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Floyd County takes first steps to a greener future

By Homer Marquez

This past week, members of the Floyd County Wind Farm, LLC took their first steps towards preparing for the development wind farms in the county.

Tuesday, the Floyd County Wind Farm LLC, along with partners Tri-Global Energy, were able to assemble and put up their first meteorological tower, or Met tower. The construction of the Met tower, located 4 miles east of Lockney, is a monumental first step in Floyd County's and Tri-Global Energy's partnership to develop wind turbine farms in the county.

Anemometers located at the top of the tower will be used to measure and record various wind speeds and wind directions throughout the year. The information gathered by the tower will

WIND FARM

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Courtesy Photo

From left to right, Floyd County Wind Farm Managers Keith Billington, Larry Bramlet, and Ed Vadder pose with Tri-Global Manager Ron McClendon in front of the newly erected Met Tower. The tower, which is located 4 miles east of Lockney, will be used to gather wind information for future Floyd County wind farms.

4-H Family Auction Set



Courtesy Photo

Make plans to attend the Floyd County 4-H Family Auction on Tuesday, October 26 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Floyd County 4-H'ers Sydney Bishop and Cassie Martinez have collected an Emerson 19 inch LCD/HDTV and DVD combo and a Victor calculator as well as many other items that will be auctioned off that night. Along with Sydney and Cassie are Bob and Barbara Gilliland of Script Printing and Office Supply.

By Melissa Long

CEA-FCS
Floyd County

The 4-H Family Auction is set for Tuesday, October 26 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Everyone is invited to a free hamburger supper at 5:15 with the auction taking place at 6:06. There will be something for everyone young and old at the fund raising event that takes place every two years.

The 4-H Family Auction features everything from feed, seed and chemicals to home baked items. This year's items

include NASCAR tickets, a 19" flat screen HD television/DVD, Texas A&M as well as Texas Tech Benjamin Knox prints and a cordless drill.

Money raised at the auction is used to fund projects and activities, pay for awards and incentive programs, pay for 4-H'ers to attend camps, National trips and State 4-H Roundup.

Everyone can take part. There will be a live auction, silent auction items and raffle tables.

Come take part in the fun and benefit a good cause!

Christmas for our soldiers

By Linda Matsler

First United Methodist Church, Floydada, will be mailing gift packages to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan again this holiday season. The Church invites anyone or any organization to participate in this COMMUNITY effort. The citizens of Floydada mailed 42 packages to soldiers in December, 2008; 133

packages in November, 2009; and 10 packages, in April, 2010. These gifts were joyously received by men and women serving our nation. They were distributed by Chaplains based in Afghanistan, and were also mailed to Floydada soldiers stationed state-side.

Please call the church, 983-3706, or Linda Matsler, 983-3121, if you

would like your family/friend soldier to receive a package, or if you wish to be involved in any manner. APO addresses are necessary for the mailing of all packages.

Packing of the boxes will be on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. on October 31. Items will be collected

SOLDIERS

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Courtesy Photo

The FHS "SPIRIT OF THE WINDS" MARCHING BAND competed in the UIL Marching competition held at Lubbock's Lowrey Field Saturday, Oct. 16. Their precise marching routine and outstanding music performance earned the Whirlwind band a Division I rating.



Photo by R.K. Hunt
Photography
LOCKNEY

THE LONGHORN BAND wowed judges during last Saturday's UIL marching competition at Lubbock's Lowrey Field. A flawless marching routine and precise playing earned the Longhorn band another First Division rating.

Food Manager Certification Training Set

By Melissa Long

CEA-FCS

Floyd County

A Food Manager two day certification training is set for Monday, November 1 and Wednesday, November 3 at the Floyd County Extension Office

at 110 S. Wall in Floydada. Cost for the course is \$110. Registration for the class is due Friday, October 22.

For more information call the Floyd County Extension Office at 983-4912 or come by 110 S. Wall.



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1934 Study Club

By Wilma Gowens

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in the home of Betsy Dempsey with Willie Mae Ferguson as co-hostess. Delicious refreshments were served to all present.

The meeting was called to order by Faye Bertrand, president. The Club Collect was led by Marie Warren. Roll call, answered with "A Song I Like" and the club minutes were led by Willie

Mae Ferguson.

An interesting program on Music and Learning to Sing by shaped notes was led by Levi Sisemore, pastor of the City Park Church of Christ and his wife, Sara. We all enjoyed the music and recalling hymns from our childhood and the present time. An invitation was extended to Levi for another program at a later date.

Members present were

Faye Bertrand, Wilma Colston, Betsy Dempsey, Willie Mae Ferguson, Wilma Gowens, Emagene Haenisch, Jo Lyles, Marie Warren, and Margarette Word. Member absent was Diana Glover. We will all welcome Diana when she returns from Ruidoso.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2010 in the home of Maria Warren.

Floydada Chamber of Commerce to hold Membership Breakfast

By Charla McHam

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is in the process of planning a breakfast buffet for the businesses and individuals who are members.

The breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at Nielson's Restaurant in Floydada and will begin at 7 a.m. We will have a question and answer session and be asking for input on what business owners and individuals would like to see

the "New Chamber" do for them and for the community.

We will also elect officers for 2011-2012. We want to work really hard to promote our businesses that are here and let people know that Floydada is a great place to live, work, and shop.

If you are not currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce and would like to be please call 983-3434. Individual memberships can be purchased for \$25 and business memberships are

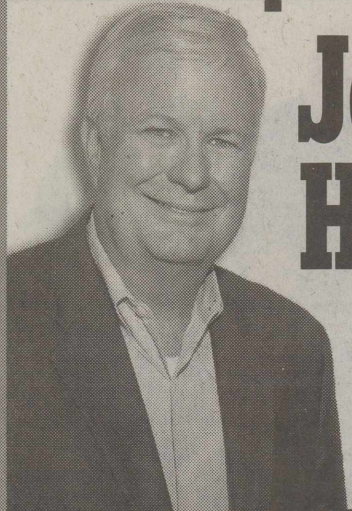
\$75. You can also leave us a message online on Facebook. If you are already a member and would like to join us for breakfast on November 9, 2010 please call us and RSVP by Monday, November 1, 2010.

We would also like to thank the community for coming out and supporting us during Punkin Days. We hope that you all enjoyed your day and if you have any comments on how we can make improvements please feel free to contact us.

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★ Protecting Our Rights and Our Property

- Supported legislation to increase border security funding and to crack down on trans-national drug gangs.
- Voted for Voter Identification to ensure our elections are secure and free from fraud.
- Defended attacks on our Second Amendment gun rights
- Opposed government seizure of private property for commercial developers
- Voted to cancel the Trans-Texas Corridor

★ Ensuring the Success of Future Generations

- Certified pro-life candidate by Texas Right to Life
- Authored and passed legislation outlawing private school vouchers which would take money from our public schools to pay for students in big cities to attend expensive private schools
- Voted to increase research funding for and supported Tier I status for Texas Tech University
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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573 We do not have mail delivery at the Center.

We are located at 301 E. Georgia. Lunch starts are 12 noon. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Coming to the Center and eating and visiting helps to break up your day. It helps me to be around people.

Visiting Dorothy Turner over Punkin' Day weekend was Willa Jean and Dempsey McIntire of Agra, Oklahoma and Audean and Sherman Irwin of Lubbock.

Betsy Dempsey had several family members visiting over the weekend.

Willie Mae Ferguson also had several family members visiting on Punkin' Day.

Since I don't walk too well, I drove around the downtown area and there were lots of cars everywhere and many,

many people. I'm sure this was the best Punkin' Day we have had in a very long time. The weather was great, the food cooking was inviting. It seemed to have lots of booths with many items for you to buy.

My news is usually old news due to the deadline we have to turn in the articles we write to the Hesperian, but for those who did not get to attend the activities of the day helps you know our town was a very busy place several years ago. It was so good to see so many people in Floydada.

Wednesday, October 13th our visitors were Martha Lotspeich with Sandra Forehand and Retired General Bob Ed Dempsey with his mother, Betsy Dempsey.

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

In memory of Imogene Fortenberry

Wilma Colston, Ruth Hammonds, Shorty Turner, Gene and Nancy Lawson, Geraldine Calloway, Alton and Sue Higginbotham, Billie Jo and Gleva Smith, Shepherd's Meadow, John and Judy Dunlap.

In memory of Nita Adams – Ruth Hammonds.

In memory of Lois Waller – Ruth Hammonds.

In memory of Verna Lynne Hammonds – Ruth Hammonds, Martha Lotspeich, James and Kay Cage.

In memory of Billie Moore – Louis and Ferne Anderson, Willina Jordan, Roy and Neva Baxter, John and Judy Dunlap.

In memory of Jackie Duke – James and Kay Cage.

In memory of Bill Daniel

– Milton and Geneile Evans.

In memory of Dr. Floyd Bradley – Milton and Geneile Evans.

In memory of Bob Lotspeich – Milton and Geneile Evans.

"Thought for the Week" – Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
1 Peter 5:7

MENU

OCT. 25 – OCT. 29

Monday – Chef Salad, vegetable soup, pimento cheese, fruit salad

Tuesday – Meatloaf, creole sauce, mac & cheese, peas, roll, carrot & raisin salad

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

Thursday – Taco soup, pinto beans, cornbread, chocolate bars

Friday – Chicken casserole, salad, roll, banana pudding

Friends of the Library

By Carolyn Cheek

The Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone who donated books to our successful book sale which was held Punkin' Day weekend. We also would like to thank everyone who came in, shopped and bought books from us as well as those who made a donation to our organization.

We hope you enjoy the books you bought and will come again to shop with us each time we hold a sale.

Our plan is to hold our sales twice a year, Old Settlers and Punkin' Day weekends. We plan to hold the sale at least two days (Friday and Saturday) to give everyone an opportunity to shop and buy books.

A big thank you goes out to the Friends of the Library members who helped set up, worked the days of the sale and helped pack up after the sale. Those who joined were Shawnda Greer, Judy Schacht, Dana Faulkenberry, Kendis Julian,

Janis Julian, Sue Daniels, Hope Crabtree, Cheryl Dawdy, Gloria Fannon, Lou Burleson, Lee Battey, Sarah Sanders, Carlyn Crawford, Billie Jordan, Janice Lloyd, Fern Hartsell, Judy Dunlap, Barbara Gilliland, and Brent Sanders. Thank you Script Printing for your donation of the colorful sacks.

Our special thanks to the boys and girls from PAC who helped us each time we hold a sale. They do a great job and we couldn't load and unload these books and

shelves without their help.

We will always welcome book donations for our sale. Please keep us in mind when you are cleaning out your bookshelves. We are especially in needs of children's books as they are in demand and we sold nearly all we had.

We also would welcome any new members who would like to join our organization. Just contact any Friend's member and join us.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Greetings from the Lockney Senior Citizens Center. By the time you all read this you will already know that I am two weeks behind, so I will do my best to catch up.

Windy Clarke who was hospitalized in Lubbock, is now home and doing much

better.

Congratulations are in order for Dan and Reeda Cay Smith on the birth of their first grand baby, Tenley Londyn Walters, born October 6th at 1:45 pm. She weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Tikka and Bart Walters of Rowlett

and her Great Grandmother is Dorothy Smith of Plainview.

A big thank you to Mangold Memorial Home Health for coming and giving flu shots, and also we would like to thank Vera Jo for writing the news for so long, we appreciate all of her hard work.

Lockney Senior Citizens Center Menu October 25-29

Monday- Turkey Pot Pie
Tuesday- Chicken Fajitas
Wednesday- Steak Fingers
Thursday- Salmon
Friday- Enchiladas

Join in the Journey - Stop, Drop And Pray

By Connie Johnson

STOP, DROP, and PRAY. Those were the words that echoed at the Unity Center

on Saturday, October 2nd.

Debbie Williams, of Kerrville and John Silva, of Lubbock, blessed our hearts



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Join in the Journey 2010

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Join In The Journey 2010.

with words of encouragement and discernment. John impressed upon us when See JOURNEY on Page 11

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Obituaries



INA FAYE WARREN COPELAND
Ina Faye Warren was born on March 23, 1931, in Lakeview, Texas and went to Heaven to be with her Jesus and many loved ones on October 16, 2010. She was 79 years old.
Faye spent the early years of her childhood on a farm in Lakeview with her mother Lindsey Warren and her brother and sisters.
On March 8, 1946 in Farwell, Texas, Faye married Leslie Ray Copeland. They shared 63 years together making homes in California and Colorado but finally settling in Texas. They lived in Lubbock for the past 52 years.
Faye was a homemaker

and stay-at home mother until 1977 when she decided to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. After much prayer and study, she received her GED and completed the work necessary to graduate nursing school in 1978 as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She worked at Methodist Hospital as a post partum nurse for 16 years, retiring in 1994. Faye saw her job as a ministry and was thankful for the opportunity it gave her to touch the lives of countless mothers and babies.
Faye was a faithful, dedicated Christian woman who supported the ministries of J. Vernon Magee, Charles Stanley, Chuck Swindoll and David Jeremiah. Over the years, she served as a GA leader, a Sunday School teacher and in WMU. But perhaps her most treasured service was to her family as a prayer warrior and spiritual counselor. For the past 15 years she was a member of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church.
Mrs. Copeland was preceded in death by her mother, Lindsey, and her father, Jim Warren; her brother, Ralph Warren; her sisters, Naomi Warren, Ruth Warren, Ethyl Nelson,

Gladys Giles, and Georgia Foster; her son, Brad; and one grandchild, Mallory.
She is survived by two sons, Ted and wife, Crystal, and Chris and wife, April, all of Lubbock; a daughter, Darla and husband, James Wright of Wichita Falls. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Shellie Smith, Shawna Watts, Misty Hill, Chad Copeland, Jason, Justin and Joshua Wright, Marissa and Madison Copeland; and six great grandchildren, Ashton and Ayden Smith, Kerstan and Brianne Watts, Hunter Hill and Quenton Wright.
Visitation was held Sunday, October 17, 2010 from 5-7 pm at Resthaven Funeral Home.
Celebration of Life Services were held at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2010 at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church with Bro. Jim Gerlt officiating and Faye's nephew, Bro. James Giles assisting.
Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to VistaCare Hospice. Please join us in celebrating Faye's life by visiting www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

From the archives...

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From The Floyd County Centennial May 24, 1990

By Jim Reynolds from an article published June 30, 1988

Indian Scares Around Lockney
Pioneer woman writes about 1890 Comanche fright

Indian scares in West Texas? Did they really happen?
Yes!
Thanks to a spark of truth and much fantasy, Lockney area residents lived in fear for three days "in the fall of 1890."
Mrs. Josephine McGehee, in an April 1910 writing, explained that in the fall 98 years ago, "it was reported that the Comanche Indians had left their reservations and were going to Mexico." This prompted some local residents to "expect trouble as the Indians went throughout the country."
A Memphis, Texas, woman witnessed "some man killing a beef," so went to town as fast as her horse could carry her and reported that the Indians had killed a man. It was wired up and down the railroad.
Mrs. McGehee continued that by the time the news reached us, the brakes were full of Indians." Of course this rumor was unfounded.
She remembered that a neighbor came to our house late one evening very much excited and said that someone had just returned

from the brakes and saw campfires and several Indians." The pioneer woman, whose husband was away from home at the time, wanted "to go for the night where some sod had been broken and hide. I thought they would not be so apt to find us there."
Her son Willie "tried to act very brave and said he was not afraid. (I will always believe he was). There was a 16 year old girl visiting us and he tried to make an impression."
Mrs. McGehee and her offspring "darkened the house and spoke in whispers. I did not sleep," she remembers, "and thought I heard guns firing often."
A blacksmith at "old Lockney" fortified his sod blacksmith shop, sat up all night and moulded bullets.
"We were kept in suspense for three days," Mrs. McGehee stated, "and some were so badly frightened they packed up and left the country."

ARRIVE IN 1890

Pioneer families such as the McGehees had a true pioneering spirit, but their endurance was tested and many early settlers returned to their former homes.
Mrs. McGehee recalled that she and her husband and their offspring arrived in Floyd County on June 10, 1890, and stayed the first night in Floydada.
"There were only three houses and a few camps at that place then," she recalls. "The next day we moved our home section, one and one-half miles northwest of the present Lockney. Mr. McGehee filed on this land in February 1890.
"There was nothing on our

place to show there had ever been anyone on it, only half a load of wood—not a very inviting home. We lived in camps until we could get a dugout with a shingle roof, which was considered doing very well in those days.
"I remember well the first night. I slept in the dugout. It had rained and we moved in and put our beds on the floor. I was awakened the next morning by a waterdog crawling over my face. If the Indians had been there I would not have screamed any louder. The worst of it was I did not see only the one waterdog but a dozen or more on the children's beds. I did not sleep in that dugout any more.
"While I do not think there is any harm in a waterdog, I do not like to come in contact with them in such a manner!"
While families today have only to drive a short distance to secure food, clothing and other needs, the pioneer Lockney family's supplies were hauled from Childress or Amarillo.
It was three months before the McGehee house was completed. Their nearest doctors were Dr. R. C. Andrews and son, of Floydada. The nearest Post Office was situated at Della Plain, a distance of nine miles.
Mrs. McGehee remembers that "The first sermon preached was in a dugout one mile east of the present Lockney."

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May God bless all of the beautiful people who blessed our lives with thoughtful words, prayers, flowers, visits, cards, food, gifts and presence on the death of our beloved Harvey.
With special thanks to Lubbock EMS, Dr. Kevin Stennett - Lockney, Moore-Rose Funeral Home, Floydada First Baptist Church, Pastor Tim Franks, Pastor Vernon Baker, First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, and the men of he Floydada Masonic Lodge #712.
Harvey had touched many lives with his courage, his faith, his music and his friendship.
We were so blessed to have each of you there....to be with us....in celebrating his life.

The Family of Harvey Allen
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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 Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

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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 Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Beau Stringer, Minister of Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship10:30 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 School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.

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

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.

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.

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.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
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Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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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.

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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m

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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Angelo Consemينو
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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 Worship 5:00 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.

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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.

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983-3725

Goen & Goen Insurance
102 E. California
983-3524

Barwise Gin
Barwise Community
983-2737

Lockney Co-op Gin
652-3377

Tastee Burger
116 North Main
652-2630

Oden Chevrolet Inc.
221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

Clark Pharmacy
320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353

Payne Family Pharmacy
200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

Davis Lumber
102 E. Shubet
Lockney
6523385

Pay-n-Save
210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293

Sawaya Ins. Agency
120 E. 7th Street
Plainview
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Lockney 7th grade Longhorns lose hard fought game

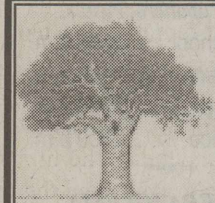
By Coach Browne

The Lockney Longhorn 7th grade football team dropped a hard fought game on Thursday against the Floydada Whirlwinds 12-0.

The Horns played really hard and never gave up. It was a dog fight and it was good to see the kids trying there best. The player of the game was Ruben Ascencio who had a punt block in the

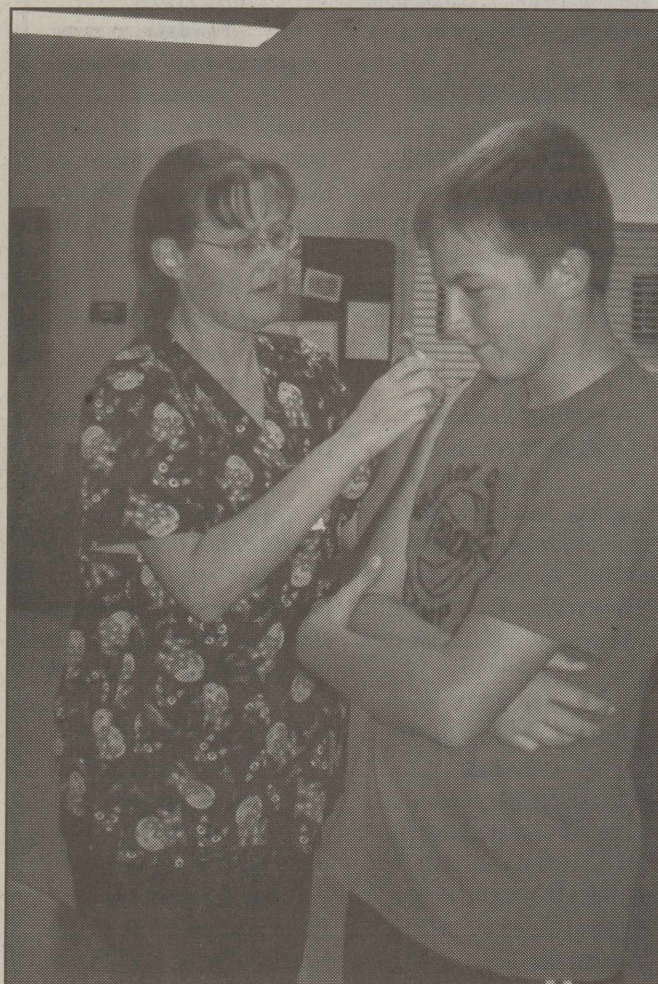
3rd quarter.

The Horns next game will be on Thursday October 21st against the Panhandle Panthers in Lockney with kickoff coming at 5 PM.



HACKBERRYHAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR



Courtesy Photo

Hackberry Creek Care Center Nurse, Daphne Meredith, LVN, administers the flu shot to Koryn Simpson of Matador at last Thursday's First Annual Hackberry Health Fair. Koryn was only one of many who took advantage of being able to get their flu shots locally.

We are very happy to announce that our First Annual Hackberry Health Fair was a complete success! We are so pleased and appreciative of the great turnout. A big thank you goes to all those who attended, took advantage of our flu shots, and to those medical affiliates and organizations who participated by setting up a booth. THANK YOU! Betty King of Calvert Home Health shared

her beautiful voice with Hackberry residents on Thursday, October 14. The residents enjoy sitting and listening to Betty's melodious tunes. The WOM (Women on Mission) of the Matador First Baptist Church will come to the Center Thursday, October 21, to share their harmonious voices with residents. We are so appreciative of these great ladies for sharing their talents with us.

We are so pleased to

announce that we will begin our BIG BREAKFAST again on Thursday, November 2. We invite everyone to visit the Center and enjoy a delicious breakfast feast. At \$1.25 a plate, you just can't beat a deal like that!

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of Mrs. Dora Watson. Graveside services for Mrs. Watson were held Saturday, October 16. Mrs. Watson had been a resident at Hackberry for 3 1/2 years.

Mrs. Watson was chosen as our featured Senior in our Spotlight for October. Her picture and article were printed in our October newsletter. Mrs. Watson was born in McComb, Okla., December 28, 1911. She was the ninth of eleven children born to Jim and Lillie Spray. Her family moved from Oklahoma to the Whiteflat community in 1919. She married James Alfred Watson, December 27, 1931. The couple was blessed with two children, Alverna Chloe and James Preston. Mr. Watson passed away in 1989 and Alverna passed away in 2008.

Mrs. Watson worked for a number of years at the Variety Store in Matador. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are probably best remembered as the proprietors of the Bob's Oil Well Service Station and Cafe, from 1961 until 1965, and the El Matador Travel Center from 1965 until their retirement in 1975.

Dora was a sweet and beautiful lady and we will miss her so much. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to her son, Jim, her grandchildren and extended family members.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Oct 25 – Oct 29
Monday

Breakfast-French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken nuggets or corn dog, potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, pears, roll, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast- Eggs/sausage or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch – Spaghetti or tuna

sandwich, salad, pineapple, bread stick, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken patty or grilled cheese, potatoes/gravy, green beans, apple slices, roll, milk

Thursday

Breakfast- Breakfast burrito

or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Beef tacos or ham, pinto beans, salad, fruited salad, cornbread, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-BBQ on bun or burrito, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple, baked chips, milk

Lockney cross-country teams compete in O'Donnell Invitational

By Coach Dunn

Lockney High School cross-country participated in the O'Donnell Invitational Oct 9 in Lamesa, Texas.

Devin Caballero got second place, with a time of 12:52. This was her best time of the year.

Susie Salas finished 49th out of 150 girls with a time of 14:45. Also her best time of the year. The girls team placed 7th overall out of 21

teams.

Ryan Diaz finished 43rd out of 115 with a time of 20:14, in the boys division. Also this was his best of the year. We had a lot of boys sick and injured for the football game Friday night, so we were unable to participate as a team with only four guys running. But those that did participate did a great job, improving their time for the year. I'm really proud of

everyone who ran! This was a great meet to participate in before we run district.

Our next meet is district on Monday Oct 18 at Kidsville Park in Plainview. I am very excited going into district this year. We have a great chance of getting our girls and boys teams, as well as some individuals, out of district. As long as everyone runs their best we should finish well!!



The 501 by Hanaba Munn Welch



I smell a rat.

It all started with artichokes. My husband, Hugh, referred to them as "third world country" fare, not that it's politically correct to disparage any food with the "third world country" label, the term itself effectively having been replaced with "developing nation."

He and I had just consumed pseudo-grilled artichokes, little pork chops, corn, mushrooms, pineapple and a tangelo. I didn't take his remark personally, but I felt bad for the artichokes.

In Hugh's opinion, they're more trouble than they're worth. Granted, much rubbish piles up during the tedious process of devouring what one can of the strange-looking vegetable with the dangerous-sounding name. He made his comment even after I'd scooped out a delectable heart and handed it right to him – true love, I'd say. I guess it was really half a heart, since it came from a split artichoke.

I'd sizzled two in olive oil – my attempt to recreate a meal I myself had recently consumed at a rather chic place near the beach in San Clemente, not a developing nation sort of town, except for the nomadic beach bums, who look somewhat like regular homeless people except for their vans, tans and surfboards.

Anyway, in response to Hugh's slight against artichokes, I began searching the Internet to affirm their traditional status as something of a delicacy.

Artichoke trivia:

Catherine de Medici took artichokes from Italy to France. The name is supposedly from the Arabic "al-qarshuf." Artichokes are thistles that get picked before they bloom. There's a Mafia connection. And so on.

Though it didn't help my cause, I read architect Hugh this line:

"Once, in ancient history, considered quite exotic, the many-leafed artichoke was more popular as inspiration for the ornamentation on Gothic buildings than as an edible vegetable."

As I read, I noticed a banana ensconced in the artichoke treatise.

A message accompanying the banana said "5 Foods to never eat: Cut down a bit

of stomach fat every day by never eating these 5 foods." An arrow with the words "Never eat" pointed to the banana.

Curious, I clicked on the banana and ended up at a site that promotes a for-sale diet plan called "The Diet Solution." Fair enough. That's what happens when you click.

Next I listened to The Diet Solution spiel. They made butter sound healthier than margarine. My kind of diet.

Next I tried to find reviews on The Diet Solution to know what other people were saying about the fabulous weight-loss plan.

Strange. As much as I looked, I found absolutely no negative comments on The Diet Solution – not even when I looked up "scam."

Some texts were garbled, as if they'd been cranked out in a developing nation copywriters' sweatshop. Overall, it was as if someone had jammed the airwaves. But instead of static, it was all positive Diet Solution propaganda.

I'm not buying it. Not me. Anything that looks and sounds too good to be true usually is.

That's something you can't say about an artichoke.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

First United Methodist Church Lockney
Sat. October 23th 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Great Home Cooked Turkey Dinner

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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AVAILABILITY OF TEXAS EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Texas Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) 2010.

The overall purpose of this program is to provide assistance to protect and improve the lives and safety of the homeless, with special emphasis on elderly persons, handicapped persons and families with children.

Eligibility: Individual or families forced to vacate their regular residence due to extenuating circumstances (including but not limited to financial inability to pay rent or mortgage, foreclosure, eviction, or natural disaster, excluding leaving th residence by choice), and forced to accept shelter from friend or relative, shall be defined as homeless if the individual or family seeking services declares that they are homeless and that the shelter being provided is temporary.

Income Eligibility: A homeless applicant is eligible for assistance under this program if his/her income is at or below the 125% poverty guidelines for their family size as established annually by the Department of Health and Human Services' Poverty Income Guidelines.

For additional information concerning this program, please contact:

SPCAA Center Worker - Dalia Arivizu
Address: 701 E. Lee, Floydada, TX.
Phone Number: 806-983-3134
Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Days: Monday thru Friday



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A. B. DUNCAN ELEMENTARAY is having a fall Scholastic Book Fair in the school library this week. The Book Fair is open from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and from 8 a.m. - Noon on Friday. Come to our BOOK FAIR and check out our super selections!

Floydada teams run at Silver Spur Cross Country Meet

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Cross Country teams competed at the Silver Spur Cross Country Meet in Spur, Texas this past Saturday. The cross-country teams competed very well.

Leading the Lady Winds was Kristan Sanchez (5th) 13:08, Tyler Whalen (26th) 14:35, Emily Prisk (30th) 14:45, Ashley Lucke (40th) 15:29, Elyanna Duran (46th) 16:46, Mattie Sanders (47th)

17:00, and Mari Mar Lira (53rd) 19:49.

The Whirlwinds were led by B. J. Perez (2nd) 16:54, Codie Selby (4th) 17:48, Tyler Renfro (10th) 18:52, Ryan Chavarria (16th) 21:06.

The district meet will be Monday, Oct. 25, at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. The High School will start at 2 p.m. followed by the Jr. High at 3:45. Come support our runners.

Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Fair Set

By Melissa Long

CEA-FCS Floyd County

Keeping Kids Safe is #1. That's why Saturday, October 23rd has been set for a Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Fair in Floydada.

All children and their parents are welcome to bring their bikes and to take part at the St. Mary Magdelen Church parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be free food and free helmets. Participants will learn about safety, compete in a bicycle safety course and have FUN.

This event is being conducted by Texas Department of State Health Services, The Floydada Police Department, Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County and Floyd County 4-H.

The Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Fair is being sponsored by State Farm Insurance - Nick Logg. For more information call 806-983-4912.

Gone to the dogs or sneaky as a cat?

By CJ Jacobs

Local animals were recently seen "Fetching" in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A Floyd County Chihuahua named Peanut and a cat named Wilbur teamed up with Nica, a German Shepherd, who lives near Farmington, New Mexico to film a short film called "Fetching" for Santa Fe Community College.

All of these animals are members of Doghouse Productions and Crew owned by CJ Jacobs.

This is the second film for Peanut who last year starred in "Adventures of a Teenage Dragonslayer" which

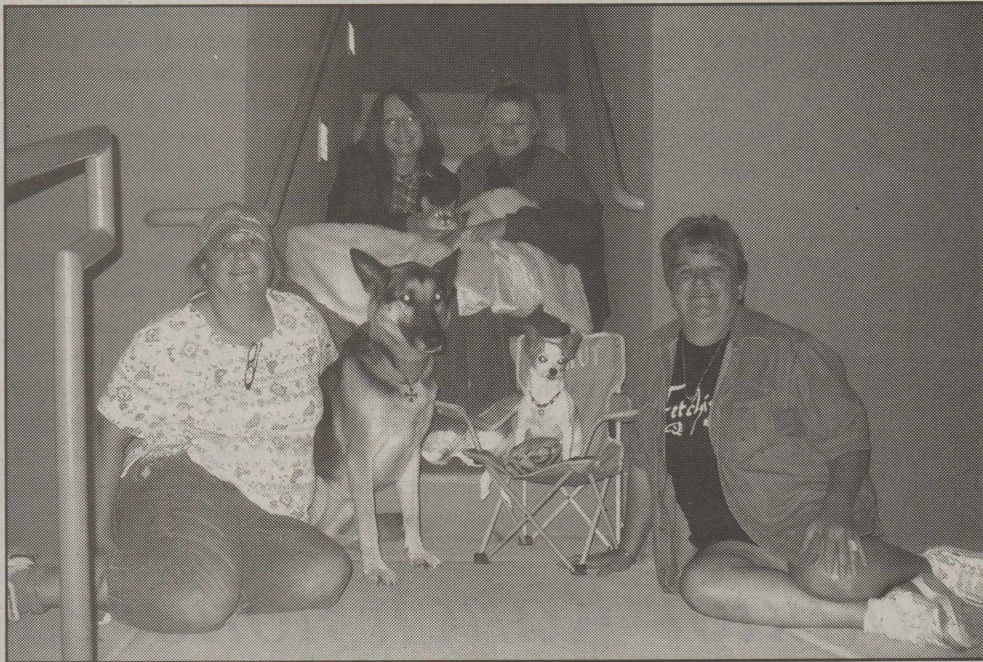
premiered in April and will be released in the US and Internationally in February. Nica, who is owned by Jan Tomko of Farmington and three other four-legged Doghouse Crew members starred in "Due Date" starring Robert Downey Jr. which will be released in November. "Fetching" was Wilbur's debut appearance – but promises not to be the last. He is proudly owned by Donna Evans of Floydada whose main interest is the training of police K-9's.

"Fetching" is a short film that portrays the animals as re-incarnated people.

Peanut is the re-incarnated Vanessa who is killed falling from the balcony after an ongoing argument with her husband. Wilbur plays the re-incarnated Janis Joplin, and Nica is the re-incarnated Adolf Hitler.

CJ, Donna and Jan all traveled to Santa Fe where they spent two solid days of filming. "It is going to be interesting to see how they put 16 hours of filming into a ten minute short film" says CJ. "It makes me feel like a proud parent when my animals do well." "Sometimes the film crew doesn't understand that

See **FETCHING** on page 9



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Needs cutline.

7th and 8th grade Whirlwind Football

By Coach Ayala

7th Grade Winds – 28

Sanford-Fritch – 0

Robert Cuba scored 58-yard touchdown - extra point conversion good- Calvin Seago to J.P. Segura. Arron Delafuente scored 43-yard touchdown – extra point failed. Aaron Delafuente scored 18-yard touchdown – two-point conversion failed.

Last score was punt return by Robert Cuba for 54-yard touchdown. Extra point good – Calvin Seago.

Offensive line did a much better job getting their blocks. Joshua Gonzales, Angel Lorenzo, Vicente Ramirez, Lorenzo Delacerda, Juan Endoza, and Michael Maza makeup the offensive line. This was a much improved

outing for this group.

Defensively it was a good team effort. The interior front controlled the inside play and the linebacker crew covered the outside. The secondary was a plus this week covering the pass along with good force coverage.

8th Grade Winds – 26

See **WHIRLWINDS** on page 9

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

Oct. 25 – Oct. 29
Monday

Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancakes, syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, English peas, tossed salad, French bread stick, fruit, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, fresh broccoli w/ranch, fresh fruit, saltine crackers, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk

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Supports increased funding for state and local law enforcement to secure the border.	BORDER SECURITY	Voted to allow illegal immigrants to receive taxpayer funded health insurance. Does NOT support Texas border security enforcement. Voted against Amendment 59 to HB 1 (80R), Record Vote 231; Heritage Alliance Candidate Survey.
Pro-Life, Endorsed by Texas Alliance for Life PAC.	PROTECTING THE UNBORN	Supported taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood abortion clinics. A+ rating from pro-abortion group NARAL. Texas Alliance for Life Primary Survey; NARAL Legislative Report Card.
Opposes Obamacare and supports Attorney General Abbott's lawsuit against the federal takeover of health care.	OBAMACARE	Did NOT sign legislator letter supporting Abbott's lawsuit against Obamacare. March 22, 2010 Texas Conservative Coalition letter to General Abbott.
Believes federal government is spending too much, trampling states' rights, and that Texans can govern Texas better than Washington.	DEFENDING STATES' RIGHTS	Did NOT support legislation asserting states' rights under the 10th Amendment. Unexcused absence on vote for HCR 50 (81R), Record Vote 1544, despite being present for the votes directly before and after HCR 50.
Supports Voter I.D.	VOTER I.D.	Repeatedly voted AGAINST Voter I.D. Twice voted against HB 218 (80R), Record Votes 618 and 621; Participated in chubbing during the 81R session, preventing SB 362 (81R) from reaching the floor.
Endorsed by the Texas Association of Business.	JOB CREATION	Received FAILING grades from the Texas Association of Business and National Federation of Independent Business for voting for liberal job-killing legislation. TAB and NFIB Legislative Report Cards.

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TxDOT cautions motorists to watch out for deer

AUSTIN—Tis the season to be cautious—deer season that is.

Along with cooler weather, fall months bring about an increase in deer activity so Texas motorists should keep a close watch for animals that occasionally wander onto the highway, especially at night.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) more than 7,000 animal-related crashes occurred on Texas highways in 2009, many involving deer. Twenty-five of those crashes involved a fatality.

“Deer-vehicle collisions increase during the fall because the animals are more active,” said Carol Rawson, Traffic Operations director. “It’s this time of year that motorists need to be extra watchful and take steps to avoid collisions.”

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) biologists predict an increase in deer population this year because of plenty of rain that has created an ideal environment for wildlife to flourish.

Deer-car accidents tally to more than 1.5 million crashes in the United States,

costing an estimated \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, according to recent reports from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The Institute suggests the following defensive driving tips to avoid hitting a deer:

- Drive carefully in areas known to have high deer populations. Places where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland are particularly dangerous.
- If you see a deer, slow down. Others are probably nearby.
- Use high-beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high beams will reflect off deer’s eyes and warn you of their presence.
- If a deer is in your lane, brake firmly but stay in the lane. The most serious crashes occur when drivers swerve.
- Don’t rely on deer whistles, deer fences or reflectors to deter deer.
- Wear seat belts.
- If your car strikes a deer, don’t touch the animal. If the deer is blocking the highway, call the police.

Remember, it is unlawful to possess a deer or part of

a deer that has been hit by a motor vehicle. For more information on fish and wildlife laws, go to <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/annual/general/penalties/>.

For more information, contact Government & Public Affairs media relations at 512.463.8700.

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its approximately 12,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and preserving the value of the state’s transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov. Fan us on Facebook www.facebook.com/txdot. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/txdot.

Cotton Market Weekly



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What started out as another “normal” cotton trading day on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) finished with one of the most noteworthy trading sessions in history. Thursday, the 118:87-cent synthetic close of December cotton futures marked the highest futures price ever, eclipsing the April 29, 1995, high of 117.20 cents.

Support in cotton came from a continued strong fundamental picture, and analysts pointed to overnight strength in Chinese futures markets and strong pressure on the U.S. dollar index which had moved to its lowest level since December 2009.

“Thursday was a day of firsts for our cotton market as well as a day for rare events,” an analyst said. “The spot month touched the limit-up four of the last six days, and cotton futures prices were up for seven of the past eight sessions with six of those seven being in the triple-digits.”

Another cotton trader used an analogy to explain the recent chaos of the cotton futures market. “Cotton is now like a wagon that has come unhitched from the horse,” he said. “We know it still is moving and we know it can continue straight ahead, but we also know it can jackknife in an instant. That

is how I feel about the current (market) direction, it looks like it could keep moving higher, but that comes with a lot of uncertainty,” he explained.

Meanwhile, USDA reported U.S. export sales were slightly lower but continued to be healthy. The department said net export sales of 548,800 bales in the week ended Oct. 7 were down one percent from the previous week and nine percent from the four-week average. Despite a holiday in China, the country still was the week’s top buyer of U.S. cotton with Turkey and Pakistan rounding out the list of top three customers. Net sales of 13,100 bales for delivery in 2011-12 were for Japan and South Korea.

Export shipments of 86,600 bales were down 51 percent from the previous week and 36 percent from the four-week average. The primary destinations were Mexico, China, and Indonesia.

On the spot cotton scene, cotton producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 13,145 bales online in the week ended Oct. 14 compared to 2,921 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers were between 1.05 and 1.12 cents per pound.

In other news, USDA

reported the U.S. crop was 33 percent harvested as of October 10, an increase from the previous week’s 25 percent and well above the five-year average of 24 percent and last year’s 12 percent at the same point in the season. Near ideal harvest weather continued this week throughout the Cotton Belt with only light shower activity in the Delta slowing down the nation’s cotton harvest.

West Texas weather conditions allowed producers to make strong advances in harvesting this week as seasonable temperatures and clear skies remained in place across the largest cotton growing area in the United States. Daytime highs in the Plains were in the 80s, and the crop was done with development.

Cotton equipment was starting to move into Texas’ Northern High Plains fields where bolls were mostly open and clear conditions were forecast for the near term. Harvesting also is moving quickly in Central Texas and through the Blacklands region to the east. Meanwhile, South Texas cotton producers already have begun preparing their fields for next season’s crop by applying fertilizer where it is needed.

Matador Ranch honored

ODESSA, Texas – The Texas Section Society for Range Management (TSSRM) and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) today awarded their highest stewardship honor to the Matador Ranch as part of the TSSRM annual convention held here.

“Matador Ranch is clearly a leader in many areas,” said Jeff Goodwin, rangeland management specialist with the U.S. Department

of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service. “The ranch team has developed a sustainable approach to rangeland management that mutually benefits the land, the water, the wildlife and the livestock operation.”

Matador Ranch is a 130,000-acre working cattle ranch that covers parts of Motley, Cottle, Dickens, Floyd and Crosby counties in the Rolling Plains of Texas.

“We are proud that a

longtime member of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has earned this prestigious honor,” said Dave Scott, rancher and president of TSCRA. “Matador Ranch’s ability to manage a large holding while continuously striving to improve the natural resources is an excellent example of today’s agricultural stewardship.”

TSCRA will recognize Matador Ranch at its April 2011 annual convention

See MATADOR on Page 9

Suddenlink offers new top speed internet

LUBBOCK, Texas (Oct. 4, 2010) – Suddenlink Communications launched the fastest residential Internet service in Plainview and Floydada. Suddenlink High Speed Internet MAX 36.0 features a download speed of up to 36 Megabits per second (Mbps) and an upload speed of up to 2 Mbps.

Suddenlink also announced it will offer a new 20 Mbps service as well.

The new Internet services will add two more choices to Suddenlink’s three existing services – Suddenlink High Speed Internet 1.5, 10.0 and 15.0.

Suddenlink’s MAX 36.0 and 20.0 high speed Internet

services, a new all-digital TV lineup and recently added high definition (HD) TV channels are the earliest local benefits of the company’s previously announced nationwide capital investment program, calling for approximately \$350 million over three years, above and beyond Suddenlink’s traditional capital spending levels.

Occasionally, MAX 36.0 and 20.0 customers may notice download speeds faster than 36 or 20 Mbps, thanks to a new technology the company has deployed at no extra cost to them.

That new technology runs a rotating cycle of

random “surveys” or “pings” across the modems of Suddenlink MAX 36.0 and 20.0 customers. If extra bandwidth is available, the new technology will automatically provide a portion of the extra bandwidth to the surveyed modem, resulting in a temporary “boost” of download speed, up to 50 Mbps total, thus allowing the modem to more quickly and efficiently complete its work. Suddenlink cautioned that the frequency and level of individual customer “boosts” would depend on a number of factors, such as when each customer’s modem is surveyed by the automatic process and the available bandwidth at the time the modem is surveyed.

More information about local Suddenlink services is available by visiting the company’s Web site (suddenlink.com) and entering an address and zip code, or by visiting Suddenlink’s local customer care offices.

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Five Star Auctioneers Auction Calendar

- Wednesday, November 3, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Sunray Area Farmers - Owners
Located: Sunray, Texas - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment
To Consign Contact Craig Williams - (806) 922-8083
- Thursday, November 4, 2010 - Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.
Wayne Smith - Owner
Located: Dalhart, Texas - Selling: Farm & Shop Equipment
- Saturday, November 6, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Gary McQuigg & Buster Miller - Owners
Located: Milo Center, Texas - Selling: 60 Antique Tractors
For Info: Call Gary (806) 578-4368
- Wednesday, November 10, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Mack Seymour Estate & Neighbors - Owners
Located: Turkey, Texas - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment
- Saturday, November 13, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Prater Enterprises - Owners
Located: Canadian, Texas - Selling: Trucks, Trailers, Wheel Loaders, Forklifts, Shop Equipment, Truck Parts
For Info Phone Mr. Prater: (806) 217-0079
- Saturday, November 20, 2010 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
David Doshier & Paul Heiselman - Owners
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OPINION



The Paperboy

Shovel ready?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Back in 2008, when the stimulus package was being pitched by the Obama Administration, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid Speaker Nancy Pelosi, much of it was predicated on “shovel ready projects.”

At the time, the stimulus package, aka the Recovery Act, was supposed to help with roads, bridges and other glaring infrastructure needs.

That’s how it was sold. The stimulus would end growing unemployment and boost the economy.

I remember thinking at the time that if Congress passed the stimulus and kept their promise, we’d see a world of difference as the country would be on its way to replacing our aging infrastructure. I had a picture in my mind of how the country looked when the Interstate program began under President Eisenhower and the difference it made.

Nearly two years after President Obama signed his economic stimulus package, Mr. Obama now claims, “there’s no such thing as shovel-ready projects.”

Huh?

The president gave that remark in an hour-long interview with the New York Times.

The stimulus package, which the Congressional Budget Office said this year will cost \$862 billion, is a failure of epic proportions.

And who foots the bill for this mess? You and I do.

The common denominator between the stimulus package, healthcare reform, cap and trade, and so on, is us, the U.S. tax payer. We must pay for it all.

Is it a sound investment?

If you had money to burn, would you want it going for these policies?

Would you out a check to Uncle Sam if you had a choice?

I doubt you would. The federal government is a poor investment. And we’ve not been shown very much in the

past two years which would give us confidence that things are changing for the better anytime soon.

The news concerning taxing doesn’t get any better. Coming in January, if Congress fails to act, we’ll be saddled with the largest tax increase in U.S. history.

Please tell me how in the world that will help the economy. I’ve got bad news for you, it won’t.

This isn’t about Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, liberals, conservatives, independents or moderates. It’s about money and how much Americans have left at the end of the day.

Increased government spending and huge entitlement programs have not and never will grow the economy. Less tax burden and more freedom will.

Speaking of taxes, it really is weighing down the economy. It’s hard to play ball with one hand tied behind your back.

Here is a sample of taxes paid by families, individuals and businesses depending on where you live:

- Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)
- U.S. capital gains tax
- Corporate income tax
- U.S. estate tax
- U.S. excise tax (includes taxes on cigarettes and alcoholic beverages)
- U.S. federal income tax
- Federal unemployment tax (FUTA)
- FICA tax (includes Social Security tax and related programs)
- Gasoline tax
- Generation Skipping Tax
- Gift tax
- IRS penalties
- Luxury taxes
- Property tax
- Real estate tax

- Recreational vehicle tax
- Rental car tax
- Resort tax (also known as Hotel/Motel tax, occupancy tax)
- Road usage taxes (Commercial Vehicle Operators)
- Sales tax and equivalent use tax.
- School tax
- State income tax
- State unemployment tax (SUTA)
- Tariffs
- Telephone federal excise tax
- Vehicle sales tax
- Workers compensation tax

One would think with all that income, how on earth could we have a \$14,000,000,000,000 debt?

Generations of poor decisions and government waste is the answer.

If we’re going to pay this debt off, every man woman and child will have to demand it by electing better stewards of the economy.

Every person in this country is responsible for nearly \$44,000 as your portion of the debt. That’s over \$122,000 for every taxpayer in the U.S.

By the end of the year, the national debt will have increased \$3,000,000,000,000 since President Obama took office.

To make matters worse, we now have nearly \$111,000,000,000,000 in unfunded liabilities (Social Security, Medicare, prescription drug benefits). That comes to nearly \$340,000 for every tax payer.

It’s past time to wake up America!

Check out <http://www.usdebtclock.org/> if you dare. The numbers will shock you.

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Lieberman the Kingmaker? Think Ben Nelson Instead.

By RICK MANNING

Speculation is running rampant on Capitol Hill that Connecticut Senator, McCain for President supporter, Joe Lieberman could be the tie-breaking vote on who is in control of the Senate if the Senate ends up with a 50-50 split after November 2nd.

The highly respected congressional newspaper, The Hill, even goes so far as to have a front page headline heralding Lieberman as a likely “Kingmaker.” While the author of the story, J.T. Rushing has proven to be a reliable reporter on Senate issues in the past, he is missing the boat by a wide mile on this story.

Lieberman will not become a Republican, and he will not conference with the Republicans to make a majority.

Remember that Lieberman was defeated in the Democratic Party primary in 2006, and won his seat through an Independent bid, where he cobbled together Democrat, Independent and Republican supporters to defeat the D.C. Democratic establishment that threw in behind his opponent. Then Lieberman essentially rejoined these very same Democrat-

ic colleagues in 2007.

In 2008, Lieberman joined John McCain on the campaign trail in his failed presidential bid, and after the election, he once again fell into the arms of Harry Reid.

Joe Lieberman is the ultimate tease — he shows a little leg, but never delivers for Republicans.

However, the real wild card in the Senate sweepstakes is Nebraska’s Ben Nelson. Nelson has actually voted with Republicans on a number of spending and policy issues over the course of the past year, as he tries to make amends to his dark-red state constituents for his disastrous vote and horse trading on ObamaCare.

If Nelson hopes to get re-elected in 2012, he cannot cast his first vote in 2011 for far left Illinois Senator Dick Durbin for Majority Leader. To do so would essentially be the equivalent of sending a news release announcing his retirement.

On many recent Senate votes, Harry Reid has seemingly almost written off Nelson’s vote, and has focused upon getting the two Republican Senators from Maine instead.

Nelson has voted against Big Labor in

opposing Craig Becker’s nomination to the National Labor Relations Board. He voted against Big Green when supporting Lisa Murkowski’s attempt to stop the EPA from using the Clean Air Act to excessively regulate all American industry under the guise of “global warming”. Nelson supported funding the war, a direct rebuke to the MoveOn/socialist wing of the Democratic Party.

While Ben Nelson still has to account for both his ObamaCare and Financial Services takeover votes, if any sitting Senator is likely to switch sides of the aisle, and vote for Mitch McConnell for Majority Leader it is Ben Nelson.

Obviously, this kind of talk about majorities is premature, but a 50/50 split in the Senate is becoming more of a possibility. Currently the Republicans hold 41 seats and the Democrats hold 59. According to RealClearPolitics, of the seats that are up for election, the Republicans are heavily favored to win Democrat seats in North Dakota, Indiana and Arkansas with the Democrat seats in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin leaning toward the Republican candidate. This puts the Republicans at 46 seats to 54 for the Democrats.

Tossup races in the currently held Democratic states of California, Colorado, Illinois, West Virginia and Nevada combined with the still closely contested Democrat seats in Washington state and Connecticut makes the 50/50 scenario at least plausible, particularly with no seats currently held by a Republican in danger.

If you wake up on November 3rd, and discover a tie in the Senate, expect Ben Nelson, not Joe Lieberman to become the most popular person in D.C. Of course, the Democrats are old hat at this game, and they will target Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins as potential party switchers. Somehow, I suspect they will be stymied in this effort by two words: Arlen Specter. He switched parties and lost a Democratic primary in spite of the best efforts of the D.C. Democratic establishment.

While all this palace intrigue makes most Americans somewhat sick to their stomach, the behind-the-scenes action during the lame duck session may be less about what bills pass, and more about who sits in the Senate majority in 2011. Pundits will have a field day, and the rest of America will just shake their heads.

The Reverse Smoot - Hawley Act Kicks In

By BILL WILSON

Here’s a “shocker”: U.S. companies that operate overseas are keeping profits there and investing rather than repatriating the profits — because of punitive taxation. According to Frank Aquila at Bloomberg News, there may be as much as \$1 trillion of U.S. profits overseas that are simply not being repatriated.

Why? Because it would mean a stiff tax on those businesses.

Recently, Congress severely limited the use of the Section 956 foreign income tax credit by U.S. companies that operate overseas as a part of a bill that included a \$26.1 billion bailout to bankrupt states like New York and California. As a result, the U.S. is now simply missing out on foreign-generated capital flows back into the economy. This is a trend that will only grow worse unless the imbalance is restored.

U.S. companies are being incentivized to create jobs and expand operations overseas by our own punitive tax structure. This makes no sense. Through an anti-competitive tax environment, high labor costs, and inflated property values, the U.S. is driving investment and jobs into the arms of foreigners.

Aquila calls for a holiday on this tax, but why not eliminate it all together? Overseas companies are already taxed in the nations they do business in. The difference is that they are taxed at much lower rates than the U.S. where the corporate tax is 35 percent. Under the new law, companies cannot claim a tax credit for those overseas profits. So, they’re just not repatriating the profits.

This tax is literally killing capital flows back into the economy. If there’s really as much as \$1 trillion in U.S. profits not being reinvested here, we’re committing economic suicide. If the tax were eliminated, the repatriated profits would more

than make up for the trade deficit to China, which was \$227 billion in 2009.

It is capital that could be used to create jobs here and increase the nation’s productive capacity. Foreign companies like Toyota have more of an incentive to build a factory in America than some U.S. companies do. Because Toyota is not taxed when it wants to invest in America. But an American company is — if its profits are coming from overseas.

What’s the sense of the nation exporting anything or expanding overseas if the profits are not reinvested here? China repatriates its earnings. Taxing foreign income is the equivalent of a business encouraging investors to put their money into competitors’ across the street.

So, while Congress and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner are busy obsessing over the Chinese yuan’s fixed exchange rate, perhaps they should instead turn their attention to the globally uncompetitive situation the U.S. economy is in.

The House recently passed legislation that would make “undervalued” currencies be considered by the Department of Commerce as a subsidy under World Trade Organization (WTO) rules. This will enable higher countervailing duties to be imposed on Chinese goods, making them more expensive for U.S. consumers to buy.

Of course, in principle there would be nothing to stop the Chinese’s own version of the Department of Commerce from defining the depreciating dollar as a subsidy under WTO rules, increasing the cost of U.S. goods overseas. Put another way, the U.S. can devalue its currency all it wants to boost exports — other nations are following suit, and the only impacts will not be on restoring the trade deficit or creating new jobs here, but on increasing inflation and the cost of living for average Americans.

Conversely, the U.S. could tell successful companies that

operate abroad to repatriate their earnings here tax-free. And keep it that way. The only way to restore global imbalances is to create an attractive environment to move capital back into America and to produce things here.

The other part of that necessarily is to rein in regulatory burdens, high labor costs, land use restrictions, and environmental regulations that make it cost-prohibitive to invest here. If these constraints are not removed from the economy, the flight of capital overseas will continue. The U.S. needs to lower the cost of doing business here.

Congress limited the foreign income tax credit under the bogus justification that it would make U.S. multinational corporations pay their “fair share” of taxes. Instead, that money is staying overseas, creating jobs and investment there — as was predicted by critics. This is economic suicide. U.S. companies that operate overseas account for nearly half of all American exports, and employ 22 million Americans. Why is Congress encouraging them to shift more operations overseas?

Critical investment capital is being diverted abroad that could instead be devoted here at a time when the weak recovery is slowing down and unemployment remains high. The tax should be completely eliminated, and companies incentivized to use foreign profits to enhance the nation’s productive capacity: to build new factories here in the U.S., invest in research and development here, and create jobs here.

Once reinvested, the money will eventually be taxed anyway either through capital gains, income, and other taxes. So what’s the point of the foreign income tax? It really is the Reverse Smoot-Hawley Act, punishing U.S. exporters and other companies that operate overseas. Only, it’s the U.S. economy that is being punished through less investment and less jobs.

Prepare to Save Your Life During a Disaster

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS
Floyd County

Many people think that when a disaster strikes the emergency management system, police, or National Guard will be there to rescue them, if needed. They will. But some disasters overwhelm the local response system, extending the time it takes for help to arrive.

You should be prepared to care for your family and yourself for at least 72 hours after a disaster. Estimates show that about 480 people die and another 2,880 are injured in U.S. disasters annually. In addition, thousands lose their livelihoods and jobs due to disasters.

Even though deaths and injuries due to disasters have been on the decline in the United States, there's still room for improvement. And with just a few simple steps you may be able to save yourself and your family when a disaster strikes.

It is difficult to estimate deaths due to disasters because of the wide and varied nature of disasters. But worldwide, deaths due to disasters often skyrocket to more than 100,000 per year. While the U.S. population is about 5 percent of the world population, our death toll due to disasters is often far less than 1 percent of the world's death toll. Many factors contribute to our safety record.

Local, state and federal warning systems help us prepare. The news media do a very good job on disaster coverage, especially in countries that have a free press. Some governmentally controlled media in developing countries may

avoid disaster coverage because it is "bad news" and may reflect poorly on the government. When that happens, fatalities can rise because the people do not have enough information. Education has helped reduce the impact of disasters. We learn in school or at work by doing safety drills. Building codes have often saved lives because many city buildings are built to withstand certain disasters.

We could sit around and come up with many other reasons why we've saved lives, but the fact is hundreds of people still die each year and thousands are injured due to disasters in the United States.

Across the nation, organizations and all levels of government are observing September as National Preparedness Month. For all the reasons above this is important, but what does it mean to the average person?

It simply means take the time this month, September, to take some steps to prepare yourself for the most likely disasters that could affect you. It doesn't mean, "I'll ignore it, nothing will happen to me!" And, it doesn't mean, "The sky is falling, so I'll build a bunker." What does it mean?

Be Informed.

A lot of information is available on the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. Additional information is available from the U.S. government Web sites, which you can find through the National Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) Web site www.EDEN.lsu.edu.

In addition, your local

emergency management, law enforcement, American Red Cross, local library, and/or County Extension office may help you find information. The first step is to find out what potential disasters may affect you. For some it may be tornadoes; for others it's earthquakes. Being prepared means being informed about the most likely disasters that could affect you. It also means having a battery powered radio in case the power goes out. During a disaster, information is often as important for survival as food and water.

Make a Plan.

Plan in advance what you will do for the most likely emergencies. Your plan should include a family communication plan and a shelter in place plan, as well as the action steps you will take when disasters are eminent. The EDEN Web site and agencies mentioned above can help you find guidelines to make those plans.

Get a Kit.

Think of everything you might need if you shelter at home for 72 hours. The list of items doesn't need to be extensive, but plan to have those items handy. Consider a smaller kit that you can leave in your office or car or take with you in case officials ask you to evacuate the area.

Take these steps and you will make your family safer, maybe even save your lives, during the next disaster. For many places in the United States, the next disaster is a matter of "when," not "if."

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Rep. Heflin Hosts Education Summit

State Legislators Address Education of Future Generations

(Austin - October 1, 2010) State Representative Joe Heflin hosted an Education Summit for area school superintendents, administrators, and school board members at Anson High School. State Representatives Susan King, of Abilene, and Scott Hochberg, of Houston, also participated in the summit along with Bill Allaway, senior advisor to the Texas Taxpayers & Research Association. The focus of the meeting was "educating future generations."

Rep. Hochberg addressed student/teacher accountability issues, while Rep. King discussed public education funding. Curriculum changes and the impact of redistricting were also discussed. Rep. Hochberg chairs the House Committee on Public Education and is vice chair of the House Appropriations

Subcommittee for Public Education, on which Rep. King also serves.

Rep. Heflin talked about the importance of the Texas Economic Development Act and Chapter 313 of the Tax Code that passed in 2001. This act allows school districts to attract new taxable property and create jobs by offering a tax credit and an eight-year limitation on the appraised value of a property for the maintenance and operations portion of the school district property tax.

"Now is not the time to cut education or to cut back in areas that impact our children," said Rep. Heflin. "We need our kids not just to get jobs; we want them to get careers."

Educators in attendance said the summit would help them prepare for anticipated funding cuts in light of looming state budget concerns. Josh Carty, superintendent at Lueders-Avoca Independent School

District, said "I learned that you have these guys and gals in our corner. It makes you feel good about what is going on in Austin."

In recent months, Rep. Heflin has hosted two other summits for constituents to hear from state elected officials and industry experts: an Energy Summit in Big Spring and an Agricultural Summit in Plainview. He also brought a group of state legislators and officials to Borden County to learn firsthand about issues affecting rural West Texas.

Rep. Heflin represents Texas House District 85, including Borden, Crosby, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lynn, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Stonewall, and Terry Counties. He may be reached at his Capitol Office in Austin, 512.463.0604, at his District Office in Crosbyton, 806.675.0017, or in Big Spring, at 432.213.2897.

Xcel Energy's SPS climbs

AMARILLO - Xcel Energy's Amarillo-based Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) jumped several notches in the recently released 2010 J.D. Power & Associates Residential Electric Customer Satisfaction rankings, landing in the top quartile of national U.S. electric utilities. The large gains in customer satisfaction also earned the company recognition as a J.D. Power top-improving utility.

J.D. Power tracks residential customer satisfaction on an annual basis, and rates utilities on overall satisfaction, power quality & reliability, corporate citizenship, price, billing & payment, communications, and customer service.

SPS, listed in the report as Xcel Energy South, scored a 658 overall customer satisfaction index score for 2010, landing in the first quartile nationally. Last year, SPS garnered a score of 613 and was in the third quartile.

"We made a commitment to our communities in 2006 that we would do a better job serving our customers," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel

Energy company. "We've implemented better processes to solve customer issues, added talented people in key positions, and have boosted our community involvement - all while keeping costs among the lowest in Texas."

Hill gives credit for the leap to local, front-line employees who have been granted more authority to make decisions and solve customer problems. Since 2006, SPS added more service personnel and expanded its community service organization by adding new manager positions throughout the Texas-New Mexico service area, all under a reorganized regional system with division offices in Amarillo, Lubbock and Roswell. The company also has placed special emphasis on reducing the duration and frequency of streetlight outages and speeding construction on new service requests.

Xcel Energy also has increased staff at its Amarillo customer contact center, which handles customer calls not only for the SPS region, but for all four Xcel Energy operating companies, Hill said.

Hill said a rebounding economy makes these

investments in staff and new infrastructure even more critical.

"Electricity demand in the SPS area is running about 2 percent more than what was forecast for 2010," Hill said. "This demand requires us to invest in our workforce, and also to invest millions of dollars in new electric utility infrastructure to serve the growing needs of our customers."

SPS serves about 400,000 retail electricity customers in the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas and eastern and southeastern New Mexico. Additionally, the company sells wholesale power to area electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric systems.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.4 million electricity customers and 1.9 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis.

Highway Patrol troopers to ride school buses

As part of National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 18-22), Highway Patrol troopers in many areas of Texas will ride school buses looking for motorists illegally passing school buses.

"Loading and unloading are the most dangerous times for students who ride school buses, and motorists should remember that state law requires them to stop

for a school bus when its red alternating flashing lights are on," said David Baker, DPS Assistant Director—Texas Highway Patrol. "We'll have Highway Patrol troopers riding random school buses across the state, and we'll issue citations to drivers who violate the law."

Motorists who are cited for driving past a stopped

school bus whose red alternating flashing lights are activated can expect to pay up to a \$1,000 fine.

Although 35,000 school buses transport 1.4 million Texas children daily, school buses provide one of the safest modes of transportation, accounting for less than one-half of one percent of Texas roadway crashes.

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Feral hog problem

By Gene Hall

The Texas feral hog problem, like so many, traces its roots to good intentions—the domestication of a fast growing prolific protein food source. They started out as domestic hogs. Some escaped years ago, others continue to escape and in some parts of my native East Texas, they were raised on open range up until a few decades ago. No one who raised hogs this way ever caught them all.

Once in the wild, they adapted very quickly. Cunning and resourceful, they will eat virtually anything that remotely resembles food. They are omnivorous and equally comfortable rooting out newly-planted corn or filling the role of a wildlife predator. They have few natural enemies save for people who desperately try to thin their exploding populations by a variety of means.

In cornfields, hay meadows and other agricultural production areas, feral hogs can do more damage than a bulldozer, rooting for food and a place to bed down. In fact, bulldozers are often required to repair the damage. Feral hogs are very aggressive and have been known to attack people. They have also been the cause of traffic accidents, some fatal. They carry diseases like brucellosis which mostly is a consequence for livestock and wildlife, but can infect people.

As long as this is “agriculture’s problem,” many people don’t get too excited about it. But the adaptable porkers are starting to range into urban areas and apply their destructive foraging to city parks, golf courses and homeowners’ lawns.

Texas has devoted modest sums to feral hog control, but the state is having financial trouble. These four-legged wrecking machines are responsible for an estimated \$400 million dollars per year in damage, a number that will grow with their

exploding population. The best guess is that there are around 2 million of them now, located in more than 200 of Texas’ 254 counties. With a gestation cycle of only 114 days, there can be three litters a year, four to eight pigs per litter. Do the math.

Certainly, feral hogs are impacting the habitat of a wide range of wildlife. Aside from the destruction, we know they will eat the chicks of ground nesting birds. They consider snakes a delicacy.

In the Texas Hill Country, there is growing anecdotal evidence that rattlesnake populations are adapting themselves to the growing numbers of feral hogs that have become their predators. There has been little scientific study, so I want to be careful here. My information comes directly from ranchers who’ve witnessed a new phenomenon.

Hogs, with a thick fat layer, can survive snake bites. Often they are wily enough to avoid being bitten. A rattlesnake that buzzes a warning is ringing the dinner bell for a feral hog. The ranchers claim the snakes are either adapting by not rattling and buzzing, or those that are genetically predisposed to rattle less are the only ones that live and reproduce. The exploding populations of feral hogs are munching up their noisier cousins. So the theory goes.

This has some serious ramifications for folk tromping through the woods and the range, counting on at least some warning from one of nature’s most dangerous creatures. Moreover, the rattlesnake is an important predator in the Texas ecosystem. With their demise, we might see increased numbers of other species, like rats and mice.

Feral hogs have been a menace to agriculture for a long time. There is growing evidence they will soon be everyone’s problem.

FETCHING

working with animals is not like working with two legged actors. Peanut and Wilbur did the same scene 12 times on Sunday morning, and it was mostly an actress issue rather than an animal issue.” After the 12th time, Peanut looked at CJ and basically said – “I’m done.” Wilbur let Donna know he had the same sentiments.

Jacobs is no stranger to the movie world of animals having provided and trained animals for Terminator 4, Book of Eli, Dragonslayer, Hidden Talents Documentary, three TV series including In Plain Sight, and the new movie Due Date just to name a few. “I also provided a dog for the movie Legion, but I was a fly wrangler for the 5000 flies that were released out of the vents in a rented Denali as well,” says CJ. “I sure wouldn’t want to rent that vehicle now!”

Fetching premiers on December 12 in Santa Fe and then will be entered into short film contests across the US and Internationally. Stay tuned for the surprise ending which includes a pigeon and a cockroach.

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WHIRLWINDS

out of reach for the Eagles. With a good defensive effort the Whirlwinds finished the game “Victorious” 26-14.

It was a good game and good victory for these young Whirlwinds.

7th Grade Winds – 18 Lockney Longhorns – 12

It was a tough fought game between the Whirlwinds and the Longhorns. Both teams played good defense and had a balance offense.

The Winds were just one touchdown ahead of the Longhorns when the horn blew to end the game.

The Winds defense stopped the Longhorns on some good defensive stands. Keeping the Longhorns out of the end zone was a great team effort.

Arron Delafuente scored the first two touchdowns with the extra points failing.

Calvin Seago scored on a quarterback sneak for the second score. The extra point was no good.

Overall it was a good game for both teams. Our next game will be played at home starting at 5 p.m. against the Amarillo Highland Hornets. The 8th grade grade will follow the completion of the 7th grade game.

8th Grade Whirlwinds – 20 Lockney Longhorns – 26

Another exciting game for the 8th grade Whirlwinds

that just came up short of victory. These young men have improved so much from the beginning of the season. These young men have been put into positions, because of injuries, that they have not played and have stepped up and done a great job. They give their best efforts in any position they are put into. For this I am very proud of them.

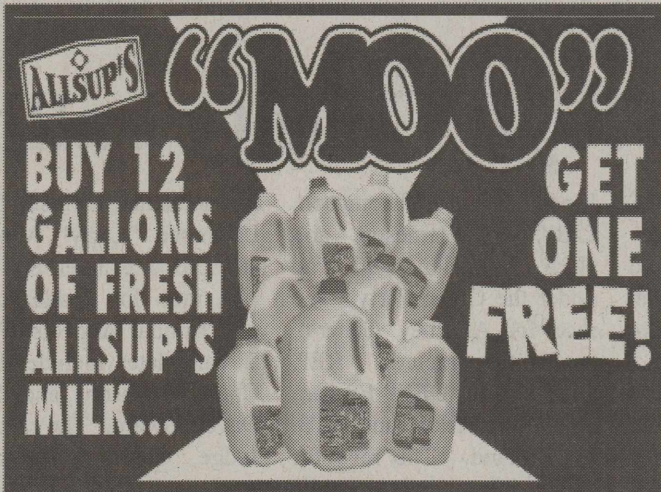
Omar Perales scored the first touchdown. The extra point failed. At the end of the first half, Tucker Lowrance returned an interception for a 98-yard score. The extra point failed.

Our last score was a pass from Tucker Lowrance to Arron Chavarria. The extra point was scored by a pass from Tucker Lowrance to Zachery Martinez.

I was very proud of the team’s effort on defense as well on offense. They never gave up and they played to the end.

Last week’s game vs the Tulia Hornets was one I tried to write up but it was a game hyou had to be there to see all the action. It was a good game that again we fell short of victory on the scoreboard.

But I thought these kids won it with the team effort on the field. The game ended with the score Whirlwinds 44 – Tulia 46. It truly was an exciting junior high game.



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Floyd County Rivalry still going strong

By Homer Marquez

Lockney and Floydada met once again on the gridiron this past Saturday, as the Floydada Lions faced the Lockney Buckeyes to determine who would head into the Tiger League playoffs.

The smaller scale aside, both Lockney and Floydada brought big hits and big plays to Mitchell Zimmerman Field last week.

Early in the first quarter, the Lions would strike first by putting 8 points on the board after a great catch by Floydada receiver, CJ Coronado. The Buckeye's would soon answer back with two consecutive unanswered touchdown runs from Jayden Rosales in first half. Great defensive stops

and interceptions from both Floydada's Jordan Mendoza and Lockney's Jacob Ochoa ended the first half a defensive battle with the Buckeyes leading the Lions 18-8.

The war continued throughout the second half as both teams struggled to get the upper hand, but a 4th quarter touchdown by the Lockney Buckeyes would prove to be the deciding factor, as the Buckeyes would go on to win by the score of 22-8.

The Buckeyes will travel to Post this week where they will play in the league's first round of playoffs. Floydada's other Tiger League team; the Floydada Eagles will travel this week to Idalou for their first game of the playoffs.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Floydada Lion's wide receiver, CJ Coronado makes a great catch during last week's game against rivals the Lockney Buckeyes. Both Tiger teams battled to the very end in the hopes of making the playoffs.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney's defense had a hard time stopping Floydada's Marcus Cervera during last week's Tiger League game. Saturday's game was packed with intensity and drama, proving that the Floyd County rivalry will continue to live strong for years to come.

Streets and Water Meters Discussed By Lockney City Council

By Homer Marquez

The Lockney City Council convened at City Hall last Thursday for their monthly meeting. Positive status reports from city officials opened up discussion for the Council meeting last week. Reports from the Police Department and from the City Department assured the council that the city was still running smoothly. Shortly after a brief review of last month's minutes, the Council made the motion to pay the monthly bills.

Considering and accepting an Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Contract for Administrative Served between the City of Lockney and South Plains Association of Governments or (SPAG) kicked off the long list of agenda items needed to be discussed this month. The accepting of the contract between SPAG and the City will undoubtedly prove to be an advantage for the Council as they continue to move forward in their efforts of improving the City.

Shortly after, the Council approved the appointment of Pat O'Connell to the Lockney Housing Authority Board of Directors; O'Connell will serve a 2 year term on the Board.

The Council also accepted a bid from Thrasher's Concrete Company for the completion of the City's new sidewalk grant. The grant will go to fix the sidewalks on the eastside of Main Street and other various sidewalk spots throughout the city.

After considering some of the concerns made by local citizens, the Council along with Dickie Roberts decided to change the proposed streets that would be paved if the City is awarded a pavement grant. The new street plan will include 1 block of Southeast 4th from Poplar to Willow, and East Bryant Street from Southeast 2nd to Southeast 4th. The Council members felt that changing the proposed street plan would more than

likely benefit more citizens in Lockney. Also during the discussion of the street plans, Rosie Rendon presented the council with a list of streets that she and a group of concerned citizens would like to see fixed if the grant money allowed. Mrs. Rendon also informed the Council that they would have support from the group and will be more than happy to assist the council in any way.

Moving on, the Council reviewed a presentation from Western Industrial. Sales reps, Blacita Juarez and Kirk Barnett enlighten the Council to the newest technologies in water meter reading. New technologies would now allow the City a more accurate reading of water meters in Lockney. If accepted by the City, new water meters would be installed in the city. The new digital meters would allow the City recover any water revenue that would be lost due to low water flow in a house. The Council informed the representatives that more time will be needed to discuss this option.

Closing out the meeting, Bil Anderson met with the Council to discuss the duties, expectations, and the relationship between the Lockney City Council and the Lockney Economic Development Board. During the discussion, Bil Anderson brought to the attention of the Council some concerns and comments made by the Fair board pertaining to the fact that the City was burning trash near the Fair Building. According to Mr. Anderson, who did not want to mention names, some board members were growing upset with the City burning trash near the building. The upset members were starting to speculate the legitimacy of the City's permission to burn trash. The Council informed Mr. Anderson that the City would be more than happy to provide proper documentation for anyone who questioned the actions of the City.

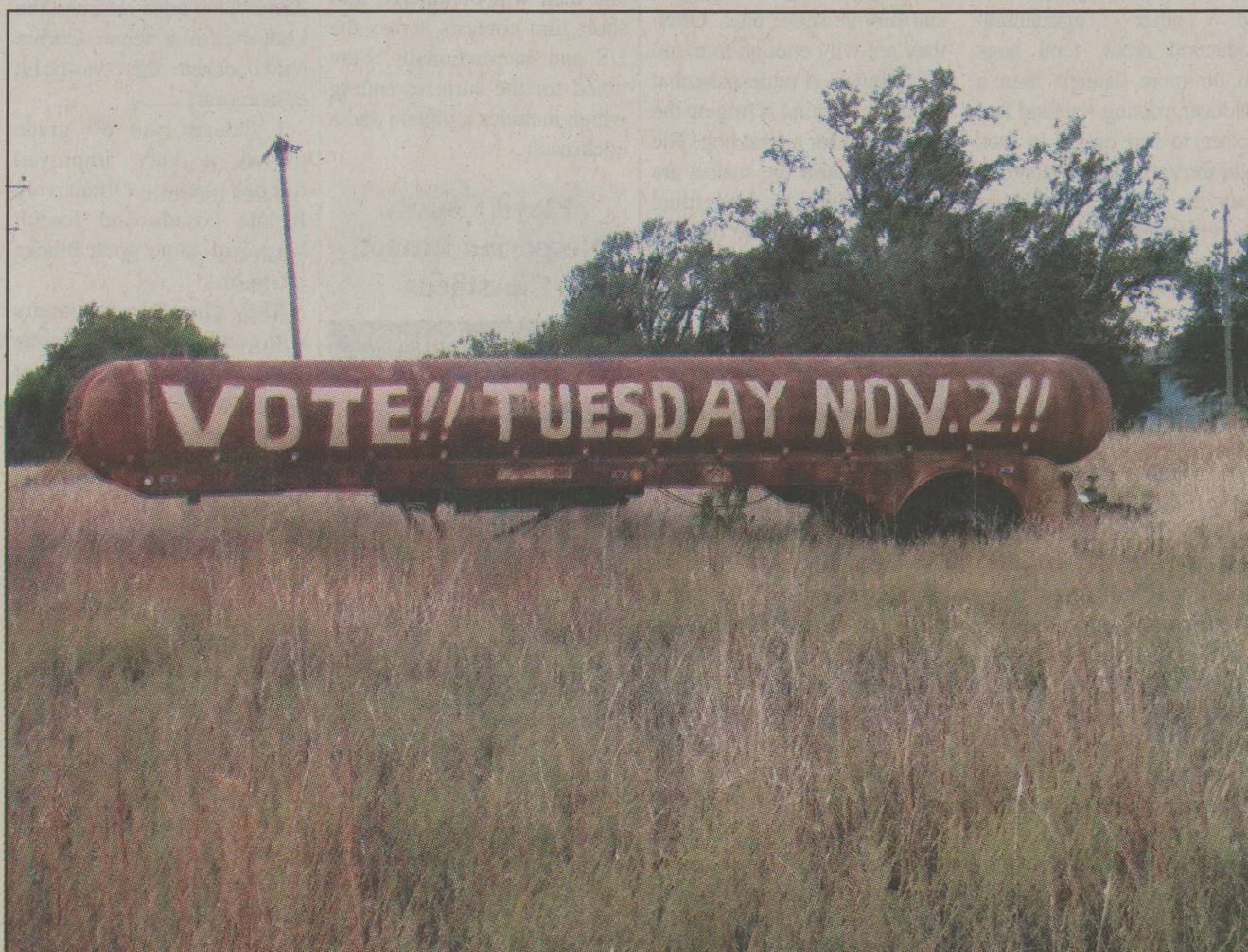


Photo by Debbie Montandon

Can anyone guess how long this has been out on West Hwy 70? This tank was placed to remind everyone to vote in the November 2, 2004 election. Now it is again reminding everyone to vote in the 2010 election which will also be held on Tuesday, November 2.

Alcohol sales on Floyd County ballot

By Homer Marquez

Early voting got under way this week in Floyd County. County officials and County leaders are urging citizens to avoid the rush and vote early. Floyd County residents can cast their early votes either at the Floyd County Courthouse in Floydada or at the office of the Justice of the Peace in Lockney. On Nov. 2, citizens will vote at their designated precincts. Those designated voting precincts and locations are: Precinct 1 (S.W. Floydada) – Massie Activity Center; Precinct 9 (South Plains) – South Plains Baptist Church; Precinct 18 – (West Lockney) – Lockney Methodist Church; Precinct 23 – (S.E. Floydada) – County Courthouse Room 106; and Precinct 24 – (N.E. Floydada) – Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Voters in the East Lockney district, who wait until Nov. 2 to vote, will need to cast their votes in Precinct 24 located at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 401 N. 12th Street, Floydada.

If you plan to vote a straight party ballot and are eligible to vote in the City Liquor Election, do not CAST your vote until you make sure you have seen the city liquor proposition.

Some of the biggest items on this year's ballot include the tight race for Texas' State Governor. Incumbent Rick Perry will look to win another four years as governor

under the Republican ticket, but Democrat Bill White, Libertarian Kathie Glass, and Green Party candidate Deb Shafto are looking to make this year's race a close one.

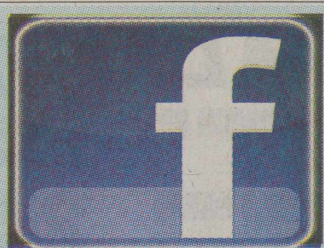
Another item on the ballot that will surely cause a big impact in Floyd County will be a proposition that will legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages, in the city of Floydada. If passed: beer, wine, and liquor will be available for purchase within the city as long as vendors follow the laws set by both the Federal Government and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Supporters of the proposition will be looking to follow in the successes of other local cities, who also voted to legalize the sale of alcohol. With the sale of alcohol in the city, supporters to the proposition claim that revenue gained on alcohol sales will stay in the city and will no longer travel to other counties.

No other amendments will be on this year's ballot. Other races on the ballot include: the race for United States Representative District 19, candidates include; Republican Randy Neugebauer, Democrat Andy Wilson, and Libertarian Richard "Chip" Peterson. The race for Lieutenant Governor, candidates include; REP. David Dewhurst, DEM.

Linda Chavez-Thompson, LIB. Scott Jameson, and Herb Gonzalez will run under the Green Party. The race for Attorney General, candidates include; REP. Greg Abbott, DEM. Barbara Ann Radnofsky, and LIB. Jon Roland. The race for Comptroller of Public Accounts, candidates include; REP. Susan Combs, LIB. Mary J. Ruwart, and GRN. Edward Lindsay. The race for Commissioner of the General Land Office, candidates include; REP. Jerry Patterson, DEM. Hector Uribe, and LIB. James L. Holdar. The race for Commissioner of Agriculture, candidates include; REP. Todd Staples, DEM. Hank Gilbert, and LIB. Rick Donaldson. The race for Railroad Commissioner, candidates include; REP. David Porter, DEM. Jeff Weems, LIB. Roger Gary, and GRN. Art Browning. The race for Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3, the candidates include; REP. Debra Lehrmann, DEM. Jim Sharp, and LIB. William Bryan Strange, III. The race for Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5, candidates include; REP. Paul Green, DEM. Bill Moody, and LIB. Tom Oxford. The race for Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9, the candidates include; REP. Eva Guzman, DEM. Blake Bailey, and LIB. Jack Armstrong. The race for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place

2, candidates include; REP. Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, and LIB. J. Randell Stevens. The race for Judge, court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5, candidates include; REP. Cheryl Johnson, and LIB. Dave Howard. The race for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6, candidates include; REP. Michael E. Keasler, DEM. Keith Hampton, and LIB. Robert Ravee Virasin. The race for a Member of the State Board of Education, District 15 candidates include; REP. Bob Craig, and LIB. John Pekowski. The race for State Representative, District 85, the candidates are REP. Jim Landtroop and DEM. Joe Heflin. The Justice, 7th Court of Appeals, Place 4, Jim Campbell is running unopposed.

Many of Floyd County's elected officials will run unopposed. The list includes: District Judge, 110th Judicial District William P. Smith; County Judge Penny Golightly; District Clerk Patty Davenport; County Clerk Ginger Morgan; County Treasurer Jo Bunch Elliott, Precinct 4 County Commissioner Amado Morales; Precinct 2 County Commissioner Lindan Morris; Precinct 1 and 4 Justice of the Peace Tali Jackson; and Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 and 3 Kelly Dunbar.



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Not unlike today, “the first man buried in our cemetery was killed.”

According to Mrs. McGehee, “two men fell in love with the same girl.” The “killing” developed from this love triangle.

Although Lockney was one known as “the city of windmills,” the pioneer woman recalls that “There were only two windmills in sight (in 1890). We hauled water three miles but some had a well and windmill.

The family would visit friends “10 or 12” miles away.

Only a few persons had buggies in those days. This meant that most young people rode horse back or, occasionally, in a wagon to a special occasion such as a party.

Matches were an unknown commodity for South Plains pioneers.

In her 1910 writing, Mrs.

GRASSHOPPER SEIGE

These crops were “growing nicely when the grasshoppers came and ate up everything green in the fields and gardens. Fortunately they left in time for feed stuffs to be planted and plenty made to do. I remember we had a good late garden.”

However, the following year, “We had a severe drouth, then came our trying times. A great many left the country, never to return and others acted wisely and stayed. Those that could leave home went off and worked.

“Our land then was all taken up under the \$2 act, so it took money to pay our taxes and the state the interest. Most everyone had cattle enough that when they sold the yearlings in the spring they had money enough to make out on. We had no credit system then.”

Life was simple in those

early days of settlement in West Texas.

“We all lived at home, raised good gardens and some had orchards bearing,” Mrs. McGehee pointed out. “Until we had fruit at home we would go to the breaks and get wild grapes and plums, which were very good to preserve for winter use.”

Shortly after the turn of the century pioneers felt that the land had been tamed. “Now we have our churches, school and railroad,” she wrote in 1910. “We should not complain but be thankful, and try and beautify our homes by planting trees and improving and developing the country. Those that had come here of late years can profit by the experience of the earlier settlers.

Ours was mostly experience. “This beautiful prairie should be to us what the land of Canaan was to the Israelites,” she concluded.

then allow future wind farm developers a better way of assessing the type of wind available in Floyd County.

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things feel and look wrong, don’t continue on the same path, but change your direction. Debbie gave us three words to live by...stop, drop, and pray. Our situations and our circumstances can be changed for the good for not only us, but everyone around us by the changes we can experience through prayer.

God blessed those in attendance with a Word from Him along with a fun day of shopping, from among 17 booths, door prizes, and a delicious meal catered by Judy Schacht. There were 57 churches and 29 towns represented at the conference.

It takes a lot of people to bring a conference together and host an event for that many in attendance. Thank you to those who shared your time, your labor, and your talent. Thank you for donated pumpkins, the use of an RV, donations, door prizes, and above all your prayers and your support for a ministry that God has given us the privilege and honor to be a part of.

The proceeds from this conference go to further the efforts of our Christian Women’s Job Corps New Options for Women ministry that has the potential to better the lives of the women of this area. This includes, not just the participants, but the teachers, the sight coordinators and those involved with the meals that are served and the child care.

We are all changed by God’s leadership and direction. Please accept our gratitude for all that was done to make “Join in the Journey 2010” a wonderful success.

at FUMC from October 21-31. Donations of money are also needed to cover the cost of mailing - \$12.50 per box- and purchase of items to be shipped. Checks to cover mailing costs need to be made out to “First United Methodist Church – Soldiers’ Packages.”

Items to be packaged need to be small enough to pack in a box 10”x10”x4” deep. Please do not bring any liquids.

Select from this list (examples only – use your imagination)

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Pens, pencils, stationery, note pads

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Bidding instructions and a copy of the Proposal Form may be obtained from:

City of Floydada
114 W. Virginia
Floydada, TX 79235

Sealed proposals will be received until 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 5, 2010. Award of a Depository Services Proposal will be at the regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

Questions may be directed to Gary Brown, Finance Director, City of Floydada at 806-983-2834 during regular business hours.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 0052-02-034 for SEAL COAT in BAILEY County, etc will be opened on November 4, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 34326

State Office

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

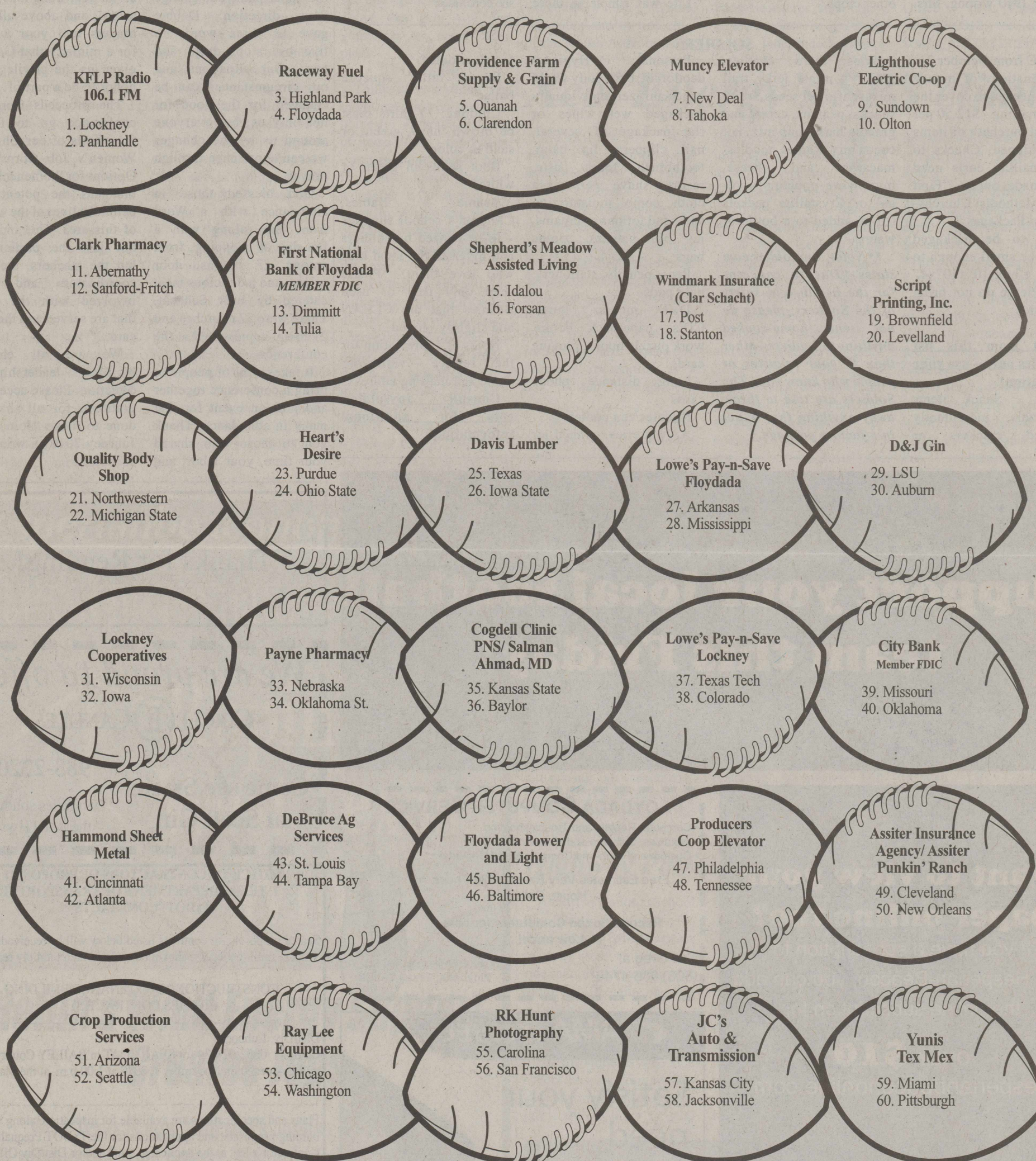
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Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

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



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

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