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Veteran Spotlight: CL "Cobb" Gilly

By Jennifer Harbin

October 9, 1942 was a momentous day for CL "Cobb" Gilly. He was only 21 and newly married, and it was the day he joined the Naval Air Corps.

He and his wife had just married nine months previous to Pearl Harbor being bombed by the Japanese. Gilly never thought of joining the military until that point, but after that, he went to Los Angeles where he enlisted.

He went to boot camp in Idaho and then on to San Francisco. Gilly was sent to Whidbey Island off the west coast for gunner school and then proceeded to navigation school. July 15 he reported to the squadron. They were promptly sent to Hawaii, Midway and Johnson Island.

He served overseas in the South Pacific--New Guinea, Morotai, Philippines--as a navigator in a bombing squadron. Over 70 men and around 40 officers patrolled and bombed sections

of the Philippines and Pitulu for around 12-14 months.

While abroad, there were times of loneliness and not much to alleviate it. He certainly missed his wife giving birth to their daughter and didn't get to see her for 15 months. All the while, wondering what she looked like, even though his wife sent him pictures. It just wasn't the same.

There were entertaining and exciting moments, however.

"When we were on Morotai, we had (a man) that guarded our camp each night and he killed a python," said Gilly. "He was asleep in the cot and he woke up and this python was wrapped around him. I didn't sleep good after that for awhile."

For leisurely time they were allowed to go ashore in Sydney, Australia for 11 days leave.

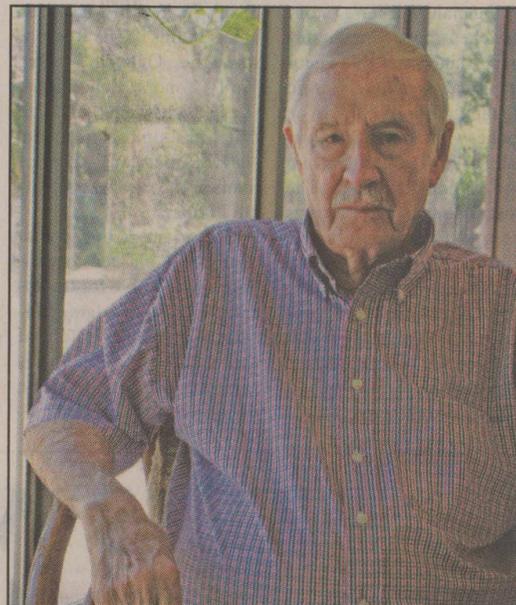
"That was real nice," he said. "We (also) got to come back to the States for

30 days."

The United Services Organization (USO) came to provide morale and to entertain them, bringing Bob Hope to put on a show, along with several other entertainers.

Gilly was discharged from the Naval Corps on October 13, 1945 as a First Class Petty Officer. He also received an Air Medal, which is awarded to "any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, shall have distinguished himself/herself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight."

While sitting at his kitchen table, surrounded by memorabilia--some in Japanese, propaganda cartoons picturing President Roosevelt and various black and white photographs--it was not difficult to take that leap back in time to where young men valiantly fought to protect the land they loved.



McKnight stumbles in last-minute tallies



Trent McKnight

Springer will be area's next state representative

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Post Dispatch

The GOP runoff for House District 68 was neck and neck right up to the end Tuesday night.

In the end, Throckmorton rancher Trent McKnight — who going into the race was considered a shoo-in for the seat and who carried more votes during the regular election primary in May — lost by nearly 400 votes to Cooke County businessman Drew Springer.

Springer garnered 56 percent of the votes to McKnight's 44 percent across the 22-county rural

district, which also included Garza County.

Locally, Springer led the vote by about the same percentage.

The May 29 primary, when there were four candidates on the ballot, McKnight nearly avoided the runoff, getting 49 percent of the vote. Springer finished a distant second with nearly 35 percent of the vote.

Though McKnight outraced Springer nearly three to one, \$462,000 to \$179,000 and also received key endorsements Gov. Rick Perry, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and powerful groups such as the Texas

Farm Bureau and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Springer also received some key endorsements. Springer was endorsed by influential conservative groups such as Empower Texans and the Young Conservatives of Texas. And, more importantly, former primary rivals David Isbell of Cooke County and Paul Braswell of Montague County also endorsed him.

However, there was a development in the closing days of the campaign when the Childress Index — a sister publication to The Dispatch — reported that in 1988, when he was a 21-year-old university student, Springer was arrested for shoplifting. He was handed a \$200 fine and received six months of probation.

The winner of the District 68 race is expected to be the next represen-

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Crazy Hoe Farms' owner digs deep to find roots

By Jennifer Harbin

Crazy Hoe Farms is not just a wild name and a different concept, it is a unique way of bringing down-home culture and a fresh variety of produce to plates across West Texas.

For many years, it was Amanda Watson's dream to be a farmer, and finally that opportunity has arrived. After high school she wanted to begin farming, but the timing was not right. Later in her life, she approached her parents again and this time her father agreed to lease her a two acre portion of Watson Farms, that spans 2,000 acres.

Watson experienced the world, working "in nice dresses and high heels, marketing and doing million-



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Amanda Watson sells her home grown vegetables at the farmer's market at the Watson Building on the southeast corner of California and Wall Streets. The market is open Mondays beginning at 8 a.m.

dollar business deals," but according to her, "(farming) is real--it's good stuff, it's down home, it's literally to your roots--and (it is satisfy-

ing) to see something come from nothing into fruition

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Floyd County Fair coming September 14

By Carol Huggins

The Floyd County Fair is gearing up in earnest for it's 2012 run starting with taking entries on September 13. The Fair and all activities will be September 14-15. Lots of grounds maintenance work has been done this week by a group from the TCJD. The Fair Board is very grateful for all their help.

There are still booths available for rent. The push this year is for local businesses and/or organizations who want to advertise their business or give out information on their organization. Rental forms may be picked up at J&K Insurance or from

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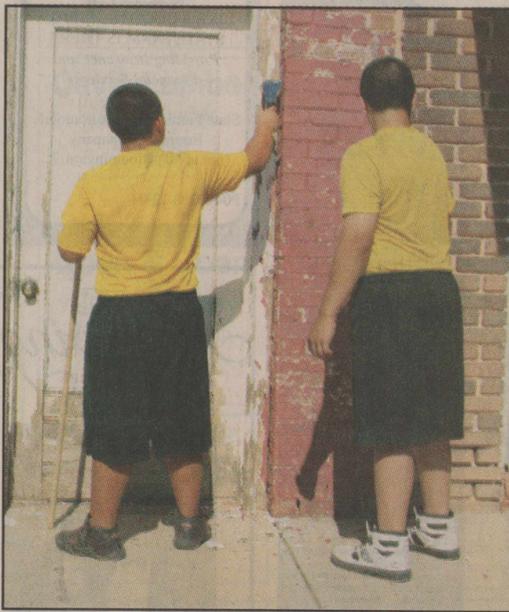


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Parent Adolescent Center (PAC) lent a helping hand around Lockney preparing the business faces to be painted as a beautification project encouraged by the Lockney Chamber of Commerce for the upcoming Homecoming.

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LIFESTYLES

Two new arrows dedicated

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

SPUR- Two new giant, steel arrows were dedicated this week along the Quanah Parker Trail in Dickens and Crosby counties.

Descendants of the legendary Comanche chief were on hand for both ceremonies in downtown Spur and Crosbyton on Tuesday.

The Quanah Parker Trail is a road trip guide compiled for the Texas Plains Trail region, a 52-county heritage tourism trail that takes in both the Panhandle and the Plains areas of Texas.

Parker was the son of Comanche chief Pete Nocona and Cynthia Ann Parker, a European American who had been kidnapped at the age of 9 and assimilated into the tribe.

"Quanah Parker's story stretches much, much further than just this geographical scope," said Hanaba Munn Welch, a spokeswoman for the Quanah Parker Trail project and also a contributor to The Post Dispatch. "His story is integral to the history and culture of the settlement of Texas and its transition from the American West. He just nearly single-handedly led his people into the 20th century."

Wednesday's arrow-ded-

ication ceremonies follow about 20 other such events throughout the area during the past year, including two right here in Garza County.

Although it's hard to miss the 32-foot arrow standing guard at the entrance to the Terrace Cemetery east of Post, the other arrow is placed at the Garza County Museum.

In addition to the arrow in Spur, an exhibit on the life of Parker was unveiled for permanent inspection at the Dairy Queen in Spur.

Descendants of Parker's family were on hand for Wednesday's dedications to conduct an ancient blessing on the arrows with cedar smoke. The ashes from the burned wood were then buried under the arrows.

Holle Humphries of Texas Tech, a historian for Texas Plains Trails Region, said the Quanah Parker Trail honors landmarks, sites, events and artifacts that link our region to the Native Americans who last roamed the Texas Panhandle Plains.

"The giant arrows create a physical marker to provide an incentive for travelers, tourists, scholars, educators, and students to find and discover," Humphries said. "Most significantly, the arrows provide a physi-



Photo by Carolyn Wilson

Paul Davis of Abilene, representing the family of Quanah Parker Tuesday at the dedication of a Quanah Parker Trail Arrow at Spur, blows an eagle bone whistle to honor military veterans. Davis blew the whistle four times, successively facing the four points of the compass, a ritual handed down through the years. Roadside arrows now mark significant sites in 22 counties in the Texas Panhandle and Plains. The arrow at Spur stands next to a giant spur, symbol of the town.

cal reminder of the now-vanished nomadic Native Americans who once roamed free in the vast area of the Texas Plains Trail region. As the last stronghold

of the free Comanche, the arrows serve to remind all that our region is unique for being the last frontier of the 48 contiguous states in America."

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

Blessings...Heartaches... Burdens-a-plenty...make us what we become along life's way. The time I have been afforded recently...to read, reflect and recall, brings me to a summation of the choices I face daily. So aptly rendered in a column recently written by one of my favorite athletes, Baron Batch, an email is shared, and from this I quote... "Your journey has molded you for your greater good, and it was exactly what it needed to be. Don't think that you've lost time. It took each and every situation you have encountered to bring you to the now...and the now is on time." - Asha Tyson

A detour isn't always a road that leads to a different destination, but truly brings life into focus and through the storm, the reality of the lighthouse is our beacon. Unforgettable relationship and people we encounter touch our lives and make the pathway clearer...day by day.

The Center recently received a donation from Herschell Hinson and his wife, Patricia, who live in the Collinsville, Texas, area. The donation was in memory of William Bertrand and L. B. Stewart. Many of you will remember Herschell who grew up in Floydada. Both William and L. B. were his very dear friends. Herschell's father was an electrician in Floydada from 1927 until his death in 1965. He was sure Guy Ginn would remember this. Guy told me that he remembered his Father and had very fond memories of his family. Herschell entered the United States Air Corps about the same time as William. After WWII, Herschell had his own crop dusting business through 1949. Economic conditions were not good at that time and he moved on to other opportunities. Thank you for memories and Thank you, Herschell and Patricia, for your donation to the Center.

Visiting in the home of Faye Bertrand and enjoying Sunday dinner with her were her niece and nephew, Jerry and Darlene Solomon of Plano.

Visitors of Wayland and Margaret Jones this past week were their daughter, Julie Hancock of Lockney, great-grandsons, Drake and Cole Emery of Wink, daughter-in-law, Kristi Jones and granddaughters, Haley and Kourtney of Anna, their daughter, Amy Ferguson of Big Lake and Kelly Ann Voss of Big Spring.

Our hearts are saddened with the death of another one so dear to our hearts. Francis Gunter passed away on July 30 and his funeral services were held August 2 in the First Baptist Church of Floydada. This mild-mannered gentleman touched our hearts and left fond memories for us to cherish. I will miss his warm hugs and welcome smile each Sunday morning when I enter First Baptist Church on my way to Sunday School. Our prayers are with

Francis' family at this time.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK MICROWAVE... CORN ON THE COB

Leave one ear of corn just as you purchased it. Do not shuck or silk the ear. Place one ear on turntable of microwave and cook on high power for FOUR minutes. (large ear...longer time...small ear...shorter time). Using an oven glove or heavy potholder, remove HOT corn from microwave. Cut off the end of the ear with sharp knife. Pull shucks off of ear and most of the silks will come off as well. Butter-salt-pepper as usual and enjoy the sweetness of the corn. You may cook more than one ear at a time, depending on how many ears of corn can be placed on the turntable and the size of the microwave. Remember to cook each ear approximately FOUR MINUTES. This method allows corn to be eaten in its natural state without the use of boiling or steaming. The taste is DELICIOUS...ENJOY...!

Thought for the Week- "Personal Inventory" Am I increasingly sharing with others my time, my possessions, my talents, and my wonderful experience with God?

MEMORIALS

By Margarette Word

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

In memory of Joy Ward - Class of 1970

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In memory of Francis Gunter - R. O. Turner, Betty Baker, First National Bank, Alton and Sue Higginbotham, Harold and Vivian Snell, K. D. and Janis Julian, Sue Ward

In memory of L. B. Stewart - J. O. and Cheryl Dawdy, Faye Bertrand, Herschell and Patricia Hinson

In memory of William Bertrand - Herschell and Patricia Hinson, Sue Ward

In memory of Gene Lawson - Sue Ward

MENU

August 13 - August 17
Monday - Beef stroganoff noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, low-fat milk
Tuesday - Cheese burger, potato wedges, tomato wedges, salad, melon medley, low-fat milk

Wednesday - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

Thursday - Beef paprikash, mashed potatoes, seasoned broccoli, honey bran bars, low-fat milk

Friday - Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low-fat milk

THIS WEEK'S

MEMORY BLOCK WORKSHOP

Floyd County 4-H will be hosting a 4-H Memory Block Workshop on Tuesday, August 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the CEO. Participants will have the opportunity to make Memory Blocks (decorated wood blocks with clips to display photos, artwork, note pad, etc.). We will make and serve a snack, make washer pendant

necklace and also design and create cards for the assisted living center. The cost for the workshop will be \$5.00 to pay for supplies. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Davenport, Aimee Teeple or the CEO.

LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PERMITS

Lockney High School students beginning next week, can come to the school to buy parking permits. Seniors can come August 15th, juniors on August 16th and everyone else may purchase them on Friday, August 17th. Price for the parking permits will be \$10.00.

STUFF THE BACKPACK "Stuff the Backpack" started Sunday, August 5. Bring new school supplies or

backpacks to the First Baptist Church to help students do better this school year. Collection boxes at all doors. Thanks 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School Class.

FLOYD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Floyd County Fair Association will hold a Board and Association meeting on August 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

FLOYDADA CHAMBER HAMBURGER SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Make plans to attend the Chamber's Hamburger Supper fundraiser on Monday, August 20th at 6 p.m. The Covey. There will be entertainment and a presentation on the new LED marquee sign. Watch for more info on this event. Proceeds will go to the new LED marquee sign fund.

EXERCISE WITH DOROTHY

Exercise with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-9:30. Coffee time is Monday through Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Pot luck is on Thursday at 6 p.m. Bring a dish, enjoy supper and play games afterwards

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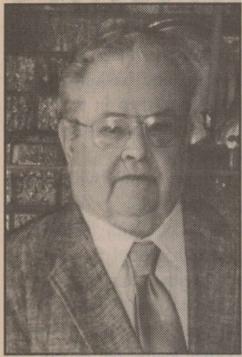
Your loving wife, Pat

Lockney Senior Center Menu
August 13 - August 17

Monday: Grilled chicken
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Pork chops
Friday: Hamburger steak

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OBITUARIES



GEORGE EUGENE LONG
George Eugene Long, age 87, of Silverton passed away on Saturday, August 4, 2012 in Plainview.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Silverton with Les Hall and Rance Young officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

George was born on September 29, 1924 in Blackwell, Texas to Eugene Richard Long & Mary (Tait) Long. He was raised in Briscoe County and graduated

from Silverton High School. George honorably served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II. He was trained as a radioman and served on the USS. Neoshi. George along with his fellow crew men were stationed in Tokyo Bay aboard the USS Neoshi on September 2, 1945 when Gen. McArthur accepted the Japanese unconditional surrender and signed the peace treaty aboard the U.S.S. Missouri which was also docked in Tokyo Bay.

George returned home after his service in the military and attended West Texas College in Canyon. During his time there, he met LaVerne Frizzell. The couple was married on November 24, 1948 in the Lone Star Community of Floyd County. George and LaVerne resided in Silverton where they raised a family and farmed for over 35 years. He also was part owner of a cotton gin and grain elevator in Silverton.

George was an active Mason and had served on the Silverton city council.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Silverton and well known for his cooking out and grilling. George also enjoyed taking hunting trips with his friends.

George is survived by his wife of over 62 years, LaVerne Long of Silverton; his daughter, Nancy Sperry and husband, Mel of Waxahachie; his son Nick Long and wife, Melissa of Floydada; his grandson, Tyler Sperry and wife, Evie, along with George's great granddaughter, Pippa of Dallas; his granddaughter, Molly Long Jensen and husband, Wesley of Sealy; and his brother, Minyard Long of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bill Long.

Memorial donations may be made to Prairie House Living Center 1301 Mesa Drive, Plainview, Texas or Floyd County Friends Unity Center P.O. Box 58 Floydada, or a charity of your choice.

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



JUDY JANELLE WOFFORD

Judy Janelle Wofford, 67, of Lockney, passed away Thursday, August 2, 2012 in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 4, 2012 at First Baptist Church in Lockney. Pastor Jonathan Sullivan officiated.

Burial was in the Plainview Memorial Park. Arrangements were by

Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Judy was born and raised in Plainview where she graduated from Plainview High School. She married Jerry Lynn Wofford in 1977 and they have lived in Lockney until the present. She reveled in her role as a wife and mother, who loved her family with all her heart. Judy was a classic matriarchal figure who was truly the rock of her family. Her cooking was like your grandmother's. She cooked the "good stuff". Her family has many fond memories of family times shared in her dining room. She also blessed many members of the community in her ministry at First Baptist Church at Lockney. She ran the church kitchen and oversaw the preparation of countless meals. When she wasn't cooking, she also enjoyed fishing.

Judy was the type of lady who was beautiful from the inside out. An outstanding sense of humor helped her always see the bright side of life. She was a very strong lady who never gave in to the physical ailments by which she was plagued throughout her life. She was truly an inspiration to all with whom she came into contact.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Lynn Wofford of Lockney; two daughters, Karen Wofford of San Antonio and Krista Wofford of Amarillo; two sons, Robert Wofford and wife, Kim of Amarillo, and Jack Reed and wife, Shelley of Brownwood; and a sister, Fern Brenham of Richardson.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Kitchen Fund, First Baptist Church of Lockney.

Floyd County Church Directory

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

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.

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

Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music

Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ...6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
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.

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.

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

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
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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.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
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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.

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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
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Rev. Angelo Consemينو
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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon. Wed. Mass.....6:30 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

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

TEACHING WAS HIS MAJOR
Sept. 3, 1970

By Homer Steen
It took Claude V Hall a good many years to find it out but it developed that teaching was his "major." Since his shadow continues to lengthen and it becomes more evident that he will have an important page in the history of Floyd County I feel I should get it down in print his study and teaching days. This I can now do with assurance from a brief autobiographical sketch which he wrote in 1938. This sketch is made available by Mrs. Ethel Hall, his surviving widow.

Mr. Hall's first school day after the family moved here was the first Monday in January, 1891, the day the first school was opened. He was one of 20 or more students who enrolled that first.

BECOMES ASSISTANT TEACHER

When the fall term of school opened the same year of 1891 he was the assistant teacher. Before the school year opened he had taken a "court house examination" to qualify for the position. He received a second degree certificate at the age of 17.

His first college year was at Sam Houston Normal Institute at Huntsville, Texas,

in 1894-95. (I had the impression that he attended the University of Texas at this time. I think I said as much in print some time, so it is important to me to give this information.)

When he came home from Huntsville he was principal of the Floydada School until March, 1896, when he founded the Hesperian and was its Editor and and publisher for seven years. When he sold the newspaper to Crie and Adair in 1903, he returned as a student to Sam Houston Normal Institute. He graduated at this school

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Floydada School

Floydada ISD Athletics Completes Coaching Staff for 2012-2013

By Coach Bandy
Athletic Director

(Due to our mistake a correction has been made to this article. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience this may have caused).

With the departure of half our boys' coaching staff and our head girls' basketball coach, it has taken some time, but we now have a full staff ready to go, a week before football and cross-country starts.

We have replaced all the

departures on the boys' side with new people, while on the girls' side we have made some movements with in the staff and have had one new hire for our girls' program.

On the girls' side, Brandi Cook has taken the head girls' basketball position, as well as head cross-country and head girls track. Coach Cook was an assistant last year in cross-country, assistant varsity basketball and the 9th girls' basketball coach and assisted with softball.

Coach Randall Eddleman

will continue to support our girls' program in the same capacity as he did last year, helping with high school and junior high girls' athletics.

Jennifer Leatherman will also continue in her role from last year, running the junior high cross-country, coaching junior high basketball and track, as well as helping at the varsity level for basketball.

Armando Morales will continue to help with football in the fall and then help with junior high girls' basketball as well as continuing as the head

softball coach in the spring.

Our one new coach on the girl's side is Whitley Nutt. Coach Nutt will help with cross-country, varsity basketball, coach the 9th grade girls' basketball team, and assist with softball in the spring.

Regenia Smith will continue to coach both boys and girls tennis at both the high school and junior high levels.

On the boys side we have four new coaches on staff.

Matt Nix will take over

the responsibilities of offensive coordinator in football. He will be the head powerlifting coach and assist with track in the spring.

Brady Webb will be our new head baseball coach. He will also help with junior high and high school football as well as coach the 9th grade basketball team.

Tom Logsdon will be one of our new junior high coaches. He will coach football, basketball and track at the junior high.

Bryan Wardroup will

also help with the junior high football and basketball programs and then in the spring assist with the baseball program.

Troye Renfro will continue as the head boys' basketball coach, help with junior high and high school football and assist with track in the spring.

Tate Riley will help coach the varsity and junior varsity football teams, the varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and help with junior high and high school track in the spring.

Davenport Receives National Honor



The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced that Floydada High School student Jianna L. Davenport from Floydada, Texas has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved academic excellence. The announcement was made

by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Jianna has demonstrated to achieve this level of academic excellence," said Mr. Nobel. "Jianna is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Jianna build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently, there are more than 530,000 Society members in over 160 countries. NSHSS provides scholarship opportunities for deserving young people. For more information about NSHSS, visit nshss.org

A. B. DUNCAN ELEMENTARY 2012-2013 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

KINDERGARTEN:

2-pkg. of pencils (12 count)
2-large erasers
1-pair of blunt tip scissors
3-boxes of Crayola Brand crayons
6-glu sticks
1-spiral notebook (1 subject and wide rule)
2-folders with pockets
1-backpack (no wheels please)
1-bottle hand sanitizer
2-boxes of Kleenex
1-set of extra clothes (Please label clearly with first name and last name and place in a plastic bag)

1st GRADE:

2-boxes of pencils
1-pair of scissors
5-glu sticks
1-bottle glue
2-boxes of crayons 24-count
2-large boxes of Kleenex
1-pouch for supplies
2-spirals (Reading & Math)
1-red vinyl folder with brads (Take-Home folder)
2-large pink erasers
1-composition book (math)
1-purple vinyl folder with brads (math)
1-box colored pencils (math)
1-box quart size zip bags
Headphones/earphones

NOTE: Baggies are used for activities and games

2nd GRADE:

2-packages Crayons (24 count) - true colors
24-wooden #2 lead pencils
3-wire bound spiral notebooks (70 page)
1-pair of Fiskar scissors
3-250-count Kleenex boxes
4-pocket folders (red, green, blue, yellow) (plastic if possible)
1-zipper pouch (no boxes)
2-Elmer's white school glue (4 fl. ounce)
2-glu sticks
1-box of markers (8 count)
1-Water colors (8 tray)
1-big pink erasers/or pencil toppers
1-box of 24 colored pencils
1-composition book/journal
1-package of ruled notebook paper
Headphones/earphones

GIRLS: 1 box gallon size zip-tab Baggies

BOYS: 1 box quart size zip-tab Baggies

3 GRADE:

1-zippered pencil pouch
3-boxes 200 count facial tissue
Earphones (that will fit into the pencil pouch)
2-plastic folders with pockets and brads

Mrs. Joiner:

10-pack of wooden pencils
1-spiral notebook (70 page, wide-ruled)

Mrs. Lucke:

2-10 pack wooden pencils
2-large pink erasers
1-composition notebook (wide-ruled)

Mrs. Martinez:

1-box map coloring pencils (10 count)
1-wide-ruled composition notebook

4-glu sticks

PLEASE DO NOT SEND: Ring binder notebooks, pencil sharpeners, erasers, markers, or mechanical pencils.

NOTE: Please sharpen all pencils and put them and the earphones in the pencil pouch. Write names on everything except the facial tissue, which will be used as needed by everyone. Please understand that you may need to buy replacements of these supplies throughout the year.

4th GRADE:

1-5 subject spiral with pocket dividers - Reading
1-1 subject spiral - Writing
1-composition journal - Science
1-three ring binder (1 inch) - Writing - To stay in classroom
6-plastic folders with pockets and brads - Math, Writing, Social Studies, AR folder, Take Home and replacement
2-packages wide-ruled notebook (NO COLLEGE RULE)
2-packages of 20 pencils
3-red ink pens
4-highlighters
1-box of crayons
2-boxes of Kleenex
1-pair of scissors
1-bottle of glue or glue stick
Box or small bag to hold small supplies
Headphones/earphones to use for laptops
1-handheld pencil sharpener

5th GRADE:

2-1-1/2" binders (Science and Math)
2-packages notebook paper
1-box 24 crayons
1-package markers
2-folders with pockets
1-folder with pockets and brads
2-5 subject spiral (1 for Reading)
2-spiral with perforated paper (1 for Social Studies)
Map colors
2-highlighters
1-bottle of Elmer's glue
1-pair of scissors
2-packages of dividers
1-package pencils
2-boxes of Kleenex
2-composition notebooks (Science and Math)
Headphones/earphones
\$1 for plastic folder

6TH GRADE:

Highlighters
1-package wooden pencils
2-composition notebooks
2-boxes of Kleenex
4-red pens
1-package notebook paper
Ruler
Glue
Map Colors
2-blue or black pens
2-folders with pockets and brads
1-perforated spiral
1-2" binder
1-1" binder
scissors
headphones/earphones

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Lockney School

Lockney Elementary School Supply Lists 2012 - 2013

PPCD/PK

- 6 boxes 8 ct. Crayola brand crayons (NO JUMBO)
- 1-4oz. Elmer's white school glue
- 1 small school box
- 1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends)
- 4 glue sticks
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 pkg. 8 ct. CLASSIC COLOR markers
- 2 #2 pencils (no jumbo)
- 4 folders with pockets
- 1 box ZIPLOC bags (boys-gallon & girls-quart)
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 (4 ct.) package of Play Dough
- PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES

KINDERGARTEN

- 3 boxes, 24 count crayons
- 3-4 oz. Elmer's washable school glue (black label, no gel)
- 1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends, not sharp)
- 2 #2 pencils, no jumbo
- 1 school box (small)
- 1 folder with pockets
- 1 Kindermat
- 1 small blanket or towel
- 1 TRAVEL SIZE pillow
- 2 boxes Kleenex (175 count)
- 1 pkg. napkins (140 count)
- 1 pkg. Styrofoam cups (75 count, small size)
- 1 pkg. water color paints (Crayola brand)
- 1 pkg. Crayola Classics washable markers (8ct.)
- 1 container Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 1 container hand sanitizer
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls-quart size, boys-sandwich size)
- NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS
- NO TABLETS OR PAPER REQUIRED
- PLEASE PUT NAME ON ALL SUPPLIES

First Grade

- 2-4 oz. bottles Elmer's school glue (no 8 oz.)
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 box 24ct. #2 yellow pencils
- 1 pair children's rounded Fiskar scissors
- 1 school box
- 1 coloring book
- 4-16ct. boxes Crayola crayons
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 folders with pockets at bottom
- 2 containers Clorox Disinfecting Wipe
- 1 box Crayola Classic Washable markers (broad tips only)
- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 package construction paper (assorted colors)
- BOYS-1 box sandwich bags
- GIRLS-1 package white index cards
- NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS
- PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES

Second Grade

- 4 glue sticks
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 2 pkgs. #2 pencils
- 1 pair children's Fiskar scissors
- Erasers
- 2 folders with pockets
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 2 zipper pouches (plastic or vinyl)
- 3- 16ct. boxes Crayola crayons
- 2 packages map colors
- 1-1 inch 3 ring binder
- 1 subject spiral notebook (no perforated pages)
- Handheld pencil sharpener
- NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS

Third Grade

- 2-1 inch 3 ring binder
- 2 sets of dividers
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 4 pocket folders (blue, yellow, green, orange)
- 1 pocket folder w/brads (red)
- 2 pkgs notebook paper
- 2 boxes crayons
- 1 pkg map colors
- 2 bottles Elmer's glue
- Pencils
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 zipper pouch
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- BOYS-roll of paper towels
- GIRLS-box of Ziploc bags

Fourth Grade

- 1 large pink eraser
- 1 Five-pack dividers
- 1 ruler with inches & centimeters (no jointed or folding rulers)
- 1 1 1/2 inch Clearview binder (clear outer pocket)
- 3 folders with pockets only
- 1 folder with brads
- 2 highlighter markers
- 2 red ink pens for grading
- 2 spiral notebooks 70 pages - no perforated pages
- 2 glue sticks
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- Markers
- 3 pkgs. wide ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- 1 pair children's sharp point scissors
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 large 3 hole zipper pouch
- 1 Stretchy Book Cover (for library book)

Fifth Grade

- 1 large 3 hole zipper pouch
- 2 pkgs. wide rule notebook paper - 200 count
- Crayons
- Map colors
- Markers
- 1 pair Fiskar's sharp point scissors
- 2 1 1/2 inch Clearview binders
- 3- 1 subject spiral (no perforated pages)
- 1 5-pack dividers
- 1 package multi-color construction paper
- 2 white glue sticks
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- #2 mechanical pencils
- 5 folders with pockets and brads
- 1 small personal pencil sharpener
- 1 black Sharpie marker
- 2 Highlighter markers
- 1 Stretchy Book Cover (for library book)
- 2 packages 3x5 index cards (lined)

Students in grades K - 5 will need a single subject spiral notebook for music.

PLEASE MARK ALL SUPPLIES WITH STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME AND BRING TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY!!

Lockney Elementary News Pre K Registration Will Begin August 8

Children who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2012, may be eligible to enroll in the Pre-Kindergarten program. The child will qualify if:

1. He or she is limited English proficient, or
2. He or she qualifies for the free or reduced price lunch program, or
3. He or she is homeless, or
4. He or she is the legal dependent child of an active military parent.

Registrations for all others who have not attended Lockney Schools before will begin Wednesday, August 8, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1p.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Please bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records, and social security card as well as a parent driver's license.

New This Year

Parents are encouraged to pick up paperwork packets for all students before school starts and return them as soon as possible. These will be available beginning August 8th.

Open House

Lockney Elementary will host an Open House on Thursday, August 23rd from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.. Students and parents are encouraged to attend and bring supplies and meet teachers. For more information contact the school at 652-3321.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Lockney Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 8:00 PM on August 21, 2012 in Board Room at the Lockney ISD Administration Office Lockney, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--|
| Maintenance Tax | \$ 1.14 | / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | \$ 0 | / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |
| Approved by Local Voters | | |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------------|----|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 1 | % Increase | or | | % (decrease) |
| Debt service | N/A | % Increase | or | | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | 1 | % Increase | or | | % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 178,645,770 | \$ 178,141,740 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 73,130 | \$ 411,840 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 94,248,468 | \$ 95,915,848 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 73,130 | \$ 411,840 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 1.14 | \$ 0 * | \$ 1.14 | \$ 1,909 | \$ 7,126 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.19 | \$ 0 * | \$ 1.19 | \$ 2,156 | \$ 7,002 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.14 | \$ 0 * | \$ 1.14 | \$ 2,014 | \$ 7,002 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 36,397 | \$ 36,603 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 25,233 | \$ 25,513 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.14 | \$ 1.14 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 288 | \$ 291 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 3 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.14. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.14.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 3,300,000 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 0 |

Williams named to All-State first team

Courtesy Photo
 Sonny Williams was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State Team recently after her graduation from Lockney High School.



By Jennifer Harbin
 Sunny Williams has grown up playing softball, according to her coach, Lisa Schumacher, and all of the time and effort she has put into it has paid off. The past two years she was on the Texas Sports Writers All-State Team and All-South Plains First Team. But this year, she has added the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State Team to her accomplishments.

"A lot of those honors are hard to come by," said Schumacher. Williams, 17, is a Lockney High School graduate and former catcher for the Lady Horns softball team. She was a starter for all four years of her high school career, according to Schumacher, and it "goes to show you what she's put into it by how much she's accomplished." Overall the Lady Horns' season went well this year, ending as Bi-District Champions. Williams is the daughter of Matt and Jean Anne Williams. She plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall and major in agricultural communications. "I decided not to play ball," said Williams. "I decided I was ready for a change and I just wanted to experience college life."

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AGRICULTURE

“Wildlife for Lunch” webinar addressing rainwater harvesting to be held August 16th

Texas Wildlife Association has teamed with Texas AgriLife Extension to host a series of webinars covering a wide array of wildlife and land management topics. These FREE online webinars are held during the lunch hour (noon – 1 p.m., CST) so that anyone interested may tune in during the work day. The webinar series provides sound, science-based wildlife management information delivered by experts to you in the comfort of your own home or office.

The next webinar, “Rainwater Harvesting for Wildlife”, will be held on Thursday, August 16th, 2012. This month’s expert presenter will be Billy Kniffen, Water Resource Specialist,

Texas AgriLife Extension Service American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association Education Coordinator. The webinar will cover: watershed and land stewardship, requirements of wildlife habitats, water demand of wildlife and birds, rainwater harvesting for bird baths, and water guzzlers including sizing and region specific potential for rainwater harvesting. Examples will also be given of devices and simple construction techniques for building your own watering device.

CEU Credit Available: 1 hour of General CEU credit for pesticide applicator’s license will be awarded to participants of the live webinar.

How to sign on: On the day of the webinar, simply point your browser to <https://texas-wildlife.webex.com> and click to join the Wildlife for Lunch webinar. Each web based seminar is fully interactive and allows you to engage the experts, make comments, and ask questions during the course of the presentation.

If you cannot make the live webinar: Each webinar is archived and available for viewing following the initial air date at the Texas Wildlife Association website: www.texas-wildlife.org (Please note - you must attend the live webinar for attendance or CEU credit.)



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Cows along Highway 70 rest and take refuge from the sun’s heat under a lone tree.

Floydada Police Report July/August 2012

July 4, 11:53 p.m., police were called to the 600 block of N. 10th Ave. in reference to a domestic disturbance between neighbors. A vehicle was damaged and a report was taken from Joe Avilla. Statements are still being gathered and the damage is being estimated.

July 8, 7:15 a.m., police were called to the 100 block of S. 12th St. for domestic disturbance. Manuel Arredondo, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

July 8, 9:20 p.m., police responded to a fight in the 300 block of E. Georgia St. Victim Refugio Barrientos, of Lubbock, claimed he was assaulted by Martin Suarez Jr. Statements were obtained and the case turned over to prosecutors.

July 9, 9:40 p.m., Roberto Lopez was arrested for an outstanding parole violation warrant.

July 11, 11 a.m., Roland Enriquez was arrested for several indictments handed down from the Grand Jury.

July 15, 10:40 p.m., police were called to the 600 block of W. Ross in reference to the burglary of a 42” flat screen television.

July 18, 6:40 p.m., police were called to 601 W. Ollie St. in reference to an assault. The victim stated that he had been assaulted at the Conoco parking lot. The case has been turned over to prosecutors at this time.

July 23, 10 a.m., police received a call from Sesar Baca at 416 W. Missouri reporting that his 55” flat screen television was taken sometime during the weekend.

July 31, police were called by the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office about an assault and injury to a child. It is being investigated by Child Protective Services and prosecutors. No charges have been filed at this time.

August 1, Todd Beedy reported the theft of an air compressor from the bed of his pickup.

Month of July: police responded to 407 calls for service and there was one traffic accident.

Xcel Energy asks customers to curb electricity use

AMARILLO, Texas – Xcel Energy is asking electricity customers in its Texas and New Mexico service territory to conserve energy because of expected high electricity demand and an unplanned generation outage.

Extremely high electricity demand across a wide region has tightened power supplies, and a major Xcel Energy generating unit is down for unplanned repairs until later this evening.

The utility company urges consumers to limit their power use through 7 p.m. in order to reduce the strain on the power grid. Xcel Energy should pro-

duce enough power to meet demand today, but it is possible that reserve margins could tighten as air conditioning load rises in the afternoon hours.

Customers can help prevent power emergencies by:

- Turning off unneeded lights, computers and appliances.

- Setting the thermostat to 78 degrees or higher at home.

- Turning up the thermostat to 85 degrees before leaving home.

- Using major appliances and equipment after 7 p.m., when power demand is lower.

“We take our responsibility to supply energy to our cus-

tomers very seriously, and we will declare an Energy Alert only after exhausting all other options,” said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company.

“Our customers have helped us through similar situations in the past, and we look to them today to help us maintain the integrity of their electricity system. Turning off all lights and appliances that are not essential to health and safety will help us meet everyone’s energy needs without service interruptions. We at Xcel Energy – and your friends and neighbors – thank you.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30, August 28, 2012 in FISD Superintendent Office Board Room, 228 W. California St. Floydada, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| Maintenance Tax | \$.117 | / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | \$.15521 | / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------|--------------|
| Maintenance and operations | % increase | or | 3.16 | % (decrease) |
| Debt service | .81 | % increase | or | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | % increase | or | 2.55 | % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 377,954,430 | \$ 373,701,338 |
| Total appraised value** of new property** | \$ 487,740 | \$ 3,042,800 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 215,809,921 | \$ 212,441,189 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 487,740 | \$ 3,042,800 |

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* | \$ 5,365,000.00 |
|---|-----------------|

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year’s Rate | \$ 1.17 | \$.13787 * | \$ 1.30787 | \$ 3,512 | \$ 6,709 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.23769 | \$.15521 * | \$ 1.39291 | \$ 3,860 | \$ 7,387 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.17 | \$.15521 * | \$ 1.32521 | \$ 3,669 | \$ 6,946 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|------------|------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 34,394 | \$ 34,386 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 22,972 | \$ 23,128 |
| Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.30787 | \$ 1.32521 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 300 | \$ 306 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 6 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.32521. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.32521.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 4,325,000.00 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$.00 |

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NOTICE TO BIDDER

Floydada I.S.D. will be accepting bids for the purchase of fuel, oil, and other services of its transportation department for the school year 2012/2013.

Bids will be accepted in the Superintendent’s office until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2012. Bids will be opened Friday, August 24, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Superintendent’s office and a recommendation made to the school board on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at the regular meeting. Bid packets can be obtained at the Superintendent’s office at 226 West California Street.

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

8-9c

Email us at fchb.editor@yahoo.com

CORRECTION:

"Commissioners' adopt deficit budget, welcome extension agent" in the August 2, 2012 issue, it was unclear that there will be a surplus of \$1.8 million for the 2011-2012 year. However, the expected expenses for 2012-2013 will exceed the revenue, leaving an \$18,807 deficit.

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with the class of 1904. (In this class also was Ethel Alston, who in 1907 became his wife.)

EDITS SPECIAL EDITION

It was on December 21, 1905, that his special edition of The Hesperian was published, L.P. Adair, managing editor, "specially edited by Claude V Hall". (This invaluable edition was, statistical, historical." It was issued as No. 38 of Volume X, but it said "This is not, in a sense, a regular issue of the Hesperian. It contains no regular news or editorial matter or regular advertisements.")

And in another paragraph it states "this number of the Hesperian has been in preparation since the middle of September."

Mr. Hall's mind then turned

to the law as a possible career and in 1910 he graduated from the law school of the University of Texas with a bachelor of laws degree.

After some years as a lawyer and public school teacher he went back to the U.of T. to receive BA and MA degrees in 1922. "The Early History Of Floyd County", which he had done so carefully back in 1905 was a ready-made product for him to use as a thesis for the masters degree. His corrections and revisions of this product of his early genius were only minor. He did these revisions after he went to Commerce to teach for an eventful 22 years at ETSC and to practice law another ten years after his retirement.

tative for the district because no Democrat or third-party candidate is running for the seat. Democrat Lanhon Odom of Montague County was disqualified because he voted in the May 29 Republican primary. The rules for both major political parties stipulate no candidate can vote in the other party's primary.

The re-drawn district that retiring Rep. Rick

Hardcastle, R-Vernon, has represented for the past 14 years stretches from Cooke County, which is north of the Denton area, to as far west as Wheeler County in the Panhandle and then to Fisher County in the South Plains.

In all, it is a stretch of as many as 300 miles from corner to corner. Moreover, once the new map goes into the effect when the next legislative session

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begins, District 68 will be the largest in terms of square miles in the Texas House of Representatives.

In other runoff races across the state, Tea Party darling Ted Cruz cruised to a political victory over Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst for the Republican candidate to replace the retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

Cruz received 57 percent of the statewide vote

to Dewhurst's 43 percent.

Locally, however, Dewhurst drew more votes than Cruz, 51 to 49 percent.

Other statewide winners included Christi Craddick for Railroad Commissioner, incumbent Barry Smitherman for an unexpired term on the Railroad Commission, and John Devine for State Supreme Court Place 4.

Statewide turnout was 9 percent.

A look at how Floyd County voters cast ballots

REPUBLICAN: Race/Candidate-Local

U.S. Senator
Ted Cruz - 258 votes - 49.14%
David Dewhurst - 267 votes - 50.86%

Railroad Commissioner
Warren Chisum - 294 votes - 58.10%
Christi Craddick - 212 votes - 41.90%

Railroad Commission, unexpired term
Barry Smitherman - 372 votes - 79.15%

Greg Parker - 98 votes - 20.85%

Justice Supreme Court, Place 4
David Medina - 203 votes - 45.62%
John Devine - 242 votes - 54.38%

State Representative, District 68
Drew Springer - 274 votes - 52.39%
Trent McKnight - 249 votes - 47.61%

DEMOCRAT:

Paul Sadler - 11 votes - 68.75%
Grady Yarbrough - 5 votes - 31.25%

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Miguel Guerrero. Booths rent from \$50-\$100 depending on size. Major food booths will be limited to 3 - and are still available. Please let the Fair Board know if you are interested; it will be first come, first served.

The Entertainment Building will be available for rent until August 18. There will

be no more rentals taken until after Homecoming on September 22. It has been steadily rented out since January and has become a good place for all kinds of parties and celebrations.

Several Board members have been taking orders for advertising signs to be placed in the Entertainment Building and to remain there all year. If your business has had a sign in the past, you will be contacted for renewal. If you would

like a new sign, please contact Carol Huggins at 652-3115 or Carrie Rendon at 292-9527. Your sign will be seen every time the building is rented.

The Fair catalogs have been printed and are available at the Lockney and Floydada libraries, Floyd County Museum in Floydada, the newspaper offices in Lockney and Floydada, and J&K Insurance in Lockney. Pick yours up today and start making plans.

Things to do before the Fair starts - gather up all entries for the craft and art/ photography exhibits; enter the Floyd County Fair Queens' Pageant; rent a booth if interested; sharpen your trap shooting or washer pitching skills; plan a float or other parade entry. Let's make this a really great Floyd County Fair!

Our next Board and Association meeting will be August 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.



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FOR SALE - Corner lot. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, large living area, metal roof. 209 Ave I, Petersburg, Texas. Call 806-777-7177. 8-9p

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CEMENT WORK - Need new driveway, sidewalk, patio or flower-bed curb? Call Gary Bennet 806-983-5120 (home) or 806-778-8549 (cell), tfn

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FORKLIFT OPERATOR NEEDED: Wylie Manufacturing has an opening for a forklift operator. Job will include shipping and receiving parts and equipment. Work week will be 8-5, M-F, \$10 an hour. Certified Forklift License required. Apply in person at 1001 Main Street, Petersburg, TX. Ask for Juan Ortiz or Stephen Rankin. 8-16c

Automobiles For Sale

FOR SALE: 1996 Ford Ranger, 200K miles. \$1200 or best offer. Call 940-585-6459 for details. tfn

Trailer Houses for Sale

FOR SALE - Covered trailer house with large covered metal deck, 60 yards from water. On Cottonwood Lake near Quitaque, Texas. Call 940-937-7086 - ok to leave message. tfn

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and you know that you had a little part in that."

Watson Farms was established in 1940 by Glenna and Millard Watson, and sits southeast of Floydada.

Watson is now a fourth generation farmer, involving everyone in her family from her mother, brother and sister to her children. Having been raised on a farm, she wanted her children to experience that special way of life and in order for that legacy to perpetuate, only with a modern twist.

According to their brochure, "Crazy Hoe Farms is a subdivision of Watson Farms that was created by the younger generation with a mission to provide families with locally grown vegetables."

The farm is unusual because it has a "share-

holders" that enter into an agreement, promising to cover the anticipated costs of the farming operation and the farmer's salary, in exchange for a share of the produce. It allows individuals or families to grow closer to their food supply, to know the farmer whose hands have touched their vegetables, and become more aware of how it's grown.

It is a shared risk program, which means "if a hailstorm destroys all of the peppers, everyone is disappointed together, and together cheer on the winter squash and broccoli."

Typical West Texas produce grown includes: radishes, carrots, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, okra, beans, peas, bell peppers, jalapenos, squash, zucchini, watermelon, pumpkins,

corn and cucumbers.

Their farmer's market is held Mondays on the southeast corner of California and Wall Streets in Floydada, beginning at 8 a.m. She also sells produce in downtown Matador on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and at the Lubbock Downtown Farmers Market every second and fourth Saturdays July through October.

For more information about Community Supported Agriculture, visit their webpage at www.crazyhoe-farms.com or email crazyhoe-farms@gmail.com.

What is the best part of being a farmer?

"I can hear my heartbeat...It's the only thing "real" that I've ever done," said Watson. "Farming is what I was born to do, it just took me awhile to get there."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Floydada

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FLOYDADA CORDIALLY INVITES THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND A HEARING ON THE TOPIC OF CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING ON THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2012, AT 7:00 P.M. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 114 W VIRGINIA STREET, FLOYDADA, TX.

THE CITY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING ONE OR MORE ALTERNATE PLANS FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS. PUBLIC COMMENT IS SINCERELY SOLICITED.

PERSONS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY HALL AT 983-2834 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

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EL CONCILIO DE LA CIUDAD DE FLOYDADA CORDIALMENTE INVITA AL PÚBLICO A ASISTIR A UNA AUDIENCIA SOBRE EL TEMA DE UNA NUEVA DELIMITACIÓN DE DISTRITOS DEL CONCILIO DE LA CIUDAD EL DÍA 21 DE AGOSTO DE 2012, A LAS 7:00 P.M. ESTA REUNIÓN SE CELEBRARÁ EN LA SALA DEL CONCILIO DE LA CIUDAD, 114 W VIRGINIA, FLOYDADA, TX.

EL CONCILIO DE LA CIUDAD ESTÁ CONSIDERANDO UNO O MÁS PLANES ALTERNATIVOS PARA LA NUEVA DELIMITACIÓN DE LOS DISTRITOS DEL CONCILIO DE LA CIUDAD, Y LA OPINIÓN DEL PÚBLICO SERÁ DE MUCHA UTILIDAD.

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Kids Kamp helps introduce children to Christ



Kids Kamp 2012

By Jennifer Harbin

Plains Baptist Assembly was bustling with around 175 kids of all ages, and over 90 adults helping, during the First Baptist Church's annual Kids Kamp July 26-29. The goal of camp is to reach the un-churched children in the community according to Jana Muniz, Kids Kamp director.

Everyone is welcome to come join the fun and learning, because the camp

is not just limited to Baptists. In fact, just about every denomination is represented.

"If they've already got a church home we're not trying to get them to come to our church only," said Muniz. "If not, we do invite them to come to our church."

Kids Kamp is probably one of the biggest ministries that the church has according to Muniz. It's been in operation since 2007 and

Photo by Christina Muniz

continues to get bigger with each year that passes.

"We have every generation in our church helping with it one way or another," said Muniz. "From the very young to the oldest generation."

We have a group of men that cut the wood used every year for craft. There is a prayer team that meets during camp at a home near Floydada and pray for the camp as it's meeting.

"There's not anyone

in our church who's not represented in some way," said Muniz. "That's what I like most about it, that it covers everybody."

Children never run out of things to do since the activities are limitless. There is hiking, recreation, hay rides, swimming, craft, music, Bible study and devotion time in their cabin. Then at night, there are fun activities such as a puppet show, a campfire and the older kids get to have a late night swim one evening.

Different decisions are made by the children every year. Some of them accept Christ as their savior, many of the younger kids are asking questions if they don't quite understand yet and there are also kids who have made choices to go into ministry.

This year there was a baptism held on Sunday.

The music that campers have learned during class is performed at the final worship service on Sunday, as well as there is a big hamburger cook-out at lunch. Church members and family of campers are all invited to come and eat hamburgers at camp after the worship service.

Muniz stated that the



Kids Kamp 2012

Photo by Jennifer Harbin

staff at Plains Baptist Assembly does a wonderful job taking care of big groups, and that she can't "commend them enough, they're great...it's a blessing to get to work with such

great staff members." "You just see God working through these kids," said Muniz. "They're being changed as we speak in one way or another."

SPC to offer concealed handgun class on Aug. 11

LEVELLAND — South Plains College will offer a Concealed Handgun class on Saturday (Aug. 11) in the Law Enforcement Technology Building. The cost of the course is \$70, and students need to register and pay in advance.

The class will begin at 8 a.m. with breaks every hour as well as a lunch break through 7 p.m.

The class teaches the basic knowledge, skills and attitude for owning and operating a pistol safely, and it is a good choice for people who have just purchased a pistol for home defense or sport shooting and want to learn how to use it safely and accurately. It is also good for people who want to get or renew a Texas Concealed Handgun

License, but are inexperienced shooters.

The course runs eight to 10 hours, depending on the number of students, and includes classroom and range time learning to shoot revolvers and semi-automatic pistols. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals;

range rules; shooting from the bench rest position and two-handed standing positions; cleaning the pistol; and continued opportunities for skill development. Students will receive a course completion certificate.

To sign up, call Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.

Are You a "Top Shot"?



By Patty Davenport

Come test your shooting skills or learn some new ones. The Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports Program will be hosting a "Top Shot" and 4-H Recruitment Event on Thursday, August 16th at Sim's Field (Floydada City Range).

4-H Shooting Sports programs provide a positive experience for youth, promote safe and ethical use of firearms and help foster involvement of the total family—youth, teens, parents and grandparents—with the goal of strengthening families through the participation in lifelong recreational activities. The program focuses on the cultivation and development of youth as individuals and responsible citizens.

The "Top Shot" competition is open to Floyd

County youth from 9 to 18 years of age. The evening will start at 5:00 pm with a mandatory safety meeting. Youth will start through the course immediately following the meeting. A meal will be served during the competition. "Top Shot's" in each age category will be recognized at the end of the competition.

Information on the different 4-H shooting sports activities will be provided and we will also be completing 4-H enrollment applications during the evening. For more information, contact Patty or Winfield Davenport or the County Extension office at 983-4912.

Come, bring a friend and try your hand at becoming our next "Top Shot."

Randy's Roundup

August 6, 2012

Drought Relief for Farmers and Ranchers

Last week, I helped pass H.R. 6233, the Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act, which provides critical relief for producers struggling with dry weather. Right now, 70% of the country is classified as abnormally dry or worse according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. And for the farmers and ranchers in Texas, this is the second year in a row of a brutal drought.

This bill reauthorizes a number of disaster assistance programs, including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Livestock Forage Program, and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Bees, and Fish program. It pays for this assistance by offsetting spending in conservation programs. All told, this bill will actually reduce our spending by \$256 million over ten years.

The Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act is good policy given our current situation, but it is not a five-year farm bill, which remains critical for our farmers and ranchers. This drought underscores the risk and uncertainty inherent in farming, and demonstrates why a safety net is critical to maintaining our country's food security.

Our producers need the cer-

tainty of a long-term farm bill so they can plan for upcoming plantings and harvests. Farmers may be forced to deal with unpredictable weather, but Congress can at least give them predictable policy. I'll continue working to pass a five-year farm bill that gets signed in to law.

Reforming the Renewable Fuel Standard

This drought is not just hurting livestock producers—corn producers in the Midwest are struggling through some of the worst conditions in 50 years. Less than a third of the U.S. corn crop is listed as being in good or excellent condition, so we are expecting very low yields for the fall harvest this year.

What this means to you is that consumers are likely to feel the effect of our shrinking corn supplies at the grocery checkout.

Yet despite the low supply of corn, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandates that 36 billion gallons of our nation's fuel supply come from renewable fuels. This is primarily comprised of corn-based ethanol. In fact, about 40 percent of our corn crop was used for ethanol production this year.

To address the pending crop year's low corn supplies and the resulting higher

prices at the grocery store, I've joined a number of my colleagues in Congress to request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adjust the RFS. If the 36 billion gallon mandate is adjusted to fit market conditions, we will hopefully be able to ease the effect of the short supply of corn and limit increases in food costs.

You Did Build That: The President's Growing Debt

During a speech in Virginia on July 13, President Obama made the now infamous remark that, "If you've got a business, you didn't build that." The hard work, sacrifices, and entrepreneurial spirit of America's small business owners hardly needs to be defended. In Texas alone, almost 98 percent of all employers are small businesses. Between 2005 and 2008, they represented about 70 percent of new private sector jobs. And each and every one of those businesses was built by a hardworking man or woman.

Instead of downplaying the work of others, maybe it's time for the president to review his own record. According to the Department of the Treasury, the national debt has increased from \$10.6 trillion on the day President Obama took office to \$15.9

trillion today. That is a \$5.3 trillion increase, and it means that each day the president has been in office, our debt has grown by \$4.1 billion. Unfortunately, unemployment remains stagnant above eight percent.

I believe the facts are clear—we can't spend our country into a recovery. It's time to stop spending and give our businesses the certainty and tools they need to start a real economic recovery that isn't based on government debt.

Action Item

On Friday, I'll be honoring 2012 state champions at Sudan High School and meeting with business and community leaders in Lamb and Cochran counties.

Did You Know?

August 7 marks the 230th anniversary of the Purple Heart, which is awarded to veterans that have been wounded

RRC PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND ALLOWABLES FOR AUGUST 2012

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of July 20 was 899, representing about 48 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 451 million barrels of oil and 7.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for May 2012 is 46,141,297 barrels of crude oil and 540,191,926 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the prelimi-

nary May 2012 production totals of 38,960,818 barrels of crude oil and 460,443,169 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1843 for crude oil and 1.1732 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for June 2012 was 397,791,208 Mcf compared to 394,643,580 Mcf in June 2011. The July 2012 gas storage estimate is 399,490,097 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Com-

mission's Oil and Gas Division set initial August 2012 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 9,975,562 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial August 2012 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for August 2012 is reported.



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