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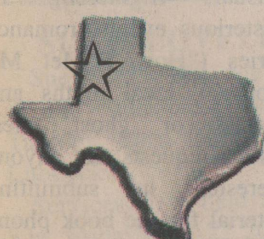
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Floydada ISD to consolidate Junior High School

By Homer Marquez

During their April board meeting, School Board members for Floydada's ISD voted to approve the consolidation of Floydada's Junior High School. "What we have been looking at for quite a while is consolidating our middle school campus onto our elementary campus (and high school campus)," explained Floydada ISD Superintendent Gilbert Trevino, "sixth grade would go to Duncan and seventh and eighth over to the high school campus."

With the state of Texas looking at a \$31 billion dollar deficit for the year, school district all over the state are preparing for massive educational cuts in the upcoming budget; the consolidation of Floydada's campuses will undeniably save the district thousands. Basically the consolidation would save the district from having to hire another

administrator for Duncan Elementary; the elementary administrator position became vacant when former principal, Gilbert Trevino, moved into the vacant superintendent position last month. Floydada's current Junior High Principal, Mack Sherman, will now be the acting principal at Duncan. "We feel that it is just a good move right now due to the budget situation that the state is going through in regards to public education finance," commented Superintendent Trevino. As a total package, deciding to eliminate the administrative position could save the district up to \$76,000-\$80,000 a year; add that number with savings of not having to pay for the junior high's overhead as well as not filling in the positions left by two resigning teachers and the school district is now projected to save over \$250,000 going into next year. "Right now, if we're able to consolidate,

no matter what the state throws at us we feel that everyone is going to be able to keep their job," explained Superintendent Trevino.

Next year, it is estimated that there will be 60 sixth grade students staying at the elementary. Three extra classrooms and some extra portal building space should make the transition to Duncan relatively painless; projected enrollment for the entire school will total in at 475 students.

At the high school, with the addition of seventh and eighth grade, the projected enrollment for the entire school will be about 334 students. Space is limited though at the high school, so a few 8-room portable buildings, similar to the science portables at the junior high but longer, will be moved in to the west side of the high school campus. In the future, possible

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Floydada adds a little spice to their menu



Photo by Homer Marquez

Bringing new life to a Floydada favorite, Ray Ray's Café is quickly gaining their own reputation for their great home cooked food; above owners Reynaldo and Laura Galvan pose in front of their new Café.



Courtesy Photo

Mr. Mac Willson, (center) chemistry and physics teacher at Floydada High School, was selected to receive the Susan G. Talkmitt Science Motivator Award for 2010-2011. He was nominated by outstanding Undergraduate Research Scholar, Abel Cortinas (right). The Texas Tech University/HHMI Undergraduate Science Education Program at CISER presents this award to science educators who have made an outstanding and positive impact on the science education of TTU/HHMI undergraduate Scholars. This award was presented at the TTU/HHMI Research Celebration banquet that was held on Friday, April 15, 2011. Cortinas is a former AP Chemistry and Physics student and UIL Science competitor of Willson's. Mr. Willson has been teaching at FHS for 24 years.

Lockney's UIL teams advance to state

During the Regional Academic UIL meet that was held in Levelland on April 15, two Lockney teams would reach the state competition. Placing first in the Number Sense competition is Lockney's

own Dylan Aull, who would place first overall, Quinn Jackson, David Johnson, Luke Sherman, Landry Kidd, and Kameron Hunt.

In the Literary Criticism competition, Lockney's team would place first again with Kami Hunt coming in first overall and Lindsay Stewart coming in second overall; also helping out the team would be Krista Wofford, Jasmine Pena, and McKenzie Kemp.

These students and their coaches will travel to Austin May 6-7 to compete in the UIL State Academic meet.

PRAY FOR RAIN!



Photo by Homer Marquez

Bringing something new to the table, Monterrey's Grilled Chicken restaurant is currently introducing Floyd County to their delicious one of kind menu; pictured above are the restaurants owners Jorge and Veronica Villarreal.

By Homer Marquez

As industry continues to grow in Floydada, the city recently welcomed two new restaurants to the community as Ray Ray's Café and Monterrey's Grilled Chicken both opened up their kitchens for business this month.

Adopting her unique cooking style from her hometown of Monterrey, México, owner Veronica Villarreal has used her love

for cooking to successfully import a delicious and healthy menu to West Texas, "I love cooking, I don't know why, it's my thing" explained Mrs. Villarreal.

Starting the business two years ago in Plainview, Monterrey's Grilled Chicken's unique style of grilling skinless chickens with mesquite and onions has kept business booming for the young family; it wouldn't be long before the

chicken's one of kind taste quickly established itself as an undeniable favorite in the area.

The idea for the restaurant came about when Veronica took her husband Jorge, a Lockney native, to visit her hometown of Monterrey, Mexico. It was there that her husband, Jorge, was able to first try Monterrey's style

RESTAURANTS

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Floydada ISD Hosts Technology Open House

Floydada ISD and Apple will join forces to host a Digital Learning Environment Open House on Tuesday, May 3. This opportunity offers administrative and educational teams to observe 1:1 laptop schools and see best practices in technology use in classrooms throughout the district. The Open House is open to superintendents, principals, teachers, and board members across the state.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Superintendent Gilbert Trevino will host an informative

progression of the technology growth and success of Floydada ISD in the high school auditorium. Campus visitations will begin at 10:00 AM. Visitors will be able to tour the three campuses and visit classrooms at all grade and subject levels. During these visitations, both teachers and students of FISD will demonstrate and model the many ways that technology is used daily in the instructional process. Lunch for the visitors will be hosted in the high school library from 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Visitations will continue after lunch until 2 p.m., and the day will conclude with a question and answer session in the auditorium until 2:30 p.m.

Floydada ISD has been recognized nationally for its innovative technological successes, and was recently awarded one of the twelve Texas Connections grants that will purchase new laptops for the fifth through twelfth grade students in the district and add laptops in the lower

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

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Wednesday we had several of the workers from the Spirit of Sharing eat lunch with us. They were working at the S.O.S. building changing to summer clothing. I had to

leave early at the Center so I did not get all their names. We were glad they chose the Center to eat lunch.

We were closed Friday, April 22 for the Easter holiday weekend.

Our sympathy to the family of Sue Lovell.

Our sympathy to the family of Bob Goodnight.

Our sympathy to the family of Letha Ray Ledbetter.

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

In memory of Louise Fawver – Darrell and Nancy

Mayo, Betty Baker, Shorty Turner, Lovene Moore, Sandra Forehand.

In memory of Carlton Fawver – Darrell and Nancy Mayo

In memory of Sue Lovell – Betty Baker, Shorty Turner, Lovene Moore, William and Faye Bertrand, Harold and Vivian Snell, Frances Gunter, Margarette Word, Sandra Forehand.

In memory of Edwin Nutt – Shorty Turner.

In memory of Peggy Probasco – Shorty Turner.

In memory of Bob

Goodnight – The Virgil Turner family.

Don and Hope Warren and their daughters, Becky and Mary gave a very nice donation to the Center in honor and in memory of Maria Warren.

Thought for the Week – When things are bad, we take comfort in the thought they could always be worse. And when they are, we find hope in the thought that things are so bad they have to get better.

Malcom S. Forbes

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Wow!! Here it is almost the month of May. Over the Easter holiday Mel and Marjorie Holcomb had a crowd, 14 guests in all. They had a great time egg hunting and visiting.

Virginia Owens passed

away this past Thursday and graveside services were held on Monday. Virginia worked for many years here at the hospital; she will be greatly missed.

Attendance at Thursday's Pot Luck was low; Windy

Clarke said he thought he

might be the only one to show. Remember Pot Luck on Thursday nights at 6 p.m.; also exercise on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 p.m.

Hope you all have great week.

Menu

May 2nd-6th

Monday- Chicken Fajitas

Tuesday-Beans and Cornbread

Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday-Shrimp

Friday-Enchiladas

Former U.S. Attorney General Gonzales speaker at Lions Club Convention

Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales will be the keynote speaker for the annual District 2-T2 Lions Clubs convention, April 29-30, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers in Lubbock.

A native Texan, Gonzales was appointed the 80th Attorney General of the United States. In 1994, he was named general counsel to then-Governor George W. Bush. He later served

as Texas Secretary of State in 1997 and was named to the Texas Supreme Court in 1999.

"We are extremely pleased to have former Attorney General Gonzales as guest speaker for our April 30 candidates' luncheon. His values of hard work, personal initiative and civic responsibility are mirrored every day by the humanitarian service provided by each Lions Club

member in our 22-county district. We encourage all Lions to attend and hear his inspirational message," said Convention Chairman Bernie Gradel Jr.

Other convention activities include a district cabinet meeting, nominations and elections for 2011-2012 District 2-T2 officers, club officer training sessions, a memorial service honoring deceased Lions Club

members, and informational seminars on district, state, and international service projects.

The convention will conclude with a banquet honoring District Governor Danny Leake and District Governor-Elect Daniel Warrick, both of Lubbock.

Additional information about the District 2-T2 Lions Convention is available at www.lions2t2.org

RANDY'S ROUND UP

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer April 25, 2011

Fires Continue in the District

As wildfires continue to damage parts of Texas, Dana and I continue to pray for everyone involved and for the brave men and women offering assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of my offices if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

Events in the 19th District This Week

This week, I will be traveling throughout the district attending various events. On Wednesday, April 27, I will attend the Lubbock Military Academy Forum at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center at 5:30pm, and the Abilene Military Academy Forum on Saturday, April 30 at Cisco College at 10am. These forums are a great opportunity for students interested in attending one of the Military Academies available to them. Come meet with representatives from the Military, Air Force and Naval Academies to learn more about each academy.

On Thursday, April 27th, I am proud to be receiving the Spirit of Enterprise Award from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. That same day, I will be attending a ceremony in Lubbock to congratulate new Americans as they become naturalized U.S. Citizens. I will

be in Abilene that evening to offer my congratulations to Dyess Air Force Base on the 50th Anniversary celebration of the C-130's presence at the base.

Also important to note, on Friday, April 29th, I will be hosting a budget and spending listening town hall meeting at the Abilene Civic Center Auditorium from 9:30-10:30am. It's time for America to have an honest discussion about spending and the unsustainable deficits. I welcome your input as we work to chart a course for America that creates jobs and does not steal the future from our children and grandchildren. I look forward to seeing you at the Civic Center this Friday. For more information on this event, call my Abilene office at 888-763-1611 or visit my website.

Mobile Texting

I am constantly searching for new ways to stay connected to the 19th district constituents, so I am now offering a new communications program that will allow you to receive updates instantly from my office through your mobile phone. I would like to invite you to join this exclusive mobile program so you will receive live alerts on breaking legislative news and events. But most importantly, this new program will empower you to create an ongoing dialogue with me. I want to receive your feedback on the issues that matter most, and this new

communications tool is a great way to share those personal insights. It's easy to join, just click [here](#) or text the word **RANDY** to 467468 (GOPGOV).

Congressional Art Competition

Tomorrow, Tuesday April 26th, is the deadline for high school students to submit their applications for the Congressional Art Competition. The winning entry will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel in the United States Capitol for one year. This is an exciting way for high school students to showcase their artistic talents and creativity as well as represent West Texas and the Big Country. Contact Lisa Brooks in my Big Spring office via email or by calling (432) 264-0722.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. Please forward the Roundup to anyone who might enjoy hearing updates from DC, and sign up for mobile updates by texting **RANDY** to 467468. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

Randy

Publisher extends submission deadline

Hometown Memories Publishing Company has already collected hundreds of stories and pictures from life in the "Good Old Days" in the Lower Panhandle of Texas. And they are looking for a few more to complete the book they will publish later this year. The company intends to save a big slice of local history before it's lost forever.

Karen Garvey, Senior Editor at Hometown Memories is extending the deadline for submitting stories to May 31. She invites anyone over age 60 with yarns about the "good old days" in the Lower Panhandle of Texas to write them down and mail them to her for possible publication in the book. The hardcover coffee table book will contain tales of bygone years from people who actually lived them.

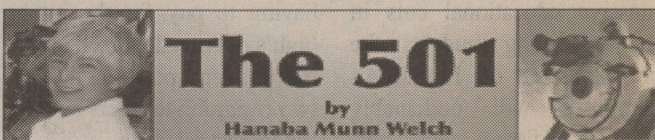
"The stories we have received from the Lower Panhandle of Texas are among the best we have ever gotten. Because this promises to be one of the most interesting books we have ever done, we want to increase its size by adding about 75 more stories. I'm not looking for genealogy," says Garvey. "What we want to save are true stories about things that once were commonplace but are virtually unknown to today's generation. The contributor's descendants will love them for it. Life today is not what it used to be," continues Garvey. "Stories like these are not only great fun to read, especially for old-timers, but they're usually left out of the official history books. I hope

our books will still be around in 200 years so that people will know that old-timers were more than a name or a faded picture. But that we were real people with real lives."

Especially wanted for the book are stories that involve humor, odd, unusual, frightening or mysterious events, romance stories ("How I Met My Spouse"), local myths and legends or ghost tales. Garvey requests that anyone interested in submitting material for the book phone her toll free, at (877) 491-8802 for instructions or visit the web site at www.hometownmemoriesonline.com.

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Source: Hometown Memories, LLC



Dieters amaze me. How do they do it?

Last week I saw a friend who'd trimmed down noticeably. I asked him how.

Sure enough, he's cutting down on food, especially the bad stuff. Oh well.

What was I expecting anyway? Some sort of painless miracle pill or plan like diets touted on late-night television?

Yet he managed to inspire me with his talk of fruits and vegetables and water.

The next morning at the grocery store I didn't buy Cokes. I bought a small avocado, a can of roasted almonds, a green pepper, two tomatoes, mandarin oranges, a small Hershey bar with almonds and a gallon of water. I stuck to my modified version of his diet through late afternoon. The almonds staved off hunger pangs rather nicely. The green pepper was juicy. The tomatoes were good. The Hershey bar was fabulous.

Before supper, friends called. They'd just hit town and wanted me to recommend a restaurant where we could all eat dinner. I obliged.

In deference to my diet, using the term loosely, I drank water with my super ten-inch-diameter tortilla rolled into a burrito liberally stuffed with ground meat, red onions, beans and other good stuff and lightly drizzled with a cheese sauce. Yum.

Is it allowed to pity the person who derives no pleasure from flirting with the sin of gluttony? I think it was risqué Francois Rabelais who said 500 years ago there's no virtue in not sinning if you don't know how. May I

similarly suggest you don't get points for not doing what you don't want to do anyway - like not ordering a super burrito if you don't want one in the first place. If I get any points, it's for not ordering cheese enchiladas instead. Except I usually do.

The next day - day two of my diet if you're counting - breakfast didn't happen because of poor planning. A caterer's menu dictated lunch: quiche, green salad, fresh berries in a creamy sauce and a red velvet cupcake. Good. Tea was the beverage. I could have slipped and eaten two of those cupcakes. Or two slices of quiche. Or two cups of berries. I didn't. People were watching.

Later in the day, force of habit prompted me to order a Coke with my late-afternoon hamburger. Oops. I should have ordered water.

Speaking of sinning, are sins less grievous when committed through force of habit rather than thoughtfully? Somewhere in somebody's theology, that's gotta be that tenet.

On the other hand, you could get in the habit of murdering people. That probably wouldn't make it less wrong than being a selective murderer. Maybe habitual killing is more wrong.

Does all this talk of murder make overeating sound less offensive? Works for me.

But isn't it funny how you can get away with murder easier than gluttony? Enchiladas end up around your waist. You bury dead bodies. Is that fair?

Again, oh well. All that's left to say is the obvious:

Dieting isn't easy. Life's not fair.

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Obituaries



SUE S. LOVELL
Sue S. Lovell, age 83, of Floydada passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2011 in Lubbock.
Services were held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 22, 2011 at the Trinity Assembly Church in Floydada with Pastor Henry Russell officiating. Interment followed at Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose

Funeral Home of Floydada.
Sue Ann (Stewart) Lovell was born September 19, 1927 in Vincennes, Indiana to Sherman and Helen (Roberts) Stewart. She married James Lovell in Long Beach, California on March 22, 1946. The couple moved to Floydada in 1960. Sue received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Texas Technological College in 1968. She also received her Master's Degree in Library Science and her Certification of Educational Diagnostician. Sue taught school for 18 years in Floydada and Motley County. Sue enjoyed genealogy and was a member of the 1950's Study Club and a member of the Trinity Assembly Church in Floydada.
She was preceded in death

by her son, Lindsay Lovell on November 5, 2004; both of her parents and her sister, Lulu Alice Artz.
Sue is survived by her husband, James Edward Lovell of Floydada; her son, Thomas James Lovell and wife, Mary of Weatherford; her daughter, Lu Ann Lovell Collins and husband, John Michael of Lubbock; five grandchildren, John Steele Collins, James "Jim" Lindsay Collins, Adam Stewart Lovell, Abbye Lynn Lovell and Joshua David Lovell; and one great-grandchild, Ryan Lovell.
Memorial donations may be made in Sue Lovell's name to the Floydada Senior Citizens, PO Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235.
Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.

THIS WEEK'S

OLD SETTLER'S DAY CELEBRATION
The Old Settler's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, May 28 in downtown Floydada. Make plans now to be there for lots of family fun. Be checking

in the Hesperian for the list of activities that will be held this year!
CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 – 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

One day event offered to learn about bats and rabies

AMARILLO - Texas Department of State Health Services, Region 1 Zoonosis Control and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be offering a one-day event to help Panhandle residents learn about bats and how to avoid rabies.
The meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on April 27 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West in Amarillo. The event is free, but lunch will be on-your-own.
"We want to make sure Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners, as well as animal control officers, know they are welcome," said Janet Hurley, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management specialist in

Dallas.
"The class is open to anyone wanting to learn more about bats and rabies in the Panhandle area. I will specifically talk about bats known to roost or migrate through that area," she said.
Six hours of continuing education credits are approved for animal control officers and sanitarians for this class, Hurley said. Peace officers can receive credit, but they must submit their own forms. Continuing education credit is also being sought for veterinarians.
Topics and speakers scheduled are:
- Bat biology, Hurley.
- Managing and excluding bats, Hurley.
- Rabies: The disease, Dr. James Alexander, zoonosis control veterinarian.

- Bat rabies in Texas, Alexander.
- Rabies specimen submission guidelines, Karen McDonald, zoonosis control specialist
- Post-exposure prophylaxis, McDonald.
The event will wrap up with a "Bat Exposure Scenarios Worksheet" to be completed by all participants, Hurley said.
Those with questions about the seminar or who are planning to attend should contact McDonald at 806-783-6422, or Alexander and Suzan Norwood at 806-655-7151.
While the seminar is free and walk-ins are welcome, RSVPs are requested as an estimate of attendance will help prepare handouts for the sessions, Hurley said.

Petersburg receives grant to replace decommissioned water tank

(DALLAS - April 20, 2011) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded \$305,555 to the City of Petersburg, Texas, to increase diminished water pressure and provide additional water storage capacity. The project will allow the city to improve infrastructure for their public drinking

water system by replacing a decommissioned water storage tank and maintaining sustainable, clean water that meets state and federal regulations.
EPA oversees the protection of water quality and public health. EPA works with communities to meet the growing needs and demands of limited water resources. EPA remains

committed to developing innovative and sustainable solutions for managing and financing infrastructure with public partners.
Additional information on EPA grants: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/gandf/index.htm>
More about activities in EPA Region 6: <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/region6.html>

Floyd County Church Directory

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
John Franklin, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday 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.
Tuesday8:00 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.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
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Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

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310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
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Pastor Lupe Rando
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Lockney and Floydada schools receive access to high-speed broadband services

(Lockney and Floydada, TX April 20, 2011) - Conterra Broadband Services, a national broadband services company specializing in rural areas, has recently completed a project to provide high-quality, high-speed wide area network services to the Texas Region 17 Education Service Center Consortium for 40 member independent school districts and charter schools. The hybrid broadband network is a combination of fiber optic and FCC-licensed microwave radio design which will upgrade the service currently provided by the consortium's low bandwidth network to a state-of-the-art Ethernet based, wide area broadband network connecting member districts to Region 17's administration building located in Lubbock.

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"Due to the vast size and geographic location of our independent school districts, ubiquitous high-speed broadband services have not been readily available to the majority of our school districts", according to Region 17 Executive Director Dr. Kyle Wargo. Additionally Dr. Wargo commented, "Consequently we

formed an endeavor that will provide each school district with a minimum of 20 Mbps of bandwidth through Conterra's carrier-class broadband network. Distance learning, video quality, speed, and increased bandwidth in our districts will allow our students to explore educational opportunities that have not been available to them in the past. We believe Conterra provides the best plan for the ESC 17 network design, including increased bandwidth in future years."

Recently, both Lockney and Floydada received their towers that are part of this network. The Lockney tower is 110' tall and provides connection to Floydada and Plainview. The Floydada tower is 80' tall and connects to Petersburg and Lockney. There are three segments to the regional network. Lockney and Floydada are part of the segment that includes connection from Region 17 offices to Roosevelt to Lorenzo to Ralls

to Petersburg to Floydada to Lockney to Plainview to Hale Center to Cotton Center to Abemathy to New Deal and back to Region 17. By forming looping segments, the network has redundancy built-in to protect from the entire network being down. Previously if a main phone line was cut, then a district might be without Internet services for several hours. With the design of this network, one leg can go down but a district will still be connected through the other leg.

"The inclusion of our districts in this consortium means that Floyd County Schools will have access to the most up-to-date connectivity to the Internet", Phil Cotham, Superintendent of Lockney ISD said. "As the demand for Internet services increase with the many web-based applications, online courses, video delivery and other Internet based services, it has become critical to provide adequate bandwidth and network reliability for our

students and staff. Moving to this type of network, gives us that assurance and room for growth", said Cotham.

The Region 17 Wide Area Network services contract is the latest of four major E-Rate telecommunications contracts awarded to Conterra in Texas. Similar Conterra high-speed broadband network projects have been completed for the Region 10, 14 and 15 Educational Service Centers that currently provide carrier grade broadband services to 125 school districts.

"Conterra is excited to bring high-quality broadband connectivity to Region 17 independent school districts", commented Dennis Francis, Conterra's President and Chief Operating Officer. "This will now bring the total number of Texas school districts we serve to approximately 167, assuring that hundreds of thousands of K-12 students residing in rural areas of Texas have access to high-speed Internet Access

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Conterra Broadband Services, headquartered in Charlotte, NC, is a national provider of facilities-based broadband services for schools, wireless carriers, municipalities and select enterprises that require bandwidth intensive, carrier-grade data, video and voice transport services primarily in outer suburban and rural markets. Conterra and its subsidiaries currently provide these services to over 1,000 K-12 schools, colleges and commercial enterprises throughout the United States, affording state-of-the-art broadband services to hundreds of thousands of students, teachers, administrators and business leaders. For more information about Conterra, visit www.conterra.com or call: 800-634-1374.



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Floyd County 4-H'ers participated in the District Fashion Storyboard competition. Those involved included (front row, left to right) Payton Teeple 1st place and 3rd place; Lauryn Carroll 3rd place; Rachel Graham; (back row, left to right) Luke Carroll 3rd place; Kortney Campbell; Caitlin Bishop; Korleigh Webb and Jianna Davenport 3rd place. Also participating not pictured included Carly Lehman, Kylie Ricketts, Catharine Kemp and Remington Ricketts 1st place. Patty Davenport led the Fashion Design project.



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Floyd County 4-H'ers took part in the District Rifle contest on Saturday, April 16 at South Plains College in Levelland. Representing the 1st place senior team included Jacob Graham, Jake Bramlet and not pictured, Alece Annunziato and J. C. Chappell. The Junior team also took first place and included Tucker Kidd, Sydney Bishop and Kaleb Whittle. The rifle teams are coached by Jerry Chappell and Winfield Davenport.

Lockney School Lunch Menu

May 2-6 Monday Breakfast-Waffle or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Spaghetti or Ham, salad, pears, bread, milk Tuesday Breakfast-Pizza or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Beef Tacos or Grilled Cheese, pinto	beans, salad, strawberries, cornbread, milk Wednesday Breakfast-Oatmeal or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Chicken Nuggets or Streak Fingers, potatoes, green beans, orange smiles, roll, milk Thursday	Breakfast -Eggs and Ham or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch - Pizza or Burrito, corn, applesauce, milk Friday Breakfast - Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch -Ham and Cheese or Tuna Sandwich, tater tots baby carrots, peaches, milk
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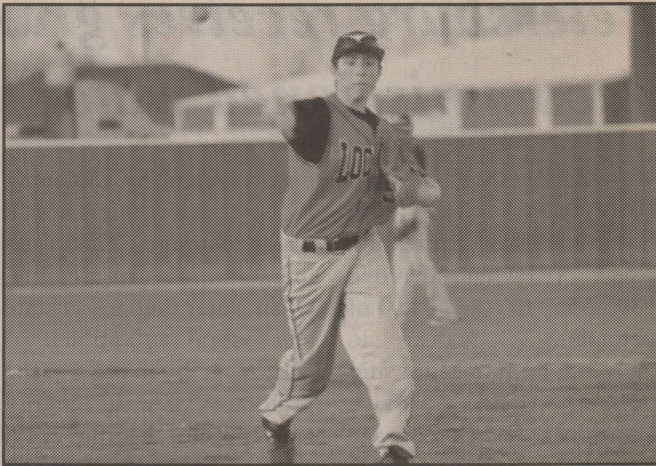


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The Longhorns would fall to Owls by a score of 17-16 during last Tuesday's game in Hale Center; but fortunately the Longhorns would still earn a playoff spot in this year's post season. Who or when the Longhorns will play their first playoff game is still being determined as the rest of district finishes out their seasons.



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After two innings of extra innings, Ralls would slip past the Lady Longhorns by a score of 8-7 during last Monday's final game at LCU. Lockney will end the season in third place in the district; Lockney will play Clarendon in the first round of the playoffs.

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The Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed 2nd at the District Judging Contest held at Texas Tech University on April 16th. Members pictured (left to right) are McCrae McCormick, Madolyn McCormick, Cassie Martinez, SyAnn Foster, Taylor Orr and Kolby Williams. SyAnn placed 5th in beef, 2nd in oral reasons and 5th overall; McCrae McCormick placed 4th in lambs, 3rd in swine, 7th in oral reasons and 7th overall; Cassie Martinez placed 7th in lambs and 4th in swine; Taylor Orr placed 10th in beef and 5th in oral reasons; and Kolby Williams placed 8th in swine. The team will advance to the State 4-H Livestock Competition at College Station in June.



Photo by Homer Marquez

With a fantastic 16-7 win over Friona, the Whirlwinds will need a victory in their last game against Littlefield on Tuesday for a chance at a playoff spot; overall the "Winds are 12-8-1 and 6-5 in district.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

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Lunch-Barbequed chicken, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk
Wednesday
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Lunch-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk
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Lunch- Fajita chicken over

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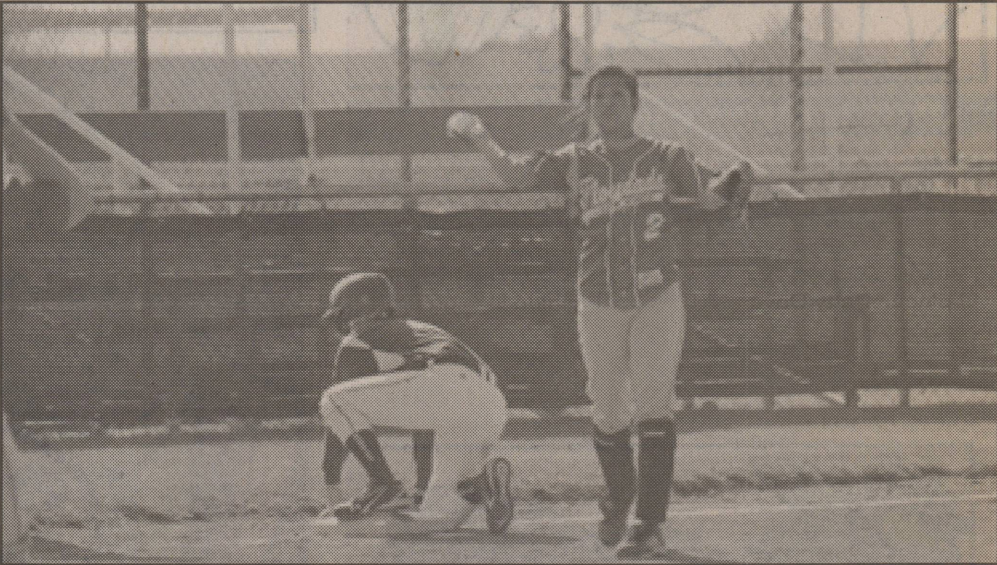
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The Floyd County 4-H intermediate rifle team competed at the District 2 competition in Levelland on April 16th. Team members from (left to right) are Remington Ricketts, Alex Glass and Brayden Campbell.



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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 25th were (back row, l-r) Maria Casares, Remington Ricketts, Isabel Cruz, Sinai Padilla; (front row, l-r) Saul Reyes, Kimberlee Ramirez and Zayli Crone.



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After a long fought year, the Lady Winds softball team would finish district with a 2-8 record after a 10-0 loss in their final game against Littlefield.

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Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County conducted an Issue Identification Forum on Monday, April 18 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Leadership Advisory Board President Jon LaBaume presided over the Forum. The most critical issues affecting Floyd County over the next 3 - 5 years in Ag and Natural Resources, Families and Health, Youth and Community Development were discussed.

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1:15 – 2:00	Campus Visitation
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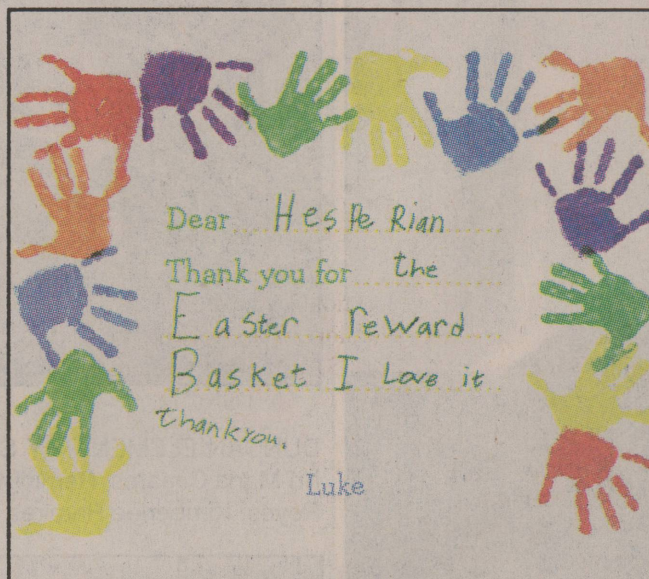
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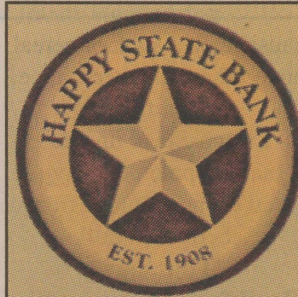
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Should Trump be taken seriously?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I don't yet know what to make about Donald Trump's potential run for president.

I studied up on Trump yesterday and I've concluded that his greatest love is Donald Trump.

What makes Trump appealing to me is his statement regarding leveling the playing field with China. He would like to impose a large tax on Chinese imports which would help the U.S. out fiscally speaking.

Trump is also open to using existing natural resources in the U.S. to power the country instead of importing so much fossil fuel.

Another reason a Trump run might resonate with southern voters is his staunch support for gun rights.

Trump is a wild card. He's got a major network (NBC) where he has a successful show which could aid him. Strangely enough, NBC and it's other networks have been in President Obama's corner for some time.

Despite finding himself in bankruptcy court a couple of times, Trump has a net worth estimated at \$2.7 billion, according to Forbes Magazine. That could mean that he can make a run without owing special favors to unions and other groups who tend to buy influence with their support.

I do like the fact Trump displays backbone. He has a strong personality and has said the U.S. must lead the world economically.

So do the observations above mean I will lend my support to Trump? Absolutely not. My vote must be earned and he has not done that by any stretch of the imagination.

I have several reservations about Trump:

1. He is an egomaniac and frankly, that gets old. Like President Obama, he loves the limelight.

2. He has nothing in common with the working class or rural Americans. Granted, the chances of us having a president which properly recognizes the importance of rural America is a long shot at best.

3. He is an aristocrat. The presidency might not allow for the Trump lifestyle. Can you imagine the White House made out of gold?

4. He has had several issues with women. Of course, many presidents have liked the ladies, but it can be a huge distraction (Clinton) and does not bode well for one's moral compass.

If I were Obama or a potential Democratic candidate, I would certainly keep an eye on Trump. Regardless if he runs or not, he's determined he'll influence the election one way or the other.

Likewise, if I were a potential Republican candidate, I would shy away from attacking Trump until the primaries and when I did attack, it would strictly be on the facts.

Many of you may think a Trump presidential run is a publicity stunt or a joke. Others may think he lacks the experience.

I'd like to point out that Ronald Reagan was an actor and President Obama had less experience in business than any president in the last century. In other words, it wouldn't surprise me in the least to see Trump or anyone else elected.

So who is my personal frontrunner for 2012? That would be U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, the outspoken libertarian Texan who preaches smaller government, lowering the debt and curbing government spending. He's also suggested a flat tax and other common-sense measures which could turn the U.S. economy around.

In my humble opinion, party politics should be dead in this country. We've been shafted by both parties so it's going to take much more than an "R" or a "D" before the name to get my vote.

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Other Opinions

Is China Preparing to Dump its \$1 Trillion of Treasuries?

By BILL WILSON

China may be preparing to cut its foreign exchange reserves by about two-thirds, down to about \$1 trillion from its current \$3.04 trillion level, according to Chinese news service Xinhua.

Why? China simply has too much money, according to Zhou Xiaochuan, the head of the People's Bank of China. "Foreign-exchange reserves have exceeded the reasonable level that our country actually needs," he recently said.

Zhou noted that China's stockpiling cash is "feeding inflation and becoming difficult to manage". To be certain, China is suffering from an inflation problem, already up over 5 percent, not to mention a tremendous real estate bubble that threatens its very financial system. It needs to figure out a way to restore price stability.

So, Zhou wants to diversify the country's assets of foreign exchange holdings, an obvious target.

Zhou's sentiments were echoed on April 23 by Tang Shuangning, chairman of China Everbright Group, who wants the reserves be restricted to between \$800 billion to \$1.3 trillion and the rest of the money reinvested.

Tang "suggested five channels for using the reserves, including replenishing state-owned capital in key sectors and enterprises, purchasing strategic resources, expanding overseas investment, issuing foreign bonds and improving nation-

al welfare in areas like education and health," writes Xinhua.

Zhou and Tang were not alone. Xia Bin, another Chinese central banker suggested that \$1 trillion of foreign exchange reserves would be sufficient. He too called for the reserves to be used more "strategically" to acquire hard resources and technology for the Chinese economy.

This would be a marked change in Chinese policy, which has been to stockpile these reserves, in particular dollar-denominated assets. It currently holds about \$1.154 trillion of U.S. treasuries — the debt securities that constitute U.S. debt.

Now it may be planning to dump those U.S. treasuries on the market. If China wants to diversify its holdings by reducing its gross reserves by two-thirds, that would necessarily mean a drastic reduction of its share of the \$14.3 trillion U.S. national debt.

This would have severe consequences, mostly for the American people.

Because the U.S. has racked up so much debt among foreign creditors like China, we have become increasingly vulnerable to their whims. China dumping a significant portion of its U.S. treasuries could spark a run on the dollar, uprooting it as the world's reserve currency. How?

It would cause a rush to the exits on the treasuries market, robbing the ability of the U.S. to borrow from other creditors, who would not want to risk having the value of their

assets devalued. Suddenly, a frenzy would occur by financial institutions to cash in dollars for something — anything — of value.

A dollar run would in turn cause hyperinflation here at home, super-high interest rates, and a complete default on U.S. debt. Without borrowing, we lack the ability to repay principal and interest owed on the national debt. We really are that vulnerable.

But, wouldn't China be devaluing its own assets? Zhou does not seem to think so. He thinks his country needs to stop stockpiling money to get domestic inflation under control. But even if the Chinese were not looking to dump current holdings — they may still be signaling that they won't be looking to buy any more.

With the Fed supposedly out of the Treasury market come June and with them now buying 70 percent of the issues, who will buy this junk? Barack Obama sees trillion dollar deficits for the next decade. At best, China can just sit back and do nothing and seriously injure us.

At worst, China may want to get out while the getting's good from what amounts to nothing more than a useless paper trade.

After all, the alternative may be to wait for somebody else to start cashing in their dollars first. In this high stakes game of musical chairs, China may not want to be left without a chair when the music stops.

Does Limiting Government Really Condemn Children To Starvation?

By BILL FLAX

The budget debates have been illuminating. Apparently, those heartless tea partiers would gladly allow children to starve so millionaires can pay less in the way of taxes. The latter has been a recurring slander leveled against welfare reform in the '90s and more recently in response to Paul Ryan's budget proposal.

No one starved then. What if Washington stopped doling out relief now? Would a vacuum prevail? It's an odd presumption considering free markets have lifted so many millions out of poverty and America is the world's most generous dispenser of private charity. Maybe sanctimonious liberals fear such a vacuum because they are notoriously stingy.

People who oppose government redistribution contribute four times as much charity as those who favor such schemes. This includes 3.5 times as much to secular charities. Those who prefer free markets also give more blood, are more likely to provide directions, to return change given mistakenly or offer assistance to the homeless.

To truly be charity, alms must be given freely, require nothing in remuneration and offer the donor no material benefit. If possible, benevolence should be anonymous. The left hand ought to not even know what the right hand does.

Instead, the Left hand blares a trumpet about compassion while spending others' money as it shamelessly smears the Right. Who is really heartless: those seeking fiscal responsibility or those spending our children into peonage?

Using one's heart and one's mind are not mutually exclusive.

The real vacuum is federal spending. Washington filters our taxes through a bureaucratic black-hole before spewing out waste and vote-buying patronage. Public charity is an oxymoron. There is nothing moral in confiscating property from one to bestow on another.

As discussed previously, society does not revolve around Washington. The building blocks for an ordered, coherent community are families, friends and neighbors and then church (or equivalent). Only if each fails does government have any justification to execute its own counterfeit charity.

In our limited, constitutional republic, the pecking order for a public response is first local government, and then state. There is no constitutional standing for federal charity. Rather than Congressman Ryan's block grants to states, why funnel these funds through Washington at all? Instead, restore control back to state and local governments. The closer proximity between giver and recipient, the more efficient and responsible is charity's conduct.

Historically, when private parties provided most benevolence, it was generally administered more prudently than

politicians redistributing other's largesse. Thomas Jefferson bragged that you could travel the entire eastern seaboard and never encounter an American begging. Private charity was readily available and distributed responsibly so as to not create additional social burdens.

Relief was never meant for people who could help themselves, but don't. Instead of easy handouts, people who neglect their duties could be taught responsibility and the dignity of work. Sensible charity offers a minimal safety net to prevent starvation or exposure, not provide idle comfort.

Poverty once suggested that someone lacked food, clothing or shelter. As the Heritage Foundation observed, "According to the government's own surveys, the typical 'poor' American has cable or satellite TV, two color TV's, a DVD player or VCR. He has air conditioning, a car, a microwave, a refrigerator, a stove, and a clothes washer and dryer. He is able to obtain medical care when needed. His home is in good repair and is not overcrowded. By his own report, his family is not hungry, and he had sufficient funds in the past year to meet his family's essential needs."

Not exactly dire circumstances. The average menial laborer today enjoys more material abundance than a prince or tribal chieftain of recent past.

Washington sets the poverty bar at three times the income level necessary to afford an adequate diet. In 2011 it's about \$22,500 for families of four. The calculation considers only about four percent of government assistance. An average family with children in the bottom third of income receives over \$30,000 of government relief annually across 71 means tested poverty programs.

Per the Census Bureau, people classified as poor spend \$2.24 for every \$1 of reported income. Many underreport income, acquired illicitly or otherwise, to avoid taxes and qualify for greater handouts. If the rate were based on consumption, poverty would be halved.

These endeavors violate many of the essential ingredients of sound economics. By means testing, incentives are perverted. They discourage effort, personal savings and marriage. We incent people not to work, spend frivolously and have children out of wedlock despite a clear correlation between marriage and success; and similar connections between illegitimacy and crime, drug abuse, unemployment and poor academic performance.

Welfare may profit overpaid government social workers, but it impoverishes those most vulnerable in our midst while consigning them to communities wrecked by high crime and moral despair. Men become superfluous as women marry the state. As illegitimate children became a bread ticket, we got more illegitimate children. Men turn to the street unbridled by the responsibility of providing for their offspring.

Handouts destroy families, rendering the recipients into perpetual dependence. Welfare creates so many additional social needs that only government can marshal sufficient resources in certain low-income areas. But that government exacerbates a problem leading to more government and thus more exacerbation offers a rationale to shrink, not expand the state's reach.

The welfare state was created by opportunists exemplifying Lord Acton's warning that power corrupts. It exploits the poor as political props with little regard for their well-being. The state is not altruistic. It is not inhabited by exemplars of wisdom and virtue transcending the human frailties that befall the rest of us.

According to Hillsdale College's Michael Bauman, "More frequently than we care to admit, our poverty programs are thinly veiled efforts to enhance our self-esteem and to assuage our consciences by means of state programs. To imagine that by such shallow and self-gratifying efforts we can eliminate human poverty is shameless hubris, not charity and grace."

Government sinecures actually lobby Congress on behalf of continuing these wasteful, overlapping programs for their personal enrichment. The SEIU, AFSCME and other bureaucrats advocate ardently for enlarged entitlements. But budget matters are secondary. The question is do these programs harm their supposed beneficiaries.

Social problems grow proportionately to what we waste "solving" them. Increased spending has not decreased poverty. The poverty rate stood at 12.6% in 1970. We now disperse, in real terms, about 15 times as much in blatant disregard of human nature. President Obama accelerated welfare spending by over 40%, to almost \$1 trillion, but the rate today is 15%.

America spends over \$2 trillion annually on entitlements, but this promises to explode as Baby Boomers retire. Private charity totals about \$300 billion. If Washington ceased, could private parties tackle this terrific burden?

Today, America is far wealthier than when relief was local and primarily private. The average income, adjusted for inflation, increased sevenfold during the Twentieth Century. We're wealthier, healthier, have more opportunities, etc. There are more resources available for charity because we're better off, and were it still conducted sensibly, there would be less need.

The expanding attitude of entitlement endangers our very national ethos. America should never have embarked on this wretched journey which may soon smother the private sector. Only the creation of wealth can truly overcome poverty and this depends on individual effort.

Americans must quickly restore our self-reliance before we drown under egalitarian collectivism.

Two arrested in Lockney drug bust



By Sheriff Paul Raisse

Last Wednesday, a drug bust resulted in the arrests of William Means and his mother Sonia Mendoza-Mollette.

On Tuesday, April 19, 2011 about 8:30 p.m. Means was stopped on a traffic violation and upon contact with Means, the odor of burnt marijuana was coming from his vehicle. Means was questioned about the whereabouts of the purchase of his marijuana. Means said he purchases his marijuana from his uncle and from his mom.

After a short statement was given, Means purchased marijuana from his uncle on Tuesday the 19th of April. The next day, the 20th, Means was contacted and asked if he could make another purchase of marijuana. Means said he could.

Means met with Sheriff Paul Raisse and Chief Deputy Cory Speed at an undisclosed location. Upon arrival with Means, Sheriff Raisse and Chief Speed, Means handed Chief Speed a small baggie of marijuana that he had already bought prior to them meeting. Means was asked

if he could purchase \$20 worth of marijuana, which he said he could. Means was followed to his mother's house and watched until he came out the back door a short time later. Means was told to meet with Sheriff Raisse and Chief Speed at the same undisclosed location. Upon his arrival, there was a second person in the vehicle with him. Sheriff Raisse advised he knew the subject to be Means' mother, Sonia Mendoza Mollette. Means pulled alongside of Chief Speed's marked Floyd County Sheriff's vehicle and rolled down the passenger side window. Sonia Mendoza-Mollette made a comment to Sheriff Raisse about marijuana then handed the \$20 worth of marijuana out of the passenger side window and handed it to Chief Speed.

Means and Mendoza Mollette were later arrested after a search warrant was executed on Mendoza-Mollette's residence as well as a search warrant on the uncle's house. Both residences are in the 500 SE 2nd, Lockney, Floyd County, Texas.

renovations to the high school will eliminate the need for the portables. Interaction between junior high students and high school students will be limited explained the Superintendent. Unless an eighth grade student is taking a higher level course, junior high and high school students will not be mixed together in the classroom. In addition, junior high students will continue to have a closed campus lunch while high

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school students will still have an open campus lunch break.

The consolidation of the schools will also better utilize the time of the teachers, explained Superintendent Trevino, "We had lots of teachers that were traveling from the high school to the junior high, and of course schedules don't mesh because their two separate campuses, so teachers were losing teaching time during the travel

back and forth...so it allows us to maximize our teachers."

As for the future of the building, the 88-year-old junior high school will now be used as a storage space for the district. Classified as a rapidly deteriorating building in a facility study eight years ago, the school district is not planning to re-open the building if money and population conditions improve.

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Apple Exemplary school. Only 38 schools in the nation carry this distinction. The district was also honored with the Sylvia Chapp International Award for Technology earlier this year, and it was ranked one of the top 100 schools in the state.

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Café is quickly establishing its own mark in Floyd County's restaurant scene. With a loaded menu of American and Mexican favorites, Ray Ray's is having no problem following in the footsteps of the buildings legendary former occupant, Leonard's Café. Owned by Reynaldo Galvan and his wife, Laura, Ray Ray's Café's arsenal of home cooked food is steadily keeping the place packed during lunch and dinner.

"Everything is made out of scratch...everything is homemade, nothing is frozen, everything is homemade, all the way from the enchilada sauce to the batter we use for our chili rellenos," explained Reynaldo's mother, Leticia Galvan, who is currently helping the young couple with the start of the business. It is these homemade family recipes that have kept costumers coming back for

For more information on the event, contact Floydada ISD at (806) 983-3498 or gtrevino@floydadaisd.esc17.net. Additional information may be found at the Apple link, <http://edseminars.apple.com/event/3653>.

more; Leticia went on to explain that the reception from the people of Floydada has been wonderful, "The people are nice and have been real supportive; they have gave us a real good welcome and have told us that their happy that we're here and that we opened this place back up."

Ray Ray's Café, named after Reynolds nickname, was initially a branch of the Galvan's Restaurant in Turkey, Texas. Started in 1989, Galvan's Restaurant, which is owned by Laticia, is still going strong serving the community the same family recipes. Several years ago, the restaurant expanded to a second location in Childress; but after the lease for the building was up in Childress, the Galvan's chose not renew because they weren't allowed to buy the building.

Wanting to buy their new building, the Galvan's were informed about the vacant Leonard's Café's building in Floydada. Not wanting to pass up the opportunity, the Galvan's struck a deal with Gary Matsler to buy the building. Since then, the Galvan family has been rockin and rollin serving great food to the citizens of Floyd County; the Galvan's have even hired former Leonard's Café waitresses, Jennifer De la Garza and Marylou Herrera to help out. For a chance to try Ray Ray's home cooked food, visit the restaurant Monday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Mondays through Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Floydada

FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

The City of Floydada has proclaimed the month of April as "Fair Housing Month." The City of Floydada endorses and supports the principle of fair housing and encourages all citizens to support the law of the land in regard to the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of his choice.

Copies of the City's Proclamation are available free of charge to any interested person or groups at City Hall.

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Lockney General Hospital District is requesting proposals for installation of new Duro-Last Single Ply Roof System to the Hospital and roof repairs to four other buildings located in Lockney, Tx. Proposals are due by May 5, 2011. For more information, or to schedule a site visit, contact Larry Mullins at 806-652-3373 ext 287. Lockney General Hospital District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to proceed in the best interests of the district.

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