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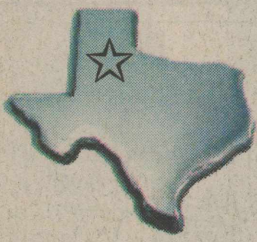
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LISD Trustees Hear Building Plans, Set Graduation Ceremonies Policy

By Jim Huggins
Reporter

Lockney school board members consulted with Steve Aufill of BGR Architects and Liz Lonngren of Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. about plans for construction of a new high school building and demolition of the old building during the regular meeting of the Lockney Independent School Dis-

trict board of trustees meeting Thursday, July 9. Trustees also adopted a specific policy on participation in graduation ceremonies by senior students who have not passed the state TAKS test.

Aufill presented information and schematic design proposals for the new building. Ms. Lonngren estimated the site could be completely cleared by mid-August.

Present plans call for construction to begin around the first of the year and be completed by late 2010. January 1, 2011 was mentioned as a hoped-for move-in date at the new building.

Some of the proposals under consideration for the new building include a courtyard, a commons area inside the building, and salvage and re-use of the stonework

from the old building entrance.

After some discussion, the school board unanimously approved a resolution to adopt a policy allowing senior students who have not passed the state TAKS test to participate in graduation ceremonies.

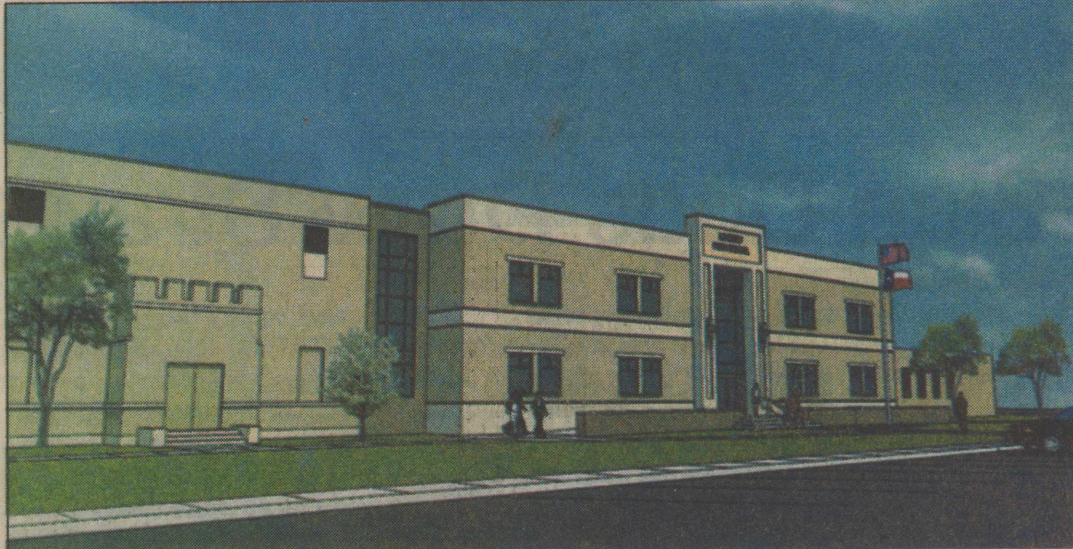
The policy allows students to "walk across the stage" after fulfilling all local requirements for graduation. Passing the TAKS test is still required to receive a diploma.

Trustees also voted to leave the proposed 2009-2010 tax rate unchanged at \$1.14 per \$100 valuation, called for bids from local suppliers for school vehicle fuel for 2009-2010, and approved a bid from Gandy's Dairies, Inc. for milk for the school cafeteria for the 2009-2010 school year.

Other action included adopting a policy on pay scale for school auxiliary staff and approval of probationary contracts for new teachers Patrick Villareal, junior-high math, and Mary Walker, high-school science.

The meeting ended with a work session on 2009-2010 budget line items.

Present were trustees Rene Guerrero, Lonny Hooten, Jimmy Kemp, Mike Lass, Robbie Long and John Quebe; Phil Cotham, superintendent; Aufill, Lonngren, and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.



PROPOSED DESIGN for the new Lockney High School building main entry as presented to LISD school board last week. Design for the building is still in the planning stages. The drawing represents only the latest of several proposed designs.



SAVING A PIECE OF HISTORY - Workers removed stonework from the entrance to the burned-out shell of the old Lockney High School last week. The decorative stonework was salvaged for possible incorporation into design of the new LHS building.

Melanie Huggins Returns to Texas After a Year in Mission Work

By Jim Huggins
Reporter

Lockney resident Melanie Huggins returned home July 1 from a year of Christian mission field work in Scotland. She was involved in the Adventures In Missions (AIM) program, a part of Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock. AIM is an apprentice missions program for college-age young people, according to the Lubbock institute's internet website.

Miss Huggins, 24, is the daughter of Jim and Carol Huggins of Lockney. She is a 2002 graduate of Lockney High School and a 2006 graduate of West Texas A&M University.

After nearly a year of Bible study and mission training in Lubbock, the young "AIMers" are assigned to teams which then serve



MELANIE HUGGINS outside Edinburgh Castle in Scotland with a William Wallace impersonator.

in various Church of Christ mission efforts all over the world.

Miss Huggins was a member of a four-person team, two men and two women, who worked with a church in East Kilbride, just outside of Glasgow, the largest city in Scotland. The AIM team members were apprentices to the missionary who had started the church there. They taught children's classes and worked with the high school and college age youth group. Each team member also did volunteer work in the community. Miss Huggins worked at a special needs school for elementary age children with disabilities and with a charity called "Shop Mobility," a service at the town center which provided bus service and furnished power scooters and wheelchairs to disabled persons. She especially enjoyed helping the disabled peo-

ple with their shopping. Many people there walk or use public transportation instead of private vehicles, so it is harder for the disabled to get their shopping done.

The Scottish landscape was "...exactly like in the movies...the rolling hills, the sheep, and the 'greenness' of everything," she said. "It really looked like that. I was surprised. I expected to be disappointed, but that's actually what it looked like."

The apartment or "flat" where she and her AIM roommate lived was in East Kilbride, basically a suburb of Glasgow, so "It didn't look like that right out my front door...but even just taking the train to Glasgow, you pass the fields of green, and you can see the mountains as you get out of town a little bit." The Scottish mountains "...aren't that tall," she said, but

they're really pretty. Texas visitors to Scotland are impressed by the "smoothness" of the mountains, the lack of trees and rocks. Although the Scottish mountains are relatively low in elevation compared to some other European ranges, walking and climbing them can be difficult because of the North Atlantic weather. Scottish mountains over 3,000 feet high are called "Munros." The tallest in Scotland (and in the British Isles) is Ben Nevis at 4,409 feet. "Hill walking" (it's not called hiking) is popular in Scotland.

Asked what she thought about the people of Scotland, she said, "Oh, that was probably my favorite part. The people are so friendly! I mean people here are friendly, but they're just friendly in a different way. Like (in Scotland) if you just go into a shop they'll just start talking to you like they've known you forever. You'll just stay there and talk to them for a half hour, and they'll say 'Do you want

a cup of tea?' and you'll have tea with them. It's just really nice. People are so welcoming and always friendly and joking around with you. They call it (joking with or making good-natured fun of) 'slagging.'

"It took me a month or two to

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MELANIE HUGGINS and friend at the World Pipe Bands Championships in Glasgow. Notice the Texas Longhorns cap.

Floyd County Fair August 22

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
 It is not the town crier, but it is an announcement for the Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair Day.

The fair's board of directors are working hard to put together an interesting and fun day Saturday, Aug. 22. A full schedule of events will be published soon. The board would like to announce two of the eight demonstrations that will be conducted on fair day.

Floydada native and Elvis impersonator Stacy Reeves will be doing a cake decorating demonstration. Stacy has been decorating wedding and birthday cakes for several years.

She is very talented and those who attend the fair will enjoy watching her create a beautiful cake.

Aileen Williams of Tulia will be leading the sewing demonstration. She is an accomplished seam-

stress. She has sewn for many years and has led sewing classes for 4-H'ers many times.

Some of her 4-H'ers will be here helping her. Don't miss this one.

Other demonstrations will be highlighted in the coming weeks.

Remember, entertainment on fair day will be for men, women and children so mark Aug. 22 and be at the Lockney Community Center by 9 a.m.

Floyd County 4-H Record Books Advance To State Judging

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
Floyd County

Two senior Floyd County 4-H'ers placed first at the District Record Book Judging held Wednesday, July 8 at PYCO in Lubbock.

Bailey Davenport placed first in the Communication and Expressive Arts Category and SyAnn Foster placed first in the Beef Category. Placing first enables them to

compete at state judging to be held August 12.

Bailey and SyAnn are among the 31 that will advance for state judging. State winners are eligible to attend Texas Leadership Conference in Washington D. C. scheduled for November of 2009.

Also participating in the District judging were: Amy Scott - Intermediate Veterinary Science - 2nd Place; Jake Bramlet - Inter-

mediate Recreation - 1st Place; Jianna Davenport - Intermediate Communication and Expressive Arts - 1st Place; Kirby Nixon - Junior Communication and Expressive Arts - 1st Place and Keenan Nixon - Junior Swine - 1st Place.

4-H leader, Beth Bramlet served as a judge for the event. There were a total of 165 books from sixteen counties across the 20 South Plains District.



Floydada P.R.I.D.E. is currently selling raffle tickets for a Ted Bell Limited Edition Certified Portrait, titled "Spring on the Prairie," to help raise money toward the completion of the Floydada Entry Plaza, hoped to be completed in time for Floydada's Centennial Celebration on Friday, October 2. Tickets are \$5 each and can be obtained from any Floydada Entry Plaza Committee member, including Mary Shurbet, Laura Turner, Lou Bureson and Margie Young. Tickets are also available at the Floydada Economic Development Corporation office located at 105 S. 5th Street.



BACK IN TEXAS - Melanie Huggins is back home in Lockney after a year in Scotland working with the AIM Christian mission program in Scotland.

OPINIONS

Letters to the Editor Policy

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Common Senseless

Michigan, along with most of the states, is bankrupt. The unemployment of the state is also spiraling out of control and may now reach 20 percent. California has a \$26 billion budget shortfall. Currently, forty-one states in the U.S. are facing budget shortfalls. Welcome to Europe.

I wonder if it's a coincidence that the states in the worst financial shape are big-time union states and impose a state income tax?

Right to work states which are more friendly to workers, corporations, land owners, etc., are faring much better than their counterparts.

However, as job seekers finally leave states like Michigan, you can bet they'll be headed all over the place looking for jobs, which will raise the unemployment level of other states.

Meanwhile, we have Congress and the White House spending more money than ever while also borrowing more money than ever. And when I say more money than ever, I mean in the history of man kind.

Why?

What good is it doing?

People in towns experiencing growth of any kind should be on their knees thanking God and praying it continues. No one knows how this will play out, but I suspect growth of any kind while maintaining reasonable unemployment rates is impressive.

With the economic gloom hanging around and the government breaking it's neck trying to "fix" everything, questions are finally being asked about support for small businesses. As a small business owner trying to keep his head above water, this interests me greatly.

While everyone agrees that small businesses are "the backbone" of the economy, they've only been mentioned at a minimum by the Obama Administration.

Outside of some interest-free loans from the Small Business Administration, many of these businesses, which are usually not in the business of wanting or needing government assistance, are just as deserving as the larger business up the food chain in which they depend on.

In other words, if your business makes GM specific auto parts and Government Motors is no longer buying from you because of measures THEY took, what recourse do you have?

Government intervention in the business world has repercussions we'll be feeling for decades. Talk about a lack of an exit strategy.

Anyhow, back to small businesses: the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) originally had \$700 billion appropriated. Of that amount, the SBA has the authority to provide \$17.5 billion in loans for 2009. Through June, the SBA had loaned \$6 billion.

Of course the vast majority of small businesses have received no funds and will probably never receive any. Many may not want it.

What most small business owners are concerned about is taxes on their bottom line. That's certainly what will help determine the number of employees I have.

Businesses are taxed in a variety of ways. With the overall tax burden on a small business as high as it is, it evaporates the profit margin. Throw in large jumps in the minimum wage and a poor economy, and something has to break.

In 2005, a study concluded that individuals and businesses spent an estimated 6 billion hours and \$265 billion dollars complying with their tax obligations. Compliance costs are predicted to grow to \$482.7 billion by 2015.

As more Americans turn to entrepreneurship to start a new career or to boost their incomes, our 3.7 million word tax code is brutal for small businesses and home-based enterprises that operate on thin profit margins.

Which brings me back to my original thought: A huge government really does not solve much. It is expensive and continues to get in the way of itself.

Right now, at this moment in history, what we need is a thrifty government which operates lean and efficiently and sees a smaller tax burden as a sound investment leading to job creation and lower jobless rates.

Officials try and blame lack of oversight as one of the problems leading up to the collapse of the economy. I don't think it was a lack of oversight. It is probably because imbeciles like Barney Frank were doing the overseeing.

Democrats continue to Blame President Bush for the economy. That's fine and dandy. But, they have been in power in both the House and Senate since 2006. If Bush is to blame, so are the parties in power.

I think it's time like these where common sense is supposed to prevail. I'm guessing the one who coined that phrase was probably thinking the majority of our national elected officials had some to begin with

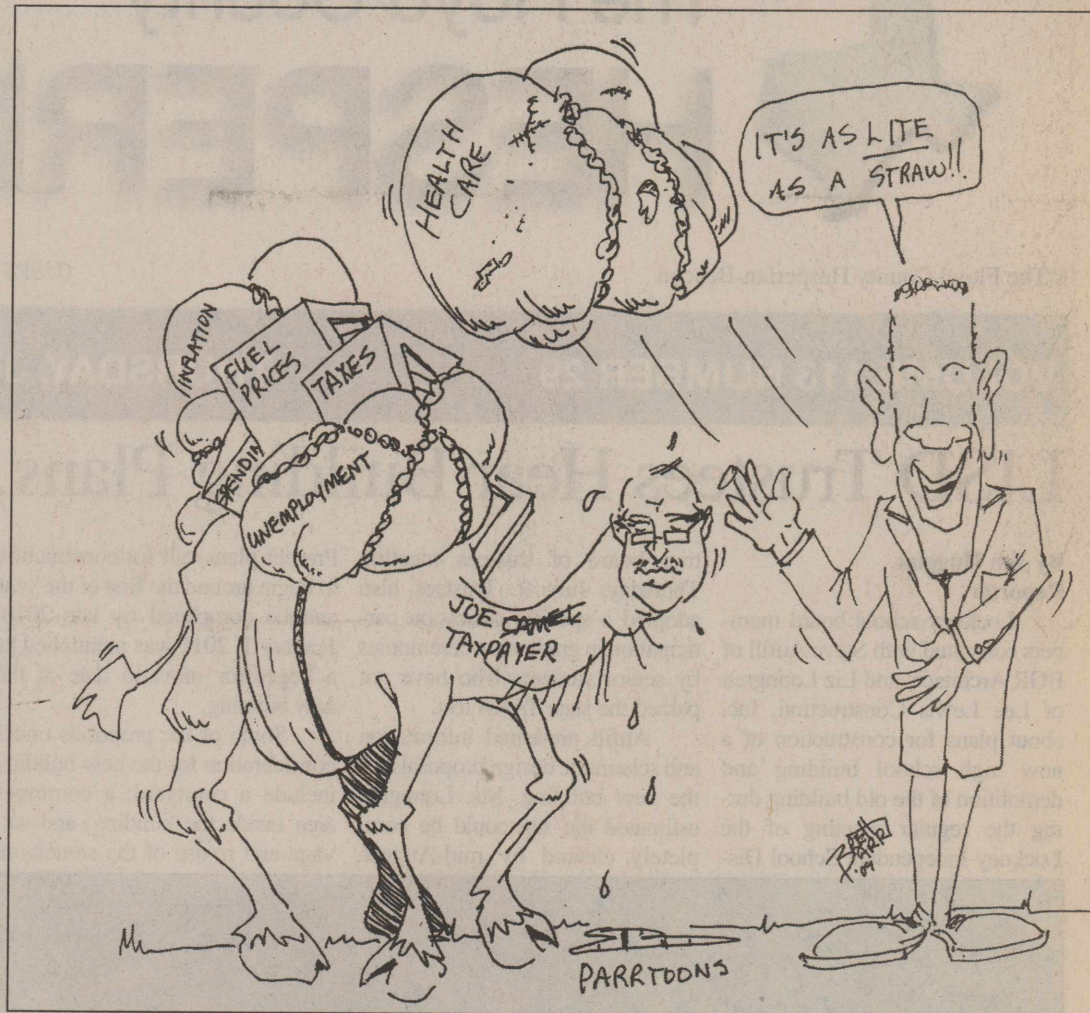
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Blue Dogs Draw Straws

By Robert Romano

The Blue Dog Democrats claim they have 40 members who are at least hesitant to vote in favor of government-run health care. That would be enough to kill the legislation currently being proposed in the House that will effectively take away private health care options from the American people.

At the very least, the alleged Blue Dog opposition would be enough to slow the bill down, making it much more likely that it will eventually be killed. But now with breaking news that the proposal is to be unveiled today, it is hard to believe that the Blue Dogs are doing anything but howling at the moon.

The truth is, the Blue Dogs have to prove that they're not just drawing straws to see who gets to vote against the proposal in order to cover themselves on a bill they already know is likely to pass. In everything from the trillion-dollar "stimulus" to the Waxman-Markey climate change bill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has not lost an important vote all year long, despite occasional Blue Dog bleating of discontent.

A large part of the reason for this is that the so-called "conservative" Democrats—the self-proclaimed Blue Dogs—always seem to come up just shy of the votes needed to block the House Majority's Big Government agenda.

The fact is, the Blue Dogs look more like lap dogs, yelping in protest—while willingly heeling in submission to the House Speaker's adjustable leash.

So now, to quote Blue Dog icon John F. Kennedy, "sincerity is always subject to proof."

On Thursday, 40 members of the House Blue Dog Democrats caucus issued a letter against proposed legislation that would forever socialize the nation's health system. A list of the 40 House members can be viewed here.

Congressman Mike Ross (AR-CD4), chairman of the Blue Dog Health Care Task Force, stated that if the House Majority brings their bill to the floor as proposed, an "overwhelming majority" of his 52 member coalition would vote against it.

In the letter sent by 40 members of the Blue Dog coalition in the House of Representatives, members demanded that any House proposal on health care be deficit-neutral, protect small businesses, and that the legislation "must be available to all Members and the public for a sufficient amount of time before we are asked to

vote for it."

The letter also required that "sufficient time" would be needed for "any amendments or changes to the bill" stating that "We need time to review it and discuss it with our constituents. Too short of a review period is unacceptable and only undermines Congress' ability to pass responsible health care reform that works for all Americans."

The Blue Dogs' letter hardly put a damper on Nancy Pelosi and Steny Hoyer's plans ram the bill down the throats of the American people with its expected introduction today. House leadership had wanted to unveil the legislation last Friday, get it out of committee this week, and have it on Barack Obama's desk in time for the August recess.

So, the Blue Dog baying apparently had little effect—and now Nancy Pelosi apparently has the legislation back on schedule.

But, even with the slight delay—while the Blue Dogs "negotiated" with Democrat leadership and Barack Obama eve talked about delaying the August recess—there is every reason to believe that now that an apparent compromise has been worked out that the House is simply returning to the frightening, lightning pace that it has been moving legislation into law.

For example, the Waxman-Markey energy tax legislation was introduced on May 15th of this year, discharged by the relevant committees on June 19th, and passed on June 26th.

The final version was 1,428 pages long, and it's clear nobody read it before they voted on it. Because they couldn't. A 300-page amendment was proposed at 3:47AM in the morning on June 26th, which was approved by 11:22AM, leaving no time for the amended version to be distributed when the final vote occurred later that same day at 7:17PM.

So, no wonder the Blue Dogs would want to pretend they are dragging their heels at least a little on socialized medicine.

"We need to slow down and do it right," said Congressman Ross. Or better yet, Mr. Ross, not at all.

The fact is, nobody is going to believe that the "fiscal conservative" Blue Dog Democrats stand for anything if they cannot, in fact, stop anything. Now, more than ever, they have a high-profile chance to prove to their constituents whether their bite is as good as their bark—or whether they've just been dogging it all along.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

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 redirect 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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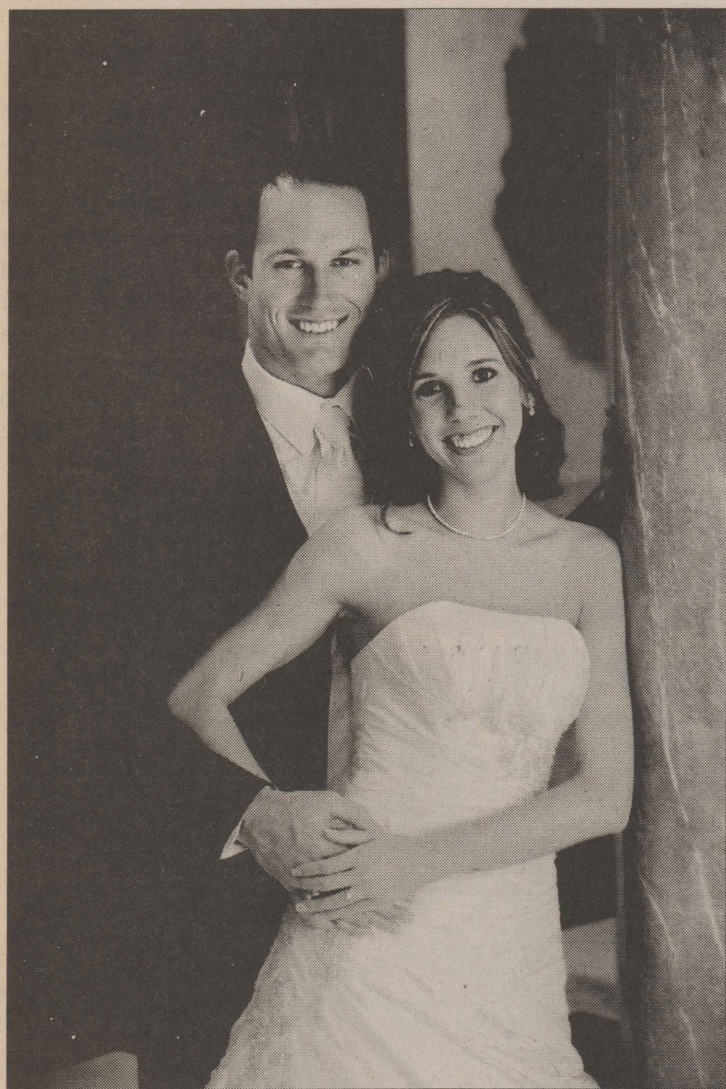
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nee April Nicole Dorman

Haile & Dorman Wed

April Nicole Dorman and Nathan Boydston Haile exchanged vows Saturday, June 13, 2009, at West Amarillo Christian Church in Amarillo with Pastor Dewayne Hollis of Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Johnny and Julie Dorman of Lockney. Grandparents of the bride are John and Rochelle Dorman of Lockney and the late David and Pat Frizzell. Great-grandparents are Lucille Frizzell and the late Jack Frizzell of Lockney.

Haile is the son of Homer Allen and Patty Haile of Friona. Grandparents of the groom are Allen and Helen Pharis of Columbus, Georgia, Eleanor Gibson of Hereford and the late Homer and Marijo Haile of Stratford.

Maid of honor was Amber Dorman of Canyon. Bridal attendants were Courtney Cummings of Lubbock, Courtney Ferguson of Amarillo, Katy Austin of Amarillo, Laci Kish of Richardson, Lindsay Harris of Lubbock and Chelsey Seuffer of Addison. Flower girls were Kaydence Ferguson and Kylie Frizzell of Amarillo.

Best men were Marc Haile of Friona and Greg Boothe of Dallas. Groomsmen were Christian Haile of College Station, Andy Carthel of Floydada, Adam Bandy of Amarillo, John David Haile of Friona and Josh McSpadden of Phoenix, Arizona. Ushers were Bob Williams of Houston and Chris Curiel of San Antonio. Ring bearer was Walker Clark of Marietta, Georgia.

A reception was held at the Fifth Season Inn Ballroom after the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Lockney High School and West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Haile graduated from Friona High School and Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. He is currently a medical student at the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio School of Medicine.

Prior to the wedding bridal showers were given by Cheryl Teeter in Lockney, Rhonda Murphree of Friona and Buddy and Lesia Collen of Amarillo with several other hostesses.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in San Antonio.



MR. AND MRS. LORENZO OLIVAREZ
nee Amanda Rendon

Rendon and Olivarez exchange vows

Amanda Rendon and Lorenzo Olivarez were united in marriage Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the Riverwalk Marriage Island in San Antonio, Texas. Reverend Alejandro Ruiz of Lubbock, Texas performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Armando and Sylvia Rendon of Irving, Texas.

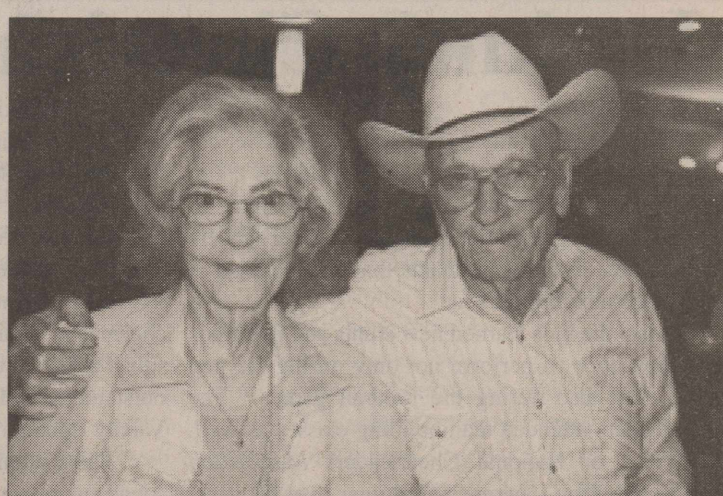
The groom is the son of Lorenzo and Bertha Olivarez of El Paso, Texas.

Serving as maid of honor was Sandra Rendon, sister of the bride. Lauren Rendon, daughter of the bride and groom, served as junior bridesmaid.

David Molina of Grand Prairie served as best man.

Amanda is a 2002 graduate of Floydada High School. She will earn her Masters degree in Social Work in August 2009 from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is currently employed by the Irving Police Department as a Domestic Violence Counselor.

Lorenzo is employed by Haliburton in Carrollton. He is formerly from El Paso.



J.R. AND MAYE BELT of Lockney celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary at a family dinner held at the Elks Club in Plainview on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. Maye Golden and J. R. Belt were married in Lockney on a Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. on July 8, 1934. After the ceremony they attended the Church of Christ services at Prairie Chapel as husband and wife. J. R. and Maye both were raised in Lockney, Floyd County, Texas and have farmed here for the last 75 years. They were blessed with three children, Carolyn Duvall of Plainview, Ann Foster of Plainview and Dr. Steve Belt of New York.



Teeth are like wrinkles. They're good at reminding you of your age.

Some teeth even have wrinkles. They're the ones hiding out in the back of your mouth – dependable workhorse teeth. No wonder they're wrinkled.

So here's to bicuspid, molars, grinders and such – teeth that truly matter even if they don't shine in our grins. We know you're back there.

Recently, one of my uppers in that category got my attention in a big way. A crater the size of Grand Canyon changed the whole feel of that particular chomper. I don't even know when or how it happened.

I exaggerate. The hole wasn't as long as Grand Canyon – just that deep. Don't tell me I don't know what I'm talking about. I've been to Grand Canyon.

Thankfully, the broken tooth didn't hurt, but it was driving my tongue crazy. If you don't know what I'm talking about, your day will come. Anyway, I called my dentist for an appointment.

(A trip to the dentist is

always worth a column. Unfortunately the column is never worth enough to pay the dentist.)

Sure enough, he confirmed I'd lost a hunk of that tooth and recommended a crown, ultimately agreeing to patch things up instead (cheaper, if that word can be used in the context of dentistry) by enlarging the existing filling, which was already the size of Oregon's Crater Lake, as long as we're

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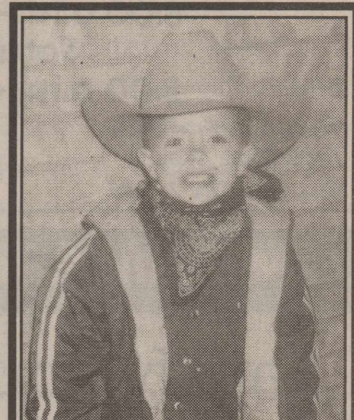
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VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

The 48er's met on the first Tuesday in July for their monthly luncheon at the Pizza Hut in Plainview. Those attending were Erma Hall Mickey, Elna Sander-son Bloys, Bobbye Casey Bean, Gleyann Earle Norman Cummings and Vera Jo Rogers Bybee.

I also met at Leal's in Plainview for lunch on the second Wednesday in July, which so happens to fall in the same week as the 1st Tuesday. So I ate in Plainview last week two days in a row. Those who ate at Leal's were Peggy Carthel Turner, Billie Carthel Howard, Shirley Cooper Durmon, Barbara Mullins Cunyus and myself, Vera Jo Rogers Bybee.

Saturday night July 11th, I went with Gene Brotherton to Plainview to hear the Wal-Mart truck drivers play and sing at the Rockin R Steak House. Cecil Jones and his mother, Betty, sing and play with them. If you haven't ever heard Betty yodel you have

really missed some good entertainment.

Lavirn and Clementine Carthel were also over at the Rockin R Saturday night, July 11 celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary. They were married at Portales, New Mexico on July 11, 1942 in a double wedding ceremony with Gene Belt and Claudia Pyle. Lavirn and Clementine were honored with a family dinner Sunday, July 12, 2009.

Also at the Rockin R Saturday night was Joe Cavazos and wife, Naomi. They were honoring Naomi's nephew, Richard Mitchell of Los Angeles, Calif., on his 48th birthday, with a big family dinner.

Elsewhere in the paper you may read how Jody Baccus celebrated her 80th birthday and J.R. and Maye celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Jody and J.R. and Maye.

VJ...

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

This past week has been so hot. I had to go to the doctor in Lubbock on Wednesday, and my car had 109 degrees some of the time and 106 at other times. My car was so hot I could not put my hands on the outside of it for support to help me step up on the curb. I was so glad to get home to my air conditioner.

We had several visitors this past week. Elton Turner of Flagstaff, Arizona, brother of Shorty Turner, was in Floydada to attend a family reunion, which was attended by 90 people from all over the area.

Jancy Rodgers of Petersburg, daughter of Guy Ginn, ate lunch at the center.

Jake Smitherman of Mariville, Tennessee was in Floydada and ate lunch at the center with grandparents Phillip and Mildred Smitherman.

Our sympathy to the family of Bert Schweitzer.

Thank you for remembering the center when you need to make

a memorial donation.

In memory of **Bert Schweitzer** – Ruby Gooch, Margarette Word.

In memory of **Bill Gray** – Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Graham.

Thought for the week – "It is impossible to keep a straight face in the presence of one or more kittens."

Cynthia Varnado.

Menu July 20-24

Monday – Tacos with trimmings, beans, rice, cookie

Tuesday – Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, apple crisp

Wednesday – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, snickerdoodle bars

Thursday – Salisbury steak, macaroni and cheese, corn, roll, banana pudding

Friday – Barbecue brisket, potato salad, beans, roll, brownie

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You are cordially invited to a Retirement Party for Marilyn Holcomb on July 24th 2009 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Floyd County Courthouse. It is a come and go event. No gifts please.

Lockney Cheerleaders attend NCA Cheerleading Camp

By Pam Fulton

On June 29 to July 2 the Lockney High School Cheerleaders attended the NCA Cheerleader camp at Hardin Simmons University located in Abilen. During those four days, the cheerleaders learned new cheers and chants that will be used at the games next school year.

Also, the kids learned new stunts and pyramids that they hope to perform not only during the pep rallies, but also during the football games. The cheerleaders attended teambuilding classes as well.

NCA or National Cheerleaders Association was founded by Lawrence Herkimer over 60 years

ago. The "herkie" jump which most cheerleaders learn at one point, was named after him. NCA and Mr. Herkimer strive on tradition and safety as the most important components when attending one of their camps. They have instilled great skills in so many generations of cheerleaders.

Each night, the squads were evaluated on cheers and chants they learned that day. The JV squad received both red and blue ribbons which are outstanding and excellent ratings respectively. The Varsity squad received blue ribbons every night.

Those attending camp from Lockney were: JV squad members (All will be freshmen next year at

Lockney High School)Rayann Race, McKenzie Kemp, Rubina Cruz, Esperanza Garcia, Gabby Peralez, and Susie Salas. The JV sponsor is Robin Race.

Varsity Squad members seniors -Daniella Moya (Mascot), Anthony Hernandez, Tessa Saul, and Mercedes Aday; juniors - Robbie Reyes and KaCee Armstrong; sophomores - Tanya Hernandez, Katrina Araujo, Sunny Williams and Jennifer Ybarra.

The varsity sponsor is Pam Fulton. Both squads received a spirit stick to bring home.

Anthony Hernandez, Mercedes Aday and Rayann Race made the All-Star Squad, and out of 16

mascots at the camp, Daniella Moya received the most improved mascot in which she received a trophy to bring home.

The Varsity Squad received the "Herkie" award which is voted on by other squads at the camp that shows the most spirit within their buddy group and they also received the "Safety" award one night because they demonstrated techniques taught them during stunting class.

Both the JV and Varsity sponsor would like to say good job to both groups of kids and we all hope to see everyone soon when two-a-days begin.



Courtesy Photo

LOCKNEY VARSITY CHEERLEADERS attending the NCA Cheerleading camp held at Hardin Simmons University on July 29 - July 2 were; (standing, l-r) Lezlie Jackson, Daniella Moya, Mercedes Aday, Tessa Saul, Anthony Hernandez, KaCee Armstrong; (hands on-knees, l-r) Katrina Araujo, Tanya Hernandez, Robbie Reyes; (sitting, l-r) Jennifer Ybarra and Sunny Williams.



Courtesy Photo

LOCKNEY JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS that attended the NCA Cheerleading camp held at Hardin Simmons University on June 29 - July 2 were: (l-r) Gabby Peralez, Rayann Race, Susie Salas, Rubina Cruz, Esperanza Garcia and McKenzie Kemp.

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Lockney Council Has Short Meeting

By Jim Huggins Reporter

Lockney City Council members had a short agenda Thursday, July 9 for the regular monthly meeting.

The council declined a citizen's request to place a portable storage building on city property on North Milwee Street, citing liability concerns.

Van Breedlove, Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority general manager, presented the proposed MMWA budget for 2009-2010. Council will decide on acceptance of the budget at next month's meeting.

Breedlove reported that the water level at Lake Mackenzie is up three feet after recent rains. If the water level should increase another two feet water skiing, jet skiing and tubing may again be allowed at the reservoir, he said. Fishing, boating and swimming are allowed as usual at the lake.

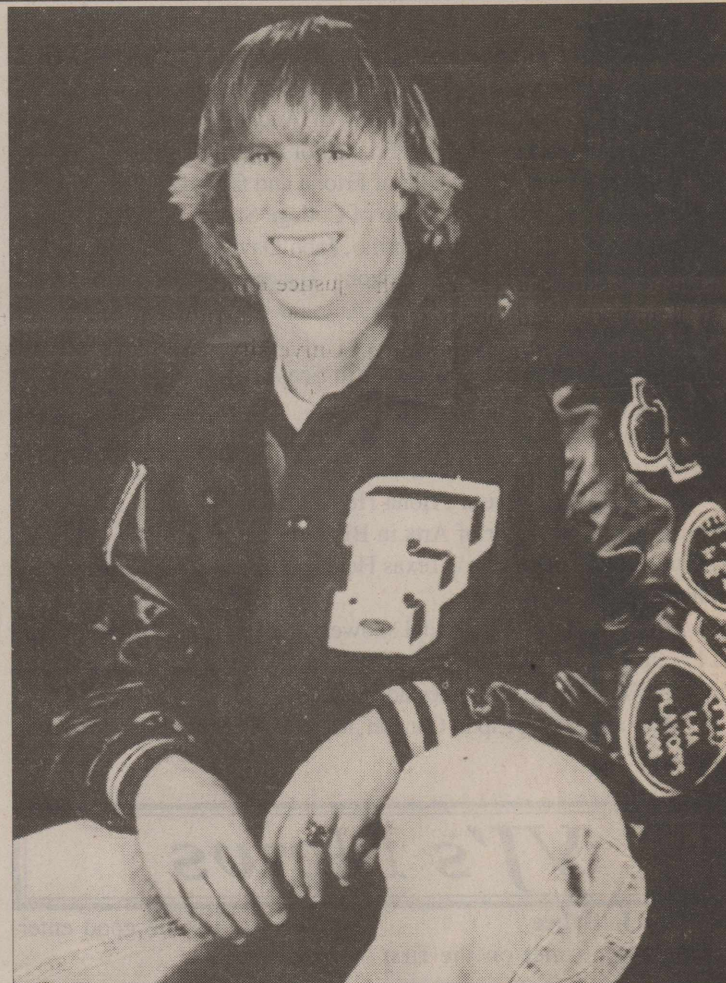
The council discussed updating the city animal ordinance to allow action if a dog attacks

another animal. Under the present ordinance, an animal is considered "dangerous" if the animal attacks or acts aggressively toward a person. The council instructed City Attorney Lanny Voss to draft changes to the ordinance for consideration at the August meeting.

The city received a citizen's complaint about horses being kept inside the city limits. The present ordinance allows only "domestic pets" to be kept inside the city limits, but some horses are being kept near the city limit line. Voss will look at the ordinance and give recommendations at the next meeting.

Council members also discussed but took no action on document shredding.

Attending the meeting were council members Tina Graves, Shanna Jackson, Kelly Prayor and Shad Schlueter, City Secretary Charlotte Hooten, Chief of Police Casey Wallace, Voss, Breedlove, and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.



Bo Mitchell, a 2009 Farwell graduate, is the son of Randy and Tammie (Carthel) Mitchell, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Carthel of Lockney.

Mitchell received several sports awards during his senior year at Farwell High School. The football awards were: 1st Team All-District Defensive Back, 2nd Team All-District Receiver and MVP Offensive Player of the Year. Basketball awards were: All-District Defensive Player, Academic All-District Player and MVP Defensive Player.

He also received the Steer of the Year Award, the Student Council Sportsmanship Award and the Chamber of Commerce Athlete Award.

Bo received several scholarships and is planning to attend South Plains College in the fall.

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Randy Lerma, 2009 Floydada High School graduate, signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Central Christian College in McPherson, Kan., Thursday, July 9. Pictured are (from left) Diane Flores, his parents, Randy Sr. and Olga Lerma, Floydada High School head baseball coach Jamie Seago, CCC pitching coach, J.J. Morales and Central Christian College head baseball coach, Bob Marsh.

Texas Construction Career Academies to Continue this Summer

AUSTIN - A pre-employment training and recruitment program academy will open its doors this month to individuals who are interested in pursuing a construction-related career.

The Texas Construction Career Academy (TCCA) will hold a training class from July 6 through 17 in Dallas at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road. Academy classes are open to the public. There are five two-week sessions scheduled statewide in Dallas, Houston, Bryan, Tyler and San Antonio.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Transportation Institute partnered to develop the recruitment and training program designed to provide participants with an understand of construction, as well as provide participants with transportation assistance and employment physicals. The academy will also host job fairs at the end of each session where contractors and potential employees will be introduced for potential job placement.

Contractors attending the program can demonstrate good faith in meeting equal employment opportunity objectives and, when needed, can help fill positions in under represented areas.

The career academics will continue through October. Classes will be held at the following locations;

Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart

Road, Dallas, July 6-17

Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland Policy Center at Texas Southern University, 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, August 3 - 14

LaSalle Hotel, 120 South Main Street, Bryan, August 24 - September 4

Texas College, 2404 N

Grand Avenue, Tyler, September 14 - 25

H. B. Zachry Training Center, 9350 South Presa, San Antonio, October 12 - 23

Go to <http://www.texasconstructioncareeracademy.org/> for more information and to download and application.

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 15,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and preserving the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov.

For more information, contact TxDOT Government and Public Affairs Division at (512)463-8588.

The Quartz Mountain Shout announce major change in concert

The Quartz Mountain Shout announces a major change in its sixth in the series of gospel music concerts, to be held in Altus on August 22nd at the restored Plaza Theatre on Hudson Street, on the west side of the courthouse square.

A live band featuring renowned Gospel organist/pianist, Wally Brown, will be backing a line-up of Oklahoma vocal talent, including recording artists Master's Voice, with McKayla Jo Balderas, The Corinth Singers, Tabitha Crouch and McKinsey Hazel. The band includes top 10 Jazz recording guitarist, Richard Hart. Long-time KWTV (Channel 9) host, Gaylon Stacy will emcee the event.

Wally Brown, a native of Duncan, Oklahoma, has an illustrious career with the Stamps Quartet, and the ministries of Benny Hinn, Oral Roberts and others. Readers can see and hear his work on YouTube.com. Richard Hart has a top selling

album on the national jazz charts.

Creek County's Master's Voice, with Ricky Capps at tenor, Jonathan Drew on lead, Joey Johnson at baritone, and Ben Hart on keyboards, is enjoying national airplay with "He Took the Cross" (number 2 in major markets), and "Who I Know".

Admission to this family concert is \$10 for teens, young adults and seniors. Those 12 and under are admitted free. The box office opens at 5 p.m. with the

concert starting at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, August 23rd, Master's voice will sing at the Corinth Baptist church, south of Gould, at 10:45 a.m. Wally Brown and Gaylon Stacy will be leading a 9 a.m. worship service at the Carter, OK United Methodist Church.

Additional information is available by calling manager Mike Henry at 580-633-2745, or concert producer Joe Tilton at 580-331-7733.

CITY OF FLOYDADA HISTORICAL NEWS:

In 1912, a census was taken in Floydada. The population was 1,054. Under the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, towns with population over 1,000 could follow the "general laws" governing cities.

August 12, 1913, the TOWN of Floydada became the CITY of Floydada and became known as a "General Law City."

October is Floydada's Centennial Celebration!

TWC Grants \$1 Million for High-Tech Summer Camps

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) awarded 18 grants totaling nearly \$1 million to Texas universities and community colleges this year. The grants are allowing more than 1,800 students between ages 14 and 21 to attend summer youth camps that focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The summer camps support initiatives by Gov. Rick Perry to prepare youth for future high-skill, high-demand jobs.

Supported by Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Statewide Activity funds, the effort is part of the Governor's Summer Merit Program, which aims to inspire Texas youth to pursue STEM-related careers.

"Investing in youth education today is critical to addressing the future demands of growing industries," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "These science camps attract young people to expanding high-tech professions and strengthen the state's talent pool for future economic growth."

TWC collaborated with the Texas Engineering and Technical Consortium (TETC), which is comprised of the Office of the Governor, TWC, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, businesses and higher education institutions.

"Texas plays a significant role in our nation's innovation and economic success," said Arturo Sanchez III, TETC Chair and Manager of Workforce Development. "TETC is proud to again work with TWC to increase the number of students participating in summer programs focused on engineering and computer science. Our shared support for these programs

ensures Texas' students will continue to develop into future innovators."

The 18 grant recipients are:

- Austin Community College, \$35,305 - 68 scholarships for two camps, including one that provides hands-on experience in computer programming and design, and another that explores biotechnology, computer security administration and criminal justice topics.

- Midwestern State University, \$45,105 - 200 scholarships for two camps, including the At-Risk 9th Grader Transition Camp and the Junior/Senior Residential Camp in which participants focus on topics such as STEM-related careers or learn about environmental changes and renewable technologies.

- Northwest Vista College, \$15,221 - 24 scholarships for high school girls to participate in a summer robotics camp to encourage knowledge in STEM-related disciplines, and to provide hands-on experience for designing, building and programming robots.

- Prairie View A&M University, \$29,470 - 20 scholarships to high school students for renewable energy camps targeting engineering, math, science and energy issues.

- San Jacinto College,

\$123,732 - 250 scholarships for students to attend Energy Venture: Careers in Energy camps to promote STEM-related industry careers and facilitate research and education camps at Johnson Space Center.

- Texas A&M University at Kingsville - Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, \$128,566 - 80 scholarships among two camps in which high school girls gain hands-on experience or participate in lecture-style activities involving STEM-related disciplines.

- Texas A&M University at Texarkana, \$10,156 - 24 scholarships for an Exploring Bio-Technology Summer Camp that introduces youth to biotechnology concepts and techniques through hands-on experiments.

- Texas State Technical

Experiment Station, \$42,000 - 80 scholarships for two engineering-focused camps, including one for high school students in Texas A&M - College of Engineering's targeted recruitment plan, and another for high school girls in which participants engage in challenging senior faculty-led design projects.

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This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **August 3, 2009** the City of Floydada will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Texas Capital Fund Program/Downtown Revitalization funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements for the purpose of installation of approximately one thousand four hundred fifty-five (1,455 l.f.) of concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter and sixteen (16) ADA ramps. The sidewalks with curb and gutter and ADA ramps will be installed in city easements along W. and E. side of Main St., N. and S. side of California.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Floydada has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall at 114 West Virginia, Floydada, Texas 79234 from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday and 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Fridays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to **the Office of Mayor, City of Floydada, Floydada Texas**. All comments received by **July 31, 2009** will be considered by the City of Floydada prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Floydada certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Bobby Gilliland in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibility under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows City of Floydada to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS OF RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Floydada certification received by **August 20, 2009** or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Floydada approved by the Department; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the Department; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify that actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Bobby Gilliland
Mayor, City of Floydada
Bobby Gilliland
Signature

7-16c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Floydada I.S.D. is accepting bids for a 15' x 8' combination walk-in cooler/freezer. The bid must include the demolition of existing, all refrigeration, and controls for a complete system. The unit will be installed at Floydada Junior High School.

Bids will be received in the Administration Office at 226 West California, Floydada, Texas until 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2009.

Floydada I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 13th day of July, 2009 and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are the sum of \$ 1,756,080.78.
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Nathan Johnson, Commissioner, Precinct #3
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New Livestock Indemnity Program Announced by FSA

Floydada - Eligible ranchers and livestock producers can begin applying for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program provided in the 2008 Farm Bill on July 13.

"This program will provide livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," said Michael McDonald, Executive Director for USDA Farm Service Agency in Floyd County.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have

occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

Specific provisions for the other supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs

authorized by the 2008 Act - the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) - will be implemented through separate rulemakings and announced at a later date.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or HYPERLINK "http://www.fsa.usda.gov" or "http://www.fsa.usda.gov" at "new" http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Requirements. Producers May Apply for Crops Not Covered by Federal Crop Insurance

USDA Helps Landowners with Conservation Options for Expiring CRP Land

Area farmers are facing some big decisions on what to do with their land as hundreds of thousands of acres of USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts are due to expire in the next few months.

USDA personnel from the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are in the latest stages of finalizing guidance and options for producers with expiring conservation reserve program (CRP) acres.

On July 8, 2009, personnel from both agencies in the Panhandle and South Plains regions met in Lubbock to discuss how to best serve farmers and ranchers for CRP land expiring from the program.

"With so many landowners coming into our offices seeking help, uniform guidance among agencies is critical for landowners and producers to make the best decisions for land that's coming out of the program," said Mickey Black, NRCS assistant state conservationist for field operations in Lubbock.

The bulk of the CRP acres are in the High Plains region of the state where there is significant concern about the future of the conservation on the land. According to FSA records, over 78,000 acres expired in 2008, with an additional 680,000 to be expired in October of 2009, and over 507,000 acres in October of 2010.

FSA State Executive Director Juan Garcia addressed 150 FSA and NRCS employees in the region saying, "Many producers are going to be faced with changes, and it's up to all of us to educate the general public and provide landowners with the options available to help them."

"This is a serious issue," said Garcia. "The NRCS and FSA offices are making a joint effort for a successful outcome."

According to Garcia, FSA will be able to restore crop acreage bases beginning in October, 2010. Landowners need to be aware of this information because it will be a determining factor as they decide what they will do once their land expires from the program.

Black said, "Landowners have several options, including grazing or haying the existing grass cover, making enhancements to target wildlife, putting it back into production, or utilizing it for recreational purposes."

For long-term planning, producers will need to stay informed of the latest policies for farm programs and benefits that might affect them and

their operations. "We expect to see some producers choose to return their CRP fields back to annually-tilled cropland production," said Don Gohmert, NRCS State Conservationist.

"Most of the acres in the CRP program are classified as Highly Erodible Land (HEL)," said Gohmert. "This type of land is very susceptible to wind and water erosion."

NRCS and FSA will encourage producers to keep the permanent grass cover, however, in cases where the landowners' decide to plow up the grass; the NRCS will provide alternatives to help landowners understand the need to meet certain measures that ensure those acres will not erode beyond a level that the soil can tolerate. These alternatives will help the producer apply best management practices to meet conservation compliance requirements.

Conservation compliance, which began with the 1985 Farm Bill, is still in effect. Compliance means that farmers need to control erosion on highly erodible land, which includes CRP acres, in order to stay eligible for USDA program benefits, including farm loan programs, disaster assistance, commodity price supports, and conservation programs.

According to NRCS, the most common ways farmers get out of compliance with USDA is by eliminating soil-conserving crops, such as forage species, and adding a tilled crop.

When the farmer changes his soil cover from permanent grass to annually-tilled crops, he/she should always consider conservation compliance when planning their rotations, in addition to commodity prices.

Conservation compliance could entail the implementation of a crop rotation that includes high residue-producing crops like wheat or sorghum, or the installation, repair and maintenance of structural practices like terraces.

FSA and the NRCS, working with the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), urges producers to contact someone at the local USDA service centers to discuss expiring CRP options and to check on eligibility for USDA benefits.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center in your county, listed under USDA in the Yellow Pages, or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov <<http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>>

Cotton Market Weekly



A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

After almost a week of lower trading, the market ignored disappointing USDA data and finished sharply higher Thursday on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE). Prices were lifted by technical factors and gained support from a weaker U.S. dollar.

"The combination of the softer dollar and higher equities enabled cotton to shake off lower-than-expected weekly export sales data," a trader explained.

Net weekly U.S. export sales totaled just 46,700 bales in the week ended July 2 when expectations had been closer to 125,000 bales, market analysts said. The figure was a 70 percent decline from the previous week and 68 percent lower than the four-week average. The week's top buyers included Turkey, Bangladesh, and China. Net sales of 34,100 bales for delivery in 2009-10 were mainly for Turkey, South Korea, and Peru.

Export shipments of 327,100 bales were down two percent from the previous week but up four percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Indonesia, and Turkey.

On the spot cotton market, sales were significantly lower as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 307 bales online in the week ended July 9 compared to 2,036 bales the previous week. The average price received by producers was 46.16 cents per pound.

Looking ahead, traders now are awaiting the July 10 release of USDA's cotton export estimate for the 2009-10 crop year. The average of analysts' estimates is 11.07 million bales, according to an industry poll. Most traders seem to be expecting a slightly higher U.S. production figure for 2009-10 given the increased June acreage estimates. There has been some discussion as well of even slightly higher export numbers to partially offset the adjustment. As is the norm this season,

all market attention focuses on Texas, the largest cotton producing state in the nation.

"Most important in determining the U.S. numbers will be how USDA interprets the poor crop conditions in South Texas along with the dry start to the West Texas areas," a market observer concluded.

Weekend rains across the Cotton Belt brought the greatest relief to the dryland cotton in West Texas where most producers say they can never get too much rain in July.

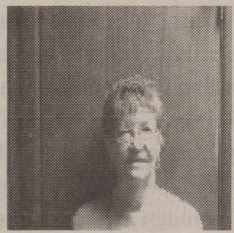
"If we continue to see scattered rains on a regular basis, even the hit-and-miss variety, make no mistake about it, Texas will outperform its critics' production projections," an analyst said. "Rain will need to come fairly often as cotton shifts into its serious summertime growing mode, and the extreme heat now moving across the state will only serve to entice cotton plants to suck the ground water up into its foliage."

he added.

According to traders, last week's rains in Texas improved the crop outlook there as the weekly cotton conditions report released after the market close on Monday showed 32 percent of the state's crop in good to excellent condition. The figure compares to 28 percent of the crop in the same condition one year ago but still was well below the 41 percent 10-year average for this time of year. Kansas boasted 75 percent of its crop was in good to excellent condition and Oklahoma 58 percent.

Overall, USDA placed 43 percent of the U.S. cotton crop in good to excellent condition. The figure was unchanged from the previous week and down three percentage points from the same time last year. In the same report, the department said 61 percent of the nation's crop was squaring, doubling last week's figure, and 14 percent of the crop was setting bolls.

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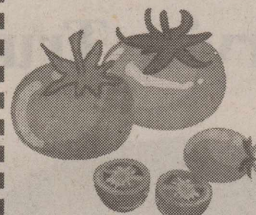
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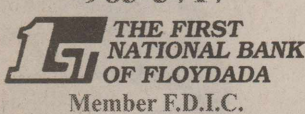
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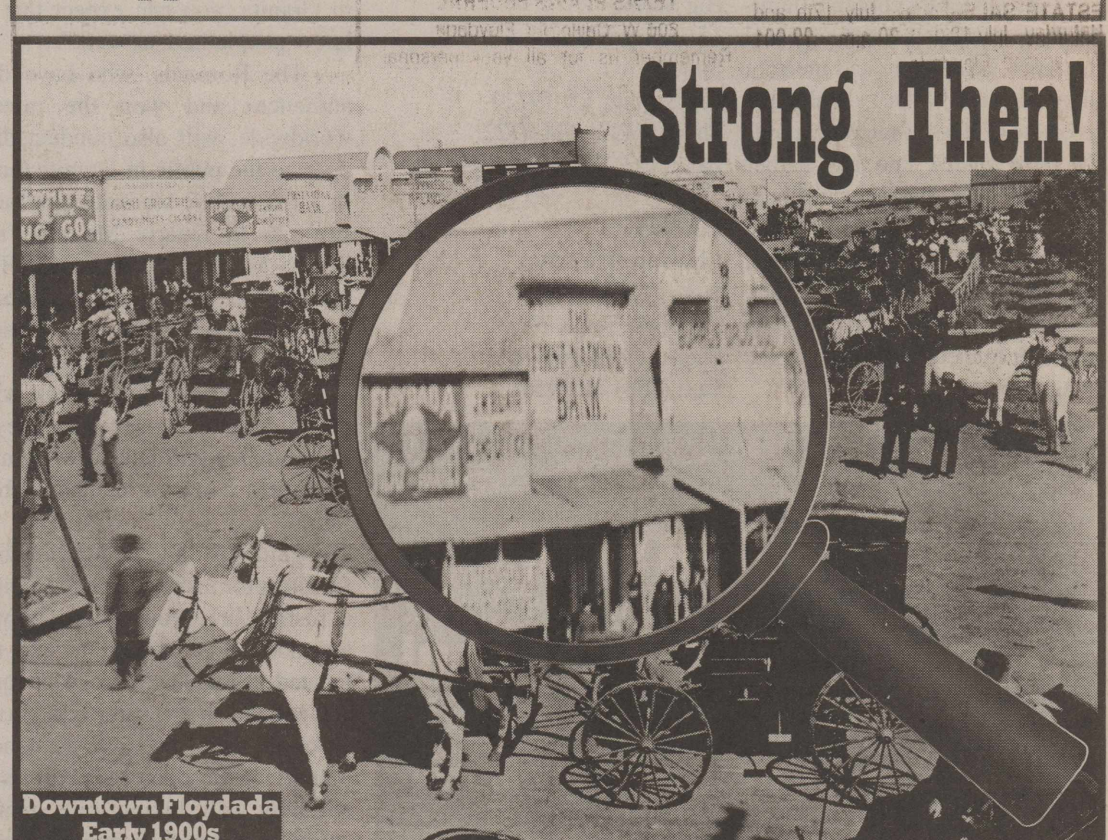


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A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Since the beginning of the year, the Democratic majority continues to advance an agenda of more spending and greater debt in Congress.

Just two weeks ago, we saw passage in the House of a devastating national energy tax in the form of the "cap and trade" bill. This legislation, containing 397 regulations and 1,060 government mandates, is projected to cost American families more than \$3,000 a year, raise energy bills by \$1,500, and reduce employment by more than a million jobs. My hope is the Senate puts the brakes on this misguided legislation.

Unfortunately, the next four weeks in Congress are likely to have more costly legislation on the agenda. In the upcoming weeks, the House is expected to tackle health care reform. While health care is an important issue for Congress to address, I am concerned with new estimates that show the Majority's latest proposal would result in \$3.5 trillion in added federal spending over the next decade and force 64 million Americans to lose their current health care coverage. This approach would cost too much, cover too few and force too many to lose the coverage they currently have.

I understand health care is important to you and your families. As both the House and Senate continue to develop health care reform plans, I will continue to keep you informed about the latest alternatives being proposed.

Where is the Stimulus?

Last week, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that 467,000 more jobs were lost in June, pushing the unemployment rate up to 9.5 percent, a 26-year high. The report reveals that job losses are accelerating, with over 100,000 more Americans losing work in June than in May.

As job losses continue, families are worried about losing their incomes, health care and meeting their monthly bills. While the promise of the economic stimulus package signed into law earlier this year was that it would help create jobs, I don't believe the federal government can borrow, and spend our nation's way back to prosperity. We need to join together to identify ways to create long-term job growth.

This week, I will be joining with colleagues to discuss ways to create jobs, cut spending and restore fiscal responsibility as part of the Economic Recovery Working Group. Congress must start doing what every American family is doing during these tough economic times: cutting government expenses and making sacrifices.

Benjamin Franklin Award
During a ceremony on Capitol Hill, I was presented the Benjamin Franklin Award by the 60 Plus Association. This award is given to members of Congress who have supported the repeal of the estate or 'death' tax.

After paying every tax while you're alive, once you have passed away, the government hits you again with a tax. While the death tax has been declining since 2001 and will be fully phased out next year, it will come back to its original level at the end of 2010 if Congress does not act.

I appreciate the Benjamin Franklin Award and the 60 Plus Association's support of death tax repeal. I will continue to support efforts to permanently abolish this anti-farmer, anti-senior and anti-small business tax.

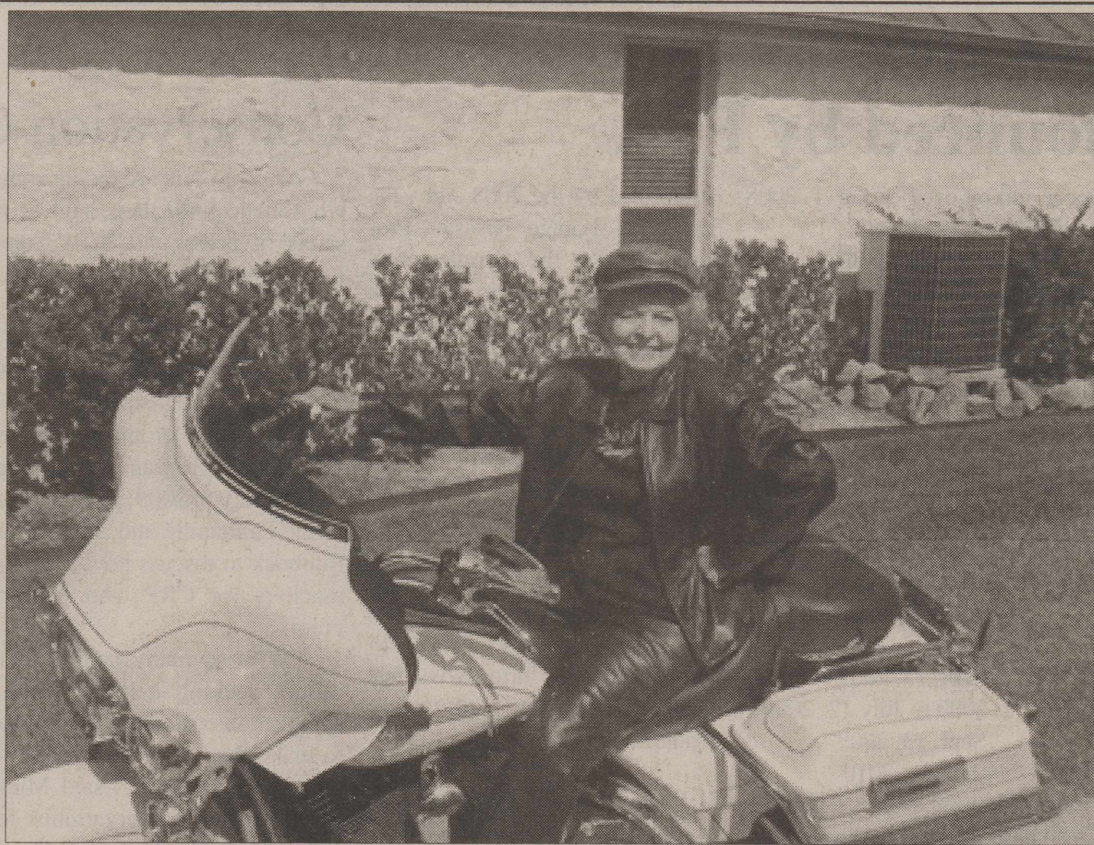
As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

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Courtesy Photo

JODY BACCUS was honored on her 80th birthday, June 26th, with a family birthday dinner held on June 27, 2009 at the Marriott Hotel in Horseshoe Bay. The dinner was hosted by her sons, Bruce and Brad, and their families. Jody also dressed in her leather clothes and Brad got his motorcycle out for her to sit on. A great time was had by all.

Quartz Mountain Music Festival Approaching

Enthusiasm runs high in the quaint town of Granite as the entire community prepares to host the first-ever Celendonio Romero Guitar Institute and the two-day Oklahoma Outback Art Festival; the events are planned in conjunction with three fabulous days of chamber, orchestra and classical guitar music at the 4th Annual Quartz Mountain Music Festival in Quartz Mountain State Park.

Celebrating the Romeros family's 50th year of performing classical guitar, Pepe Romero (2008 music festival guest artist) returns July 21-26 with three other members of the Romero guitar family as faculty for the 1st Celendonio Romero Guitar Institute. For the first time, the Romeros will teach master classes and private one-on-one lessons in classical guitar for up to 20 collegiate-level and pre-professional fellows from across the nation and abroad.

David Palmer, Quartz Mountain Music Festival executive/artistic director, performed with Pepe Romero in Europe. "The Romeros are known as the 'Royal Family of Guitar' and are revered the world over. Everywhere we stopped, about 50 people were there to greet him and he knew most of them by name," Palmer said. "When they come to Granite, you can expect that they will get to know people here as well."

The Romeros, who have dazzled countless audiences and won the raves of reviewers worldwide, will also conduct discussion forums open to the public in Granite during the institute. In a free public student recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26 in Quartz Mountain's air-conditioned Robert M. Kerr Performance Hall, the audience will hear the fruit of the students' labor. For more information or institute registration, call 580-649-7596 or visit www.qmmf.org.

"After working all week with the Romeros, the students will share what they've learned; and the Romeros will talk with the audience from the stage and carry on a dialog about art," Palmer said.

The guitar institute will utilize the Granite School facilities for instruction and Camp Kate Portwood, a rustic Girl Scout Camp in west Granite, for afternoon practice and leisure time. Beautifully located in the shadow of Headquarters Mountain and Mt. Walsh, the camp contains an assortment of air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned meeting places, wide-open spaces, swimming pool, climbing wall, hiking trails, tennis court, natural amphitheater and an inviting wooded area with a bridge over a creek.

Throughout the week, members of Granite's

churches will demonstrate small-town hospitality by providing lunch and dinner for the students; Microtel Inn and Suites of Altus will offer discounted housing and breakfast, and Western Oklahoma State College will supply bus transportation. Oklahoma State Reformatory personnel will provide manpower for cleanup and other jobs; and through the reformatory's Faith Based Program, inmates will give back to the community by creating murals, posters and artwork for the event.

Granite Mayor Tony Scarborough considers the rustic Camp Kate Portwood "a feather in the town's cap." He believes the guitar institute and art show will "put us on the map and put our community's name on peoples' tongues. It will promote the area and hopefully create an atmosphere where we can preserve some of our history and save our downtown. You've got to progressively go after new things; otherwise you stagnate and go backwards."

Culminating the week-long guitar institute, Los Romeros (the guitar quartet) will perform with the Quartz Mountain Music Festival Chamber Players at 8 p.m. July 24 and with the Quartz Mountain Music Festival Orchestra at 8 p.m. July 25, both at the Robert M. Kerr Performance Hall in Quartz Mountain State Park. Purchase \$28 advance concert tickets online at www.qmf.org (\$15 for students, \$33 at the box office) or call the Altus Chamber of Commerce at 580-482-0210.

The Altus Chamber is also selling festival T-shirts, 2008 festival CDs and raffle tickets for four guitars painted by Oklahoma State Reformatory inmate artists. The drawing for the guitars occurs at the Saturday performance, when the Romeros will autograph the guitars and pose for photos with the winners.

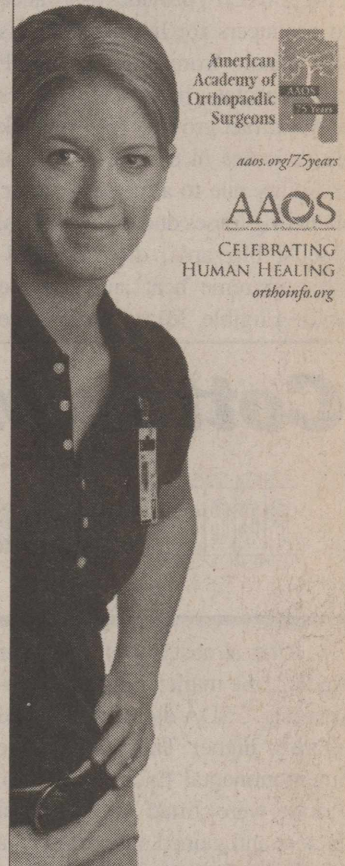
In future years, the Quartz Mountain Music Festival will continue the guitar institute and add four other institutes. According to Dennis Williams of Mangum, Quartz Mountain Music Festival marketing director, "The guitar institute is the first stone in the foundation and will be expanded block by block so that it includes music institutes in different instruments, hosted by cities surrounding Quartz Mountain. As the festival institutes expand, it's going to increase the revenues in the cities. It will all be focused on Quartz Mountain, but each town will get its own piece of the pie; and we have a tremendous potential to fill the arts vacuum in southwest Oklahoma with world-class performance."

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

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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Obituaries

TERESA IRLAS

Teresa Irlas, 47 of Floydada passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Prayer services were held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 and Thursday, July 9, 2009 at the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2009 at the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church. Burial followed in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

She was born on February 16, 1962 in Lubbock to Domingo and Trinidad (Ochoa) Irlas.

Local survivors include a son, Paul Michael Irlas; four daughters, Cassandria Sulin Irlas, Trinidad Irlas, Dina Lee Marmolejo and Genevieve Irlas; two brothers, Isabelo Irlas and wife, Connie and Robert Irlas and wife, Linda; three sisters, Eloisa Fuentes, Linda Garcia and husband, Juan and Jessie Irlas and husband, Eusebio; and many nieces and nephews.



ELSIE SMART MCANALLY

Elsie Smart McAnally, age 94, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2009 in Lockney, Texas. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Interment followed at the Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney. Family greeted friends on Monday night from 5-7 p.m. at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Elsie Nadine Smart was born on June 17, 1915 in Cottle County, Texas to Charlie Ayres Smart and Willie Galloway Smart. She married the Rev. Russell M. McAnally on September 3, 1936 in Plainview. She loved working by her husband's side as a minister's wife. Her favorite hobbies were quilting, baking and being involved in the women's ministries.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Russell M. McAnally on March 23, 1988, three brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her children, sons, Gerald McAnally of Merkel, Devin McAnally of Elmendorf, and Dan McAnally of Hemphill, and a daughter, Gayle Schacht of Lockney; thirteen grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Methodist Children's Home at PO Box 5010, Waco, TX, 76708.

RUBY MCWATERS

Ruby McWaters, 92, of Silverton died Friday, July 10, 2009 in Lockney. Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 13, 2009 at the Church of Christ in Silverton. Burial followed in the Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Ruby was born October 26, 1916 at Rock Creek to Cross and Nettie Pitts McDaniel.

Ruby is survived by a son, Dale McWaters and wife, Pat of Silverton, a daughter-in-law Annis McWaters of Quitaque, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

THIS WEEK'S

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The Diabetes Support Group will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m. They will meet in the Floyd County Extension Office Meeting Room.

NATIONAL MS SOCIETY

The National MS Society will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, July 20th at 6:30 pm in the meeting room of Covenant Hospital Plainview. All those with MS, their family & friends are invited to attend. Any questions please call Cathy Sanchez at 292-6141.

FHS CLASS OF 1969 REUNION

The FHS Class of 1969 will hold its 40th class reunion at the Floydada Country Club on August 1, 2009. For more information please contact Jacques Crawford James at jjames@crossbyton.com; Wes Campbell at 806-983-3073 or Penny Golightly at pdgoligh@aol.com or 806-983-2019.

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Keep Your Child Away From Smoke To Help Control Asthma

HOUSTON – Exposure to smoke can worsen your child's asthma and should be eliminated to help effectively manage his symptoms, said a pediatric pulmonologist at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu).

"Sometimes treating a child's asthma means treating the parent's tobacco addiction," said Dr. Harold Farber, associate professor of pediatrics - pulmonary at BCM and associate medical director of the Texas Children's Health Plan (<http://www.texaschildrenshealthplan.org>) at Texas Children's Hospital (<http://texaschildrens.org>). "Cigarette smoke – in first-, second- and third-hand forms – poses a serious threat to your child's asthma. It's the first thing we look at when starting a management program for controlling asthma."

When children with asthma are exposed to smoke, medications don't work as well and flare-ups or attacks can be more severe, Farber said. "The most important thing that a parent who smokes can do for their child with asthma is to get treatment for their own tobacco addiction," he said.

Asthma, a chronic condition of the respiratory system, occurs when inflammation of the breathing tubes in the lungs irritates the muscle surrounding them.

Many things can stimulate that inflammation, including strong chemicals, infections (colds, viruses) and allergens (animals, dust, pollens, mold) and most seriously, smoke exposure.

"Our best medications are inhaled steroids that go down the breathing tube and tell the breathing tubes to 'chill out, act like you don't have asthma,'" said Farber. "Smoking irritates the breathing tubes and reduces the benefit of this important asthma control medicine."

The tightness of the breathing tubes in the lungs causes symptoms including coughing, chest tightness and difficulty breathing and wheezing.

"When these symptoms worsen, it can result in attacks or flare-ups," said Farber. "Sometimes asthma can be mild, sometimes life threatening."

But asthma can be controlled, and patients should expect nothing less, Farber said. "It's important for your doctor to give you a written asthma plan that tells you what to do to stay well and how to recognize a problem and use treatment."

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into wonders of the American West. No, I've never been to Crater Lake, but I did get to see a really big picture of my tooth and the shiny big filling. One of the wonders of modern dentistry is the ability to show patients big color pictures of teeth in question. Think calendar art.

But it's not the flash and the dash of today's dental procedures that impress me. It's the gas. Turn on the nitrous oxide, and I'm suddenly inspired to do deep-breathing exercises. I try not to be obvious.

Sure enough, once I was in the chair with that nifty little gas mask over my nose, my dentist mentioned I could get my teeth cleaned while the hygienist had time. Meanwhile, he found another place on the other side of my mouth that also needed patching. In a jovial mood, I agreed to everything. More gas.

While the hygienist scraped around determinedly on all my teeth, many wonderful clever things I could write about the whole experience came to mind. My brain on gas.

"I'll bet you find some interesting stuff in people's mouths," I prompted, as she probed various places in mine.

"You wouldn't believe," she replied, mentioning fingernails specifically but stopping short of giving me the long list. I guess the other stuff is just too weird.

My en-route snack came to mind.

"If you find anything besides chocolate muffins, let me know," I said.

She didn't. No news was good news.

The bad news: The whole bill was a tenth of this year's wheat crop.

The good news: It was a sorry crop.

VJ...

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After church Sunday, Steve, Becky and I ate lunch with Matt, Megan, and Payce at their home in Plainview. Matt sure married him a good cook.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dahlia Hight who is now at home, Homer Cypert who is now at Carrilon in Lubbock taking therapy and Sally Shaw that is recuperating from double knee replacements and Doyle Poole, and others who I haven't heard from this week.

Our sympathy is with Elsie McAnally's family on Elsie passing away on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Her services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney on Tuesday.

Also our "Cookie Lady" Ruby McWaters passed away Saturday. I don't have the information on her burial services.

Elsie and Ruby will surely be missed.

MENU
July 20-24

- Monday-Soup and cornbread
- Tuesday-Baked ham
- Wednesday-Chicken and rice
- Thursday-Hamburger steak
- Friday-Fish

Camp...

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College at Waco, \$50,400 - 80 scholarships for participants among four camps to gain hands-on experience in aerospace, supercomputing, welding or Web site design.

- Texas State Technical College West Texas, \$22,611 - 80 scholarships for participants among five camps to learn about cybersecurity, renewable energy, video-game programming, metal inert gas welding and agriscience, among other vocations.

- Texas Tech University, \$42,105 - 40 scholarships for participants to gain experience in applying complex math applications in science, technology and engineering at Texas Tech University Women's Summer Mathematics academics.

- University of North Texas, \$42,000 - 40 scholarships to teach participants coding and programming principles using computers and gaming consoles, and the role of physics and mathematics in game design.

- University of Texas at Arlington, \$39,000 - 61 scholarships in a variety of science and engineering disciplines among seven camps in which students tour labs, conduct lab experiments, focus on computer technology, witness engineering in area businesses and develop team-building skills.

- University of Texas at Austin, \$21,094 - a residential summer computer science camp for 60 high school girls that encourages them to pursue computer science degrees and careers in technology.

- University of Texas at Austin, \$58,800 - 280 scholarships among three camps, including My Introduction to Engineering (MITE), Women Engineers at the University of Texas at Austin (WE@UT) and Your Opportunities are Unlimited (YOU@UT).

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Science, \$77,000 - 330 scholarships among three camps where participants explore STEM-related careers, visit with engineers, learn computer programming concepts, and develop Web site pages and presentations.

- University of Texas at San Antonio, \$116,550 - 115 scholarships among six camps as part of the Texas Prefreshmen Engineering Program that target math enrichment and prepare youth for success in advanced studies that lead to STEM-related careers.

Huggins...

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really be able to understand everyone, because the people of Glasgow, 'Glaswegians,' as they are called, have really strong accents compared even to some other places in Scotland. They have a distinct accent, I guess you'd say. It's hard to understand, and they speak really, really fast.

"They think Americans speak really loudly. They would say 'Oh, you're speaking so much better now; you're not yelling at me' after we'd been there a while. And they have their own language. I mean, it's English, but ..."

She says she eventually picked up on some of the Scottish slang and the way the people phrase things. For example, it's "flat" instead of apartment, and they're "toilets," not restrooms. "If you say 'restroom' they'll know what you're talking about, and they'll proceed to make fun of you for saying it."

And the word "pants" refers to underwear. "Trousers" is the term for the outerwear. "We got mixed up on that one a lot," she says. "It rains so much that your 'trousers' will always be wet at the bottom, and we sometimes said 'My pants are wet,' which meant something totally different than we intended."

Speaking of the Scottish weather, she noted it rains nearly all the time, and the sun doesn't shine much. Because it's so far north, as northerly as parts of Alaska, it gets dark in the winter at about 3 'in' the afternoon; so it would be dark when she got home from school. But in the summer it never really gets dark at night. It stays light until eleven or so, and it is daylight again by 3:30 or 4 in the morning. "It was always blue outside. I loved it when it was light, but I hated it when it was dark all

the time because it was just so... depressing." Even the people who live there sometimes get really depressed in the winter, often suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD.

She recalled, "We went to the World Pipe Bands Championships. There were bagpipe bands from all over the world; many from Scotland, of course, but also a lot from Canada and the United States." The New York City Police Department pipe band was one of the competing groups, so apparently it's really popular everywhere. "One of the guys was wearing a kilt and a Texas Longhorns hat. I had to talk to him and get my picture taken with him," she said. "Kilts aren't just for the piping. They wear them to weddings. You will see people just walking down the street in them sometimes, but it's not like all the men wear kilts all the time. It's mostly for special occasions. For weddings, the men wear kilts, the ladies wear really nice dresses, and they all have really fancy hats.

"One of the things that struck me most was the people of Scotland and how generous they were. Complete strangers would invite us for tea. One of the things I learned most from the people there was the generosity," she said.

"We were riding home on the train the other day. It was a pretty full train, so three of us had to sit with different people because there weren't three seats together. I sat with a couple at a table seat. They were eating and offered to share their chocolate and 'crisps' and before long were just sitting there sharing food and talking.

"My last day there I was walking to our flat from the town center and there was a woman sitting outside near the hospital (she told me later she was about to go into the hospital) and she was commenting on how hot it was because it was in the upper sixties. (When it gets above 60 the men sit in the outdoor restaurants with their shirts off because the sun is shining and it's warm.) We started talking about where I was from and where she had been in the States. She asked me what was different about the people here, and I said "Well, back there I would never be having this conversation with you. You probably wouldn't just stop and talk to somebody on the street (in the States), because it's a pretty big city."

She and her AIM roommate got to travel to the capital city of Edinburgh, one of the most pictur-

esque cities in Europe, to the scenic Highlands north of Glasgow, and to the famous Loch Ness and Loch Lomond. They also went to London and took some trips to "the Continent" in their time off, visiting Paris, Rome and Barcelona. "People from any country you can think of stay in the European hostels. That was pretty cool," she said.

The main religious groups in Scotland are the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church. "There are churches more like what you might find around here, such as the Church of Christ, which was what I worked with, and some Baptist churches. But I would say that the people aren't as 'church-going' as they are around here, even though there are plenty of churches to go to."

Miss Huggins's home church, Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney, was her sponsoring congregation, helping to support her financially and spiritually, and coordinating financial support from several other area churches and individuals.

There are other notable differences between Scotland and Texas, she said. Even though it rains "nearly all the time," there are few clothes dryers, so when the sun does come out, people rush home to "get the washing out" while it's sunny so the clothes can dry, "...because otherwise you have clothes draped over every available surface in your house."

Homes are usually small and close together. "The kitchens are tiny," she said. "Our flat was actually pretty good-sized and open. There were only two of us living in it," she said. Many families of five or six live in houses about that size.

The stores are tiny, too. "I never got used to that," she said. Grocery stores have whole aisles of tea and "biscuits," which are cookies. "And they really do stop and have tea. The teachers at the school where I worked had their tea breaks every morning at about 10 o'clock."

Unlike in Texas, most shops and services there are close by. "If I were going to travel to the next town I would take the bus or the train," she said. (Public transportation is very good in Scotland, as it is in most of Europe.) For "in town," though, nearly everything is within walking distance. Compared to the U.S., there are few private automobiles.

She heard about the Lockney High School fire before many Lockneyites, via the internet and Facebook. She read about and even saw photographs and videos of the fire nearly as it was happening. Because of the time difference, first news of the fire came at about breakfast time in Scotland. She phoned her parents to talk about the fire at 2 a.m. Texas time (eight o'clock in Scotland).

The return to the States triggered mixed emotions for the young Lockney woman. Excited and happy about returning home, she was still sad to leave Scotland and the friends she had made there.

The Adventures In Missions program offers counseling and

psychological support for AIMers who experience severe "reverse culture shock" upon returning home, but so far she hasn't needed such a service.

Asthma...

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It's critical for patients to know the role of their treatment, Farber said. There are two types of medicines - controllers and relievers, he explained.

"We have medication that can act quickly to relieve symptoms but do nothing to prevent asthma attacks. Medicines that can make the breathing tubes less sensitive to flare-ups do not relieve symptoms," Farber said.

If your child has asthma and you are a smoker, Farber said it's critical for the child that the parents get their tobacco dependence treated.

"When you smoke, whether it's indoors or out, your child is exposed to the irritant," said Farber.

Tobacco addiction is a chronic disease, Farber said, and there are effective medications to treat it.

He encouraged smokers to talk to their doctor and to call the free national smoker's help line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) (<http://1800quitnow.cancer.gov/>) for assistance to become smoke free.

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