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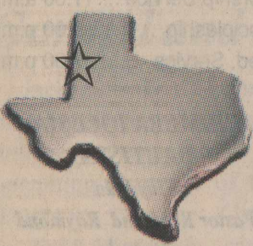
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FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS UNITY Center was the meeting place for the CAPROCK PLAINS WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION meeting sponsored in part by the Floydada EDC. People from Briscoe, Hockley, Hale, Lubbock, Motley and Floyd counties visited with representatives from 25 companies.

## Fatal accident occurs in Floyd County

A one car accident last Monday, March 1st, killed Elizabeth Ann Caballero, 35, of Floydada and sent her passenger, Telinda Trejo, 19, of Lubbock to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock with head, shoulder and head injuries.

According to Department of Public Safety officials, Caballero was traveling at a high

rate of speed on FM 378 near Highway 54 when she lost control of her vehicle and went into the west ditch. Her Ford Explorer crossed back over the road and went into the east ditch where it struck a pole and then rolled.

Caballero was pronounced dead at the scene. Neither women were wearing a seat belt.

## Floydada tennis qualifies for state team tennis

By Coach Smith

The Varsity Tennis placed 2nd behind Shallowater to qualify for the State Team Tennis in Round Rock.

We will be participating against the top 1A and 2A teams in the state of Texas on March 12th and 13th.

I was very proud of the way our team played.

The score for the match was 12 to 7 in favor of

Shallowater. We had some key wins that will help us later in our season.

The state meet is always great competition and we are looking forward to the challenge.

The students who will be participating in the State meet are: Lexie Terrell, Britny Helms, Hannah Griffin, Lindsey Beedy, Imelda Resendiz, Kaylee

Nutt, Makenzie Schwertner, Abigail Miller, Lexi Covington, Haden Lipham, Tim Campbell, Mason Lipham, Jordan Cornelius, Cole Covington, and Jacob Graham.

Also participating this past week but not going to State were: David Diaz and Joseph Segura. Thanks guys!

## LISD Trustees receive updates on high school building

By Jim Huggins  
Reporter

During their regular monthly meeting Monday, February 22, Lockney Independent School District board of trustees approved contract extension for all three building administrators and the athletic director, ordered a board election in May, and received updates about progress on the new high-school building.

Contracts for principals Todd Hallmark, Craig Setliff and Jean Anne Williams and AD Malcom Moerbe were extended through June 30,

2012.

The terms of three trustees, Aaron Wilson, Robbie Long and Lonny Hooten, are expiring. Long is opposed in Precinct 4 by Boyd Jackson. At-large trustee Hooten will be challenged by Miguel Guerrero.

Wilson is so far unopposed for the Precinct 3 spot. The election is scheduled for May 8. Early voting starts April 26 and continues through May 4 at the LISD Superintendent's Office. March 8 was the final day candidates to sign up for the election and have their

names on the ballot. Write-in candidates may sign up until March 15.

Latest estimates on the new high school building call for actual construction to begin on May 22 of this year and be completed in 13 months, on June 22, 2011.

Barring further delays, staff will move in on July 31, 2011, and students will start the 2011-2012 school year in the new building in August.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported that a proposal by Evans Construction to close in all windows in the old gymnasium, at a cost of \$7,100, had been approved. It was decided to close in the windows instead of installing new windows at a proposed cost of \$16,656.

The trustees amended the 2009-2010 budget, approved policy updates, and okayed the certification form for textbook adoption.

They considered options for the softball field but took no action.

Teachers Cindy Cotham and Tracy Long presented information on new interactive computer boards at the schools.

## Morris wins commissioner nomination

By James Huggins  
Reporter

In the only contested Floyd County race in the March 2 primary elections, incumbent Lindan Morris outpolled challenger Aurelio Jimenez 192-153 to win the Republican Party nomination for County Commissioner, Precinct 2. Morris will face Democratic Party nominee Amado Morales in the general election. Morales received 25 votes running without opposition in the Democratic Party primary

County-wide, 109 Democrats and 858 Republicans voted in the primary elections.

Running without opposition in county contests on the Republican slate were Penny Golightly, who received 686 votes for County Judge; Patty Davenport, 728 for District Clerk; Ginger Morgan, 683 for County Clerk; Jo Bunch Elliott, 673 for County Treasurer; Tali Jackson, 369 for Justice of Peace, Precinct 1 & 4; Kelly Dunbar, 335 for Justice of Peace, Precinct 2 & 3; and Kerry D. Pratt, 689 for County Chairman.

William P. "Bill" Smith received 665 Floyd County votes running unopposed in the Republican primary for District Judge, 110th Judicial District.

Jeffery Johnson ran unopposed for Democratic Party Chairman and received 91 votes.

In other races of local interest, incumbent

Joe Heflin garnered 98 Floyd County votes running without opposition in the Democratic primary contest for State Representative, District 85; and for the Republicans, Jim Landtroop outpolled David Andrews 559-200 in Floyd County for the District 85 State Representative nomination.

Floyd County Republicans cast 753 votes for Randy Neugebauer, who was the only candidate on the ballot for U.S. Representative, District 19.

In the Governor's race, Floyd County Republicans went for Rick Perry with 404 votes. Kay Bailey Hutchison received 351 Floyd County votes and Debra Medina 86 in the Republican primary contest for Governor.

Bill White paced the Democratic Party candidates for Governor with 65 votes in Floyd County, while Felix (Rodriguez) Alvarado received 19 votes, Farouk Shami 10, Alma Ludvina Aguado 8, Star Locke 1, Clement E. Glenn 1, and Bill Dear 0.

Floyd County Republicans joined GOP voters statewide in approving by large margins five ballot propositions: #1, requiring photo ID to vote in elections in Texas; #2, controlling government growth; #3, cutting federal income taxes; #4, public acknowledgement of God; and #5, requiring sonograms to be shown to mothers about to undergo medically unnecessary elective abortions.

## Tickets available for Floyd County Friends Gala

The 15th Annual Floyd County Friends, Unity Center, Benefit Gala is one of the most fun and enjoyable events for the area. A wonderful evening of fine dining with the help of the Floyd County 4-H'ers and the board of directors as your hosts. A three course meal of tossed salad, filet mignon and sides, with a delicious dessert to follow.

Your ticket enrolls you for the \$1,000 Give Away sponsored by Monsanto and Delta Pine. A game of chance has always been a fun and entertaining part of the GALA's Give Away.

A Raffle of several (10) Electronic Items will also be available. Raffle tickets can be purchased ahead of time and you do not have to be present to win. They are priced at \$20 per ticket or you can get 6 tickets for \$100. Some of the items are: 42" Flat Screen TV, 26" Flat Screen TV, and the rest are listed on the website which you can view by clicking the link below.

The silent auction seems to be one of the exciting events

throughout the evening. There will be all sorts of items for your inspection and your bid.

We are proud and excited to have The KYLE SISTERS from Dripping Springs, Texas as our live entertainment. You will be 'ever so pleased and blessed' by their harmony as they have promised to sing a few "a cappella". They perform Southern Gospel, Inspirational and Country Songs. You can also have "Coffee with the Kyle Sisters" on the Internet by logging in to <http://kdrplive.org/>. They have a talk show week day mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Live Auction will close the event.

Tickets for the "BIG CITY LIGHTS" GALA are available now. Nick Long Insurance in Floydada (806) 983-3441 and D & J Gin in Lockney (806) 652-3351 have tickets on hand. The ticket price is \$30 each person and for those who would like to secure a table for eight (8) the table price is \$280.

Come join in the fun and

## City council discusses property, meeting attendance

By Sara Sisemore  
Correspondent

On Feb. 16, 2010, the Floydada City Council heard from Brenda Brakebill, a USDA representative regarding the Farm Labor Housing property at 800 E. Price Street. "I had hoped to come with more information than I have tonight," Brakebill said. "I'm talking about the Farm Labor Camp that is now vacant. Originally, about 1974, there was a grant that allowed it to be built." Brakebill explained the history of the property and how in the early 1990s it payments were fallen behind on and the loan had

to be re-amortized. "As all of you know, the property is in really poor state of affairs right now," Brakebill stated.

According to Brakebill, Rebecca Mathis with M.E.T. has approached the Housing Authority about buying the

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# Obituaries



## MARIA ELENA CISNEROS

Maria Elena Cisneros, 66, Floydada, passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2010 in Lockney. Rosary was held Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada with Father Angelo R. Consemينو officiating.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Maria was born on January 7, 1944 in Ballinger to Salvador and Leandra (Mendoza) Barrientos. She enjoyed sewing for her family and friends. Maria loved to cook and bake and enjoyed family "get-togethers". Maria was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Lionso Cisneros; two sons, Refugio Barrientos of Lubbock, and Lionso Cisneros, Jr. of Floydada; three daughters, Corina Lee and Martin Suarez of Floydada, Tammy Ann and Tony Olivares of Menifee, California, and Jessica and Rusty Warner of Antioch, California; ten grandchildren; eight brothers, Manuel Barrientos of Lorenzo, Manuel Juarez of California, Trinidad Juarez of Kansas, Steven Juarez of Washington, Salvador Barrientos, Jr. of Plainview, Louis Barrientos of Plainview, Joe Barrientos of Floydada and Tiofilo Juarez of Floydada; four sisters, Connie Luna of Floydada, Norma Jimenez of Floydada, Hope Lopez of Grand Prairie and Virginia Love of Plainview.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Frances Juarez. Memorial donations may be made in Maria's name to the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 309 S. Wall, Floydada, Texas 79235.

## JAMES ROBERT MALETT

James Robert Malett, age 87, of Floydada passed away Saturday, February 27, 2010 in Crosbyton.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Clearmont Cemetery with Rick Fuller officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

James was born in Dunn, Scurry County, Texas on October 26, 1922. He was a farmer and a trucker.

His survivors include sons, Robert and Shirley Malett of Lubbock, Hershel Lynn and Ann Malett of Wylie; stepson, Edward and Terry Paul of Galveston; sisters, Merle Hutson and Runez Kelly; five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez; sister, Audie Lawrence; three brothers, Millerd, Brooks, and Grady Malett.

Memorials may be made in James' name to the Floydada Senior Citizens Center.

## ROBERT "BABE" JONES

Memorial services for Robert "Babe" Jones will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the family ranch north of Paducah.

Friends, family and business associates are invited. The ranch is located six miles north of Paducah on Highway 83. Turn right on FM 2998 and follow the signs.

Following the memorial service, a visitation will be held at the First Christian Church in Paducah (1 block south of high school track).

Casual dress appropriate for walking on ranch land is suggested.

## EDWIN "DALE" GRIFFIN

Edwin Dale Griffin, age 74, of Floydada, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2010 in Lockney. Cremation services are under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Dale was born September 2, 1935, in Floydada to Edgar and Bessie (Messimer) Griffin. He married Carolyn Dey on December 7, 1963 in Philadelphia, PA. He served his country in the United States Navy for 22 years until he retired. He enjoyed woodworking in his spare time and most recently was employed at the United Methodist Church doing maintenance.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his four siblings.

He is survived by his wife of over 46 years, Carolyn of Floydada; five sons, Jeff Griffin of Hurst, Randy Griffin of Ft. Worth, Steve Griffin of Floydada, Matt Griffin of Firestone, Colorado, and Russell Griffin of Williamsburg, Virginia; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



## ELIZABETH "LISA" ANN CABALLERO

Elizabeth "Lisa" Ann Caballero, 35, Floydada, passed away on Monday, March 1, 2010 in Floyd County. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 5, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church in Floydada with Armando Morales officiating. Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Lisa was born on December 18, 1974 in Petersburg to Primitivo and Guadalupe (Flores) Caballero. Lisa's children, Jacob and Jacy, were the light of her life. She enjoyed spending as much time with them as possible. They loved to take family trips to Sea World and to visit family members together. She was a big sports fan and enjoyed basketball the most. She was also a fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Lisa was a member of the Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship Church.

She is survived by her son, Jacob Isaiah Caballero; her daughter, Jacy Ann Caballero; her mother, Guadalupe Caballero; four brothers, Joe Caballero, Jr. of Floydada, Anthony Joseph Caballero of Lockney, Danny Angel Caballero of Wolfforth, and Steve Ray Caballero, Sr. of Floydada; two sisters, Mary Caballero of Lockney, and Sylvia Suarez of Floydada; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father, Primitivo Joe Caballero and her niece, Lacy Caballero.

## FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN MARCH 1, 1928

### DOUGHERTY TOWNSITE BEING STAKED OUT THIS WEEK 16 MILES EAST OF FLOYDADA

### Townsite Company Launched By Local Capital to Build Modern City.

Dougherty, Texas, fourth townsite enterprise to be prompted in Floyd County by the entry of new rail lines into this section, is being staked out by a crew from the office of Engineer Geo. A. Lider this week on the Dougherty lands sixteen and one-half miles southeast of Floydada, and as soon as all engineering and restriction details have been worked out, will be formally dedicated.

### Named for Pioneer

The dedication deed will likely be filed within the next two weeks, and meanwhile work of preparing the town for the rapid growth it is expected to enjoy, is be-

ing speeded up by Frank M. Dougherty, who with local associates, is sponsoring the town.

The name of Dougherty for the town has been registered with the Post Office Department and when the first establishments have been put in and residents are actually on the ground, application for post office will be made. The town is being named for William H. Dougherty, Texas pioneer, now deceased, who was for many years one of the big business leaders of the state and widely known. The land on which the town is to be located is owned by his son, Frank M. Dougherty. It was acquired by the elder Dougherty in the earlier part of this century, who at that time predicted this section was to be at some future date the great agriculturally productive section of Texas.

Frank M. Dougherty, who arrived in Floydada

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Thank you for the visits, cards, prayers, and many acts of kindness during the illness and death of Myria Dade. Our appreciation to the ladies at the First Baptist Church for providing a wonderful lunch for us. To Mike Holster, Terry Simmons, Roberta Hardin and Moore-Rose Funeral Home, we thank you for the beautiful memorial service and our sincere gratitude for the loving care and support provided by Dr. Ahmad, the staff of the Floydada and Lockney Rehab Centers and the Interim Healthcare Hospice Team.

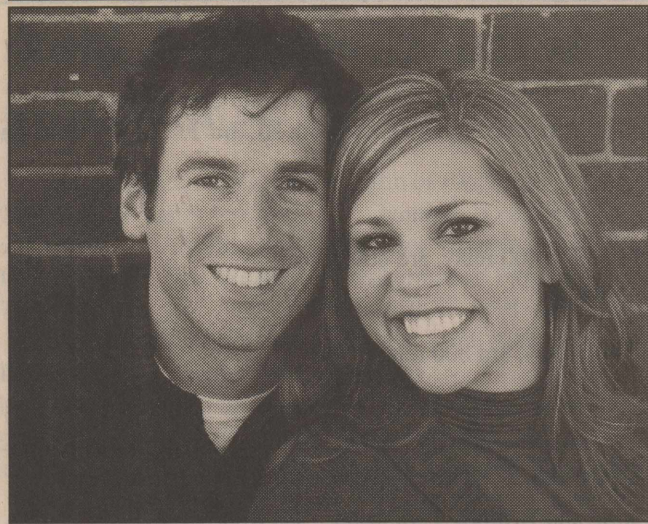
May God bless you all  
Ray and Marilyn Holcomb and  
The Family of Myria Dade

# Floyd County Church Directory

<b>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.. *****	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship .....8:30 a.m. Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m. Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m. *****	<b>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 N. Main, Lockney Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****
<b>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-5278 Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m. Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. *****	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lockney Rev. Ricky Carstensen Pastor Sunday School .....9:30 a.m. Worship Service ....10:30 a.m. Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. *****	<b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Worship Service ....11:00 a.m. Discipleship .....5:00 p.m. Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m. *****
<b>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Bible Study .....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m. *****	<b>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....7:30 p.m. Tuesday.....8:00 p.m. Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m. *****	<b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Floydada Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening .....6:00 p.m. *****
<b>CARR'S CHAPEL</b> Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m. Sunday School .....10:30 a.m. *****	<b>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Lockney Jay Don Poindexter, Minister Bible Study .....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****	<b>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. *****
<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> West College & Third, Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ....5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****	<b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School .....10:30 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m. *****	<b>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m. *****
<b>CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Levi Sisemore, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. *****	<b>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. *****	<b>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 701 W. Missouri Andy Rodriguez 983-5286 (church) 983-3047 (parsonage) Sunday School .....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. *****
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed. Music Sunday School .....9:15 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m. Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. *****	<b>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> 310 E. Mississippi Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise...11:00 a.m. Evening Praise ...5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m. *****	<b>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. Angelo Consemينو Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m. Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m. *****

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CANDICE CARTHEL AND TADD HIMELRICK

### Carthel and Himelrick To Wed

Jack and Darla Carthel of Amarillo are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Candice Carthel to Tadd Himelrick, son of Jim and Karen Himelrick of Brentwood, Tennessee.

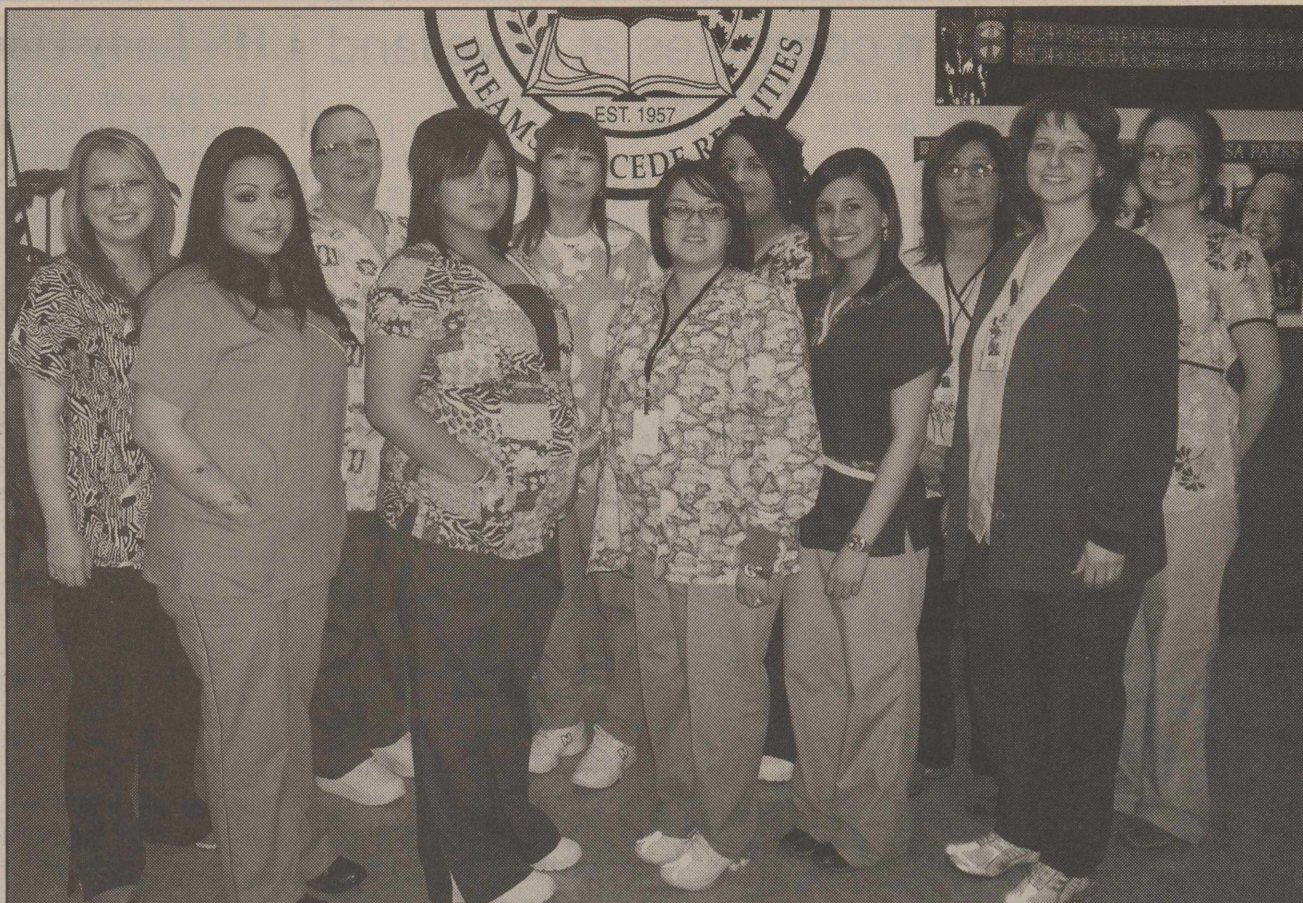
The bride-elect is a graduate of Amarillo High School. She is currently the Middle School Drama Director at Franklin Road Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. She is the granddaughter of Tommy and Joy Assiter of Floydada and Ray and Winnie Carthel of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Brentwood High School, Lipscomb

University and the University of Tennessee. He currently teaches German at Independence High School in Thompsons Station, Tennessee. He is the grandson of Max and Martha Wagner of Glasgow, Kentucky, Olive Taylor of Moundsville, Virginia and the late James Himelrick.

The couple will wed April 3, 2010 in the Crieve Hall Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee.

After a honeymoon to Daytona Beach, Florida, the couple will reside in Thompsons Station, Tennessee.



Courtesy Photo

THE FEBRUARY 2010 GRADUATING CLASS of Certified Nurse Aides at South Plains College-Plainview Center are pictured (front row, left to right) Casey Ramos, Angellina Nunez, Diane Macias, Latasha Peralez and Instructor LaWasia Cox; (back row, left to right) Stephanie Millsap, Laura Key, Estela Martinez, Vanessa Juarez, Alice Rodriguez, and Lindsey Acker. The graduates are from Lockney, Hale Center, Abernathy, Tulia and Plainview.)

### Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

We are located at 301 E. Georgia. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. If you are 60 years or older, we would love for you to come to the Center. We do pay \$15.00 a year dues. The meals are very reasonable. We all have a good time eating a hot meal and visiting.

Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> was turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. Sylvia, our director, said they fed 52 people.

We did have some visitors. Shorty Turner's sister, Audeen and Sherman Irvin, Willie Mae Ferguson's grandson, Addam Ferguson (Tony's son), and Vera Jo Bybee of Lockney came to eat with us. James and Ophelia Wade do not get to come to the Center very often, but their daughter brought them and they enjoyed a good meal and got to visit with friends.

Sandra Forehand has started coming to the Center. She was there Wednesday. I'm sure I missed seeing all the visitors since there were so many people there. Please come back. Bill and Norma Feuerbacher celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Their sons and families hosted a dinner at Cagles Steakhouse in Lubbock. There were twenty-six family members in attendance. They had a great time.

On February 27<sup>th</sup> fifteen family members helped Cleo Whittle celebrate his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday by cooking him a great meal at Cleo's home. All had a great time.

We have had several people in the hospital in Lockney. We wish them all a speedy recovery. They are Phillip Smitherman,

Kenneth Willis, Louis Lloyd, Vonceil Colston and Bob Lotspeich.

Our sympathy to the family of Julian Lipham.

Our sympathy to the family of Kay Francis Black Ware.

Our sympathy to the family of Elmo "Tuff" Hall.

Our sympathy to the family of Myria Dade.

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

**In memory of Louise Turner** - Bill and Norma Feuerbacher, Johnny Bill and Margie Sue.

**In memory of Babe Jones** - Bill and Norma Feuerbacher, Johnny Bill and Margie Sue.

**In memory of Paul Atteberry** - Bill and Norma Feuerbacher, Johnny Bill and Margie Sue.

**In memory of Dallas Ramsey** - Bill and Norma Feuerbacher, Johnny Bill and Margie Sue, Herman and Bonnie Graham.

**Thought for the Day** - So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others, I would almost say we are indispensable, and no man is useless while he has a friend.

Robert Louis Stevenson

**Menu**  
**March 15 - March 19**  
**Monday** - Hamburgers with trimmings, fries, ambrosia salad

**Tuesday** - Spaghetti, Italian blend, garlic bread, snickerdoodle bar

**Wednesday** - BBQ brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, roll, lemon pudding cake

**Thursday** - Chicken tacos, pinto beans, salad, banana bread

**Friday** - Tuna casserole, salad, Chinese blend, roll, rocky road pudding

### VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

My friend Lynda Holley just called and asked if I knew how bad the weather was outside. She said it was like Rosemary Clooney's song, "Gloomy Weather". I am ready for warm weather, spring or summer.

Gene Brotherton said her cousin Don and his wife Beryle Butler from Floyd, Texas were here visiting for a few days last week with her and Jr. and her sister Geneva Barclay and her brother Sonny Sutton of Plainview. Also eating at the Center were her granddaughter and family, Tori and husband Jason Fry and children Cheyenne and Dylon.

Visiting with Ruby and Bo Kiser this week were their daughter Alma Jean from Lubbock and her three children, Cambric, Shaun, and Shala.

Erma Hall Micky's husband Dale was in the hospital last Tuesday. Erma had to come home to Plainview on business so three of her friends known as the 48ers met with her for lunch. They were Elna Sanderson Bloys of Sandhill, Bobbye Casey Bean of Silverton, and me, Vera Jo Rogers Bybee of Lockney.

Michealle Stennett called me last week and said her mother in law Theresa Stennett has changed her residence. She now lives in Plainview at the Westridge Manor, 4304 W. 2nd St. Room 2. Drop her a card or give her a call at 296 7997.

New residents living in Lockney now are Mert and Gordon Durham. They are making their home with Gordon's mother Florine Ratliff. Florine is recuperating from a fall which caused a head injury.

Sterling Cummings had heart surgery replacing his valve last Thursday. He is doing as well as possible but still has a way to go, his daughter Dee Sanders told me tonight (Sunday). He is in room 506 at North West Texas Hospital

in Amarillo. His telephone number is 806 351 5506.

An update on my family, my grandson Matt's wife Megan and their baby girl Elle: As you know Megan went to Dallas last week to have tests run at the heart transplant hospital. The doctors were happy that she came early because her heart still has 15% of her blood where she is supposed to have 90%. Prayer does work because they said part of her heart is responding to the medicine she is taking. Now for Baby Elle: She had her cranial surgery last Thursday. The doctors said it was successful. This morning Megan's mother Ann came from Odessa and took Megan and Elle to Fort Worth for a checkup and for a fit for a "helmet" for her to wear four to six months, 23 hours a day. They will also have to go back to Fort Worth for another check up next week. We know that prayer works and want to thank everyone for all your prayers. Please still keep them on your prayer list.

Nina Williams Teuton called me with some news about a former Lockney resident, her brother in law, Calvin "Chubby" Williams of Denison. Chubby was a son of long-time Lockney, Floyd County Williams family. He was the last living son of six sons, Lowell, Vernon, Glen, David, and Clifton. There were also three Williams girls, Irene, Thelma and Alta. Calvin passed away March 3. Graveside services were held March 6 at Pottsboro, Texas. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Williams family

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### FLOYD COUNTY Unity Center NEWS

By Elaine LaBaume

Floyd County Friends Unity Center located in Muncy, Texas was a busy place this week.

Manager, Jon LaBaume, had a man out there helping him clean floors and the bleachers getting ready for the CAPROCK PLAINS WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION'S meeting held on Thursday night. This in part was sponsored by the Floydada EDC. There were 30 booths for people to visit and talk to representatives about the wind energy. There were 310 people in attendance from Briscoe, Hockley, Hale, Lubbock, Motley and Floyd Counties.

Now, I ask you if a group of people hadn't gotten together in 1995 and formed a board to build a place like the Unity Center, where could this meeting have been held in Floyd County.

Manager Jon LaBaume and I, our son, Coy LaBaume from Plainview and former president of Friends, Martin Stoerner, were at this meeting. Martin, Coy and I had a booth promoting the Unity Center by selling tickets for our upcoming 15 Annual Gala and raffle. The plus of this were the numerous people that told us how great the Unity Center is.

LaBaume said he had people asking him questions about the building

and making positive comments. He gave a couple of tours to individuals that had never been in the building.

The Edward's from Lockney had the concession stand open with their delicious barbeque sandwiches and sausage wraps. They had a "sell out" so you know they were good.

There was another event on Friday night, Circus of the Stars. There wasn't a very large crowd for this as there wasn't much advertisement done in advance.

There were a total of 350 people in attendance for these two events.

Please remember our gala that is coming up on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

This is a very important event as it helps to fund the Unity Center for another year. We try to keep our fees affordable but the fees in one year are not enough to operate the Unity Center.

We try to plan an evening of full entertainment and we say that it is "The biggest social event in Floyd County for the year."

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## LHS tennis team competes at Levelland

The Lockney High School tennis team played in their first tournament of the year on Thursday, March 4 at Levelland. About 15 schools and more than 260 players participated.

Jill Bramlet and Blake Milstead placed third for Lockney in mixed doubles A division, and Anna Jimenez and Oscar Gonzales were

third in mixed doubles B division.

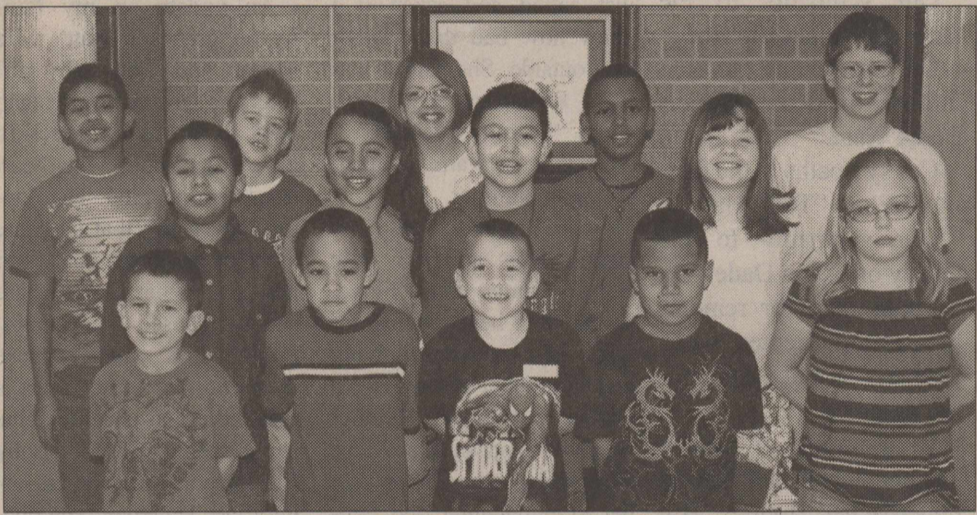
Erik Cortez and Andrew Hooten placed third in boys' doubles B division, and Jasmine Rodriguez and Taylor Rose were third in girls' doubles B division.

Everybody played extremely well for the first tournament and under a new coach.



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**SCOUT BIRTHDAY PARTY** – Lockney Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America with a birthday party last Thursday at the Main Street Church of Christ. Pictured left to right on the front row are Cub Scouts Devin Hernandez, Gunnyr Araujo, Hunter Lefevre, Kaleb Cook, Brett Moore, Diego Azua, Clay Moore and Tuff Araujo. Left to right on the back row are Boy Scouts Robert Webb, Steve Karlin, Jake Moore and Jace Klein.



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**LITTLE LONGHORNS** – Lockney Elementary School students of the week. Left to right, front row: Cash Johnson, Andru Williams, Austin Rodriguez, Ky Rendon, Hailee Widener. Middle row: Jayden Sustaita, Madai Chavira, Nehemiah Ascencio, Sara Keyser. Back row: Ramiro Martinez, Tristan Schlueter, Tabettha Bigham, Deion Mollette, Stetson Lane.

## LHS Lady Horns At Hale Center Track Meet

Individual results for Lockney High School Lady Horns at the Hale Center Track Meet:

- Tanya Hernandez 5th 200 m, 2nd 400 relay, 3rd 800 relay, 4th LJ, 3rd TJ
- Syann Foster 5th 300 hurdles, 2nd TJ
- Kat Araujo 4th 800 m
- Kacee Armstrong 4th LJ
- Shanequa Wilson 5th TJ, 3rd HJ, 2nd 400 relay, 3rd 800 relay
- McKenzie Kemp 6th shot, 4th discus
- Meagan Dunn 3rd discus
- Anissa Reyna 7th discus, 2nd 400 relay, 3rd 800 relay
- Isabell Solis 2nd 400 relay
- Mary Sammann 3rd 800 relay

## Junior High Lady Horns Place High At Hale Center

By Coach Laura Dunn

The Lockney Lady Horns junior high track teams participated in the Hale Center track meet Thursday, March 4. The eighth grade girls won the track meet and the seventh grade girls finished second.

The eighth grade girls swept the 400, 800 and 1600 relays. Members of the 400 relay team were Alexis Rodriguez, Alanie Rendon, Memory Lane and Tanae Ramos. The 800 team members were Brittney Thompson, Alanie Rendon, Heather Fierros and Tanae Ramos. The 1600 team consisted of Alexis Rodriguez, Alanie Rendon, Tanae Ramos and Memory Lane.

The Lockney girls also swept first and second in the triple and long jump, with Tanae Ramos winning both and Alanie Rendon second in

long and Brittney Thompson second in triple. Alanie Rendon also won the 300 hurdles as well as the high jump.

Ashley Alvarado placed second in discus. Brittney Thompson won the 200 meter run, and Jeanette Ybarra finished third in the 800 meter run.

Alexis Rodriguez placed third in the 100 meter hurdles. Whitney Ascencio was sixth in the 100 meter run.

The seventh grade girls won the 800 and 1600 relays and were second in the 400 relay. 800 relay team members included Dixie Williams, Emily Reyes, Brenna Tidwell and Isa Rodriguez. The 1600 relay members were Dixie Williams, Emily Reyes, Kennedy Hallmark, and Isa Rodriguez. Members of the 400 relay team included Emily Reyes, Ashley Roberts, Dixie Williams, and

Isa Rodriguez.

Kennedy Hallmark and Ashley Roberts also placed first and third in 300 hurdles. In shot put, the girls swept first and second with Anabel Garza and Darby Long. In discus, Darby Long placed second and Anabel Garza fourth. Yessenia Garcia finished second in triple jump, and Kennedy Hallmark finished third in long jump. In high jump, Ashley Robert was third and Dixie Williams fourth. Marisol Hernandez finished third and Leslie Flores fourth in the 800 meter run.

Yessenia Garcia finished third in the 100 meter run and fourth in long jump.

Marisol Hernandez was fifth in the 400 meter run. Kennedy Hallmark placed third in the 100 hurdles and sixth in long jump, and Isabelle Rodriguez was fifth in high jump.

## Lockney High School A Honor Roll

### Semester 2, Cycle 1

Grade 9: McKenzie Kemp, Landry Kidd, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart.

Grade 10: Steven Fernandez, Christina Jackson, Landon Kidd, Amber Segovia.

Grade 11: Kami Hunt, Antonia Morales, Isabel Solis.

Grade 12: Konner Ellison, Steven Gonzales, Lezlie Jackson, Malory Johnson, Tessa Saul, Anna Sherman, Kortney Williams, Bethany Wilson.

### Lockney High School AB Honor Roll

#### Semester 2, Cycle 1

Grade 9: Erik Cortez, Esperanza Garcia, Jonathon Hooten, Jonathon Luna, Canderlaria

Rea, Justin Roberts, Taylor Rose, Kelsie Stennett.

Grade 10: Cassandra Ascencio, Logan Edwards, SyAnn Foster, Tanya Hernandez, Crystal Sanchez, Meagan Sorley, Riley Teeter, Sunny Williams.

Grade 11: Kacee Armstrong, Maria Castorena, Molly Cazares, Shialo Huerta, Krista Wofford.

Grade 12: Jill Bramlet, Angel Bueno, Angel Cortez, Destinee DeLeon, Anthony Hernandez, Anna Jimenez, Walker Kemp, Jacob Luna, Daniella Morales, Daniella Moya, Cody Patton, Matthew Rendon, Mercedes Rios, Elisa Vasquez, Katie Vasquez.

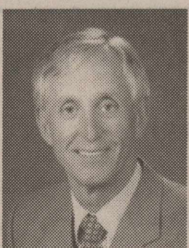
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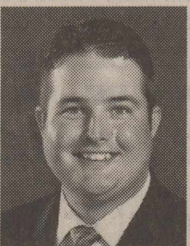
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## How Texas can gain more influence over Washington

By Mac Thornberry, U.S. House of Representatives District 13

Every American will soon have the opportunity to participate in a critical component of our democracy – the census. The Constitution requires that a census be conducted every ten years, and federal law requires that each of us participate. Since 1790, the census has given everyone the chance to stand up and be counted. This month, we will again have this chance when every U.S. household receives the 2010 census.

The 2010 census is not only important for determining representation at

the federal and state level, but also when it comes to federal funding. There are even many decisions that businesses make about where to locate and whether to expand that depend on this data. With so many decisions at stake, it is important that the count is as accurate as possible.

The fundamental purpose of the census is to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. The House is limited to 435 and Members represent about the same number of people, currently around 650,000. As people move around the country, it changes how many Representatives each state may have. In Texas, we are expected to add three or four more Members of Congress because our growth has been significant. And that's the way it should be – in places where there are more people, it makes sense to have more representation.

Census numbers also determine how districts for

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## Angelo State University announces Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2009 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees include the following:

Emily Griffin – daughter of Dr. Randall and Gayla

Griffin of Floydada.

Jennifer Leatherman – daughter of John and Dee Leatherman of Floydada.

Leah B. Ford – daughter of Mike and Rise' Ford of Lockney.

Daryn B. McCarter – son of Barney and Donna McCarter.

Emily Prayor – daughter of Terry and Kelly Prayor of Lockney.

## Wayland Baptist University holds preview weekend

By Jonathan Petty  
Assistant Director of Communications

**Wayland Baptist University**  
When high school students begin to narrow their selections of college options, they receive many pieces of mail. But nothing is as valuable to that final decision as a campus visit, says Debbie Stennett, director of admissions at Wayland Baptist University.

That's why Wayland's Big Weekend spring preview event is such a big part of the admissions calendar and why so many students love it.

Slated March 26-27, the two-day event offers students a chance to not only get all the pertinent information about the admissions and financial aid processes at Wayland but also an opportunity to do what a print piece really cannot accomplish: get a feel for the family atmosphere and culture at WBU.

"Seeing other students and hearing them witness about their experience here is so important. It's kind of like riding a bicycle; until you're actually in the seat, pedaling and talking to people who've done it, you just don't know," Stennett said. "It's that connection with other students that makes it so real to them. Until they hear other kids say this is doable and fun, they just don't know for sure."

What that means is a jam-packed weekend that begins at 8:30 a.m. on Friday with registration and sign-ups for scholarship auditions and portfolio reviews for music, theatre and art. Mock classes will be held in the morning, with various options available from math and history to justice administration, Spanish, music, economics and English. Information sessions follow for those interested in pre-health majors or the fitness and health-training program, then the weekly chapel service moves to Friday to involve Big Weekend participants.

After lunch, students can visit the Laney Student Activities Center for "Laney Craze" with volleyball, the climbing wall, basketball, ping-pong and snacks. The afternoon also features

campus tours, a financial aid seminar, athletic tryouts, a cheer/dance workshop and a Pioneer baseball game against Oklahoma Baptist.

The evening features a rocking concert with Christian groups Barlow Girl, Stellar Kart and Vota in Herral Auditorium, followed by the late-night breakfast tradition with faculty and staff in the serving lines. Then late-night activities on campus follow.

Saturday kicks off with an information session and breakfast for parents, followed by a general Wayland information session and academic fair, where students can visit with professors from the various schools on campus. Lunch and another baseball game grace the early afternoon, with additional athletic tryouts, scholarship auditions and campus tours. A financial aid seminar will answer questions about the funding process, then the Baptist Student Ministries will host a praise service for participants. The School of Music's annual President's Scholarship Concert will wrap up the weekend in Herral Auditorium.

Cost for the weekend is \$25 person, which includes meals and all activities plus housing in Wayland dormitories with current students for prospective students. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend at the same price, but housing will need to be booked in one of Plainview's hotels. Special Big Weekend rates apply at most major hotels in the city.

Scholarships will be awarded in drawings at several sessions and meals during the weekend as well. For information on the weekend, contact WBU Admissions at (806) 291-3500 or (800) 588-1928. To register, visit the WBU Web site at www.wbu.edu and click on the Big Weekend link in the middle to find online registration forms and the detailed schedule.



Courtesy Photo  
DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for March 8, 2010 were (back row, l-r) Mike Delafuente, Donald Gibbens, Claryssa Segura, Joshura Cisneros; (front row, l-r) Marcus Collins, Alonzo Ascencio and Mark Segura.

## The Taxpayer Certainty Act

By Randy Neugebauer  
U.S. Representative, 19<sup>th</sup> District

As you may already know, your income taxes will increase after 2010 unless Congress takes action this year to extend the tax relief enacted in 2001 and 2003 or make it permanent. The tax provisions which are scheduled to expire include: lower rates for individual tax brackets, marriage tax relief, the death tax, child tax credit and others. President Obama proposes that we extend some of these

tax provisions; however, he also proposes allowing many of these tax policies to expire, which would increase taxes by billions of dollars for families and small businesses at a time when our economy can least afford it.

Income tax rates would increase, the marriage penalty would come back and taxes would be higher on dividends and capital gains. Families with children would see the child tax credit decrease from \$1,000 to \$500 and the federal estate tax, commonly known as

the "death tax", would return to a maximum tax rate of 55 percent. All in all, President Obama is asking Congress for \$2 trillion in higher taxes over the next 10 years. Higher income taxes, uncertainty about the death tax and higher taxes on dividends would decrease investment, leading to fewer new businesses and

fewer business expansions -- ultimately leading to fewer new jobs that Americans need. Higher income tax rates, the marriage penalty and a lower child tax credit would be less money for Texas families to decide how to spend and more money for Washington to spend. I

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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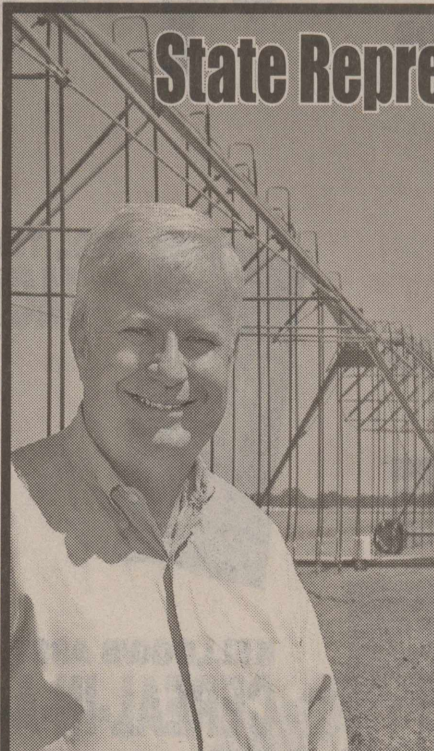
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**TAXPAYER**  
making all of the tax relief passed in 2001 and 2003 permanent and am committed to preventing what would effectively be one of the largest tax increases in American history. Last week, I introduced H.R. 4746, the Taxpayer Certainty Act, which would prevent these pending tax increases and further uncertainty for families and small business owners trying to create jobs. As a former small business owner, I know these businesses will be the economic engine driving our country into full economic recovery, and they would suffer terrible damage by allowing this tax increase to happen. If we want to get Americans back to work, raising taxes is a not the solution. The federal government does not have an income problem; it has a spending problem.

**"Question of the Week"**  
I am always looking for new ways to stay in touch and make sure you are up to date on the latest happenings in Congress. Would you be interested in receiving

occasional text messages related to events in Congress that impact District 19?

Please visit my website to submit your answer to this week's question.

Thanks to everyone who answered last week's question. Here are the results:

Q: What did you think of the President's Health Care Summit?

A: Accomplished little or nothing: 94.39% - Moved the debate forward: 5.61%

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.

**Thanks  
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## Wind expo draws large crowd at unity center

By Kelly Ayers,  
Executive Director

It was tough to find a parking space at the Unity Center in Floyd County on Thursday March 4th. The parking lot was at full capacity, packed with wind industry professionals who had booths at the event and others hoping to learn more about the industry and its future in the Texas panhandle.

The wind energy expo hosted by Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association brought in a crowd of nearly 300 people from across the South Plains. Attendees came to meet with developers, transmission companies, consultants and manufacturers as well as educational and advocacy groups working in wind energy.

"The event was well attended and a testament to the optimism of wind energy development in West Texas," said the Floydada Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Justin Jaworski. "Floydada EDC is currently working to help develop a proper incentive program for wind farms and looks forward to assisting this process in the near future."

Local companies in the Texas Panhandle such as Turbines Over Texas and Alternative Energy Specialties were hoping to use CPWEA's wind energy expo to promote their products and services.

Randy Craig is an associate professor of biology at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, but three years ago he began building a residential wind turbine with other local residents. Craig and the Turbines Over Texas crew had the turbine that they are currently manufacturing on display at the expo.

"Through much trial and error we feel that we have achieved a small-wind residential, rural turbine that will allow more people to

assist with rising electrical costs and reduce their carbon foot-print on the Earth," Craig said. "The expo was an opportunity for our small manufacturing company to increase the awareness of our wind turbine company and its presence in Hale County, Texas."

Alternative Energy Specialties located in Abernathy, Texas also had an exhibit at the event. Their exhibit featured a patent pending meteorological tower (often times referred to as a met tower) that they manufacture locally.

"Our Tall-Tilt™ 60 thru 80 meter met towers are patent pending technology and were designed and en-

gineered by a local team here in the Lubbock area in 2009," said Glenn Van Slyke, a member of the Alternative Energy Specialties team. "It was beneficial to be in the same venue with the companies that use our products since what we provide is in place, and many times gone, long before power is generated by a turbine."

Hill Country Wind Power is one of the developers that local representatives like Van Slyke were happy to see at the event. HCWP develops small to mid-sized wind farms. They are a non-traditional wind farm developer as they focus on selling retail electricity from their projects to large end-users like

co-ops, school districts and hospitals.

John McNair, director of land acquisitions at HCWP, said their focus was to take care of the landowner first. He noted that selling electricity at retail benefits landowners, investors and local communities.

"At the expo I met primarily with landowners in areas we are targeting, some who represented target areas as far as two and a half hours from the expo location," McNair said. "That speaks volumes about what CPWEA is doing, facilitating the introduction of developers to landowners in the windiest areas of Texas."

## Applicator training March 30 in Ralls

By J. W. Wagner  
Texas AgriLife Extension Agent - Agriculture

Area residents who are in need of a private pesticide applicator's license from Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) can attend training on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Ralls Methodist Church located at 517 Watts Ave. in Ralls, TX.

This is a Multi-County event sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd and Crosby County.

The private applicators license allows an individual to apply restricted use pesticides to their own property for the production of an agricultural commodity. This license does not allow one to apply pesticides to the property of any other individual for a fee; that requires a Commercial Applicator License.

This training is required by TDA before an individual can take the test for a license. The training will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Pesticide Applicator test (no fee to test) will be administered after the training.

Persons planning to attend need to call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Crosby County Office (806-983-4912) by March 19<sup>th</sup> to make a reservation and order study materials. There will be a \$25.00 fee collected for study materials. A Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Handler Training will also be conducted for Agriculture producers and workers at the same time as the Private Applicator training. Debbie Slocum, Inspector for the Texas Department of Agriculture along with Jeff

Wyatt, County Extension Agent will conduct the trainings. The WPS Handler (green card) training will be conducted in both English and Spanish.

The English version will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Spanish version of the training will start at 11:00 a.m.

The Workers Protection Standard requires that any worker who handles or works around pesticides and is not a Private Applicator must receive training on pesticide handling and chemical safety. These farm workers and handlers must be re-trained every five years in WPS.

For more information, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Floyd County Office (806-983-4912) or the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Crosby County Office (806-675-2347).

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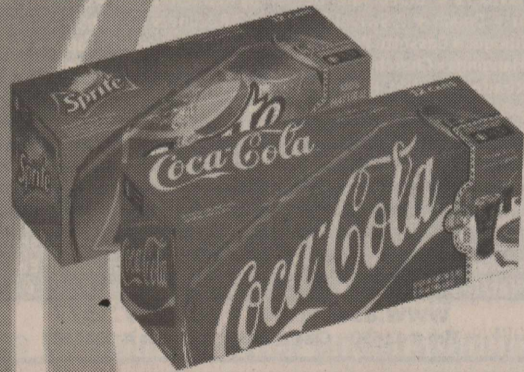
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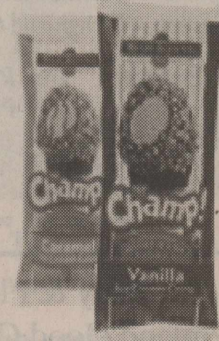


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# OPINIONS



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### What if?

What if we drilled for oil on our own land using the left-over stimulus money? Do you know where the most untapped oil lies on this planet? Right under the United States. We have to face some serious facts in this country:

1. The U.S. is going broke.
2. We can't afford to go green at the pace we'd all like.
3. Our national elected officials seem incapable of providing solutions to our problems.

Astonishingly enough, there is a way to grow our way out of our economic doldrums which could provide a solution to our slumping jobs market as well. Furthermore, it could probably be done without cost to the American taxpayer.

Sound too good to be true?  
Think again!

You may find this hard to believe, but the U.S. is sitting on an estimated 2.3 trillion barrels of oil, nearly three times more than the reserves held by Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) nations. That's over 300 years of oil at today's demand for auto, truck, aircraft, heating and industrial fuel. We would no longer have to import a drop.

Of course, not all that oil is easy to get to. That's where using the remaining billions in stimulus money could come in.

Can you imagine President Obama coming out from behind closed doors and announcing this as his new energy policy?

Not only would we be oil dependent, we could export it and make trillions.

Currently, the U.S. has around 20 billion barrels in oil reserves. That's oil in existing fields which is easy to get to. Getting to the 2.3 trillion barrels would take some work.

Our untapped oil reserves are located in places that either Uncle Sam has put off-limits for environmental reasons or are too costly to get or a combination of both. But why should it stay that way?

For a country that is \$12,556,560,040,888.49 (as of Monday) in debt, I would think we would be prepared to do anything in our power to right our economy and profit in the meantime.

Government incentives via some remaining stimulus money and tax breaks for exploration could help jump-start exploration. When new oil is tapped, the government could tax it, thus making additional money.

Throw in a couple of refineries and soon you have areas of the country booming and our economic future is secure.

From there you provide tax breaks for green energy development and you can have the best of both worlds: an oil independent country and a leader in green energy development.

It's time we stop depending on other countries, namely China, to fund our future. Especially when we can do it ourself.

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## Democrats Must Lose Rangel, or Lose

By William Warren

He may be taking a "temporary leave of absence" from chairing the House Ways and Means Committee, but Charlie Rangel took a "leave of absence" from ethics a long, long time ago. It's a shame that people — and by "people", I mean his fellow Congressional Democrats — are only taking action now against the biggest cheater in Washington.

In the wake of a formal "admonishment" last week from the House ethics committee regarding his improper usage of donations to fund two Caribbean vacations, Charlie Rangel is finally stepping down and hitting the penalty box. The pressure to take him out of the game has simply gotten too intense — and it's coming not just from those on the right.

It makes sense that Rangel's colleagues would take action now, of all times. For the horde of vulnerable Democrats up for reelection this fall, removing Rangel might help to "un-gruntle" their disgruntled voters back home. And for the rest of the Democrats, purging the unethical filth from their ranks might help boost their historically filthy poll numbers.

After all, Nancy Pelosi promised to run the most ethical Congress in history, remember? At least ousting Rangel would be one small step towards honoring this horribly unfulfilled campaign promise.

As one particular aide of an embattled Democrat remarked, "If Democrats want to be taken seriously on accountability and transparency, he has to step down."

However, can voters re-

ally expect Charlie Rangel to take his lumps, step down, and simply go away? The Harlem Congressman has become as iconic in Washington, D.C. as is traffic on the Beltway — and equally as frustrating, for that matter. He's been successfully avoiding his judgment day for a long time and it's doubtful he'll acquiesce now.

Perhaps he'll lay low for a while and wait until the media and the press have moved on (intentionally or otherwise) to other issues... like the fall elections. Perhaps Rangel will come crawling out from under his rock then and quietly re-assume his chairmanship under the chaotic din in November? All he will need is a simple approval from the House and he'll be swept back to his post.

That being said, Truth be told — and it has been told, numerous times by numerous sources — Rangel's recent ethical "admonishment" is merely the tip of the iceberg.

He may have been formally caught for misusing private corporation donations to fund his Caribbean flings, but what about his failure to pay taxes on his villa in the Dominican Republic? Or his improper fundraising methods for his namesake education center at City College of New York? Or his failure to report over \$1 million in outside income and \$3 million in business transactions? Or his breaking of state laws by claiming three primary residences and maintaining four rent-controlled apartments?

These pending inquiries and outstanding allegations are serious.

So Democrats, take a hint:

You better dump Rangel before the rest of Rangel's garbage is dumped on you.

The proper game plan may be a tough one for the Democrats to implement. Simply put, Charlie Rangel needs to be permanently removed from his chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee. To consider a "temporary leave of absence" a fitting punishment would require Congressional Democrats to take leave of their senses.

On top of that, it's high time the Attorney General stepped in and opened an investigation on Mr. Rangel.

Congressmen and all elected officials ought to be held to a higher ethical standard and, consequently, taken to task when they fail to measure up.

The fact that Rangel has been allowed to carry on these crimes in perpetuity is an embarrassment not just to Democrats, but the American representative system of government as a whole.

If necessary, Mr. Rangel must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for any and all illegal conduct. Jettisoning him from his Congressional seat—and not just his committee seat—must be considered. The House even has the Constitutional authority to expel its own members by a two-thirds vote.

So what's it going to take, Congressional Democrats? The ball is in your court when it comes to Charlie Rangel. The longer he stays in the game, the more likely the GOP is going to score — and score big time.

Lose Rangel or lose. It's your call.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

City of Floydada:

We would like to express our support for the upcoming grant application for the renovation or new construction of sidewalks for the downtown business district.

We have seen how other cities who have received the grants have enhanced the beauty of their downtown business districts.

This grant would increase the pride in our

city and make more attractive the opportunity to do business in our city.

Floydada is located so that a revitalization grant would stimulate trade locally, and from several towns located close to our City that don't have the services and businesses that our city has to offer.

We lend our full support to this project.

**Barbara and Bobby Gilliland**  
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## GOP: 'Contractually-Bound?'

By Howard Rich

Seeking to capitalize on the righteous indignation voters are feeling toward President Barack Obama and his Congressional allies, a group of Republican politicians is dusting off an old playbook.

Led by former GOP Speaker Newt Gingrich — Washington's preeminent "Reformer in Name Only" — this group's plan is to bring back the "Contract with America," the 1994 policy platform that helped propel Republicans to majorities in both the U.S. House and Senate in 1995. In unveiling his first draft of such a document, Gingrich spoke of "the clarity, the positive focus, and the election results of the 1994 contract."

He obviously wasn't able to speak about the post-election results of the contract, because those are frankly few and far between.

Nonetheless a second contract, according to Gingrich, "would be a powerful unifier for all those who are tired of the corruption and waste of Washington and the alien views of the secular-socialist coalition seeking to radically change America."

Well, well. That's tough talk — but once again, it's all pre-election. And while Republicans are great at campaigning on limited government talking points, they've proven positively awful when it comes to governing according to those principles.

After all, the "corruption and waste of Washington" didn't stop when Gingrich and his Republican Revolutionists rode into town, far from it in fact. And as for the "secular-socialist coalition," didn't Gingrich recently endorse a secular socialist (over a limited government Conservative Party candidate) in a New York Congressional race?

"Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

That should be America's response to a "second contract."

Gingrich's 1994 plan was actually dead before arrival, meaning that the Speaker and his committee chairmen broke their balanced budget promises early on in their first appropriations process — literally days after arriving in the capital.

"We got our people into leadership," the late Paul Weyrich, a long-time Gingrich ally, complained in 1996, "but we are not getting different policies."

Indeed the two signature "accomplishments" of the Republican Revolution were partisan distractions — a politically-motivated

government shutdown and the impeachment of President Bill Clinton. And of course after Clinton came the big government era of "Bush Republicanism," which has been an unmitigated fiscal disaster.

Also, remember how the Gingrich contract was going to replace career politicians with "citizen legislators?"

Well more than a decade-and-a-half later, there are still nearly two dozen Republican members of the class of '94 serving in the U.S. House. Six others have gone on to become U.S. Senators, including Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a staunch supporter of Obama's "cap and trade" energy tax.

Gingrich's "second contract" doesn't mention a word about term limits, incidentally.

"The Republicans have stopped being reformers," former congressman John Kasich lamented shortly after the GOP was routed from power in 2006. "They're practicing politics as usual."

"We had succumbed to the temptation of things that we had criticized the Democrats for," U.S. Rep. Dan Lungren added.

Indeed, Democrats won control of Congress in 2006 by pledging to restore fiscal sanity in light of Republican budget excesses — and Obama won the presidency in 2008 by promising tax cuts to the middle class. Clearly, these "bread and circus" centrist diversions (neither of which the Democrats were ever serious about implementing) masked a sinister socialist agenda, but should Republicans be the ones we trust to make a course correction? And more importantly, can America afford the consequences of another aborted "Republican" revolution?

Much more promising a reform effort than Gingrich's top-down contract, in my opinion, is a grassroots movement by tea party activists to create a Contract From America — a document springing up in cities and towns across America rather than originating from the corrupt centers of power in Washington, D.C.

Or for that matter the Mount Vernon Statement, which challenges candidates to pledge their allegiance to the fundamental foundations of Constitutional governance.

Ultimately, though, Republicans and Democrats alike will be judged not by their promises but by their votes — which will either protect taxpayers and promote their liberties or continue down the same bipartisan path of excess and interventionism.

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**MUSEUM**

this week to give personal direction to the initial work of laying out and improving the town, is enthusiastic over the possibilities of building a real little city in the southeast part of the county.

"We have been trying to get all the details of the townsite worked out for sometime while awaiting the arrival of the rails into Dougherty," he said Tuesday morning. "With the line expected to reach us the latter part of this week or the first of next, we are getting more and more encouragement from practically every kind of business establishment.

Two elevators will be started on the ground within thirty days. One of these I will build and the other will be built by the Edwards Grain & Elevator Company, a long-established grain firm in this section," Mr. Dougherty said. Two lumberyards have also arranged for sites and a gin is another early industrial establishment to be announced.

**Adequate Water Supply**

One of the first things to be provided will be an adequate water system for the town, sixty-thousand gallon storage being in the course of arrangement. The first well for this supply of water will be begun this week or the first of next, and the system of supply mains for the water system will be laid this spring. Eight and four-inch water mains will be laid, according to the present plan. Gravelled streets such as no other town in this section has, are among the things expected to be provided, with

street curbs laid on engineer's lines. This portion of the work will be under the supervision of Engineer Geo. A. Lider, as will the laying of the water mains.

That the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Company expects the little city to be a good one industrially is indicated by the fact that the company will expend in excess of \$10,000 for the station, industrial tracks, stock loading pen, and similar improvements. The industrial track will be adequate for all demands that will be made on it for trackside sites. The company's improvements will be made as rapidly as they can be in the course of its plans for its new properties on the Floydada Extension.

Mr. Dougherty's company which will put the new town on the market will be known as the Dougherty Townsite Company. It is expected to be adequately financed to carry out all the promised made to the public. Mr. Dougherty himself, indicating his belief in the new town, will expend in excess of \$20,000 on improvements besides the money he puts into the promotion of the town. He has large land holdings, largely in wheat, that are expected to benefit greatly by the new rail line and the townsite development. "We are going to build a substantial little city, for the future as well as for the present and expect to serve a tremendous trade territory north? North and east of our town," is Mr. Dougherty's way of giving an idea as to the plans for Dougherty.

**INFLUENCE**

the U.S. House, State House, and State Senate are drawn within the states. The 13<sup>th</sup> District encompasses close to 40,000 square miles, and without limited growth in population, it will get even larger after the next census. So for us, when other parts of the state are growing faster than we are, making sure that each and every person is counted becomes even more important. Many programs, such as Medicaid and local community development, will also be affected by this count. A lot of government program are tied to population, sometimes directly and indirectly, like with transportation. Formulas that depend on census data are used to determine the amount of federal dollars that comes to our area. We want to make sure that if the federal government is going to be spending money for a particular purpose, that all of our people are counted for that purpose as well.

This year the census will be a bit different than it was in the

past. Everyone will get the same form which is ten questions. Separately, a few people will receive the American Community Survey (ACS) form which is much longer. The ACS is an ongoing survey of about 250,000 households per month that began in 2003 and replaces the decennial census "long form" that some folks have received in the past. I get a lot of complaints from people who get that form because it is long and they feel that questions are intrusive. I have co-sponsored legislation, H.R. 3131, that would make the ACS voluntary. However, even though it is different from the official census, until changes are made, the law requires that it be filled out as well.

Ultimately, the 2010 census will determine what the 13<sup>th</sup> District will look like for the next ten years and will help decide funding levels for our region in many key programs. And it's the law. It is important that we are part of the count.

**CITY**

Farm Labor Camp. The proposal in 2004 was to tear down and rebuild approximately 32 apartment units, still for farm laborers, yet more family oriented. Brakebill said some things to consider include the payoff amount is more than the original principal amount because these grants have a pro-rated amount due, an amount now over \$309,700. Demolition itself could easily be \$400,000 according to Brakebill's architect. She told the council, "I mainly just wanted to put that information out there for you."

Floydada City Manager Gary Brown told the council there have been some individuals contact the city about buying this property.

According to Brakebill, if the USDA funds it, it has to be as a farm camp.

Councilman Sam Green voiced that he doesn't see the need for 35 units - "some (units), but not that many." Councilman Gary Carthel agreed with Green, "I just don't think it's viable anymore. We don't have the migrant people like we used to."

The council discussed establishing guidelines for excused absences at council meeting. According to the local government code "a council member's office becomes vacant if the member misses three consecutive regular meetings unless the member is sick or has obtained a leave of absence." Additionally, the local government code says "an alderman shall be fined \$3 for each meeting that the alderman fails to at-

**YMCA Continues to Seek Community Input from Floyd County**

Representatives from the Plainview YMCA met with Floydada representatives in February to discuss the possibility of opening a location in Floydada. According to Plainview YMCA Executive Director, Rob Wilkinson, several Floydada residents make use of the Plainview facility and as a result, generated interest in researching the feasibility of such an endeavor. In order to begin the process of researching what types of services might be offered, the YMCA needs to hear from the community. Please take a moment to complete the survey. You may fill out the copy of the survey included below this article and mail it to the EDC at P.O. Box 15 in Floydada. If you would prefer to fill out the survey online, you may access it on the EDC's website at www.floydadaedc.com and complete the survey through the link found at the bottom of the YMCA news article. Simply click on the link at the bottom of the article entitled "YMCA Seeks Community Input from Floyd County." (This article first appeared on the Floydada EDC web site on February 22, 2010.)

**YMCA Community Survey**

The YMCA is interested in receiving feedback from the Floyd Co. Community on how we could potentially serve you. We'd like to learn more about the programs, activities, and facility needs that interest you. Below is a list of potential program opportunities. Please take the time to rate the program items from 1-9 in order of importance, with 1 as the most important. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Programs:**

- 1. **Fitness** (i.e. wellness center, youth fitness classes, aerobic classes, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **Aquatics** (i.e. mom/tot classes, swim lessons, therapy, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **Teens** (i.e. teen fitness, drop in center, day camps, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. **Family** (i.e. parent's night out, game/movie nights, special events, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. **Youth Sports** (i.e. t-ball, basketball, soccer, flag football, golf, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. **Adult Sports** (i.e. softball, basketball, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. **Senior Activities** (i.e. fitness classes, book clubs, computer classes, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. **Youth** (i.e. child care, day camps, pre-school activities) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. **General** (i.e. nutrition, drama/theater/dance, weight loss, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

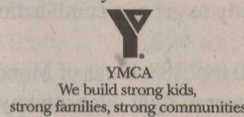
**Facility:**

Where would you like to see a modified YMCA facility located?  
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What type of fitness equipment would you like to see available? (i.e. treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, weight equipment)  
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General Comments:  
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.



tend" except for illness. Green said, after reading the code, that there are already guidelines in place, but the council has not been enforcing them.

Brown brought to the council's attention that one councilmember not present at this February meeting has now missed his fourth consecutive meeting. Brown said the councilman had acknowledged it was his fourth consecutive meeting and asked if he should resign his position. Houchin said the mayor could announce the councilmember's position vacant. Gilliland expressed his opinion that four absences was one too many. Green and Ward concurred.

Carthel made a motion to establish the guideline that on the fourth consecutive missed meeting, regardless of the situation, the councilmember is off of the council. The motion passed unanimously.

Houchin said according to the law if the position is vacated, then the position is filled by the selection of the council until the next general election.

The City currently gives \$350 a month in assistance to the Floydada Senior Citizen. Every two years this assistance comes up for review before the

council. The Senior Citizen's Chairman of the Board was present to thank the council for the help the City gives the senior citizens. Councilman Green made the motion to waive the utility bill again for the next two years. The motion passed. Brown presented the idea of purchasing a generator for City Hall and the Fire Department. Brown gave the council some figures for top notch 500 KBA generators. He was concerned a 350 KBA unit wouldn't hold out if being used in the hot summer months. Craig DuBois is looking into finding a grant. According to Brown, the City has been mandated to have backup generators at all of the lift stations and the backup water supply.

Councilman Green said he thinks it's important to have generators on hand because Floydada is in charge of the emergency management for the county, but thinks a better price can be found. A motion passed to prepare to take bids for purchasing some generators. The council unanimously passed a motion to disconnect the old storm warning sirens. Brown said, "We're paying \$274 a month for phone lines to sirens that may or may not work, and they may work at times they're not supposed to." It would have been very costly to get them working and keeping them running. The old sirens warning system was replaced by an automated calling system last year.

Terry Turner, the City's Electric Supervisor, asked the council to consider advertising for bids on a new bucket truck. The city currently has a 1982 model 42 ft. bucket truck. Turner asked the council to consider getting a new 50 ft. bucket truck in order for him to be able to reach the new lines that are up too high for the current bucket truck. He was concerned that a 55 ft. bucket truck would be too big for the alleys. A new bucket truck runs \$125,000. The new truck is built into this year's budget. Green made the motion to go out for bids on a 2009 or 2010 bucket truck. The motion passed unanimously.

The council approved Police Chief Darrel Gooch's request to advertise for bids on a new truck for the police department. Chief Gooch's current truck is a 1999 model with approximately 200,000 miles. According to Chief Gooch, the truck they're looking at a 2009 model running about \$26,500. The police department has a grant to purchase the truck, but it must be spent by June. Councilman Carthel made a motion to go ahead with advertising for a new truck in order to use the grant money

before the deadline. During the last council meeting the problem of winning bidders not paying for their city property was presented to the council. City Attorney Karen Houchin asked the council for some policy changes so the amount of the bid is put down when the bid is made. Also, she asked that there be a new form that provides enough information to contact all the bidders. Councilwoman Bettye King made a motion to adopt the new policy for payment for taxing entities; the motion was passed.

The council unanimously approved Harvey and Martha Garza's bid to be the swimming pool operators for the 2010 season. Mayor Bob Gilliland commented the city has used the Garzas on a many occasions and they've done a very good job.

Brown informed the council there have been several interested parties on the grazing lease bids on the City Farm. However, he said, the problem arises that the lease had some miss-wording. Councilwoman Sue Ward said she thought the only fair thing to do is to notify the bidders of the corrected lease so they could make an informed decision. The council agreed. Brown told the council they are still waiting on specifics concerning the City's electrical system upgrade.

Concerning the HOME Grant Brown said Howco is the only one that has submitted a contract. The council approved an Administrative Services Contract and a Housing Provider Services Contract with A & J Howco Services, Inc.

According to Brown, he met with the engineers earlier in the week concerning the Texas Community Development Block Grant. The engineers think the plans will be ready for bid during the first part of March. Brown expects the bids to be ready in time for the March meeting. The investment report showed the City to be making only \$29.82 in interest. The report also showed the three-month T-bill average was met. All of this was in compliance with the investment guidelines the council adopted in previous years. The council went into executive session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act for 30 minutes to discuss a competitive matter on the activity of High Plains Diversified Energy.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved, along with the payment of the previous month's bills and transfers. The March Floydada City Council meeting is set for Tuesday, March 16.

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