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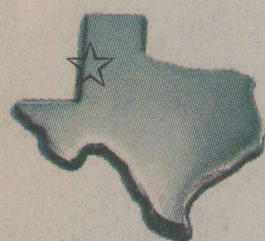
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## A Broken Heart ...

By Sally Doherty

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One of our own has a broken heart right now.

She is a woman that has experienced more in the way of medical procedures than some people experience in a life four times as long as hers.

Picture a small girl, age 7, tumbling and jumping, running and laughing during a gymnastics class. Her light hair is matted with sweat and her green eyes sparkle with pride as she looks up at you at the end of class. Her face is flushed behind her liberal sprinkling of freckles and it stays bright red for quite a while afterwards. You

don't think much of it, since all the other kids have flushed faces after gymnastics as well. She complains one day of "feeling kind of bad" and you take her to the doctor for a check up. Her doctor refers her to a heart specialist and before you know it, the heart specialist is shaking his head, amazed that the activity level she's been participating in hasn't killed her. In a blur it seems, surgeries are scheduled and that little 7 year old girl is on a gurney, going in for open heart surgery, her short frame hardly taking up any room beneath the surgical bedding as she rolls away.

The surgery results in a total shut down of her kidneys and she has to spend 4 hours a day, 3

times a week on dialysis, which is essentially having every ounce of blood pumped from her body into a machine that filters it and returns it to her, doing the work that her kidneys are supposed to do. Kidney transplants are not an option since her heart can't withstand the surgery without failure. So she has stage 4 chronic kidney disease along with her heart condition. There are 8 stages to the disease, with 8 being dead.

Not long after surviving the open heart surgery, the same little girl is hit while on her bicycle by a car driving 40 to 50 miles per hour and flipped up over the hood and roof of the car, landing on the street behind the vehicle and breaking

her leg in three places. Steel rods and plates hold her back together and she navigates her way through her young life in a state of medical survivalism.

At 15, the girl has to have another open heart surgery to thin the over thickening of the muscle in her heart and have a pace maker put in. During the procedure, the surgeons unknowingly nick her heart wall, cutting it too thin, and when she is removed from life support following the procedure, her heart is gushing and pumping blood internally.

She is quickly returned to life support and repairs are made to the initial surgical mistake, though she dies on the operating table and then

manages to narrowly avoid dying again once out of surgery and in the ICU.

The girl you are picturing is Allison Griggs.

She's been in and out of hospitals for the majority of her life. Her medications are numerous and her ability to participate in much outside of surviving day to day is extremely limited. She did manage to graduate high school and played flute in the marching band. She started Vet Tech college courses at Sul Ross and is optimistic about someday getting to finish her studies.

However, at the moment, everything is on hold.

She sits in a

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Courtesy Photo

Catch the Reading Express is this year's theme for the Summer Reading Program at the Floyd County Library. Floyd County 4-H members are ready to lead the sessions each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Librarian Sandra Crawford is ready to sign up participants and the Floydada Dairy Queen will donate coupons for treats for every 5 hours of reading. Promoting the program are Chassidy Sanchez, Cristin Kemp, Sandra Crawford, Catharine Kemp and Caitlynn Sanchez.

## LISD trustees okay new courtyard plans, softball field

By Jim Huggins, reporter.

During their regular monthly meeting June 10, Lockney Independent School District trustees approved an alternate bid for reinstalling elements of the entryway salvaged from the old high-school after the fire that destroyed the building in January of 2009. Parts of the old building's entryway will be installed in the courtyard between the new high-school building and the "old gym," at a maximum price of \$80,000. Because it is not covered by insurance, the project will be paid for out of funds donated to the school district, some \$181,000 from individuals, businesses and other school districts donated following the devastating fire.

Also approved for payment out of the donated funds was a plan to install "interactive boards" in all classrooms in the new building, at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

The board approved construction of a new softball field, on school property just south of the high-school baseball field. Construction on the new field was scheduled to start immediately and be completed by next softball season.

Steve Auffill of BGR Architects updated the trustees on the new high school building project. Construction on the new building has started and is scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

The school board accepted the resignations of retiring elementary school counselor Charlotte Mitchell and three other staff members, junior high science teacher Claire Williams, high school math teacher Mark Ford and high school BCIS teacher Candace Scott, who resigned to accept positions at other school districts.

Probationary contracts for four new staff members, Amy Kellison, Randy Jackson, Brittney Rasco and Alecha Sheppard, were approved. They will replace Mitchell, Scott, Williams, and retiring elementary school music teacher Amy Thornton, respectively. The board also approved the retirement and

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## Grants and budget discussed by City Council

By Gary Brown

Rainwater appointed to District 2 council seat

The City Council for the City of Floydada met in regular session on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Mayor Gilliland called the meeting to order with the following council members present; Sam Green, Sue Ward, Gary Carthel, Jon Nielson and Bettye King.

Council member Green made a motion to appoint Brady Rainwater to fill the vacant council seat in district 2. Council member King

motion was approved.

Carlos Vasquez, a representative from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, presented information on low-interest housing assistance programs. After making the presentation and answering questions from those in attendance, Mr. Vasquez ask the city to assist in providing a list of people who might qualify for assistance along with a place to hold a meeting. Mayor Gilliland assured Mr. Vasquez that the city would cooperate.

Justin Jaworski from

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## Annual bike parade set Saturday in Lockney

Lockney youngsters are invited to celebrate America's birthday at the annual "Fourth of July" Bike Parade, which will be held this year on Saturday, July 3.

Lineup will begin at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the Main Street Church of Christ

parking lot. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will travel to the nursing home. Refreshments will be provided after the parade. Participants will have the opportunity to sign cards that will be sent to locally deployed service men and women.

## Car Cruise set for Lockney

Correction: Last week's paper mistakenly listed the Lockney Chamber of Commerce president as Archie Bybee. Archie Jones is the chamber president and is the person to contact for information about the August 28 car cruise in Lockney. The Hesperian-Beacon apologizes for the error. The corrected story follows.

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce is planning something new this summer to take the place of the discontinued Old Fashioned Saturday celebration. "Lockney's First-Ever Car Cruise" is scheduled to take place on Main Street from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, August 28. The Lockney Car Show, held the past several years in conjunction with the Old Fashioned Saturday event, is set for earlier that day, also on Main Street. Owners of many

of the classic cars in the show will also ride in the cruise that evening.

Registration for the car show begins at approximately 9 a.m., and the show starts at noon.

The cruise is open to anyone wants to show off his vehicle. Entry fee is \$15. Registration for the cruise starts about 5 p.m., and a poker run for cruise entrants is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30.

For information about the cruise, contact Chamber president Archie Jones, 292-7853 or 652-3836.

Again this year, Louie Bybee will organize the car show. He may be contacted at 293-3000.

The Chamber is encouraging local business to stay open during the show/cruise, and local organizations may set up booths at the event. For more information about booths, call Jones or Kay Martin, 652-3886.

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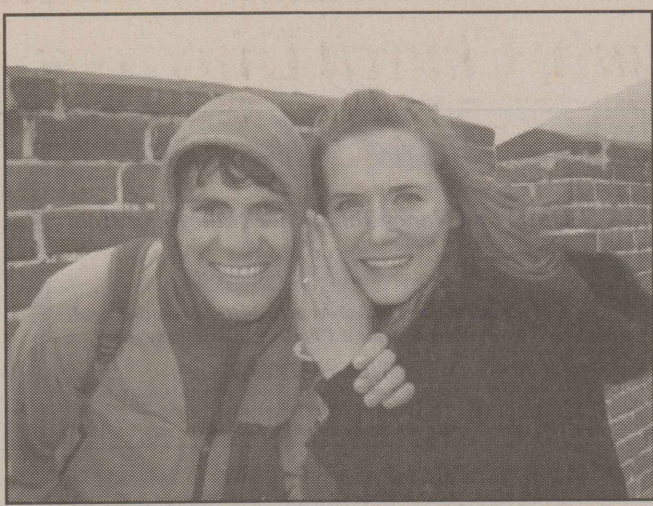
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WADE SCOTT MILLER AND JANET LYNN POMEROY

## Miller and Pomeroy to Wed

Mike and Debbie Pomeroy of New Braunfels are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Janet Lynn Pomeroy to Wade Scott Miller. Wade is the son of Jerry and Sheri Miller of Lockney.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Canyon High School and received a Bachelor of Art degree in French from

Pepperdine University. The prospective groom is a graduate of Lockney High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma Christian University.

The couple will be married July 31, 2010 at the New Braunfels Church of Christ in New Braunfels, Texas.



KELSEY JO ROSS AND JEFFREY NELSON STEGALL

## Ross and Stegall announce engagement

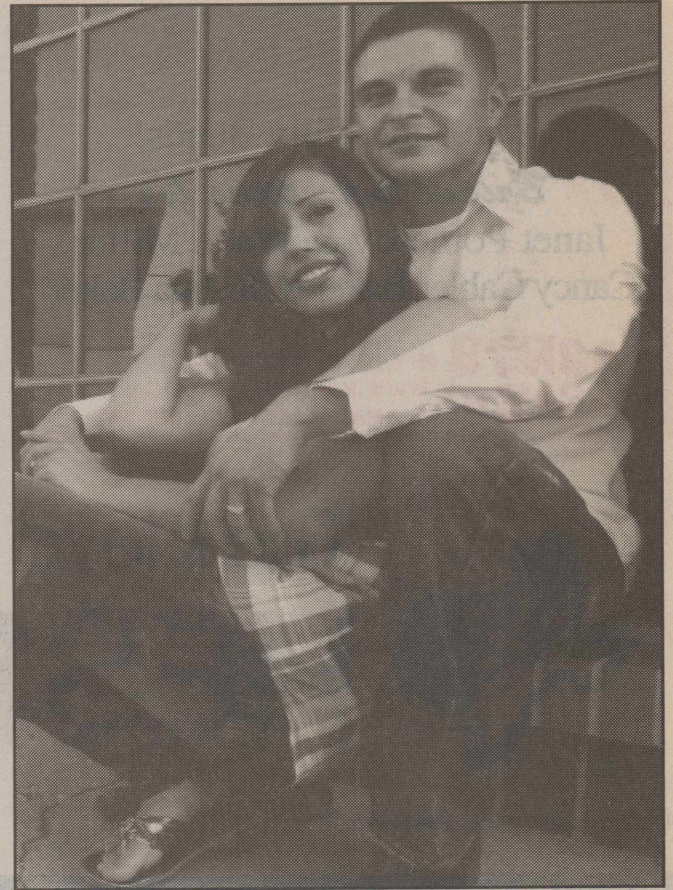
Mitch and Becky Ross of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelsey Jo Ross to Jeffrey Nelson Stegall. Nelson is the son of Jeff Stegall of Lake Jackson and the late Tammy Stegall of Childress.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Floydada High School and graduated from

Cosmetology school in May at Lake Jackson.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Childress High School and is employed at U.E.I. at Lake Jackson.

The couple will have a garden wedding August 7, 2010 at the home of the bride's grandparents, Bob and Glenna Ross.



MARISA BARRIENTOS AND ISRAEL MALDONADO

## Barrientos and Maldonado to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Barrientos, Jr. of Floydada, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Marisa Barrientos of Floydada, Texas to Israel Maldonado of Lubbock, Texas, son of Mrs. Linda Maldonado and the late Mr. Manuel Maldonado, Sr. of Childress.

Marisa is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Gabriel Mendoza and the late Mrs. Jesusa Mendoza and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Garza, Sr., all of Floydada, Texas.

Israel is the grandson of the late Mr. Augustine Ramirez and the late Mrs. Rebecca Ramirez of Paducah, Texas, and Mrs. Hope Maldonado and the late Mr. Antonio Maldonado of La Nora,

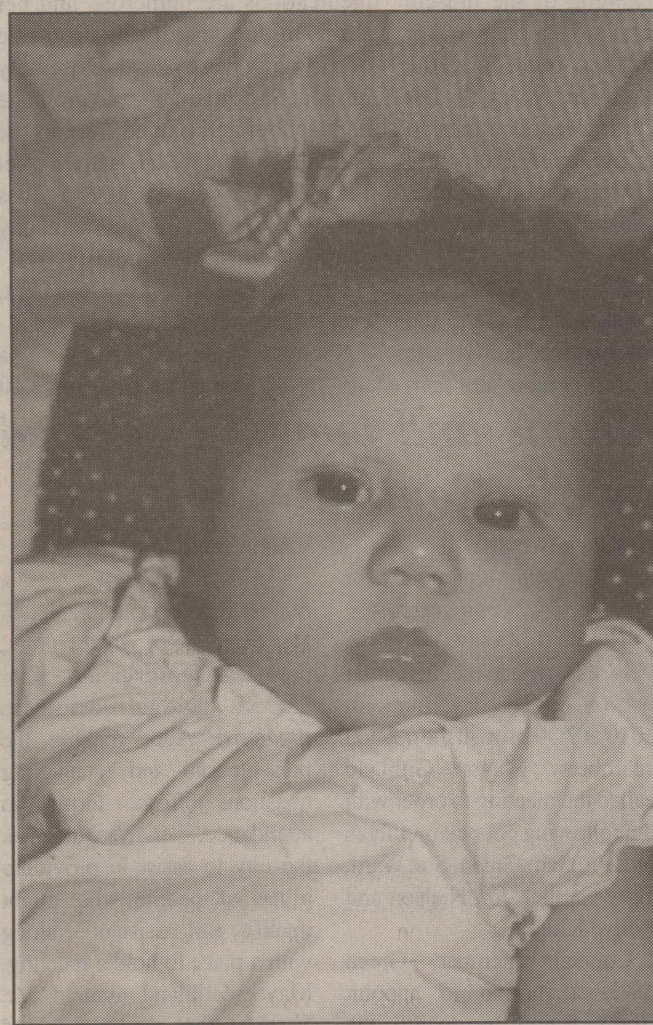
Mexico. The bride-elect is a 2002 Floydada High School graduate and a 2006 West Texas A&M University graduate. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and is an elementary teacher employed by Floydada ISD.

The prospective groom is a 2001 Paducah High School graduate. He is a nine year State employee, currently working in Lubbock, Texas.

The couple plan a July 31, 2010 wedding at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God in Floydada, Texas. After exchange of vows, the will honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The newlyweds will reside in Floydada, Texas.

## Look Who's New



CAVAZOS

Andrew and Felisha Cavazos are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Karah Lianne Cavazos.

Karah was born at 7:21

p.m. April 11, 2010 at UMC in Lubbock.

She weighed 7 pounds and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Julie

Cavazos, Salvador Cavazos and Robert and Connie Luna, all of Floydada.

Great-grandparents are Robert, Sr., and Gloria Cavazos of Floydada.



SUTTERFIELD

Jeffrey, Amanda, and Allison Sutterfield are pleased to announce the birth of Sawyer Josiah. He was born on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 12:56 a.m. at Mangold Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Don and Shirley Sutterfield of Lockney and Ronnie and Dixie Ward of Clarendon. Great grandparents are Lela Nevins of Tulia, Al and Thaylia Irons of Hart, Nelda Jackson of Clarendon, and Jeff Ward of Dallas.

## ALLISON GRIGGS

A fundraiser for Allison Griggs is scheduled for July 10th from 5-7 in the back parking lot of the First Baptist Church in Petersburg. A barbecue dinner will be served to raise money for her heart transplant.

## VJ News

By Vera Jo Bybee

This is early Monday morning instead of late Sunday night 'cause we had a big rain last night and no electricity. It was lightening so bad I cut everything off. I didn't even use the phone and just went to bed.

There isn't much news to write about anyway. We didn't have many attending church. This was my first Sunday to go since I have been sick. I still don't have my strength back so Dr. Moore said I have to take therapy. We had a guest preacher at church Sunday, Brother Winfield Davenport of Floydada. He brought a real good message. His wife and daughter Ji Anna came with him, and Ji Anna sang a beautiful song. We were really lucky to have them as guests.

I talked with Gene Brotherton, and she told me to remind everyone that the Senior Citizens dues are now due and payable. They are still \$20.00 a person. Remember we have a new cook, Rene Armstrong. There have been lots of compliments on the lunches so please call by 9:00 to reserve your dinner. The attendance is real low now

at the pot luck suppers and games on Thursday nights. I guess everyone has gone on their vacations.

Gene also told me she has company this week. They are her brother Sonny's great grandchildren, Helena, 10, and Justin, 8, of Houston. They are having a big time.

Geneva Barclay's great grandson Tristin Johnson, 13, is also here visiting Geneva and his dad Jason Johnson.

Merle Mooney fell and hurt herself real bad and then came up with pneumonia so she is recuperating in the nursing home for a short while.

Another one of the Center's faithful members, Windy Clark, fell and he has two black eyes and is having a hard time getting around. He already had a vacation trip planned to visit his brother in Kentucky so he is in Kentucky. We hope his brother believes Windy got his bruises from a fall and not from a fight.

Please keep all our sick ones in your thoughts and prayers.

### LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS MENU July 5-10

- Monday: chicken and rice
- Tuesday: tacos
- Wednesday: chicken fried steak
- Thursday: hamburger steak
- Friday: roast beef
- Saturday: breakfast 8 a.m.

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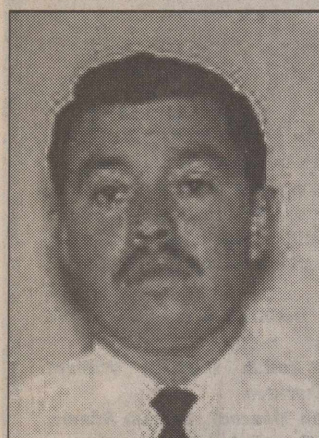
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## Obituaries



**JOSE "CHEMA" MARIA CHARLES**

Jose "Chema" Maria Charles, 78, of Lockney, passed away in loving home in the presence of family members, Saturday, June 19, 2010.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 21, 2010 at San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney with the most distinguished Msgr. Antonio Gonzales and Father Jim McCartney officiating.

Also in attendance was a dear friend of Chema's, Msgr. Curtis Hoffman. Interment followed at Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

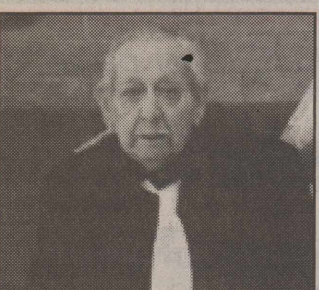
Jose was born June 5, 1932 in La Grulla, Texas, near Brownsville. He arrived in West Texas in the 1950's. He married the love of his life, Anacleta Martinez, in 1956. Early in his life, he worked the land which he loved so much, for several land owners. Always finding time to play hardball and softball with teams and the Catholic Church.

Later on he became a business owner. First owning the Bell Gas station, then the Gulf Service station and finally the "Pool Hall". All of which he always let people have "credit" without the use of credit cards. "Chema" was known as one of the best pool players around.

During his life he was a respected member of the Catholic Church not only here in Lockney but throughout the Amarillo and Lubbock Diocese. Giving speeches about leadership and living your life for God and family. He was one of the founders of San Jose de Calasanz Catholic Church in Lockney. He was on the parish council for many years. Served several terms as President and Treasurer of the Sagrado de Corazon Mens Society.

He was a devoted husband, friend and father-figure to many more than just his three sons. He is survived by his wife, Anacleta, and sons, Joe Jr., Jaime, and Jacob; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Special mention to "Lala" Jaime's wife who gave so much of herself to help take care of Dad. She is looked upon as our sister.



**CATARINO (RENO) CORONADO, SR.**

Funeral mass for Catarina (Reno) Coronado, Sr., 90, of Arlington, and longtime resident of Floydada, was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 10, 2010 at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Arlington.

He passed away at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, June 6, 2010.

Interment was held at the Parkdale Cemetery under the direction of Moore Funeral Home-Bowen Chapel of Arlington, Texas.

Reno was known for his love of vanilla wafer cookies.

Survivors include his wife, Basilia Coronado of Arlington; four daughters, Felisita Settles, Margarita Gutierrez, Thelma Coronado of Floydada and Cecilia Castillo-Cossio; eight sons, Catarino Coronado, Jr., Tony Coronado of Floydada, Jesus Coronado of Floydada, Frank Coronado, Thomas

Coronado, Ricky Coronado, Sr. of Floydada, Johnny Coronado and Charlie Settles, Jr.; 36 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

**LOUIS FRY**

A memorial for Louis "Coach" Fry will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2010 at the Melonie Park Baptist Church on Indiana Avenue in Lubbock, Texas. Those who knew and loved him are invited to join the Fry family in a joyous celebration of his life.

Louis died on January 23, 2010, in his new home with his daughter and her family in Thomasville, North Carolina.

He was born in Artesia, New Mexico on May 23, 1933, and moved to Portales, New Mexico, where he met and married his late wife, Emma Lou and served in the Navy.

From Portales, the Fry's moved to Lockney, Texas, where he taught and coached for 17 years earning a Masters Degree from West Texas State University. They moved to Lubbock in 1977 and he spent the remainder of his career with Texas Farm Bureau before retiring at the age of 70.

Louis and Emma Lou were married 57 years.

Fry is survived by his daughter, Diane Bradford of Thomasville, North Carolina; his son, Dan Fry of Austin, Texas, five grandchildren Jaymi Bradford LaGuardia of Thomasville North Carolina; Justin Bradford of Denton, North Carolina; Kyler, Ian, and Daniel Fry of Austin, Texas; and his brother and sister of Corona, California.

"Coach" Fry touched the lives of many. He will be missed. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Jimmy V Foundation, at jimmyv.org / Support Us / Donate Now.

**GEORGE MALCOLM "MAC" HOWARD**

George Malcolm "Mac" Howard, 77 of Colorado City, Texas passed away May 30, 2010 at his home surrounded by his family.

A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, July 10, 2010 at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Blue Ridge, Texas (16167 County Road 665, Farmersville, Texas 75442) at 10:30 a.m.. The Reverend David Meeks will officiate. Interment will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery.

Mac was born April 30, 1933 in Blue Ridge, Texas to Jay and Nolie Howard. His family later moved to Lockney where he graduated from high school and joined the U.S. Navy. He served in the Korean conflict and was a member of the VFW and American Legion.

He worked at various jobs throughout his life, enjoying the role of farmer best. After retiring from farming, he moved to Colorado City where he had lived for the last eight years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lockney.

His love of family and his loyalty to those he cared about will be his greatest legacy. It always seemed as if he could fix anything and usually did in his quiet, hard-working way. He loved to hunt, fish and garden and the stories are many of all endeavors. He handled his brief illness with dignity and grace and taught us the meaning of life - just keep on living. He was an incredible father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend.

He is survived by his best friend and former wife, Nelda Howard of Colorado City; son, Terry Mac and Carrie Jo Howard of Strathcona, Minnesota; daughter, Gwen and Randy Henderson of Colorado City; son, Scott Howard of Lockney; brother, JR Turner of Frisco; sister-in-law, Billie Howard (Harley) of Plainview; brother-in-law, Werner and June Schaffner of Arkansas; brother-in-law, Pete and Laquita Schaffner of Lubbock; grandchildren, Ty Henderson, Tana Gutierrez, Joel and Kathrine Howard, Justin, Jared, Jonathan, Caitlin, Jennifer and Kimberly Howard; great grand children, Madeline, Marcus and Logan Gutierrez; Ava, Bergen, Chloe and William Howard; several nieces, nephews and friends.

## Floyd County Church Directory

**AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
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Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship...10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.  
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Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship...5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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**CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study. 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study...7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed./Music  
Beau Springer, Minister of Students  
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney**  
John Franklin, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min..  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship...10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship...8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship...10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)...7:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High.....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School...6:30 p.m.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study...7:00 p.m.  
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**NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
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Sunday Singing...10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
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Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise...5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship...7:00 p.m.  
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Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service...11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship...5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.  
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**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. Evening.....6:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
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Joe Hernandez  
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
Mon./Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship...5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship...5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service...7:30 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington  
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service...11:00 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.

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# The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776

## The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain [George III] is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time

exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury;

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose

known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other

Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

The signers of the Declaration represented the new states as follows:

New Hampshire: Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton

Massachusetts: John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island: Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery

Connecticut: Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott

New York: William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris

New Jersey: Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark

Pennsylvania: Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross

Delaware: Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean

Maryland: Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Virginia: George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton

North Carolina: William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn

South Carolina: Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton

Georgia: Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton

# JULY 4TH Schedule of Events

Annual Bike Parade in Lockney starts Saturday, July 3rd at 9:45 a.m. at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney.

Lineup will begin at 9:45a.m. Saturday at the Main Street Church of Christ parking lot. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will travel to the nursing home. Refreshments will be provided after the parade. Participants will have the opportunity to sign cards that will be sent to locally deployed service men and women.

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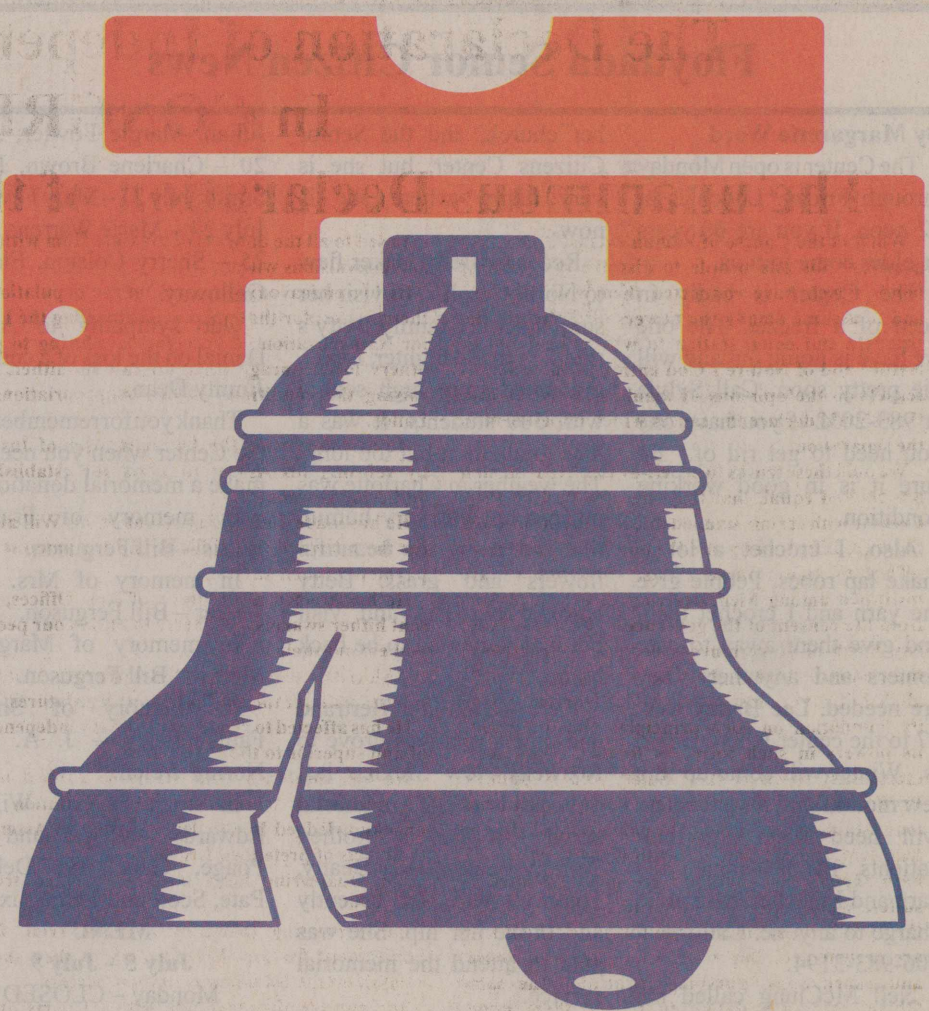
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### Floydada Senior Citizen News

**By Margarete Word**

The Center is open Monday through Friday. Lunch is at 12 noon. If you are 60 years or older come join us.

The Center is badly in need of a freezer. The one we have is going out and will die pretty soon. Call Sylvia at 983-2032 if you have one you need to get rid of. Be sure it is in good working condition.

Also, I crochet a lot. I make lap robes. People give me yarn and I crochet them and give them away to care centers and anywhere they are needed. Lee Battey took 27 to the center where David is. Winter will come up in a few months and those centers will need them for their patients. People donate the yarn and I crochet them at no charge to anyone. Call me at 806-983-3194.

Nell McClung called me a few days ago. She is very happy at the retirement center in Tyler, Texas. She is getting acquainted with other that live there. She said she had gained 2 pounds. She said there were activities all day long. You didn't have to get lonely or depressed. She does miss all her friends,

her church, and the Senior Citizens Center, but she is very happy where she is now.

Recently Betty Baker flew to North Carolina to visit her son, Chuck and family. Betty's middle granddaughter, Lexie, graduated from high school with 500 students. It was a nice graduation but too long. The weather in Charlotte was not too hot but very humid. She did enjoy the beautiful flowers and grass. Betty enjoyed her trip and visit but was very glad to be back home.

Faye and William Bertrand and others relatives drove to Roswell, New Mexico last Saturday to attend a memorial service of Faye's brother, Tommy Beatty. Betty Beatty, Tommy's wife, fell recently and broke her hip. She was able to attend the memorial service.

Happy Birthday to those who have a July birthday.

July 1 - Jerry Galloway; July 3 - Delores Cannon, Bell Vinson, Tommy McIntosh; July 8 - Opal Kratzer, Sam Spence; July 9 - Kay Tinney; July 12 - Virginia Pyle; July 13 - Genelle Breed, Nancy Mayo; July 18 - Kendis

Julian, Margie Fowler; July 20 - Charlene Brown, Joan Smith; July 21 - Mary Fewell; July 24 - Marie Warren; July 25 - Sherry Colston, Elaine Galloway.

Our sympathy to Ardis Daniel on the loss of a cousin, Jimmy Dean.

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

In memory of Francis Willis - Bill Ferguson.

In memory of Mrs. Joe Keeter - Bill Ferguson.

In memory of Margaret Martin - Bill Ferguson.

In memory of Shelia Faulkenberry - J. A. and Norma Welch.

In memory of Wilson Edwards - Roger and Bo Poage, Gary and Debbie Pate, Scott and Verna Six.

**MENU**

**July 5 - July 9**

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday - Shepperd pie, corn, spinach, roll, cookies

Wednesday - Turkey w/ trimmings, green beans, roll, fruit salad

Thursday - Hamburgers, fries, baked beans, cake

Friday - Baked chicken, spinach, tomatoes & mac, roll, pudding.

### USDA Program Brings New Housing Options

**By Justin Jaworski Executive Director Floydada EDC**

On July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Floyd County Library Conference room, citizens of Floydada and Floyd County will have the opportunity to learn about a great housing program offered by the United States Department of Agriculture. The program is called, "Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program." Its purpose is aimed at providing financing for homeowners that would not otherwise qualify for traditional lending.

The program is referred to by USDA as the ultimate mortgage for eligible low and very-low income applicants with acceptable credit to purchase a home

in rural areas without a down payment. Though this may sound difficult or even impossible for some families that would like to purchase or even build a home, the USDA is committed to working with individual applicants to work out ways of establishing credit, even when no credit history exists or is less than what traditional lenders would approve.

This program is a great solution for a number of housing options. If you want to purchase a home, build a new home or replace an existing home with a new structure, this program can help qualified applicants up to \$100,000. Approved applicants can obtain 100 percent financing to purchase

an existing home or newly constructed home in our area. This means if you can prove an ability to make a payment, then you could be eligible for this program.

The program presentation will be hosted by a representative of USDA and will be able to answer specific questions regarding your situation. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend as the program is very flexible and can make or replace a housing solution for rural residents. For links to the USDA program and contact information, please go the Floydada EDC web site at [www.floydadaedc.com](http://www.floydadaedc.com).

(This article first appeared on the Floydada EDC web site on July 24, 2010.)

### THIS WEEK'S

#### PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us at Vacation Bible School at Primer Iglesia Bautista  
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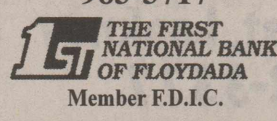
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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### The backbone of rural America

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

The small businesses in your community are the backbone of your community

We have local people taking on the risk to get in business, stay in business and employ people and it's a tough job.

Most people in this country work for someone. Certainly nothing wrong with that. Hard-working people trying to put food on the table is one of the ingredients which made this country great.

However, it is the small business owner who takes on the responsibility of keeping the doors open.

I was asked a question the other day: "How many of your employees loose sleep over your company?"

My answer was very few, maybe two or three.

Does that mean employees don't care? Of course not. It means that owning your own business brings with it a set of headaches and pains which go largely unnoticed by the majority of the labor force.

In the news and in Hollywood, owning your own business is glamorous. Shoot, if you watch the news, it's almost evil to own your own business. Don't you know all business owners drive Bentley's and Mercedes and make \$1 million a year?

Truth is, most small business owners I know struggle just like everyone else. The hard-working small business

person works their tail off trying to justify being in business in the first place.

They pour their blood, sweat and tears into their businesses and try to hire the most honest, dependable people they can. If they get their hands on a self-starter who has a strong work ethic and follows instruction well, they try their hardest to hang on to them. Unfortunately for the owner, as has been my experience, someone with those qualities is often lost to a better provider.

In society today, owners of small businesses face competition on so many levels. In many ways, we even have to compete with our own employees for the company's time. It may be an email, phone call or text, but it is still a case of an owner paying for time allocated to someone else or the World Wide Web.

Take a guess at what happens when you remind someone of the fact that while on the clock, their time is company time? You hurt their feelings.

In parts of the country, people are beginning to realize the importance of a job. Here in our neck of the woods, we've felt some effects of the economic problems, but nothing like those in California, the Rust Belt and Northeast. When jobs get scarce, workers who know how to work effectively rise up the food chain or at the very least, tend to stay employed.

The small business person, the entrepreneurs, those chasing the American Dream, they are out there in your

community slugging it out day in and day out. They incur the risk and they incur the stress with the hope that their idea might just work.

I encourage you to support these men and women. If you can find it local, get it local. If you blow these businesses off and decide you'll go ahead and get that particular product next time you're in Amarillo, Lubbock, Wichita Falls or Oklahoma City, then you've just done damage to a store and the infrastructure of your town.

It's the local business making sure the booster club has money. It's the small business sponsoring our youth in their endeavors. It's the small business which is giving your troubled family member a second chance at life.

Small business accounts for so much when it comes to local support in hopes that their good will is returned by customers. It's not too much to ask that local residents at least give these business owners a chance at earning your business.

Flowers, gifts, insurance, used cars, groceries, paint ... whatever the need may be, keep the thought of your local businesses in your head. The truth is, you need these small businesses to thrive and they will compete for your dollar.

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### Is the Welfare State a Ponzi Scheme?

By HOWARD RICH

Ponzi schemes rely on people falling for promises that are literally too good to be true — but the outcomes are never really in doubt for the perpetrators of these scams, are they?

First they are playing with money that does not belong to them — which means they cannot lose. Also, when the scams finally unravel, the perpetrators have invariably moved on to their next group of unsuspecting victims — where the fleecing begins anew.

Sound familiar? It should. This is the modus operandi of governments all over the world in our current era of Keynesian excess — an era in which new taxes, fees and fines must be continually created and levied in order to pay for promises made in previous years. Of course these government promises are never actually "paid for," the IOUs just keep mounting as the burden of repayment is extended further down the line to future generations of taxpayers.

Crisis compels the scammers to grow even bolder in their efforts to fleece the taxpayers. In fact, these "too good to be true" scams have only grown more expensive in response to the recent economic downturn.

Take the ongoing financial crisis in

Greece, which has prompted a \$144 billion bailout from the European Union and International Monetary Fund. This EU/IMF bailout — part of a larger \$1 trillion "rescue" plan for the Euro — is nothing but a massive Ponzi scheme, as the leaders of fiscally reckless nations are basically saddling their debt onto the shoulders of their more responsible neighbors.

Not surprisingly, the root cause of the crisis that is threatening to bring down the global economy lies in the unsustainable expansion of the welfare state — which should be a lesson for American politicians of both parties.

First, let's look at what's happening in Greece.

"Greek governments have spent years buying social peace and votes with public spending, generous pensions, tax breaks, EU money and jobs for life, directed to an array of rent-seeking interest groups," The Economist noted last month. "This sort of social contract, lubricated by endemic corruption and lax law-enforcement, has evolved to suit a country emerging from a vile civil war and years of dictatorship in which consensus was painfully absent."

Also, let's not forget that Greece sought

for years to hide its growing debt problem from the rest of the world, paying hundreds of millions of Euros to various financial institutions in an effort to conceal the extent of its profligate borrowing.

Greece is now implementing several so-called "austerity" measures as a pre-condition of receiving the rest of Europe's bailout benevolence. But what sounds "austere" to the Greeks is still quite excessive when compared to the government largesse being doled out elsewhere on the continent. In fact, at its heart Greek "austerity" amounts to little more than tinkering around the edges of the nation's overextended entitlement culture, and in typical Ponzi fashion this political path of least resistance includes several new tax hikes that will only exacerbate the fundamental problem.

Meanwhile, even more frightening is the likelihood that the financial woes in Greece presage a broader European solvency crisis — one that will spread to other nations that are similarly drowning in the red ink of unsustainable government welfare. Spain, for example, is on the verge of having to tap into hundreds of billions of Euros tied to the EU/IMF bailout, and even that may not be enough to stabilize its teetering economy.

Spain's welfare state includes a socialist labor system that makes it nearly impossible to fire workers for any reason. And like Greece, its habit of dispensing unsustainable taxpayer-funded largesse has been propped up for years by government denials and deception. Most recently, Spanish Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero chose to deal with the brewing fiscal crisis by ignoring it and delaying long-overdue reforms in an effort to maintain his political positioning.

It's the Ponzi mentality all over again.

Eventually, though, the scammers will run out of people to scam — and Spain could very well represent the last great heist. Spain represents 10 percent of the euro zone banking system and 16 percent of all net euro-zone loans, meaning that its collapse could very well bring the entire global house of cards tumbling down.

Such an outcome would clearly have disastrous effects on the American economy, which makes the aggressive expansion of the welfare state here in the United States all the more unexplainable. Greece and Spain (as well as Portugal and Ireland) are clearly cautionary tales — not examples for America follow.

### Extending Misery

By ROBERT ROMANO

Debate continues in the Senate over a controversial \$35.52 billion extension of unemployment welfare benefits as Senate Democrats continue to struggle to find the votes necessary to overcome a filibuster. Joining Republicans in defeating the measure last week were Senators Joe Lieberman and Ben Nelson, citing concerns that the combined legislation, which includes \$24 billion for Medicaid expansion, would add \$60 billion to the \$13 trillion national debt.

They want the bill to be paid for with offsetting reductions in other areas of the \$3.6 trillion federal budget. That's the least that can be done.

While everyone has compassion for those who, through no fault of their own, have been laid off because of the troubled economy, it is time to consider that perpetually extending welfare to the jobless by means of expanding the debt is the least compassionate option available to policy makers.

A recent study by Carmen M. Reinhart of the University of Maryland and Kenneth S. Rogoff of Harvard University found that "median growth rates for countries with public debt over 90 percent of GDP are roughly one percent lower than otherwise; average (mean) growth rates are several percent lower."

That's important because the 90 percent threshold of debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is exactly where the current U.S. national debt is. As noted the House Ways & Means Committee Republicans, "the Administration estimates the total debt for Fiscal Year 2010 will reach \$13.6 trillion, or 93.1 percent of Gross Domestic Product." By 2012, the International Monetary Fund reports the U.S. national debt will reach 100 percent of the GDP.

This means Congress is doing nothing to rein in the growth-choking, jobs-killing debt. Indeed, by 2020 the Office of Management and Budget reports that the debt will grow to over \$25 trillion.

Note that Rogoff and Reinhart are not just measuring the so-called "debt held by the public," which stands at \$8.559 trillion. That is the number often cited by mem-

bers of Congress, economists, and even former Federal Reserve chairmen in offering a debt to GDP figure, which is only about 60 percent. No, the good economists are factoring the total debt, including "Intragovernmental Holdings" debt, money owed to the Medicare and Social Security trust funds, which stands at \$4.487 trillion.

So, the entire debt is the important number to calculate when considering its impact on the economy, and therefore on jobs. The Obama Administration's own economists, Christina Rohmer and Jared Bernstein, estimated a one percent increase in GDP would create 979,000 jobs.

Assuming the accuracy of the estimate, applying Rogoff and Reinhart's analysis to Rohmer and Bernstein's, a loss of 1 percent GDP because of the debt level would translate into the U.S. failing to generate approximately 1 million jobs every single year.

The data bears that out. Rogoff and Reinhart famously predicted that the \$826 billion stimulus would generate economic growth of 3.7 percent and create 3.675 million jobs. Instead, the economy actually shrank by 2.4 percent in 2009. And, in the past year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the total number of employed Americans has dropped from 140.438 million to 139.420 million, a loss of about 1.018 million jobs.

With such obvious data to glean, one might assume that policy makers would find cause to correct course and actually reduce the debt.

Instead, the Keynesians have but one tool in their shed to respond to unemployment: borrowing and printing more money. This is analogous to bringing a hammer to fix a plumbing problem, and then wondering about all of the newly leaked water.

Ironically, as the Senate debates increasing the debt by another \$60 billion to "help" the unemployed, they appear to be actually choking off future job growth. Couple that with another \$100 billion in handouts to public employee unions to balance state and local government budgets, and in effect, by extending unemployment welfare, Congress is extending misery. Something to consider.

### A Cheeky ObamaCare Discovery

By RICK MANNING

Your head is tilted back, you can hear the drill whirring, and that faintly sickening smell of enamel burning is coming from your mouth, as you try to accommodate a suction tube and the mirror-wielding Shaquille O'Neil sized hands of your dentist.

Well open up wider because a government-sized tooth fairy is getting ready to join the party.

That's right, Nancy Pelosi's award winning statement that, "We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it," is coming back with a vengeance as analysis of the ObamaCare bill reveals that the federal government wants to know about every cavity that you have.

This cavity search can be found at Section 4102(d)(2) of the minty fresh health care law, which directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to "develop oral healthcare components that shall include tooth-level surveillance for inclusion in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey."

"Tooth-level surveillance"?

The law goes on to define this "tooth-level surveillance" as "a clinical examination where an examiner looks at each dental surface, on each tooth in the mouth."

To be fair, the regulations have not yet been written, so the extent of this oral intrusion is still unknown. While currently, the law appears to just expand and fund a nationwide oral health care sampling of Americans, it is easy to see how overzealous regulators could expand the reach of the law to require each American to subject themselves to having each tooth in their mouth examined, chronicled and reported to the Feds.

But who knows, maybe future generations will be able to look up how many cavities that Aunt Mabel had in a special Bicuspid wing of the Library of Congress, or better yet view photos of her mouth right on line at Ancestry.com. After all, future generations deserve to know whom they should blame for that problematic family overbite.

On a serious note, taxpayers will be paying for Marv Albert loving government bureaucrats to be ensconced in their cubicles pouring over millions of bite marks and dental x-rays to determine the average dental health of Americans by every income category, age and ethnic group. All this effort and cost expended to produce government reports that will helpfully be made available to the fine people in the hygiene industrial complex, so they can develop, and most importantly market, that ever important ethno-centric toothpaste, mouthwash and pre-rinse.

It used to be fashionable to demand that the government stay out of the bedroom, perhaps now in this brave new world that catch-phrase should be updated to "keep the Feds out of our heads"



# Area 4-H'ers earn scholarships at state event

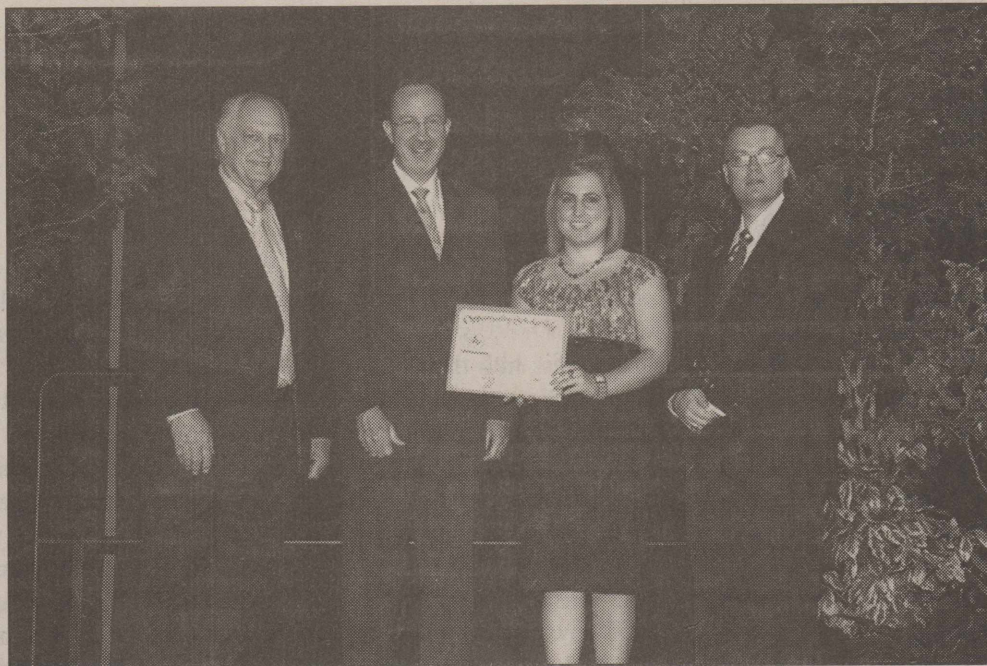
## Texas 4-H Foundation awards \$2.2 million in scholarships

BRYAN --Jill Bramlet, Floyd County 4-H'er, was awarded the 2010 Texas 4-H Foundation "William B Haley Memorial" Courageous Heart Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.

The scholarship was one of 223 totaling approximately \$2.2 million awarded by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation during the 2010 Opportunity Scholarship Awards Ceremony June 11 in Bryan's Brazos County Exposition Center.

The scholarship recipients were selected from 354 who applied, said Jim Reeves, Executive Director for the Foundation which is the organization responsible for coordinating the program and for resource development for the Texas 4-H program. He said the scholarship application process began last January.

The Foundation's scholarship program has 40 donors including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate, Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show, Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo, and the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show along with the



Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation, individuals, corporations, foundations, producer associations, Texas AgriLife Extension Service professional associations, individual honorary funds and individual bequests.

Reeves said the donors share the Foundation's vision of investing in the future of Texas youth by helping them pursue an education which in turn, should eventually benefit their communities, state, country and world.

The scholarships range from \$500-\$16,000.

"Scholarships are provided to assist 4-H members who will attend universities and colleges throughout the state," Reeves said. "The scholarship program is a celebration of achievement for 4-H members across Texas. It recognizes the development of qualities inherent to the Texas 4-H program -- personal responsibility, civic responsibility and leadership. The program rewards hard work and dedication of young people involved in 4-H."

The Texas 4-H Youth

Development Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program is the nation's largest 4-H scholarship program. It began as a single \$1,000 scholarship given by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in 1959. The Opportunity Scholarship Program was a highlight of the 2010 Texas 4-H Roundup which was held mainly on the Texas A&M University Campus June 7-11.

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

# State 4-H roundup

By Melissa Long  
CEA-FCS,  
Floyd County

Floyd County was well represented at Texas 4-H Roundup held June 8 -11 in College Station, Texas on the Texas A&M Campus.

The week began with the Rifle team competing early Tuesday morning in Rosenberg. The team consisted of J. C. Chappell, Alece Annunziato, Jill Bramlet and Jake Bramlet. The team placed 18<sup>th</sup> and J. C. Chappell was the high point shooter from Floyd County.

Attending the rifle competition included Jerry and Darla Chappell, Mick Annunziato, Winfield and Patty Davenport, Beth Bramlet and agent Melissa Long. On Tuesday evening Floyd County District Delegates, SyAnn Foster and Jake Bramlet along with District Council President Jill Bramlet took part in the District Council Officer elections. Also attending were: Cassie Martinez, Taylor Orr, McCrae McCormick, Beth Bramlet and agents J. W. Wagner and Melissa Long.

Wednesday was a full day with Jianna Davenport and Evan Johnson competing in Share The Fun Vocal and Jake Bramlet competing in Share The Fun Poetry/Prose. Attending along with them were Winfield and Patty Davenport, Jeffery and Roijon Johnson, Beth Bramlet and Melissa Long. Jianna was recognized as 18<sup>th</sup>, Evan placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Jake was recognized as 7<sup>th</sup> in their respective categories. Donna and Charles Keaton, Rusty Keaton and Melissa Long attended the Salute To

Excellence Banquet where the Keatons received the Distinguished Leader Award for District 2. The Keatons were recognized at the Wednesday night assembly and Evan Johnson performed the National Anthem. Also competing that day was the Livestock Judging team consisting of SyAnn Foster, McCrae McCormick, Cassie Martinez and Taylor Orr who placed 20<sup>th</sup>. They traveled on Monday and practiced judging all day Monday and Tuesday in preparation for their competition. Cheering them on for their competition were Shawnda Foster, Kellie McCormick, Juan and Maria Martinez, Steven Orr and agent J. W. Wagner.

On Thursday morning, Jill Bramlet competed in the Family Life Educational Presentations category where she placed 1<sup>st</sup> and was recognized at the Thursday evening assembly. Evan Johnson performed her 1<sup>st</sup> place Share The Fun Vocal at the Thursday assembly as well.

On Friday, Jill Bramlet was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship at the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Assembly. Attending with Jill were Beth and Jake Bramlet, Annabel Bramlet, Mary White and agent Melissa Long.

Jill Bramlet and Neal Potts both competed in the State Photography Show. Entries are mailed in April and photos are displayed during the week of State Roundup. Neal Potts had a red award and two white awards. Jill Bramlet had 6 blue awards and 2 red awards.

**Courtesy Photo**  
SOFTBALL CHAMPS -- Lockney girls won the 13 and under Plainview Optimist softball championship Friday night after playing a double header and coming from behind. Pictured from left to right are Coach Robbie Long, Kennedy Hallmark, Coach Matt Williams, Anna Hernandez, Memory Lane, Coach Clipper Dunbar, Darby Long, Alanie Rendon, Coach Phillip Garza, Heather Fierros, Dixie Williams, Haley Dunbar, and Annabel Garza. Not pictured Janette Ybarra.



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

From The Floyd County Hesperian July 25, 1935

**JUNIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE REALITY FOR BOYS 8 TO 14 YEARS OLD IN FLOYDADA**

**Fire Chief Elliott Tells Youthful Aspirants What Must Be Done**

A Junior Fire Department will be a reality for the boys of Floydada eight to fourteen years of age. If the youngsters want it bad enough to comply with the rules laid down by the grown members of the Floydada Fire Department. All boys within these ages, whose parents give their consent in writing, may become members.

Announcement was made last week that such an organization likely would be formed for the boys, and Fire Chief Elliott this week, upon his return from a week of intensive training in fire fighting at the A & M Firemen's School, gave out the plans.

First, the boy must be willing to take the pledge of a Junior Fire Department member; second, he must have his parents' signed approval of the pledge and of the lad becoming a member of the department; and third, the applicant for membership in the department must write a statement telling why he wants to become a member

of the fire department. The boy who wants to become a member of the department will have to do all three of these things before he can be considered, Chief Elliott said.

"Boys of Floydada can help the fire department in many ways," Mr. Elliott said. "Among other things they can promote fire prevention which is the most important part of fire fighting, and second they can help in life safety, and in emergency in first aid to the injured. I think we could use a big bunch of boys and let them learn to be better citizens of Floydada by sharing the responsibilities of helping to prevent fires, cutting down the fire losses and the number of fires."

This is the serious side of the job the boys will undertake. Of course, it is hoped there is going to be some fun. In fact, it is planned that there will be some fun, Mr. Elliott said. But the fun will be between times.

A junior firemen's pledge is printed herewith. Cut it out of the paper, sign it, and get your father to sign it with you. Then, write down the reasons you want to become a member of the junior fire department. When this is done hand your pledge and your statement why you want to join to S. E. Duncan, Jr., secretary of the Fire Department, at the City Hall, and in due time you will be advised if your application has been accepted, and when and where your first meeting will be held. Of course, there will be a chief, and an assistant chief, and

everything, just like the senior firemen have, and it would be better to become a member early and help select the officers than to wait until later.

**JUNIOR FIREMEN'S PLEDGE**

I promise never to play with matches because they are too dangerous. Matches do not think with their heads, therefore when I use them I promise to do all the thinking.

I will never build a bonfire near my house or any kind of building or tree.

I promise if I ever build an outdoor fire to stay right with it until the last spark is out and the ashes cold.

I will never search for anything in my cupboard with a lighted match or candle; if I must find something in the dark I will use a flashlight.

I will never play near an open grate or close to an open fire of any kind.

I will never permit my younger brothers or sisters to play with matches or near an open fire.

I will never put ashes in wooden or cardboard containers or pile them near buildings or fences.

I promise never to put pennies behind burned out fuses.

I promise to keep my home and premises free from all rubbish and fire hazards, and to inspect each month for them.

I promise to know how to turn in a fire alarm in case of a fire.

I promise to do everything in my power to help the firemen to prevent fires from getting started.

**Carthel selected to participate in Advance Placement Program Reading**

Anne Carthel was selected to participate in the annual Reading and scoring of the College Board's Advanced Placement Examinations this June in Louisville, Kentucky.

Each year, the AP English Language and Composition, which is sponsored by the College Board, gives more than 1.5 million capable high school students an opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses and examinations. Based on their exam performance, successful students can receive credit and/or advanced placement

when they enter college.

More than 2.9 million examinations from more than 30 AP Courses were evaluated by over 10,000 AP Readers from universities and high schools. Representing many of the finest academic institutions in the world, these educators come from the United States, Canada and abroad. The AP English and Composition exams this year exceeded 370,000.

The AP Reading is a unique forum in which academic dialogue between high school and college educators is fostered and strongly

encouraged.

"The Reading draws upon the talents of some of the finest teachers and professors that world has to offer," said Trevor Packer, vice president of the Advance Placement Program at the College Board. "It fosters professionalism, allows for the exchange of ideas, and strengthens the commitment to students and to teaching. We are very grateful for the contributions of talented educators like Anne Carthel."

This is the second consecutive year for Mrs. Carthel to serve as a reader.

**Lockney City Council delays Xcel rate request, hires policeman**

By Jim Huggins, reporter

During the regular monthly meeting June 17, Lockney City Council adopted a resolution "...suspending the effective date for 90 days in connection with the rate increase filing of Southwestern Public Service (Excel Energy) on May 17, 2010."

SPS had filed a statement of intent with the city to increase its base-rate revenue requirement for its Texas retail service area by approximately \$62 million and to reconcile its fuel cost for calendar years 2008 and 2009 and proposed June 21, 2010 as the effective date for the requested rate increase. The city has joined with other local regulatory authorities in the Alliance

of Xcel Municipalities to analyze and investigate the request. City Secretary Charlotte Hooten said the rate request would probably be granted in some form, perhaps with compromises, at the end of the 90-day suspension period. Council member Michael DeLeon made the motion to adopt the resolution, Tina Graves seconded, and the vote to adopt was unanimous.

After interviewing Elliot King for the position of police sergeant for the Lockney Police Department, the council voted unanimously to hire him "effective immediately or when he will be able to locate here in Lockney." Council member Kelly Prayor made the motion

to hire Elliot, and Graves seconded.

The council discussed and considered purchasing e-bill and e-pay for city water service and decided not to do it at this time.

Also discussed was a proposal by Steve Young for a city website. Council decided to wait until closer to the end of the year to see if there is enough money left in the administrative budget. If there is not enough left this year, it will be budgeted for the next fiscal year starting October 1, 2010.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Rodger Stapp, Council members Graves, Prayor, DeLeon and Shad Schlueter, Hooten, and City Attorney Lanny Voss.

**Thanks for Reading!**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Floydada Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, July 13, 2010 in FISD Superintendent Office Board Room, 226 W. California St., Floydada, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participated has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at the meeting or at a separated meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 1.3123 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value** of all property	\$ 355,757,900	\$ 365,035,920
Total appraised value*** of new property***	\$ 1,536,990	\$ 491,310
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$ 217,359,510	\$ 221,874,670
Total taxable value**** of new property****	\$ 1,482,880	\$ 442,180

\* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "New Property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 5,441,772.00

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**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.1300	\$ 1.17000	\$ 3.471
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.13056	\$ 1.13537	\$ 1.26593	\$ 3.588
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.13123	\$ 1.30123	\$ 3.684

\* This Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 33,665	\$ 33,988
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 22,456	\$ 22,631
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.30123
Taxes Due in Average Residence	\$ 262.73	\$ 294.48
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 31.75

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17123. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17123.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,900,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-



**LISD**

approved the retirement and rehiring of Cindy Ford at part-time "less than half rehire status" as Reading Interventionist at the elementary school.

In other action, the school board amended the 2009-2010 budget to include a \$12,542 federal grant and expenditures to send 18 elementary-school teachers to a "C-Scope Program." on the Aligned Curriculum of Texas Essential Knowledge

and Skills (TEKS) last week in San Antonio.

A Shared Services Arrangement Agreement with Lubbock Regional Day School for the Deaf, which serves several LISD students, was approved.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported on preliminary TAKS Test scores. Cotham expects all three Lockney campuses and the district as a whole to receive "recognized" status this year.

The superintendent also reported on maintenance projects for the schools. Closing in of windows at the old gym has been completed, and all school parking lots have been repaired, seal coated, and striped.

Present at the meeting were trustees Aaron Wilson, John Quebe, Robbie Long, Rene Guerrero, Jimmy Kemp, Lonny Hooten and Mike Lass; Cotham, and Aufill.

the Floydada Economic Development Corporation told the council about his recent trip to the Wind Expo held in Dallas. Justin said he made many contacts and was glad he attended the conference.

Resolution No. 10-6, suspending the Southwestern Public Service application for a base rate increase for 90 days was discussed. Council member King made a motion to approve the resolution with council member Carthel providing a second to the motion. The motion passed with all council members voting for it.

A discussion on Ordinance No. 10-3, prohibiting parking of vehicles in yards without a proper driveway was held. After a lengthy discussion of the good and the bad of this ordinance, council member King moved to have a public hearing at the council meeting in July starting at 7 p. m. The motion was seconded by council member Ward. The motion passed.

After a short discussion on enforcing ADA parking in front of businesses and what would be required by both the city and the business owner, it was decided not to take any action on this matter.

Connie Bertrand, president of the Floyd County Historical Museum presented a request for funds from the hotel/motel tax funds to be used to make repairs to the north wall of the museum. After explaining the work to be done, council member Green moved to approve the request for \$ 1,200.00 with council member King providing a second to the motion. The motion passed.

City manager Brown told the council that he was working with Don Hardy to try and find emergency generators for city hall and the fire department building. At this time nothing has been finalized.

Julian Alaniz discussed street sweeping and the

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problems in getting the street sweeper repaired. Julian told the council that he could not find anyone to do the needed work on the old sweeper. Julian had checked on prices for a new sweeper and found they started at \$130,000 or more. A rebuilt sweeper might be bought for \$75,000 or there about. City manager Brown was ask to try and budget for a sweeper in the upcoming budget.

Julian also told the council that he was still looking for a used tractor that could be purchased for city use. At this time a tractor had not been found.

After a discussion lead by Brown about the prices charged for receiving tires at the landfill in comparison to what it cost the city to have the tire hauled away, council member Green made a motion to increase the fees charged. Council member Ward seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Next to be discussed and acted on was the need to relocate or improve the animal shelter. After discussing some ideas it was decided for city employees to do more research on this matter and report back to the council at a later date.

Council member Green moved to accept the bid of \$300.00 from Connie Enriquez for lot 58, Block 3, Steen Place Addition, 107 Mae Avenue. Council member Carthel provided a second to the motion and the motion passed.

City Attorney Karen Houchin discussed how the agenda item, Public Forum, is to be conducted. Mrs. Houchin said there is a lot of concern among city attorneys about law suits that have been filed for open meetings violations resulting from council engagement in Public Forum.

City manager discussed with the council the need to establish some rules/regulations on roofers. The idea has caught Brown's attention because of the hail storms in the northern Panhandle area and the problems that some cities have encountered with roofers. The council, along with some local roofers who were at the meeting

are in agreement that some regulation needs to be adopted. City manager Brown and city attorney Houchin are to work on developing suggested regulations and present to the council.

City manager Brown told the council that there had not been in movement on getting the overhead water tower behind city hall refurbished. The engineer doing the work for the city on this project has not heard what the contractor plans to do.

The council was told that the new electric line being built to serve Duncan School is nearing completion. The damage from storms in the Turkey area has taken the contractor away from this project for a few days.

Several different grants that the city has either been awarded or the city is applying for was discussed by city manager Brown. Each of the grants is progressing and the city is trying to get the grants that have been awarded under construction while completing requirements on the grants that are being applied for.

The work under the downtown revitalization grant is underway with sidewalk removal and the pouring of concrete being done. This project is being done by city employees so the maximum of sidewalk can be built with the grant funds received.

City staff has begun work to develop the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. City manager Brown said that this is going to be a tough budget session and that some needed projects will not be funded because of the lack of funds to pay for them.

Council member King moved to approve the minutes of the May council meeting. The motion was seconded by council member Carthel and the motion passed.

Council member Ward moved to approve payment of the May bills. The motion received a second from council member King and passed.

There being no further to come before the council, mayor Gilliland adjourned the meeting.

**Broken Heart**

hospital room in the Lubbock Heart Hospital awaiting a series of tests and results that will allow her to check out and return home, medicated to the point of stability. Her father, Kenny Griggs, said, "Right now, she's a ticking time bomb."

Applications for government aid which

would allow her to be placed on the heart transplant list have proved frustrating and seemingly futile. Her third application attempt will yield results in the coming week to 2 weeks that will determine if she can get onto the transplant list. Her family isn't holding their breath for helpful results. The only other way is to have \$50,000 in hand to secure a place on the transplant list. Once she's on the list, she will go to Dallas and begin tests that will cross match her with available organs all over the United States. The condition of her heart will determine where she will be in the line of people waiting for hearts. The worse off you are, the shorter your wait, theoretically. A match can be found anywhere from 1 day to 1 year after getting on the list. Once a match is found, transplant surgery has to happen immediately. The best case scenario, a matched heart is accepted by the new body and a healthy normal life begins. For Allison, the heart surgery would be a tremendous step toward recovery to a new life, but the new heart would have to prove strong and healthy enough to facilitate her much needed kidney transplant surgery. "Finding a kidney's gonna be no problem," her father seemed pleased to

say, "she's already got 3 or 4 people willing to give her a kidney. We just gotta have the heart first."

To say God has a plan for this woman is an obvious understatement. When I asked her why she thought God has let her struggle with this, she said, "I don't know. I've asked myself that question a thousand times." Her big green eyes were tearful, though not defeated, when she said, "He obviously knows something I don't. He's going to do whatever He's going to do."

The Petersburg community is nothing if not a prime example of what happens when neighbors help each other in times of need. Allison Griggs needs our help now. In effort to raise money for the Griggs' goal of \$50,000, there will be a chuck wagon lunch served in the parking lot behind First Baptist Church in Petersburg on July 10. Donations will be taken and all the proceeds will go toward getting Allison a new heart. Bring your friends and families for an afternoon of delicious fare and open your hearts and wallets to help save one of our own. Additional donations may be sent to Allison c/o First Baptist Church P.O. Box 469 Petersburg, Texas 79250.

She is the daughter of Judy Griggs of Lubbock and Kenny Griggs of Petersburg.

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Contract 6210-78-001 for MOWING THE RIGHT OF WAY in CROSBY County, etc will be opened on August 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$359,600.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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