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Plans Finalized for 23rd Annual Punkin Day

By Charla Yeary
**Floydada Chamber
 Reporter**

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has been working very hard to finalize the plans for the 23rd Annual Punkin Day Celebration which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010 on the court house lawn.

Registration for the 5K race will start the day off at 7 a.m. Anyone wanting to participate can register as Farm Bureau on the northeast side of the courthouse square. At 9 a.m. registration for the 1 Mile fun run will be at Farm Bureau and the Arts & Crafts show and food vendors will open for business.

Entries for the Pumpkin Decorating contest will be accepted at 9 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated, prettiest, smallest, and largest decorated pumpkin.

The Crossview Christian Camp will be accepting donations of baked goods for their cake walk at 9 a.m. and entries for the Pumpkin Baked Goods contest will be accepted from 9 - 11 a.m. Categories for this years contest will be: Pumpkin pie, Pumpkin cake, Pumpkin bread, other Pumpkin dessert, and miscellaneous

Pumpkin recipe. The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Floyd County Library Community Room and the Classic Car Show will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Main street between the Floyd County Courthouse and Oden Chevrolet.

The Floyd county Museum will be the sight of rope making activities from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Entertainment is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. and last throughout the day under the pavilion. At 11 a.m. the judging of the decorated pumpkins and the Baked Goods contest will take place and the games are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. as well.

The games schedule for the day will be as follows: Wheelbarrow Obstacle Course for Adults at 11 a.m., Pumpkin Drawing for the kids at 11:30 a.m., the Wheelbarrow Race for ages 13-18 will be at 1 p.m., the Pumpkin toss for kids 5 and under will be at 1:45 p.m. followed by the tricycle race obstacle course at 2 p.m.. the seed spitting contest will be held at 2:30 p.m. and pumpkin bowling is scheduled for 3 p.m.. The last race of the day will be the pumpkin pie relay at 4 p.m. Each team will have

four runners. This is the only game with an entry fee.

The costume contest will begin 3 p.m. and the categories will be ages 0-3 years, Pre-K - 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grade, 6th - 8th grade, high school, and adult. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each category. At 4 p.m. we will auction off the prize winning Pumpkin Baked Goods and announce the Cow Patty Bingo winners.

The Chamber of Commerce booth will have short and long sleeve adult t-shirts, kids t-shirts, and infant t-shirts. All t-shirts will be \$ 5 and adult polo

shirts will be \$ 7. We will also have some caps and bags for \$10. We will also be sponsoring "Guess the Weight of the Trailer of "Pumpkins" and "Guess the Number of Candy Pumpkins in the Jar." Cow Patty Bingo tickets can also be purchased at the chamber booth during the day on Saturday.

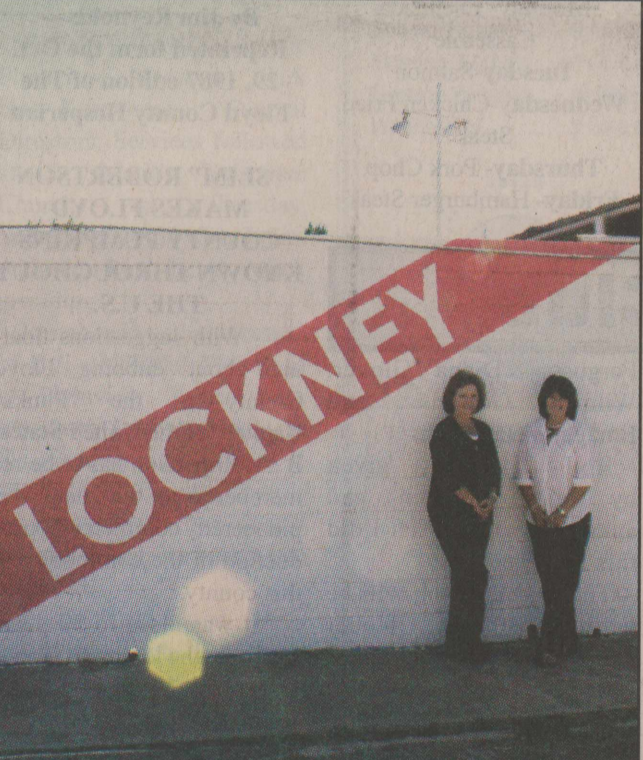
For more information please contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at (806) 983-3434.

We have a great day planned and look forward to seeing all of you for a great day in Floydada, Texas- "Pumpkin Capital USA!"

**WELCOME TO
 FLOYDADA
 PUMPKIN CAPITAL USA
 PUNKIN'DAYS 2nd WEEKEND
 OF OCTOBER**
 Call CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 983-3434

Courtesy Photo
 Billboard welcoming visitors to Floydada, Pumpkin Capital of the U.S. For more information about Punkin Day, contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at 983-3434.

**Lockney is awarded
 pool grant**



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez
 Charlotte Hooten and Lesca Durham stand in front of the soon to be renovated city pool. The City of Lockney has recently been awarded a grant from Texas' Parks and Wildlife Department that will be used to renovate the Lockney pool.

The City of Lockney will be able to renovate their city pool thanks to the help of donations and a grant from Texas' Parks and Wildlife Department.

The State's department has awarded the city of Lockney a grant that will match the \$50,000 organizers raised through donations. The \$100,000 will go to refurbishing the city's pool, this will include: sandblasting and resurfacing the bottom of the pool, pouring a new swimming pool concrete

around the pool, purchasing new pumps, filters, ladders, and tiles for the inside of pool, and will also provide for a new paint job.

Out of the ten grants given by the Parks and Wildlife Department, Lockney was the only town in West Texas. Chief organizers for the grant, Lesca Durham, Charlotte Hooten, and Kay Martin would like to thank Lockney's EDC, Lockney's Chamber of Commerce, D&J Gin, and everyone else who donated.



Courtesy Photo
 Eric and Julianne Cornelius have donated a flag to be flown at the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial. They are pictured here with 4-H'er Brayden Campbell, son of Wesley and Tracy Campbell. The Cornelius Family asked Brayden to continue the tradition that started 8 years ago, November 11, 2002, when their son Skyler Cornelius led this 4-H Citizenship Project and his brother Jordan Cornelius continued until his graduation in 2010. The flags at the Veteran's memorial are replaced every three months because of wear and tear from 24-hour use. Individuals wishing to donate a flag for replacement should contact Julianne or Eric Cornelius in Floydada. The flags are returned to the previous donor when replaced.



Courtesy Photo
 FAMILY DOLLAR broke ground for their new store on Wednesday morning, September 22, 2010. The new store will be located on the northwest corner of 2nd and California Street next to Subway. The completion date is yet to be determined. (This photo first appeared on the Floydada EDC web site on September 21, 2010.)

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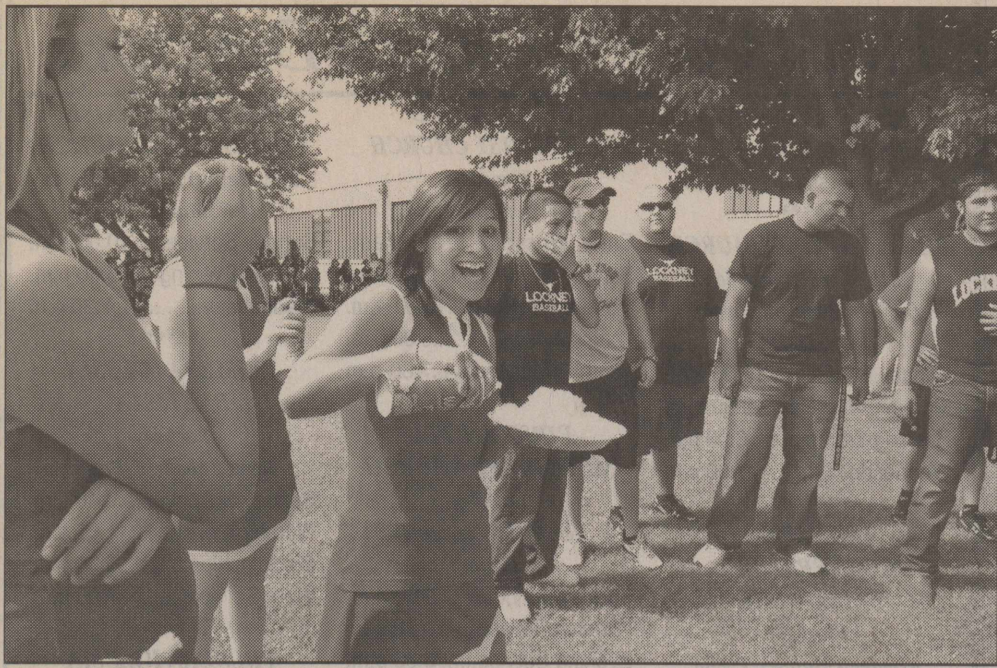


Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography

Longhorn Cheerleader, Robbie Reyes, readies a pie during last week's outdoor pep rally. At the pep rally coaches competed with players in a football quiz, losers got a pie in the face.

4-H'ers Promote 'one day 4-H' Crayon Recycling Drive

If you are like most families, you have a collection of broken crayons that aren't being used. But now, they can be.

Floyd County 4-H members want all of your old crayons, whether broken, whole, or just tiny pieces. We want them all! 4-H members are collecting as many crayons as possible from now until October 9th.

The 4-H Crayon Recycling drive promotes

the importance of recycling. Crayons are made from a non-renewable petroleum-based product that, if thrown away, will spend eternity in a local landfill. The recycling drive coincides with the Texas "one day 4-H" community service event. Like new crayons will be donated to family shelters or community art programs. Pieces will be recycled into

fresh, new crayons! Drop off tubs have been placed in Floydada at Kid's Korner, A. B. Duncan Elementary, and the County Extension Office. In Lockney they are at Lockney Elementary and at Lockney's City Bank. By recycling crayons today, you can help make a difference tomorrow. Reduce~Reuse~Recycle one day 4-H.

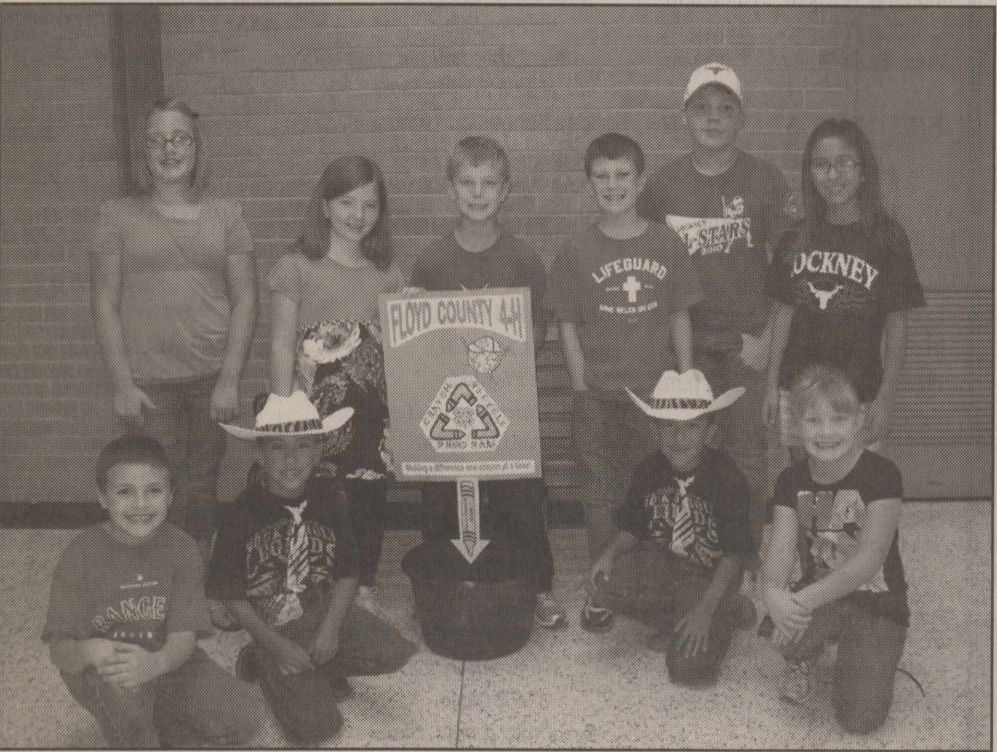


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4-H promote "One a Day 4-H".

Lockney 7th Grade Football loses close game

By Coach Browne
The Lockney Longhorns 7th grade football team lost a close battle on Thursday night to the Olton Mustangs. The Horns played very hard but came up just short as

the Mustangs won 14-6. The Horns lone touchdown was punched in by Tevin Phillips on a 3 yard run. The Horns held the Mustangs on defense and had a chance to tie the game but came up

just short. The defensive player of the game was BJ Jimenez who had a fumble recovery in the 4th quarter. The Horns next game will be Thursday September 30th in Claude with kickoff coming at 5 p.m.

Lockney 8th grade Longhorns host Olton

By Coach Reynolds
The Lockney Longhorn 8th graders hosted the Olton Mustangs with a rewarding end. Olton came out strong as they forced the Longhorns to punt multiple times.

was able to bust a 10-yard touchdown run. The Mustangs held strong and stopped the Longhorns two-point try. That was the end of the scoring in the first half.

Olton comes out first rattle out of the box and threw a 60-yard touchdown pass tying the game up. The game was a stale mate until Ryan Poole and Marcos Bueno connect for a 50-yard touchdown pass. Nick Sherman follows his offensive line to punch in the 2-point conversion. That was the end of the scoring as the Longhorns came out victorious. Good job Lockney 8th Grade.

Lockney Cross Country teams compete at Lubbock

By Coach Dunn
Lockney High School Cross country ran in Lubbock at the Lubbock Invitational at Mae Simmons Park on Sept 25.

Devin Caballero finished 29th out of 200 runners. The varsity girls team finished

19th. David Johnson also finished 29th out of 107 runners. The varsity boys team finished 7th. The next meet will be the Sundown Oilpatch Invitational at Sundown Oct. 2.

JV Longhorns lose to Olton

By Coach Garza
Big plays was the theme of this game, unfortunately they were all for the Mustangs.

Olton scored on three runs of over 40 yards and a pass of 56 yards. The Longhorns were able to put 3 good drives but were able to only score on one of them. Ky Teeter scored on a 3 yard run for the only score for the Longhorns.

The defense played well but seemed to let the Mustangs out of trouble on crucial downs. The game ended 42-6. The Longhorns will travel to take on the Mustangs from Claude.

Lockney Loses nail-bitter to Olton

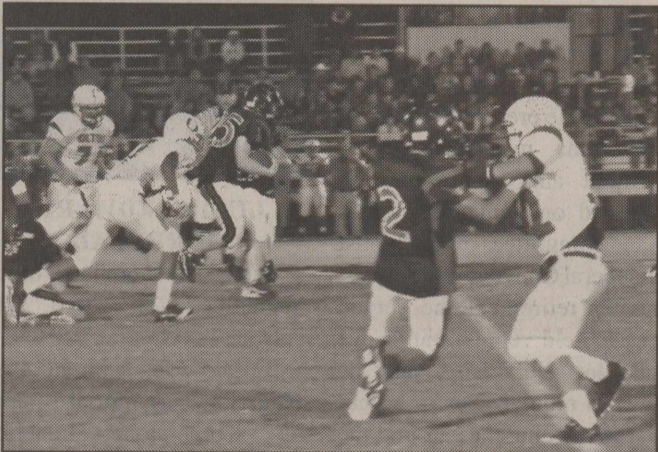


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With assistance from Longhorn Alejandro Salazar (2), Luke Sherman (25) would break through the pack for another big gain. It wouldn't be enough though, as Lockney would end up losing a nail-biter against Olton. The Longhorn's will look to turn their season around this

players like Renee Cruz and Chris Torrez help Lockney contain Olton's explosive running game. Frustrations grew for both teams as the game went on, Lockney alone lost 80 yards in penalties. At the end of the third quarter, Olton would once again hit another field goal, extending their lead by 7.

In the beginning of the fourth, a huge sack by Olton would result in 15 yard fumble return by Christian Cantu of the Mustangs; a successful extra point kick would make the score 20-6. But the Longhorns were far from giving up. After an unnecessary hit to Lockney's punter, the Longhorns were awarded the ball at Olton's own 36 yard line. A facemask after a beautiful 22 yard pass to Renee Cruz would move the Longhorns to the 6 yard line. A few plays later, a 4 yard touchdown pass to Lockney's Chris Torrez would put the Longhorns on the right track for a comeback. With the score 20-12 in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter, the Longhorns would kick-off the ball to Olton. The Longhorn defense, knowing the game was on the line, would be able to force the Mustangs to punt. As the ball was snapped to Olton's punter, a bobbled snap gave the Horns enough time to break through the line and block the punt. Shaquille Thompson would return the fumble for a touchdown. But celebrations were cut short after fans noticed yellow flags on the field. Referees claimed that Lockney had hit the kicker; and to a barrage of boos, the ball was awarded back to Olton. Olton would go on to win 20-12.

By Homer Marquez Reporter

The Longhorns came close to turning their season around last week as they played the Olton Mustangs. But, a late fourth quarter penalty ended the Longhorn's chance for a comeback; as they went on to lose to the Mustangs 20-12.

Lockney got off to a bad start in the first quarter when in the first play of the game resulted in a 77 yard touchdown run from Olton running back, Billy Ross, a successful extra point would put the Mustangs up by 7. Lockney's first offensive outing proved to promising as the Longhorn's marched the ball down the field. A strong offensive line proved to be too much for Olton, as the Longhorns picked up momentum in their first offensive drive, but Olton's defense dodged a bullet, as they would eventually put a stop the drive deep in

Mustang territory. After the turnover, penalties and a strong Longhorn defense kept the Mustangs from advancing further down the field; Olton would be forced to punt in the end zone. Starting at the Mustangs 29 yard line, the Longhorns unleashed a brutal drive to the end zone. Led by running back Eduardo Ascencio, Lockney smashed their way to the red zone. After a crucial 6 yard catch by Lockney's Alejandro Salazar, Ascencio only needed one more yard to put the Longhorns on the board; a blocked extra point would end the first quarter with Olton leading the Longhorns 7-6.

In the second quarter, strong defenses kept the score the same until the Mustangs successfully attempted a field goal late in the half. At half-time, the Longhorns would head into the locker room trailing by 4.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Oct. 4 - Oct. 8

Monday
Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice milk
Lunch- Hot dog/chili or grilled cheese, tator tots, corn, orange smiles, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast- Sausage bosciot or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Cheese enchiladas or ham, pinto beans, salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast - Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Meat and bean

chalupa or burrito, salad, rosy applesauce, milk
Thursday
Breakfast- Eggs/bacon or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken nuggets or corndog, potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, roll, milk
Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Hamburger or chicken patty on bun, hamburger salad, baby carrots/ranch, frozen yogurt, milk

The Fair Board is exploring the possibility of having a Halloween Carnival and/or Lockney community trick or treating at the Fair Building on October 30. This would take the place of the Elementary School Carnival and/or trick or treating in town. Please voice your opinion by calling Jim & Kay Martin 652-3386, Carol Huggins 652-3115, or emailing floydfair@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendars Now!
"Punkin Day Celebration"
Saturday, October 9 in Floydada on the downtown square!

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Jodi is a registered nurse in the hospital. Her job duties are patient care and hospital nursing. She has worked for the hospital since February of 1998. Jodi has a great personality and always has a smile on her face. She does a good job and she takes pride in what she does. Her favorite thing about working at the hospital is the people she works with. Jodi enjoys gardening, crafts, scrap booking, going to church, and spending time with family and friends.

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

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Construction of a Salt Storage Bin at the Floydada Maintenance Section, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas
Contract Number 6217-31-001

Sealed proposals for the construction of a Salt Storage Bin at the Floydada Maintenance Section, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas.

Proposals will be received until October 2, 2010 at 10:15 a.m. The publicly opened and read.

Proposals, plans and qualifications for this project will be furnished without charge to any Contractor desiring to submit a bid. No pre-qualification is required. Contact Amy Nieman at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas. Telephone 806-748-4524 for proposals or any questions.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LOCKNEY
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Lockney is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$275,000 for improvements to the streets in the City of Lockney. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



Photo by Jim Covington

Brityn Helms cheered on the Whirlwinds last week as they defeated the Spearman Lynx in the season's district opener. Floydada's unstoppable running game would out-rush Spearman by 136 yards last week.

Whirlwinds win first district game over Spearman, 14-7

The Floydada Whirlwinds are 1-0 in district after taking care of Spearman 14-7.

Rex Mathis did the scoring for Whirlwinds en route to helping the Whirlwinds amass 249 rushing yards on 56 carries.

Floydada also capitalized

on recovering two of three Spearman fumbles during the contest.

Mathis scored on a 16-yard run in the first quarter to put Floydada up 6-0, Hector Rodriguez added the kick for a 7-0 lead. After Spearman knotted the game at 7-7,

Mathis ran in a 7-yard score in the fourth quarter for the lead and the defense held Spearman for the final.

The Whirlwinds play Sanford-Fritch at home Friday at 7:30 p.m. Fritch is 3-2, 1-0 as well and beat Tulia last week 49-9.



Photo by Jim Covington

In last week's game against Spearman, Juan DeOchoa (66) and Bryson Sessions (3) had no trouble clearing paths for Floydada's superior running game. The Whirlwinds would go on to defeat the Lynx 14-7. This week the Floydada Whirlwinds will host (1-4) Sanford-Fritch.

Conservation Reserve Program Sign-Up Benefits Producers, Protects Sensitive Habitat

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA will accept 4.3 million acres offered by landowners under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up. The selections preserve and enhance environmentally sensitive lands, including wetlands, while providing payments to property owners.

"Interest in this open enrollment period was high, and I'm pleased that producers and landowners across the nation continue to realize the environmental benefits of enrolling land in the CRP," said Secretary Vilsack.

For this 39th general sign-up more than 50,000 offers were received on

more than 4.8 million acres, nationwide. Enrollment of the 4.3 million acres will keep the program enrollment close to the 32 million acre statutory cap, which will maintain and enhance the significant environmental benefits the program has already achieved. CRP's 39th sign-up will bring the total enrollment in the program to 31.2 million acres, leaving sufficient room under the 32 million acre cap to continue enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, continuous sign-up and other CRP initiatives through FY 2011.

Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in crop fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings reduce soil

and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. Plant cover established on the acreage accepted into the CRP will reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in our nation's rivers and streams. The CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated

See CONSERVATION on page 9

7th and 8th Grade Whirlwind Football

By Coach Ayala

7th Grade Whirlwinds - 28
7th Grade Spearman - 0

Aaron DelaFuente scored on a 68-yard run on the first handoff of the game. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful.

The defense held the Lynx to four and out. On the next Whirlwind offensive possession, a handoff to Robert Cuba resulted in the next Whirlwind score, a 68-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was a good pass from Calvin Seago to J. P. Segura for the score.

Robert Cuba also scored on an interception play from 38 yards out. The two-point conversion failed.

The Winds defense did not let the Lynx offense get

much on the ground or in the air. They did a good job. We played a lot of people and that is always good.

The Winds last score came on a run by Kye Baker around the left side from 28 yards out. Issac Herrera converted the two-point conversion.

It was a good victory for the Winds. Next week we will face the Sanford-Fritch Eagles at our home stadium starting time 5 p.m.

8th Grade Whirlwinds - 0
8th Grade Spearman - 30

The score does not reflect the effort of the Whirlwinds. We drove the ball down the field throughout the game, only to stall out in the red zone.

Good things on offense and defense did occur. Aaron Chavarria ran hard making a lot of yards on the ground.

On the defensive side, Joshua Posada made a lot of key stoops on the outside. There were a lot of big hits from the defense. One of the big hits came from Rikardo Cervera from the safety position. He did a good job stopping the Lynx running backs from scoring.

It was a tough game against a tough team. I know these kids will get better and they will turn this season around.

Come on out and check out the Whirlwinds this Thursday in Floydada. The 8th grade game will follow the 7th grade game.

Floydada Cross Country teams run at Mae Simmons Park

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Cross Country teams ran at Lubbock this past weekend. The Lady Winds were led by Kristan Sanchez (19th) 13:31, Ashley Lucke (57th) 14:40, Tyler Whalen (80th) 15:25, Amelia Gonzalez

(88th) 15:43, Anna de la Fuente 105th) 16:40, Raelene Martinez (111th) 17:35, Mari Mar Lira (112th), Elyanna Duran (120th) 19:35.

The Whirlwinds were led by B.J. Perez (15th) 17:58, Tyler Renfro (60th) 20:20, R.J. Gomez (75th) 21:37,

Adrian Gonzales (82nd) 22:13, Reyes Casares (91st) 23:11, Ryan Chavarria (92nd), Colton Lehman (95th) 23:36.

The Lady Winds and Whirlwinds will be off this next weekend before running at Olton on October 9th. Good job.

Floydada Cross Country teams run in Plainview meet

By Coach Styles

Floydada Cross Country team ran at Plainview this past Saturday at Running Draw/Kidsville Park. Placing for the Lady Winds was Kristan Sanches in 11th place with a time of 13:18. Also running for the Lady Winds were Emily Prisk 15:06, Amelia Gonzales 15:19, Mattie Sanders 16:25, Elyanna Duran 18:00, and Mari Mar Lira 18:19.

B. J. Perez finished in 9th

place for the Whirlwinds at a time of 18:43. Also running were Tyler Renfro 21:24, Anthony Ascencio 22:03, R. J. Gomez 22:28, Adrian Gonzales 22:29, Ryan Chavarria 23:22, and Colton Lehman 23:59. They are working very hard.

The Lady Winds and Whirlwinds will run at Mae Simmons Park on Saturday. This is also the site of our district and regional meet.

The Junior Varsity teams start at 11 a.m. and the Varsity teams will run at 2 p.m. There will be nearly 1500 runners from Class 1A - 5A. Come watch a great meet and support our cross-country runners.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

October 4 - October 8

Monday	Thursday
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk	Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken fajitas, tortillas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk	Lunch-Meat and beans chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk
Tuesday	Friday
Breakfast- Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk	Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk	Lunch-Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, brownie, milk
Wednesday	
Breakfast-Pancakes/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk	
Lunch-Chicken fried	

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Tickets available from any scout or at Brown's Implement or Script Printing

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FLOYDADA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City of Floydada is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application requested is up to \$275,000.00 for water system improvements in the City of Floydada. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

9-30c

Covenant Mobile Mammography will be providing screening mammograms in Lockney.

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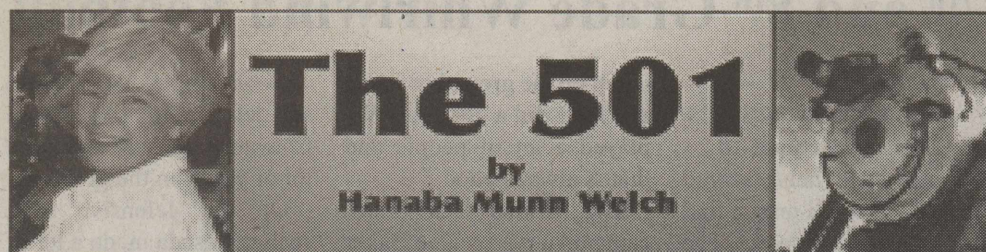
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If you talk to yourself, it's not good to sleep with your cell phone. You never know whom you might call and what you might say.

My friend Carolyn awoke last night to hear my voice coming from her kitchen. It was 12:14 a.m. I was talking about a train.

When I saw her today, she mentioned the call. I apologized. I remembered looking at my phone and noticing I'd called her by mistake and hoping she didn't hear the ring - in her case, some sort of tune.

But at 12:14 a. m., her ringtone wasn't music to her ears. She told me she'd been asleep exactly one hour. Oops.

I remember the incident. I was alone in Goodlett, Texas, about to go to sleep. Night trains roll by. I'm in Goodlett again tonight and, believe it or not, here comes a train. The whistle just blew, and the sounds of the cars clicking and rumbling over the track are wafting my direction through the darkness from just the right distance. Great sounds. When you get used to the train rolling by, it's hard to sleep when it doesn't.

Highway 287 runs by Goodlett too. The cars and trucks make their own distinctive noises - whooshy, whiny sounds of little interest. They whiz by, and then they're gone. Better to hear the distant rumble of a train and listen as it grows in volume. You anticipate the throaty whistle blasts. When it all fades away, you know you've heard something.

Carolyn knew she'd heard something last night too. Me. Caught talking to myself.

I'd like to say I was talking in my sleep. It sounds saner. But I was quite awake when I said, "Well, where's that train?"

At least I didn't answer.

I'm not sure why my phone called Carolyn right then. It has a mind of its own. My husband gets similar calls from me a couple of times a week. He ignores them.

Way back when cell phones were twice as heavy as irons and bigger, mine was plugged in and resting on the console of my friend Beverly's sports car. Someone's elbow hit the redial button and called her current boyfriend, better described as a fleeting love interest. At least he was fleeting after the call.

He heard noises coming from his answering machine. He investigated and heard himself being discussed - probably dissected -- by us! He tried in vain to get our attention. I'm sure there was an insistent little man's voice coming from the console, but we didn't hear it. His machine, meanwhile, kept recording. Great.

It's the sort of incident that could fit right into the storyline of just about any soap opera.

Their relationship soon dissolved. That eavesdropping phone might have shortened a romance that wouldn't have lasted anyway. That's what I like to think, especially since it was my phone.

It's late. Here comes another train. If I time it right, I can call Carolyn exactly when it whistles.

I'll blame my phone.

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Stamped Cross Stitch.
Tablecloth: 1. Charlene Brown.
Counted Cross Stitch
Sampler: 1. Carol Huggins.
Christmas: 1. Carol Huggins.
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Grape Jelly: 1. Charlene Brown.
Peach Jelly: 1. Darrell Rasco.
Plum Jelly: 1. Charlene Brown.
Cherry Jelly: 1. Charlene Brown.
Red Hot Jelly: 1. Charlene Brown.
Apricot Jam: 1. Charlene Brown.
Sugar-Free Jelly: 1. Charlene Brown.
Wild Plum Jelly: 1. Charlene Brown.
Wild Plum Butter: 1. Charlene Brown.
Peach Jam: 1. Charlene Brown.
Canned Apricots: 1. Charlene Brown.
Canned Wild Plums: 1. Charlene Brown.
Canned Tomatoes: 1. Cheyann Powell; 2. Tasha Jordan; 3. Renee Armstrong.
Canned Okra: 1. Tasha Jordan.
Canned Black-eyed Peas: 1. Cheyann Powell; 2. Tasha Jordan; 3. Renee Armstrong.
Green Beans: 1. Renee Armstrong.
Soup Mix: 1. Cheyann Powell; 2. Charlene Brown.
Adult Culinary
Banana Nut Bread: 1. Gloria Moya.
Vegetable Bread: 1. Ronnie Huffman.
Pound Cake: 1. Ronnie Huffman.
Youth Culinary
Sweet Rolls: 1. Letti Cheyne.

Rolls: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Drop Cookies: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Cut-Out Cookies: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Refrigerator Cookies: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Decorated Cookies: 2. Letti Cheyne.
Brownies: 1. Letti Cheyne.
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Loaf, Yeast Bread: 1. Jaylee Poindexter (Best of Show).
Combread: Jaylee Poindexter.
Pecan Pie: 1. Jace Klein.
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Other Cookies: 1. Kira Pierce (Best of Show).
Youth Canned
Apricots: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Peaches: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Wild Plums: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Soup Mix: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Cinnamon Pickles: 1. Kira Pierce.
Grape Jelly: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Plum Jelly: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Cherry Jelly: 1. Blayne Hurst.
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Wild Plum Jam: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Wild Plum Butter: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Peach Jam: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Apricot Jam: 1. Blayne Hurst.
Apple Butter: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Peewee Textiles:
Bedspread: 1. Christin Kemp.
Throw Pillow: 1. Christin Kemp.
Youth Textiles
Crochet: 1. Jaylee Poindexter.
Jewelry: 1. Jacquie Banda.
Dough Ornaments: Kira Pierce.
Tile: 1. Jaylee Poindexter.
Quilt, Machine Quilted: Catharine Kemp.
Quilt, Tied: Taylor Chavarria.
Throw Pillow: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Youth Sewing
Apron: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Dress: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Quilt: 1. Aimee Chavarria; 2. Letti Cheyne.
Purse: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Stuffed Toy: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Ceramics: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Wood Craft: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Electric Lamp: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Jewelry: 1. Letti Cheyne.
Agriculture:
Cotton, Open Bolls: 1. Earl Broseh.
Pumpkin, Field: 1. Tim Assiter; 2. Helena Roy.
Pumpkin, Sweet: 1. Tim Assiter/Helena Roy; 2. Tim Assiter/Helena Roy.
Squash, Hubbard: 1. Tim Assiter/Helena Roy.
Squash, Other: 1. Tim Assiter/Helena Roy; 2. Tim Assiter/Helena Roy.
Tomatoes: 1. Kathy Hunter.
Apple Gourd: 1. Helena Roy.
Swan Gourd: 1. Helena Roy; 2. Helena Roy.
Other Gourd: 1. Helena Roy; 2. Helena Roy.

Apples: 1. Kathy Hunter.
Stalk, Cotton Dryland: 1. Miguel Guerrero; 2. Roman Guerrero.
Cotton, Irrigated: 1. Tim Assiter; 2. Tim Assiter.
Top Of The Crop
Decorated Cookies: 2. Letti Cheyne.
Tumbleweed: 1. Earl Broseh.
Pumpkin: 2. Helena Roy.
Squash: 1. Helen Roy.
Zucchini: 1. Craig Setliff.
Photography
Adult Photography
Black & White: Connie Barnett; 2. Danny Huggins 3. Debra Lee; HM Danny Huggins.
Automobiles: 1. Connie Barnett; 2. Connie Barnett; 3. Jay Thompson.
Animals: 1. Debra Lee; 2. Catherine Jacobs; 3. Connie Barnett; HM Mary M. Carter.
Portraits: 1. Robin Sanders; 2. Laura Fulton; 3. Daniel Moya; HM Sid Weeks.
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Floral: 1. Mary Carter; 2. Pete McCann; 3. Connie Barnett; HM Danny Huggins.
Digitally Manipulated: 1. Laura Fulton; 2. Connie Barnett; 3. Connie Barnett; HM Robin Sanders.
Youth Photography
1. Jonathan Sustaita; 2. Robert Webb; 3. Taylor Rose; HM Robert Webb.
Children's Photography
1. Colton Moses; 2. Catherine Kemp; 3. Colton Moses; HM Colton Moses.
Art
Youth Painting
1. Erica Marmalejo, acrylic painting; 2. Taylor Rose, acrylic painting; 3. Molly Cazares, tempera resist; HM Molly Cazares & Jessica Pena, tempera resist.
Youth Drawing
1. Robert Webb, pencil; 2. Jonathan Sustaita, pencil; 3. Koree Smith, colored pencil. HM Koree Smith, pencil.
Adult Painting
1. Carolyn Green, oil painting; 2. Laura Fulton, acrylic painting; 2. Laura Fulton, mixed media painting.
Adult Drawing
1. Adam Balderas, colored pencil; 2. Joe Castro; 3. Dale Powell, pencil; HM Andres Solis, pen & ink.
Sculpture
1. Tyler House; 2. Andrew Raissez.
Ceramics
Youth Ceramics: 1. Taylor Rose; 2. Erica Marmalejo; 3. Jonathan Sustaita; HM Nikki Jimenez, Stacy Jimenez, Tylor Holloway.
Adult/Teacher Ceramics: 1. Donna Webb; 2. Donna Webb; 3. Donna Webb; HM Donna Webb.
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The Paperboy

Cashing in on media bias

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

The national media has a liberal bias. That fact is beyond argument.

According to polls, research, etc ... conservatives are outnumbered by a ratio of 4-to-1.

This bias comes from universities. Liberal arts at its finest. A couple of decades ago, I had a few liberal professors, even at Texas A&M, which is considered conservative amongst major universities.

So if you will indulge me that there is indeed a media bias in the U.S., what has Rupert Murdoch's impact been on the country?

If the mass media is controlled by liberals, then Murdoch's Fox News is not only genius, it's smart business. Fox News has been on top of all cable news for 105 straight months.

Fox News is also dominating CBS, NBC and ABC in the news department.

The basic reason is Fox News is not liberal. In my opinion, it is also not "Fair and Balanced" as it claims to be. Then again, what national news source can make you believe any major news source is fair and balanced? I'd say none of them.

Fox News has been able to dominate because it offers an alternative to the mainstream media. I wonder why others

haven't started similar networks? Perhaps politics trumps money.

In journalism classes, you're supposed to be taught objectivity. It should be your priority. Journalists are supposed to be able to leave all of their feelings and emotions out of the story they are covering. Sadly, objectivity has become a lost art in the mainstream media.

As to the question of why liberal professors dominate U.S. campuses? I believe it's living life in the utopian mindset of academia rather than practical real world experience.

Maybe one day we will have colleges and universities that are interested in educating our youth instead of forcing personal agendas on them.

I've been married eight years this week. I managed to stay single for 34 years, and if I'm blessed with longevity, I might live long enough to celebrate 50 years of marriage one day.

Just a little more than a year ago, I was fearful I would spend the rest of my life as a widower. That alone is a testament of the resolve of the woman I married.

There is not a doubt in my mind that asking Sharon to marry me was best decision I've ever made. It's not even close.

You never know what life will throw at you and how you will react to adversity as a couple, but I can say in full confidence that we are up for the challenges.

I wasn't looking to settle down and was content as a bachelor before we started dating. Talk about doing a 180. I wouldn't trade the life we've built for anything!

Some of you men need this addressed. Your friends might not tell you and you may not care, but it's imperative for society that you do your duty!

Men, you must keep the hair on your eyebrows, in your nose and in your ears TRIMMED!

It's hard enough to have a conversation with your ugly mug, don't make it harder.

It's time to step up to the plate and take some pride in your appearance! Some of you fellas have so much eyebrow, you could donate the hair to Locks for Love!

So, take a look in the mirror and see if you pass this test: If you can grab the hair on your eyebrows with your thumb and finger, trim it. If you can see hair in your ears or nose when you look in the mirror, trim it.

Do this, and society will welcome you back with open arms.

End of rant.

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A Pledge to Cut Spending

By ROBERT ROMANO

They had better mean it. The House Republican Conference has unveiled its "Pledge to America," a broad set of principles by which a new Republican majority would govern by. Included are promises to "roll back government spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels," and to "establish strict budget caps to limit federal spending from this point forward."

Republicans appear to have responded to and now are appealing to the tea party movement, which was founded in the wake of the unprecedented bailout regime of 2008 and 2009. Republicans propose "ending bailouts permanently, canceling the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP)" and to "reform Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by ending their government takeover, shrinking their portfolios, and establishing minimum capital standards."

That's all very good for the American people to hear. These are some of their foremost concerns.

Some have criticized that the Pledge is not specific enough. However, in several areas it is quite specific, for example in proposing a hiring freeze for non-security federal employees, requiring sunsets for federal programs, requiring a full and honest accounting of government entitlement programs Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. It promises to repeal ObamaCare — in full. In its stead, it proposes allowing the purchase of health care across state lines without any government middleman exchange, tort reform, and to expand health savings accounts.

There are more specifics. On taxes, the GOP proposes making the Bush tax cuts permanent, allowing small businesses a tax deduction equal to 20 percent of their income, and the elimination of the costly ObamaCare 1099 requirement on businesses for any purchases \$600 or greater.

On transparency, Republicans pledge to

post legislation for 72 hours prior to being voted on. On limited government, every proposed law must cite its authorizing clause in the Federal Constitution. On fiscal responsibility, amendments will be allowed on appropriations bills, breaking the power of the appropriations committees or leadership to distribute pork.

On funding troops, Republicans will end the practice of attaching unrelated legislation and spending to troops spending bills, ending a common practice under the current House leadership. Nancy Pelosi has repeatedly attached for example states bailouts and other public sector union giveaways to war funding measures.

Other parts demand more specificity. If Republicans are truly sincere about "ending bailouts permanently," they must specifically repeal significant portions of the recently enacted Dodd-Frank financial takeover. That bill promised to "end bailouts," too, but everyone knows it does not.

Included in that bill is an unlimited "orderly liquidation fund" whereby the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation can levy new assessments, or taxes, on bank holding and insurance companies to pay for the liquidation or bailout of failing financial firms.

The costs of these bailouts and government takeovers will be passed on to anybody that uses the financial system, unless Congress does something to repeal this new, dangerous authority. If Congress does not act, it will have no say in the next round of bailouts and takeovers, which will be implemented by executive fiat.

That is all law now.

Republicans must specifically act against the Dodd-Frank bill when it comes to their no more bailouts pledge, because the American people are going to hold them accountable — especially if the executive branch begins more bailouts and Republicans have done nothing to roll back the limitless authorities included in Dodd-Frank.

The end of the government ownership of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac does help, however. The Pledge falls short of calling for the outright liquidation of the insolvent firms, and hints that they will be allowed to exist in some form. If they were solvent and privately-owned and explicitly prohibited from receiving any taxpayer subsidy ever again, there could be some assurance that the "implicit guarantee" never again is used to re-inflate a new housing bubble.

But again, that demands specificity.

Most of all, on spending, Republicans need to be preparing a long-term budget that proposes spending at least ten years out. The Pledge calls for the discretionary spending to be cut to 2008 levels, citing at least \$100 billion in savings annually, "putting us on a path to begin paying down the debt [and] balancing the budget".

That sounds nice, but only cutting \$1 trillion over ten years will not allow the U.S. to begin paying off the debt, and will not prevent worse things from happening. Taking the \$100 billion a year number for granted, \$800 billion in savings by 2018 may not prevent the U.S. credit rating from being downgraded in the near future. Why?

Because the nation's Triple-A credit rating is not a function of spending alone. It is a function of revenue-to-interest owed on the national debt.

Moody's has warned that when interest owed reaches 18 to 20 percent of revenue, the nation would be in line for a downgrade. By 2018, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports that the U.S. will reach that level. So, cutting \$100 billion annually will not prevent interest owed on the debt from skyrocketing over the next ten years, as it is set to do.

Therefore, the only way to prevent the downgrade from happening is to reduce the interest owed either by paying off a significant percentage of the principal owed on the debt, or rapidly growing the economy

such that revenues rebound and outpace the growth of the interest owed.

Unfortunately, according to the CBO, interest owed on the debt will rise from \$244 billion in 2011 to \$755 billion in 2018, a 209 percent increase. That averages a 26.1 percent increase every year. Neither the economy nor revenues can grow fast enough to prevent a downgrade under those criteria.

The only way will be to pay off a lot of the principal owed — now — and to balance the budget immediately such that new debt is not contracted. According to Strategas Research Partners' Jason Desena Trennert: "\$5.2 trillion of U.S. debt comes due in the next three years..." That \$5.2 trillion coming due represents a tremendous opportunity, maybe the only opportunity, to prevent the downgrade. If that debt were not rolled over, but were paid off, interest owed on the debt would be significantly less, and may prevent it from rising over 18 to 20 percent of revenue.

The imminent credit downgrade is an emergency. A crisis. One that will signal the decline of America from being the world's economic superpower. But the Pledge does not address it — at all. That is a startling omission for a document that promises to "pay down the debt."

Ultimately, it will not matter if Republicans address the issue on the campaign trail, it will only matter Congress resolves to deal with it in 2011. If, in fact, the credit downgrade is unavoidable in the near term, it is high time elected officials said so, and then present a plan that allows the nation to get back to Triple-A status at a determined point in the future.

Ignoring the problem will not make it go away. It will only earn the wrath of the American people in the future. They desperately yearn not just for change, but for courage. And it will take courage on an order not seen in Washington for many years to solve the sovereign debt crisis.

Koch Brothers, private industry vilified in California

By KEVIN MOONEY

A California ballot initiative that could potentially unravel the anti energy policies Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law four years ago is the subject of a New York Times report aimed against free market groups. Charles and David Koch, described here as the "billionaires from Kansas who have played a prominent role in financing the Tea Party movement", are the primary targets. But out of state business interests also come in for criticism.

Both sides acknowledge that initiative could have national ramifications for the environmental movement and its pursuit of "cap and trade" policies. State-level regulatory efforts that mimic the Kyoto Protocol rippled out of California's Global Warming Solutions Act and could recede if pro-energy activists prevail in November. The initiative, known formally as Proposition 23, calls for a suspension of anti-emissions restrictions until after unemployment falls to 5.5 percent or lower for at least four consecutive quarters.

Over the past year, the environmental movement has been beset with setbacks that undermine long-standing scientific and economic arguments activists and government officials have invoked to advance regulatory directives. It is evident from this report that the Times and other left leaning media outlets are panicked by recent developments. The idea here is to discredit the opposition and explain away public opposition as an understandable, albeit a misguided byproduct of the recession.

"Traditionally, public support for environmental measures suffers during tough economic times," the report says. "Here in California, backers of the initiative have seized on that anxiety — which is particularly acute in this state, with its

12.3 percent unemployment rate — in search of a victory."

The stipulations included in Proposition 23 "could have the practical effect of killing the law," the NYT correctly notes. Over the past several decades, the unemployment rate as rarely fallen to such relatively low rate for an extended period of time. AB 32, the Global Warming statute, calls for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse emissions to be reduced back to 1990 levels by 2020. Private industry officials say they that the high cost of compliance would result in job losses and rising gas prices.

There are a number of detailed, scholarly studies that bolster and substantiate the concerns of private industry. The Institute for Energy Research (IER), for instance, has published a report that goes into great detail about the higher costs attached to renewable standards and emissions restrictions. But these hard facts have no place in an agenda-laced report that works over time to sully the reputation of business groups, tea party activists and individual donors who are committed to private enterprise.

"The campaign against California's greenhouse gas law comes as business groups have invested heavily across the country in trying to defeat members of Congress who voted for a cap-and-trade bill that also mandated emission reductions; the bill passed the House but failed in the Senate in the face of strong opposition from lawmakers in industrial states," the report says.

Looking ahead to November, current polls show that the competing sides are evenly matched.

"Yet supporters said they were concerned that the proposition could slip through at a time when Democratic spirits are low," the NYT points out. "More significant is the question of how much more supporters of Prop 23 can raise to finance

their campaign. Of the \$8.2 million raised so far, \$1 million came from the Koch firm, \$4 million from the Valero Energy Corporation and \$1.5 million from the Tesoro Corporation; both corporations are based in San Antonio."

The article concludes with a spokesman from the NRDC quoted at length expressing concern over the influence and financial backing of anti-regulatory organizations. That's the pot calling the kettle black.

"We have every reason to believe that they are going to put the money in to run a big television campaign in the most expensive media market in the country," said Annie Notthoff, the California advocacy director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group. "We certainly are expecting to have a fight on our hands."

As of 2006, the NRDC has net assets in excess of \$125 million and enjoys consistent, steady substantial support from well-endowed left-leaning foundations, according to The Capital Research Center.

NRDC is part of large, expansive network of left-wing organizations operating under the guise of environmentalism that have worked on national and international level to restrict and restrain America's economic development.

These outside groups that operate in concert with the European Union and the United Nations at the expense of U.S. taxpayers and consumers deserve greater exposure and attention.

Former Secretary of State George Schultz, who supports California's global warming law, should be asked about the international backing of environmental groups like the NRDC receive since he's so concerned about the activities of American citizens who favor affordable energy.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Construction to the Lockney High School continues to run smoothly. Last week, dedicated and hard working construction crews were finally able to up walls.

Lockney's City Council discusses grants and ordinances

By Homer Marquez Reporter

Lockney's City Council opened discussions, during their September meeting, with their plans to apply for a new pavement grant. According to SPAG, or the South Plains Association of Governments, if The City of Lockney is awarded the grant, the city will be able to pave Fourth Street, from Locust to Schubert, and Guest Street, starting at Main Street heading west possibly to northwest Second Street. The Council plans to apply for the grant after the completion of the Water and Sewer grant.

The Council also decided to hold off on accepting contractor bids for their newly acquired Sidewalk Grant. Bids, that will help repair the sidewalks on the east side of Main Street, were estimated to be way lower than the \$136,000 grant that they received. The Council will now initiate a second phase to the bid process that will allow the council to add

on other areas of the city that need sidewalk repair.

Soon after the Council passed a motion to pay the monthly bills, the city proceeded with the second reading of the Public Right-of-Way Management Ordinance. The adoption of the new ordinance will prevent the City from having to place reflective strips on the sidewalks in order to comply with state laws. Also, under the new ordinance, any organization who wants to use the streets, sidewalks or any public right-away of the city's, will have to file an application form with the city and pay a \$500 fee. Organization may have the option of receiving a rebate at the approval of the Council; the ordinance would be passed by the council. Details of the ordinance will be published in the Hesperian-Beacon soon.

The City Council also accepted city employee insurance for the fiscal year, there will be a \$7.32 rate increase per month.

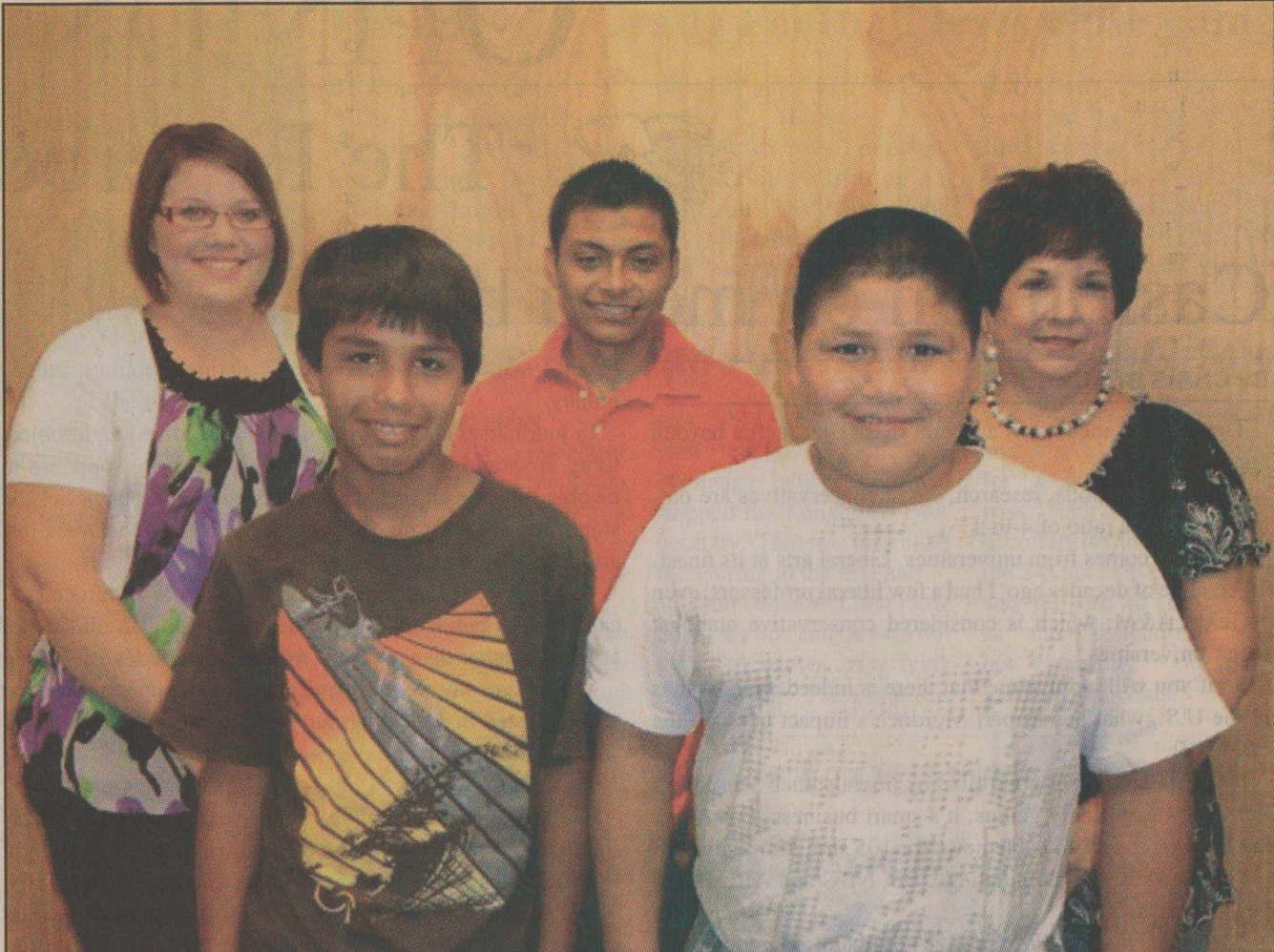


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FISH HONORS students, educator and support staff for the month. Pictured (l-r) are Nichole Gonzales (kindergarten reading teacher of the month), Seth Selinas (7th grade student of the month), Isaac Martinez (high school student of the month), Brian Rosa (5th grade student of the month), and De Chance (support staff of the month as cafeteria supervisor).

FISD Rated "Above Standard," Receives Grant Money

By Sara Sisemore Correspondent

During the school board's public meeting on Sept. 14, 2010, to discuss the Floydada Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system for the 2008-2009 school year, Business Manager Sharon Rainwater informed the board that FISD received the rating of "above standard achievement." "For the last five years or so we had superior achievement...so I was slightly disappointed," Rainwater said. This system rates the district over things such as debt ratio, student to teacher ratio, students to staff ratio, and the amount in the fund balance.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn described to the board what the Connections Grant is - a joint grant between FISD and Paducah ISD. He said the grant involves computers and technologies and letting Floydada and Paducah's districts upgrade theirs with no cost to the taxpayers. Vaughn said he and Rex Holcomb wrote the grant without padding it. He then relayed the story of how the district was awarded the full grant they had asked for, but within 10 minutes of negotiations ending, they received an e-mail saying the grant monies awarded had been reduced to \$126,000.

The grant money will be used to purchase laptops to finish furnishing and creating a computer lab in the new elementary building. The administration is working to get a 15 percent discount on the laptops, as well as ordering them early enough to beat the upcoming five percent price increase. The grant is written so that FISD gets approximately 80 percent of the grant money

and Paducah gets about 20 percent. This will help purchase 505 computers for FISD and 120 for Paducah, as well as a new server for each district.

Vaughn asked the board to grant permission for him to expend grant funds within grant guidelines as soon as the district received their Notice of Grant Award from TEA so that the district will be able to get the discounts which end Oct. 1. The board unanimously granted this approval. Vaughn thanked the board and said this will help the district replace some four-year-old machines and said, "We have been fortunate in this district with getting grant money....we've been able to do some things with grant money that we would never have dreamed of being able to do without it."

One of the things the Connections Grant does is create a demonstration site for one-to-one learning, Vaughn continued. The district is already looking at Dec. 7 being the first demonstration for this grant.

A member of the community, Joyce Williams, was present to address the board. Williams asked the board why the school "can't live within their means...why the school needs more money (by raising the tax rate)." In closing she stated she hoped the board would consider all the people who are going to be leaving Floydada and how the school board will get the money (they need) after those people leave.

Another from the community, Joe Taylor, told the board he had a neighbor call him this week and if not for that he wouldn't have known about the tax rate election. He said, "We've got to do something about

the publicity...we all need to go to the newspaper office in Childress." He also commented that if we have to have taxes increased, then we have to increase them to give the kids an education.

In discussion whether to approve the expenditure for a student online resource for the Floydada Junior High and High School, Vaughn told the board this particular resource is one that the district has been using for the past seven years. Sandy Vaughn, Technology Immersion Coordinator, explained to the board this resource helps with reading comprehension. She said students can see their reading levels increase over time and it tests their reading comprehension and writing skills, while also offering articles that are sent directly to the students which they read on their own level and then answer questions on that article. She stated it has been a very successful program.

Principal Wayne Morren told the board this resource is the only thing the district has that uses the same strategies that the TAKS uses. Superintendent Vaughn said the total amount for both campuses to re-enroll in this resource is \$18,788; there was a grant that paid for this the last two years, but none to cover it this year. The board unanimously approved to re-enroll with the service.

Vaughn informed the board the YMCA out of Plainview who had been interested in acquiring R.C. Andrews Elementary has officially stated they are no longer interested in the facility. He said there is an individual who is interested in bidding on the facility who has requested the board consider re-opening the bid process. Vaughn said there was two ways the board could ask for bids on the property: 1) with the building and with a small portion of the land or 2) the building and all 10.3 acres. Board member John Woelfel asked what it is costing the district to have it just sitting there empty. Vaughn said the building is still being insured and they have to keep the utilities on. Board

member Marty Lucke made the motion to go out for and accept bids again; this was seconded by Lyle Miller and passed unanimously.

The board recognized students of the month; Bryan Rosa, 5th grade student of the month; Seth Salinas, 7th grade student of the month; and Isaac Martinez, high school student of the month. They also recognized Nicole Gonzales as educator of the month and De Chance as support staff of the month for her cafeteria supervisor work.

Rainwater presented the tax report: M&O current tax roll as of the end of August was \$2,483,755.29 with net collections of \$2,446,768.50. I&S tax roll was \$282,839.69 with net collections of \$274,694.54. This amounted to a total of 98.51 percent collected, compared to last year's 98.57 percent. There was no cash flow to present this month.

Vaughn informed the board, "As always, I have to do a class size survey (grades K-4), (however) because we have no classes that exceed the 22/1 ratio we do not have to do a waiver request. We do meet the class size ratios." He continued, saying, "When we had more staff our class size ratios were smaller, but we are within recommended guidelines at this time." The board approved the survey's completion.

The enrollment report for 2010-2011 showed the total for the district to be 862, with 849 eligible for funding. Compared to last year's date, this is down by nearly 20 students.

The board approved Amado Morales' bid of \$300 on Lot 11 and part of Lot 13 of Block 98, Original Town, 500 Block East Kentucky, which is in the area next to his business. The appraised value was \$380.

The regular October board meeting was unanimously rescheduled to Monday, Oct. 11, so it would not interfere with Open House. Also, Vaughn reminded the board that starting in November, they'll go from having Monday meetings to Thursday meetings.

Football Contest Standings

(Number of games won/ total number of games)

1. Coy LaBaume - 44/59
2. Boyd Lee-43/59
2. Brent Sanders -43/59
3. Vera Jo Bybee-40/59
3. Max Yeary - 40/59
3. Lanny Barnett -40/59
4. Franklin Harris -39/59
4. Quality Body Shop -39/59
4. Jared Lambert-39/59
4. Joe Guerrero-39/59
5. Jane Pruitt -38/59
5. Pam Fulton-38/59
6. Ricky Ascencio-37/59
7. Martin Ramirez -36/59
7. Jack Covington-36/59
8. Imelda Resendiz -35/59

Next week we will begin to list the weekly results along with the total results for each entry.

****Don't forget to turn in your entry each week in order to compete for the prizes. If you miss a week you are eliminated from the contest!**

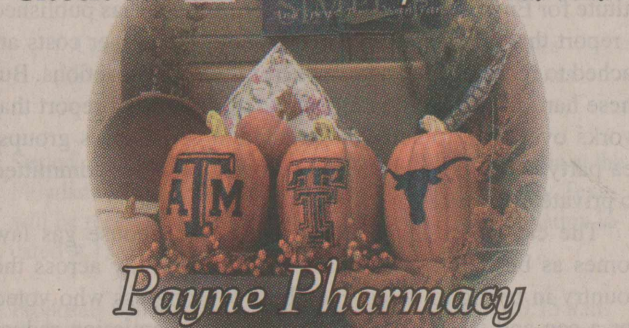
Jack O' Lantern Chimenea Raffle

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce will be raffling off a large 38" tall Jack O' Lantern Chimenea. Tickets are \$5 each Available at Payne Pharmacy, First National Bank of Floydada, Script Printing, Assiter Insurance Agency, and at the Chamber booth during Punkin Days Celebration.

Drawing will be held at 3:45 on Saturday, Oct.9
Need not be present to win.

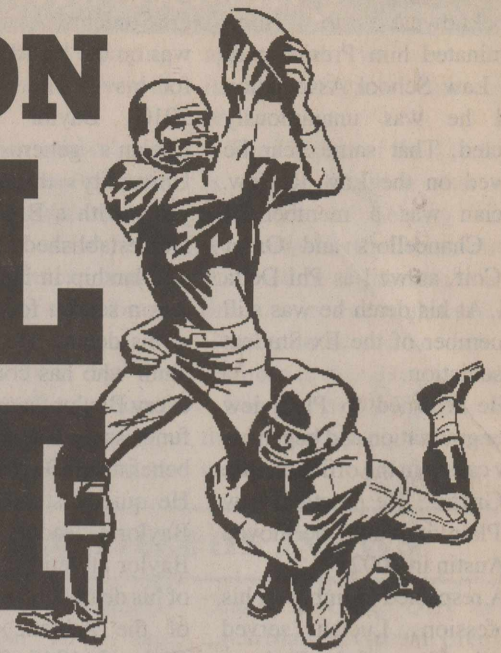


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2010 HESPERIAN-BEACON FOOTBALL CONTEST



Leaders will be announced in next week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

KFLP Radio 106.1 FM 1. Lockney 2. Nazareth	Stapp Paint & Body Shop 3. Floydada 4. Sanford-Fritch	Providence Farm Supply & Grain 5. Post 6. Anson	Muncy Elevator 7. Kress 8. Silverton	Lighthouse Electric Co-op 9. Stanton 10. Idalou
Clark Pharmacy 11. Morton 12. Hale Center	First National Bank of Floydada MEMBER FDIC 13. Friona 14. Roosevelt	Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living 15. Littlefield 16. Childress	Windmark Insurance (Clar Schacht) 17. Clarendon 18. Sunray	Cornelius Conoco Services 19. Dumas 20. Hereford
Quality Body Shop 21. Ohio State 22. Illinois	Heart's Desire 23. Miami 24. Clemson	Davis Lumber 25. Kansas 26. Baylor	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada 27. TCU 28. Colorado State	D&J Gin 29. Texas 30. Oklahoma
Lockney Cooperatives 31. Michigan 32. Indiana	Payne Pharmacy 33. Tennessee 34. LSU	Cogdell Clinic PNS/ Salman Ahmad, MD 35. Florida 36. Alabama	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Lockney 37. Boise St. 38. NM St.	City Bank Member FDIC 39. Stanford 40. Oregon
Hammond Sheet Metal 41. San Francisco 42. Atlanta	DeBruce Ag Services 43. Cincinnati 44. Cleveland	Floydada Power and Light 45. Jets 46. Buffalo	Producers Coop Elevator 47. Seattle 48. St. Louis	Assiter Insurance Agency/ Assiter Punkin' Ranch 49. Denver 50. Tennessee
Crop Production Services 51. Detroit 52. Green Bay	Ray Lee Equipment 53. Baltimore 54. Pittsburgh	RK Hunt Photography 55. Carolina 56. New Orleans	JC's Auto & Transmission 57. Houston 58. Oakland	Yunis Tex Mex 59. Chicago 60. Giants

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Official Entry Form Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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57	58	59	60										

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____

Contest Rules

Any subscriber or purchaser age 7 or older is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week per person, entrants must play every week to be eligible for overall prize.

To play, circle the number of the teams you believe will win on the official entry form.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada or Lockney no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries will not be accepted. Three cash prizes are awarded at the end of the contest. In the event of ties, prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at a Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday. Entries are limited to one per person per week.

At the end of the 10-week contest period, the person with the best overall record will win a first prize of \$100. Second place will be awarded \$75 and third will be \$50.