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North Wins 61st Greenbelt Bowl 42-20

By RYAN MILLS

The North squad sent head coach Dave Dallas out on a high note with a 42-20 win over the South in the 61st Annual Childress Rotary Greenbelt Bowl Saturday at Fair Park Stadium.

Dallas, who was coaching his 14th Greenbelt Bowl, felt even more special about the win since his son, Trey, was a big reason for it.

Trey Dallas, and former high school teammate Jesse Wassenberg, lit up the South defense Saturday. Both players played high school ball at Salina Central High School in Salina, Kansas where Dave is the head coach at Kansas Wesleyan University.

Trey Dallas hit 7-14 passes for 194 yards and three touchdowns and was named the Morris Higley

Outstanding Offensive Back for his effort. Wassenberg torched the South catching five passes for 208 yards and three touchdowns on his way to being named the Dub Nelson Most Valuable Player.

When Dallas wasn't picking apart the South, Wichita Falls High School quarterback Torry Anderson was. Anderson, splitting time with Dallas, completed 10-14 passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns.

The North jumped out to a 28-7 lead by the end of the first quarter and the South never got back in it turning the ball over five times. The North scored on four of six first quarter possessions.

The first North score came when Dallas found Ricky Gillespie for a 24-yard touchdown pass that

capped a 5-play, 60-yard drive. Edwin Duarte's kick gave the North an early 7-0 lead.

After a three-and-out by the run-oriented South, the North took over from their own 20. On 2nd-and-8, Anderson found Wassenberg all alone and behind the South defense for a 77-yard catch and run. Duarte's kick gave the North a 14-0 lead less than seven minutes into the contest.

The first of five South turnovers resulted in a fumble recovery for the North on the ensuing possession and the North wasted little time striking again. On a 2nd-and-5 from the 27, Anderson found Wassenberg for a 27-yard touchdown pass and a 21-0 lead.

The ensuing South

possession resulted in another turnover but the North fumbled on their first play giving the ball right back deep in North territory. After runs of one and two yards, South quarterback Jacob Cameron snuck in from the 2-yard line. Sage Black's kick pulled the South to within 21-7 with 12 seconds to play in the first quarter.

After the kick, the North took over at the 30-yard line. On the first play Dallas found Matt Cummings for a 70-yard catch and run and a 28-7 lead with the first quarter in the books.

In the second quarter, the South found the scoreboard again when a 4-play, 37-yard drive was capped by a Jarrett Grayson 18-yard run

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Photos by Russell Graves and Ryan Mills
Floydada's Damian Pleasant saw lots of playing time in the annual Greenbelt Bowl held last weekend as did Walker Kemp (61).



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins
COOLING OFF -- Youngsters found the Lockney swimming pool a cool place to be as temperatures approached the hundred-degree mark last week.



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins
CHILLIN' AT THE POOL -- Lockney youngsters flocked to the city swimming pool last week as temperatures neared 100 degrees.

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Floydada Cemetery Association asks for donations

The Floydada Cemetery Association board met Thursday, June 9. It was discussed that while the grounds are looking good, some of the headstones have been blown over or fallen over because of the

damp ground from all the rain. While it is the owner's family's responsibility to have these headstones set back in place, some of the people buried in the cemetery no longer have family to take on this

financial responsibility. Also discussed was the price of the plots, and it was decided to leave the price as it is, at \$300 each.

Because of increased expenses and cost of upkeep at the cemetery, the Board is asking for

donations to help cover operating expenses. If you would like to make a donation or a memorial, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send your donation/memorial to: Floydada Cemetery Association, PO Box 444, Floydada, TX 79235.

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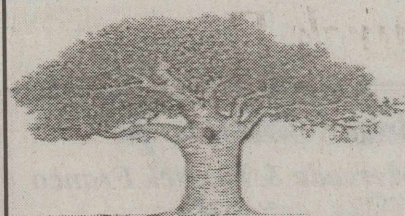
Fair Association to meet June 22

The Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair Association would like to invite anyone interested in the fair to our next meeting. It will be held June 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the entertainment building at the fair grounds in Lockney. The fair association owns this property and we need to

utilize it to help encourage and educate the youth of tomorrow in agriculture and rural life.

Everyone interested in the revival efforts of the fair to its old location please make every effort to attend.

The fair is scheduled for September 17, 18 and 19.



HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Lab Work Offered To The Public

Hackberry Creek Care Center is proud to announce that Precision Lab will now offer outpatient lab blood work to the public at our facility. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this at-home service, without having to drive a hour or more, will be able to do so early Friday mornings. A technician from Precision Lab is at the Center every Friday morning at 4:30 to 5:00 a.m. Please call the Center and speak with Amy or Cindy if you would like to have your blood work done here. You will need an order from your Physician, your social security card, insurance, medicare or medicaid card. Precision Lab will fax your results directly to your doctor. Billing will be done by Precision. You may have to get up a little early to get your testing done, but save yourself the time and gas involved with having to drive

out of town for a test taking a few minutes to administer. And the good thing is you can have your testing done, go home and back to bed. If you have questions regarding our lab services call John, Amy or Cindy at 347-2942.



Employee Of The Quarter

Congratulations to Daphne Meredith for being named Employee of the Quarter at Hackberry. Daphne was rewarded with a \$50 Visa card and a parking space in the front parking lot for a month. She was awarded

this honor after receiving the most nominations and votes by co-workers. One of the comments made during the nomination process was, Daphne is dedicated, hard working and has a loving and caring attitude with the residents. Daphne is a LVN and has been nursing for 20 years. She began her career as an OB Newborn nurse at the Plainview Hospital. She also worked as a Pediatrics Nurse for WIC and for Home Health before she began working as the Nurse at Motley County Clinic where she nursed and later also managed the Clinic for 13 years. I know that God called me into the Nursing profession. I enjoy my career and find it very rewarding. I enjoy working at Hackberry and am honored to receive this award. Daphne stated. Daphne and her husband, Yancy, have one son, Parker, a student at MC ISD who will begin his freshman year in the fall. The family lives in Roaring Springs. Thank you, Daphne, for your hard work and dedication. Hackberry truly appreciates you!

National Nurses Assistant Week

Hackberry CNA's are so appreciated and have been recognized this week for their tireless work during National Nurses Assistant Week, June 10-17, 2010. CNAs (Certified Nurses Assistants) play an important role in the health care profession. They assist patients with activities such as dressing, feeding, personal hygiene, transferring to and from bed or wheelchairs, and rehabilitative exercises. Some CNAs even accompany patients on visits to the doctor or the grocery store. ADON

Amy Cruz said, iHackberry has some of the best CNAs and we are grateful for the work and dedication they give to our residents. If you know a CNA give them a hug or a pat on the back. You just may need them someday.

Springs Outing

On Thursday, June 17, Hackberry residents enjoyed an outing to the Roaring Springs Ranch. The roar of the rolling falls and the cool breeze blowing off the cold water was a soul soothing treat for those making the trip. Although only a short 10 miles away from Matador, the historic Springs is an oasis at home. Many of our residents can tell tales of hours spent at the Springs in their younger years. Several changes have been made to the site, but the roaring waterfall, the ice cold swimming pool, the trails where Indians once tracked and camped and the corn grinding rock where they prepared their food remain the same and the stories of old are memories kept with some of our residents. Residents and accompanying staff members enjoyed visiting under the big shade trees and reminiscing. A wonderfully pleasant outing made a great day for Hackberry.

Town Hall Meeting

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend our Town Hall meeting to be held July 22 at 6:00 p.m. The topic will be Senior Planning. This will be a very informative and important meeting which will benefit anyone with questions about senior estate planning.

Sr. Health Tips Emergency Preparedness Tips For The Elderly Person

- Assemble disaster supplies. The following items are recommended for inclusion in your basic disaster supplies kit:
- Three-day supply of non-

perishable food.

- Three-day supply of water one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes and toilet paper)
- Matches and waterproof container
- Whistle
- Extra clothing
- Kitchen accessories and cooking utensils, including a can opener
- Photocopies of credit and identification cards
- Cash and coins
- Special needs items, such as prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens solutions and hearing aid batteries.

Other items to meet your unique family needs.

If you live in a cold climate, you must think about warmth. It is possible that you will not have heat. Think about your clothing and bedding supplies. Be sure to include one complete change of clothing and shoes per person, including:

- Jacket or coat
- Long pants
- Sturdy shoes
- Hat, mittens and scarf
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket (per person)

Just as important as putting your supplies together is maintaining them so they are safe to use when needed. Here are some tips to keep your supplies ready and in good condition:

- Keep canned foods in a dry place where the temperature is cool
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers to protect from pests and to extend its shelf life.
- Throw out any canned

good that becomes swollen, dented, or corroded.

- Use foods before they go bad, and replace them with fresh supplies.
- Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in the front.
- Change stored food and water supplies every six months. Be sure to write the date you store it on all containers.
- Arrange for someone to check on you.
- Find out and practice the best escape routes from your home.
- Plan for transportation in the event you need to evacuate.
- Find the safest places in your home for shelter during each type of disaster.
- Post emergency phone numbers near all of your telephones.

If you have home health care service, plan ahead with your agency for emergency procedures.

Teach those who may need to assist you in an emergency how to operate necessary equipment. Be sure they will be able to reach you.

Keep emergency supplies (at least a three-day supply) in an easy-to-carry container such as a back pack or duffel bag. Make sure the container is in an easily accessible location.

Label any equipment (wheelchairs, canes, walkers, etc.) that you may need with your name.

Keep a copy of your eyeglass prescription, list of medications and their dosages, and other important papers to take with you if you have to leave your home.

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VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Here's your news from home. Sorry I don't have much news except about myself and why I haven't written lately. On Friday, May 28 my children took me to see Dr. Moore in Lockney. Saturday she transferred me to Lubbock with acute

renal failure. Sunday they started me on dialysis. My daughter Dara from Plano, granddaughter from Decatur and grandson Clint from McKinney all came to see me. My other visitors were my local children and their children. The sad thing is I can't remember seeing them.

I had to take dialysis for three days before my kidneys started working on their own. Thank goodness I didn't have to come home and take dialysis in Plainview.

I am still using the walker trying to get my strength back. Louie, Cynthia, Becky and Steve have all taken care of me. Today daughter Dara drove herself here all the way from Plano to give the others a break. She plans on staying all week.

I wish I had some local news but I haven't called around this week.

I want to thank everyone for all their cards, prayers and food. Everything is so appreciated.

Love you,
VJ

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Obituaries



BILL G. WESTER

Bill G. Wester, 81, a dentist, passed away June 3, 2010 at a Weatherford hospital. Bill was born August 7, 1928, in Floydada to James C. and Sibyl McGhee Wester. He attended Floydada schools, North Texas State University and graduated from Baylor School of Dentistry in 1951. Bill and Marilyn Grube were married December 2, 1951. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1952. Bill was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade and sent to San Diego, California to a ship, the Piedmont, serving as a dentist to military on

other ships. In 1954 he was honorably discharged after serving two years during the Korean War. He set up his dental office in Weatherford in 1954 and continued to practice there until his retirement in 1996.

Dr. Wester was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jean Jones; and brother, Edward Wester, all of Floydada. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Wester; daughters, Carol Wester and Nancy Wester; grandsons, Mitchell Merritt and Clinton Merritt; great-granddaughter, Madelynn Ava Merritt; brother, James D. Wester; and a host of other loving family and friends.

Wilson Edwards

FLOYDADA — Wilson Edwards, age 92, passed away June 10, 2010 at the Ralls Nursing Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, June 14, 2010 in the Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose

Funeral Home in Floydada.

Woodrow Wilson Edwards was born February 17, 1918 in Lynn County to William Burton Edwards and Susan Belle (Nunley) Edwards. He was married to his wife, Laura Jane "Polly" Milliken for over 63 years until her passing in May of 2005. Wilson spent most of his life working the land and farming. He later worked as a Sheriff's Deputy for over 12 years for the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department until his retirement.

Wilson is survived by his son Craig Edwards and wife Candy of Floydada; his two grandchildren, Chad Edwards and Shannon Beard; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in Wilson Edwards' name to Teen Challenge, PO Box 10098, Midland, Texas 79702.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com



The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch



Last night I fell asleep to the sound of a hoot owl.

Sleep indoors with windows closed and you miss a lot. I was on the roof.

One thing I learned from a college boyfriend was how to hoot like an owl. He'd learned how from a guy in his social club (what my college sanctioned instead of fraternities and sororities). Strangers on campus must have wondered about those Frater Sodalis fellows hooting at each other on the quad in broad daylight. It was that club's version of a secret handshake. Some pseudo-Fraters hooted too — whoo-who-whoah — just to keep things confused. Those other guys were jealous, of course, that they didn't have a secret birdcall.

Last night I hooted at the distant owl. After long dramatic pauses, he would hoot back. Quicker responses would have been better. If you're good at hooting, the owls fly to you. I'll let you know when one lands on my shoulder.

My ears picked up other noises too — the distant screech of an oil pumping

unit kicking on, an owl sound from a different direction from a different kind of owl, vague highway traffic noise, the buzz of locusts in honey locust trees. Except locusts don't quite buzz. It's more like static.

Speaking of static, it was late-night television sights and sounds (static and snow would have been better) that drove me outdoors to sleep with the owls and locusts. I'd crashed early indoors. A phone call from my city-bound husband awakened me. Subsequently I fell asleep to palatable TV only to awaken later to middle-of-the-night programming bad enough to send anyone to the roof.

I already should have been up there. Except for early-morning crop dusters, it's the time of year for roof sleeping. The stars are spectacular. Dry weather has sent gnats and mosquitoes packing. So, if you've got a section of roof that's anywhere near flat, I recommend you sleep on it. If you live in town, you won't even get buzzed by crop dusters. Lucky you.

Do you suppose roof

sleepers have a website?

INTERNET SEARCH

"Roof Sleeping Now Popular in New York" popped up. No kidding. But it's a New York Times Sunday story from July 5, 1908. Battling a heat wave, tenement dwellers were bedding down on fire escape platforms, and apartment dwellers of greater means were taking to the roofs of their buildings. Good for them.

If today's roof sleepers have a website or organization, I couldn't find it. Instead I found instructions on how to sleep on a pitched roof. No kidding. A cloth sleeping bag sticks to asphalt shingles like Velcro, the guy says. You sleep with your feet downward in case it doesn't.

Right.

Don't you see some poor soul sliding off a roof in a sleeping bag? In this weather, who'd want to sleep in one anyway? Give me a sheet. It's more like a parachute.

Bottom line, I'll admit he's one-upped me. I'd be interested in knowing if he calls owls too.

Floyd County Church Directory

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
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Beau Stringer, Minister of Students

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Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

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John Franklin, Pastor
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Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

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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

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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.
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MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

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Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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Western Swing music comes to Quartz Mountain Lodge July 11

LONE WOLF, OKLAHOMA — Fans of Western Swing Music are in for a treat. The "SIDEKICKS" will return to Oklahoma and bring their brand of Western Swing, Classic Country, and Cajun Music to The Quartz Mountain Resort on Sunday, July 11, 2010.

The "SIDEKICKS", under the direction of Wendell Sollis, a five string banjoist, has been the opening band for The Bob Wills' Texas Playboys' Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball for several years. The band's fast-moving performances have entertained audiences at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso, N.M., a cultural festival that draws 20,000 visitors each year. The "SIDEKICKS" performed in 2005 with the Midland-Odessa Symphony at the Commemorative Air Force Hanger at Midland, Texas, a sell-out celebration of Western Swing Music.

Starting at 2 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center, the two hour event, will feature many talented musicians.

Included in the line-up of the very talented musicians, will be Ronny Dale Schultz, who has shared his talents all over the globe with such luminaries as; Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, David "Fathead" Newman, Claude Gray, Red Stegall, Leroy Van Dyke, Lynn Anderson, Johnny Bush, Frenchie Burke, Johnny Gimble, Hank Thompson, and too many others to list. His ability to play many different musical styles on several instruments keeps him highly in demand as a session player and performer. Ronny Dale is currently the owner/operator of World Records Recording Studio based in historic Crowell, Texas.

Also included in the line-up for Sunday at 2 p.m., July 11, will be Ginny Mac. She is a vibrant vocalist-accor-

dionist with over 20 music awards to her credit. Anyone that has ever seen her perform never forgets the experience. George Uptmore, on fiddle, is well known for his Cajun sound, was a former fiddle player for Boxcar Willie and his performance with the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys. Bob Baker, a member of the Steel Guitar Hall of Fame, is one of an elite group of non-pedal steel players. He honed his steel guitar chops while working as a band mate of the great Leon McAuliffe. His swingin' style is highly in demand.

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Floyd County students named to SPC honor lists

LEVELLAND - South Plains College recently recognized students achieving academic excellence by naming them to the President's and Dean's Honor Lists for the spring 2010 semester.

"Achieving such a high grade point average is a great accomplishment, and it is very rewarding and exciting to see so many students accomplish this honor," said Darrell Grimes, vice president of academic affairs.

Students named to the President's Honor

List earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours. They include Brock L. Smith of Floydada and Joe Tambunga of Lockney.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours. They include Hallie S. Bertrand, Leslie C. Broadway, and Garrison C. Marricle, all of Floydada, and Wendy D. Moralez of Lockney.

Neugebauer launches 'The Empowerment Project'

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) released the following statement today announcing the launch of "The Empowerment Project," a new initiative aimed at advancing empowerment and reducing dependency on government.

"Over 200 years ago, our Founding Fathers gathered to create a government of the people, by the people and for the people. America was founded on the principle of empowerment, and today I still believe that government should empower individuals and small businesses to be successful in the economy rather than create policies that make them more dependent on the federal government.

"The message of The Empowerment Project is simple. To get America back on track, we must restore our Founders' principle of empowerment by relying on a more limited government, increased personal freedom and responsibility, and greater choices and opportunity.

"The goal of the Empowerment Project is to serve as a virtual clearinghouse of tools to empower America. Through regular web videos and other new media tools, the Project will promote the initiatives of other Members of Congress and ideas from policy experts that empower families and small businesses to prosper and 'dis-empower' the federal government. You can access these videos and more information on The Empowerment Project by visiting the Empowerment section of my website at www.randy.house.gov.

"As we have seen all too much in recent years, the federal government has gone down the road of advancing entitlement at an alarming pace. The American people are fed up with a rapidly growing government intruding in their lives and massive federal deficits as a result. I hope you will join me in The Empowerment Project. With your ideas, input and support, we can reverse government dependency and put America back on the path of empowerment."

University announces honors lists for spring semester

CANYON, Texas—West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,100 students to honors lists for the spring 2010 semester. Of that total, 449 were named to the President's List and 722 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the

President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Area honorees included Titus Miller, a junior pre-engineering major; Keyla Pesina, a senior EC-6, generalist, bilingual major; Kallie Ferguson, a senior EC-4, generalist major. All three are from Floydada.

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GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Floydada will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on June 22, 2010 at City Hall, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Gary Brown, City Manager, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Gary Brown, City Manager at the City Hall, (806)983-2834.

The Floydada Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication and compliance, 1400 Independence Ave S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202-260-1026, toll-free 866-632-9992, or 202-401-0216 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Meals will be provided at the site and time as follows for children ages 1-18 years:

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Texas Crop and Weather

COLLEGE STATION -- Rain came to Texas, relieving drought conditions in many areas. It also slowed the wheat harvest in the Rolling Plains, but this year that might be a good thing, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Rolling Plains wheat producers were reporting above-average yields and average protein levels in most cases. But grain elevators in many areas were having a hard time handling the volume of wheat, said Steven Sparkman, AgriLife Extension agent for Hardeman County, northwest of Wichita Falls.

This has resulted in something of a crisis for both elevator operators and growers, Sparkman said, and it all began with high yields combined with the best of intentions on the part of the local grain elevator management.

"Both of the grain elevators in our area built shuttle-train loading systems. They can load a unit (100-110 car train) within 15 hours," he said. "Because of their access to the railroad and that they offered attractive prices, they had an inflow of wheat from as far away as 100 miles."

Many other elevators in that 100-mile radius have lost their railroad access in the last 10 or 15 years, which contributed to the problem. That added to high yields but with low prices for wheat growers, multiplied the problem. In some cases, the line for farmers waiting to unload their wheat was 70 or more trucks long, with day-long waits, according to Sparkman.

The problem was not limited to Hardeman County, he said. In nearby Wilbarger County, the co-op ran out of room and was storing wheat in cotton compresses.

The increased volume at some elevators was due only in part because of the good regional yields, Sparkman said.

"Our basis from Kansas City right now is from a \$1.40 to what I've heard is \$1.75 (per bushel). Usually we'll be at a 60 to 70 cents basis. Down at Knox City or Stamford, where a lot of the wheat is coming from, it's even worse than that, so it makes it feasible to truck it up here."

Basis is the difference between local prices and those at the Kansas City Board of Trade, which is the standard pricing method for hard red winter wheat, Sparkman explained.

Many farmers are angry with the elevators, but the operators are just trying to make an honest profit like everyone else, Sparkman said. The problem is one of supply and demand.

"That's huge basis. I've just never heard of it being that big. The problem is that there's just so much wheat," he said.

The bottom line? The price is down, locally hovering \$3 to \$3.35 (per bushel), Sparkman said.

"Most producers will need \$4.50 to \$5 to have a decent year."

But the rain helped in a way, he said. "We've

been getting rain for the last three days, so the lines have diminished. Last night, there were about six in line sleeping there, waiting for them to open this morning. I bet there was 60 or 70 -- more than you can count -- before."

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: Some counties received rain, but crops in those that didn't were suffering. The small-grain harvest wrapped up with better yields than expected. However, buyers were discounting wheat that had below 12 percent protein. Producers continued to harvest hay. Livestock were in good condition. Growers sprayed for first-generation pecan nut casebearer and were monitoring for the second generation.

COASTAL BEND: Most of the region received rain. Grain sorghum was being monitored and treated for stinkbugs and headworms. Cotton was blooming and improving after the rain. Sesame was in bloom and early soybeans were forming pods. Wet fields delayed hay harvesting in some areas. Cattle were in good condition.

EAST: As much as 10 inches of rain fell in some areas. Although total accumulation for the year remained below the average, the rain helped tremendously, according to AgriLife Extension agent reports. Pastures and hay meadows began to green up and grow. Houston County reported damage to fences and trees from high winds and a possible tornado. The vegetable harvest was under way. Good quality blackberries and blueberries were being harvested but with in low yields. Livestock were in fair to good condition with some producers feeding hay. Grasshopper infestations were reported.

EAR WEST: Scattered rains, with accumulations of as much as 1.75 inches, were reported. Corn started to recover from some storm damage the week before. The Cayanosa Co-op gin reported that all of the cotton has been planted and will be emerging soon. Rangeland needed rain.

NORTH: Soil-moisture levels were very short to adequate. Some counties received 5-10 inches of rain, and much of the region saw continued dry conditions. Without rain soon, crops were expected to have significant yield reductions. The wheat harvest was ongoing with average and better yields. Corn and grain sorghum looked good. Pastures were also looking good, as were peaches. Feral hogs continued to be a problem. Tomatoes were harmed by mites and early cases of blight.

PANHANDLE: Temperatures rose and soil-moisture levels dropped. All crops were planted and emerged. Wheat was in good condition, and harvest was expected to begin soon. Corn was in fair to good condition with irrigation needed. Peanuts, soybeans and sorghum were all fair to good. Cotton was in good condition after receiving some heat units. Rangeland was in fair to good condition, but some areas needed rain to continuing growing.

Livestock producers were battling horn flies.

ROLLING PLAINS:

Although the region received abundant rainfall in early spring, the hot dry conditions of the last two weeks dried everything out. Peanut producers across the county are seeing good stands but were in need of rain. Pastures were still in good shape but could also use a rain. Cotton planting was 80 percent complete, with producers reporting mostly good stands and good growing conditions. The wheat harvest was ongoing, and most producers reported above-average yields. Grain elevators in Hardeman County were having a hard time handling the volume of wheat. The increased volume was due only in part because of the good regional yields. Because of their access to the railroad and that they offered attractive prices, they had an inflow of wheat from as far away as 100 miles. In Wilbarger County the co-op ran out of room and was storing wheat in cotton compresses. One elevator had to turn away truckloads of wheat due to no more room. Pasture conditions were good.

SOUTH: The region was hot and getting hotter. In the northern and eastern parts of the region, soil-moisture levels remained adequate, but in the western and southern counties, levels were short to very short. Heavy rainfall caused flooding in Atascosa County, and there were reports of livestock lost. Overall, however, the rain benefited livestock producers. Stock water tanks were filled to the rims in many northern counties, and even nursing cattle were in good condition. Rangeland and pastures were in good condition throughout most of the region, but were beginning dry out in some areas. In the eastern part of the region, the potato harvest was ongoing; the wheat and oats harvests were completed; peanut planting was under way; and hay cutting and baling increased. In the western part of the region, wheat producers finished harvesting; irrigators were very busy applying water to corn, cotton, sorghum, melons, pecans and sesame crops; and onion growers were actively harvesting and reporting good yields and quality. Pecan producers in that area experienced a heavy pressure from webworms and were fumigating. In the southern part of the region, melon growers were harvesting.

SOUTH PLAINS: High temperatures across the region were in the mid to upper 90s with lows in the upper 60s. Soil-moisture levels were short to adequate. Corn was in fair to good condition and maturing with the warmer temperatures. Cotton was in fair to good condition and looked good. Dryland cotton showed signs of moisture stress. Sorghum and peanuts were in good condition. Wheat was in fair to good condition and began to dry down. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition but in need of rain. Livestock were mostly in good condition.

SOUTHEAST: Good rains fell, which should dramatically improve hay production and pasture

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Cupcake decorating workshop for moms and kids

AMARILLO – Spending quality time with the kids can be a challenge during the summer months. An opportunity for moms and kids to reconnect will be offered at an upcoming free cupcake decorating workshop held at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service’s Potter County office.

This Kidz Kreate workshop, sponsored by the Potter Extension Education Association, will show moms and kids simple, yet fun, decorating ideas, said Sue Church, AgriLife Extension-Potter County family and consumer sciences agent. The participants also will take home a beaded cake

tester for their kitchens. The workshop will be from 6-7:30 p.m. June 22 at the AgriLife Extension-Potter County office located at 3301 E. 10th St. (on the Tri-State Fairgrounds), Amarillo. Call 806-373-0713 for more information. Advanced registration is required as space is limited.

Neugebauer: We need real financial reform, not permanent bailouts

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) issued the following statement today after the House voted to convene a conference committee on financial reform legislation in order to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill: “Financial regulatory reform is something we can all agree is necessary. But we owe it to the taxpayers, who have picked up the tab for endless bailouts, to get it right. “The House and Senate bills both give the government permanent authority to continue AIG-style bailouts of failing firms, and let the government continue to

pick winners and losers by deciding which financial companies are considered too-big-to-fail. “To make it simple, these bills fail to provide real reform. They only make bailouts and government protection for failure permanent while reducing choices and increasing the cost of credit, ultimately leading to fewer jobs at a time when new jobs are needed most. In fact, these bills give the very same regulators who failed to get the job done last time even more authority and power. “And we can’t forget the two companies that cost the taxpayers the most money. As it stands right now, the Democrats’ legislation completely fails to address

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, who continue to run up an unlimited tab on the taxpayers’ money. “When it comes down to it, regulators should be held accountable, not given free rein to pick winners and losers and decide who is too big to fail. And when financial companies fail, they should face bankruptcy like everyone else. “The taxpayers want the financial regulatory system fixed, but they don’t want it fixed with permanent bailouts. House Republicans support reform that creates real protections and reforms for the taxpayers and our financial system – not more bailouts and more too-big-to-fail.”

From the archives

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN-BEACON June 22, 1995 BY Alice Gilroy

NEWLAND SCHOOL REMEMBERED

FLOYDADA—Although she is 78 years old, Edna Patton still remembers her first grade teacher, Bennie Sanders Leibfried, and the lessons she learned in her one room school house in the community of Newland. Although Bennie is now 90 years old, she still lives alone in her Floydada home and enjoys an occasional visit with her former student, Edna. “I was in the first class Bennie taught,” said Edna. “I started school at Newland, in 1927, when I was seven years old. Bennie was only 18. “She taught everyone in the same room and the students ranged in ages from 7-18.” Edna, who was formerly Edna Queen, walked one mile to Newland with her brother, Cecil. The Queen’s had moved to Floyd County from Oklahoma. “My father farmed on the halves for the Freeman ranch,” said Edna. “We stayed there for two years and then moved to the community of Antelope (six miles south of Dougherty). I went to school there for two years before moving again and attending the Baker school.” Edna married C. O. Patton. He was killed in a tragic accident after only 7 years of marriage and Edna has been a widow ever since. She moved to Floydada in 1947. “The first thing I learned at Newland school was the Lord’s Prayer,” said Edna. “I also remember learning the ‘month poem’—30 days

has September.” Bennie was born January 2, 1905 in Parker County. She moved to Floyd County in 1922 and began her first year of teaching at the Newland School in 1924. She taught two years at Newland taking a break long enough to marry, Lorin Leibfried in 1925. After 70 years of marriage, Lorin passed away earlier this year. According to school records at The Floyd County Museum, Bennie was paid \$660 salary for the school year. The Museum also had school records on Newland students. A record of Edna Queen’s work showed very good grades and a comment from the teacher. “This girl is very studious,” said Bennie, “and is my star pupil. She has more hundreds than any of the others.” The Newland School was located two miles southwest of present day Dougherty. Records show that W. D. Newell deeded five acres of land for a school in 1917, but the school wasn’t built until 1922 on the Freeman estate. Prior to the building of Newland, school was held in private homes in the community. According to an article submitted to the Floyd County History Book, by Mrs. Maurice Campbell, “Dr. Freeman opened up a vast amount of land for farming and brought in a number of families from Oklahoma to farm the land. He also built small two-room houses for them. “The one-room brick school had two storage rooms. One was used for a coat room and the other for storage. In 1925 another room was added and a second teacher. “The new room was also used for an auditorium and for church on Sunday. “The school was heated by a potbellied coal stove and the first to arrive in the morning would build a fire. There was a windmill on

the grounds and water was brought in in a bucket. The children furnished their own drinking cups.” Campbell wrote that the school had outdoor restrooms (two-holers). The children brought their lunches to school in a sack or syrup bucket, and arrived by horse or on foot. According to Campbell’s recollections, there was a very small enrollment and the school only ran about seven months. “One amusing incident, remembered by one of the teachers,” wrote Campbell, “was sending one of the boys to the cloak room for discipline and he cut all the buttons off the teacher’s coat.” Other teachers at Newland were: Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Castlebury, Lela Swain and Miss McKinney. The school disbanded in the spring of 1929 to consolidate with a new school that was build in the new town of Dougherty. “The last day of school at Newland was and exciting one as everyone walked over to Dougherty to see the first passenger train come through, going to Floydada,” wrote Campbell. “Several local people went to Quanah just to ride on the train and several rode from Floydada back to Dougherty.” According to Museum records, the students enrolled at the beginning of the school year Dec. 1, 1924 were: Elbert Custer, Orville Custer, Dick Furrow, Stella Furrow, J. W. Harrison, Milton Harrison, Cecil Queen, Edna Queen, Blanch West, Pearl West, Rosa West, Bertie White, Chester White, Mildred White, Reynold Sanders, Luella Lincoln, Darrell Croft, Daphnea Croft, Lowell Thompson, Wylie West, Lois Lemon, Viola Lemon, Leona Lemon, Jessie Thompson, Leonard Carden, Loran Dobbs, S. J. Furrow, Melvin Worley and Ollie Carden.

CROP & WEATHER

conditions in many areas. There were no reports of crop, insect or disease issues. Pastures continue to suffer due to high stocking rates.

SOUTHWEST: The Fredericksburg area received 1 inch to 2 inches of rain, but the rest of region, which has not had rain since early May, remained dry. However, soil-moisture levels generally remained about adequate thanks to above-average rainfall from September to early May. Corn, sorghum, cotton, watermelons, cantaloupes, sunflowers, potatoes, peanuts, and forages in pastures and rangeland made excellent progress.

Most corn and sorghum was in the soft-dough stage. The wheat, spring onion, sweet corn, potato and cabbage harvests were ongoing with excellent yields and quality. Forage availability remained above average for this time of the year.

WEST CENTRAL: Conditions were very hot, dry and windy. Soil moisture declined. Wheat harvest wound down with good yields but extremely low prices. A storage shortage slowed down harvesting as producers worked with elevators to find places to go with their wheat. Cotton planting was off to a good start. Early

planted cotton needed rain. Early planted peanuts were off to a slow start due to cool soil temperatures but were improving as days warmed up. Growers were cutting and baling small grains and Bermuda grass. Rangeland and pastures continue doing well with good grazing. Livestock remained in fair to good condition in most areas. Flies were becoming a very big problem for livestock producers. Pecans were in good condition.

Deadline approaching for entry to win lifetime hunting and fishing license

AUSTIN – This Father’s Day forgo the gaudy neckties and register to win a gift for dad that will never go out of style – a lifetime of free hunting and fishing in Texas. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is offering outdoors enthusiasts in Texas another chance to enter the Lifetime License Drawing for a chance to win a lifetime Super Combo hunting and fishing license. The drawing will take place on June 30, but entries for the drawing must be purchased by midnight of June 27. Entries for the lifetime Super Combo license – a \$1,800 value – are only \$5. This license package will permanently exempt the lucky winner from having to purchase new state hunting and fishing licenses each year. The winner, however, is not exempt from the Federal Duck Stamp Requirement. All proceeds from the drawing will go toward the department’s on-the-ground

conservation efforts. More than 10,000 entrants registered for the first drawing, raising more than \$48,000 for TPWD conservation programs. “The money helps keep Texas a great place to hunt and fish,” TPWD marketing coordinator Carly Montez said. Entries can be purchased anywhere Texas hunting and fishing license are sold or online at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/licenses/. Participants can also buy an entry over the phone by calling 1 (800) TX LIC 4 U (895-4248). Only Texas residents are eligible to win the Lifetime License. Participants may purchase as many entries as they like, and the winner may also give the license as a gift to a friend or family member who is also a Texas resident. For more information on rules and to find a local retailer where you can purchase an entry, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/lifetime.

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TAWC announces second 2010 Pioneers in Ag field day

LUBBOCK, TX — *Pioneers in Agriculture* Texas Alliance for Water Conservation (TAWC) announces their second 2010 *Pioneers in Agriculture* field day to be held at the Floyd County Unity Center in Muncy, Texas on Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the field day will conclude at 1 p.m. with lunch provided.

The TAWC is beginning the second phase of their project this summer with select farmers working with consultants and researchers and the latest water management technologies. The goal of this phase to determine the extent farmers can aggressively conserve their water resources while remaining economically viable.

While the schedule is tentative, there will be a tour of the fields in this new phase of the project as well as the perennial grass species trial plots. Informational topics to be discussed at the field day include new resources for irrigation scheduling and resource management and the latest recommendations production decision and profitability management for the following growing season.

As part of TAWC, the

Pioneers in Agriculture series is designed to connect today's producers with the latest research information through a shared experience that draws on our knowledge-building traditions of field days and farm walks.

The TAWC project utilizes on-farm demonstration sites, including cropping and livestock systems, to identify the various production practices, technologies and systems that help maintain individual farm profitability while improving water usage efficiency. One of the main goals of this project is to extend the life of the Ogallala Aquifer, while maintaining the viability of local farms and communities.

The Texas Alliance for Water Conservation is a unique partnership of Floyd and Hale county producers, data collection technologies, and collaborating partners that include: individual industries, universities, and government agencies.

The TAWC project was made possible through a grant from the Texas Water Development Board. For more information and a final schedule for the field day, please visit the official Web site of the project: <http://depts.ttu.edu/tawc>.

4-H'ers offer Summer Reading Programs at Library

Summer Reading at the Floyd County Library will kick off on July 7 from 10:00 - 10:45 for elementary school aged youth. The summer reading program is sponsored by the Floyd County Library, the Texas State Library, Floydada Dairy Queen and Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

4-H members will lead programs each Wednesday in July, 7, 14, 21, and 28 at the Floyd County Library.

Summer Reading Club participants will receive coupons for Dairy Queen treats for every five hours of reading. To register for the Summer Reading Program, call 983-4922.

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Allen the 'reality' of Three Rivers Foundation

Brian K. Allen is the nephew of Dr. Fred Koch and President and COO of the Three Rivers Foundation. Allen is the "reality" behind Dr. Koch's dreams of what 3RF could become. As President and Chief Operating Officer of the Foundation, Brian is responsible for the daily operations.

"I'm sort of a catch-all," says Allen. "I take care of everything from accounting, HR, to employees. Basically anything that isn't programming."

Allen has been the driving force behind 3RF since taking his position. He was recently tasked with completing the new bunkhouse at the Comanche Springs astronomy campus, including designing the building and the delegation of the construction. All of this work is a part of the 3RF goal to maximize the potential of small towns.

"It's everybody else's responsibility to make Fred's dreams a reality," says Allen. "We identify areas where 3RF can make an impact, and decide how to go about implementing those ideas. In the 60s the majority of the electronics that Americans used were made in the USA, now very few of the electronics that we use are manufactured here. Our hope is that promoting math and the sciences and the arts can lead to the intellectual capital to make that happen again."

Allen explains that 3RF's goal is to make their students marketable on a worldwide stage. 3RF has been buying buildings in Quanah, and turning those buildings into venues to promote the arts and sciences. The main question that they ask when taking on these projects is: "how can we blend this all together?"

"Whether you're a school kid or 90 years old," says

Allen, "you can still learn." Allen and the rest of 3RF know that small towns have a lot to offer, and they want to communicate that as best they can.

"I think these small towns, they have to embrace who they are and turn it into a positive," says Allen. "We need more people embracing what our natural resources have to offer. When people come to downtown Quanah they see crumbling buildings, 3RF sees performance arts venues and art galleries."

"Creating experiences is what 3RF is all about," says Allen. "We want to create that unique opportunity that no one has. We're certainly not the first ones to try it, but we can be a part of the revitalization."

Small towns using their resources to their advantage has worked out well for many small towns in Texas and Oklahoma. Look no

further than Marfa, Texas, which was once on the brink of extinction and is now a thriving artist's colony.

"We're working hard to try to make Quanah and Crowell destinations," says Allen. "Whether it's astronomy or an event at one of the 3RF venues. We had our first wedding (at the church that 3RF renovated in Quanah) a few weeks ago. Why couldn't Quanah become a destination for weddings or other events?"

For now 3RF surges forward against the tide that is sweeping more and more people to urban population centers.

"Most people drive through Quanah on 287 and never even turn down Main Street," says Allen. "Which is typical of many West Texas towns. We're gonna keep all of doors open, you never know when opportunity may come knocking."

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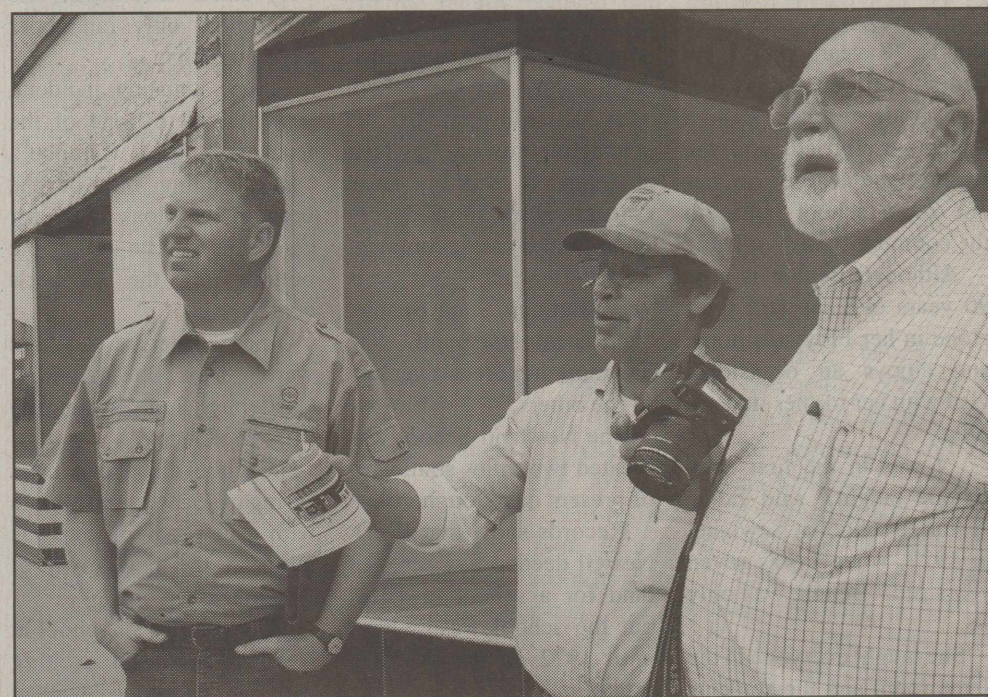
Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (3RF) is a private foundation that's making a difference in two small West Texas towns -- Crowell and Quanah.

Quanah is home to 3RF Arts and also home to Allen's uncle, Fred Koch, M. D., 3RF founder and chief executive officer.

Several buildings in downtown Quanah's historic district are owned by the foundation.

In Crowell, offices for 3RF Science are on Main Street, and Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus lies west of town amid dark-sky ranching country perfect for viewing the stars far from interfering city lights.

The aim of 3RF is to enhance life in small town America, particularly in the realms of science and the arts and especially through education.



Courtesy photo by Hanaba Welch

Brian Allen looks across Main Street in Quanah toward the old Texan Theater, a building slated for restoration and rehabilitation, while contractor Stephen Barker looks at an old picture of the same building and Wayne Bell, Main Street architect, prepares to take a picture for his records. Allen is the chief operating officer of Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, owner of several buildings in the historic commercial district in Quanah. Bell's visit was in 2008. During the past two years, 3RF has completed some downtown Quabah projects and kept other buildings stabilized for future renovation. 3RF also operates a dark-sky astronomy campus southwest of Crowell.

WTAMU awards diplomas at Centennial Commencement

CANYON, Texas—Degrees were officially conferred on 810 West Texas A&M University students during its Centennial commencement exercises May 8 at the First United Bank Center.

The University awarded 649 baccalaureate and 161 master's degrees. Graduates with an overall

grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords.

The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74).

The WTAMU Centennial Class of 2010 included 38 graduates with

Summa Cum Laude honors, 40 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 75 with Cum Laude honors. Seven students also were recognized as Attebury Honors Scholars.

Area graduates included Regina Orr from Floydada who received a Master of Education as an educational diagnostician.

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Many lessons learned

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Did you ever sit and think about what you have learned this year? Really, it's remarkable to think what I've learned in such a short time.

These are just a few of the things I've learned so far this year:

- I've learned how to plum a kitchen and bathroom.
- I've learned to install a dishwasher.
- I've learned to make intricate cuts on ceramic tile.
- I've learned how to refinish furniture.
- I've learned about drapes and home decor.
- I've learned which plants can take extreme sunlight.
- I've learned how to use Facebook.
- I've learned more about the human body.
- I've learned how certain medications can help the human body and how others can be detrimental.
- I've learned about the fine art of knife-making.

I've learned how to grill a better steak.

I've learned how a little water in the gas tank of a lawn mower can be bad.

I've learned a multitude of things about American History thanks to the History Channel's terrific series "America - The Story of Us."

I've learned I need a heck of a lot more patience.

I've learned to let go of some things and let the Lord lead me instead of trying to force things.

What have you learned so far in 2010? Think about it and you'll be astonished.

We never stop learning regardless of what we do, where we live, or where we go. Newspapers, computers, television, phones, friends ... the avenues for learning are all around us. Information is everywhere. We are learning when we don't even know it.

One of the things I learned a few months ago was that I

have amazing friends and family. The love and care shown for my wife has been incredible.

You know, we can make our lives so complicated that we sometimes take all of the joy out of simply living. It's important to realize how wonderful our relationships are.

For seven years I took for granted that my wife and children would be with me for years and years. However, there are certainly no guarantees that we'll be around in the morning.

Appreciate your life. If things aren't as you want them to be, work toward that goal. Realize that you are loved and cared about and recognize those doing the loving and the caring.

Thanks to all of you for blessing my family.

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Why the U.S. is Drowning in its own Blood while China Prospers

By BILL WILSON

Two unrelated stories in early June show in stark detail why the United States is on an accelerating downward, death spiral while China is continuing to build a solid foundation for economic domination in the decades to come. The actions reported in and of themselves will hardly register on the radar of most Americans. But they portray the crucial errors and arrogance of the Obama regime. They also point to a different path, a way forward out of the morass of ultra-liberal, ideological delusion that is now policy in Washington, D.C.

The first article, appearing in the Washington Post, details Chinese investment in the basket case of Europe, Greece. The Chinese government is investing "hundreds of millions — perhaps billions — of euros" into Greek infrastructure. Not the soft infrastructure that is thinly disguised consumption but in the hard, base platform that will allow both China and Greece to build prosperity.

Greece's primary port city is Piraeus, a gritty industrial zone to the west of Athens. China is investing heavily to modernize Piraeus. Why? The answer is simple. The investment is so China will have a port to off-load mountains of Chinese exports to Europe. They are making investments that will en-

able industry to produce and sell more. And that means they are investing to put their people to work.

China has learned the hard way that control of all elements — what was once called total vertical integration — means maximum profit. Greece is flat on its back. China can get what it wants cheap. The irony of a communist state teaming up with a petty bourgeois neo-socialist government to crush unions allied with a local communist party just to maximize profits is too sweet not to note. But all such theoretical conflicts are of no consequence to the dictators in Beijing when in the hunt for increased market share.

Contrast the Chinese model with a big announcement made the same day by Barack Obama. Obama committed the United States taxpayers to \$400 million in aid to the Palestinians in Gaza. What will the \$400 million buy? Schools, mortgages for local citizens to buy homes, water treatment facilities and other associated "soft infrastructure" expenditures.

Is there any economic return on this money? None that is readily apparent. Is there any link to U.S. business thereby creating jobs for American citizens? Not unless they are a top level bureaucrat. What do we get out of it? Good karma, that's about it.

So, while the Chinese invest in hard things that directly

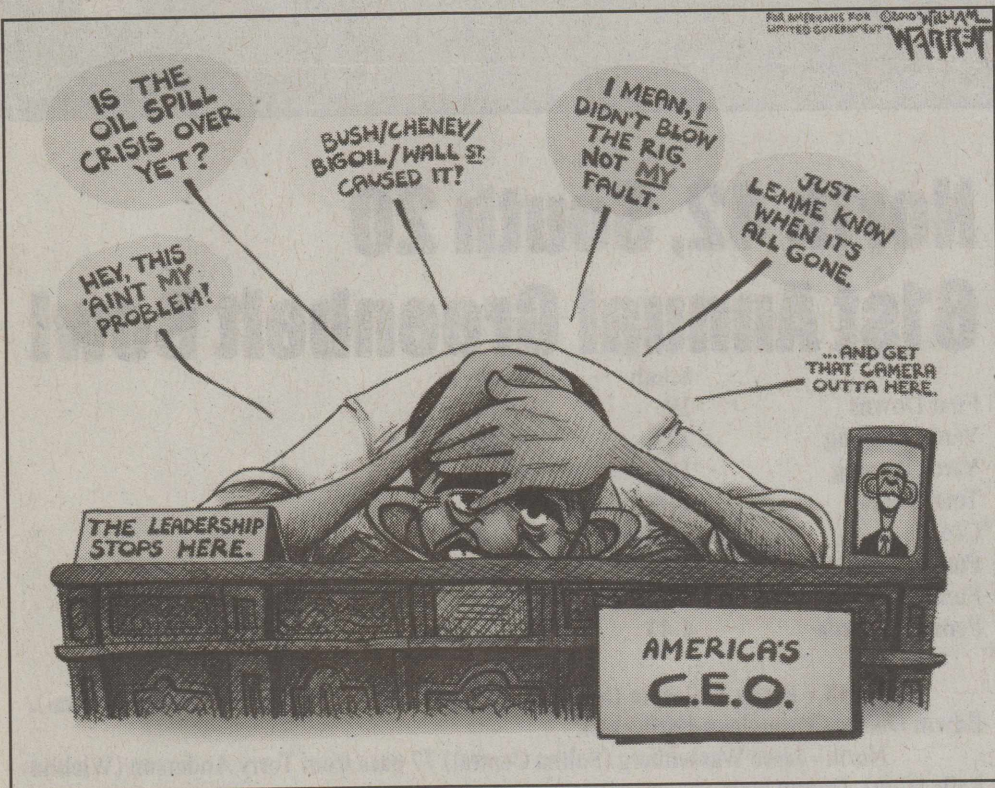
help create jobs in their country, the United States lavishes money on things the locals should be doing for themselves — things that any nation should want to do for themselves from their own savings, investment and hard work.

In Greece, China creates the foundation for the Greek people to do for themselves. In Gaza, the United States practices the toxic, paternalistic enslavement of the welfare state.

Were that all, it would be bad enough. But, of course, there is more. The Chinese are making these investments with saved money, money they have stockpiled. The United States is frittering away \$400 million it doesn't have. In fact, we are borrowing the money, throwing yet another brick on the backs of our children and grandchildren, unconcerned about their future.

In short, China is building jobs and a future for theirs, while the United States is going deeper in debt.

Whether there is time for America to reverse course is something one can only guess. But the path of enlightened self interest and national sovereignty practiced so aggressively by the Chinese is clearly the way the U.S. should go. The "World Government" dreamers and Ivory Tower gurus need to be shoved aside and hard-nosed realists put in their place. Just like they have done in China.



Legion to President Obama: Restore Mojave cross

A letter signed by The American Legion is asking President Barack Obama to restore the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial cross.

The letter, which also copied U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, was signed by National Commander Clarence Hill and also included signatures from the heads of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Liberty Institute and the veterans counsel for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

"It is time for the President to intervene and restore this tribute to our World War I veterans which stood as a testament to their sacrifice for over 75 years," Hill said. "After its reaffirmation by the highest court in the land, its clandestine removal by thieves cries out for its immediate replacement."

This spring, the U.S. Supreme Court overruled lower federal courts' decisions to tear down the memorial because of a misplaced belief that it was a religious icon on federal land. Soon after the ruling, the memorial was ripped down and carried away by vandals.

"This act was abhorrent and constitutes a federal crime under the Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003. And it defies the rule of law, flouting a binding decision of the U.S. Supreme Court," the letter states. "If Arlington National Cemetery

were similarly desecrated, that desecration would be rectified immediately, and rightly so. Unfortunately, however, the National Park Service and the Department of Justice are refusing our request to replace the stolen memorial."

The letter goes on to state that the National Park Service hasn't restored the memorial because it is complying with a lower court order, which in their interpretation, the Supreme Court decision did not fully address. Henry Sandoz, the caretaker of the memorial for the last 26 years, has built an exact replica of what was torn down and is ready to reinstall it.

"This impasse is at a point where we now need your intervention as our nation's leader, Mr. President, on decisive action to direct restoration of the memorial to its original form," the letter reads. "It is in your power to direct the National Park Service and the Department of Justice to immediately restore the Memorial. And, on behalf of our nation's veterans, we humbly ask you to do so, as Commander in Chief and as the sole officer constitutionally charged to take care that the laws are faithfully executed."

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Other Views

The Unselfish Bernie Madoff

By DON WATKINS

New York magazine's Steve Fishman just penned a fascinating account of Bernie Madoff's life behind bars. What I find most fascinating, however, is the reaction from a number of quarters to the effect that Madoff is "thriving behind bars" and living like a "rock star."

What actually emerges from the article is the exact opposite conclusion: that Madoff was frightened and unhappy before he was caught, and that his life in prison is empty and pathetic.

Take Madoff's life before he was arrested. According to Fishman:

For Bernie Madoff, living a lie had once been a full-time job, which carried with it a constant, nagging anxiety. "It was a nightmare for me," he told investigators, using the word over and over, as if he were the real victim. "I wish they caught me six years ago, eight years ago," he said in a little-noticed interview with them.

And what does life look like for Madoff, now that he's been caught? As Fishman shows, Madoff lives separated from his family, surrounded by murderers and sex offenders, sweeping floors for fourteen cents an hour, and doing what he can not to fall victim to prison violence. Some rock star.

What comes across from Fishman's article is that Madoff's existential life now matches his inner life. A man whose inner life had been a nightmare is now trapped in a literal nightmare.

Madoff is often taken as the preeminent example of selfishness. But what the facts show is not a man who was concerned with his own interests, but rather someone totally uninterested in thinking about what kind of choices would genuinely promote his life. By trying to live like a criminal, rather than as a productive individual, Madoff guaranteed himself a meaningless, joyless, self-destructive existence. There's nothing selfish about that.





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Defensive Back Damion Pleasant (5) represented Floydada High School Saturday night at the 61st Annual Greenbelt Bowl presented by the Rotary Club. Above, Lockney Longhorn Walter Kemp (61) played on the South squad.

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	South	North
First Downs	19	14
Yards Rushing	237	58
Yards Passing	108	367
Total Yards	345	425
C/A/I	14-25-4	17-28-0
Punts/Avg	4-41	4-36
Fumbles/lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties/Yards	4-43	12-115

North - Ricky Gillespie (Seminole) 24 pass from Trey Dallas (Salina Central). Edwin Duarte (Springlake-Earth) kick

North - Jesse Wassenberg (Salina Central) 77 pass from Torry Anderson (Wichita Falls High). Duarte kick

North - Wassenberg 27 pass from Anderson. Duarte kick.

South - Jacob Cameron (Panhandle) 2 run. Sage Black (Nazareth) kick.

North - Matt Cummings (Wellington) 70 pass from Dallas. Duarte kick

South - Jarrett Grayson (Palo Duro) 18 run. Kick failed

North - Wassenberg 68 pass from Dallas. Duarte kick.

North - Richard Smoak (Iowa Park) 2 run. Duarte kick.

South - Seth Simpson (Childress) 8 pass from Cameron. Black kick.

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to pull the South to within 28-13 after the kick failed.

The North struck again on their first possession of the third quarter when Wassenberg hauled in a 68-yard pass from Dallas. After Duarte's kick it was 35-13 with 2:26 to play in the third.

The North struck again late in the third quarter when Richard Smoak scored on a 2-yard run capping a 9-play, 73-yard drive to give the North a 42-13 lead.

Childress running back Seth Simpson scored on an 8-yard run capping a 16-play, 72-yard drive for the South and the final of 42-20.

Simpson led the South effort with 61 yards on 13 carries and also caught a pass for a touchdown. Memphis' Michael Henderson had 60 yards on seven carries for the South.