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Floyd County Voter Turnout Low on Election Day

By Sara Sisemore
 Managing Editor

Voter turnout was low in Saturday's election, though not as low as in previous years. Incumbent Bobby Gilliland received 58 votes during early voting and 67 on election day, for a total of 125 votes. Challenger Henry A. Bolton received no votes. Voter turnout for Floydada was 5.84 percent, 125 out of 2,139 registered voters.

According to City Secretary Karen Lawson, this election cost the city approximately \$4,300. Lockney Independent School District's election to fill seats for Precincts 1 and 2 brought out 48 voters, for an 8.13 percent turnout. For Precinct 2, incumbent Cheryl Edwards received four votes, losing to Mike Lass who earned 11 votes. Rene Guerrero, running for LISD's Precinct 1 seat, beat Dr. Kevin Stennett 20 to 13.

Commissioners Lift Burn Ban After Sufficient Rainfall

By Sara Sisemore
 Managing Editor

During their Monday, May 11, 2009, meeting, the commissioners' court unanimously approved to lift the burn ban after reviewing a color-coded rain map from the Texas Forest Service, indicating Floyd County had received sufficient rain to allow the ban to be lifted.

J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Extension Agent, reported on the farming conditions and 4-H activities in the county. "Our livestock judging team, on the 18th, had the district contest...wound up third

place," he said. Because of the swine flu threat, Ragland told the court, many counties throughout the state were unable to hold their district contests, so everyone has been invited to come to the state competition - not just the top three teams from each district.

Concerning cotton planting, Ragland said most started planting on Monday, May 4. However, Ragland said the farmers were only planting irrigated fields, as the land is still so dry.

According to Ragland, this year's wheat crop was hit hard by

the late freeze - many farmers tilled their crop under, some killed it, while others left it, hoping to get at least a 50 percent yield to help supply some seed for next year as wheat from here to Kansas has not done well.

The commissioners also approved two farm contracts: one a request from Jim Byrd Farms to blade a ranch road 30 miles northeast of Floydada and the other a request from Dean Watson to dig, load and haul dirt material from four miles east and three and a half miles south of Floydada to County

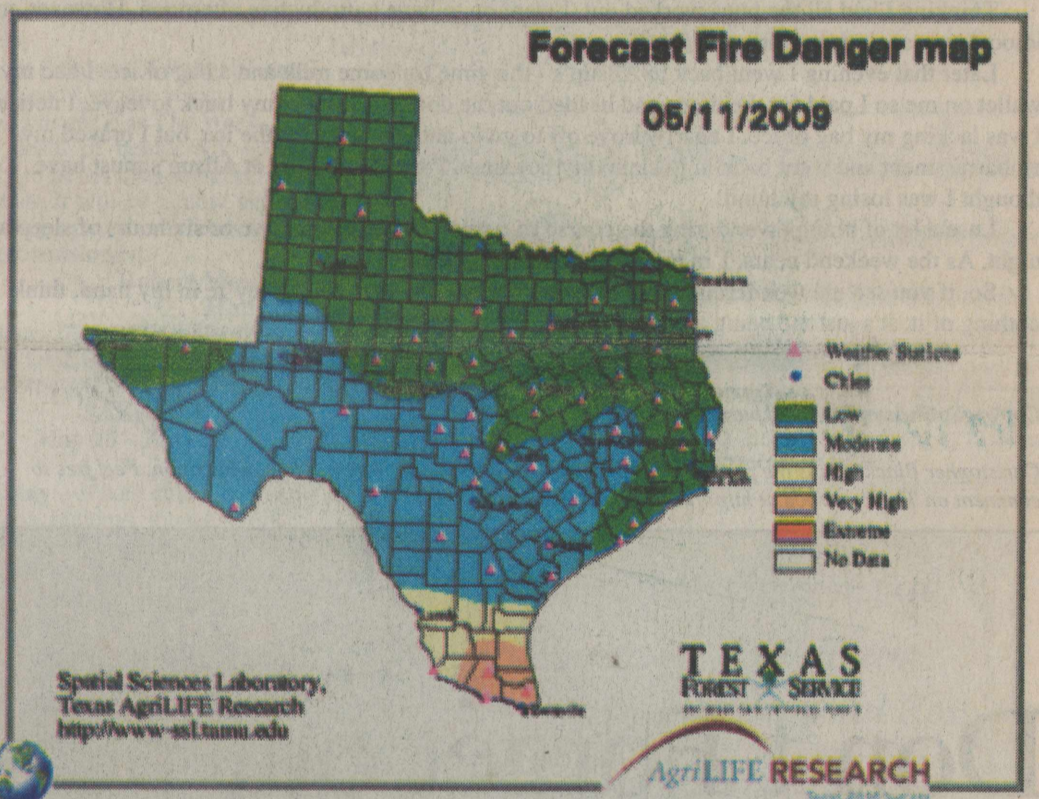
Road 290.

The commissioners unanimously approved a bond for Kimberly Bennett, Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector, a return to work policy for the county employee

manual concerning doctors' releases for "light duty back to work," and Larry Powell's bid of \$300 a piece for Lot 12 Block 53 and Lot 13 Block 53, for a total of \$600.

unanimously to accept Roy Welles' bid of \$175 for a Crew Cab GMC pickup, Darrel Fortenberry's bid of \$75 for two 100-gallon tanks and Juan DeOchoa's \$60 bid for a generator.

The commissioners voted



Floyd County Losing Extension Agent

By Sara Sisemore
 Managing Editor

J.D. Ragland informed the commissioners' court Monday, May 11, 2009, of his upcoming resignation as Floyd County's extension agent. Beginning the first day of July, he will be starting his new job as Randall County's extension agent.

His move, Ragland told the court several times, has "nothing to do with anything but career development." According to Ragland, Floyd County is a "level three" in a six-level system based upon population and agricultural income. Randall County is a level five, giving Ragland a two-tiered career "promotion."

Ragland said it will be "business as usual" through the last day of June. Ragland has worked for Floyd County for the past twelve years.



Courtesy Photo

J.D. RAGLAND, Floyd County Extension Agent for the past 12 years, will resign at the end of June.

Texas Senate Passes Tim Cole Act

AUSTIN - The Texas Senate today passed House Bill 1736, known as the Tim Cole Act, which will improve compensation for the wrongfully convicted and ensure justice for wrongfully convicted Texans who have died in prison.

The legislation, by Senators Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) and Rodney Ellis (D-Houston), and House sponsor, Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, provides compensation for certain family members of posthumously exonerated Texans. Compensation levels are also increased for other exonerees.

"It is a tragedy that brought House Bill 1736 to the Senate floor today, but the grace and dig-

nity that Mr. Cole's family demonstrated while leading this important cause would surely make him proud," said Senator Duncan. "As a result of their efforts, Tim Cole's untimely death was not in vain. Criminal justice in Texas will be more fair and compensation for those wrongly convicted will be more adequate because the Legislature responded to Mr. Cole's terrible and sad struggle."

Throughout this legislative session, several men who have been freed by DNA evidence that proved them innocent, made appearances at the Capitol, putting real faces to those among the most harmed by this type of injustice. Mr. Cole's mother, brothers and other family members were also poignant reminders. They sat in the Senate gallery as the bill passed with little debate.

Rep. Anchia recognized today's passage as a great day for the state and for the cause of justice.

"The Tim Cole Act could not have passed without the extraordinary efforts of a lot of courageous and committed individuals, including the exonerees themselves. We should all be proud for our state, and for these men and

their families, who have waited so long for this day."

Senator Ellis has referred to Mr. Cole's death and subsequent exoneration as "wake-up call" in Texas.

"It is time to get our house in order and enact reforms that, wherever possible, can help avert miscarriages of justice before they happen."

HB 1736 details:

- Increase the lump sum compensation for all exonerees from \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year of incarceration, including time spent in city or county jail. Current compensation only applies to time in a TDCJ cell, but not another kind of cell.
- Allows the lump sum compensation to pass to the family in the event the innocent person dies before release, as Timothy Cole did.
- Allows lump sum compensation of \$25,000 per year spent on parole or registered as a sex offender.
- Creates lifetime annuity payments to the exoneree based on a present value of the lump sum compensation, annuitized using a 5 percent interest rate and

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Courtesy Photo

PRODUCERS COOP ELEVATOR in Floydada has a new General Manger, Cory Lehman. Lehman was the Agronomy Business Manager for Olton Grain Coop for the past six years. He has been married for 10 years to his beautiful wife, Whitney. They have three children, Colton 13, Corban 9 and Carly 7. The family will be relocating to the Floydada area after school gets out. Lehman is looking forward to serving the Floydada community and eager to meet everyone.

Correction:

In last week's edition of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, FISD Superintendent Jerry Vaughn's name was incorrectly added to a letter submitted by the One Act Play Directors. The letter appeared on the front page of the May 7th issue.

The letter was composed by Rita Cox, RaNay Johnston and Milea Hucebky only.

We apologize for the error.

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Born To Be An Idiot

I'm an idiot.
I thought about stopping my column right there as the statement may need no explanation. Some days I'm more of an idiot than others. At least a half-dozen times this past week I've been a major league idiot.
The other day I spent ten minutes looking for my sunglasses (I need my sunglasses because my eyes are fairly sensitive to the sun). I searched high and low ... looked in my truck twice for them and checked all of the usual places in my office.
You have to understand I park a pretty good distance from my office so the trips back and forth take awhile.
As I decided I'd misplaced them for the time being, I finally headed out the door. I got in the truck and looked in the rearview mirror and BAM! There they sat right on top of my head.
Need more proof?
After solving the case of the missing sunglasses, I drove to Allsup's to get some mints. I walk in to buy the mints ... low and behold, I don't have any money.
"Where in the world did I leave my wallet?"
I excused myself from the store to check my truck. No wallet there either. It took me a couple of minutes to find and count the change I had located throughout my vehicle before I could afford the mints which were waiting on the counter for me.
As I sucked on a couple of mints, it dawned on me where my wallet was so I went home to get it.
With my newly found wallet secured and my sunglasses affixed to my head, I decided to take the trash out on my way back to the office. As I rose up with the trash bag in hand, I hit my head on our pantry door jam. Nearly knocked myself smooth out.
By this time, I'm starting to wonder why in the world I even bothered getting out of bed.
Thinking I had all the bugs worked out, I went on to have a productive afternoon. However, my idiocy once again reared its ugly head.
Later that evening I went back to Allsup's - this time for some milk and a bag of ice. I had my wallet on me so I paid for the items and headed out the door. As I got in my truck to leave, I noticed I was lacking my bag of ice. I nearly drove off to go to another store for the ice, but I braved my embarrassment and went back in to claim my purchase. I'm sure Tammy at Allsup's must have thought I was losing my mind.
I use a lot of brainpower during the course of a week and get about five or six hours of sleep a night. As the weekend nears, I'm pretty much mush.
So, if you see me wondering around looking for my car keys when they're in my hand, think nothing of it. It's just me being an idiot.

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Animal "Rights" and the New Man Haters

By Edwin Locke, Ph.D.
Recently a sixth grade student threatened to bomb the headquarters of a prominent corporation, the Gillette Company. Gillette's "crime"? The use of animals to test the safety of their products. This student's role models have not been so hesitant. In the name of so-called "animal rights," terrorists have committed hundreds of violent crimes. They have vandalized or fire bombed meat companies, fur stores, fast-food restaurants, leather shops and medical research laboratories across North America. The animal "rights" movement, however, is not about the humane treatment of animals. Its goal is the animalistic treatment of human beings.
According to these terrorists, it is immoral to eat meat, to wear fur coats or leather shoes, and to use animals in research—even if it would lead to cures for deadly diseases. The terrorists are unmoved by the indisputable fact that animal research saves human lives. PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) makes this frighteningly clear: "Even if animal tests produced a cure for AIDS, we'd be against it."
How do the animal "rights" advocates try to justify their position? As someone who has debated them for years on college campuses and in the media, I know firsthand that the whole movement is based on a single—invalid—syllogism, namely: men feel pain and have rights; animals feel pain; therefore, animals have rights. This argument is entirely specious, because man's rights do not depend on his ability to feel pain; they depend on his ability to think.
Rights are ethical principles applicable only to beings capable of reason and choice. There is only one fundamental right: a man's right to his own life. To live successfully, man must use his rational faculty—which is exercised by choice. The choice to think can be negated only by the use of physical force. To survive and prosper, men must be free from the initiation of force by other men—free to use their own minds to guide their choices and actions. Rights protect men against the use of force by other men.
None of this is relevant to animals. Animals do not survive by rational thought (nor by sign languages allegedly taught to them by psychologists). They survive through inborn reflexes and sensory-perceptual association. They cannot reason. They cannot learn a code of ethics. A lion is not immoral for eating a zebra (or even for attacking a man). Predation is their natural and only means of survival; they do not have the capacity to learn any other.
Only man has the power to deal with other members of his own species by voluntary means: rational persuasion and a code of morality rather than physical force. To claim that man's use of animals is immoral is to claim that we have no right to our own lives and that we must sacrifice our welfare for the sake of creatures who cannot think or grasp the concept of morality. It is to elevate amoral animals to a moral level higher than ourselves—a flagrant contradiction. Of course, it is proper not to cause animals gratuitous suffering. But this is not the same as inventing a bill of rights for them—at our expense.
The granting of fictional rights to animals is not an innocent error. We do not have to speculate about the motive, because the animal "rights" advocates have revealed it quite openly. Again from PETA: "Mankind is the biggest blight on the face of the earth"; "I do not believe that a human being has a right to life"; "I would rather have medical experiments done on our children than on animals." These self-styled lovers of life do not love animals; rather, they hate men.
The animal "rights" terrorists are like the Unabomber and Oklahoma City bombers. They are not idealists seeking justice, but nihilists seeking destruction for the sake of destruction. They do not want to uplift mankind, to help him progress from the swamp to the stars. They want mankind's destruction; they want him not just to stay in the swamp but to disappear into its muck.
There is only one proper answer to such people: to declare proudly and defiantly, in the name of morality, a man's right to his life, his liberty, and the pursuit of his own happiness.

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

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



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Quisenberry and Cannon

David and Tammie Quisenberry of Lubbock are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Quisenberry to Jimmy Dale Cannon, the son of Jimmie and Patricia Cannon of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University and is employed as a seventh grade science teacher by Roosevelt Independent School District. She is the granddaughter of Denny and Johnnie Quisenberry of Lockney.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University and is employed as assistant band director by Idalou Independent School District.

The couple plan a June 27, 2009 wedding.

VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

I hope you mothers out there had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend.

Louie and Cynthia came by Saturday afternoon and did my yard. They did a great job. It looks so much better.

Sunday I ate lunch with Beck and Steve. J.W. was home so he cooked all the meat outside on the grill. Matt, Megan and Payce got in around noon from Oklahoma where they had spent Saturday and Saturday night at a rodeo. Payce loved it and had a wonderful time.

Then daughter Dara called when she got home in Plano after spending the weekend in Decatur with her daughter Kara, husband Robert and son Kitson. Dara loves to fish so they took her fishing. Dara didn't catch a one but everyone else did, even three-year-old Kitson. They all had a good time.

The Center wants to thank everyone for remembering it with a donation in memory of their loved ones and friends.

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Thoughts for the day: No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up. Life isn't tied with a bow but it is still a gift. Open it and say thank you.

Menu

May 18 - May 22

Monday-Baked potato

Tuesday-BBQ on a bun

Wednesday-Chicken and dumplings

Thursday-Mexican chicken

Friday-Fish

Look Who's New in Town



TOMISON

Coy and Lauren Tomison of Burkburnett are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Elizabeth Tomison. She was born 9:01 p.m. April 1, 2009 at United Regional Health Care Center in Wichita Falls, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Rick and P.J. Tomison of Roosevelt and Pat and Lynette Taylor of Loving, Texas. Great-grandparents are Arvie Schulz of Idalou and DiAnn Elledge of Johnson City, Texas.



TOMISON

Justin and Misti Tomison of Roosevelt are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Teegan Trace Tomison. She was born 8:54 p.m. April 11, 2009 at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Rick and P.J. Tomison of Roosevelt, Tim Mattheus of Silverton and Sherry Mattheus of Hale Center.

Great-grandparents are Arvie Schulz of Idalou and Carolyn Ellis of Plainview.

MITCHELL

Capt. Tim and Lee Anne Mitchell of Tucson, Arizona, are proud to announce the birth of their son Augustus (Gus) Connor Mitchell.

He was born March 25, 2009 in Val Dosta, Georgia. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Dale and Debbie Gallaway of Plainview and Warren and Charlotte Mitchell of Lockney. Great-grandparents are Tom and Anne Messer and Alice Mitchell, all of Lockney.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. We are located at 301 East Georgia. We do not have mail delivery at the center. Please mail all correspondence to our box number.

If you are 60 years or older come join us. Our phone number is 983-2032.

Ruth Hammonds recently took a trip to visit with her daughter and her husband and a granddaughter and her family who live at Litchfield Park, Arizona. They ate out a lot and went shopping and had a wonderful visit.

On Wednesday, May 6, we had a large crowd at the center that enjoyed a turkey and dressing dinner. Several people from Spirit of Sharing who had spent the day changing the store contents from winter to summer clothing came to eat with us. We also had several visitors.

Wednesday was the first day that James Lovell ate with us since he had surgery recently. He's getting stronger each day so I'm sure he will be eating with us daily.

Happy Birthday to those who have a May birthday. I failed to list birthdays the first of the month. May slipped up on me.

May 1 - Margaret Jones; May 3 - Darlinda Marquis; May 12 - Jackie Duke; May 13 - J.W. Cannon; May 16 - Clovis Myrick; May 23 - Harold Snell; May 25 - Billy Stringer; May 31 - Herman Graham and Alyne Evans.

Our sympathy to the family of Dorothy Reeves.

1950 STUDY CLUB

By Margaret Jones

On Tuesday, May 5, the 1950 Study Club met in the home of Margaret Jones. The title, Knowledge-M-M! M-M! Good, implied that a SALAD SUPPER was the occasion for Celebration with each member bringing their favorite salad to share for a delicious meal.

Since this was the last meeting of the club year, the Program entitled, "Finishing the Old and Planning for the New Year," was enhanced with nostalgic "Wit and Wisdom" sayings of the members growing-up-years.

A discussion was held con-

cerning the clubs' Projects for 2009-2010 and Standing committees were appointed. The club's Fund Raiser remains the same as being the Christmas Greeting Page in the newspaper.

Members present were Joy Assiter, Carolyn Cheek, Sue Daniels, Geneile Evans, Gloria Fannon, Sandy Forehand, Fern Hartsell, Margaret Jones, Billie Jordan, Nancy Lawson, Jane McCulley, Doris McLain, Lovene Moore and Shirley Morton.

Hostesses for the evening were Carolyn Cheek, Doris McLain and Margaret Jones.

Our sympathy to the family of Timothy Simpson.

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

In memory of Bill Gray - Lovene Moore, Ruth Hammonds, Don and Carolyn Hardy.

In memory of Dorothy Reeves - Margarette Word, Don and Carolyn Hardy.

In memory of Virginia Cagle - Don and Carolyn Hardy.

In memory of Adrain Helms - Don and Carolyn Hardy.

In memory of Ruby Weems - Don and Carolyn Hardy.

-Thought For The Week-

The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference and undernourishment.

Robert Maynard Hutchins
Former Chancellor, University of Chicago

MENU

May 18 - May 22

Monday - Baked chicken, green beans, buttered potatoes, roll, pudding

Tuesday - Beef stroganoff, peas, carrots, roll, cobbler

Wednesday - Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, salad, pudding

Thursday - Cornflake chicken, corn, peas, roll, fruit salad

Friday - Fried fish, coleslaw, pinto beans, cornbread, banana bread



If you've never gotten involved with roofing mastic, you don't know the meaning of involvement. You can read about the stuff, but you and mastic still won't have a real relationship. Read on anyway.

The word itself is yukky-sounding, but check the dictionary, and you discover a cousin to frankincense and myrrh:

"An aromatic gum or resin exuded from the bark of a Mediterranean tree, used in making varnish and chewing gum and as a flavoring."

Sounds nice.

It's also a tree:

"The bushy evergreen Mediterranean tree of the cashew family that yields mastic and has aromatic leaves and fruit, closely related to the pistachio."

Makes me want to plant one.

Finally, a third definition describes mastic you buy at a hardware store to fix leaks in your roof:

"A puttylike waterproof filler and sealant used in building."

OK, but like putty it ain't. Putty is manageable, malleable. Mastic is more like a cross between fresh cow manure and cake icing with a mind of its own - a criminal mind.

The defining characteristic of the product is how it goes places all on its own the way poison ivy manages to infect certain people when they simply get near it. The difference is that no one is immune to the reach of mastic. No one.

My husband, Hugh, introduced me to mastic just last week when we jointly tackled a fix-the-farmhouse-roof project. As we

stood on the gentle slope of the old rusted roof over the add-on room, ceremony hung in the mid-day air. I didn't yet know why. Hugh let me open the can. Then he pronounced the genie was out of the bottle. And so it was.

Somehow, between us, it fell my lot to be the chief mastic applicator - probably the pecking order of roofers, as in the new guy gets the mastic. Hawk and trowel in hand, I applied the wobbly dark sticky gunk straight from the can. Hugh helped some, telling me things like "other side of the trowel." Some of it actually went where I intended. Some of it went elsewhere, as in not even close. I loaded a caulk gun with a tube of the same product and managed to exert a bit more control - mind over mastic. But we both still had to watch our steps and not scratch our noses.

By the end of the day, the roof was patched with smears and dots and globs of black mastic. So were we.

Household hints on mastic removal:

Diesel works best. Follow up with anything harsh enough to clean mechanics' fingernails and kitchen ovens. If you have a fancy social affair to attend, soak yourself in pure bleach, at least your fingertips. I did.

Right before stepping out, I spied three dots of mastic on my forearm, too small to match the polka dots on my blouse but looking just as indelible.

Not wanting to smell like diesel, I grabbed a pumice stone. Voila! Mastic surgery.

Expect scarring. Mine's not bad.

That's mastic.

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Community to Unite at Blood Drive

Floydada residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 19th at the FHS Whirlwind Gym foyer. "It is important to come together as a community to help one another," say Cinnie Palacios of United Blood Services.

Potential donors can schedule an appointment for the blood drive by visiting www.UnitedBloodServices.org or calling Jan Willson at 806-983-2340.

It takes 130 blood donations every day to meet the needs of area patients and to be ready for emergencies. "We all expect blood to be there for us if we ever need it," said Palacios. "But

only about five percent of area residents donate blood."

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply only to donors 22 and younger and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. All blood donors receive a free cholesterol test.

Find the hero in you. Give blood three times a year.

Wedding shower selections for:

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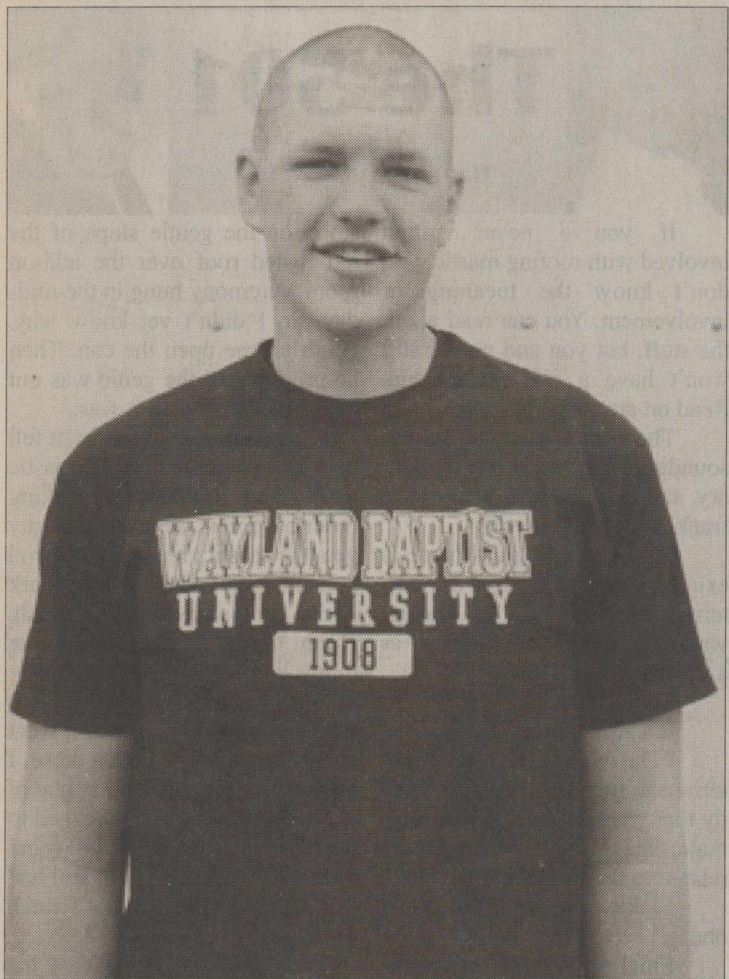
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LOCKNEY STUDENTS Caleb Schumacher (above) and Kyler Ellison (below) qualified for Regionals in Golf. Their coach, Sam Moore, said the boys did well at the Regional competition held at the Reese Golf Center. "It's never a bad day for golf," said Moore.



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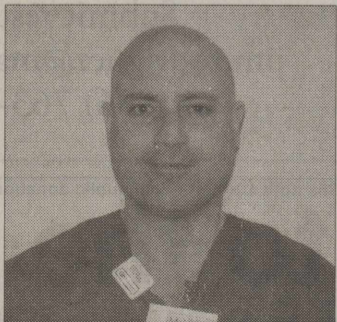
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We appreciate Jerry and congratulate him for being selected for this honor by his co-workers!

**Lockney School
Menu**

May 18 - May 22
Monday

Breakfast-Pancakes/bacon or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak fingers or PBJ sandwich, potatoes, broccoli, peaches, roll, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Beef tacos or ham, beans, salad, fruited gelatin, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Lasagna or chicken patty, green beans, pineapple, bread, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Nacho grande or grilled cheese, salad, applesauce, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or popcorn chicken, potatoes, salad, pears, milk



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Floyd County 4-H'ers brought home five district awards with their photography entries in the South Plains District II competition held in April. 4-H'ers left to right included Preston Mallory, Faithe Hambright and Amy Scott.

**Lockney School
News You Can Use**

Early release Friday, May 15 at 12:00 noon. Buses will run.

Junior High Assembly Thursday, May 28 at 9 a.m. in the high school gym.

**Soil and Water
Conservation
District News**


Is your irrigation water declining? Are you interested in reducing your property taxes? If you answer to these is yes, the Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District can help you.

By having the district meter your irrigation wells during irrigation season, you could reduce your property taxes. The appraisal district uses the pumping information on your wells, recalculating and adjusting "irrigated acres" and in most cases, lowering your taxes on that farm.

The deadline for FY 2009 adjustments at the tax office is July 1. However, you can still meter wells in July and August and use the adjustments for your 2010 taxes. Call the district at 983-2352 for more information.

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The Lockney High School All-Sports banquet will be held on May 18 at the elementary cafeteria. Athletes will be served from 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and all other guests will be served from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The presentation of awards will begin at 7 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$7.50. The Athletic department of LHS invites you to join us as we honor our young people who have represented our school and community so well during the 2008-2009 school year.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for Emergency Farm Loans for damages and losses are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Floydada and Crosbyton for production and physical losses. Becky V. Rainer, Farm Loan Manager said today for the following Secretarial Natural Disaster Determinations: S2863-January 1, 2009 based on losses caused by drought, above-normal temperatures, and associated wildfires on January 1, 2009 and continuing.

Floyd and Crosby Counties are two of 100 contiguous counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the damages and losses caused by drought, above-normal temperatures, and associated wildfires on January 1, 2009 and continuing.

Rainer said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered

at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Rainer said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted through December 28, 2009 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Rainer said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA offices in Floydada and Crosbyton are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Free farm bill, row crop workshop May 28 in San Antonio

By Paul Schattenberg, 210-467-6575, paschattenberg@ag.tamu.edu

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Farm Service Agency will co-sponsor the "Farm Bill and Row Crop Workshop" from 5:30 to 9:15 p.m. on May 28 in San Antonio.

The workshop is free and will be held at the Martinez Social Club, 7791 Farm-to-Market 1346, east of downtown and between Interstate 10 and U.S. Highway 87.

"This workshop is for people involved in agriculture who would benefit from knowing the ins and outs of the new farm bill, how to protect and improve their

corn, milo and cotton crops, and the economic outlook and impact on those crops," said Bryan Davis, AgriLife Extension agent for natural resources, Bexar County.

Program topics will include: a 2008 Farm Bill retrospective, the Average Crop Revenue Election program and producer decision aids, boll weevil eradication update, non-commercial cotton/Crop Destruction Program assessment, row-crop economic outlook and implications to farm bill decisions and row-crop integrated pest management.

Attendees will receive 2.5 continuing education units - one

general, one integrated pest management and 0.5 laws and regulations.

In addition to AgriLife Extension and Farm Service Agency personnel, workshop speakers will include representatives from the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Boll Weevil Eradication Program.

Due to limited seating, attendees are encouraged to RSVP to Annette Pawelek at the AgriLife Extension office for Bexar County, 210-467-6575, or to apawelek@ag.tamu.edu.

For more information, contact Davis or Pawelek at 210-467-6575.

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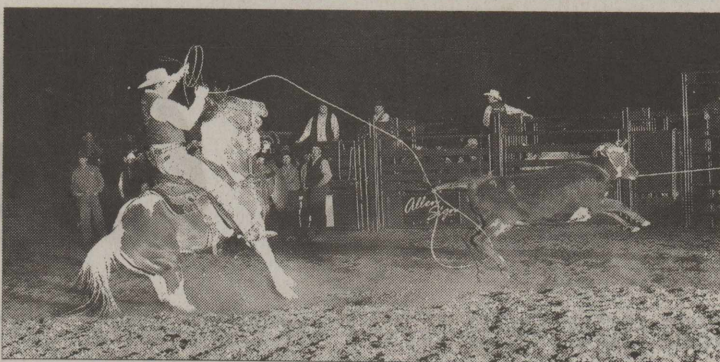


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Senior Citizens Building. If you
have donated to the Cemetery
Association or if you have a
plot, you are a member.
The purpose of the meeting
is to elect officers and transact
any other business.**

Floydada High School Honor Rolls

5th SIX WEEKS
"A" HONOR ROLL
 12th Grade - Crystal Alvarez, Chad Davis, Robert Finley, Aaron Flores, Richard Gonzalez, Dusty Hicks, Geraldo Mercado, Titus Miller, Lindsey Wells
 9th Grade - Mallory Graham, Hannah Griffin, Alexis Holbert, Avery Miller, Sarah Miller, Imelda Resendiz
"AB" HONOR ROLL
 12th Grade - Colton Covington, Bailey Davenport, Tyler Derbyberry, Randy Lerma, Elda Lopez, Ashley Ovalle, Leanne Owen-Tijerina, Valerie Perez, Jennifer Rainwater, Laken Reedy, Sonya Salinas, Joe Suarez, Whitley Walker, Matthew Whalen
 11th Grade - Lindsey Beedy, Hallie Bertrand, Kelbie Day, Diane Flores, Rosa Foster, Brittany Garcia, Timothy Lipham, Daniel Longoria, Kaylie Nutt, Kenya Pesina, Jessica Prisk, Makenzie Schwertner, Joseph Segura, Lexie Terrell
 10th Grade - Gregory Aleman, Lydia Annunziato, Whitley Beedy, Yesenia Delgado, Breann Gooch, Adrian Pleasant, Lynnde Smith
 9th Grade - Elizabeth Avila, Tyanne Battey, Graciela Cervera, Cole Covington, Courtney Edwards, Brittany Garza, Kimberly Hernandez, Haden Lipham, Issac Martinez, Katie Miller, Kelsea Miller, Kimberly Ramirez, Michael Salazar, Sarah Sanders, Tiffany Vasques, Tyler Whalen



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TWO EXTREMELY HAPPY COWBOYS rode out of the arena Saturday night as champions of the Team Roping. Those cowboys were Oklahoma Panhandle State University's own, Cody Ware and Ryan Simons. They were competing at the North East Oklahoma State A&M Rodeo in Miami, Okla. on April 25, 2009. This was Ware's last college rodeo. The team has a picture perfect weekend, totaling the maximum possible points of 180. They outshined the rest of the field in the long round with a blistering 5.1 second run, and came back in the short go to again win first. They also took the Average Title.



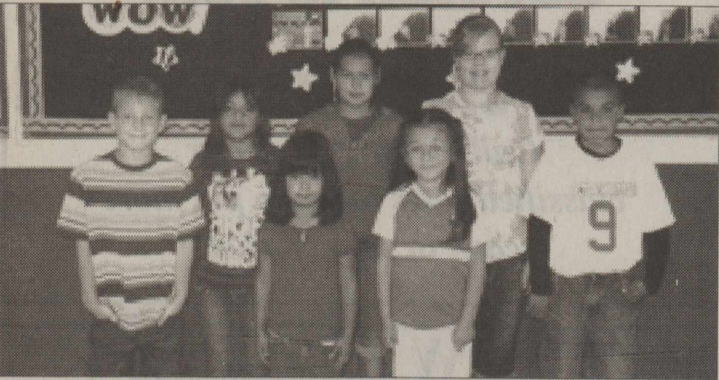
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PICTURED ARE THE FIVE JUDGES who chose the winning projects for Floydada Junior High's "edible book" project: (l-r) Kelli Reddy, Melissa Long, De Chance, Laveta Morren and Dana Crossland.



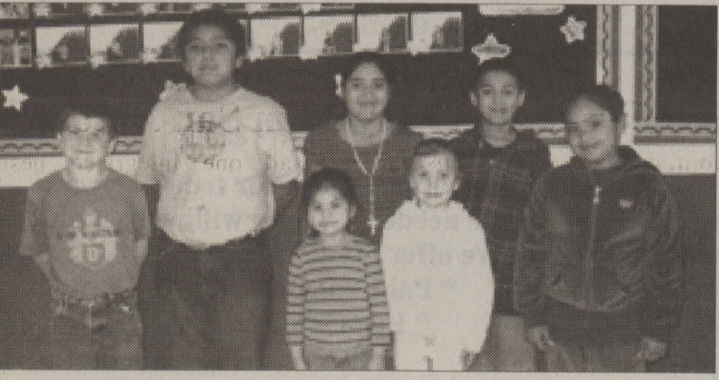
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FLOYDADA JUNIOR HIGH held a "best edible book contest" on Friday, May 8, 2009. There were approximately 250 cakes on display from which the five judges picked the top 10 "edible book" projects in different categories. Pictured are the group of winners: (back, l-r) Donnie Cantrell, Annette Pena, Arnulfo Olvera, Seth Nielson, (front) Emily Prisk, Aaron Chavarria, Isaac Ramirez, Ismael Torres, Ana Delafuente and Jon Paul Chavarria.



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FLOYDADA ELEMENTARY honored the following students as students of the week for May 4, 2009: (back, l-r) Tucker Kidd, Jaqueline Pancardo, Jaque Barrera, Karley Weems, Steven Cuba, (front) Camila Trevino and Aliana Gonzales.



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FLOYDADA ELEMENTARY honored the following students as students of the week for May 11, 2009: (back, l-r) Cutter Smith, Isaac Arellano, Brreka Ochoa, Robert Segura, Marissa Garcia, (front) Aliyah Rodriguez and Jazmin Pacheco.

2009-2010 Floydada A.B. Duncan Elementary Kindergarten
 Registration
 May 4 - May 22 in the office at RCA
 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Kindergarten children must be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2009.
 You will need to bring:
 Proof of Address
 Original Birth Certificate
 Social Security card
 Shot Records

Whoosh!!!
 The 3rd/4th grade FJBA All-Stars won the championship at the Floydada Tournament
Way to Go!
 Coaches Libby Galvan & Jake Galvan
 (left to right) Pricilla Casares, Whitney Renfro, Brooke Galvan, Lauren Hall, Kaylee Moren, Macee Brotherton, and Angela Suarez.
Whoosh!!!

Floydada School Menu

Menu
 May 18 - May 22

Monday
 Breakfast-Cheese pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
 Lunch-Chicken fajitas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk

Tuesday
 Breakfast-Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
 Lunch-Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday
 Breakfast-Pancakes with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
 Lunch-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberries w/whipped topping, milk

Thursday
 Breakfast-Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
 Lunch-Meat and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk

Friday
 Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
 Lunch-Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/Ranch, brownie, milk

CITY OF FLOYDADA HISTORICAL NEWS:
October 1909 - The first council meeting was held in a room at the Courthouse with newly elected officials. Mayor: W.T. Montgomery. Aldermen: G.V. Slaughter, A.D. White, J.S. Pool, S.B. McCleskey, and E.C. Henry.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL.

PERMIT NO. WQ0010211001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Lockney, P.O. Box 387, Lockney, Texas 79241-0387, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Permit No. WQ0010211001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 350,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 112 acres of non-public access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. TCEQ received this application on January 23, 2009.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 0.1 mile south of U.S. Highway 70 and 1.0 mile east of Farm-to-Market Road 378, and southeast of the City of Lockney in Floyd County, Texas. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of White River in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permits. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, technical summary and Executive Director's decision and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Lockney City Hall, 218 East Locust Street, Lockney, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION: The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX. 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of this newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistant, Toll Free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from the City of Lockney at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Charlotte Hooten, City Secretary, at 806-652-2355.

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We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 11th day of May 2009 and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are the sum of \$ 2,068,023.62.
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Mike Anderson, Commissioner, Precinct #1
Lindan Morris, Commissioner, Precinct #2
Nathan Johnson, Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jon Jones, Commissioner, Precinct #4
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
City of Lockney
Texas Community Development Block Grant Program/Downtown Revitalization Program
The City of Lockney will hold a public hearing at 5:10 p.m. on May 21, 2009 at Lockney City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the development of housing and community development needs, the amount of funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, the use of Past TxCDBG funds, the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons, and the plans of the locality to minimize displacement of persons and to assist persons actually displaced as a result of activities assisted with TxCDBG funds. The city encourages citizens to participate in the development of this application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Charlotte Hooten, City Administrator, at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange 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.
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ANSWER:

OBITUARIES

REX LACKEY

Funeral services for Rex Lackey, 69, of Elberta, Alabama (formerly of Amarillo) were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 in the Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Pioneer Chapel in Amarillo.

Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Lackey died Sunday, May 3, 2009 at Foley, Alabama.

He was born October 16, 1939 in Floydada.

TIMOTHY DEAN SIMPSON

Timothy Dean Simpson passed away Monday, May 4, 2009 in Mansfield, Texas.

He was born July 9, 1980 in Lubbock, Texas, to Bob and Daphna Simpson. Tim was raised in Floydada, Texas, where he attended school and graduated from Floydada High School in 1997.

Tim was baptized at the First Baptist Church of Floydada in 1989 and was active in the choir and the youth group.

As a child, Tim was very passionate about sports. He played Little Dribblers and Little League every year that he possibly could. During the fall, it was a common sight to see young Tim and his friends, in full children's pads, playing football as the Floydada High School football team practiced alongside them on the same field.

As Tim grew older, he developed a passion for music. He taught himself to play the guitar and enjoyed writing his own music. In pursuit of this passion, Tim took every opportunity to work with the various concert stage crews in both Lubbock and the DFW Metroplex. Tim absolutely loved this line of work and it kept him connected to his passion for music.

The son of a cotton farmer, Tim knew what it was to be a hard worker. He was no stranger to the long hot days out in the cotton fields. Tim took this West Texas work ethic with him to every job he worked.

Tim was an intelligent, compassionate young man who was taken from us at too young of an age. He will be missed.

Tim is survived by his loving parents, Bob and Daphna Simpson of Mansfield, Texas; his brother, Jonathan Simpson of Fort Worth, Texas; his grandmother, Frieda Simpson of Weatherford, Texas; his grandparents, B.F. and Nell Tucker of Seymour, Texas; his grandfather, Eddy Byrket of Seymour, Texas, and his great-grandmother, Jannette Byrket of Seymour, Texas.

A memorial service was held at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lubbock Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, P.O. Box 6854, Lubbock, Texas 79493.

This Week's

FLOYDADA CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Centennial Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in Floydada's City Hall. Anyone and everyone are invited to attend.

LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The Lockney Band Boosters will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the band hall. At the Band Concert, voting for officers will take place.

OLD SETTLERS REUNION

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 23, 2009, and plan to be in Downtown Floydada for a full day of good food, good entertainment and good fellowship at the Old Settlers Day Reunion!

PRAYER SEND-OFF FOR ZACH MONTANDON

There will be a prayer send-off on May 18th at 7 p.m. in the kitchen of the Main St. Church of Christ in Lockney for Zach Montandon before he goes off to Mexico on a mission trip. All are invited to attend.

OLD SETTLERS RODEO QUEEN AND PRINCESS CONTEST

Entries are being accepted for the 2009 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen and Princess contest in Childress. Contestants, ages 5-13, will compete for the title of Princess while Queen candidates must be between 14 and 23. Contestants must live within a 100-mile radius, never been married, and have been a student this past semester. Candidates will compete in the categories of horsemanship, personality, appearance and ticket sales. Judging will be announced at a later date, with the titles awarded at the Saturday night performance, July 18, 2009. For more information, please call Paula Perkins at 940-937-2306 after 4 p.m. or leave a message.

COMMUNITY TO UNITE AT BLOOD DRIVE

Floydada residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the community blood drive from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 19th at the FHS Whirlwind Gym foyer. Potential donors can schedule an appointment for the blood drive by visiting www.UnitedBloodServices.org or calling Jan Willson at 806-983-2340.

TEENS, SEX AND CHOICES

There will be a Parent Program by Aim for Success, Inc. on Wednesday...

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10th Annual Bluegrass Festival to be held at Flomot

By Dianne Washington

Once again Flomot, Texas, will be alive with the sound of bluegrass music on May 14, 15 and 16, 2009. The Tenth Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 with gospel music and barbeque.

Bands from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma are scheduled to play during the festival. The bands scheduled to perform during the festival include "Pecos Valley Bluegrass" from Mayhill, N.M., "Grassfire" and "Now and Again" from Amarillo, "Texas Country" from Wicket, Tx., "Hanks and Company" from Seymour, "Wichita Mountain Bluegrass" and "From the Heartland Bluegrass" from Oklahoma, and "Triple L" from Portales, N.M.

But the official bands are just half of the fun. Groups will be playing and jamming at all hours on the festival grounds. Everyone who plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. If you don't play, you are welcome to listen to the various groups.

Brenda Browning will have a food concession stand open Friday and Saturday. Everyone is invited to come to Flomot and listen to great music and eat with Brenda.

An added event this year is the Flomot version of "Hardin and Turner Western Trade Day" on Saturday, May 16. This event specializes in tack and other things found around the ranch. Everyone is welcome to come to buy, sale or trade.

Upcoming Old Settlers Reunion

Plans are underway for the 90th year of Floyd County's Old Settlers Reunion. All of the usual events will be held, including awards, memorial service, vendors on the square, flower show, quilt show, auction, raffles, cow pattie bingo, team roping, washer pitching contest and the big parade.

There will be entertainment throughout the day.

A more detailed program will be in the paper in the coming weeks.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 23, 2009, and plan to be in Downtown Floydada for a full day of good food, good entertainment and good fellowship!

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day, May 20 at 5:30p.m. in the Floydada High School Library. On Thursday, May 21 there will Student Programs: 5-6th grade at 9 a.m., 7-8th grade at 10:15 a.m., 9-10th grade at 12:45 p.m. and 11-12th grade at 2 p.m. Call Kathy Jahay at 983-3916 for more information.

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festival ticket purchase. Festival tickets on Thursday are \$8 for music only and \$12 for music and barbeque, \$8 on Friday, and \$12 for all day Saturday. Admission for children under 13 with an adult is free at all times. Barbeque tickets for children on Thursday night are \$4.

For more information, please call 806-469-5278 or 806-269-1578, or e-mail flomot@caprock-spur.com.

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in equal monthly installments using actuarial factors.

• Provides up to 120 hours of free tuition if the claimant desires to attend a state college.

• As under current law, a person who receives a subsequent felony conviction loses their eligibility for compensation. Any annuity payments would cease.

• Any person who accepts state compensation must give up any civil suit against the state, municipalities or other parties.

Tim Cole was a veteran and student at Texas Tech University when he was wrongfully convicted of rape in 1985. He maintained his innocence until he died in prison of an asthma attack in 1999. Another man in prison for

another rape, Jerry Johnson, attempted to confess as early as 1995; he succeeded at getting the attention of authorities in 2007 after he sent a letter to Tim Cole's mother. In 2008, DNA testing exonerated Tim Cole and implicated Mr. Johnson.

On Feb. 4, 2009, the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate passed resolutions honoring Tim Cole. Two days later, Mr. Cole was officially exonerated when Travis County District Judge Charlie Baird announced "to a 100 percent moral, factual and legal certainty" that Timothy Cole did not commit the crime that sent him to prison.

"I offer my sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to Tim Cole's family for the 13 long years he was forced to suffer in prison for a crime DNA proved he did not commit, and for the decade plus they fought to clear his name," said Senator Ellis. "I hope that this legislation will help them finally find the peace they have so difficultly earned."

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USDA Extends Certain Conservation Reserve Program Contracts

Michael McDonald, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Floyd County announced today that FSA will offer certain producers the opportunity to modify and extend their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts that are scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2009.

"USDA is committed to safeguarding the nation's natural resources and this program will help protect millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and enhance the quality of our water," said McDonald.

According to McDonald FSA can only extend approximately 1.5 million acres out of a total 3.9 million acres expiring this year. This extension will ensure that FSA meets the statutory CRP acreage limitation of 32 million acres established in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

CRP is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is

designed to safeguard the Nation's natural resources. Participants receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland.

A general CRP signup is not scheduled during fiscal year 2009. However, producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highly-desirable acreages, including land that is not extended, into Continuous CRP. Continuous CRP includes such practices as filter strips and riparian buffers.

FSA will notify participants by letter beginning May 6, 2009. The sign-up for this voluntary extension will begin on May 18 and run through June 30, 2009. Farmers and ranchers may apply for this extension at their FSA county office. FSA administers CRP on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

CRP contracts with the highest environmental benefit or with the highest potential for soil erosion will be selected. CRP contracts can

not exceed 15 years in the aggregate and chosen CRP contract holders will generally be offered a three to five year extension.

Producers electing to extend their contract period will receive their current contract rental rate. All or a portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added.

Through CRP, FSA enters into long term (10-15 year) contracts with agricultural producers to protect highly erodible and other environmentally-sensitive land. Participants convert enrolled land to grass, trees, wildlife habitats and other conservation uses. The program has reduced soil erosion by over 400 million tons, protected over 2 million acres of wetlands and resulted in buffers established on over 100,000 miles of streams and rivers.

For more information about CRP and other FSA programs, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806-983-3763 or FSA online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Planting Activity Moves Ahead; 2009 Cotton Risk Sharing Program Information Available

By Shawn Wade

Planting season is here again and High Plains cotton producers are busy putting seed in the ground. Despite less than ideal conditions, many growers acknowledge that the situation is generally better than what they faced at this time in 2008.

The majority of the improvement has come from initially lower costs for fuel and fertilizer compared to last year. Soil moisture conditions are also generally better due to residual deep moisture that many dryland growers hope to be able to tap into later in the year if

they can get enough planting rainfall to get a crop established.

Soil moisture in many dryland areas is still short in the seed bed, meaning that many growers will have to begin putting seed into dry soil in anticipation of a rainfall event, or events, that will allow seed germination and also provide adequate moisture to sustain the crop.

Even though the moisture situation could easily move in a positive direction over the next few weeks and ensure a good start, dry conditions will continue to be a looming threat in 2009. Fortunately, cotton

seed and biotechnology providers have once again stepped up with programs to share some of the risk associated with growing the crop and using higher cost seed and technology.

For High Plains cotton producers who plant cotton seed from All-Tex Seed, Americot/NexGen, Croplan Genetics, Delta & Pine Land and FiberMax/AFD/Stoneville the extra protection provided by Replant and Seed Drought Relief Programs will help lessen the anxiety of establishing a new crop in less than ideal conditions over the next few weeks.

Having been around for several years, operations of the various risk sharing programs are fairly well understood. Even though they have very similar designs producers should take the time to read the applicable program requirements for each company they will be dealing with and understand exactly what the differences are between each company's program.

Copies of company provided information sheets outlining covered varieties, specific eligibility requirements, claim deadlines and procedures are available for viewing or download from the Plains Cotton Growers website (www.plainscotton.org). For assistance in answering a more specific question about their own situation growers are advised to contact their cottonseed distributor or appropriate seed company representatives.

Roundup Rewards Eligibility Changes: Not For Everyone

One new wrinkle that has been introduced by Monsanto in 2009 involves a reduced Roundup Rewards eligibility requirement for acreage planted to certain varieties containing Monsanto traits.

Under the revised Roundup Rewards policy a West Texas cotton grower can qualify for full 2009 Roundup Rewards benefits on all acres planted to Delta & Pine

Land cotton seed varieties with a SINGLE application of Roundup brand herbicide at a rate of 22 ounces per acre and a minimum Deltapine seed purchase of 25 bags.

Following this initial announcement from Deltapine, Monsanto has also reached agreement with several other West Texas seed companies that will extend the reduced Roundup Rewards eligibility requirement to their varieties as well.

According to confirmed information available at the time of this article, cotton acreage planted to varieties containing Monsanto traits purchased from All-Tex Seed, Americot/NexGen, and Croplan Genetics (in addition to Deltapine varieties) will qualify for full Roundup Rewards benefits with the single in-season Roundup brand herbicide application.

Like Deltapine, information from each of the above named companies indicates they will also require a 25 bag minimum purchase of Monsanto-treated planting seed. To date there has been no confirmation of whether Dyna-Gro or Phytogen brand cotton varieties will also benefit from reduced Roundup Rewards eligibility requirements.

Currently, Bayer CropScience's Fibermax, Stoneville and AFD cottonseed varieties are not participating in the revised Monsanto Roundup Rewards policy.

For now at least, growers who plant Bayer's Fibermax, Stoneville and AFD brand cotton seed varieties will still have to meet the normal Roundup Rewards eligibility requirement of at least two in-season Roundup brand herbicide applications at the minimum 22 ounce per acre rate to qualify for full Roundup Rewards benefits, including Monsanto Replant and Drought Relief programs.

variety from the same company in the same season. Claim deadlines for both the Trait and Seed replant programs may differ, so growers are advised to review the available literature on these programs mentioned above, or contact their seed distributor or company sales representative for further information.

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