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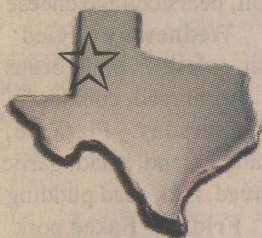
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Historic building gets a new life



Courtesy Photo

After being donated to the non-profit organization, Hospice Hands, the historic Barker Building has gotten a face-lift and is almost ready to serve the community once again.

By Homer Marquez

Since its erection in 1912, the historic Barker building has always served as a hub of commerce and fellowship in the city of Lockney. The building's vast history has proven to be an unparalleled testimony to the deep historical roots that the city of Lockney has planted in the South Plains. Standing strong for nearly a century, the building has been the home to numerous organizations and business ventures. As one of the first brick buildings in the city, the building's classic architecture tells of a time not too long forgotten, a time where a small farm town was on the brink of innovation and expansion, a town rearing to compete for a place in West Texas' history. Recently, after use of the famous building was donated to Lockney's Hospice

Hands, volunteers and Hospice Hands Staff have worked non-stop renovating the building in the efforts of bringing new life to the once sleeping giant of Main Street.

During Lockney's youth, the Barker building's first occupants were banks. Shortly after the building's construction in the early part of the 20th century, Lockney State Bank moved in and opened its doors as Lockney's second established bank. Unfortunately, a few years later the bank was forced to close, leaving the building unoccupied. In 1925, Messrs, Carl McAdams, Jno. C. Broyles, and a number of stockholders, opted for a charter to open a new bank. Once approved, the former First National Bank employees, moved to buy out Lockney State Bank for its building and bank

fixtures; and in the summer of 1925, with \$25,000 in capital stock, the Security State Bank of Lockney opened its doors. In a June 4, 1925 issue of the Lockney Beacon, former First National Bank President, A.B. Brown was quoted praising the newly formed bank, "I am just as interested in these boys opening up the new bank as any other citizen of the community, as I feel that the second bank in Lockney is a necessity, and that we must have it, I am very glad indeed that it is Messrs, McAdams and Broyles who will have charge of the new bank, as I know them to be honest, trustworthy and reliable men to deal with."

During that same time, the Barker building also served as the home to several established

BARKER

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'Christmas on the Square' to be held Dec. 2

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for a traditional "Christmas on the Square" on Thursday Dec. 2 beginning at 3 p.m. We are excited about the arrival of Santa at 5:30 p.m. and all of the festivities leading up to the "lighting of the tree" on the Courthouse lawn at 7 p.m.

There will be a "Live Nativity Scene" which will involve area churches, and Christmas caroling, featuring local talent, under the Pavilion. Kids

activities include the bouncy house from the Floydada Police Department and the train from the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department. There will also be food and lots of fun for everyone.

Santa Clause will be all dressed up and ready to visit with all the good little boys and girls, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be no charge to sit on Santa's lap, but pictures will be available for \$2. Payne Pharmacy will sponsor the pictures and they

will be available for pickup at the pharmacy Friday afternoon, December 3rd.

Please make plans to visit the Floydada businesses who will be having Open House from 3-6. Lets all make plans to be a part of this community gathering and support the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and the local businesses.

If you would like to sponsor lights or decorations for the trees, please contact the Chamber at 983-3434.

Floydada City Council Sets Alcohol License Permit Fee Rate

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

The Floydada City Council met on Tuesday, Nov. 23, to discuss Ordinance No. 10-14 establishing regulations for the sale of alcohol within the City of Floydada. After a motion from Councilwoman Bettye King and a second from Councilman Sam Green to approve the ordinance as written, the council discussed specifics are involved in the ordinance. As written, the ordinance set the City's permit fees at 50 percent of what price the State set their permit fees.

Councilman Jon Nielson asked the City's Municipal Law Attorney Jean Schotts to explain more about the permit fees. Schotts explained the Texas Constitution allows the City to charge up to one-half of the fee charged by the State, but the City is not required to charge anything.

Nielson stated he didn't understand why the permit fees for a restaurant and grocery store were so drastically different. Schotts explained there are about 20 different classes or types of permits: "on-site permits, off-site permits, bars ...there's a

slew of different fees set by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission."

Nielson said, "I would like to see the permit fees changed...because it's not the same for everybody." Schotts reminded the council they cannot set the City's portion of the permit fees any higher than 50 percent of the lowest fee the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Councilwoman Sue Ward expressed her concerns that the City would lose some money from arrests caused by DUIs. She queried, "We were wondering how much strain it is going to put on the police department [from enforcing] parking on your yard...how much will this put on them?" Police Chief Darrell Gooch said, "Everyone I've talked to, their DUIs have gone down."

Schotts also pointed out for the council's consideration that the City's sales tax revenue might get some of a boost, but the City won't get rich from it.

Nielson again voiced his concern: "I just think that half is too much - it's not fair enough for everybody." To this Green responded, "You just have to have a set rate - \$50,

\$100...whatever." Schotts said Ordinance No. 10-14 could be amended without too much difficulty.

Councilwoman Dana Crossland asked Schotts if 50 percent of State's fee is what most cities put into effect. "Yes, that's what most cities do," Schotts said.

Green asked City Secretary Karen Lawson if \$50 permit fee for the City's portion would cover the clerical side of things. Lawson said she could not answer his question as she was unfamiliar with what was involved with processing the permits.

King made a motion to amend the original motion to set the City's portion of the permit fee at \$100 per permit. Green seconded the amendment to the motion. Nielson and Councilman Gary Carthel abstained from voting. King and Green voted for the amended motion. Crossland and Ward voted against the motion, thereby calling Mayor Bobby Gilliland to vote to break the tie. Gilliland vote for the motion setting the permit fee at \$100.

The council then voted to pass the ordinance as amended. The motion carried with Carthel and Nielson abstaining.

Santa is Coming to the Fairgrounds Dec. 11

By Carol Huggins

Saturday, December 11, will be a busy day at the Fairgrounds in Lockney. Starting at 10 a.m., Country Christmas will open its doors for a fun day of shopping. A variety of vendors will provide lots of choices for great Christmas gifts. Among the offerings will be beautiful jewelry, handmade toys, Christmas decorations, homemade salsas and jellies, and many other interesting items. More vendors are replying almost daily. If you need last minute gifts, you

can probably find something here. If you had one of those wonderful funnel cakes at the Fair in September, the funnel cake man will be back at Country Christmas, so come out and have another one.

At 3 p.m., Santa will arrive at the Fairgrounds to visit with the kids. He will hang around until 6 p.m. and will be available for pictures for a small charge. So, dress up the kids for a memorable time.

At 7 p.m., Country Christmas closes its doors, but the fun continues with

a Christmas Dance starting at 8 p.m. Suthrn Stone, a band based in Lubbock, will provide the music. The band plays high-energy music including, country, rock and roll, and occasionally a little blues. They might even throw in a few Christmas tunes.

Band members are base player Dean Raymond, lead guitar Kelly Staggs, keyboard Jeff Molzow, vocalist Stephanie Raymond, and Lockney's own Danny Huggins on drums. The band promises some great music and lots of fun. Cost for the dance is \$5.00 a person.

So, don't leave Floyd County on Saturday, December 11. Spend your time and money instead in Lockney at Country Christmas.

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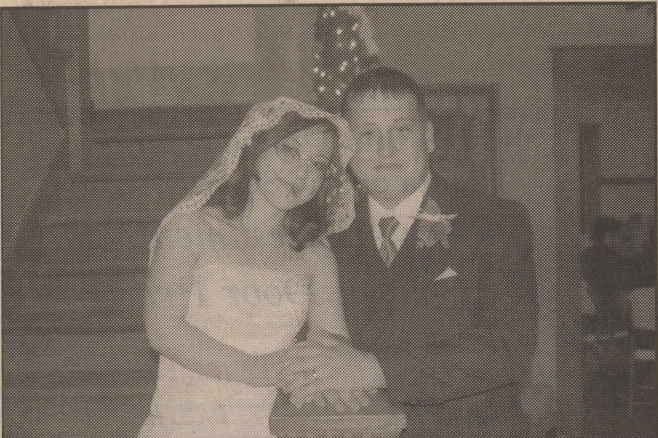
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Owen and Baldwin exchange vows

Friends and family gathered in the historic Covey in Floydada to celebrate with Leanne Lenore Owen and Zachary Ryan Baldwin as they exchanged their wedding vows in an informal evening ceremony November 20, 2010.

Leanne is the daughter of Angie Ortega of Lubbock. Zach is the son of Lisa Ware of Floydada and Deny Baldwin of Plainview. He is the grandson of James and June Hale and the late Raz Ware of Floydada and Weldon Baldwin and the late Denise Baldwin of Plainview.

The bride chose a full-length ivory lace strapless, dropped waist gown with a bouffant skirt and chapel train. She also wore an ivory Chantilly lace mantilla, which was worn by the groom's grandmother fifty years ago. She carried a bouquet of white hydrangea with green accents.

The candle lit ceremony was conducted by Reverend

Nathan Mulder and musical selections were provided by Darla Chappell.

The maid of honor LaShay Gooch and bridesmaid Lindsey Wells, both of Lubbock wore matching floor length gowns of forest green satin with empire waist and flowing full skirt. They carried a single white rose.

The groom's brother, Ross Baldwin was best man. Groomsmen was Tim Vargas of Vernon. The bride was escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her brother, Daniel Ortega.

The lobby of the beautifully restored hotel was decorated with the brides chosen color of green and white with accents of assorted greenery and numerous candles.

Very special guest at the wedding was the couple's nine-month-old daughter, Anaya May Baldwin.

After a wedding trip Zach and Leanne will make their home in Lubbock, Texas.



NORA GONZALES AND JOE H. ZAVALA

Gonzales and Zavala to wed

Mr. Ventura Gonzales and the late Mrs. Maria Gonzales requests the honor of your presence at the Religious Union of their daughter, Nora Gonzales to Joe H. Zavala, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Zavala, Sr. as they build their

lives together and in unity Become One on December 4, 2010 at 1 o'clock p.m. at the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God, 701 W. Missouri Street, Floydada, Texas. Reception following in the hall immediately after the ceremony.

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&

Saturday, December 4th
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

We hope that each of you had a great family get-together for the Thanksgiving Holidays. For myself and I'm sure many more, we were by ourselves. I did enjoy the "Macy" parade and the football games and a movie on TV.

November 24th our visitors at the Center were Sam Spence and Jean Anderson, both of Lubbock.

Guy Ginn told me he was having 26 family members in his home Thanksgiving Day. He told me they were bringing all the food. He was excited to have his family all together.

The Aten's, Jo Payne's family, have just returned from a mission trip to the

Holy Land. They plan to spend Thanksgiving Day with the Payne family members in the Dallas area. They will not be returning to the Holy Land. Jo did not get to go to Dallas but she was very glad the Aten's are back in the U.S.A.

William and Faye Bertrand spent Thanksgiving Day in Lubbock with their family.

Diana Glover went to visit her daughter and family who live in the Dallas area for Thanksgiving.

Ardis Daniel drove to Kress to enjoy Thanksgiving Day with her daughter and family.

Gene and Nancy Lawson had several family members in their home Thanksgiving Day.

Marie Warren and her sister, Charlene Alldredge and their families all met at Don and Hope Warren's home for a family Thanksgiving Day. There were 34 in attendance.

Our sympathy to the family of R.C. Fawver.

Our sympathy to the family of Don Barber.

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

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

In memory of Verna Lynne Stewart - J. A. and Norma Welch.

In memory of Dr. Floyd Bradley - J. A. and Norma Welch.

In memory of Bob Lotspeich - J.A. and Norma

Welch.

Thought for the Week - Never let what you can't do interfere with what you can do.

MENU

DEC. 6 - DEC. 10

Monday - Beef

stroganoff, peas, cream potatoes, roll, blueberry muffins

Tuesday - Chicken and dumplings, broccoli, corn, roll, pears/cottage cheese

Wednesday - Fried fish, coleslaw, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler

Thursday - Pizza pie, Italian blend, salad, garlic bread, rock road pudding

Friday - Baked pork chops, peas, scalloped potatoes, roll, cookies

FLOYD COUNTY Unity Center NEWS

By Elaine LaBaume

Manager, Jon LaBaume, is quickly filling up the calendar for the month of December with families and businesses having their Christmas parties and get-togethers at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.

Remember that we are fortunate to have several in Floyd County that can cater your events. There is seldom a week that goes by that we don't have someone comment on "what a great place the Unity Center" is. We had a call from Lubbock this week from a woman booking a Christmas family meeting. She said the family can visit in the City Bank Room and the children can play in the James and Eva Mayer Arena and that is wonderful. There is a nominal fee for the use of it when used for the

children.

At this time of year when we are especially counting our many blessings. Floyd County Friends are so very thankful to all that had anything to do with building the Unity Center. We are very thankful for the many grants we received and we "give thanks" to all the wonderful people in "Floyd County" that so generously gave to see it become a reality. It had been the dream of so many to have a facility like this.

When you get that 2011 calendar, mark March 26, 2011 for the 16th Annual Gala. It's going to be another great one! Plans are already being made.

You can contact manager Jon LaBaume if you would like to have a party or event at the Unity Center. His cell number is 806-847-7414.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Hello again from the Senior Citizens Center. Glad to see everyone back; hope everyone had a great time with family.

By the time you read this there will be 20 shopping days till Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has made a memorial donation to the Center, we really

appreciate your generosity. Hopefully I will have more news next week, have a great week.

Lockney's Senior Citizens Menu

Dec. 6-10

Monday- Steak Fingers

Tuesday- Pork Chops

Wednesday- Fried Chicken

Thursday- Salmon

Friday- Pot Roast

Mangold Memorial Hospital to hold 18th annual Health Fair

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital announces it's 18th annual "Holiday Health Fair" to be held on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Your admission to the Health Fair will be a donation of a canned good or a new toy to be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma checks, cholesterol screens, blood sugar and blood pressure check, you can consult with a hearing specialist and United Blood Institute will be holding a blood drive.

Again this year at the Health Fair we will be providing Children's Photo Identification Cards, which will provide a picture and current information about your child. This is part of our effort to provide parents with personal safety id's of their children in the event of

an emergency. The Children's Photo Identification Card is being offered as a free public service to families in the area.

The "Holiday Health Fair" will have over 30 booths manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths. Local and area merchants will provide door prizes, and Lockney Band will provide breakfast for a nominal fee.

This event is designed to be informative and fun for the entire family. Mangold Memorial Hospital invites everyone to attend.

Remember our mammogram clinic will be held at Cogdell Clinic Lockney on December 28, 2010. To make an appointment for a mammogram call 1-800-377-4673.

For more information about the Holiday Health Fair contact Marsha Allen at 806-652-3373.

Coming Soon Palace Theater Books

Downtown Floydada inside the Old Palace Theater
Come see us Dec. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m.
OPEN HOUSE
Refreshments will be provided



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Members of the Silver Thimble Quilt Club have pooled their scraps along with those left by the late Molly Huffman in the efforts of making this beautiful hand stitched quilt. The quilt, honorably named "Molly", will be donated to the Lockney Senior Citizens Center in the memory of Molly Huffman once it is completed. In the near future the Senior Citizens Center will sell tickets and have a drawing for the quilt.

Lockney Chamber of Commerce sponsors Christmas Contest

It's time to untangle the lights and take out your tree because Christmas is on its way, and to celebrate Lockney's Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first Christmas decorating contest.

Starting today to Dec. 15, residents of Lockney will have the opportunity to grab their ladders and light up the city, in the efforts of taking home big money from Lockney's Chamber of

Commerce.

On Dec. 17 judges will drive around town and award the top three decorated houses with a \$200 First Prize, a \$100 Second Prize, and \$50 Third Prize.

And local businesses, don't feel left out, because the most decorated business will receive a \$50 cash prize. So grab your staple gun, and help the Lockney Chamber of Commerce light up Lockney.

From the archives....

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Floyd County Hesperian June 18, 1959

COTTON BURRS MAKE 'CALICHE PIT' STENCH

Old Helpful Henry, by whatever name he went, when he dumped cotton burrs in to the city's "caliche pit" right up in the southwest part of the city last fall, evidently stirred up a stink for residents of the community this spring.

It took the big rains to pour water 10 to 20 feet deep into the big hole in the ground three weeks ago and a period of about two weeks for the burrs to ferment, to get results.

People in that part of town are hot as a pistol about it. They can't even turn on their air conditioners when the breeze is blowing off the pit. They can hardly stay around. It smells to high heaven.

All kinds of rumors were afloat the first of the week. One of the residents was reported ready to take up a

collection to fill the hole. Meanwhile anything that can be poured in or on the stagnant burrs to kill the odor is being sought.

The "caliche pit" is just what the name implies. The city in depression days found the big deposit of caliche and worked up a WPA project, hauling caliche from the ground and dumping it on the streets to give employment to several scores of men for a year or more.

Several thousand yards of caliche were removed from the location. Later came the floods of 1941, 1954, and now 1959, to make the big hole of water with slick sides an attractive nuisance to little boys. One little boy drowned and several have had close escapes.

And although hundreds of yards of derbis (sic) have been dumped into the hold in the expectation of filling it up eventually it still is the deep, treacherous temptation wagging a perfidious (sic) finger at little boys.

And on top of that now, the stench.

Thanks for reading!

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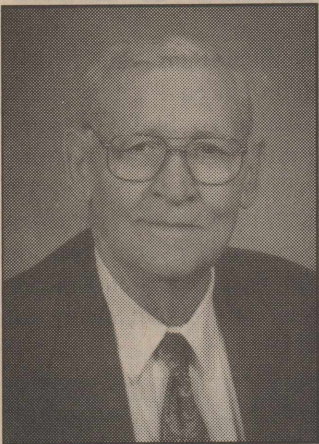
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Obituaries



R.C. "CARLTON" FAWVER

R.C. "Carlton" Fawver, age 85, of Floydada, passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2010 in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Family visitation was held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, November 27, 2010 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Funeral services for Mr. Fawver followed at 2 p.m. with Elder Steven Bloyd, minister of Mount Carmel Primitive Baptist Church in Churchville, MD, officiating.

Interment was held at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Fawver was born on July 9, 1925 in the Lakeview Community, outside of Floydada, to Roy L. and Flora Fawver. At an early age, he was baptized as a member of the Center Missionary Baptist Church.

On November 6, 1944, he married the love of his life, Louise Fawver, in Plainview. They shared 66 years of life together, and worked together in the business for 40 years.

After high school, he played football at West Texas State University in Canyon. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served two years in Japan and the Philippines. He came back to farm in Floyd County and later became the owner of Floydada Implement Company, a Massey Ferguson dealership, for 49 years. He was honored as a charter member of the "Top

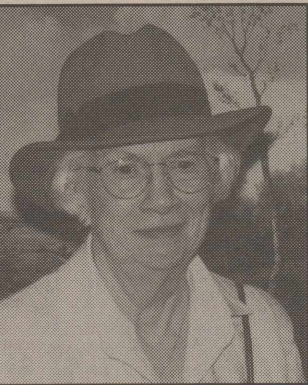
100 Dealers in the North American Continent" in the 1970's. A museum in Colbert, Oklahoma displays antique farm equipment and many original fixtures from Fawver's implement business and bears his name.

Mr. Fawver is survived by his son, Clinton Fawver; his daughter, Anne and her spouse, Hulon Carthel; his six grandchildren, Melissa Allsup, AJ Fawver, Lewis Fawver, Casey and Marri Criswell, Corey and spouse, RaNay Johnston, and Cienna and spouse, Zac Thrasher; and six great-grandchildren, Callie, Brady, Riley, and Bode Criswell and Camden and Cash Johnston.

Mr. Fawver was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leslie and Earl Fawver.

Online guestbook at www.Moore-Rose.com

Soto of Arlington, Nancy Soto of Mansfield, Antonia Cuellar and husband, Walter of San Antonio and Mary Ramirez and husband, Fred of Silverton; two grandchildren, Christian Lee Velasquez of Silverton and Mario Lee Ramirez III and wife, Kara of Hendersonville Tennessee and numerous nieces and nephews.



EVA MARIE LEWIS KENNAMER

Funeral services for Eva Marie Lewis Kennamer, 87, of Canyon will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Brooks Chapel with Bob Shepard, Elder, University Church of Christ officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Floydada Cemetery, Floydada, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon and Happy.

Mrs. Kennamer died Sunday, November 28, 2010 at Canyon.

She was born on June 10, 1923 in DeSoto, Texas to Willie and Myrtle Lewis. She was 1942 graduae of Floydada High School. She married Presley Kennamer in Amarillo on December 3, 1945.

Eva was a loving wife and the "best helper in the world". She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, George Lock Lewis, John Thomas Lewis, and David Clinton Lewis.

Survivors include her husband, Presley Kennamer of Canyon and many nieces and nephews.

Please sign the online registry at www.brooksfuneral.com.

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m..

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third, Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
John Franklin, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.



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703 A Matador Hwy
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Floydada
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Early Worship8:30 a.m.
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Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
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Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship....7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Patrick Maher, Pastor
Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Joe Hernandez
983-5286 (church)
983-5156 (parsonage)
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemينو
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston, Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
Children's Church10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening5 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living
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From the archives...

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM
From the Floyd County Hesperian April 10, 1952

THE OLD ROCK HOUSE

Caprock stone walls of this historic building will be used in re-construction of the 75-year-old house destroyed by fire Saturday morning, according to first plans projected by A. L. Smith, the owner.

Only the stone walls of the historic Old Rock House at Mount Blanco stand this week following a fire which destroyed all the contents and woodwork of the building Saturday morning, while the A. L. Smith family, owners, were absent from home.

The fire discovered by mail carrier Owen Crump, of Route 2, Crosbyton, was battled by the carrier and neighbors of the Smith family, but ineffectively. There was practically no salvage of household effects, only the clothes worn by the family group being saved.

While the neighbors are making plans for a shower for the family Friday night to put them back in housekeeping once more, A. L. Smith, the owner, is viewing the scene and totting up the damage, with a view to re-building. This week it appeared he would be able to use the old walls, built of caprock stone, a

durable magnesia limestone, with which the structure was put together 75 years ago by his grandfather. The mortar in the walls is also of lime made from the caprock limestone.

Loss Being Estimated
J. H. Reagan, local insurance agent, reported that W. A. Gound and Smith are making figures and estimates of the damage to the building and the family is invoicing
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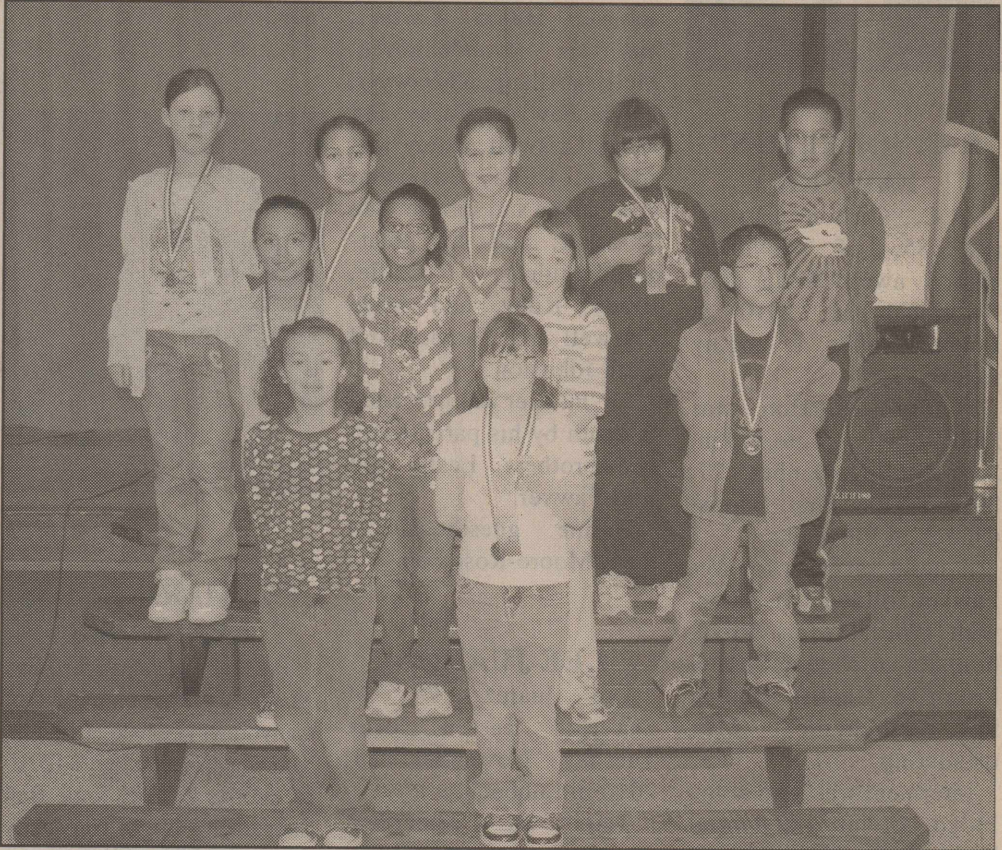
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Lockney Elementary students compete in UIL

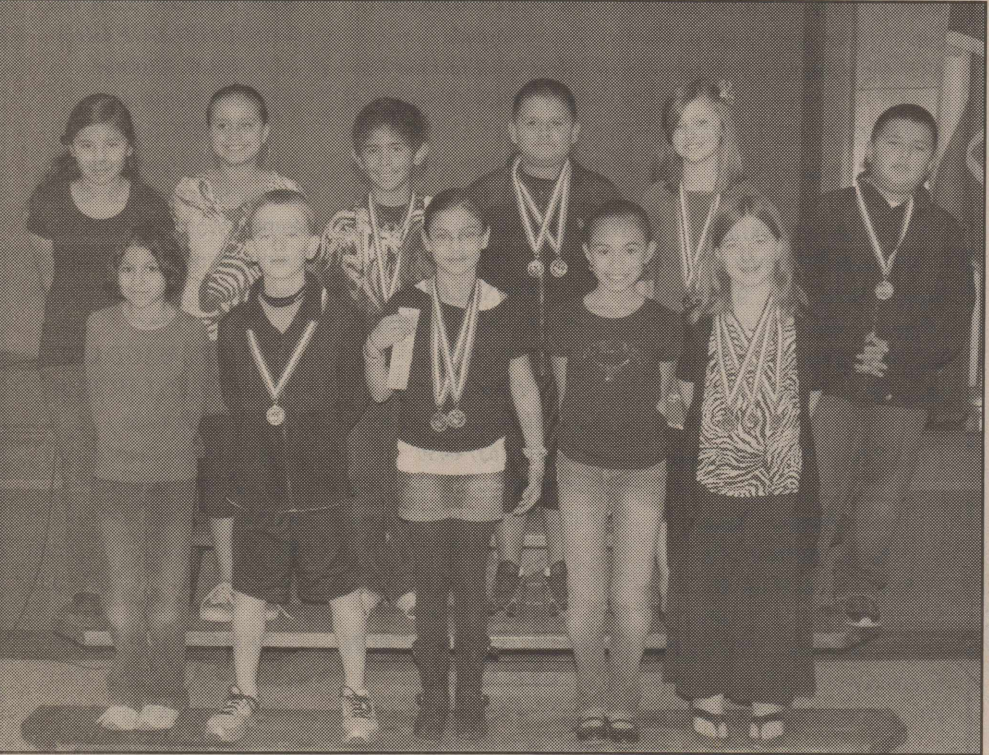
Recently, students from Lockney's Elementary School traveled to Ralls and Hale Center to take part in a two-day UIL competition. Overall, Lockney students won big as they competed in several academic subjects. Winners include: 5th place winner in 2nd grade storytelling Kalebh Cook; in 5th grade Oral Reading, Rider Race took home 3rd place and Nimsi Reyes took home 5th place; in 4th grade Ready Writing, Lyndee Setliff took home 1st, Alexa Poole took home 2nd, and Korleigh Webb won 3rd; in 5th grade Ready Writing, Lani Vanlandingham won 2nd and Shawn Marquez won 4th; in 3rd grade Spelling, Abigail Rogers took home 5th place as the overall team won 3rd; in 5th grade Art Smart, Ryder Race help the overall team finish 2nd after a 4th place victory; in 5th grade Maps, Graphs, Charts, Jaden Rosales took home 2nd place, Tristan Schleuter won 5th, and the overall team finished 3rd; in 3rd grade Music Memory, the overall team won 3rd with the help of Joey Vanlandingham's 6th place award; in 4th grade Music Memory, the overall team won 3rd as Alexa Poole won 5th place and Kayla Archer won 6th place; in 5th grade Music Memory, the overall team won 2nd with the help of Lani Vanlandingham's 6th place award; in 4th grade Number Sense, the overall team once 2nd with the help of Austin Ascencio's 2nd place award and Lyndee Setliff's 3rd place award; in 5th grade Number Sense the overall team placed 4th; in 5th grade Dictionary Skills, Destiny Soliz placed 4th helping the overall team when 2nd; and in 5th grade Listening Skills, the overall team on 2nd place as Austen Rexrode and Tristan Schleuter tied for 3rd.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez
2nd Grade UIL Competitors: Kalebh Cook, Townlei Hernandez, Michael Lara, Silas Poole, Marie Perez, and Hunter Lefevre.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez
3rd Grade UIL Competitors: Anahi Ascencio, Ainslee Dunn, Tyra Rosales, Carly Rendon, Abigail Rogers, Kayla Archer, Tiffany Nunez, Joey Vanlandingham, Nehemiah Montoya, Tatyanna Cienfuegos, and Josiah Rodriguez.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez
4th Grade UIL Competitors: Bryson Hallmark, Alexa Poole, Lyndee Setliff, Korleigh Webb, E'lora Luna, Litzzy Reyes, Devin Deleon, Austin Ascencio, Joshua Pena, and Odyssey McCulloch.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez
5th Grade UIL Competitors: Ryder Race, Nimsi Reyes, Bethany Salazar, Lani Vanlandingham, Shawn Marquez, Jacque Salazar, Alyssa Gutierrez, Raymundo Alvarado, Nicholas Rendon, Jaden Rosales, Tristen Schlueter, Adree Stapp, C.J. Perales, Ricky Cuellar, Destiny Soliz, Karina Torres, Evony McCulloch, Efen Nunez, Austen Rexrode, Mackenzy Ragland, and Sara Keyser.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU		
DEC. 6 – DEC. 10		
Monday Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice milk Lunch- Chicken fajitas/ tortilla or steak fingers, refried beans, salad, pineapple, milk Tuesday Breakfast- Mini corndogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch – Nacho grande	or grilled cheese, salad, applesauce, milk Wednesday Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Baked potato or burrito, baby carrots/ranch, peaches, Texas toast, milk Thursday Breakfast- Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk	Lunch- Popcorn chicken, or ham, potatoes/gravy, broccoli, orange smiles, roll, milk Friday Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Sub sandwich, or tuna sandwich, pickle spears, corn, apple slices, milk



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez
During last week's dominating game against Petersburg, there was no containing Lockney's Devin Cavallero (10) or the rest of the Lady Horns as they eased to a 69-25 win over the Lady Buffs. Lockney's defense showed no quarter against Petersburg, as the Horns kept the lead in the double digits the entire game. This week the Lady Horns travel to Nazareth for a tournament.



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez
Lockney's Tracy Williams (31) pushed his way towards the goal in last week's game against Abernathy. With a 47-49 victory, The Longhorns pulled off a close one before heading into the Thanksgiving break. In the game, Marcos Bernal put up an impressive 25 points against the Antelopes. This week the Longhorns will travel to Nazareth to play in their season's first tournament.

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Photo Courtesy of Sara Sisemore
The board honored as students of the month for November third grader Emily Cisneros (middle), sixth grader Alfonso Mendoza (left), and high school freshman Mattie Sanders (not pictured). Also honored was James Edwards, director of band at the junior high & assistant band director at the high school, as educator of the month (right).



Photo Courtesy of Tonya Gooch
Floydada's Greg Aleman (2) soars to the basket to drain yet another one in during last week's game against Slaton. On Dec 2-4, the 'Winds will travel to Anton for tournament play.



Photo Courtesy of by Tonya Gooch
There was no doubt in the mind of Floydada's Avery Miller (21) as she went up to shot for another deuce. Next week the Lady Winds will travel Anton for tournament play.

Floydada City Council Approves Ordinance Regulating Private Property Parking

**By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent**
During the public forum held on Oct. 19, concerning Ordinance No. 10-3 which regulates the parking/storage of vehicles on private property in the City, business owner Philip Wilbanks voiced his thoughts. "I'm just hear to let you [the council] know I do support this ordinance. I do question how effectively it can be enforced [...] and it is something that might be rather difficult [to enforce]," he said. Though there were several others present for the forum, there were no other comments.

Following the public forum, the regularly scheduled Floydada City Council meeting ensued. Councilwoman Sue Ward made a motion to approve as written Ord. No. 10-3, the parking ordinance. Councilwoman Bettye King seconded the motion. Councilman Jon Nielson asked who would have the authority to enforce this ordinance, to which the answer was any code enforcement officer or law enforcement officer. The motion passed three to two, with Nielson and Councilman Gary Carthel voting against the motion.

Mayor Bobby Gilliland commented concerning the appointment or declaration of vacancy for a new councilmember for District 2, saying, "Nielson is talking to an individual and there are several more that have been mentioned. We're waiting to hear of a citizen from that district that would like to serve on the council." The council took no action at that time.

The council also passed Ordinance No. 10-6 to establish a procedure to regulate roofers. The motion was by King to approve the ordinance, which Councilman Sam Green seconded. Mayor Gilliland said it was the roofers' intention to get this ordinance passed. Nielson said he would feel better about passing this ordinance if the City could send a copy to all the roofers in Floydada. Green asked if the ordinance made it clear that the City was not inspecting or liable for the work done. The motion to approve passed four to one, with Nielson voting against.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce made a request for a \$1,200 grant from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. Green made the motion to accept their request, which was seconded by King and passed. It was verified that this was the first request from the re-organized chamber for any of the hotel occupancy

tax money. Ward voted against the motion. City Manager Gary Brown updated the council on where the City stands on its overhead water tower maintenance situation. According to Brown, the attorneys have mutually agreed that the City has withheld over \$19,000 in contingency which is legitimately owed to the company. He explained that if the City will pay that, we'll then be released from any further obligation to that company and the company will get out of the City's way from finding a new company to do the work. Wilbanks addressed the council concerning the proposed new location for an animal shelter. "I am really ill-prepared for this," he said. "As you well know, I've already picked up on the fact that the City wants to turn the Higginbotham-Bartlett building into an animal shelter. It's directly across from St. Mary Catholic Church. I think it's an inappropriate place for an animal shelter." Finally, he stated, "I don't want an animal shelter next to my house, and I don't want an animal shelter next to my church."

The council considered a request from Stanley Collier concerning Lot 10, Block 33, Original Town. Mayor Gilliland explained that when Collier first purchased Lot 9, Block 33, he thought he had also purchased Lot 10, and as such he had maintained both properties. Nielson asked if the lot is next to Collier's house. King said it is just an empty lot. Nielson asked to see Collier's original bid letter, which showed Collier only bid on Lot 9, Block 33, not Lot 10. The motion to not grant this request was unanimously approved.

Concerning the Downtown Revitalization Program grant for sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements, Brown told the council the City has met their match as of the end of September and can now begin to draw on the \$150,000 grant. He asked the council to decide if they wanted the City to absorb the cost of labor and equipment in order to get the most amount of sidewalk out of the grant. Ward made a motion to use the grant money to buy the concrete, steel and supplies, and let the City absorb the labor costs, a motion which was unanimously passed. Brown said, "By doing this, we think we can probably pick up another three or four blocks above what we anticipated."

Ward mentioned there have been some requests for new sidewalks from other

businesses. Brown said the engineer will come and look at the sidewalks and do some determining of whose sidewalks are the worst for future consideration. The council told Brown how nice the work is looking and what a good job the City workers are doing. In discussion concerning the City's farm lease, the council considered Clay Simpson's request for the Council to put the lease back how it had been so he could keep farming it. Simpson's request mentioned that if he could get a long enough lease he would like to put a circle pivot system on it. Green said he didn't have a problem with going back to the original lease price. King made the motion to approve the farm lease to Clay Simpson for \$16,000 – the original lease price which also gives him the grass. The motion was passed unanimously. Brown told the council as he worked through some other ordinances, he realized the building codes change about every three years and the City was behind on what building code is currently approved. The council unanimously passed Ord. No. 10-10 which approves the most current International Codes for the City.

Brown told the council the TCEQ pointed out during their last visit that the City didn't have everything in place to meet TCEQ's requirements. The council passed Ord. No. 10-11 which requires a permit for new construction or remodeling of plumbing systems.

Nielson said after speaking with local plumbers concerning the ordinance, their only concern is who is going to enforce the ordinance to make sure those who are not licensed but practicing plumbing do not continue. Brown said it will be enforced by Gary Fuller and Code Enforcement Officer Reuben Ramon.

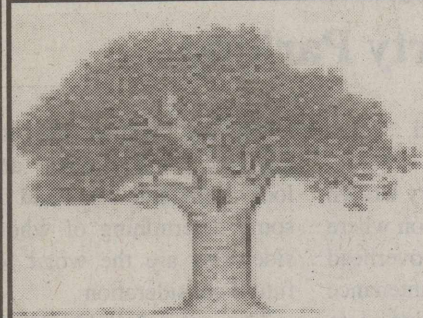
Brown explained concerning Ord. No. 10-12 requiring water backflow prevention and testing that the TCEQ requires such an ordinance. He said the main focus of this ordinance is to have a list of who has to have a backflow prevention and that the City must be provided with a copy of the testing results. The council approved the ordinance.

The council appointed Wes Hall and Jim Pilkinton to the Airport Board and Wes Anderson to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment.



Courtesy photo
4-H members and leaders were honored at the District Gold Star Banquet at the Merket Alumni Center on the Texas Tech University campus. Pictured left to right are: Beth Bramlet, Distinguished Leader Award, SyAnn Foster, Gold Star Award, County Judge Penny Golightly, District Council Delegate Taylor Orr and County Extension Agents Melissa Long and Mark Carroll.

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Tuesday Breakfast - Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch -Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice,	Wednesday Breakfast -Pancakes, syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch -Chicken spaghetti, English peas, tossed salad, French bread stick, fruit, milk	Friday Breakfast -Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch -Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk
	Thursday Breakfast - Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and	



HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Well, Thanksgiving has come and gone and the Christmas season is now upon us. Although the official observance of Thanksgiving day has passed, every day is a day of thanksgiving at Hackberry. We are so thankful for our wonderful Residents. They are all very special in their own unique way. Hackberry staff members love them as if they are part of our own families. We are thankful for our Residents' families and all of our great volunteers and for everyone who drops by Hackberry to visit with our Residents. We are very thankful for our excellent nursing staff, as well as all staff members. Family members can rest assured that their loved one is very well taken care of at Hackberry. Blessings are abundant here.

With the Christmas season will come many visitors to the Center. The Girl Scout Brownie Troop will be visiting the Center, as well as various other groups from Churches and organizations. We welcome anyone who would like to come sing a few songs, play an instrument, share some poetry, or just sit and visit.

Our Family Christmas Dinner is planned for Friday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. Santa Claus has already cleared his schedule that

evening so he can be on hand at Hackberry to pass out presents to our Residents, visit with our guests and listen to Christmas wishes. We are so excited to have such a celebrity coming to the Center.

Have you been thinking of beginning a new Holiday tradition for your family. How about a visit to Hackberry? What a wonderful tradition this would be. To adopt our Hackberry family as part of your own and visiting them during the holiday season each year would not only warm the hearts of our residents, but surely do the same for everyone who shares part of their Christmas warmth and love at Hackberry.

SENIOR HEALTH TIPS

Stress, depression and the holidays: 10 tips for coping

The holiday season, which begins for most Americans with Thanksgiving and continues through New Year's Day, often brings unwelcome guests — stress and depression. And it's no wonder. In an effort to pull off a perfect holiday, you might find yourself facing a dizzying array of demands — parties, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name a few. So much for peace and joy, right?

Actually, with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress and depression that often

accompany the holidays. You may even end up enjoying the holidays more than you thought you would.

Recognize Common Triggers: Learn to recognize common holiday triggers, so you can disarm them before they lead to a meltdown:

- **Relationships.** Relationships can cause turmoil, conflict or stress at any time, but tensions are often heightened during the holidays. Family misunderstandings and conflicts can intensify — especially if you're thrust together for several days. On the other hand, facing the holidays without a loved one can be tough and leave you feeling lonely and sad.

- **Finances.** With the added expenses of gifts, travel, food and entertainment, the holidays can put a strain on your budget — and your peace of mind. Not to mention that overspending now can mean financial worries for months to come.

- **Physical demands.** Even die-hard holiday enthusiasts may find that the extra shopping and socializing can leave them wiped out. Being exhausted increases your stress, creating a vicious cycle. Exercise and sleep — good antidotes for stress and fatigue — may take a back seat to chores and errands. To top it off, burning the wick at both ends makes you more

susceptible to colds and other unwelcome guests.

Tips to prevent holiday stress and depression

When stress is at its peak, it's hard to stop and regroup. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, especially if the holidays have taken an emotional toll on you in the past.

1. **Acknowledge your feelings.** If someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season.

2. **Reach out.** If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.

3. **Be realistic.** The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones. For example, if your adult children can't come to your house, find new ways to celebrate together, such as sharing pictures, emails or videotapes.

4. **Set aside differences.** Try to accept family

members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression too.

5. **Stick to a budget.** Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts. Try these alternatives: Donate to a charity in someone's name, give homemade gifts or start a family gift exchange.

6. **Plan ahead.** Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. That'll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And make sure to line up help for party prep and cleanup.

7. **Learn to say no.** Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every project or activity. If it's not possible to say no when your boss asks you to work overtime, try to remove something else from your agenda to make up for the

lost time.

8. **Don't abandon healthy habits.** Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt. Have a healthy snack before holiday parties so that you don't go overboard on sweets, cheese or drinks. Continue to get plenty of sleep and physical activity.

9. **Take a breather.** Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Take a walk at night and stargaze. Listen to soothing music. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm.

10. **Seek professional help** if you need it. Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Instead, take steps to prevent the stress and depression that can descend during the holidays. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you may find that you enjoy the holidays this year more than you thought you could.

Southwest Beef Symposium set for Jan. 18-19 in Amarillo

The Southwest Beef Symposium jointly hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service is scheduled for Jan. 18-19 in the Grand Plaza Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S Buchanan St., Amarillo.

The educational forum is tailored for beef producers and was established to annually provide timely information about current industry issues and practical management, said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo.

The program will begin at

1 p.m. Jan. 18 and conclude with a steak dinner that evening. The Jan. 19 program will run from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and include a lunch sponsored by Hi-Pro Feeds.

On Jan. 18, during the Current Issues: Stand Up and Be Counted segment, producers will hear discussions on Feeding the World by Dennis Avery, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.; The Carbon Cycle and Beef Production by Dr. Brent Auvermann, AgriLife Extension, Amarillo; Management Technologies and the Carbon Footprint of

Beef Production by Dr. Jim MacDonald, Texas AgriLife Research, Amarillo; and Management Technologies and Food Safety by Dan Upson, Kansas State University.

On Jan. 19, the Production Session: Setting the Stage for the Next Five Years segment will include talks on Production Costs and Parameters for Cow-Calf Production in North Texas and New Mexico by Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension, Vernon; You and Your Heifers by Rob Hogan, AgriLife Extension, Ft. Stockton; Managing Fertility

in Cows and Bulls by Manny Encinas, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, and Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension, Overton; and Cow Fertility in Arid Environments by Milton Thomas, New Mexico State University.

The program continues with Stocker/Feeder Cattle: Weight Considerations by McCollum; Vaccine Technology: What is on the Horizon? by Glenn Rogers, Pfizer Animal Health, Aledo; and Managing the Weight Gain in Stockers by McCollum.

There will be a \$50 registration fee and checks should be made payable to: SWBS Acct. #229100. For more information on the schedule and to register for the program, go online to the Southwest Beef Symposium website: <http://swbs.nmsu.edu/> or registration forms can be mailed to: Bruce Carpenter, Texas AgriLife Extension Center, Box 1298, Ft. Stockton, TX 79735.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 19, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack issued the following statement on Pigford settlement agreement funding today approved by the U.S. Senate:

"President Obama and I pledged not only to treat all farmers fairly and equally, but to right the wrongs of the past for farmers who faced discrimination. Today, the Senate took a bold step and provided the funding to give relief to black farmers who have suffered from discrimination that is well-documented and has been

affirmed by the courts. I want to commend Senator Reid, Senator Grassley, and the bipartisan coalition of Senators for their leadership in working to right these wrongs.

"This announcement marks a major milestone in USDA's efforts to turn the page on a sad chapter in our history. Civil rights is a top priority of mine, and since coming to USDA, I have implemented a comprehensive program to correct past errors, learn from mistakes, and take definitive action to ensure that all of our customers are treated

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Keeping secrets secret

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I wonder how many people will be killed as a result of the latest WikiLeaks bombshell?

Because of a breakdown in national security, a simple memory stick, smaller than your little finger, has resulted in the largest diplomatic blow in U.S. history.

When President Obama promised transparency when he was running for office, I don't think this is what he had in mind. The 1.6 gigabytes of text files on the memory stick from, or to, U.S. embassies around the world, contains 251,287 documents in all, from more than 250 embassies and consulates.

The data reveals how the government deals with both allies and enemies. Negotiating, pressuring and even denigrating foreign leaders - it's all out now.

Who's to blame? WikiLeaks? The U.S. Government? Bradley Manning?

Manning, 22, a soldier, is the alleged perpetrator. He has been held in solitary confinement for seven months and is facing a court martial in 2011. Manning, a former intelligence analyst, is charged with unauthorized downloads of classified material while serving on an army base outside Baghdad. He is suspected of taking copies not only of the state department archive, but also of video of an Apache helicopter crew gunning down civilians in Baghdad, and hundreds of thousands of daily war logs from military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Here's how he did it according to the published chat-log of a conversation Manning had with a fellow-hacker: "I would come in with music on a CD-RW labeled with

something like 'Lady Gaga' ... erase the music ... then write a compressed split file. No one suspected a thing ... [I] listened and lip-synched to Lady Gaga's "Telephone" while exfiltrating possibly the largest data spillage in American history." He said that he "had unprecedented access to classified networks 14 hours a day 7 days a week for over eight months".

According to Manning, "Hillary Clinton and several thousand diplomats around the world are going to have a heart attack when they wake up one morning and find an entire repository of classified foreign policy is available, in searchable format, to the public ... Everywhere there's a U.S. post, there's a diplomatic scandal that will be revealed. Worldwide anarchy in CSV format ... It's beautiful, and horrifying."

So I would say Manning, at the very least, committed treason. He will now face a court martial and, if found guilty, he should be executed.

The government, particularly the Department of Defense, is to blame as well. The people in charge of how information is disseminated and safeguarded were sloppy. It should be impossible for anyone without proper clearance to access classified files.

Thankfully, America's most sensitive "top secret" and above foreign intelligence files cannot be accessed from SiproNet, the defense department network involved. Hopefully, such information is being protected from the best hackers.

Australian former hacker Julian Assange and WikiLeaks are also responsible. Assange says all information, regardless of origin or sensitivity, should be in the public domain.

Perhaps in a perfect world. Assange can hide behind his beliefs, but make no mistake, he's in it for the money and the fame. What he's done can never justify the harm he's done.

Assange is wrong. As long as there are bad guys in the world, there will need to be secrets. Frankly, how the government approaches its diplomacy should be classified. Our government officials have to be able to communicate openly.

There is one more aspect of this story which needs to be touched on: The fact that publications like the New York Times insist on publishing sensitive information. I'm a newspaper man and I believe in freedom of information, but not to the extent that American lives are endangered.

To me, there is a difference between the public's right to know and a news organization posting government secrets just because it now has access to them. It's a poor judgement call, but not surprising given the NYT's recent track record regarding protecting those fighting for our country.

This story is far from over. For that matter, there are more sensitive documents to be released by Assange and WikiLeaks. Personally, I hope the government can plug their security holes and make an example of Manning to the degree that copycat crimes are limited in this regard.

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Other Opinions

Calling A Shamrock A Shamrock

By HOWARD RICH

As the European economy grapples with yet another bailout of a bankrupt sovereign state, a storyline is emerging that seeks to frame this latest instance of government interventionism along deliberately disingenuous lines. According to this misleading narrative, Ireland's abysmal fiscal condition did not come as a result of chronic state overspending, but is instead due to the island nation's comparatively-low corporate income tax rate.

Sound like a familiar song? On both sides of the ocean there appear to be plenty of Keynesian apologists who believe that economic downturns are always caused by greedy capitalists — never by greedy politicians and government bureaucrats.

Now several European nations — led by France and Germany — are insisting that Ireland raise its 12.5 percent corporate tax rate as a prerequisite for receiving a Eurozone loan that would pump tens of billions of Euros into its banking system. Such a tax increase aims to bring Ireland in line with corporate tax rates in France (33 percent) Germany (30 percent), Spain (30 percent) and Great Brit-

ain (28 percent) — but it would also stifle productivity and job growth at a time when Irish citizens need their economy to be firing on all cylinders.

While it certainly makes sense for Europe's sovereign nations to minimize their financial exposure — it would make even more sense for them not to expose their taxpayers to such risks in the first place. Of course under "continental rule" it is often difficult for these nations to distinguish their own interests from those of the "collective." This creates an additional disincentive for sound sovereign financial management — as if European governments needed another excuse to act in a fiscally reckless manner.

But consider this: Why would one nation watch out for its bottom line when it can simply pass the buck — or in this case, the Euro — on to another nation's taxpayers?

Obviously, the solution that makes the most sense in all of this is for sovereign governments to confine themselves to a very narrow list of core functions on behalf of their own citizens — and then to perform these functions with maximum efficiency and transparency. Clearly such a rational view of government was long ago abandoned by Europe's

welfare statists, just as it has been cast to the curb in recent years by socialist-leaning politicians in the United States.

Yet while America's own Keynesian interventionists — led by U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke — continue to blame other nations' debt crises for the ongoing sluggishness of the global economy, very few are willing to "call a Shamrock a Shamrock" as it relates to the Irish debt crisis.

One analyst willing to do so is Daniel J. Mitchell, a tax expert at The Cato Institute. In seeking the real culprit behind the Irish implosion — and for that matter the broader European debt crisis — Mitchell examined nearly three decades worth of Irish government expenditures and tax receipts. In doing so he found that from 1983-2006 both expenditures and receipts in Ireland were on similar upward trajectories — a regrettable result of the Irish government's insistence on spending every new dime that came into its coffers. Beginning in 2007, however, these lines began moving in opposite directions.

"When the financial crisis hit a couple of years ago, tax revenues suddenly plummeted," explains Mitchell. "Unfortunately, politicians continued to spend like drunken sail-

ors. It's only in the last year that they finally stepped on the brakes and began to rein in the burden of government spending. But that may be a case of too little, too late."

In addition to profligate spending, Mitchell points to the adoption of the Euro as another contributing factor in Ireland's decline.

"The one thing we can definitely say ... is that lower tax rates did not cause Ireland's problems," Mitchell concludes. "It's also safe to say that higher tax rates will delay Ireland's recovery."

Irish negotiators are holding firm thus far against European demands — making the case that if Germany and France want to recoup their investment in Ireland, they will not choke off the nation's economic growth.

Frankly, no European taxpayers — Irish or otherwise — should be forced to pick up the tab for this disaster. Similarly no European taxpayers should have been forced to bail out Greece earlier this year. Governments on both sides of the Atlantic must learn the hard way that they are to restrict themselves to core functions — a process that starts with telling the truth about how they landed in their current predicaments.

Other Views

Is 2011, the year when med mal reform finally comes of age?

By FRANK McCAFFREY

There will be a lot of heat generated in the first month of the 112th Congress as the newly elected Republican majority in the House of Representatives moves, as they should, to repeal the signature legislation of the Pelosi era — ObamaCare.

It is common knowledge that Harry Reid's Senate will not vote for repealing the law, so where should the Republicans head from there?

One answer is pass the single most important health care reform that the Pelosi-Reid Congress left off the table — medical malpractice reform.

This makes sense from a cost perspective as the Congressional Budget Office estimated that medical malpractice reform would save \$54 billion over the course of the next ten years.

Savings in the cost of insurance premiums, doctors are forced to pay, coupled with savings from ending the defensive medical practices that result from fear of frivolous lawsuits which result in doctors ordering multiple expensive tests just to cover themselves.

Medical malpractice reform will not only save money for everyone involved in the delivery of health care, it will in-

crease the availability of health care overall.

Currently, the high cost of medical malpractice insurance is killing the ability of expectant mothers in many parts of this country from having access to pre-natal care. Those who are most affected are low income mothers to be where Medicaid reimbursements don't cover the cost of providing the services.

Lower the medical malpractice costs to these doctors, and they will be able to afford to provide care to those who can afford it least, but in many cases, need it most.

It isn't just poor mothers-to-be who are caught in the vice of the high cost of medical malpractice insurance, it is also patients who are attempting to see specialists in high risk fields like neurology.

The high cost of doing business in these high risk medical fields is a major contributing factor to aspiring doctors choosing other, less costly, fields of emphasis. This cost-based choice threatens to leave our aging population fighting over fewer and fewer trained professionals to diagnose and treat our ailments.

House Republicans have the opportunity to force Harry Reid's Senate Democrats to confront the harsh reality of the deal they have made with the nation's trial lawyers, and with some aggressive work by Senate Republicans, they would

have to make a choice.

In the past two years, the Democrats chose their big money funders in the professional lawsuit industry over the needs of patients to gain access to quality, affordable health care. Republicans, if they hold every vote in their conference, have the opportunity to force them to choose again. While getting 13 votes to invoke cloture may be a bridge too far, it will only require the votes of four vulnerable or already partially supportive Democrats like Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Jon Tester of Montana, Tom Carper of Delaware and Virginia's Jim Webb to force Reid into the uncomfortable position of opposing legislation that a majority of the Senate supports.

The imagery of Harry Reid and the Democrats turning their backs on African American expectant mothers who cannot find an obstetrician due to their acquiescence to the wealthy trial bar doesn't fit nicely into the ObamaCare narrative for the 2012 election, and so the Republicans should have some political leverage.

Who knows? Maybe 2011 will finally be the year when our nation's lawmakers deal with one of the key factors denying access to medical care and stand up to the powerful trial bar. At least one can hope.

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organizations; one of the biggest being Lockney's Masonic Chapter. After making a deal with the banks, the Masons would set up their lodge right above the main part of the building. For many years to come, the Masons along with the Order of the Eastern Star called the Barker building home. To this day, the Mason's famous Square and Compass symbol can be seen on the east side of the building.

After to the hard hit dealt by the Great Depression, Lockney's Security State Bank was forced to shut its doors; but it wasn't very long before Lockney's own Arthur P. Barker, of Barker Chevy, came to the rescue and

bought the building. From then on, the Barker building was occupied by a number of different entrepreneurship, often at the same time. Once the bank moved out, the building became the home to an electric company, a barber shop, a T.V repair shop, and even a high-end ladies' clothing store called the Jack and June Shop, which was named after the children of Rex and Floyd Jackson. More recently, the Barker building was the home of Barker Insurance during the 80's and 90's.

For several years after the Insurance Company closed, the building laid dormant, acting as a storage unit. Recently, Barry Barker, son

of Arthur Barker and owner of the Barker building, felt that the building needed to be resurrected. This would prompt him to donate the building to the non-profit organization, Hospice Hands. Mr. Barker, who has been a supporter of Hospice Hands for years, felt longtime friend and Hospice Administrator Rosie Rendon was the right person to breathe new life into the building. Mr. Barker commented in his interview, that he wanted to donate the building to someone he knew would use the building to build the city of Lockney, he felt Rosie and the non-profit organization Hospice Hands was the right choice.

Since then, a grateful Rosie

and the Hospice Hands Staff have rolled up their sleeves and begun to renovate the building. In the past couple of months, Hospice Hands has even implored the help of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Inmates have helped to put a new coat of paint on the building, as well as fixed some much needed repairs on the outside of the building. Even though no plans are final, currently Rosie is planning to turn the building into a community business/activities center. The center, which will be open to the public, is being renovated to accommodate and support local activities, organizations and entrepreneurship in the community.

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their household losses. Total insurance carried was \$9,000, Reagan said. The old house had been completely modernized, with lights, gas and water, and was a quite comfortable home. Smith is a son of R. B. Smith, and a grandson of H. C. Smith, the Confederate scout, Indian trader and freight contractor. With the Old Rock House the present occupant owns about a section of land of the original ranch.

House Started in 1876

The Old Rock House is 19 miles southeast of Floydada in Blanco canyon and about 13 miles northwest of Crosbyton. Its construction was begun in 1876 by H. C. Smith for a man bearing the assumed name of Charles Tasker and for an Irish lord of the name of Jamison

Their plan was to start a ranch, running their cattle in the Blanco with the canyon rims as natural barriers or fences. According to Claude V. Hall's **EARLY HISTORY OF FLOYD COUNTY**, Jamison withdrew from the enterprise when his hand was accidentally shot off while enroute to Mt. Blanco from Fort Griffin. Tasker continued with the project, but an uncle, a rich manufacturer, refused to back him further. In his extremity, as creditors closed in, Tasker left the country. Smith had advanced the adventurer about \$11,000, and obtained the unfinished house as part compensation for his advances. Thus Hank Smith became a "nestor" to save total loss of the money he had put into the enterprise. He finished the two-story stone residence in 1877 and he and his family moved into it, coming from Fort Griffin.

In 1879 the post office department created Mount Blanco post office and Mrs. H. C. Smith served as postmaster there for 39 years. H. C. died in 1912. The property later came into the ownership of R. B. Smith, father of A. L. Smith, and it was R. B. Smith who named and dedicated the Hank Smith Memorial park on grounds adjacent to the Old Rock House in honor of his parents.

Lockney School Board assess ongoing district activities

By Homer Marquez

In their recent November meeting, Trustees from Lockney's School Board convened once again to assess and discuss several ongoing activities within the school district.

The first item up for discussion in November's agenda was an item that approved the payment of this month's bills. At no surprise to the school board, Lee Lewis' \$276,414 construction bill topped the list of this month's bills. The bill, which will be paid by insurance money, proves to be a testimony to the massive progress being made in the construction of Lockney's new high school. For the past several weeks, construction has moved inside as construction crews are preparing to pour the concrete for the second floor, as well as are preparing for the construction of support walls. However construction to the school was slowed down as construction crews were forced to make masonry

corrections to the building, fortunately, these minor setbacks will not affect the proposed completion deadline.

Shortly after passing the motion to pay the bills, K-3rd Grade special education teacher Mrs. Morbe presented the board with a status report concerning the success of the elementary school's special education services. Mrs. Morbe's main focus was to explain to the board how an inclusion teaching technique was helping several special education students find success in the classroom. Mrs. Morbe explained that the inclusion teaching technique's main purpose was to provide certain special education students a chance to learn inside a regular education classroom. In the past, all special education students were pulled out of their regular education class for the purpose of being taught core subjects in a different classroom. Now, the school is leaving certain

special education students in the classroom so they can learn with their peers. While the students are in the regular education classroom, special education teachers are present to help accommodate the student's learning needs. The inclusion teaching technique is helping students to become better adjusted to a regular classroom setting.

After the presentation, the board passed a resolution that designated money from its fund balance to several school district necessities. The list includes: Construction to the auditorium, replacement of carpet in the libraries and classroom, technology needs (including student laptops), parking lot and sidewalk repair, repair and maintenance in bus lot, remodeling of high school and Jr. High offices, light repair in the classrooms, and construction to the new high school.

Shortly after the resolution was passed, the board elected John Quebe to be a

representative on the Floyd County Appraisal District Board. Following the appointment, Superintendent Phil Cotham gave a status report on the construction of the new softball field. Mr. Cotham reported that through the help of grants and donations as well as through the help of parents and Kenny Hooten the softball field was well on its way to be completed. Completed areas to the softball field include: the sprinkler system, water and electricity terminals, outfield fence, equipment gate, grass, infield skin, infield wall, and bleachers. Still needing to be completed will be installation of metal in the dugouts, installation scoreboard wire, installation of water and electrical lines for the concession stand and restrooms, pouring of concrete for concession stands and restrooms, installation of backstop net and backstop padding, installation of dugout rails and a scoreboard.

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Miscellaneous
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Antique Sale
DOUGHERTY—1/2 price antique sale. Saturday, December 4th – 9 a.m – 4 p.m. Furniture and some (firm) not 1/2 price. Drive east from Floydada on U.S. Highway 70 for 14 miles, turn south on FM 28 for 3 miles. Follow signs! 12-2c

Thanks for reading!

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Trustees of the Floydada Independent School District [FISD] hereby serves notice that FISD will receive sealed bids from persons interested in purchasing the following real property located in the city of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas:

- The property is commonly known as the Floydada Independent School District R.C. Andrews Elementary School site and located at 215 North White Street, Floydada Texas. This Property contains all of Block J Andrews Addition, Lot B Andrews Addition and Block 14 Western addition as well as the property on which the building resides or approximately 10.05 total acres.

FISD will accept bids for the entire property with all improvements **OR** for just the East 1/2 of the real property with all improvements.

Interested parties may contact Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent, FISD Administration Office, 226 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas or 806.983.3498 to arrange for inspection of the premises and for review of the sales contract and Special Warranty Deed.

This property houses buildings that are known to contain asbestos and/or asbestos-containing material. A copy of FISD's Asbestos Management Plan setting forth the location and identity of all known hazardous materials will be provided to bidders upon request. Bidders will be required to assume by contract all current and future responsibilities, costs, abatements, and liabilities of all hazardous materials.

Interested bidders may obtain a bid packet from Superintendent, Jerry Vaughn, at the office of the Floydada Independent School District's Administration Office, 226 W. California, Floydada Texas. The bid packet contains: a full legal description of the Property, bid instructions and the District's "Contract of Sale." Bidders shall return a completed "Contract of Sale," with the required earnest money, in a sealed envelope marked "R.C. Andrews Real Property Bid, Entire Premises" or "R.C. Andrews Real Property Bid, East of Premises" to office of the Floydada Independent School District's Administrative Office, 226 W. California Street, Floydada Texas, 79235, Attention Jerry Vaughn. **Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 PM December 7, 2010.** All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and possible approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting on December 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Floydada ISD reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed and will be subject to reversion to the FISD in the event the property is used for the purpose of establishment or operation of a segregated school system in accordance with standing orders entered in *United States v. Texas*, Civil Action No. 5281, (E. D. Tex., August 9 and 15, 1973). The conveyance is contingent upon review and approval by the Texas Commissioner of Education.

Bids must be based on a lump sum cash payment (net of all closing costs), payable not more than 30 days following approval of the sale by the Board of Trustees. Bidders will be responsible for arranging any desired surveys, title insurance, other inspections of the premises, and all other "closing costs" without cost to FISD. Bids, which specify other payment terms, will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered. Floydada Independent School District reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any formalities.

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Dance to the Limit wins rap battle



Staff Photo by Homer Marquez

Members of the rap group, Dance to the Limit, earned the grand champion award after a stellar performance in Lockney Elementary's first ever rap battle. Last Tuesday, students from Lockney's 4th and 5th grades, showed off their lyrical skills in front of judges in the "Rock the 45's" rap and dance competition.

A Colorful Christmas in Post

One of the most colorful Main Streets in West Texas comes alive every night during the holiday season as once again the community of Post has come together for a spectacular Christmas display of lights and music.

Founded by cereal magnate C. W. Post who meticulously planned the community, Post has a Main Street that simply begs for the sights and sounds of Christmas. Thousands of lights line the buildings and Main Street comes alive with flashing and dancing multi-colored lights in sync with Christmas music. Store windows are decorated and the median is filled with a giant Christmas tree, stars, giant gift-wrapped packages, a gingerbread man and candy canes – just to name a few!

The lighted figures and trees have become a favorite spot for holiday photos. Bring the kids and grandma and grandpa and take a leisurely stroll by the many decorated store windows and

while you're here, take a ride on the Post Toastie Express!

Saturday, December 4 is Old Mill Trade Day Downtown in Post. The first Saturday every month approximately 30 sidewalk vendors join over a dozen unique shops on Main Street. The serious shopping begins at 9 a.m. and will continue into the evening. The annual lighted Christmas parade begins at 6 p.m.

Save time during the day to visit the OS Museum and its legendary Christmas exhibit. For many years this privately owned art museum, open to the public, has displayed pieces from its vast Christmas collection including Faberge' eggs, nativities and other religious art. Located ½ block off Main Street on Avenue I, the museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon, 1 to 5 p.m. No admission charge and there is an elevator for your convenience.

The first three weekends

of December you can enjoy an outstanding musical production, "Bethlehem" at the Ragtown Gospel Theater. (Go to ragtown.com for details.) This theater has gained national attention for its matchless dramatic offerings; "Bethlehem" will be the twelfth production at the theater and the first musical.

Long known for its creative energy, Post offers another opportunity to enjoy live performance during your stay. The Garza Theatre, on Main Street, is completing its 24th season with a holiday production of "All Through the House." (Visit garzatheatre.com for details.) This production promises a fun evening for audiences.

A visit to Post during December will provide a perfect opportunity to make a nostalgic Christmas memory. For more information, call the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 866-360-9496 or visit postcitytexas.com.

Floydada ISD Meeting

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

At the Nov. 11 meeting, William Patton of Robison Johnston and Patton, LLP presented the report of the audit performed on Floydada Independent School District's 2009-2010 financials. Patton said this time last year he had witnessed the 2009-2010 adopted budget showing a substantial use of the fund balance, but was relieved to see \$500,000 from the actual results of the district's general fund as compared to the budget. This was in part to a generous \$150,000 donation and the district keeping their budget-based expenses under good control. Patton said the fund balance was in a good state. Also, Patton said the audit showed there were no issues of non-compliance this year, and he spoke highly of Business Manager Sharon Rainwater and Fisd's business office in the management of \$900,000 stimulus monies.

Patton explained to the board that the rules have changed concerning how the fund balance must be used and now a specific "commitment" for a fund balance must be set by a motion of the board no later than the end of Aug. of the prior fiscal year. "I think Floydada has a perfect fund balance right now," Patton complimented the board.

President of the Board Lyle Miller commented the audit brought out what the board always knew, that the administration and business office does very well in managing the district's funds. The board approved the audit report.

Rainwater presented the tax report: M&O current tax roll as of the end of October was \$2,810,596.94 with net collections of \$969,770.22. I&S tax roll was \$291,595.82 with net collections of \$98,299.43. This amounted to a total of 34.5 percent collected, compared to last year's 96.48 percent with the difference probably coming from the deadline date being a few days earlier. Rainwater said average expenses for this month were like the last few months – overall the expenses were down and revenues were up.

The board changed the date of the public meeting

from Dec. 9 to Jan. 13 for presenting the AEIS and the Annual Performance Report in order to allow the administration ample time to get their presentation ready.

A motion was made by Trustee Marty Lucke to publish for bids on the R.C. Andrews property, retaining the option to reject any and all bids, and allowing bids to be made on just the east portion or the whole lot. The board unanimously approved the motion.

The board unanimously approved continuing the district's partnership with the South Plains Community Action Association for 2011-2012. SPCAA provides the district's Head Start classroom funding to the tune of approximately \$120,000.

Trustee Charles Tyer made a motion to accept TASB's recommendation for the administration's spending limit – without board approval – to be \$25,000. The board had recently changed the board policy, raising the limit to \$10,000. The board approved the motion.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn informed the board the district's CD at Lubbock National Bank matured on Nov. 4. He said LNB expressed an interest to keep the money, and the district only received one bid, from LNB, for a CD with 1.55 percent interest rate for a 12-month period – which is down from last year's interest rate. Vaughn said this amount will still bring in \$11,000 more in interest than any other potential option. The board unanimously voted to keep the money at LNB with this newly bid CD rate.

Vaughn informed the board of the firm bid from TEKSAVERS to purchase the district's old computers for \$175 per computer, for 300 machines, bringing in \$52,500. Vaughn recommended to trade in these 300 machines for the \$175 each and to use the \$52,500 by putting it toward the purchase that the Connection Grant would no longer cover because the district was not awarded the full amount they requested. The board approved Vaughn's recommendation.

Vaughn presented the grant status report for 2010-2011, touching briefly on each

of the 21 grants the district currently has. Total grant money for the district comes to \$2,055,489, with \$705,668 coming from Discretionary Grants and \$1,349,821 from Federal Entitlement Grants. Lucke had asked for a grant report every year, plus every time there's a new or additional grant the district gets, in order to help inform those in the community who are concerned about how the district is spending their money. Vaughn reminded the board that the auditor, Patton, had made sure to point out that the district does a good job with the monies received.

Rex Holcombe, head of Technology and Federal Programs for the district, told the board the district has 100 percent of highly qualified teachers in all campuses except for the high school. There, he explained, there is only one teacher who is not "highly qualified," which puts the percentage at 96.25 percent for the core classes, and the district is working with that teacher – who is simply teaching out of his/her area of expertise – to get the training needed in order to be considered a "highly qualified" teacher in this new area of teaching.

The board approved the expenditure of funds for any board member who would like to attend the Celebrating Education Opportunities for All Cultures in Santa Fe, NM, in April 2011.

According to the campus principals' reports, enrollment at the elementary was at 450, junior high was at 191, and the high school was at 230 (including PAC & DAEP was at 242). Vaughn said the total enrollment number for the district was at 859, compared to last year's 864.

The board honored as students of the month for November Emily Cisneros (3rd grade), Alfonso Mendoza (6th grade), and Mattie Sanders (high school freshman). Also honored was James Edwards, director of band at the junior high & assistant band director at the high school, as educator of the month.

Trustee Freddie Morren requested discussing the reserved seating at football games at the next meeting.

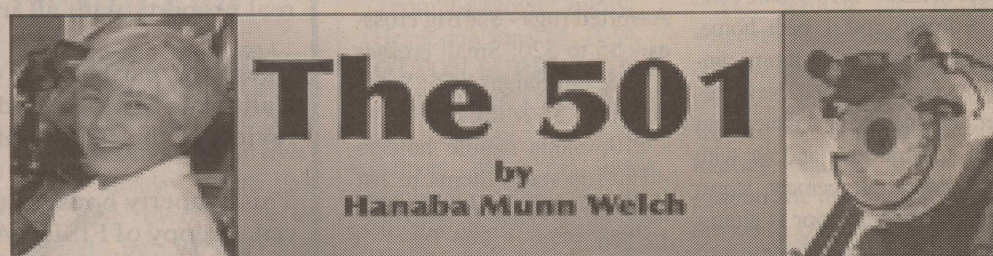
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One thing led to another.

You can drive that tractor right over that hydrant. No problem.

No need to hook onto that dead tree with a chain. You can push it down with the front-end loader.

Septic tank? What septic tank?

If Abbott & Costello didn't make a farm movie, they should have.

But the tractor didn't crash into the septic tank. What luck! I'd forgotten the septic tank was there. After all, we haven't worked on it for months. Out of sight, out of mind. Indeed, that expression could have been coined for septic tanks. I used to think it applied to boyfriends.

The old dead tree went down on cue.

As for the water hydrant, think of it as an old soldier standing guard over the backyard at my late grandmother's house. It's what I'd call a gypsy hydrant, somewhat encrusted in white gypsum.

Alas, my computer doesn't believe "gypsy" is a word. So what if I made it up? The acceptable word, it seems,

is "gyp" – short for gypsum. "Gyp" works as an adjective to describe gypsum-laced water – the kind of well water that clogs pipes, ruins coffee pots, voids water heater warranties and gives diarrhea to the uninitiated. I still think "gypsy" is a better word for gyp-plagued hydrants. I digress.

The tractor did indeed clear the hydrant, but the chain we didn't use to pull up the tree snagged the stalwart hydrant and left it askew. More than askew.

The next morning, a foot of water covered the underground water cutoff valves adjacent to the tilting hydrant – a big underground leak. The water level went down only when the overworked well pump quit pumping. Not good. My friend-renter Terri and I dug down, found the broken rusty hydrant pipe and unthreaded it from its moorings.

Meanwhile, my husband, atop scaffolding and using his admirable carpentry skills to repair the roof eave, didn't mind letting us girls go to the far corner of the pasture to brave barbed wire and black

locust thorns to descend into the varmint-ridden pit that houses the workings of the well. Unskilled underlings tend to get jobs that involve spiders.

Long story short, Terri's diamond nail file worked nicely to clean off the burned points on the pressure switch for the pump. Hum! The pump sprang back to life.

Meanwhile, back at the house my husband noticed water bubbling vigorously at the site of the leak. By the time I thought to call him on his cell phone, he'd found the cutoff.

Advice: If you want to get a well going again, leave a pipe uncapped. It's sort of like carrying an umbrella to keep it from raining.

A gypsy ending: Minus boyfriend and husband, respectively, Terri and I installed another hydrant. We didn't fret about the tiny drip at the base. By the next day gyp had sealed the leak.

Moral: In defense of gyp, it would be like the proverbial ill wind if it didn't stop drips. But it does.

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