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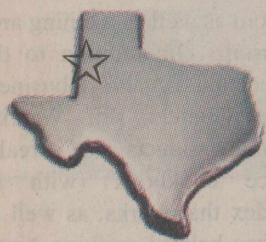
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Proud West Texas selected tops in cotton ginning for the state

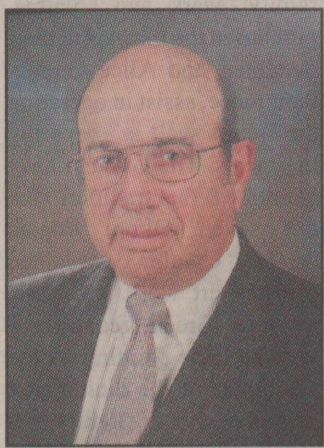
Tom Byars, a native of Roaring Springs, Texas and currently a resident of Lockney, Texas, was recently named the "Cooperative Ginner of the Year" for the state of Texas. The award is made annually in recognition of the top general manager of a farmer-owned cooperative cotton gin in the state.

In making the award, he was cited for his many years in the cotton ginning business, having helped to build the co-op gin in Enochs, working for the Beck Gin Company in Lubbock, assisting in a major turnaround at the co-op gin in Friona, running Welch Farmers Gin for a brief period, but spending most of his career and raising his family in Seminole where he ran his own gin.

He was also recognized for his work at rebuilding, establishing, and managing over 15 gins in Mexico. With his international background, his ability to assess the situation and bring remedy to a gin, he was later summoned to build two cotton gins in Africa. He took on all those assignments with an open mind, a focus toward efficiency and a commitment to see things to completion.

Prior to landing his present job as general manager of Lockney Co-op Gin in 2005, Byars was asked to take his skills to Mississippi to restore a troubled gin in that state. As it was noted in his presentation, everything he touched seemed to turn to gold and he quickly developed a reputation as a staunch turnaround specialist.

He and his wife Patsy, of 39 years, have a daughter living in Colorado and a son



Tom Byars

in Lubbock. Over the years, he served on the Seminole Independent School District Board of Trustees, president of the Seminole Ag Boosters club, and is a member of the Masons in Plainview and the VFW in Lockney. He was drafted into the military at the age of 24 and was stationed in Germany achieving the rank of sergeant.

Byars is an avid hunter, likes arrowhead hunting and gun shows, and enjoys his annual visit to Colorado in the summer. Byars was recognized during ceremonies at the CoBank/Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council (TACC) Joint Cooperative Meeting in Corpus Christi in March.

During the 4-day meeting attended by some 350 representatives, Randy Reid, general manager of TriCounty Producers Co-op in Loop, Texas, was elected president of TACC. In addition, John Cowan, the CEO of the Texas Association of Dairymen in Grapevine, received the "Cooperator of the Year" award and Ed Bercot, an agribusiness CPA living in Boerne, received the Distinguished Service Award.

Relay for Life Friday at Unity Center

The 2010 American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Floyd County will be Friday, April 30 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. The relay begins at 6 p.m. and lasts until 11 p.m.

SURVIVORS' LAP

Cancer survivors will celebrate by walking the first lap of the relay. Caregivers are invited to join for the second lap.

Survivors will be honored with a free meal and ice cream sundae at the survivors' area. A meal of brisket sandwich, chips and drink will be available to the public for a \$5.00 donation.

LUMINARIA CEREMONY

A luminaria ceremony at 9:30 p.m. will commemorate loved ones who have been lost to cancer. Some people also use luminarias to celebrate survivorship of people who have won the battle with

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Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

READY? - Lockney Elementary School teacher Mrs. Cindy Cotham is about to receive a pie in the face from third grader Fernando Valdez during a school assembly last week. Students donated a total of \$570 to the American Cancer Society in a contest to see their favorite teachers get "creamed," a fund-raising event conducted by the school's Relay For Life team.

LHS UIL teams advance to state

Winning ways continue for Lockney High School's number sense and literary criticism teams as the both placed first in regional competition at South Plains College on Friday, April 23.

In the literary criticism contest, junior Kami Hunt finished second, senior Anna Sherman placed third, senior Alisha Damron placed eighth and Lindsay Stewart 11th to lead their team to a first-place finish. These ladies are coached by Lesha Woodard and Jessica Jordan. They will compete in Austin on Saturday, May 8.

The number sense team of Lezlie

Jackson, Quinn Jackson, Dylan Aufill and Landry Kidd also took first-place honors again this year. Lezlie, the lone senior on the team, finished second while sophomore Dylan Aufill earned third to take the first team title. This team is coached by Pam Fulton. They will also compete in Austin at the state competition on May 8.

Lockney High School is extremely proud of these students and coaches and appreciate the long hours of practice that have been occurring since September. We wish them great success as they go to Austin and represent our school.

Cuellar and Thompson qualify for regionals

By Coach Reyes Garza

Josh Cuellar and Shaquille Thompson of Lockney competed at the area meet April 16, 2010. Athletes of districts 5 and 6 make up the area track meet. It was initially sited

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Helms, Terrell headed to state

By Coach Smith

The Floydada Tennis team qualified nine to the Regional Tennis Tournament in Odessa this past week.

The Girls Doubles team of Brityn Helms and Lexie Terrell played four matches to win the Championship without losing a set. They defeated Cisco, Bowie #1, San Saba and in the final it was the defeat of Bowie #2.

The final found the two of them as the only seeded team left in the girls doubles bracket. They fell to a 0 - 2 start in the first set. Finding themselves in a situation they had rarely been in, they battled back and tied the set up

at 2 all. Only losing one more game in the first set, they finished the set at 6 - 3. With a strong finish of the first set, they never looked back and finished up the second set at 6 - 4. REGIONAL CHAMPS for the first time.

They will play in the State tournament on May 10th and 11th. Lexie Terrell is the first in Floydada to repeat qualifying for state in tennis. In 2009, Lexie qualified for State as a junior with partner Jennifer Rainwater.

Others participating in the Regional Tournament were Makenzie Schwertner and Imelda Resendiz in Girls

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2010 REGION 1 - 2A GIRLS DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
 Brityn Helms (left) and Lexie Terrell (right)

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FLOYD COUNTY Unity Center NEWS

By Elaine LaBaume

Manager Jon LaBaume reports that the Unity Center has been a very busy place again the past couple of weeks.

There is very seldom that a week goes by that there isn't some type of 4-H activity or meeting held in the Unity Center.

On April 10th there was a group that came from Plainview for a Dodge Ball Tournament with 46 in attendance. That afternoon there was a child's birthday party with 15 attending.

On Monday night, April 12th the Floyd County Stock Show Association met to elect new officers for the 2011 stock show. They set dates and make plans for the 2011 Floyd County Stock Show. For the ones of the fourteen in attendance at this meeting that remember the "bad conditions" of the old show barn, I'm sure as they sat there in the Unity Center thoughts must have crossed their minds, "I am so very thankful for the Unity Center."

On Thursday April 15th, the Floydada Co-op Gins Inc. held their annual meeting.

Although it was still raining, LaBaume said there was a good turnout for the meeting, a total of 120. For cotton producers, I'm sure they are thankful for all the rain. It will prepare the soil for "planting time."

Tuesday night, April 20th, Producers Co-op Elevator held their annual meeting. There were 214 in attendance.

Totals: From April 10th thru the 20th, there were 5 events held and 409 people in attendance.

From Nash & Associates Landscape Architects in Lubbock, Paul Nash owner, made a generous donation in memory of his dad, Pete Nash and in honor of his mother Pauline Nash. Pete and Pauline raised their family in Floydada. Pauline now resides in Lubbock. Please start watching for the landscaping around the flagpole to start growing since all the rain. The flagpole was donated by the Marble Family in memory of Fred Marble. The Red Hat Society and the Carthel Family Reunion donated the seed money for the landscaping.

Memorials received are:

Myria Dade, Buddy Brandes, Billyjo Roberson, Shelia Faulkenberry, James Minner, Mike Mooney, Thelma Fawver, Alex Langehennig, Curtis Burson & Gregg Quattlebaum. Memorials can be sent to me at 901 W. Lee Street, Floydada, TX 79235.

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South Plains Hobby Club News

By Sandra Lass

On Wednesday, April 14, 2010, the day before the big rain, the South Plains Hobby Club met in Olton for lunch and a tour of the Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast Inn. Since many of us arrived early, we managed to do a little shopping at Bizzell's, fine clothing for women and children. Not a few of us lingered by the sweaters, jackets and long sleeved blouses racks; it was quite windy, drizzly and cold outside. We all wondered what happened to spring and when the warm, balmy weather would arrive. At 12 noon, we met at the Wild Plum for lunch. Those attending included Ann Hartman, Margaret Kitchens, Carol Hopkins, Peggy Roberts, Shirley Weldon, Janis Julian, Lou Bureson, Carolyn Marble, Mary M Carter, Margie Young, Joy Smitherman, Virginia Taylor and Sandra Lass.

Cynthia Gunter, proprietor, greeted us at the door. She directed us to the three tables already set for us. She said they were ready to serve us our meal, and we were ready to eat. Before eating, Shirley Weldon gave the blessing and after serving our drinks, water, coffee or tea, April Gunter Burns, Cynthia's daughter, served our salad: baby spinach, blueberries, mandarin orange, avocado, a variety of lettuces, including a red lettuce, sliced almonds and poppy seeds, topped with their home-made poppy seed dressing. Our main dish included roasted Italian baby brown and red potatoes, Italian garden

roasted vegetables (green beans, mushrooms, yellow squash, red pepper and red onion), crusted chicken rolls with cream sauce and thick home-made bread slices. Dessert was a sight to behold: Cherry Berry on a Cloud. The berries included cherries and strawberries. The cloud was a soft crust with a cream cheese and marshmallow mixture, sliced peaches and a twist of lemon on the top.

After lunch, Cynthia explained that the Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast was developed in 1993, by seven Olton women: Lois Brimhall, Glenda Goen, Jean Green, Judith Lee, Barbara McFadden, Twila Sawyer, and Tomie Strive. They converted an old building in downtown Olton into the Bed and Breakfast Inn. In the next ten years, they hosted weddings, showers, receptions, rehearsal dinners, church retreats and family reunions. In 2003, the Gunter family, Mark and Cynthia, purchased the Inn. April, their daughter, and Alice Gunter, their niece, assist in operating the Inn as well as preparing the meals. The Gunters have continued the tradition that the seven Olton women began. Cynthia explained that the art work was done by Jean Green, featuring a very realistic painting on the north side of the dining area of a door that is slightly ajar revealing a green tree in the background. (I touched it just to make sure!) In addition to the dining room and kitchen in the rear of the Inn, there are two sitting areas and a fireplace. There is a very ornate Bible (large print) on

a table near the fireplace. There are seven bedrooms upstairs, four on the east side of the building decorated in spring pastels, and three bedrooms on the west side decorated in autumn colors. Each room is named rather than numbered, and all doors include paintings consistent with the door names. Even the closets in the hallway are labeled. There is a sitting room as well as a dining area upstairs. In addition to the Bed and Breakfast business the Gunters sell Watkins home products and a really nice cookbook (with an index that works, as well as other helpful cooking hints) prepared by the seven Olton ladies. After exploring the Inn the group continued shopping at the stores nearby, including Treasures Unlimited: Gifts and Home Décor, and the Mall, just steps away. Most of the shops are so conveniently located that even in nasty weather no one would get very wet or blown out of their shoes.

Virginia Taylor's helpful hints include Martha Stewart's 7 Ways You Can Tell Something is a "Good Thing": 1) Good things are 'small ideas' that are quick, clever, simple and smart, 2) Good things make you say "I wish I knew that before", 3) Good things don't take a lot of time or money, 5) You won't forget them, 6) you feel good using them, and 7) Good things only get better with time. The next Hobby Club meeting will be held on May 12, 2010: a trip to Lubbock, lunch at Mackenzie Park and a tour of the Windmill Museum.

Matador Market Day Set for May 1

The first Matador Market Day featuring live music and vendors offering food, arts, crafts, antiques, and collectables will be Saturday, May 1, beginning at 10 a.m. in downtown Matador.

In conjunction with the annual Highway 70 Garage Sale event, Matador Market Day is sponsored by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce. Market Day will showcase area craftsmen and entrepreneurs, enhance attendance at the Highway 70 event, and provide an entertaining event in downtown

Matador. The Nifty Fifties Antique Car Club will display their vintage vehicles around the courthouse square that morning.

The West Texas Express and the 108 E. Broadway bands will travel from Lubbock to provide music for a street dance beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Applications for vendor booth space are still being accepted. Please contact Linda Roy at 806-347-2939 (linroy@hotmail.com) or Barbara Armstrong at 806-347-2968.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Lunch starts at 12 noon.

Ruby Gooch is home after spending a month in Amarillo with her daughter, Millie Badgett. While in Amarillo Ruby celebrated her 92nd birthday on April 7th. She has several grandchildren who really love celebrating their grandmother's birthday each year. They all really had a great time and did not want her to go home to Floydada.

We are glad Bob Goodnight returned to Floydada this past week. He has been in San

Jose, California for several months.

Last Friday, April 23rd, twenty of us met at the center to play Bingo. We enjoyed 1-1/2 hours of fun.

Saturday, April 24th friends of Nell McClung hosted a going-away party at the First Baptist Church Parlor. Nell is moving to Tyler, Texas to a retirement home. She will be closer to her two daughters and their families. We will truly miss her but we wish her a quick adjustment to new surroundings and friends.

We appreciate you remembering the center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Dale Griffin - Ruth Hammonds

In memory of Billyjo Roberson - Ruth Hammonds, Charles and Donna Keaton, Margarette Word

In memory of Louise Turner - Gary and Linda Matsler

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Thought for the Week ~ Talk is cheap... except when Congress does it.

Cullen Hightower

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Hernandez returns to pastor the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church



REV. JOE AND NORMA HERNANDEZ

By Joe Hernandez

My wife and I were both born and raised in Floydada. We recently moved back in mid March 2010 as the new pastors of the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church.

We have really enjoyed our hometown, especially family and old friends. We believe people want to change for the better because there is a more excellent way to live and enjoy life. Many people live life, but many don't enjoy life, the reason is because they haven't found their purpose in life, therefore they have no direction or meaning.

If you are looking for a home church or would like to connect with people who have similar values or morals as you do, come visit us at Templo Getsemani. We are a Bilingual church, we have sound Biblical teaching that applies to people's situations now and we offer engaging and realistic dialogue about God and life...so if you are asking yourself if God really cares about you or, if there's even a God, come as our guests at 701 West Missouri Street. God will not disappoint you!

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FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN JULY 14, 1927

Fuqua, New Townsite at Junction Near Lockney

New Floyd County Railroad Town Will Be Launched by Builders of Borger and Roxana

Keeping step with other rapid developments in the South Plains of Texas, new towns are coming into existence in quick succession. The latest townsite to be announced is that of Fuqua which will be located on the Fuqua land at the Junction of the Silverton-Lubbock line with that of the East and West Line of the new South Plains road. The new town will be located eight miles north-east of Lockney.

The announcement of the new townsite was made recently by the Earl Fuqua of Amarillo through the Plainview News. Mr. Fuqua stated in a telephone conversation with the News editor that a contract had been signed in Amarillo with Messers T. C. Ward and Burton, pioneer town builders, to develop and place on market the Fuqua land at the junction of the Lubbock and Silverton rail line with that of the Plainview and Dimmitt line.

According to the Plainview News, Messrs. Ward and Burton are experienced town builders having floated the townsites of Borger and Roxana, two of the best townsite propositions and successes in the Amarillo oil fields. They are now laying definite plans to develop and place on the market the new town at the junction and within a few weeks the honor of being the newest town on the South Plains of Texas will have passed from South Plains to Fuqua.

Located as it is on the junction of the two rail lines with four outlets available to the town there is strong assurance that small rail shops and a round house will be maintained by the Fort Worth and Denver at that point. Other industries are seeking locations from Mr. Fuqua and have assured him that they will build in the new town. A grain elevator, cotton gin, and other concerns have

already designated their intentions of locating in the new town.

Mr. Fuqua is the owner of 960 acres of land at this location and will use as much of this land as is needed for the townsite. The organization of the townsite company is well under way and within a few days the complete plans will be announced. The name for the town has not yet been selected but it is probable that it will bear the name of the owner of the tract of land, the News stated.

FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN FEBRUARY 9, 1928

STRINGER NEW TOWN 11 MILES WEST OF FLOYDADA

Callahan Lands in West Part of the County to Have Town on Denver Lines.

A corps of men from the office of Engineer Geo. A. Lider this week have made a survey of the land, and the plats will be made up this week for the new town of Stringer, and the dedication deeds and plat will likely be recorded within a few days.

The new town is almost exactly 10 mile west and one mile north of Floydada, where the new line of the Fort Worth & Denver & South Plains Railway crosses the road running through the Stringer lands of the Callahan School survey. It is being named for J. W. Stringer, now deceased, who purchased the lands several years ago and began improving them. Less Stringer, his son, is out this week from Wichita Falls working out the final details incident to opening up the town.

The tract is being platted on the west side of the railway and on the south side of the road, and graders will be put to work at once putting the streets up for the town. The road running east and west on the north side of the town will be designated as Dooley Lane on the plat, for W. R. Dooley who has lived on and handled the Stringer lands for the past several years.

An elevator and gin will be two of the first industrial enterprises to be built at the new town. The rails on the Denver are expected to be laid to Stringer before the close of the current month.

Floyd County Church Directory

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Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.

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Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
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Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

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Wed. Communion.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

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

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Phone: 983-5878
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Baseball Longhorns 8-0 in district, set for playoffs

The Lockney Longhorn baseball team clinched the District 5-1A title on Tuesday night, April 20, defeating the Hale Center Owls 12-2 in five innings. The Longhorns finished district play with an 8-0 record, outscoring their opponents 117-16 in those eight games. Great pitching

and good hitting helped the Longhorns win their second consecutive district title. Lockney earned a bye in the first round of the playoffs and will not play until the week of May 13, 14 and 15. Their opponent will not be decided until after the first round. There have been three

practice games scheduled for the Longhorns, with the first coming up on Friday, April 30 vs. Shallowater in Lockney at 5 p.m. Then they will play Hawley at 1 p.m. May 1 in Post, followed by a game with Forsan on May 4. The place and time on that contest is yet to be determined.



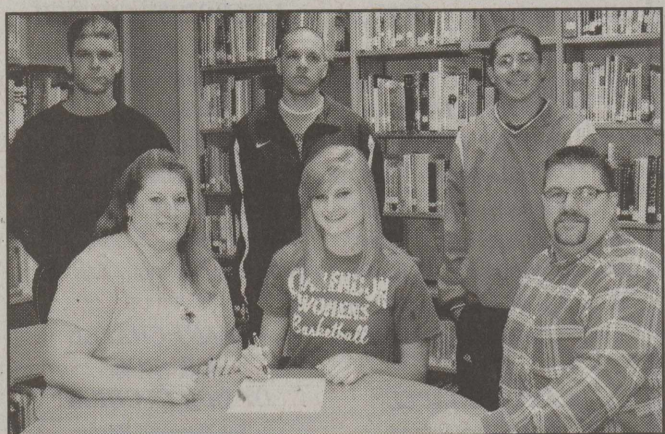
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BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP - Lockney High School senior Kortney Williams signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Clarendon Junior College. She is pictured (seated) with her parents, Kellie and Roger Cantwell, and (standing left to right) LHS athletic director Malcom Moerbe, Clarendon College assistant women's basketball coach Chris Marks, and Lady Horn assistant coach Keegan Reynolds.

Kortney Williams signs with Clarendon College

Kortney Williams of Lockney has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Clarendon College. The Lockney High School senior was chosen to receive a full two-year athletic scholarship at the Clarendon, Texas junior college. She is the daughter of Kellie and Roger Cantwell of Lockney.

In 30 games during the 2009-2010 season, Williams averaged 10.9 points, 12.1 rebounds, 1.3 assists, 2.9 steals and 2.3 blocks per game for the LHS Lady Horn team.

Chris Marks, assistant women's basketball coach at Clarendon College, who was

present for the signing last week, said "We are excited to get a quality player and a quality young lady from this area. She had a great workout with us. We needed a post player, and we think she can fill that need."

Williams said "It's a really, really awesome opportunity, and I'm super excited."

The Clarendon College Lady Bulldog team competes as an independent in Division II of the National Junior College Athletic Association. They led the nation in scoring and advanced to the NJCAA playoffs last season.

Lockney High School A Honor Roll

- Semester 2, Cycle 2**
- Grade 9:** McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Mary Sammann, Lindsay Stewart.
- Grade 10:** Logan Edwards, Christina Jackson, Landon Kidd, Jessica Pena, Amber Segovia.
- Grade 11:** Kami Hunt, Isabel Solis.
- Grade 12:** Jill Bramlet, Alisha Damron, Konner Ellison, Lezlie Jackson, Malory Johnson, Tessa Saul, Anna Sherman, Bethany Wilson.
- Lockney High School A-B Honor Roll**
- Semester 2, Cycle 2**
- Grade 9:** Erik Cortez, Esperanza Garcia, Jose Guerrero, Landry Kidd, Gabriella
- Grade 10:** Peralez, Candi Rea, Justin Roberts, Taylor Rose, Luke Sherman, Kelsie Stennett, Shayla Vasquez.
- Grade 10:** Dylan Afill, Steven Fernandez, SyAnn Foster, Tanya Hernandez, Anissa Reyna, Meagan Sorley, Riley Teeter, Sunny Williams.
- Grade 11:** Joshua Armstrong, Abigail Garza, Shialo Huerta, Erica Marmolejo, Toni Morales, Chase Thompson, Krista Wofford.
- Grade 12:** Angel Cortez, Steven Gonzales, Anthony Hernandez, Walker Kemp, Jacob Luna, Blanca Molinar, Daniela Moya, Cody Patton, Mercedes Rios, Josue Silva, Brent Zambrano, Kortney Williams.



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LHS LITERARY CRITICISM TEAM - Left to right: Lindsay Stewart, Anna Sherman, Alisha Damron, Kami Hunt.



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins
LHS NUMBER SENSE TEAM - Left to right: Landry Kidd, Dylan Afill, Quinn Jackson, Lezlie Jackson, Luke Sherman and Justin Roberts.

Lockney School Menu

- May 3-7**
- MONDAY**
Breakfast: donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: steak patty or ham, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, pears, roll, milk
- TUESDAY**
Breakfast: mini corn-dogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: chicken fajitas or grilled cheese, pinto beans, salad, fruited gelatin, flour tortilla, milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Breakfast: waffle or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: baked chicken or steak fingers, potatoes, cut green beans, peaches, roll, milk
- THURSDAY**
Breakfast: eggs/ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: nacho grande or corn dog, salad, apple-sauce, milk
- FRIDAY**
Breakfast: cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: hamburger or ham & cheese, baked fries, salad, pineapple, milk

Lockney Band Boosters to meet May 6

There will be a Lockney Band Booster meeting on Thursday evening, May 6th, at 7 p.m. in the Band Room. The upcoming trip to Florida will be discussed and Band Booster officer elections for the 2010-11 school year will be held.

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LITTLE LONGHORNS - Lockney Elementary School students of the week are (left to right, front row) Mikia Collins, Nathaniel Castillo, Armando Reyes, Ashton Urrutia; (middle row) Karina Torres, Israel Cuellar, Bryson Hallmark; (back row) C.J. Perales, Tommy Lopez, Haley Walker, Rollie Guerrero.

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Election Day: Saturday, May 8th
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10-run Seventh Keeps Winds Undefeated

CHILDRESS — With the Floydada Whirlwinds trailing the Childress Bobcats 3-2 in the seventh inning Saturday, it looked like the Winds' perfect trip through District 2-2A was over despite already wrapping up the district championship.

However, Bobcat pitching fell apart and the Whirlwinds capitalized by scoring 10 runs in the top of the seventh to win 12-3. The win kept Floydada perfect in district play improving to 9-0.

Most of the district has completed play. However, the Winds still have a

makeup game with Tulia to finish district play on Friday. The makeup contest is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday in Tulia.

Even though Floydada is in the playoffs as the No. 1 seed, the rest of the district is up in the air. Should Floydada beat Tulia Friday it will force a 3-way playoff Saturday for the second and third playoff seeds between Childress, Muleshoe and Tulia. Game one will be Muleshoe vs. Tulia at 10 a.m. The winner of that game will then meet Childress at 12:30 p.m. Should Childress lose game two then game three will

follow at 3 p.m. if necessary featuring Childress against the loser of game one for the third playoff seed. All games will be in Floydada.

If Tulia beats Floydada Friday, then Tulia will be the No. 2 seed and Childress and Muleshoe will have a one-game playoff for the third seed.

District Standings

| Team | District |
|-----------|----------|
| Floydada | 9-0 |
| Tulia | 6-3 |
| Childress | 6-4 |
| Muleshoe | 6-4 |
| Friona | 2-8 |
| Dimmitt | 0-10 |

Edible Books?

Floydada Junior High would like to invite you to a unique and wonderful event; FJH edible book project. This is an exciting and unique way to support reading in our school. Students are required to create a book in edible form; the idea is to create an edible project that is recognizable as the book title.

Projects will be judged by a panel of judges on creativity, recognition and presentation. The top 12 winning projects will then be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The top 12 designers will receive prizes for their efforts.

There will be a price attached to all other projects if you desire to purchase one of those. (Students have the option of selling their item or not). The auctioned or sold items will help in generating our activity fund to be used directly on our students.

If you are looking for a way to be involved

with your school, the students and the faculty here at Junior High, this is an outstanding way to show your support and walk away with something you can enjoy.

We are asking all parents and public to participate in this event. Local businesses are welcome as well, we look forward to seeing you there.

When - Thursday, May 20th - tour the exhibits (9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)

Where -- Judging and exhibitions in FJH Auditorium

Auction to be held in FJH Gym at 10:45 a.m.

There will be a Junior High Awards Assembly at the High School Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. that day as well. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.



Courtesy Photo
WHIRLWINDS 2-2A DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAMPS—Players pictured are (back row-l-r) Coach Benson, Joseph Segura, Anthony Garza, Jordan Cornelius, Coach Seago, Brandon Basaldua, Tyler Renfro, Geoffrey Sanchez, (front row, l-r) Greg Aleman, John Paul Chavarria, Michael Cisneros, Troy Morales, Jesse Ibarra, Anthony Segura, Trey Casillas, Carson Battey.



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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 26, 2010 were (back row, Payton Teeple, Angela Suarez, Steven Garcia, Kimberly Rios; (front row, l-r) Andrew Suarez and Analise Perez.

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WHIRLWINDS CELEBRATE as they win the district title outright after beating Childress Saturday, April 23rd. The Winds surprised Coach Seago as they doused him with water. The game against the Bobcats was a exciting one as the Whirlwinds came back in the top of the 7th inning to score 10 runs and win the game 12-3.



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AB DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 19, 2010 were (back row, l-r) Taylor Dumas, Alex Pinon, Ethan Smith, Karly Lehman; (front row, l-r) Alianna Juarez, Alexandra DeLosSantos, and Michael Perez.



FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

May 3 – May 7

Monday

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

Lunch- Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk

Tuesday

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

Lunch-Barbequed chicken, macaroni and cheese,

tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

Wednesday

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

Lunch-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk

Thursday

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

juice, milk

Lunch- Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, French bread stick, pineapple crisp, milk

Friday

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

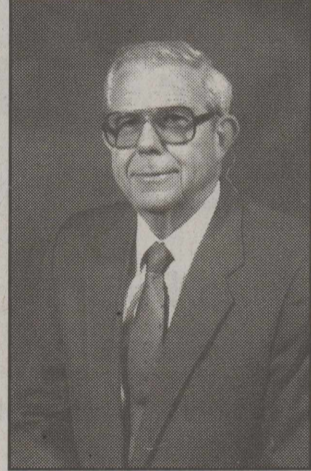
Lunch- Pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, chocolate cake, milk

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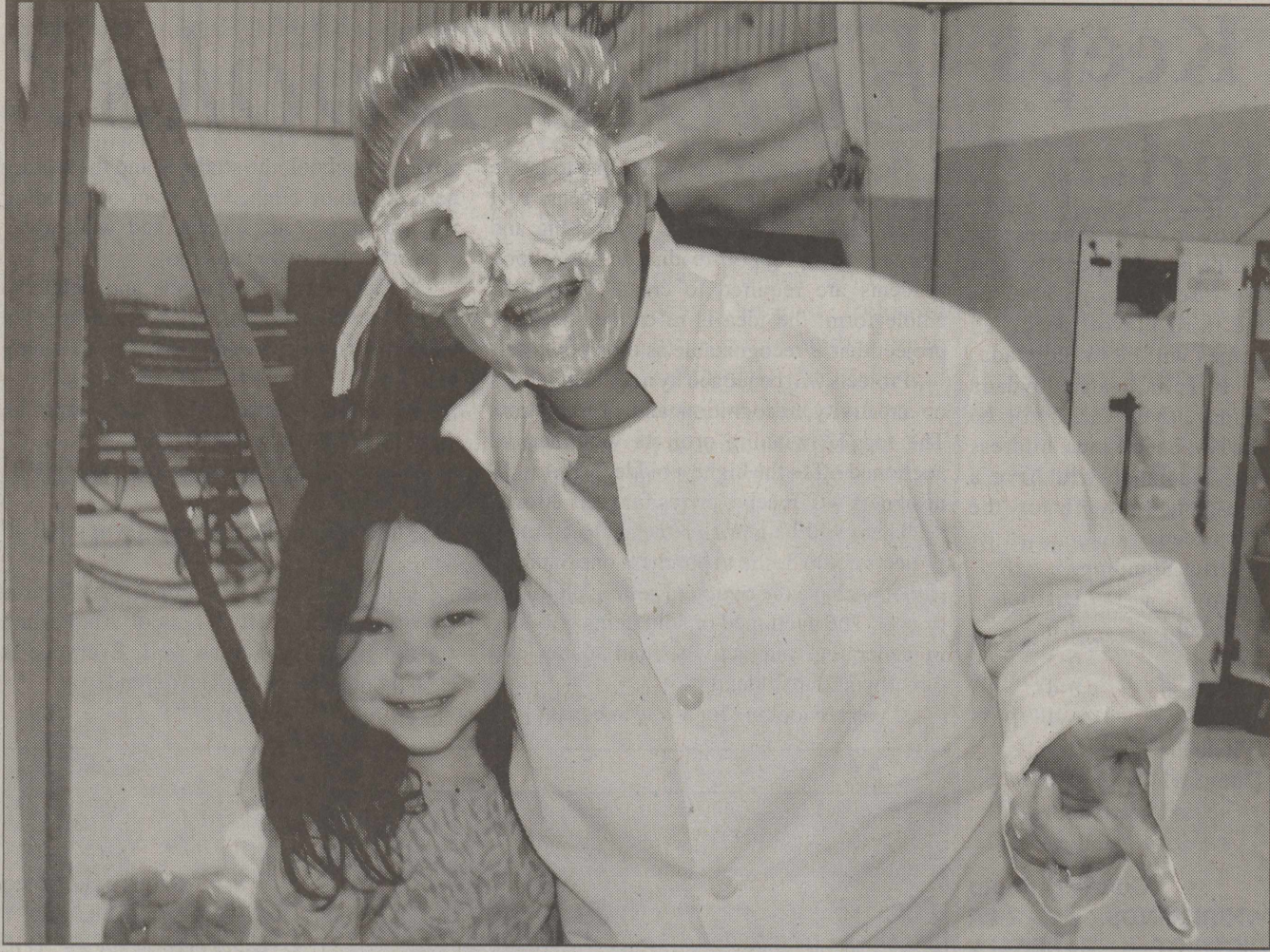
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Laveta Morren
Firma del/dela Oficial

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MMMM, PIE! Lockney Elementary School principal Jean Anne Williams got a pie in the face from kindergarten student Tyann Phillips during a school assembly last week. Students donated to the American Cancer Society to see their favorite school staff members receive pies in the face. The school's Relay For Life team collected \$570 in the fund raising contest. The 2010 Floyd County Relay For Life is set for Friday, April 30 at the Unity Center.



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OLD PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - Floydada Lions Club is accepting donations to replace the outdated playground equipment at Floydada Park, located east of the high school.

Survey Results Compiled

By Justin Jaworski
Executive Director
Floydada EDC

On Tuesday, April 20th, YMCA representatives met with the City of Floydada to review the survey results from Floyd County residents. Beginning in February of this year, YMCA Executive Director, Rob Wilkinson of Plainview, approached the City for assistance in fielding a survey for potential interest of YMCA programs in Floyd County. At that time, the Floydada EDC assisted the process by distributing the survey and summarizing the results.

The survey was available to complete at the EDC office, on the EDC website and through the Hesperian-Beacon. Much to the surprise of Wilkinson, more than 100 individuals responded to the survey with their ideas and opinions for what they would like to see in our area.

Survey respondents were asked to indicate a level of interest for fitness, aquatics, teen programs, family programs, youth sports, adult sports, senior activities, child-care programs and gen-

eral programs such as nutrition, dance and weight loss classes. Of the top scoring categories, approximately 21 percent of respondents indicated an interest in fitness, 16 percent indicated an interest in aquatics, with the remaining categories scoring fairly evenly at nine to 10 percent.

At this point, the survey results were submitted to YMCA for their Board of Directors to review and consider. Once a decision is made on program feasibility, the group is expected to contact the City with a timeline for implementing programs. It should be noted the City's assistance does not mean any taxpayer dollars will be spent to accommodate this program. The YMCA is a private non-profit organization (visit their web site for more information at www.ymca.net).

For the complete survey results, logon to the Floydada EDC web site and find the news article titled, "YMCA Survey Results Submitted for Consideration."

(This article first appeared on the Floydada EDC web site on April 21st, 2010.)

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Time to reflect

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I saw a reflection of myself ... for hours. Eight years ago, my girlfriend, now my wife, suggested we rip the carpet out of my house and see what was underneath. Turned out there were hardwood floors beneath that dirty, old carpet. We refurbished those floors. Lately, we've been having them re-stained which is generally followed by several coats of polyurethane. Sunday I attempted to correct an issue in the living room which turned into an all-day project. Spending all day on your hands and knees can give the mind a lot of time to think and reflect ... especially when you are staring straight at your own face. In that reflection, I realized the man and the house before me had seen a lot of change since the last time I was in this position. I saw eight years of family visits and eight years of

relationships with good friends. I thought of all of the special things which have occurred in this exact space: My last Christmas with Mom was on that floor. My longtime friend and dog scratched up that floor. My wife practiced her birthing exercises on that floor. My boys learned to crawl and later walk on that floor. My father and his brothers and sister reunited on that floor. My 4-year-old son spilled something every other day on that floor. The list was endless. Sporting events, presidential elections, holidays - things I hadn't thought about in years were suddenly rushing back to me as I worked. I then thought about the other events my 94-year-old home had witnessed. Several families and most likely, similar stories to my own. Beyond the memories, my reflection showed me something

else. It showed me a man who isn't getting any younger. A man who needs to do a better job in several facets of his life. Of equal importance, it showed me someone who is blessed to have the family and friends I have. Someone who is fortunate to have an old house to work on. On occasion, it's good to do some soul searching. It's healthy to have a long conversation with yourself, even though you may not like some of the topics. I guess doing the floor was therapeutic for me. At the very least, being lost in thought and memory was a good way to pass the time while working.

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Other Opinions

Too Politically Connected to Fail

By ERIC SANDBERG

The Obama Administration and Democratic Congressional leaders are misleading the American public. Their financial regulatory reform bill, which could soon reach the Senate floor, is promoted as protecting consumers from fat cat bankers. Unfortunately, the bill takes aim at the wrong parties and comes down against the state's traditional community banks—the ones that did not cause the economic mess in the first place—and exempts most of the investment bank and broker dealer activities that were responsible for the financial collapse.

In touting their bill, proponents have made several statements that, upon further analysis, are misrepresenting the legislation. For example:

- Proponents say the bill will prevent future bailouts. As passed by the Senate Banking Committee, the bill allows for endless tax-

payer bailouts of Wall Street banks. Currently, there is a provision in the bill that would create a \$50 billion resolution fund to pay for the liquidation of at-risk organizations.

- Proponents say the bill will put an end to "Too Big to Fail." While it addresses "Too Big to Fail," the bill still leaves loopholes for the government to prop up faltering institutions it deems to be systemically important. Any big banks in the future with connections, like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Goldman Sachs, could lobby Washington to bail them out.

Here's what the bill will do:

- It will create a huge new bureaucracy in the form of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. This new entity would conflict with safety-and-soundness regulators, and it would not afford the same regulatory scrutiny to non-banks — non-regulated and non-FDIC insured financial institutions.
- It strips the Federal Reserve of its regula-

tory role of state member banks, a costly and unnecessary change for affected banks.

- Because of the broad authority granted to the CFPB, its regulatory czar could have the authority to dictate the products and rates banks offer to customers, to the point that a person with excellent credit could be charged the same rate as another with poor credit.
- The bill fails to address one of the major factors that led to the excessive amounts of foreclosures: The pressure the past few Administrations have placed on lenders to ensure all Americans realize the dream of homeownership at any cost.

Most Texas banks are financially healthy and sound. They did not engage in risky lending practices. They did not make subprime loans. They have, instead, been the economic engines of recovery by continuing to make credit available to businesses and consumers in a very difficult economy. Yet, this bill takes aim at community banks by subjecting

them to numerous new and costly regulatory requirements, often on issues that have nothing to do with the financial crisis, while ignoring the investment banks that caused the mess in the first place. Because of this, Texas bankers oppose the Administration's regulatory reform legislation.

While Texas bankers are in favor of sensible regulatory reform that addresses critical issues such as too big to fail, adequate regulation of non-bank lenders and revisions in consumer protection rules, the bill that is soon coming to the Senate floor fails to do any of that.

Eric Sandberg, President & CEO, Texas Bankers Association, Austin. The Texas Bankers Association (www.texasbankers.com), founded in 1885, is a statewide association that represents 86 percent of Texas banks, from the smallest to the largest banks in the nation.

Other Views

Has The Time Come For A Real Maverick?

By MICHAEL SWARTZ

A few election cycles ago Republicans ended up nominating a real, honest-to-goodness old warhorse for their presidential candidate, putting him up against a scandal-plagued incumbent Democrat. With the off-year elections two years before bringing a resounding GOP victory, Republican regulars shrugged off the 23-year age gap between the two nominees and presumed that the contrast between the incumbent's lacking character and their nominee's homespun charm could still score them an upset victory.

But thanks to a lackluster campaign and just enough of a third-party effort to deny the incumbent a majority of the vote, Republican stalwart Bob Dole lost the 1996 election to Bill Clinton. It was an era which placed the term "triangulation" into the political lexicon and Clinton executed that strategy masterfully in winning a second term.

In fact, recent history suggests Washing-

ton insiders don't do well as Republican candidates. George W. Bush won because he cut his political teeth in Texas, far from the nation's capital. Similarly, Ronald Reagan governed California before winning the White House on his second try and America expected more of the same when they elected a Beltway insider to succeed him in Vice-President George H.W. Bush. Conversely, Dole and John McCain were longtime Republican fixtures in Washington, perhaps alienating them from the party grassroots.

To that end, a number of names being bandied about for the GOP nod in 2012 come from the ranks of state governors. While Bobby Jindal of Louisiana declared last week he was not in the running, there's still several current or former state chief executives in the mix - Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota, Texas's Rick Perry, 2008 candidates Mike Huckabee of Arkansas and Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, and of course former second banana Sarah Palin of Alaska.

Yet there is a Beltway insider who has enough appeal among the conservatives who attend events like CPAC or last week's Southern Republican Leadership Conference to beat most of the above-mentioned names in their straw polls - he won the CPAC vote handily and just missed winning the SRLC balloting by one vote. If nominated, he would be 26 years older than the current incumbent Democratic president.

Somehow Ron Paul has escaped the wrath of being perceived as a Washington insider despite serving three stints in Congress totaling 20 years. Obviously he didn't do particularly well in a crowded primary field in 2008 as far as gathering votes goes, but he proved a potent fundraiser and has become a darling among the portion of the Republican Party which preaches fiscal conservatism and limited government through his Campaign for Liberty organization. More importantly, he has an appeal among young conservatives which belies his age.

And with economic issues in the forefront this time around, one Achilles heel of Paul's 2008 bid - his strident opposition to the war in Iraq - is off the table. His domestic policies generally follow a line which straddles conservatism and libertarianism, making him a definite friend of the TEA Party set.

It's doubtful that many of the Presidential players for the 2012 cycle are going to make their intentions known before the 2010 election because of November's potential for upending the Democrats' stranglehold on our legislative branch. This wait-and-see approach serves to gauge the strength of TEA Party politics and the general anti-incumbent mood.

But don't be surprised if the gentleman from Texas doesn't toss his hat back into the presidential ring next year and is more successful this time around. Unlike Bob Dole, it's not likely this elderly Washington insider will be uninspiring on the campaign trail.

Barack Obama: Administrator

By BILL WILSON

The American people cannot say they weren't warned. When he was standing for election, Barack Obama said, "I think when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody." And, a \$787 billion "stimulus", a \$2.5 trillion health care takeover, and a proposed budget that will add at least \$10.6 trillion to the national debt by 2020 later, there should be little uncertainty of this White House's insistence to redistribute wealth.

But in case there was any lingering doubt, last week Obama left none when he endorsed a Senate plan to take over the nation's financial system. The Dodd bill, which the Senate will vote to proceed to today, gives the government the ultimate power to take over and "liquidate" any company in the country and "spread the wealth around."

All that is necessary under the bill for a company to be taken over, is that:

- 1) government deems the company to be "substantially engaged in activities... that are financial in nature,"
- 2) alleges it is in default or in danger of default,
- 3) which would have what it says are "serious adverse effects on financial stability in the United States"
- 4) where it claims "no viable private sector alternative is available to prevent the default of the financial company."

You know, companies like GM and Chrysler, which were nationalized under the similar Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). Only, those companies were automakers, not financial companies, and there were private sector alternatives to nationalization. It's called bankruptcy.

The costs of the failures of the automakers were overstated, too. It would have meant that the brands were bought by other companies, not that the end of the U.S. economy was imminent. But, because of unlimited discretion vested in the executive, the bailout fund was abused to take exception to its intentions.

Importantly, the ownership of the companies was redistributed from their bondholders that kept the companies afloat to the labor unions that put it into red in the first place. Obama did say he wanted to "spread the wealth around," and the Dodd bill will make that authority permanent.

Under this unending program, any company may be seized under a \$50 billion, revolving "orderly liquidation fund," which is funded by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) levying assessments on about 60 financial and insurance companies holding \$50 billion or more in assets. There would be no limit on how much money could flow through that fund, nor require any Congressional approval for firms to be seized, funds to be spent, or new assessments to be

levied by the FDIC to replenish the fund.

As reported by the Wall Street Journal's editorial board, all "crucial questions will be settled not by statute, but by regulatory discretion after the law passes." The Journal warns that "the President had better be very, very smart because the reform bill he is stumping for would give him and his regulators vast new sway over financial markets and risk-taking."

In short, it is the ultimate expression of Edward Mandell House's Philip Dru: Administrator's "supremacy of mind." In House's utopian vision, a socialist takes over the nation, dissolves the Constitution, eliminates judicial review, and well, spreads the wealth around. He guarantees labor and government representation on the board of every corporation, places corporations under the control of national and state "commissions" appointed by the Administrator, and prohibits selling short or long stocks, bonds, commodities or "anything of value."

In Dru's America, profits are capped, wages are maximized, full employment secured, prices fixed, and loans guaranteed for the poor. Any "surplus" of profits was to "be distributed between labor and capital on some principle of equity."

Administrator Dru even pretends that the people prefer his role as dictator because of the "inefficiency" of Congress and the ability of the Supreme Court to strike down laws

as unconstitutional. Thus, "the function of law making was confined to one individual, the Administrator himself." Speaking to the American people, Dru flatly states, "I am sure I shall be able to meet your wishes in a much simpler way" without the constraints of the Constitution, Congress, or the courts.

And that's exactly what the Dodd bill does.

Besides giving the executive branch unlimited authority to seize companies, levy taxes, and spend the fund, any company seized would be barred any recourse to federal courts on "any action seeking a determination of rights with respect to, the assets of any covered financial company for which the [FDIC] has been appointed receiver." The Supreme Court's "jurisdiction" would be utterly limited to no longer hear due process property rights claims.

In short, the seizure of any company by the government would be beyond dispute. Instead, any company seized by the FDIC will be bundled into securities to be sold to the Treasury. Then, the Treasury Secretary can keep (i.e. nationalize) the company, or redistribute it to customers of his choosing. You know, like union bosses.

Sadly, Obama will have a much "simpler" time at "spreading the wealth around" if the Dodd bill passes. Indeed, it may be what he had in mind all along.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS READOPTING ARTICLE 8.900 OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS, PROVIDING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE, PROVIDING PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ARTICLE 8.900 CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS

Sec. 8.901 Definitions

Curfew Hours.

- (1) 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and
- (2) 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. on any Friday or Saturday.

Emergency. An unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster, an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

Establishment. Any privately owned place of business operated for a profit to which the public is invited, including, but not limited to any place of amusement or entertainment.

Guardian.

- (1) A person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor; or
- (2) A public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by a court.

Minor. Any person under 17 years of age.

Operator. Any individual, firm, association, partnership, or corporation operating, managing, or conducting any establishment. The term includes the members or partners of an association or partnership and the officers of a corporation.

Parent. A person who is:

- (1) A natural parent, adopting parent, or stepparent of another person; or
- (2) At least 18 years of age and authorized by a parent or guardian to have the care and custody of a minor.

Public Place. Any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transport facilities, and shops.

Remain.

- (1) Linger or stay; or
- (2) Fail to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer or the owner, operator, or other person in control of the premises.

Serious Bodily Injury. Bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes death, serious permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

Sec. 8.902 Offenses and Defenses

(a) Offenses.

- (1) A minor commits an offense if he remains in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city curfew hours.
- (2) A parent or guardian of a minor commits an offense if he knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours.
- (3) The owner, operator, or any employee of an establishment commits an offense if he knowingly allows a minor to remain upon the premises of the establishment during curfew hours.

(b) Defenses.

- (1) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (a) that the minor was:
- (A) accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian;
- (B) on an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;
- (C) in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;
- (D) engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;
- (E) involved in an emergency;
- (F) on the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next door neighbor of the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor's presence;
- (G) attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City of Floydada, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City of Floydada, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;
- (H) exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or
- (I) married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Texas Family Code.
- (2) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (a)(3) that the owner, operator, or employee of an establishment promptly notified the police department that a minor was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

- (c) Enforcement. Before taking any enforcement action under this section, a police officer shall ask the apparent offender's age and reason for being in the public place. The officer shall not issue a citation or make an arrest under this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred that, based on any response and other circumstances, no defense in subsection (b) is present.

Sec. 8.903 Penalties

- (a) A person who violates a provision of this article is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine in accordance with the general penalty provision set forth in Section 1.109 of this code.
- (b) When required by Section 51.08 of the Texas Family Code, as amended, the municipal court shall waive original jurisdiction over a minor who violates subsection (a)(1) of this article and shall refer the minor to juvenile court.

(Ordinance 07-2 previously adopted 4/17/07)

This Ordinance shall be effective on May 18, 2010.

Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen E. Lawson, TRMC/CMC
City Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING: April 20, 2010
PASSED: April 20, 2010

Apply now for Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) is providing Texas high school juniors and seniors with an opportunity to become leaders in their communities with the 47th annual TFB Youth Leadership Conference, set June 14-18 at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

"The goal of the conference is to promote patriotism along with responsibility and leadership," said Kenneth Dierschke, Texas Farm Bureau president. "Our communities, state and nation need qualified leaders and the Youth Leadership Conference is helping to develop them."

During the conference, students learn about capitalism and the free market system. They will see firsthand how the election process works by role-playing a member of the U.S. Congress. They will also participate in activities that allow them to develop professional etiquette skills. The conference will feature motivational speakers from across the country as well as professional development speakers.

Incoming high school juniors and seniors will be selected and sponsored by their respective county Farm Bureau and must be in the top 30 percent of their class.

"We are really focusing on personal leadership this year," said Coleburn Davis, conference coordinator. "We are not taking away from the other areas but we have seen a need to develop business etiquette and professionalism."

Students who attend the conference will qualify to participate in the Free Enterprise Speech Contest. Thirteen district winners will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship as well as an expense paid trip to Waco to compete in the state contest. The top six contestants in the state will receive additional scholarships as well as an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Deadline for applications is April 30. For more information contact your local county Farm Bureau or Coleburn Davis at cdavis@txfb.org or call (254) 399-5037.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City of Floydada Special Election held on May 8, 2010 will be tested on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at Floyd County Courthouse, Room 113, Floydada, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Karen E. Lawson, TRMC/CMC
City of Floydada

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo automático de tabular que será utilizado en la Elección Especial de la Ciudad de Floydada que se llevará a cabo el 8 de Mayo de 2010 será probado el miércoles, el 5 de Mayo de 2010 a las 8:30 de la mañana en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Floyd, el Cuarto 113, Floydada, Texas para acertar si el equipo contará exactamente los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas las proyectos de ley.

Karen E. Lawson, TRMC/CMC
City of Floydada

Thanks for Reading!

\$85 MILLION AVAILABLE IN USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECT LOANS

TEMPLE, TEXAS, April 23, 2010 – USDA Rural Development announced \$85 million in Section 502 Direct Loan funding remains for fiscal year 2010. Due to an increased level of funding as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, USDA Rural Development in Texas had more than \$130 million in Direct Loan funding available this year to help families achieve the dream of homeownership. Direct Loans are available to qualified applicants for purchasing or building a single family home in a rural area.

“USDA Rural Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities,” said

Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. “We have assisted thousands of Texans with purchasing a home and we look forward to continuing that tradition.”

Francisco and Maria Silva of Ferris, TX, are among the applicants who have been approved recently for the Direct Loan Program and now have a place to call home. “USDA Rural Development changed our lives. We would not have been able to buy a house without their assistance,” attributes Mr. Silva. As a proud homeowner, Francisco told the USDA Rural Development staff that assisted him, “you all need to come visit; my home is your home.”

USDA Rural Development’s Direct Loan program provides

100% financing through low-interest, no-down-payment loans to help low to very-low income families and individuals purchase their own home. Eligible homes must be located in a community of 10,000 persons or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made for homes in towns and cities with populations up to 25,000 people. Funding can be used to purchase an existing home or to build a new home, within the established loan guidelines.

For program eligibility or to complete a Direct Loan application, visit <http://offices.sc.e.gov.usda.gov/locator/app> for your nearest USDA Rural Development office or call (254) 742-9770 for further assistance.

NRCS Celebrates 75 Years

USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will turn 75 on April 27, 2010.

“For the past 75 years, the NRCS has led the nation in protecting our natural resources,” said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. “We have followed the lead of the first chief of our agency, Hugh Hammond Bennett, who envisioned the agency’s soil conservationists working one-on-one with producers on private lands and walking the land to develop a conservation plan with private landowners,” he said.

In Texas, approximately 90 percent of the land is privately owned. Gohmert said that means that the quality of our Texas land, water, air and habitats are dependent on the stewardship decisions that thousands of private landowners make every day.

Although programs and technology have provided many changes in the way NRCS delivers its services, Gohmert said working with the private landowner and getting conservation on the ground remains NRCS’s number one priority.

“That priority is reflected in our agency’s mission - Helping People Help the Land,” he said.

Conservation practices carried out by farmers, ranchers, and other landowners in Texas have improved the quality of life and built stronger rural communities in the state. The state’s natural resources have improved because of conservation practices such as crop rotations, terraces, waterways, windbreaks, wetland restoration, no-till farming, buffers, watershed dams, rangeland management, ponds, nutrient and pest management, to name a few.

“The 75 years of success of NRCS can be attributed to dedicated producers, agency employees, local soil and water conservation district supervisors and staff, and partners, all of whom worked together to accomplish the goal of protecting our natural resources,” Gohmert said.

“This agency’s rich

conservation legacy has resulted in many benefits to the state’s citizens—abundant food and fiber, clean water, clean air, productive soils, and open spaces to use and enjoy,” he said.

NRCS was created as the Soil Conservation Service within USDA on April 27, 1935, in response to the devastation of the Dust Bowl on the nation’s agricultural land. The agency’s primary mission then was to conserve soil on agricultural land. It became the Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1994 to better reflect its expanded role of servicing other natural resources such as water, air, plants, and animals on private lands.

For more information about NRCS in Texas, visit <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov> or stop by your local county USDA Service Center.

USDA’S Farm Service reminds producers to file annual report of acreage

CED Stephanie Bradley, Executive Director of USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County, today reminded producers to submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office to meet FSA program eligibility requirements.

“Producers must file their reports accurately and timely for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage, to ensure they receive the maximum FSA program benefits possible,” said Bradley.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program and newer programs authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. Programs include the Supplement Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

Acreage reports are considered timely filed when

completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting dates.

Floyd County crop reporting dates are:

Small Grains (wheat, oats, rye, barley, triticale, etc) – May 15, 2010

Row Crops (cotton, sorghum, corn, vegetables, oilseeds, CRP, etc) – July 15, 2010

Late filed provisions may be available to producers who are unable to meet the reporting deadline as required. Reports filed after the established deadline must meet certain requirements to be accepted and may be charged late fee.

Producers should visit their county FSA office to complete acreage reporting. For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office. More information on FSA programs is at: www.fsa.usda.gov

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Relay for Life 2010 * Luminaria Ceremony

The Luminaria Ceremony is one of the most moving moments of Relay. Many use this time to commemorate the loved ones who were lost by this disease. Others use Luminaria’s to celebrate the survivorship of the people who have won the battle. Would you like to honor someone with a luminaria at our relay for life? You too can help spread the light of hope and honor or remember those in your life who have been touched by cancer.

Floyd County Relay for Life April 30, 2010 Unity Building

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For more information Call; Janee Harrison, Luminaria Chair (806) 296-5267

Luminarias will also be on sale the night of relay. We hope to see you there!

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District [FISD] hereby serves notice that FISD will receive sealed bids from persons interested in purchasing the following real property located in the city of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas:

1. The property commonly known as The Floydada Independent School District CCLC or Della Plains campus. The property is located at 601 East Ross Street, Floydada Texas. This property contains all of Block 11 Original Town Floydada and consists of 16 - 50' x 150' lots or approximately 2.75 acres. All improvements will convey with the property.
2. The property is commonly known as the Floydada Independent School District R.C. Andrews Elementary School site and located at 215 North White Street, Floydada Texas. This Property contains all of Block J Andrews Addition, Lot B Andrews Addition and Block 14 Western addition as well as the property on which the building resides or approximately 10.05 total acres.

FISD will accept bids for the entire property with all improvements OR for just the East 1/2 of the real property with all improvements.

Interested parties may contact Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent, FISD Administration Office, 226 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas or 806.983.3498 to arrange for inspection of the premises and for review of the sales contract and Special Warranty Deed.

This property houses buildings that are known to contain asbestos and/or asbestos-containing material. A copy of FISD’s Asbestos Management Plan setting forth the location and identity of all known hazardous materials will be provided to bidders upon request. Bidders will be required to assume by contract all current and future responsibilities, costs, abatements, and liabilities of all hazardous materials.

Interested bidders may obtain a bid packet from Superintendent, Jerry Vaughn, at the office of the Floydada Independent School District’s Administration Office, 226 W. California, Floydada Texas. The bid packet contains: a full legal description of the Property, bid instructions and the District’s “Contract of Sale.” Bidders shall return a completed “Contract of Sale,” with the required earnest money, in a sealed envelope marked “R.C. Andrews Real Property Bid, Entire Premises” or “R.C. Andrews Real Property Bid, East of Premises” to office of the Floydada Independent School District’s Administrative Office, 226 W. California Street, Floydada Texas, 79235, Attention Jerry Vaughn. Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 PM May 17, 2010. All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and possible approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Floydada ISD reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed and will be subject to reversion to the FISD in the event the property is used for the purpose of establishment or operation of a segregated school system in accordance with standing orders entered in *United States v. Texas*, Civil Action No. 5281, (E. D. Tex., August 9 and 15, 1973). The conveyance is contingent upon review and approval by the Texas Commissioner of Education.

Bids must be based on a lump sum cash payment (net of all closing costs), payable not more than 30 days following approval of the sale by the Board of Trustees. Bidders will be responsible for arranging any desired surveys, title insurance, other inspections of the premises, and all other “closing costs” without cost to FISD. Bids, which specify other payment terms, will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered. Floydada Independent School District reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any formalities.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A BID TO THIS INVITATION TO BID, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING A BEST BIDDER. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ANY OF ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID.

Lockney Senior Citizens Menu

- May 3-7
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Wednesday: pork chop
Thursday: chicken strips
Friday: meat loaf

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Ban on skiing and personal watercraft lifted

The administration of Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority (Lake Mackenzie) has lifted the ban on water skiing, tubing or a person towed by a boat, and the use of personal watercraft (Jet Skis, Seadoos, etc.) as of April 20, 2010.

The ban was put in effect January 1,

2009 and in is now cancelled due to a 5' 6" rise in the lake level due to recent rainfall in the lake's watershed.

For more information regarding Lake Mackenzie (including a fee schedule) visit the website www.lakemackenzie.com.

the disease. For a suggested donation of \$5.00 or more, anyone can commemorate a cancer victim or honor a survivor with a luminaria which will be lighted during the ceremony.

ENTERTAINMENT

There will be entertainment by local singing groups, and games will be played at various times during the relay event.

FUND RAISING EVENTS

Relay teams have already conducted several fund-raising events for the relay. The Lockney Elementary School team raised \$570 with their "pie in the face" contest where students donated money to see their "favorite" teachers receive a pie in the face during a school assembly. The Lockney High School/Junior High team raffled off a half beef donated by Caprock Feed Yard No. 6. Melissa Kunselman won that raffle. Mangold Memorial Hospital's team had several fund raisers including a bake sale and fish luncheon. The Sterley team hosted a fajita

RELAY

supper, and the team led by Leigha Pate sold candy and Gatorade and took donations.

WHAT IS RELAY FOR LIFE?

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fair-ground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event.

Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's larg-

est movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 20 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thanks to Relay participants, the American Cancer Society continues to save lives.

Floydada quarter-cent sales tax on May 8 ballot

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

During this May's election the City of Floydada's quarter-cent sales tax for street maintenance will be on the ballot for citizens to vote FOR or AGAINST continuing the tax. According to Floydada City Manager Gary Brown, this quarter-cent sales tax can only be used for costs of maintenance and repair on existing streets; it cannot be used to create or pave new streets or to do any other project. Brown said currently the quarter-cent sales tax revenue is used to sealcoat streets, patch pot holes, purchase base for dirt streets, and improve drainage culverts.

When asked what specific street repair and maintenance projects this quarter-cent sales tax has been used for since the last time the tax was voted in, Brown said many different blocks all over town - primarily west of Main Street - have been contracted out for sealcoating, and coal mix has been purchased

for pot hole repair all over town.

By law, this tax must be on the ballot every four years for the citizens to decide whether it continues to supply revenue in this way for the City to maintain its streets. The quarter-cent sales tax was originally estimated to bring in \$20,000 a year for street maintenance, but actually averages more than \$30,000 a year. The tax is paid by anyone who buys a taxable item in Floydada - not just Floydada citizens.

Brown said if the quarter-cent sales tax continues, the City is currently looking at what street repair/maintenance projects will be addressed next. "We're looking at our sealcoat program," Brown said. He said the City sealcoats the streets every year whether they have the income from the tax or not, but he voiced how important it is for the City to have this additional revenue to fund the maintenance programs.

Election day is May 8th, at the Massie Activity Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

PLAYGROUND DONATION - Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly makes her donation to the Floydada Lions Club for new playground equipment at Floydada Park. The Lions, represented in the photograph by Lion Boss Bobby Gilliland (left) and Lion Treasurer Tommy Ogden, are collecting funds in an attempt to secure a matching-funds grant from the Helen Jones Foundation in Lubbock to replace old, outdated playground equipment at the park. Their goal is to raise \$17,500 for the project. County Judge Golightly issued a statement saying "I challenge all Floydada residents and anyone who uses the park to donate to the new playground equipment fund. Let's make this happen for the safety and activity of our children."

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TENNIS

Doubles. They defeated the #4 seed of Wall and then lost to Shallowater in a three set, second round match.

Mason and Haden Lipham (Boys Doubles) defeated Spearman in the first round and then lost to the 3rd place Reagan County team in the second round. Lindsey Beedy and Tim Campbell (Mixed Doubles) lost in a first round match to Shallowater. Hannah Griffin also found the day to be tough in Girls Singles when she met up with Kaitlyn Remer of Jim Ned.

I am so very proud of all the kids who participated at Regionals. They left it all out on the court and that is all I could ask them to do. This team has seven seniors that will graduate this year. I will certainly miss each one of them and will miss their leadership.

I need to give special thanks to the parents of our team who have followed us everywhere and have done anything I have ask them to do to help. Thank you for the support of all the kids. It was amazing, to look up on Thursday when Lexie and Brityn were playing in the final, to see all the parents who stayed to support the two of them. I know many will be supporting them as they go to State in May.

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LHS TRACK

at Lowery Field in Lubbock but due to rain the meet was moved to Sundown. Josh and Shaquille both competed in the shot put. Josh placed 7th and Shaquille placed 3rd and qualified for regionals in Levelland on May 3 and 4.

Shaquille also competed in the discus. He placed 4th and qualified for regionals.

The top 4 places in an event at the area meet qualify for regionals.

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DID YOU KNOW?



The senior population is one of the fastest-growing demographics, thus making it a very influential one. There are currently about 500 million people age 65 or older around the world. And many seniors are living longer than ever before. Statistics project that there will be 580,605 centenarians in the United States in 2040. Also, by 2050, seniors will make up 21 percent of the population. While there is no singular reason for seniors living longer, advancements in medicine no doubt have played a major role in the average life expectancy increasing over the last several years.

Get the Facts About Glaucoma

As people age, many expect their health to begin to deteriorate at least a little bit. While science has made many advancements and people are now living longer and healthier lives, there are still some signs people recognize as signs of aging. And these signs can begin as early as a person's 20s, growing more noticeable as time goes on.

One side effect many inappropriately associate strictly with aging is glaucoma. Though commonly considered a disease of the elderly, glaucoma is not strictly limited to baby boomers and seniors citizens. While the Glaucoma Research Foundation notes that the elderly are at a higher risk for glaucoma, they are also quick to point out that 1 out of every 10,000 babies born in the United States is born with glaucoma, illustrating the broad expanse of this potentially harmful disease.

With that in mind, consider the following quick facts about glaucoma:

- * Roughly half of the 4 million Americans who have glaucoma are unaware they have it.

* Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness. It's important to get routine eye examinations, as even those who do and receive adequate treatment for glaucoma will not necessarily avoid blindness. In fact, roughly 10 percent of people with glaucoma who receive proper treatment still experience loss of vision. For those who never get treatment, the likelihood of blindness is even greater.

* There are not necessarily symptoms of glaucoma. The importance of eye examinations is further emphasized by the very real likelihood there will be no discernible symptoms of glaucoma, as doctors often diagnose the disease before patients know they even have a vision problem. When vision loss begins, it does so with diminished peripheral vision. Many people subconsciously compensate by turning their head to the side.

* According to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, African-Americans are particularly susceptible to glaucoma at a young age.



Many empty nesters are finding their adult children need to move back home for one reason or another.

Mature drivers can sharpen their road skills

While younger drivers are commonly perceived as the riskiest drivers on the road, insurance companies also consider more mature drivers to be big risks as well.

Driver improvement courses -- offered in a classroom setting or online -- can help mature drivers become safer behind the wheel.

According to the AAA, the most common factors in collisions involving mature drivers are:

- * failure to yield right of way
- * improper left turns
- * confusion in heavy traffic
- * inattention
- * complications while backing up
- * Failure to maintain proper speed
- * Hesitation in responding to new traffic signs, signals or pavement markings

Seniors, however, can reduce their risk of car accidents by taking a few easy precautions.

- * Move into an intersection only after checking the area for pedestrians, cyclists, hazards, and other motor vehicles. Don't be pressured into sudden moves by other drivers.
- * Limit conversation and

keep the radio volume low to minimize distraction.

- * Don't drive when tired, depressed or in the grips of a strong emotion, such as anger.

- * Never drink and drive. Metabolism changes with age, and even one drink can make driving unsafe at any speed.

- * Avoid driving while taking new medications.

- * Ensure that the windshield is clean and visibility is clear. Do not smoke inside the vehicle.

Driving in heavy traffic can be the most difficult aspect of driving. If such a situation is unavoidable, try to stay in one lane, use turn signals, be patient and avoid frequent lane changes. Remain alert but relaxed, and try to enjoy the ride.

Pedestrians, especially in urban settings, pose a special kind of problem for senior drivers because of their unpredictability. While most pedestrians use crosswalks and obey signals, expect the unexpected. Watch out for bicyclists and skaters, who usually move at a faster speed than walkers and runners.

Remember that pedestrians always have the right of way.

When the Empty Nest Becomes Full Again

Soaring unemployment numbers, rising prices on necessities and stricter rules regarding qualifying for a home mortgage have become the norm. As a side-effect, many adult children are finding difficulty making ends meet. The solution for many is to ask Mom or Dad if they can move back home.

Young adults and even established families are finding that the economic crunch is taking its toll on their ability to make it on their own. The scarcity of jobs and high foreclosure rates is leading a number of adult-age children to solicit their parents for a place to stay. While the situation is often billed to be temporary, the economic downturn might linger longer than expected.

Recent census figures indicate that more than 80 million parents who generally would be empty nesters actually have at least one grown child living at home. Whether this is a result of the economic downturn, adult children caring for aging parents or another financial situation, the rates are growing. What's happening is that individuals who grew accustomed to their independent lifestyles are forced once again to make compromises living under the same roof. The results can be tenuous. However, there are steps to take to help the situation work.

- * There has to be a legitimate need for children to move back home. It can't simply be a whim or lack of ambition.

- * Parents should see a real need to help their child or children.

- * The situation should be presented as a temporary one, with a firm deadline. Children are expected to find new living arrangements as soon as possible.

- * The children contribute to the household in a tangible method. This can involve financial contributions, housework, caring for parents or a combination of factors.

- * It is important for the child to have a good relationship with Mom. Studies indicate that a happier household is indicative of mother and child cohabitating well. The relationship with the father isn't as important, behavior experts say.

- * The parents' relationship should be strong and established. Newlyweds welcoming an adult child (who will be a stepchild to one parent) could face tension.

- * Set ground rules for the house. Remember, the child is living under his or her parents' roof. Parents' rules apply.

- * Give each other the space needed. Three or more adults living in a space can eat away at nerves, especially if everyone has their idea of how things should be done. Respect others' privacy and spend time alone when possible.

- * Parents should not feel obligated to care for their adult children's kids if they are moving in as well. Don't take over responsibility or diminish your child's authority over his or her own progeny.

- * Do not sacrifice your own financial future to help your children. Decide how much you want and can afford to help.



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Caring for an aging parent

As U.S. Census Bureau reports can attest, the number of older adults in the United States is growing.

Thanks to advances in medicine and an attitudinal shift toward healthier lifestyles, people are living longer, and the growing number of seniors is a testament to that.

Still, the exploding senior population has also resulted in a growing number of adults caring for older adults. The recent economic struggles have also added to this number, as many adults have found that nursing homes or assisted living centers are no longer affordable in these tough times.

For adults faced with the responsibility of caring for an aging parent, consider the following tips to make sure the transitions goes as smoothly as possible.

*** Be prepared.** While not all aging parents will need to move in with their sons or daughters as they get older, many will. Preparing for this possibility well in advance can make the process go much more smoothly.

Don't wait until parents' health deteriorates to the point where options will be limited. Also, by planning ahead, you're

able to consider what your parents want, whereas waiting too late can limit their input and possibly lessen their quality of life as a result.

*** Discuss the situation with your own family.** Another way to make the transition go smoothly is to prepare your children for the changes that could come once their grandmother or grandfather moves in. Seek children's input regardless of how young they are.

Doing so will make them feel better about the process. For example, rather than telling a child that grandma will be taking their bedroom, ask them how they would feel if they were asked to move rooms, and explain to them the need for sacrifice for everyone.

By including them in the decision-making process you're letting them know their views matter, which is often a problem when parents don't discuss the issue with children beforehand.

*** Be sure your home is safe.** Certain things are safe for young adults and children but much less so for seniors.

For example, bathrooms are often danger zones for seniors, and slipping and



Involving kids in the decision-making when seniors are moving in is one way to ensure everyone is still smiling once Grandma or Grandpa make the move.

falling can prove disastrous for seniors. Consider installing handrails in the shower to make things safer for seniors.

Other easy ways to make a home safer for seniors is to use higher wattage light

bulbs to increase visibility, securing throw rugs to reduce the likelihood of slipping, and converting a first floor room into a bedroom to make it easier for seniors to get around the house and lessen their load.

Knowing the warning signs of Alzheimer's, a growing disease

As persons age, many understand there are certain things that are changing and need to be accepted. Someone who was once a night owl might now realize they work better on a full night's rest. Those who tended to spend long days at the office might realize they now need to head home at quitting time to better preserve their energy.

While both of those realizations manifest themselves physically, another more troubling problem occurs mentally. Alzheimer's disease affects as many as 5.3 million people in the United States alone, and Alzheimer's and de-

mentia triple healthcare costs for Americans age 65 and older according to the 2009 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report from the Alzheimer's Association.

Part of the fear associated with Alzheimer's disease is the uncertainty surrounding it. While seniors might be willing to admit they can't burn the midnight oil like they once did, few can accept or are willing to admit they might be suffering some mental side effects of aging as well. Therefore, it's often up to friends and family to look for the warning signs of Alzheimer's. If you see or suspect any of the fol-

lowing signs in a friend or relative, consult a physician immediately.

*** Disruptive changes in memory.** The Alzheimer's Association notes that one of most common, particularly in its early stages, indicators of Alzheimer's is forgetting recently learned information. Other memory disruptions that could indicate Alzheimer's are forgetting important dates or events, routinely using memory aides such as notes or asking for information more than once.

*** Difficulty planning or solving problems.** Some people begin to struggle with planning, both developing a plan for a given

task or following another's plan. This can include difficulty with daily responsibilities such as following recipes or monthly tasks like making sure the bills

get paid. Tasks that once took a few moments might now take a lot longer as well.

*** Difficulty performing familiar tasks.** Familiar

tasks often seem foreign to people with Alzheimer's. This can include driving a car, understanding a favorite game or cleaning

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Tips for seniors living on a fixed income

Few issues have garnered more headlines in recent months than the drastic events that are plaguing the nation's financial institutions.

For seniors who might have lost some or all of their retirement nest eggs, the unfortunate financial developments since late 2008 have only highlighted the importance of surviving on a fixed income. Those who may or may not have lost some retirement savings in the faltering economy should consider the following tips for living on a fixed income.

* Join price clubs at grocery stores and pharmacies. By signing up for price clubs at neighborhood grocery stores and pharmacies, you're often making yourself eligible for sale prices on items without having to scour the Sunday newspaper circulars and clip coupons.

* Buy select items in bulk. Buying nonperishable items in bulk can also be a great way to save money. Many neigh-

borhood grocery stores now sell certain items, such as toiletries and paper towels in bulk, and some even have aisles devoted entirely to bulk items.

If the neighborhood store does not, call around to the bulk stores that require memberships and inquire as to the membership fees associated with each. If the differences are negligible, choose the store that's closest to home to save money on gas and make trips more convenient.

* Don't be skittish about senior discounts. While some seniors might scoff at taking advantage of senior discounts, such discounts are a great way to save money and making the most of them is nothing to be ashamed of.

* Cook at home rather than eat out. Seniors don't have to try new restaurants in order to taste new cuisine. Visit the local library and check out some cookbooks to use in the comfort of your own kitchen.

Limit trips to restaurants to special occasions.

* Invite the kids to your house. Seniors often can't visit their kids and grandkids enough. Unfortunately, if the kids live far away, the cost of these vis-

its can really add up. For seniors who live in warmer climates, invite the kids and grandkids to visit during the winter, offering a welcome respite from the cold winter weather and a great chance to reconnect with family.

Eating Healthier as You Get Older

Though even the President of the United States' wife is publicly taking America's obesity epidemic to task, more and more people in America and across the globe are trying to tackle their weight problems and eat healthier. Because kids are naturally more physically active than their adult counterparts, it can be easier for the younger crowd to get healthier.

For seniors, who no longer have rapid metabolisms, losing weight or keeping pounds off is far more difficult. Because even the most active senior is limited in what he or she can handle with respect to physical activity, a greater emphasis must be placed on eating healthy the older a person gets. Fortunately, there are many ways for seniors to eat healthier without making drastic changes to their lifestyles.

Don't Forget Fluids

Be it seniors, young adults or even kids, water is an essential part of a healthy diet. For years, the medical profession has said eight cups per day is what the average adult needs to keep his or her body working properly. Eight cups per day should help avoid dehydration, the side effects of which include dry skin, elevated heart rate, lack of energy, and weakness.

One area seniors should be extra careful regards their caffeine intake. Caffeine can make the body lose water, so seniors who still enjoy caffeinated coffee or the occasional soda should be aware that it might be costing them in other areas.

Change Your Shopping Habits

How a person shops for food can have a big impact on how healthy that person eats. For instance, don't shop when you are hungry. Doing so often leads to buying more food than you need and even buying certain foods you otherwise would not eat.

Seniors typically must live on a budget. While this can make it difficult to eat healthy, it's not impossible. Comparison shopping is one way to save money and eat healthy at the same time. Check labels for generic store brands to see if there's any difference in nutritional value. Oftentimes there is no difference, and the generic brands are significantly cheaper.

When buying fruit, buy fruit at various stages of ripeness. That way, you can eat one ripe piece of fruit today and one that will be ripe tomorrow.

Don't Forget Dairy

While many seniors struggle to digest dairy as they get older, there are ways to

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Don't let living on a fixed income take away from enjoying your retirement years.

Helping Seniors Cope with Recession-Related Financial Loss

During the global economic downturn in 2009, many people were forced to reassess their financial futures. While some weathered the storm better than others, few came out of the recession in better shape than they entered it.

Perhaps no group of people was more hurt than baby boomers or senior citizens. While some senior citizens were savvy enough to see the economic downturn coming and therefore minimize the damage done to their nest eggs, many more witnessed their retire-

ment savings take a big hit.

In many cases, the children of those baby boomers and senior citizens are left wondering what they can do to help. Adults themselves, these children have likely also taken a financial hit as a result of the recession, and might be puzzled as to how they can help their parents or in-laws cope with financial loss. The following tips may help do just that.

* Avoid using credit cards. Credit cards are not the solution to solving any current debt or financial problems. Credit cards are only adding more debt or, for those without any current debt, creating a bigger financial problem than the one that currently exists. While recent legislation in the United States has placed restrictions on creditors and interest rates, that does not mean credit cards are now a viable crutch for those struggling financially.

* Discourage risk. The knee jerk reaction when one loses money in the market is generally one of two things. Some investors immediately want to pull all of their money out of the market, while others want to take on more risk. The latter is similar to someone losing money at a casino and continually doubling their bets in an effort to recoup their losses with one lucky hand. Unfortunately, there is no lucky hand when it comes to the market, and adults should discourage their parents of taking on riskier investments to recoup their lost nest eggs. Regardless of how much a person may or may not have lost during the recession, the rule of thumb that investments should grow less risky as

we grow older still applies.

* Recommend a relocation. While the housing market also took a hit during the recession, chances are your parents' property is still quite valuable. What's more, if your parents are still in the home where they raised their family, that's an asset they probably no longer need. Whether downsizing involves selling the home and moving to a smaller home or condo or selling the home and relocating to a more affordable state or city, it's an option that can free up assets and help relieve some of the stress associated with losses from the recession.

* Discuss a fixed annuity. Fixed annuities might not be for everyone, but seniors worried about outliving their retirement savings and having no income might want to consider a fixed annuity. These can be immediate or deferred, allowing seniors the chance to plan for living on a fixed income without having to jump right into it. Consult a financial advisor with your parents to discuss the advantages and disadvantages to fixed annuities.

* Suggest retirees adjust their withdrawal rate. Current retirees can adjust their retirement account withdrawal rate and save money in doing so. While it might not be ideal to cut back spending during a time that's supposed to be care-free, the recession certainly changed reality in ways many did not foresee. As a result, cutting spending by reducing their rate of withdrawal might be the best way seniors can still enjoy their golden years and hang on to their money as well.

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Common discounts available to senior citizens

Today's seniors might cringe at the escalating costs of necessities such as prescription medication and even higher utility bills, and understandably so.

However, savvy seniors can save by taking advantage of a host of discounts exclusive to the those over the age of 65.

* **Travel perks.** Many seniors love to travel, and can even do so at heavily discounted prices. Larger hotel chains often offer seniors discounts as high as 10 percent. Unfortunately, many U.S. domestic airlines, facing higher fuel prices and dwindling business due to the global economic downturn, ceased offering senior discounts



in 2009. However, certain airlines, including Southwest Airlines, still offer discounted rates to seniors.

These discounts can be as much as 10 percent. It's also common for car rental agencies to offer senior discounts.

* **Transportation.** Many communities provide

heavily discounted, if not free, rates to seniors for public transportation. early bird specials still exist, many chain restaurants offer discounted prices to seniors regardless of time of day. In many cases, these discounts aren't listed on the menu, but it never hurts, and typically saves, to ask.

* **Arts and culture.** Seniors looking to spend a day or night on the town and take in some culture can typically do so at a discounted rate.

Museums and National Parks typically offer discounted admission to seniors, as do movie theaters and even some concert halls.

Healthy Eating

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still get the health benefits of dairy, including stronger bones, and not struggle with digestion.

When eating dairy, eat smaller amounts more times per day. Also, eat

dairy products with a meal and not alone. This can help ease digestion. For cheese aficionados, eat aged cheeses like Swiss or cheddar instead of mild cheeses, which are more difficult to digest.

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Alzheimer's

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the house.

* **Losing track of time or place.** Seniors who begin to lose track of time, forget what season it is or where they are might be suffering from Alzheimer's. Many times, people with Alzheimer's only understand things that are happening immediately.

* **Problems with vision and spatial relationships.** While many people are quick to assume vision loss is a standard sign of aging, such loss could also be indicative of a larger problem such as Alzheimer's, which can make it difficult for seniors to read, judge distance or distinguish between colors. In addition, someone with Alzheimer's might walk past a mirror and think someone else in the room, unaware the person in the mirror is their own reflection.

* **Difficulty with conversation.** Sometimes, people with Alzheimer's have trouble maintaining or joining a conver-

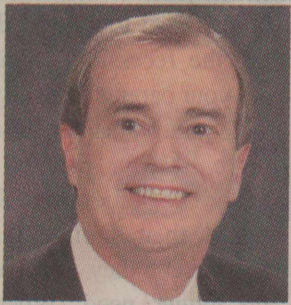
sation. Some people might struggle with vocabulary, such as calling things by the wrong name, while others might stop in the middle of a conversation and not be able to continue. Most typical is when a person cannot find the right word to express a given idea.

* **Misplacing items and being unable to retrace steps.** Nearly everyone misplaces an item from time to time. However, this is more common among those with Alzheimer's, who might put their car keys in the refrigerator or routinely lose items such as the remote control or their eyeglasses. When such items are misplaced, a person who could have Alzheimer's will find it nearly impossible to retrace their steps.

* **Poor judgement.** People with Alzheimer's can suffer from poor judgement as well. This includes making poor financial decisions or paying less attention to grooming and appearance.

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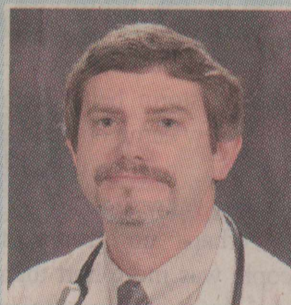
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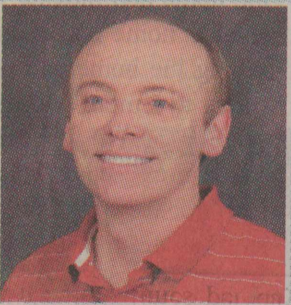
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