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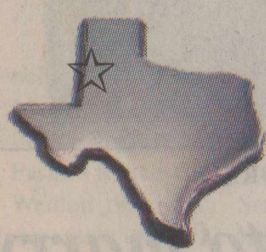
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## Floyd County Pioneer Reunion May 22

The Floyd County Pioneer Association was formally organized on May 28, 1929. The event was in commemoration of the 39th birthday of Floyd County. The County was organized May 28, 1890. Some 250 Floyd County residents attended the organizational meeting. The meeting began with a basket lunch at noon and included several talks by early settlers of the Plains.

Officers were elected and it was decided to make the pioneer reunion an annual event. May 28, 1930 was the date set for the first official Floyd County Old Pioneers Reunion. The meeting ended with a square dance held on the pavement on the North side of the square. The May 30, 1929 issue of the Floyd County Hesperian described the meeting as one of the happiest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Floydada.

In 2010, the Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 22. The Association members voted in years past to hold the Reunion on the fourth Saturday of May each year. The festivities will begin on Friday May 21, with the Floyd County Historical Museum hosting an Open House from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. On Saturday, May 22, the day will begin with registration of all attendants. A Flag Presentation Ceremony on the Square by local Boy Scouts will kick off the celebration.

The day's activities will include a barbecue lunch, parade, cow patty bingo, classic car show (Nifty Fifty Car

Club), antique car show, quilt and wildflower show. Arts and crafts vendors will be located on the lawn and into the street on the west side of the square. Various food vendors will also be present.

Under the pavilion, south of the courthouse, activities will include: Business Meeting; Awards to Pioneer Man, Woman and Couple; Memorial Service; Election of Officers; Arts and Crafts Auction; Awards to Oldest Man and Woman; Award to person traveling the greatest distance; drawing for prizes; parade awards; and special entertainment—The Team Swing from Silverton.

The museum, north of the square, will be open 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and will be the site of wildflower and quilt show in the Barrow Building.

## Friends of the library book sale May 22

By Carolyn Cheek

The Friends of the Library would like to announce their upcoming book sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 during the Old Settler's Celebration at the library.

We are currently accepting donations of new or used books. Please take your books to the library so that we might have a good selection of books to offer at the sale.

We will appreciate any and all books you might have to donate for this worthy cause.



Courtesy Photo

BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS -- Lockney High School Lady Horns softball team. Left to right, front row: Logan Edwards, Tanya Hernandez, Dolores Luna, Sunny Williams, Blanca Molinar. Middle row: Gabby Peralez, Devin Caballero, Jennifer Ybarra. Back row: Coach Ray Jimenez, Katalina Araujo, Meagan Dunn, Alex Salazar, Abby Garza, Quinn Jackson, Lezlie Jackson, Coach Lisa Schumacher.

## Lady Horns claim bi-district title, advance to area

Advance to area round playoffs against Forsan

The Lockney Lady Horn softball team made school history Friday night as they defeated Roby 18-3 to claim the bi-district championship. In the playoffs for the first time in their two years of playing UIL softball, the Lady Horns run-ruled Roby in five innings to claim their first-ever post-season victory.

With a win of the coin toss the Lady Horns took the field as the home team. Roby stepped up to the plate and hit three singles. The fourth batter drove in runners and made it 3-0. However a

double play ensued when the hit to short stop Sunny Williams was thrown out at first, then Abby Garza threw it to catcher Lezlie Jackson who nabbed a runner coming home, ending the Lady Lions' first at-bat.

The Lady Horns answered back in the first inning with three runs of their own. Lockney was in control the rest of the game. The Lady Horns scored five runs in each of the second, third, and fourth innings. Lockney managed to slug out 14 hits while striking out just twice. With their "hot

bats" Lockney finished the game with 18 runs to Roby's 3.

Lezlie Jackson and Blanca Molinar, Lockney's only two seniors, as well as sophomore Jennifer Ybarra, had three hits each, and Molinar had four RBI's. Lezlie Jackson had three RBI's and scored each of the four times she was at bat. Quinn Jackson and Abby Garza scored three times each, along with Ybarra who was three for three.

With the win over Roby, Lockney will advance to the area round of the

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Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

CANCER SURVIVORS enjoyed a free meal at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life last week. Pictured left to right are caregiver Phillip Wilbanks and survivors Jo Bryant Wilbanks, J.W. Cannon, Dolores Cannon, Carolyn Marble and Fern Hartsell. The Floyd County Relay was held Friday night in the Unity Center at Muncy.

## FHS Ex-Students fund-raiser

The Floydada Ex-Students Association/Homecoming Committee 2012, will kickoff Old Settler's weekend with a Prime Rib dinner fundraiser on Friday evening, May 21st at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner will be held in "The Covey" located inside the Commercial Hotel in

Floydada (102 S. 5th Street, corner of 5th Street and Missouri Street). The night will also include local live entertainment.

Tickets to the fundraiser are \$20 per person and are available at the First National Bank of Floydada, American

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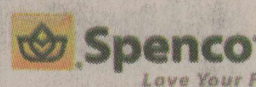


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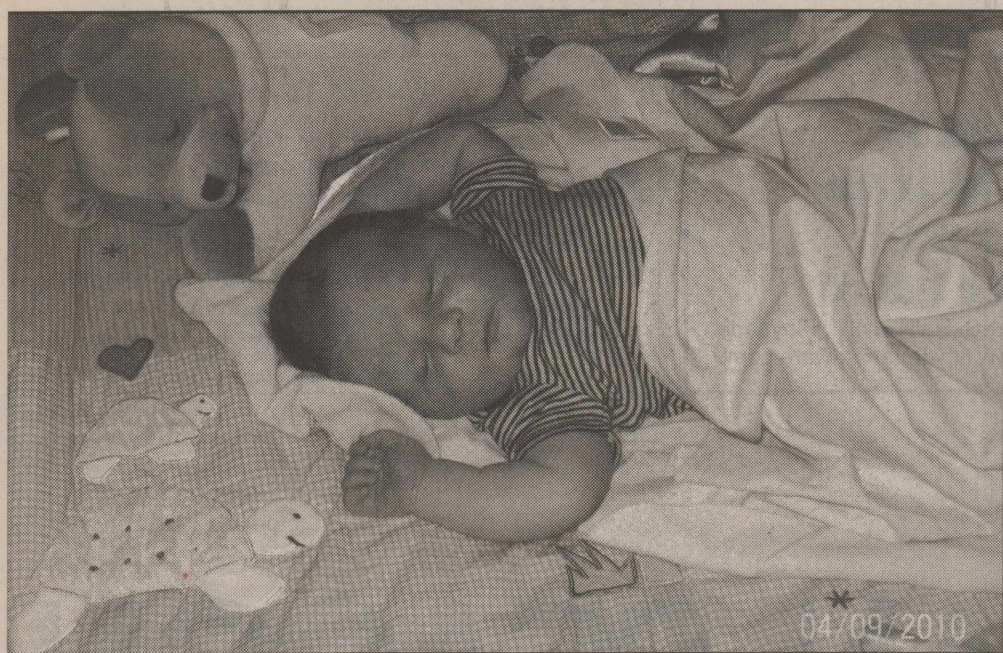
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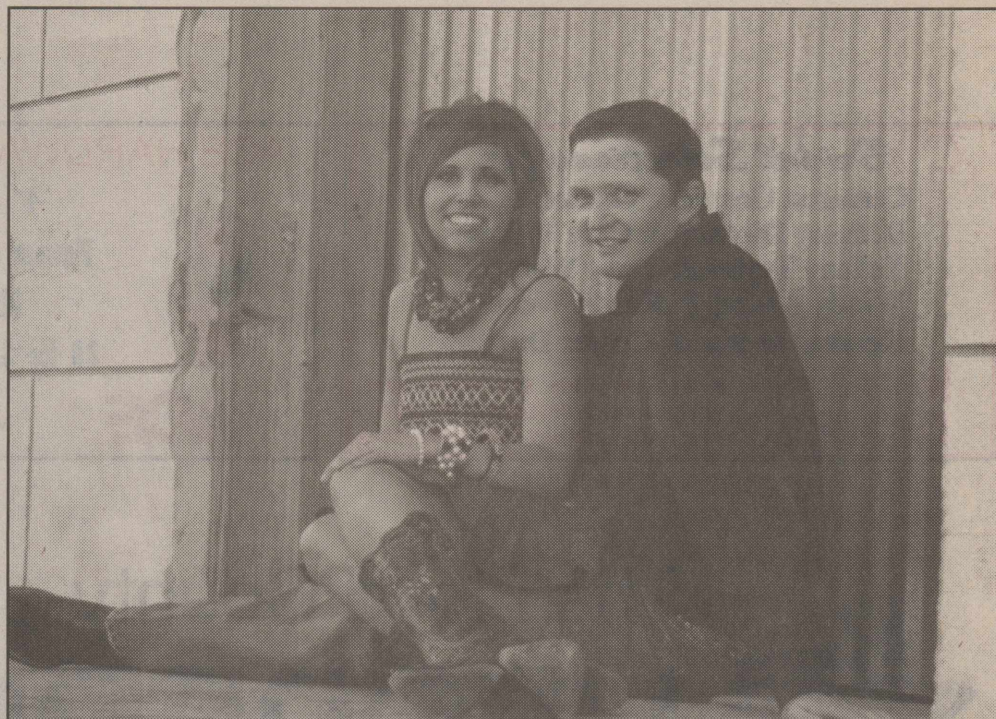
Dustin, Casey and Dalton Owens are proud to announce the birth of their son and brother, Jackson Lee Owens. He was born April 2, 2010 at 2:51 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. He weighed 9 pounds and 13 ounces and was 20" long. Grandparents are Joyce Owens and the late Jimmy Owens of Floydada and Becky and Gregg Gordon of San Jon, New Mexico. Great-grandmothers are Marie Warren of Floydada, Robbie Gibbs of Logan, New Mexico and Evelyn Rains Gordon of San Jon, New Mexico.

## FLOYD COUNTY Unity Center NEWS

**By Elaine LaBaume**  
Floyd County Friends Unity Center was "buzzing" last week. It kept manager, Jon LaBaume, busy getting ready from one event to the next. On Tuesday night, April 27th, J & K Insurance of Lockney, Floydada and Canyon held their annual Germania Insurance meeting. Several people won cash door prizes. On Thursday night, April 29th, Lighthouse Electric held their annual meeting. I know for sure that the Lighthouse Electric employees are very

thankful for the Unity Center, as it is so much easier for them to come out there for their annual meeting. Friday night, April 30th, the Floyd County Relay for Life was held. Manager Jon LaBaume said the Luminary Candle Ceremony was very impressive. There was a woman that visited with LaBaume and told him what a great place the Unity Center was to have the Relay for Life. She said in the past when they were held outside, the weather was nearly always bad and this was so much better for all involved.

Eight hundred sixty eight people attended these events at the Unity Center. Something new has been added to our website. You can now send me donations to "Honor" someone. Visit our website and see the person that has been honored. As always you can send memorials to me at 901 West Lee Street, Floydada, TX 79235. This is a great way to help support the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Visit our website at [www.floydcountyfriends.org](http://www.floydcountyfriends.org)



COOTER DURHAM AND KENDRA ANDRAE

## Durham and Andrae to marry

Danny and Lesca Durham of Lockney and David and Karen Andrae of Plainview announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their children, Cooter Durham and Kendra Andrae. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Albert Andrae of Plainview and the late Cecilia Andrae, Danna Bishop of Corpus Christi and the late Harold Bishop. She is a 2003 graduate of Plainview High School and is employed as a shipping specialist at Pioneer Hi-Bred in Plainview. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Russell and Louise Guillams of Carlsbad, New Mexico, the late Lester Durham, and the late Albert and Mamie Hayes. He is a 1999 graduate of Lockney High School and attended South Plains College in Levelland. He is employed as a Tech II at Pioneer Hi-Bred in Plainview. The couple plan a July 31, 2010 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

## VJ's News

**By Vera Jo Bybee**  
Hello everyone! Here's your weekly letter from home. I'm sorry about last week's news but I didn't feel like writing it from my hospital bed. They wouldn't treat me as an outpatient so I spent a week in the hospital with a case of pneumonia again. It was a different kind of pneumonia this time. It took me a whole week, Thursday, April 22 through Thursday, April 29, to get well. Well I don't know about being well, but I am better. Also while being in there I caught another virus-diarrhea and vomiting. Daughter Becky and son Louie who were staying with me came down with it, and several of my visitors came down with it also. I am so sorry for them. My daughter Dara of Plano, who came in last Friday, came down with it this morning (Sunday) right before she left to go back home. Poor thing called and told me she made it home but still doesn't feel well. She

hopes she will be better in the morning so she can go to work. Who knows? Needless to say I haven't been able to get any news for you except what went on in the hospital. That was Sterling Cummings and Mildred Hulcy were in the hospital while I there, but we three got to go home. Merle Mooney and Gale Reay came in and are still in there. Hope they will be home by the time you read this. Don Marble was in here when I came in, but he is now in the Lubbock heart hospital while they tell me Nancy is in a motel room with hip pain. My goodness, I don't know what is going to happen to all us "elderly" people or people who feel elderly. Ha! I called Gene and Wanda to see what was going on at the Center this week. They said it was mostly home folks except Walter Reves and his daughter Elaine and his son Rex. Walter turned his key to the Center in 'cause he said he couldn't use it all the

way from Midland. He will be missed so much when he gets moved. He was such a faithful worker at the Center. We did so appreciate all you did, Walter. While I was in the hospital my daughter Becky called me and told me the sad news about my dear friend Marie Keeter passing away. It was so sad to come home and read all the cute and wonderful emails she wrote me up to the very day she passed away. We had made so many plans for the fun things we were going to do after her retirement this summer. It is still so hard for me to believe that she is gone. Maybe next week your letter from home will be more newsy. Love you. vj.

**MENU**  
**May 10-14**  
**Monday:** baked potato  
**Tuesday:** baked ham  
**Wednesday:** beef nachos  
**Thursday:** salmon  
**Friday:** brisket



**JOE AND JEAN APPLING** will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a reception to be held at the First Baptist Church in Floydada on Sunday, May 16, 2010. Norma Jean Ballah and Joe Robert Appling were married on April 29, 1960 in Hobbs, New Mexico. They have lived at Mt. Blanco since their marriage. The reception will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and hosted by their three children and families. They have two sons, David Appling of Mt. Blanco and Mark Appling and his wife, Cindee of Crosbyton and one daughter, Robbye Appling of Lubbock. They also have six grandchildren.

## Floydada Senior Citizens 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. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Joe Waller of Plainview ate lunch with us and met some of our members. Addam Ferguson was at the Center eating lunch with his grandmother, Willie Mae Ferguson on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to those who have a May birthday..... May 1 - Margaret Jones; May 3 - Darlinda Marquis; May 5 - Doug Galloway; May 12 - Jackie Duke; May 13 - J. W. Cannon; May 16 - Clovis Myrick; May 23 - Harold Snell; May 25 - Billy Stringer; May 31 - Herman

Graham, Alyne Evans. We appreciate you remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. **In memory of Johnnie Cates** - Richard and Glenda Love, Ed and Barbara Nutt, Jack and Stacy Nutt, Wayland and Margaret Jones. **In memory of Edna Gilliland** - Cousin Georgia Lee Davis, Don and Carolyn Hardy. **In memory of James Minner** - Shorty Turner, Jerry and Winola Galloway. **In memory of Shelia Faulkenberry** - Don and Carolyn Hardy, Bill and Norma Feuerbacher, 1956 Study Club. **In memory of Louise Turner** - Don and Carolyn Hardy. **In memory of Thelma**

**Fawver** - Don and Carolyn Hardy. Our sympathy to the family of Randy Calahan. **"Thought for the Week"** - Sometimes you need to roll with the punches.  
**MENU**  
**MAY 10 - MAY 14**  
**Monday** - Chef salad, pimento cheese, cream of celery soup, chocolate bars  
**Tuesday** - Tostadas with trimmings, rice, lemon pudding cake  
**Wednesday** - Turkey and dressing, green beans, yams, roll, cake  
**Thursday** - Sausage, cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit salad  
**Friday** - Chicken tacob, pinto beans, salad, sopapillas

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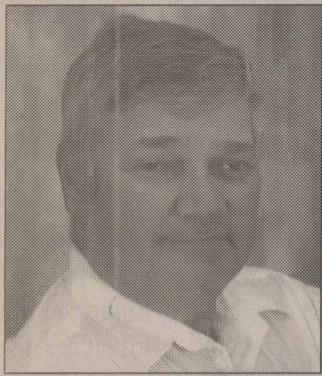
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**Obituary**



**RANDY CALAHAN**

Randy Calahan, age 53, of South Plains, passed away at his home on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday May 1, 2010 at the South Plains Baptist Church with Pastors Rance Young and Joe Weldon officiating. Services were held under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Randell Wayne Calahan was born November 17, 1956 in Lockney to Shelby Calahan and Margaret (Bean) Calahan. He married Christina "Tina" Bagwell on September 9, 2006 at the South Plains Community Center. Randy received his bachelor's degree in Agronomics from West Texas State University and most recently worked as a heavy equipment operator for Floyd Count Precinct 3.

Randy loved farming and country music. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing, and cherished spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Shelby Calahan.

Survivors include his wife, Tina Calahan, and his mother, Margaret Calahan, both of South Plains; his children, Cameron Calahan, of the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, Virginia, Joey Miner, of Glendale, Arizona, and Robbie Miner of Tolleson, Arizona; his brothers, Johnny Calahan and wife, Ann of Stephenville and Jerry Calahan and wife, Linda Carol of Canyon; his sister, Beth Russell of Lexington, Kentucky; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

Memorials may be made in Randy Calahan's name to the South Plains Baptist Church, P.O. Box 119, South Plains, Texas 79258, or to the South Plains Community Center, % Brett Marble, P.O. Box 54, South Plains, Texas 79235.



Phobias. They are legion. The TV weatherman just predicted a windy day and said the term for fear of wind is "anraophobia." Well, I'm not scared. FMWOOMPFK!

Too bad this column doesn't have sound effects. As soon as I made my no-fear statement, a piece of loose barn roof made that sheet metal-flopping-in-the-wind sound, as if to challenge my declaration. FMWOOMPFK is my word for that startling noise, but trying to transcribe sounds like that is really beyond the alphabet - like if I wanted to share with you the sound of the bird currently chirping away, obviously not anraophobia and not scared of either stiff breezes or sudden barn noises.

The other name for "anraophobia" is "anemophobia." I'd never have guessed.

Yes, the meteorologist's remark prompted me to investigate phobias on the Internet. The list is practically endless. There's even one for fear of garlic -- "alliumphobia." Vampires must struggle with that one. In my mind's eye, a guy in a cape with a stiff collar is stretched out on a psychiatrist's couch, describing how alliumphobia affects his life.

I'm not alliumphobic, but I'll admit to several others fears and aversions. You'd see yourself too if you scanned the list. My husband would be looking for onions.

Some phobias wax and wane. Remember when the movie "Psycho" made everybody scared to take a shower? I've never even seen the movie, but showers in cheap old motels still scare me a little.

"Jaws" made us all fear to take a dip in the ocean. I've never seen that movie either, and I'm still scared.

Let's check for sharks and showers. PAUSE TO CHECK LIST.

"Selachophobia" is the name for fear of sharks. There's not one for showers. There should be.

Interestingly, some phobia names sound more credible than others. For example, a fear of beggars or bums is "hobophobia." Who'd take seriously anyone who complained of that condition? But if you could just find a fancy Greek or Latin name for "hobo," that phobia would get some gravity. Should I say "gravitas"?

Another question is whether to put that question mark inside the quotation marks or not. Which is it? For some of you, it's no big deal. But I have a fear of making punctuation errors. Maybe there's a name for that phobia, but I can't find it on the list.

Sometimes I also have a fear of not being serious enough for the editorial page. Not often, but sometimes.

So humor me. Let's end on a serious note:

Never underestimate the importance of labeling. If you want sympathy or drugs for a phobia, give it a name. For the most mileage, make sure it's Latin plus Greek or all Greek - not simple and understandable like "hobophobia." Better to go with something like the very next phobia on the alphabetical list:

Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia means a fear of long words.

The word should have had quotation marks, but I wanted to sneak up on you.

FMWOOMPFK!

Eek! I deserved that. Now we're even.

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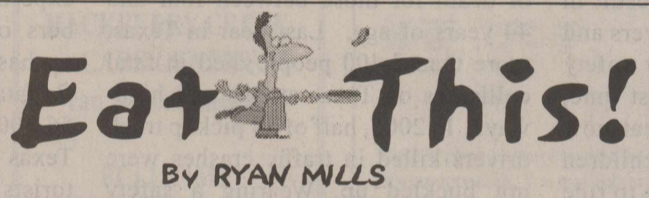
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My high school friend Duane Snell has supplied me with another recipe. Duane lives in Colorado but most of his cooking has a definite Texas flavor.

When Duane and I were in high school, doing more goofing off than anything else, I'd have never believed either of us would ever be able to cook much more than toast. For that matter that I would write for a living. I guess it proves you never say never.

Here's a tasty shrimp recipe from Duane.

**Ingredients**  
Shrimp on skewers  
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
4 tablespoons butter  
salt to taste  
red pepper flakes to taste

**Directions**  
Heat in tin foil pan on grill while shrimp is cooking. When shrimp is almost done, take off skewers and place in lemon butter sauce.

*The family of James Minner greatly extends appreciation to their many friends for their thoughtfulness in prayers, flowers, food, cards and many other acts of kindness.*

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Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Tim Franks, Pastor<br/>Terry Simmons,<br/>Minister of Ed./Music<br/>Beau Stringer, Minister of Students<br/>Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m<br/>Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study ....6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney</b><br/>John Franklin, Pastor<br/>Chad Cook, Youth Min.<br/>Phil Cotham, Music Min..<br/>Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship .... 10:45 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m<br/>Wednesday .....6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> | <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Les Hall, Pastor<br/>Early Worship ....8:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ....10:50 a.m.<br/>Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.<br/>Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m<br/>*****</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Ricky Carstensen<br/>Pastor<br/>Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.<br/>Worship Service .....10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m.<br/>Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b><br/>Joe Bennett, Pastor<br/>Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.<br/>Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.<br/>Tuesday .....8:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Jay Don Poindexter, Minister<br/>Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday .....7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Ralph Jackson<br/>401 N 12th St (983-5805)<br/>Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges<br/>(806) 637-0430<br/>Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b><br/>310 E. Mississippi<br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. David Ramos, Pastor<br/>Ester Ramos, Praise Leader<br/>Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.<br/>Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.<br/>Evening Praise ....5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> | <p><b>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH</b><br/>Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor<br/>704 N. Main, Lockney<br/>Sunday Services...10:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday .....7:30 p.m<br/>*****</p> <p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Jesus Caballero, Pastor<br/>Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.<br/>Discipleship .....5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo<br/>Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Evening .....6:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Jim McCartney, Pastor<br/>Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.<br/>Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Joe Weldon, Pastor<br/>Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m<br/>Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m<br/>*****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>701 W. Missouri<br/>Joe Hernandez<br/>983-5286 (church)<br/>983-5156 (parsonage)<br/>Sunday School .....9: 45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.<br/>Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday .....7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Angelo Consemino<br/>Phone: 983-5878<br/>Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m.<br/>Mon.Wed. Mass .....6:30 p.m.<br/>Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Joe Hernandez<br/>Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School .....9:45 p.m.<br/>Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Meeting .....7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>Washington and 1st St.<br/>Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship .... 5:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA</b><br/>Rev. Herman Martinez<br/>308 W. Tennessee, Floydada<br/>Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ....5:00 p.m.<br/>Tuesday .....7:30 p.m.<br/>Thursday Service....7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b><br/>500 W. Houston, Floydada<br/>Henry Russell, Co-Pastor<br/>Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor<br/>Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..... 10:40 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening ..... 5 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>Providence Community<br/>on FM 2301 293-3009<br/>Rev. Peter W. Harrington<br/>Minister<br/>Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>Floydada 983-3548<br/>Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening .....5:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> |
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**Lockney School Menu**  
May 10-14

**MONDAY**  
Holiday

**TUESDAY**

Breakfast: pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: chicken nuggets or grilled cheese, potatoes, broccoli, peaches, roll, milk

**WEDNESDAY**

Breakfast: rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: cheese enchiladas or ham, pinto beans, salad, applesauce, milk

**THURSDAY**

Breakfast: breakfast burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: spaghetti or ham & cheese, salad, pineapple, cheese stick, milk

**FRIDAY**

Breakfast: cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: hamburger or steak on bun, baked fries, salad, pears, milk



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

"MINI RELAY" -- Lockney Elementary School students participated in a "Mini Relay For Life" Friday afternoon before the "real" Floyd County American Cancer Society Relay For Life that evening at the Unity Center. Students made posters to carry as they walked in the school gym to raise awareness about the fight against cancer.

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Safety Belts for Back Seat Passengers & Booster Seats for Children Now Required

The Texas Department of Transportation's 9th annual Click It or Ticket spring campaign kicks off this week with a warning to drivers and passengers to fasten their safety belts or expect to get a ticket.

Transportation officials say state laws enacted in 2009 could result in more citations this year if drivers and passengers fail to heed new safety belt requirements. For the first time, all passengers in the back seat now must be buckled up, and children younger than 8 years old have to ride in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Fines range from \$25 to \$250 plus court costs.

"Whether you're the driver or a passenger in the front or back seat, every adult and every child in the vehicle must be properly restrained," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division Director. "Buckling up can not only save you from getting an expensive ticket, it can also save your life."

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for those between four and 44 years of age. Last year in Texas, more than 3,400 people died in fatal collisions on Texas streets and highways. In 2008, half of all pickup truck drivers killed in traffic crashes were not buckled up. Wearing a safety belt increases the odds of surviving a crash by more than 50 percent, and in pickups, that number increases to 80 percent.

Thousands of state troopers will join police officers and sheriffs' deputies statewide to step up enforcement of the state's safety belt laws between May 24 and June 6, including the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Since the Click It or Ticket campaign began in 2002, the state's safety belt use rate has increased from 76 percent to almost 93 percent. Safety experts estimate the rise in the numbers of motorists who now buckle up has resulted in 2,400 fewer traffic fatalities and prevented more than 56,300 injuries. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, motorists least likely to buckle up continue to include men, teenage boys and pickup drivers and passengers.

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**PLAYOFF GAMES**

**Lady Horns Softball:**  
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@ LCU - Lubbock against Forsan

**Longhorn Baseball:**  
Playoff games will be held  
May 13th, 14th & 15th  
Times and locations will be announced  
in next week's edition of the Hesperian-Beacon

**Vote for Robbie Long  
Lockney School Board  
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It has been a privilege to serve Lockney ISD and our community for the past six years. I would be honored to serve for another three years. I look forward to working with the current administration, staff and community in the future. I would appreciate your vote on Saturday, May 8th.

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**VOTE FOR**

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School Board Trustee,  
Precinct 4

Early Voting Monday April 26th-  
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at

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# 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 20<sup>th</sup> tour the exhibits (9:00 am - 10:30 am)

Where Judging and exhibitions in FJH Auditorium

Auction to be held in FJH Gym @ 10:45 am

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.



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RELAY FOR LIFE teams walked in the American Cancer Society's Floyd County Relay For Life held last Friday in the Unity Center at Muncy.

## Floyd County 4-H Roundup Held

By Melissa Long CEA-FCS, Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H Roundup was held Tuesday, April 20 at the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria with a variety of presentation in preparation for the District Competition held Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in Levelland.

4-H members in three age division participated in Share The Fun categories as well as Educational Presentation contests. Those qualifying for District included: Junior Share The Fun Vocal - Lyndee Setliff and Junior Educational Presentation Open - Caleb Miller.

In the Intermediate age division: Share The Fun Musical - Kirby Nixon, Share The Fun Vocal - McKenna Johnson and Intermediate Share The Fun Celebrate 4-H - Tristan Schlueter, Austen Rexrode, Stetson Lane, Keenan Nixon, Remington Ricketts, Selena Espinoza, Adree Stapp, Valerie Espinoza and Montana Williams.

Seniors participating were: Share The Fun Vocal - Jianna Davenport, Senior Share The Fun Vocal - Evan Johnson, Senior Share The Fun Poetry - Jake Bramlet and Senior Educational Presentation Family Life - Jill Bramlet.

Most Prepared Awards were presented in all three age divisions to: Juniors - Lyndee Setliff, Intermediates - McKenna Johnson and

Seniors Evan Johnson. All 4-H'ers were recognized for this participation in Roundup Contests.

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## Floydada School Menu

May 10 - May 14

**Monday**  
**Breakfast**-French toast, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**- Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk

**Tuesday**  
**Breakfast**- Sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk

**Wednesday**  
**Breakfast**-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham

crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk

**Thursday**  
**Breakfast**- Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

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

**Lunch**-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, quick baked potatoes, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk

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### WHIRLWIND PLAYOFFS

**Practice games:**  
\*\* Saturday, May 8th at 12 noon @ Floydada against Crosbyton  
  
\*\* Saturday, May 8th at 7 p.m. @ Eagle Field (LCHS-Lubbock) against New Deal

Playoff games are scheduled for May 14th and 15th Whirlwinds will get winner of the bi-district game between Shallowater/Alpine. If Shallowater wins playoff game will be held in Plainview. If Alpine wins playoff game will be held in Midland.

Times and locations will be announced in next week's edition of the Hesperian-Beacon.

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

**Informal Review**  
(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)  
Contact Jim Finley, Chief Appraiser, telephone number 806-983-5253, for questions concerning property value.

**Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH**  
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

**Tax Payment**  
You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**  
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).

**FLOYD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**  
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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**FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM**

**FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN May 28, 1940**

**MAYSHAW, GHOST TOWN OF '40 THRIVED IN '92**

Named for Wife of Founder; Doug-outs Now Mark Townsite

A new town was started in 1892 by citizens of Floyd county and was christened Mayshaw in honor of Mrs. May Shaw, the wife of A. J. Shaw, one of the promoters of the new enterprise. The site chosen for Mayshaw was two miles west of Della Plain on a patented section owned by Shaw. After 1896 there were only a few dugouts to make the sight of the defunct town.

After the supreme court had held that Floydada was the legally chosen county seat of Floyd county, many of the supporters of Della Plain regarded its cause as hopeless and turned their attention to a new town project, with the plea for harmony. The Citizen's Town company was organized and its stock capitalized at \$11,000, the value of each share being \$5.00. At the head of this enterprise were A. J. Shaw, of Galesburg, Illinois and A. F. Dodson, J. H. Dodson, B. F. Farmer, A. J. Sams and others of Floyd county.

The Mayshaw Zephyr explained the cause of the town's existence as follows: Mayshaw was started by the citizens of Floyd county who being tired of the ceaseless warfare being waged between the various towns of Floyd county determined to build a town of their own and for this purpose hold a mass meeting and elected a committee of seven persons who were to select a site.

The reasons given for selecting the Shaw site were "that this section was near the geographical center of the county, had a perfect land title, was almost the exact agricultural center of the county, had splendid natural drainage, a magnificent view and last, it was known that plenty of water could be secured upon the section at a very small expense.

For a few months during the summer of 1892 Mayshaw seemed to prosper. A postoffice was established, a small public library was installed, and some new business enterprises were projected, but came to naught. A few of the houses at Della Plain were removed to Mayshaw, while others were moved to Briscoe county.

**Town Declines**

Colonel and Mrs. Shaw showed a paternal interest in the new town and encouraged the projected enterprises but conditions were ad-

verse to the town's growth, as a long continued drought and a grasshopper plague followed in 1893. Vainly did the Mayshaw Zephyr attempt to attract recruits to the town. Its editor, J. H. Dodson, was a candidate for county judge and during the first year of its existence this publication was set free to the citizens of Floyd county. It inserted without cast classified reading notices and the marks and brands of stockmen. In 1893 Dodson moved to California, and the Zephyr ceased to function until it was revived in 1894 by W. C. Hawkins. In the spring of 1895 Hawkins discontinued the publication and succeeded J. F. Lockney as editor of the Floyd County Times at Floydada.

Among the leading spirits of Mayshaw, besides J. H. Dodson, the editor and his brother, A. F. Dodson, the manager of The Citizen's Town company, were I. R. Vorhees, a mechanic and windmill expert, S. H. Brown, the blacksmith, G. W. Farnsworth, a public-spirited farmer, C. F. Ramsey, one of the first members of the commissioner's court of Floyd county, A. J. Sams a merchant, Mrs. T. Cromartie, proprietor of the Winsor hotel, E. P. Thompson, who was "Prepared to put up or repair all kinds of windmills on short notice," and G. W. Grammer, who proclaimed himself an instructor in music, stenography and penology.

A Sunday school was organized at Mayshaw and there was preaching the first Sunday in each month by Rev. Anson Cox, of the Friend's church, and every third Sunday by C. W. Smith of the Church of Christ. On May 19, 1892, the commissioner's court of Floyd county created the Mayshaw school district, and the first session was taught by Miss Rosa Ewing, a daughter of J. A. Ewing.

A Baptist minister and Populists leader, organized on April 28, 1892 the Mayshaw's Farmers alliance, with S. M. Brown as president, H. Terry as Vice President and S. F. Lindsay, as secretary, and on Saturday, May 14, it held its first regular meeting.

The following news item from the Mayshaw Zephyr tells about a party given by the young people of Mayshaw: "Thursday night May 2, 1892, a number of the youth and beauty of Floyd county went to celebrate the completion of the new business house of J. B. Anthony of Mayshaw. Messrs. Cox and Farmer furnished the music and dancing continued until the wee small hours."

But Mayshaw's prosperity was of less than two years duration. Her promoters lost heart, as those of Della Plain did, and by degrees, the town was depopulated and in 1896 only a post-office and a blacksmith show, both of which was under the management of S. H. Brown were left.

**MUSE BRIEFS**

The Floyd County Old Settler's Reunion will be held Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Courthouse Square in Floydada. Traditional events plus some additional activities are scheduled. Carolyn Marble is in charge of the Wildflower Show and Ethelyn Garnett will organize the Quilt Show. Both shows will be held in the Barrow Building west of the Museum.

Willa Finley will also be located in the Barrow Building on Saturday where she will be selling and signing her book, Lone Star Wildflowers.

The Museum will kickoff the celebration with Open House on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 5 p.m. Of special interest will be a presentation by Sam Watts, Floyd County native and graduate of Floydada High School. Sam will speak at 4 p.m. followed by a time for questions and discussion of his subject,

Battle of Blanco Canyon.

Hours at the Museum during the day Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rope-making will again be a featured event. The Board of Directors and volunteers will be on hand to welcome and talk with visitors.

Janet Milam, chairman of the Genealogical Committee, reports that about 20 visitors have used the records in the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center since the first of the year and 15 email requests have been answered.

Historic photographs are still being sought by the Museum. Frank Potts continues to scan the photos into the permanent collection.

Dorothy Turner, Executive Director, reports 598 total visitors in the first quarter of 2010.

The Museum, located north of the Courthouse in downtown Floydada, is open weekdays 1 p.m. until

5 p.m., or by appointment. To make an appointment you can call the Museum at 806-983-2415; Nancy Marble at 806-983-2937; Janet Milam at 806-543-2727; or Dorothy Turner at 806-983-2200.

The Museum appreciates your attendance and support. Membership dues and contributions are vital to the operation and maintenance of the Museum. Memorial contributions will be acknowledged with cards to family members.

Please mail membership dues, contributions or memorials to:

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Our email address is: [fchb-museum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fchb-museum@sbcglobal.net) and you can visit our website at: [www.floydcountymuseum.com](http://www.floydcountymuseum.com)

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

What is the answer for immigration in this country?

Many are up in arms over Arizona's efforts to protect the citizens claiming the law will lead to racial profiling and infringe upon the rights of U.S. citizens.

Those in favor of the law, which is around 70 percent in Arizona, say that something must be done because the federal government refuses to enforce the laws on the books.

In a perfect world, those around the world would play by the rules and gain entrance into the United States the legal way. But tell me how those running across the border are supposed to know the rules.

There is no question that this country needs to reform some of our immigration laws and enforce others. There must be an adequate solution.

When asked what I would do about our immigration issues the other day I realized what a complex and contentious issue it is.

What would I do?

1. I would shut off the border. If you want in, go through the proper channels.

2. Any illegal immigrant with a violent criminal history should be removed from this country at once.

3. Illegals actively employed in this country should be given the opportunity to begin the steps toward citizenship and should be encouraged by their employer to do so. They are living here and in many cases, have children in our schools, let's get them legal and on the tax rolls.

4. Illegals not employed, but who are here to work, should be contacted and invited to begin the process of becoming a U.S. citizen.

5. Illegals who will not play by the rules of the rest of the citizenry need to be deported.

The fact is, most of us would be trying to get here if we were in the same situation as the vast majority of those wanting in this country. They are seeking what we have and I don't blame them.

The status quo is not working so the system must be fixed. If not, we could have a disaster on our hands.

The Bush Administration and now the Obama Administration have yet to get in front on this topic. Well, if the feds refuse to do anything, then the states are forced to act, which brings me back to Arizona.

I don't blame Arizona's elected officials for trying to resolve their border situation. Likewise, I can certainly see why people are demonstrating over the nature of the law.

Frankly, it's too late and too expensive to round up 18 million illegals and deport them. Even to attempt such a feat would be a disaster and tragic for millions.

Somehow, we have to deal with those that are here working hard and rearing their families. We need to indoctrinate them into our society and "Americanize" them. They need to be involved in the process just as we are. Right now, fear of deportation prohibits this from becoming a reality.

We cannot keep hiding with our collective heads in the sand on this issue. Families, states and the country suffer from the lack of action from the federal government.

Hopefully, we can find a peaceful resolution to our border problems. If not, I fear civil unrest and violence will become the norm in this country and that must be avoided.

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## Get Ready for a Nuclear Iran

By JOHN BOLTON

Negotiations grind on toward a fourth U.N. Security Council sanctions resolution against Iran's nuclear weapons program, even as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad arrives in New York to address the Non-Proliferation Treaty review conference. Sanctions advocates acknowledge that the Security Council's ultimate product will do no more than marginally impede Iran's progress.

In Congress, sanctions legislation also creaks along, but that too is simply going through the motions. Russia and China have already rejected key proposals to restrict Iran's access to international financial markets and choke off its importation of refined petroleum products, which domestically are in short supply. Any new U.S. legislation will be ignored and evaded, thus rendering it largely symbolic. Even so, President Obama has opposed the legislation, arguing that unilateral U.S. action could derail his Security Council efforts.

The further pursuit of sanctions is tantamount to doing nothing. Advocating such policies only benefits Iran by providing it cover for continued progress toward its nuclear objective. It creates the comforting illusion of "doing something." Just as "diplomacy" previously afforded Iran the time and legitimacy it needed, sanctions talk now does the same.

Speculating about regime change stopping Iran's nuclear program in time is also a distraction. The Islamic Revolution's iron fist, and willingness to use it against dissenters (who are currently in disarray), means we cannot know whether or when

the regime may fall. Long-term efforts at regime change, desirable as they are, will not soon enough prevent Iran from creating nuclear weapons with the ensuing risk of further regional proliferation.

We therefore face a stark, unattractive reality. There are only two options: Iran gets nuclear weapons, or someone uses preemptive military force to break Iran's nuclear fuel cycle and paralyze its program, at least temporarily.

There is no possibility the Obama administration will use force, despite its confused and ever-changing formulation about the military option always being "on the table." That leaves Israel, which the administration is implicitly threatening not to resupply with airplanes and weapons lost in attacking Iran—thereby rendering Israel vulnerable to potential retaliation from Hezbollah and Hamas.

It is hard to conclude anything except that the Obama administration is resigned to Iran possessing nuclear weapons. While U.S. policy makers will not welcome that outcome, they certainly hope as a corollary that Iran can be contained and deterred. Since they have ruled out the only immediate alternative, military force, they are doubtless now busy preparing to make lemonade out of this pile of lemons.

President Obama's likely containment/deterrence strategy will feature security assurances to neighboring countries and promises of American retaliation if Iran uses its nuclear weapons. Unfortunately for this seemingly muscular rhetoric, the simple fact of Iran possessing nuclear weapons would alone dramatically and irreparably alter the Middle East balance of

power. Iran does not actually have to use its capabilities to enhance either its regional or global leverage.

Facile analogies to Cold War deterrence rest on the dubious, unproven belief that Iran's nuclear calculus will approximate the Soviet Union's. Iran's theocratic regime and the high value placed on life in the hereafter makes this an exceedingly dangerous assumption.

Even if containment and deterrence might be more successful against Iran than just suggested, nuclear proliferation doesn't stop with Tehran. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and perhaps others will surely seek, and very swiftly, their own nuclear weapons in response. Thus, we would imminently face a multipolar nuclear Middle East waiting only for someone to launch first or transfer weapons to terrorists. Ironically, such an attack might well involve Israel only as an innocent bystander, at least initially.

We should recognize that an Israeli use of military force would be neither precipitate nor disproportionate, but only a last resort in anticipatory self-defense. Arab governments already understand that logic and largely share it themselves. Such a strike would advance both Israel's and America's security interests, and also those of the Arab states.

Nonetheless, the intellectual case for that strike must be better understood in advance by the American public and Congress in order to ensure a sympathetic reaction by Washington. Absent Israeli action, no one should base their future plans on anything except coping with a nuclear Iran.

## The Consent of the Governed

By DAVID NACE

Adams, Franklin and Jefferson made it very clear when they wrote the Declaration of Independence. Governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed. On March 23, 2010, when the President signed the healthcare reform bill, the United States government lost its just power to govern.

Our republic is founded on the principle that every individual has certain inalienable rights and the purpose of the government is to protect those rights against the infringement by others. This insures the individual is

insulated against actions from a majority or even a mob that threatens to take away those rights. However the government is given no such protection. It only exists because it represents the consent of the governed.

Regardless of what poll you look at, it is abundantly clear that the Obama Administration did not have the support of the American people when it forced its version of health care reform upon the American public. In poll after poll, 60% of the American public opposed Obamacare. This was made abundantly clear to legislators during the August recess and in the millions of letters, telephone

calls and emails that were sent since then. However, the Obama administration, in conjunction with a group of special interests that would benefit from the legislation, including organized labor, pharmaceutical manufacturers, hospital associations and trial lawyers choose to proceed with the legislation over the objections of the American public. These objections were so strong that Obama, Pelosi and Reed had to resort to the reconciliation process reserved for budget bills and bribes to individual legislators to obtain its passage.

In a country where the government exists to protect the rights of the people, why would

the Internal Revenue Service be enlisted to force people to participate in a program or face fines for nonparticipation? Clearly this violates the concept that inalienable rights belong to the people not to the government.

Americans, our government no longer enjoys the consent of the governed. Just as 2009 was the year that Americans rediscovered the Boston Tea Party, will 2010 be the year that Americans rediscover the words of the Declaration of Independence and again assert their independence from a government that no longer derives its just power from the consent of the governed?

## New Jersey's "Just Say No" Debt Plan

By RANDALL W. FORSYTH

New Jersey has made great contributions to the nation's culture. Not The Sopranos and Jersey Shore, but to American music. To be sure, there's Bruce Springsteen, but the greats also include Count Basie from Red Bank, Sarah Vaughn from Newark and, of course, Frank Sinatra from Hoboken.

Where New Jersey potentially could lead next is in tackling its debt crisis. As Europe prepares a bailout for Greece, New Jersey is attacking its fiscal mess head-on.

The Garden State last November elected a governor who vowed to "just say no" to raising taxes. The voters underscored their message by voting down a majority of school budgets earlier this month.

This stance could make New Jersey a test case for the rest of the country, writes Howard J. Cure, Director of Municipal Research for Evercore Wealth Management, a New York money manager for high net-worth individuals with \$1.6 billion under management. The outcome of that test is by no means certain, however.

For New Jersey investors seeking income sheltered from the state's crushing taxes, Cure suggests a number of essential-service revenue bonds with stable finances as an alternative to government-backed bonds "until we are convinced that structural changes to the state's finances have become permanent."

Unlike his predecessors, Republican Gov. Chris Christie has recognized that high taxes were a problem, not the solutions to the state's fiscal woes. The Tax Foundation ranks New Jersey as the highest in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of income. It's especially bad for top earners: 4.4% of individuals account for 55% of personal income-tax revenue.

Even though the state faces a \$10.7 billion deficit -- equal to more than one-third of the total budget -- in fiscal 2011 starting July, Christie has refused to raise taxes and further increase this tax burden. Indeed, he has recommended not renewing a 2% "millionaire tax" enacted by former Gov. Jon Corzine, so that the top state income-tax bracket will revert to 8.97%, still among the highest in the nation.

In addition, New Jersey homeowners pay the highest property taxes in the nation, \$7,281 on average annually. That represents a 90% increase from 1999 to 2009 -- a trend that is driving wealthy New Jerseyans to other states -- mainly Florida, Pennsylvania and even New York, according to Boston College's Center on Wealth and Philanthropy. As Cure notes, for years the migration went in the other direction across the Hudson as heavily taxed New Yorkers sought relief in New Jersey.

Christie has proposed \$10.1 billion in spending cuts while projecting a \$600 million increase in revenues as tax receipts finally show signs of growing. The biggest cut -- \$3 billion in pension expenses -- seems to fly counter to the state's chronically underfunded retirement liability. But the governor contends that reforms have reduced the system's underfunding. And Cure adds that the recent publicity about generous public-employee pensions has allowed the legislative and executive branches to address this problem.

The governor also proposed a constitutional amendment to cap property-tax increases at 2½% per year and another amendment to cap direct state spending increases, also at 2½% annually. That would put pressure on state aid to municipalities and in turn force cities and towns to make meaningful, structural budget reforms, Cure contends.

For municipal bond investors, he notes the state's debt report shows that of the \$33.8 billion of debt outstanding, only \$2.5 billion are state general obligation bonds, which are backed by taxing power of the state. The state constitution limits GO debt based on the operating budget for the year, unless approved by the majority of the voters.

To circumvent the requirement for voter approval to issue GO debt, there's been a huge expansion debt backed by appropriations, which can rely only on the state's promise to pay by the legislature. But Cure doesn't think the legislature will renege on that promise. "The risk of nonappropriation is reduced because funding for a broad range of New Jersey's capital programs depends on market acceptance of approximately \$29 billion of securities backed by general fund appropriations," he adds.

While that means state-funded issues should be secure, Cure recommends for New Jersey residents a number of essential-service revenue bonds that are not as reliant on the state for funds:

- The New Jersey Turnpike Authority, which operates the Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway. If you travel by car through New Jersey, it's almost impossible to avoid their tolls.

- The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. "Near monopolistic control of critical transportation infrastructure," Cure points out, "including the Hudson River crossing and the three major New York airports, a trend of favorable financial results, large reserve balances and recent toll increases." That should support the authority's complex planned capital projects, including redevelopment of the World Trade Center, he adds. (Note: a recent article showing the Port Authority's bonds as the most expensive mu-

nicipal credit on which to buy protection in the credit-default swap market was in error. Port Authority bonds trade at a tighter spread, or risk premium, than New Jersey GOs.)

- Higher Education Student Assistance Authority -- State of New Jersey Student Loan Revenue bonds. The underlying student loans are strong and overcollateralize the bonds, Cure explains. In addition, there is a debt-service reserve fund and a loan reserve.

- Rutgers University: "Flagship state research university with growing financial resources and strengthened fund-raising profile."

- New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust: The credit quality of borrowers in the program is strong. Cure says its loan pool could withstand a 45% default rate.

- Princeton University: "Exceptional balance sheet, superb student market position and consistent operating surpluses," he writes.

- New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency -- Single-Family Housing Revenue Bonds. Strong financial position, 1.10 to 1 asset-to-debt ratio. Delinquency and foreclosure rates below the state and national Federal Housing Administration rates.

With states across the nation facing deficit crises, they are watching to see if Gov. Christie can force New Jersey to live within its means. And Cure also notes, states also will wait anxiously to see if Christie -- a former chief federal law enforcement officer for New Jersey -- can challenge the state's endemic corruption.

If Gov. Christie does succeed in bringing New Jersey's dysfunctional deficit under control, the significance would exceed that of a thousand Tea Party rallies.

### 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

SAFETY PROGRAM -- These clowns, "Never-Hadaname" and "Notes," known as Dennis and Mary Carter when they're not in costume, presented a water safety program at Lockney Elementary School last week. The Lockney couple has been "clowning" for about 11 years, beginning when Carter attended a clown convention in Laughlin, Nevada to learn how to make balloon animals for their grandchildren. As members of the World Clown Association, they have attended classes on balloon sculpting, clown etiquette, business and copyright laws, magic, face painting, and clown makeup. They have performed at many area events such as parades and parties. "We just enjoy clowning around," Carter says.

### Texas 'Back to Work' offers millions to Texas employers

South Plains employers can receive monetary incentives for hiring unemployed workers under a two-year, \$15 million program promoted by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and funded by the Texas Legislature last session.

Texas Back to Work offers employers subsidized-wage reimbursement assistance for hiring qualified out-of-work Texans. Administered by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Texas Back to Work offers employers a wage subsidy of up to \$2,000/each for hiring qualified out-of-work Texans.

Through the new pro-

gram, employers who hire qualified individuals currently receiving unemployment benefits could receive a subsidized-wage reimbursement of up to fifty percent of the new employees' wages for eleven weeks. Texas Back to Work is available to employers through Workforce Solutions South Plains, which also provide employers with workforce recruitment assistance, pre-screening of qualified applicants, job registration/matching assistance and resources for training.

More than 6,300 employers and 32,000 job seekers were served in the re-

gion's Workforce Solutions Business and Career Centers last year.

"The additional funding has proven to be beneficial to a number of participating employers in the region by defraying a portion of their costs and by providing on-the-job training to new-hires who may lack some of the skills required by the employer," said Workforce Solutions CEO Martin Aguirre.

For more information, contact Workforce Solutions Business Services division toll-free at 1-866-765-5038 or by email to [danny.soliz@spworkforce.org](mailto:danny.soliz@spworkforce.org).

## Cotton Market Weekly



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After closing at the highest levels in two years on April 23, cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) closed lower four consecutive days as speculators exited positions over concerns about whether recent higher prices were justified by the supply/demand picture.

The cotton market seemed to have lost some of last week's momentum from the announcement of India's export ban. The trade ban shook the market as India, the world's second-leading cotton producer and exporter, cut off shipments in an effort to alleviate high domestic prices. Though India said it would recertify export registrations for sold, unshipped cotton, the delay and uncertainty sent merchants and commercial traders looking for new sources of cotton.

World cotton production is expected to fall short of consumption by 15 percent in the season that ends July 31, USDA forecasts show. In the upcoming year, analysts expect U.S. cotton to be a major source of mill buying as the season draws to a close. World fiber demand has rebounded from a drop-off sparked by the credit crisis. Now, textile demand is returning as household budgets ease and retailers are looking to restock shelves. However, textile manufacturers, most of which are based in Asia, are having difficulty securing raw supplies following a lower-than-expected output and ongoing tight credit.

Meanwhile, USDA's export sales report was deemed "more than respectable" by most analysts as net upland sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended April 22 were

171,900 bales. The figure was 51 percent lower than the previous week and down 33 percent from the four-week average. Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and China were the week's top buyers. Net sales of 39,600 bales for delivery in 2010-11 were maintained for Thailand, Indonesia, and South Korea.

Export shipments of 275,300 bales were 17 percent lower than the previous week and down one percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, and Mexico.

A market observer explained that evidence supports the idea that a lack of space on ships headed out of the U.S. may have been partly to blame for the relatively light shipment number.

Closer to home, spot cotton sales were much lower in the week ended April 29 as Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas cotton producers sold only 225 bales online compared to the previous week's 5,108-bale sales figure. Average prices received by producers ranged from 71.88 to 80.47 cents per pound versus 66.91 to 76.85 cents per pound the previous week.

The market now is paying close attention to cotton planting activities in the U.S. and throughout the world. The 2010 U.S. cotton crop was 16 percent planted in the week ended April 25, up from 11 percent the previous week but lower than the 18 percent average, according to USDA data.

Sunshine and warm temperatures helped growers throughout the Texas Coastal Bend where planting is reported to be almost complete. Cotton growing areas have

been reported to be in excellent shape throughout Texas due to above average rainfall and soil moisture levels ranging from surplus to adequate. However, some of that precipitation slowed planting. Texas cotton producers had planted 15 percent of their projected acreage by April 25 compared to the state's 20 percent five-year average.

"A look at last year's level of progress in the U.S. shows that, as a whole, we're ahead. Unfortunately in Texas, where the largest amount of the nation's cotton is produced, not only has planting fallen behind but the crop is even further behind than last season's delayed crop," a market observer said. "It's early, but these are not the numbers that we need to see if the U.S. is going to fully play its role in helping offset what has become the largest production/consumption deficit on record," he concluded.

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## House Republicans to launch 10th Amendment task force

### Rep. Neugebauer Answers Call to Change Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-TX), Republican Study Committee (RSC) Chairman Tom Price (R-GA) and nine other co-founding Members will officially launch the newly formed 10th Amendment Task Force during an event on Thursday, May 6th. In an effort to answer America's call to change Washington, the Task Force will work to decentralize power from Washington back to regions, states, local governments and individuals.

The Task Force, a project of the RSC, aims to usher in a "New Era of Federalism" and will work to ensure that the principles within the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution serve as a framework for Republicans to fun-

damentally alter the way government interacts with and touches people on a daily basis.

**WHO:** RSC Chairman Tom Price (R-GA), the "10" founding Members: Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT), Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-TX), Rep. John Culberson (R-TX), Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ), Rep. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Rep. Michael Conaway (R-TX), Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA), other guests and Members of Congress.

**WHAT:** Launch of the 10th Amendment Task Force

**WHERE:** House Triangle Media Area, Located on the East Front of the U.S. Capitol

**DATE:** Thursday, May 6, 2010

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