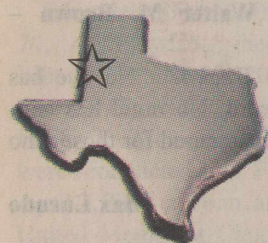


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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH -- County Judge Penny Golightly signs the proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Floyd County. Looking on are members of the Floyd County Child Welfare Board (standing left to right) Mary Ann Reyes, president; Irma Vasquez, board member; and Glenda Wilson, treasurer.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Floyd County; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood and

WHEREAS, Floyd County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

WHEREAS, all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Penny Golightly, County Judge, Floyd County do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 to be

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

The Floyd County Child Welfare Board commends this observance during April 2010 to the citizens of Floyd County.

Penny Golightly April 1, 2010
County Judge



Courtesy Photo

The Sheldon Sue family presented Johnny Bill Sue with a flag to fly over the Veterans Memorial in honor of his birthday. Sue served in the Army from 1958-1964 earning the rank of Specialist 4. Accepting the flag is Jordan Cornelius. The flag will fly 24 hours a day and are replaced when they begin to wear. Pictured with Johnny Bill are his wife, Margie, Sheldon and Atha Sue, Taylor Sue and Molly Carthel. Contact Julianne Cornelius at 806-790-8892 if you would like to donate a flag.

Angel Food Ministry now accepting 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, 983-2985 or 983-3755.

Salvation Army store still open in Lockney

The Salvation Army store in Lockney is still open, according to Alicia Luna, store manager.

The store has been closed on several days during the winter months because of bad weather, but rumors that the store is no longer in operation are not true, Luna says, and there are no plans to close.

"We are still here helping people," she

told the Hesperian-Beacon this week.

Persons who wish to donate to the local Salvation Army unit may take items to the store, located in the 100 block of West Locust Street behind Barker Real Estate, or call 283-6452 to make arrangements if the doors are closed.

Donations of any kind (food, clothing, furniture, etc.) are accepted.

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Schools, civic organizations, church groups, and private industry are being asked to consider serving the community by "Adopting" a community POD site. Individuals are encouraged to volunteer as well.

POD training will be provided locally and the time commitment to serve as a volunteer group or individual volunteer is minimal. For additional information, please contact;

Rachel Strickland
Texas Department of State Health Services
(806) 783-6454
rachel.strickland@dshs.state.tx.us

You can also go to their website at:

www.AdoptAPOD.com

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VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

I hope everyone had a happy Easter. I missed my Lockney Methodist Church's services because I went to Plainview's Grace Methodist Church with my grandson Matt's family. I got to watch my great grandson hunt Easter eggs in the sanctuary. I also enjoyed Brother Kyle Brock's sermon. I could tell you a funny on me that happened during communion but I'm not. You'll just have to ask Kyle what happened. Ha!!

Louie and Cynthia's son Tyler and wife Amy of Austin came in Friday afternoon and went home Sunday morning after the sunrise service and breakfast at the Providence Lutheran Church. Saturday Tyler, Amy and Bryan came to see me. I enjoyed my visit with them so much.

After church in Plainview Matt, Megan and children Payce and Elle, J.W. McPherson and Stephanie Stephenson of Canyon and me (Mawmaw or Vera Jo) went to Matt and J.W.'s mother and dad, Becky and Steve McPherson's house for lunch. It was all so good 'cause I didn't have to help. Other guests for lunch were Gay and Gale McPherson, DarLee and David Foster and son Will. Also afternoon guests were Louie and

Cynthia Bybee. A great time was had by all.

Bill and Mary Quattlebaum's Easter guests who came in Friday were their three granddaughters from the Metroplex, Kim, Gabrielle and Alix Quattlebaum. Saturday they all went to Hereford to visit their mom Vickie. On their way back to Bill and Mary's house they stopped in Lockney to shop at Heart's Desire so I had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with them. They are all such pretty young ladies. Their father was Bill and Mary's son Greg, who passed away recently. So their visit here was really special to Bill and Mary.

Bill and Mary's daughter Nancy and husband Mark McGuire of Houston left for the Philippines Monday because of Mark's job transfer. Their son Ryan will be joining his sister Lauren at Texas Tech where she is a third-year medical student. Bill and Mary's daughter Melinda and her sons Sam and Branden Foste and his wife Courtney and three year old Haden and granddaughter Lauren McGuire were also all Easter guest of Bill and Mary's. Of course three year old Haden really entertained everyone I really messed up on

the article about Gladys Bobbitt last week. I want to apologize to Gladys and her daughters for getting their names all wrong. This week Gladys' guests were her two daughters, Donna Mitchell of Amarillo and Susan Griggs of Clovis; also granddaughter Jamie and her daughter Halli of 29 Palms Marines Military Base in California.

My nephew Monty Bybee of Eldorado called me to wish me a happy Easter and said he and his wife Cindy had his sister Tony and husband Galon Akin and son Chase and wife Jamie of Christoval for Easter lunch. Other guests were their son Wayne and his wife Marissa and daughters Alex and Allie and son Conner of Little Elm.

Jo Webb's Easter guests were nephew Sherwood McCloud and wife Joan of Merit, Texas. Other guests were her daughter Lynda Holley of Lockney, daughter Arlene Anderson of Levelland, son Randy Webb and wife Denise and son John of Plainview.

MENU

April 12-16

Monday: meat loaf

Tuesday: salmon

Wednesday: chicken fried steak

Thursday: King Ranch chicken

Friday: brisket

Gov. Perry: Texas is Proud of Our Military Men and Women

Applauds Texas National Guard for their service to Texas, the nation

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today thanked the men and women of the Texas National Guard for their sacrifices in protecting our citizens by keeping order both abroad and in the state. The governor spoke at the National Guard Association of Texas (NGAT) Annual Conference, where he underscored the importance of the National Guard to the state's border security efforts, and reiterated his ongoing requests for additional federal resources to secure the Texas-Mexico Border.

In the absence of adequate

federal resources to secure the state's southern border, the governor has repeatedly urged the federal government, through letters to President Barack Obama, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, to approve his request for 1,000 Title 32 National Guardsmen to support civilian law enforcement efforts to enhance border security in Texas. Additionally, the governor has a request for predator drones to be based in and operate over the Texas-Mexico border to provide essential

information to law enforcement on the ground.

"America needs additional personnel, technology and intelligence along the entire Texas-Mexico border," Gov. Perry said. "We must protect our border communities, and the legal commerce and travel that is the life's blood of local economies there."

The governor highlighted the Guard's diverse role in protecting citizens, from filling sandbags on the Texas coast in advance of a hurricane to mounting patrols in a combat zone overseas or doing the countless drills and exercises that are required to maintain readiness.

"It is hard to really sum up all that our Guard forces do for Texas, because they simply do so much," Gov. Perry said. "Our troops' pride in Texas is matched by our pride in them, and while we can never truly repay the sacrifice our service members make,

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Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margaret Word

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. Our Center is located at 301 E. Georgia Street. We do not have mail delivery at the Center.

If you are 60 years or older come join us. Lunch starts at 12 noon.

The weekend of March 28th Louis Pyle's family had a get-together to help him celebrate his 80th birthday.

Tuesday, March 30th, Nancy and Gene Lawson served lunch to Nancy's cousin, Mary Wilson, who is moving to Farmington. Along with Mrs. Wilson was a granddaughter, Helen. Mary's brother, Gayle Cypert of Lubbock was there also. Nancy's sister, Geraldine Callaway of Floydada enjoyed being with the family group.

Wednesday, March 31st, Wayne Queen of Williamsburg, New Mexico was in Floydada visiting his mother, Evalene Goodnight for a few days and they ate at the Center.

Wednesday, March 31st, Ruby Gooch's daughter, Millie Burgett of Amarillo at lunch at the Center. She is here for a few days of visiting.

We are delighted to have a new member to our Center. Jimmie Lou Stewart has joined. We hope she comes every day to eat and visit.

Kinsey Klein, daughter of Tommy and Karen (Alldredge) Klein and granddaughter, of Bob and Charlene Alldredge and her fiancée, Jerrod Sarchet of Lubbock were married last Saturday evening, March 27th with 200 relatives and friends in attendance.

From the archives ...

From the Lockney Beacon
July 28, 1976

'Sweep' Sweepston Remembered

By Felicia Applewhite

NOTE: A. T. Sweepston is the father of Hershel Sweepston of Lockney Parker Furniture.

It must not have been a bad dosage prescribed A. T. Sweepston at the age of 13 when doctors told him to leave Rains County, Texas and come west for his health. The West is those days meant cowboys and Indians.

Orphaned by the death of his mother at the age of three, young Sweepston had suffered repeated attacks of pneumonia and Malaria. He was born in 1887.

His trip westward was prolonged as he worked along the way, first, with a repair crew on a railroad; next, with a brother building tanks for Wagner Ranch and then for farm work in Paducah.

Finally, about 1907, he was "lured" to Matador as a general repairman and horse wrangler. People had begun calling his Sweep.

This Matador land had once belonged to the "Whirlwinds of the Plains," the dreaded Comanche Indians. The country was still frequented by visits from the famous Quana Parker whose white mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, was stolen by the Indians when a child of nine.

Stories of Quana were

told afresh when he came to the Matador locality.

One story that was often told was of Quana as a young brave out with a hunting party looking for food, came to a schoolhouse of children. Even though he could not speak English, he succeeded in saving the lives of the teacher and children by getting them to the woods before the rest of the party found them. Quana had made a vow that because his mother was white, he would never harm a white woman.

Equally popular in Matador, was the story of the friendship between Quana Parker and Charles Goodnight.

Miss Ann Sweepston, daughter of the late A. T. Sweepston and former English teacher in the Floydada school system, wrote of her father's life in Matador.

"In a triple sense," she says, "life really began for Sweep here, first his health was fully recovered; second, the friendly atmosphere and challenge of the open range gave purpose to his life, and third; he met and married Beulah Lewis, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Lal Lewis, who Sweep often said, 'loved and nourished me back to life.'"

The young couple began life on the Matador Ranch in a cottage near ranch headquarters.

It could be said that it was along about this time of the ending of some era of history in the West and the beginning of another. The era of "taming of the West" was ending, the new dispensation was being ushered in.

Old timers said it was the barbed wire, the whirling windmill and the six-shooter that tamed the West.

The story of barbed wire and fence cutting had well been enacted by the time Sweep moved to the Matadors. Also, it was no longer a story of trails from water hole to water hole, for pioneers had made roads from windmill to windmill. At the same time, the six-shooter story was summed up in an old frontier saying, "God made men, Colonel Colt made them

Jean Appling called a meeting for anyone interested in Lakeview Cemetery to meet last Monday night at the Floydada Senior Citizen Center. It was decided to take down the old fence on the east side and put up a sign over a new entrance. The men are going to do this on April 17th. Lunch will be served. They welcome any help. Beverly said they soon would need a new mower. Anyone wanting to make a donation can send it to the First National Bank at Floydada.

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter!

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

In memory of Walter M. Brown — Margaret Word.

Thought for the Week — "No eye has seen, No ear has heard, No mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him".

Max Lucado

MENU

APRIL 12 — APRIL 16

Monday — Crispy chicken, vegetable soup, crackers, cake

Tuesday — Beef stir fry, steamed rice, Chinese vegetables, rolls, apple crisp

Wednesday — BBQ ribs, pinto beans, potato salad, rolls, brownies

Thursday — Green chili chicken, peas, au gratin potatoes, rolls, rocky road pudding

Friday — Chicken spaghetti, pea salad, carrots, rolls, bananas & oranges

equal."

During the Sweepstons time at the Matadors, Sweep had the experience of driving one of the first automobiles in the country. It was a 1909 Kissell. The driving of it involved him in the law and order in the country.

"He often accompanied John Jackson, manager of the Matadors, in pursuit of cattle rustlers and poachers.

"On one such trip, they were returning from a session at court in in Dickens when they found a line rider with five or six 'nesters' lined up against a shack at the approximate location of the Roaring Springs pavilion. With only a 45-caliber pistol; the line rider could do nothing but hold them at bay. Jackson told the line rider to ride off while they "covered" him. As soon as he was safe, Sweep sped away with Jackson standing in the back of the car pointing a sawed-off shotgun at the 'nesters.'

Eventually, Sweep became a part of the Texas Ranger program by furnishing transportation over rough terrain. One of his cherished possessions was a 45-caliber pistol given him by the captain of the Rangers.

Mr. Sweepston's children can remember as small children that their father kept the horses saddled at night for emergencies. They were led to believe he went out at night, when called, to work with cattle. One morning he returned "quite disturbed." A man had gone on a "binge" and had shot three of the children and his wife. Two children had gone off into the canyon. Their father and some more men had searched until they had found the two.

Naturally, with his respect for the law, when he at one time was "Brought on the carpet" for investigation, it furnished early West humor for family and friends. He had nailed an old car license plate over a whole in a wagon and later he had sold it. The new owner had later loaned the wagon to a "boot-legger." The boot-legger was on his way up the Cap with his load of wares when he

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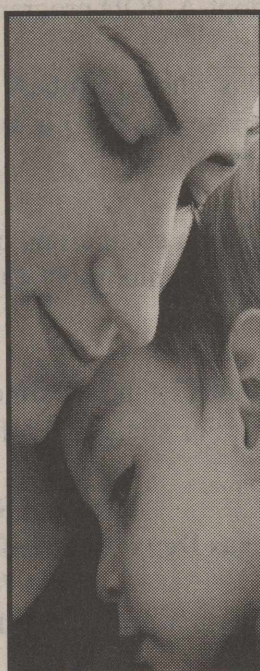
Please join us in remembering Julian Dean Lipham by visiting our Memorial at www.dignitymemorial.com
Through this site, we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family.

Thank you to the Floydada Fire Department, Sheriff and Police Departments and to the County and Highway crews for their quick response to the grass fire at our place Wednesday afternoon.

We appreciate their tireless efforts to control the blaze and for the follow up call to make sure that we were okay. Also thanks to the guys who are still looking for our lost calves.

We are so grateful to everyone who responded to our call for help.

May God bless each of you,
Ray and Marilyn Holcomb



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Obituaries



EDNA NELL (SHAW) GILLILAND

Edna Nell (Shaw) Gilliland, 74, of Floydada died on Monday, March 29, 2010 at Covenant Specialty Hospital in Lubbock. Memorial services were conducted on Friday, April 2, 2010 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Floydada with Pastor Rance Young officiating. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

She was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Butch Gilliland; daughter, Sue and husband, Joe Walker; daughter, Karen and husband, Tim Brown; brothers and sisters, John and Bobby Shaw, Alton and Joyce Shaw, Weldon (Bud) and Shirley Shaw, Sally and Jake Casados, Janie and Joe Martinez, and Clarita Shaw; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews who lovingly called her "Aunt Sis," and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Richard Lee Riddle and Donald Eugene Riddle; grand-daughter, Stephanie Riddle; mother, Grace Shaw; father, Eugene Shaw and step-mother, Mahota Shaw, and two brothers, Travis Shaw and Lynn Dale Shaw.

Memorial donations may be made to the Floydada Senior Citizens Center, PO Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 or the First United Methodist Church, 203 W. Kentucky St., Floydada, TX 79235.

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

ROY SALAS ALVAREZ

Roy Salas Alvarez passed away on March 26, 2010 in Temple, Texas.

A memorial service to be held in Lockney will be held at a later date. Roy's wishes were to be laid next to his big brother.

He was born May 1, 1965 in Lockney, Texas. He was preceded in death by his big brother, Ralph Salas Alvarez, his grandparents, Joe Salas, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Baldamero Alvarez and his uncle, Joe Salas, Jr.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Chris Alvarez of Temple, Texas; his son, Rogelio Alvarez and his daughter, Alicia Alvarez, both of Lacy, Washington; his mother, Teddy Alvarez of Lacy, Washington; his father, Paul Alvarez of Elgin, Texas; his grandmother, Elvira Salas of Plainview, Texas; his sisters, Marie Patied of Lacy, Washington, and Syvi Alvarez of Kerrville, Texas; his brother, Sam Alvarez and wife, Grizelda of Elgin, Texas; nieces, Valerie Reyna of Washington and Bethany Alvarez of Elgin, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles and many, many cousins and lifelong friends.

THIS WEEK'S

RELAY FOR LIFE - Survivors

The Floyd County cancer survivor list has either been lost or misplaced. We need your help compiling a new list. If you are a cancer survivor and want to be included on the list or if you know someone who needs to be placed on the list please contact

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OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION

The Old Settlers Association will hold a meeting Thursday, April 8th in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Cotton Market Weekly



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Underlying mill fixations, sturdy weekly export sales and brisk shipments offered support as cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) rallied this week after prospective U.S. plantings came in on target with industry expectations.

USDA's March Prospective Plantings Report indicated that U.S. producers intend to plant a total of 10.51 million acres of cotton in 2010, up 14.8 percent from the previous year. Upland area was projected at 10.32 million acres, up 14.5 percent from 2009 while pima area was projected at 190,000 acres, a 34.1 percent increase. The National Cotton Council's planting intention survey, released in early February, indicated that U.S. farmers intended to plant 9.92 million acres of upland cotton and 176,000 acres of pima.

Projected upland area of 2.39 million acres in the Southeast represented an increase of 26.4 percent from the previous year. All states in the region intend to increase cotton acreage in the upcoming season; however, the largest percentage increase in cotton acres is expected in South Carolina at 52.2 percent. The largest gains in actual cotton acres will be seen in North Carolina (+165,000 acres) and Georgia (+150,000 acres).

In the West, California producers intend to plant 100,000 acres of upland cotton, up 40.8 percent from last year. New Mexico and Arizona plantings also are up with cotton plantings estimated at 35,000 acres and 185,000 acres, respectively.

In the Mid-South, projected plantings of 1.73 million acres represented an increase of 6.3 percent. The only decline in acres in the region was reported in Louisiana, down 13.0 percent to 200,000 acres. The largest acreage increase is expected in the Southwest. In Texas, producers intend to plant 600,000 more acres of upland cotton than they planted in 2009. Oklahoma also expects to increase acreage with plantings estimated at 240,000 acres for 2010. However, Kansas will be down roughly 8.0 percent from the previous year with 35,000 acres of cotton.

Applying a 2005-09 yield average of 822 pounds to the projected harvested area would mean an output of 15.92 million bales of U.S. cotton production in the upcoming year. Weather, obviously, could dramatically impact final production especially in view of the concentration of acreage in Texas.

With Texas expected to account for approximately 54 percent of the U.S. cotton area, and because it has wider variances in abandonment and yields, crop developments in the Lone Star state could swing production estimates either direction by several million bales, industry sources explained.

USDA reported four percent of the Texas crop had been planted as of March 28, up slightly from three percent one year ago but down from the six percent four-year average.

In other news, USDA's export sales and shipment data for the week ended March 25 showed net upland sales of 207,300 bales for delivery in 2009-10. The figure was up noticeably from the previous week and 35 percent from the four-week average. Turkey, Bangladesh, Peru, and China were the top buyers for the week. Net sales of 62,800 bales for delivery in 2010-11 were mainly for Bangladesh, South Korea, and Indonesia. Export shipments of 289,100 bales were down three percent from the previous week and from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia.

Closer to home, growers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 703 bales online in the week ended April 1 compared to the previous week when 3,058 bales were traded. Prices received by producers ranged from 64.92 to 66.75 cents per pound versus 62.23 to 73.39 cents per pound one week earlier.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor

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Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Floydada

Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

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Evening Worship6:00 p.m.

Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LHS students advance to region in UIL events

Thursday, April 1, 2010 concluded the District 5-1A Academic Spring Meet. The final day of the meet was held in Sudan. Three Lockney High School teams earned a trip to the regional competition April 24 at South Plains College in Levelland. More than 50 LHS students competed in the events with the following results:

The Accounting team of seniors Lezlie Jackson, Malory Johnson, Tessa Saul and Bethany Wilson finished fourth. They are coached by Pam Fulton.

The Calculator Applications team of freshmen Justin Roberts, Marry Sammann, Luke Sherman and junior Isabel Solis competed with Isabel placing fifth. They are coached by Shana Hallmark.

The Current Events team of freshmen Rico Trejo, Marcos Mercado, Taylor Rose and junior Chris Rodriguez finished first and will advance to regional competition. They are coached by D'Lyn Morris.

The Computer Science team placed a very close second and consists of freshman Rico Trejo and junior Chris Rodriguez, Chase Thompson and Josh Mullins. They are coached by Bryan Cooper.

Josh Mullins, Robbie Reyes and Toni Morales competed in Feature Writing

and News Writing with Toni placing fifth in Feature Writing. The Journalism team is coached by Jessica Jordan. Robbie and Toni also competed in Editorial Writing.

Freshman Maison Ragland placed first in Ready Writing and will advance to regional competition. He is coached by Melanie Ragland. He also placed sixth in Headline Writing, coached by Jessica Jordan.

The Mathematics team of freshmen Erik Cortez, Taylor Rose, Rico Trejo, sophomore Amber Segovia and senior Lezlie Jackson finished second. Lezlie placed first and will advance to the regional contest. They are coached by Monty Teeter.

McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race and Blanca Molinar competed in Prose Interpretation. McKenzie finished sixth. KaCee Armstrong competed in Poetry. These ladies are coached by Melanie Ragland.

Landon Kidd, Chris Rodriguez, Chase Thompson, Mary Sammann, Taylor Rose and Josh Silva competed in the Science contest. They are coached by D'Lyn Morris.

The Spelling and Vocabulary team placed fifth and is composed of Maria Castorena, Blanca Molinar, Isabel Solis and Shanequa Wilson. They are coached by



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

LHS NUMBER SENSE TEAM – Lezlie Jackson, Luke Sherman, Quinn Jackson, Dylan Aufill and Justin Roberts (left to right) are members of the Lockney High School Number Sense team which finished first at the district UIL meet and will advance to the regional contest later this month. Not pictured is team member Landry Kidd.

Mary Walker.

The Number Sense team, which has finished first for the second time in as many years, will also advance to regional contest. This team is made of up senior Lezlie Jackson who finished first, sophomore Dylan Aufill who finished second, and Quinn Jackson who finished sixth. Freshmen Luke Sherman, Landry Kidd and Justin Roberts complete the team. Pam Fulton is the coach of this highly successful team and has had one or more students advance to region for the past 18 years.

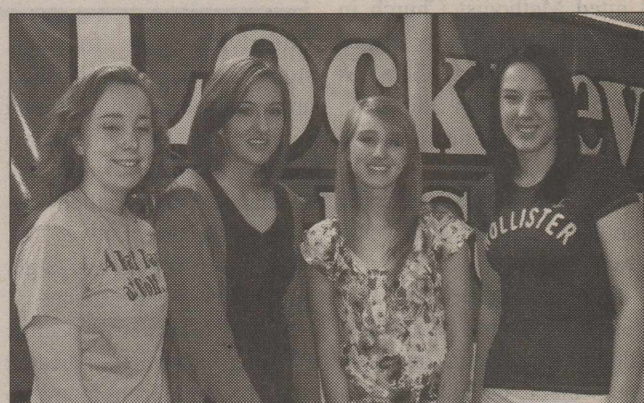
LHS Literary Criticism team of seniors Alisha Damron, Anna Sherman, juniors Kami Hunt and Krista Wofford, and freshman Lindsay

Stewart swept the contest by finishing first (Kami), second (Alisha), third (Anna) and fourth (Lindsay). They also will advance to region for the second year in a row. This team is coached by Lesha Woodard and Jessica Jordan. The One Act Play cast and crew performed "The Curious Savage" which was chosen as one of two plays to advance from Zone 2 competition to District on March 26. All Star Cast members were Alisha Damron, Anna Sherman. Honorable mention All Star Cast members chosen were Chris Rodriguez, Anthony Hernandez, Justin Roberts and Destiny DeLeon. The OAP directors are Lesha Woodard and Jessica Jordan.



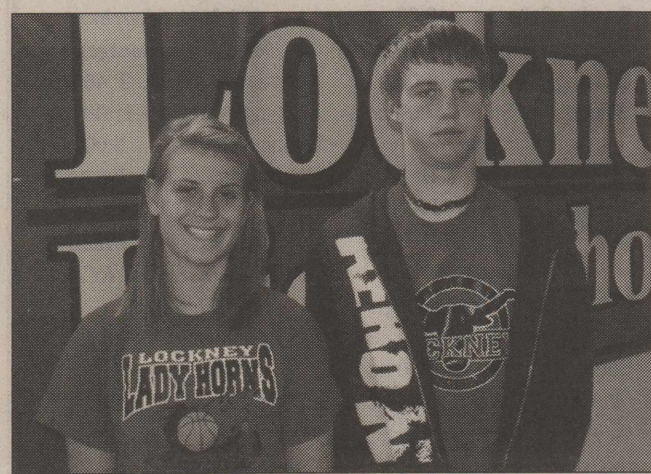
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CURRENT EVENTS AND ISSUES TEAM – Lockney High School students Taylor Rose, Chris Rodriguez, Rico Trejo and Marcos Mercado (left to right) placed first as a team in the District 5-1A UIL Academic Spring Meet and qualified for regional competition April 24 at Levelland.



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LITERARY CRITICISM TEAM – Lockney High School students Krista Wofford, Lindsay Stewart, Anna Sherman and Alisha Damron (left to right), along with Kami Hunt, not pictured, are members of the LHS Literary Criticism team which swept the district UIL contest last Thursday at Sudan. They advance to regional competition for the second year in a row.



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REGIONAL QUALIFIERS – Lezlie Jackson placed first in Mathematics and Maison Ragland won the Ready Writing competition at the District 5-1A UIL Academic Spring Meet April 1 at Sudan, both qualifying for regional competition April 24 at Levelland.

Lady Horns place at Crosbyton meet

By Coach Jeff Dunn

Lockney girls' results from Crosbyton track meet:

Shot--McKenzie Kemp 4th, Maria Casterana 5th

Discus--Anissa Reyna 6th.

100 m. Hurdles--Meagan Dunn 4th

100 m.--Susie Salas 3rd.

800 m. relay--3rd. Syann Foster, Susie Salas, Anissa

Reyna, Malory Johnson.

400 m.--Isabel Solis 3rd, Susie Salas 6th.

300 m. hurdles--Lindsay Stewart 6th.

200 m.--Malory Johnson 3rd.

1600 m. relay--2nd.

Syann Foster, Malory Johnson, Anissa Reyna, Isabel Solis.

Longhorn JV first at Crosbyton meet

By Coach Reyes Garza

The Lockney JV tracksters participated in the Crosbyton track meet on March 26. They finished first as a team. Here are the individual results:

400m relay 2nd Marcos Mercado, Tyler Covington, Jonathan Luna, Tracy Williams.

800m run 2nd Andrew Hooten.

110m high hurdles 3rd Erik Cortez.

100m dash 1st Tyler Covington.

400m dash 1st Tracy Williams, 2nd Jonathan Luna.

300m intermediate hurdles 1st place Erik Cortez.

1600m relay 1st Tyler Covington, Jonathan Luna, Tracy Williams, Erik Cortez.

Shot put 1st Jonathan Luna, 3rd Marcos Mercado.

High jump 1st Tyler Covington.

Long jump 2nd Andrew Hooten.

Triple jump 1st Erik Cortez.

The Lockney varsity tracksters also participated at Crosbyton. They finished fourth as a team.

400m relay 3rd Marcos Bernal, Louis Peralez, Luke Sherman, Alejandro Salazar.

800m relay 2nd Marcos Bernal, Louis Peralez, Luke Sherman, Alejandro Salazar.

200m dash 5th Luke Sherman, 6th Riley Teeter.

1600m relay 3rd Renee Cruz, Louis Peralez, Alejandro Salazar, Marcos Bernal.

Shot put 1st Shaq Thompson, 2nd Josh Cuellar.

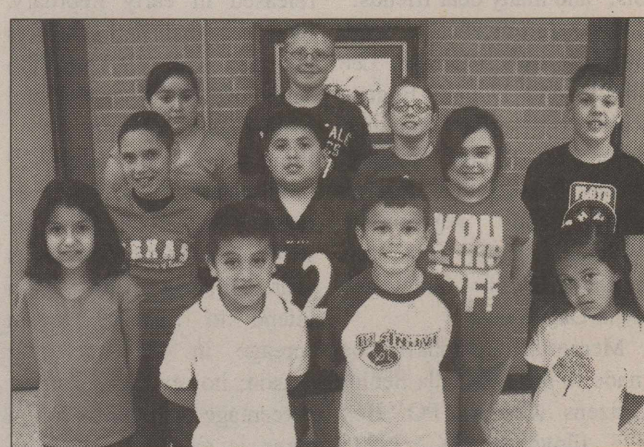
Discus 3rd Josh Cuellar.

High jump 1st Alejandro Salazar, 5th Riley Teete.

Triple jump 6th Luke Sherman.

Long jump 3rd Renee Cruz, 5th Marcos Bernal.

The Lockney High School teams participated in the Munday Moguls Relays on Friday, April 2



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LITTLE LONGHORNS – Lockney Elementary School students of the week are (left to right, front row) Odyssey McCulloch, Morris Salas, Joshua Cinfuegos, Senayda Bernal; (middle row) Ricky Cuellar, Devin DeLeon, Jesalynn Arjona; (back row) Elizabeth Cleto, Jaden Butler, Lani Vanlandingham and Austen Rexrode.

LHS softball team off to good start

By Coach Ray Jimenez

Lady Horns softball is in full swing.

Seagraves hosted Lockney on Friday March 26. The Lady Horns defeated the Lady Eagles 27-5. Offensive standouts were Quinn Jackson, 3 RBI; Sunny Williams HR, 2 RBI; Lezlie Jackson HR, 2 RBI; WP Quinn Jackson. In district standings we are 1-1.

Lockney hosted Lubbock Christian High School on March 29. The Lady Horns defeated LCHS 9-8. Offensive standouts: Devin Caballero, 3 RBI; WP Quinn Jackson.

The Lady Horn JV team went to Lubbock and played in a tournament hosted by LCHS on March 25 and 27. There were three other schools besides Lockney. The Lady Horns took second place in the tournament.

Lockney School Menu

April 12-16

MONDAY

Breakfast: pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: chicken nuggets or steak patty, potatoes, mixed vegetables, pears, roll, milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: spaghetti or ham, green beans, pears, bread stick, milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: hot dog/chili or grilled cheese, baked beans, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: chicken fajitas or corn dog, refried beans, salad, fruited gelatin, milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: hamburger or hoagie sandwich, baked fries, salad, apple slices, milk

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Floyd County 4-H'ers compete in district archery

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS, Floyd County

Ten Floyd County 4-H'ers participated in the 2010 District Archery Shoot held on March 27th in Brownfield.

The senior 4-H'ers participating were J.C. Chappell, Neal Potts and Jianna Davenport.

The junior 4-H'ers were Rachel Graham, Caitlin Bishop, Kortney Campbell, Brayden Campbell, Alex Glass, Tristan Schlueter, and Kaleb Whittle.

All the members did exceptionally well and took the fact of shooting in extremely high winds in stride. Those 4-H'ers who placed were J.C. Chappell 1st Senior Barebow and 1st Compound Unaided, Jianna Davenport 1st Senior Recurve, Alex Glass 2nd Junior Compound Unaided and 3rd Junior Barebow, Kaleb Whittle 1st Junior Barebow, and Brayden Campbell 2nd Junior Compound Aided.

The Floyd county team placed second high team overall.



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H senior members competed in the District 4-H Archery contest on March 27th at the Terry County Livestock Barn in Brownfield. Participants were (left to right) Jianna Davenport, J. C. Chappell and Neal Potts.

Floydada Jr. High Girls Track results

By Coach Jenna Heflin

The Floydada Junior High girls first track meet was in Friona and they girls did a great job for our first meet!

7th Grade Results:

100 meter dash – 4. Kaithlynn Saldana
200 meter dash – 5. L. Morales
400 meter dash – 1. A. Ferrera
800 meter run – 3. B. Gonzales 4. S. Casares

100 m hurdles – 1. A. Miner 4. R. Hall
300 m hurdles – 1. A. Miner 4. R. Hall
4 x 400 relay – 3rd (B. Gonzales, A. Miner, A. Chavarria, A. Ferrera)

High jump – 2. A. Pena 3. A. Miner 4. M. Johnson

Long jump – 3. A. Pena
Triple Jump – 2. A. Chavarria 6. R. Hall
Discus – 6. D. Guerra

8th Grade Results:

800 – 3. E. Prisk
300 Hurdles – M. Sanders
4 x 400 relay – 4th (C. Rodriguez, M. Sanders, L. Rodriguez, E. Prisk)
Triple jump – 4. E. Prisk

Then we traveled to Slaton and competed well. The girls have been working hard each day in practice and getting better! The 7th grade girls won the track meet!!

7th Grade Results:

100 meter dash – 4. K. Saldana 6. A. Ledbetter
200 meter dash – 3. A. Pena 5. K. Saldana 6. M. Johnson
400 meter dash – 6. K. Pacheco

800 meter run – 1. B. Gonzales 4. S. Casares
1600 meter run – 3. Y. Serrato 4. E. Garza 6. E. Sanchez

2400 meter run – 3. A. Ferrera
100 m hurdles – 2. A. Miner 5. R. Hall

6. B. Morales
300 m hurdles – 5. R. Hall

4 x 400 relay – 1st (L. Morales, V. Castro, A. Chavarria, A. Ferrera)

4 x 200 relay – 1st (L. Morales, V. Castro, R. Hall, A. Chavarria)

4 x 400 relay – 1st (B. Gonzales, A. Miner, A. Chavarria, A. Ferrera)

High Jump – 3. A. Miner

Long Jump – 3. A. Pena 5. A. Chavarria

Triple Jump – 2. R. Hall 4. A. Chavarria

6. V. Castro

Pole Vault – 1. B. Morales

Shot – 6. B. Morales

Discus – 6. D. Guerra

8th Grade Results:

2400 – 4. L. Rodriguez

400 meter run – 5. R. Martinez

800 meter run – 5. E. Prisk

4 x 400 Relay 4th (C. Rodriguez, M. Sanders, L. Rodriguez, E. Prisk)

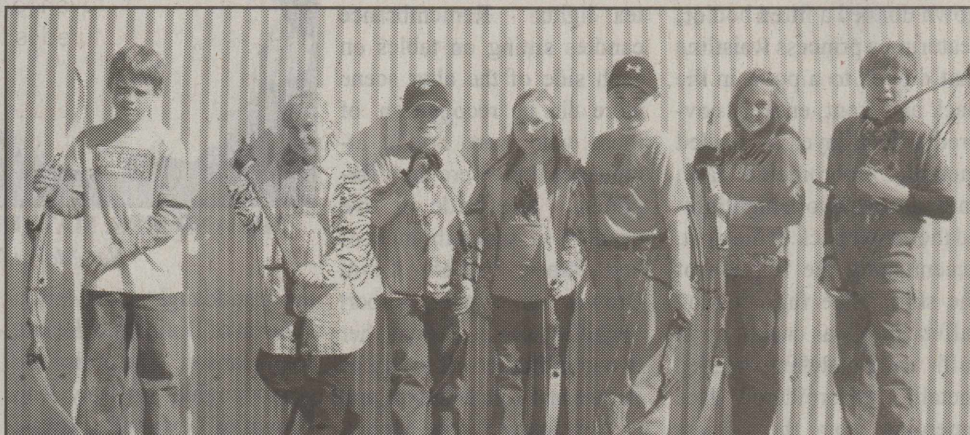
Long jump – 5. E. Prisk

Triple Jump – 3. E. Prisk

Discus – 2. S. Lerma

Shot – 3rd S. Lerma

This week the girls will travel and compete in Childress and then to Roosevelt the next week. Our district track meet will be in Floydada on April 17th so try to come out and support our teams!!!



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H junior members competed in the District 4-H Archery contest on March 27th at the Terry County Livestock Barn in Brownfield. Participants were (left to right) Tristan Schlueter, Caitlin Bishop, Kaleb Whittle, Rachel Graham, Alex Glass and Brayden Campbell.



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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 5, 2010 were (left to right) Myra Garcia, Ali Gonzales, Andres Mendoza, Izel Martinez, Desera Irlas, Yamellie Rodriguez, and Tyler Smith.

Floydada School Menu

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU April 12 – April 16

Monday

Breakfast- Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly or cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast- Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Pigs in blanket, corn, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast- Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers,

juice, milk

Lunch- Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, milk

Thursday

Breakfast- English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Nachos grande, lettuce & tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk

Friday

Breakfast- Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk

Floydada Jr. High Girls compete at Childress

By Coach Jenna Heflin

The FJHS girls ran in Childress on Thursday April 1st against nine teams at a very competitive track meet. They tried hard and did their best!! The results are as follows:

8th Grade Results:

1600 M Run – 6th Leandra Rodriguez
2400 M Run – 6th Leandra Rodriguez
Discus – 2nd Stephanie Lerma 6th Illeana Moreno
Shot – 6th Braxton Turner

7th Grade Results:

800 – 1st Bri Gonzales 3rd – Savannah Casares

400 – 1st Alora Ferrera 5th – Kim Pacheco

200 – 3rd Annette Pena

2400 – 2nd Yulieda Serrato

4 x 100 Relay – 3rd Liz Morales, Victoria Castro, Aimee Chavarria, Alora Ferrera

4 x 400 Relay – 5th Bri Gonzales, Alyssia Miner, Aimee Chavarria, Alora Ferrera



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AB DUNCAN STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for March 29, 2010 were (left to right) Madison Chance, Jacob Luna, Piper Peralez, Alexander Mendez, and Anthony Bolton. Not pictured were Danielle Zavala and Jamine Cuba.

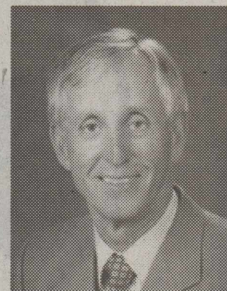
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Redding and Brown exchange vows

Maria Nicole Brown of Dallas and Matthew Emmett Redding of Keller, Texas were united in marriage at the Grapevine Church of Christ in Grapevine, Texas in a traditional Christian double-ring ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010. Todd Latham of Keller officiated at the ceremony.

The bride walked down a wide aisle that was lined on either side with tables covered in red and platinum satin cloths and topped with glass bowls with floating candles to Con Te Partio, music by Bocelli. Her strapless white taffeta pick-up ball gown donned a fitted bodice, featuring a princess waistline that dipped to a point in the back and front, entirely covered with a layer of beaded metallic embroidered lace. Intricate beadwork highlighted the center back of the skirt, accentuating the fullness of the skirt. The full, flowing taffeta skirt was caught up in tufts with matching beaded metallic embroidered lace emerging from the corners of each of the swags. The chapel length veil with pearl edging descended from a tiara of Swarovski crystals. She wore a lovely necklace of tiny ceramic red flowers and pearls on a silver chain and long white gloves. Her bridal bouquet was of hand-tied red roses and greenery.

To carry out the tradition she wore her dad's cub-scout ring for something old, her wedding attire was something new, a handkerchief was carried in her bridal bouquet that she borrowed from her attendant, and her garter was something blue.

Susan Hamilton of Arlington served as matron of honor. Her sleeveless red chiffon dress featured a V-neck and a flared skirt with dual layers of chiffon flowing from an empire waist with a satin bow. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The groom's reaction 2-button black tuxedo was accented with a white boutonniere. He wore a white Tuscany vest, shirt, Euro tie and formal suspenders. His attendant, Tony Hamilton, wore an apple red boutonniere, tie and vest. The Hamiltons, whose two small daughters Lauren and Allison were attending the Learning Care Center where the bride worked, introduced the couple about three years ago.

The intimate chapel was decorated with hurricane lantern candleholders on the sides and candelabras on either side of the altar that held tea lights. Remembrance candles sitting on tables on each side of the altar scene were lit in recognition of those who were not in attendance but were not forgotten. The bride lit five candles in remembrance of her father, Robert Kevin Brown, her brother, Robert Nickolas Kevin Brown, her two grandfathers, Robert Lee Brown and John Hanson, and cousin, Jenny Patrice Moore. In memory of his maternal grandparents, Grady and Lorena Dunavant and his paternal grandparents, Wesley and Dorothy Redding, the groom lit four candles. Afterwards the couple's mothers lit a candle to represent their individual family at the beginning of the ceremony and were presented with long-stemmed red roses before the couple lit the unity candle. Upon taking their vows, the groom's father asked a special blessing on the married couple.

Musical selections that were played during the ceremony were Pachelbel's Canon in D for the prelude, Bach's Air on a G String, Winter Largos and Spring Allegro from Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

The bride is the daughter of Cathy Brown of Dallas and the late Kevin Brown. She is



MR. AND MRS. MATTHEW EMMETT REDDING
Nee Maria Nicole Brown

the granddaughter of Martha Hanson of Dallas and the late John Hanson. She is also the granddaughter of Patsy Jean Brown of Lewisville, Texas, and the late Robert Brown. She attended Seagoville High School. She has completed all of the training and classes to obtain her Child Development Associates credentials.

She has been employed by the First United Methodist Developmental Learning Center for the past five years where she is the lead teacher in the infant department. Pursuing her first love, she has a total of 12 years working with children.

The groom is the son of John and Carolyn Redding of Floydada. He is the grandson of the late Wesley and Dorothy Redding and the late Grady and Lorena Dunavant.

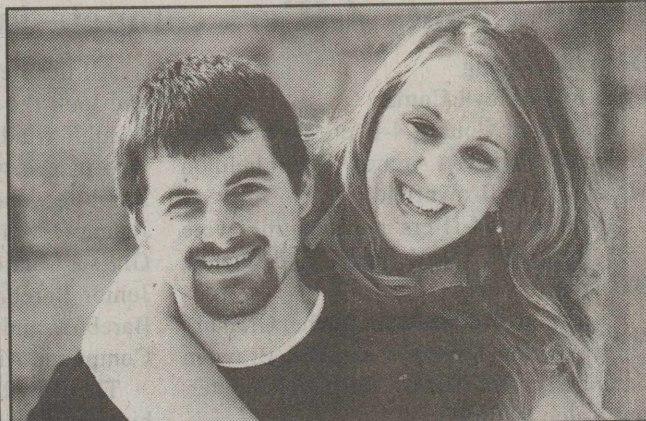
He attended Floydada High School and Texas Tech University where he majored in clinical laboratory science. Having worked as

a laboratory technician for several years, he is currently employed by Courtyard Group, currently working on a project in Illinois installing new computer systems in hospitals.

Special guests attending the wedding were Cathy Brown of Dallas, mother of the bride; Martha Hanson of Dallas, the bride's maternal grandmother; Patsy Jean Brown of Lewisville, the bride's paternal grandmother; aunt and uncle of the bride, Melynda & Steve Coody and their children Michelle and Alex of Lewisville; and Rhonda & Will Hanson, the bride's aunt and uncle of Bedford.

Other out-of-town guests were the groom's parents, John and Carolyn Redding of Floydada, Rebecca and Reagan Redding of Plainview, sister and niece of the groom, and Lee Bertleson of Lubbock.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner reception was hosted by the groom's



BETHANY SHEA DIETRICH
AND DALEN COLE WILLIAMS

Dietrich, Williams to wed

Michael and Jo Beth Dietrich of Lockney announce the engagement of their daughter Bethany Shea to Dalen Cole Williams, son of Dale and Roxanne Williams of Plainview.

Miss Dietrich is a 2007 graduate of Plainview Christian Academy. She will graduate from Wayland Baptist University with a Bachelor's of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies in December 2010. She is the granddaughter of Claude and Linda Stallings from Lockney, and Sue Dietrich and the late Arnold Dietrich of Plainview.

Williams is a 2007 graduate of Plainview Christian Academy and attended South Plains College. He is currently with Lubbock Lonestar Electric working toward his journeyman's license.

Cole is the grandson of Virginia Ammons and the late R.L. Ammons of Plainview, great-grandson of the late Albert and Gertrude Sammann of the Prairieview Community, and grandson of Larry and Donna Williams of Plainview.

The couple will be married July 10, 2010 in a country ceremony in the Providence Community.

parents at the Mezza Luna in Keller. The menu consisted of balsamic New York strip, lasagna, chicken alfredo, and salmon.

The climax to the meal was the couple's decorated wedding cake consisting of a round tier mounted on a large hexagonal base and topped with a smaller hexagonal tier. It had ivory cream cheese icing and a strawberry filling. Atop the cake was a vase of edible gum paste flowers in shades of pink and red. Wide red ribbons tied in a bow with clear medallions accented two of the layers.

The Tony Hamiltons honored the couple with a rehearsal dinner consisting of fajitas and all the trimmings on Friday night at their home

in Arlington. Chocolate cake in the shape of the Texas Tech double T surrounded with strawberries and a caramel banana pie were served for dessert.

A wedding shower was held March 11 for the couple by the staff members and parents of the children at the DLC where the bride is employed.

After a western Caribbean cruise that took the newlywed couple to points of interests such as Costa Maya, Belize City, Roatan, and a private island in the Bahamas, they are at home in Keller.

A family BBQ dinner/wedding shower is scheduled in the home of Paul and Teresa Womble in Keller on April 10, 2010.



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OPINION



The Paperboy

Lack of good fathers hurts the country

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

A couple of generations of poor fatherhood has damaged the United States.

Whether it's one of our illustrious sperm donors running around impregnating young women or men too lazy to take responsibility and set a strong example, many of our societal ills can be attributed directly to the lack of male parenting.

Consider these facts:

According to figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau in November, 2009, there are approximately 13.7 million single parents in the United States responsible for rearing 21.8 million children (approximately 26% of children under 21 in the U.S. today).

Approximately 84 percent of custodial parents are mothers. Of those single moms, 45 percent are currently divorced or separated and 34.2 percent have never been married.

It is a pitiful existence when so many of our youth resort to harmful behavior trying to fill the void left by not having an active father.

We've gone so PC in this country, we've handcuffed ourselves as a society. Instead of demanding, "TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILDREN!" - we've said, "That's okay buddy, we'll all jump in and help."

While I believe in generosity and helping whomever needs it, nothing can replace a real father. Nature has yet to provide humankind an adequate replacement for the father and I doubt it is in God's plans to do so.

I guess I'm old-fashioned or perhaps I'm simply wrong, but this is one societal stance I will not budge on. I'm crazy enough to think the good Lord intended men and women to work as a team in order to rear their offspring.

My wife was in Dallas a couple of weeks ago and within hours, she's calling me furious and victimized because her vehicle has a busted window and all of the contents of the car are now in the possession of a thief. National crime statistics tell us there's a good chance this thief came from a situation with little or no involvement from the father.

The rise of gangs, a growing prison population, a general lack of manners in everyday life ... there is a seemingly end-

less list of negatives which can be directly associated with "daddies" not fulfilling their role.

Thirty years ago and more, society frowned upon men who failed to do the basic and right thing ... rear their children.

Today, we tell young men, "good job" when they happen to make a child support payment.

In 2010, it's great to be a "pimp" and go from woman to woman spreading your DNA. However, you're weak if you are quiet and monogamous. It's simply the wrong mindset.

In our society, there should be pressures placed on those ignoring - or refusing - to make their children their top priority.

Personally, I have respect for those men who take on the responsibility and obligation of fatherhood. I have neither respect or time for those men who shun their duties.

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Other Views

Obama counters 'drill, baby, drill' with his own drilling plan

By TERESA ALBANO

Off an historic win on health care reform, President Barack Obama has decided to use the momentum to push forward his next Big Agenda item: energy and climate change.

Much to the chagrin of environmentalists, progressives and many politicians, he made his move with what's becoming his signature tactic -- a preemptive attempt to neutralize the opposition.

The opposition is still the ultra-right GOP, but now the Republicans' corporate sponsors, the oil, gas and energy conglomerates, enter stage right. Their mantra since the John McCain/Sarah Palin campaign has been "Drill, baby, drill."

President Obama announced his own plan to drill. This week he made known plans to open up the southern Atlantic coastline, the eastern Gulf of Mexico and Alaska's northern coast

to oil and gas exploration and drilling. The announcement met a firestorm of criticism.

"Drilling our coasts will do nothing to lower gas prices or create energy independence," Michael Brune of the Sierra Club said in a statement. "It will only jeopardize beaches, marine life, and coastal tourist economies, all so the oil industry can make a short-term profit."

Politicians from states worried about the impact on coastal economies that rely on fishing and tourism also took issue with the president's plan.

"It's fundamentally wrong as an energy policy when we can drive toward renewable energy sources," U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, a long time opponent of offshore drilling, said. "I think it's an effort to bring Republicans on board with broader climate change legislation, and I think it's a dangerous plan," he added.

From the other side of the

aisle, Republicans also reacted with criticism, some more muted than others. Coming off their bruising defeat over health care, some in the GOP are cautious about being labeled the "Party of No." Yet, Rep. John Boehner summed up the GOP's position best. He said it didn't go far enough, and the biggest gas reserves, which are on the West Coast, should be opened up too.

The president anticipated the criticisms from both sides in his speech. To environmentalists, he emphasized the transition moment the country is in, and stressed that his strategy could move us "from an economy that runs on fossil fuels and foreign oil to one that relies more on homegrown fuels and clean energy."

Worried about an already weak U.S. economy and most important -- jobs -- Obama said, "The only way this transition will succeed is if it strengthens our economy

in the short term and long term. To fail to recognize this reality would be a mistake."

He also said drilling alone cannot solve the U.S. long-term energy challenges. "[W]ith less than 2 percent of oil reserves, but more than 20 percent of world consumption, drilling alone cannot come close to meeting our long-term energy needs," he said. "[F]or the sake of the planet and our energy independence, we need to begin the transition to cleaner fuels now."

Obama's attempts to thread the political needle infuriate many of the president's progressive allies, who see this as a threat to the ocean ecosystems. "We're appalled that the president is unleashing a wholesale assault on the oceans," said Jacqueline Savitz of Oceana, as reported in The New York Times.

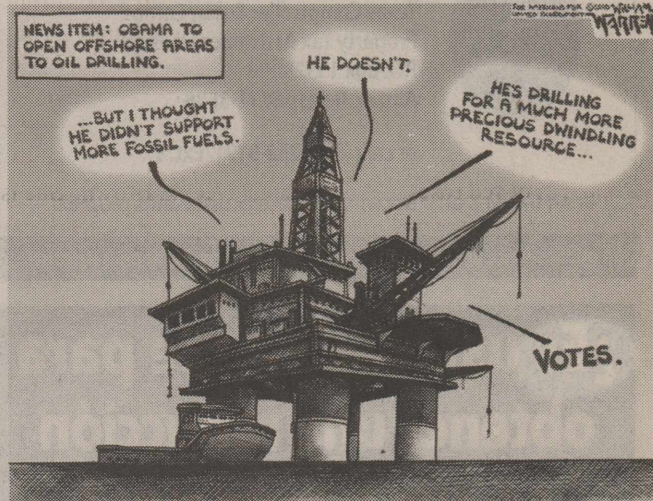
Doug O'Malley, of Environment New Jersey said the group was outraged. "It makes no sense to threaten

the east coast of America, including the Jersey Shore, with spills and other drilling disasters when we're about to unleash the real solutions to oil dependence -- cleaner cars, cleaner fuels and clean energy."

The Associated Press reports new drilling could "fill coffers" of cash-strapped states who get a share of the royalties. Exploratory drilling could start as early as this summer, AP reports, but the areas are years away from

seeing deep water platforms. The drilling is not expected to bring down high oil prices.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Land Management agreed to stop using a Bush-era provision that fast-tracked oil and gas development on federal lands that conservationists have said could harm a wide variety of lands, including parks, refuges, recreation areas, wetlands, flood plains or other ecological significant or critical areas.



Other Opinions

The United Nations vs. America, Chapter 3259

By ELAN JOURNO

The U.S. is not only a founding member of the U.N. but for a long time has been its largest financial backer. What are we getting for our money? An institution that makes a mockery of protecting rights around the world. Consider this report from veteran U.N. observer Anne Bayefsky, cataloguing just some of the recent perversities of the U.N.'s (notorious) Human Rights Council.

The Council, which meets in Geneva, is the personal playground of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. They hold the balance of power by controlling the Asian and African regional groups, which together form a majority at the Council. The Council's agenda is accordingly fixated on issues of priority to the Islamic bloc -- number one, delegitimizing Israel; number two, trumping free speech in the name of

Islam; and number three, avoiding any criticism of human rights violations in their own backyards. None of which has anything to do with protecting human rights.

Later, Bayefsky observes, "The Obama administration lost every time it called for the vote on a resolution at the Council session." But don't be misled into thinking that Obama's diplomats were all that energetic.

Having jumped on the Council bandwagon last year without insisting on any reform-minded preconditions, U.S. diplomats now sit there taking it on the chin and lending predictable and immutable Council routines undeserved legitimacy. This past session, the Council adopted five resolutions condemning Israel and fewer resolutions on the rest of the world combined: one each on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, North Korea, Burma/Myanmar, and Guinea.

The other 187 states on the planet got a free pass from

the Council, notwithstanding the pressing reality of Nigeria's butchered Christians, Saudi Arabia's gender apartheid, Egypt's systematic torture, China's iron fist, Sudan's genocide, and Russia's slain human-rights defenders.

Now, guess which regime is a candidate for membership in the U.N. Human Rights Council?

Here's a clue: since the regime's obviously rigged elections took place last June, it has gunned down protestors in the streets, rounded up dissidents, tortured many in prison, and executed them after show trials. (These things are in keeping with the regime's character, but they became more widely known after mass protests made international headlines). Yes: Iran. Given the U.N.'s kid-gloves treatment of Iran, its application for membership in the Council looks promising.

By continuing to support the United Nations, we lend it undeserved legitimacy that directly undermines our own political ideal of individual rights.

Health Care Reform: Endorsed by Obama Supporters?

By VICTOR MORAWSKI

Fallacies are mistakes in reasoning that occur so often and are so easily made that, over the years, logicians have sought to give them names for convenient reference. While teaching a recent unit on fallacies to my Logic students, I plucked from the Internet, summarized, and placed on a test an argument advanced by a blogger to counter the evidence from polls that Health Care Reform legislation was unpopular with the American people.

What the blogger said in essence was: "It is wrong to say that the majority of the American people no longer support the legislation for comprehensive health care reform now before Congress. A majority of the American people elected Barack Obama as President. Health care reform was part of his platform. So, a majority of the American people support comprehensive health care reform."

Now I would be happy to let this one go as a piece of shaky reasoning by an obscure liberal blogger that deserves little serious attention were it not for the fact that, just a few days ago, I heard the Rev. Al Sharpton use essentially the same argument on a national news broadcast. As acceptance of this

reasoning may be more widespread than I had previously realized, I think that it deserves to be addressed.

If the above argument seems alright, don't be misled. An additional characteristic of fallacies is that, while from a logical point of view they are leaky buckets that won't hold water, they are often quite persuasive psychologically. What goes wrong in the blogger's reasoning is that he is offering as reason to believe that a majority of Americans really do support ObamaCare a fact about the special circumstances of Obama supporters. In essence, it is argued that because they are his supporters, then they automatically supported the health care reform plan in his platform.

This simply just does not follow. If I am a Republican, it does not follow that, because of those special circumstances, one should conclude that I automatically support every plank in the Republican platform. Neither does it follow from the fact that a majority of Americans elected Barack Obama to office, that that same majority of Americans automatically supported his plan to reform health care -- even less does it do so now.

Additionally, it can be argued that of those Obama supporters who really did endorse his plan for comprehensive

health care reform, what they really in fact endorsed was a version of health care reform that did not include an individual mandate -- as that was the plan he ran on and what he stressed separated his health care reform proposal from that of his opponent, Hilary Clinton. We could view his election in the Democratic primary as being, at least in part, a rejection by even Democratic voters -- his base -- of the individual mandate in health care reform.

Gone now from Obama's speeches are any mention of how hard it will be for some Americans to live with the odorous burden of an individual health care insurance mandate -- points he made campaigning. We hear nothing of his argument that a person who is fined substantially for not being able to comply with an individual health insurance mandate will now be worse off than before -- that person will still have no health insurance and will now have to deal with the additional burden of paying the fine laid on them. Unlike the argument with which we began, this was a good argument Mr. President. What happened to it?

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NEUGEBAUER: LIMITS CONTINUE TO PREVENT U.S. FROM REALIZING THE GOAL OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Washington, DC — Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) issued the following statement in response to the Obama Administration's announcement on energy exploration:

"I applaud President Obama's turnabout on domestic energy exploration and decision to open some areas to new energy exploration. Regrettably, what I remain concerned about is not what this new policy does, but what it doesn't do. Under this new plan, only a small portion of what was originally proposed in the 2010-2015 lease plan will be opened to new production.

"This new plan discards the 2010-2015 lease plan and delays implementation of a new plan until 2012. This delay means that a lease sale that was scheduled to take place next year in the Atlantic Ocean off the Virginia coast will not happen until the following year. By discarding the previous lease plan, plans for leasing in the North East Atlantic, the Pacific

Coast and southwestern Alaska will not go forward.

"Millions of Americans have been demanding the opportunity to extract America's own natural resources, especially when gas prices are again nearing \$3.00 per gallon. While I'm relieved that this Administration has decided against just saying no to all traditional and reliable sources of energy, the absence of an 'all of the above' energy policy and these new delays and limits continue to prevent us from realizing the goal of energy independence."

Note: Congressman Neugebauer is a cosponsor H.R. 2846, the American Energy Act, which would:

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Are there any advantages to you?

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- ☞ Usted registra la dirección postal correcta para recibir su factura de impuestos. Si envían su factura a la dirección incorrecta, usted es aún legalmente responsable de pagar a tiempo por sus impuestos y por las multas de pagos tardíos.
- ☞ También puede rendir un "informe de valor reducido" para notificar al distrito de tasaciones si ocurrió una reducción significativa en el valor de su propiedad durante el 2009. El distrito revisará su propiedad antes de asignarle un valor en el 2010.

¿Cuál es la fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para rendir los informes del 2009. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la solicita por escrito el 15 de abril o antes. El jefe de tasaciones puede extender su plazo por otros 15 días a partir del 15 de mayo si usted muestra razón justa.

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Texas Crop and Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION -- There likely will be a lot of fallow fields in the North and Central Texas regions this year, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

"We are very, very, very wet still at this time," said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent in Collin County, northeast of Dallas. "Because of this wet weather we've got very little of our corn in."

Maxwell said very little wheat got planted in Collin and neighboring counties as well. He estimates only about 5 percent of the 30,000 acres of corn that are typically planted went in this year. Wheat is planted in the fall, but only about 30 percent of the usual acreage of wheat was planted last fall.

The planting window for corn closed about March 15 in North Texas. Sorghum is an option some years, but this year, Maxwell expected most Collin County growers will elect to take prevented planting provisions of their crop-insurance policies.

"We're basically a two-crop system here in Collin County -- corn and wheat," Maxwell said. "We're just now getting into the normally wet period of our year. And they think -- at least the ones I've talked too -- it's going to be more of the same."

The situation is a lot better in the Panhandle, where 30 percent or more of Texas corn acres are generally planted, said Dr. Brent Bean, an AgriLife Extension agronomist based in Amarillo.

The planting window opens and closes later in the Panhandle, Bean said, and though corn planting may be a little later than normal this year, he predicted 2010 will be a good corn year.

"We're in very good shape from a moisture standpoint," Bean said. "We're not going to have to be pre-irrigating this year."

Bean said he believes planting will be a little late, perhaps a week on the average, because of the wet weather. Most Panhandle growers strip-till, a soil and moisture conservation method where only a narrow strip that is to be seeded is tilled and fertilized.

Most growers haven't had

a chance to either till the strips or fertilize yet, but Bean didn't expect more than a short delay in operations.

"As soon as the soil temperatures get above 50 degrees, they'll be starting to plant," he said.

Bean also noted that because nearly all corn is irrigated in the Panhandle, yields are generally a lot higher than in North and Central Texas, so the 30 percent of acreage generally represents 50 percent of the bushels grown in the state.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: A week-old freeze caused minor damage to vegetable crops. The extent of damage to fruit trees was not yet determined. Most of the region received more rain after the freeze. Pastures began to green up with warmer weather, but grass and small grains needed more sunshine. Farmers were behind in their planting due to the extremely wet weather.

COASTAL BEND: Strong winds caused blowing sand. Corn emerged and was looking very good. Cool nights slowed emergence of cotton and sorghum. Rice farmers began planting. The condition of cattle improved as the supply of grass was sufficient for the first time in more than a year.

EAST: Warmer daytime temperatures helped grasses green up, but growth was slow due to cooler nighttime temperatures. In some areas, soils were still too moist for farmers to get into fields and pastures. Azalea blooming was delayed, and horticulturists expected peak bloom not to come before mid-April. Spring calving continued. Livestock were in fair to good condition with producers still providing some supplemental feed. Feral hogs continued to cause damage to property. Skunks began to be a problem on highways.

FAR WEST: Warmer days and high, gusty winds dried soils. Wildfire danger was high. Farmers were pre-watering irrigated cotton fields. Winter wheat was doing well with some fields close to heading out. Farmers were preparing seed beds, working on irrigation equipment and

planting corn. Rangeland plants were emerging. Locoweed crop continued to spring up and bloom.

NORTH: Soil moisture levels ranged from adequate to fully saturated. The weather ranged from snow, followed by rain and thunderstorms. Most fields and pastures were very wet. Because the wet winter, few corn farmers were able to plant. Most corn growers believe it is too late to try and plant and were expected to take advantage of prevented planting provisions in crop-insurance policies and not try to put another crop in such as grain sorghum. There may be only 10 percent or less of the average corn planted this year. The total wheat acreage planted was a lot less also because of the same wet conditions. Livestock were in fair to good condition, but fields were very spongy and producers had to continue heavy supplemental feeding. Hay supplies were running short and in many cases, producers had run completely out and were trying to purchase hay from other areas to finish up the feeding season. Very few producers were able to plant winter annual pastures last fall, so there is little or no spring grazing. In some areas, supplemental feeding slowed a little where there was growth of ryegrass.

PANHANDLE: The northwest portion of the region received another 6 to 8 inches of wet snow, bringing their winter total to 40 to 45 inches. Soil moisture levels in most of the region were better than in previous years. Some field work was done on wheat that dried out some. Only light insect activity was reported. Some cattle were removed from wheat fields and placed on other grazing fields and pastures. Rangeland cool-season grasses emerged, and it was expected that warmer grasses should coming out of dormancy soon. Until then, most producers were still feeding from hay stocks, which were becoming very low. Cattle were generally in good condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: Though spring officially arrived, temperatures dropped to 30 degrees and storm systems brought snow, rain and high

winds. Later in the reporting period, days were sunny and temperatures rose to about 70 degrees. With high soil moisture and the warmer days, winter wheat and grasses really began to green up and grow. Livestock were in good to excellent condition and required less supplemental feeding. The warmer weather dried fields out, and farmers were beginning to plow, put out fertilizer and kill winter weeds. The spring calving season was coming to an end, and cattle were in good shape considering the harsh winter. Most trees were blooming.

SOUTH: Cool nights and warm days continued to be the rule. Most of the region had adequate soil moisture levels. Most corn and sorghum have been planted and emerged. Farmers were beginning to plant forage sorghum for hay, and in the northern part of the region some wheat and oat fields began to head. In the eastern part of the district, growers were planting at a steady pace, and early planted grain and sorghum began to emerge. Also in the eastern counties, grass growth slowed due to cooler-than-normal soil temperatures. In the western counties, cold weather delayed the planting of sorghum, cotton, corn and sesame. Growers completed the spinach harvest and continued with the harvesting of cabbage. Irrigators applied water to onion, corn and sorghum crops. In the southern counties, spring vegetable crops were progressing well, and the onion harvest was ongoing. In most areas, good forage growth meant the condition of livestock improved. In the western counties, beef producers continued with some supplemental feeding. Soil moisture levels in those counties were dropping, and stock tank water supplies were running low.

SOUTH PLAINS: The region had windy days with highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s. Soil moisture was adequate. Producers were applying chemicals and listing seedbeds. Wheat was in fair to good condition and continuing to mature. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Cattle were in mostly good condition.

SOUTHEAST: Rangeland

conditions improved but grass growth was still slowed by cold

weather. The cold front also slowed planting activity.

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

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

Who qualifies for an exemption?

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

Are other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're *65 years old or older*—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "*ceiling*" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2010 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does not qualify.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2009, you won't need to reapply for 2010 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2010. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

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

Floyd County Appraisal District
PO Box 249
104 E. California
Floydada, Texas 79235
806-983-5256

Or contact:



Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711-3528
or call: (800) 252-9121, Ext. 1

or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/

A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district.

"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timberland!

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

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2010 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

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

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

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

¿Cuál es la fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha sido tasado basado en la productividad, o si es usted un nuevo propietario, debe solicitar a su distrito de tasaciones una tasación por productividad del terreno antes del 15 de abril para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos sobre la propiedad del 2009. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene razón justa y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril de 2010. Si se pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía pueda obtener el beneficio pero pagará una multa. Obtenga más información en la oficina de su distrito de tasaciones.

¿Debo solicitar la tasación todos los años?

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

Para más información, llame o visite:

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Un servicio público cortesía de su distrito de tasaciones del condado.

¿Varias exenciones contributivas podrían reducir los impuestos de su hogar!

Una exención contributiva para su hogar de residencia disminuye el valor imponible de la propiedad, reduciendo así los impuestos a pagar sobre la misma. Si su residencia está valorada en \$50,000 y usted recibe una exención de \$15,000, usted pagará los impuestos residenciales de una propiedad valorada en \$35,000.

¿Quién es elegible para recibir una exención contributiva?

Los dueños de una propiedad utilizada como residencia principal comenzando el 1ero de enero tienen derecho, desde esa fecha, a recibir la exención contributiva de \$15,000 para reducir los impuestos escolares a pagar este año. Sea la residencia una casa, condominio, o una casa móvil, puede ser elegible para la exención. Los condados, las ciudades y los distritos imponibles especiales también pueden ofrecerle exenciones contributivas para su residencia.

¿Existen otras exenciones disponibles?

Si usted está incapacitado o tiene 65 años o más, tiene derecho a recibir una exención adicional de \$10,000 de los impuestos escolares para su residencia. Si es elegible para exención contributiva como incapacitado o tiene 65 años o más, también tiene derecho a obtener un límite permanente de los impuestos escolares basado en los impuestos actuales. (El condado, la ciudad o la universidad comunitaria pueden establecer un límite y congelar los impuestos del 2010 para los propietarios incapacitados o mayores de 65 años.) El límite de los impuestos escolares para las personas de 65 años o más son transferidos al cónyuge sobreviviente de 55 años o más al momento del fallecimiento del propietario si es el cónyuge sobreviviente dueño y residente de la propiedad. Los dueños de 65 años o más o los cónyuges sobrevivientes de 55 años o más pueden también transferir el porcentaje de los impuestos escolares pagados a una nueva residencia basado en el límite establecido en la vivienda anterior.

Si usted es un veterano incapacitado que recibe de la Administración de Veteranos: 1) el 100 por ciento de su pensión por incapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar y 2) es considerado 100 por ciento incapacitado o, la Administración determinó que no puede trabajar, usted tiene derecho a una exención de impuestos del valor total tasado de su residencia. El cónyuge sobreviviente no es elegible.

¿Debo solicitar la exención todos los años?

No. Si recibió una exención contributiva por su residencia en el 2009, no hay necesidad de solicitarla en el 2010—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de tasaciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención por su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2010. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, puede solicitar una nueva exención hasta un año después de la fecha de su cumpleaños. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención para personas incapacitadas.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar mis exenciones?

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

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Boys Lockney Junior High Track Results

By Coach Kyle Browne

The meet was in Lockney and everyone did really well. We had a good showing and all the kids worked really hard and gave every event everything they had.

SEVENTH GRADE

400 Relay- 3rd place

Ryan Pool

Nik Sherman

Michael Guerrero

Ignacio Tapia

100 Dash

Alex Rogers-3rd place

Darin DeLeon-2nd place

JW Jackson- 4th place

200 Dash

Paul Martinez- 5th place

Eli Guerra- 3rd place

Darin DeLeon- 1st place

1600 relay- 3rd place

John Palomin

Nik Sherman

Michael Guerrero

Ryan Pool

800 relay- 2nd place

Ryan Pool

Nik Sherman

Alex Rogers

Ignacio Tapia

800 Run

Eli Guerra 6th place

400 Dash

Christian Bejarano 6th place

Alex Rogers 4th place

JW Jackson 5th place

1600 run

Jon Salas 5th place

Will Prayor 3rd place

Shot Put

Paul Martinez 6th place

High Jump

Ignacio Tapia 3rd place

Darin DeLeon 5th place

EIGHTH GRADE

400 Relay- 1st place

DeMario Means

Ky Teeter

Collin Fulton

Jake Bramlet

100 Dash

Tyelor Holloway 2nd place

Kameron Hunt 5th place

100 Dash

Kolby Williams 1st place

Tyelor Holloway 3rd place

Nathan Caballero 2nd place

1600 Relay- 1st place

David Johnson

KY Teeter

DeMario Means

Jake Bramlet

300 Hurdles

David Johnson 1st place

800 relay- 1st place

David Johnson

Ky Teeter

Nathan Caballero

Jake Bramlet

800 run

Johnny Rose 7th place

400 Dash

Kameron Hunt 7th place

Kolby Williams 1st place

Tyelor Holloway 2nd place

Shot Put

Collin Fulton 1st place

Jake Bramlet 2nd place

Discus

Dillon DeLeon 2nd place

High Jump

David Johnson 4th place

Long Jump

DeMario Means 1st place

Ky Teeter 2nd Place

Commissioner Staples awards schools nearly \$4 million

AUSTIN — In an ongoing effort to improve the health and nutrition of Texas children, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today announced the Texas Department of Agriculture will award close to \$4 million to 122 Texas schools to help purchase new kitchen equipment. The funds are made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and USDA's 2010 School Food Equipment Grants. The ARRA funds are being reallocated after costs for kitchen equipment purchased with funds from the \$11.5 million first round of funding were less than expected.

"Once again, Texas schools did an excellent job of saving money by making cost-effective purchases, which now allows for reallocated funds to reach more schools," Commissioner Staples said. "With these funds, and the additional ones provided by USDA, schools can buy new appliances that are more energy efficient and better equipped to increase the nutritional value of school

meals. This is another great step toward encouraging the 3E's of Healthy Living — Education, Exercise and Eating Right."

With the available funding, Texas schools will be able to purchase new ovens, freezers, steam tables, tilt skillets and other kitchen equipment.

"These funds will allow us to provide a kid-friendly serving line while also controlling food temperature and offering a wider variety of nutritious foods to improve basic health," said Christine Porter, associate superintendent of financial services of Spring Independent School District. "The new serving lines will help to keep and preserve the nutritional qual-

ity and flavor of our fresh foods."

"We are very pleased and feel very fortunate to have been the recipients of these funds," said Johnny Pineda, superintendent of Raymondville Independent School District. "These funds will provide the Raymondville ISD with the means to better meet our students' needs."

In this round of funding, a total of \$895,236 of kitchen equipment grant funding came from ARRA. The remaining \$2,984,296 in grants became available as a result of USDA's 2010 School Food Equipment Grants. The School Food Equipment grants are a one-time fiscal year 2010 ap-

propriation to help school nutrition programs replace outdated kitchen equipment. These grants are awarded to school districts that operate under the National School Lunch Program, but did not receive ARRA equipment grants.

Priority was given to districts serving a significant number of students who are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals. Funds must be used to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of delivering school meals. The money can be used to replace or upgrade food service equipment. A complete list of recipients and equipment can be found at www.TexasAgriculture.gov under Healthy Living.

Perry announces Game On! Texas Symposium

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today announced the Texas Film Commission, AMD, Austin Chamber of Commerce and the City of Austin will host the inaugural Game On! Texas Symposium on Wednesday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the AMD Lone Star Campus. This groundbreaking symposium is designed to

bring together leaders from the video gaming industry, education and business communities to discuss challenges and solutions to improving Texas' digital media and video game education programs. It will also highlight innovative teaching methods borrowed from video game development.

"The video gaming industry

portrays a work ethic, business model and openness to new ideas that can help grow and expand the state's economy, and have a significant impact on how students are taught in Texas classrooms," Gov. Perry said. "This symposium will help educators and business leaders alike find ways to ensure that young Texans get the resources and training they need to pursue jobs in the exciting digital media and video game development industries."

Gov. Perry will serve as keynote speaker, along with Alan Gershenfeld, president of E-Line Media, chairman of Games for Change and former senior vice president for Activision. Other industry experts participating in the symposium include Junction Point/Disney Interactive Studios President Warren Spector, BioWare Austin Co-Studio Director Richard Vogel, and Spacetime Studios President Gary Gattis.

"The Texas Film Commission is committed to the growth of the video game industry in Texas," Texas Film Commission Director Bob Hudgins said. "Video game education plays a vital role in securing Texas' position as a leader in the industry."

Texas is home to more than 120 video game development companies, the third highest concentration of video game development companies in the U.S.. Texas developers employ more than 3,500 employees and annually spend more than \$234.4 million in the state.

Registration for Game On! Texas is \$95 per person. To register online, please visit <http://www.skillpointalliance.org/GameOnTexas>. To request a media pass or more information about the event, please contact Leah Smith, Animation and Video Game Liaison for the Texas Film Commission, at leah.smith@governor.state.tx.us or (512) 463-5846.

TxDOT seeking student help for summer

As the school year begins to wind down, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin filling summer jobs for maintenance, engineering and technical positions.

The summer employment program gives high school and college students' valuable on-the-job training.

The program helps students establish career credentials, while enhancing their professional growth.

Working side by side with experienced professionals in the transportation field enables students to learn the

latest techniques of the industry.

The program also provides students with salaried positions to help supplement educational expenses.

TxDOT's summer employment program began in the 1950s.

Approximately 48,151 students have spent their summers working for the department and currently, 1,907 former student employees hold positions at TxDOT.

This year, TxDOT is looking to hire about 400 students.

Summer positions are

available from May 1 through August 15. To qualify for the program, students must:

- be at least 17 years old,
- be eligible to work in the U.S.,
- submit a completed state employment application, and
- be enrolled as a full-time student at a high school, technical school, college or university the spring semester before the summer work period or be currently accepted for enrollment at an institution of higher learning.

For more information about summer job positions, go to <http://bit.ly/9YaYAP>.

April child abuse prevention month

"Strengthening Families and Communities" is the ongoing theme for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The theme conveys the message that service providers and concerned individuals can help families and communities identify their strengths and build on those strengths to provide a safe, loving environment for their children.

Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide is a free resource that supports service providers who work with parents, other caregivers, and their children. The guide highlights strategies to strengthen families by promoting five key protective factors that prevent child abuse and neglect:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents

This year's guide also includes additional resources for working with families and communities, including:

New information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the "Safe, Stable and Nurturing Relationships Strategies" A revision of the "levers" for effecting broad-based community change Evidence-based strategies to strengthen families Tools to help build community awareness and

support the development of community partnerships with specific groups A sample press release and public service announcements Tip sheets to share with parents and caregivers The guide was developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, and numerous national organizations and parents. View or order the free resource guide on the Child Welfare Information Gateway website: www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/res_guide_2010

Gov. Perry Receives Champion of Texas Children Award

HOUSTON — Gov. Rick Perry today received the Champion of Texas Children Award, given by the National Child Care Coalition (NCCC) for his excellent work on behalf of children in 2009.

The award is given in Texas for each regular legislative session. This marks the second awarding of the honor, with the first coming in 2007.

"Receiving a quality early childhood education is essential to preparing

the youngest Texans for success in our state's education system," Gov. Perry said. "I am honored to be receiving this award from the NCCC, whose members help to both educate our children and create private sector jobs."

NCCC is comprised of privately owned early childhood education centers, and encompasses nearly 3,000 employees and more than 100,000 students and parents. Its national headquarters is based in Texas.

"Gov. Perry recognizes that student outcomes are the single most important measure in early childhood learning development. He also clearly understands in a free market society, the private sector must play a role in providing education and maintaining the highest of standards," NCCC President David Fincher said. "On behalf of the NCCC, it is my privilege and honor to give Governor Rick Perry the Champion of Texas Children Award."

PERRY

we are fiercely committed to honoring and supporting troops and their families and sustaining the special relationship that has long existed between Texas and the military."

Gov. Perry also emphasized the sacrifices made by Guard members and their families, recognizing those directly affected by the October 2009 IED attack in Afghanistan.

In attendance were Maj. John Ploch and Sgt. Todd Plybon and the wives of their two fallen comrades, Lindsay Green, the wife of Sgt. Gabe Green and Montaigne Staats, wife of Staff Sgt. Chris Staats.

NGAT is a non-profit veterans organization of more than 35,000 current, former and retired members of the Texas Military Forces.

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detected the presence of the law from a near by town.

He deserted the wagon leaving the only clue to the owner the license plate that had been nailed over the hole. The courthouse record did the rest. Swep could hardly believe his ears, but took his "ribbing" in good nature.

When the Matador Masonic Lodge, which Swep helped organize, received its charter, he was the youngest member

and later became the secretary.

It was in 1917, that the Swepstons moved on top of the cap to Floyd County to a farm that was owned by Mrs. Swepstons' mother, Mrs. Lal Lewis. They left behind the little white house at the Matador headquarters that had become knows Swepston's Hill. It was there that their three oldest children had been delivered by Matador's well-known Dr. A. C. Traweck, Sr.

The association works to promote and support adequate national security, foster and improve the Texas National Guard and U.S. National Guard as a component of the U.S. Armed Forces, preserve and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Texas National Guard, and to support educational activities, such as scholarships for members and their children.

In Floyd County, Swep was engaged in farming and ranching until his death in 1970. His wife died in 1967.

The Swepston's took an active part in the Old Settler's Reunion which was organized in an early day and which met once a year at Floydada as it still does. Old timers remember Swep and his wife in the parades at the reunions and remember recounting happenings of the early days cherished by Swep.

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