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GROUNDBREAKING -- A groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, June 4 marked the start of construction on the new Lockney High School building. Pictured left to right are Steve Auffill of BGR Architects, LISD Superintendent Phil Cotham, school trustees Rene Guerrero, Mike Lass, Jimmy Kemp, Aaron Wilson and John Quebe, and Brent Weckar and Jason Forbes, both of Lee Lewis Construction.

Texas Panhandle Well Represented at Recent Wind Power Conference

By Kelly Ayers
 Executive Director
 Caprock Plains Wind Energy Assn.

"We like wind; go get smart on it," is what former President George W. Bush told the Texas Public Utility Commission Chairman, Pat Wood, back when he was the governor of Texas.

At the recent American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) annual WINDPOWER Conference in Dallas the 43rd President of the United States reflected back on key decisions he made that helped make Texas a leader in wind energy development. Bush also noted that if Texas were an independent nation it would be the sixth largest wind producing country.

Texas's success in wind energy made it the ideal location to hold this

year's annual meeting of approximately 20,000 attendees and 1,400 exhibitors interested in wind energy, and the Texas Panhandle didn't go unrepresented. Along with Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association, a non-profit group representing those supportive of wind energy throughout Hale, Floyd, Motley and surrounding counties in Texas, several others from the region attended the conference with the hopes of spreading the word that wind energy development is welcome in the region.

Justin Jaworski, Executive Director of the Floydada Economic Development Corporation attended the event in association with The High Ground of Texas. The High Ground is a regional economic development coalition of the 66 counties stretching from the

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West Texas Summit on ag issues to be held June 17 in Plainview

By State Rep. Joe Heflin
 Todd Staples, commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture, and several other statewide officials will be at the Plainview Country Club June 17 to participate in a daylong West Texas Agricultural Summit.

The summit, hosted by District 85 State Rep. Joe Heflin, will focus on the challenges facing rural Texans whose livelihoods depend on agriculture and its numerous related industries. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from some of Texas' most influential ag leaders about the state of the industry and potential legislation affecting the industry.

Staples, who is a strong advocate for economic growth in rural Texas, will be the keynote speaker during lunch.

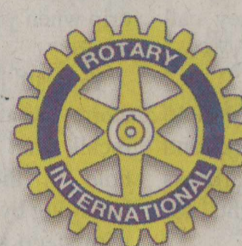
Other elected officials who will speak during the event, which begins at 9 a.m. with a welcome from Plainview Mayor John Anderson, include State Sen. Robert Duncan

of Lubbock; Rep. Yvonne Gonzales Toureilles, chair of the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock; Rep. Joe Pickett of El Paso, chair of the House Committee on Transportation; and Reps. David Swinford of Dumas, Rick Hardcastle of Vernon, and Heflin.

Billy Howe, legislative director of the Texas Farm Bureau, and Eric Beverly of the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, also will be part of the summit, which is scheduled to conclude at 3 p.m.

Although the summit is free to the public, there is a \$10 charge for the lunch segment, which can be paid at the door.

Because seating is limited, attendees are encouraged to make their reservations no later than Friday, June 11, either by calling Heflin's Austin office at 512-463-0604 or his Crosbyton office at 806-675-1583. Reservations can be made via e-mail at patricia.conradt@house.state.tx.us



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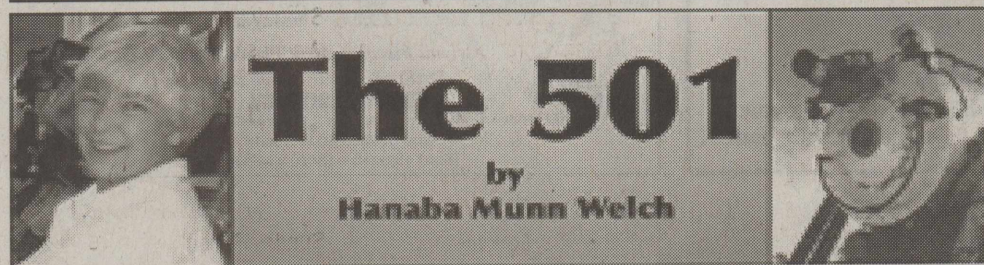
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Some people chase tornados. Why? I guess it's like bird watching except you shoot video. For that matter, why don't bird watchers take pictures of significant birds in significant places? They just take notes, don't they? I'm not sure. I've never been birding. I've never been storm chasing either.

I almost got to go birding once. Bad weather interfered.

Conversely, good weather spoils the plans of storm chasers. What do they call good weather anyway? And bad weather?

Isaiah 5:20: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness..."

Am I being too hard on stormchasers? They probably suffer from childhood storm deprivation. If they'd dodged hail (except you can't dodge hail) and lightning (also hard to sidestep) to run through wind-driven rain to spend the night in a dirt cellar at age 5, they probably wouldn't be spending the best years of their lives cozying up to

tornados. I could be wrong.

Maybe some chasers resent hours of captivity spent in shelters when they wanted to watch the lightning and feel the rain through more than a drippy cellar vent. Our cellar had one of those vents. When the wind didn't blow, it didn't drip. Daddy's cot was near the door, Mother's was next to the back wall, where jars of pickled peaches stood on shelves, and my cot was in the middle, under the vent. But what's one little drip when you're snug under a quilt?

Yep, all it takes is some stormy weather to make me recall that straight-walled hole in the hard ground hand-dug by my father, fitted with steep steps and topped with that not-quite-perfect air vent. On the outside, if that vent hadn't looked so much like a skinny white house with a steep roof and screen windows, it could have anthropomorphized into a fair-weather friend. It was a key feature of my top-of-the-cellar play area.

A tall Arizona cypress tree stood nearby. If a storm had

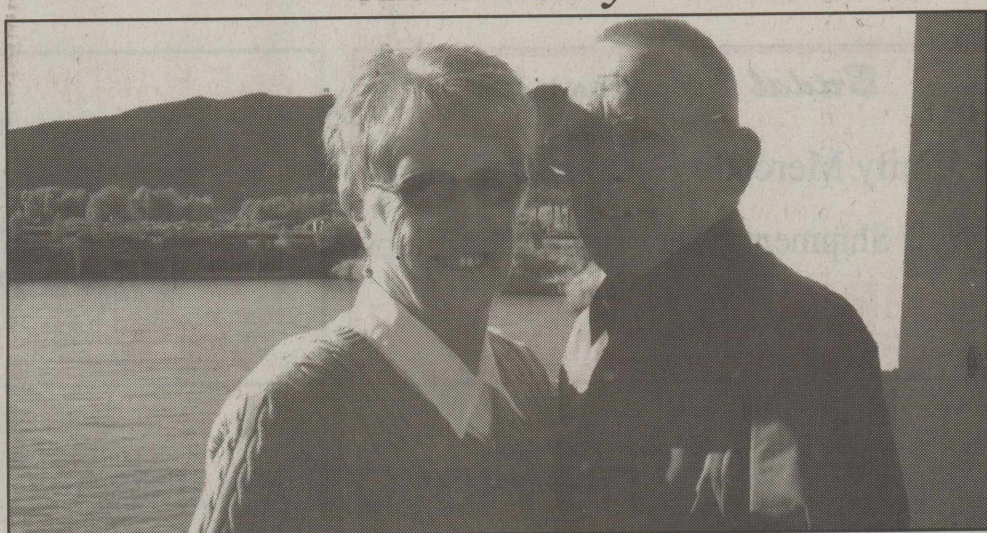
brought it down across the cellar door, we would have escaped. Daddy kept an ax in the cellar to chop our way out. Mother and I would have opened a jar of pickled peaches and urged him to drink some of the juice to keep up his strength as he swung the ax at an awkward angle by flickering kerosene lamplight. That'll be the after-the-storm scenario if ever I write a novel. You'll be struck by lightning first.

The aging cypress is taller now, its bare topmost branches a perennial mockingbird perch. The cellar is no more. Gradual deterioration brought its eventual demise. Enough said.

Just last weekend my husband used the tractor and front-end loader to level the sunken spot in the yard that was all that was left of the cellar that Daddy built.

Bad storms missed us last night. A cardinal is chirping this bright morning from atop an old pine tree. That's almost as good as a mockingbird singing from the cypress tree.

Anniversary



C. O. WOODY AND RILLA SUE (DUNCAN) WOODY

C. O. Woody And Rilla Sue (Duncan) Woody, of Iowa Falls, Iowa (formerly of Floydada) will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 12, 2010. They were married December 24, 1960 in Floydada.

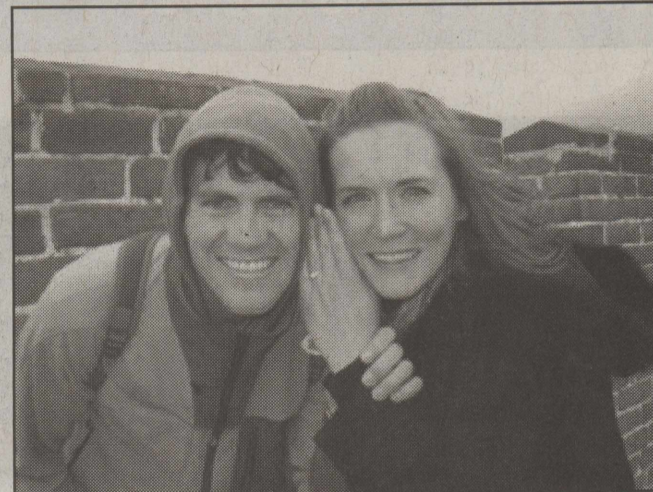
A reception in their honor will be held at The Covey (formerly the Commercial Hotel) in Floydada from 2 - 5 p.m.

Their children and grandchildren cordially invite you to help them celebrate.

Children of the couple are Duncan Woody and wife; Sherri of Iowa Falls, Iowa, Carrie Summers and husband,

Randy of Henderson, Nevada, Pam Meador and husband, John of Gatesville and Zora Woody of Floydada. C. O. and Rilla Sue have seven very special grandchildren.

Engagement Announcement



WADE SCOTT MILLER AND JANET LYNN POMEROY

Wade and Pomeroy to wed

Mike and Debbie Pomeroy of New Braunfels are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Janet Lynn Pomeroy to Wade Scott Miller. Wade is the son of Jerry and Sheri Miller of Lockney.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Canyon High School and received a Bachelor of Art degree in French from

Pepperdine University. The prospective groom is a graduate of Lockney High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma Christian University.

The couple will be married July 31, 2010 at the New Braunfels Church of Christ in New Braunfels, Texas.

Menu

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS MENU
June 14-18

- Monday:** barbecue on bun
- Tuesday:** carne guisada
- Wednesday:** hamburger steak
- Thursday:** soup and cornbread
- Friday:** fish

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FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

FROM THE LOCKNEY BEACON, OCTOBER 18, 1928

LOCKNEY'S NEW COTTON OIL MILL IS EXAMPLE OF FAITH IN SOUTH PLAINS

Probably the most striking example of the type of development now underway in the shallow water belt of Floyd County is the modern cotton oil mill that was built in Lockney less than one year ago by the Lockney Cotton Oil Company. In connection with the mill proper, which is said to be the most modern in the South, the company is now installing machinery that will manufacture mixed feeds, thus furnishing a balanced ration for the poultry, dairying and hog-raising industries. It is the plan of the operators to utilize native grown feeds and cotton seed which will reduce the cost of feeding, in this section, to a minimum. The latter named

undertaking is a direct result of the promotion by regional and local chambers of commerce, bankers, business men and others of a program of diversified farming.

Another fine example of faith shown in the South Plains of Texas is found in the plant now under construction that will furnish sand and gravel at a very low cost for the building of many large cities in this territory. The Panhandle Sand and Gravel Company, 30 miles northeast of here, are expending many hundreds of thousands of dollars in the construction of a plant that will work at a wonderful degree of efficiency.

Eastern Capital represented by some of the world's superb business men now say that the coming of ample rain facilities, natural gas that will furnish the cheapest fuel for the irrigation of farms in the Shallow Water Belt, the building of electric high lines throughout the country and the abundance of available water or irrigation now present in Floyd County, the foundation of one of the greatest development programs that has ever been experienced in Texas.—From West Texas Today.

... BEING OFFERED AT ISIS THEATRE

John Jenkins, Isis Theatre, operator, is certainly giving the public some mighty fine pictures these days, brand-new stuff it is, if you please. Take for instance the picture he is showing Saturday night prevue (sic), Sunday matinee and Monday, "Harmony Lane." This picture is being shown here for the first time in Texas. The National release date has not even been announced yet. If that is not new stuff, we don't know where you would go to find it. This is a wonderful picture and one that you cannot afford to miss. Douglas Montgomery has (the) leading role.

Saturday matinee and night program is a little different this week. Instead of a Western picture you will see those two funny comedians, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in "Bonnie Scotland." This is one hour and 20 minutes of continuous laughter.

On Tuesday "Hot Tip" is booked for an appearance when Zasu Pitts and James Gleason are at their best and that means something. On Wednesday "Pursuit" with Chester Morris and Sally Eilers taking the leading roles. On Thursday and Friday, you will see John Boles and Dixie Lee in "Redheads on Parade." All of these pictures are extremely good ones and Mr. Jenkins was fortunate in booking them for his theatre.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

I went to Granbury, Texas this past weekend (Memorial) to attend the high school graduation of my grandson, Michael Bond. Mona's mother, Marjorie Dean of Lubbock and I drove to Granbury.

We had a great trip. Mona and Greg had a big get-together for all the relatives in their home. It was beautiful weather and everything is so pretty and green. We enjoyed the drive and being with family.

Recently Sandra Forehand's brother, Douglas and his wife, Sharon Rodden of Arlington spent three days here in Floydada visiting.

This past week I was unable to write the news that need to be turned in over the weekend, so I'm sorry the Center did not have an article for the newspaper this past week.

Happy Birthday to those who have a June birthday.

- June 2 - Lorene Newberry;
- June 5 - Darrell Mayo;
- June 6 - Tom Emert;
- June 8 - Ardis Daniel;
- June

9 - Geneile Evans;

June 11 - Boone Adams, H. C. McElyea; June 16 - Gene Lawson, Lovene Moore, Carolyn Redding; June 20 - Charlene Alldredge; June 23 - Frances Gunter, Bob Goodnight; June 27 - Pauline McCormick; June 30 - Kathy Johnson.

Our sympathy to the families of Cecil Arrondo, Delores Ann Auld, Lottie Elizabeth Hall, Patricia Johnson, Frances Willis and Doris Fern Tinsley.

Our sympathy to Bob Alldredge on the loss of his sister. She passed away Friday, May 28 in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a Memorial Donation.

In memory of Betty Runyon - Ruth Hammonds.

In memory of Evelyn Pollan - Delmas and Pauline McCormick, Johnnie Ward Barton.

In memory of Linda Williams - Gary and Emma Pate.

In memory of Patricia Johnson - Shorty Turner.

In memory of Tommy Richardson - Sandra Forehand.

In memory of Babe Jones - Tom and Jerry Pearson.

In memory of Shelia Faulkenberry - Tom and Jerry Pearson, Johnnie Ward Barton.

In memory of James Minner - Johnnie Ward Barton.

"Thought for the Day" - Television can give us so much, except the time to think.

Bernice Buresh

MENU

- June 14 - June 18**
- Monday** - Baked ham w/pineapple, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, snickerdoodle bars
- Tuesday** - Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, salad, garlic bread, jello
- Wednesday** - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cobbler
- Thursday** - Tostados w/ trimmings, rice, cookies
- Friday** - Hamburger steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, brownies

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Obituaries

J. W. MASON

J. W. Mason was born to Harrison and Beatrice Mason in Amarillo, Texas on September 9, 1932. He died on May 23, 2010 in W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney, Texas.

He lived and worked with M. R. Mackencknie's family several years in his youth at Wheatland, New Mexico where he graduated high school. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of Eunice Masonic Lodge.

J. W. worked 40 years for the same company which started out as Skelly, then Getty, and then Texaco. He retired in 1991.

He married Jessie Reed in 1955. They had two daughters, Jo Lene and Jo Ann.

He married Joyce Womack Cotham in 1987 in Brownfield, Texas. They lived in Hobbs, New Mexico from 1987 to 2006 when they moved to Lockney. He enjoyed traveling and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harrison Mason, his mother, Beatrice Mason Beavers, step-father, Jake Beavers, and brother, Donald Joe Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Mason of Lockney; his daughters, Jo Lene Bulman and husband, Roger, Jo Ann Jones and husband, Kenny; his step-children, Leah Ann Neal, J. D. Cotham and wife, Cinda, Lisa Keenan and, Phil Cotham and wife, Cindy; grandchildren, Jennifer Harvey and husband, Lance, Monica Spalding and husband, Gerald, Shelly Dean and husband, Heath, and Joshua Jones and wife, Erika; eight great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and nine step- great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. May 26, 2010 in the Chapel of Hope at Hobbs, New Mexico. Burial was held in Eunice, New Mexico.

Honor Guard was provided by VFW Post 3274, Hobbs, New Mexico. Graveside rites were provided by Eunice Masonic Lodge No. 67.

Memorials may be given to Hospice Hands of West Texas, 305 W. Main, Lockney, Texas 79241.



RUBEN "TOBY" RAMOS

Ruben "Toby" Ramos, 38, of Lockney passed away on Saturday, June 5, 2010 in Plainview. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Jim McCartney officiating.

Interment followed in Lockney Cemetery under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview. A rosary service was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the funeral home.

Mr. Ramos was born September 12, 1971 in Olton to Doroteo and Antonia Adelia Ramos. He married Priscilla Beltran on February 26, 1994 in Plainview. He worked for Shakelford Equipment in Plainview. Mr. Ramos was an assistant coach for the 13 year old baseball team in Lockney, Sergeant at Arms for Los Riders Motorcycle Club and a member of San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

He is survived by his wife; Priscilla Ramos of Lockney;

three sons: Karmichael Ryan Ramos, Noah Lee Ramos and, Ezekiel Ruben Ramos, all of Lockney; father: Doroteo Ramos of Plainview; one sister: San Juana Ramos of Plainview; five brothers: Tony Maldonado of Petersburg, Martin Maldonado of Plainview, Chano Ramos of Cedar Hills, Rene Ramos of Lubbock and Rudy Ramos of Bay City and 15 Godchildren.

Online condolences may be made at www.kornerstonefunerals.com



EDUVIJEZ Z. RENDON

Eduvije Z. Rendon, 93, passed away on Thursday June 3, 2010 in Lockney at her residence. Services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at San Jose Catholic Church with Father Jim McCartney officiating.

A rosary was recited at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2010 at the church. Burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Eduvije was born on April 7, 1917 to Antonio and Paula Zapata in Castroville, Texas. She married her late husband, Ascencion Rendon, in 1934 in Hondo, Texas. He passed away in 1974. She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing and cooking for her family. She was also an active member at San Jose Catholic Church.

She is survived by four sons and daughter-in-laws: Tomas and Eudelia, Manuel and Elvia, Ascencion and Rosa Rendon, all of Lockney, and Armando and Sylvia Rendon of Irving; four daughters and two son-in-laws: Paulina Vasquez, Eloisa Rendon, and Maria and Juan Perales, all of Lockney, and Irene and Jesse Morales of Floydada; one brother and sister-in-law: Saturnino and Celia Zapata of Plainview; three sisters and one brother-in-law: Sophia Velez of Colorado, Filimona and Jose Moreno, and Antonia de la Cruz of Plainview; forty-one grandchildren, one hundred and one great-grandchildren, and forty-one great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband; two sons: Roberto and Carlos Rendon; three daughters: Victoria Martinez, Ortencia Luna, and Juanita Morales; and one brother: Jenaro Zapata.

Online condolences can be made at www.moorerose.com

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DORIS FERN TINSLEY

Doris Fern Tinsley, age 81, passed away Thursday, June 3, 2010 in Lubbock.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Monday, June 7, 2010 at the First Baptist Church. Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, June 7, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Pastor Darwin Robinson officiating.

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

Doris Fern Tinsley was born April 8, 1929 in Mangum, Oklahoma to H. B. and Mae Herron. She married Clifford J. Tinsley on December 24, 1947 in Quanah, Texas. Doris and Cliff were married 56 years until his passing in January 2003.

Doris is survived by their four children, Eddie of Amarillo, Janet and husband, David Gentry of Lubbock, Diana Martin of Granbury, and Bobby and wife, Julie of Joshua.

Doris is also survived by her brother, Don Herron and wife, Dianne of Mustang, Oklahoma, two sisters, JoAnn Ratliff and husband, Henry of Warrior, Alabama, and Shirley Simmons of Wichita Falls, Texas. Doris also had a baby sister Peggy that died in infancy. Doris is also survived by ten grandchildren; six (plus one on the way) great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Don Tinsley and wife, June of Clovis, New Mexico and many nieces and nephews and friends who all loved Doris for her giving spirit and selfless love. She would do anything for anyone, anytime.

Doris was a loving wife, mother and homemaker. She moved from Floydada to Lubbock in 2005 to Cornerstone Retirement & Assisted Living.

In October 2009 she moved to Lakeridge Nursing & Rehabilitation, when her Alzheimer's made it necessary that she have more personal care.

GOD opened his arms, and said, "Welcome home good servant" on the morning of June 3, 2010. She may have lost the battle, but she "won the prize of life eternal" with all her loved ones that have gone on before her.

Memorial donations may be made to: The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030

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<p>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-5278 Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m *****</p> <p>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Bible Study6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship9:00 a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST West College & Third, Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST Levi Sisemore, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Franks, Pastor Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music Beau Stringer, Minister of Students Sunday School9:15 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ...6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney John Franklin, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship10:45 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship8:30 a.m. Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m. Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m *****</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lockney Rev. Ricky Carstensen Pastor Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship Service10:30 a.m. Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....7:30 p.m. Tuesday.....8:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST Lockney Jay Don Poindexter, Minister Bible Study9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing10:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 310 E. Mississippi Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise..11:00 a.m. Evening Praise5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m. *****</p>	<p>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 N. Main, Lockney Sunday Services....10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m *****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. Discipleship5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Floydada Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m *****</p> <p>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD 701 W. Missouri Joe Hernandez 983-5286 (church) 983-5156 (parsonage) Sunday School9: 45 a.m. Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m. EveningService.....5:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH Floydada Rev. Angelo Consemio Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m. Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School9:45 p.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD Washington and 1st St. Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School10:00 a.m. Evening Worship5:00 p.m. Tuesday7:30 p.m. Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly 500 W. Houston, Floydada Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening 5 p.m. *****</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.</p>
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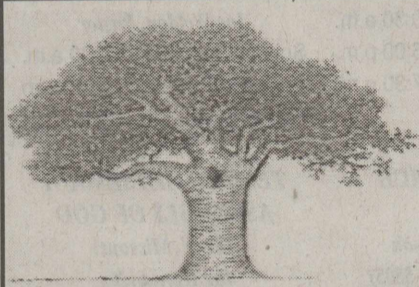
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OPEN HOUSE—A large group of friends and family members enjoyed a delicious meal at Saturday's Hackberry Creek Care Center's Open House.



HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Hackberry Creek Care Center hosted its annual Open House Saturday, June 5, and the event was a complete success! About 75 friends and family members enjoyed the day of festivities. Those entering the Center were greeted by two pretty volunteers, Katie Barton and Morgan Jones. The girls welcomed the guests with smiles, a schedule of events and a chance to win a door prize as they instructed them to sign up. Several guests toured the facility and were able to meet the therapists in our Rehab Department, and witness first hand what a top-notch therapy department we have as therapists worked with residents.

The day was filled with fun activities, including train rides by Ken Abbott. Mr. Abbott's miniature, handmade train was a hit with kids and adults as several rode the train many times. Also featured for display outdoors was the Motley County Ambulance, with EMT's Tina Brooks and Tony Rose on hand to explain the ambulance equipment and offering free blood pressure

checks. Sheriff Chris Spence displayed the recently purchased sheriff's department pick-up, while one of Motley County's big red firetrucks was also on display. We appreciate Mr. Abbott, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Rose and Mr. Spence for giving their time on a Saturday to help make our event successful.

Hackberry Creek's kitchen staff prepared and served a delicious meal of barbecue brisket sandwiches, pinto beans, potato salad, bread pudding and fresh baked cookies. Family members and friends enjoyed dining with their loved ones while others enjoyed meeting and visiting with the residents, also. Rave reviews were given for the wonderful meal.

Hackberry Activity Director, Mellane Parson, assisted by volunteers, Katie Barton, Morgan Jones, Emery Rains and Lauren Cruz took advantage of everyone gathered together for the meal to give away the door prizes. Names were drawn by Emery Rains and Lauren Cruz. Those lucky enough to have their name read received some great

prizes. We appreciate the businesses who were kind enough to donate door prizes. Those donating were Matador Branch First National Bank, a \$50 dollar savings bond; Matador Variety, cooler; Meredith Gas & Supply, 50 gallons of propane; First National Bank, Floydada, a beautiful collector's silver dollar; Hotel Matador, Motley County afghan and a breakfast for four; Windmill Cafe in Roaring Springs, Friday Night Dinner for two; Traveler's Inn, a famous Edith Daniell homemade Pecan Pie; CapRock Telephone, DVD Movie; Jaybird's Kitchen, \$20 gift certificate; Dianne Washington, flashlight set; Moore Maker's, two beautifully engraved pocket knives, anvil paper weight, 2 sets of files and a yoyo; Wylie L.P. Gas, Inc., 20 lb. propane cylinder; Chillerz, Ceramic Cross wall hanging; Zacha's Beauty Salon, a free haircut by Zacha; Thacker Jewelry, black onyx bead necklace; Matador Ranch, playing cards and two beautiful Matador Ranch ceramic mugs. Our sincere thanks is ex-

tended to each one of these fine businesses. Hackberry Creek Care Center also gave two sets of cocoa/coffee mugs, and an insulated picnic set for door prizes.

The afternoon held exciting and fun "Minute to Win It" games. Several staff members participated, as well as several guests and one of our residents, Mr. Max Hill. Mr. Hill thoroughly enjoyed the games and did well. Prizes were given to the winners. This part of our event proved to be the most exciting, as guests watched the participants work with speed to complete their events in one minute.

We thank everyone who attended our Open House event. We also thank our volunteers who helped with registration and games, Katie Barton, Morgan Jones, Tucker Barton, Judson Jones, Emery Rains, Jackson Rains and Lauren Cruz. We appreciate these kiddos giving their time on a Saturday.

Please don't wait until next year to visit the Center again. We welcome you to stop by anytime.

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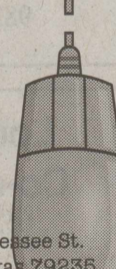
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THIS WEEK'S

BRISKET PLATE LUNCHEON

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Texas Crop and Weather

COLLEGE STATION

-- While the Rolling Plains and other parts of Texas experienced near-perfect conditions for the wheat harvest, other parts of the state became further parched, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

The North, Southeast, Panhandle and nearly all of East Texas remained dry, with dryland crops not growing or stressed due to lack of moisture.

Meanwhile, the National Drought Policy Commission extended its classification of "moderate drought" for about a dozen East Texas counties on May 25 to all of 27 and parts of eight others by June 1, according to Rich Tinker, climatologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's climate prediction center, Washington D.C.

"Moderate drought that was confined close to the Louisiana border the week before has expanded westward to include a larger area, including areas northwest of Houston," Tinker said. "And we introduced some severe drought over a large part of northern Louisiana but not yet extending into Texas."

What is the difference between "moderate drought" and "severe drought?" Tinker said the determination is somewhat subjective, but climatologists try to look at "drought on as many time scales as possible and looking at as many impacts as possible, but certainly emphasizing those impacts that seem more serious at any given time."

On the commission's Drought Portal website at <http://www.drought.gov/>, droughts are classified by number designations. D0 is "abnormally dry," D1 is a "moderate drought," D2 is a "severe" drought, D3 is an "extreme" drought and D4

is an "exceptional" drought, he said.

"The D0 area is generally something that is dry on the scale of a three in 10-year occurrence," Tinker said. "D1 is roughly a two-in-10-year occurrence. D2 roughly one in 10-year occurrence, a D3 is in the order of a one-in-20-year occurrence and a D4 is roughly in the order of a one-in-50-year occurrence."

The U.S. Drought Monitor map of Texas for June 1 can be found online at http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/pdfs/tx_dm.pdf.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: The region received spotty showers, but more rain was needed as grass showed signs of stress. Corn, cotton and sorghum were also in desperate need of rain. It was predicted that hay crops would soon be in danger of building up high levels of nitrates. Pecan trees had a medium nut load but needed water to fill kernels. Cattle were in good condition, and producers stated they have recovered from the hard winter. Fly pressure on cattle was high. Many producers were weaning heavier/older calves.

EAST: Parts of the region received as much as 3 inches of rain while others saw none at all. Some hay was harvested but yields were low. A few producers began to supplementally feed livestock due to pastures being grazed short. The blueberry and blackberry harvest was under way. Harvested vegetables showed a drop in quality because of the extremely dry conditions. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Flies on cattle increased. Some counties had reports of grasshoppers becoming a problem. Feral hog activity continued.

FAR WEST:

Widely scattered showers were reported, but only Presidio County reported any accumulation and that varied widely as well, from 0.5 inch to 3 inches. There were also reports of wildfires set off by lightning in Presidio County. Winter wheat was drying down. Fall-planted onions were being harvested. Chiles and cotton were off to a good start. Alfalfa growers were about to take a second cutting. Pecans were under heavy casebearer pressure. The first pesticide application was done, but because there was a very high egg count, a second application may be necessary.

NORTH: With hot dry weather, soil-moisture levels ranged from very short to adequate. The moisture situation was becoming a big concern in parts of the region. Crops were still holding on, but corn began to show signs of stress, and late-planted soybeans were on the verge of failing. Corn was beginning to tassel, and growers were beginning the wheat harvest, though about three weeks behind schedule. In other parts of the region, corn, soybeans, sorghum and winter wheat were all in fair to good condition. Producers were harvesting early season hay with yields in some cases only one-third of average. Because of earlier cool weather, Bermuda grass only recently came out of dormancy, and then the dry weather limited any substantial growth. Peaches continued to look very good. Peanuts and rice were in fair condition, and sunflower planting was complete. There were reports of grasshoppers becoming a problem, and feral hogs continue to be a major problem. Cattle were in fair to good condition. Rangeland and pastures were in fair to good condition but in need of

PANHANDLE:

Some parts of the region received rain but most of the region was hot, windy and dry. Most crops will need rain soon to continue growing. Irrigators were running sprinklers to prevent fields from drying down. Wheat was quickly maturing and still looked good. There was some hail damage reported as well as disease but not as bad as in previous years. Corn made excellent progress with warmer weather. Some cotton had to be replanted after recent rains, and some fields had not yet emerged due to lack of topsoil moisture. Livestock were doing well on spring pastures. Grasshopper numbers were increasing but were not yet an issue.

ROLLING PLAINS:

Dry weather sped up the wheat harvest. Combines were rolling through fields, and the harvest was expected to be finished soon. Yields ranged from very good to below average. Dryland wheat yields varied greatly, from 20 to 60 bushels, depending upon soil, fertilizer and amount of rust. Cotton farmers were about half finished with planting. Earlier planted cotton was up and growing. Soil moisture levels were quickly dropping with highs of nearly 100 degrees. Grain sorghum looked good. Hay producers took their first cutting of Bermuda grass, and yields ranged from average to a little below. Livestock and pastures looked good. Sudan for hay production was off to a good start.

SOUTH: Good rains and spotty showers kept soil-moisture conditions in most of the area at adequate levels. In conjunction with hotter temperatures and warmer nights, conditions were quite favorable for crop development. Rangeland, pastures and livestock also

benefited from frequent showers. In the northern part of the region, corn tasseled and continued to develop, as did cotton and sorghum. Also in that area, peanuts were being planted as weather permitted. The wheat harvest was nearly complete, the potato harvest was ongoing and hay was being baled. In the eastern part of the region, some rice stinkbug activity in grain sorghum was reported, as well as some pest activity in cotton fields. In the western part of the region, the wheat harvesting was ongoing, onion and watermelons made good progress, corn and sorghum fields were reported in good to excellent condition, and the cucumber harvest was completed. Pecans in that area had some aphid activity but were in good condition. In the southern part of the region, the vegetable harvest wound down. The onion harvest was complete and the melon harvest was ongoing.

SOUTH PLAINS:

Rainfall ranged from 0.05 inch to 1.5 inches, and temperatures from 90 to 106 degrees. Soil moisture was short to adequate. Field activity included replanting of problem fields, spraying for weeds and cotton thrips, and preparing for irrigation season. Corn was in fair to good condition, showing very good growth with the higher temperatures and good moisture. Irrigated cotton was in fair to good condition, but the dryland crops began to show signs of moisture stress. Sorghum and peanuts were in good condition. Sunflower planting continued. Wheat was in fair to good condition, and was in the hard-dough stage and drying down. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition, but more rain will be needed to maintain large amounts of forage grown due to earlier

rainfall events. Livestock were mostly in good condition.

SOUTHEAST: Some counties received as much as 1 inch of rain while many areas remained dry. For example, the Walker County rainfall total through May was 9 inches behind normal. Significantly more rain was needed to produce adequate hay and forage through the summer. Grain sorghum growers sprayed for midges.

SOUTHWEST: No rain came to the region, but soil-moisture levels remained adequate. Crops and grass in pastures and rangeland continue to make very good progress as a result of cool nights, open weather and good moisture levels. High humidity combined with heavy early morning fog increased incidences of crop disease and insect pressure. Corn, sorghum, cotton, watermelons, cantaloupes, sunflowers, potatoes and peanuts all made excellent progress. Most corn and sorghum fields were past the blister stage and into the soft-dough stage. The wheat, spring onion, sweet corn and cabbage harvests were ongoing with top-notch yields and quality. Forage availability remained above average.

WEST CENTRAL: Hot, dry conditions continued in most areas, but there were scattered showers in others. Producers were spraying fields for weeds and fertilizing hay fields. The wheat harvest was under way with good to above-average yields but producers saw deflated prices due to low protein levels. Cotton growers continued planting. Early planted cotton looked very good. Rangeland and pastures remained in good condition in most areas. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Pecan producers were spraying for nut casebearers.

Vanessa Walker-Lee receives diploma from Lubbock Christian University

Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in April and among those that graduated was Vanessa

Walker-Lee of Lockney. Walker-Lee graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work. She is the daughter of Clyde and Maryland Walker of

Lockney and the wife of André Lee of Lubbock.

Lubbock Christian University is a private four-year comprehensive institution that promotes unique educational opportunities with a strategic focus on student success in four key areas: spiritual formation, intellectual growth, personal stewardship and leadership development. Degree programs are offered for both bachelor's degrees and master's degrees. For over 50 years, the school has offered academic excellence in a Christian environment. For more information about Lubbock Christian University visit their website at www.lcu.edu.

Bradley receives degree from Lubbock Christian University

Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in April and among those that graduated was Jesalyn Bradley of Floydada.

Bradley graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work. While at LCU, she was a member of the Social Work Outreach Association and Kappa Phi Kappa women's

social club. Bradley is the daughter of Sammy and Sandra Bradley of Floydada.

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Lockney High School

A Honor Roll

Semester 2, Cycle 3

Grade 9: McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race, Maison Ragland, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart.

Grade 10: Logan Edwards, SyAnn Foster, Christina Jackson, Jessica Pena, Amber Segovia.

Grade 12: Jill Bramlet, Konner Ellison, Steven Gonzales, Lezlie Jackson, Malory Johnson, Mercedes Rios, Anna Sherman.

A-B Honor Roll

Semester 2, Cycle 3

Grade 9: Erik Cortez, Ian Dunbar, Jose Guerrero, Landry Kidd, Jonathon Luna, Gabriella Peralez, Canderlaria

Rea, Justin Roberts, Taylor Rose, Kelsie Stennett.

Grade 10: Cassandra Ascencio, Steven Fernandez, Tanya Hernandez, Landon Kidd, Anissa Reyna, Meagan Sorley, Riley Teeter, Sunny Williams.

Grade 11: Devin Caballero, Maria Castorena, Sabrina Guerrero, Shialo Huerta, Kami Hunt, Erica Marmolejo, Toni Morales, Isabel Solis, Chase Thompson, Tracy Williams.

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 FRIDAY - Cheeseburger, mustard, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk

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Randy's Roundup

By U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer

Debt Gone Wild

Last week the national debt officially surpassed \$13 trillion. \$13,000,000,000,000. That's a lot of zeros and more debt than any one nation should ever face. According to the International Monetary Fund, the outlook isn't good for the U.S. debt situation. If we continue at this rate, by 2012 our debt will surpass our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This means the size of our debt will be greater than annual output of our economy.

To put it frankly, we are stealing the futures of our children and grandchildren. In just two years, our nation has borrowed nearly \$2.5 trillion that has been added to the debt. Interest payments alone on this debt will approach \$1 trillion, or one out of every five tax dollars, by 2020. China, Japan and the other nations financing our debt will be forced to take a look at how fast this massive debt is growing and may reconsider loaning the U.S. money.

It's going to take extremely difficult decisions to stop borrowing and adding to this debt and bring spending back in line with the amount of revenue coming in. Addressing the growing debt starts with having a budget that doesn't spend more than \$1 trillion more than what's coming in, as President Obama has proposed. Addressing the debt means we look at what the appropriate size of government should be, rather than raising taxes to avoid making the tough choices.

I have introduced two bills that send the message that the government needs to live within its means (rather than increase its take through

taxes) in order to address the deficit and create certainty for families and small businesses about their taxes going forward. The Tax Limitation Amendment would make it more difficult for Congress to raise taxes going forward, and the Taxpayer Certainty Act that would prevent a massive tax increase next year when the 2001 and 2003 tax relief expires. I am also a cosponsor of HJ Res 1, the Balanced Budget Amendment, that would force the federal government to balance its budget—like 49 or our 50 states already do.

The national debt is not a new concern, but its surging and rapid increases have raised this issue to a new urgency. When you are borrowing 42 cents for every dollar spent, you know there is a problem. The government's credit card is maxed out, and we need a budget that addresses the situation.

National Dairy Month

June is National Dairy Month, and a reminder of the importance of dairy products in our diets and our nation's economy. The dairy industry has faced an enormous challenge over the last several months. It has become clear to me from talking with dairy producers from West Texas and the Big Country that many are concerned about low milk prices and rising production costs that are making it difficult for these operations to survive. National Dairy Month is a great opportunity to get together with friends and family and celebrate an industry that provides both nutritional and economic value to our lives.

Dairy products, like milk, cheese and ice cream, contain essential nutrients, including calcium and potassium. These products may help

to reduce your risk for high blood pressure, osteoporosis and certain cancers. No matter what your age, a glass of milk helps to build strong bones and muscle. To learn more about dairy and how you can celebrate this month, I encourage you to visit www.nationaldairycouncil.org. I hope you and your family will celebrate the many benefits of dairy this June.

Mobile Office Hours

Starting today, members of my staff will be hosting mobile office hours across West Texas and the Big Country to visit in person with constituents. The 19th District staff will be available to assist with veterans' benefits, Social Security concerns, and many other issues. If you are experiencing problems with a federal government agency or want to share your opinion on issues in Congress, I invite you to come and visit with a member of my staff while they are in a location near you.

Throughout the week my staff will set up shop in: Graham, Friona, Archer City, Hereford, Gail, Dimmit, Post, Lockney, Albany, Plains, Jayton, Cross Plains, Seminole, Littlefield, Ranger and O'Donnell. For information on the location, date and times of the mobile office hours, please visit my website. In the event you are unable to attend the Mobile Office Hours in your area, I encourage you to contact my office any time, toll free, at 888-763-1611.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack and USDA celebrate National Homeownership Month

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 1, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today kicked off National Homeownership Month by highlighting USDA's success in providing homeownership opportunities and safe, sanitary housing units to rural Americans.

National Homeownership Month is observed each June to raise awareness about the vital role homeownership plays in improving lives, creating jobs and economic opportunities, and strengthening America's neighborhoods.

"A strong Nation is made up of strong families, and safe, quality housing contributes greatly to rural Americans' quality of life," Vilsack said. "The Obama Administration is committed to bringing the necessary resources to rural America provide decent, affordable housing to those who need it."

"USDA Rural Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. "We urge Texans to seek information about our housing programs and submit applications while this funding is still available."

This year's National Homeownership Month theme is "Protecting the American Dream." Dozens of communities across the nation have planned events and activities throughout June to highlight their role in expanding homeownership. Local communities and USDA officials will highlight the benefits of homeownership and share information on ways families can remain successful homeowners. The public will also be informed about weatherization and energy efficiency programs available to rural homeowners to increase energy efficiency, reduce health and safety risks, and improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

In 2009, USDA Rural Development financed more than \$63.4 million in repairs for more than 5,000 rural homeowners. Also, USDA's housing programs continue

to help income-eligible Americans become homeowners. USDA provided homeownership loans to more than 140,000 rural Americans in fiscal year 2009. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which President Obama signed into law in February 2009, USDA provided \$10.8 billion in loans and loan guarantees to more than 87,000 home buyers. Although all available guarantee funds have been committed to loans this fiscal year, USDA continues to provide home loan funds through its direct home loan program.

In Texas alone, 5,788 Texas households have been helped through funding from the Guaranteed and Direct Loan Program so far this year, and now have a place to call home. Francisco and Maria Silva of Ferris, TX, are among those who have taken advantage of USDA Rural Development's Housing programs and now own their home. "Rural Development changed our lives. We would not have been able to buy a house without Rural Development's assistance," attributes Silva. As a proud homeowner, Francisco told the USDA Rural Development staff that assisted him, "you all need to come visit; my home is your home." Ferris is a rural community in Ellis County with a population of 2,175 residents.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure, and facility programs through a network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 500 state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$134 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

For further information about USDA Rural Development's housing programs in Texas, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/> or contact your closest Rural Development office.

West Texas Ag Summit

State Representative Joe Heflin is hosting the West Texas Ag Issues Summit featuring Texas Ag Commissioner Todd Staples, Rep. Heflin, and fellow state legislators. The Summit will be held on Thursday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plainview Civic Center, 2902

W. 4th Street, in Plainview. The event will focus on the challenges facing rural Texans whose livelihoods depend on agriculture and its numerous related industries.

While the Ag Summit is open to the public, tickets are limited and are \$10 per person. Those wanting to

attend should call Trish Conradt (pronounced "Conrad") in Rep. Heflin's Capitol Office at 512-463-0604. Rep. Heflin looks forward to seeing you at the West Texas Ag Issues Summit on Thursday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plainview Civic Center.

Thanks for Reading!

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I love enchiladas. All of them. Doesn't matter what is in them, there's an almost certain chance I'll like it.

A few years ago, I decided to take a beef enchilada recipe I had and substitute fajita meat for ground beef. What a superb idea that was.

I had forgotten about the recipe until recently when I made the recipe for my girlfriend, Wendy. We were discussing dinner plans and she said "you keep threatening to make enchiladas but I have yet to see you produce any." Obviously that was a challenge, so I pulled these out of the proverbial hat. Needless to say, they were worth her wait.

Enchiladas can be painstaking. Not hard, just takes a while and there are a few steps to it. However, these are worth it. Enjoy.

Beef Fajita Enchiladas

Ingredients

For the Sauce

1/4 cup vegetable oil 2 Tbsp flour 2 Tbsp chili powder 1(8 ounce) can tomato sauce 1 1/2 cups chicken broth/stock 1/2teaspoon ground cumin 1/2teaspoon garlic powder 1/2teaspoon onion salt salt to taste

For the Enchiladas

1 package preseasoned fajita meat 1 bunch green onions, chopped shredded cheddar cheese corn tortillas

Directions

Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Stir in flour and chili powder, reduce heat to medium, and cook until lightly brown, stirring constantly to prevent burning flour.

Gradually stir in tomato sauce, broth, cumin, garlic powder, and onion salt into

the flour and chili powder until smooth, and continue cooking over medium heat approximately 10 minutes, or until thickened slightly. Season to taste with salt.

Set the sauce aside.

Grill the fajita meat and cut into strips.

In a skillet heat oil and put tortillas in for a couple seconds on each side. Drain on paper towels.

In a large casserole dish, spread 1/3 of the enchilada sauce on the bottom of the dish. In each tortilla place some sauce, meat, onions and cheese, roll and place in dish seam side down. Pour remaining sauce over the top of the enchiladas and cover with cheese.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.

Ryan Mills is a Chief Operating Officer of Blackburn Media Group and the editor of The Childress Index. For questions or comments or to submit your favorite recipe contact him at index@chipshot.net.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Hospital thoughts

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

When you walk into a room and someone is eating bacon and eggs, it's an All-American site. When you walk into a hospital room, and your wife is eating the same thing after a colostomy reversal, it's a miracle of modern medicine!

I have a tough wife. She, with the hand of the Lord and a very talented surgeon, battled back from near death to a glowing example of life and resilience.

Sharon's journey has been a reminder of what is important and what is simply filler. It is testament of how faith can provide guidance and strength through the storm. It is proof that things like skill and technology can do wonderful things.

It's hard to believe that someone can go from a foot in the grave to a prognosis of normality for decades to come. It's a real head-scratcher for me.

While on the topic, if the medical care in this country is diminished in anyway by recent federal legislation, what a travesty that would be. I sincerely hope that our medical system - which encompasses so much - is built upon and improved. It is so incredible now, if the industry suffers and promises are unfulfilled, then we've taken a step in the

wrong direction.

Right now in the U.S., we live in a time where people in the medical field can do remarkable things. From surgeries performed in the womb on yet-to-be born fetuses to reviving someone once their heart stops beating, there is no end to the possibilities - at least I hope that's the case.

Our medical system is far from perfect, but it's more than fair to say it has evolved at a rapid pace for a century and needs to continue to do so. Furthermore, these technological and human advancements need to be led by American doctors, scientists and engineers.

Once again my family has been touched by so many. Your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and cards provide comfort and are humbling. So much love on display...

It makes me realize I don't do enough for people in need - friends, neighbors and strangers. I know how much it means to my family so now I need to do a better job paying it forward.

What would happen if cell phones, digital television and broadband internet suddenly stopped working? Furthermore, what if our communication satellites failed to work

at all? It would certainly effect everything around us.

According to NASA scientists and other experts, the Earth may be in for some heavy solar activity in the next few years which could have an effect on our technology.

Richard Fisher, head of NASA's Heliophysics Division, explains what it's all about:

"The sun is waking up from a deep slumber, and in the next few years we expect to see much higher levels of solar activity. At the same time, our technological society has developed an unprecedented sensitivity to solar storms. The intersection of these two issues is what we're getting together to discuss."

By getting together, Fisher is speaking of scientists, government officials and technology representatives meeting on the topic this week.

I certainly hope that teenagers and the possibility they would not have cell phone capability is on the agenda. Talk about a national emergency...

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Other Opinions

Obama's Labor Department vs. Unpaid Interns

By JOHN STOSSAL

Do you employ unpaid student interns -- college students who work in exchange for on-the-job training?

If so, President Obama's Labor Department says that you're an exploiter. The government says an internship is OK only if it meets six criteria, among them that the employer must get "no immediate advantage" from the intern's activities. In fact, the employer's work "may be impeded."

Impeded? No immediate advantage? I'm in trouble, then. I have an intern at Fox Business News, and I'm getting immediate advantages from her work all the time. I've had interns my whole career and gotten lots of immediate advantage from them. Occasionally, I've been impeded -- but the better interns did the research that made my work possible. I'd asked my TV bosses to pay for research help, but they said, "You think we're made of money?"

So I asked colleges if students wanted internships. Many did, and from then on I got much of my best help from unpaid college students.

Did I exploit them? Obama's Labor Department says it's hired 250 new investigators to catch exploiters like me. I tried to get the department to answer my questions, but it declined.

So I spoke with Village Voice writer Anya Kamenetz, who wrote a column titled "Take This Internship and Shove It" in The New York Times.

"We have minimum wage laws in this country for a very good reason," she replied. "We had them to avoid exploitation like child labor."

But what's wrong with a free internship if a student learns something about the career he wants to pursue?

I was a little stunned by Kamenetz's answer: "Employers could say we cannot afford to pay anybody, so why should we be forced to pay the guy who cleans the floors?"

Because they wouldn't get people to clean floors if they didn't pay. But I guess I shouldn't expect a New York writer to understand markets.

"Interns are people that come in and work for below minimum wage," she said. "They pull the bottom out of the labor market, and

it's less fair for everybody."

So it should be banned?

"There are a lot of ways to fill in the need for interns and the need for college students to get experience. One way is for colleges to pay stipends."

But they won't.

"They will if the law is enforced. Another way is for companies to hire students that are eligible for federal work-study."

Oh, I see. The taxpayers should pay for my interns.

"Nobody is saying that these interns should go away," Kamenetz added. "What they're saying is a company should put money in their budgets to pay people the minimum wage to work for them, and that is just the basic issue of fairness. If you start working for free, where's it going to end?"

Give me a break. It would end when the interns have the skills to earn market salaries.

Minimum-wage law and union rules already killed off apprentice jobs on construction sites. Contractors say: If I must pay high union wages, I'll hire experienced workers. I'd lose money if I hired a kid and helped him

learn on the job.

My interns often told me that working -- unpaid -- at WCBS or ABC was the best learning experience of their lives: "I learned more from you than at college, and I didn't have to pay tuition!" It was good for them and good for me.

Kamenetz said, "Studies show that when companies pay their interns, they design the internships better."

Please. A few years ago, my old employer, ABC, started paying our interns. That was good for well-connected students who got internships, but bad for those who were turned down. ABC cut the number of interns by more than half. There's no free lunch.

What's happened to the rights of contract and free association? If student and employer come to an agreement, both expect to benefit or it wouldn't happen. The student is no indentured servant. If the employer "exploits" the student, the student can quit. The contract ought to be nobody's business but theirs.

Butt out, federal bullies. Grown-ups can take care of ourselves.

Other Views

How Many Democrat Candidates did Obama Persuade to Take a Dive?

By ROBERT ROMANO

Last week White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs appeared to affirm that Barack Obama was directly responsible for the job offers made to Joe Sestak and Andrew Romanoff in return for dropping out of U.S. Senate races.

Said Gibbs, "the President has, as the leader of the party, has an interest in ensuring that supporters don't run against each other in contested primaries..."

This differed slightly with White House Counsel Robert Bauer's somewhat carefully-crafted account of the situation that "The Democratic Party leadership had a legitimate interest in averting a divisive primary fight and a similarly legitimate concern about [Congressman Sestak] vacating his seat in the House."

Realizing the value of Gibbs' admission of Obama's express interest in the job offers, the reporter responded to Gibbs: "But that makes it sound like he did know about them, then." To which, Gibbs responded, "No, no, he's not aware of the individual circumstances."

This is being handled very poorly by the Obama Administration. On one hand their essential case is that no laws were broken and are in fact legitimized by Obama's status as Democrat Party leader, but on the other, that Obama apparently knew nothing of the actual job offers.

But, if no laws were broken and the job offers are perfectly legitimate, why take such pains to dissociate Obama's direct involvement? Why the initial denials in both the Sestak and Romanoff cases by the White House? Why has the Justice Department thus far refused to appoint a special counsel, as requested by Representative Darrell Issa, and

by Senate Republicans?

They're acting guilty.

Indeed, if everything is above board, should not the White House publish the names of every candidate that has been offered some sort of appointment with dropping out of a political race as a precondition?

And which candidates obliged the request? Speculation is already swirling. Was it Ed Case in HI-CD1, who dropped out of the race against newly-elected Representative Charles Djou in favor of Colleen Hanabusa? "My heart tells me to stay in this fight, but my head says this has become the wrong fight." Case told his supporters.

Perhaps Harold Ford, Jr. took a dive, who dropped out of a primary battle against incumbent New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand after he wrote that he was bullied by party bosses. Or maybe Representative Steve Israel, whom according to the New York Post "Obama personally called and asked to drop out." Or Representative Carolyn Maloney. But not to worry, the White House has already denied claims that they might have been offered jobs, too, because reporters wanted to know.

No wonder. You see, it begs the question. If Sestak and Romanoff were offered positions and refused, there may have been candidates that were made offers that accepted.

And it is a question that the White House press corps must demand an answer to: If the Administration truly believes that offering candidates positions to drop out of races is completely lawful, and there is nothing to hide, will it now release a list of every candidate it has "discussed alternatives" to running for office with?

Because the stonewalling is making Obama look guilty.

The War on the Young: Unemployment

By ADAM BITELY

America's youth have been hit hard by unemployment. In a recent New York Times column from Mickey Meece, one of the biggest causes of high unemployment amongst America's youth is completely ignored. And that cause is the 41% government mandated increase in the nation's minimum wage.

The minimum wage increased from \$5.15 an hour in 2007 to \$7.25 an hour in 2010. That is quite an increase and one that is hard to ignore. This increase has forced many employers of under skilled laborers to reconsider how many they can afford to hire for summer jobs, when most of America's youth are seeking seasonal employment between college semesters and high school summer breaks.

While the New York Times completely disregarded the minimum wage increase in their recent write-up on teenage unemployment, famed economist Don Boudreaux of George Mason University noted that the Times would probably notice a drop-off in subscriptions if the government mandated a 41% increase in their subscription price. It is wrong to simply allow this increase to go by unnoticed.

The Department of Labor released the Unemployment Situation Report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This report clearly shows that America's youth are the most likely to be unemployed, rising to 26.4 percent last month. The increased unemployment of young people has been a growing problem for several years now, accelerated by the phased increase of the minimum wage.

Mickey Meece with the NYT warns us that one can expect fewer lifeguards on beaches and taller grass outside state build-

ings in Kentucky. Oh the woes of unemployed youth

One small business owner, Adam Avery of Frederick, Maryland said that he has seen the problems with the minimum wage hike personally. "What government fails to recognize is that minimum wage hikes force small businesses, like my own, to scale back in hiring," Avery said. "Businesses are forced to retreat from the heavy hand of government."

But it is older generations of Americans that will be affected down the road. Higher unemployed youth means less people paying Social Security taxes. The Boomers will be hard pinched in coming years when they wonder where their government promised retirement money went.

But this fault solely lies with the boomer generation in Congress that has saddled employers with a situation that makes the youth unemployable. They have made the costs simply too high.

Considering that the nation is currently in the middle of a recession, low skilled laborers should be in higher demand. But with a higher cost associated with these low skilled laborers, why would an employer take these people on when they can barely make ends meet?

There is one new possibility for America's youth to overcome the high unemployment -- if only it were possible under the constitutional age limits on running for Congress.

Instead of seeking traditional employment, America's youth should consider running for Congress against an Obama backed candidate. Only then would they find a way to combat high unemployment. White House job offers.

OBITUARIES



FRANCES LYNELL WILLIS

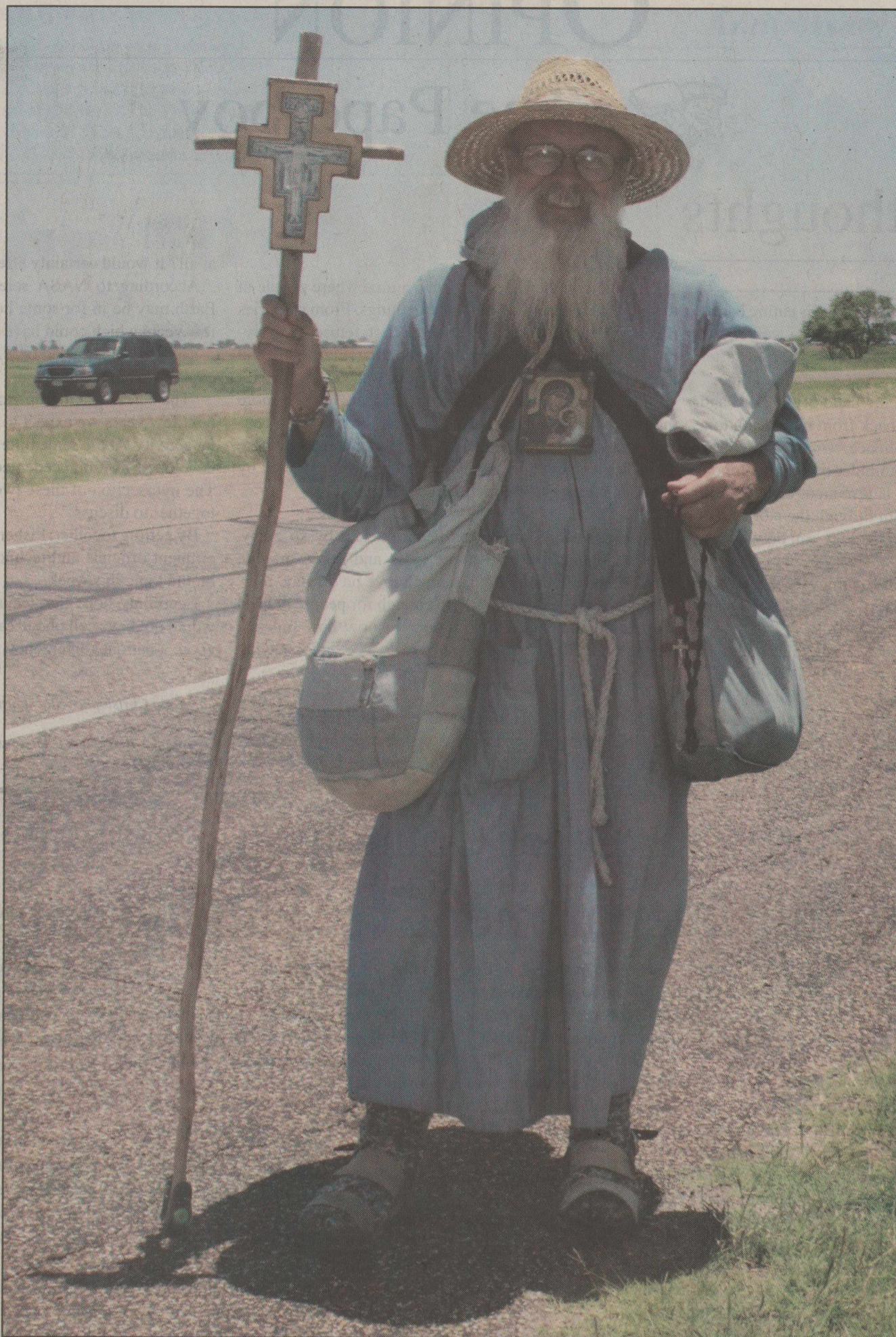
Frances Lynell Willis won her battle with cancer on June 5, 2010. She was surrounded by family who she loved dearly and who adored her. Prior to her passing, all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were blessed to have spent time with her. The battle was quick and though our hearts hurt, we are grateful she is no longer hurting with our Lord.

She was born on September 10, 1928, in Clarksville, Texas. She is survived by her husband of almost 65 years, Dave Willis of Floydada, Texas; three children, Donna Crumpler, Bobby Willis, and Danny Willis and wife, Billie; six grandchildren, Tavia Crumpler, Shayne Crumpler, and wife, Rachele, Heather Winbourn and husband, Josh, Jenae Willis, Brooke Willis and Sabra McFarland and husband, Logan; six great-grandchildren, Tucker and Landry Crumpler; Addie Jo and Porter Winbourne; Evie Cox; and Braelyn McFarland; brother, Thomas Marr and wife Jeannette; sister, Dorothy Turner; sister-in-law, Dovie Holmes and husband, Austin; and numerous extended family and friends.

Today of all days, never were we ready to feel you pass by. You were called home to the place of peace. Oh, how we hate to see you go, but one day we are sure to see you again. Your life is something our minds and hearts will cherish forever. You loved us all with a whole heart...dedicated and faithful. You were a wife, mother, and Mamaw who had the perfect touch. You are everything that God made you to be. We will never forget your dimpling, smiling, rosy cheeks, and hearty, cheerful way. You have lived a life in a way that our Master has said, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Her life was celebrated on Monday, June 7, 2010, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Chapel of First Baptist Church, Floydada, Texas. Graveside followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Online condolences may be made at www.moorerose.com



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

PILGRIM GEORGE -- Walking through Floyd County on Friday of last week, the man with the long gray beard, wearing a blue denim robe and tire-tread sandals and carrying everything he owns, caught the eye of motorists on US Highway 70. He's "Pilgrim George," a lifetime pilgrim who has walked thousands of miles all over the world. "It's what I do," he says. "My vocation is walking and praying." He started this trip May 2 in Houston and hopes to be in Santa Fe by June 20. When interviewed Friday afternoon just outside Floydada, he said he was planning on being in Plainview Saturday for 6 p.m. mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Last weekend he was in Knox City and planned to be in Clovis, N.M. for mass the following weekend. For four months of every year, he walks and prays. The other eight months, he says, "I'm a hermit. I just find a little place to be alone." He's stayed the last four years at a monastery in western Pennsylvania. Apparently not bothered by the near-hundred-degree temperatures of West Texas last week, Pilgrim George seemed happy and serene as he went his way with a "God bless you."

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ROTARY CLUB DONATES -- Floydada Rotary Club treasurer Jimmy Willson (left) presents a \$500 check to Lions Club president Bobby Gilliland for the Floydada Lions' Park Revitalization Project. The Lions are spearheading a fund drive to replace outdated playground equipment at Floydada Park, located east of the high school.



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Panhandle through the South Plains and to the upper Permian Basin.

"The level of representation for this region was incredible considering the size of this event. It was a great opportunity to talk up the region to some of the top developers in the nation," Jaworski said. "We were able to make contact with several companies and remind them of the great wind resources we have and how business friendly we are as well."

This year was David Foster's first time to attend the annual event. Foster, a local landowner, said developers seem to be hesitant to move forward because of current transmission constraints in the region and are looking for areas that have collected meteorological (met) data. Foster said he developed contacts within the industry that could be instrumental in bringing more wind energy development to the South Plains.

"From all the developers I talked to it seemed like

collecting met data was the best thing we could do to entice them to our area," Foster said. "With the magnitude of investment that these companies are putting into wind, it really looks like the up and coming thing."

During one of the breakout sessions during the conference, panel speakers recognized the lack of transmission as a major issue for renewable energy development. One speaker noted that the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) transmission build out in Texas is working to put the chicken first, essentially helping to solve the chicken versus the egg scenario with transmission and wind development in the Texas Panhandle.

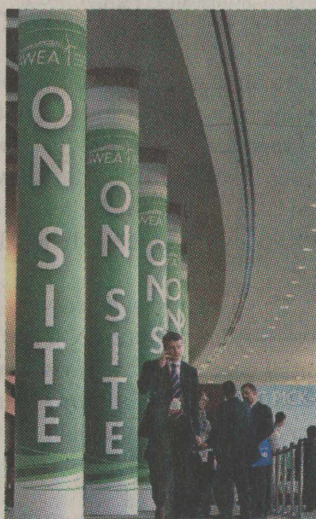
Another session featured Ray Perryman of The Perryman Group, an economic and financial analysis firm that recently released a study outlining the impact of CREZ on electricity cost savings and economic development.

The Perryman Group found that many areas throughout the state stand to benefit greatly from the CREZ build out, saving the typical Texas residential consumer between \$160 and \$355 annually on electric bills, creating \$30 billion in economic gains, employing thousands and bringing in several billion dollars in state and local taxes. You can find the full report at <http://www.perrymangroup.com>.

Many experts at the conference expressed that extensive wind development is a national challenge that needs top down solutions. AWEA's CEO Denise Bode stated that our nation is essentially competing with one hand tied behind its back until we get a solid national commitment to renewable development. Noted in a session on public acceptance, 89 percent of American voters believe that wind energy is a good idea.

CPWEA is a non-profit association working to

connect landowners and local businesses with the wind industry. Our goal is to recruit wind development to the region and help revitalize rural communities. Go to <http://www.caprockplainswind.com> to find out more about our association and how you can help support our cause.



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A view from the lobby as people meet and talk during the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) annual WINDPOWER Conference held in Dallas