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Court approves budget and new drug policy

By Homer Marquez

On Monday, Aug. 22, the Floyd County commissioner's court held a special session to vote and adopt the 2011/2012 Budget and to adopt the upcoming effective tax rate.

As reported earlier in the month, commissioners and department heads have spent the past several months busy in budget workshops, enduring the task of creating a financially responsible budget despite drastic budget cuts made by the state earlier this year.

On Aug, 8, the Commissioners, Judge Golightly, and department officials were able to come up with a compromise that reduced the $40,000 deficit budget into a balanced budget. On Monday, the commissioner's court made it official by unanimously voting to adopt the proposed 2012 budget.

Following that decision, the court would unanimously vote to adopt the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Effective Tax Rate of .63881. According to the court, this budget will raise more total property taxes than last years budget by .001%, and of that amount, $3,582 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. "It (would) be difficult to do that every year," commented Commissioner Lindan Morris, "but with the crops that we're having and the times we're dealing with right now, it's certainly the correct thing to do."

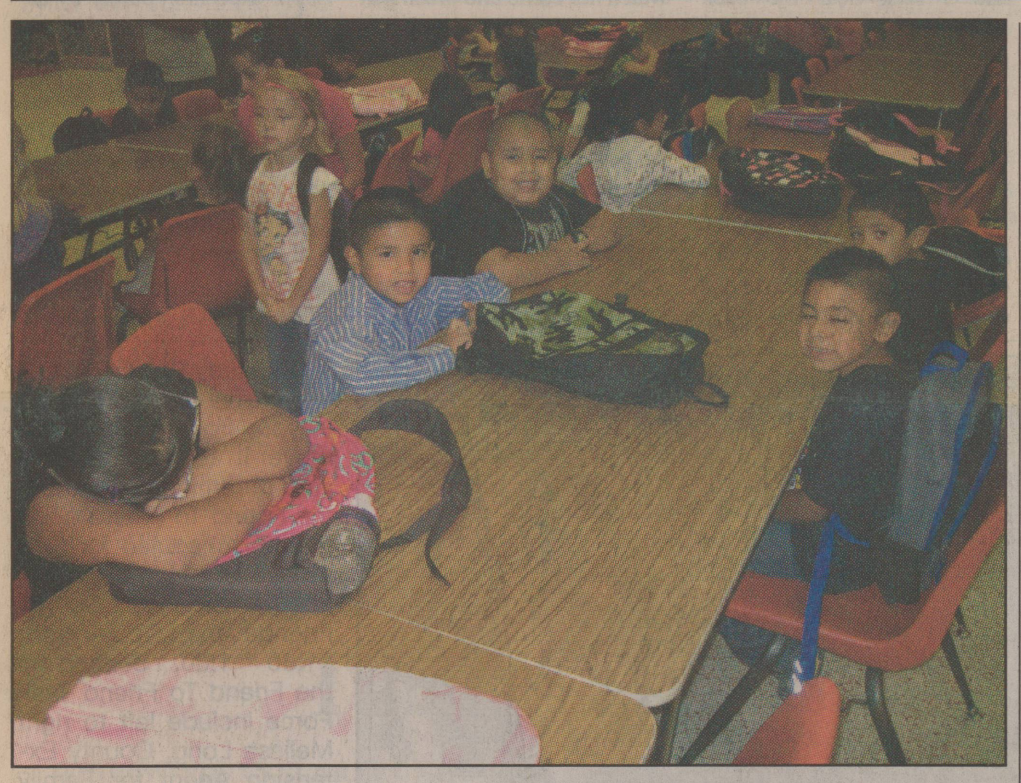
Other business on the agenda would see the approval of three farm contracts. Contracts would be granted to Steve McPherson for blade work for soil conservation on a feed road east of Providence; Juan Mendoza for leveling two loads of dirt with a maintainer; and to Max Yeary for cleaning out a tail water pit for water conservation.

The agenda item to discuss the possibility of additional funding from FEMA was tabled because advocate Martin Altman was not present for the court meeting.

During their meeting the court would also approve an update to the personnel manual. With a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Morris voting against the item, the court approved a personnel manual update that calls for all county employees who are involved in an accident, either if they hurt themselves or property, must immediately file an accident report and undergo a drug and alcohol test.

Implicating the new manual update will help lower the County's insurance premium and will reduce the risk of the county getting sued.

Closing out the meeting the Commissioner's would unanimously approve to pay the bills.





Photos by Homer Marquez
Monday marked the first day of school for Floyd County students, as kid's kissed their mothers and summer good-bye and re-buried their noses into books. Below, Floydada's elementary Pre-K classes enjoy lunch in the cafeteria for the first time, while Lockney students (above) wait for classes to begin.

Firefighters sharpen their skills at Floydada annual fire school



Photo by Homer Marquez
During Saturday's Fire School in Floydada, volunteer firefighters from around the area got some hands on training in some specialized techniques; above a firefighter repels down the side of a training wall. Prior to building the training facility three years ago, the school used highline poles to teach students rope repelling.

By Homer Marquez

This past Saturday, over 118 firefighters from 27 different departments headed down to Floydada to take part in the annual Fire School, which is put on every year by the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department.

Throughout the day, firefighters from all around dedicated their Saturdays to brushing up on skills and learning the latest techniques in fire rescue. Hosted by Certified Instructors from Floydada, the fire school has taught vital and life-saving lessons to area volunteer firefighters for the last 38 years. "We're trying to educate mainly the volunteer fire departments, because without training all that equipment that they've got and we've got is worthless," commented Floydada Fire Chief Craig DuBois, "if you don't have the training to operate it and the knowledge to do it, their no sense in you having it. So that's why we do it."

This year's school offered 11 informative classes to

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Hesperian-Beacon's Parent Company Building Phone Apps

Blackburn Media Group, Inc., owner of *The Floyd County Hesperian Beacon*, has completed the company's first phone app. The app, belonging to *The Childress Index*, which is also a BMG newspaper, is available for $.99 at Apple's App Store or iTunes and will be available soon on the Android Market.

"In looking for ways to diversify the company, we've entered the technology arena and developed an affordable concept, especially when compared to what currently exists," said Chris Blackburn, BMG CEO.

"We picked T*he Childress Index* because it gave us an opportunity to refine our process," Blackburn said. "The time is coming when most of the people in the U.S. will have a smart phone, which is basically a hand-held computer. We think that offers tremendous growth potential."

While the app is live, it will undergo it's first update in the coming days.

"We wanted an area on the app for advertising, which will be available via an update for those who already have the app," Blackburn continued.

BMG has been in the

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The Childress Index App can be seen on this iPhone on the fourth row, third from left. The app, made by Blackburn Media Group, Inc., of Childress, is available at the the App Store on iTunes and will be available soon at the Android Market. BMG will also produce an app for The Beacon.

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From the Floyd County Hesperian and Lockney Beacon
March 11, 1973

FLOYDADA IN THE 20-S...LAUNDRY
By Arthur E. Gamble

Back in the pre-depression 20's, washday in Floyd County was somewhat different from today when nearly every home has its automatic laundry center.

In my earliest memories, all laundry was done by hand on a rub board. These models of efficiency consisted of a metal corrugated surface held in a wood frame with a little shelf at the top to hold the cake of soap. The material to be washed was placed on the corrugated surface, a cake of soap rubbed across it, a quick dip into the tub of hot water and a hard scrubbing across the corrugations would loosed the dirt grime. This process was equally hard on the clothes and hands of the one doing the washing.

Hot water was a problem on wash day and most homes had a wash pot out in the backyard for this purpose. Nowadays, they are seen as planters in the front yards. These old black pots sitting on three little legs on top some brick with the bed of coals underneath were a vital necessity on wash day. With its 10 to 15 gallons of water brought to boiling point, it provided the hot water. Incidentally, the old pots were used for rendering lard at hog killing time. The residue of "cracklings" left over from the chunks of hog fat was utilized along with lye and other ingredienta to make homemade soap which was noted for its potency. It was usually allowed to cool in the old pot and cut up into chunks of varying size and being anything but beautiful gave us the saying "as homely as homemade soap."

When you used lye soap for washing, your cuticle was no problem because you didn't have any left.

The more affluent of the community were divided between those who used "P&G" soap and "Fels Naptha", much along the lines of those who swore by "Monkey Wards" and "Sears Roebuck" and their respective catalogues.

Extra dirty clothes such as men's work clothes were saved until the very last when the wash pot could be used to give the clothes "a good boiling" to loosen the grime along with a shot of "Gold Dust" to really get the job done. "Gold Dust" was a standard of the time and was distinguished by two very dark twins that graced each package.

Bleaches were seldom if ever used in home laundering but in the last rinse (pronounced wrench) water, a hefty amount of bluing was used to counteract the yellowing of the soaps. Incidentally, bluing in its pure state was used for treating ant bites. I don't know that it did any good medically but it sure did mark the victim so a child had no trouble finding where he was last bitten.

Depending on the financial condition of the family and the available labor supply, a washwoman was employed and frequently lived in a little house at the back of the owner's house. She earned her room by washing the clothes and ironing them for the household earning her other needs by working at other homes in the neighborhood.

A few families who were super affluent sent their laundry to Plainview where there was a "steam laundry." One item that went to the laundry no matter what was the man of the house's stiff as a board detachable collars. These collars were tied together in bundles with the owner's name attached. There were collected on certain days at the barber shop, put in sizeable laundry baskets with locking tops and shipped via express to the big laundry to be returned in about a week all packaged and ready for wear.

Drying clothes was a project in itself. Clothes lines presented a hazard to anyone negotiating the back yard at any time particularly if in a hurry or in the dark but on wash day it was almost impossible to penetrate the maze of sheets, towels and other items without a map of the area. Some finicky ladies—particularly the "maiden ladies" of the community made use of their pillowslips to cover up their unmentionables on the lines so that no rude man might see them. Since most homes had either a cow, horse or maybe both, an escaped animal on washday was no joke. It might appear funny on the screen at the movie but a line of clothes draped over the old cow's horns wasn't funny to the hard worked mother who must now rewash them.

Sad irons heated on the stove were aptly named. Later a gasoline iron was marketed but was a source of constant danger if improperly handled. Yet the clothes were ironed no matter how much drudgery. There was even a deep, dark rumor around town that one woman was so fussy that she insisted that her sheets be ironed.

The first washing machine I remember had tumblers inside with outside wringers and were powered by on cylinder gasoline motors. Later these were adapted to electric motors and the long evolution toward today's home laundries had started.

Water from the washing operations was poured on the ground and after a few years this ground became so saturated with lye soap that nothing would grow on it. However water was so precious that no one dared pour it out in the ditch along the graded street.

When you hear someone yearning for the "good old days" you can rest assured that the yearner is not one of the washerwomen.

FLOYDADA IN THE TWENTIES....BARBER SHOPS

By Arthur E. Gamble

The Barber Shop was not only a place to get your hair cut back in the 20's but it was the masculine haven of the town. It was standard procedure to announce that "I've got to get a haircut or get a fiddle"—this was before our descendents looked so much like unshorn sheepdogs. "Getting your ears lowered" was another hip phrase of the day.

I knew there were more than two barber shops in Floydada during the 20's but the Looney Shop on the north side of the square and the Warnie Hilton Barber Shop just behind the first National Bank on California Street just off the square were the ones I remember best. Barbers I remember were Mr. Looney, Mr. Swenson, Mr. Hilton, and Mr. Stanley.

"Shave and a haircut six bits" was more than just a phrase back then because that was the going price. Hilton's had a rack near the back wherein were kept the shaving mugs of those regular customers who came in for their daily shave. To me that must have been the height of luxury to stop by the barber shop, have lather put on your whiskers, hot towels applied, then another dosage of lather and a careful shave removing all the whiskers completely.

That was the ideal—but unfortunately, like men in all pursuits, all barbers are not created with equal ability. The styptic pencil was nearby to staunch the blood that appeared on the miscues of the less adept barber. The slap, slap, slap of the barber honing his straight razor on the stropp was as rythmic as the pop, pop, pop of the "shine boy's" as he put a high gloss on the patrons shoes.

The barber shop provided conversation of man-talk along with haircuts, shaves, massages, shampoos, shines. and baths. The barber shop bath disappeared about the time the sewerage system was installed, gas arrived, and most homes began to have their own bathrooms. The baths were removed and that horrible new institution called the "Beauty Parlor" took over its space—literally.

The first "bobbed hair" was cut in the front of the barber shop by the mail barber and then the lady repaired to the rear for a shampoo and a "Marcel" or "permanent wave."

These early versions of hair styling took many a little old lady in and sent her out looking like a little old man with a washboard head.

I always thought my mother had the most gorgeous blonde hair in the world until Mr. Hilton cut it. It was so long that it hung below her waist and the whole family like to watch her comb and brush it at night and braid it into two long large braids. I have a son out in California with a beautiful wife and daughter who would be perfectly happy if neither ever had their hair cut. I guess it just runs in the family to admire long beautiful hair. Ask your wife tonight if she will let you stroke her beautiful hair and she is apt to remove, toss it to you and say "stroke away, big boy". It may look good but somehow it isn't the same.

It was customary that just as soon as school was out for the summer, the father would take the little boys down to the barber shop for their summer haircut . This consisted of the "peeled onion look" with white scalp taking up where the tan face left off. The little hair left after the clippers had done their worst was now lathered up, and a big rock of alum was scrubbed all over the head. Supposedly, this would make the hair that was left stand up for better appearance. This haircut lasted all summer.

The coming of school in the fall was the time of buying new shoes, school clothes, and the first haircut of the fall. The cloth tied around the neck was usually damp (clean ones were only used for grownups) and somehow hair always got through, down the neck as well as in the nose and ears. But an unshorn kid in school would be a disgrace to the family—so like lambs to the slaughter—we were led to be shorn.

In the 20's there were still a few moustaches around. My Granddad Edwards had one. I believe that the two most magnificent ones were on two former sheriffs—Mr. Grigsby and Mr. Maddox.

The coming of the beauty parlor destroyed forever the masculine air of the barber shop. Recently, purely by accident, I happened to get into a "hair styling salon" for men and looked around.

Please! Up there! Are you listening? Can't we do something to get back a vestige of the old male shops where they sell haircuts, shaves, massages, and shines like in the "Good Old Days!"

Lockney Senior Citizens Menu

Aug. 29-Sept. 2
Monday- Chicken and Dumplings
Tuesday- Tacos
Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday-Meat Loaf
Friday-Fish

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Courtesy Photo
If you find a pink flamingo in your front yard, please move it to your friend's yard to remind them about the Friend To Friend "Pink Event" scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center from 11:30 - 1:00. Serving on the Friend To Friend Task Force include left to right Melissa Long, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, Kristy Lefevre, Maria Elena Arrellano, Elaine LaBaume, Cory Edwards, Extension Program Specialist Cancer Prevention Project, and Carolyn Marble. For more information please call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 983-4912.

Thanks for reading!

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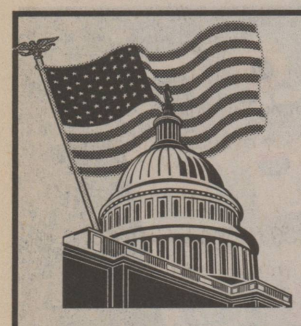
By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS
Floyd County

All Floyd County ladies are invited to attend the Friend To Friend "Pink Event" set for Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. The purpose of the Friend To Friend: Staying Well Together program is to increase the number of women 40 years old and over to get regular breast and cervical screenings. The Friend To Friend "Pink Event" is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County.

At the "Pink Event", there will be booths open from 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. including Juice Plus, Scentsy, Jewelry, Dr. Kevin Stewart with Legman Vein, Hair Bows, Chamber of Commerce, Mary Kay Makeup, Massage Therapy, American Cancer Society, Hospice Hands of West Texas, BREAST RIDE EVER, and a 13 Harley Bike Display.

The program will include a Hat Style Show, Dr. Candy Arentz, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, TTUHSC and a FREE LUNCH from 11:30 - 1:00. There will be door prizes and the booths will open back up from 1:00 - 2:00. There will be a "Friend" pieced and hand quilted Friend To Friend Pink Quilt on display and quilt raffle tickets will be for sale. . Proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Think pink and mark your calendar for September 24 for the Friend To Friend "Pink Event".



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Due to our office being closed for the Labor Day holiday weekend, we will have early deadlines for our ADVERTISING and EDITORIAL

For the Sept. 7th issue only

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OBITUARIES



DONNA HENDERSON

Donna Katherine Henderson, age 60, of Floydada passed away Sunday, August 21, 2011 in Lubbock.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday August 24, 2011 at the First Baptist Church. Interment was held at 3 p.m. at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada. Family visitation was held at the First Baptist Church Tuesday from 5 – 7 p.m.

Donna Katherine Diersing was born the daughter of Sylvester Diersing and Adeline (Jungman) Diersing on August 23, 1950 in Littlefield, Texas. She grew up in Pep, Texas and married Elvie "Bud" Henderson on February 12, 1971 in Lubbock.

She was a member and very active in the First Baptist Church of Floydada. She worked for over 31 years in the Floydada Independent School District. But, her greatest love was her grandchildren.

Donna is survived by her loving husband of over 40 years, Bud; her two daughters, Heather Ingram and Holly Holmes, along with their families; her grandchildren, Hannah Holmes, Jewlia and Cole Ingram; her mother, Adeline Diersing; and her sisters, Jan Alverson, Susan Bohanon, and Linda Bryant.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Leonard Diersing and her father, Sylvester Diersing.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations be made to the First Baptist Church - Kid's Kamp, Hospice of Lubbock, or to a charity of your choice.



GLENNA WATSON

Services for Glenna Maurine Watson, 88, of Floydada were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at the First Baptist Church of Crosbyton with Rev. Tom Taylor officiating. Burial followed in the Crosbyton Cemetery under the care of Adams Funeral Home.

Glenna passed away Sunday, August 21, 2011, at UMC in Lubbock. She was born June 24, 1923, in Clay County, Texas, to the late James Henry and Eunice Josephine (Forman) Brewer.

On November 6, 1942, she married Millard Hines Watson in Mt. Blanco, Texas. She was a member at Mt. Blanco Missionary Baptist for many years where she was a Sunday school teacher and the director of Vacation Bible School. She was a former member of Crosbyton First Baptist Church, and currently a member at the First Baptist Church of Floydada.Glenna enjoyed cooking, sewing, and gardening but the most important part of her life was her family. She was a very loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Millard Hines Watson, one daughter, Karen Crume, her son-in-law, Ken Robison, and two brothers, Darwynne and Ervin Brewer.

Survivors include her son and his wife, Dean and Brenda Watson of Floydada, Texas; her daughter, Sherry Robison of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Duwayne Brewer of Irving, Texas, and Harry Brewer of Benbrook, Texas; two sisters, Dorthy McDougle of Crosbyton, Texas and Peggy Ayers of Lubbock, Texas; seven grandchildren, Deanna and her husband, Troy Bigham, Amanda Schaefer, David Watson, Kris and his wife, Fleur Robison, Karen Robison, Suzanne and her husband, Heath Pipes, and Cherisse Robison, and ten great-grandchildren, Sage Fulton, Bridgette Fulton, Courtney Edwards, Clay Bigham, Reese Ramsey, Reagan Ramsey, Owen Robison, Avery Pipes, Alyssa Pipes, and Ashley Pipes.

Serving as casket bearers will be David Watson, Kris Robison, Troy Bigham, Heath Pipes, Reese Ramsey, Clay Bigham, Charles McDougle, and Owen Robison.

Family suggests that memorials be sent to the Kitchen Fund at First Baptist Church of Floydada, P.O. Box 610 Floydada, Texas 79235.

First United Methodist Church plans revival

The First United Methodist Church in Lockney would like to invite everyone to attend our Fall Revival September 11-13. This year's speaker will be Kasey Kuriyama from Plainview.

Music this year will be led by Junior Vasquez. We are very excited to have these two gentlemen lead our worship!

We will observe our normal service schedule Sunday, September 11 with worship beginning at 10:30 am and evening worship at 6:00 pm. Monday, September 12 and Tuesday September 13 we will have 7:00 am breakfast devotional and 7:00 pm evening worship. We hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK'S

WHIRLWINDS VS SUNRAY GAME
Game tickets for the August 26 Whirlwinds vs Sunray game are now available at Floydada ISD Central Office, AB Duncan Elementary and Floydada High School. Advance tickets are $5 for adults and $2 for students. All tickets purchased at the gate are $7. The game will be held in Amarillo at 4:30 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
The Fair Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 30, at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.
Please make plans to attend.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
The Whirlwind Booster Club will hold their meetings on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m in the High School cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB
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Floydada Senior Citizens Menu

MENU

Monday – Beef stroganoff, carrots, peas, rolls, fruit salad,
Tuesday – Lemon pepper chicken, mac & cheese, mixed vegetables, roll, banana bread
Wednesday – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, pound cake with fruit.

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m..
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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School .....10:00 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 School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship ....5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
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CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Ivan Gomez, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Carl Moman, 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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Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship ....8:30 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
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Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.
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GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m.
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MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.
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MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
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Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
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Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
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Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.
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PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
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Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening .....7:00 p.m.
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SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
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SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m
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TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Joe M.Hernandez
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English..... 9.45 a.m
Spanish..... .11:00 a.m.
Spanish Worship .....9:30 a.m.
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.
EveningService.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass.....6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.
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TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....9:45 p.m.
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting .....7:00 p.m.
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TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.
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TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....7:30 p.m.
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Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
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Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Evening .....5:00 p.m.

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Annual Floyd/Crosby County Ag Tour to be held Sept. 1

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County will be sponsoring the annual Floyd/Crosby County Ag Tour on September 1, 2011. Those interested in attending are asked to meet at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy at 7:00 a.m. for registration and to load the bus for departure at 7:30 a.m. Three tour stops will be featured this year.

The first tour will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Seed in Ralls on highway 62 in Crosby County. This stop will include a tour of the facility and Triumph Seed will be providing breakfast burritos for participants.

The second tour stop will be at the Lloyd Arthur farm located 4 miles west of Ralls of Hwy 82. This tour will begin at 9:15 a.m. and will include an update on soil moisture monitoring equipment by Smartfield and Aquaspy.

For the third tour participants will visit a cotton variety trail at the Zach Nutt farm located 1 mile east of Sandhill of Highway 784 in Floyd County at approximately 10:30 am. Texas AgriLife Extension Agronomist, Mark Kelly will be on hand to give an update on the variety trial and cotton production across the South Plains.

Lunch will take place at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center at 11:45 a.m.. Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas AgriLife Small Grains Specialist will be the featured speaker during the lunch.

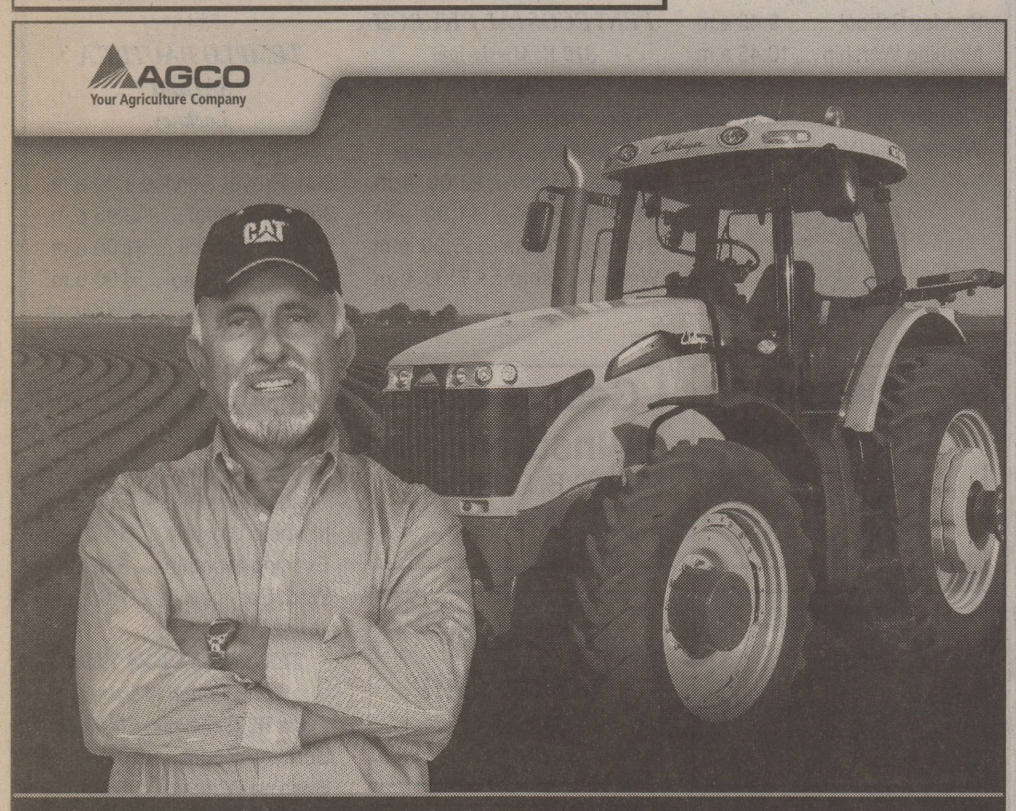
Three CEU's will be given. For more information contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County at 983-4912. An RSVP for lunch is needed by Monday, August 29th.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U. s. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Texas AgriLife Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed

Lockney School Lunch Menu

August 29-September 2
Monday
Breakfast-Waffle or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hot Dog and Chili or Grilled Cheese, baby carrots, corn, apple slices, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast- Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Popcorn Chicken or Ham, potatoes and gravy, green peas, pineapple, roll, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Fish sticks or Steak Patty, pinto beans, spinach, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk
Thursday
Breakfast-Eggs and Ham or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch- Pizza or Burrito, salad, peaches, milk
Friday
Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or Chicken Patty, salad, baked fries, applesauce, milk
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2011 FLOYDADA WHIRLWIND VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: (3) Hector Rodriguez, (4) Rex Mathis, (9) Cole Covington, (10) Bensalodo Perez, (11) John Yannis, (12) Jose Martinez, (19) Michael Cisneros (22) Ryan Chavarria, (26) Jordan Woody, (43) Xavier Cervera, (51) John Chavarria, (52) Lupe Rodriguez, (63) Hunter Galvan, (64) Andrew Perez, (65) Anthony Ascencio, (66) Gabe Mendoza, (67) Joseph DeOchoa, (70) Anthony Garza, (71) Andreas DeLaCerda, (84) R.J. DeLeon, (85) Venturo Gonzales. Athletic Director/Head Football Coach: Todd Bandy; Assistant Coaches: Jamie Seago, Desmond Ayala, Levi Bandy, Armando Morales, Troyce Renfro, Tate Riley, Cory Benson; Manager: Seth Nielson.



Photo by Homer Marquez

During last Saturday's Fire School in Floydada, instructors give firefighters a hands-on lesson in extrication by using the Jaws of Life.

Floydada Whirlwinds take on Sunray Friday

The Floydada Whirlwinds will travel to Dick Bivins in Amarillo to take on Sunray in their first game of the season on Friday, Aug 26. For a more in-depth look into Whirlwind football and the other fall activities, check out our special fall sports insert in next week's Hesperian-Beacon.

FISD discusses 2011-2012 Budget, Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

During their July 26, 2011, regular meeting, Floydada Independent School District's Board of Trustees considered the preliminary budget for 2011-2012, changes to the Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook, and acted on changes to two Local District Policies.

Concerning the preliminary budget for 2011-2012, Business Manager Sharon Rainwater said, "The thing we're most excited about is we managed to balance it, even with everything the State took away." The expected tax revenue is $2,549,000 based on a $1.17 tax rate, if collected at the historical 98-percent rate. She noted this budget is based on previously projected 720 students, but the administration since has determined it should expect to have just over 800 students this year.

On the expenditures side of things, Rainwater said the district has brought expenses down to $7,837,000, which is a decrease in expenses of roughly $290,000. Though there has been an increase in property appraisal, fuel, and utilities expenses, expenses on almost everything else went down. Rainwater said the tax rate, M&O and I&S would need to be $1.30787 in order to operate with this proposed budget.

The board unanimously adopted the proposed tax rate of $1.17 M&O plus $0.13787 I&S for a total of $1.30787. Last year's rate was $1.3012.

Rainwater gave the current tax report: M&O stands at $2,810,264.48, with net

See FISD on page 8

Thanks for Reading!

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

August 29 – September 2

Monday
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly or cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Corndog, western beans, celery & carrot dippers, sparkly apple, pudding cup, milk

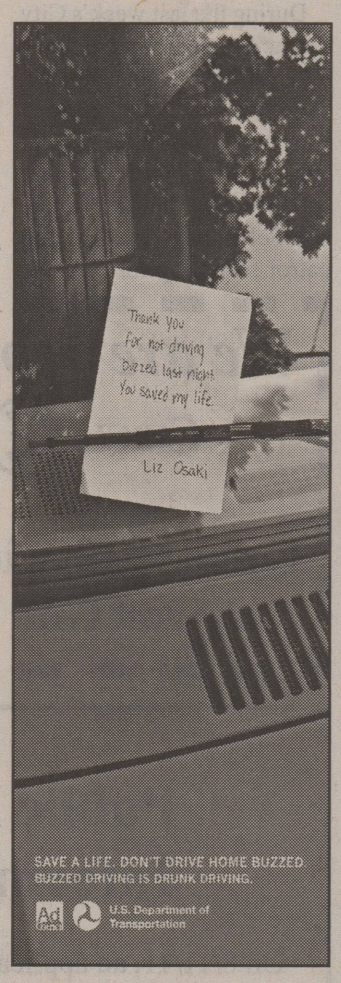
Tuesday
Breakfast- Honey bun or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Meaty macroni, garden salad, seasoned corn, cornbread, frozen cherry fruit bar, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast-Pancake & sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, milk

Thursday
Breakfast- English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Nachos grande, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomato, orange smiles, cinnamon sugar cookies, milk

Friday
Breakfast – Cinnamon roll and fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch – Pizza choice, crunchy broccoli salad, corn cobbette, rosy applesauce, chocoleana cake, milk

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USDA Reminds Producers of Sept. 1st Sales Closing Date for Noninsurable Crops

(Floydada, Texas) – August 22, 2011 - Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of September 1, 2011.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management," said Bradley. "This year alone has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations," she said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 1, 2011: All Small Grains (Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye & Triticale), Beets, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Canola, Cauliflower, Garlic,

Sod Grass, Greens, Herbs, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Radishes, Strawberries, Turnips and Value Loss Crops (Christmas Trees, Crustaceans, Fin Fish, & flowers).

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of $250 per crop or $750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of $1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747.

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margaret Jones

If you have been out and about and enjoying the good food at the Center count your blessings. The sun is shining and all is well. If not, we hope to see you soon. Remember to come to the Center Thursday the 25th for fun and games. We will play BINGO from 2:30 – 4:30….hopefully you will win a prize and have a relaxed fun-time with friends.

Sylvia Bueno and family members have just returned from a combined wedding and vacation cruise on the Carnival Conquest cruise ship. They enjoyed the Cayman Islands, Cozumel, and Jamaica area. A fun time for family lazing in the sun and snorkeling in the beautiful blue waters of Cozumel.

Wayland and Margaret Jones have returned from an INSIGHT FOR LIVING cruise to the Mediterranean with their oldest son, Steve and his family. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, graduation from high school and three-generation get-away to Rome, Venice and other interesting places in Italy and Greece.

Virginia Pyle's sister, Mona Moore, was up from Vernon for a visit last week. It was good to visit with Mona at the Center.

Happy late birthday to Guy Ginn who recently turned the young age of 96. Guy's plans are to keep staying young-at-heart and looking forward to many more celebrations. (Keep making your famous cookies and sharing them with us.)

Margarette Word has been moved to room 30 in Heritage Oaks. We wish you well, Margarette and hope to see you soon. Everyone misses your bright smile at the Center.

Herman Graham has been in the hospital in Lubbock for the last couple of weeks, running tests and hopefully gaining strength to get his health back under control to return home and be with us soon.

Linda Crader had knee surgery this past week and plans to take therapy at the Swing-Bed in Lockney. We wish Linda a speedy recovery.

Our sympathy to the family of Donna Henderson. Remember Bud and the girls in prayers at this time.

Sylvia is in the process of getting things set up for the flu shot clinic. As soon as details are in place, there will be an announcement about that.

"Thought for the Day" – The universe is centered on neither earth or sun. It is centered on God.

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Administration of the Estate of KENNETH E. BAIN, JR., Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Mary L. Petit and Gar M. Petit, on the 18th day of August, 2011, in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas acting in Cause No. 5895 styled the Estate of KENNETH E. BAIN, JR., Deceased in which court the case is pending.

All persons having claims against this Estate are hereby notified to present them within the time prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is:

Lex S. Herrington
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USDA Seeks Comments on Animal Disease Traceability Proposed Rule

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued a proposed rule on August 11 to establish general regulations for improving the traceability of U.S. livestock moving interstate if an animal disease event takes place.

Under the proposed rule, livestock moving interstate would have to be officially identified unless specifically exempted. The proposed rule encourages the use of low-cost technology, and specifies approved forms of official identification for each species, such as metal eartags for cattle.

"The ability to track where diseased or at risk animals have gone or been moved from, is critical in ensuring a rapid response should an animal disease event take place," Dr. Dee Ellis, State Veterinarian, said. "We encourage all interested stakeholders to comment on this proposed rule," Ellis stated.

An efficient and accurate animal disease traceability system helps reduce the number of animals affected by the disease itself or movement restrictions. A traceability system also reduces the time needed to control the spread of the disease and ultimately decreases the cost to producers.

This notice will be published in the August 11 Federal Register.

Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, November 9. Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0091 to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

• Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0091, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0091.

For more information regarding the proposed animal traceability rule visit http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2011/08/pdf/QAtraceabil.VS.pdf or for general information about USDA-APHIS visit www.aphis.usda.gov

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All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2011

JERRY N. CYPERT
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE
ESTATE OF HOMER CYPERT
C/0 KAREN HOUCHIN
P.O. BOX 421, 124 W. CALIFORNIA
FLOYDADA, TEXAS 79235
PHONE: 806-983-5556; FAX 806-983-8022

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Garden and Landscape workshop to be held Sept 2

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Floyd and Crosby counties will conduct a garden and landscape workshop from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Friday, September 2nd at the Floyd County Memorial Library.

The workshop will include presentations on water efficient lawns and landscape; tree pruning and care; managing lawn and garden insects; household water conservation and rainwater harvesting.

The program will include a hands-on demonstration on how to make a rainwater barrel. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the program's first presentation will begin at 9 am. Ace Hardware of Floydada is sponsoring the sandwich luncheon and they will be giving away coupons to attendees.

There will be a $10 charge for the program. This multi-county program will be offering three continuing education units available for private applicators license holders. The units will include two in the general category and one in integrated pest management.

Attendees are encouraged to call the extension office by August 25th to RSVP because space is limited. For more information and to pre-register call the Floyd County Extension office at 983-4912 or Crosby County Extension office at 675-2347.

Floyd County Fair is One Month Away

By Carol Huggins

The Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair is now only 1 month away! Lots of cleaning, building, and painting has gone on in the last week. Everything is looking good.

There have been a lot of booth spaces rented, but there are still some available if anyone wants one. Contact Darlene Broseh regarding this. Any school organizations that are interested are welcome, too.

The Miss Floyd County Pageant is a new addition this year - after several years' absence. There are catagories for little girls all the way through high school. Please contact Ann Anderson if interested in entering. The deadline for this is September 1.

For the kids, there will be a climbing wall (Saturday only), pony rides, train rides, and the Kids' Fishing Tank throughout the Fair. Friday is School Day with a clown show . There will also be a Kids' Rodeo and a Pet Show on Sunday afternoon.

A new event this year will be the Gospel Singing on Friday night. There will be group singing and also maybe a performing band. Contact Ed Marks if you would like to perform or have a group.

A fun and exciting demonstration will be Chainsaw Carving. Cam Dockery is an award winning carver and will be demonstrating his craft on Friday-Sunday. His carvings will also be for sale. It should be interesting to watch him work.

Saturday night will close out the evening with a Dance following the Pageant. The band will be Twisted Road out of Lubbock. Some of the band members are Lockneyites and they will show you a good time.

So, everyone make plans to attend the Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair, September 15-18. You will have a good time!

Vandalism hits Lockney

By Homer Marquez

A small wave of vandalism and burglary has hit the city of Lockney in the past several weeks. As the summer wound down, a string of mischief began to plague the streets of the Floyd County community. Two weekends ago, vandals spray painted various gang names and insignias in several spots around town. Bloods, 806, and CK graffiti were found defacing the community center, J and K Insurance, and a couple of homes and private property.

During the last week's City Council meeting, Lockney Police Chief Casey Wallace, expressed that the culprits were more then likely young wanna-bes looking to cause trouble; nevertheless, Lockney Police have been on full patrol searching for possible suspects.

Concerned Lockney citizens have also joined the search, as some have volunteered to drive the streets at night to ensure places like the new high school are not vandalized.

During the council meeting, it was reported that vandals had also thrown acid into the newly renovated pool. The acid was which was initially used to settle the foundation was quickly cleaned up.

Trouble continued through the week-end as a burglary left one Lockney family in major disposition; and a couple of near break-ins were the talk of the town.

Lockney Police are continuing their investigation and are asking anyone with any information to step forward.

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OPINION

There's no such thing as a free lunch

By REBEKAH RAST

President Obama has stressed the need for more federal revenue. His No. 1 suggestion on how to do so is to raise taxes on the wealthy.

"The tax cuts I'm proposing we get rid of are tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires; tax breaks for oil companies and hedge fund managers and corporate jet owners," Obama said during a press conference earlier this summer.

Some mega-rich people like Warren Buffett agree — though he has yet to follow through on his own words by writing a personal check to the U.S. Treasury for above and beyond what he pays in taxes.

So as the rich continue to come under fire for being rich, the least the president and his team can do is provide them with a free lunch, right?

If you are rich and your children attend a public school in Detroit, then yes, they are part of a federal government pilot program giving free lunches to all students, regardless of income levels.

Included in President Obama's spending binge this year was a $4.5 billion expansion of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, which provides free lunches to low-income public school children. But through the expanded program, this administration is taking it one step further — free lunches for all.

Why? "One of the primary goals of this program is to eliminate the stigma that students feel when they get a free lunch, as opposed to paying cash," Detroit Public Schools Chief Operating Officer Mark Schrupp said in the Detroit Free Press. "Some students would skip important meals to avoid being identified as low-income. Now, all students will walk through a lunch line and not have to pay. Low-income students will not be easily identifiable and will be less likely to skip meals."

This is ironic considering the latest jargon coming from the White House is rich folks already have too much and need to start giving back even more.

Yet, the Department of Agriculture agrees that low-income students shouldn't feel singled out. According to the National Review, "the administration says it is giving rich kids free food to eliminate the shame that less-fortunate students may feel in receiving free food."

What this administration is saying is as long as no one is able to identify the low-income from the rich in the school lunch line, then it is OK for the rich to indulge in the entitlement programs of the poor. Will this carry over to government-assisted housing, food stamps and welfare checks?

It's as if a free-lunch-for-all program will break down the class warfare barriers. It won't, and in fact, it makes America's financial situation even more perilous.

"No wonder America is so deep in debt," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "There is no such thing as a free lunch, Mr. Obama."

He's right. Every "free" government program has to get funds from somewhere and someone. If this program takes root nationally, as it is projected to do so by 2014, more than a $4.5 billion boost will be needed to support it.

That money will come from taxpaying Americans, who will then be supporting lunch for every public school student.

That is one expensive cafeteria meal.

Other Views

'Wealthy liberals' seek to shut down job producing drilling innovations in Pennsylvania

By KEVIN MOONEY

"Wealthy liberals" are spreading false and misleading information about new drilling techniques that have opened up natural gas resources in Pennsylvania, according to a report from the Commonwealth Foundation.

A geologic formation known as the Marcellus Shale, which cuts across New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Viriginia, was beyond reach at one time. But this has changed as a result of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. Almost 489 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, which is sufficient to cover all of America's natural gas needs over a 20 year period is recoverable, the foundation reports.

Unfortunately, anti-drilling activists have stepped in to obstruct further development of the natural gas industry, which is responsible for creating tens of thousands of new jobs, according to the report. Herb and Marion Sandler, who founded the S&L known as World Savings Bank, are identified as the primary culprits here. In 2007, they launched an investigative reporting outfit called ProPublica, which proceeded to inveigh against the natural gas industry.

"Much attention has been paid to the efforts of gas companies to influence the political debate through campaign contributions and lobbying efforts," the report says. "But anti-drilling activists — while claiming gas companies use their vast financial resources to weaken regulatory structures and silence poorly funded environmental groups — influence politicians through their own lobbying efforts and by spreading myths about drilling. Among the myths alleged about "Big Gas" is that drillers are flocking to Pennsylvania's rich Marcellus Shale reserves, engaging in dangerous and highly polluting drilling activities, and shirking responsibility for damages while successfully avoiding paying taxes."

After scrutinizing several of the natural gas articles produced by ProPublica, the Independent Institute uncovered several areas that cast the industry in very bad light. Here is a portion of Institute's commentary on the reporting from ProPublica: "The Colorado experience of zero cases of water contamination from hydraulic fracturing is consistent with the 2002 study from the Interstate Oil and Gas Com3 policy brief pact Commission (a consortium of state regulatory agencies). The Commission surveyed regulatory agencies in 28 states (including Colorado and the other four states where ProPublica claimed that there were more than 1,000 "documented" cases of contamination). The response covered the entire history of hydraulic fracturing in those states. Every single one of those 28 states reported that there had never been groundwater harm due to fracturing."

The ProPublica report declined to report on any evidence from this study.

The slanted reporting and misinformation could come with a serious price tag for Pennsylvania, if state officials are persuaded to impose restraints on natural gas development. Penn State economists have concluded that the Marcellus development has already resulted in over 88,000 new jobs in Pennsylvania. Moreover, the investments in natural gas drilling have translated over to improved infrastructure for the state.

In 2010, natural gas companies poured about $200 million into rebuilding and improving local roads, the Commonwealth Foundation reported.

The enhanced drilling techniques have opened the way to economic development that would not have been possible just a few years ago. Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing have helped to take the edge off the recession in Pennsylvania. But job creation could be offset if green pressure groups and "wealthy liberals" are permitted to circulate anti-industry propaganda without a forceful response.

'Obamanomics': Stimulating Unemployment, Inflation and Despair

By HOWARD RICH

Having failed to meaningfully restrain government growth during the recent debt ceiling debate, America's fiscal leaders are now preparing to push taxpayers even further below the waves. Meanwhile the U.S. economy — after trillions of dollars in government "stimulation" — is teetering on the brink of yet another full-blown recession as a debt crisis on the other side of the Atlantic compounds our government's glaring lack of sustainability.

Barack Obama's prescription to this ongoing malaise? A perpetuation of the policies responsible for creating it — more borrowing, more spending and more debt (as well as a healthy dose of finger-pointing in the direction of anyone opposing him).

Sacrificing "hope and change" on the altar of his own economic failures, Obama is campaigning for reelection against a Congress that just handed him $2.4 trillion in debt reauthorization — on a bipartisan platter, no less.

Wasting no time, Obama wants to spend $56.5 billion on yet another extension of federal unemployment benefits — i.e. incentivizing dependency at the expense of American workers.

The White House claims that every dollar spent on unemployment benefits will yield $1.60 in expanded economic activity — but what Obama and his fellow Keynesian pump-primers are ignoring is the fact that perpetual "stimulation" of the welfare state only stimulates additional government dependence.

"It is well established that generous unemployment benefits can increase the duration of unemployment spells and the overall level of unemployment," a 2007 report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) noted. "This could have a negative impact on productivity through inefficient use of resources and depreciation of human capital during long spells of unemployment."

In other words, "when the government pays people 50 to 60 percent of their previous wage to stay home for a year or more, many of them do just that," according to senior fellow Alan Reynolds of the Cato Institute.

Meanwhile Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke — who doled out a scarcely-fathomable $16 trillion in emergency loans between Dec. 1, 2007 and July 21, 2010 — is also looking to reprise his failed monetary policies in light of of the ongoing economic sluggishness. After two failed rounds of "quantitative easing," Bernanke is toying with the notion of further deasing the American dollar.

Quite correctly, Texas Gov. Rick Perry has referred to such a plan as "almost treasonous." And while some have criticized Perry's remark as impolitic, the truth is he was being polite. After all, the only thing that printing money has accomplished is the subsidization of our bailout culture.

At least in Japan they built bridges to nowhere.

"Stimulus spending has been focused on keeping unionized public workers employed," economist Ed Yardeni explains. "The government's intrusion into the economy, with its huge deficits and mounting debt, depresses the private sector. Watching the central bank enable it all by purchasing some of the government's debt is even more depressing. This is why quantitative easing doesn't work."

Meanwhile, as a result of the debasement of our currency, workers in the "depressed" private sector are finding the purchasing power of the few dollars they've been able to scrape together declining even further — all so an army of bureaucrats can dole out new "benefits" to additional dependents.

Is it really any surprise, then, that more than 6 million Americans – or nearly half of those currently without jobs – have been unemployed for 27 weeks or longer? Or that this level of long-term unemployment – unseen since the post-World War II era – has been sustained for more than a year? Or that it currently takes the average job-seeker more than 20 weeks to find a position – twice the time it took during the 1982-83 recession?

Stimulating failure and incentivizing dependency is no way to grow an economy. Unfortunately, our fiscal leaders seem incapable of grasping this truth and reversing our course.

Other Opinions

NLRB and Labor Department Regulations Spell Trouble

By DON TODD

An obscure federal body, the National Labor Relations Board (NRLB), along with the U.S. Department of Labor recently proposed regulations that will dramatically change how union representation elections are conducted. If finalized, these rules will significantly reduce the availability of legal counsel for employers and will limit the ability of employers to exercise their First Amendment rights to free speech.

Here is how these rules working together will negatively impact businesses.

One afternoon in 2012 a small business owner receives notice from the NLRB that a local union has filed a petition for a unionization election. The owner had no inclination that union activity was occurring and is shocked to learn that his whole world could dramatically change in just two weeks.

The owner calls his long-time lawyer seeking legal advice on what he should do to keep the union out of his family business. The owner thinks he needs to give a speech to his employees and asks for help.

The lawyer says, "Sorry, I'd love to help you edit a speech, but if I do so then under the Labor Department's new 'persuader' regulation I'll have to publicly disclose all of my labor relations clients and what they paid me last year. I can't do that because I'd lose them as clients." So, the business owner goes without legal advice. Since he hasn't been in this situation before he doesn't know all the ways to get into trouble with the NLRB. He inadvertently commits a couple "unfair labor practices" by doing something as simple as disciplining an unruly employee.

Assuming that the business owner could find help, by the time the outside consultant is retained and has filed the mandatory paperwork, the election is over thanks to the NLRB's new "snap elections" regulation.

Since the election is now over, the union if it won will push the employer to drop any of their objections to things like whether the voters were actually eligible to vote. This will be done under the guise of "not re-litigating the past" and moving toward "labor peace." All the while the NLRB will nod with approval as the union becomes the business owner's partner, raking in dues to keep its coffers flush.

Welcome to labor relations the Chicago way, courtesy of President Obama's Labor Department and the NLRB.

The Labor Department's proposed "persuader" regulation would have a tremendous chilling effect on businesses' ability to get legal advice. A cynic would say that this is intentional to make sure that businesses are not able to effectively communicate with their employees on issues such as whether the union is a good idea. The NLRB's proposed regulation would among other things make it impossible for employers to have time to communicate with their employees. Instead, it's a rush to get the vote over before anyone knows what they are voting on — much like what the Democrats in Congress did when they passed Obamacare.

These two proposed regulations taken together are a huge gift to the labor movement. Unions today can't sell their product and as such are seeking regulatory changes in order to continue extracting dues.

Denying employers or any individual or organization the right to effective counsel and effective speech during any phase of their business operations is unconscionable. But, that is exactly the practical effect of the Labor Department's proposed regulation.

The Obama Administration should look for ways to get the government out of the way, allowing the private sector to create jobs. Layers of new, unnecessary, and harmful labor regulations make it harder for businesses to succeed and should therefore be scrapped.

4-H Achievement Banquet held August 21

By Melissa Long CEA-FCS Floyd County

With 4-H, The Sky is the Limit was the theme for the 2011 Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet held Sunday, August 21 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Jake Bramlet, president of the Floyd County 4-H Council served as Master of Ceremonies. McKenna Johnson sang the National Anthem, Tristan Schlueter gave the invocation and Kirby Nixon gave the welcome. Sydney Bishop led the American Pledge, Brett Moore led the Texas Pledge and Clay Moore led the 4-H Motto and Pledge. SyAnn Foster introduced the special guests.

Year pins were awarded to Clover Kids through an eleven year member. The officers from both clubs as well as the Floyd County Council officers were recognized.

All county, district, state and national participants were recognized.

4-H members recognized with jackets or blankets and t-shirts for the Jacket Achievement Program included: Clover Kids - Ryder Glass, Cristin Kemp, Kaimee Webb and Hunter Lefevre. Juniors and Intermediates Lauryn Carroll, Luke Carroll, Brett Moore, Clay Moore, Cutter Smith, Payton Teeple and Korleigh Webb. Senior - Mallory Graham.

4-H'ers also qualifying for the Jacket Achievement program receiving patches and t-shirts included: Caitlin Bishop, Sydney Bishop, Brayden Campbell, Kortney Campbell, Alex Glass, Rachel Graham, Catharine Kemp, Jake Moore, Keenan Nixon, Kirby Nixon, Allison Orr, Jared Orr, Tristan Schlueter, Lyndee Setliff, Stephen Setliff, Bryce Thomas, Kaleb Whittle, Jake Bramlet, Jianna Davenport, SyAnn Foster, Jacob Graham and Taylor Orr.

The Outstanding Record Book Awards were presented to: Junior Lauryn Carroll, Intermediate Catharine Kemp and Senior Jake Bramlet.

High Point Jacket Achievement winners included: Lockney: Tristan Schlueter, Korleigh Webb, Jake More, Jake Bramlet and SyAnn Foster. Floydada: Luke Carroll, Lauryn Carroll, Alex Glass, Catharine Kemp, Jacob Graham, and Jianna Davenport.

Jake Bramlet was recognized for being selected as a National Congress Delegate and won the prize for the best table decoration. Jianna Davenport was recognized for placing 3rd at state with her 4-H Record Book in Communication and Expressive Arts and for coming up with the winning t-shirt design.

Special Awards were the Distinguished Leader Award to Jerry Chappell, the Friend of 4-H Award to Laura Turner and Jon Jones. Special Friends of 4-H to Beth Bramlet, Patty Davenport and Elaine LaBaume, the Silver Spur Clips provided by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative and presented by Larry Ogden to Robin Nixon and Bill Glass, the Danforth I Dare You Award sponsored by the Mike Mathis family presented to Mallory Graham and SyAnn Foster.

The Bronze Star Awards were presented to Luke Carroll and Lauryn Carroll. The Silver Star Award was presented to Catharine Kemp and the Gold Star Awards were presented to Jianna Davenport and Jake Bramlet by County Judge Penny Golightly. The LeAnn Bishop Memorial Shooting Sports Awards were presented to Sydney Bishop and Jacob Graham.

A slide show of the year's 4-H activities was presented by Luke Carroll. Kirby Nixon closed out the banquet with the 4-H prayer. There were approximately 130 in attendance for the banquet.



Courtesy Photo
The Friend of 4-H Award was presented to Jon Jones, Silver Spur Clip to Robin Nixon and Bill Glass and Friend of 4-H to Laura Turner at the Floyd County Achievement Banquet on Sunday, August 21 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.



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4-H'ers recognized at the County Achievement Banquet included Laruyn Carroll - Best Junior Record Book, Jake Bramlet - Best Senior Record Book, SyAnn Foster and Mallory Graham - I Dare You Leadership Award and Catharine Kemp - Best Intermediate Record Book.



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Presented with the Star Awards at the 4-H Achievement Banquet included Lauryn Carroll - Bronze Star, Jake Bramlet and Jianna Davenport Gold Star, Catharine Kemp - Silver Star and Luke Carroll - Bronze Star.



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(Left) High Point Jacket Achievement Winners at the 4-H Banquet included front row left to right: Tristan Schlueter, Alex Glass, Catharine Kemp, Lauryn Carroll, Korleigh Webb and Luke Carroll. Back row left to right: Jake Bramlet, Jake Moore, Jianna Davenport, SyAnn Foster and Jacob Graham.



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Presented with Special Friend of 4-H Awards at the County Achievement Banquet were Elaine LaBaume, Beth Bramlet and Patty Davenport.



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Presented with the LeAnn Bishop Memorial Shooting Sports Award at the Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet were Jacob Graham and Sydney Bishop.

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collected of $2,764,683.20; I&S stands at $291,524.98, with net collected of $281,981.04. This is a collection rate of 98.3 percent compared to last year's 98.11 percent. Rainwater said, "I think we're looking really, really good for this time of the year." Rainwater also shared the Annual Investment Report for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 31, 2011 with the board. A couple of specifics from this report included total interest earned on monies in checking accounts was $32,188, and over a one-year period, the district only decreased the checking account balance by $179,000.

The board considered action on two Local District Policies for 2011-2012. For the last few years, the district has reimbursed employees for up to three personal days/sick days when they're leftover at the end of the year. Superintendent Gilbert Trevino said this "perk" has not been very effective, and the district should change that rate to $0. Last year the district paid out $11,500 on this perk. Boardmember Charles Tyer moved to set the rate at $0 for the annual reimbursement clause of the district policy – the motion passed unanimously.

Current policy gave the first and last day of appraisal days for appraising the district's teachers, with the ability of notifying employees as far back as ten days for not renewing their contracts, but Trevino said he'd like to continue using the 45-day notification system. The board unanimously accepted the appraisal calendar and the list of appraisers for the 2011-2012 school year.

Under consideration regarding the Student Code of Conduct for the 2011-2012 school year, Trevino noted there weren't many changes the district made based on the TASB code of conduct model. Trevino pointed out a couple of items in the Code, particularly the use of corporal punishment which requires a written statement by parents to opt out their child and that cyber bullying (bullying occurring through the use of any electronic communication device) is now an expellable offense. He also said TASB's code has made it more difficult to expel students who are already in DAEP.

The board unanimously approved the Student Code of Conduct for the 2011-2012 school year.

Concerning the Student Handbook, Trevino said the one change the administration would like to change deals with redoing assignments. Currently the policy is if a student requests in writing to redo an assignment for which they received a "failing grade," they can re-complete it within three days. Trevino said they want to change the wording so it does not read "failing grade."

Also in the Student Handbook, Trevino said there have been a couple of things added to the Dress and Grooming section - low cut shirts will be strictly regulated, and spaghetti straps and tube tops will not be allowed based upon the fact that "garments must cover the width of the shoulder." Additionally, the Handbook says feathers and glitter strands in students' hair will not be allowed and boys will not be allowed to wear braids or Mohawks.

One major change to the Athletic Handbook is no male students will be allowed in female students' rooms and vice versa (i.e. when on school trips). There were no major changes or additions to the Band Handbook.

Boardmember Rachael Castillo asked if parents are aware of what clothing is considered "gang related" clothing. Trevino said it's hard to keep the parents up-to-date because gang clothing and symbols are changing all the time. Castillo asked if Manuel Mendez would present something to the board about gang related clothing. Trevino said he'd look into it.

Trevino informed the board the district currently uses TASB for Workers' Compensation Insurance, but the board would need to decide whether to stay with them or go out for bids. Trevino said TASB's rates are being held at last year's rate schedule and they have offered the district a two-year rate guarantee. He noted this next school year the district plans to spend about $20,820 on Workers' Compensation Insurance. The board unanimously approved remaining with TASB, as they were very satisfied with the service and the price rates offered.

We have to resolve to adopt Plan A as recommended by the advisory committee. The board unanimously approved to adopt Plan A as recommended by the advisory committee for the resolution regarding the adoption of the redistricting plan for Single-Member Districts following the 2010 Census.

The board considered Trevino's request to charge tuition for students in FISD's Pre-Kindergarten Open Enrollment Program. Trevino requested tuition be set at $200 per student to cover the cost of the milk and snacks provided during the pre-kindergarten program. He said this would probably be a monthly charge and the most the school can have in the open enrollment program is twelve students. The board unanimously approved changing the charge for the open enrollment program to $200 tuition per student in pre-kindergarten.

The board unanimously accepted the resignations of Kami Sanders and Donna Henderson, and approved the employment of four new personnel: Bobby Hawn, Stacy Murphy, Jan Beedy, and Sara Ashley.

The board accepted an offer of $300 by Aaron Rendon for Lot 2, Block 129, of Original Town, 225 W. Georgia. This property had an appraised value of $1,750.

The board approved the Policy EHBB (LOCAL) which is the district's gifted and talented program.

Trevino updated the board on activities in the district: the gym floors at the high school are complete and look very nice; the Jr. High science portable is ready for use; the city received the electrical transformer needed and the school now has electricity in the portables. Overall, Trevino said, the district is ready for the start of school.

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development process since March with the Apple paperwork taking a considerable amount of time. "It seemed like it took forever, but we got it done and it will enhance what *The Index* and BMG are doing," Blackburn said. "In time we will have an app available for all of our newspapers."

The app is not a substitute for the newspaper of the website. It will be used to inform people between weekly issues and tease upcoming stories.

BMG will now begin selling apps for both the App Store and the Android Market.

"I think we've accomplished something unique and it gives us an opportunity to make apps for entities, groups, businesses, etc.," Blackburn said. "We are still working out odds and ends concerning our sales methods and the contractual language, but we will begin selling apps soon."

Blackburn said *The Index* app should be available on the Android Market within a couple of weeks.

"We chose to go live on the App Store first," Blackburn said. "The process for the Android Market is considerably easier. That's not intended to be a negative toward Apple at all, it's a great company, but they don't let just anybody into their world."