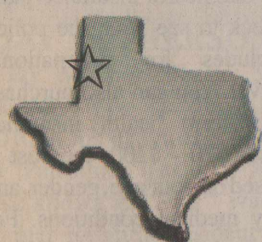


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## Canoeing in Floydada



Courtesy Photo

(Left to Right) Emily Hall, Lauren Hall and Merritt Johnson decided to go canoeing on Lake DQ (between the Dairy Queen and Ace Hardware) in Floydada on July 5<sup>th</sup> after the excessive rain that was received in Floyd County. This was only the second time the girls have ever been canoeing. Emily and Lauren are the daughters of Les and Sue Hall and Merritt is the daughter of Riojon and Jeffrey Johnson, all of Floydada.

## Plunk celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

By Carolyn Courtney  
Contributor

Lillie Stovall Taylor Plunk celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 26, 2010, with a party at the home of her niece, Jaton McGaughy, in Amarillo. Among those attending locally were nieces and nephew, Carolyn Courtney and John Ross of Plainview and Susan Dunavant of Floydada



Lillie Stovall was born June 26, 1910, in Haskell, Texas, to George Henry Stovall and Ruth Caroline Beever Stovall. She was the seventh of nine children born to the couple, and today is the sole surviving member of the family.

At an early age she moved with her family to Era, Texas, near Gainesville in Cooke County. Her father farmed there until December, 1928, when he sold his farming operation and moved to Plainview. Two of George's sons, James Elmer and Roy, had set up a radiator shop here and liked it so well they urged their parents to come too.

Things went well for the family until the Depression years. George had put his life's savings into a Plainview bank that failed.

As a result, the family found themselves in reduced circumstances. To help with the family's finances, Lillie and her younger sister, Alma, worked in retail sales.

In November, 1935, Lillie married a young man from Quanah, Texas, J. D. Taylor, who had a grocery store on North Broadway. Seeking better economic opportunities, the couple moved to Amarillo where J. D. worked for Cowie Electric.

During World War II J. D. was drafted into the Army. Lillie was able to join him for most of his years in service since he was stationed stateside. After the war the couple moved back to Amarillo where the

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## Lockney school board meets

By Jim Huggins,  
Reporter

Lockney Independent School District trustees proposed a tax rate of \$1.14 per \$100 valuation for 2010-2011, approved a pay increase for substitute teachers, and made changes to the school district's travel policy during their regular monthly meeting July 13.

The proposed \$1.14 tax rate is unchanged from the previous year. The new rate will be voted on after advertising and a public hearing.

Substitute teacher pay was raised from \$50 per day to \$55 per day. The long-term daily rate, for certified teachers only, went from \$60 to \$65.

The new policy for lodging on school trips states that "... reimbursement for lodging shall not exceed the state rate for that geographical location (before applicable taxes are applied) unless

written approval is issued by the superintendent. The former policy called for a \$110-per-night maximum on lodging.

Under the new travel policy, cash disbursements for school employees' meals are not to exceed \$36 per day or \$12 per meal, student meal disbursements are limited to \$27 per day or \$9 per meal, and lesser amounts may be issued according to budget constraints and the purpose of the expense. These expenses will be disbursed on a per-diem basis.

The trustees accepted a new bid from Gandy's Dairies of Lubbock for school cafeteria dairy products and called for bids from local suppliers for gasoline and diesel fuel for the 2010-2011 school year. Currently, Raceway Fuel of Lockney is the gasoline supplier and Lockney Cooperatives supplies the

diesel fuel for the district. Also approved was a probationary contract for new high-school math teacher Ashley Williamson.

The school board approved the TPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory) spring 2010 report, an assessment of the reading skills of kindergarten and first- and second-grade students which is done twice yearly, near the first and last of each school year.

The trustees reviewed proposed budget line items. The proposed total budget for 2010-2011, including line item expenditures and salaries, is about \$150,000 less than the previous year.

Brent Weckar of Lee Lewis Construction Co. and Steve Aull of BGR Architects consulted with the board about progress on the new high school building. Construction has been delayed by about 10 days so far because of rain,

but the building is still scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2011-2012 school year. In an effort to "catch up," the construction company is bringing in another drill truck (in addition to the one already on site) to drill holes, as soon as it is dry enough, for the concrete foundation piers.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported that work on the new softball field has started, but that project, too, has been delayed by the rain. The area has been staked off and the sprinkler system has been installed. Grass seed will be sowed in the outfield as soon as possible, and the dirt infield is scheduled to be leveled and finished in August.

Present at the meeting were trustees Rene Guerrero Lonny Hooten, Jimmy Kemp, Mike Lass, Robbie Long and John Quebe, Cotham, Aull and Weckar.

## County Fair set for Sept. 17-19

The Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair has been scheduled for September 17, 18, 19. Several booths have already been rented. If you or your organization would like to have a booth, please call Darlene Brosech, 652-2029.

Some of the activities planned so far are a kids' rodeo, pet show, parade, talent show, auction, kids' fishing pond, ladies day programs (and some for the men, too), and Sunday morning church service. There will be an area of agricultural exhibits, and also a place to enter crafts, canned goods, and other food items - so it's time to

get busy on these. If you have an idea for a fun activity or are interested in the parade, please call Kay Martin, 652-3386.

We are also looking for junior fair board members. If you are in high school and would like to help with the fair, please call Carol Huggins, 652-3115. We have a place for you.

PLEASE NOTE: The fair grounds are private property -- signs are posted, and all trespassers will be prosecuted. The area is no longer the "playground" it was in the past. The fair board asks you to please respect this.

## Wind Farm Developer Opens Office In Lockney

Lockney, TX July 19, 2010 - Hill Country Wind Power, a Dallas based wind farm development firm, can now call Floyd County home with the recent opening of its West Texas satellite office in Lockney. After an exhaustive office search that took several months, the executives at

Hill Country Wind Power decided on Lockney because of its close location to numerous wind energy projects that are under development.

"Lockney is strategically located within a short distance of many of our up-and-coming projects, and the Floyd County's wind

resources and business climate couldn't be more attractive for us," noted John McNair, Director of Land Acquisitions for Hill Country Wind Power. The new office is located in the back of City Bank on Main Street in downtown Lockney. Hill Country Wind Power plans to occupy this

office until their first wind farm is complete in Floyd County, and then move into more permanent on-site offices.

A grand opening event will be held Friday, July 30 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. behind City Bank on Main Street with free hotdogs and drinks for all.

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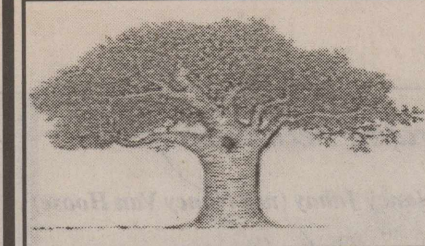
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# HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR



Please don't forget our Town Hall meeting to be held this Thursday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m. As stated in our corresponding article printed elsewhere in this edition, the featured topic of this very informative meeting will be Senior Estate Planning. Everyone is welcome to attend, obtain some good information and enjoy some refreshments.

In addition to the Town Hall meetings Hackberry hosts from time to time, there are so many other great accomplishments being made at the Center. Our therapy department is very popular among the residents. Those receiving therapy are excited and look forward to their time with the therapists each day. We are so happy about the success of the rehab department and we are especially happy that our residents enjoy it so much. The physical, occupational and speech therapists working at Hackberry are loving and dedicated. Many of them have a long drive every day, with their

homes being in Shallowater, Amarillo, Lubbock, or even out in the middle of nowhere on a ranch near Dickens. We feel so fortunate to have this group of dedicated and caring professionals who give their best to their work with our residents.

In the near future, we are planning to hold some fund raising activities. We have tentatively planned a bake sale and a cake auction. We are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a steam table for our dining room. This is something that would be so beneficial to our residents. We also appreciate donations made to the Center. With this Center being community owned, we are so fortunate to have people of this area and family members of our residents who care about the success of Hackberry and show their appreciation for the Center with donations. Thank you to everyone for your support of our great Care Center. When

we have set the dates for our fund-raising activities we will announce it in the newspaper, so be sure to keep an eye out for that. We've got some good cooks here, as evidenced by our Pot Luck lunch held a couple of weeks ago. There was so much delicious food to choose from, we all ate until we just couldn't eat anymore. So, you sure won't want to miss out on the opportunity to purchase a yummy cake or pie.

### SR. HEALTH TIPS TRAVEL TIPS

As you grow older, taking a trip can become more complicated than simply packing a suitcase, especially if you are living with a chronic illness. Here are steps you can take to help ensure your trip doesn't jeopardize your health.

Before booking your vacation, check with your primary care provider and any specialists to make sure you are well enough to travel.

Certain conditions, including unstable angina, cancers that can increase your risk of a blood clot during long flights, and disorders like congestive heart failure or emphysema, might pose a problem when it comes to traveling.

Once you get approval to travel, ask your healthcare provider to help you put together a health profile. The health profile should be typed and include a detailed medical diagnosis, allergies, a pill card listing medications (including both generic and brand names) and their dosages, the names and telephone and fax number or your healthcare provider and emergency contact persons, and photocopies of your insurance card and your passport or photo identification. If you are traveling abroad, carry a copy in the nation's language.

Ask your doctor for a detailed letter explaining your medical conditions, medications, and nutritional supplements to

show security at check-in. For example, if you take insulin for diabetes, have your doctor list all the devices used, such as a syringe and needle. Put all your prescription and over-the-counter medications in their original, labeled bottles or containers. Keep them in a clear plastic bag in your carry-on luggage and make sure to pack enough for the entire trip. Use a travel freezer pack if your medications need to be kept cool.

If you use supplemental oxygen because of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or other lung disease, contact the carrier before booking your flight to see if the airline can accommodate you. Airlines will provide their own oxygen equipment. You can bring empty cylinders and equipment, but you may be charged for carrying it on board. Notify the airline carrier if you use a wheelchair, walker, or service dog.

On trips outside the United

States, a few extra precautions can help protect your health.

- Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. But certain Medigap plans do offer partial coverage. If you have a private health insurance plan, check to see what the policy includes for international travel. You can also purchase short-term health insurance form \$20 - \$200; the cost is based on your age, gender, and any medical conditions. For more information on travel health insurance, contact a travel agent or check the U.S. Department of State's website: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_1470.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_1470.html)

Before you leave, research the area where you are visiting to find the nearest hospital. You can also check the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers (IAMAT, [www.iamat.org](http://www.iamat.org)).

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

by Margaret Wood

If you are disabled, unable to get out of your home or if you are a caretaker of a homebound person you are eligible for a lunch delivered daily to your home. Depending on your income, the meal will either be free, reduced or the suggested daily cost.

If you are interested, please contact the Senior Citizens building, 301 East Georgia,

Floydada, Tx 79235 or 806-983-2032. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. Call the center for more information.

I got a very nice note from Joyce Henderson, Saturday, July 17th, she said she sure did miss her friends here in Floydada but they were enjoying being near their children and families. I have her address if you are interested in writing her.

Thank you Vivian Snell for the beautiful yarn that you gave me. I will enjoy making lap robes for people who need them this winter.

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

In memory of Vonceil Colston: Jerry and Winola Galloway; Gary, Sherry, Vick, Johnny, Tammie and Katie Lee. In Memory of Louise Turner; Eva Parker. Thought for the week- Nothing will divide this nation more than ignorance, and nothing can bring us together better than an educated population-John Sculley.

By Vera Jo Bybee

Here's another short weekly letter from home.

I visited with Mildred Keaton for a while this afternoon and she told me what a wonderful time she and her children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren had in Ruidoso last week. I laughed when she said was spending Charles's inheritance by treating all of them to this trip. Attending were her son Charles and wife Donna of Lockney, their daughter Charissa and husband Cory Golden of Petersburg and their children

Caryn and Rhealee, Mildred's grandson Rusty Keaton of Lewisville and their daughter Kami of Rule where she will be teaching.

The Brock families have had a great week playing with Kay and Kyle's granddaughter Avery Grace. Kay said she was such a good baby.

Louie went to a car show in Amarillo Saturday. He handed out a lot of fliers advertising Lockney's car show and cruise August 28.

Former Lockney resident Wesley Eiland of Fayetteville, Arkansas passed away

Friday, July 16. There will be graveside services at the Round Rock cemetery just up the hill from where he lived.

I also heard that another former Lockney resident, Billie Huggins of Palo Pinto, passed away Saturday, July 17.

### LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

- July 26-30
- Monday: chicken and dumplings
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## Fortenberry Family Reunion 2010

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The center will open at 12 noon. Hamburgers and drinks will be furnished for supper at 6 p.m. Bring a

freezer of ice cream for the contest or a cake or cookies for dessert.

Games for everyone and a water slide will be there again this year. The auction again this year, if you have any of interest for that bring it to the auction and the proceeds will go in the reunion fund.

Breakfast Saturday, August 7th from

7 a.m. until 9 a.m. with sour dough biscuits, sausage, gravy, bacon, eggs, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee.

An entertain program, memorials and short business meeting at 10:30 a.m. Bread, meat, drinks and utensils will be furnished at noon. Bring and share your favorite dish. Come join the fund and fellowship.

## Hackberry Town Hall Meeting July 22

Senior Estate Planning will be the featured topic of a Town Hall Meeting to

be held at Hackberry Creek Care Center Thursday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone

is invited to attend. Some very important tips will be discussed regarding this subject. Don Allen of Senior Planning Services and a Medicaid specialist for the Law Firm of W. Tim Ladyman, PC, will be the featured speaker.

One of the greatest fears of seniors who must go to a nursing home is that in order to qualify for Medicaid help, they must spend down all their assets and give up their home. Mr. Allen says this does not have to be the case.

"You really have two options, only one of which involves spending down assets," Mr. Allen says. "The second and greatly preferred option is to be able to protect a substantial amount of your

life savings and still qualify for Medicaid benefits."

For 20 years, Senior Planning Services has helped hundreds of families plan for the second option. Specifically, they do this planning for people who want to plan ahead, people currently in nursing facilities or those who are about to enter one, in order to protect the maximum amount of their estate from nursing home spend-down. Senior Planning Services is recognized by many as the leading authority in Texas for this type of preservation planning.

When one spouse must go into a nursing facility leaving the other spouse at home, there is great concern

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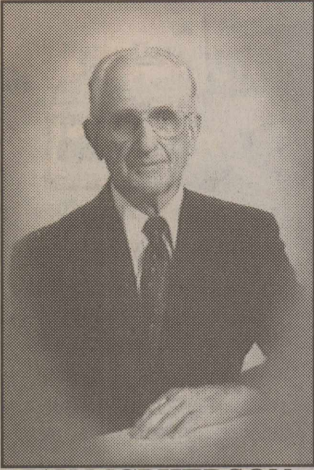
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## Obituary



**JAY MCPHERSON**

Jay McPherson, age 93, passed away on July 18, 2010 at his daughter's home in Palestine, Texas. Jay, also known as "Mac", was a former longtime resident of Midland, Texas.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm, Tuesday July 20, 2010 at the Moore Rose Funeral Home in Lockney, Texas with graveside services held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at the Lockney, Texas Cemetery. Rev. Kyle Brock will officiate.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Jay McPherson was born June 20, 1917 in Alvarado, Texas to C.P. McPherson and Pearl (Anderson) McPherson. When Jay was 6

years old, the family moved to Lockney, Texas where they farmed for many years. Jay enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1941 and served overseas in the European Theatre in World War II until he was honorably discharged in 1945.

Jay married Margaret Kathleen Myers of Lockney, Texas on February 10, 1943 and they made their first home in Lockney. To their marriage were born two children, Karen Ann Johnston of Palestine, Texas and Pamela Webster of Midland, Texas. After World War II ended, Jay returned to Lockney where he farmed until 1955. Jay then worked as a brick mason for many years, building and operating the Lockney Motel and Restaurant before moving to Midland in 1969. Jay and his wife, Kathleen owned and operated Town & Country Cleaners and Mac's Liquors in Midland, selling them in 1978. Jay then worked as a brick mason and as a greeter at Sams Club in Midland for several years before retiring.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Ruel, Wiley, E.C. (Carl), Mace and J.P. (Buddy) McPherson; and his sister, Mary Louise McPherson. Jay is survived by his

wife of 67 years, Margaret Kathleen McPherson of Palestine; his daughters, Karen Johnston and husband Dave of Palestine, Texas, and Pamela Webster and husband Kenneth of Midland, Texas. Grandchildren Lecia Lopez and husband Oscar of Midland, Texas, Tina Sorkness and husband Rick of Jacksonville, Florida, Jay Webster and wife Dawn of Pearland, Texas, Dawn Pratt and husband Jaime of Williamsburg, Virginia, April Patterson and husband Shannon of Palestine, Texas. Great grandchildren, Tami Evans, Megan and Joshua Lopez, Kyle Sorkness, Cameron and Katelyn Webster, Lexi and Alex Pratt, Dakota and Victoria Patterson; 2 great, great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Nettie McPherson, Gwen McPherson, Sue McPherson and a number of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Jay McPherson's name made to Cal Farley Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174 or Solaris Hospice of Palestine, Texas, 1521 S. Loop 256, Palestine, Texas 75801 or Home Hospice of Midland, 901 W. Missouri, Midland, Texas 79701.

**HACKBERRY MEETING**

over losing the home. When a resident applies for Medicaid, the home is considered a non-countable resource. Upon their death, the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program is activated and Medicaid will come after that one remaining asset!

However, "In most spousal cases, the Medicaid guidelines will allow the couple to protect up to 100 percent of their assets, protect all of the stay-at-home spouse's income and sometimes protect all of the income of the spouse in the nursing home and still qualify him or her for Medicaid benefits," Mr. Allen says.

"We welcome everyone to attend this meeting," John Vunk, Hackberry Creek Care Center Administrator, said. "Hackberry is proud to be able to offer Town Hall meetings to the public which present important

information such as the topic of Senior Estate Planning. If you have questions regarding this subject, we encourage you to attend this meeting."

Hackberry Creek is located at the end of Main Street at 805 Harrison Avenue. The meeting will be held in the large dining room at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend and refreshments will be served.

Hackberry Creek Care Center does not endorse or recommend certain organizations which may be featured at our Town Hall Meetings.

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**Hospice Hands second annual fundraiser Aug. 28**

**Hospice Hands  
of  
West Texas**

By Elaine LaBaume  
Hospice Hands of West Texas, our locally owned hospice, will be having their second annual fundraiser on August 28th at their location in Lockney. The address is 305 N. Main Street. There

will be a live and silent auction.

Sam Fortenberry has volunteered to be the auctioneer.

I recently joined the board to learn more about Hospice. They tell me that

Hospice care is available to people of all ages, including children, with a limited life expectancy resulting from any illness.

Hospice does not turn away anyone! The reason for the fundraiser is to help with those expenses. Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and V.A.

Benefits will pay for Hospice but there are people that do not have any of these.

If you have used Hospice for one of your loved ones or if you would like to make a donation, we are asking that you donate an item to be sold in the auction. It doesn't have to be something big, you can donate anything. It would be wonderful if you would drop your item by the office in Lockney or call me and I will come and pick it up.

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Merle Mooney

## Floyd County Church Directory

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| <p><b>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Dennis Butler, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>810 S. 3rd, Floydada<br/>Darwin Robinson, Pastor<br/>983-5278<br/>Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>CALVARY'S<br/>CORNERSTONE<br/>FELLOWSHIP</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Armando Morales, Pastor<br/>Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.<br/>Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>CARR'S CHAPEL</b><br/>Service Every Sunday:<br/>Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>West College &amp; Third,<br/>Lockney<br/>Steve McLean -Minister<br/>Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ...5:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>CITY PARK<br/>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>Levi Sisemore, Minister<br/>Floydada<br/>Sunday Bible Study.9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. 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,</b><br/>Lockney<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.</p> | <p><b>FIRST UNITED<br/>METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Les Hall, Pastor<br/>Early Worship ....8:30 am.<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<br/>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<br/>CHURCH<br/>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<br/>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<br/>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<br/>PRIMITIVE BAPTIST<br/>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<br/>HARVEST<br/>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.</p> | <p><b>POWER OF PRAISE<br/>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<br/>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<br/>BAUTISTA</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Pastor Reverend Raymond<br/>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<br/>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<br/>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<br/>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<br/>CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Angelo Consemينو<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<br/>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<br/>SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF<br/>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<br/>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<br/>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>Floydada 983-3548<br/>Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening .....5:00 p.m.</p> |
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# Lockney City Council approves Mackenzie budget

During the regular monthly meeting of the Lockney City Council Thursday, July 15, Van Breedlove with Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority presented the Mackenzie budget for the next fiscal year. After hearing Breedlove's report, the council approved the budget. During department reports, Bill Anderson updated the council on Lockney Economic Development issues. He discussed property behind Davis Lumber and Attebury

Grain running along Highway 70 and said that he would like to get the community involved in beautifying that area. Anderson said he would attempt to find adjacent property owners to get permission to do this. City Attorney Lanny Voss advised him to contact the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin to inquire of some grants for these types of projects. Manuel DeLeon met with the council

to discuss moving the dumpster at his residence at 308 W. Willow Street. After discussion, the city attorney said that was an administrative decision and no action was required by the city council. Present at the meeting were Mayor Rodger Stapp, Councilmembers Tina Graves, Michael DeLeon, Kelly Prayor and Shanna Jackson, City Attorney Voss, and City Secretary Charlotte Hooten.



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

**CLEANING BRICKS** -- Jonathan and Jacob Luna were busy last week in Lockney cleaning bricks for paving which was damaged when water lines burst last winter. The City of Lockney plans to have the brick paving restored in two places on Main Street.

# Lockney First Baptist plans VBS

Registration for Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church of Lockney will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 23 at the church. Vacation Bible School will be July 26-30, from 6 to 9 p.m. each

evening. At the registration party, there will be a drawing for a free child's bicycle. To qualify for the drawing, a parent or guardian must fill out the registration form and liability release for their

child during the registration party. The drawing will be that night. Hot dogs will be provided for the whole family, and there will be family games and fun to kick off the First Baptist VBS.

# Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Family Fun Day

"To everything there is a season; a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecc. 3:1). Make this a cheerful weekend!

As our neighbors, you are invited to bring the "family" to this special summer event.

traditional music, along with hot dogs, snow cones, water balloon games, pony rides, and other fun games for the entire family.

We're a church here in the city and we want to show you God's love in a pleasurable way. Do you enjoy summer picnics, family activities, and playing outdoors? That's what makes summer fun.

Come and have some fun under the sun, this Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Getsemani Assemblies of God, 701 West Missouri St., Floydada, Texas.

God's family doesn't depend on the world's economy, so don't stress out about bringing your pocket book, cash, or change... just come out and enjoy yourself!

# SPC slates pinning ceremony for Vocational Nursing Graduates on Aug. 18

LEVELLAND - Sixteen South Plains College Vocational Nursing students will graduate in a pinning ceremony at 6 p.m. Aug. 18 in the Helen DeVitt Jones Theatre for the Fine Arts.

will include the Perfect Attendance and the Student of the Year.

Dominguez and Jennifer Michelle Ervin, both of Lubbock; Marcella Ann Neudorf of Seminole; and Shyann Maria Vantine of San Angelo.

The students have completed a rigorous 12-month study that included more than 10 subject areas and more than 1000 hours in the clinical setting. The clinical settings included area hospitals, local clinics, nursing homes as well as an eight-week rotation through all patient care units at University Medical Center. Awards to be presented during the ceremony

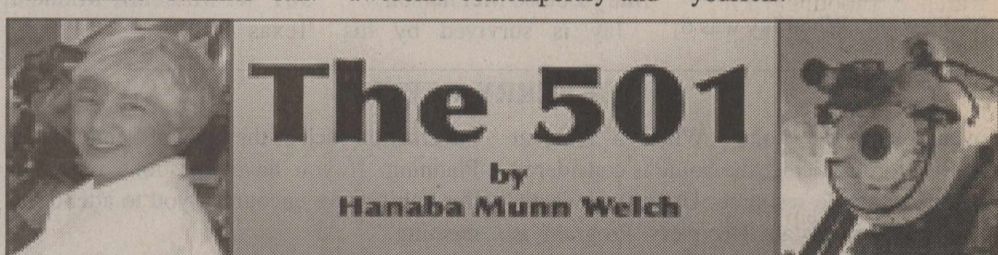
The graduates from Levelland and Hockley County are Ana Belen Barron, Veronica Cisneros, Natalie Cruz, Vanessa Michelle Montez and Joni Marie Nevarez, all of Levelland; Maria Reyna Cardenas of Whitharral and Daisy Palma Villarreal of Morton.

Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing has a history that began much earlier than 1917 when a nationwide system of standardization began. In 1914, Mississippi was the first state to license practical nurses. There are more than 150 schools in Texas educating practical nurses.

Awards to be presented during the ceremony

Other graduates include Patricia Lira Chacon and Martha Doyle, both of Brownfield; Krista Ryan Jennings of Amherst; Erica Elizabeth Limon and Tanya Kay Reynolds, both of Littlefield; Shelly D'ann

For more information, contact Hope Alvarado, instructor of vocational nursing, at (806) 716-2494.



Diesel. All I know about the stuff is that it's not as volatile as gasoline, it's named for a German named Rudolph, and it's really just glorified kerosene.

me anyway - especially the story about using kerosene to keep chiggers from biting.

lents. Why pay their price for a can of spray that runs out when you need it?

That's what I think I know. Maybe I'm wrong, especially about the kerosene part.

At this point, here's the standard warning: DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME.

So when ants, chiggers and mosquitoes attacked me last weekend, I decided to get back to the basics - the new chic - and try kerosene.

Years ago, people used kerosene as an all-purpose preventative and cure for everything imaginable. I'm guessing that, as a substitute for garlic, kerosene would even ward off vampires.

If I ever compile my columns into a book, that could be the title.

I had the string. I just needed the active ingredient.

But at our house, kerosene was just the stuff that went in the tractor and in our emergency coal oil lamps, which makes me think kerosene is just glorified coal oil, whatever coal oil is. I still don't know. Anyway, just about every kerosene story I ever heard came from outside our little family circle and made me think we were a cut above the kerosene set because we used Mentholatum and Campho-Phenique and other store-bought pharmaceuticals instead of plain old kerosene for what ailed us. We were almost chic. But kerosene lore intrigued

We digress.

Have you tried to buy any kerosene lately? Illegal drugs would be easier to find. I bought 43 cents' worth of diesel instead.

That might also make a good title.

Speaking of illegal, I caught the diesel in a lidless coffee container. Most of it didn't spill.

Moving right along, you really can use kerosene against chiggers, the troublesome little mites that live in the grass and leave itchy welts, mostly where clothing binds.

Just blocks away at the weed patch, I gave the strings a diesel dip and tied them on. For the ants and mosquitoes, I slathered my feet, face, neck and arms in diesel. It seemed like a good idea at the time. It worked. No bites. But I must be allergic to diesel. A week later my whole neck is still itching.

You soak two strings in kerosene and tie them snugly around your ankles. When the chiggers get on your feet and start looking for a tight spot to bite, they come to the strings. The kerosene either kills them or makes them too doozy to bite. That's my take. Either way, it's a human victory and a clever one at that. When you outsmart a chigger, it's a fine day.

No more diesel for me. I want kerosene - the real stuff, uncut, no additives.

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**First Baptist Church VBS Registration Party**  
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Drawing for a free child's bike!!

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Drawing will be that night and you will be contacted by phone if you are the winner.

Hot Dogs will be provided for the whole family!!  
Food, Games and Fun for the entire family to kick off our VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be  
July 26th -30th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.  
Call First Baptist Church: 652-3362, if you have any questions.

# National Rifle Association banquet

**By Patty Davenport**

"To Make the Best Better" is the 4-H motto and the National Rifle Association has stepped forward to make this true in Floyd County. The Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports Program recently received a \$4,740.00 state fund grant from the NRA Foundation. State fund grants are awarded to eligible applicants for qualifying projects or activities that promote firearms and hunting safety; enhance the marksmanship skills of those participating in the shooting sports; educate the general public about firearms in their historic, technological, and artistic context; or contribute to the general well-being of the public at large.

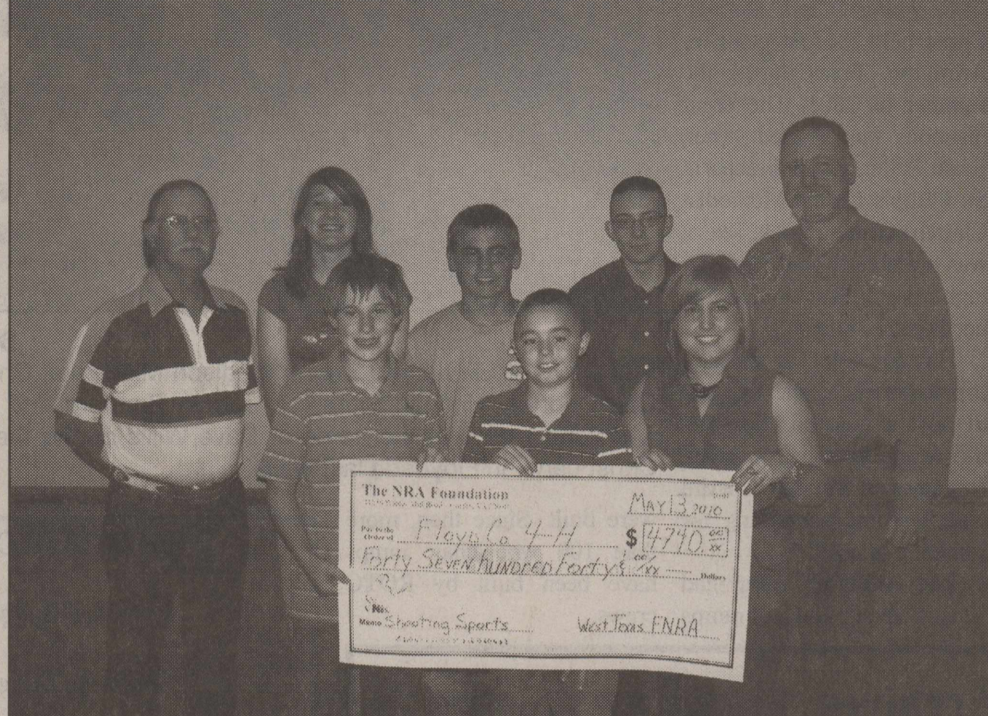
The grant money awarded will be used to enhance both the rifle and archery projects in Floyd County. \$3,000 was designated to the rifle project. This money was used to purchase ammunition and new Savage Mark 1 and Savage Cub .22 rifles. The remaining \$1,740 was designated to the archery project. This money was used to purchase a new Mini-Genesis compound bow and new 3D animal targets for the archery shooting range. The Floyd County 4-H Shooting

Sports Program gives a comprehensive introduction to shooting safety and the fundamentals of archery and rifle. The program is open to any youth from 9 years old (or in the 3rd grade) to 19. Rifles and bows are available for use by members. For more information about the shooting sports program,

contact the Floyd County Extension Office at 983-4912.

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Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.



Floyd County 4-H'ers attended the National Rifle Association banquet on May 13, 2010 and accepted check for a grant awarded to enhance the Shooting Sports program in Floyd County. Those attending were: back row - left to right - Jerry Chappell, coach, Jianna Davenport, Jake Bramlet, J. C. Chappell, and Winfield Davenport, coach. Front row - left to right - Brayden Campbell, Alex Glass and Jill Bramlet.

# Caprock pest management

## Current Crop Conditions

Program cotton ranges from match-head to the first week of bloom. With the wet conditions that Crosby and Floyd County have had producers are now beginning to get in their fields and make their PGR and glyphosate applications to control weeds and plant growth. Weeds are still the number one pest for most producers but as of this week more and more aphid populations have begun to pop up in almost every program field with winged aphids being present.

## Pest Situation Cotton

Winged cotton aphids are being found regularly in almost every program field as well as finding aphid colonies starting to infest the underside of leaves and plant terminals. For the most part our beneficial insects are doing a pretty good job of keeping these populations in check. However, there are some fields that have populations growing at rapid pace. This is most likely due to the cool cloudy conditions that we are having. At least ten consecutive days of hot and dry weather would possibly slow the reproduction of this pest and allow for our beneficials to catch up. As more and more cotton heads into bloom we will need to keep a close watch on this pest. The economic threshold is 50 per leaf. Now that may not sound like a lot and when you look at the underside of the leaves it may look like less than 50. If you wait until you see the honeydew that

makes the cotton look sticky or wet those populations could already be well over 150 per leaf and cause economic loss.

## Pumpkins

Pumpkins have begun to enter stage five (fruit growth) and have already put on small fruit. Fungicides are continuing to go out on a regular basis. Squash bug nymphs and adults are beginning to show up in fields around Floyd County and an insecticide application went out this week for control of this pest.

## Dustin Patman

Extension Agent- Integrated Pest Management

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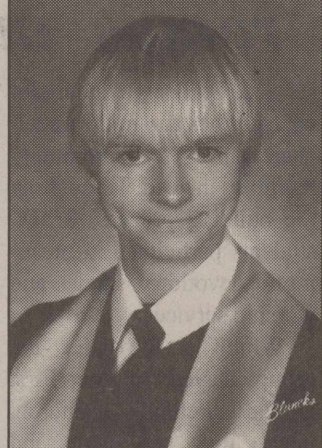
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## The Whirlwind Athletic Booster Club

will be meeting July 27 at 7 p.m. at the Floydada High School Cafeteria.

# Lange awarded scholarship



MARK LANGE

The Texas Chapter 18 of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) is pleased to announce that Mark Lange, a 2010 graduate of

Lubbock High School, has been awarded a scholarship to South Plains College in the amount of \$1,000.

He is the son of Michael and Lisa Lange of Lubbock, Texas.

Those eligible for these scholarships are children and grandchildren of active, retired, or deceased Texas NAPUS Postmasters. Recipients are judged on financial need, scholastic achievement, and extracurricular activities.

Mark was sponsored by his father, Michael Lange, who is currently serving as the Postmaster of Floydada, Texas.

## THIS WEEK'S

### FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1980 REUNION

The Floydada High School Class of 1980 will reunite for its 30th year reunion July 30th and July 31st at the Holiday Inn, South Loop in Lubbock. A reception is planned for Friday night for anyone wanting to visit with class members. A Saturday evening gathering is planned for FHS Class of 80 exes. For more information contact Kenneth Young or Sammy Bradley.

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**CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

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Mobile Congressional Office Hours are neighborhood office hours open to the public so you can meet with my staff and share your ideas, concerns, and feedback. Representatives will be available to assist with veterans' benefits, social security concerns, and many other issues.

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**19th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

# ROTC youth missionaries build wheelchair ramps in Floydada

Young missionaries in the ROTC (Reaching Others Through Christ) program were in Floydada last week (July 12-17) building wheelchair ramps and doing other community service.

Junior-high-age students, their senior-high youth leaders, and adult volunteers from United Methodist churches in Midland, Big Spring and Temple constructed several ramps during the week in Floydada.

Youth and adults in the ROTC program pay \$250 to spend a week helping those who are unable to help themselves. ROTC participants prepare their own meals, bring their own tools, and purchase their own materials for the week of work that begins at 6 a.m. for those on the breakfast crew and ends with worship time each night. ROTC provides junior high youth a unique opportunity for worship and community

service. Students stay in local churches and build wheelchair ramps for community members in need. Throughout the building process, ROTC students participate in meaningful devotional studies and worship services.

While in Floydada, the group stayed at the First United Methodist Church, where they ate, slept, and participated in various activities. They showered at the Floydada High School gymnasium. Several local organizations and businesses donated special meals. Methodist Men provided the Monday evening meal, First National Bank of Floydada furnished the Tuesday evening meal, catered by Leonard's Cafe, Lowe's Pay-n-Save donated a meal, and Floydada First Baptist Church furnished ice for the group. The ROTC crew members prepared all their own breakfasts and lunches, according to Jeanna Reinke,

director of the Floydada camp. Each day at ROTC camp starts with a morning devotional led by one of the youth leaders.

During lunch, participants invite their clients to join them for a sack lunch and devotional. A worship service ends each night.

Reaching Others Through Christ held its first camp in Arlington, Texas during the summer of 2003. The organization was started when Kristi Zeller, youth director at St. Philip's United Methodist Church at Round Rock, Texas, was not able to find a junior-high mission trip to meet the needs of her ministry.

Having a lot of mission trip experience, she decided to host a mission trip. The trip would have just as much emphasis on worship as it did with building something for someone in need.

The Arlington camp had 32 participants and four ramps



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

ROTC WORKERS (Left to right) Madison Mladenka, Chase Acuff, Matthew Moore, Caleb Jones, Hannah Biemeret, Jordyn Bamford and Cheyenne DeSpain built a wheelchair ramp at the home of Dave Willis during the Reaching Others Through Christ camp in Floydada last week.

were built. Since then, more than 100 wheelchair ramps have been built by ROTC crews.

## Museum Archives

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

From the Floyd County Hesperian September 14, 1933

#### YOUTHFUL 'EXPLORERS' FIND HUMAN SKULL ON RIM OF BLANCO CANYON

A human skull, minus the lower jaw, probably that of a fifty-year-old man was found two miles east of the Ralls Crossing on Blanco Canyon by Walton Henderson and F. C. Harmon, Jr., of this city, Wednesday afternoon of last week. The youth were on an "exploring" expedition and tramping the hills when they came across the head of the human body sitting "looking" at them. It was on the south side of the canyon, about ten feet from the perpendicular rim formed by the caprock and about ten feet from a gulchly the boys said.

They brought the specimen to The Hesperian office and all during the week-end visitors inspected the "head" and speculated on whence it came and how. Several theories were advanced. E. S. Randerson, sheriff, took official notice of the find and has been checking the records in his office and that of neighboring peace officers for any connection it might have with their lists of mysterious disappearances or unsolved crimes.

Dr. W. M. Houghton, who inspected the skull was of the opinion that it was of a man probably fifty, of good intelligence and that it had been buried either under debris or in a grave. Judge L. G. Mathews also was of the same opinion. The skull was unbleached and still had particles of tissue clinging to it in one or more places. Bones of a dead animal, Judge Mathews declared, left out in the weather and at the mercy of birds and beasts of prey, would be bleached and dried within a period of thirty to sixty days, he declared calling on his store of experience as a boy reared on a ranch.

Six teeth were missing from the upper jaw, and Dr. C. M. Thacker, ventured the opinion that these had been lost after the death of the person. One tooth had been missing before the death of the person for sometime since nature had tended to fill in the space with bone tissue to take the place of the missing tooth. Two teeth have cavities where decay had been started before the death of the man.

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

From The Floyd County Hesperian September 10, 1936

#### MORE WEEKS TO PASS BEFORE CITY LIGHT PLANT CONTRACT LET, INDICATION THIS WEEK

Bond Market, Type of Construction, Power Plants Studied by Council

Indications this week are that more weeks are to pass before the details worked out for the construction of a municipal light and power plant.

During the period since the tax paying citizens voted to uphold the council in their proposal to go into the municipal light and power plant proposition with the

view of constructing such a plant, much work has had to be done, and even since the employment of engineering counsel and the preliminary meetings has had to map their course slowly.

At Tuesday night's regular meeting this week the city fathers went further into the project, arriving tentatively at conclusions as to the type of power plant that will be used and the probable procedure in financing. In their meeting was a representative of Cornell and Company, engineers employed for the survey and the subsequent construction of a plant and distribution lines, if and when undertaken.

Many details yet remain to be worked out, it developed at this meeting, at which all members of the council were present except W. U. White, who is absent from the city

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### CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Floydada is soliciting sealed bid proposals for the replacement of its Booster Pump Station with new building, pumps, piping, electrical, chlorination equipment and security fencing. Bid opening will be at the Floydada City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2010. Bids will be opened and read aloud immediately following. Any bid received after the deadline will be returned to sender unopened. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled City of Floydada, Water System Improvements, New Booster Pump Station and addressed to Mr. Gary Brown, City Manager. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the bid submitted is required. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Payment and performance bonds will be required in accordance with Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by House Bill 344 passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959 and Experience Record. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file at City Hall, City of Floydada, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas 79235. Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 for each set of documents.

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE

The Commissioners Court of Floyd County shall exercise its authority provided by VTCA Local Government Code § 152.013 at the Special Budget Hearing July 30, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to set the salary, expenses and other allowances of Elected County or Precinct Officers.

Proposed increases are as follows.

| ELECTED OFFICIALS        | Proposed Monthly Increase |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| COUNTY CLERK             | \$181.00                  |
| DISTRICT CLERK           | \$181.00                  |
| JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 1&4 | \$181.00                  |
| JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 2&3 | \$181.00                  |
| COUNTY ATTORNEY          | \$181.00                  |
| COUNTY TREASURER         | \$181.00                  |
| TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR   | \$181.00                  |
| COUNTY JUDGE "Disparity" | \$332.00                  |
| TRAVEL                   | \$83.33                   |
| SHERIFF "Disparity"      | \$932.00                  |
| PRECINCT 1               | \$60.04                   |
| TRAVEL                   | \$83.33                   |
| PRECINCT 2               | \$60.04                   |
| TRAVEL                   | \$83.33                   |
| PRECINCT 3               | \$60.04                   |
| TRAVEL                   | \$83.33                   |
| PRECINCT 4               | \$60.04                   |
| TRAVEL                   | \$83.33                   |

Commissioners Court, Floyd County, Texas

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING

Proposed Budget for 2010/2011

Adopt the Budget of 2010/2011

On August 23, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. the Commissioners' Court will hold a hearing on proposed budget and adopt the Budget at a special called meeting. Then on September 13, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners' Court will adopt the Tax Rate, at a regular called meeting in the Floyd County Courthouse Room 106, Floydada, Texas.

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### USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Floyd County FSA Office

For Immediate Release

Date: July 16, 2010

Applications are being accepted until July 30, 2010 for a full-time permanent Program Technician position. Qualifications include but are not limited to: High School education, acceptable computer skills, office skills, knowledge of local farming practices, good public relations skills, ability to multitask and willingness to accept responsibilities. Applications can be obtained from the Floyd County FSA Office located at HWY 70 East, Floydada, Texas 79235 or online at www.USAJobs.gov. For questions call (806) 983.3763, Ext. 102

FSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and Provider

Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any nonmerit reason such as race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status or membership or non membership in any employee organization.

### THE FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT IS TAKING SEALED BIDS FOR

#### PURCHASE

Precinct # 3 - One used 150/185 HP Motor Grader

#### Specification:

- Less than 5 years old
- Less than 3,000 hours
- More than 3 years warranty

#### TRADE OR SALE

1. 1990 John Deere Motor Grader (5237 hrs, complete engine over-haul at 4500 hrs, new AC compressor) SN # DW770BH527804

2. 2001 Komatsu Motor Grader (5140 hrs, new circle reverse gear replaced in 2009) Model # GD650A-2C4 SR#210729

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#### SALE ONLY

1990 Ford 1/2 ton pickup, 5 speed \*\*\*\*\*

FLOYD COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY AND ALL BIDS.

ALL BID PROPOSALS WILL NEED TO BE DELIVERED OR MAILED TO THE FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE 105 S. MAIN ST. RM 105 COURTHOUSE FLOYDADA, TEXAS 79235

ALL SEALED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTILL 5:00 PM THURSDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 ALL SEALED BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010

AT 10:00 A.M. DURING THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NATHAN JOHNSON 806-292-8823

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### How about a challenge?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

President Obama's approval ratings continue to drop because the majority of Americans don't like his policies. Many ardent Obama supporters could care less. They love the man and think he can do no wrong. That's fine, but those poor approval ratings reflect the country's mood and will lead to his defeat in November 2012.

Part of Obama's problem are the clowns he's surrounded himself with from his advisors to his Cabinet. In other words, he could have placed some real experienced talent at those positions, but seemingly went a different direction.

Another Obama problem is lack of a popular vision. Obama's current agenda is not popular. If he stays the course, it will cost him.

So, what would you advise the president to do to get some momentum? If you were one of his advisors (and I know most of you are brighter than that so hear me out), what would you suggest the president do to boost moral and get the economy started.

If I were Obama's Chief Advisor, the first thing I would do is to tell the man to hideout in the White House for a couple of weeks, maybe even a month.

I'd tell him to send Press Secretary Robert Gibbs out to give his daily briefing, but inform the press that the president is working on something bold and big which will have a major impact on humanity.

After "teasing" the public and getting everyone curious

about this bold plan, I'd advise President Obama to take the stage during prime time to address the country.

Obama would then take center stage and challenge these United States. He would tell us that within the next decade, we are going to find a cure for cancer. We are going to find a cure and that cure is going to save millions of lives and billions of dollars.

Obama would continue: "Any country which can put a man on the moon can advance humanity past this horrible, expensive disease which effects everyone in the country in some way."

Of course the president would then disclose an outline and appoint the top minds on the planet to see such an endeavor accomplished.

Over 1.2 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. within the next year. Over 600,000 will die.

The impact of such a cure would be staggering and reaffirm that the American spirit is alive and well.

Of course, this is just a pipe dream. Even though I'll email and mail this column to the president with a note, I doubt it will ever get his attention.

It's too bad. I honestly believe that with the proper resources and brain power, a modern-day version of the Manhattan project or moon shot could be accomplished. I know it could.

A couple of weeks ago a woman in the former Soviet republic of Georgia turned 130, making her the oldest person on

Earth.

Antisa Khvichava, from western Georgia, was born on July 8, 1880, said Georgiy Meurnishvili, spokesman for the civil registry at the Justice Ministry.

The changes which have occurred during her lifetime are staggering, even though life in her tiny mountain village is very simple.

Her birth certificate has been lost during the turbulent years which those in the region have experienced during her lifetime. There is documentation supporting the claim, like her work information. She was a tea and corn picker and retired in 1965, when she was 85, the records say.

If in fact she is 130, I sincerely hope she donates her body to science. In fact, someone should convince her to do just that and everything about her body and brain should be studied. I'm very curious to know how on earth someone can live so many years?

Can you imagine 75 being middle aged?

"I've always been healthy, and I've worked all my life - at home and at the farm," said Khvichava on her birthday. The number "130" was largely displayed on her cake.

Amazing, if true.

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## Toyota rapid acceleration case raises questions of government motives

By RICK MANNING

Did the United States government deliberately use its regulatory enforcement power to damage Toyota, and benefit government owned General Motors?

Reasonable people are asking this question around the world, as the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's early tests of Toyota's supposedly sticky accelerators have found that driver error was the cause of the problem, not faulty parts.

Just six months ago, the Obama Administration's public relations machine was in full gear deriding Toyota for putting consumers at risk, fining them more than \$16 million, and declaring Toyota guilty for everyone in the world to hear. Lawsuits were filed, Congressional hearings were held, and most importantly Toyotas went unsold, while GM sales increased.

Now, it looks like this sudden acceleration problem was caused by, get this, drivers hitting the accelerator pedal rather than the brake, and Toyota owners not being smart enough to keep their floor mats from underneath the accelerator, causing it to stick in the fully-engaged position.

I guess that the government's next step will be to require a safety yellow sticker on every dashboard that says, "Warning: Pressing down on the accelerator will result on sudden acceleration."

The real issue here is that the very motives of the government are in question in publicly convicting Toyota before any real evidence had been collected.

Was the rush to judgment based upon the Obama Administration's general dislike for every business, or was it based upon the need to jumpstart the sales of General Motors vehicles?

We will never actually know the truth.

Government control over functions that are rightly in the private sector like auto manufacturing leads everyone to wonder whether regulatory justice is truly blind, or are the regulators blinded from justice by the inherent conflict of interest of being competitors in the marketplace?

Imagine if a prosecutor and judge stood to benefit financially from the outcome of a case. That great oxymoron, legal ethics, requires that they not participate in the case in order to allow an indisputably, honest outcome to be achieved.

The foundation of our legal system is found in the Biblical Book of Deuteronomy which states, "Hear the disputes between your brothers and judge fairly, whether the case is between brother Israelites or between one of them and an alien. Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike."

Beyond the moral implications of ensuring that everyone gets a fair, impartial judgment, the assumption that the U.S. government does not play favorites is foundational to our successful free enterprise system.

In many third world countries it is the norm for "favored" companies to receive government grants and other favored treatment over their private sector competitors. This expectation of an uneven playing field serves as a great disincentive to developing new business ventures that are separate from the government-controlled enterprises with the economy and people suffering as a result.

The very fact that the question could be reasonably asked about the U.S. government's motives in the Toyota sudden acceleration case further undercuts the belief that winners and losers are created in our economy based upon innovation, guts, business acumen, hard work and a willingness to risk everything to achieve success. Instead, it reinforces the notion that who you know in DC, is more important than what you know in your business.

So long as the U.S. government has a car czar who oversees the activities at General Motors and Chrysler Corporations, every other auto manufacturer will always wonder whether these competitors are being tipped off to new regulations, and if they have any chance of getting a fair shake through the regulatory process.

Selling the federal government stake in GM and Chrysler is the only way to restore a belief that the many regulatory arms of the government are acting in good faith, rather than capriciously. This should be job one of the new Congress in 2011.

## Extortion or Justice?

By ADAM BITELY

Late Thursday, in the aftermath of final passage of the Financial Takeover bill, it was announced that Goldman Sachs would pay a \$550 million settlement fee to the Securities and Exchange Commission in the civil suit where the SEC charged Goldman Sachs with fraud. Oddly, this settlement seems to be accepted widely instead of drawing criticism that this may have been simple extortion.

This is not to say that Goldman Sachs did not defraud its customers into selling mortgage securities in order to strike it rich on the housing market collapse. Rather, we will never know if that is what happened or not.

Considering that the SEC levied these charges, which are very serious, in an effort to stop and expose bad practices, one would assume that the SEC would carry these charges through the Court system until a verdict was reached. Alleging that a party had committed acts of fraud is serious. And these types of actions should be

investigated. But to walk away from charges, albeit \$550 million ahead, is cause enough for suspicion to rise.

One must wonder if the SEC was serious about its allegations. While \$550 million is no small sum, excluding the fact that the amount of the settlement was the equivalent of two weeks' profit for Goldman in the first quarter of 2010, one must wonder if this was a shakedown committed by the SEC.

Of the few powers granted to Government in the Constitution, one is to provide a justice system which protects the rights of the people and the rights of the accused. If the government can levy charges against a corporation, then reach a settlement in which the government is awarded money without determining if there was any wrongdoing, then justice has not been reached.

If the government does not proceed with the case, dropping the charges in exchange for money, then why were charges brought forth in the first place. One would usually assume that charges were brought forth in order to stop

wrongdoing.

However, the governments dropping of the case raises one to question if the case was brought forth in good faith? Many Washington insiders question if the case was brought forth to coincide with Obama's financial reform agenda. By dropping the case, the government does not engage in the discovery process thus leaving the questions of government timing and motives unanswered. Was this civil case simply a way for the government to hustle money from an organization they claim misled their customers without providing proper information on investments?

Clearly it was in Goldman Sachs's best interest for the case to go away. Having such high-level law suits on their hands is troublesome enough. But what does America learn from this charade?

It is clear that the government did not want to proceed with their charges. It is also clear that they prospered significantly from their accusations. But where is the justice? This smells

like crony capitalism.

In an age where distrust of government is at an all-time high, one would assume that the government bureaucracies that are charged with providing regulation to the financial markets would act responsibly now more than ever. Clearly, in the case of the \$550 million settlement with Goldman Sachs, someone at the SEC was very afraid that their actions would be subjected to scrutiny in a court of law.

This just goes to show that handing more power to the government to investigate the actions of Wall Street power brokers only results in shakedowns, a lack of justice, and a lack of transparency.

If the government wants to bring a case against a corporation or labor union, they should be required to see it through the court system in order to provide certainty to the American public that they are not engaging in legal extortion. This is the least that we should expect from them.

## The Eco-Jihad

By TREVOR SIDES

The greenest kids on the block aren't your Whole-Foods-buying, Prius-driving neighbors with the wind turbines in the backyard. No, the real champions of earth-friendliness are the faithful followers of Islam.

Or so says the Prince of Wales, the royal highness of eco-absurdism.

Speaking at the Sheldonian Theatre on June 9th, in a lecture to mark the 25th anniversary of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Prince Charles urged mankind to save the natural world through the means of "sacred traditions." In the Prince's ecumenically patchwork doctrine, our ruthless destruction of the environment stems from an ignorance of these sacred religious and spiritual traditions — most notably Islam.

The Fresh Prince of Fresh Air then went on to bemoan the fact that Islam's "treasuries of accumulated wisdom and spiritual knowledge" — these "priceless" gifts to the world — are being overshadowed by the "dominant drives towards Western materialism." You know, the barbaric notion that "to be truly modern you have to ape the West." If only we could only follow Islam's

"spiritual principles," said Charles, then our environmental worries will be over!

It's all very clear now. For the last decade, we right-wing Islamophobes have had it all wrong. We've thought that bin Laden and the like were waging their jihad in the name of Allah. But in reality, their global struggles have been about the restoration of a clean, un-Westernized eco-Eden.

Ergo, if you're of the Islamic tradition and you want to save "the environment" and still get a guaranteed spot with the 72 virgins, fly planes into buildings. Blow up the London Tube. Smuggle C4 on a plane via your underwear. Park a car bomb in Times Square. Stage a "massacre" on a flotilla in Israeli waters. Because the worst polluters and CO2-contributors to Allah's delicate creation are those damned Westerners with their affluent lifestyles. Felling the Great Satan — surprise-surprise — has nothing to do with a world-wide caliphate after all. Just greener lives for those of us still alive.

This Islamic eco-platitude works just fine if you view the world through multicultural-colored windows. But reality has a way of smashing thinly-panned glass.

Not more than a week after Prince Charles's

hour-long tribute to Islam's greener side, members of the Muslims Against the Crusades (MAC) group berated British soldiers during their unit's homecoming parade in a neighborhood of Barking, Essex. Prince Charles was undoubtedly surprised that the MAC's protest had nothing to do with the soldiers' Westernized affluence and carbon footprints.

"This is a protest against parading in a Muslim area. We love death the way you love life," shouted one MAC member. "Butchers return" and "Murderers" were also common refrains from the MAC contingent.

Muslims cut from this kind of cloth care nothing at all about the state of the "environment." And about their "sacred traditions" — do those include female genital mutilation? Honor killings? What about their contributions to architecture and math? Nope. As scholar and author Rodney Stark points out, Muslims never "had" it. "The civilization we typically associate with Islam was in fact the civilization of the Christians and Jews they were ruling," said Stark in a recent interview. "When those Christians and Jews finally disappeared, so too did that advanced 'Muslim' civilization." Oh, well. At least NASA is here to make them feel good about

their cultural legacies.

One of the more dangerous revelations from this episode is that environmental doomsayers, like Prince Charles, will bark up any tree that they think will "save" the "planet." Climategate brought the pure, wind-driven science of climate change urgency to a screeching halt, and now it's time for religion — Islam to save the day. It's absurd simply writing that. How absurd must it feel to actually believe this nonsense?

I'm not normally a fan of Christopher Hitchens, but he made some pertinent observations about Charles' speech. In an article in Slate, Hitchens assures us that the Prince's remarks drew some "wolfish smiles among his Muslim audience." Hitchens then went on to quote a document published by the Islamic Forum of Europe — "a group dedicated to the restoration of the Islamic Caliphate" and not the saving of the environment — stating that the "primary work" in establishing a global Islamic state "is in Europe, because it is this continent, despite all the furor about its achievements, which has a moral and spiritual vacuum."

And the Prince of Wales is first among the vacuums.

**Plunk**

couple started their own businesses, Taylor Sales and Services and Taylor Apartments.

J. D. Taylor died June 6, 1995, in Amarillo. In 1997 Lillie married Eldon Plunk. Their romance began when Eldon, who was a widower, took her to lunch after services at San Jacinto Methodist Church. He told her she was by far the prettiest of all the single women in his age group at the church.

Since Eldon's death on May 8, 2008, Lillie continues to live alone with the assistance of her housekeeper-companion,

Rachel Chavez. She maintains a lively interest in fashion and goes shopping several times a week. She keeps a standing appointment at the hairdresser.

A few years ago Lillie gave up driving at her doctor's urging. She insists that her eyesight is as good as ever. She has never worn glasses either for reading or distance.

For exercise Lillie has always walked and until recently did a distance of at least one mile daily. After a recent fall, she has reduced the length of her stroll and tries to walk with someone. She remains in general good health.

**South Plains College announces fall 2010 registration**

LEVELLAND—South Plains College will host registration for the fall 2010 semester on its Levelland, Byron Martin Advance Technology Center, Plainview Center and Reese Center campus locations Aug. 23-26.

Fall classes begin Aug. 30. Fall on campus registration for technical majors only at SPC Byron Martin, 3201 Ave. Q in Lubbock, is set for 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 23. Students should be admitted to SPC with transcripts on file to be eligible for registration.

SPC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th St., will offer fall registration from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 24 in the Main Office.

The Levelland campus will offer registration from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 25 in the Technology Center.

Registration for Reese Center and the Byron Martin ATC will

be from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 26. Registration will be in SPC Building 8 at the Reese Center.

Late registration on all campuses will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 30-31. A late fee of \$15 will be charged. The ad/drop fee is \$5. On the Levelland, Byron Martin ATC and Reese campuses, students should report to the Counseling Center. On the Plainview campus, students must report to the Main Office. On-line late registration is available Aug. 30-31 for returning and new students who have been accepted for admission may register through MySPC.

All students must bring the following items to registration: a trial schedule, pen or pencil, a valid Texas driver's license, vehicle registration information and form of payment for tuition and fees.

**SPC Byron Martin to host New Student Orientation on Thursday**

LUBBOCK — South Plains College Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center will host New Student Orientation at 5:30 p.m. Thursday (July 22) in Room 101.

The SPC Byron Martin campus is located at 3201 Ave. Q.

For more information or questions, contact Kathryn Perez, college recruiter, at (806) 716-2115.



Courtesy Photo

Floydada residents decided to go canoeing on Lake DQ (between the Dairy Queen and Ace Hardware) in Floydada on July 5<sup>th</sup> after the excessive rain that was received in Floyd County.

**Edward Jones Ranks Highest in Investor Satisfaction**

"As stated on their website, Edward Jones advisors strive for personal attention and believe in providing one-on-one service," according to the J.D. Power study. "This is evident in their efforts to engage in proactive conversations regarding a multitude of their investors' concerns, including reviewing an existing strategic plan or developing one for a new investor, and initiating discussions regarding portfolio/asset allocation or investment needs."

For the fifth year out of the past six, financial-services firm Edward Jones ranks highest in investor satisfaction with full-service brokerage firms, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2010 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study, announced the four Plainview Financial

Advisors, Don Book, Gary Massingill, Paul Garcia and J Pat Manning.

The study measures overall investor satisfaction with full service investment firms based on seven factors: investment advisor, portfolio performance, account information, account offerings, commissions and fees, website and problem resolution. The J.D. Power and Associates study found that Edward Jones "performed particularly well across the two highest-weighted factors: Investment Advisor and Investment Performance."

Edward Jones' overall score climbed 10 points over last year, when it also was ranked highest among the 12 largest firms rated.

The 2010 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study is based on responses from 4,460 investors who

primarily invest with one of the 12 firms included in the study. The study was fielded in May 2010.

Edward Jones ranked highest in investor satisfaction by J.D. Power and Associates in 2009, from 2005 through 2007, and in a tie in 2002, when the study began. Edward Jones in Canada twice ranked highest in the J.D. Power and Associates Canadian Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study.

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The Special Commissioners' Court of Floyd County will conduct a Public Hearing on the Countywide Election Precincts (3-central polling places), on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Courthouse Room 106, Floydada, Texas. The public is invited to attend.

Penny Golightly  
Floyd County Judge 7-22c

**Cotton Market Weekly**

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July 15, 2010

The summer doldrums have the cotton futures market firmly in their grasp with low volume and a narrow trading range now the norm. Fundamentally, demand remains steady with dwindling supplies of cotton the main cause for smaller export sales. Cotton futures trading on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) is lackluster without the absence of typical summer crop uncertainties. The market longs for fresh fundamental news to kick start trading.

"Without a major pickup in export demand, and as long as the crops of the world are progressing normally, it may be hard to recreate enough bullish enthusiasm to end the summer doldrums," a trader said.

The U.S. cotton crop now is projected 50 percent larger in 2010 than the year before. Rebounding textile demand drove prices higher as the

economy recovered, and farmers planted more of the crop as those prices made it an attractive investment. Cotton prices rebounded in late 2009 and through early 2010, and prices still are 25 percent higher than they were at this time last year.

However, consumers purchase fewer textiles when finances are tight. Some market observers say cotton prices now are falling as the outlook for a big supply of cotton is met by questionable demand due to ideas of a flagging economy.

In the meantime, the U.S. cotton crop continues to thrive. Favorable planting and development weather also is adding to potential output. In the week ended July 11, 67 percent of the U.S. cotton crop was rated in good to excellent condition, up from 65 percent the previous week, according to USDA data. The portion of the crop rated very poor to poor

was seven percent compared to nine percent the previous week. In fact, the department's figures indicated the U.S. crop continued to make good progress and not just from a conditions standpoint, but from a maturity perspective as well.

As we head into the heart of the U.S. cotton growing season, there are few areas in the U.S. experiencing anything but ideal conditions. Traders now have begun to focus on the maturity of the crop due to the relatively tight carryover. Sunday's report showed the U.S. crop is maturing ahead of last year and even ahead of the five-year average with 79 percent of the crop setting bolls versus 74 percent last year and 64 percent the previous week. The five year average is 68 percent. An early US crop would bode well for 2010-11 export prospects.

Last season's crop continues to be in demand as the export report for the week ended July 8 showed just how hungry the world's spinning mill were for cotton. Total net sales were tallied at 107,600 bales. Although the figure was down nine percent from the previous week and 30 percent from the four-week average, it was considered quite healthy due to the dwindling supplies of cotton. China was by far the largest buyer for the week with purchases totaling 48,700

bales. Brazil and Taiwan rounded out the list of top three buyers with 15,000 and 14,200 bales, respectively. Net sales of 238,900 bales for delivery in 2010-11 were mainly for China, Turkey, and Indonesia.

Export shipments of 167,000 bales were down 53 percent from the previous week and 45 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, and Bangladesh.

On the spot cotton market, growers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold no cotton online in the week ended July 15 compared to the previous week when 90 bales were traded.

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