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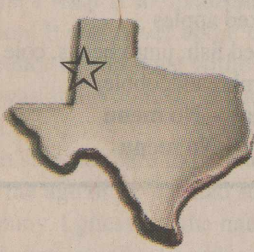
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Floyd County Friends Gala tickets still available

By Elaine LaBaume
 The Floyd County Friends Board of Directors would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our 15th Annual Gala. This year's theme will be "BIG CITY LIGHTS", Saturday, March 27th at 6:00 P.M. in the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.

Our featured entertainment is the talented "KYLE SISTERS" including Mary Margaret, Francis Ann and Bodie. They are from Dripping Springs, Texas just west of Austin. They are a well-known Southern Gospel, Country, and Inspirational singing group. They have even performed the National Anthem for the Texas Longhorns. The Kyle Sisters are very excited about coming to West Texas and promise a heart-felt performance.

Take this opportunity to enjoy a wholesome evening of live entertainment, a delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings and the warm hospitality of the Floyd County Friends. This is the "biggest social event of the year in Floyd County." This is your opportunity to help support the Unity Center.

For ticket information contact: D & J Gin 806-652-3351; Nick Long Insurance 806-983-3441; Jon & Elaine LaBaume 806-847-7414 or 806-983-9153 or any Floyd County Friends Unity Center Board Member.

Tickets are \$30 each or a Reserved Table of 8 is \$280 (\$35 ea.) to ensure you sit with the party of your choice. Each ticket enrolls you for a chance to win \$1,000 that is sponsored by Monsanto and Delta Pine, to be given away near the end of the Gala.

You can visit our website at: www.floydcounty-friends.com

WEDNESDAY ROLL OVER



TRUCK WRECK—A semi-trailer truck carrying cotton bales overturned on US Highway 62/70 East, just inside the Floydada city limits, Wednesday afternoon, March 17. Witnesses said the driver walked away from the wreck. No one else was injured in the one-vehicle accident.

Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

Floydada High School tennis team competes at state meet

By Coach Regenia Smith

After qualifying as the Runner up in the Regional Team Tennis Tournament, the Floydada Tennis Team went to Round Rock to compete in the State Team Tennis Tournament March 12 - 13th.

This is a tournament that is about how the team does. There are 19 matches played between two teams and the winner is the team that wins 10 matches first.

The 19 matches are made up of six girls singles and six boys singles matches, three girls doubles and three boys doubles matches and one mixed doubles match.

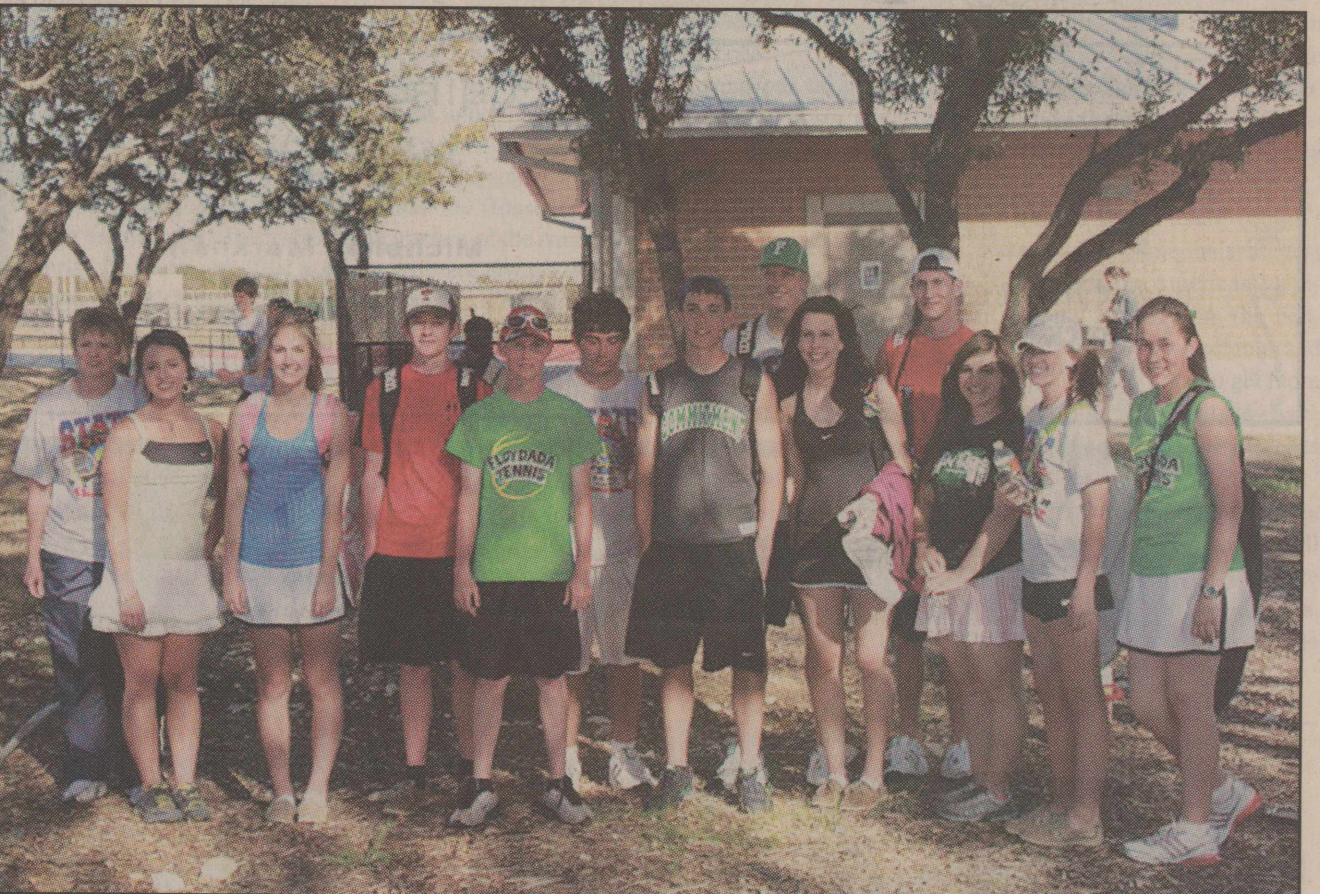
Our first match was against a very solid team of Knippa. Floydada did not fare too well losing that match 15 - 0.

Determined not to let that happen again the team rallied and faced Industrial in the next match.

I challenged my team to play with confidence and belief in themselves.

They stepped up and played much better but falling short of victory by just one match at 10 - 9.

It came down to the last two matches on the court and we had to win both. The kids played with so much heart, and we grew so much in that



Courtesy Photo

FLOYDADA TEAM TENNIS COMPETES AT STATE TOURNAMENT in Rock Round on March 12-13. Players pictured are (left to right) Coach Regenia Smith, Lexie Terrell, Lexi Covington, Haden Lipham, Jacob Graham, Tim Campbell, Cole Covington, Jordan Cornelius, Makenzie Schwertner, Mason Lipham, Kaylie Nutt, Hannah Griffin, Imelda Resendiz. Not Pictured: Lindsey Beedy, Brityn Helms, and Abigail Miller.

match. The next day brought us to the challenge of playing Kirbyville. We won that match in another close one of

10 - 9. As winners we advanced to play East Bernard in our final match of the tournament. We were not going to be denied a victory and we

won that match 11 - 6. Each player improved with each match and success followed. This team definitely has

heart and I fully expect many to advance to Regionals and beyond when we compete in District on April 13th and 14th.

Deochoa, Morales and Alvarez advance to state powerlifting meet

By Coach L. Bandy

The Floydada Whirlwind powerlifting team competed at the Region 1 Division 3 meet on March 20. Over all as a team, the Whirlwinds placed 2nd with a total of 19 points.

The Whirlwind powerlifting team consisted of five regional qualifiers: Juan Deochoa, Troy Morales,

Rex Mathis, Ben Alveraz, and Joseph Deochoa.

Results of the Regional meet were:

Troy Morales won the 123 lbs weight class with a total weight of 810 pounds.

Ben Alvarez placed 2nd in the 132 lbs class with a total of 925 lbs.

Rex Mathis placed 7th

Kemp advances to state powerlifting meet

By Coach Kyle Browne

The Lockney Longhorns boys' powerlifting team traveled to Sundown for the regional meet on Saturday March 13.

Shaq Thompson placed seventh at the meet and improved his overall weight total by 70 pounds. "Shaq has worked very hard this year and it has shown every meet. I am very proud of the way that he has continued to try to

make himself better." Coach Browne

Walker Kemp placed second in his weight class and has qualified for the boys' state powerlifting meet. "Walker worked very hard this year as well. From the start of the season his goal was to qualify for state and he has done that. I am very proud of the way he has worked and given it everything he had every

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Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

Not a lot of news this week. We did have another snow blizzard on Friday during the night. This winter has been so strange. I think this makes the 11th or 12th snow. So strange for this area. I know Friday and Saturday was very cold. I understand we are to have more bad weather Wednesday.

My son, Greg Bond came in Friday, March 18th. Mona went to visit her side of the family in Lubbock. Lane Kirk of Amarillo came in on Saturday and spent time with Greg. Greg and Mona went home on Monday, March 22nd.

Our sympathy to the family of Johnnie Cates.

Thank you for remembering the Center

when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of James Malett – Betty Fuller.

Thought For The Week

Indoor or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year.

Ogden Nash

From the archives ...

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN June 23, 1932 STORM DAMAGE MONDAY HEAVY Small Cyclone Strikes In South Part Of Town

Wheat, Row Crops, Farm Homes Suffer in Heavy Wind, Hail and Rain; Lasts 1 Hour

Accompanied by high winds, hail, and a heavy display of lightning, a cloud that came from the west and north late Monday afternoon roared its way across the southwest half of Floyd County, leaving in its wake ruined row crops, thousands of damaged homes, destroyed barns, outhouses and windmills in an area that covered three communities, portions of two others and did material damage in the south half of the city of Floydada.

Started in Swisher

The storm, according to reports, had its origin west of Tulia in Swisher County and roared down through Hale and across Floyd into Spur in Dickens County.

Check-ups indicated that the damage in Floyd County extended as far west as Allmon with the main path of the storm extending across McCoy, Blanco and Starkey communities. In Floydada proper a small cyclone did considerable damage to prop-

erty in the south half of the city, destroying one residence, completely unroofing another and partially wrecking several others.

An estimate of the damage would extend into the thousands of dollars but no accurate check could be made.

The storm struck Floydada about 6:25 o'clock Monday afternoon. The skies were so heavily overcast that residents had to use electric lights in their homes to see their way about. A cyclonic wind and hail was accompanied by a deluge of rain that within the hour's duration of the storm totaled two and one-fourth inches in town and exceeded five inches south and west of town some three to ten miles.

The main storm had passed over Floydada at 7:25 o'clock, exactly an hour after the damage started.

Sweeping from the southwest about 7 o'clock a small cyclone took off trellis work in front of homes in southwest Floydada, leveled a few yard fences and then increased in intensity. It "swooped" across the roof of the W. H. Jenkins' residence, 810 South Wall Street and lopped off two brick chimneys and struck in full force a vacant frame residence at the corner of East Marivena Avenue and South Wall Street and completely demolished it, scattering lumber in the path of the storm.

The house was the property of W. Grady Hall of Plainview, formerly of this city. The twister unroofed the D. E. Smith home at 216 East Marivena and then poured deluge after deluge of rain upon the family, none of whom were injured during the storm. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and children, Rolein, Mary and Dorothy were at home when the small cyclone struck.

The windmill was literally "pulled up by the roots" and several telephone and light poles were blown down in the vicinity. "It sounded just like a cannon when that thing hit our house," Mr. Smith said. "All our furniture and everything in the house was soaked," he stated. The house was covered by \$1,000 insurance but Mr. Smith had no insurance on his furniture. Across the street from the Smith home, the wind took a portion of the roof from the residence of J. S. Collins.

2 1/4 Inches Rain

Two and one fourth inches of rain was measured in Floydada in the space of an hour from 6:25 to 7:25. The actual fall was probably greater.

The wind blew over the windmill at the A. J. Ryals place, 221 West Georgia Street, the tower posts being broken. The tower knocked the water storage tank over as it fell.

Damage At Motor Inn
One puff of wind raised the metal ceiling on the east end and lowered it at the west end of the Motor Inn in the Snodgrass Chevrolet Building, Oscar Penland, manager of the station, said it was done in a very brief time and happened too quickly to be exciting. A half-inch crack was made in the wall above a large window to the office of the Inn at the

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VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Last week was wind and this week SNOW!!!! and wind. One good thing about the snow, it only lasted one day.

The first day of spring we had snow. Also Friday afternoon I went to the Horns baseball park and found a parking place on the south side and I could see the whole park, even the catcher. It felt good keeping score in my car again. And even better than that, Lockney won the ball game, even if it was right at the last.

Also Friday night when I went to the back bathroom for my shower I stepped in wet carpet. I got a flashlight and looked all around the hot water heater and washing machine and still couldn't tell if the water came from the hot water heater or the washer because I had done some laundry Friday. So late that night I called my son Louie and told him my problem. He wanted to come in that night and turn my water off outside but I said no, just wait and come in first thing in the morning. He came in and found the problem immediately. He tightened something at the top of the heater that was leaking. No more wet carpet, just water stained carpet, thank goodness. I asked Louie if he was ready to move to town into this house. He said "NO" So I guess I will be

here for a while longer.

In Sunday's area paper I read Wendell Tooley's letter to the editor about Leonard Matsler of Floydada getting his restaurant start washing dishes at the Quick Lunch Cafe in Plainview. What caught my attention was that Wendell said how he could make a quarter stretch a long way back in the early 30's. That reminded me how in the late 30's I could make a quarter stretch a long way in Lockney. My dad Joe Rogers was a barber in Lockney at that time, cutting hair from early in the morning to midnight on Saturdays. Everyone usually spent all day in town. The stores would give free tickets to the movie theater so that made my quarter buy me a sack of popcorn that afternoon at the show matinee.

After it was over I would go across the street to a drug store for a coke and a funny book. Saturdays were such fun days. I will never forget the smell of shoe polish and hair tonic from my dad's barber shop. The shop he put in when we moved to town in 1948 is still in business with Bobbie still giving a "Bobbie Bobbie"

Saturday Matt and Megan brought Payce and Elle to see me. Elle had her little helmet on. Listen to this great granny talk, but Elle is one of the prettiest babies you ever did see.

Her big blue eyes show up beneath the helmet and she just smiles the cutest smile. She doesn't have to wear the helmet very long at a time right now. The doctors want her to get used to it first. The helmet is the shape they want her head to be. When you ask Megan how she feels she says "just fine" She does everything from being a full time mother to two children and a wife and homemaker with her heart problems. A great girl!!!

Deryl and Carol Kent of Humble, Bernice Kent and Weita Loter of Pampa were guests of Jo Webb and daughter Lynda Holley when they came to town for Teddy Bob Cooper's funeral service recently.

Sterling and Gleyenn Earle Cummings are now home where Sterling is recuperating from heart surgery he had in Amarillo and pneumonia he had later and was in the Mangold Memorial.

Joyce Wilson and daughters Lesa and Ruth Elaine were visitors at their church March 14 Sunday evening service. It was a great surprise for everyone.

Judy Griffith is in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock taking an IV treatment for cancer. J.R Belt is having pain from a vertebra in his back. Please keep Judy, J.R and Maye in your prayers. Others to keep in your prayers are Gladys Ragle, Joyce Wilson, Laney Scott, Frank Duckworth, Lavirn and Clementine Carthel, David and Betty Jackson, Barry and Algene Barker, Susan and Dillon English.

I want to take this opportunity thank all the local church secretaries for sending me their weekly newsletters. It is so helpful to me to know who is ill in their congregations. Also Boyd and Gale Reay for delivering their church's news personally. Thank you everyone so much.

Thought for the day is the Boys Ranch Motto. "Believing in Boys of Today for the Men of Tomorrow"

MENU

- March 29-April 2**
- Monday:** spaghetti
- Tuesday:** roast beef
- Wednesday:** chicken fried steak
- Thursday:** hamburger steak
- Friday:** turkey and dressing

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- Facilities include, but are not limited to, hospitals, elderly care facilities, child care centers, fire and rescue stations, vocational and medical rehabilitation centers, schools, public transportation infrastructure, and projects that support local and regional food systems.
- Eligible applicants include rural communities and non-profit organizations.
- Loans are made at below-market, fixed interest rates.
- Grants are limited to projects with high financial need that serve low income communities.
- Eligible expenses include land acquisition, construction of facilities, necessary fees, and equipment.
- Community must be under 20,000 in population.
- Grants range from 15%-75% and require matching funds.

Renewable Energy Systems for use by a community facility is an eligible purpose for funding when:

- The facility is an essential community facility, such as a facility used for education or health care.
- The renewable energy system will help defray the cost of facility operation over the life of the system.
- The borrower can demonstrate the system will improve their ability to provide underlying essential community service, such as providing backup facilities or extending fuel supplies of backup facilities.
- The borrower does not have, and will not have, any contract to sell power generated by the energy system; however receiving credit for excess production is permitted.
- The borrower does not plan or anticipate generating more energy than it will use in a consecutive 12 month period.
- The renewable energy system must be a commercially proven and available technology.

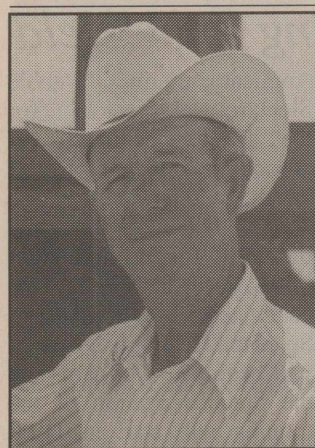
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Contact your local RD office for more information and to see if your community is eligible for grant assistance. Please visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/> and view the statewide directory to find an office near you.

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Obituaries



JOHNNIE C. CATES

Johnnie C. Cates, age 92, of Floydada, passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in Amarillo. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Floydada with Rev. Les Hall officiating. Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Johnnie was born on June 17, 1917 in Paducah, Texas to John and Clara Cates. He married Mildred Burke on November 18, 1939 in Lubbock. Johnnie was a farmer and enjoyed horseback riding.

Johnnie is preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

He is survived by four daughters, Carolyn Pufal and husband, Jim of El Paso, Jan Lofton and husband, Bob of Memphis, Tennessee, Donna Clayton of Amarillo, Texas, and Denise Calahan of Odessa, Texas; six grandchildren, Michele Lynn, Patrick Pufal, Stephanie Pufal, Chase Clayton, Brett Clayton, and Cameron Calahan; one great-grandchild, Allison Pufal; one sister, Ann McCleskey of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and one brother-in-law, Lawrence Burke of Elm Springs, South Dakota.

Memorials may be made in Johnnie's name to the First United Methodist Church or the Floydada Senior Citizens.

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



SARAH ARMINE TARPLEY

Sarah Armine Tarpley, age 95, of Lockney, passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in Lockney. Open visitation was held Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 19, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Lockney with Rev. Ricky Carstensen officiating. Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Mrs. Armine was born on March 30, 1914 on a farm outside of Peacock, Texas. She was the youngest child of Solon and Ella Walker. She outlived them and seven siblings.

She graduated from Peacock High School and was the last surviving member of her class. In 1940, she married O. D. (Dude) Tarpley, also of Stonewall County. They had no children. In the mid 1940's they purchased a farm in the Providence Community near Lockney. Armine worked at the Sears store in Plainview for many years. She spent the last years of her life as a resident of the Lockney Health and Rehab Center.

She is survived by nieces, Winnie Crowley of Fontana, California, Martha Chavez of Alto, New Mexico, and Helen Reed of Denton, Texas; nephew, John Smith of Campbell, California and many other great-nieces and nephews.

Armine has been a long time member of the First United Methodist Church of Lockney.

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

Egg handling and safety tips

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS Floyd County

Easter is a happy time, a time to celebrate the coming of spring and the new life that's all around us in the flowers, trees, animals and birds. Along with the deep religious meaning, it's also an occasion for gifts and games, and many of these involve Easter eggs. It's been a custom to color, decorate and exchange eggs for hundreds of years.

Egg Handling and Safety Tips

There are some important safe handling methods to remember this time of year when you're decorating, cooking or hiding those eggs since eggs are handled a great deal more than usual around Easter. Remember to:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with hot soapy water and rinse them before handling the eggs when cooking, cooling, dyeing and hiding them.
- Be sure and inspect the eggs before purchasing them, making sure they are not dirty or cracked. Dangerous bacteria may enter a cracked egg.
- Store eggs in their original cartons in the refrigerator rather than the refrigerator door.
- If you're having an Easter egg hunt, consider hiding places carefully. Avoid areas where the eggs might come into contact with pets, wild animals, birds, reptiles, insects or lawn chemicals.

• Make sure you find all the eggs you've hidden and then refrigerate them. Discard cracked eggs.

• As long as the eggs are NOT out of refrigeration over two hours, they will be safe to eat. Do not eat eggs that have been out of refrigeration more than two hours. Refrigerate hard-cooked eggs in their shells and use them within 1 week.

• If you are planning to use colored eggs as decorations, (for centerpieces, etc.) where the eggs will be out of refrigeration for many hours or several days, discard them after they have served their decorative purpose.

Information provided by the University of Nebraska.

Floyd County Church Directory

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	OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 310 E. Mississippi Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise..11:00 a.m. Evening Praise5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m. *****	TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School9:45 p.m. Worship Service ...11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m. *****



Thank you to all the community and beloved friends of Maria Elena Cisneros during this time of grief and sadness from the loss of our mother.

We are very thankful and appreciate all of the cards, flowers and meals that were sent. Thank you Hospice, Covenant Hospital of Lubbock, Mangold Memorial and Floydada EMS. Special thanks to Moore-Rose Funeral Home and St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church for the beautiful service. Words cannot express how deeply touched we are by everyone who knew our mom.

May God bless you all,
The Family of Maria Elena Cisneros

FLOYD COUNTY NEWS

By Elaine LaBaume
Unity Center manager, Jon LaBaume was busy again this past week.

On Saturday night, March 20th there was a Quinceanera and on Sunday afternoon March 21st there was a child's birthday party.

The rest of the week the Floyd County Friends have been busy setting up and getting ready for the 15th Annual Gala, the 11th gala to be held in the Unity Center on Saturday, March 27th. This event is planned each year with "you" in mind to provide you with a full evening of entertainment.

In our world today, we need more "good, clean entertainment."

The "KYLE SISTERS" are really looking forward to performing for us this year and meeting the people of this area. If you need tickets, contact D & J Gin in Lockney, Nick Long, Jon or Elaine LaBaume in Floydada.

All board members have tickets available. Visit our website at www.floydcountyfriends.org for a complete list of the board members.

This will be my last writing for a while as I will be

having surgery on my neck on Monday, March 29th in Amarillo.

I could have had my surgery on March 22nd but I told them "No, I have a major event to attend on the 27th."

So, please join us for the "Big City Lights" at the Unity Center!!

Thanks for Reading!

**Got News?
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This Week's
CNA CLASSES
Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador will be hosting CNA classes beginning on April 5th. The cost of this class is \$350.00. If you would like more information about these classes please call Cindy DuBois at 806-347-2942.

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Lockney hosted "Field of Dreams Tournament"

By Coach Reynolds

The Lockney baseball team hosted their "Field of Dreams Tournament" this past weekend. Due to the weather the tournament was not completed but the Longhorns managed to play three games on Thursday and Friday.

The Thursday matchup was against New Deal. The Longhorns lost 10-8. Friday the Longhorns played Morton defeating them 5-1 and then played Tahoka defeating them 7-5. This brings the Longhorn record to 6-4 on the season.

The team will travel to Nazareth on Tuesday March 23rd to resume district play. The Longhorns defeated Kress on March 12th to start district play by a score of 16-1.

LHS Band offers chances to win prizes

In an effort to raise money for the Lockney High School Band's trip to Orlando, Florida in May, band students are selling chances to win prizes including a netbook computer, a flat-screen television and a GPS unit. Tickets, \$2 each, are available from band members until April 8. The drawing will be held during the Band Boosters meeting on April 13.

Lockney School Menu March 29-April 2

MONDAY

Breakfast: French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: popcorn chicken or ham, potatoes, green beans, pears, roll, milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: fish sticks or grilled cheese, pinto beans, spinach, applesauce, cornbread, milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: sausage/eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: cheeseburger pocket or corn dog, corn, salad, pineapple, milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: pizza or burrito, salad, peaches, milk

FRIDAY HOLIDAY

Neugebauer: This is not what the American People deserve

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer released the following statement this evening after voting "no" on President Obama and Speaker Pelosi's government takeover of health care in the form of the Senate health care bill and "reconciliation" legislation making changes to the Senate bill, which the House passed by votes of 219 to 212 and 220 to 211 respectively:

"Tonight, my Republican colleagues and I stood with the American people. Like the many residents of the 19th District who contacted me during the past week, I am extremely disappointed in the Democrats for voting to pass such misguided, flawed legislation.

"I opposed this legislation because I believe Americans should be allowed to choose the doctor, hospital, and health care plan of their choice. This government takeover of one sixth of the economy is not the right answer. It will not lower the cost of health care, but instead will add layers of bureaucracy and confusion to the existing system.

"The 19th District doesn't understand why the House leadership insists on going down the road of trying to enact a government takeover of health care that our nation

can't afford and that will not improve their health care. They don't understand why leaders in Congress refuse to listen to the American people.

"This legislation increases government spending by \$1.2 trillion and increases taxes by \$569 billion. Rather than lowering health care premiums for families by up to \$2,500, as the Republican plan would do, this legislation does nothing to help contain rising health care costs and will result in higher insurance premiums compared with passing no bill.

"At a time when the federal deficit is \$1.5 trillion, and the national debt is projected to triple by 2020, it is completely irresponsible for Congress to add more unsustainable government spending to the tab that our children and grandchildren will have to pick up.

"We can make health care more affordable, available and accessible for everyone without nationalizing the system, raising taxes, assaulting the unborn and piling on more debt. We need to sit down, in a bi-partisan way, and work on real reform that will help American families. That's what the American people want and what they deserve."

Statement by Gov. Rick Perry on Steps after Federal Health Care Bill

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today issued the following statement regarding Texas' next steps after the passage of the federal health care bill: "Texas leaders will continue to do everything in our power to find ways to protect our families, taxpayers and medical providers from the federal government's misguided efforts to take over our health care system and infringe upon the fundamental rights of individuals and the state."

"My office is working closely with fellow governors and with Attorney General Greg Abbott to explore the state's options, including legal action, to challenge the constitutionality of this national health care bill that will cost Texas taxpayers billions of dollars and drive down the quality of health care."

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Private Applicator & WPS Handler Training to be Held

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 19th 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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Cotton Market Weekly

A service provided by
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Thursday's export sales report added another building block to an already bullish foundation. Cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) rose to the highest prices in almost two weeks after a governmental report showed a surge in U.S. exports, signaling a possible return of global demand.

"Traders said the market got 'a little push to the upside' by the export sales report," a trader said. "I don't know anybody who was looking for numbers that good."

Export sales doubled from the previous week to 263,200 bales in the week ended March 11, 43 percent higher than the average of the previous four weeks, according to USDA. Turkey, Vietnam, Thailand, and Bangladesh were the week's top buyers. Net sales of 43,300 bales for delivery in 2010-11 were for South Korea, Mexico, and Indonesia.


"Of interest in this week's export report was that China had a net cancellation of 8,700 bales," an analyst said. "Some may see this

as a reason for concern, but Chinese domestic prices have continued to trend higher this week. Therefore, I believe that it is just a matter of time before China returns as a buyer of U.S. cotton," he concluded.

Export shipments of 284,700 were down 12 percent from the prior week, but up eight percent from the previous four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, and Mexico.

With just over 20 weeks left in the current marketing year, commitments now total 10.0 million bales of which 6.2 million bales have so far been exported. In addition to that, there are commitments of half a million bales for shipments after August, many of which will be supplied from existing stocks as well. The U.S. must average shipments of only 290,073 bales per week to reach USDA's marketing year estimate of 12.0 million bales.

In the spot cotton market, growers in Texas, Oklahoma, See COTTON page 6



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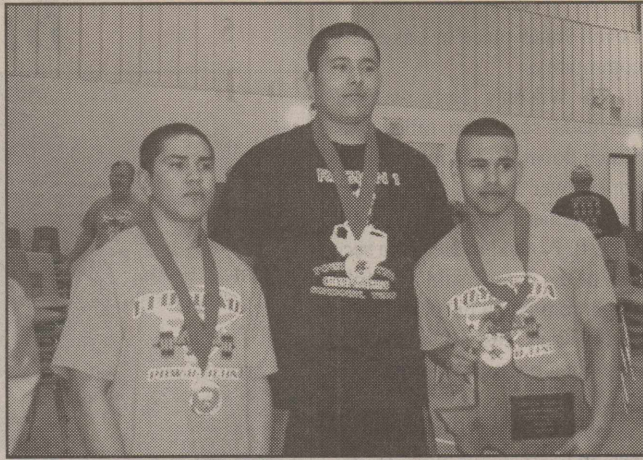
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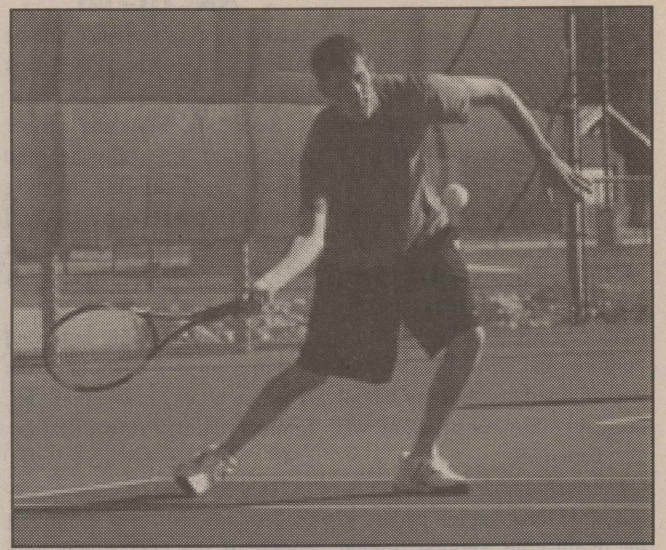
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FLOYDADA POWERLIFTERS COMPETE IN REGIONAL MEET—Whirlwind powerlifters competed in the Region 1 Division 3 meet on March 20. They placed 2nd overall as a team with a total of 19 points. The team consisted of five regional qualifiers. Pictured are (left to right) Joseph Deochoa, Coach Levi Bandy, Juan Deochoa, Rex Mathis, Head Coach Bandy, Troy Morales, and Ben Alvarez.



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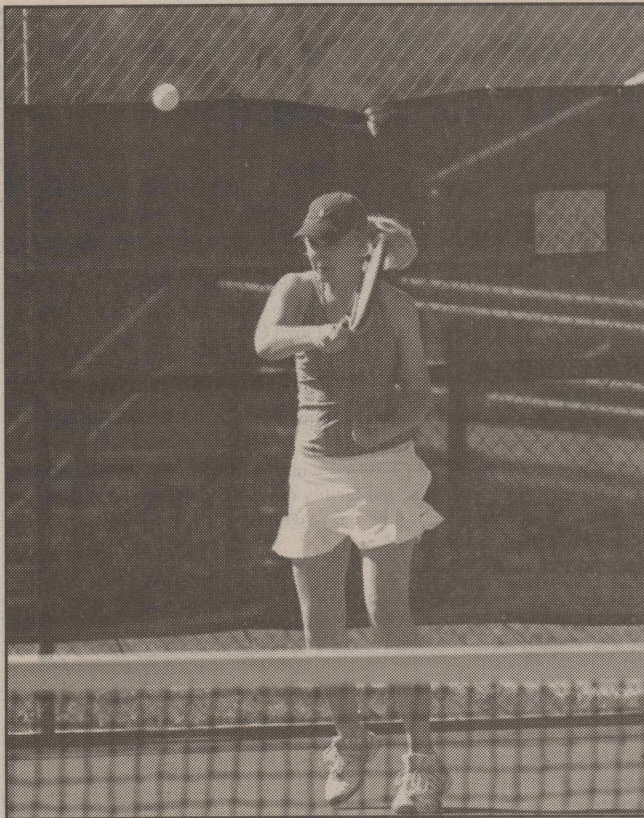
FLOYDADA POWERLIFTERS ADVANCE TO STATE—Whirlwind (left to right) Ben Alvarez, Juan Deochoa and Troy Morales will advance to compete in the state powerlifting meet that will be held in Abilene at the Expo Center on March 27.



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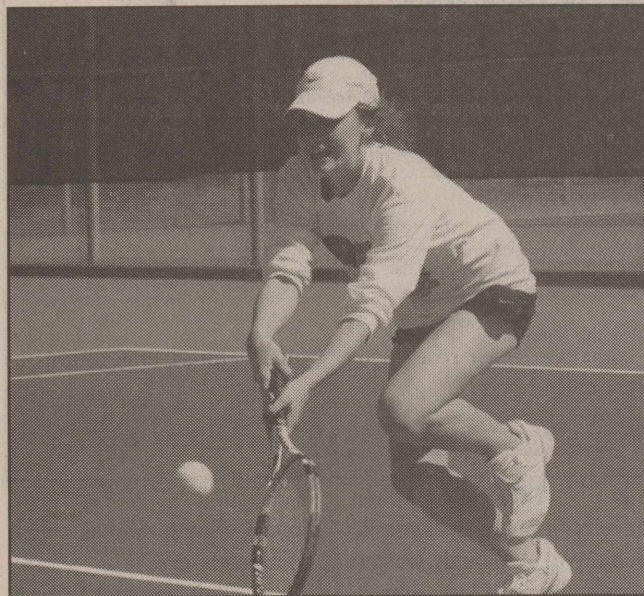
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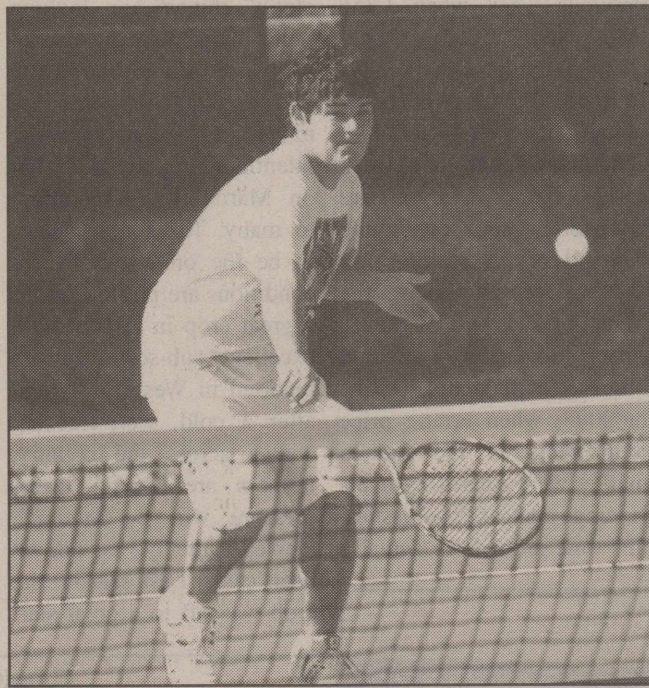


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FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU
March 29 – April 2

- Monday**
Breakfast-French toast, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast-Sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast- Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, quick baked potatoes, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk

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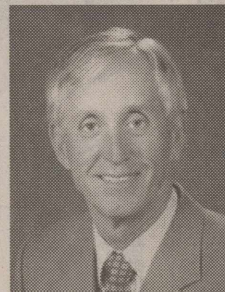
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same time.
In the south section of town H. T. Smith's windmill wheel was blown off and damage was done to roofs at the homes of Dr. C. M. Thacker, Dr. W. M. Houghton, L. G. Mathews and others.

In the west portion of the city the heavy wind damaged the roof of the Andrews Ward School building and from Lakeview it was reported that the new school building under construction was also damaged.

A Dodge sedan driven by Richard Donathan left parked in the Panhandle Service Station on South Main Street was blown out of the driveway and rolled into the front yard of Edd Brown's residence but was not damaged.

Mrs. W. B. Clark was knocked down by lightning that struck in the vicinity of the family home 202 South First Street. She suffered no injuries, however, it was stated.

The K. M. Borum residence on West Crockett Street was partially blown from the foundation.

Lumber Yards Busy

Lumber yards were busy in Floydada Monday putting in glass window panes, selling windmill parts, bolts, shingles, and materials to repair the havoc wrought by the damaging storm.

A freak stunt the wind did in town was to blow half of a hen house away at the H. T. Cooper place in northwest Floydada. This house is occupied by W. N. Brewster, who said that two or three trees were blown down at the home of Mrs. F. E. Edwards

nearby and a private garage at the Ben Roberts place was blown to pieces.

Streets in Floydada proper represented seas of water, the gutters on California running brim full for several minutes and street intersections downtown sent water up on running boards of cars.

The heavy rainfall extended within a mile of town and was heaviest about three miles out, farmers coming to town Tuesday said.

That the area of damage extended toward the southwest corner of the county, although not making a clean sweep in that section, was indicated Tuesday afternoon when T. B. Weems of Petersburg, said after a trip to Floydada that as far southwest as the H. A. Krause place there was pronounced damage, the small area began a short distance this side of Petersburg, Mr. Weems said. Gus deCordova said the damage at his Allmon place was severe.

Wind at Lakeview

Between Floydada and Lakeview Monday night the roadbed was a stream of water and the adjoining fields as disclosed by the flashes of lightning appeared as one solid lake.

Weldon Wilkinson reported that they estimated the rainfall at least six inches at his grandfather's, the J. D. Wilkinson place, two and one half miles southeast of town. Lakes were filled and running over, he said. Cotton was damaged at least 50 per cent and the wheat was blown down, he said.

Part of the top of the barn on the C. Alexander farm was blown away. Others to the south and east losing windmills were Clark Bolding, Will Hambricht, and F. A. Dickert. W. H. Mason's barn and that of his son, Grady on the same section were destroyed, as were the outhouses.

Mr. Dickert lost one mill entirely and the wheel from a second. Heavy hail, his third for the season, damaged his wheat crop about 75 per cent, he estimated. He resides seven and one half miles southeast of town.

It was estimated by Lovell Jones that the precipitation at his place in the Lakeview community exceeded five inches. The water ran up on the running boards of cars that were successful enough to "navigate" the highways.

A combine shed, windmill, cream shed, and a portion of his car shed were blown down at the

Lovell Jones place in Lakeview community.

Ed Wilson's barn west of Floydada some ten miles was blown down. Bill Dooley, Jr. reported over three inches of rain on his father's farm.

T. R. Noland in the north section of the county said that only a light rain fell at his place.

H. Kreis east of town said they got a big rain but not much hail.

Herschel Green, who resides east on the matador highway, reported about three-quarters of an inch rain and very little hail.

At the J. F. Roberts place six and a half miles southeast the windmill was blown down and other damage done, but at the L. C. McDonald place, adjoining on the east no damage was reported although a good rain fell. This seems to define the damage area on the east. Northwest the damage appears to have been slight. At the N. B. Pace place and the O. W. Fry place little damage was done by the wind or hail. At least a portion of Harmony escaped damage. Three inches of rain fell at the Finkner place but little hail.

Gule Snodgrass, 13 miles southwest in the Harmony neighborhood estimated the damage to his wheat from ten to fifteen per cent. He said the rainfall was much heavier at his place than in town. The barpits did not carry off the water fast enough and the roadbed was covered.

Hail damage was light at his place, wind being responsible for the main portion of his loss, Mr. Snodgrass stated. A windmill wheel was torn up at his place.

"The heavy hail started about a mile and a half east of my place and cleaned up things to the canyon which it seemed to follow on to the southeast.

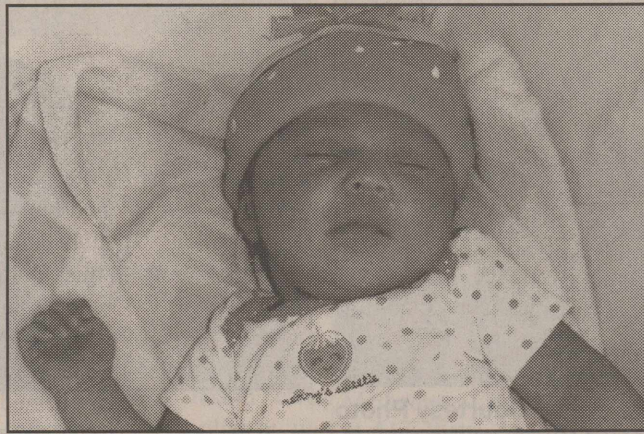
Down the Ralls Road beginning with V. M. Manning the damage was severe. Hiram Johnson, three miles south, Miss Ima Johnston said, had everything ruined and a lot of chickens drowned. R. I. Teeple, W. T. Stiles on the south, Judge J. W. Howard's place across the canyon and Elwood Assiter on toward the county line had severe damage to the row crops as well as to other property.

Chimneys were blown off and the roof of his home was damaged, it was reported by W. T. Stiles.

Row crops suffered heavily along the path of the storm. Damage to fields of wheat and row crops were reported by Ham Smith and J. D. Christian south of Floydada and in the Blanco section.

W. C. Cates estimated a 50 per cent damage to wheat on his farm, two miles west of the Blanco school house. W. F. Daniel at the school house had cut half of his wheat but when he went out in the field Tuesday morning he was unable to determine just where his combine had passed in the field, so completely did the hail and wind destroy the crop. A scant half inch of rain fell at the W. B. Jordan place at Center. Mrs. Jordan said east of the Silverton road, in that vicinity she had learned of no particular damage.

Birth



KHLOE MARIE CUELLAR

Michael and Denise Cuellar of Lockney are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Khloe Marie Cuellar.

She was born at 2:20 p.m. February 5, 2010 at Covenant Hospital in Plainview. She weighed seven pounds, four ounces and was 19 inches long at birth.

She has a sister, Brianna Faith Cuellar, three years old. Grandparents are Joe and Delia Johnson and Ricardo and Dominga Cuellar.

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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.) _____

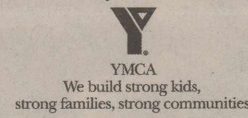
Facility:

Where would you like to see a modified YMCA facility located?

What type of fitness equipment would you like to see available? (i.e. treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, weight equipment)

General Comments: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.



COTTON

and Kansas sold 4,319 bales online in the week ended March 18 compared to the previous week when 1,356 bales were traded. Prices received by producers ranged from 65.90 to 69.48 cents per pound versus 62.40 to 71.98 cents per pound one week earlier. Many analysts are optimistic about continuing demand for U.S. cotton.

"As we all know, the best fuel in a bull market is strong demand," a market observer explained. "Unlike in 2008, when erratic price movements in the futures market were caused by over-leverage and cash flow issues, this time around we actually

have a firm physical market behind it. Although western economies still are limping along, things are looking quite buoyant in the rest of the world," he said.

Market attention now has moved to USDA's planting intentions report due out on March 31. According to many, Texas now seems to be the only state where conditions are pre-loaded for a great crop in 2010. With excellent sub-soil moisture reported in West Texas, and after a cold, wet, freezing winter across the country, farmers are hoping insect pressure will be minimal. However, the dye has not yet been cast. Last season, the crop was off to a great start

before South Texas went completely dry.

"I don't remember how many times I chimed in last fall with the old adage that 'as goes the Valley, so goes the Nation,'" a trader said. "In West Texas, where the bulk of the U.S. crop was, and is going to be produced, last season looked like one for the record books. By the end of harvest, however, USDA was largely lowering average yields there, something no one predicted during the entire growing season. We need to remember that the government can pencil estimates, but ultimately it's Mother Nature who is in control of the outcome," he cautioned.

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Gary Carthel and et al hereby gives notice of application to obtain petition for the legal sale of alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages in Floydada, Floyd County, Texas. The application will be filed with Ginger Morgan, County Clerk, Floyd County.

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OPINION

The Paperboy



By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Insurance reform, making sure there is coverage for all Americans, coverage of pre-existing conditions, blah, blah, blah..

Congrats on growing the government a ton?

As a business owner and an ordinary citizen, I am all for us taking care of one another. We are a compassionate country and we don't like seeing one another suffer.

That's what is so disturbing about health care reform legislation. It was never about making sure everyone got better insurance or someone without coverage could get treatment. It was about control. It was about growing the government.

I'm sure not here to defend insurance companies. Anyone over the age of 35 has had some issue with an insurance company. I guess it's the nature of the beast.

I've had excellent service and prompt payout in my insurance coverage and I've also had to get an attorney a time or two to get matters resolved.

No dear reader, I'm not here to take up for insurance companies.

But I'm sure not on the side of the government. This entire process - especially over recent weeks, has stunk to high heaven.

The back room deals, the sneaking around the rules ... it's just a sorry way to go about the people's business.

My family has been living with my in-laws for five weeks. I've watched my father-in-law, who did two tours in Vietnam, struggle to do things every day we've been here.

His body is battered and broken from fighting for a country where the elected leaders behave like this?

The bottom line is this: Our government is growing and spending like never before. And now it gets to collect even more taxes and grow even larger.

Furthermore, Uncle Sam gets the money upfront. Years before the entire bill is enacted. I'm assuming this bill is not settled in the Supreme Court or states use "States Rights" and elect out of it, but I digress.

America - we had such a great opportunity to do something grand. We could have had a bill which actually had a positive effect for everyone. Instead, it was squandered. What we got was a piece of convoluted junk.

Just as the Republicans before them, the Democrats have let their power go right to their collective head. And just like the Republicans, Independent voters will likely make Democrats pay come November.

Independents, which put Obama in office and gave Democrats the majorities they enjoy so much, will continue to drop the hammer.

Anyhow, back to our ever-growing government. Hopefully the vast, vast majority of you have heard of Thomas Jefferson, one of the Founding Fathers, the third President of the United States and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence.

Jefferson also feared the size and scope of government as he witnessed first hand what tyranny could do. Here are a few quotes from Mr. Jefferson regarding government:

If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors

of the people under the pretense of taking care of them, they must become happy.

That government is best which governs least.

Were we directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread.

I am not a friend to a very energetic government. It is always oppressive.

I hold it, that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.

Does the government fear us? Or do we fear the government? When the people fear the government, tyranny has found victory. The federal government is our servant, not our master!

When governments fear people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny.

Where is Mr. Jefferson when you need him?

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Other Views

The Doctors of the House

House Democrats passed President Obama's federal takeover of the U.S. health-care system, and the ticker tape media parade is underway. So this hour of liberal political victory is a good time to adapt the "Pottery Barn" rule that Colin Powell once invoked on Iraq: You break it, you own it.

This week's votes don't end our health-care debates. By making medical care a subsidiary of Washington, they guarantee such debates will never end. And by ramming the vote through Congress on a narrow partisan majority, and against so much popular opposition, Democrats have taken responsibility for what comes next—to insurance premiums, government spending, doctor shortages and the quality of care. They are now the rulers of American medicine.

Mr. Obama and the Democrats have sold this takeover by promising that multiple benefits will follow: huge new subsidies for the middle class; lower insurance premiums for consumers, especially those in the individual market; vast reductions in the federal budget deficit and in overall health-care spending; a more competitive U.S. economy as business health-care costs decline; no reductions in Medicare benefits; and above all, in Mr. Obama's words, that "if you like your health-care plan, you keep your health-care plan."

We think all of this except the subsidies will turn out to be illusory, as most of the American public seems intuitively to understand. As recently as Friday, Caterpillar Inc. announced that ObamaCare will increase its health-care costs by \$100 million in the first year alone, due to a stray provision about the tax treatment of retiree benefits. This will not be the only such unhappy surprise.

While the subsidies don't start until 2014, many of the new taxes and insurance mandates will take effect within six months. The first result will be turmoil in the insurance industry, as small insurers in particular find it impossible to make money under the new rules. A wave of consolidation is likely, and so are higher premiums as insurers absorb the cost of new benefits and the mandate to take all comers.

Liberals will try to blame insurers once again, but the public shouldn't be fooled. WellPoint, Aetna and the rest are from now on going to be public utilities, essentially creatures of Congress and the Health and Human Services Department. When prices rise and quality and choice suffer, the fault will lie with ObamaCare.

While liberal Democrats are fulfilling their dream of a cradle-to-grave entitlement, their swing-district colleagues will pay the electoral price. Those on the fence fell in line out of party loyalty or in response to some bribe, and to show the party

could govern. But even then Speaker Nancy Pelosi could only get 85% of her caucus and had to make promises that are sure to prove ephemeral.

Most prominently, she won over Michigan's Bart Stupak and other anti-abortion Democrats with an executive order from Mr. Obama that will supposedly prevent public funds from subsidizing abortions. The wording of the order seems to do nothing more than the language of the Senate bill that Mr. Stupak had previously said he couldn't support, and of course such an order can be revoked whenever it is politically convenient to do so.

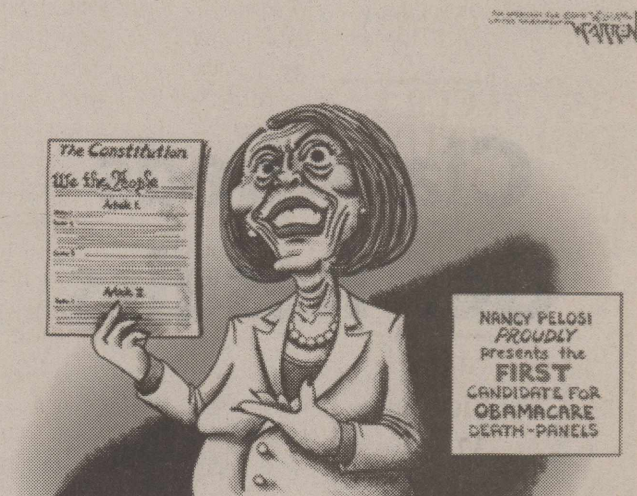
We have never understood why pro-lifers consider abortion funding more morally significant than the rationing of care for cancer patients or at the end of life that will inevitably result from this bill. But in any case Democratic pro-lifers sold themselves for a song, as they usually do.

Then there are the self-styled "deficit hawks" like Jim Cooper of Tennessee. These alleged scourges of government debt faced the most important fiscal vote of their careers and chose to endorse a new multitrillion-dollar entitlement. They did so knowing that the White House has already promised to restore some \$250 billion in reimbursement cuts for doctors that were included in yesterday's bill to make the deficit numbers look good. Watch for these Democrats to pivot immediately and again demand "tough choices" on spending—and especially tax increases—but this vote has squandered whatever credibility they had left.

Mrs. Pelosi did at least abandon, albeit under pressure, the "deem and pass" strategy that would have passed the legislation without a vote on the actual Senate language. We and many others criticized that ruse early last week, and the House decision to drop it exposes the likes of Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute and other analysts who are always willing to defend the indefensible when Democrats are doing it.

All of this means the Senate's Christmas Eve bill is ready for Mr. Obama's signature, though only because rank-and-file House Members also passed a bill of amendments that will now go back to the Senate under "reconciliation" rules that require only 50 votes. Those amendments almost certainly contravene the plain rules of reconciliation, and the goal for Senate Republicans should be to defeat this second "fix-it" bill. It's notable that Democrats didn't show yesterday for a meeting with the Senate parliamentarian to consider GOP challenges, no doubt because they fear some of them might be upheld.

Though it's hard to believe, the original Senate bill is marginally less harmful than the "fixed" version, not least be-



cause the middle-class insurance subsidies are less costly and it would avert the giant new payroll tax. That's the White House increase in the Medicare portion of the payroll tax to 3.8% that Democrats cooked up at the last minute and would apply to the investment income of taxpayers making more than \$200,000.

If the reconciliation bill goes down, Big Labor and its Democratic clients would be forced to swallow a larger excise tax on high-cost insurance plans, and it would also forestall the private student-loan takeover that Democrats included as a sweetener. In other words, they'd be forced to eat the sausage they themselves made as they have abused Congressional procedure to push ObamaCare into law.

We also can't mark this day without noting that it couldn't have happened without the complicity of America's biggest health-care lobbies, including Big Pharma, the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, the Federation of American Hospitals, the Business Roundtable and such individual companies as Wal-Mart. They hope to get more customers, or to reduce their own costs, but in the end they have merely made themselves more vulnerable to the gilded clutches of the political class.

While the passage of ObamaCare marks a liberal triumph, its impact will play out over many years. We fought this bill so vigorously because we have studied government health care in other countries, and the results include much higher taxes, slower economic growth and worse medical care. As for the politics, the first verdict arrives in November.

Rewriting the Social Contract

By Bill Wilson

"A contract lawfully made cannot lawfully be broken."—Thomas Hobbes.

Last week, Moody's issued yet another warning that the U.S. was "significantly" closer to having its credit downgraded. In short, if interest owed on the national debt, currently at an annual 8.49 percent of revenue at \$188 billion, rises above 14 percent, the U.S. will lose its Triple-A credit rating.

By the White House's own estimates, the U.S. will hit that dreaded market-imposed limit on sovereign debt some time in 2014. In that year, under Barack Obama's ten-year budget—which includes the unsustainable costs of ObamaCare—annual interest owed at \$510 billion will represent 14.76 percent of revenue.

At that point, there will be nothing to prevent the nation's credit from being downgraded—with interest rates skyrocketing and the dollar losing its status as the world's reserve currency. By then, it will be too late.

In order to avert flying off this precipice, as reported by Bloomberg, Pierre Cailleateau, managing director of sovereign risk at Moody's in London has stated that the U.S. may need to rewrite its "social contract" between the government and the American people.

But, in truth, the nation's social contract was rewritten decades ago. It was rewritten with the ratification of the income tax; when the Federal Reserve was established; when Social Security, and then Medicare were instituted; and when Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were nationalized, and the Troubled Asset Relief Program created.

In short, it was rewritten about the time that half of Americans were removed the tax rolls, and the other half ask to pay their way. When the U.S. became the entitlement state.

The nation's founding document, the Declaration of Inde-

pendence, states that to secure the natural rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness "governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Fulfilling that promise, eleven years later, the Federal Constitution was adopted in accords with its ratification process of 9 of 13 states.

In the end, ratification was unanimous amongst all 13 states.

It was a bold experiment in republican government that depended, James Madison said, upon the virtue of the people. At the Virginia ratifying convention, he famously said that without it, "No theoretical checks, no form of government can render us secure. To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people is a chimerical idea."

In Bantam's introduction to its edition of the Federalist Papers, Garry Wills writes that both Madison and the Federalist's other author, Alexander Hamilton, "admitted that a corrupt people can exist, making for a government that would accommodate that weakness."

Now that ObamaCare is the law of the land, it is abundantly clear that the nation's original social contract, based on the consent of the governed, has been completely revoked by the people's representatives. That it has been replaced by a corrupt charter of redistributionism.

Far from the constitutional republic that was once designed to preserve private property rights, this nation has now devolved into a tyranny of welfare recipients, who believe they are entitled to the wealth of others without ever earning it for themselves. Who justify bankrupting the many because, they suppose, it will only be at the expense of the few.

Overwhelmingly, the American people rejected the government takeover of health care, and yet 219 House Democrats chose to defy their clear will, and to instead indulge the whims of those who depend upon government as its willful benefac-

tor.

The nation's social contract, although it was lawfully made, has abruptly been revoked without amendment to the Constitution, the only just means of altering our free form of government. It was rewritten without any lawful referendum by the people of the United States.

Unfortunately, there will be a price to be paid.

Previously, Moody's has warned the U.S. that "If the current upward trend in government debt were to continue and become irreversible, the [nation's Triple-A debt] rating could come under downward pressure."

ObamaCare will cost \$2.5 trillion over ten years once fully implemented and will most certainly add much of that to the debt. Unless it is repealed, it is clear that this upward trend in government debt will almost certainly become irreversible. The die has been cast.

According to Cailleateau, as the "distance-to-downgrade" closes, the U.S. will "have to decide what level of pain they are willing to accept to have a healthy economy." This means painful cuts in spending to reduce the debt burden, or even more painful increases in taxes to pay for the unsustainable growth of government. Which will the nation's representatives choose?

With the passage of ObamaCare, it is agonizingly clear that the U.S. has chosen the path of ever-higher taxes, debt, inflation, and near-certain insolvency over any limits on spending.

Congress has entered the financial Abyss willingly. And as the Ship of State rapidly spins to the bottom, its ability to borrow money from overseas will deteriorate in tandem. To keep from taking on water, the government will increasingly turn to taxpayers to foot the bill.

It is then that we will learn whether a social contract imposed by force, rather than by consent, can be enforceable. Time will tell.



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

THOUSAND DOLLAR GIVEAWAY – Monsanto/Delta Pine has donated \$1000 to be given away to a lucky ticket holder at the 15th annual Floyd County Friends Unity Center Benefit Gala Saturday night. Chad Cook (left), territorial sales manager for Monsanto/Delta Pine, presented the \$1000 donation check to David Foster, president of the Floyd County Friends Unity Center organization, last week.

Angel Food Ministry now accepting food stamps

By Jean Appling

If you are a recipient of food stamps, it is now possible to order food through the Angel Food Program in Floydada.

Angel Food Ministry is a way to buy food cheaper. There are several different boxes to choose from dependent upon your personal need. You need only buy

what meets your need.

The program is for anyone who can pay for it or otherwise use food stamps. Menus with order forms are available at: First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Pentecostal Harvest Church, Payne Pharmacy, Bibi's Dream Cuts, First National Bank of Floydada, City Bank, American State

Bank, and Ginger's Beauty Shop.

In order to process your food orders properly using food stamps, we will be available at First Baptist Church on the first and second Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for your convenience. If you are not using food stamps you may purchase by paying with exact change or money order. No checks accepted. All orders are taken to First Baptist Church.

For more information, call 697-2648, 983-2909 or 983-2985.

LONGHORNS

week," said coach Browne.

The state meet will be on March 26-27 in Abilene at the Taylor County Expo Center with lifting beginning at 9 am.

Lockney City Council approves audit, discusses fixing potholes, orders backhoe

By Jim Huggins Reporter

During the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 18, the Lockney City Council approved and accepted the city audit for fiscal year 2008-2009. George Meriwether of Williams, Meriwether, Smith and Co. reported "a good year for the City of Lockney," with "no recommendations" following the audit. The council unanimously approved a resolution to accept the audit as presented.

After adopting a resolution to participate in the TASB local government cooperative purchasing program, the council voted to purchase a new backhoe from Yellowhouse Machinery, which will order it through the TASB Cooperative.

Rosie Rendon met with the council about various citizen concerns, including potholes in the city streets. The council assured Rendon that it was aware of the potholes and that the City would start repairs as soon as weather permits. A notice about potholes and stray dogs in town is printed at the end of this story.

The council adopted a local opportunity plan and appointed Mayor Rodger Stapp as the city's equal opportunity officer. The local opportunity plan must be in place before the city can receive money from a grant for new sidewalks on the east side of Main Street in downtown Lockney.

The grant has been approved, and work on the new sidewalks could begin by midsummer of this year, according to City Secretary Charlotte Hooten.

After a discussion about the relocation of a city water well, the Council appointed Councilmember Tina Graves to do research

on a new location for the well.

The Council discussed changing meeting dates and times and asked the city secretary to ask all council members what the best day and time would be for them.

In executive session, the Council discussed the duties and evaluation of the City of Lockney Municipal Judge. No action was taken following the executive session.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Stapp, Councilmembers Tina Graves, Kelly Prayor, Michael DeLeon and Shanna Jackson, City Attorney Lanny Voss, and City Secretary Charlotte Hooten.

NOTICE

The City of Lockney has had several complaints about the potholes in town and would like to announce that we are aware of them, and as soon as the weather is permissible we will start working on them.

There is a process to fixing the potholes correctly. We have to purchase the hot mix from Lubbock and go pick it up, so the weather has to be warm enough so it will stay hot when they get in town with it. The pothole has to be cut in a square before you attempt to repair the pothole. If you just throw dirt in it, it will not hold.

Another major complaint we are getting from citizens is about dogs running loose. We would like to warn anyone who lets their dogs run loose that we will attempt to pick up the dog and take it to the pound, and you will have to pay a fine to get it out. All dogs must be kept in a fence.

If you are aware of any loose dogs in your neighborhood we encourage you to call the city office at 652-2355 and report it. We will attempt to pick it up.

Cold storage facilities eligible for USDA loan program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today said that the Farm Storage Facility Loan program has been amended to allow producers to build cold storage facilities to store their fresh fruits and vegetables. This program is part of USDA's 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative and uses discretionary authority provided by the 2008 Farm Bill authorizing the eligibility of cold storage facilities for fruits and vegetables.

"Expand the Farm Storage Facility Loan program will provide our nation's fruit and vegetable producers with new storage and marketing opportunities," Vilsack said. "On-farm storage may cost a lot to build, but it can help farmers to maximize profits. USDA's program will help these producers to finance the purchase, construction, or refurbishment of these important farm storage facilities."

USDA's 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative emphasizes the need for a fundamental and critical reconnection between producers and consumers. The effort builds on the 2008 Farm Bill, which provides for increases and flexibility for USDA programs in an effort to revitalize rural economies through the promotion local food systems. Aimed at strengthening the connection between farmers and consumers, the initiative also supports local and regional food systems, to increase economic opportunities for local farmers and expand access to healthy food for Americans.

To be eligible, cold storage facilities must have a useful

life of 15 years and include:

New structures suitable for a cold storage facility;

New walk-in prefabricated permanently installed coolers suitable for storing fresh fruits and vegetables;

New permanently affixed cooling, circulating and monitoring equipment;

Electrical equipment integral to the proper operation of a cold storage facility; and must be

An addition or modification to an existing storage facility.

USDA will not make cold storage facility loans for portable structures, portable handling and cooling equipment, used or pre-owned structures or cooling equipment or structures not suitable for a fresh fruits and vegetables' cold storage facility.

The maximum loan amount for a Farm Storage Facility loan is \$500,000 per loan. One partial disbursement of up to half the anticipated total cost is available when that portion of the structure has been completed. The final disbursement will be made when the entire structure has been completed and inspected by a USDA representative.

All Farm Storage Facility Loans require a down payment of at least 15 percent. Applications must be ap-

proved before construction can begin. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan.

Loans applications should be submitted to the administrative FSA county office that maintains the records of the farm or farms to which the application applies. If the commodities are produced on land that does not have farm records established, the application must be submitted to the FSA county office that services the county where the facility will be located.

For more information on this program or other FSA farm programs please contact your local FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Thanks for Reading

WHIRLWINDS

with a total of 1075 lbs in the 198 lbs class.

Juan Deochoa won the 220 lbs weight class with a total of 1295 lbs.

Joseph Deochoa was an alternate and did not get to compete at the regional meet.

The top two places ad-

vance to state.

The state meet will be held in Abilene at the Expo Center on March 27. Congratulations to the Whirlwinds on an outstanding season, and best of luck to

Juan, Troy, and Ben at the state meet.

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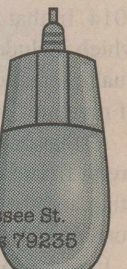
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