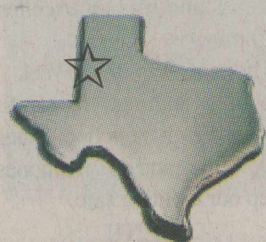


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FEMA's Public Assistance program made available to Floyd County *Entrepreneurial spirit alive in Lockney*

LAREDO, Texas - State agencies, local jurisdictions and eligible nonprofit organizations in nine West Texas counties who suffered damage or loss as a result of Hurricane Alex and subsequent flooding now can register for federal assistance.

Public Assistance is being made available to these counties after a review of damage assessments was done by officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

Today's amendment to the presidential disaster declaration of Aug. 3 authorized all categories of Public Assistance for Cottle, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley and Terry Counties.

State agencies, local jurisdictions and eligible nonprofit organizations in these counties are eligible for reimbursement for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, restoration, reconstruction or replacement of public facilities, roads and bridges, water facilities and other infrastructure damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Alex. FEMA's Public Assistance program will reimburse a minimum of 75 percent of eligible costs.

Under the presidential declaration, Individual Assistance and all categories of Public Assistance are available in nine other counties: Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Maverick, Starr,

Webb, Willacy and Zapata. Federal funding also is available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations in Willacy County on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by Hurricane Alex.

More information about this disaster is available online at www.fema.gov or www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

Information on the Hurricane Alex disaster recovery, browse the features on this FEMA Web site at www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2010/alex/index.shtm. Users of smart phones and other mobile devices can visit m.fema.gov. Texans should also visit www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem for more

information on this disaster and preparation for future disasters.

The mission of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety, is to support the citizens of Texas and local jurisdictions as they plan for, respond to, recover from and mitigate the impacts of all hazards, emergencies and disasters. For more information, see: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Young entrepreneur, Drake Gonzalez, was open for business last weekend selling fresh squeezed lemonade on First Street in Lockney. From 7 a.m to 1 p.m, Drake set up the lemonade stand that his grandpa made for him, a sold cold, refreshing lemonade that he and Katelyn McWilliams had hand squeezed the night before. Drake was raising money to take his mom, Regina Gonzalez, on a date to the Science Spectrum.

Floydada to hold tax ratification election (TRE)

The Floydada ISD Board of Trustees has called a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) for the District. The election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Early voting will be held beginning on Sept. 7 and continue through Sept. 17. All voting will be held at the Floydada ISD Central offices located at 226 W. California, Floydada, TX.

The purpose of this election is to ratify the 2010-2011 Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate of \$1.17. This is an increase of \$0.13 from the 2009-2010 tax rate. The FSD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the

rate at their July 13 meeting. The adoption of that rate triggered the mandatory election.

A Public Forum regarding the TRE will be held at the FHS Auditorium on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to participate in the forum to receive information regarding the upcoming TRE. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the FSD Central Office at 226 W. California or by calling 806-983-3498.

Below are the few of the Frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the TRE.

Additional information may be found on the Floydada ISD website www.floydadaisd.esc17.net

What is a Tax Ratification Election?

A Tax Ratification Election (TRE) is part of the new state-financing plan for public school districts. The state established a fixed income based on average daily attendance back in 2005-2006. In order for school districts to receive additional matching funds from the state, school districts must adopt an additional one-time tax rate limited to .13 cents

per \$100 valuation. The local community must ratify that amount in a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) in order for the new rate to be effective.

What is the purpose of this election?

Changes in the Texas school finance laws required Floydada I.S.D. to obtain voter approval for a proposed tax rate increase to access additional revenue for general operating expenses. House Bill 1 hold school districts to the 2005-2006 funding level. Although the costs

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Floyd County goes back to school

Homer Marquez Reporter

It's that time of year again, time for kids to fill up their backpacks with fresh newschool supplies and head towards big yellow buses. Summer is over and local students are hitting the books once again. Last Monday marked the first day of school for Floyd County, and local students filled classrooms to bury their noses into new books, meet new teachers, and learn new curriculum.

For most students, the start of

a new school year is far from a big deal, by the end of the first day several students will have already begun to count down the days till summer. But for a few students and their parents, this particular first day of school is the first step towards an amazing journey.

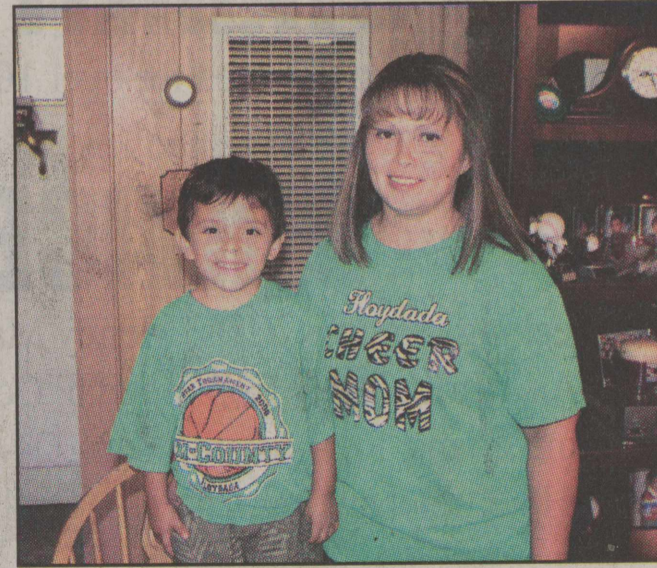
For Lockney mother, Michealle Stennett, watching her son Keenan enter his final year at Lockney High,

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Michealle Stennett and her son Keenan show their school pride.



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Derrick Suarez and his mom, Sandra Suarez, gear up for the start of school.

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VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

School Days, School Days, Dear old golden rule days. Reading and Riteing and Rithmatic taught to the tune of a hickory stick..

For the last several years school has started in August. Back in the old days when I and my children went to school, it started in September. I remember it always rained when school started so my Dad had to take me in to school over the muddy roads. I always hated for him to take me to school cause he smoked big cigars and I smelled awful when we got there. Oh me those were good ole school days!!!!

The Alumni of the class of 1950 held their 60th class reunion at the new "Dixie Tavern". Ten classmates and guest attended and ate lunch there followed with more visitation at Eugene Tannahill's house. Attending were Wanda Jack House of Tulia, Dub and Jontha Lee Mercer of Lockney, Ray Tomsu of Kress, Bill

Gilbreath of Floydada, Charles Crouch and guest of Lindsey, Okla. Arlene Turner McCollum of Bovina, Kay Norman Hall of Hereford, Robert Mathews and guest Lorena Dayton of Plainview and Eugene Tannahill. Other visitors were Sterling and Gleyenn Earle Norman Cummings.

Renee said our guest last week who ate at the Center were Hurl McCoy and daughter Virginia Stapp and Janet Pyle. Visitors always are so welcome. Thank you goes to Charles "Goober" and wife Ailene Williams of Tulia for the delicious corn.

Becky and Steve McPherson spent a few days last week in Ruidoso attending the Horse Races with their friends Brenda and Ernie who had a horse running. Donnie and I always tried to go to Ruidoso for the races the weekend before Labor Day. One time when we were out there we ran into David and Sara Stowe and their children. I

had more fun visiting with Sara than watching the races. David, Sara and Donnie are all gone now and I don't go out there any more.

My granddaughter-in-law Megan McPherson had a procedure done on her heart in Lubbock last Thursday that was successful. Thursday night Louie and Cynthia visited them taking her a gift basket. Payce was already in bed and when Louie opened his door he said "What are doing in my house Louie Don?" Payce calls him Louie "Louie Don". Louie told him "he just wanted to come and see him". Then Payce said "Cool". That boy.

Please remember to keep all the sick people on your prayer list

MENU

August 30 - September 3

Monday - Baked potato

Tuesday - Chicken and rice

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak

Thursday - Pork chops

Friday - Meatloaf

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

There were several mistakes in last weeks news from the Center. Barbara was on vacation and those people who filled in for her could not read my handwriting.

The first mistake was Ruby Gooch's name. It was listed as Ruby Goodie. The second mistake was in sympathy to Linda Matsler on the loss of her mother, Ruth Lutrick, not Lutsick.

The other mistake was that in memory of Jean Hale by Eva Parker. I called Eva to apologize. The article last week read as if she had passed away. I'm very sorry for these mistakes.

Our menu was also messed up last week. We do not serve meals on Saturday or Sunday.

Thursday, August 19th we had three visitors, Louis and Jeneva Knight and Dorothy Beander, all from Ralls and Bea Martin from Cone, to eat with us. Their center has closed

at Ralls but seven of the seniors are meeting two or three days a week to keep their friendships going.

Sherman and Tammy Aten visited Tammy's mom, Joy Payne recently. They came to the Center one day to eat lunch.

The Aten's just completed a revival in Silverton at the First Baptist Church.

Sam Spence of Lubbock, who came to Floydada pretty often, has recently been in a hospital in Lubbock.

Jerrold Vinson had surgery recently. He is at home now.

Marie Warren recently was in the hospital in Lockney. She spent about three days there. She is at home and is doing real well.

Ruth Hammonds has had hip surgery recently and is in recovery.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume went to Silverton on August 13th & 14th to attend the Silverton Homecoming and

Elaine's 50th Class Reunion - the Class of 1960. Their son, Coy, joined them on Saturday. Judy and Clar Schacht catered the meal on Friday night.

Our own Nick Long was the emcee for the homecoming program held at the high school. Nick is a graduate of SHS. As always, he did a great job. The LaBaumes' attended the "Buck Wild Days Rodeo" on Saturday night. The rodeo in Silverton is now one of the top rodeos in Texas and was an excellent performance.

Thought for the Week - School is starting. Be careful going through the school zones. No speeding and no cell phones. Keep our children safe.

MENU

August 30 - September 2

Monday - Sausage, cabbage, pinto beans, combread, rocky road pudding

Tuesday - Green chili chicken, carrots, salad, roll, chocolate cake



Hospice Hands of West Texas

2nd Annual Benefit Auction and Horseshoe Tournament

On Saturday, Aug. 28 2010, Hospice Hands of West Texas will have their annual benefit auction and "Horseshoes for Hospice" horseshoe tournament. The proceeds of this auction and tournament will go towards funding patients who have little financial resources and have no means to pay for their Hospice care. In fact, 100 percent of the proceeds of these events go to benefit those patients. It is through fund-raising efforts such as this that Hospice Hands can continue to serve anyone who is in need of hospice services, regardless of their ability to pay.

Here are some of the new

auction items that have been donated this past week: Two floral wall hangings donated by Irene Gonzalez, Western Plate Art with stand donated by Mercado Rodriguez, Vine and Branches wall hanging donated by Heart's Desire, Matching backpack and insulated lunch bag donated by Kaleidoscope, Two handmade baby blankets/quilts donated by Dr. Gary and Brenda Mangold, Tyler Candle Company Gift Set, \$10 Gift Card and Cosmetic Bag donated by Hand in Hand, "Hope" cross wall hanging donated by Huguley Family, "Horseshoe Hat/ Coat Rack with Character" donated by Clarence and D'Lynn Pope, Pocket Knife with Cross donated by Sheryl and Rodney Rigby, Magazine Rack and Wall

Hanging donated by Clark Pharmacy, 15 piece Metric Combo Wrench Set donated by Wrights Auto Supply, Fiskars "12 Rotary Paper Trimmer donated by donated by Dwight and Helen Teeple, Ceramic Professional Curling Iron donated by "All about the Look", Cherub Angel Vase donated by Nina's Flowers and Gifts, His and Hers Essentials "Around the House" tool kit donated by Star Medical.

Items continue to arrive daily for the auction, so join us in the Dove Room at the Hospice Hands office, 305 North Main Street in Lockney. The Auction starts at 1 p.m. The Horseshoe Tournament begins at 9 a.m., and will be held outside the Hospice Hands of West Texas offices. See you there!

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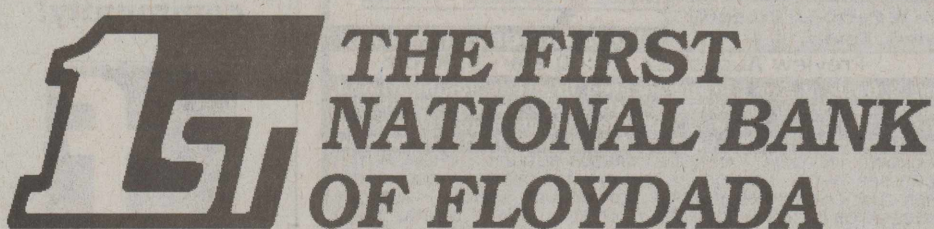
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Three weeks until the fair

Hope everyone is making plans on September 17, 18, and 19 to come to the Fair. There will be something for everyone.

If you are canners, crafters, or cooks, bring your items to enter for prize ribbons and bragging rights. If you aren't sure what to enter, check the Fair catalog. Thursday, September 17 from 4:00-7:00 will be the time to bring your entries to the Fair. All ages can enter.

Fair catalogs are located at the newspaper offices and libraries in Lockney and Floydada, schools in Lockney and Floydada, various business in both towns and also some business in neighboring towns. Inside, you will find an activity schedule, entry rules, and names of Fair Board members if you have questions.

If you have children, ages 3-10, bring them to the Kid's Rodeo on Saturday at 11:00

a.m. - after the parade. There will be stick horse races, barrel races, and boot races; and ribbons and buckles - donated by Thacker Jewelry in Roaring Springs - will be awarded. The kids can also make a rope to practice their roping skills.

And the fun continues on Sunday afternoon with a Kid's Pet Show at 2:00 p.m. Any school age child can show off his well-behaved pet and compete for prizes. At different times during the Fair, there will be a Kid's Fishing Tank where, for \$3.00, a child can fish for 15 minutes - poles provided. This event is made possible by Valley Farm Supply in Quitaque and Rockin' B Fishing Gear in Lockney. Prizes or ribbons will be awarded to everyone who fishes.

There have been two Saturday work days so far, with more to be scheduled. We will also work several nights each week. If there are vehicles at the Fair grounds, someone is working and would greatly appreciate some help. Please consider coming out and lending a hand. The Fair Board wants this to be an enjoyable Fair weekend for everyone; and with your help and attendance, it will be.

Everyone is invited to the next Fair Board meeting on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fair grounds. If you are heading up an activity, please come and let the Board know how it's going and if you need anything.

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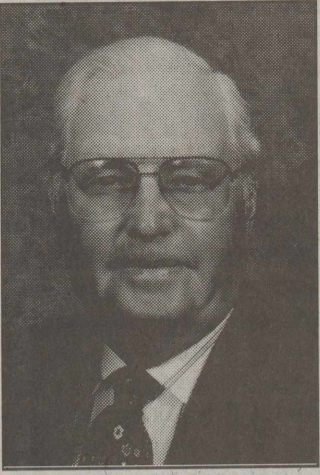
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Obituary



WILLIAM "BILL" DANIEL

Memorial services for William "Bill" Daniel, 89, of Floydada were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Gene Hawkins and Rev. Tim Franks officiating. Burial was held in the

Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Bill went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 22, 2010.

He was born February 10, 1921, in Floyd County, Texas. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1939 and entered the U.S. Army. He served during World War II in Italy and in North Africa. He married Ardis Ratjen on March 2, 1947.

Bill had been a farmer and had a farm equipment business until recently. He was ordained as a Deacon by First Baptist Church in 1954. He served as usher chairman for over 50 years. Bill served on the Plains Baptist Assembly Board and the Caprock Hospital District

for several years. He was honored as Floyd County Pioneer Man of the Year in 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Ardis Daniel of Floydada; a son, Alan Daniel and wife Vallery of Plano, TX; a grandson, Taylor Daniel, a granddaughter, Julie Griffith and husband Joe, and great-granddaughter, Eloise Griffith, all of Dallas, TX; a daughter, Lori Reed and husband Johnie of Kress, TX; a grandson, Reagan Reed and wife D'Lynn, a great-granddaughter, Jaryn, a great-grandson, Jathan, a granddaughter, Melanie Reed and great-granddaughter, Jentry, all of Lubbock, TX.

The family suggests memorials to your favorite charity.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Isaiah Gonzalez, JR Luna, Max Rendon, and Andy Rendon are members of local praise and worship band, Deliverance Project.

Local praise and worship team raise funds

By Homer Marquez Reporter

Local praise and worship band, Deliverance Project, from the Power of Praise Ministries spent all of last week raising money in front of Lowe's grocery

store. Band members sold cotton candy, burritos, and hot dogs in the efforts to raise money that will fund an upcoming trip to Clovis. Deliverance Project will head to Clovis for a two day event on

Aug. 28. Churches from all over the area will join Deliverance Project in Clovis for the huge praise and worship event. Power Praise Ministries is located at 704 North Main Street in Lockney, Texas.

THIS WEEK'S

FLOYD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

The Floyd County Fair Board will be meeting on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the fair grounds in Lockney. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend Punkin Days on Saturday, October 9th. For booth info call Gina at 806-983-9646. The Floydada Chamber

has t-shirts (\$5 each) and postcards for sale.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Share - Grief Support Group Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Call 983-3172 for more information.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETINGS

The Whirlwind Booster Club is meeting each Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Everyone is

encourage to come and show your support for the athletes!

BETH MOORE LIVING PROOF

First Baptist Church, Matador, will be hosting the Beth Moore Living Proof Live simulcast event on Saturday, September 18. FOR MORE INFORMATION please call Dixie Campbell, 806-347-2893 or email the church secretary at fbcmtdr@caprock-spur.com.

Floyd County Church Directory

<p>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-5278 Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Bible Study6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship9:00 a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST West College & Third, Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST Levi Sisemore, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Franks, Pastor Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music Beau Stringer, Minister of Students Sunday School9:15 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney John Franklin, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.. Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship10:45 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship8:30 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. *****</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lockney Rev. Ricky Carstensen Pastor Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship Service ...10:30 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m. Wed. High School...6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....7:30 p.m. Tuesday8:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST Lockney Jay Don Poindexter, Minister Bible Study9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing10:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 310 E. Mississippi Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise..11:00 a.m. Evening Praise5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship....7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 N. Main, Lockney Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. Discipleship5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Floydada Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD 701 W. Missouri Joe Hernandez 983-5286 (church) 983-5156 (parsonage) Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH Floydada Rev. Angelo Consentino Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m. Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School9:45 p.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD Washington and 1st St. Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School10:00 a.m. Evening Worship5:00 p.m. Tuesday7:30 p.m. Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly 500 W. Houston, Floydada Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor Children's Church10:30 a.m. Morning Worship10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening5 p.m. *****</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.</p>
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LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU August 30 – September 3

- Monday**
Breakfast-Pancakes or cereal, toast, juice milk
Lunch- Steak fingers or grilled cheese, potatoes, broccoli, peaches roll, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast- Pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Beef tacos or ham, pinto beans, salad, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast- Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots/ranch, brownie, milk

Local musicians 'Run Home Jack' headed back to Lockney



Homer Marquez Reporter

Lockney's own Run Home Jack is coming back to their hometown to play the first annual car show and cruise on Aug. 28. Grabbing their name from the baseball scene in the movie "Hook", Run Home Jack mixes country music with alternative rock to create a unique sound that has West Texas buzzing. With all members originally from Lockney, Run Home Jack is made up by; lead singer and rhythm guitarist, Nathan Burson, lead guitarist, Kelsey Hooten, Brady Rasco on the fiddle, drummer, Landon Cotham, and bass player, Todd Cotham.

Never actually playing together while living in Lockney, bass player Todd Cotham explains how they came together. "After we were almost out of college, we all moved off. We finally found ourselves back close to

Lubbock, and that's when we started playing music together. We didn't play together at all when we actually lived in Lockney...we all had our own different projects...me and Landon had a cover

band in Lubbock and our lead singer went to medical school about the same time Nathan was moving back this direction from College Station. So that worked out perfectly...Kelsey ended up back in Lubbock, and we gave him a call to play and fill in on a show for us, he ended working out better than any of the other guys we had...we enjoyed playing with him so we decided to keep him around."

Run Home Jack recently played at the Luck of the Draw ambulance fund raiser dinner, and will be playing at the Community Center from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. on Aug. 28. Run Home Jack is currently raising money to buy studio time in order to record their first full length album. The band is asking for a \$10 donation for adults at the door, \$5 dollars for high school students and kids get in free.

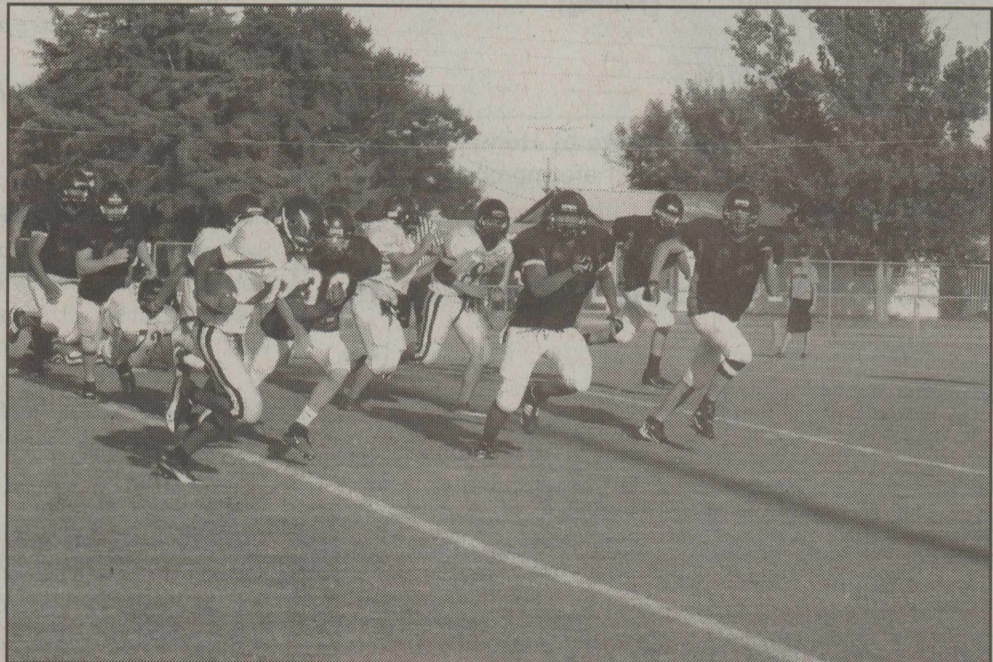


Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography A Crosbyton runner found out the hard way that it is impossible to out run a Longhorn Stampede

State 4-H Record Book Judging Held


Jake Bramlet will be among the group to participate in Texas Leadership Conference to be held in Washington, D. C. during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jake will attend as a result of winning at the state 4-H Record Book competition held Aug. 11. Jake's winning book was in the Recreation category and placed first in county as well as district to advance on to state.

Also participating from Floyd County were Jianna Davenport's entry in the Communication and Expressive Arts category placing third and SyAnn Foster's entry in the Beef category placing fifth.

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Monica Mathis

Monica is a nurse aide in the hospital. She has worked in the hospital since November 2004. Monica helps wherever she is needed whether it's in the emergency room or in the hospital. She always does what ever is asked of her. Monica enjoys the people and the closeness. Everyday there is a challenge and everyday you're learning something new. She loves spending time with her husband and family.

We appreciate Monica and congratulate her for being selected this honor by her co-workers!

Power of Praise VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday, August 28th • Time: 11:00 A.M.
 Location: 704 N Main St. • Lockney, TX

For more information contact:
Michael Andrade @ 806-685-8762

Email us at **fchb.editor@yahoo.com**

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Saturday, August 28th



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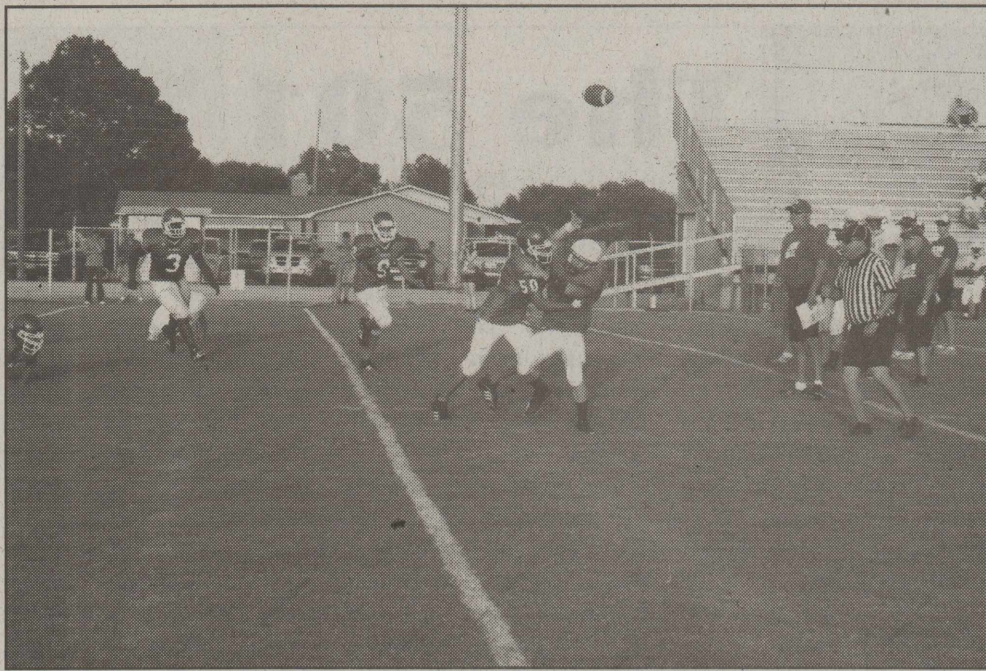
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Joseph Martinez punishes an Olton player.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Troy Morales is faster than the wind as he races to score a touchdown.

'Waggers and Droolers' donate to Plainview Humane Society



Courtesy Photo

The Floyd County 4-H Dog Club "Waggers and Droolers" collected and donated bleach to the Plainview Humane Society. Members pictures are (left to right) Brooklyn Golden, Cristin Kemp, Catharine Kemp, and project leader Cathy Jacobs.

The Floyd County 4-H Dog Club "Waggers and Droolers" collected bleach to donate to the Plainview Humane Society. The group collected 10 gallons of bleach.

Members of "Waggers and Droolers" are Brooklyn Golden, Brenner Golden, Kaitlin Bishop, Catharine Kemp, Cristin Kemp, Montana Williams, Jake Moore, Brett Moore, Clay Moore, Karina Torres, Valarie Espinosa, and Selena Espinosa.

The group is under the leadership of

Cathy Jacobs and meets twice a month. Besides working on obedience and agility training, "Waggers and Droolers" members are working their way through the 4-H "Wiggles and Wags" curriculum, and perform community service activities.

Their next major community service project is to hold a Rabies Clinic to support the American Kennel Club's National Responsible Dog Owner Day on Sept. 11.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

August 30 - September 3

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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

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

Friday

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Floydada Independent School District Tax Ratification Election held on September 21, 2010 will be tested on September 3, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at Floyd County Courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all office and on all measures.

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion Floydada Independent School District Tax Ratification que se llevara a cabo el 21 de septiembre 2010 se probara el 3 septiembre 2010 a las 8:30 a.m. en Floyd County Courthouse para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM

Floydada ISD will host a public forum

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

FHS Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m.

Discussion of the upcoming
Tax Ratification Election

Public is invited and encouraged to attend

For additional information contact:
FISD Central Office
226 W. California
Floydada, Texas 79235
806-983-3498

www.floydadaisd.esc17.net

AVISO DE ELECCIONES PARA RATIFICAR IMPUESTOS

A los votantes registrados del Distrito escolar independiente de Floydada:

Mediante este documento se comunica que el Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Floydada ha ordenado la celebración de elecciones el día 21 de septiembre de 2010, con el propósito de llevar a cabo elecciones de ratificación de la tasa impositiva ("rollback"). Especificamente, la siguiente proposición aparecerá en la boleta:

PROPOSICIÓN

_____	A FAVOR)	APROBAR LA TASA IMPOSITIVA AD VALOREM DE \$1.30123 POR CADA \$100 DE VALORACIÓN EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FLOYDADA, PARA EL AÑO EN CURSO, UNA TASA QUE ES \$0.13 MÁS ELEVADA POR CADA \$100 DE VALORACIÓN QUE LA TASA IMPOSITIVA ACTUALIZADA (ROLLBACK) DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR.
_____	EN CONTRA)	

La votación el día de las elecciones se llevará a cabo en el centro electoral abajo indicado, el cual estará abierto desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde, el 21 de septiembre de 2010.

Centro electoral el día de las elecciones: Floydada ISD Central Office
(Oficina central del Distrito escolar independiente de Floydada)
226 West California
Floydada, TX 79235

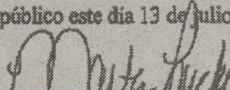
La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en la oficina central del Distrito escolar independiente de Floydada, 226 West California, Floydada, TX 79235, entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde, comenzando el martes, 7 de septiembre de 2010 y terminando el viernes, 17 de septiembre de 2010. La votación adelantada en persona no tendrá lugar los sábados, domingos o días festivos estatales legales.

Las solicitudes de boleta para votar por correo se deben enviar a:

Laveta Morren, Early Voting Clerk
226 West California
Floydada, TX 79235

Las solicitudes de boleta para votar por correo se deben recibir antes del cierre del horario comercial el martes 14 de septiembre de 2010.

Hecho público este día 13 de julio de 2010.

Por: 
Secretario, Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Floydada

NOTICE OF TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Floydada Independent School District:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Floydada Independent School District has ordered election to be held on September 21, 2010, for the purpose of conducting a tax rate ratification (rollback) election. Specifically, the following proposition will be on the ballot:

PROPOSITION

_____	FOR)	APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.30123 PER \$100 VALUATION IN FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT IS \$0.13 HIGHER PER \$100 VALUATION THAN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ROLLBACK TAX RATE.
_____	AGAINST)	

Voting on election day will take place at the polling place listed below, which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

Election Day Polling Place: Floydada ISD Central Office
226 West California
Floydada, TX 79235

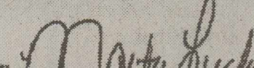
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Floydada ISD's Central Office, 226 West California, Floydada, TX 79235, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, and ending on Friday, September 17, 2010. Early voting by personal appearance will not take place on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Laveta Morren, Early Voting Clerk
226 West California
Floydada, TX 79235

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

Issued this 13th day of July 2010.

By: 
Secretary, Floydada ISD Board of Trustees

Class 4 Winds & Renewables to host seminar

In an effort to educate the public on a broad range of issues related to wind energy development, Class 4 Winds & Renewables is hosting a seminar that will discuss many of the wind farms planned to be built in the next few years in the Texas Panhandle.

The seminar titled 'Picking Up Speed: Wind Developments in the Texas Panhandle,' will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 9th at the Ambassador Hotel in

Amarillo, Texas. In order to give attendees a chance to discuss business, a networking reception will follow.

Representatives from the following companies will deliver presentations: Iberdrola Renewables, Cielo Wind Power, Pattern Energy, National Wind Energy and Higher Power Energy.

Each speaker will discuss some of the basic information behind each project their respective company is developing in the Texas

Panhandle.

The September seminar will be the next in an ongoing series of seminars to be offered by Class 4 Winds & Renewables. The cost to attend is \$35 for Class 4 Winds & Renewables members and \$55 for non-members. These prices go up \$10 if the registration form is postmarked after August 30th. For registration information log on to www.class4winds.org or call Executive Director, AJ Swope at (806) 223-5948.

USDA Conservation Reserve Program deadline

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 16, 2010 – The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that the deadline to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up is quickly approaching. Farmers and ranchers have until close of business on Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, to offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up. Applications can be completed by land owners at the FSA county office where their farm records are maintained. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized USDA to maintain CRP enrollment up to 32 million acres.

In addition to producers signing up for the first time, CRP participants with existing contracts that are scheduled to

expire on Sept. 30, 2010, may elect to re-enroll under a new 10-15 year contract. Cropland that is highly erodible, or within a national or state Conservation Priority Area, or is covered under an expiring CRP contract is generally eligible to be enrolled into CRP, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

Contracts awarded under this 39th sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2010.

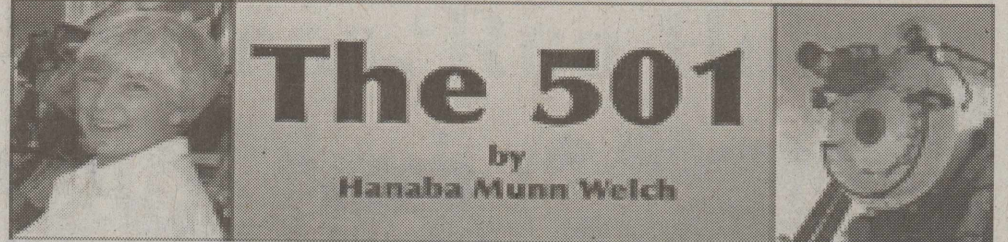
CRP is a voluntary program that helps farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and

technical assistance.

In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program is ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land.

For more information on the general CRP sign-up, or the continuous CRP sign-up, producers should contact their local FSA county office, or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>

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Much of life is about looking forward to stuff. For me it's Defensive Driving and two root canals.

A friend of mine has had both a root canal and carotid artery surgery. She said she'd rather have carotid artery surgery again than another root canal. Great.

I forgot to ask her where she'd put Defensive Driving in the whole scheme of things.

If you don't know about Defensive Driving, congratulations. It's a course people take to deal with traffic tickets. In ways I don't quite grasp, it lessens your fine(s) and helps you keep your insurance premiums down, maybe. Something like that. I'm not sure. Anyway, I have until September 24 to get it done.

I deserve the Defensive Driving experience – not because I got ticketed for backing into someone at McDonald's (an evasive move to keep from getting smashed by the sizeable vehicle backing toward me), but because of my subsequent accident – the reason I'm in line for front-

tooth root canals. My recent one-bicycle crash busted my upper lip into my teeth enough to make me need an updated mug shot for this column.

You might say I look like the poster child for a bad Botox job, and I didn't even need a fatter lip. The accident eliminated one vertical wrinkle, leaving me with a one-of-a-kind wrinkle on the other side instead of the pair. That's not to mention my new scar, more or less horizontal and slightly jagged, also one-of-a-kind. Sounds like a bad hand in poker.

But when you talk on a cell phone and ride a bicycle with one hand, you gamble on that hand. I lost.

Somebody told me I just shouldn't answer next time.

Answer? I made the call. Yep, I deserve Defensive Driving. Cell phones no doubt will figure heavily in the curriculum. I'm feeling guilty already.

When I took the course in the early 1990s, cellular devices were rare enough not to be mentioned. Instead, I learned I shouldn't lose my driving concentration while

lighting up. If I smoked, that might happen. I prefer the smell of a dead animal. Really, given the choice just a few days ago, I opted for decaying carcass over menthol-laced secondhand Marlboro. Another story.

Anyway, my aim now is to find a real Defensive Driving class instead of a DVD or online version. Social me, I'd rather be with fellow lawbreakers than go it alone – and that's with smoke breaks.

By the way, among my favorite jokes is one I heard on a Defensive Driving videotape:

A guy asked his friend what he'd do if he had only eight hours to live.

"I'd take Defensive Driving," the friend replied.

"Why?"

"Somebody I knew took it, and he said it was the longest eight hours of his life."

That bit of humor was the highlight of that particular Defensive Driving course. In fact, it's all I remember these many years later.

Here's hoping I don't end up with my own root canal version of the same joke.

SECTION 00100

INVITATION TO BID

Motley County, Texas, will receive bids for furnishing materials as listed below and specified to the Flomot Water Supply Association (WSA) in Flomot, Texas until 11:00 am on September 10, 2010 at the office of Carthel Engineering Solutions located at 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid packages are as follows:

- Package 1: Air compressor, tank level gauges, level controls, and air piping and valves.
- Package 2: Booster pumps and controls.
- Package 3: Electrical panels, starters, enclosures, wiring, disconnects, breakers and other items for a complete installed electrical system.
- Package 4: Rehabilitation of existing water well (remove existing pump, clean well casing, furnish and install new submersible pump, connect to piping and electrical system).

Vendors may bid on all, one, or any combination of the above packages. Owner will award individual packages based on the lowest qualified bid. Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of Carthel Engineering Solutions, 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, phone 806-687-8322, fax 806-687-8323. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Mr. Chester "Ches" Carthel, P.E. at the office of the Engineer.

This is a unit price contract. **Method of payment to Contractor will be via check by the County after approved requests for payment.**

A Bid Bond (issued by an acceptable security) in the amount of 5 percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the County of Motley, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety, or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (i.e., Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Commerce and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Attention is called to General Condition 309, "Restrictions on Public Building and Public Works Projects". The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it:

1. Is not a Contractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.
2. Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.
3. Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

Motley County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Motley County for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

_____, County Judge

August 26, 2010
September 2, 2010

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August 27 the whole world is waiting for

Planet Mars will be the brightest in the night sky starting August. It will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. This will culminate on August 27 when Mars comes within 34.65M miles off earth. Be

sure to watch the sky on Aug. 27 at 12:30 am. It will look like the earth has 2 moons.

The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287.

Share this with your friends as NO ONE ALIVE TODAY will ever see it again.

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

The City of Floydada is soliciting sealed bid proposals under TDRA Contract No. 729249 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 Friday, September 10, 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.

8-26, 9-2c

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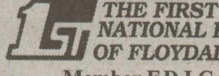
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OPINION



The Paperboy

When foreign bullets hit our soil, it's past time to act

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Imagine your town on the Mexican border. How angry and scared would you be that your own government is reluctant to offer you protection?

There are bullets hitting El Paso City Hall and the campus of the University of Texas - El Paso. Those bullets are coming across our border from Mexico and this must end!

In my opinion, if the government of Mexico had not been so corrupt for so long and the Mexican economy resembled that of the United States', Mexico would have double the population and in all likelihood, our immigration issues would be solved. Unfortunately, we may never see our southern neighbor reach her full potential.

I feel for the hard-working people of Mexico. They live in fear in a paradise infested with drug cartels and government corruption. It is killing the country.

What's the answer? If the Mexican government was serious about getting rid of the cartels once and for all, it would have happened by now. They would take the cartels by force on a large scale.

Instead of ridding the country of the cartels, it looks more like the government is making sure they get a cut of the action.

It is a pitiful situation and nothing short of a revolution is going to get things turned around.

In the meantime, you have bloodshed on the border which, more and more frequently, is spilling over to our side.

What can the border states do? It's not like we can in-

vade Mexico and fix their government. However, we could at least be prepared on our own border.

A friend of mine with family in Ciudad Juárez recently brought me back a couple of issues of one of the local newspapers. It was page after page of murder. I was astonished at the violence - both stories and photographs. With over 1,800 murders in the city last year, there is not much good news to report.

The fact there are more people being killed in that one city than are being killed from this country in two wars is mind-boggling. And the numbers are not even close.

My friend told me of the fear Mexicans live with each day. I simply could not fathom sending my children to school in such conditions. Guess what? Many Mexicans aren't sending their children to school. Sadly, in some areas, they rarely venture out anywhere ... prisoners in their own homes where gunfire is as common a noise as a truck driving by.

Can you imagine bullets hitting the local school campuses? It's a horrible thought. Or, you're headed to city hall and you hear gunfire ... knowing those bullets are killing some innocent people.

And what about our side? How much have you heard from the Obama Administration on this growing problem?

You may have heard Obama doesn't agree with what the people of Arizona want, which is little more than enforcing federal law. Fine, disagree with Arizona, but provide a solution to their problem.

Plain and simple, our government needs to put troops on the border. When bullets from foreign soil land on ours,

that is no longer "their problem." When ranchers are getting killed on our soil by drug smugglers, that is no longer "their problem."

The U.S. government cannot sit with it's collective head in the sand on this issue any longer. Millions on both sides of the border are living in terror and we go on, business as usual.

Maybe the Southwest doesn't matter to those in Washington. After all, we are talking about Speaker Nancy Pelosi's fly-over country here. But at some point, things are going to get worse?

What happens when the bloodshed spills over into the streets of El Paso or San Diego? What are we going to do when it's mortar rounds hitting UTEP instead of bullets?

It's not like we can send in the Texas Army to put down the drug cartels or provide Mexican Nationals with the protection they deserve so they have normal lives.

It is time to have a direct plan in regards to our border as well as contingency plans. It's obvious to anyone following these matters they are not going away on their own.

Our government's primary objective is to protect the citizenry. All things pale in comparison to this job for without it, we have chaos. As a country, we can ill afford to wait to secure our border.

We must secure it now while extending a humanitarian hand to our Mexican friends living in fear. It is our duty to demand this from our government.

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Other Opinions

Are Republicans Losing the Race to the Bottom?

By ROBERT ROMANO

In a recent Rasmussen Reports poll published August 16th, Republicans opened up their widest lead yet in the generic ballot poll, with 48 percent of likely voters saying they would vote for the Republican candidate in November, and only 36 percent saying they would vote for the Democrat.

Republicans have not trailed in Rasmussen's weekly poll since June 21st, 2009. Certainly, on the surface, the consistent poll results bode well for the GOP in November. Since then, their support has solidified, from 40 percent to now 48 percent. Democrats, on the other hand, have not breached the 40 percent mark since September 27th, 2009.

Critically, in the latest poll, Republicans lead amongst Independents 52 to 21 percent, which if it proves predictive, could mean that Democrats are in store for a crushing defeat in November.

The American people certainly have every reason to be unhappy with Congress. The economy is not recovering as was promised, job growth is nearly non-existent, and since Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi have taken control of Congress in 2007, they have added more than \$4.3 trillion to the national debt.

Moreover, Americans have increasingly become alarmed at government takeovers of

health care and the financial sector, and are aware of Democrats' designs on the energy sector via their carbon cap-and-tax scheme.

A growing consensus is emerging that voters want Republicans in Congress to act as a counter to the Democrat agenda that has been enacted largely unabated.

Unfortunately for those who may become complacent, beneath the results of these polls, there is still an underlying current of dissatisfaction aimed at Republicans. According to another recent poll from John Zogby, Republicans in Congress only have a 25 percent approval rating, while Democrats have a 35 percent approval rating. Overall, however, Congress has a 77 percent disapproval rating, and Republicans still lead in Zogby's generic question 42 to 41 percent.

Therefore, Republican favorability at the moment can be owed to being slightly less unpopular than Congress as a whole. Largely, that can be attributed to Republican support for the bailout regime that began in 2008.

So, the GOP is losing the race to the bottom more than they are winning the race to the top — at least for the moment. It is relatively early to make predictions about the outcome in November. Things to watch are how Republicans present a positive vision for governing in September. Obviously, foremost on Americans' mind is what can be done to

improve the economic outlook.

The natural Republican counter is to get government out of the way and allow American entrepreneurship to do what it does best. To that end, Congress can immediately make moves to begin:

1) selling off and opening up the 650 million acres of federal land for extraction and development by the private sector, including untapped energy resources, paving the way for new nuclear energy facilities, and lifting restrictions on reprocessing of nuclear fuel,

2) unwinding the \$5.5 trillion Government Sponsored Enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, bringing an end to government-induced housing finance, and reining in the Federal Reserve's easy money policies,

3) selling off the shares of bailed-out companies like GM and Chrysler,

4) eliminating whole departments and agencies that are unproductive,

5) scaling back the federal workforce by 50 percent as the Baby Boomer generation retires,

6) ending worthless "stimulus" programs, making the Bush tax cuts permanent, and reinstating the foreign income tax credit,

7) abolishing federal subsidies of sectors like agriculture,

8) bringing an end to the bailouts once and for all,

9) repealing government takeovers like ObamaCare and the Dodd-Frank financial legislation, and

10) presenting a comprehensive plan pay down and retire the \$13.3 trillion national debt.

Structurally, of course, the greatest problem the nation faces fiscally is the unchecked growth of entitlement spending. The unfunded liabilities of more than \$100 trillion owed to the entitlements dwarf even the national debt, and are all but certain to worsen the budget picture in the coming years.

These programs need to start being phased out, such that over time younger workers are allowed to invest in their own retirements and health savings, while obligations to the Baby Boomers are guaranteed. This would automatically limit the universe of liabilities owed to these programs.

In short, the American people want to see Republicans take a courageous stand to save the solvency of the nation — before it is too late.

The nation faces big problems, and the American people want to see big solutions presented. 2010 ultimately represents an historic opportunity for Republicans to be bold. It could be the difference between a narrow win or a landslide.

Dr. Keynes Killed the Patient

By MICHAEL PENTO

A morbidly obese gentleman labored into Dr. Hayek's office suffering from severe chest pain. The patient also complained that he was unable to consume his usual 10,000 calorie-per-day diet; in fact, he was feeling so sick that he could barely scarf down 9,000 calories. He noted that his love for food remained as strong as ever, but his body just wasn't keeping up with his demands.

After having a thorough look at the patient, the good doctor could not find anything wrong outside of the patient's extreme portliness. After a moment of reflection, he delivered to his patient a troubling diagnosis. He explained that the chest pain stemmed from the strain the patient's 500lb body was putting on his heart, and that the lack of appetite was his body's attempt to protect itself from this imbalance. Dr. Hayek's prescription was simple: the patient had to dramatically reduce his consumption while undertaking a moderate exercise program, with the goal of losing 250lbs as quickly and safely as possible. Dr. Hayek was aware that it would be a physically painful and emotionally difficult process for the man, but it was the only way to avert a life of suffering - or even a heart attack.

Unfortunately, our patient rebelled against such an austere program. He had grown very fond of his high-calorie and high-fat diet and didn't think that now, when he was already depressed from dealing with all these ailments, was a good time to deny himself the few pleasures he had left. In his opinion, the doc's prescription was just too simplistic. He thought there just had to be a way to have his cake and eat it - frequently. So, he waddled out of Dr. Hayek's office as fast as he could, shouting over his shoulder: "I'm getting a second opinion!"

The overweight gentleman sauntered across the street, where he found the office of Dr. Keynes. He told the new

doctor about his acute chest pain and lack of appetite, and complained about the previous doctor's "heartless" prescription. After a cursory examination, Dr. Keynes rendered his diagnosis: the patient's condition did not stem from the fact that his gigantic frame was causing undo strain on his heart; instead, the doctor concluded, the patient's chest pain was merely causing a temporary lack of hunger.

Furthermore, Dr. Keynes argued, the stress of cutting weight at the present time would certainly prove detrimental to the man's already weak heart. Therefore, his prescription was for the 500lb man to eat as much as possible, as quickly as possible. Anything less might cause the man to suffer a heart attack, he noted. Now the doctor did concede that, at some point in the distant future, it might be a good idea for the man to shed a few pounds. But for the present, the most important thing to do would be to consume as much as he could stomach.

The patient left Dr. Keynes' office with a broad smile. After gorging at an all-you-can-eat buffet, he momentarily forgot about his chest pain. It looked like he had found his solution; except, a week later, he died.

The Hubris of Government

The allegory above discusses the dangers of quackery, whether medical or economic. Right now, economic quackery - in the form of Keynesianism - has overtaken Washington.

American consumers are trying their best to deleverage. In terms of the story, the patient is actually trying to lose weight. But the government is blocking deleveraging and trying to boost consumption. They are forcing food down the patient's throat. According to the Flow of Funds Report, households reduced debt at a 2.4% annualized rate (\$330 billion) during Q1 of 2010. Meanwhile, the federal government was piling on debt at an 18.5% annual rate (\$1.44 trillion). Since every

dollar of government debt is a promise to tax the private sector in the future with interest, this public spending spree effectively negated the Herculean efforts of the private sector to return to a sustainable path.

That's where the arrogance of Washington is really apparent. Scores of millions of American consumers have made the decision that reducing their debt burden is in their best interests right now. But a few hundred individuals in government believe they know better than the collective wisdom of the entire free market. By leveraging up the public sector, they have used their power to confiscate our savings. In short, they are forbidding us from following the common sense path to fiscal health.

Unlike their forbears, modern-day Keynesians do not argue just for mollification in the rate of deleveraging. They seek to significantly increase debt levels in an effort to boost the aggregate demand in the economy. Apparently, only once the mythical recovery takes hold due to government spending, printing, and borrowing does a discussion of deficits become appropriate.

The US has persisted under this theory for close to a century, though with a declining quality of life. Unfortunately, the patient has now gone critical. Curiously, the world has yet to fully recognize our precarious condition, even as they provide us with life support. Washington is now entirely dependent on the reserve currency status of the dollar and the continued hibernation of bond vigilantes. Without these supports, the United States would face complete economic arrest.

Rather than allowing the American people to get back on our feet, Washington is stuffing us with even more debt. It's almost as if the feds are daring our foreign creditors to pull the plug. As a consequence, I predict that just as Dr. Keynes killed his patient, Keynesian economics will kill our economy.

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (CEAP)

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program.

The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-

income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program

is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementations and innovation Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

For additional information

concerning this program, please contact:

SPCAA Worker - Dalie Arvizo

Office Address: 701 E. Lee, Floydada TX. 79235

Phone Number: 806-983-3134

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6212-46-001 for CRACK SEAL in CASTRO County, etc will be opened on September 15, 2010 at 10:20 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$ 267,180.00

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 and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 33713

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

8-26c, 9-2c

SIFE starts drug drop-off program

Wayland Baptist University's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise is leading a community-wide effort to dispose of out-of-date medications and other hazardous material in order to help keep these substances out of local water supplies.

Beginning Sept. 8, the SIFE team will open a drop-off station on the first floor of the Nunn Business Building at the corner of 6th St. and Igo Blvd. The site will be open from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

and will accept unused medications or syringes. The station will be open on the second Wednesday of every month.

Wayland Associate Professor of Business Dr. Sammy Van Hoose, faculty advisor for SIFE, said the project grew from Wayland's initiative to become more socially and environmentally responsible.

"Water conservation and purification is the main thrust of this project," Van

Hoose said. "Starting about 10 years ago there was a big push to destroy unused medication. People began throwing them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet. Then we started seeing two-headed frogs and two-tailed fish and things like that.

"This provides a way for people to get rid of all that stuff without having to throw it in the trash or flush it down the toilet."

SIFE students will collect and log the

medications, then transport them to the local police department where they will be incinerated. The project is operated by SIFE in partnership with the Plainview Entrepreneurial Guide Alliance, the City of Plainview, Plainview Main Street/CVB, Pitch-In Plainview, and the Plainview-Hale County Health Department.

For more information, contact Dr. Van Hoose at 291-1029.



Courtesy Photo Jim Martin and Shad Schlueter are cutting tree roots out of the sewer line at the Fair building. Just three more weeks to get everything in shape.

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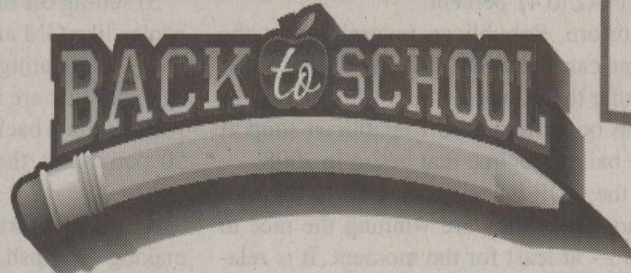
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Texas Soil and Water Conservation

LUBBOCK – From feral hogs to the Gulf oil spill to irrigation practices, members of the South Central region of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) recently covered a wide array of topics at an annual three-day meeting. The focus of the meeting was to update participants on NACD news, legislative outlooks and various conservation issues facing the region.

Soil and water conservation district board members from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas meet each year to discuss issues and policies concerning soil and water conservation.

“We were excited to have the opportunity to host this year’s meeting,” said Scott Buckles, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. “This meeting is about dissemination of information, discussing issues and updating members.”

NACD CEO Jeff Eisenberg and NACD president elect, Gene Schmidt, both stressed the influence a grassroots organization can have on legislative action. Schmidt mentioned the significant contribution agriculture makes to the American economy and commended conservation districts for their financial transparency.

“Dollars spent for conservation are among the most accountable dollars spent period,” Schmidt said. “We do have some friends in Washington (D.C.) and they are fighting for our cause but we must continue to stand up and speak out about conservation.”

Josh Winegarner, Texas Cattle Feeders Association director of government relations, spoke to the audience about upcoming Environmental Protection Agency agendas and regulations along with legislation concerning agriculture, conservation and environmental issues.

Participants heard reports

on measures soil and water conservation districts in Louisiana are taking to combat the Deepwater Horizon oil leak and its impact on natural resources. An invasive species panel with members from all four states gave reports on various threats to natural resources from respective areas including Eastern Red Cedar trees and feral hogs.

“The ecological landscape of Texas is as diverse as the citizens so developing an idea of what is truly an invasive species is challenging,” said panel member Johnny Oswald, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board - Water Quality Enhancement Program supervisor. “Feral hogs, Carrizo Cane Chinese Tallon, Giant Salvinia and salt cedar trees are on the top of most Texans list of invasive species. Hearing about other states’ challenges allows productive discussions to occur.”

Don Gohmert, state conservationist for USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas reported on NRCS programs and the continued need for more statewide conservation awareness.

In addition to the sessions, field trips to the USDA Agricultural Research Service Center in Lubbock and to a local cotton producer’s farm gave the participants the opportunity to see conservation practices and research in action.

“The sessions were extremely productive and having the meeting here in Lubbock gave folks a chance to see some things they might not normally see,” said Buckles, citing the above average rainfall causing higher projected cotton yields.

The group had the opportunity to visit with a cotton producer who is implementing conservation practices on his farms and is also using efficient irrigation technology to reduce water runoff.

The Texas State Soil and

Water Conservation Board is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs and practices for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural non-point source water pollution. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board also coordinates the programs of the state’s 216 soil and water conservation

districts and administers a Water Supply Enhancement Program.

For more information about the Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts visit <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/en/swcds/atwcd>. For more information about NACD visit www.nacdnet.org/ or call (202) 547-NACD (6223)

Floyd County Hesperian Beacon Classifieds

Garage Sales

LOCKNEY - GARAGE SALE—220 S.W. 9th, Lockney (in tan colored barn). August 27th & 28th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Furniture, jewelry making supplies, clothing, Christmas items and decorations, boxes of notepads and etc., vases, cookware, flower arrangements, lots of stuff. CAN BE BOUGHT BY THE BOX OR ITEM. 8-26p

FLOYDADA - FIVE FAMILY GARAGE SALE— Thursday, 8-26th - 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8-28th - 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Building next to City Auto. Boat, golf clubs, stove, table and chairs, furniture, exercise equipment and miscellaneous. 8-26c

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COUNTY OF FLOYD

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

DATED August 5, 2010, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter styled and numbered causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on August 5, 2010, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in September, 2010, the same being the 7th day of September, 2010, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Floydada, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Floyd and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO.	STYLING, DEFENDANTS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
5507TS	Floydada Independent School District v. Jimmy Garcia and Yolanda Garcia Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 5, Baker Heights Addition to the City of Floydada, and being all of Block 5, SAVE & EXCEPT a 50' strip off the West side of Block 5
5516TS	City of Floydada v. Ofelia Hernandez Lot 9, Block 68, Original Townsite of Floydada
5519TS	City of Floydada v. Robert Luna, Connie Luna and Beneficial Texas, Inc., Lienholder (In Rem Only) North 50' (1/3) of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 4, Bartley Heights Addition to the City of Floydada the Central 40' by 136.8' (1/3) of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 4, Bartley Heights Addition to the City of Floydada
5549TS	Lockney Independent School District v. Armando Vasquez and Diane Vasquez Lots 2 and 3, Block B, Amaya Addition to the City of Lockney
5577TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Jose R. Rodriguez and Trine Rodriguez Lot 2, Block 10, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada
5721TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Juan Gonzalez, Emelia Gonzalez and Rosalinda Gonzales a/k/a Rosa Gonzales Lot 16, Block 48, Original Townsite of Floydada Lots 15 and 16, Block 87, Original Townsite of Floydada Lot 6, Block 135, Original Townsite of Floydada Lot 7, Block 135, Original Townsite of Floydada Lots 12 and 13, Block 71, Original Townsite of Floydada
5722TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Carl Browder Lots 20 and 21 and the East 1/2 of Lot 22, Block 64, Original Townsite of Floydada
5723TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Lourie D. Buchanan and Marilyn Buchanan (In Rem Only) Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 14, Original Townsite of Floydada
5729TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Jesus Morales a/k/a Jessie Morales and Irene Morales the East 12' of Lot 3 and all of Lot 5, Block B, Andrews Addition, City of Floydada Lots 7 and 9, Block B, Andrews Addition, City of Floydada
5736TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Bobby A. Marley Lot B-2, Block A, Andrews Addition, City of Floydada
5745TS	Floyd County Appraisal District v. Thomas L. Sterns Lot 2, Block 103, Original Townsite of the Town of Floydada

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED August 5, 2010, at Floydada, Texas.

By _____ DEPUTY
SHERIFF, Floyd County,
Texas
You may contact the Plaintiff's attorney at 325-672-4870.

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Current Crop Conditions

Program cotton ranges from cutout to seven nodes above white flower. I am starting to see more and more small squares and smaller bolls begin to fall off the plants. Cotton is still using about 2 inches of water a week. Producers should start thinking about their irrigation management here in the next few days. You need to apply enough water to finish out

the bolls that actually have a good chance of making. It takes 850 heat units from white bloom to open boll to make quality lint. After next Wednesday the 25th we will have a zero chance of making that many heat units. For you late June planted guys, again you should only apply enough irrigation for the bolls that have the time to make. So the question remains, do you want to shoot for pounds or go for quality lint? Feel free to call me and we can discuss your individual fields on which action to take. Concerning the matter of irrigation termination we do have data that addresses the issue. The following table shows that if we turn the pivot off on or before 400 heat units are accumulated after cutout the result will be significant yield loss. There is however no significant difference yield loss when irrigation was

terminated at 600 or 800 heat units after cutout.

Yield (lint pounds/acre) in which irrigation was terminated using different HU accumulations past cutout in a LEPA irrigation system.	AG-CARES Farm, Lamesa, Texas. 2003.
Target HU Accumulation Lint Weight (lbs.) Per Acre	
400.....	294 b1/
600.....	460 a
800.....	481 a

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Pest Situation-Cotton

The pest situation in cotton has stayed calm again this week. I have found very light populations of aphids in a few program fields but the beneficials are doing an excellent job of keeping them that way. Bollworms have all but vanished from program fields as well. This week I did see a few squares here and there that were hit but no worms or more damage was found. With cotton sitting were its at node wise and with the plants throwing off the smaller fruit we can raise the threshold to 8000-10000 per acre. I will continue to watch both of these pests closely especially aphids as we start getting close to seeing cracked bolls.

Pumpkins

As with last week, this week remained quite in the pumpkin fields. Again this week I did not pick up any squash bugs or striped cucumber beetles. I will continue to watch for both closely especially since the pumpkins are starting to finish out. Suggested insecticides are: *Asana XL 5.8-9.6 oz/ac*, *Capture 2 EC 2.6-6.4 oz/ac*, *Mustang Max 1.28-4 oz/ac* and *Pounce 3.2 EC 4-8 oz/ac*.



Courtesy Photo

Earl Broseh and Danny Huggins are cutting replacement plywood for the ramp inside the Fair building. The Fair is scheduled for September 17-19.

ELECTION

for fuel, utilities, employee compensation, insurance and many other necessities need to operate the school have continued to rise, the school funding formula does not include an inflationary factor. Schools are continuing to operate at the 2005-2006 funding level.

How is the district tax rate configured?

A school district's tax rate is composed of two categories: Revenue for day-to-day operations of the school district, including salaries, utilities, furniture, supplies, and gas

is the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) portion of your taxes. TRE only affects the M&O rates. Revenue for school building construction, renovations, and other facility upgrades and improvements is the Interest and Sinking (I&S) portion of your taxes.

Who can vote in the tax ratification election?

Any person, who is of legal voting age, resides within the boundaries of Floydada I.S.D. and who is registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election may vote.

What happens if voters do not approve the tax ratification election?

Floydada I.S.D. will again use the portion of the undesignated fund balance to balance the 2010-2011 budget. If voters do not approve the election, the district will continue to utilize the fund balance until the fund balance is depleted.

Other effects include the district declaring financial exigency, loss of jobs, physical plant maintenance being delayed, and continued deficit budgets for general operating expenses.

SCHOOL

of different emotions. "What excites me the most about (Keenan) graduating, is to know that he's accomplished it...he's passed all his TAKS test so now he's good to go. And it's the next step in his life; I just hope he's ready for it," explains Mrs. Stennett. And just like every mother, Mrs. Stennett hopes that his upbringing and education will help him as he adjusts to adulthood. Keenan is Michelle's first child to graduate from high school, and she could not be more proud. Keenan has excelled in academics, music, and athletics while he has attended Lockney I.S.D., and as a part of the band boosters and a substitute teacher, Mrs. Stennett has had the opportunity to be there every step of the way while Keenan made his way through school. From watching Keenan try to catch birds in the backyard in kindergarten, to watching him play multiple sports for the Longhorns, Michealle has found great joy reminiscing in Keenan's school memories. And now with Keenan's senior year underway, Mrs. Stennett looks forward to the memories to come, "I want him to have a good year; I want him to enjoy his year. I want him to be able, five years ten years from now, to look back and say I really had fun." Keenan plans to head to

college after graduating and pursue a career in one of his many interests.

In Floydada, Sandra Suarez and her husband Joe helped their youngest son Derrik pack his backpack as he ventured off to his first day of preschool. Derrik, age 4, was ecstatic for his first day of school, waiting in anticipation since Saturday, to go to recess and play with his friends and meet his new teacher, Mrs. Maldonado. Derrik is the youngest of the five children born to Joe and Sandra Suarez, making Mrs. Suarez a little more emotional now that her littlest baby was starting school. Mrs. Suarez recalled taking her oldest to school for the first time, "I did cry, but I didn't let him see. I dropped him off in class; walked out... it was emotional." Mrs. Suarez also planned to take little Derrik to his first day of school, and is prepared for another emotional send off, "He is excited to go back, but once he gets there it'll be a different story, he is a mama's boy, so once he gets there, it's like 'it's not what I wanted'." Mr. and Mrs. Suarez will continue to play an active role their children's education, participating in P.T.A. and supporting all extracurricular activities. As for Derrik, he plans to be a baseball player when he grows up.

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LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Over the past two years members of the First United Methodist Church have covered the community of Floydada in prayer. Volunteers have prayed for the children, the caretakers, people in positions that make decisions and the list goes on to include all areas of Floydada. Again, the Methodist Men along with other members of the community also went from school to school on the 16th of August to pray over each building, the staff and the students.

The Methodist Church would like to further this effort of prayer as it is not only a blessing to be prayed over but also a blessing to pray for others. Know that the personnel and the students will be prayed over daily by a group of true prayer warriors.

With the year now underway, we offer this prayer to the young people and staff and to the parents that trust the schools with their precious children:

Father God,

You have heard prayers for this coming school year and we pray to keep this blanket of prayer during this new and exciting year. We pray for the continued learning of our young people and for the rewards that will be felt by the staff that spend each day with these children.

We ask for your presence in each classroom and for each student to feel valued, capable and eager to receive new knowledge. We pray for their acceptance with their peers and for their self-esteem to continue to grow. We pray that not only will their minds and bodies grow with their education but for their minds and bodies to continue to grow in their spiritual relationship to you.

Father, the job of parents is tougher than it has ever been so we include the parents as they are the love and support to their children. We pray

for their strength to get their children to school, to support the school in their efforts of educating their children, to celebrate any successes or joys with their children, and to help their children face the many evils and obstacles that daily enter their lives.

Lord we ask for your wings of protection to surround the schools, the staff, and the children. We know that with your holy presence we have hope and with hope our kids can succeed. Open the eyes and the hearts of our children to include you in their decisions and to look to your word for answers to their questions. Lord, bring these young people closer to you so that they may know the glory of having you in their life.

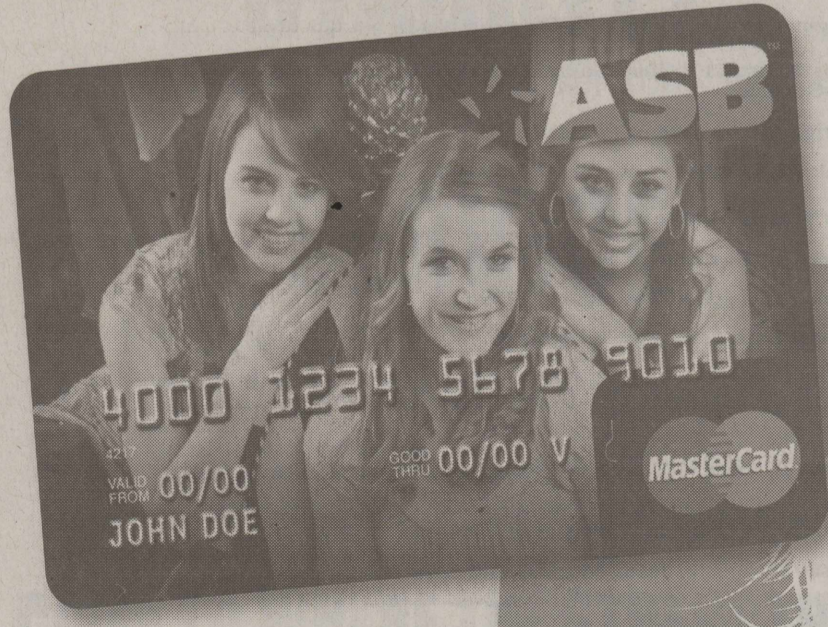
The administrators and the school board face daily decisions that may have a lasting effect on the life of a child. Their job is not easy and having you to lean on is a source of unending strength. We pray that you will be foremost in their decision-making and that they will look to you when their days do not go easy and when their days are filled with the rewards of running this school district.

Thank you Lord for loving us and for your forgiveness and we pray that each member of this community is in relationship with you because as a community we are united in some way with our schools.

In God's Holy Name,
 Amen

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