

But it's that sort of fantasy that keeps me sane as I battle the Devil in all his guises – all of them grassburrs.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Jones

Summertime, and the living is easy? Busy? Stressful? Exciting? Carefree?

Whatever...hot, dry, windy, dusty...weather conditions persist in our area. How we accept each life-situation day after day determines who we are in the journey of life. Come along with me to enjoy the ride.

Peaches ripen on the low hanging branches as yellow flowers peek through green leaves on the tomato plants, hoping to become plump and juicy on the vine.

Below the surface of the parched ground thrives an amazing community of seeds, each with its own unique quality of life. Ours to enjoy for the taking.

With open arms to receive a hug, and a smile as big as all outdoors, Francis Gunther greeted friends and family as they gathered at Shepherd's Meadow on Saturday afternoon to wish him a very special 90th birthday. He joined in with me as I

sang "Happy Birthday" to him. The staff had prepared and served special birthday cake and punch, along with other goodies, for all to enjoy. Thank you, Francis, for all you are to us. Remember to eat something rich and sweet every day.

This past Friday, a fun-loving group of senior adults traveled from Floydada to Palo Duro Canyon State Park to enjoy an outdoor musical romance of Panhandle history called "Texas." This is the 47th season for a production as grand and spectacular as the beautiful canyon in which it is performed. "Texas" celebrates those courageous men and women who settled our rugged frontier. This story reminds us of the hardships our forebears faced and encourages us to continue to blaze trails for generations to come.

Among those enjoying this special outing were Kay and Ray Tinney, Buddy and Barbara Lutrick, Terry

and Catherine Simmons, Sherri Colston, Donna Harmon, Ruth Mathis, Gloria Fannon, Wayland and Margaret Jones, and Diane Glover.

Our hearts are saddened by the death of another friend, Boone Adams. Let us remember his family in prayer at this time.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

- Green Chili Chicken Dip
- 1 small Velveeta cheese
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- ½ cup evaporated milk
- 1 small can white chicken
- 1 can green chilis (diced)

Mix all ingredients together and melt on stove. Stir continuously. Serve with tortilla chips.

Tammy Williams

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2 (English Standard Version)

MEMORIALS

By Margaret Word

In memory of Gene Lawson -- Tracy and Laura Turner; Nell McClung; Fred and Peggy Conner; Dr. and Mrs.

Jack Jordan; First National Bank, Floydada; John and Judy Dunlap; Bill and Norma Feubacher; Alton and Sue Higginbotham; Raymond and Marylou Clark; K. D. and Janice Julian; Billy and Geraldine Baker; Gary and Linda Matsler; Ford V8 Club, Abilene; Gloria Fannon; Jesse and Donna Pernell; Gary and Emma Pate, Guy Ginn; Joy Smitherman.

In memory of Dr. Tommy McIntosh -- Bill and Norma Feubacher, Gary and Emma Pate.

In memory of William Bertrand -- Bill and Norma Feubacher, Gary and Linda Matsler, Gary and Emma Pate.

In memory of Nell Swinson -- Joy Smitherman.

In memory of Boone Adams -- Oden Chevrolet, Gloria Fannon, Shorty Turner, Guy Ginn, Joy Smitherman.

In memory of Bill Quattleman -- Jesse and Donna Pernell.

In memory of Bob Greer -- Jesse and Donna Pernell.

In memory of James Wade -- Martha Lotspeich.

Thank you for remembering the center when you need to make a memorial donation. Our mailing address is Floydada Senior Citizens Center, P. O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

- July 2-6
- Monday: ham and beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low-fat milk.
- Tuesday: cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge, salad, melon medley, low-fat milk.
- Wednesday: CLOSED FOR FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY
- Thursday: oven-fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli and raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low-fat milk.
- Friday: glazed meatloaf, redbliss potatoes, breadsticks, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, low-fat milk.

THIS WEEK'S

LOCKNEY HOMECOMING ASSOCIATION
The Lockney Homecoming Association will be holding a planning meeting Tuesday, July 24th at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Church of Christ Fellowship Room.

Lockney's Annual July 4th bike ride will start at 10 a.m. in the Main Street Church of Christ parking lot. The route is from the parking lot to the Lockney Care Center and back. Everyone is willing to participate—either to ride or just watch. Bikes can be decorated. Refreshments will be served in the parking lot following the ride.

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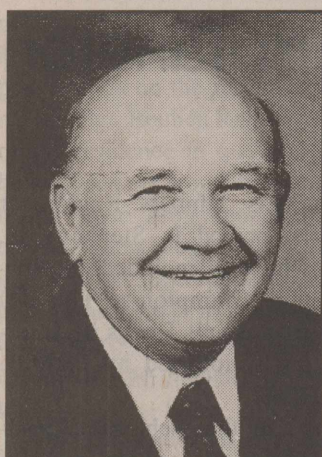
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OBITUARY



BOONE ADAMS

Boone Adams, age 90, of Floydada, passed away, Wednesday, June 20, 2012. Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, June 22, 2012 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Pastor Tim Franks and Reverend Les Hall officiated.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Boone was born June 11, 1922 in Lakeview, Texas to Jennings Bryan and Nettie Templeton (Boone) Adams. He attended schools in Hall County. Boone proudly served in the US Navy from 1942 until 1946. He married Ruth Gilreath of Memphis, Texas on March 8, 1958.

He moved to Floydada in 1964 where he established an irrigation business which he owned until his retire-

ment. He loved the irrigation business and it was his life. He witted wells and continued to help find the "big water".

He loved his community, his church, his grandchildren, and their friends. He was a member of the Floydada Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for years and sang in the choir.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Adams, his parents, a sister, Lou Alice Scholten, and a son, Gregory Bryan Adams.

Survivors include his two daughters, Patty Adams of Lubbock, and Roijon Johnson of Floydada; six grandchildren, Greg Adams-Woodford of Scotsdale, Arizona, Teresa "Tracy" Henderson of Aurora, Colorado, Michelle Woodford-Chisholm of Castle Rock, Colorado, Evan Johnson of Levelland, Merrit Johnson of Floydada, and McKenna Johnson of Floydada, and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Boone's name may be made to Floydada Senior Citizen, P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Tx 79235 or Hospice Hands of West Texas P.O. Box 1118, Lockney, Texas 79241

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

CLOYD L. MEYERS

Cloyd L. Meyers, age 79, of Floydada, passed away Saturday, June 23, in Lubbock. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, at the Trinity Assembly of God Church in Floydada with Pastor Vance Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements are by Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Cloyd was born August 31, 1932 in Spanish Fort, Texas to George Ernest and Mildred (Brown) Meyers. He married the love of his life, Mozell Thompson, on May 8, 1953. Cloyd served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He farmed for Lewis Pyle and Delmas McCormick in Floydada beginning in 1972. Cloyd loved to hunt and fish. He raised coon dogs and was a bee keeper.

Cloyd was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Mozell Meyers, of the home, and three sons, Kenneth Meyers and wife Kaye of Saint Jo, Texas, Rickie Meyers and wife Cristina of Floydada, Dennis Meyers and wife Michelle of Gainville, Texas, 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and four sisters.

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

FROM THE ARCHIVES

OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian
July 9, 1970

I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER

SOME DREAMS FADE AWAY

By Homer Steen

Not all the people who came west to help settle the plains country stayed here. A certain percent failed to find a way of life that appealed to them, some left when Old Man Dry made the going too hard. And some returned to their former abodes simply because of the homesickness blues. A few of those who stayed did so out of sheer necessity. And then there were occasional ones for whom restored health did not materialize.

Sometime in the year of 1906 a young Missourian by the name of Charles E. Furr moved to Floydada. He was a lawyer and hung out his shingle, but remained here for less than three years, real-

ly, I think, for very little more than two years. The story of his brief stay here is a melancholy one.

He came southwest at the suggestion of his doctor, hoping to keep his health and carve out a career. His family had a history of lung weakness, he said. I was of the impression that he was elected county attorney, but he was not. He was employed by the county from time to time, however, to act as county attorney, according to the minutes of the commissioners Court of the years 1906 and 1907.

CAPABLE AND RESOLUTE

Young Furr was capable and he must had made a big resolution to "make the grade", health-wise, so as to change the pattern of his fortunes. He had not been here many months until he felt justified in returning to his home state and marrying.

He had been living in the V. J. Hall residence as a boarder, but upon return from Missouri the couple established

a home. He had a modest practice that was growing. It seems things were going to be rosy for them.

So many stories of this kind were success stories, like that of R. C. Scott, who came here as a weakling and lived out a long career, the husband of a pioneer ranchman's daughter and the father of a fine family of boys and girls.

I talked with Furr off and on. I hung around my father's office in the court house, and knew the young attorney from the time he came here until he left. In a few months his mood seemed to change. A warning from his doctor, the state of his health, or an inner sense of foreboding—something. Whereas he had envisioned a home and a career in a new land he had warning that long life and happiness together with the girl of his choice was not to be.

As his mood became more dejected it became more cer-

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Floyd County Church Directory

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|--|--|--|
| <p>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m..
*****</p> <p>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth) .7:15 p.m.
*****</p> | <p>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.
*****</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
*****</p> <p>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (church)
..... Sunday School
English..... 9:45 a.m.
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship9:30 a.m.
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>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.
*****</p> <p>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
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.
*****</p> <p>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister
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Lockney School

Lockney Homecoming takes shape, planning meeting to be held

By Jennifer Harbin

Bring your pom-poms and planners to the next Lockney Homecoming Association planning meeting to be held July 24.

The meeting will take place at the Main Street Church of Christ fellowship room at 7 p.m.

Homecoming will take place September 21-22. This

homecoming's theme is "A Time for Remembrance and Renewal."

Registration will begin in the high school library on Friday from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Saturday registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the elementary school.

A catered lunch will be provided at the elementary cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. for

\$15 a plate. Following lunch will be a business meeting and memorial.

If you are having a class meeting or reunion during homecoming, contact Reeda Cay Smith at 806-652-2338 so it can be included in the newsletter. Also, if you have any address additions or corrections, contact Smith or Zach Cummings.

Ty Young graduates from Tarleton State University

Ty Young of Lockney graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from the university's Stephenville campus.

Commencement ceremonies were held May 12, 2012, at Tarleton's Memorial Stadium.

Honor designations for

undergraduate degrees are: Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors), Magna Cum Laude (High Honors) and Cum Laude (Honors).

Founded in 1899, Tarleton is one of the fastest growing institutions of higher learning in Texas. Just one hour from Fort Worth, Tarleton serves as the educational and cultural flagship of the

Cross Timbers Region. It is located in Stephenville, which is included in Norman Crampton's "The 100 Best Small Towns in America" published by Prentice Hall.

On the web: <http://read-about.me/achievements/Ty-Young-Graduates-from-Tarleton-State-University/4385372>.

Fourth of July Fun Facts

On this day in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. As always, this most American of holidays will be marked by parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country.

2.5 million

In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

313.9 million

The nation's estimated population on this July Fourth.

\$3.6 million

In 2011, the dollar value of U.S. imports of American flags. The vast majority of this amount (\$3.3 million) was for U.S. flags made in China.

\$663,071

Dollar value of U.S. flags exported in 2011. Mexico was the leading customer, purchasing \$80,349 worth.

\$232.3 million

The value of fireworks

imported from China in 2011, representing the bulk of all U.S. fireworks imported (\$223.4 million). U.S. exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$15.8 million in 2011, with Australia purchasing more than any other country (\$4.5 million).

\$231.8 million

The value of U.S. manufacturers' shipments of fireworks and pyrotechnics (including flares, igniters, etc.) in 2007.

Patriotic-Sounding Place Names

Thirty-one places have "liberty" in their names. The most populous one as of April 1, 2010, was Liberty, Mo. (29,149). Iowa, with four, has more of these places than any other state: Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty.

Thirty-five places have "eagle" in their names. The most populous one is Eagle Pass, Texas, with a population of 26,248.

Eleven places have "independence" in their names.

The most populous one is Independence, Mo., with a population of 116,830.

Nine places have "freedom" in their names. The most populous one is New Freedom, Pa., with a population of 4,464.

One place has "patriot" in its name. Patriot, Ind., has a population of 209.

Five places have "America" in their names. The most populous is American Fork, Utah, with a population of 26,263.

Fourth of July Cook-outs

Almost 1 in 3

The chance that the hot dogs and pork sausages consumed on the Fourth of July originated in Iowa. The Hawkeye State was home to 19.7 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2012. This estimate represents almost one-third of the nation's estimated total. North Carolina (8.6 million) and Minnesota (7.6 million) were also homes to large numbers of pigs.

7.2 billion pounds

Total production of cattle and calves in Texas in 2011. Chances are good that the beef hot dogs, steaks and burgers on your backyard grill came from the Lone Star State, which accounted for about one-sixth of the nation's total production. And if the beef did not come from Texas, it very well may have come from Nebraska (4.6 billion pounds) or Kansas (4.0 billion pounds).

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Number of states in which the value of broiler chicken production was estimated at \$1 billion or greater between December 2010 and November 2011. There is a good chance that one of these states — Georgia, Arkansas, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi or Texas — is the source of your barbecued chicken.

Potato salad and potato chips are popular food items at Fourth of July barbecues. Approximately half of the nation's spuds were produced in Idaho or Washington state in 2011.

New online map application useful tool for Texas travelers

Austin—The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has launched a new online map application, Drive Texas™, that provides travelers with real-time traffic conditions, traffic and weather feeds, as well as links to other useful travel information.

Drive Texas™ displays statewide conditions affecting travel—construction, closures, accidents—as well as a live weather feed that allows drivers to check conditions along their route. Travelers can plot a course by entering their start and end cities to view highway conditions along their route, and they can also locate TxDOT Safety Rest Areas or Texas Travel Information Centers. In select cities, travelers can also view images from traffic cameras, messages posted on dynamic message signs, and other detailed information.

This new site features a user-friendly interface, making it easy for the traveling public to access real-time conditions affecting travel across Texas. The application can be found at www.DriveTexas.org, or by clicking on the "Highway Conditions" link on the TxDOT homepage at www.TxDOT.gov. And for those on the go, a mobile-friendly version is available. To use Drive Texas™ while en route, motorists should pull off the highway to a safe location or have a passenger access the service.

Although highway condition information has been available to the public for years on www.TxDOT.gov,

TxDOT.gov, Drive Texas™ is a more robust, user-friendly interface that puts information right at the user's fingertips in an easy-to-find format.

"People are mobile and want traffic and road conditions before and during their trip," said Margo Richards, TxDOT's Travel Information Division Director. "Drive Texas™ will make it easier to plan trips, avoid problem areas, and reach destinations quickly and safely. The goal is to make travel as safe as possible."

TxDOT is committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas. This new feature provides the traveling public with the information they need to plan their trips and arrive safely at destinations.

The Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail, and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 11,000 employees are committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas by maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion, connecting Texas communities, and being a Best in Class state agency. Find out more at www.txdot.gov. Fan us on Facebook www.facebook.com/txdot. Follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/txdot.

Job Fair to be held in Lubbock

Lubbock — Workforce Solutions is partnering with Lubbock Economic Development Alliance (LEDA) to present an industry-specific job fair, featuring some of the area's largest manufacturing companies. Interested

job seekers should come to the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center at 3201 Avenue Q, Thursday, June 28 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Job seekers looking for employment in manufacturing have the opportunity to meet,

in person, with employers such as The PROS Company; Quality Buildings, Inc., and J & B Industrial Services. A variety of positions need to be filled including commercial drivers, welders, painters, machinists, roofers, carpenters,

mechanics, managers, sales and administrative positions.

For more information, please contact Nate Bratcher with Workforce Solutions South Plains Employment and Training Center at (806) 765-5038.



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Floydada City Council Approves Condemnation of Property

By Sara Sisemore

The Floydada City Council held a special meeting before their regular June meeting to hear from citizens concerning condemnation proceedings on the residence at 227 E. Tennessee. Sgt. Reuben Ramon presented photos of the residence in question, and explained he has been sending letters and notices to the owner since 2009, though has received no correspondence back except for the certified mail receipts. Sgt. Ramon's recommendation to the council was to condemn and demolish the property. There were no citizens present to address the council concerning this matter.

Once in regular session, the council voted unanimously to condemn the property at 227 E. Tennessee St. since there were no objections from the owner or community. According to City Attorney Karen Houchin, the owner will be given written notice that he has 30 days to appeal the decision in District Court, then if there is no appeal the house can be removed.

Mayor Bobby Gilliland informed the council that the request from Floydada citizens Mark Beedy and Nathan Johnson to annex some property located west of Menefee St., between the alley north of Cedar Street and the alley south of Marivena Street has been withdrawn since the city cannot annex a property without the property owner asking for annexation.

Amado Morales was present to request an extension in order to build a third ballpark in Annie Taylor Park to be used for women's softball. Ruben DeLeon had started this project but has not developed it to any degree. Morales said they want to make the ballpark UIL size. He said the parking lot also needs some improvement and offered his services

as a Floyd County Commissioner to assist with hauling materials in order to resurface it. Houchin recommended for a written interlocal agreement be drawn up for the city and the county outlining the plan for the ballpark. The council approved a motion for Morales to proceed with drawing up an interlocal agreement.

Citizen Ofelia Hernandez had made a request regarding residential parking in front of 110 S. 5th St., next door to The Covey. The property is located in a business district, so all street parking is public parking. Mayor Gilliland informed the council that she had withdrawn her request prior to the meeting.

The council discussed Resolution 12-4 authorizing the city to participate in a state-wide purchasing agreement. By participating in this agreement, the city can receive discounts - around 12 percent discounts - at various businesses. Councilman Sam Green asked if these were products that could not be purchased in Floydada; Brown confirmed this. The council approved Resolution 12-4 authorizing the city's participation in this agreement.

The council entertained Resolution 12-5 authorizing participation in a Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant (RAMP) with the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division. According to Brown, the RAMP grant is a \$50,000 50/50 matching grant. Floydada has already paid for some project on the airport, but this grant will reimburse for some of these expenses. The mayor was authorized to sign for the city on the acceptance, for scope of services, for certification of airport fund, and for single audit requirements. Brown was designated as the city's authorized representative.

Brown filled the council in on the

current situation regarding the use of landfill dump tickets. He said currently the landfill is seeing roofers with enough dump tickets to cover the entire fee for dumping a load of shingles. Brown said he feels this is wrong as he is sure the roofers are still charging their customers or insurance companies a disposal fee for the shingles. Brown suggested that we rework the ordinance to prevent this abuse of the dump tickets. The tickets currently have no expiration date. Mayor Gilliland stated his desire to rework the ordinance so the actual property owners can still use the tickets, but no commercial entities can use them. The council approved a motion by Green to begin putting an expiration date on the tickets and only allowing the actual property owners to use the dump tickets.

The council discussed the salary for starting police officers as Floydada's advertisement has not received any interest. According to Police Chief Darrell Gooch, Floydada's starting salary is \$26,000, which is way below the average of \$30,000. Chief Gooch said the salary has not been increased for eight or nine years, and he is in need of at least two more officers. The council asked Chief Gooch to develop a plan for them to consider, with a pay rate increase for the current officers. Green made the motion to raise the starting salary for new hires to \$30,000; the council unanimously approved the motion.

Because of the change in city council members, the city council needs to appoint a new person to the Economic Development Corporation's board. The city has to have two council members on the EDC board. The council unanimously approved the appointment of Gabriel De La Fuente.

The council discussed the ordinance for

condemnation of substandard structures that are in violation of certain codes. There was some concern from the council about if the city could be held liable for which properties are acted upon compared with their neighbors' properties. After some discussion, they approved the ordinance.

Reach Broadband's request to extend the lease agreement for a period of five years was approved by the council.

The council considered Cory Speed and Cory Johnson for appointment as a councilmember for District #3. Green stated he thinks since there are now some people interested in serving the citizens on the city council Floydada should have a special election to let the citizens decide. Gail Dubois said she thinks it is not wise to spend money on a special election since the city is about to consider raises for the police officers. A motion was made to rescind last month's approved motion to hold a special election. The council then discussed the pros and cons of appointing Speed or Johnson now, as opposed to waiting until the regular election in May. The council unanimously approved the motion to rescind the motion to hold a special election, and approved a second motion to not appoint a councilmember at this time.

Brown said he has begun the process of creating the 2012-2013 Operating Budget. He said the council would probably need to have a special budget workshop to discuss what the city is going to do about raises for the police department and potentially for the rest of the city employees.

After approving the minutes from their last regular meeting held May 15, 2012, the council reviewed the city's cash balances and investments, and approved payment of the May 2012 bills.

Tech professor analyzes vampire craze

They originally came from Slavic folklore as a scapegoat for rising anxiety over the regressing status quo of the region. Today, they are the characters of some of Hollywood's top-selling box office hits. They are vampires, creatures who feed off the blood of other living beings. Vampire expert Erin Collopy, an associate professor in Texas Tech University's College of Arts and Sciences, said the preternatural creatures have had a constantly evolving perception in society since ancient times. "The vampire craze goes up and down," said Collopy, who teaches a vampire class at Texas Tech. "The last one was with Anne Rice books and 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer.' But then it died down for a while. No one really paid any attention to the 'Vampire Diaries' books in the early 90s, and so it wasn't until Twilight that there was another huge explosion."

The concept originally arose when the Austro-Hungarian Empire was expanding in the 18th century, a time when its citizens often came into contact with rural people digging up corpses. An epidemic was causing death in the villages, and often the first ones to die were thought to be vampires causing the death of others. The decomposing bodies they had excavated left them confused and startled about what was happening to the corpses, believing the bodies still had life. "People were not very knowledgeable about decomposition back then," Collopy said. "What was part of normal decomposition appeared to them as evidence of vampirism. The westerners were

rational and scientific, and tried to explain what was happening to them." Slavic culture tended to use this idea of vampirism as a method of social control, where people were told to behave correctly, or they would become a vampire. Methods of destroying the body included piercing and staking. First, the Slavs would penetrate the chest in order for the trapped soul to escape from the body. Then they would pin the body to the ground to prevent any future possible movement, since they were still unsure of what exactly happens to a soul and body after death. Many examples of this process are found in Bulgaria, where skeletons are still found today with metals rods found pinned into the heart area. As the world entered the Romantic era, Collopy said authors began to pick up on the concept of a vampire, and the perception changed into more of a demonic lover. Novels and plays were written depicting this vampire's new demeanor. "There was one important piece of literature that came out in the early 19th century," Collopy said, referring to "The Vampire" by John William Polidori. "Many plays were based off this book. It was definitely the first significant piece of literature involving vampirism." Gothic horror novel "Dracula" came along in 1897, and Collopy said nothing has been the same since. After the novel came out, fascination with the blood-thirsty creatures came to an all-time high, eventually leading to the 1931 film adaptation starring Bela Lugosi. Preceding the 1931 film release, an unauthorized ver-

sion came out in 1922 titled "Nosferatu," but because the studio could not obtain rights to the novel, names and minor details were altered. "The film version of 'Dracula' also helped heighten vampire buzz, as well as the play that had preceded it," Collopy said. "So unintentionally, this kind of sexy vampire has developed, but I think that development was also with the work of Anne Rice." However, vampires were certainly still feared. As more novels and plays were written throughout the 20th century, the vampire was often either the villain to be slayed, or an appealing mystery. The dividing perception often changed with gender: women were attracted to the dark, seductive vampires, while men often preferred to view them as a monster, something to be killed. "I think the reason vampires are so popular is because they are such an effective metaphor for our own anxieties and desires," Collopy said. "We often try to work things out about ourselves through them." CONTACT: Erin Collopy, associate professor of classical and modern languages, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University (806) 742-3286 or erin.collopy@ttu.edu

4th of July Firework Safety Tips

Always read directions.
Always have an adult present.
Use fireworks outdoors only.
Never use near dry grass or other flammable materials.
Light one at a time.
Keep a safe distance.
Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

Never experiment with fireworks.
Have a bucket of water and a hose handy.
Never attempt to re-light or "fix" fireworks.
Do not wear loose fitting clothing.
Never carry fireworks in your pockets.
Fireworks are not toys.
Use only State Fire Marshal approved fireworks.

USDA Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers to Report Crop Losses

FLOYDADA -- June 21, 2012 - Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley, reminds producers to report crop losses resulting from a weather-related disaster event within 15 days of the disaster or when the loss first becomes apparent. This includes crops covered by crop insurance, the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crops without insurance coverage.

Please call for an appointment to fail your acres.

"Crop losses are acres that were timely planted with the intent to harvest, but the crop failed and could not be harvested because of a disaster related condition," said Bradley. "In order to meet FSA program eligibility requirements, producers must re-

port losses to the Floyd County FSA office within 15 days of the disaster occur-

rence or when the loss first becomes apparent. **CROP LOSSES continued on page 7**

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 TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of John Milton Fowler, Deceased, were issued on March 28, 2012, in Cause No. 5907, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Wayne Fowler.

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June 4-29, 2012

and

July 9-20, 2012

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5-24, 5-31, 6-7, 6-14, 6-21, 6-28, 7-5, 7-12c

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FLOYDADA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TxCDBG) DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

The City of Floydada is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Downtown Revitalization Program application for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The grant request is for up to \$150,000 for downtown revitalization improvements to consist of sidewalk removal and replacement, ADA ramps, and curb and gutter repair in Floydada's designated downtown area, which includes Jackson Street to Eighth Street to Mississippi Street and Fourth Street. The application will be available for review at City Hall, 114 W. Virginia, during regular business hours of 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday.

AGRICULTURE

Corn and Wheat Up, Cotton Down for Now

Corn and wheat prices were up, and cotton futures were mixed at the beginning of this week as weather conditions and various reports affected markets worldwide.

A report from Donna Hughes, a futures and options broker with offices in Amarillo and Abilene, described the trends and factors influencing trading:

Corn

Corn closed limit up all the way out to the May 2013 contract. Then the crop condition report came out, confirming that the corn continues to be stressed, and that the heat and dryness are affecting yield potential. Silking is definitely underway with Tennessee, Texas and North Carolina over 59 percent, and Missouri, Kansas and Kentucky all over 25 percent. Illinois is reporting 17 percent silking and Indiana 9 percent. The corn belt still has stressed crops in the forecast. High temperatures all this week will drive evaporation losses of moisture and stress the early corn hitting the pollination stage. Export inspections reported this morning (Monday), for the week ending June 21, were 27.012 million bushels, down .598 million from last week and 3.654 million lower than the same week last year. Exports were ignored due to the production concerns. July 2012 Corn closed at \$6.31, up 40 cents; September 2012 Corn closed at \$5.91 1/4, up 40 cents; December 2012 Corn closed at \$5.94,

up 40 cents; March 2013 Corn closed at \$6.05, up 40 cents.

Wheat

July wheat futures closed higher on all three exchanges. Kansas City Board of Trade Wheat hit the highest level since Feb. 1, up 47 cents. Russia's Ag ministry cut the 2012-13 wheat crop forecast to 46-49 million metric tons, down 14-19 percent from 57 million. Projected exports were also reduced by 10-20 percent to 16-18 million metric tons, down from 20 million. The crop condition report after the close showed the winter wheat crop to be 59 percent harvested and with a slight improvement in overall condition. U.S. export inspections reported this morning (Monday) for the week ending June 21 were 19.484 million bushels, down 1.472 million from last week, and 4.336 million lower than the same week last year. Commodity Futures Trading Commission data shows the specs trimming their net short in Chicago wheat last week. The Ukrainian state weather center indicated that Ukrainian wheat production should be in the range of 12.2-12.3 million metric tons, down from 22.3 million last year. Higher corn prices are also, of course, raising the value of wheat for feeding purposes. July 12 Chicago Board of Trade wheat closed at \$7.24 1/4, up 51 cents; July 12 Kansas City Board of Trade wheat closed at \$7.33, up 47 cents; July 12 MGEX (Minneapolis Grain Ex-

change) wheat closed at \$8.80, up 21 cents

Cotton

Cotton futures closed 371 points lower in the July contract and somewhat higher in the later months. The USDA report released Monday lowered the condition of the domestic crop slightly, with 50 percent in good to excellent condition, but it is far better than it was at this time last year when it was rated only 27 percent good to excellent. The report indicates that the crop is 36 percent squaring and 8 percent setting bolls, versus last year at 29 percent and 8 percent, respectively. Certificated stocks are higher at 119,732 bales with July futures deliveries beginning today (Monday). There were no notices posted. ICE (IntercontinentalExchange) has raised hedge margins \$500 per contract, to \$2,500, with spec margins raised to \$2,750. Research by Rabobank suggests that investors are holding one of the lowest net long positions in soft commodities in five years. The area around the Yellow and Huai rivers in China, where much of the cotton is grown, is forecast to receive heavy rains over the next ten days. Texas growers are looking for rain to lessen the need for irrigation. The Cotlook A index is 1.30 higher at 81.30. July 2012 Cotton closed at 70.46, down 371 points; October 2012 Cotton closed at 70.51, up 121 points; December 2012 Cotton closed at 70.05, up 93 points.

Floyd County 4-H'ers Compete at Roundup

Floyd County was represented at Texas 4-H Roundup by five senior-aged 4-H'ers and for the first time also by six intermediate-aged 4-H'ers. Also a first, State 4-H Roundup was held June 11-15 in Lubbock on the Texas Tech Campus.

The week started Monday morning with the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Awards Assembly. SyAnn Foster was awarded a Ft. Worth Livestock Show scholarship of \$5,000 and a Texas Tech University Collegiate Scholarship of \$500. Monday afternoon activities continued with a District 2 mixer and officer elections. Jake Bramlet was elected Public Relations Chairman for 2012-2013. Also attending the mixer and elections were Mallory Graham, Jill Graham and Beth Bramlet.

In the photography competition, Jake Bramlet received

one Blue Award and two Red Awards. Jianna Davenport won a Blue Award.

On Wednesday morning, Jake Bramlet competed as an individual in the Rifle contest on the South Plains College Campus in Levelland. Wednesday morning Mallory Graham also participated in the judging and modeling portion of the Fashion Show with the announcement of winners in the afternoon. Mallory won first place in the Buying Specialty Division. Wednesday was also the Livestock Judging contest where Floyd County was represented by McCrae McCormick.

Competitions for the week concluded Thursday. Jake Bramlet competed in Share-The-Fun Poetry-Prose category, where he placed fourth.

Intermediate-aged 4-H'ers competed and participated

in Invitational contests and workshops. Caleb Miller represented Floyd County in the Intermediate Poultry contest and workshop. Caleb was coached by Amanda Miller. Trip Fortenberry, Austen Rexrode, Tristan Schlueter, Grip Fortenberry and Lawson Sullivan participated in the Intermediate Meats Judging contest and workshop. They were coached by Becky Fortenberry.

It was a great week for Floyd County 4-H at Texas 4-H Roundup.

"We appreciate all the parents and leaders who supported us and helped us get there," said Donna Keaton, Floyd County Extension secretary. "We especially appreciate Melissa Long, who has spent years teaching and supporting us in all we have striven for and accomplished, with her help and guidance."

Senate passes Farm Bill

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Friday, June 22, 2012

With a vote of 64-35, the U.S. Senate adopted their version of a five-year Farm Bill on Thursday.

The bill, considered to be a major overhaul of farm policy, saves \$24 billion over ten years. The bill cuts direct payments and puts more of an emphasis on crop insurance instead.

However, concerns in the Senate bill still will loom as the House begins their development of a farm bill in mid-July. Several

amendments passed during Senate consideration, including the Coburn-Durbin amendment, #2439, that would impose a first-ever AGI means testing on crop insurance; the Chambless amendment #2438 that would impose conservation compliance regulations on crop insurance; and the Grassley amendment #2167 that would impose a \$75,000 pay limit on marketing loans.

"We've said all along that we knew this was not going to be a perfect bill," PCG Executive Vice President

Steve Verett said. "We still have some serious concerns about the harm done to crop insurance, and there still is no real price protection in this bill for cotton"

Verett noted his appreciation for the Senate moving swiftly on the legislation.

"Now, we have an opportunity to work with the House as they develop their farm bill, and we ultimately hope to have a bill in place by the end of September," Verett said. "PCG pledges to do all we can to ensure that we remain at the table in these negotiations."

Scientists study feasibility of bioenergy production from mesquites, juniper

VERNON – Operating on the thought that, if it is not feasible, it's not going to be done, a group of Texas AgriLife Research scientists is studying the costs of getting potential bioenergy sources such as mesquite to the processed stage.

AgriLife Research scientists from the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Service center at Vernon, Dr. Seong Park, economist; Dr. Jim Ansley, range ecologist; Dr. Mustafa Mirik, associate research scientist; and Marc Maindrault, a visiting forestry student intern from France, have completed a study on costs of delivered biomass.

The costs of feedstock delivered to a fictional wood-fired bioelectricity plant were considered under two general biomass densities – moderate and high – and across two harvest scenarios in which the minimum biomass density acceptable for harvest within each

area differed, Park said.

The team recently had their findings published in the journal, BioEnergy Research. It can be found at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/66p1413767412632>.

They found that higher harvest and transport costs are offset by essentially no production costs and therefore it may have potential as a bioenergy feedstock under certain densities and total land areas, Park said.

The study conducted a sensitivity analysis to determine how changes in a variety of factors would affect cost of delivered biomass to the power plant, he said. Values for the "best case" and "worst case" scenarios were \$347 per acre and \$561 per acre, respectively.

"The full economic story cannot be told until we have a clear end product," Park said. "That is why this study focused only on the costs of delivery of the biomass."

The variation of cost of biomass was found to be similar on both sites, although one site had a larger range of costs and higher risk than the other, Park said.

Because rangeland trees like mesquite and juniper occur naturally and have scattered distribution, he said key factors in determining economics is: total amount of land area involved and amount of land within the total area that has patches of brush of sufficient biomass density for harvest. These were called "suitable harvest areas."

"Our analysis found that biomass density and harvesting costs are the two major factors affecting cost of delivered biomass," Park said. "While biomass use – or capacity – of the bioelectricity plant and the percentage of suitable harvest areas strongly affect land-related factors, including feedstock transport costs, these have relatively minor effects on cost of

delivered biomass compared to harvesting costs."

Most emphasis for the biofuel industry has been placed on feedstocks such as energy cane, perennial grasses and sweet sorghum because they can be grown in high density situations with lower harvest costs, he said. However, woody feedstocks are being evaluated for their potential benefits because they are not grown on cropland and require lower cultivation costs.

Woody species such as willows that grow in wetter climates have been considered. More recently, researchers like Ansley have been considering the potential of shrubs and trees on rangelands such as mesquite and juniper for bioenergy uses.

"These trees likely will not be considered for ethanol conversion – they won't result in liquid fuel for the automobile tank – but may have other uses as a bioenergy feedstock such as electricity generation," Ansley said.

Park said there are several advantages to mesquite and similar woody plants that may offset the lower growth rates and potentially higher harvest and transportation costs. Particularly, these plants are abundant in existence, are drought-tolerant and grow without additional costs of planting, cultivation, irrigation and fertilization. And

they resprout after harvest.

Also, they don't grow on land typically needed to grow food crops, they have higher energy content than switchgrass and they can be harvested year-round, he said.

"Also, we found that water content of mesquite and juniper wood at harvest is lower than most cellulosic feedstocks; thus, drying costs could be reduced," Park said.

One major problem with mesquite as a feedstock is its variable growth form, which vary from tree to tree and stand to stand. Any harvesting operation would have to contend with this variation, he said. And the regrowth is much slower – about 10 years before it could be re-harvested. But the greater amount of available land area where this material grows offsets this to some degree.

"Harvesting the regrowth is a key factor in the long-term planning of this species as a bioenergy feedstock," Park said.

The study was based on several key assumptions, including that the bioenergy industry could use rangeland biomass through a system where harvesting and transportation would be vertically integrated, and that landowners would be willing to participate in a long-term contract with bioelectricity plants for a

sustainable flow of product to the plant.

Location of the bioelectricity plant was centered relative to the location of the feedstock source in the scenarios studied, Park said.

If the industry grows large enough, custom harvesters dedicated to harvesting and transporting the mesquite would likely operate more efficiently than if the bioenergy company tried to maintain its own harvesting equipment.

The tougher growth form of mesquite and the remote locations where it will be harvested create a higher probability for downtime from mechanical failure that may be better absorbed by businesses that are solely dedicated to this task, he said.

Another difference in utilizing mesquite biomass compared to other dedicated energy crops is that the business arrangement would have to be made with multiple landowners to obtain enough stock to sustain the plant, Park said.

"The landowners would have to agree to have the mesquite trees harvested according to a long-term strategic plan that would include allowing the trees to resprout and grow to be harvested again in the future," he said.

Ansley said landowners would benefit from additional grass growth and increased livestock production for many years after a harvest, but would then have to allow the regrowth to get large enough to re-harvest. He estimated that in a 10-year re-harvest schedule, the landowner would have seven to eight years of increased grass production before it would begin to level off.

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tain that the early bright prospect was dimming. As the outlook dimmed he spoke of a family trait that was a new one to me. He said that both he and his wife were of short-lived families. Neither, he said, could hope to live past 40 years or thereabout.

So, instead of putting up a battle it seems they must have realized their dream had only grown out of strong desire. And before long they had taken leave of their new-found friends in Texas and were bound back to their home state to finish out their brief remaining years among friends and relatives in the environment of their childhood days.

From the Floyd County Hesperian July 16, 1970

I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER

LOVE'S LABOR LOST

By Homer Steen

Back in the 30's when the Depression was at its worst and many things were being done to make jobs for people,

a young woman who was an observant writer with a nose for news, was hired to do historical work under a Works Progress Administration Program to give jobs to people that fitted their qualifications. Your history will tell you, if you do not recall, that there were jobs for actors and poets and painters—all kinds of "made" enterprises for people who wanted to work but for who there was none they could do.

Mrs. Robert (DeLise) McGuire had worked for The Hesperian and other newspapers but was not employed at the time. So, applying for a job, she was accepted, and spent several months—almost a year, it seems now, traveling, interviewing and writing about people and things in an area that encompasses portions of Hale, Swisher, Motley, Crosby, and Floyd, and possibly a part of Dickens.

She was a prolific writer, one of the kind that could feed interesting copy to a compositor all day and then write some more after supper if she wasn't too tired. In her

time, which was also partly my time, there were less than half a dozen of that ilk in the plains and panhandle country. John McCarty was one. Herbert Hillburn was good too. Others too, I am sure.

MANUSCRIPTS WERE PRICELESS

Mrs. McGuire's contribution to the history of the time was priceless—I mean her records of people and events, and post offices now non-existent, stories of ranchers, cowboys, mail hack drivers, surveyors, preachers and teachers, churches—all the things. Among them was a gem of a yarn about the Rogers Ranch in Swisher County. This thing, alone, had it been preserved, would have been worth all the government was out on Mrs. McGuire.

Know what happened? In the march of events all this writing had been done under the supervision of district supervisors. With Mrs. McGuire's work was also that of others in this general area, I assume. When it was assembled it was to have been arranged, turned over

to some central agency and made available in later years to historians and special writers.

Mrs. McGuire was under the impression her work might have been turned over to a collection at Texas Tech until such time it might be called for later by a federal agency, or other use made for it.

Well, illness and other pressing matters intervened, and there was a fire which it is believed may have consumed all or a large part of these carefully prepared scripts. So far as I can learn Tech never got a chance at the manuscript and they are just gone—"with the wind," you might say.

From the Floyd County Hesperian July 23, 1970

I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER

A GOOD MILK COW

By Homer Steen

I guess there's not much you can do about a fellow who comes by and milks

your cow at 4 o'clock in the morning, especially if you do not know for sure who it is, and suspect it is a part of a gag, anyhow.

W.L. Allen it was, I think, who had such an experience within a year or two after he moved to Floydada. Mr. Allen was a substantial citizen. He had engaged in farming but at the time I think of he was living of South Main Street, probably in the 900 block.

Mr. Allen admired good Jersey cattle. Since he lived in town he did not need a herd, but he did always keep one good cow that furnished his family with all the milk and butter they needed. He usually had more milk than he needed and sold his over-supply as occasion arose.

FIVE-GALLON COW

In these days of superlatives there would not even be a raised eye brow if a man said he had a cow that gave five gallons of milk a day. But that was 50 year or more ago, and a much different time in a much different country.

Well, Mr. Allen said the cow produced five gallons

of milk a day, for which he took so much kidding and there was so much horse play he finally called the hand of some young fellows around town. He would milk his cow the next morning and evening with witnesses and let them see the results for themselves.

The young men about town realize they had made a big to do about the five-gallon cow, unnecessarily and for no good reason. They knew the old gentleman was going to show them up unless they could forestall him by some means.

So they did. They got down to Mr. Allen's cow lot on the appointed morning shortly before 4 o'clock and milked the cow dry. When the owner went out to milk two or three hours later he was disappointed. In fact he knew some smart young fellows had paid his cow lot a visit.

The admirer of good Jersey cows "jumped" the boys about it. They had heard, they answered, that somebody had done him a mean trick.

I can't swear to any names but I could make an "educated guess."

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Vasquez and Lopez agreed that Lockney's existing park is lacking. "It's really not a park," Vasquez said. "It's just kind of a lot," Lopez said, adding that it had a few swings. "That are broken," Vasquez said. The swimming pool?

"That's the only fun thing here," Vasquez said. The cousins agreed that an additional park with walking trails and other features would be a popular place -- somewhere to go and hang out with family and friends.

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every segment of the wind industry. As Executive Director for the Floydada EDC, I was present to highlight the wind resources in Floyd County, Texas and the new transmission infrastructure as part of the CREZ project. In partnership with The High Ground of Texas, the Floydada EDC promoted the region's Class 4 wind resources.

The participation in this year's event was much greater than in years past as the Floydada EDC was host

to its own booth space. This provided the organization a more visible presence at the event to promote Floyd County. Over the past few years the area has discussed the wind industry, but seen little action. However, now that the transmission line is in construction, it's likely that more activity is on the horizon and is the reason why the Floydada EDC Board of Directors sought to increase our presence.

The participation in this event represented a signifi-

cant financial commitment on behalf of the organization. It was made possible by the generosity of Lockney Economic Development Corporation, the City of Floydada and Lighthouse Electric. The Floydada EDC wishes to express our gratitude to each of these entities for helping us get to this year's expo and promote an industry that has enormous economic potential for the county.

(This article first appeared on the Floydada EDC web site on June 20, 2012.)

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becomes apparent," she said. Producers who have NAP coverage will be required to report crop losses on an FSA form CCC-576 - "Notice of Loss and Application for Payment Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program."

According to Bradley, it is important that producers file accurate and timely reports before the crop is destroyed

to prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits.

Failed acreage reports allow the Agency to maintain an accurate record to report how many acres of each crop were destroyed or damaged by a disaster event. This information is used to determine county and state eligibility for programs like the Average Crop Revenue

Election (ACRE) program, as well as future federal farm programs as legislated by Congress. Acreage reports are also used by other federal and state agencies.

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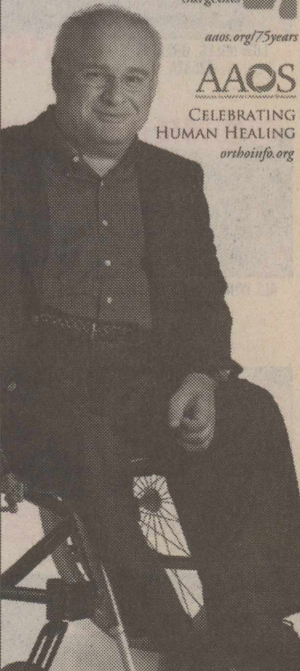
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Floyd County Deputy Jesse Finley watches Friday afternoon as three men work from the ditch and one from the cockpit to maneuver a southbound spray plane along the edge of U.S. 70 between Lockney and Floydada, a few miles north of the Unity Center. Federal Aviation Administration records show the aircraft, an Air Tractor model 401, is registered to Lambert Spraying Service in Lockney. Lambert offered no comment on the highway landing. Lockney Fire Department took one unit to the site for use in traffic control.

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Courtesy Photo

Tye Parker helped the women and children of the Battered Women's Shelter in Plano called Hope's Door by building a shaded area for them to relax in to beat the fierce Texas heat.

Methodist Church in Allen, Texas. Tye reached the rank of Eagle Scout at 14 years of age and during his Trail to Eagle Scout earned a total of 40 merit badges, has 114 nights of camping and 85 service hours. He has served in the following positions along the way: Patrol leader, Assistant patrol leader, Scribe, Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol leader and his present position, Senior Patrol Leader. He most recently was awarded the Bronze and Silver Palms for earning more merit badges after reaching the rank of Eagle. Tye is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is heavily involved with OA ceremonies and other activities. Tye received his rank advancement of Eagle Scout on January 23, 2012 and his parents honored him with his Court of Honor on May 12, 2012.

Tye came up with a great idea for his Eagle Project. He decided to help others by building a shaded structure for a Battered Women's Shelter in Plano, Texas called Hope's Door. The women of the shelter wanted to be able to sit outside with their children as they play, and on these Texas hot days it was hard to endure the heat. By providing this structure, the many women and children that come to Hope's Door are able to enjoy the outdoors with much needed shade. Tye and several scouts from

his troop (with adult supervision) worked two days to complete the structure. Finishing touches were planting some flowers, a trumpet vine and hanging of a beautiful wind chime.

Tye will have an extremely busy summer with scouting events. He most recently returned from his troop's summer camp, where they were suppose to camp at Camp Alexander in Lake George, Colorado. Due to wildfires they had to return home sooner than expected. Tye, his father and 10 other scouts and adults will leave June 30th for Philmont Scout Ranch. They will hike an 81-mile trek to the top of Baldy Mountain in New Mexico. And finally Tye will travel with his Order of the Arrow Lodge, Mikanakawa, to Michigan State for the National Order of the Arrow Convention.

Tye is the son of Travis and Christy Parker, the grandson of Jane Pruitt (and the late Weldon Pruitt), Skip Parker and Sheron Long and great grandson of the late Bill and Beth Tye. Tye is one of three Eagle Scouts on his father's side of the family. Travis and his grandfather both were Eagle scouts.

Tye will continue to serve his troop through the remainder of the year as Senior Patrol Leader. At the end of his term, he will become a Junior Scoutmaster and continue his leadership with Troop 1299.

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Jose, 10, Alea, 6, and Orlando Lira line up at the Mr. W fireworks stand outside of the Floydada city limit to buy some pyrotechnic pleasures.

from the land owner," said Gooch.

Fireworks may not be used in any city park, the Floydada Country Club, or rest areas.

Many times rest and picnic areas are used to set off fireworks according to Dianah Ascencio, Public Information Officer for the Lubbock Texas Department of Transportation District.

If this occurs, trash and litter are left behind, increasing the cost of maintenance of these areas for taxpayers.

According to Ascencio, the main concern is public safety. Public areas "don't have a fire control system in place, or water facilities that the fire department would need to fight a fire."

With the use of some simple precautions, this Fourth of July can be safe and accident free.

"We encourage them that if they do use fireworks that they please be extremely careful so that one, they don't start a fire, and two, that nobody gets hurt," said Brown.

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