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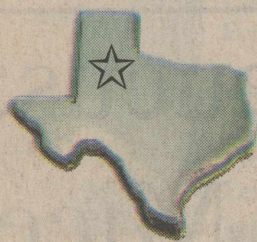
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FHS Student Council to Honor Floyd County Veterans State Representative Heflin to Speak

Veterans Day was initially known as Armistice Day, named after the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. It officially became a holiday in 1926. On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day became known as Veteran's Day to honor all those who have fought for the freedom of our country.

On Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., the Floydada High School Student Council will host its eighth annual Veteran's Day ceremony honoring all Floyd County veterans. Veterans from all branches of the military are invited to attend.

Various Floydada High School students and faculty members will participate in honoring our veterans. A major highlight of the ceremony will be an address by the State Representative Joe Heflin, from Crosbyton, Texas.

Other features included on the program are Floydada Boy Scout Troop #357, the presentation of the Colors, patriotic musical selections by students and by the band, recognition of various branches of the U. S. military, as well as recognition of those who are currently serving in the military. A short memorial moment will be observed to honor and show our respect to

those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

The Student Council is also hosting a reception for all veterans and their families and friends immediately following the ceremony in the Whirlwind Gym.

The National Honor Society will be providing valet parking for those who wish to receive assistance in parking. Drive to the front door of the gym, and a senior NHS member will assist you into the building and park your car. The student will retrieve your car when you are ready to leave.

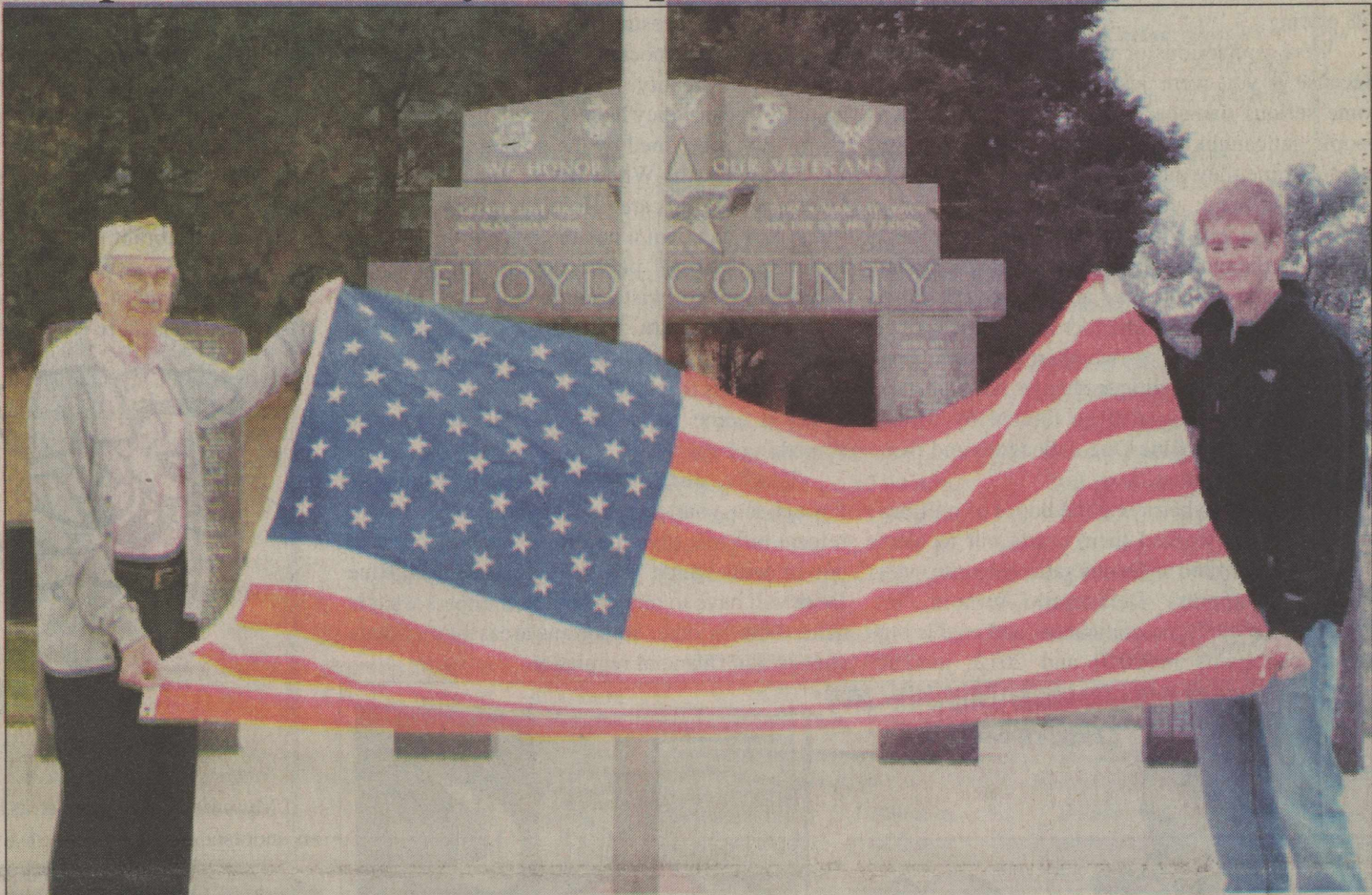
Everyone in the community is welcome and encouraged to come and show the community's gratitude for the selflessness and sacrifices of our veterans.

Following the special assembly at the high school, the flag donated by Shorty and Louise Turner will be raised at the Veteran's Memorial monument at the courthouse at approximately 11 a.m.

Also at this time will be a special wreath laying ceremony at the monument. The wreath was made by Floydada High School's Maggie Hilburn's art class.

Participating in the wreath

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Staff Photo

4-H'ER JORDAN CORNELIUS (right) accepts the donated flag from Shorty Turner (left) and wife, Louise Turner (not pictured). Turner, an Airman 1st Class in the U. S. Air Force served in the Korean War. On Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at approximately 11 a.m., the flag will be raised during a special wreath laying ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial monument following the 9:00 a.m. FHS service at the Whirlwind Gym. The Turners dedicated this flag in memory of Shorty's brother, Doyle Turner, who died July 13, 2006. Doyle was not a veteran, although he wanted to be. As a young man, he tried to enlist, but was refused due to poor eyesight caused by an accidental injury when he was a child. Doyle was a true patriot. He loved the flag and the country it represents. During his 38 years working at the U. S. Post Office, he raised and lowered the flag more than all his seven siblings combined, including his four brothers who were in the military service.

Christmas Packages to Afghanistan

By Linda Matsler

Thanks to overwhelming support from the generous folks of Floydada, First United Methodist Church of Floydada mailed a total of 133 care packages to soldiers in Afghanistan, as well as stateside, October 19 and 26, 2009.

Forty members and friends of FUMC gathered on Sunday, October 18 and 25 to pack the boxes with personal hygiene and food snack items, books, socks, tee shirts, note paper and pens, and Beanie Babies that members of the church and community had contributed in prior weeks. The Beanie Babies are distributed by the soldiers to the children of Afghanistan. The Hesperian Beacon also contributed newspapers that featured "Pumpkin Day."

The Lions Club, Rotary Club, 1956 and 1934 Study Clubs, Eastern Star members and many individuals of the community donated money for mailing and filling the packages. The 4-H Club donated proceeds from the raffle of a 140-pound pumpkin at "Pumpkin Day." This was a real community effort and the response was just tremendous. Contributions to date total \$2303!

Thanks to all who donated money, time, items to packaged, and to those who prayed for this project.



Photo courtesy of Sara Sisemore

PAYNE FAMILY PHARMACY, represented by Denice Payne and her son Justin (right to left), recently gave \$2,000 to the Centennial Plaza project. The majority of the project is complete, with only landscaping, lighting, and lettering left to install at the site.



Floydada Economic Development Corporation reports on this year's activities

By Justin Jaworski
Floydada EDC Executive Director

The Floydada EDC had a great year for 2008-2009. For those of you who may not be aware, the EDC operates on a fiscal year different from that of a calendar year. Just like many other city and state governments in Texas, each fiscal year begins October 1st and ends September 30th. Beginning in October of 2008, the EDC Board of Directors had begun the search for a new Executive Director and a few weeks later had invited me to take the position. In January, the Board and I began a discussion on what we needed to do as an organization in my first year.

As many well know, the EDC Board decided we should work to complete the welcome entrance project in conjunction with a reinitiated P.R.I.D.E. Committee. Our first step was to recall past members of the P.R.I.D.E. Committee and request their participation in restarting the project. During the initial meetings, one committee member - the late Bill Gray - proposed joining the P.R.I.D.E. project with the City's Centennial Celebration. It was this proposal that led to the project's dedication as "Centennial Plaza" in recognition of Floydada's 100th Birthday. Once P.R.I.D.E. was reestablished, it became necessary to identify the estimated cost of construction and set an accurate fund-

raising goal. When this had been accomplished, the task of raising adequate funds became the next focus. A number of options were researched, including grants which did not fit the time frame of the project. It was at this point P.R.I.D.E. asked local and regional businesses to become sponsors of the project so it might come to its deserved end. Both regional and local businesses of Floyd

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SANTA LETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for children's Santa letters is December 4th.

All letters must be turned in to the Lockney or Floydada office no later than Friday, December 4th. If your child's class does not do Santa letters, you may bring the letter to the newspaper and we will make sure Santa receives them.

Lockney Elementary To Honor Veterans

On Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, the fifth grade of Lockney Elementary School will be honoring Armed Forces veterans of the Lockney community. The veterans are invited to school for lunch and a short program to express appreciation for their service to our country.

LOVE FUND

A Love Fund for Nora Cisneros has been established at American State Bank. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so by at the Floydada location (217 W. California) or any other branch location.
God Bless.

OPINIONS

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, 111 E Missouri St., Floydada, Texas 79235. Please include your street mailing address (no P.O. boxes), daytime phone number and full name and signature. Our e-mail address is floydada@amaonline.com.

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Calling Out the House Progressive Caucus: Are You Men and Women, or Are You Mice?

By Miles Mogulescu
Reprinted from Huffington Post

Yeah, that means you Weiner, and you Grayson, and you Schakowsky, and you Grijalva and you Woolsey, and all the rest of you in the House Progressive Caucus (I think there were at least 60) who signed a letter to Speaker Pelosi last summer promising to vote against any health reform bill that did not contain a "robust" public option including, at a minimum, Medicare plus 5% pricing.

Were you serious or were you just bluffing? Because if you were just bluffing, you've done some serious damage to your credibility. When people get caught bluffing, no one believes them the next time they make a promise.

If you break your pledge and vote for a health reform bill without this minimally robust version of the public option, you've ensured your own political impotence, and more critically, ensured that even with a Democratic Congressional majority, all "reform" -- whether in health care, financial regulation, climate change, Afghanistan, or any other issue -- will be limited by what's acceptable to your Blue Dog colleagues and their corporate contributors.

In addition to betraying the hopes of millions of people who worked their hearts out to elect Barack Obama and a Democratic majority, you will help suppress Democratic turnout, by demobilizing the Democratic base, and enable big Republican gains in 2010 and 2012, just as

happened in 1994.

It may be that right now you're 10-12 votes short of the 213 needed to pass a health reform bill with a Medicare plus 5% public option in the House. In that case, it's still better that the bill be defeated the first time it comes to the floor, or that Speaker Pelosi delays a vote.

First of all, passing a health care bill which mandates that all Americans must buy private health insurance or face a stiff fine -- which doesn't include a public option strong enough to put downward pressure on premiums -- would be a disaster for Democrats when voters eventually catch on to reality that "health care reform" actually means they'll be forced to pay higher premiums or be fined by the government.

Secondly, the White House thinks it needs a "win" on health care. Holding strong on your threat to vote down a health care bill that doesn't include a "robust" public option will force the White House to twist enough Blue Dog arms to round up the extra 10-12 votes. If the White House can't pull that off, then it's probably better for Democrats that this health care bill be defeated and you come back next year and try to pass something better.

Thirdly, and most importantly, following through on your threat to block a weak health reform bill will give the Progressive caucus real power with which the White House and Blue Dogs will have to reckon, and will impact what is achievable in other important areas like climate change and financial regulation.

While you're at it, insist that Speaker Pelosi restore the Kucinich Amendment, which removes impediments from states trying to implement their own single payer plans. Many of you have told your constituents that you're ideally for single payer and are only supporting a "robust" public option as a "pragmatic" alternative that can be passed now.

If a public option makes it through the Senate, it's likely to include a state "opt out". The least you can do, in exchange, is insist that the legislation include a state "opt in" for single payer. That, alone, might make up for many of the corporate-friendly compromises already incorporated into health care "reform".

In many of the states you represent -- including California, Colorado, Illinois, Maine, New Mexico, New York and Pennsylvania -- there are vibrant movements among your constituents to pass state single payer systems. In fact, in my State of California, single payer has passed the legislature twice, only to be vetoed by

Republican Gov. Schwarzenegger. If California can elect a Democratic Governor in 2010, it could become the first state to enact single payer, much as Saskatchewan first enacted single payer in Canada, and then was so successful that it was adopted by the rest of the country. Incorporating the Kucinich amendment will provide an outlet when, in a few years, health care costs continue to escalate and remain unaffordable for many American individuals and businesses, even if health care "reform" is implemented.

Many of you have repeatedly gone on television to tout your support for a "robust" public option, using it to increase your "street cred" in your safe Democratic districts.

If you now go back on your pledge to vote against health care "reform" without a "robust" public option, you will demoralize your base, and your word will never be trusted again, either by your supporters, the White House, or your adversaries among Blue Dog Democrats and Republicans.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Home Sweet Home

My wife Sharon is now at home recuperating. To say we have been blessed over the past month is an understatement.

Our lives have changed dramatically in the past week. After settling into a routine while in Amarillo, there have been many adjustments to life at home.

Although she's not quarantined, Sharon cannot be exposed to large numbers of people or anyone who has been in contact with someone ill. We've got plenty of GermX and use it frequently. Needless to say, our lifestyle is very restricted.

Sharon must have several IVs daily - 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. At those times, she receives at least one bag of antibiotics through her central line. This limits her greatly, especially at those times.

She now has a nurse(s) visiting once or twice a day to check her incision, vitals, etc... I am her other nurse. I administer her IVs, fetch her pain pills, make her meals and try and keep the house in order.

I will admit, my first day on the job was rough. Not only was I exhausted, my bedside manner pretty much sucked.

To all of you moms out there, you now have even more respect from me. To say the day is busy is an understatement. In fact, I'm swamped! Honestly, sitting behind a desk with a phone and computer is a snap compared to what this job entails.

It does have its rewards. After being without our boys Jackson, 6, and Sutton Hawk, 4, for nearly a month, we're getting to spend a lot of time together. Jack is in school and Sutton is in preschool so it's fun being involved in their day-to-day lives. The extra time has been a blast. I won't kid you, it has been stressful, but it's so worthwhile! Ask me again in a month whether it's worthwhile and I may not be so sure.

We are fortunate to have the employees we do. Talk about clutch. At a time in which our leadership is nonexistent, you have a group of dedicated employees step up and not only get things done, but look at ways to improve business. I have not had the opportunity to even make an appearance at the office and of course, Sharon is out from the store, but having had our people rise to the occasion in such a way is beyond description.

I've learned to take extra time to go to the store or out in public. When so many beautiful, concerned friends want to know how Sharon is doing, I'm certainly going to let them know. This has been such a humbling experience for my family. Sharon and I have shared tears on several occasions at the outpouring of kindness.

If only I had the writing ability to convey how I feel inside when so many share their thoughts and prayers with us. It leaves me speechless, which is not an easy thing to accomplish when you're a big mouth.

I apologize for my shortage of columns. I'm hoping we've settled into a routine which allows me the time and opportunity to get some thoughts down.

Also, I'd like to apologize for continuing to write on this topic. This is what's on my mind and I'm at a loss as to what else to write about. Don't worry, I'm still an opinionated person and I'm sure thoughts on the economy, healthcare reform and politics will begin showing here on occasion soon.

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There's danger in romance, especially tumbleweeds.

As scraggly weeds go, none is more romantic. The mid-1930s song, "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," can make anyone want to sing with the Sons of the Pioneers and drift along with the quintessential weeds of the West, wind-blown loners, each on an unmapped trail to a new day that's coming at dawn.

As for danger, we'll get to that later.

Meanwhile, drift back with me to when television was black and white. Hearty tumbleweeds rolled low across the screen of our Zenith, keeping up with a covered wagon rolling along in the same direction. It was all so delightful. The tumbleweeds behaved like frolicking pets accompanying happy pioneers on their journey west. Maybe it was on The Lawrence Welk Show. Maybe it was a scene in a corny musical. Either way, those tumbleweeds made me think our farm was at least a little like a movie set.

At school, two miles away, tumbleweeds regularly blew onto the campus, especially in fall. Some kids hooked them together in rows and let them roll. My friends and I built a tumbleweed clubhouse under the football bleachers. The walls went up fast on the steel frame.

Then some smart aleck (probably the future biology professor) said our local tumbleweeds weren't true tumbleweeds but were instead "Russian thistles." That made both farm and schoolyard seem less like movie sets and all our tumbleweeds seem like impostors - yea, even communist impostors. So much for romance.

Later I learned that "tumbleweed" by any other name is

"Russian thistle," and vice-versa. I'd wasted half my childhood thinking our brand of tumbleweeds didn't measure up. That's what happens when you listen to a smart aleck. Lesson learned.

But now that I've done my own tumbleweed research, I'm disappointed again, unhappy to learn that Russian thistles are newcomers. They didn't get to North America until after the West was mostly won. Per one credible-sounding Internet site, the thistle seed came to South Dakota in 1873 among flax seed brought in by unwitting Russian immigrants. In those unfenced days, it would have taken one good freeze and one good norther, respectively, to uproot and blow all South Dakota Russian thistles straight to Texas, where the Johnny-come-lately invasive species now acts so much at home here we think it is. Invasive species are like that.

Now for the dangerous part. Beware green tumbleweeds. Step barelegged into one, and you may suffer. I did.

The big round weed was square in my path on a mid-September evening at our gate. I tangled with it. The itching started that night.

Six days later I got the diagnosis: contact dermatitis, a \$200 malady, treatments included.

Nothing worked. I scratched. You would have too.

Incidentally, "contact dermatitis" is a generic term for poison ivy. Remember "Poison Ivy" by the Coasters? Different rash, different song.

Me, I'm glad my bout was with a tumbleweed instead - reason enough to order a vintage version of "Tumbling Tumbleweeds."

It's got a few scratches. So do I.

VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

I hope everyone had a fun time at Halloween. They had a carnival here in Lockney for the children so it was the first year I did not have any "trick or treaters". Back in the 80s when we first moved to town we had hundreds of treaters. Donnie and I would dress up and put masks on and had a better time than the kids. That was such a good time in our lives.

I did too have one "trick or treat" this year. My great-grandson, Payce McPherson came by Thursday night all dressed up as Spider-Man, with a mask on and everything. So cute! Becky and I went with Megan, Payce and Elle to church in Plainview Sunday morning to hear Kyle Brock preach. The men folks were working cattle and in the field harvesting. There is an old saying "The ox is in the ditch" so working on Sunday is sometimes excusable.

Lewis Eiland and wife Ella Dawn of Copperas Cove were visitors at the Center Wednesday morning for coffee and stayed for lunch. They came from Lubbock where they had attended the Southern Baptist Convention. Other visitors who came for lunch and to visit with the Eilands were Gayle and Paul Schacht, Joe and Ethelyn Garnett, Mary Carter and Betty Vernon White of Plainview. Of course all of us regulars enjoyed visiting with them too.

Dorothy Stapp and her family and niece Joy Reeves had guests from California recently.

They were Dorothy's nephew Glendell Rowell and wife Judy. While they were here they also visited with Glendell's cousin Charles Wallace in Tulia and cousin Bud Strange in Claude. Also Glendell's cousin Gloria Woods of Lubbock came to Lockney for a visit.

Jr. Brotherton fell on his new knee recently when he was delivering meals so last Wednesday he and Gene went to Amarillo to his doctor to get his knee x-rayed. He did not damage the knee at all except skinned it some. The doctor dismissed him to go back to work.

Lynn Ray Smith is recuperating at home after being in the hospital with pneumonia. The Smiths' daughter Sandy Bailey is home now under the care of hospice. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Lance McCain is now in the Lockney hospital suffering from a fall and now has developed pneumonia. Please put him on your prayer list.

Our sympathy is with the Cook family on the passing of Billie. Her funeral services were held last Friday, and she was buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

MENU

Saturday, Nov. 7: breakfast
Nov. 9-13

Monday: baked potato
Tuesday: hamburger steak
Wednesday: pork chop
Thursday: hamburger on bun
Friday: fish

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margaret Soudelier

The center is located at 301 E. Georgia Street and is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years old or older, come eat lunch with your friends and neighbors. Also if you are 60+ and are homebound or know someone who is, you might be eligible for a hot meal to be delivered to your door. For more information, call Sylvia at 983-2032.

The weather has had everyone talking or should say complaining. Seems like we have nice weather for a couple of days and then we have a cold front which drops our day time temperature below normal. Then the north wind is blowing which makes it feel much colder.

Our sympathy to the family of Jane McCulley.

Thank you for remembering the center when you feel a need to make a memorial donation. You can mail it to Floydada Senior

Citizen, P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235 or bring it to the center at 301 E. Georgia in Floydada.

Helpful Hint: Place a green avocado in a container of flour for a couple of days to ripen. The avocado will be soft to the touch and ready to eat.

MENU

November 9 - November 13
Monday - Beef stroganoff, carrots, corn, roll, oranges and bananas
Tuesday - Green chili chicken, tossed salad, oriental blend, roll, strawberry cake
Wednesday - Pork chops, macaroni and cheese, peas, roll, banana split cake
Thursday - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, brownies
Friday - BBQ ribs, pinto beans, potato salad, roll, jello

This Week's

VETERAN' DAY SALUTE

The Floydada High School Student Council is sponsoring the eighth annual Veteran's Day program honoring all Floyd County veterans. Veterans from all branches of the military are invited to the program to be presented on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the Whirlwind Gym. A reception will immediately follow the program. Everyone is welcome.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The Floydada Boy Scout Troop #357 will be sponsoring a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10 at 6 p.m. at the Floydada Cemetery.

LONGHORN BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Longhorn Booster Club meets each Monday in the Longhorn Gym foyer. A fund-raiser meal starts at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Whirlwind Booster Club meets each Tuesday in the Floydada High School cafeteria. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Come and show your support for all our athletes.

FLOYDADA BOY SCOUT POPCORN

The Floydada Boy Scouts are still selling popcorn. All orders will be turned in on November 9th. To order call Bob at Script Printing, 983-5131 or Curtis Emert at 983-5046 and leave a message or call Brown's Implement, 983-2281.



VETERANS DAY

Community Blood Drive Scheduled

United Blood Services announces a community blood drive to stock hospitals' shelves for this year's flu season as well as the upcoming holiday season. "This year it is doubly important," said Ciminie Palacios, Donor Recruitment Representative of United Blood Services.

In the past, the nation's blood supply has been very tight during the holidays and this year United Blood Services, the non-profit community blood provider, will most likely see fewer donors due to illness, whether it be the seasonal or the H1N1 flu bug. "If you are healthy, we encourage you to donate at the drive or once more before the end of the year," said Palacios.

The blood drive in Floydada will be held on Monday, November 9th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Whirlwind gym foyer.

Those who plan to donate must be healthy. "If somebody has flu symptoms, we ask them

not to donate until they are 100 percent recovered," Palacios said. Palacios also explained that the blood center has been getting lots of questions regarding the flu shot and blood donation. "If you have received the flu shot, or if you plan on receiving the H1N1 vaccine when that comes out, there's no impact on your ability to donate blood," Palacios said. "You can receive the shot and donate blood that same day."

Potential donors can make an appointment to give at www.UnitedBloodServices.org. Donors receive a free cholesterol test. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.

You can also make an appointment by calling Jan Willson at 983-2340.

THANKS FOR READING

Mount Zion Baptist Church WMU director Bettye King would like to say thanks to all for purchasing a raffle ticket for the Hassock/Ottoman.

Myrtle Minner was the top ticket seller and sold the winning ticket to Barry Hale of Dougherty.

Also a big thank you to Evelyn Marie Jones for designing the beautiful piece for the raffle.

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We would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, prayers, and donations to the Jesus L. Garza Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to the Lockney Boy Scout troop.

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Lockney Defeats Ralls; Playoffs On The Line Against HC

The Lockney Longhorns put themselves on the edge of a football playoff berth Friday night with an 18-15 victory over the visiting Ralls Jackrabbits on Senior Night at Mitchell-Zimmerman Field.

Dressed in all black and playing in front of a home crowd dominated by the same color and on a field neatly accentuated and adorned in black by groundskeeper Kenny Hooten, the Longhorns, as has been their custom all season, fell behind early only to roar back and claim the win with second-half heroics.

Ralls dominated the first quarter and took an early lead when Chris Mata scored on a one-yard plunge. John Taylor converted for a 7-0 Rabbit lead.

Lockney closed the gap midway through the second quarter on a six-yard Angel Cortez run. The extra point try failed, and the score remained 7-6 at halftime.

The Horns took the lead for good with just under a minute to go in the third quarter on a 16-yard pass from Cortez to Marcos Bernal. They extended their lead on a four-yard Louie Perales run with just over five minutes left in the game.

Refusing to quit, Ralls marched down the field and with just over a minute left a Corey Salazar to Tyler Logan pass of seven yards and the subsequent two-point conversion trimmed the home team's lead to three points.

A Ralls outside kick was recovered by Konner Ellison, and Lockney ran out the clock to even its district record at 2-2.

A playoff spot is on the line this Friday at Jeffries Field at Hale Center. The winner of the game

will claim the final post-season spot in District 6-A behind champion New Deal and runner-up Olton.

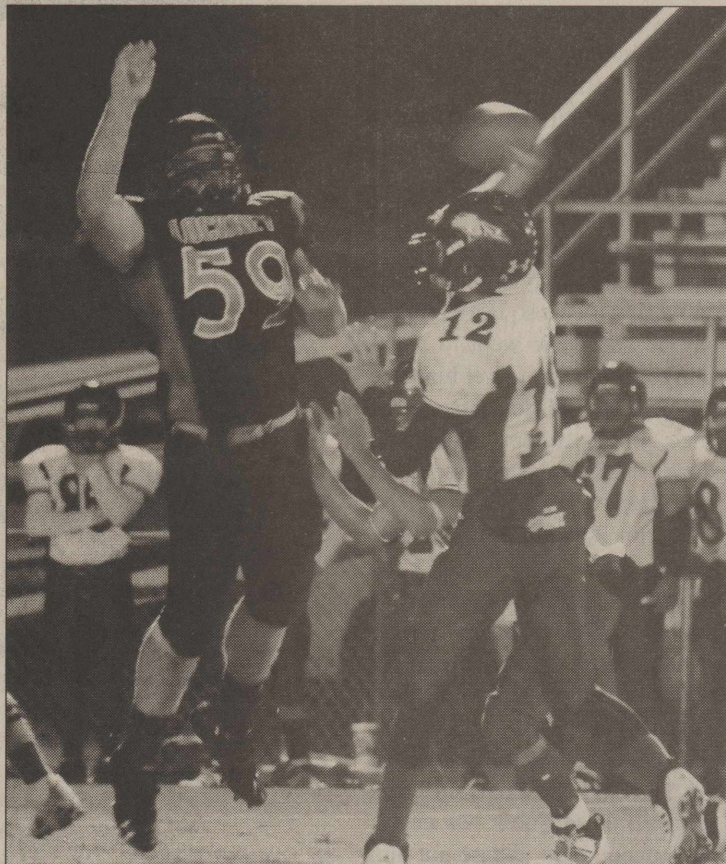


Photo by Connie Barnett

PASS DEFENSE – Lockney's Walker Kemp goes high in an attempt to bat down a Ralls pass.

8th Grade Horns Shut Out Ralls

The eighth-grade Lockney Longhorn football team won their last home game of the season 20-0 over the Ralls Jackrabbits last Thursday.

The Longhorns started off slow until Ky Teeter scored on a 39-yard touchdown run to make the score 6-0.

Anthony Nunez got in the action with a 12-yard TD run and added the two-point conversion to make it 14-0.

The final score of the game was made by Teeter on a 34-yard touchdown run.

The Longhorns' next game will be Thursday, November 5 at Hale Center.

7th Horns Win 22-0

The Lockney Junior High seventh-grade football team notched a 22-0 victory over Ralls last Thursday.

John Salas scored the first TD on a one-yard run in the second quarter. The two-point conversion run was by Nic Sherman. The half ended with the score 8-0.

The third quarter saw Eli Guerrero score on a 21-yard run. Ryan Poole added the conversion points.

Darren DeLeon finished the scoring on a 15-yard run.

The backs had great blocking by the offensive line, Andrew Palomin, Michael Guerrero, Paul Martinez, Javier Guerrero, John Palomin, and Will Prayor.

The seventh-graders travel to Hale Center Thursday, November 5.

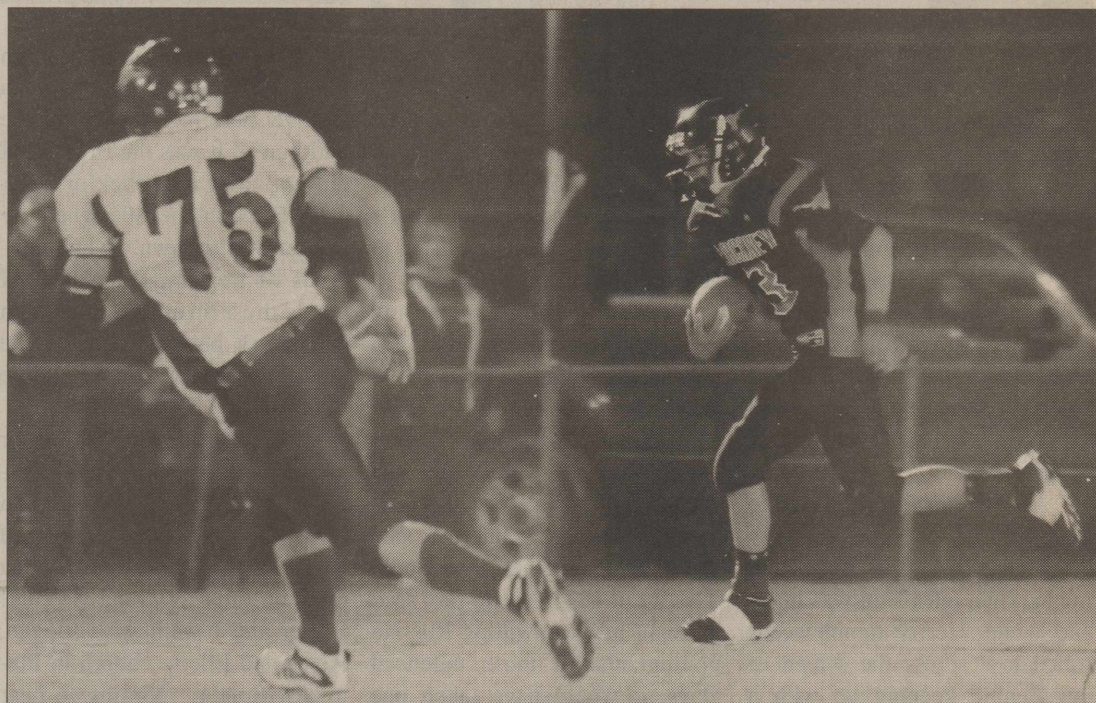


Photo by Connie Barnett

ANGEL CORTEZ picks up yardage in the Longhorns' 18-15 victory over Ralls.



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WALKER KEMP carries the ball for Lockney in the Longhorns' 18-15 victory over Ralls.

Lockney School Menu

November 9-13

MONDAY

Breakfast: muffin or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: steak fingers or chicken patty, potatoes, carrots, apple-sauce, roll, milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: eggs/sausage or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: baked potato or comdog, salad, pineapple, roll, milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: nacho grande or tuna sandwich, corn, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: pancakes/ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: chicken noodle soup or grilled cheese, salad, peaches, crackers, milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: hamburger or barbecue on bun, potatoes, salad, grapes, milk

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LITTLE LONGHORNS – Lockney Elementary School students of the week for November 2-6. Left to right: (front) Ernest Alvarado, Emma Dunn, Hailey Auffill, Diego Ascencio; (middle row) Alex Williams, Audrey Rexrode, Adriana Palomin, Brett Moore, Alexa Poole, Tuff Araujo; (back) Bethany Salazar, Jeremiah Bernal, Kevin Lopez, Marcus Zuniga, Andres Garcia, Raymundo Alvarado.

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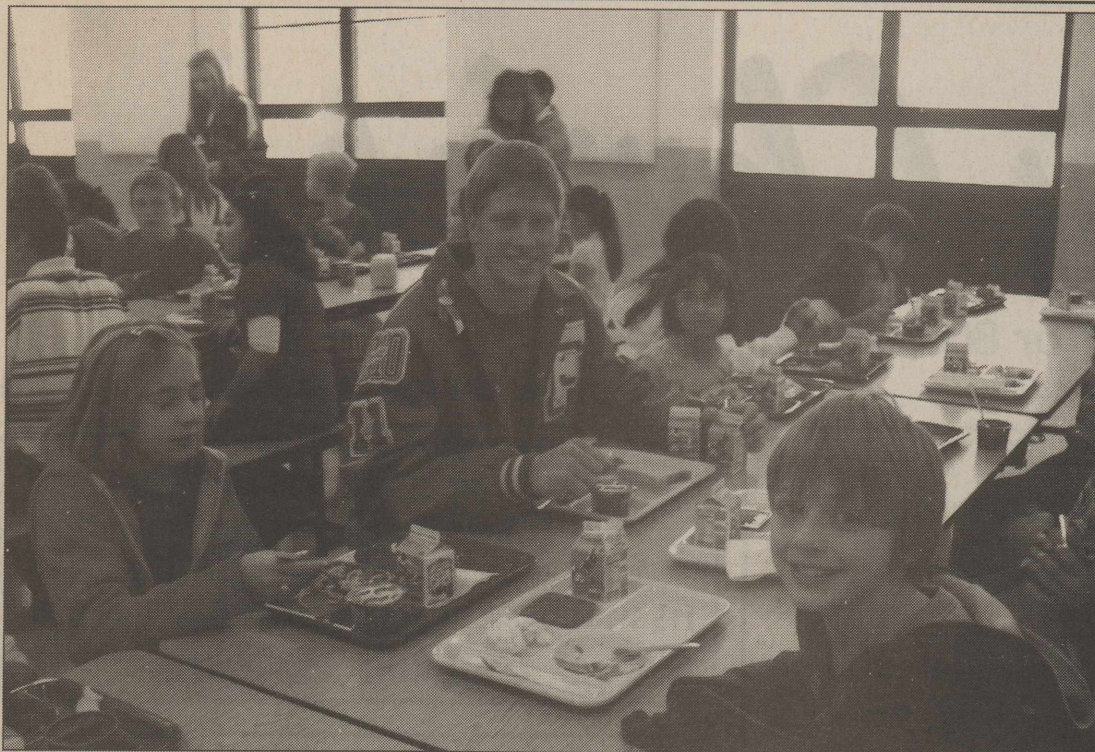
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Employee of the Month

Christina Rodriguez

Christina began working for the hospital in March of 2007. She is a Certified Nurse Aide for Dr. Stewart. Her duties are assisting nurses and Dr. Stewart with patient care and vein procedures. Christina has a great personality and she's always smiling. She always does a terrific job and she's very good with the patients. Working in a small community and working with the staff are a few things she likes the most about working at the hospital. She loves spending time with her family and watching movies.

We appreciate Christina and congratulate her for being selected this honor by her co-workers!



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BIG TREAT—The Duncan Elementary 5th and 6th graders got a big treat last week as the Floydada Whirlwind football team came to eat lunch. Floydada travels to Dimmitt this Friday night to take on the Bobcats. A victory will give the Whirlwinds a playoff spot in the bi-district game. A pep-rally will be held Friday at 2:45 p.m. in the Whirlwind Gym. Moms and all fans are encouraged to meet at the tennis courts at 2:30 p.m. as they walk the halls of FHS and show their Whirlwind spirit.

Lockney and Floydada 4-H groups met at the Assiter Pumpkin Farms for their October meeting and Tim Assiter showed us 4-Hers all the different types of pumpkins. He also led a demonstration where his Border collie dogs retrieved pumpkins and herded goats.

Coronado, Lopez, Fulton Win Football Contest

Ricky Coronado, Jr., Paul Lopez and Chris Fulton won the cash prizes in last week's Hesperian-Beacon football contest.

Coronado of Floydada will be taking the \$25 cash prize as he was the only entry this week to miss two games.

Lopez, Fulton and Ricky Ascencio, all of Lockney, missed three games each. Lopez will receive the second place prize of \$15 on a tie-breaker guess of Lockney over Ralls and a 36-point total score, 3 points off the actual 33. (The Longhorns beat Ralls 18-15).

Fulton's tie-breaker guess of Lockney, and 28 total points (5 off), earned him the third place prize of \$10.

Ascencio will garner honorable mention as he also picked Lockney with 42 total points, 9 points off.

Also receiving honorable mention are five entries that missed only 4 games. They were Franklin Harris, Jane Pruitt and Stanley Sanders, all of Floydada and Norma Ragland and Bryan Bybee, both of Lockney.

Close behind with 5 misses were Brent Sanders, Coy LaBaume, and Bob Alldredge, all of Floydada and Lanny Barnett of Silverton.

There were a total of 36 entries this week.

Winners may pick up their prizes at the Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada. Be sure to circle the winners in all games and indicate winners and total score in both tie-breaker games. If they are left blank, they will be counted as incorrect.

We would like to thank all the sponsors that make this contest possible.

FHS Cross Country Teams Compete In Abernathy Invitational Meet

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Cross Country teams traveled to Abernathy last Saturday to participate in the Abernathy Invitational Cross Country Meet.

The Lady Winds finished 6th overall. Below are their times. If they won a medal their place is beside their name.

Samantha Rodriguez, 9th Place - 13:42; Kristan Sanchez 14:33; Ashley Lucke 14:41; Tyler Whalen 14:58; Malorie Alaniz 15:52; Anna de la Fuente 16:38; Kelsey Nutt 17:59; Emily Hall 18:02; Merritt Johnson 18:36.

The Whirlwinds only had four runners (for team scores you have to have 5 runners). Hopefully, we will get well and have a team at district. Below are their times.

Anthony Ascencio 18:58; Eric Perez 19:02; R.J. Gomez 20:50; Joseph Martinez 20:30.

Our district meet is Monday, October 26th, starting at 2:00 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Come support the Floydada Cross Country teams.

Floydada School Menu November 9-13

Monday

Breakfast-French toast, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk

Tuesday

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

Lunch-Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk

Thursday

Breakfast- Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, quick baked potatoes, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk

Registration Has Begun For College Night Classes In Floydada

By Joyce Williams

South Plains College Plainview Campus Director Mrs. Gracie Quinonez and Counselor Camille Lewis met with prospective SPC students Wednesday, October 21 in the library at Floydada High School. They discussed adult education classes for 2010. Night college classes will be

held in the FHS building. Classes will start in January, 2010.

Floydada High School Principal Wayne Morren welcomed the SPC representatives and prospective students. He spoke on the importance of continuing one's academic and vocational growth throughout a person's lifetime.

Applications for financial aid and college registration were handed out to the visitors. Floydada High School student Shauna Sessions assisted the adults in filling out their application papers.

Some applicants already have college experience and plan to continue their education. For others it was the beginning of their college education.

Anyone with a high-school diploma or G.E.D. is urged to pick up application papers at the Floydada ISD main office at 226 West California Street in downtown Floydada. Veterans eligible for G.I. Bill education benefits are also welcome to enroll for SPC classes in Floydada. All who need financial aid are urged to apply now in order to get their papers processed in time for the January 2010 opening.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

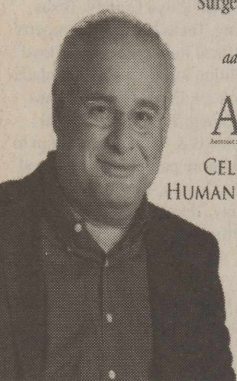
Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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Coach Mark Styles

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Proposers are expeted to examine the complete RFP document. Failure to do so will be at the proposer's risk. Written questions about this RFP and requests for additional information shall be requested no later than December 1, 2009 (12:00 p.m.) to the District, Attn: Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent, 226 W. California, Floydada, TX. 72935 or you may fax your request to (806) 983-5739.

Proposers must submit one original and 7 copies (8 complete sets) of the proposal.

Proposals will be received until 12:00 p.m. on December 4, 2009 at the District office. The address of this office is:

Floydada ISD
226 W. California
Floydada, TX. 79235

Proposals must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "SEALED PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY/CASUALTY COVERAGE."

The district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any formalities and/or technicalities in the proposal and award the contract to best serve the interests of the District. The district may negotiate with proposers as deemed advisable or necessary.

All proposals must be submitted on the proposal forms, in accordance with all specified conditions. Coverage shall be for one year beginning January 23, 2010 and the rates quoted shall be guaranteed for that period. Multiple year proposals may be offered as an additional option and must be fully explained.

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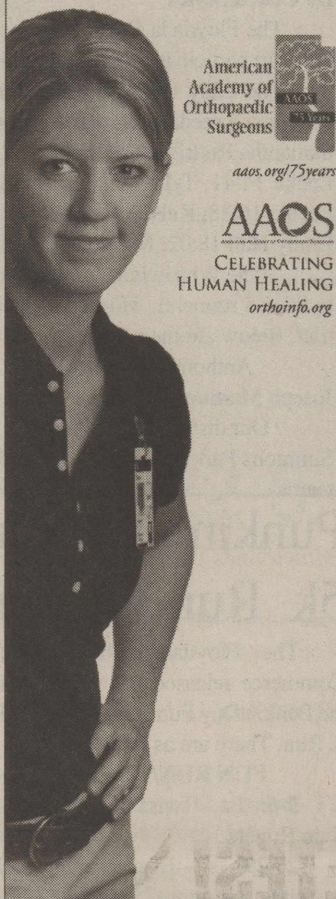
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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,153.52 exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgement herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Floyd County Appraisal District, Plaintiff against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on June 27, 2008, in a certain suit styled the Floyd County Appraisal District et al vs. Juan Gonzalez et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, 110th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5577TS, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgement herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as providing by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgement, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 7th day of December, A.D., 2009, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Floyd County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgement shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgement herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, this 27th day of October, A.D., 2009.

Patty Davenport
Clerk of the District Court
Floyd County, Texas, 110th Judicial District

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Juan Gonzalez, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs, of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to wit: Lot 16, Block 48, Original Townsite of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 256, Page 151 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas; Lots 15 and 16, Block 87, Original Townsite of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 263, Page 941 of the Deed Records, Floyd County, Texas; Lot 3, Block 109, Original Townsite of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 260, Page 830 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas; Lot 5, C.O. Spence Addition to the City of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 281, Page 458 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas; Lot 6, Block 135, Original Townsite of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 281, Page 729 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas; Lot 7, Block 135, Original Townsite of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 281, Page 729 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas; All of Block 18 and 19, Farris & Childers Addition to the City of Floydada SAVE & EXCEPT 1.08 acres out of the northeast part of Block 19, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 271, Page 239 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas; All of Lots 22 and 23, Farris & Childers Addition to the City of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 271, Page 239 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas; and Lots 12 and 13, Block 71, Original Townsite of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 274, Page 459 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$8,191.98, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgement herein.

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Clerk of the District Court
Floyd County, Texas, 110th Judicial District

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Floydada will receive sealed bids until 5 p.m. Friday, November 13, 2009 on the following:

2001 Freightliner Truck with 29 cubic yard Pak Mor with Emco-style pickup attachment

The truck has 78,126 miles with 2,475 hours. The truck may be seen at 230 N. Main in Floydada, Texas (behind the City Barn just North of the Fire Hall).

Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to the City Secretary, 114 W. Virginia St., Floydada, Texas 79235. The envelope should be marked "Trash Truck Bid."

The bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Monday, November 16, 2009 and acted upon at the Floydada City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

All questions should be directed to Julian Alaniz at 806-983-2834.

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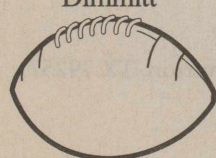
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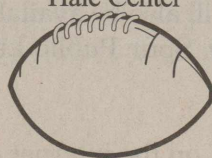


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Neugebauer: We Need Choices, Not A Government Takeover

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer released the following statement after Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats unveiled their latest health care plan:

Since August, the people of the 19th Congressional District have been telling me they want real solutions for the health care crisis in America. They have also been telling me there is a big difference between the RIGHT and WRONG way to reform health care.

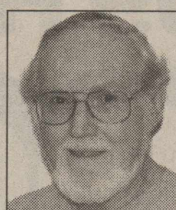
After weeks of meeting behind closed doors, Democrat leaders today unveiled yet another health care plan. This new plan follows months of secret negotiations and backroom deals, and flies in the face of rising opposition by the American people. It is clear Speaker Pelosi does not have the overwhelming support from the public or her fellow colleagues necessary to pass this legislation. Instead of forcing a bad bill with limited support through Congress, I urge the Speaker to keep working until we can get a bill that will offer common-sense solu-

tions to the health care challenges we face.

As I begin to review this 1,990 page piece of legislation, I promise the people of the 19th Congressional District that I will continue to embrace an approach to healthcare that puts patients before profits and politics. A sound health care reform plan should expand access to affordable options, especially for those with pre-existing conditions; protect Americans from being forced into a government-run insurance plan, making certain that medical decisions are made by patients and their doctors; and let Americans who like their health care coverage keep it, while giving all Americans more choices to find a health plan that best meets their needs.

I believe we can fix what is broken in our current health care system, without introducing a massive government takeover. As we begin debate on this enormous piece of legislation, I will continue to fight for responsible health care solutions the people of West Texas and the Big Country can support.

Galileo's New Universe a Book Worth Reading



Paul Derrick Stargazer

Being the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first astronomical use of the telescope, 2009 is being celebrated as the International Year of Astronomy. As such, it's not surprising to see new books and articles on the subject. One book that has come to my attention is Galileo's New Universe by astronomers Stephen P. Maran and Laurence A. Marschall (Benbella Books, Dallas, 2009). At 174 pages and \$14.95, it's an easy and inexpensive read which I highly recommend.

Having already read many accounts of Galileo's story, I was tempted to pass on the book, but I'm glad I didn't. While it contains much I already knew, there's plenty of new material to make it well worth my while. And beyond that, the literary device used by the

authors is engaging.

After a brief but informative account of Galileo's story, they devote a chapter each to telescopes, the Moon, the Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, comets, the Milky Way, and cosmology. With each, they present the 17th century view followed by the contemporary, dramatically illustrating the progress of the past 400 years.

For example, they describe the telescopes Galileo made and used for his Earth-shaking discoveries in the early 1600s, telescopes that were inferior even to today's inexpensive department store scopes. They then describe today's huge observatory telescopes, and the mammoth scopes currently under development -- instruments Galileo couldn't have imagined in his wildest dreams.

With each of the other topics, they relate what was known to Galileo and his contemporaries,

Galileo...

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Rep. Heflin Presented Outstanding Service Award By County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas

CROSBYTON - State Representative Joe Heflin was presented the Outstanding Service Award by the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas (CJCAT) at the organization's annual conference last month in Corpus Christi. Rep. Heflin's work on wind farm and other economic development projects during this year's 81st Legislative session was cited as one of the primary reasons for the award.

"The leadership and support of Rep. Heflin was essential to the passage of our economic development legislation to continue wind farms and other projects," said Jim Allison, general counsel to CJCAT. "His knowledge of county government issues is an invaluable asset to counties and our taxpayers."

In receiving the award, Rep.

Heflin said, "I want to thank you very much for this honor. It is always gratifying to be recognized for efforts that truly benefit not only my District, but the State of Texas as a whole. As a former county judge, I have always enjoyed my work with the county judges and commissioners across the state, and that makes this award especially meaningful to me."

Before his election to the Texas Legislature in 2006, Rep. Heflin served five years as County Judge in Crosby County. CJCAT named Rep. Heflin Legislator of the Year after his first term in the Texas House, and he also was honored with the Sam Seale Award of Excellence by the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association. The Texas Association of Counties gave Rep. Heflin the Friend of

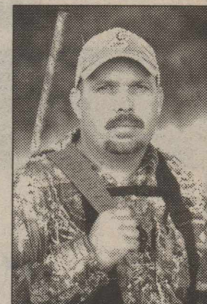
County Government award and he was presented a Distinguished Legislative Service Award by the Texas Municipal League.

CJCAT is a statewide organization with more than 1,200 active members that promotes the interests of county government, through providing the opportunity for continuing education and active participation in governmental affairs, particularly the State Legislature.

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, 806.675.1583, or in Big Spring, at 432.213.2897.

Russell Graves Outdoors

Learning to See
By Russell A. Graves



If you know how to look, you can find scores of things to photograph during this month. The key to successful photography is learning to "see"—paying attention to detail and studying scenes for potential photographs. Pictures are all around us; you just need to know how to recognize them. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Deer Camp

November finds many spending time in deer camp. The obvious things to photograph on a lease are the deer roaming around. When the deer are not moving, there are many other photographic opportunities in deer camp, so long as you learn to "see."

A couple of years ago, I was at a deer camp in Donley County north of Clarendon, Texas. I spent the afternoon crowded in a ground blind with my buddy, Garry, but we never saw anything worth harvesting or photographing. Thinking that afternoon's photo trip a bust, we rode the ATV back to camp. As I was putting my gear into my truck, Garry walked onto the cabin's dimly lit front porch and paused for a moment to double check that his gun was unloaded before going in the front door.

The only lighting on the porch was a small, incandescent bulb. Having just enough light to make a photograph, I asked Garry to stand very still as I shot a few frames. When I saw the images, I was quite pleased with the results. I captured a classic deer camp scene that is a memorable photograph as well.

Think about other images you can capture around deer camp. Maybe it is a group of hunters lounging around the campfire; a still life of your rifle and rattling antlers arranged thoughtfully against an old mesquite stump; a simple record of the hunters in camp so you can look back on fond memories many years from now.

Slow down and look for photo opportunities, as they are all around. Once you have a good record of the tiny details around camp, all the in-field wildlife pictures are icing on the cake.

Around the House

This November, you do not have to limit your photo taking opportunities to deer camp; opportunities abound close to home. November finds the duck migration in full swing, and I often go to the Childress city park to photograph widgeons, mallards, and the occasional goose that finds solace at the quaint little park. Armed with a short telephoto lens like a 200mm, the only other thing I need is a little bit of stale bread to bring the waterfowl close enough for some great photos. Parks all over Texas become winter homes to not only waterfowl but many songbirds as well. Because of a constant human presence (many bearing food), birds, squirrels, raccoons, and even deer become accustomed to people and are easy to photograph.

I shoot near-home images of wildflowers and fall foliage colors as cold days and colder nights begin to sip the color from them. I also like to keep a few bird feeders in my backyard to attract songbirds within camera range. I always try to shoot pictures of something (kids and dogs included) just to stay in practice. For me, photography is like any other activity: the less I do, the more stale I get.

I could go on about all the things to photograph but the bottom line is to keep your eyes open and be prepared. Learning to "see" photographs from an artistic standpoint is a big step in helping you become a better photographer. You should always be ready to shoot a picture when the opportunity presents itself. My camera is like an American Express card—I won't leave home without it.

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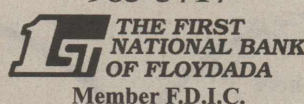
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Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (WETT) is proposing to construct a new 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line project as part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) Program directed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to increase the transmission capacity necessary to deliver renewable energy. The project consists of approximately 68 miles (depending on the route selected by the PUCT) of double-circuit capacity transmission line located in the Texas counties of Dickens, Kent, and Scurry. The proposed project will connect the proposed WETT Cottonwood Switching Station in Dickens County, Texas, to the proposed Oncor Dermott Switching Station in Scurry County, Texas.

The proposed route segments were identified by TRC, a consulting company retained by WETT for the project, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the PUCT, the Texas Utilities Code, and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). As part of the on-going routing process, WETT will hold two Public Open House Meetings to display the proposed route segments. In addition, the meetings will allow individuals to provide comments and ask questions about the proposed project. WETT is committed to working closely with local communities and addressing the values and concerns of the public during the routing process. Detailed maps and information are available at the meetings for review anytime between 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Please note there are no formal presentations at the Open Houses. Materials displayed will also be available for reference at the Crosby County Library, Kent County Library, Scurry County Library, Spur Public Library, and Post Public Library.

If you have any questions concerning the Open Houses, please contact WETT on the internet at <http://www.windenergyoftexas.com> or by calling toll free (877) 899-WETT (9388).



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Obituaries



NORA CISNEROS
Nora Cisneros, 37, of Floydada, passed away on October 28, 2009.

A rosary for Nora was held at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2009 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Father Angelo Consimino officiated. Burial was held in the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Nora Cisneros was born on August 28, 1972 in Lockney to Joe Cisneros, Jr. and Elvia Cisneros.

She worked as a receptionist/bookkeeper at the Floydada Housing Authority for five years and was a member of the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

Nora was a fun, loving, family oriented person and she never knew a stranger. Her smile would light up the room. Nora's favorite past time was attending all of her son, Michael, sports events. She was definitely a team mom and never missed a game. "Nana" is what her nephews and nieces would call her. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jose Cisneros, Jr., her maternal grandparents and paternal grandparents.

Nora is survived by her mother, Elvia Cisneros; her son, Michael Ryan Cisneros and three step-children, Phillip Navarro, Jr., Brittany Navarro and Joseph Navarro, all of Floydada. She had six siblings, Margie and Jerry Salinas, all Lubbock, Norma and David McGowen, Rolando and Cynthia Cisneros, Roel and Esmeralda Cisneros and Mary Jane Cisneros, all of Floydada and twelve nieces and nephews.

A Love Fund for Nora Cisneros has been established at American State Bank.

ROY FOREHAND

Roy Forehand, 75, of Floydada passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 5, 2009 at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney with Jay Don Poindexter officiating.

Burial will be at 4 p.m. at Weinert Cemetery in Weinert, Texas under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.



Jane McCulley, age 84, of Floydada, joined her Lord on Monday, October 26, 2009 in Lubbock.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Don Dawes officiating. Private burial was held at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Jane Bowling was born September 7, 1925 in Bristow, Oklahoma to Joseph Elbert Bowling and Christie Carrie (Spoon) Bowling. She attended Bristow public school and later attended Oklahoma Baptist University where she earned her BS in Elementary Education. Jane was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Education Fraternity. She was a teacher, homemaker and a dental office manager.

She married Andrew G. McCulley on April 22, 1951 in Bristow, Oklahoma. They moved to Floydada in 1954 from Amherst, Texas. The couple was blessed with three children, David Alan, Nan Ellen and Laura. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church.

Jane had a passion for travel and music, singing, playing piano and organ. She toured with and loved performing with the "Singing Women of West Texas" and "Proclaim". She appreciated the arts and had leadership roles in Great Books Studies and Plainview Community Concerts. She was honored with the Girl Scout Woman of Distinction Award. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Andrew G. McCulley.

Jane is survived by a son, David Alan McCulley and his wife, Connie of Lubbock; two daughters, Nan Ellen Shirley of Ohio and Laura McCulley Morris and her husband, S. Smith Morris of San Antonio; a sister, Norma B. Pasqualino of New York; two sister-in-laws, Mary Ruth McCulley of Amarillo and Geneva McCulley of California; grandchildren, Jim McCulley and his wife, Leslie of Denver, Joe McCulley of Austin, Brent Shirley of Ohio and Jennifer Marie McCulley Morris of San Antonio and great-grandchildren, Addison and Ayden McCulley of Denver. Her family suggests memorials in Jane McCulley's name be made to, Dr. Andrew and Jane McCulley Memorial Fund, 401 S. Main, Floydada, TX 79235.



EUNICE HILL

Eunice Hill, 92, died Sunday November 1, 2009 in Tulia. Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2009 in the Plainview Cemetery in Plainview, Texas. Bruce Baird, pastor of Central Church of Christ in Tulia officiated and Bob Colson, assisted. Arrangements were under the direction of Kernerstone Funeral Directors of Tulia.

Eunice was born January 20, 1917 in Concho County, Texas to G.P. and May Mills Barton. They moved to Lubbock when she was 7 years of age and she grew up and attended schools there. She married W.H. Hill in February 1939 in Lubbock. They lived in and around Lubbock for many years. Mr. Hill passed away in June 1966. Eunice moved to Tulia in 1975 from Happy. She was a member of the Tulia Senior Citizens and Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Edwin Nutt of Floydada; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Hulan and Judy Hill of Tulia, Kenneth and Bobbie Hill of Sulphur, Louisiana and Leroy Hill of Olton; one brother, John Barton of Phoenix, Arizona, eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and also five great-great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by one brother and three sisters. Her body laid in state at the funeral home in Tulia until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 and laid in state at Kernerstone Funeral Directors in Plainview from 9 am Wednesday, November 4, 2009 until service time.

Memorials may be made to the High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, Texas 79114. Online condolences may be made at www.kernerstonefunerals.com.

JANE McCULLEY

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Words can never express our sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown us in the passing of our husband, daddy, and Pa. To "John's Girls" from Hospice and the Care Center, we cannot begin to thank you enough for the wonderful care you gave. He loved you all. The food, cards, visits, and flowers were so much appreciated, but most of all, your love and friendship and God's arms around us will help us through the days to come.

We love you,
Rochelle Dorman
Johnny, Julie, and Amber Dorman
Nathan and April Haile
Zach, Sandra, Courtney, and Cagan Cummings
Adam and Ashley Cummings

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
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
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.



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Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 am.
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.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
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Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
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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.

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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
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.

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

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

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Andy Rodriguez
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemino
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass.....6:30 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.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston, Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
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Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

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Honor Those Who Fought For Our Freedom. Remember Veterans Day Nov. 11

FHS...

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laying ceremony will be the Floydada High School Student Council, FJHS Student Council, Boy Scout Troop #357 and other 4-H'ers.

The Veteran's Memorial monument receives a new flag four times a years after three months of wear and tear from 24-hour use. Individuals wishing to donate a flag for replacement should contact Jordan or Julianne Cornelius in Floydada. The flags are returned to the previous donor when replaced.

FEDC...

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County contributed generously to the project and we began thinking about finalizing the design.

The goal of the design was aimed at meeting our budget and still maintaining an attractive appearance. With the help of volunteers, a design was formed that met these criteria and construction began. By July of 2009 the project was taking shape as the footing for the planter walls was poured. Over the next two months, P.R.I.D.E. worked to continue to generate funding and ensure the project's completion as construction continued. Thanks to all the time given by volunteers the plaza was ready for its official dedication on October 2nd, 2009. It was on this date the community enjoyed the dedication of the project as "Centennial Plaza" and gathered at the Massie Activity Center for a reception.

In addition to the Centennial Plaza project, the EDC also worked with the Christian Women's Job Corp to renew our working agreement. The CWJC fulfills a needed service in the community through its job training efforts. The EDC provides the facilities and equipment while CWJC provides the students and oversight. Each semester the program helps 10 to 15 students learn English, typing and basic computer skills that are required in the workplace.

Other workforce related activities included the addition of a web-based counseling program provided by the Northwest Texas Small Business Development Region Network. The program is designed to allow citizens interested in starting a business to get professional counseling from Lubbock without the time and expense of driving to Lubbock. The program is free and open to the public.

The Floydada EDC renewed its membership in The High Ground of Texas, a regional marketing and networking association designed to create jobs in the Pan-

handle and Permian Basin of Texas. This renewal is an integral part in our efforts to place Floydada in the spotlight of prospective industries seeking to relocate or build. Our membership ensures our presence in key areas we would otherwise be unable to access through regional marketing initiatives.

To help put Floydada, Texas on the map, the EDC worked to build a new web site. The new site focused on providing a resource that would have current information and allow us to publish news and interactive content. The new site with these improvements can be viewed at www.floydaadaedc.com.

The EDC also applied to the Texas Department of Agriculture to become a Certified Rural Community Member. In May of 2009 TDA awarded our membership and allowed us to access more grant funding to promote select agriculture initiatives for Texas products.

I am proud of the EDC's efforts in this past year and look forward to another productive year together.

Galileo...

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and then contrast that with what we now know 400 years later. It is sobering to realize that even many of the school children with whom I work could teach the brilliant Galileo things about the solar system and the cosmos that would leave him dumbfounded.

In future columns, drawing from this book, we'll look at the Moon, Sun, and planets as they were understood then and now. In the meantime, just for fun, imagine traveling into the future and reading a comparable book that contrasts what we know today with what our descendants will know in 2409.

Sky Calendar.

* Nov. 1 Sun., 2 a.m.: Set

clocks back 1 hour to Standard

Time.

* 1 & 2 Sun. & Mon.

mornings: Mars passes through

the Beehive star cluster high in

the southeast; binoculars will

help.

* 2 Mon.: The full Moon is

called the Hunter's Moon, Frosty

Moon, and Beaver Moon.

* 9 Mon. morning: The

Moon is at 3rd quarter with

Mars above it.

* 12 Thu. morning: Saturn

is to the left of the crescent

Moon low in the east at dawn.

* 14 Sat. morning: The star

Spica is to the upper left of the

crescent Moon very low in the

east at dawn.

* 15 Sun. morning: The thin

crescent Moon is to the right of

Venus near the eastern horizon

at dawn.

* 16 Mon.: The Moon is new.

* 17 Tue. midnight to dawn: The Leonid meteor shower peaks with no Moon interference and possibly enhanced rates.

* Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon, and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.) Evening: Jupiter is the brilliant object in the south. Morning: "Morning star" Venus is near the eastern horizon at dawn with creamy-colored Saturn higher in the east and reddish Mars high overhead.

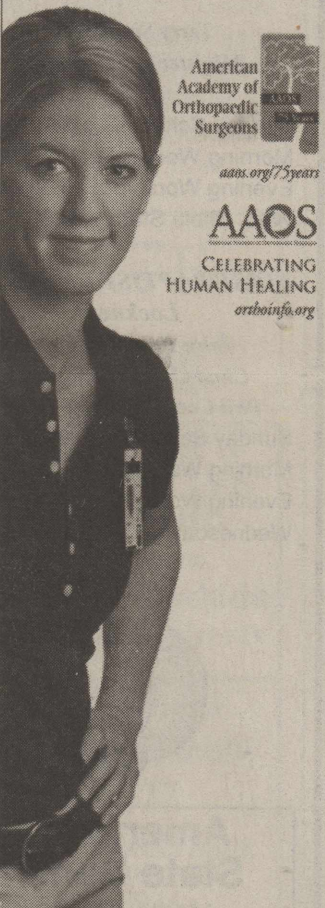
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A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



Gov. Perry: Improving Texas' Public Education System Positively Affects the Future of Our State

HOUSTON — Gov. Rick Perry today applauded the Sam Houston Math, Science and Technology Center's success in transforming from a chronically underperforming school to one recognized statewide for excellence in education.

"Because students at chronically low-performing campuses struggle to develop the necessary skills to succeed at the next level, improving public education in Texas positively affects the lives of our young people and the very future of our state," Gov. Perry said. "Our overall goal is for young Texans, no matter their economic status, to graduate from our high schools career- and college-ready, with the essential knowledge and skills that will allow them to tackle the next step."

Despite being academically unacceptable for six years, the Sam Houston Math, Science and Technology Center earned its status as a recognized campus in one year. These gains are not unique to Sam Houston, as the 2008-2009 TAKS scores across the state improved in each subject and grade level, and Texas was recently recognized as one of only four states to close the achievement gap in math.

Gov. Perry noted that Texas schools that are still struggling can learn from schools like Sam Houston and take advantage of initiatives such as the Texas Turnaround Center, which was created

in July 2008 as part of a state-wide system to provide support and technical assistance to districts and campuses identified as under-performing. Working through a regional network of highly trained turnaround teams, the center aims to reduce the number of low-performing campuses by enhancing the statewide capacity to support comprehensive, ongoing improvement of under-performing schools.

The governor also emphasized the importance of House Bill 3 of the 81st Legislative Session, which helps students prepare to enter college or the workforce by ensuring that schools retain rigorous high school graduation plans, improving parent access to student academic information and increasing school district financial transparency. The bill also encourages students to stay on the recommended high school plan, which includes four years of English, science, social studies and math, while allowing for greater scheduling flexibility to take courses that will prepare students for a successful career.

EducationWeek Magazine recently recognized Texas as one of the first states in the nation to hold schools directly accountable for ensuring our students graduate college- and career-ready with four years of math, science, social studies and English on their transcript.

Healthcare Reform Takes a Left Turn

By Dan Danner

The road to healthcare reform took a hard left turn last week.

The leaders of both the House and the Senate announced that they would bring bills with a public option to the floors of both chambers for a vote.

The announcement by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) was no surprise, as all previous House versions included a public option. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (Nev.) caught many off guard with his plan, which came despite the Senate Finance Committee's rejection of the public option.

Among other provisions of the nearly 2,000-page bill, Pelosi's plan creates a public option that pays medical providers rates negotiated by the secretary of Health and Human Services and expands government spending on the Medicaid program. The speaker intends to have a vote on the House bill this week. But the real battle will come later in the Senate.

As I write, details of the Senate proposal are sketchy, but it's clearly designed to appease Senate liberals. It would be a national, government-run program that would negotiate payment rates with doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers.

In an attempt to gain moderate senators' support, Sen. Reid's proposal would allow states to opt out of the government program at some point, which hasn't been determined. Sen. Reid's attempts to appeal to the left wing while also keeping his moderates happy may well backfire. Two prominent centrists, Sens. Joe Lieberman (Conn.) and Olympia Snowe (Maine), have already come out against his public option proposal, and concerns have been raised by others such as Sens. Evan Bayh (Ind.), Mary Landrieu (La.) and Blanche Lincoln (Ark.).

The opt-out, as outlined by Sen. Reid, comes with a high price tag in terms of access and affordability. In an effort to coerce states to remain part of the government-run public option, the opt-out is all or nothing. If your state decides not to participate in the public plan, then your state may forfeit opportunities to access other

private market solutions. This isn't providing states or small business owners with more choices. Instead, it's saying take the government plan, or risk leaving all the other options at your state line.

In addition, if you opt-out as a state, you'll still be paying — and paying and paying. So, while an opt-out provision may sound good, in the end, we'll all still be paying for it. Why? Because even if a state opts out of the program, it appears likely that all taxpayers will be on the hook to pay for it, whether it's financing subsidies or simply the long-term costs of running yet another complex bureaucracy.

States don't need a public option to spur competition. They need a reformed marketplace where all private insurers have incentives to compete. The public option doesn't lead to more competition, but it does set up perverse disincentives that will further stifle the private-market competition that small business owners have fought for all these years.

Reform for the sake of reform is not what small business wants or needs. Instead, they want access to a reformed private marketplace with lower costs, more affordable options and real competition for their healthcare dollars.

That is the message small business owners have shared throughout the health reform debate, and it's the same message they took to the White House last week in a meeting with the president.

Small business owners hope that the White House and Congress will remember that new public programs — however couched as a "consumer choice option" or with "opt out" ability — are still costs that will ultimately come out of their pockets and prohibit them from growing, investing in their business and hiring new employees.

We have said repeatedly that we remain committed to trying to support reform efforts that will provide more affordable and accessible healthcare options for small employers and their workers. No one needs reform more. But in the end, small businesses' support or opposition will rest on whether or not they're persuaded that costs will actually be reduced, and the quality of their healthcare will not be compromised.

KEEP YOUR GERMS TO YOURSELF

**WASH YOUR HANDS**

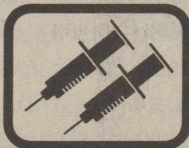
Wash your hands often. Scrub for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

**COVER YOUR COUGH**

Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. No tissue around? Your sleeve will do.

**STAY HOME**

If you get sick, stay home until you're well so you don't spread more germs. Steer clear of others who are sick.

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