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## Floyd County Sales Tax Up 1%

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today announced state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.74 billion, down 2.6 percent compared to February 2008.

"State sales tax collections declined in February as important sectors such as retail trade and construction continue to struggle," Combs said. "While state sales tax revenue has grown 2.8 percent through the first half of fiscal 2009, further declines are expected as the economy continues to weaken."

Combs delivered \$433.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are down 0.6 percent compared to March 2008. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations remain up 2.2 percent compared to the first three months of 2008.

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in January.

Combs sent March sales tax payments of \$291.1 million to Texas cities, down 0.7 percent compared to March 2008. Since Jan. 1, city sales tax allocations are 1.5 percent higher than the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$27.5 million, up 2.5 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar

year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.2 percent higher than last year.

The 150 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$17.3 million in sales tax revenue, up 21.6 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems received \$97.4 million, down 4.3 percent.

For details of March sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

Sales tax for Childress County and the surrounding areas are as follows. The monthly total for Childress County was \$68,336.75, up 20.11 percent from the comparable prior year; year-to-date - \$253,244.05, up 14.95 percent.

\* Floydada - monthly, \$16,313.05, up 0.58 percent; year-to-date - \$58,449.78, down 0.62 percent.

\* Lockney - monthly, \$7,967.12, up 2.64 percent; year-to-date - \$26,541.27, up 8.89 percent.

\* Benjamin - monthly, \$843.62, down 23.26 percent; year-to-

date - \$3,751.13, up 48.03 percent.

\* Goree - monthly, \$3,343.70, up 193.58 percent; year-to-date - \$4,413.33, up 96.38 percent.

\* Knox City - monthly, \$16,431.42, up 25.79 percent; year-to-date - \$55,609.67, up 12 percent.

\* Munday - monthly, \$10,086.31, up 3.64 percent; year-to-date - \$36,805.42, up 5.54 percent.

\* Wellington - monthly, \$24,048.12, up 71.54 percent; year-to-date - \$64,931.28, up 22.78 percent.

\* Paducah - monthly, \$8,069.42, up 15.55 percent; year-to-date - \$25,763.62, up 20.64 percent.

\* Clarendon - monthly, \$19,755.06, up .14 percent; year-to-date - \$72,007.73, down .28 percent.

\* Hedley - monthly, \$389.86, up 8.11 percent; year-to-date - \$1,546.57, down 21.30 percent.

\* Howardwick - monthly, \$1,074.63, down 6.37 percent; year-to-date - \$3,036.99, down 16.70 percent.

\* Crowell - monthly, \$4,953.98, down 22.13 percent; year-to-date - \$15,892.60, down 9.68 percent.

### Generous Donation



On Wednesday, March 25, 2009, Lockney High School received a very generous donation of \$20,000 from the Monsanto Company. Pictured is Lockney Independent School District Superintendent Phil Cotham (second from right) accepting the donation on behalf of the school. Pictured with him are Monsanto representatives (l-r) Joe Kueser (Account Manager - Lubbock), Chad Cook (Account Manager - Lockney), Scott Buchanan (Site Manager - Dumas), Jeff Miller (Technical Development Rep. - Lubbock), Marcus Sullivan (Local Field Advisor - Abernathy) and Jack Randolph (Site Manager - Lockney).

Staff Photo

## Lockney Woman Lends Helping Hand

By JUDY MACHA  
Reporter

Margaret Schacht of Lockney recently spent a week in Baldwin, Louisiana, as a volunteer at the historic Sager Brown Depot, which sits on the banks of the Bayou Teche.

Schacht, her sister Sarah Cameron and brother-in-law David of Lubbock, and seventeen others formed the team sent by the Cameron's home church, St. John's Methodist Church. The team, made up of members from Lubbock, Lockney, Shallowater and Canyon, made the trek in two fifteen-passenger vans. They left Saturday, March 14 and returned March 21.

According to Schacht, teams from Alabama, Colorado and two other Texas teams were there working during this time.

"The Depot doesn't have room for everyone to come at once and since disasters happen all year long, it runs continuously. Teams wanting to serve must make reser-

vations. FUMC in Lockney has already reserved ten spots in 2010 and 20 spots in 2011. People come from all over the USA to work at the Sager Brown Depot. We stayed in dormitories. Some will bring their RV's and stay in them while they are there," Schacht explained. In January, First United Methodist Church in Lockney (Schacht's home church) sent a team of fourteen. Unfortunately, she could not go then. That team consisted of Paul and Gayle Schacht, Jerry and Andy Ford, Charles and Cindy Huffman, Warren and Charlotte Mitchell, Jim and Denise Doucette, Eddie and Cheryl Teeter, Cheryl Edwards, and G.L. Hight, all of Lockney. This team assembled "flood bucket" clean-up kits. These are five gallon plastic buckets with lids containing cleaning items necessary to clean up after a flood.

Schacht's team assembled school kits and health kits in sturdy, homemade bags. The school

kits contained three packages of paper, a ruler, six pencils, blunt scissors, an eraser, a pencil sharpener and a 24-count package of Crayolas. The health kits contained one hand towel and wash cloth, a bar of soap, a tube of tooth paste and a tooth brush, a comb, finger-nail clippers and six band-aids. At each work station hung a large sign clearly stating how many of which items had to be in each kit.

Schacht commented, "We had to be very diligent packing items in these kits; being sure each kit contained exactly the same items and exactly the same number of items. A sample kit is always packed for customs to check. Should they choose to pick a kit at random from the load, and find it to be the least bit different, they can deny the whole shipping container."

The teams worked from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, except on Wednesday when Schacht's team took the opportunity to tour a **HELP continued on Page 8**

## County May Give Fair Second Chance

(Editor's note: This story originally ran in last week's issue of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon but was inadvertently cut short. Here is the story in its entirety. We regret the error.)

By SARA SISEMORE  
Managing Editor

The fair board will attempt to host a Ladies' Day in September or early October, according to discussion held Monday night, March 23. Additionally, the board will discuss holding a fair at the Unity

Center in the fall of 2010.

Close to 30 people met Monday night, March 23, to discuss whether or not there was enough interest to revive the Floyd and surrounding counties fair.

Floyd County Fair Board President Charlene Brown opened the meeting saying, "Of course, I am hoping for positive comments only, however, being a realist I realize this probably will not be the case. Please listen to each speaker and help us have a calm and productive meeting."



THE OLD FAIR BUILDING has been in many discussions recently as Floyd County decides whether to revive the Floyd County Fair in its original location. In a public meeting on Monday, March 23, the fair board met with citizens to determine how much community interest was still present.

Staff Photo

Five individuals addressed the crowd to express their beliefs about the future of the fair. D'Lyn Morris of Lockney spoke first, sharing the "special place in her heart" she has for the fair. She said, "I definitely would like to see it (the fair) revived." She clarified, however, that she understands "under the conditions, you know, that remains to be worked on." Morris continued, saying, "I certainly would like for us to look at every option and to look forward instead of backward."

"Definitely I have some dear, dear wonderful memories in that old building, but by the grace of God," Morris said, "nobody got food poisoning and died and nobody got electricuted. I'd like to see us revive the fair here (at the Unity Center) at all possible cost and I would be willing to help in any capacity."

"I believe that the interest is there," she said, then she pointed out the age group of people at the meeting who are interested in reviving the fair. "I just want you to consider the fact that it takes a large number of people to pull it off successfully and we need to think about 'do we have the manpower from Lockney and Floydada to be able to run it?'"

Elaine LaBaume of Floydada addressed the group next, remind-

ing everyone of the hard work and dedication that had been put in to building the Unity Center. She said the conditions at the old fair building were so bad that after the fair and stock shows people would talk saying, "If we ever became a millionaire, we would build a good building."

LaBaume continued, "It took five years to put together \$600,000 to build this wonderful facility (speaking of the Unity Center). The building would have cost much more than \$600,000 if it had not been for all the donations. The board had many fund raisers... grants were applied for...there were many, many more people who made donations." "Perhaps the most important part," she said, "was that the people of Floyd County wanted this building so badly that they dug deep in their pockets and opened up their hearts to make financial donations. This has been a hope and a dream for so many people for many years."

LaBaume went on to discuss how the number of fair board members had dwindled over the last few years of the fair, and how by the last year of the fair, board members were dropping out saying, "It is someone else's turn, I am tired, and I am not going to serve again."

"In 2002 the board did dis-

cuss, because of the difficult time we had of getting volunteers to help and not nearly as much interest in any department, perhaps it was time to put the fair to rest. Because 2003 would be the 50th continuous year we would try one more year. So for the year of 2003, we had nine board members."

"The carnival was really bad that year," she said, "and the board was all worried that something really bad would happen because her equipment was so bad."

Finally, she said, "Moving to the Unity Center had nothing to do with the death of the fair. It was the signs of the time. (...) However, it is my belief that we should put the Floyd County Fair to rest and dissolve the board. The days of small county fairs are over in our area." Lockney resident Shawnda Foster spoke next, saying, "Currently I'm on the board of Floyd County Friends, and the reason I'm on the board of Floyd County Friends was because of the fair. That's the reason I got on this board was because I did not want to see that fair die, and I knew it would if we continued to have it at that place (the old fair building), because it was pretty much impossible to renovate, and even if you renovated it, you still had a building that wasn't multi-usable. (...) Even if you did have the money and the

funds to renovate it."

Foster continued, "I have a heart, a big heart, for the fair. Do I think it can continue? (...) In my opinion, number one, you have to have a carnival to have a fair work. Number one, you're not going to get a carnival. It's a nearly impossible task. Number two is the people, the other major key. It takes a lot of work. Lots of times it was just five to six people that did that work and it wore them out."

Foster said, "Do I think the fair can be revived? In my heart, I would love to say 'yes.' In reality, I don't think so."

Joe Taylor of South Plains began by saying, "I guess I attended about as many of those fairs and helped at nearly all of them since the early 60s, until I said, 'that's enough.' Folks, you do get to the point where you say, 'that's enough.'"

He expanded upon Foster's list of things that make a fair work. He said, "It wasn't just one thing that kept it going." He listed off several events: the rodeo, quarter-horse show, the flower show and the carnival.

Taylor added, "The building, the facilities up there, it's kinda like some of us here, especially me, it's gone to the past. It's wonderful memories in that old build-

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## Obama's Chilling Effect on Capitalism

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## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### Absolute Power

President Obama urged GM CEO Rick Wagoner to resign. The request was complied upon. Wagoner, 56, who spent 32 years with GM working all over the world, stepped down effective immediately. He was replaced as CEO by Fritz Henderson, the company's vice chairman and chief operating officer.

Obama did so with out any advice from Congress, according to Carl Levin (D), Michigan's senior senator.

"He didn't ask us about it, he informed us," Levin told reporters in a conference call Monday afternoon. "The president said he'd already decided."

According to reports, Levin said he and three other lawmakers were informed of the decision in a phone call Obama made from the Oval Office. Obama told the members of Congress that Wagoner needed to resign so that his administration could show the public it was making an effort at a fresh start with the auto industry.

Does that not sound strange to anyone but me? Is the president supposed to be in the business of firing people whom aren't in government?

Does that mean if your business receives money from a bank which received money from the government, Obama can have you fired?

Granted, Wagoner's company had lost \$82 billion the last four years and is a recipient of billions in taxpayer money, but shouldn't he be judged by the board and shareholders?

In Wagoner's defense, he was making a difference. He had cut GM's U.S. work force from 177,000 to roughly 92,000; closed factories; shed the unprofitable Oldsmobile brand; globalized GM's engineering, manufacturing and design; led a resurgence in quality and performance; and ushered in a more affordable \$14-per-hour wage for new hires, about half that of a former wage. These measures saved the company billions.

What really sunk Wagoner was the GM's focus on larger SUVs and trucks instead of smaller fuel efficient automobiles as fuel prices climbed.

By the way: GM's stock was down \$.92 Monday ... down to \$2.70 a share. That's a pretty good slip.

In fact, it's safe to say the market reacted poorly to the Obama-Wagoner news. Investors are probably worried about the prospect of the president handing pink-slips out.

Here's what worries me. The government is getting far too close to the private sector.

If a company is not viable, let it fail. If it is viable but needs to be restructured, let it enter bankruptcy.

What ever happened to the anti-trust legislation? They used to use it when a company was deemed too big. Anyone thinking that should have been the case with AIG?

Mr. President, I implore you, run the country, not businesses. Please protect our Mexican border, take out North Korea's missile and make sure Congress spends OUR money WISELY!

If Obama wants to reach beyond his powers and start firing people, he should start with Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, Chris Dodd and Barney Frank - as they know nothing about business but plenty about spending OUR money poorly. I bet the markets would react great to that news.

And before you Democrats get the rope for me and you Republicans begin praising me, here is something else to chew on.

At least there is leadership on the left. There is virtually no voice coming from the GOP. Where's the leadership? Who is going to step forward and become the new face of this downtrodden party?

It's a fact - one party rule in this country stinks. The GOP proved that and it cost them dearly. The Democrats continue to prove that point by spending like coeds on spring break with Daddy's credit card.

Our current economic situation and the government's reaction - dating back to the Bush Administration, make me want to puke.

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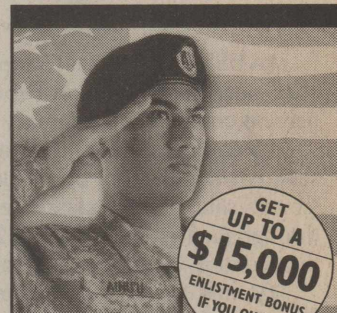
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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to tell you'all thanks for running the articles on energy and how it has improved life so drastically from the past. I could go on and on about this subject, but I will just say Thanks.

Guy Carthel  
Lockney, Texas



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When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



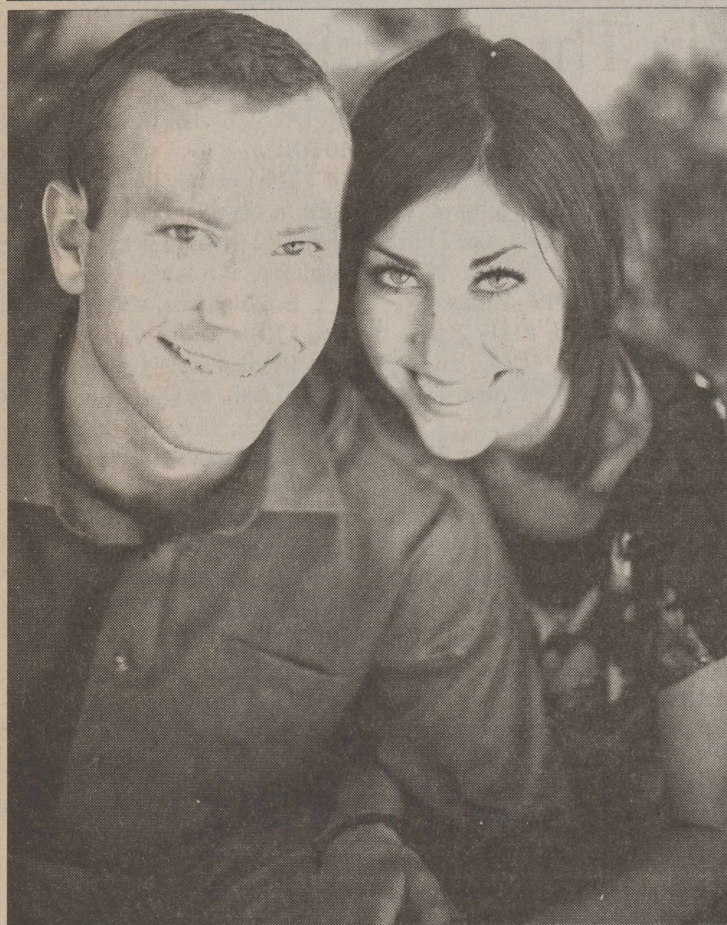
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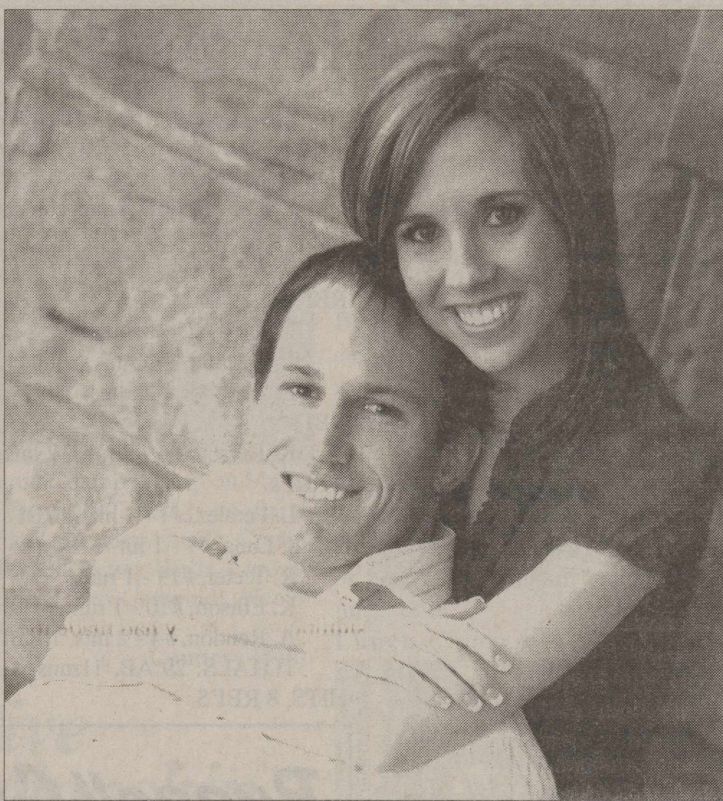
## Lee and Carthel

Mitch and Brenda Lee of Valera, Texas are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tabitha Lee of Canyon to Andy Carthel of Floydada. Andy is the son of Davy and Kathy Carthel of Friona, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Panther Creek High School. She graduated summa cum laude from Angelo State University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She is currently employed as a Pre Kindergarten teacher at Boys Ranch I.S.D. She will be attending graduate school at Texas Tech University starting in May. She is the granddaughter of Edward and Pam Lee of Abilene and the late Gilbert and Ruth Wood of Marlin.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Friona High School. He graduated magna cum laude from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics. He is currently employed as the Vice President of First National Bank of Floydada. He is the grandson of Ann Carthel and the late Bill Carthel of Friona and Charles and Lois Wales of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange vows on May 23, 2009, at Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo and will make their home in Floydada.



NATHAN HAILE AND APRIL DORMAN

## Dorman and Haile

Johnny and Julie Dorman of Lockney are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, April Nicole Dorman, to Nathan Boydston Haile. He is the son of Homer Allan and Patty Haile of Friona.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Lockney High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from West Texas A&M University in 2007. She is employed by Covenant Hospital, Plainview. She is the granddaughter of John and Rochelle Dorman and the late David and Pat Frizzell of Lockney. She is the great-granddaughter of Lucille Frizzell of Lockney.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Friona High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Texas A&M University. He is employed by Amarillo Arbor Christian Academy. He is the grandson of Allen and Helen Pharis of Columbus, Georgia and the late Homer and Marijo Haile of Stratford, Texas.

The couple will marry June 13, 2009 at Amarillo West Christian Church in Amarillo.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Amy Clark and children of Arlington and her sister, Anita Elliott and her children of Seymour recently spent a few days with their parents, Delmas and Pauline McCormick.

James and Sue Lovell celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary Sunday, March 22.

Barbie Grimes and her two children of Shallowater and Natalie Duran and children of Lubbock spent last Saturday, March 23, visiting their grandmother, Marie Warren. Other relatives who live in Floydada also went to Marie's home to visit. They were Don and Hope Warren and Joyce Owens.

Bob Aldredge had surgery this past week and was in the hospital four days. He is at home and really doing very well.

We have been having good crowds at the center to eat lunch. It really helps the center when we have a lot of people. Come join us and visit your friends. We are still collecting 2009 dues of \$15 a person.

Janice Julian had back surgery several weeks ago. She is well enough that she is able to come to the center to eat lunch and is feeling very good.

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

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In memory of **Ken Bloys** - Jessie and Donna Pernell.

In memory of **Gladys Brannon** - Lou and Teen Burleson.

### Thought for the Week -

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: When it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.

~ Charles Dickens

### MENU

April 6 - April 10

**Monday** - Tacos/trimmings, rice, pinto beans, applesauce cake

**Tuesday** - Chicken pot pie, salad, roll, apples and bananas

**Wednesday** - Meatloaf w/ sauce, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit parfait

**Thursday** - Lemon pepper chicken, corn, spinach, roll, jello

**Friday** - CLOSED

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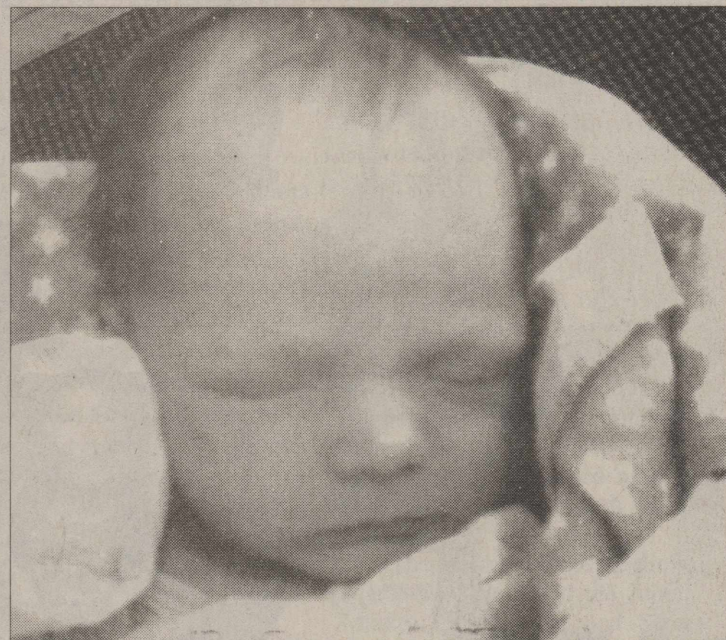
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ROBERT KORDEL HARTMAN

Creek and Cutter are proud to announce the birth of their cousin Robert Kordel Hartman. Proud parents are Richie and Britta Hartman of Sand Spring, Oklahoma. He was born March 11, 2009. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Marlon and Sherry McDonald of Lockney, Richard and Patti Hartman of Hominy, Oklahoma and Bob and Carolyn Peterson of Cleveland, Oklahoma.

Great-grandparents are Royce and Nora Sims of Stephenville, Dorothy Hartman and Alice Latta, both of Oklahoma.

## VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Wanted: Members for the Lockney Senior Citizen's Center.

Lockney's Senior Citizen's membership is getting smaller and smaller. The Center is losing members due to moving away, going to the nursing homes or death, faster than we are getting new members. We do so need some new ideas on how to encourage the 50 and 60-year-old people to join the Center. The Center is a fun place to eat, visit, make new friends and play games.

Some suggestions have been to have a "bingo" night or maybe in the afternoon. Also suggested was having games of progressive "42". There are so many fun things to do if we just had the people.

Dues for membership are \$20 a person. Lunch is \$3.50 for members and \$4.00 for nonmembers. Membership is available for everyone 55 years old and up.

Snow and more snow. The weatherman was right with his forecast last week. It started Thursday night and was still snowing at noon Friday with the cold wind blowing. The ground was so warm the snow did not stay long though. Thank goodness it was a wet snow so we did get some moisture out of it.

I do not like cold weather. Wintertime is so depressing to

me that I don't want to get out of the house at all. I have tried playing bridge at the Plainview Senior Center, but didn't like it; I have tried Plainview's Senior Center dancing, but don't like it. Maybe when summertime comes my attitude will change. Who knows?

Our prayers are with Jana Miller as she prepares for mission work in Zambia after graduation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy Smith who has been to moved to a rehab facility; Tommy Sherman who is now in Lubbock Covenant Specialty Hospital, Room 311; and Leslie Patterson who is recuperating from having a pace maker put in last Wednesday. Also, Bro. Frank Duckworth is recuperating from eye surgery. Our prayers are also with Joyce Wilson as she does her therapy with the help of her daughter Melinda.

Our sympathy is with the Reves family on the passing of Mary Reves last Thursday.

### Menu

April 6 - April 10

**Monday**-Tacos

**Tuesday**-Frito pie

**Wednesday**-Chicken fried steak

**Thursday**-Chicken & dressing

**Friday**-Fish

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Palmi is a CNA in the hospital. Her job duties include patient care, checking vitals, caring for newborns in the nursery, and helping out in the ER. She enjoys meeting new patients, working with a great staff and riding to work with her co-workers. Palmi is always willing to lend a hand and help wherever she is needed. She does a terrific job. Her hobbies are spending time with children on her days off, shopping, watching Grey's Anatomy, cooking with Mom for family, but most of all worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ.

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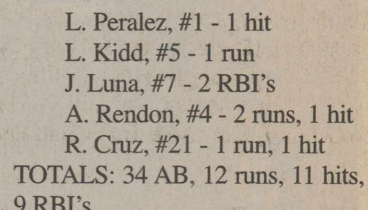
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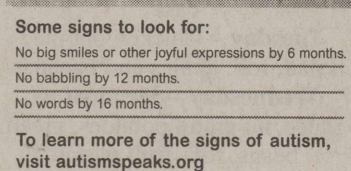
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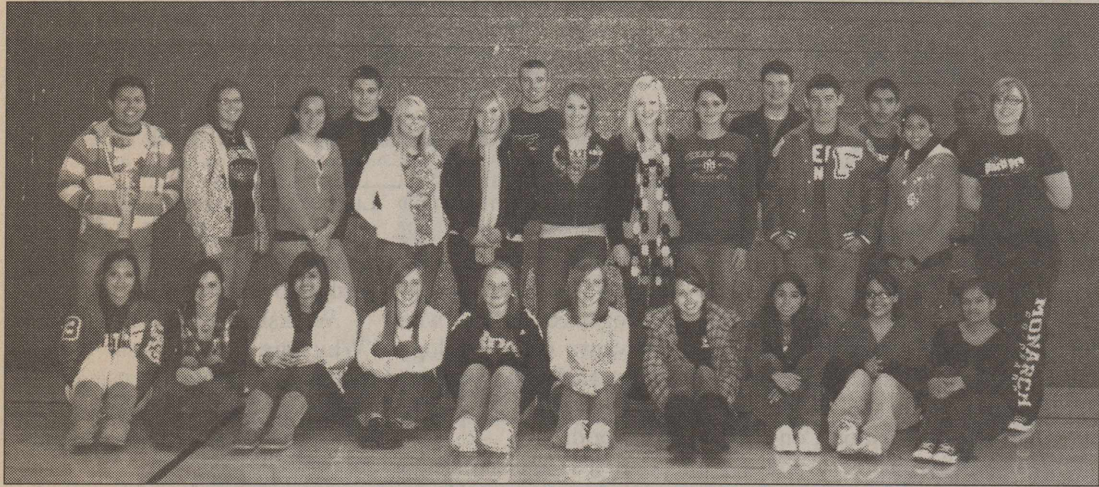
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FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL WON its sixth consecutive District Academic Championship on March 26, 2009. Students participating were (sitting, l-r) Megan Aleman, Leslie Gonzales, Nikki Nino, Sarah Jo Miller, Kelsea Miller, Mallory Graham, Makenzie Schwertner, Diane Flores, Ashley Ovalle, Crystal Foster; (standing) Freddy Castillo, Tyanne Battey, Imelda Resendiz, Jay Potts, Lindsey Wells, Lindsey Beedy, Titus Miller, Abigail Miller, Evan Johnson, Kelbie Day, Sean Miller, Tim Campbell, Hector Rodriguez, Kenya Pecina, Chad Davis and Bailey Davenport.

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## FHS wins sixth consecutive District Academic Championship

On March 26, Floydada High School walked away with its sixth consecutive District Academic Championship in the last six years.

FHS hosted and competed in the District 2-AA University Interscholastic League District Academic Meet on March 25-26. Other district schools also competing were Childress, Dimmitt, Friona, Muleshoe and Tulia.

Accounting won the first place team plaque with individual members Crystal Alvarez placing first, Bailey Davenport placing second, and Lindsey Wells placing third.

Calculator Applications also took first place team. Its members are Jennifer Rainwater, first place; Kaylie Nutt, third; Titus Miller, fourth; and Alece Annunziato rounding out the team. Calculator Applications is coached by Lindsey Pyle.

The Current Issues and Events team missed out being the first place team by only one point. The second place team members include Jay Potts, second place; Ashley Ovalle, third place; Cassie Martinez and J. C. Chappell. Current Events is coached by Nicole Purser.

In Computer Applications, Bailey Davenport won first, Courtney Edwards placed fourth, and Laken Reedy, sixth. Tasha Hughes coaches Computer Applications.

Robert Finley placed sixth in

Computer Science and is coached by Dana Herrington.

The Journalism Team placed first. Abigail Miller placed first in Editorial Writing, fifth in Headline Writing, and sixth in News Writing. Makenzie Schwertner placed second in News Writing, second in Feature Writing, and sixth in Editorial Writing. Sarah Jo Miller placed first in Headline Writing and sixth in Feature Writing. Lindsey Beedy placed second in Headline Writing and fifth in Editorial Writing. Anne Carthel coaches the Journalism events.

The Literary Criticism team placed second. Its members are Crystal Foster, second place; Jessica Prisk, third; Megan Aleman and Freddy Castillo. Literary Criticism is coached by Maggie Hilburn.

The Mathematics team also placed second with members Chad Davis, first place individual; Titus Miller; Crystal Alvarez and Crystal Foster. The Number Sense team placed first in the meet. The team members include Imelda Resendiz, second place individual; Alece Annunziato; Hector Rodriguez; and Tim Campbell. Laura Zepeda coaches the Mathematics and Number Sense teams.

The Speech Team, which consists of Prose, Poetry, Cross-Examination Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Informative Speaking, and Persuasive Speaking, placed second. Evan Johnson

placed second in Prose and Lexie Terrell placed sixth in Poetry. Prose and Poetry are coached by Ranay Johnston.

Hallie Bertrand placed first in Informative Speaking, and Kelbie Day placed fourth in Persuasive Speaking as well as first place in L-D Debate. Kari Calcote coaches Informative, Persuasive, and L-D. The Science team won the first place plaque. Sean Miller won first place and also Top Chemistry and Top Physics student. Kenya Pecina placed third. Kelsea Miller was the Top Biology student. Mallory Graham completed the Science team. Science is coached by Mac Willson and Aimee Teeple.

The FHS Social Studies won the first place team. Sean Miller was the first place winner, Diane Flores won third, and Nikki Nino won fourth, with Randy Lerma rounding out the team. Social Studies is coached by Sallye Lyles.

Students who place in the top three in each event or who are on a first place team at District are eligible to attend the Regional Meet. Floydada High School's UIL Academic team will take 29 students to the UIL Regional Meet April 24-25 in Odessa. Eleven academic coaches will accompany the successful students. This is the largest number of students Floydada High School has had eligible to attend the Regional Meet.

## Floydada School Menu

April 6 - April 10

Monday

**Breakfast**-Cheese pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Chicken fajitas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast**-Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast**-Pancakes with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Chicken fried steak,

mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberries w/ whipped topping, milk

Thursday

**Breakfast**-Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Meat and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk

Friday

**Breakfast**-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/Ranch, brownie, milk

## 4-H-ers Strong Competitors at Houston

By J. D. Ragland, CEA-AG Floyd County

Thirteen Floyd County 4-H'ers recently exhibited livestock at the three-week long 2009 Houston Livestock Show. The show started off the first week, March 5-8 with the Junior Breeding Gilt Show where two 4-H'ers exhibited. Braden Graves exhibited the Breed Champion Berk along with a fourth place Duroc. Heston Graves received a third place Duroc and seventh place Spot.

The second week of the show, March 9-13, included the Junior Market Lamb, Goat and Steer Shows. Three lamb exhibitors were Dillon Chesshir, Kortney Williams and Kolby Williams. Two goat exhibitors were Kortney Williams, who received 12th place, and Kolby Williams.

In the Steer Division there were two exhibitors. Kaylie Nutt placed 12th with her Chianina Steer. Also exhibiting was Corbin Nutt.

The final week of March 15-22 included the Junior Market Barrow Show as well as the Junior Heifer Show. Three Barrow exhibitors were Montana Williams receiving third place Hamp, along with Kelsey Nutt and Corbin Nutt.

In the Junior Heifer show four Floyd County 4-H'ers competed. SyAnn Foster exhibited a Breed Champion OPB heifer that also captured Champion Continental Division Breed Champion. This heifer was then selected as the Overall Reserve Grand Supreme Champion.

Segayle Foster exhibited a Breed Champion Simmental. Tylee Williams received second place Angus and also exhibiting was Brazos Williams.

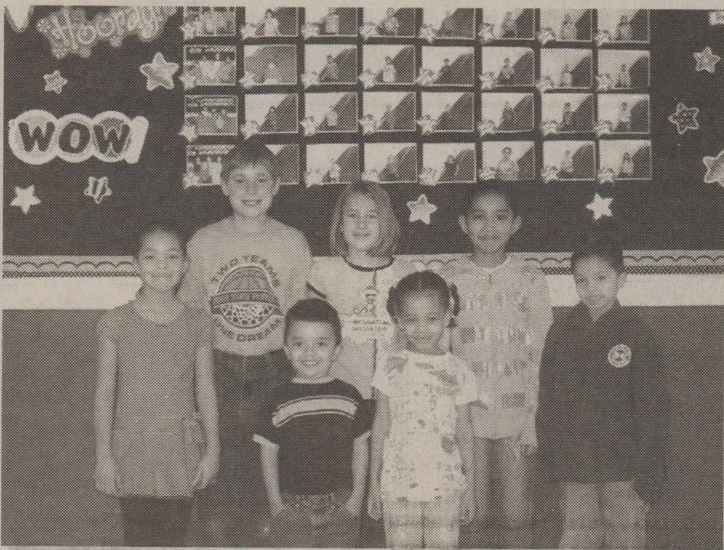
Rounding out the competition was the Floyd County Livestock Judging team as they competed on Wednesday, March 18. Team members were Brazos Williams, Tylee Williams, Segayle Foster, SyAnn Foster and Cassie Martinez. The team received 24th place out of a total of 254 teams or individuals.

Congratulations to all Floyd County 4-H'ers who exhibited and competed at the 2009 Houston Livestock Show.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Floydada Elementary for March 23-27, 2009, are: (front, l-r) Jazmine Coronado, Jamiel Pecina, Mike Delafuente; (back) Maria Sanchez, Claryssa Segura, Kennedy Coon and Justin Diver.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Floydada Elementary for March 30 - April 3, 2009, are: (front, l-r) Michael Martinez, Laci Gourdon; (back) Alexis Hernandez, Brayden Campbell, Kortney Campbell, Roxann Chavarria and Gabe Delafuente.

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## Local Girl Finishes First at State Gymnastics Meet



BAILEE PERRYMAN

Bailee Perryman of Dougherty competed in the State USA Gymnastics competition in Levelland on Saturday, March 28. She placed first on trampoline and third on the mat in level three.

At the Pampa meet on March 7, Bailee placed first in trampoline competition and first in tumbling. She also placed second on trampoline and first in tumbling at the Lubbock Civic Center in February.

Bailee is trained by Sherry Fogeson, her coach for the last four years.

Her parents are Hunter and Jayna Bruton of Floydada and grandparents are Freida Dunn of Floydada and Darrell and Barbara Dunn of Ralls.



FLOYD COUNTY 4-H'er Amy Scott of the Lockney 4-H Club will participate in the District 4-H Fashion Show on Thursday, April 9 at Brownfield High School. Amy will compete in the Intermediate Dressy category of the Buying Division. 4-H'ers from a 20 county area will participate in the event. Amy is the daughter of John and Candace Scott.

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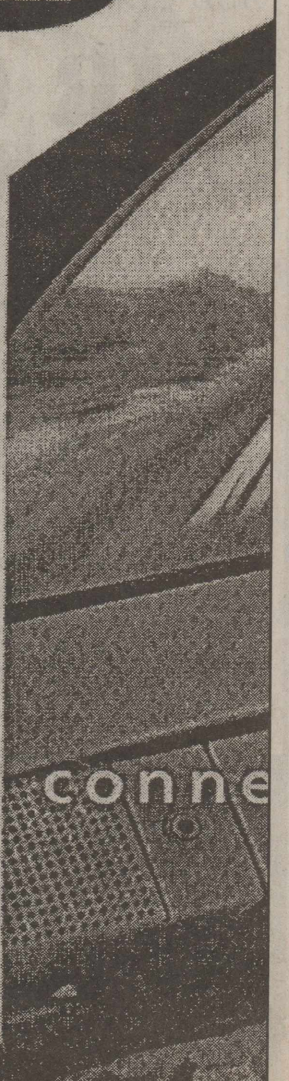
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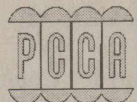
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# Cotton Market Weekly



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A better-than-expected weekly export sales report from USDA lent a positive tone to cotton futures trading on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) Thursday morning. However, the market ended lower for the day as merchant selling knocked the market into negative territory, erasing early gains.

USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 321,300 bales for the week ended March 19, a 57 percent increase from the previous week, but three percent lower than the four-week average. Major buyers were Turkey, China, Pakistan and Mexico. Net sales of 28,000 bales for delivery in 2009-10 mainly were for Thailand, Mexico and Indonesia.

Export shipments of 205,700 bales were 24 percent more than the previous week and four percent higher than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Vietnam, Turkey and Pakistan.

Higher sales were experienced in the spot cotton market for the week ended March 26 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 41,877 bales online compared to 18,529 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 32.06 to 37.65 cents per pound versus 30.91 to 36.45 cents per pound one week earlier.

Also in the news last Thursday, National Cotton Council (NCC) data showed U.S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 3.09 million bales in February, down from 4.5 million in the comparable year-ago period. Mill use in February also was lower than the upwardly revised January consumption figure of 3.6 million bales.

Meanwhile, analysts said the prospect of an economic rebound remained in the air and continued to provide support to the cotton market this week. Wednesday's (March 25) Advance Durable Goods report for February showed an increase of 3.4 percent in new orders for durable goods which was above trade expectations. The positive figure followed six straight months of declines including a 7.3 percent decrease in January.

"One positive number does not reverse numerous months of lower figures, and the report says nothing about the demand for cotton-based consumer goods such as garments, but it is the latest in a series of positive economic numbers and will help diminish the prevailing economic gloom," a trader said.

Traders now are looking forward to the March 31 release of USDA's planting intentions report. In fact, some traders say the mar-

ket is "biding its time" until the new data is released. Most trade expectations fall between 8.3 and 8.5 million U.S. cotton acres compared to the Feb. 13 NCC survey figure of 8.1 million acres and the 2008-09 planted acre total of 9.47 million.

"Rarely has the planting intentions report been anticipated with a wider array of expectations," an analyst said. "Across the central corn and bean belt, recent poll data shows farmers who have a choice will plant more corn and less soybeans. If the trend ripples down through the food chain, look for those farmers further south who have planting options to sow more soybeans and less cotton. In Texas, they have few alternatives, so they'll plant cotton, cotton, and more cotton," he concluded.

Regardless of what is planted, traders agree that Mother Nature will have to cooperate for farmers to produce a decent crop. Currently, the moisture levels reported across the Southwestern United States range from abnormally dry to exceptional drought, a scenario that does not bode well for an adequate pre-planting subsoil moisture profile. As the first cotton seeds are now being planted in South Texas, moisture conditions there will be closely monitored by market observers.

# Cotton News

By Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. is pleased to announce it will conduct the organization's 52nd Annual Meeting on Friday, April 3, 2009. PCG's meeting will be held in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners Association Convention and Trade Show April 2-3, 2009 in Lubbock.

PCG's Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. Immediately following the Annual meeting the PCG Board will convene for its April Board of Directors meeting.

All High Plains cotton producers and allied industry members are invited to attend the PCG annual meeting April 3. PCG's annual meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. The PCG Board will begin its meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Highlights of the 52nd PCG Annual Meeting include an overview of the current political climate and the potential impact it will have on agriculture and trade policy and implementation of the 2008 Farm Bill; a review of the industry's international marketing efforts conducted through Cotton Council International (CCI); and conclude with an entertaining look at what the future holds for agriculture from this year's keynote Dr. Lowell Catlett, an internationally known futurist whose presentations are highlighted by his up-beat delivery and thought-provoking views on trends impacting agriculture, the environment, education and more.

Current PCG president Barry Evans, of Kress, Texas, will preside over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. Additional information about the PCG Annual Meeting and a final program will be available to attendees prior to the meeting.

Three other special events will bookend this year's PCG Annual meeting. Kicking things off April 3 will be a Buffet Breakfast from 7:00-8:30 a.m. in the Civic Center Banquet Hall sponsored by Monsanto and Delta & Pine Land Company.

Breakfast will be provided free to all PCG Annual Meeting participants as well as cotton producers and industry people interested in attending the day's second special event - the April 3rd Ag Market Network conference call that will broadcast live from the Civic Center Banquet Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Completing the morning's special activities will be the annual Fibermax Cotton Seed luncheon for PCG Annual meeting participants and members of the Fibermax "One Ton Club" immediately following the conclusion of the PCG meeting. Lunch will be served in the Civic Center Banquet Hall.

**Keynote Address: Dr. Lowell Catlett**  
Dr. Lowell Catlett is Dean and

Chief Administrative Officer for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University. He is an internationally recognized futurist who shares his views on technology and the impact of technology on our day-to-day lives with people around the world.

Dr. Catlett's appearance is sponsored by Monsanto and Delta and Pine Land Company.

A Texas native, Dr. Catlett received his doctorate in Economics from Iowa State University and is a consultant to the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, the Interior, Defense and Labor. He has also been a consultant to many Fortune 500 companies.

Joining Dr. Catlett on the program will be John Maguire, senior vice president, Washington Operations for the National Cotton Council of America, and Alan Terhaar, executive director of Cotton Council International.

In his role as chief lobbyist for the U.S. cotton industry in Washington, DC, Maguire has over twenty years of experience navigating the political landscape of Washington on behalf of the U.S. cotton industry. Maguire has been asked to discuss the current political climate in Washington relative to agriculture and trade and to update the PCG membership on the status of 2008 Farm Bill implementation efforts.

Terhaar, will discuss the U.S. cotton industry's international marketing efforts conducted through Cotton Council International. CCI is the export promotion arm of the National Cotton Council of America. With operations in more than fifty countries, CCI is dedicated to increasing exports of U.S. cotton and cotton products.

CCI is funded by private contributions from the U.S. cotton industry and also receives funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for export market development. CCI sponsors a wide range of trade services geared to enhancing cotton textile executives' knowledge of U.S. cotton, cotton products and the U.S. industry. CCI also carries out consumer advertising and retail promotions featuring the COTTON USA Mark, and works with spinners, manufacturers and brands to promote quality cotton products at retail.

**Space is limited for Cotton Incorporated's free Cotton Marketing Workshop April 1**

Get your calendars out and plan to attend this year's "Cotton Price Risk Management and Pricing Strategies Seminar." Sponsored by Cotton Incorporated in cooperation with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., the free seminar is designed to help producers develop and sharpen their individual cotton marketing skills and develop market-based strategies for managing price risk for the 2009 cotton marketing season.

This year's workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, located at 801 Avenue Q in

Lubbock. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all workshop participants.

Workshop topics include: "Why are options on cotton futures critical to your business?"; "What can options do for you and how?"; and, "Actionable hedging strategies."

Instructors for this year's seminar will be retired Texas A&M Extension Economist Dr. Carl Anderson, Dr. John Robinson of Texas A&M University, and Mr. Mike Stevens of Swiss Financial.

The program will also include a Market Outlook by Cotton Marketing Specialist Dr. O.A. Cleveland and a session on practical application of the skills and information provided during the workshop by Cotton Specialist Mike Stevens.

For information about the conference contact Kay Wriedt at Cotton Incorporated (919-678-2271) or Shawn Wade at Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (806-792-4904).

Registration is required for the conference and participants can register by telephone or email. Telephone registrations should be directed to Kay Wriedt (919-678-2271). Email registrations should be addressed to: kwriedt@cotton-inc.com

**Lamesa cotton growers schedules 2009 annual meeting for April 2 at 10:00 a.m.**

Lamesa Cotton Growers Inc. will hold its 2009 Annual meeting on Thursday, April 2 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Dawson County Community Building, located at the intersection of South 8th and Houston, in Lamesa. Lunch will be served at noon.

Highlighting this year's program is John Maguire, Senior Vice President-Washington Operations for the National Cotton Council of America. In addition to Maguire the meeting will include reports from Plains Cotton Growers President Barry Evans, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Chairman Woody Anderson, and Lamesa Cotton Classing Office Director Ralph Cummings. Dawson County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Joe Hefner and Dawson County Texas AgriLife Extension agent Jeff Wyatt will also present reports to the Lamesa Cotton Growers membership.

According to the agenda, the Noon Luncheon will be followed by a Panel discussion about the Farm Bill. Panelist for this portion of the meeting include: the NCC's Maguire; Dr. Joe Outlaw, Texas AgriLife Extension Economist; and Darren Owens, Chief, Common Management Price Support Division for the Texas State Farm Service Agency.

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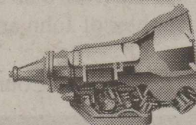
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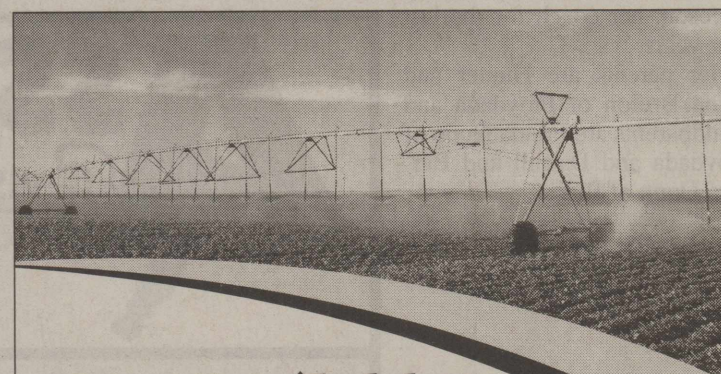
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	4		8			2		7
		9				8		1
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8	6	9	5	8	7	1	2	4
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2	9	7	6	8	9	8	1	7
1	8	8	7	4	2	6	9	9
7	1	2	9	6	8	9	4	8
8	8	6	4	2	9	9	7	1
9	4	5	1	7	8	2	6	8

ANSWER:

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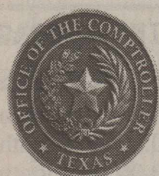
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## Scribbling Scribe ...

by Jeff Blackmon

It has been a long time since I wrote my last column.

Column writing, like just about anything else, must become a habit for journalists or writers in order to produce one each week. So, I'm recommitting myself to the challenge of column writing.

The most difficult part of this task is finding items to write about. I'm always open to suggestions ... if you've got a question or a suggestion about what is going on in your community that you want addressed in my column send me an e-mail at [fcbb.editor@yahoo.com](mailto:fcbb.editor@yahoo.com). I'll look into it for you, or at least try to. Or there may be a national topic that needs some looking into. I'm not an expert at that, but I'll see what I can come up with.

So what I'll do this week is take something I found on the Internet that I can't help but write about or make fun of. To start with, I'm not making fun of space research and travel. I just find it interesting what people will do for science and space research.

Okay.

Here it goes.

Breaking news from Moscow ... two Europeans and four Russians will pretend to head to Mars by spending three months isolated in a capsule. The hatch was slammed shut Tuesday, so the crew, all men, are already a few days into this intense study which is being held in Moscow.

Evidently great, painstaking effort has gone in to making this study accurate so scientists can study the "physiological and psychological" effects of isolation. There is even a more than 500 day test similar to this one planned in the coming months to see what would happen to a crew on the home journey from Mars. Mars is about

34-million miles away from Earth.

If you've never taken the time to watch the film "The Right Stuff," it is worth a few hours of your time. This sounds like something straight out of that film, which documents the space race between the Soviet Union and US during the 50s and 60s.

Anyway, the first thing I found amusing about this trip was that the test is being held at the Russian Institute for Biomedical Problems. So my advice to the six volunteers is get ready for problems. Let's hope these biomedical problems don't last long after you emerge from the capsule.

The men are allowed to bring books, CDs and DVDs to watch while they wait to get out. Another interesting fact is that any communications with loved ones will be subject to a time delay of 20 minutes, just as if it is real space travel.

I've been spending my time today trying to figure out which DVDs you take along while packed away for three months on a space experiment. There are some to avoid. "The Thing" or maybe "Alien."

Avoid those.

Wouldn't it be really awful to be stuck in a tight place with a bunch of guys who liked nothing but "New Kids on the Block" music? Or it could be the other way around, what if they all only liked "Yanni?"

But I guess there is another reason I'm fascinated with this talk of traveling to Mars.

I'm trying to be modest, but I've honestly had experience with this "flight to Mars" simulation thing. Except mine was a lot more affordable. Instead of spending millions of dollars, I went to great effort to stack the pillows from my couch, when I

was about four or five years old, to make them look like a spaceship. From there my friends and I went on all kinds of adventures to different planets. We even, and I'm not bragging here, even traveled as far as the planet Tatooine located in a galaxy far, far away. I even got to change my name to Luke Skywalker, my buddy was Han Solo. What a trip.

And it only took us a few minutes to get there because we made the jump into hyperspace. These astronauts don't even have hyperspace! How laughable ...

But I was very disappointed because Tatooine, along with all the planets we traveled to, all looked like my living room and the terrain was so similar to my backyard.

Okay, I know, I'm being facetious, but another fact about this experiment is more than 5,600 applied to do this study. The first question on the application should have read, "What is so bad in your life that you want to be locked in a container for three months with little or no contact with the outside world?"

The story on this mission can be found on Yahoo! at [http://news.yahoo.com/s/aftp/20090331/sc\\_aftp/spacerussiaeuropemarslead](http://news.yahoo.com/s/aftp/20090331/sc_aftp/spacerussiaeuropemarslead) for those interested in reading it. Honestly it makes for a good read and you'll get some information on just how long it will take someone to travel to Mars and make it back. I think it will take about 1.5 years.

And what else is amazing is that the European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA are planning in three decades to make their own manned trip to Mars.

Wow! Hope we're out of debt by then.

## Court Activities

Steven Joseph Cantrell was charged with failure to appear on March 25, 2009.

Juan Grabiell DeLaFuente was charged with deadly conduct on Feb. 28, 2009. On March 24, 2009, he pleaded guilty to the charge. He was found guilty and received deferred adjudication for a period of two years and assessed a \$1,500 fine plus \$301 in court costs.

Jason Lee Sanchez was charged with his second driving while license invalid offense on Feb. 5, 2009. On March 24, 2009, he pleaded guilty, was found guilty, and was committed to jail for 45 days with payment of \$276 in court costs.

Isadora Yannis, 20, was charged with her first DWI on Dec. 9, 2008. On March 24, 2009, she pleaded guilty. She was found guilty of the charge and sentenced to six months in jail, probated two years. She was assessed a \$600 fine and \$301 in court costs, as well as being required to take an education program.

Robert Glenn, 48, was charged on Dec. 9, 2008, with possession of two ounces or less of marijuana. He pleaded guilty to the charge on March 24, 2009, and was found guilty. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus \$276 in court costs.

Gabriel Fierros was charged on Dec. 9, 2008, with his second DWI. On March 23, 2009, a motion for continuance was made and granted.

Jose N. Luna, 46, was charged on Oct. 18, 2008, with his first DWI. On March 24, 2009, he pleaded guilty to the charge. He was found guilty and sentenced to 180 days in jail, probated to two years, assessed a \$600 fine and \$301 in court costs. He will also be required to take an education program.

Estella Flores Arrendoro, 61, was charged on Oct. 16, 2008, with hindering apprehension. She pleaded guilty on March 24, 2009, and was found guilty. She was assessed a \$324 fine and \$276 in court costs.

Dylan James Campbell, 20, was charged on Oct. 16, 2008,

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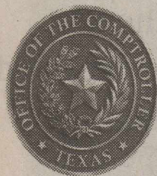
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## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a *\$15,000 homestead exemption* to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're *65 years old* or older—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "*ceiling*" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2009 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2008, you won't need to reapply for 2009 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've *moved* to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2009. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you *became disabled*, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by *April 30* at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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## ¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera de \$35,000.

### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1° de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares...y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos especiales de impuestos tambien pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. está incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, tambien tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años también puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2009 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 o más años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad o más) también pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa anterior, a su nueva casa.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si recibió una exención de residencia en el 2008, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2009—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2009. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

### ¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, puede contactarnos en:

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## The Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

The Floyd County Child Welfare Board commends the observance of this proclamation during April 2009 to the citizens of Floyd County, recognizing:

- Child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Floyd County.
- Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect.
- It is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood.
- Floyd County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need.
- Our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.
- Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.
- All citizens, community agencies, faith organizations and businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families.



COUNTY JUDGE PENNY GOLIGHTLY signed a proclamation naming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month by the recommendation of the Floyd County Child Welfare Board on Tuesday, March 24, 2009. Pictured with Judge Golightly (center) are (l-r) Delia Suarez, MaryAnn Reyes (president of the Welfare Board), Irene Hernandez and Glenda Wilson.

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## Time to Walk Across Texas

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS  
Floyd County

Floyd County residents are invited to get fit by joining a Walk Across Texas team sponsored by the Floyd County Family and Consumer Sciences Committee with Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Teams of eight members are asked to walk individually and accumulate their miles walked across the state - approximately 830 miles.

Prizes, donated by Jim and Kay Martin of J&K Insurance, are awarded to the team that reaches

the destination first and to the team that walks the most miles.

First, recruit your team and register by Friday, April 24, at the Floyd County Extension Office at 983-4912.

We will have a Walk Across Texas Kick Off meeting on Monday, April 27, at the Floyd County Extension Office beginning at 5:30 p.m.

A Mid-Way Rally will be scheduled for June and a Celebration Event will take place in July.

For more information, call Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County at 983-4912.



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### Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15.

A "rendition" is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

#### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

#### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2008. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2009.

#### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2009 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

#### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

### When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2009 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

### Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

Floyd County Central Appraisal District  
104 E. California • P.O. Box 249 • Floydada, TX, 79235  
(806) 983-5256

We'll be happy to answer your questions and provide you a free copy of

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers'  
Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs  
Property Tax Assistance Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, Texas 78711-3528  
or call: (800) 252-9121



or on the Web at:  
[www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/)

## ¡Una tasación basada en la productividad de sus tierras agrícolas, ganaderas o madereras puede reducir sus impuestos!

La ley de Texas permite que los agricultores, rancheros y madereros paguen los impuestos sobre su propiedad basado en una "tasación de productividad" de los terrenos calificados, o sea, en la habilidad de producir cosecha, ganado o madera, y no en el valor actual de los terrenos en el mercado. Esto le puede economizar en sus impuestos sobre la propiedad.

### ¿Cual es la fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha sido valorado basado en la productividad, o si es usted un nuevo propietario, debe solicitar a su distrito de valoraciones/tasaciones una tasación por productividad del terreno antes del 15 de abril para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad del 2008. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene razón justa y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril del 2009. Si se pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la pueda obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

### ¿Debo solicitar la tasación cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una tasación basada en la productividad agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año, a menos que se lo pida el jefe de valoraciones. Si se requiere una solicitud nueva, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

Para más información, llámenos o visítenos:

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Con mucho gusto contestaremos a sus preguntas y le proporcionaremos una copia gratis de

"Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad en Texas:  
Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades  
del Contribuyente de Impuestos"

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## ¡Cúidese de las multas! Rinda su declaración de propiedad imponible antes del 15 de abril.

La "rendición" es un informe a su distrito de valoración/tasación del condado con una lista de toda la propiedad imponible de la que era usted dueño o que controlaba el 1ro de enero de este año.

### ¿Quién debe rendir la declaración?

Usted debe rendir una declaración si es dueño de alguna propiedad personal tangible que produce ingresos, tal como el inventario y el equipo utilizado en una empresa. Si usted rinde su declaración tarde, no la rinde o hace declaraciones falsas, podría incurrir en una multa de un 10 a un 50 por ciento.

### ¿Existe alguna ventaja en rendir la declaración?

Las ventajas de rendir la declaración son:

- ☛ Usted opina sobre el valor de su propiedad. El distrito de valoración/tasación debe notificarle por escrito de cualquier cambio en el valor de la propiedad y explicarle cómo puede protestar ese valor ante la junta de revisiones de valoración/tasación.
- ☛ Usted registra la dirección correcta para recibir su factura de impuestos. Si su factura es enviada a la dirección incorrecta, la ley aún lo considera responsable de pagar sus impuestos a tiempo y de pagar multas por pagos tardíos.
- ☛ También puede rendir un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para notificar al distrito de valoración/tasación si ocurrió una reducción significativa en el valor de su propiedad durante el 2008. El distrito revisará su propiedad antes de asignarle un valor en el 2009.

### ¿Cual es la fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para rendir las declaraciones del 2008. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la solicita por escrito el 15 de abril o antes. El jefe de valoración/tasación puede extender su plazo por otros 15 días partir del 15 de mayo si usted muestra razón justa para la extensión.

### ¿Dónde rindo mi declaración?

Rinda la declaración con su distrito local de valoraciones en:

Floyd County Central Appraisal District  
104 E. California • P.O. Box 249 • Floydada, TX, 79235  
(806) 983-5256

Para más información, visite su distrito de valoración y obtenga una copia de

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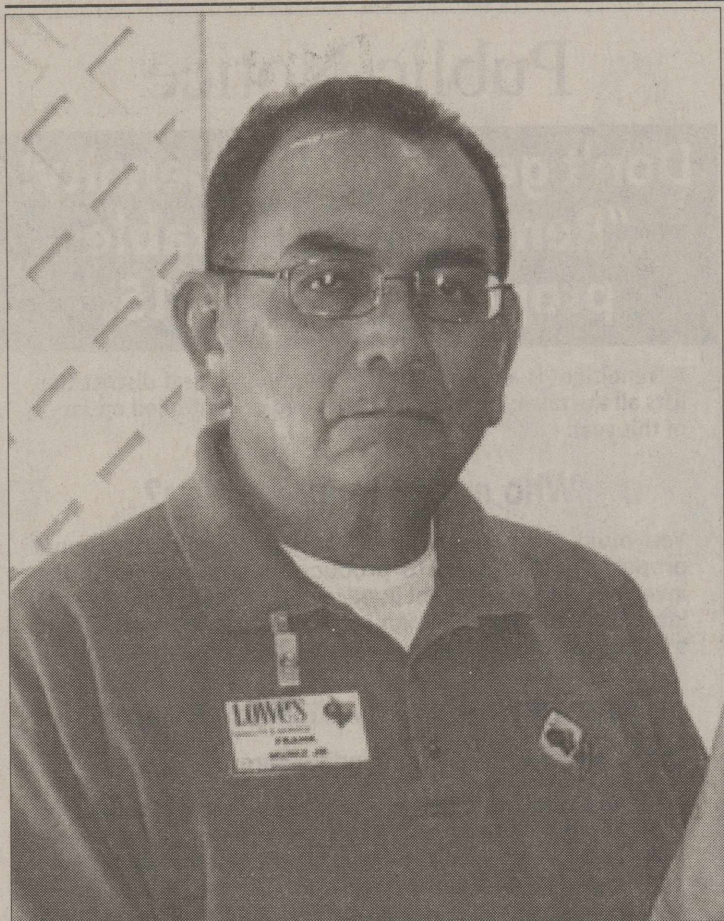
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THIS YEAR'S FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS GALA will once again be assisted by Tim Assiter (below) of Assiter & Associates who will be the emcee and auctioneer for the evening. Also, for the fourteenth consecutive year, steaks and the meal will be provided by Cargill Cattle Feeders and Lowes Grocery Stores of Floydada and Lockney, represented by area manager Johnny Summers (below, right) and Lockney Lowes manager Frank Muniz (above).

Staff Photo



DR. SALMAN AHMAD (left) was honored by the staff and residents at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center on Monday, March 30, for the tireless, cheerful service he provides to the rehab center and the community. Geraldine Bradford (right) presented Dr. Ahmad with a gift on behalf of the residents at the special luncheon held in his honor.

Staff Photo



## Public Notice

**CITIES AND COUNTIES OF: Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas.**

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilmen, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas will be received at the office of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2009 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

Albany 13,000 Baird 8,898 Big Lake 11,340 Borden County 208,667 Breckenridge 29,240 De Leon 15,508 Friona 27,335 Lockney 9,781 McLean 6,100 Mitchell County 15,000 Monahans 128,082 Morton 28,140 Nazareth 2,080 Parmer County 17,675 Post 42,321 Roscoe 10,000 Shallowater 20,133 Swisher County 1,614 Tahoka 16,942 Tulia 17,012 Ward County 67,114 Whiteface 9,163 **Total Square Yards 705,145** The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc. and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., shall be the agent/agents for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ALBANY, BAIRD, BIG LAKE, BORDEN COUNTY, BRECKENRIDGE, DE LEON, FRIONA, LOCKNEY, MCLEAN, MITCHELL COUNTY, MONAHANS, MORTON, NAZARETH, PARMER COUNTY, POST, ROSCOE, SHALLOWATER, SWISHER COUNTY, TAHOKA, TULIA, WARD COUNTY, AND WHITEFACE, TEXAS in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interests.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas 79604, (325) 698-5560.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74<sup>th</sup> St., Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, 79604, (325) 698-5560.

**OLLER ENGINEERING, INC.  
ENPROTEC / HIBBS & TODD, INC.  
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## Christian Women's Job Corps offers options for women

By Kathy Mulder

Christian Women's Job Corps New Options for Women is now in its fourth session with 10 ladies taking the classes. CWJC offers a variety of classes over a 10-week session, classes which help women personally, emotionally, professionally and spiritually. Two sessions are held each year with classes meeting on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The first session began in September of 2007.

CWJC NOW is a non-profit organization that provides job and life skills classes for women interested in preparing for higher education, employment opportunities, and positive life changes. It is a ministry that is dependent on volunteers and donations. Involvement as a participant in CWJC NOW is voluntary and participants are not limited by race, life circumstances, income or religious preferences.

Teacher positions are filled by highly qualified volunteers with a desire to assist women who want a better life for themselves and their families. Classes and teachers this session are: Bible Study - Connie Johnson, Math - Charlotte Mitchell, Nutrition and Job Skills - Melissa Long, English - Jan Willson, Health - Dr. Shari Moore, and Computer Skills - Larry Mullins. Rusty and Vicky Gray of Parent's Place in Plainview and Tulia teach parenting classes.

Our communities working together are what make Christian Women's Job Corps New Options for Women a unique and valuable opportunity for ladies who seek advancement as productive and self-sufficient citizens.

If you would like to be a part of CWJC NOW as a participant or a volunteer please contact Kathy Mulder at CWJC NOW, 105 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street or P.O. Box 106, Floydada, Texas, 79235; or contact her by phone at 983-6699 or 983-1244.

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT (S)

**Dist/Div: Lubbock**  
**Contract 2125-01-011 for OVERLAY, PVMT REPAIR in HALE County, etc, will be opened on April 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.**

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 29359

#### State Office

Contr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### Dist/Div Office (s)

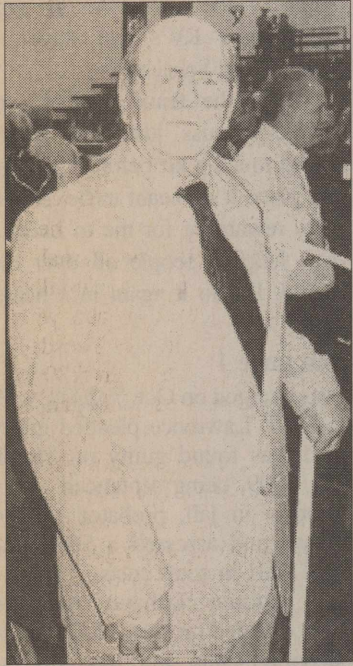
**Lubbock District**  
**District Engineer**  
135 Slaton  
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771  
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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OBITUARIES



LEONARD ALEXANDER

Leonard Alexander, age 95, of Floydada passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2009 in Lubbock. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Lakeview Cemetery. Rev. Les Hall officiated. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Leonard was born October 7, 1913 in Penelope, Texas to Cornelius Alexander and Nancy Elmira (Dickert) Alexander. He moved to Floyd County from Penelope in 1924 and attended school at Lakeview and Floydada. Leonard graduated from Floydada High School in 1934. He served his country by joining the U.S. Army in WWII and served from October 1941 to September 1943. He was wounded in action on Guadalcanal on March 17, 1943. Except for the time in the Army, he farmed all his life in the Lakeview community.

Leonard married the love of his life, Thelma Rebecca Smith, on January 2, 1957. Except for his family, sports, and hunting were his loves. He played all sports in high school. Leonard attended all the Whirlwind football games when he could. When he was unable to sit in the stands, he would sit in the parking space and watch from the pickup.

Leonard was named Floyd County Pioneer Man of the Year in 2008. He was also the oldest man attending Floydada Homecoming in 2004 and 2008.

Leonard is survived by one son, Jimmy McGaugh and his wife, June of Floydada; three

grandchildren, Mike McGaugh of Plainview, Marlyse Jarrett and her husband, Kelly of Shallowater and Jay McGaugh of Canyon; five great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, five brothers and three sisters. Leonard is the last living child of Cornelius and Nancy Alexander.



VERNA JOYCE STONER

A native of Stephenville, Texas and resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Verna Joyce Stoner died at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge. She was 67.

As per her wishes, she will be cremated. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Charles L. "Chuck" Stoner, Jr.; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary L. and Katie Stoner; two grandchildren, Robert and Jonathan Stoner; a sister, Liz Hill and two brothers, Bill Morren and Fred Morren of Floydada.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Verna Pack Morren and two brothers, Tex and Sam Morren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements were under the direction of Rabenhorst Funeral Home East, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

MARY HOPPER REVES

Mary Hopper Reves began her celebration of Eternal Life March 26, 2009.

Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Kyle Brock officiated and Ricky Carstensen assisted. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

The family greeted friends from 12-1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Mary was born July 21, 1929 to Otto Houston Hopper and Ada Ethel Owens in Whitewright, Texas. She graduated from Lorenzo High School in 1948. After high school she attended Draughns School of Business and then graduated from Wayland Baptist College with a degree in Elementary Education in 1953. She married Duard Reves on December 25, 1953 in Lorenzo.

Mary is survived by three daughters, Willa Tozier and husband, Scott of Lueders, Edith Cole and husband, John of Graham and Peggy Laird of Abilene; five grandchildren, Misti Garrison, Elizabeth and Bryan Cole, Nathan Laird and Cody Lindsey; three great-grandchildren, Lauren, Samantha and Jacob Garrison; one brother, John Hopper and wife, Louise of Lubbock; one sister, Dorothy Vaughn of Burnett and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and her husband, Duard.

HANNAH KEETER OVERSTREET

Hannah Keeter Overstreet, 91, of Friona, formerly of the Floydada area, died Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Friona.

Graveside services were held Monday, March 23, 2009 at the City of Lubbock Cemetery in Lubbock, Texas. Rev. Winfield Davenport of Floydada, Texas officiated. Burial followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Arrangements were by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Overstreet was born July 3, 1917 in Claude, Texas to Charles H. and Hannah Louise Ingram Keeter. She married Robert Winfield Overstreet in Claude on November 2, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1981. She was a member of the 1934 Study Club of Floydada and the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Overstreet in 1970.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Charles Overstreet of Mansfield, Texas and one daughter, Edwina Davenport of Friona; five grandchildren and four great-grand children.

First United Methodist Church observes Holy Week

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada will observe Holy Week, Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10 with brown bag luncheons in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be guest speakers each day based on the theme, "The Final Days of Walking in the Sandals of Jesus." The daily luncheons will run from noon 'til 1 p.m.

"Join us for the spiritual walk," said Rev. Les Hall, pastor.

LIGHT THE CROSS

Donations to Light the Cross Fund have been made In Memory of Iona Adkins (sister of Louis Pyle) by Genelle Breed.

Donations to the Light the Cross Fund may be deposited to the Ministerial Alliance Fund at American State Bank.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

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

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

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

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

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The family of Kenneth (Ken) Bloys wish to express our sincerely thanks for all the many things each of you did for our family.

The prayers, food, beautiful flowers, cards, phone calls and the volunteers that helped Gene with Kenneth's cattle.

The many kind words and deeds that are helping us get thru this sadness we feel for the loss of our beloved son, father, brother and husband.

May God bless each of and everyone of you.

Gene and Elna Bloys  
David Bloys & Mary  
Shane Bloys  
Shannon Bloys  
Terri Bloys

The family of Adrain Helms would like to extend heart felt words of praise and a huge thank you to the many people who helped ensure Adrain was shown the best possible medical care, compassion and sensitivity over the past several months.

Thank you to Dr. Salman Ahmad and staff, Mangold Memorial Hospital, Mangold Home Health, UMC and Hospice Vista Care of Lubbock for the many countless home visits, treatments and care given and to the staff of Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living for the personal care, love, attention and compassion shown to Adrain.

We really appreciate everyone who helped to make the celebration of his life so awesome including: Moore-Rose Funeral Home, Bro. Anthony Sisemore, Bro. Mike Hostler, Dell Gray, Gayla Griffin, Leslie Covington and J. C. Chappell. All of the many phone calls, cards, food, flowers and memorials show us how much he meant to so many people.

To our many friends and extended family, we want to say thank you and we love you. It is through all of you that we know Adrain is at peace.

Kary and Jeanine Helms & Family  
Kevin and Dawn Helms & Family  
Kelly Helms & Family  
J. D. Helms & Family

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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CARR'S CHAPEL

Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.  
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

West College & Third, Lockney

Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.  
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CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Floydada

Sunday Bible Study... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.  
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor  
Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music  
Eric Kaiser - Min. Students  
Sunday School..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.  
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Carl Moman, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min..  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday (Youth).. 7:15 p.m.  
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship..... 8:30 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.  
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen, Pastor  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High..... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH

OF GOD IN CHRIST

Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service..... 7:30 p.m.  
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MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.  
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MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study... 7:00 p.m.  
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NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 11:00 a.m.  
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OUT REACH HARVEST

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

310 E. Mississippi  
Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise.... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.

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.  
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PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.  
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PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada  
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening..... 6:00 p.m.  
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SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD

701 W. Missouri  
Andy Rodriguez  
983-5286 (church)  
983-3047 (parsonage)  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemio  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
Mon./Wed. Mass..... 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat. .... 10-11 a.m.  
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TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.  
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TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service.... 7:30 p.m.  
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TRINITY ASSEMBLY

500 W. Houston  
Floydada  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
983-5499 or 983-2887  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship... 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
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WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada 983-3548  
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada - Lockney  
983-3737 - 652-3318

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983-3725

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Barwise Community  
983-2737

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116 North Main  
652-2630

Clark Pharmacy

320 N. Main - Lockney  
652-3353

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102 E. Shubert  
Lockney  
6523385

Sawaya Ins. Agency

120 E. 7th Street  
Plainview  
293-1318

Lighthouse Electric Coop

703 A Matador Hwy  
983-2814

Goen & Goen Insurance

102 E. California  
983-3524

Lockney Co-op Gin

652-3377

Oden Chevrolet Inc.

221 S. Main, Floydada  
983-3787

Payne Family Pharmacy

200 S. Main, Floydada  
983-5111

Pay-n-Save

210 N. Main  
Lockney  
652-2293

Schacht Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts

112 W. Poplar, Lockney  
652-2385

Sunshine Pump

Oliver Clark  
Box 266, Lockney  
983-5087 - 774-4412  
(Mobile)



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ing up there...but cleaning it out...got to be a job."

"I'd like to see it revived...but we've got a building here that it can be held in and not put in near the work," he said.

Finally, he said, "I know the work that went on with it, (and) I know the work that'll have to be done to go back to it."

Jon LaBaume of Floydada, manager of the Unity Center, spoke to the crowd: "Is the fair and carnival a thing of the past? I personally believe it is. You don't want it to be, but there are just some things that time catches up with you."

He expressed his concern about the safety of the building, "I know that safety plays a big part in a building." He went on to list off all the things that are required in a public building by safety regulations: exit signs, fire extinguishers, doors that will open from the inside even when locked, a roof that will hold a certain weight load and a building that can withstand certain wind conditions.

LaBaume responded to some comments that had been made in previous conversations when he said, "It was mentioned that 'you charged us' (the fair for using the Unity Center) - well, everybody gets charged. One time - the Baptist Church wasn't charged and the Lockney school wasn't charged the other day for the fire to be out here. That's the only two times nobody's ever been charged."

Brown focused the discussion portion of the public meeting, saying, "The main thing tonight is who owns the property. It doesn't matter if we can't get enough

workers to put a fair together whether we try to do it here or over there. But if we don't get enough workers tonight...then we won't even try."

She continued saying, "One thing we don't like about having the fair here is the not cooking. We wanted Kerr to be able to come in and give canning demonstrations and somebody come in and do candy making, and we can't do that here. And that's going to be a moot point if we can't get enough workers."

She mentioned the possibility of having Ladies' Days instead of the fair, hoping that would create a renewed interest in such activities. Brown shared her thoughts about the old fair building, "The only way we could start to get it done there is if we can get that old building declared a historical building and then get grant money from the state. That would be the only way, because it will cost way too much money - we can't even start to do anything to that building."

There was some discussion over the next 10 minutes, mostly over the possibility of getting grants to work on the old fair building to fix it up. The consensus was that it would take years and years for that dream to ever become a reality.

Brown also said, "They are not interesting, I think, in taking the land back. They are wanting to give it to somebody else...a 501-C3 or a non-taxable entity. The tax people have it on the roll - have that building and all that on the roll - for like \$403,000."

Elaine LaBaume spoke up and reminded everyone that they need to remember that the fair

board would have a liability to keep in mind.

Rodger Stapp, mayor of Lockney, said to Brown and the other board members present, "I deeply appreciate y'all's efforts, because I know what you're going through. This is important to you. If there's any way in the world, I support it 100 percent because I had a lot of good times when I was a kid out there. But ... that building would take an enormous amount of work."

Brown shared, "An ADM (Archer Daniels Midland) man told me that if we want the land, and we're going to try to have a fair there, they want us to have it. But we've got to agree to try to have our fair there. And it doesn't look like that's going to be a possibility for several years."

Toward the end of the meeting, the group read the portion of the fair board's contract with ADM that discusses the reverter clause. After some discussion, the general consensus seemed to be the conditions were still being met (because livestock are still being kept there) so the fair board probably still has rights to the property.

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Tabasco factory and Avery Island.

They also took an interpretive walking tour of Vermilion Ville, a Cajun/Creole Heritage and folk life park. She added, "The kids on our team along with some of the adults went to the beach instead of the mansion."

The Sager Brown story began in 1867, shortly after the Civil War when a group of women in New Orleans noticed many children of former slaves without a home or

anyone to care for them. They formed the Orphans' Home Society in an effort to raise money to provide a home for these children. With the help of the Freedman's Aid Society, a branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church, they were able to provide a home for seventy-five children.

Later, a former sugar cane plantation in what is now Baldwin, Louisiana was purchased. Dr. William D. Godman, a Methodist missionary from Ohio, and his family became involved. A laundry lady came to Mrs. Godman with her bible and asked if she would teach her to read at least one verse in it. Though it was illegal at the time, Mrs. Godman taught her and other members of her family to read. Over the next 20 years the Godmans built an orphanage, a school and a church.

Through the years it became known as the Godman Industrial School. By the early 1900s the school was in dire financial straits and a choir was formed to tour and raise funds in the northeast part of the country. This choir was called "The Jubilee Singers." While in New York, they made quite an impression on two ladies, Mrs. Addie Sager and Mrs. C.W. Brown, members of the Central New York Conference of the Methodist Church and long-time members of the conference Methodist Women's group. Through the ladies' efforts, the Women's Division of the Methodist Church purchased the orphanage and school in Baldwin. The property and buildings still belong to the Women's division of the Methodist Church today.

In 1921 the facility became known as Sager-Brown Home and Godman School. At one time the school was widely known throughout the USA and had over 400 students in attendance, 200 of them living on campus and the remainder from surrounding communities. By 1978, the doors of Sager Brown closed and the property was put up for sale. However, there were no buyers and the property sat empty until 1992; the same year Hurricane Andrew struck. United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) responded to the disaster in Louisiana. They brought volunteers and building supplies to the area and needed a place from which to operate. They repaired the Sager Brown buildings so they could be used as a refugee center for the people in the community who had lost their homes and livelihoods, then continued to help the local community rebuild their homes, businesses and lives.

UMCOR was still there assisting in disaster relief in 1994. It was then decided with 28 acres and numerous buildings and the proximity to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of Houston, it would

be a good place to build a depot from which disaster relief could be provided for the rest of the world.

The depot was built in 1995 and opened for business in 1996. The first year 50 tons of relief supplies were shipped to various parts of the world. In 2001 over 222 tons were shipped and over 2,500 volunteers came to UMCOR Sager Brown to offer their assistance in the work that continues on a daily basis. With only a handful of permanent full-time employees, vol-

unteers are vital.

"Some people received 15-year service pins. These were some of the ones who brought down their RV's and stayed a while," said Schacht.

"As the team worked, we would discuss just how many hands touch a kit before it gets to the place it is meant to be. It was very rewarding for me to know I was helping people all over the world. I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

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with furnishing alcohol to a minor. He pleaded guilty to the charge on March 24, 2009, and was found guilty. He received deferred adjudication for a period of one year, with a \$1,500 fine and \$301 in court costs.

Also, Campbell was charged on July 9, 2008, with a DWI. On Oct. 15, 2008, he received a waiver of arraignment. On March 24, 2009, his motion to dismiss was granted.

Casey Dee Lawrence, 27,

was charged on Oct. 7, 2008, with a DWI. Lawrence pleaded guilty and was found guilty on March 24, 2009, being sentenced to six months in jail, probated to two years, and assessed a \$600 fine and \$301 in court costs.

Antonio Urbano Arellano was charged on Oct. 26, 2006, of driving while his license was invalid. On March 12, 2009, the motion to dismiss the charge was granted.

**This Week's****NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
STORM WATCHING TRAINING**

The National Weather Service will be in Floydada at the fire department on Monday, April 6, for storm watch training. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact city manager Gary Brown, 983-2834.

**FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS GALA**

Don't forget about this year's Floyd County Friends Gala to be held at the Unity Center on Saturday, April 4, at 6 p.m. Tickets for the raffle and the gala can be purchased at Nick Long's State Farm Insurance, D&J Gin in Lockney, or from Jon LaBaume.

**FLOYDADA SOFTBALL**

Floydada Softball will be having a meeting Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. Anyone interested in playing needs to attend. More information concerning fees, coaching, etc. will be covered. Applications can be picked up in front of the office, or from Mrs. Lucke. Turn them in to Mrs. Lucke or Officer Ruben DeLeon, or bring them with you Thursday night. For more updated info visit: <http://floydadasoftball.blogspot.com>

**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 5 - 11:30 a.m.  
Palm Sunday  
April 9 - 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Thursday  
(bring rice bowls)  
April 10 - 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday  
April 11 - 8:00 p.m.  
Holy Saturday  
Easter Vigil  
April 12 - 11:30 a.m.  
Easter Sunday

**HANDS FOR HOPE 2009**

A Walk for Autism Awareness will be held Sunday, April 5, at the Willie McCool Track & Field at Coronado High School (34th & Vicksburg Ave, Lubbock). The walk registration will be held at 1:30 p.m. and the walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 806-742-1998 ext. 458. Proceeds benefit Texas Tech University, Burkhardt Center for Autism Education and Research.

**Wheat Curl Mite Might Require  
Non-Chemical Control**

**AMARILLO** - The wheat curl mite is a minute menace that wreaks havoc on the region's wheat crop; but it has no enemies currently that can take it out. That doesn't mean Texas AgriLife Research scientists aren't trying to find ways to curb its appetite.

Three AgriLife Research scientists, working under Dr. Charlie Rush in plant pathology and Dr. Jerry Michels in entomology, are taking a close look at the damage caused by the wheat curl mite to determine some best management practices for producers and researchers.

They explained their current research at the recent Southwestern Wheat Research and Education Consortium meeting held in Amarillo, a gathering of scientists from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas working on wheat issues.

Jacob Price, AgriLife Research associate researcher-plant pathology, participated in a virus survey in 2008 that encompassed most of the central U.S.

In the survey, the most common wheat viruses found in the 75 million acres of wheat across the U.S. - 3.3 million acres in Texas - were wheat streak mosaic virus, wheat mosaic virus (formerly High Plains virus) and a fairly recently discovered one, Triticum mosaic virus.

These viruses all have one common factor; they are all vectored by the wheat curl mite. And the hot spot for all three viruses was Texas, Price said. Because there are no chemicals labeled for control of the wheat curl mite, researchers must find other ways to combat it.

Price said one way will be to work with wheat breeders.

Dr. Fekede Workneh, an AgriLife Research scientist in plant pathology, has been working to model the gradient of severity of wheat streak mosaic and its impact on grain yields across the field.

Volunteer wheat and grass vegetation are the green bridges that allow wheat curl mites to exist through the summer until the new wheat crop starts growing. The most damage appears to occur if infestation takes place early in the fall; however research is under way to determine the impact of time of infection, Workneh said.

The distance of these bridges from the wheat field can determine the severity of the virus damage, Workneh said.

Workneh's advice is for growers to plant in mid-October or later if they know they have a source that will harbor the mites, and they want to break the green bridge between that source and the wheat crop.

Chanda Henne, an AgriLife Research research technician in the entomology program, is trying to help growers recognize what plants, other than wheat, might serve as hosts for the mites.

She has verified that the wheat curl mite can be found on many grasses in the Texas Panhandle.

Henne tested six warm-season grass species, including Texoka buffalograss, Blackwell switchgrass, Hachita blue grama, Spar Old World Bluestem, Wrangler Bermuda grass and Haskell sideoats grama to see which ones serve as reservoirs for the mites or carry the virus.

**Floyd County Friends Fourteenth****FLOYD  
COUNTY****Annual Gala****April 4 at 6 p.m.****Tickets available  
from:****Nick Long, D&J Gin  
or Jon LaBaume****\$30 each or \$280 for a table****Your presence supports the  
Unity Center's continued  
operation!**

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&  
Keenan & Kirby Nixon

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- c. saving family time
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