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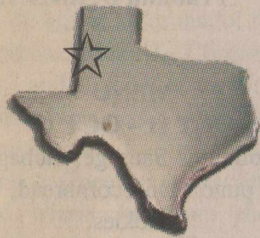
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Reverence of a soldier



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sergeant Abel Rosales poses with his family before heading to the Fair Parade. From left to right are youngest son Jaden, his wife Cassidy, and his oldest son Tevin. Holding the American flags are his daughters Tyra and Jayda.

By Homer Marquez
 Reporter

For over a century, Floyd County has had a fine tradition of providing America with the best in military personnel. Our very own hometown heroes have traveled all over the world ensuring the safety of our great nation. The countless number of sacrifices made by our local soldiers has continued to be the foundation in which this fine country was built on. One example of a local hero that continues to provide our country with superior military service is Marine Staff Sergeant Abel Rosales. Raised in Lockney, Staff Sergeant Rosales has dedicated the

past 10 years to protecting civilians and fellow soldiers from violent terrorist attacks. Recently after a 7-month tour in Afghanistan, SSGT Rosales was granted leave and returned back home to Lockney to visit his family. While here, SSGT Rosales was able to sit down with the Hesperian Beacon and discuss some of his military experiences.

Abel Rosales' military career began soon after marrying and starting a family with his high school sweetheart Cassidy Hill. After obtaining a job at a Wal-Mart in Amarillo Texas, it wasn't long before

SOLDIER

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Punkin Day Celebration to be held Saturday



Courtesy Photo

NEW PUNKIN DAY SIGNS—The Floydada Chamber of Commerce purchased three new Punkin Day signs to replace the old ones located on each major highway leading into Floydada (Matador Highway, Plainview Highway and Ralls Highway). Michael Gilliland did the artwork on the signs using pictures of actual Floydada pumpkins. Helping with the installation of the signs and some repair work on Sunday, October 3 were Lance and Charla McHam, Gina and Jim Bo Adams and sons, Jace and Ryder, Eddy and Karen Houchin, Bobby Gilliland, Bonnie McIntosh, Justin Payne, and Denise and Stan Payne. Decorations were also placed around the downtown square in preparations for the Punkin Day Celebration to be held Saturday, October 9.

Growers prepare for Punkin' Days



Photo by Homer Marquez

Visitors to this year's Punkin Days will be able to choose from a wide assortment of pumpkins, and pumpkin lovers will now be able to decorate their homes with 70 different varieties of pumpkins. At Assiter's Punkin Ranch, Tim Assiter and his associates show off the different styles of pumpkins that are sure to transform anybody's home into a work of art.

By Homer Marquez

Punkin' Days are finally here and local pumpkin growers are having no problem getting rid of this year's harvest. For past the month, local growers have been working hard filling flatbeds and semi trucks in the efforts of transforming America's small towns into picturesque autumn landscapes. But this week, farmers like Tim Assiter, the Pyles and the Carthel Brothers are preparing to turn the city of Floydada into the biggest pumpkin patch

in the world.

With about 550 acres of pumpkin patches producing an estimated 30 million pounds of pumpkins around the county, there is no denying that Floyd County continues to be Pumpkin Capital, USA. And with ideal weather and soil conditions, local pumpkin growers are able to provide consumers with a vast variety of pumpkins and squash.

Decorators now have the option of lining their homes and business with over 70 different

varieties of pumpkins; varieties that range from your standard orange Jack-o-Lantern and pie pumpkins to the multicolor beauty of pumpkins like the Fairy tale and Cinderella.

Farmer Tim Assiter, whose father was taught by the legendary pumpkin grower B.A. Robertson, has recently

GROWERS

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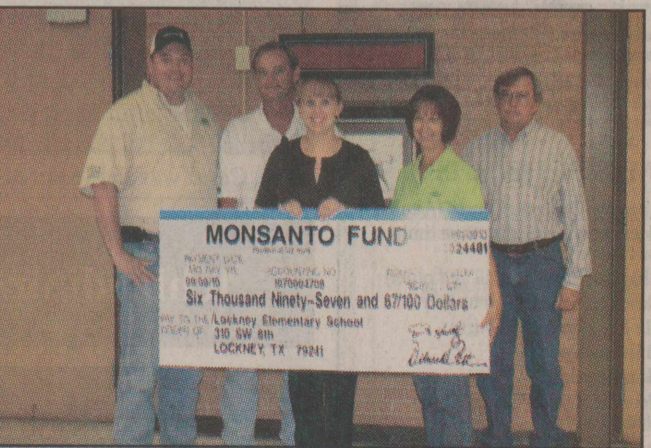


Photo by Homer Marquez

Last Wednesday, agriculture company, Monsanto presented Lockney Elementary with a grant that will be used to purchase a greenhouse and garden supplies. The 4th and 5th grade science teacher, Leigha Pate will use the greenhouse to develop the Longhorn Smorgasbord program. The program will allow students to plant, grow, and harvest their own food. The staff of Delta and Pine Land Company, a Monsanto branch, were on site to present the check. Present were (left to right) TSM Chad Cook, Delta and Pine Land site manager, Jack Randolph, Lockney Elementary Science Teacher and grant writer, Leigha Pate, Delta and Pine Land safety Tech, Shari Smith, and Production Manager, Morgan Roberts.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney Chamber of Commerce representatives, John R. Franklin and Archie Jones, present local farmer Glenn Sutterfield with a \$100 dollar check for producing the first bales of cotton in Floyd County. David Foster and Lesca Durham with D&J Gin, where the first bale was ginned, also stand with land owner Jerry Cooper in front of the first 90 bales harvested from Cooper's land. The cotton was grown a few miles north of Lockney using an early/medium maturity variety of FiberMax seed. The big buck will continue to roll in for local farmers as this year is predicted to one of the highest yielding years in Floyd County history. The Chamber also plans to present checks to the first harvesters of other crops.

7th Grade fall to Claude

The Lockney Longhorns 7th grade football team fell short of a win Thursday night in a hard fought battle against the Claude Mustangs.

The Horns fell behind early 14-0 but then got back into the game with a 53 yard touchdown run by Mark Solis to make it 14-6. The horns played solid defense to keep the halftime score at 14-6. In the second half the Horns found themselves down 20-6 until Mark Solis for a 3 yard touchdown run to make the score 20-12. The horns held the Mustangs and got the

ball back with 45 seconds left. The Horns were unable to score on the drive, and the game ended 20-12.

The Horns played really hard and never gave up. The players of the game where Mark Solis who had a blocked punt, Ruben Ascencio who had a block punt recovery for 15 yards and Daylen Gatica and Justin Suarez who both had a interception.

The Horns next game will be Thursday October 14th in Floydada with kickoff at 5pm.

8th Grade Longhorns win against Nazareth

By Coach Reynolds

The Lockney 8th Grade hosted the Nazareth Swifts this past Thursday in nice fashion.

The Longhorns got off to a promising start as Toribio Rodriguez recovers the fumbled kick off. Wasn't long after Ryan Poole ran for a 14-yard touchdown. Eli Guerra punches the 2-point conversion in.

The defense held strong throughout the whole game as Paul Martinez recovers a fumble as well. With the help of some costly penalties by the Longhorns the Swifts

defense forces a punt. Wasn't held for long as Nick Sherman runs for a 9-yard touchdown run. Converting the 2-point conversion was Darren DeLeon. J

osh Andrade ends the 2nd quarter with a fine interception. The Horns were held at a stalemate until Marcos Bueno gives the Longhorns a spark with an interception. Wasn't long after that Darren DeLeon runs for a 19-yard touchdown. Eli Guerra ends the scoring bout by recording the 2-point conversion.

Good job Longhorns.

Lockney Longhorns back on top

By Homer Marquez

Adjustments in the second half proved to be the right combination as the Lockney Longhorns went to defeat the Nazareth Swifts 21-0.

The Longhorns came out to win last week as they gave it their all and showed an excellent exhibition of smash mouth football. A strong offensive line

gave Luke Sherman and Austin McAnally great opportunities to put big yards on their resumes.

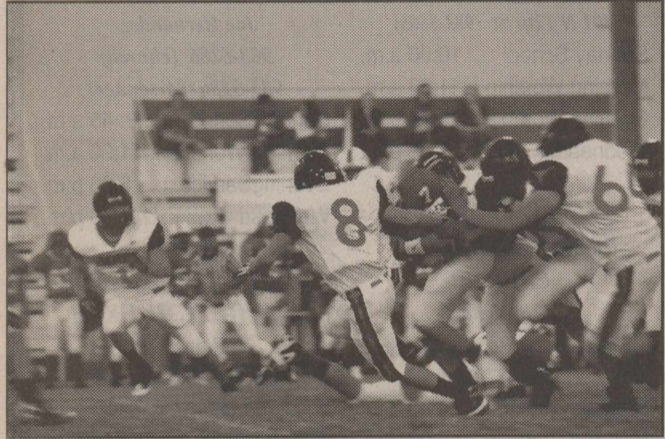
Last week's win snapped a four game losing streak by

the Longhorn, and Lockney will forward to improving next week as they face the (2-4) Booker Kiowas in their final non-district game.



Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography

Lockney's Luke Sherman (25) was able to pick up big yards last week with the help of his offensive line. Lineman Shaquille Thompson (66) and Josh Cuellar (54) spent the whole night clearing paths for their Longhorn backfield. The Longhorns will host Booker this week in their final non-district game.



Photos by R.K. Hunt Photography

The Nazareth Swifts found little success running against the Herd last week. Maison Ragland (8), Austin McAnally (1) and Jonathan Luna (64) helped lead the Longhorns to a 21-0 victory last week, snapping a four game losing streak.

Football Contest Standings		
Number of games won/ total number of games		
	Overall	weekly
1. Brent Sanders -	71/89	28/30
2. Coy LaBaume -	68/89	24/30
3.. Boyd Lee-	66/89	23/30
4.. Lanny Barnett -	63/89	23/30
4. Jared Lambert-	63/89	24/30
4. Pam Fulton-	63/89	25/30
5. Martin Ramirez -	61/89	25/30
5. Joe Guerrero-	61/89	22/30
5. Keith Merricle	61/89	22/30
5. Max Yeary -	61/89	21/30
6. Vera Jo Bybee-	60/89	20/30
6. Ricky Ascencio-	60/89	23/30
7. Franklin Harris -	59/89	20/30
7. Jane Pruitt -	59/89	21/30
8. Imelda Resendiz -	52/89	17/30
Steve Stringer -	21/30	21/30

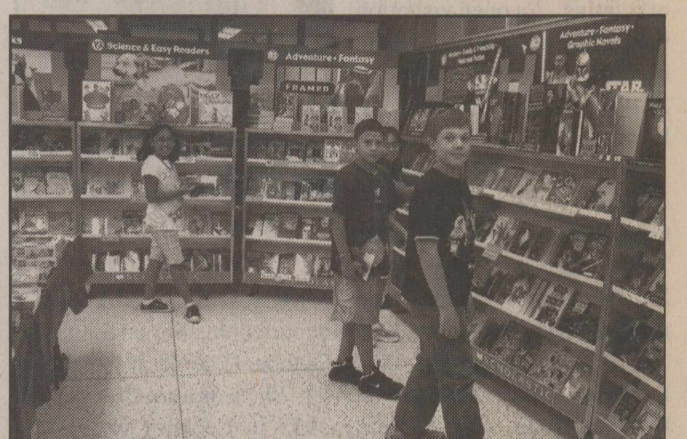


Photo by Homer Marquez

Destiny Soliz, Karina Torres, Efen Nunez, and Austen Rexrode had a great time shopping at the Lockney Elementary Book Fair last week. The book fair was put on by Lockney's Mom Club and all proceeds will go back to the school.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU	
Oct 12 - Oct 15	carrots/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk
Monday	
Holiday	
Tuesday	Breakfast- Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Wednesday	Lunch- Chicken fried steak or burrito, potatoes/gravy, broccoli, rosy applesauce, roll, milk
Thursday	Breakfast- Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Friday	Lunch- Sub sandwich or steak fingers, tater tots, salad, sliced peaches, sugar cookie, milk

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas

By Tom Musser
SWISHER COUNTY:

On 22 September 2010 Chamisa Energy Company, LLC of Santa Fe, New Mexico filed an application for a permit to drill an exploratory test well to a proposed depth of 7,000 feet in Swisher County, Texas.

The Chamisa Energy Company, LLC, Swisher

Lease Well #1 will be located 350 feet from the North Line and 300 feet from the West Line of Section 7, Abstract -281, Block W-1, Tyler Tap Railroad Company Survey, Swisher County. The Swisher Lease Well #1 will be located 2-3/4 miles southwest of Tulia, approximately 3/4 mile west of Interstate Highway 27 on the south side of Highway 86.

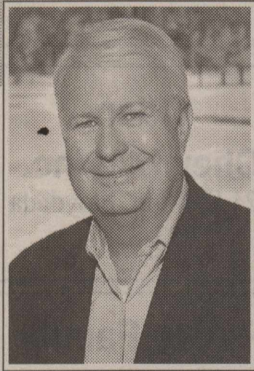
The Chamisa Energy Company, LLC Swisher Lease Well #1 will be located approximately 2501 feet southeast of the 1952 H. L Hunt Delbert Bivens Lease Well #1, dry hole, which was drilled in Section 124, Block M-8, Adams, Beaty and Moulton Survey. The Delbert Bivens Well #1 was drilled to 9021 feet.

The Chamisa Energy Company, LLC Swisher Lease Well #1 will be the thirteenth well drilled for oil and gas in Swisher County since 1919. Swisher County has not yet had a producing oil or gas well.

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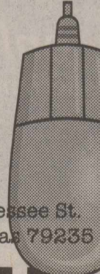
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Floydada students participate in 'Our Community Serving Theirs'

By Kendra Covington

From Monday, Sept. 27 through Friday, Oct. 1, the students and faculty of Floydada ISD participated in an event called "Our Community Serving Theirs".

"Our Community Serving Theirs" is an event that Breedlove Foods has put together for the victims of Haiti. Only a very small portion of Haiti has actually been helped even though many people have donated time and money. Breedlove wanted to create an effort where West Texas changes one whole community in Haiti. They want to provide new and better shelter, clean water, more food, hygiene items, clothing and more. Every cent that the schools raised will be going straight to that Haitian community. Breedlove will be tracking what and how the money helped so

that we will be able to see our efforts put to use. Many other schools in the Lubbock area have also raised money and awareness for this event.

Various activities in each school helped to raise over \$1,600. Students paid to participate in activities such as hat day, pajama day, no-make-up-or-pay day, un-tucked shirt day, and selling paper chain links. In addition to the special events, coins were collected each day from students and faculty.

Floydada High School raised \$503.97, Floydada Jr. High School raised \$580.16 and A.B. Duncan Elementary raised \$490.93 for a grand total of \$1,667.13.

If you would like more information about this project please visit www.breedlove.org/community.html

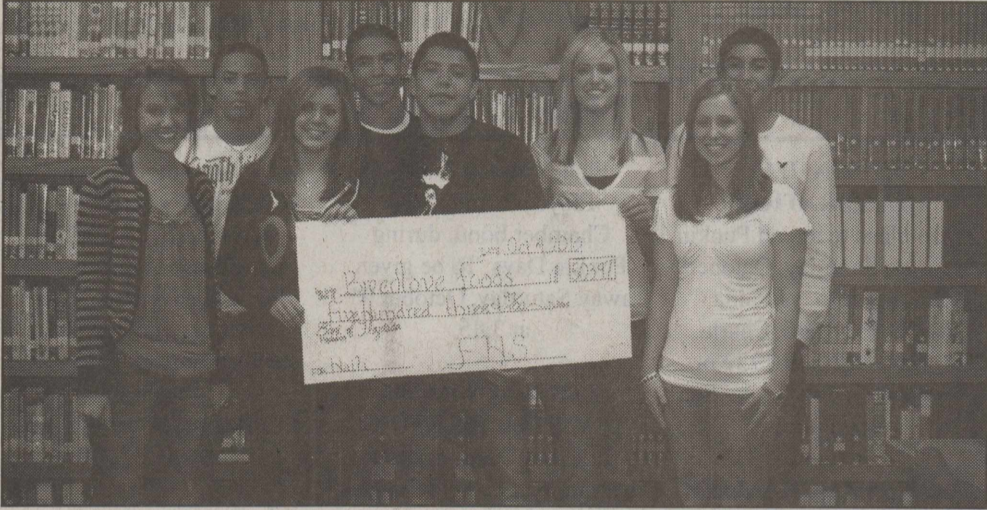


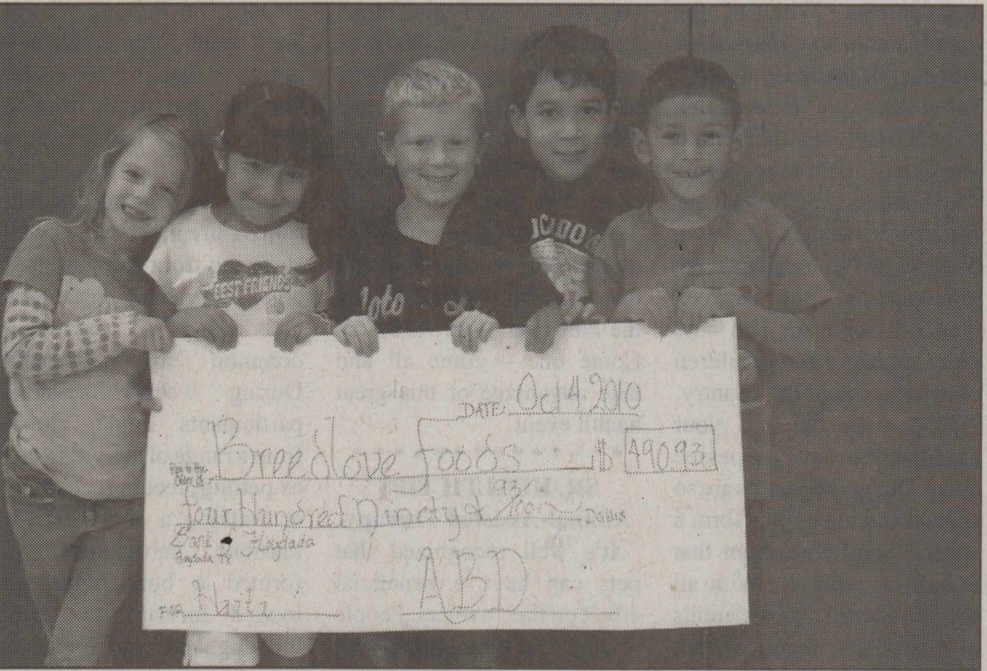
Photo by Kendra Covington

Floydada High School students raised \$503.97 from various fundraisers to benefit the "Our Community Serving Theirs" event sponsored by Breedlove Foods. Representing Floydada High School were (back row, l-r) Adrian Pleasant, Greg Aleman, Brandon Basaldua; (front row, l-r) Hannah Griffin, Brityn Helms, Joseph Martinez, Whitley Beedy and Mallory Graham.



Photo by Kendra Covington

Floydada Junior High students raised \$580.16 in various fundraisers to benefit the "Our Community Serving Theirs" event sponsored by Breedlove Foods. Representing Floydada Junior High were (front row, l-r) Marqui Morales, Dakota Whalen, Alyssa Rios, Annalicia Luna, Seth Salinas; (back row, l-r) Jared Orr, Angela Longoria, Mason Chance, Allison Cisneros, Logan Everett, Christopher Gomez and Mrs. Sandra Bradley.



Students from A.B. Duncan Elementary raised \$490.93 from various fundraisers to benefit the "Our Community Serving Theirs" event sponsored by Breedlove Foods. Representing Duncan Elementary were (l-r) Skylar Eckeberger, Erin Trevino, Trace Glasscock, Christian Mendez and Mark Segura.

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Whirlwinds fall to Eagles 21-0

By Homer Marquis

Floydada suffered a disappointing loss last week as they played the Sanford-Fritch Eagles in their second district game of the season.

The Whirlwinds were able to strike first last week, after a 63 yard touchdown from Xavier Cervera following a Rex Mathis interception, but that was the only success that Floydada was able to achieve in last week's game.

Floydada's offense was no match for the Eagle's huge defensive line, allowing Floydada only 21 yards of total offense in the whole game. As for the Whirlwind's defense, they struggled to contain Sanford-Fritch's running powerhouse Colton Valley, who would gain 208 yards of the Eagles' 301 total offensive yards.

The Whirlwind's will look to improve next week as they face the Tulia Hornets.

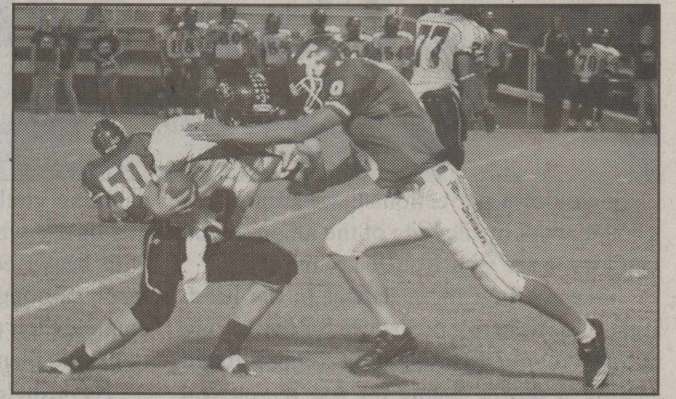


Photo by Jim Covington

Whirlwind OLB Cole Covington #9 rushes through the offensive line to sack the Eagles quarterback for a loss. The Whirlwinds would fall to Sanford-Fritch 36-7. The (3-3) Whirlwinds will head to Tulia this week to take on (2-3) Hornets in their third district game.



Photo by Jim Covington

Floydada's Cole Covington (9) and Michael Cisneros (19) gave it their all last week as they tried to contain the running power of Sanford-Fritch's backfield. The (3-3) Whirlwinds will head to Tulia this week to take on (2-3) Hornets in their third district game.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

Oct. 11 - Oct. 14

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, combread, milk

Friday

HOLIDAY

Floydada Junior Class will be selling pumpkins Saturday, October 9 at Pyle's Farms
(located 4-5 miles on Ralls Hwy)

Money helps pay for the Jr-Sr. Prom and other activities

Floydada Independent School District Tax Ratification Election Results

FOR: Early voting - 331
Election day - 61
67.94% TOTAL: 392

AGAINST: Early voting - 108
Election day - 77
32.06% TOTAL: 185

TOTAL VOTES: 577 -
(Early Voting - 439; Election Day - 138)

ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION (ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 2, 2010, in FLOYD County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el dia 2 de NOV., 20 10, en el Condado de FLOYD, Texas, con el proposito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Articulo XVI, Sección 65, de la Constitución de Texas.)

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(date)

(entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el Oct. 18, 2010)
(fecha)

and ending on Oct. 29, 2010 (y terminando el Oct. 29, 2010)
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November 2, 2010

OPINION



The Paperboy

We can beat breast cancer!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

We might not be able to cure breast cancer yet, but we can save the lives of thousands of women and millions of dollars through early detection.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among American women, second to skin cancer. The chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is 12 percent. A little under one in eight women will develop breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society's most recent estimates for breast cancer in the United States are:

- About 207,090 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women.
- About 54,010 new cases of carcinoma in situ (CIS) will be diagnosed (CIS is non-invasive and is the earliest form of breast cancer).
- About 39,840 women will die from breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer. The chance that breast cancer will be responsible for a woman's death is about one in 35 (about 3%). Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1990, with larger decreases in women younger than 50. These decreases are the result of earlier detection through screening and increased awareness, as well as improved treatment.

At this time there are more than 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. A number growing because of increased awareness and early detection.

All women, regardless of their insurance coverage or lack thereof, should have the opportunity for a free breast examination once a year.

When you compare the cost of a mammogram to the cost of cancer treatment, it's a no brainer as to how millions can be saved annually on early detection.

I think it would be brilliant PR and a tremendous community service if hospitals and clinics around the country volunteered this service for women of all ages. There are hospitals, clinics and services which offer free mammograms for women over a certain age, which is wonderful, but it's not enough.

I emceed an event this past weekend called "Bras for a Cause." Local men volunteered their time to model bras for the fund-raiser. The men used a variety of ways to promote their bras.

It was a hysterical time and raised more than \$3,000. That money is going to be used in the community to aid woman who can't afford it otherwise. If cancer is detected in just one of those women, which is likely, there's a good chance a life will be saved!

I looked out on a room of over 100 women and to think that 12 of them have been or will be diagnosed with breast cancer was overwhelming. What makes it tolerable is that these women are very likely to get regular exams. Many more will not and those ladies must be afforded the opportunity for early detection.

John Hines was my friend. He was honest and one of the

most kind people I've ever known.

John was headed home outside of Denver on his motorcycle last week when a young man under the influence came the wrong way down the road. John was killed instantly.

A man of 33, John leaves behind a 2-year-old daughter. She was his life.

I feel so very sorry for his family and their loss. At the same time, I feel very blessed and thankful to have had John as a friend. He meant a great deal to many of us.

As I mourn John, I'm reminded again how precious life is. It is important to love those around you like you may never see them again. Because sometimes, you won't ever see them again ...

I will miss my friend very much. One of these days I'll have the opportunity to tell his daughter about one of the best men I've ever known. About a guy who lived his life thinking about others before thinking of himself. A true one-of-a-kind. That will be a good day.

Incidentally, if you want to see the video of the event mentioned above, you can find it at thechildressindex.com. Click on the IndexTV tab.

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Other Opinions

Pelosi's Jedi Mind Tricks

By RICK MANNING

Nancy Pelosi's House of Representatives fled home this weekend to meet the voters with the hope that they can use Jedi mind tricks to get themselves re-elected.

You can almost hear them waving their hands while saying, "Not passing a budget for the United States government doesn't matter - vote for me even though I didn't fulfill my most basic responsibility," or "Pay no attention to the 14.9 million people who are unemployed, it is George Bush's dogs fault."

Of course, Speaker Pelosi did not go home before playing one of the oldest political parlor games in existence. The ole, protect your vulnerable incumbents fake out. Here is what she did. Just prior to adjournment, the House of Representatives voted on whether to adjourn, or whether they should stay in DC to stop the massive automatic tax increases that are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2011. Pelosi, allowed a vote on the adjournment, and an amendment that would require

the House to take up the tax increase issue before going home, as opposed to after the election in a lame duck session.

The way the game plays out is that the most vulnerable members of the majority party, then vote for the responsible course of action - to stay in session until they get the job done, but they "shockingly" lose by one vote. Of course, this allows them the best of both worlds, they get to go home and campaign, while shouting the news for anyone to hear that they are an "independent with the courage to stand up to Nancy Pelosi." This enabled and leadership allowed "independence," is then sold to the voters as the reason the Member of Congress should be sent back to DC to keep up the fight.

Veteran watchers of California politics remember this as one of former Democratic Speaker Willie Brown's favorite tricks. He would have a couple of Democrats who needed to vote against legislation that was unpopular in their districts, and amazingly, some Republican would inevitably vote with

Brown allowing him to give his Democratic colleagues a free pass to vote the way they needed to in order to stay elected.

Of course, even though they lost, the people who opposed the initiative passed by Brown, would villify the one or two Republicans, and extol the virtues of the Democrats who Willie allowed to vote against him. This basic manipulation kept Brown as Speaker for years clinging to a razor thin majority, or in one, two year period, a minority of the state Assembly.

This lesson was clearly not lost on Pelosi as this session drew to a close, as she allowed votes on issues that allowed her heretofore tightly controlled House majority to disagree and demonstrate the independence that many American's wished they had shown for the previous 18 months. These same "independent" Members of Congress walked lockstep off the cliff with Pelosi when they supported ObamaCare, an almost \$800 billion stimulus package that had nothing to do with stimulating the economy and was all about keep-

ing the public employee union coffers overflowing, and job destroying "green energy" policies like cap and trade. Independent indeed!!!

In keeping with the saying that there is a corrupt party in Washington and a stupid one, the Republicans enthusiastically embraced pushing for these kind of politically helpful votes providing their most vulnerable Democratic Party colleagues one last opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to solving the looming tax increase problem without having to actually do it.

Now, Congress is adjourned and you can almost envision them in their best Obi Won Kenobi voices saying, "pay no attention to what we have done to the country, we are the one's you can trust to fix it." Their desperate hope is that voters are bigger fans of Star Wars than The Who, who famously sung, "We won't get fooled again."

Other Views

The Perfect Storm

By BILL WILSON

When the October 8th unemployment report is released, it will likely show that it has now been 17 straight months with unemployment at or above 9.4 percent. That would make this the worst period of sustained high unemployment since the Great Depression.

Many Americans rightly fear that a double-dip recession may be upon us. But it could be even worse than that.

It now becomes valid to ask: Is America in another depression? Growth has slowed to just 1.7 percent in the second quarter from 3.7 percent in the first quarter. And every month that goes by without unemployment returning to normal levels, the more uncertain the American people rightly become.

This all makes Barack Obama's claim of February 2010 that government "rescued this economy from the worst of this crisis" rather hollow. For the American people, it means that a complete reevaluation of economic policy is in order. Keynesian deficit-spending and printing new money from the Federal Reserve are not the cures for economic downturns once thought.

It's not from a lack of trying. Nobody can argue that government efforts at "stimulus" have not been vigorous.

Since 2008, there has been a perfect storm of government intervention to prop up the economy in the wake of the government-created housing bubble popping in August 2007. The first \$150 billion "stimulus" in early 2008 didn't work. The Foreclosure Prevention Act then failed to prevent foreclosures.

It goes on. The Federal Reserve's rescues of Bear Stearns and AIG did not prevent markets from crashing later that year. The government takeover of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have cost over \$150 billion of taxpayers so far and not prevented home prices from continuing to decline. The Troubled Asset Relief Program was not used to purchase troubled assets and instead was converted into a bank recapitalization fund. GM and Chrysler were seized by government

and then redistributed to the UAW.

The Fed took interest rates down to near-zero, purchasing \$1.25 trillion of mortgage backed securities, and increasing its shares of treasuries now to \$805 billion. Government mortgage modification programs have a projected 40 percent re-default rate.

Obama signed his own \$816 billion "stimulus" that still hasn't worked. The minimum wage was hiked up to \$7.25 and then youth unemployment rose to over 26 percent. Unemployment insurance has repeatedly been extended to 99 weeks with no end in sight to the extensions.

Bankrupt states like New York and California have been bailed out repeatedly of their budget troubles, getting over \$145 billion in the Obama "stimulus." That included \$87 billion for state Medicaid spending and another \$53.6 billion for states and local government to balance their budgets. That was in 2009. In 2010, they got another \$26.1 billion bailout from Congress.

Of course, there's the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) endangerment finding against carbon emissions that gives the agency the power to arbitrarily restrict national energy consumption. If it is not rolled back, the radical EPA is threatening to drastically increase energy prices in an effort to transform the entire economy into a utopian nightmare.

Then there's ObamaCare, which is already driving up the costs of premiums and will result in the elimination of 69 percent of existing employer plans. The individual mandate goes into effect in 2014, and will eventually completely drive Americans out of private health insurance and into Medicaid - permanently.

Not to mention the Dodd-Frank financial takeover bill, which creates a permanent bailout-government takeover fund, will levy new taxes on the American people via the financial system, and gives the government the authority to seize any company thought to be too systemically "risky" for the economy.

Don't forget that at the end of year, all of the 2001 and 2003

tax cuts will expire, resulting in automatic tax increases on all Americans, including job creators. This will be the largest tax increase in American history. As reported by Arthur Laffer for the Wall Street Journal, "the highest federal personal income tax rate will go 39.6% from 35%, the highest federal dividend tax rate pops up to 39.6% from 15%, the capital gains tax rate to 20% from 15%, and the estate tax rate to 55% from zero."

These imminent tax increases will be devastating to America's job picture in 2011 and beyond. It could just be the thing that causes the nation's economy to fully dip again.

All of this has occurred on Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid's watch. Since January, 2007, they have been in charge of Congress. This is their record. Since then the national debt has grown by \$4.45 trillion. That represents \$4.45 trillion that could have been invested in new business ventures and jobs but instead was poured into a bottomless pit of government treasuries.

Even a double-dip recession may not even be the worst of it all. Moody's has warned should the U.S. fail to rein in its reckless spending, that when interest owed on the national debt reaches 18 to 20 percent of revenue, that the U.S. could have its Triple-A credit rating downgraded. According to the Congressional Budget Office, that level will be reached by 2018, as reported by Investor's Business Daily, when interest owed rises to \$755 billion.

When that happens, Americans will rightly ask if their nation is even an economic superpower any more. Taken together, government interventions have been about as much as the economy can take. It has been the perfect confluence of command-and-control policies, government takeovers, new regulations, taxes, and a mountain of debt as far as the eye can see.

Economic historians will one day tell us if excessive government caused and helped perpetuate a second Great Depression. For now, we will all have to hunker down and weather this perfect storm of interventionism until it passes.

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GROWERS

converted his barn back into the famous retail and display shop that has filled the page of numerous magazines and newspapers. Here Tim will sell his own pumpkins as well as the pumpkins of local growers who mostly grow pumpkins for wholesale. Tim also plans to open his barn doors to area school districts. Schools like Plainview ISD and Lubbock ISD will travel to the big orange barn to learn about the different varieties of pumpkins and how they grow, students will also have

the opportunity to play fetch with Mr. Assiter's award winning dogs and view his petting zoo.

Extremely hard work goes into raising these pumpkins. Pumpkin's high input cost and need for vast amounts of water makes growing pumpkins difficult, and with no option for crop insurance, threats hail storms and powdery mildew is a constant worry for the farmer. These hard ships have knocked the number of producers down from 35 growers with 2,000

acres of pumpkin patches in the 1990's to the present handful of growers who work around 550 acres of pumpkin patches.

And with the announcement of the retirement of long time growers the Carthel Brothers, the amount of pumpkins produced by the county is expect to decrease even more. Nevertheless, local farmers continue to go strong, as they see no end in sight for Floydada's reign as Pumpkin Champions of the world.

SOLDIER

SSGT Rosales began to grow weary of his mundane rat-race occupation. Feeling that he couldn't properly provide for his new family, SSGT Rosales walked out of Wal-Mart and walked into a Marine recruiting center. His enlistment took his entire family by surprise, especially to his parents, his mother Cathy Rosales explains, "It was a shock really when they told me where they were going... it was unexpected." But what was done was done and in the summer of 2000 Abel left to San Diego to begin boot camp.

Once there, Abel would spend the next 13 weeks training in the United States Marine Corp. His past participation in Lockney Athletics seemed to give him an edge in the work out department, but there was still a lot to get used to. Abel Rosales describes, "It was interesting, it wasn't like you were used to having people yell at you every day, from the time you get up to the time you go to bed."

Soon after graduating, SSGT Rosales headed off to Marine Corp. base, Camp

Lejeune, in North Carolina. Once there, SSGT Rosales trained to become a Military Police Officer. In 2003, SSGT Rosales was called up and deployed in American's first invasion of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq, SSGT Rosales ran security for the convoys headed into Bagdad, often sitting in the first truck leading the convoy as they pushed through Bagdad. SSGT Rosales would spend more than seven months under the grueling hot Iraq sun during his first trip to the Middle East. During that time the only form of communication between him and his family were way of letters. SSGT Rosales would return to Iraq in 2005, he again would run security for the convoys in Iraq. After being deployed three times while stationed at Camp Lejeune, SSGT Rosales would return home to become a Military Police Instructor in Missouri.

While in Missouri, SSGT Rosales continued to receive military prestige as he went on to earn the Instructor of the Cycle Award from an Army group, the first time a Marine was ever given the

award. In January, SSGT Rosales was relocated to Cherry Point in North Carolina, and in February he was deployed to Afghanistan. There his mission was to secure American airfields and continue to protect convoys of supplies. In August, SSGT Rosales returned home. After his leave is complete, SSGT Rosales will return to Cherry Point and will finish out the remaining two years in his contract. SSGT Rosales is looking forward to returning to his wife Cassidy, and raising their four children: Tevin age 12, Jaden age 10, Tyra age 9, and Jada age 7.

SSGT Rosales' dedication to his country is something to be revered; his leadership has even led his brothers to find success in the military. SSGT Rosales' older brother, Adrian, joined the Army soon after Abel joined. Adrian is also a Staff Sergeant and is currently serving in Iraq. Adrian and Abel's younger brother A.J. has also found success in the military, climbing to the rank of Sergeant in the Army. A.J. is currently stationed in Afghanistan.

ARCHIVES

ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Lockney Beacon January, 1963

MAUDE HOLLUMS PURCHASES AREA "CITY" OF STERLEY

Local abstractor, Maude Hollums announced the purchase of most of the townsite of Sterley this week. The sizes of the lot group amounts to approximately 20 acres, according to Mrs. Hollums.

Mrs. Hollums, who is known as the first white girl born in Floyd County has watched the beginning of the rail junction of Sterley from its very beginning and possibly knows the history of it better than anyone.

The townsite of Sterley, which is located northeast of Lockney, originally began when the area was thickly populated ??? and when it was thought that a big railway center would develop as rail workers would be employed at a roundhouse.

The property was sold by an official of the First National Bank of Amarillo,

trustees of the W. H. Fuqua trust to Mrs. Hollums. The bill of sale includes all of the described lots in the town of Sterley Junction (once known as Rhodes Junction) lots 1-17 inclusive all in block 1, all of the lots 13-24 inclusive in block 2, all of lots 1 to 3 inclusive and lots 15-24 inclusive, all in block 3, all of lot 8 and all of 11-15 inclusive in block 15, all of lots 1-7 inclusive, all of 10 and all of 13 and 14, block 16.

The first recorded dedication deed was recorded on the 8th day of November, 1929 by Artie Baker and wife Stella and containing 303 acres of section 57 in block D-2. That plat shows the property running from Fuqua Avenue to Industrial Avenue north and south and from Jefferson Avenue to Broadway Street east and west.

J. S. Harrison was surveyor of Sterley Junction.

H. E. Fuqua and wife Alice were owners of the land most recently.

Another dedication shows the year 1927 when W. H. Fuqua deeded the property to the Ft. Worth and Denver Railroads.

From the Floyd County Hesperian August 22, 1929

STERLEY SATURDAY POST FINAL ISSUE LAST WEEK

The final issue of the Sterley Saturday Post was announced last week by A. M. Adams, editor and owner of the newspaper who said "at the present time Sterley is not large enough to support a paper such as we have been putting out, and further, it was necessary to cover about 700 miles per week to secure advertising."

The same announcement carries the information that Mr. Adams plans the establishment of a newspaper at Lockney, and when this new venture is launched, the subscription list of the Sterley Saturday Post will be absorbed by it, together with all equipment, "and everything else."

The new paper, date for the first issue of which is not announced nor its name, "will be bristling with news," the announcement says.

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Students have the right stuff
Students Run the Digital Learning Pavilion at the TASB Conference in Houston



Students running the Digital Learning Pavilion at the TASB Convention in Houston were (l-r) Homero Ramirez, Landry Morren, Malorie Alaniz, Sarah Jo Miller, Mattie Sanders and Emily Prisk.

Six students and several staff members from Floydada High School attended the Texas Association of School Board's annual conference September 24-25. The students and teachers were invited by TASB, SMART, SHW and Apple to take part in the Digital Learning Pavilion (DLP) for the second year. Those attending were Sarah Jo Miller, Malorie Alaniz, Landry Morren, Homero Ramirez, Emily Prisk, and Mattie Sanders. The staff members involved were teachers Mrs. Aimee Teeple, Mrs. Sallye Lyles, Mrs. Tasha Hughes, and FHS Principal Wayne Morren. The group left on September 23 and returned on September 26.

District leaders and guests from around the state experienced the interactive 21st Century learning environment dubbed the Digital Learning Pavilion. Participants were escorted through the pavilion by an iPod Touch containing videos for each section of the pavilion--The Teacher at Home, The 21st Century Classroom, Learning in the Community, and The Student at Home. FHS students and teachers inhabited the pavilion for part of the conference to show and

tell how they teach, learn, and live with technology 24/7. Students showed some of their projects from school and some of the ways they use technology in their home life, while teachers shared how they use the technology in their classes. The pavilion demonstrated how current technologies available in a digital learning environment can be catalysts for teaching and learning in an era where cutting-edge skills, adaptability and flexibility are paramount.

During part of the conference the FHS students guided participants in the process of taking a survey and tweeting about their experiences in the DLP. One participant remarked, "This is how we need to be preparing our students for the future." Another TASB attendee commented, "It is amazing what our students are capable of doing if we provide them with the opportunity to maximize their potential."

The teachers and students made some time for fun and learning also. The group spent time at the Galleria on Friday afternoon and NASA on Saturday afternoon.

Junior Sarah Jo Miller said,

"I am very glad I was able to have the opportunity. I feel the trip was very successful and I think that we have convinced people with our exhibits that having computers is now the best possible way for schools to educate the students. On a less productive note, I really enjoyed the Galleria and the NASA space center trips, also."

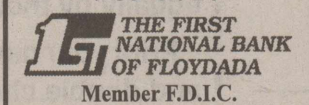
Sophomore Malorie Alaniz thought, "I had a great time in Houston! It was great getting to meet other students who have laptops and see how they use them in their school. I also like getting to tell people about the technology at FHS."

Floydada ISD and Floydada High School are well known across the state and the country for the use of technology in teaching and learning. Floydada ISD has been fortunate to attend several conferences and technology events to have students and/or staff members speak about student success through technology.

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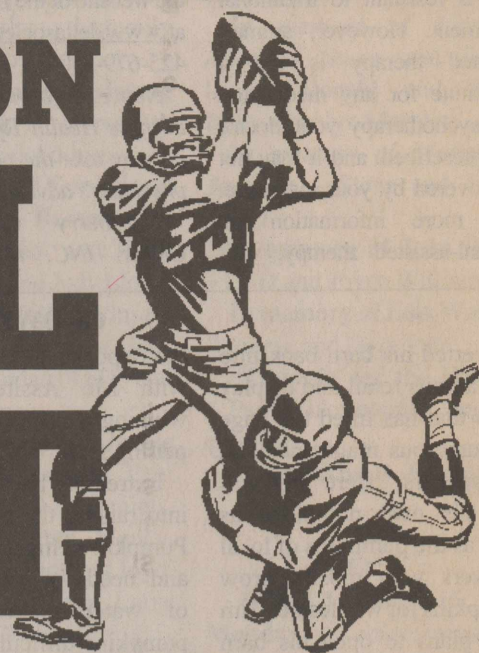
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A grid of 50 football-shaped icons, each containing a business name and a list of numbers representing teams to be selected for the contest.

- KFLP Radio 106.1 FM**: 1. Lockney, 2. Booker
- Raceway Fuel**: 3. Floydada, 4. Tulia
- Providence Farm Supply & Grain**: 5. Highland Park, 6. Sanford-Fritch
- Muncy Elevator**: 7. Bushland, 8. Friona
- Lighthouse Electric Co-op**: 9. Childress, 10. River Road
- Clark Pharmacy**: 11. Tahoka, 12. Hale Center
- First National Bank of Floydada MEMBER FDIC**: 13. Littlefield, 14. Roosevelt
- Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living**: 15. Slaton, 16. Muleshoe
- Windmark Insurance (Clar Schacht)**: 17. Lamesa, 18. Estacado
- Script Printing, Inc.**: 19. Levelland, 20. Shallowater
- Quality Body Shop**: 21. Ohio State, 22. Indiana
- Heart's Desire**: 23. Alabama, 24. S. Carolina
- Davis Lumber**: 25. Wyoming, 26. TCU
- Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada**: 27. Baylor, 28. Texas Tech
- D&J Gin**: 29. USC, 30. Stanford
- Lockney Cooperatives**: 31. Auburn, 32. Kentucky
- Payne Pharmacy**: 33. Florida, 34. LSU
- Cogdell Clinic PNS/ Salman Ahmad, MD**: 35. Florida St., 36. Miami
- Lowe's Pay-n-Save Lockney**: 37. Oregon St., 38. Arizona
- City Bank Member FDIC**: 39. Stanford, 40. Oregon
- Hammond Sheet Metal**: 41. Cleveland, 42. Atlanta
- DeBruce Ag Services**: 43. Cincinnati, 44. Tampa Bay
- Floydada Power and Light**: 45. NY Giants, 46. Houston
- Producers Coop Elevator**: 47. San Diego, 48. Oakland
- Assiter Insurance Agency/ Assiter Punkin' Ranch**: 49. Philadelphia, 50. San Francisco
- Crop Production Services**: 51. Detroit, 52. St. Louis
- Ray Lee Equipment**: 53. Chicago, 54. Carolina
- RK Hunt Photography**: 55. Jacksonville, 56. Buffalo
- JC's Auto & Transmission**: 57. Kansas City, 58. Indianapolis
- Yunis Tex Mex**: 59. Tennessee, 60. Dallas

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Official Entry Form Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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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.