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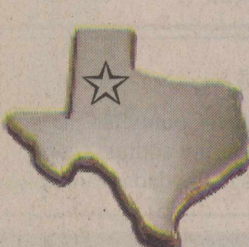


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School Immunization Requirement Changes Now In Effect

Changes to School immunization requirements for five vaccines took effect Aug. 1, according to Texas Department of Health Services officials.

"The changes were made to update the Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements to more closely match recommendations by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices," said Jack Sims, DSHS immunization branch manager.

Changes affect mainly students entering kindergarten and seventh grade. All immunizations must be completed by the first day of attendance at public and private schools. The vaccines and new requirements are:

Hepatitis A vaccine: Students entering kindergarten statewide must have had two doses of the hepatitis A vaccine.

Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine: Students entering kindergarten and seventh grade must have had two doses of the MMR

vaccine. Students in grade 1 through 12 must continue to meet the current requirement, which is two doses of a measles-containing vaccine and one dose each of mumps and rubella vaccine.

Varicella vaccine: Students kindergarten and seventh grade must have had two doses. Students in grade 1 through 6 and 8 through 12 must continue to meet the current requirements, which is one dose of varicella vaccine.

Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap): Students entering seventh grade must have had one dose of Tdap vaccine. Students in seventh grade must have had a booster dose of Tdap, but only if it has been five years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8 through 12 must have had a booster dose of Tdap if it has been 10 years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine.

Meningococcal vaccine: Students entering seventh grade must have had one dose.

"A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has received at least one dose of each required vaccine," Sims said. "To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as quickly as medically feasible."

Information about the new Texas immunization requirements was sent to health care providers, schools and childcare facilities earlier this year.

The full list of immunization requirements effective Aug. 1 for the 2009-2010 school year is available at HYPERLINK "<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/school/614ENG.pdf>"

Immunizations are also required for children in pre-kindergarten and child-care facilities. Those requirements are available at HYPERLINK "http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/school/childcare_reqsENG.pdf"

Floyd County Fair Saturday

By Charlene Brown

It's time! It's time! This Saturday, August 22 will be a fun day in Lockney, Texas.

The Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair board has been working very hard to make this special day happen.

Children will be entertained with the rock climbing wall, face painting, paint ball booth, several inflatable games and a barnyard.

All ages will enjoy bingo sponsored by the

Floydada Catholic Church, washer and horseshoe pitching and antique tractors, cars and station wagons.

For those of us who love to eat, there will be food booths available.

Christmas gifts can also be found in booths.

The fair board plans to have a three-day event next year, probably in September.

We want the Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair to be a reality not just a dream!

Traffic Changed by City of Floydada

Traffic speeds and direction of travel have been changed by the City of Floydada, South of Houston Street, on South Wall Street and South Eighth Street. The changes have been made to improve the flow of traffic around Duncan Elementary School.

During the school year, between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday, the speed limit on South Wall Street between Houston Street and Ollie Avenue will be 20 mph.

South Eighth Street will be a ONE-Way Street going north from Hallie Street to Houston Street. The one-way designation will be between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday during the school year.

All motorists are reminded to drive carefully in and around all schools. The City of Floydada will have police officers patrolling the school zones to remind drivers of the posted speed limits.

Texas Panhandle Has Wind Energy Potential

Landowners in the panhandle of Texas know the wind blows and many of them are starting to question why they haven't seen more wind energy development in the area. At a recent meeting held in Floyd County, experts reassured landowners that there is still potential for wind energy development.

Richard Amato, president and CEO of Venti Energy and wind subcommittee chair for the Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association (TREIA) was the first speaker at Caprock Plains Wind

Energy Association's (CPWEA) annual membership meeting. Amato presented the attendees with a wind industry update, explaining that wind energy development in Texas has come a long way but it still has the potential to grow.

Texas is ranked first in the nation for wind development with 8,361 MW of installed capacity at the end of June. Texas currently creates 3.5 percent of its energy from wind, making it seventh in the nation for percentage of overall

wind-generated energy. This year has been a slow year for wind development in comparison to the previous couple of years in which Texas, as well as the entire nation, saw rapid growth throughout the industry, but wind still has a place in the Texas panhandle.

"Even though market conditions are depressed right now there is still a lot of room for potential growth," Amato commented. "This isn't a dying industry, there is only room to improve; we have barely scratched the tip of potential for wind."

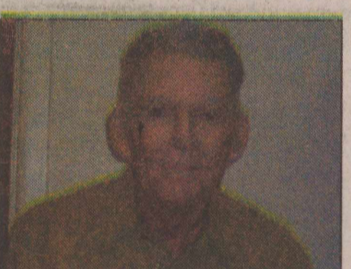
The potential for wind energy development in the caprock plains region of Texas is great and offers many benefits, including: job creation, additional income for farmers, and increased tax bases bringing money to school, hospitals, etc. Amato pointed out that the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) process, which will allow the wind-rich panhandle to send energy generated by wind to load centers like Austin, Dallas and San Antonio, is critical so we can continue to develop wind farms and reap the benefits associated with development.

"As a company we are interested in the area," Amato said. "We are looking for innovative ways to work with landowners to develop wind projects."

Cameron Fredkin, director of project development for Cross Texas Transmission, also spoke during the recent CPWEA meeting about the CREZ process and their involvement in this expansive build out of the Texas transmission grid.

Cross Texas Transmission is a subsidiary of LS Power Development, LLC and was selected by the Public Utility Commission of Texas

Faulkenberry named Volunteer of the Year



WAYLAND FAULKENBERRY

Wayland Faulkenberry from Floydada was honored as the RSVP Volunteer of the Year at the recent 36th Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

Born in Paducah, Wayland moved with his family to Floydada in 1933 to farm. Wayland was the oldest of four children where he learned early the importance of taking care of others.

He graduated from Floydada High School in 1946. He farmed and then served his country as a U.S. Army Medic. After leaving the service, other work through the years included Morton's in Littlefield from 1963 - 1969 and then working for an armored car service in Lubbock. Of the 20 years he worked for the armored car service, 15 of those years he was a supervisor.

Coming home to Floydada after retiring was a blessing for the community. He is always ready to help others by taking them to doctor's appointments, the airport, or anywhere they need to go.

A friend who relies on Wayland for trips to the doctor said "He is always there for us. He is a careful driver and a caring person."

Wayland loves helping others and volunteering. He feels great about being able to do this and is thankful for his good health.

Wayland is proud of his two sons, Marty lives in Lubbock and Ted in Florida. He is also very proud of his two grandchildren.

He is a longtime member of

the First Baptist Church in Floydada and transports fellow church members to appointments, too. He enjoys gardening in the spring and summer and is always ready for a game of checkers or various card games.

Wayland is a soft spoken, hardworking, dependable and kind gentleman who loves life. He is sincerely appreciated by the citizens of Floydada and RSVP is proud to have him honored as the Volunteer of the Year.

Runningwater Draw RSVP is sponsored by the City of Plainview and housed by Wayland Baptist University on the Wayland campus. For more than 36 years volunteers aged 55 and over have been sharing their time, talents and knowledge for others in Floyd, Hale and Lamb counties. There is no cost to join and supplemental insurance is provided while volunteering. Call RSVP at 291-1895 for more information or come by the RSVP office at 2503 W. Eighth.

Lockney Elementary Holding Back-To-School Night

All parents and students are invited to attend the Back to School Night at Lockney Elementary. Students may come and meet the teachers and bring their supplies for the year.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. tonight and ends at 7 p.m. at Lockney Elementary School.



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL - The laminating machine at Lockney Elementary School got lots of use Monday as teachers and assistants prepared bulletin board material for school opening next week. Left to right: Vicky Schaeffer, Cathy Rosales, Analia Hernandez, Virginia Hernandez and Ashleigh Jones.

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PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Justin Jaworski, EDC Executive Director, and Sue Ward, President of P.R.I.D.E. celebrate Xcel Energy's recent donation of \$1,000 toward the completion of the Welcome Entrance Project (a.k.a. Centennial Plaza).

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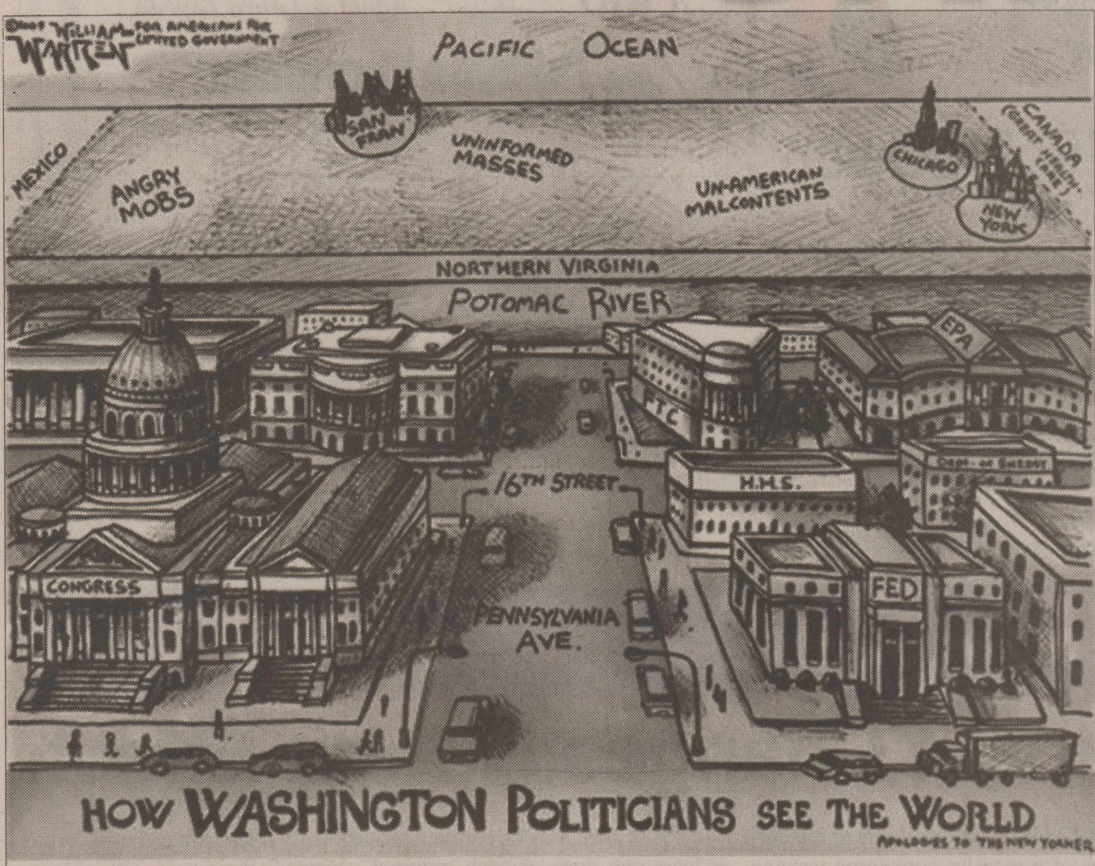
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- * Candy Making- 9:30
- * Cake Making- 10:30
- * Sewing- 11:30

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On a night in August 1929, the German (Lighter than Air) Graf Zeppelin, on a round the world tour, with passengers, flew between our home and the newly formed town of South Plains.

We lived a mile and a quarter east of 207 and what is now County Road 120, or three and one quarter miles east of the old Roseland School.

To a six-year-old boy it

looked like a city in the sky! In my mind's eye it is always flying south, but my older brother Kendall assures me it was flying east, that dad took us to the north window not to the east window as I remember. I doubt dad knew it was coming by. He probably heard it. The window would have been open. I'm glad dad thought it important enough to wake a six and eight year old! It is a pleasant memory. I've often

wondered how many others saw it.

According to reports the Graf Zeppelin was 776 feet long. From goal post to goal post, a football field is 360 feet. It was larger than two football fields!

Sincerely,
 Sterling K. Cummings
 South Plains

The Public Option on the Table

By Robert Romano

The so-called public "option" - no less than a government takeover of the entire health care system - is apparently off the table. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND), appearing on FOX News Sunday, said, "The fact of the matter is there are not the votes in the United States Senate for a public option. There never have been."

Not that it matters in the great scheme of things. Because the American people's adamant opposition to ObamaCare does not matter all that much to their representatives. Besides expanding government's reach to control the lives of the American people, what matters most to Congressmen are their prospects for reelection. They desire nothing more.

And now the American people are learning that, at least in the Senate, they are not willing to lose their seats over this bill.

To put this revelation in perspective, despite having 58 Democrat Senators plus two Independent Senators that caucus with them, and 256 Representatives - more than

enough to pass any bill they desire - Congressional Democrats allegedly cannot summon the votes in the Senate to enact their top agenda item: socialized medicine. And why might that be?

The American people have made their voices loud and clear: They do not want a government takeover of their health care. They do not want rationing boards to eliminate "overhead" costs and cut out "unnecessary" tests and procedures that really means less quality care administered to America's seniors. They do not want the unsustainable debt the program would produce to be passed on to their children and their children's children.

However, while a prominent senator declaring the public "option" dead on arrival in the Senate is certainly good news for the American people, it should be taken with a grain of salt.

Congressional opposition to this proposal is contingent upon the continued opposition by the American people to a proposal that threatens no less than the

quality of health care their families and friends receive.

And if the American people stop making phone calls, writing letters, and visiting with their Congressmen to express their opposition to the takeover, then representatives may start to believe that the coast is clear. That perhaps they can get away with it. And that is when they can and will deliver the deathblow to the nation's health care system.

In the House, there are still 3 pieces of legislation, all of which still include the public "option." Meaning it is still very much on the table, at least in that chamber. After all, whether or not the plan can pass the Senate really has little to do with the legislation that the House will pass.

It also says nothing about what a final version of the bill will look like out of the conference committee, which is where the action always is. There, the House - represented by Nancy Pelosi - will have a full seat at the table. And there, the public "option" will very much be on the table.

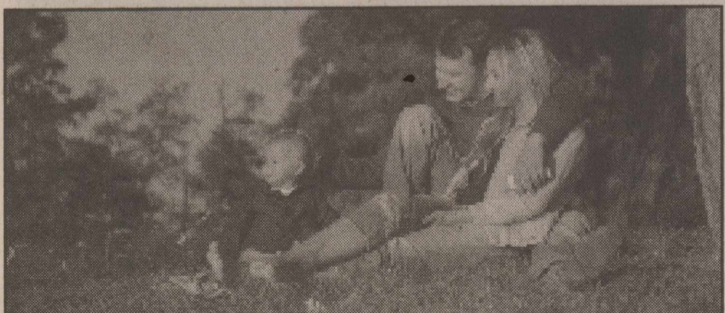
In truth, there is no way Nancy Pelosi can get a health care bill out of the House that does not include the public "option," which Kaiser Health News reports will cost more than \$1.5 trillion.

Indeed, the inclusion of the public "option" is a deal breaker for the more radical members of the House. On CNN, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson said, "It would be very, very difficult, because without the public option, we'll have the same number of people uninsured. If the insurance companies wanted to insure these people now, they'd be insured."

The fact is: the public "option" is the Democrat Party's proposal on the issue of health care. Without it, they would have to go back to scratch.

Certainly, Barack Obama is not ready to call it quits. In

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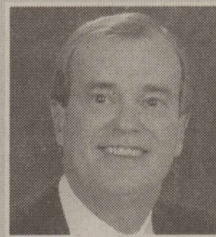
*We Welcome Cynthia Schlueter, DO,
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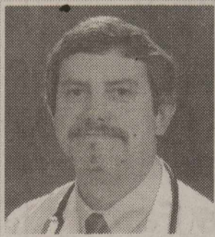
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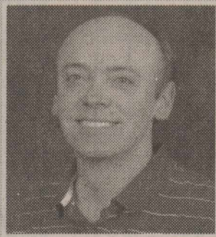
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VJ...

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Dara, in Plano. It was a sister's weekend to celebrate Dara's birthday. They had a great time at a spa doing the "make over" thing: manicure, pedicure, hair and lots of shopping. They think they may have to do this sister thing more often than once a year.

Friday, Aug 7, I bought a lap top computer. I have had a desk top computer all these years but didn't like it so discontinued its service with AT&T. On Friday the 7th I called AT&T and told them to add a computer back to the bundle. They said I would be online Wed 12. Grandson Bryan came up and did whatever he had to do to install me so I was in business last Thurs.

As of tonight, Sunday night, for four days I have been trying to learn the computer language. It is a lot different from my Webbie, which I have been using for 9 or 10 years.

I am going to keep my webbie for one more month till I feel more comfortable typing on the laptop. I was typing a message the other day and I did something, who knows what, and the message disappeared. Where it went to I don't know. I will just have a fit if that happens while I am typing the news.

What was bad, Louie, Cynthia and Bryan went to Austin to help their son Tyler and wife Amy move into their new house. So I was on my own, with them and Becky all being out of town. I had to call Amos Poole at Cynthia's shop to find out how to send a message on "Facebook". The word "send" wasn't anywhere to be seen. Well, enough about computers.

Jr. Brotherton is now recuperating at home from knee replacement surgery done in Lubbock. He is still doing out patient therapy.

Others who have had knee replacement surgeries are Sally Shaw and Naomi Johnson. Sally had both of her knees done at one time in Dallas. My sympathy and prayers have been with these people because I have had both knees

and a hip replaced, but not at the same time.

Almeda Phillips is in Mangold Memorial Hospital at this time. Also Johnny Mason, Cheryl Bradley's dad, is in the Lubbock hospital. Please keep these people and all the other sick ones in our community on your prayer list.

Dani Johnson's mother, Betty Weems, passed away Saturday, Aug 8th and was buried Tuesday morning. Our sympathy is with Dani and her family.

A former Lockney resident and High School student, Willie McGee, now of Plainview, passed away Thursday, Aug 13. His funeral services were held Tuesday in Wayland's Harral Auditorium and burial followed at Plainview's Memorial Gardens.

His parents, Willie and Leola McGee, preceded him in death. His brother Cleo is living in Los Angeles, Calif. His wife Carol and daughter Melissa live in Plainview and daughter Natira lives in Pflugerville, Texas. Captain Willie McGee graduated from Lockney High School in 1971. He worked for the Plainview Police Department for 33 years.

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Monday-Tacos

Tuesday-Hamburger steak

Wednesday-Chicken and rice

Thursday-BBQ on bun

Friday-Enchiladas

Cool..

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and placing careful attention on factors that lead to excessive waste. Mayer explained that switching to high-energy air conditioners and insulating homes from escaping air can reduce this energy use by 20% - 50%, offering a serious consideration for those trying desperately to cut costs this summer.

For more information on how to alleviate the high degree of energy costs, yet still keep cool in the coming months, visit www.mxenergy.com

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Colorado on Saturday, he said, "I think that we can craft a system in which you've got a public option that has to operate independently, not subsidized by taxpayers - it would be nonprofit... they would have to go on the market and get a market price for capital."

What this so-called not-for-profit "cooperative" would look like legislatively or if it will even be in the final bill remains to be seen. But even Barack Obama still says there will be a "public option."

All of which means that the public "option" is actually still on the table. They may call it something different. They may move a few boxes around. They may paint it pretty colors. But it will still be the same abominable government takeover of the entire health care system. And the American people will not like it.

Wind...

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(PUCT) to permit, construct, own and operate over 230 miles of 345 kV transmission lines in the Texas Panhandle as a part of the CREZ process.

As a transmission service provider, Cross Texas Transmission is already doing their part to help revitalize communities in the area even though they are only in the preliminary stages of the CREZ process. One of Cross Texas Transmission's goals is to build a Texas based project development team. Through the transmission build out they want to continue to provide employment in Texas, especially the panhandle.

Currently Cross Texas is working on identifying geographically diverse routes which they will submit to the PUCT sometime next year. It is important for them to be in close contact with landowners throughout the region during the entire process and they have opened a local office in Pampa, Texas, to help facilitate communication with local landowners.

"Cross Texas Transmission is committed to communicating with stakeholders throughout the process," Fredkin said. "We have an open door policy and encourage interested parties to contact us. We recognize that communication is essential as we develop the transmission expansion plan and we would forward to working with landowners throughout the panhandle region."

If you would like to find out more about Cross Texas Transmission and their involvement in the transmission build out you can call their local office in Pampa, Texas, at (806) 669-3000.

Tom Edwards, a CPWEA board member from Motley County reassured the group during the meeting that wind energy development is not dead in our area and asked members to stay dedicated to the vision that CPWEA is working toward.

"I urge you to continue your membership and urge your friends to join because the war isn't over yet," Edwards said, reminding the members that the potential to utilize wind energy to help strengthen our communities is still there.

CPWEA is a non-profit landowner association working to connect landowners with developers in the wind industry. CPWEA's goal is to recruit wind development to the region and help revitalize rural communities. Go to www.caprockplainswind.com to find out more about the association and find full presentations from recent CPWEA meetings.

Don't forget our new deadline Friday, 5 p.m.

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