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Floyd County Grand Jury Returns Six Indictments

A Floyd County grand jury indicted six June 24. Among those indicted were David Tarin Paz, 18 of Lockney, for theft of a value of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000. The offense occurred May 3, 2009 and is a state jail felony. Daniel Lee Dunne, 71 of Floydada, was indicted for possession or promotion of child pornography. The offense occurred Dec. 9, 2008 and is a second degree felony if.

Enoch Christopher Wickware, 23 of Floydada, was indicted for burglary of a habitation that occurred April 10, 2009. It is a second degree felony. Joe Anthony Garza, 23 of Floydada, was indicted for attempted burglary of a habitation that occurred on June 11, 2009. He is charged with a third degree felony, enhanced to second. Joshua Lee Moreno, 20 of Floydada, was indicted for attempted

burglary of a habitation that occurred on June 11, 2009. It is a third degree felony. Estella Aday, 40 of Lockney, was indicted for theft by a public servant of a value of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000. The offenses occurred on several dates between March 7, 2008 and Jan. 20, 2009. It is a third degree felony.



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Floyd County 4-H'ers participating at the Junior and Intermediate 4-H Roundup Contest held June 22 at Abernathy Elementary School included: (Front Row, l-r): Adree Stapp, Selena Espinoza, Montana Williams, Valerie Espinoza. (Middle Row, l-r): Caleb Miller, Remington Ricketts, Keenan Nixon, Tristan Schlueter and Austen Rexrode. (Top Row, l-r): Stetson Lane, Jill Bramlet, Jake Bramlet, Kirby Nixon and McKenna Johnson. Not pictured were Braden and Heston Graves.

4-H'ers Participate in District Roundup

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H members took top honors at the South Plains District II Roundup held June 22 in Abernathy.

4-H'ers participated in Educational Presentations and Share The Fun Acts at the district event.

4-H'ers and their categories included: Junior Share The Fun Celebrate 4-H - 1st Place: Adree Stapp, Selena Espinoza, Montana Williams, Valerie

Espinoza, Remington Ricketts, Tristan Schlueter, Keenan Nixon, Austen Rexrode and Stetson Lane; Junior Educational Presentation Open Category 3rd Place: Caleb Miller; Junior Share The Fun Musical 1st Place: Kirby Nixon; Intermediate Share The Fun Musical 1st Place: Braden and Heston Graves; Intermediate Share the Fun Vocal 1st Place: McKenna Johnson; and Intermediate Share The Fun Poetry/Prose 1st Place: Jake Bramlet. Jill Bramlet, District Council President assisted with the event.

Texas' Sales Tax Holiday Will Get Bigger

AUSTIN -- Great news for back-to-school shoppers. For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies. "A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now they can make their back-to-school budgets

stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from

state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend. Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list. The full list can

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Let me start this by introducing my self, my name is Chelsea Dunbar and I am the new police officer for the City of Lockney. I am from the small town for Stephenville in Earth County. My parents live in Granbury. My father is a Captain of the Fire Department in Stephenville. My mother is the Vice Principal of the Elementary school in Glen Rose. I have been in the law enforcement field for approximately 10 years. I have worked in corrections, dispatch and high risk security in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. I graduated from the Tarrant County College in July of 2008. I moved to Lockney on June 12, 2009 to continue my law enforcement career.

Floyd County Wind Symposium Fares Well

Close to one hundred attendees came out to hear speakers talk about issues relevant to wind development at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on June 25th. Many of those who attended were local area landowners looking to gain understanding on what it's going to take to start reaping the benefits of the green energy revolution taking place in our nation.

Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association (CPWEA), a non-profit landowner wind association, hosted, "A Symposium: Preparing for Wind" featuring speakers from The Shaw Group, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and Sharyland Utilities. The theme for the presentations was centered on topics concerning what has to happen before we can see wide spread wind development in our area.

In January of this year the PUCT choose transmission service providers (TSPs) to begin construction on an expansive transmission line build out with the purpose of being able to bring more wind energy into the electric grid system. Sharyland Utilities was chosen to build lines and substations in Carson, Randall, Armstrong, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Floyd, Motley and Dickens Counties.

Sharyland will be building five line segments totaling approximately 250 miles of lines and four collection stations in two of the areas designated as wind rich regions (Panhandle A and Panhandle B). The collection stations will be located close to Hereford, Nazareth, Silverton and White Deer. See the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) map for an outline of all the lines that are planned.

The new transmission lines will add over 3,000 MW of new capacity for wind in the Panhandle A region alone. The entire CREZ build out will add over 18,000 MW of wind capacity to the grid. The PUCT expects that all projects will be completed by the end of

2013. Currently, Sharyland is in the process of completing a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) which they will submit to the PUCT for approval. The first steps in completing a CCN is to determine environmental constraints and come up with several alternate routes in which their lines could potentially be built.

After they have completed these steps (which they are currently working on) they will begin conducting open house meetings to gather public input. Sharyland anticipates filing their CCN with the PUCT in the spring of 2010 and beginning construction early 2011.

Floydada Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director, Justin Jaworski attended the event and is excited about what our area stands to gain from the build out of transmission lines which will ultimately bring more wind development into our area.

"Wind energy continues to be

a source economic growth in rural Texas. The symposium was a great way to learn about the pending development Sharyland is pursuing for our region," Jaworski said. "We look forward to landowners assisting in the placement of transmission lines through Floyd County so that we will not miss out on the financial benefits of this great opportunity."

For more information about the symposium or if you would like to receive a copy of the speaker presentations please contact CPWEA at 806-983-2793 or by email at info@caprockplainswind.com.

CPWEA is a non-profit landowner association working to connect landowners with movers and shakers in the wind industry. Our goal is to recruit wind development to the region and help revitalize rural communities. Go to www.caprockplainswind.com to find out more about our association and how you can help support our cause.

Farm Service Agency Schedules Five Guaranteed Loan Program Lender Seminars

COLLEGE STATION - Juan M. Garcia, Acting Texas State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced the Agency's 2009 Guaranteed Loan Program - Lender Seminars.

Five regional meetings will be held across the state.

Given today's economic climate and instability in agricultural commodity prices, FSA understands it is increasingly difficult for commercial lenders to extend credit to farmers and ranchers whether established or just starting out in the business. Some established producers are finding they no longer qualify for traditional commercial loans through their local bank due

to changes in lending policies; while beginning farmers and ranchers are finding it more difficult to obtain credit due to lack of experience and limited equity. FSA's loan programs help producers with viable farming and ranching operations obtain access to much needed capital.

FSA is forming partnerships with Texas lenders through the Guaranteed Loan Program to ensure agricultural producers have an affordable and reliable source of credit.

Through this program, FSA guarantees loans for up to 95 percent of any loss. Participation allows banks to keep their long-

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Military News

By Judy Macha
Reporter

Monte Lass, son of Mike and Marceen Lass of Lockney and Buster and Dian Jenkins of Plainview, he was wounded Wednesday, June 24, 2009 by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Iraq. His parents received the report Thursday morning, June 25.

Lass is a 2005 graduate of Lockney High School and enlisted in January of 2006.

His mother, who spoke with him Monday morning (June 29) immediately preceding the writing of this article, said, "He was out in Iraq on patrol,

we do not know where, for sure. His unit was called out to help another one which had been hit by an IED. At this point in time none of his squad has died of their injuries. He took shrapnel in his arms, legs, back of his head, shoulder and face.

"Monte has already had surgery to remove shrapnel from his body; some pieces the doctors left in him. He will be flown to Ft. Bragg, N.C. on Wednesday. I don't know how long he will be there. He hopes to be able to come home for a 30 day medical leave. What matters, is he survived his wounds, is improving and will be coming home."

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OPINIONS

Socialized Medicine: Where there's "Hope," there's Death?

By Justin Williams

As with most newly created governmental programs, when Barack Obama released his plans to overhaul the American health care system, he wasn't entirely clear as to how the United States is going to pay for it. He claimed, of course, that he was going to be able to cut Medicare and Medicaid payments in order to finance his plan for ostensibly providing health care subsidies to tens of millions of Americans.

But when the plan is read deeply, it is clear that this is simply shifting money from hospitals to individuals, as Obama's health care plan wants to cut \$106 million dollars of benefits that go to hospitals and give them instead to the uninsured. Apparently, no one ever explained to Mr. Obama that when you shift the contents from one pocket to another, it's still in the same pair of pants. And that's especially dire when both pockets have holes.

Obama is trying to trick the general populace into thinking that they are receiving less expensive health care with government-funded subsidies. When the truth is that the hospitals will then be receiving less money, which will raise their costs. These costs translate directly into higher costs on the individual, as hospitals have to raise their prices or decrease benefits.

For example, in many restaurants in Europe, when

labor costs rise, instead of increasing the menu prices, they just cut the portions and add a service charge at the end of the meal. This deludes tourists into thinking that they are getting lower menu prices, when they are actually paying more and getting less.

And, it gets worse.

The current health care debates on financing the public option include taxing medical benefits and even non-diet sodas that outside experts predict will cost the American people \$1.2 to \$1.8 trillion dollars over the next ten years. Leaving aside the disastrous impact the soda assault would have on the sugar industry, all these proposed new taxes will do nothing but raise costs on those who are already struggling to get by.

Taxing medical benefits paired with the current proposed tax penalties for not getting insurance puts government in the position of punishing Americans for doing what's right – and punishing them, as well, for doing what's "wrong." With the budget deficit for 2010 predicted at \$1.43 trillion, many observers find it hard to believe that Congress and the Obama administration could not find a way of cut spending in other areas instead of increasing taxes.

But that would require Congress to give up some of their many handouts to special interests. Instead, now, special interest groups will be lining up

to receive this health care money, much like they did in a near identical plan in Massachusetts.

As with the Massachusetts plan, the national plan must have every American in an insurance that is deemed worthy and qualified by the government overseers. Once this despotic hierarchy is in place, insurance companies will then begin to fill their pockets by lobbying the politicians to add more and more requirements to what a government "qualified" plan is defined as.

The costs of health care will begin to skyrocket, putting the already overburdened – and overreaching – government into even more debt.

So while Obama is threatening the American people with mandatory insurance, Congress will be trying to figure out how they can take every penny not only without having to reduce handouts to their buddies – but by handing out even more.

Of course, nothing lasts forever, and while the politicians and special interests in the medical industry get rich, Americans will be waiting hat in hand outside the emergency rooms. And far too many – relegated to lengthening lines, or ruled too old or infirm to receive government treatment – will learn the hard way that when it comes to Barack Obama's stealthcare, where there is "hope," there is death.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Yearning To Remain Free

In this county you can get in your car and drive thousands of miles without any trouble as long as you are obeying our laws.

You can call anyone you want on the phone.

You have the freedom to state your opinion about anything ... pro-government, anti-government or somewhere in between.

You have the right to worship how you wish.

Of course you know these things. You don't have to have the Declaration of Independence or the United States Constitution memorized to understand we are a free people.

You know, to say we are lucky to be Americans is an understatement. To say we are different from nearly every country on this planet is an understatement.

As a people, we owe it to our future generations to make sure they completely understand these things. Our freedoms are that important.

There are those out there who feel our freedoms are slowly being taken away or at the very least, compromised.

Let's take Amendment 2 of the Constitution under consideration:

Amendment 2 - Right to Bear Arms. Ratified 12/15/1791. A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

As our country has tilted more to the left during the past two-and-one-half years, the fear of many across this land is that this right is being infringed upon. It is.

This right is slowly being taken from us, just as it was in Europe - slowly and methodically.

Other rights are being tested as well. And many Americans feel they have no voice ... no recourse.

At the same time - we've seen those longing to be free take to the streets. Of course, those in Iran are under the thumb of a dictator so accurate news is hard to come by. But it does show what our forefathers knew to be true in their Declaration of Independence:

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness...

This Independence Day, examine our freedoms. Compare and contrast our collective lifestyle with those around the globe.

Remember how far we've come as a people and most of all, be thankful that you do have freedom and that the sacrifices to secure that freedom are overwhelming.

If you feel your freedoms are being infringed upon, I suggest writing your U.S. Representative and Senator and let them know how you feel on any particular issue. That in itself is a freedom we are lucky to have.

Like you, I love this country and feel very blessed to have been born a citizen. However, that does not mean we stop striving to form a more perfect union in accordance with our constitution. It is up to ALL of us to make sure our future generations have the same opportunities we've had. And that is our burden ... for it is a fight which will never end.

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Freedom for Sale

By David Bozeman

One morning while getting ready for work, channel surfing for the latest headlines, I happened upon one of those boring infomercials. Not one of the cheesy kinds, with just enough perverse entertainment value to keep you glued but, I thought, one of those about financial planning or picking stocks. The panel featured several staid business types, but the star of the half-hour soon presented itself in bold neon (figuratively speaking, for now, at least): The National Grants Introductory Conference.

The product advertised was a conference and home study course in 'How to Get Your Share of the Government Bailout.' One of the guests, a former HUD chief of staff, informed viewers that they can get money for a home and they won't have to pay it back. Or, as another guest advised, you can jump start your business with government money! Yes, government money, courtesy of yours—and your neighbor's—back pockets.

Can a nation founded on individual initiative and free enterprise sink any lower? Of course, the obvious response is that this is nothing new. Every once in a while a book or a seminar will pop up, claiming to lead citizens to government money. There have always been experts feeding from the government trough, willing to share their advice with other free-loaders, the general public. But therein lays the outrage—the fact that it isn't anything new.

The fact that our national work ethic has so deteriorated would be an outrage to an administration dedicated to preserving America's independent spirit. Sadly, the free-for-all game rules of a mixed economy have produced an ethos of collecting wealth as opposed to producing it.

The notion of 'government' money has entered the national lexicon unchallenged. The American

working class, which should be leading the charge against the confiscation of its wealth, has been hijacked by a well-organized, vocal minority easily swayed by glib politicians and lame, tedious infomercials. Business leaders are no less complicit, whether funding universities and foundations that extol socialism (as noted by Ayn Rand in her article 'The Sanction of the Victims') or filling the campaign coffers of liberal politicians.

In modern culture, thanks primarily to intellectuals and their counterparts in political life, the picking of your neighbor's wallet is no longer an act committed on the sly, it is a national pastime. Lest anyone forget, dates and locations for the aforementioned seminars were posted frequently at the town's finest hotels instead of a back alley, which would have been more fitting.

It is true that 'public' money has always been up for grabs to some degree. It is also true that we are a great nation economically to the extent that we are free. We are also better morally. The American left prides itself on its compassion, while it endorses mercenary economic policies. But true compassion, as embodied in capitalism, consists of neighbors enriching one another through voluntary exchange and helping out charitably when needed, as Americans famously do. Compassionate people do not premeditate the looting of their neighbor's wallets.

Sadly, too many Americans today are not of the above mindset. They think no further than 'if I don't get it then somebody else will.' We can be thankful that these seminars and courses are not sold at fairs and parties, at least not yet. Finally, no word yet on whether refreshments and childcare will be offered at the local seminars, and, if so, will they be provided at private or 'government' expense.

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Staff photo

Glena Watson of Floydada won a \$500 American Express gift card for winning a Cinco de Mayo promotion sponsored by General Mills. The promotion was featured in Lowe's grocery stores, and Watson saw it in the local Lowe's grocery insert featured weekly in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. Presenting the check is Johnny Summers, District Manager and store manager for the Floydada Lowe's location, and Watson. Summers said only three people in the United States won the promotion.



Courtesy Photo

EIGHTEEN LOCKNEY KIDS, ages 10 - 12, were treated to one week (6-15 to 6-20) at Salvation Army's Camp Hoblitzelle. The camp is located in Midlothian, (south of Dallas). The children were sponsored by Lockney's Salvation Army. Pictured are (front, l-r) Anastacia Bronze, Destiny Esquivel, Elizabeth Cleto, Elizabeth Salas, Samantha Salas, Aylin Chavana, Theresa Andrade and Agustina Rodriguez, (back, l-r) Ethan Fernandez, Nathaniel Sustaita, Paul Martinez, Joshua Andrade, Efen Nunez, John Salas, Justice Arjona, Emily Reyes, Brianna Vasquez, Tea Lopez and Terry Gonzales. (Not pictured is Devin Esquivel.) Camp counselors were Terry Gonzales and Theresa Andrade. "Special thanks go to Paul McIntosh and Donnie McLaughlin for donating their time to do the kid's physicals. I thank God for allowing me to make contacts who help me provide for our community," said Gonzalez.



Courtesy Photo

LOCKNEY HEALTH AND REHAB recognized Yolanda Morin for 22 years of service during National Nurses Assistants week. She was presented a shirt with her name, 1987 - 2009, 22 years of service, Lockney Health and Rehab and the Lockney Longhorn mascot, embroidered by Kaleidoscope. According to Activity Director Kristal Daniel and Director of Nurses Karen Oaks, she is an awesome employee that goes above and beyond expectations.

VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Lockney Senior Citizen Center annual dues are now due and payable - \$20 per person. You may drop by and visit with those at the Center and pay your dues while you are there or send it in by mail to Lockney Senior Citizen Center, P.O. Box 82, Lockney, Texas, 79241. Thank you so much for joining the Center. We certainly appreciate your membership.

On behalf of the Center, Wanda wants me to thank the Fischer family who raise a nice garden out where the Tye Company used to be, for the nice squash they brought by. It is certainly appreciated.

Last Monday, June 22, my cousin Patrick Thompson and his wife Angie from Arizona stopped by and spent the night on their way to Oklahoma to visit their son in Tulsa and his sisters in Oklahoma City. Pat and my dad, Joe Rogers, were first cousins. However Pat and I are almost the same age, only a few months difference in our birthdays. It was great to get to visit with them, even if it was just for a short time.

Friday morning I went over to pick up my friend, Marie Keeter, from California. She and her sons, Jack and his wife and family and Perry and his wife came in Thursday night. They had reservations to stay at the Comfort Suites in Plainview. However, their luggage did not arrive with them. Marie came on home with me to stay the weekend. When her clothes finally came in they were brought over here to her.

The Keeter boy cousins had a golf game the first thing Friday morning. Then a lot of the Keeter family had supper at Furr's in Plainview Friday night. Saturday night they all went to Canyon to see Texas in the outdoor amphitheater. They also ate supper there, cooked by Big Texan in Amarillo. During the play, it did sprinkle on us and got us a little damp but not bad. Sunday afternoon the Keeter Clan had their family reunion at Muncy. Their lunch was catered by Lisa and Rodney Edwards of Lockney. I know the Keeters want to thank Jack Keeter for putting the reunion together.

I went with Marie to the reunion Sunday afternoon and got to visit with some people I had not seen in years, Wynell and sister, Alice Keeter. Wynell Keeter George lives in Tulia and takes the Beacon and said she always reads V.J.'s News the first thing then gives it to another former Lockney resident Inez Phillips. I must go over to Tulia and visit with Inez. I think she must be 90 or more years of age. She and my mother were real good friends.

My neighbor Homer Cypert is doing better but still is not able to return home and has moved to Carillon for 20 days of therapy. He isn't yet able to stay by himself.

Moñte Lass, son of the Mike Lass' was injured in Iraq last week.

Please keep Monte, Homer and all the other sick and injured ones in your prayers.

le Breed, Nancy Mayo; July 18th - Kendis Julian, Margie Fowler; July 20 - Charlene Brown, Joan Smith; July 21 - Mary Fewell; July 24 - Marie Warren; July 25 - Sherry Colston.

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

In memory of **Chase Mitchell** - Joe and Lynn Dunn, Lane and Katie Dunn, Shawn and Cathy Dunn.

In memory of **Stinson Stringer** - Geraldine Callaway, Kendis and Janis Julian.

In memory of **Bessie Wilson** - Geraldine Callaway

In memory of **Al and Sally Galloway** - Jo Wester.

Thought for the Week - The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

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Menu
July 6 - July 10
Monday-Tacos
Tuesday-Hamburger on a bun
Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday-Salmon patties
Friday-Enchiladas

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Charlene Brown brought her mom, Nell Gray of Clarendon, to eat lunch at the Center Friday, June 19th. They visited with several friends. We were glad they came to the Center. Several of us had met Mrs. Gray when my Sunday school class members went on a day trip to Groom and Clarendon.

Bill and Ardis Daniel celebrated "Father's Day" by driving to Kress to be with their daughter, Lori and her family on Saturday afternoon, June 20th.

Bob and Charlene Allredge went to Lubbock on Saturday, June 20th to be with their son, Steve and his wife, Janet Allredge and other family members to celebrate Charlene's birthday and Father's Day for Bob. There were 18 family members present.

William and Faye Bertrand spend Sunday (Father's Day) in Lubbock with their children and their husbands and wives. They met at their son, Ronald and Betty Bertrand's home along with Randy and Connie Bertrand, and Jill and Martin Warren, all from Floydada. They had an enjoyable day eating and visiting.

Kirk Rogers of Crosbyton ate lunch at the Center with his grandfather, Guy Ginn on June 23rd.

Kathy Johnson had surgery several days ago. She is at home now and feeling better each day.

"Happy Birthday" to those who have a July birthday.

July 1st - Jerry Galloway; July 3rd - Dolores Cannon, Belle Vinson, Tommy McIntosh; July 8th - Opal Kratzer, Sam Spence; July 9th - Kay Tinney; July 12th - Virginia Pyle; July 13th - Genel



It takes the thought of a bone-chilling norther to make a hot Texas summer feel good. To form such a thought, it helps to sit directly under an air-conditioning vent. I am.

Another effective strategy for dealing with unbearably hot Texas days is even simpler. Go to Colorado.

But if your electricity bill is higher than your home equity, and if you can't afford a vacation in the Rockies, other heat-beating strategies may be more your cup of iced tea.

Consider roof sleeping. If you live in a house with a steep-pitched roof with no sheds attached or other flat or gently sloping surfaces, you're probably in an upper income bracket and won't take this advice anyway - not even if you have a fancy balcony just right for one of those little cots from Wal-Mart.

But if you're seriously looking for a way to make it through the night sans air conditioning, chances are good your house has a back porch roof that just might work for a place to sleep. Grab a ladder, and go for it.

If you don't feel safe sleeping outside, pull up the ladder. Who's going to know you read this column? Probably not armed burglars. I like to think they read the paper only to see if they can figure out who's on vacation in Colorado.

Besides, if you're on the roof, why would you fear burglars? It's when you're sleeping inside that you should be scared.

As long as we're talking about home security, you don't

even need a gun if you're on the roof. Just have some big rocks handy. If you like the idea of zapping an intruder, you can just leave the ladder in place and wait to see if anybody dares climb it. It's a thought. Lots of movies come to mind, all involving assaults on castle ramparts.

Back to roof sleeping.

Avoid being directly under trees. Caterpillar droppings happen. Besides, even if you live in town, you'll want a clear view of whatever stars aren't outdone by city lights.

As for the heat, you'll beat it. Along about dawn, you'll be wishing for more than a sheet. Call it God's air conditioning. And it's free.

Speaking of air conditioning, a friend of mine was in line at the dollar store when she heard a woman bragging about how she'd taken her air conditioner on a camping trip. She plugged it in to cool her tent. Really.

Ironic, isn't it, that we burn fossil fuels to generate electricity to run our air conditioners to keep us cool as the globe heats up because we're burning fossil fuels?

Don't despair. Here's an earth-friendly plan:

We turn our summer clocks forward another hour to capture more morning cool. At noon, we stop all clocks and take two-hour naps under misting devices that double as organic vegetable garden waterers. After dark, when life cools down, we get the two hours back.

If you don't think it will work, at least try roof sleeping.

US 62 limited to one lane

According to a Texas Department of Transportation news release, TxDOT contractor Quinick Brothers, Inc. will finish the final layer of hotmix on US 62, from FM 37 to the Crosby County line, by the final week of July.

This operation limits US 62 to one lane of travel during daylight hours and will require the use of a pilot car. The traveling should expect delays.

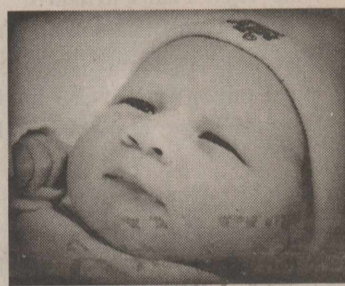
Construction is part of a road improvement project that encompasses 10.8 miles of US 62, from US 70 in Floydada to the Crosby County line. For more information contact Plainview Area Engineer Mike Craig, P.E., at (806) 293-5484.

Basketball tournament July 10-12

A Lubbock basketball tournament is scheduled for July 10-12, and will feature lots of local basketball players.

The tournament, hosted by Nike Elite, features teams with students ages 9 and under (girls and boys) through varsity level (girls and boys).

For participation information call Mike Mosley at (806) 559-6888.



PATE

Derrick and Leigha Pate of Lockney are proud to announce the birth of their son Colson John Pate. He was born June 16, 2009, weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Hagen Pate is proud to be Colson's big brother.

Grandparents are Lanny and Connie Barnett of Lockney, Johnny and Teresa Wood of Lubbock and Dennis and the late Corlis Pate of Lubbock.

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LOCKNEY'S FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP went to the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock May 24, 2009. Pictured above are: (l-r) Darby Long, Dixie Williams, Sarah Carstensen, Karis Carstensen and Bethany McCullough. The Ronald McDonald House is a place where families of ill children stay while their children are in the hospital. It has 18 rooms and houses about 40 people. Each night a group comes to feed the families there, and the junior high youth group took its turn. Anyone with spare time this summer is encouraged to volunteer.

LHS Honor Rolls

Lockney High School has released its final six-weeks "A" and "AB" Honor Rolls for the 2008/2009 school year.

"A" HONOR ROLL

Twelfth Grade: Heather Brock, Jonathan Coleman, Adrian Cortez, Raul Cruz, Patrick Doucette, Kyler Ellison, Segayle Foster, Anabell Gonzalez, Lucas Hall, Daryn McCarter, Lindsie Moerbe, Brendi Moralez, Estella Rodriguez, Caleb Schumacher and Tori Wilburn.

Damron, Lezlie Jackson and Anna Sherman.

Tenth Grade: Sabrina Guerrero and Isabel Solis.

Ninth Grade: Steven Fernandez, Christina Jackson, Landon Kidd and Amber Segovia.

"AB" HONOR ROLL

Twelfth Grade: Augustine Ascencio, Johnathan Grant, Janie Martinez, Ruben Pesina and Emily Prayor.

Eleventh Grade: Jill Bramlet, Konner Ellison, Anna Jime-

nez, Malory Johnson, Walker Kemp, Daniela Morales, Tessa Saul, Katie Vasquez, Kortney Williams and Bethany Williams.

Tenth Grade: Kacee Armstrong, Devin Caballero, Maria Castorena, Molly Cazares, Sally Davis, Kami Hunt, Erica Marmolejo, Toni Morales, Nefer Solis and Judith Wofford.

Ninth Grade: Cassandra Ascencio, Dylan Afill, Logan Edwards, SyAnn Foster, Tanya Hernandez, Anissa Reyna, Riley Teeter and Sunny Williams.

Lockney Students named to WTAMU honor lists

West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,000 students to honors lists for the spring 2009 semester. Of that total, 356 were named to the President's List and 646 students were named to the Dean's List.

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

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

Lockney students include:
 • Trevor C. Morris—named to the President's List and is a senior from Lockney. His major is engineering technology. His parents are Lindan and D'Lyn Morris.

• Amber D. Dorman—named to the Dean's List and is a senior from Lockney. Her major is sports and exercise sciences. Her parents are Johnny and Julie Dorman.

• Eddie L. Fortenberry—named to the Dean's List and is a senior from Lockney. His major is applied arts and sciences. His parents are Sam and Becky Fortenberry and Jeff and Kelly Pachiano.

• Caleb J. McLean—named to the Dean's List and is a senior from Lockney. His major is accounting. His parents are Steve and Darla McLean.

• James W. McPherson—named to the Dean's List and is a senior from Lockney. His major is pre-dentistry. His parents are Steve and Becky McPherson.

Grazing former CRP lands will take careful management

AMARILLO—Many Conservation Reserve Program participants find themselves facing some tough decisions after being notified their contracts will not be renewed, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

"I think we need to keep most of this land in rangeland," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist.

The land put into the federal program commonly called CRP in the mid 1980s was planted primarily in the High Plains to native grasses, Old World bluestems or weeping love grass, he said. There are about 4 million acres of CRP in Texas, much of it in the High Plains.

"About 10 years ago when we first started seeing people come out of the program, we realized we would not be making the same amount as with government payments," McCollum said. "But we know properly managed Old World bluestem and weeping love grass can produce more beef per acre than native rangelands in the region."

The first step is to renovate the pastures, he said. Renovation includes fencing, water development and rejuvenation of the forage stand. The exact needs will depend on if the land has been utilized under the managed haying and grazing allowance, emergency drought provisions or has been

lying idle the entire contract period.

Livestock water is a major consideration, McCollum said. Planning must be based on how much water will be required daily and where the watering site will be located. These decisions must also take into account fencing layouts and grazing management plans, so a producer should formulate some ideas on the overall operation and use of the land before developing livestock water.

Consider the pumping or refill rate, the type and size of tanks/drinkers and storage needed to keep pace with daily consumption, he said. Cattle requirements for water are generally one gallon per 100 pounds of body weight in cold weather and two gallons per 100 pounds of body weight in hot weather.

"Remember cattle consume water in one or two drinking bouts per day, which means they take in a lot of water at once," McCollum said. "Watering tends to be a herd activity on large acreage, but an individual activity on small acreage, so that affects the storage and refill rate required."

Fencing decisions have to be made simultaneously with the watering decisions, he said, because one governs the other. When designing a fence layout, keep in mind grazing management, cattle handling and move-

ment, machinery access for fertilization, well maintenance and integration with other grazing areas.

McCollum said there's more than just the permanent fence on the exterior to consider. Cross-fencing increases management flexibility and ability to manage forage.

All landowners need to also think of how they want to renovate the forage stand to enhance the vigor, stimulate tiller production and recruit new plants, he said.

"The first step is to remove the standing, decadent plant material and some of the thatch that can stifle developing tillers and seedlings," McCollum said. "Prescribed burning in the late winter or early spring is going to be the easiest way."

The material also can be cut and baled, he said. If thatch build-up is a problem, though, don't mow the area and leave the mowed forage on the ground. Other means are shredding, disking or mob grazing during the forages' dormant season. Animal performance may be sacrificed with mob grazing, but this may be a more acceptable approach for some.

Stands seeded to weeping love grass and Old World bluestem can't be managed the same as stands seeded to native grasses or existing rangeland, McCollum said.

For stands seeded to native

grasses, he said apply the same management practices recommended to maintain the productivity and health of rangelands in the region. These include attention to forage utilization, maintaining adequate groundcover and residue, and seasonal deferment of grazing. Carrying capacity or stocking rate will possibly be somewhat higher than on rangeland.

"Consider whether you need seasonal or year-round grazing. Make sure you can accommodate a rest period before dormancy on the grass," McCollum said. "Your nutritional management of the cattle will be similar as that on rangeland."

Fertilization is generally not recommended on native grasses but it may be beneficial during renovation, he said. Brush encroachment also needs to be managed.

Both Old World bluestems and weeping love grass can be productive forages that can provide exceptional grazing value if managed appropriately, McCollum said.

Weeping love grass initiates growth in late March to early April. Because of its rapid growth and decline in nutritional value, management can be a challenge

and spot grazing can be a problem, he said.

In addition, love grass must be deferred from September until after frost. The best management practice is to use rotational grazing for a limited time during the growing season followed by removal of the excess residue during the dormant season.

Weeping love grass has its best nutritional value for 60 to 80 days beginning in late April, McCollum said. Hence, grazing during the growing season should be focused from May through July. In the winter, the love grass residue is acceptable as forage for cows and stockers if it is supplemented with protein.

He outlined eight keys to weeping love grass management:

- Remove old growth prior to spring green-up by grazing, burning or mowing.
- Fertilize nitrogen in 30-pound increments beginning in April.
- Accumulate 6 inches of new spring growth before turnout.
- Rotationally graze using 21-40 day intervals; grazing only three to seven days on a paddock and then deferring.
- Cut or graze to a 4-inch stubble during each rotation cycle with grazing or hay harvest.

• Control spot grazing.
 • Rest during September, October and November and then graze aftermath in the winter.

• Use as a part of a forage system in combination with other range and pasture resources.

Old World bluestem initiates growth in mid to late May, McCollum said. It can be managed under year-round continuous grazing but works best under rotational and limited grazing. Nutritional value and weight gains are good for 60-80 days beginning in June. During the winter, dormant Old World bluestem can be grazed by cows or stockers with a protein supplement.

The keys for Old World bluestem use are similar to the weeping love grass, but with the fertilization as a single application of 30-50 pounds of nitrogen in May. Rotational grazing should be based on 30-45 day cycles with four to seven days grazing on each paddock.

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Floydada Students signing up for Summer Reading Program

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS Floyd County 10:00 - 10:45. Members will receive coupons for Dairy Queen treats for every 5 hours of reading. Signing up with librarian Sandra Crawford are (left to right); Hunter Smith, Brooklyn Smith and Kailee Sanchez. Providing the program July 1 will be Tabitha and Destry Faulkenberry. To register to participate in the reading program call 983-4922.

Holcomb Graduates With Bachelors Degree

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas held its graduation May 16, 2009. Among the graduates was Chelsey Holcomb completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology with a minor in psychology. She is currently employed with the Wichita Falls Children's Aid Center. Midwestern State University also recognized 811 honor students for the 2009 Spring semester for the President's Honor Roll who completed at least 12 hours in one semester with a 4.0 grade point average. Named to the President's List was Hayley Holcomb. She is currently employed by the Childress County Judge's office for the summer and will return to MWSU this fall to complete her degree in dental hygiene. Both girls are the daughters of Tommy and Carol Holcomb of Childress and granddaughters of Ray and Marilyn Holcomb of Floydada and Donald Trent of Childress.

FHS Class of 1969 will hold 40-year reunion

The Floydada High School classmates of 1969 will be celebrating their 40th class reunion at the Floydada Country Club on August 1, 2009. The Club House is reserved all day so come and join the fun for swimming, visiting, or golfing. Catered meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Club House, followed up with music and fellowship. The registration and cost of meal is \$20 and should be mailed to Penny Golightly, 1165 FM 784, Floydada, Texas 79235.

For more information please contact Jacque Crawford James at email address: HYPERLINK "mailto:jjames@crosbyton.com" jjames@crosbyton.com. Wes Campbell at 806-983-3073 or Penny Golightly at 806-983-2019 or email address: HYPERLINK "mailto:pdgoligh@aol.com" pdgoligh@aol.com.

Book of update on the Class of 1969 can be purchased for \$10 and should be mailed to: Jill Stansell Seal, 40 Placid Pond, Frisco, Texas 75034. Join us for a Whirlwind of a reunion! Hope to see you there!

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 Kindermat
 Small blanket or towel
 Change of clothes
 Kleenex (2 boxes)
 Baby Wipes (2 boxes)
 8 count box of crayons (Crayola brand) (1)
 Jumbo Glue Sticks (4)
 2-Spiral Notebooks (70 ct.)
 10-count box of washable markers (Crayola brand) (1)
 Crayola watercolors (1)
 Quart-size Ziploc bags (1)
 2 - Hand Sanitizer (12 oz.)</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN
 6 box of crayons
 1 Bottle of Elmer's White Glue
 6 Glue Sticks
 1 Box of Markers
 1 Set of watercolor paints
 2 Blunt Tip Scissors
 2 Packages of Pencils
 2 Large Erasers
 2 Pocket Folders
 2 Spirals
 1 Package of Wide Rule Paper
 1 School box
 1 Backpack
 2 Boxes of Kleenex
 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
 1 Box of Quart size Ziploc Bags
 1 Box of Gallon size Ziploc Bags
 1 Change of Clothing (pants, shirt, underwear)</p> <p>FIRST GRADE
 Packages Crayons (24 count) - true colors
 oden #2 Lead Pencils
 Wire Bound Spiral Notebook (70 page)
 Pair of Fiskar Scissors
 250 Count Kleenex Boxes
 4 Pocket Folders (Red, green, blue, yellow, without brads)
 School Box (SMALL)
 1 Elmer's White School Glue (4 ounce)
 4 Glue Sticks
 Box of Markers (8 count)</p> | <p>Water Colors
 Big Pink Erasers
 2 Packages of Pencil Toppers
 Hand Sanitizer (girls)
 Liquid Soap (boys)
 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils (Map)
 Girls: 1 Box of Gallon Size Zip-tab Baggies
 Boys: 1 Box of Quart Size Zip-tab Bag</p> <p>SECOND GRADE
 2 pkg. 48 count crayons
 40 #2 wooden pencils (Eagle is best)
 2 wire-bound spiral notebooks with 70 pgs. (wide-ruled)
 1 pair of sharp metal scissors with plastic handles and pointed tip (Fiscar jr.)
 4 boxes of 250 count Kleenex
 3 plastic folders (either red, yellow or blue-no designs with brads)
 1 small school box with zipper (no larger than 3"x6"x9")
 1 box of gallon-sized Zip tab baggies
 1 box of quart-sized Zip tab baggies
 3 pkgs. notebook paper
 6 glue sticks
 2 bottles of glue
 2 pkg. of markers</p> <p>PRIVATE
 2 pkg 24-count crayons
 20 #2 wooden pencils (Eagle is best)
 2 big pink erasers
 4 wire-bound spiral notebooks with 70 pages (wide-ruled)
 1 pair of sharp metal scissors with plastic handles and pointed tip
 2 boxes of 250-count Kleenex
 3 folders (1 purple, 1 red, 1 green)
 1 small school box (not larger than 3"x6"x9")
 1 four-ounce Elmer's White</p> | <p>School glue
 1 backpack or tote bag (Labeled with your child's name)
 Girls bring 1 box of gallon-sized Zip-tab Baggies
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 2 pkg 24-count crayons
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 1 four-ounce Elmer's White School glue
 1 backpack or tote bag (Labeled with your child's name)
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 Boys bring 1 box of quart-sized Zip-tab Baggies</p> <p>FOURTH GRADE
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 3 red ink pens
 5 plastic folders with pockets and brads
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 Wide ruled notebook paper (NO college ruled)
 4 highlighters
 1 box of crayons
 2 boxes of Kleenex</p> <p>1 pair of scissors
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4	2	3	8	1	6	7	9	5
1	9	5	4	2	7	6	3	8
2	4	1	7	8	9	3	5	6
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9	1	4	6	5	8	2	7	3
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Lubbock District roadways slated for seal coating

By Diane Ascencio
Public Information Officer
TxDOT

More than 145 miles of state roadways are part of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District's 2009 seal coat program. Roadways in Castro, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Lubbock, Parmer and Swisher counties will see \$8.3 million in preventative maintenance work during the summer months.

"Seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Mike Craig, P.E., Plainview Area engineer, "including a water-proof surface that prevents mois-

ture from entering and weakening the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which prolongs the life of the pavement."

Other benefits from seal coating include an improved non-skid surface in wet or icy conditions and an anti-glare and increased reflective surface for night and wet weather driving. Craig noted. Seal coat operations are set to begin in mid-June on US 86 in Parmer County, from US 60 to the Castro County Line. Other roadways included in the 2009 seal coat operation are:

FM 1057 and FM 1055 in Castro County
SH 207 and FM 2236 in Crosby County

US 62/70, FM 602 and FM 378 in Floyd County

US 70 in Hale County
US 84, US 82 and US 62/82 in Lubbock County
SH 86 in Swisher County

The seal coat operations are expected to continue through July. Motorists can expect lane closures and a pilot car to guide traffic through the work zone.

For more information call Plainview Area Engineer Mike Craig, P.E., at (806) 293-5101.

Cotton Market Weekly



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Cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) tumbled to a two-month low Monday in reaction to weekend rains in Texas growing areas with further pressure coming from the general slide in commodity prices across the board. The remainder of the week, the cotton market closed higher as strength in the stock market gave traders more confidence that the global economy is on a recovery path.

Cotton prices also responded this week to the slow start of the Indian monsoon season. Crop conditions in India, the world's second largest cotton producer behind China, definitely will affect market conditions in the United States this season. India's competition for cotton export sales in the world market was a significant factor last year, and a short crop in the country this year could open the door for increased U.S. exports.

According to Indian sources, if annual monsoon rains do not advance over key growing areas in the next 10 to 15 days, the country's cotton acreage and yields are likely to decrease significantly. Monsoonal rains already are expected at just 93 percent of normal this season.

Traders now await next week's critical USDA Planted Acreage report for direction and also will continue to monitor the weather in Texas. Analysts are concerned over

possible abandoned acres in Texas.

Although cotton planting in the U.S. is almost complete, all eyes still remain on the weather conditions in Texas. Scattered thunderstorms moved across the Texas Rio Grande Valley this week where cotton bolls are developing rapidly. Hot weather following the showers will help spur maturation.

Elsewhere in South Texas, hot and dry weather prevails. Drought conditions persist and are taking a toll on the crop. Some farmers in the Coastal Bend area report a 12-inch rainfall deficit from the norm, and an observer there says the remaining dry land acres are "clinging to life by a thread." As the drought continues, most in the industry now expect significant abandonment rates in virtually all of the South Texas cotton growing areas.

A slight improvement in soil moisture levels was reported in West Texas this week with most of the High and Rolling Plains categorized as abnormally dry to normal on USDA's drought monitor map. However, above average temperatures in the area for this time of year will boost cumulative heat units but will increase soil evaporation rates. The irrigated crop is developing normally on the High Plains and the number of squares is increasing. Slow-soaking rains would be welcome to help reduce

the need for water.

In other news, the National Cotton Council reported that U.S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 3.34 million bales in May, down from 4.41 million bales in the comparable year-ago period but up from 3.06 million bales in April.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton for the week ended June 18 totaled 157,500 bales, up four percent from the previous week and 22 percent from the four-week average. Turkey, China, Thailand, and Vietnam were the week's top buyers. As of June 18, cumulative U.S. cotton sales stood at 109.4 percent of the USDA's forecast for the 2008-09 marketing year versus a five-year average of 108.7 percent.

Export shipments came in at 276,800 bales. The figure was up six percent from the previous week but down 23 percent from the four-week average. Major destinations were Pakistan, Turkey, Mexico, and China.

Closer to home, spot cotton sales were higher as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold just 48 bales online in the week ended June 18 compared to 22 bales the previous week. The average price received by producers was 45.00 cents per pound.

2009 Crop Year Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement Policy

FLOYDADA -With the publication of the Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) final rule on April 6, 2009, the regulation governing the MAL and LDP program was amended to incorporate a new policy for commercial storage. Beginning with the 2009 crop year, CCC will no longer require warehouse operators storing grain, rice, oilseeds and pulse crops to execute a Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA) as long as the warehouse where the commodity is stored complies with State warehousing laws or is federally licensed.

Commodities covered by a UGRSA are wheat, barley, oats, corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, long and medium grain rice, sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe, sesame seed, dry peas, lentils, and small and large chickpeas.

Commodities not covered by a UGRSA include peanuts, cotton,

and sugar. CCC has separate storage agreements for these commodities. CCC reserves the right to execute a UGRSA if deemed necessary to protect CCC's interests. Storage deductions will no longer be applied at loan making.

The following States have an operating warehouse licensing program and warehouse operators will not be required to execute a UGRSA for MAL loan-making purposes, if in compliance with State laws:

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- Tennessee
- Texas
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- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

For MAL loan making purposes, non federally-licensed warehouse operators in States without an operating warehouse licensing program who are interested in providing storage services for commodities with CCC's interest will be required to execute a UGRSA with CCC.

Additional information about Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreements is available at USDA Service Centers or: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_Notice/lp_2123.pdf

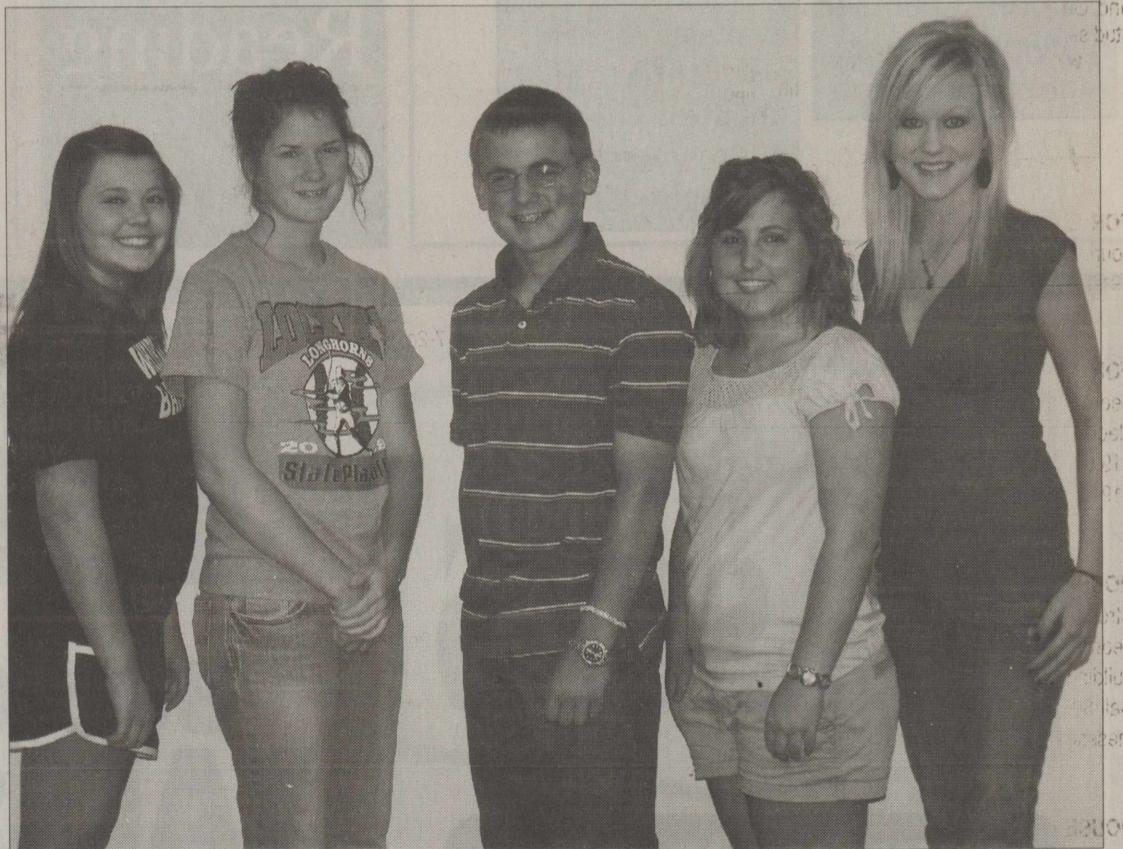
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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H OFFICERS were elected during their summer meeting and club officer workshop. Officers for the 2009-2010 year include: Taylor Orr - Vice President, SyAnn Foster - District Council Delegate, Jake Bramlet - Reporter and District Council Delegate, Jill Bramlet - President and Evan Johnson - Secretary.

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Current Crop Conditions

The program cotton is ranging from two true leaves to pin head square. This wide variability is mostly due to the three hail storms that Crosby/Floyd counties received coupled with strong winds and blowing sand has set us back a few weeks. Cotton has started to come out of the damage with the help of the 90 degree temperatures that we have been getting. We do have several chances of rain in the forecast starting Saturday night but we all know how that's worked out so far. With that being said we need to start thinking about getting our irrigation up and going for next week and producers should start their N applications. After that I believe we will see a drastic change in the cotton crop and should alleviate some of the stress producers have been dealing with.

Pumpkins are in the leaf and root growth stage with few pest problems to report at the moment.

Pest Situation

Cotton



The cotton pest situation for Crosby and Floyd Counties is relatively calm for now. Cotton that was replanted or set back due to the adverse weather is still being scouted for Thrips. Program fields are averaging around one Thrips per plant. The biggest pest so far this year has been weather. Fleahopper's are next in line to move in so we will be keeping

an eye out on this pest starting next week.

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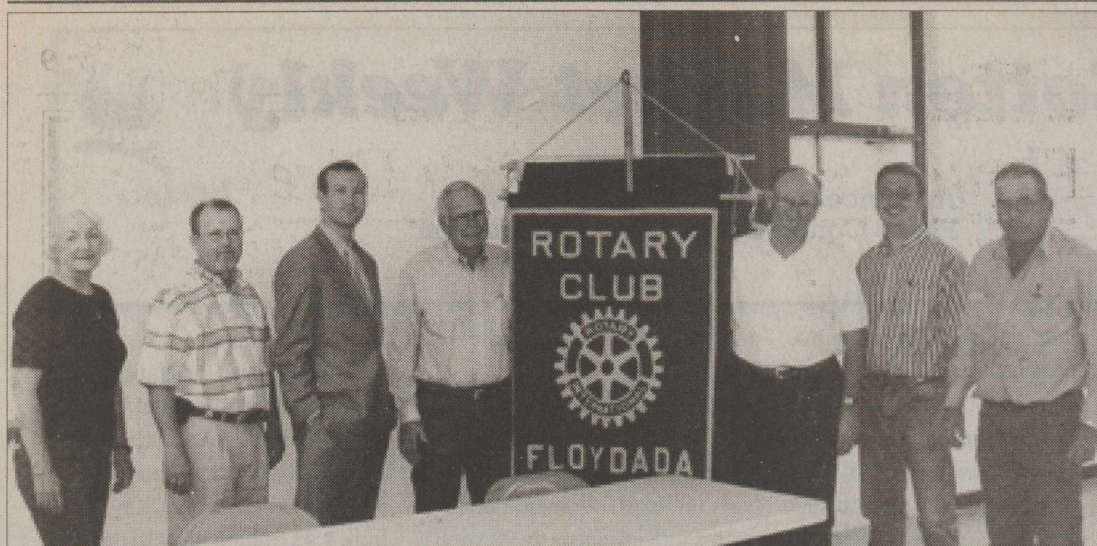
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FLOYDADA ROTARY CLUB recently held their 2009-2010 new officer installation on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Members include club President Wayland Jones, Vice-President David True, Club Service Director William P. Smith (not pictured), Vocational Service Director Andy Carthel, Community Service Director Wesley Anderson, International Service Director Jim Finley, Secretary-Treasurer Jimmy Willson, (not pictured) and Outgoing President Larry Ferguson. Installing officers was Eileen Thrasher, Past President. Picture are (l-r), Eileen Thrasher, installer, International Service Director Jim Finley, Vocational Service Director Andy Carthel, President Wayland Jones, Vice-President David True, Community Service Director Wesley Anderson, Community Service Director Wesley Anderson, and not pictured are Club Service Director William P. Smith and Secretary-Treasurer Jimmy Willson.

Enjoy the Tradition without the Uninvited Guests

America has many favorite traditions. Cookouts, barbecues and picnics with family and friends can bring back fond memories. With the summer weather, many enjoy grilling food outdoors. Remember, taking a few precautions can ensure the food you cook your family and friends will be a success and not make them ill.

Ron Warner, Ph.D., from the Department of Family and Community Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, says there are some safety tips to keep in mind when handling meat on the grill.

"Whenever you put uncooked meats on a platter, the bacteria that are in those meats can come off onto the platter. So avoid putting cooked meats back on the top of the platter that you used before. If not, you can get what's called cross-contamination," Dr. Warner said.

If meat is not cooked properly or has been contaminated by bacteria, it can lead to food poisoning.

"When you have been exposed to food that's contaminated by bacteria, typically the first symptoms are gastrointestinal-type symptoms you may have some nausea, maybe some vomiting, some diarrhea, some abdominal cramping, you may or may not have a fever associated with it," Dr. Warner said. "This illness can progress to be more severe in which case you may see blood in the diarrhea and have more severe abdominal cramps and can lead to a need for hospital treatment."

Dr. Warner stresses to make sure the meat is cooked properly, you can either use a meat thermometer or cut into the food to make certain it's cooked well enough. There should be no pink left in

ground beef or in chicken. He recommends cooking or grilling foods for a longer period of time at a lower heat to avoid overcooking. If part of the meat should get charred, don't eat it, it can be cut off and thrown away. Chemicals that can cause cancer are formed through high-temperature cooking and these chemicals have been associated with breast cancer and colon cancer, so you don't want to get your food too well-done but it should be cooked well enough."

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) makes these additional recommendations to keep away the uninvited guests such as bacteria:

- Refrigerate any leftovers promptly in shallow containers. Discard any food left out more than 2 hours (1 hour if temperatures are above 90 °F)
- Marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. If some of the marinade is to be used as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion of the marinade before putting raw meat and poultry in it.
- Always refrigerate perishable food within 2 hours. Refrigerate within 1 hour when the temperature is above 90 °F.

At your next cookout, keep away the uninvited guests of bacteria. Barbeque is certainly fun to make and a lot better to eat. And some just know how to get it right. Take all the precautions to make sure your summer is a happy and healthy one.

John Baldwin, M.D., is president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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Obituaries



SATURNINO GARCIA

Saturnino Garcia, 59, passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at the Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2009 at the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009 at

the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney. Father Jim McCartney officiated. Burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Saturnino Garcia was born April 24, 1950 to Braulio Garcia Sr. and Aurora (Pena) Garcia. He was a Lockney resident and attended and graduated from Lockney High School in 1969. He honored and served his country by serving in the US Army Vietnam War.

Saturnino married the love of his life of thirty-five years Rosalinda Gonzales on November 10, 1943. They were blessed with four children, Saturnino Jr., Armando, Patricia, and Diana. Saturnino was a wonderful husband, father, brother and grandfather.

He was a member of the VFW and a member of the San Jose Catholic Church. Saturnino was employed by Jack Morris Ford in Plainview.

Mr. Garcia is preceded in death by his father, and a sister Mary Lopez.

Those left to cherish his memories include his mother, Aurora Garcia; his wife, Rosalinda (Gonzales) Garcia of Lockney; two sons, Saturnino Garcia of Lubbock; and Armando Garcia of Floydada; two daughters, Patricia Garcia and Diana Ruiz both of Lubbock; three brothers, Braulio Garcia Jr. of Seguin; Dimas Garcia of Plainview; Hector Garcia of Hart; three sisters, Gloria Gomez of Plainview; Connie Easterwood of Waco; Aurora Lopez of Slaton and 7 grandchildren.

ESPERANZA LANDEROS

Funeral Mass for Esperanza G. Landeros, 54, was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Lockney

Cemetery under the direction of Kormerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Mrs. Landeros died Friday, May 29, 2009 in Lubbock. She was born March 2, 1955 to Isabel and Francisca Gonzales in

Hondo. Local survivors include two brothers, Pete Gonzales and Isabel Gonzales, Jr., both of Lockney and sister, Rosa Garcia, also of Lockney.

Head outdoors for summer workouts

HOUSTON -- (June 26, 2009) -- If the summer sun is calling you outdoors, your workout can be just as effective with a little planning, according to a Baylor College of Medicine www.bcm.edu expert.

Dr. Patrick McCulloch, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at BCM in Houston, said when switching from running on the treadmill to outdoors, cut back on mileage and time initially to allow your body to get used to increased stress because of the heat. He also suggests a gravel or a rubberized track, which is better for joints in the long run.

Push-ups, pull-ups and dips are good supplements to weight lifting. Many local parks also have circuit training stations, which can be just as beneficial to overall strength and conditioning, said McCulloch.

Due to the high heat and humidity, it remains important to avoid heat illness by staying properly hydrated. To avoid dehydration, exercise in the early morning or late evening, and weigh yourself

before and after you work out to see how much water weight you lose during a typical workout. This gives you an idea of how much water you should be drinking.

"Replace fluids before you get thirsty because when you're thirsty, you're already over 20 percent dehydrated," he said.

Bicycling outdoors can be much more enjoyable in sunny weather rather than sitting on a stationary bike. Be sure to wear a proper-fitting safety helmet and beware of traffic.

For any outdoor activity, remember to put on sunscreen and wear proper safety gear.

McCulloch recommends consulting a physician when beginning a new exercise program.

"It is important to vary the course of your workout throughout the year to avoid burnout, to keep it interesting and avoid injury. While the weather is nice, that affords a nice opportunity to do your exercises in a little bit different fashion," McCulloch said.

Tamiflu effective in treating flu in children with chronic conditions

HOUSTON -- Children with chronic health conditions benefit from the flu-fighting drug oseltamivir (usually known as Tamiflu) when doctors prescribe it quickly -- as soon as they suspect the youngster has influenza -- said an expert at Baylor College of Medicine www.bcm.edu in a study that appears in the journal Pediatrics.

"This study demonstrates that those individuals who have underlying medical conditions and thereby are at greater risk from complications from influenza benefit significantly from the use of Tamiflu early in their disease process," said Dr. Pedro Piedra, professor of molecular virology and microbiology and pediatrics at BCM, and lead author of the

study. Using health-claims data from six influenza seasons, researchers found that those children and adolescents between the ages of 1 and 17 who were at high risk of influenza complications showed significant reductions in the risks of respiratory illnesses other than pneumonia. It also reduced the risk of otitis media (a middle ear infection) and hospitalization within 14 days of the influenza diagnosis when prescribed Tamiflu. Significant risk reductions were also apparent 30 days after the influenza diagnosis.

Piedra noted the importance of diagnosing the influenza virus using a confirmatory test, which led to a higher likelihood of prescribing Tamiflu.

"If you are not thinking about the flu, you are not thinking about how to treat the flu," said Piedra.

He also noted the significance this will have with the current H1N1 (swine influenza) pandemic in which antiviral treatment is important.

"If we have a major wave in the fall months and the vaccines are not yet available, antiviral treatments will be the only way we have to either prevent or treat H1N1 (swine influenza)," said Piedra.

Others who contributed to this study include Kathy L. Schulman of Thomson Reuters and Dr. William A. Blumentals of Roche.

Funding for this study came from Roche.

Floyd County Church Directory

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
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..... 7:00 p.m.

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Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean - Minister
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Eric Kaiser - 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.

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.
Wednesday (Youth).. 7:15 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Bible..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise.... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)... 7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High..... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

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.

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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Rev. Ralph Jackson
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Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study... 7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
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Morning Worship... 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
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May God Bless You,
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The Comptroller's office is sending information to retailers about implementing the expanded sales tax holiday.

Tax-free school supplies include binders, blackboard chalk, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, compasses, composition books, crayons, erasers, folders, glue, paste, paste sticks, highlighters, index cards, index card boxes, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers, notebooks, paper, pencil boxes, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, protractors, rulers, scissors and writing tablets.

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Grazing Former CRP Lands Will Take Careful Management

AMARILLO - Many Conservation Reserve Program participants find themselves facing some tough decisions after being notified their contracts will not be renewed, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

"I think we need to keep most of this land in rangeland," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist.

The land put into the federal program commonly called CRP in the mid 1980s was planted primarily in the High Plains to native grasses, Old World bluestems or weeping love grass, he said. There are about 4 million acres of CRP in Texas, much of it in the High Plains.

"About 10 years ago when we first started seeing people come out of the program, we realized we would not be making the same amount as with government payments," McCollum said. "But we know properly managed Old World bluestem and weeping love grass can produce more beef per acre than native rangelands in the region."

The first step is to renovate the pastures, he said. Renovation includes fencing, water development and rejuvenation of the forage stand. The exact needs will depend on if the land has been utilized under the managed haying and grazing allowance, emergency drought provisions or has been lying idle the entire contract period.

Livestock water is a major consideration, McCollum said. Planning must be based on how much water will be required daily and where the watering site will be located. These decisions must also take into account fencing layouts and grazing management plans, so a producer should formulate some ideas on the overall operation and use of the land before developing livestock water.

Consider the pumping or refill rate, the type and size of tanks/drinkers and storage needed to keep pace with daily consumption, he said. Cattle requirements for water are generally one gallon per 100 pounds of body weight in cold weather and two gallons per 100 pounds of body weight in hot weather.

"Remember cattle consume water in one or two drinking bouts per day, which means they take in a lot of water at once," McCollum said. "Watering tends to be a herd activity on large acreage, but an individual activity on small acreage, so that affects the storage and refill rate required."

Fencing decisions have to be made simultaneously with the watering decisions, he said, because one governs the other. When designing a fence layout, keep in mind grazing management, cattle handling and movement, machinery access for fertilization, well maintenance and integration with other grazing areas.

McCollum said there's more than just the permanent fence on the exterior to consider. Cross-fencing increases management flexibility and ability to manage forage.

All landowners need to also think of how they want to renovate the forage stand to enhance the vigor, stimulate tiller production and recruit new plants, he said.

"The first step is to remove the standing, decadent plant material and some of the thatch that can stifle developing tillers and seedlings," McCollum said. "Prescribed burning in the late winter or early spring is going to be the easiest way."

The material also can be cut and baled, he said. If thatch build-up is a problem, though, don't mow the area and leave the mowed forage on the ground. Other means are shredding, disking or mob grazing during the forages' dormant season. Animal performance may be sacrificed with mob grazing, but this may be a more acceptable approach for some.

Stands seeded to weeping love grass and Old World bluestem can't be managed the same as stands seeded to native grasses or existing rangeland, McCollum said.

For stands seeded to native grasses, he said apply the same management practices recommended to maintain the productivity and health of rangelands in the region. These include attention to forage utilization, maintaining adequate groundcover and residue, and seasonal deferment of grazing. Carrying capacity or stocking rate will possibly be somewhat higher than on rangeland.

"Consider whether you need seasonal or year-round grazing. Make sure you can accommodate a rest period before dormancy on the grass," McCollum said. "Your nutritional management of the cattle will be similar as that on rangeland."

Fertilization is generally not recommended on native grasses but it may be beneficial during renovation, he said. Brush encroachment also needs to be managed.

Both Old World bluestems and weeping love grass can be productive forages that can provide exceptional grazing value if managed appropriately, McCollum said.

Weeping love grass initiates growth in late March to early April. Because of its rapid growth and decline in nutritional value, management can be a challenge and spot grazing can be a problem, he said.

In addition, love grass must be deferred from September until after frost. The best management practice is to use rotational grazing for a limited time during the growing season followed by removal of the excess residue during the dormant season.

Weeping love grass has its best nutritional value for 60 to 80 days beginning in late April, McCollum said. Hence, grazing during the growing season should be focused from May through July. In the winter, the love grass residue is acceptable as forage for cows and stockers if it is supplemented with protein.

He outlined eight keys to weeping love grass management:

- Remove old growth prior to spring green-up by grazing, burning or mowing.
- Fertilize nitrogen in 30-pound increments beginning in April.
- Accumulate 6 inches of new spring growth before turnout.
- Rotationally graze using 21-40 day intervals; grazing only three to seven days on a paddock and then deferring.
- Cut or graze to a 4-inch stubble during each rotation cycle with grazing or hay harvest.
- Control spot grazing.
- Rest during September, October and November and then graze aftermath in the winter.
- Use as a part of a forage system in combination with other range and pasture resources.

Old World bluestem initiates growth in mid to late May, McCollum said. It can be managed under year-round continuous grazing but works best under rotational and limited grazing. Nutritional value and weight gains are good for 60-80 days beginning in June. During the winter, dormant Old World bluestem can be grazed by cows or stockers with a protein supplement.

The keys for Old World bluestem use are similar to the weeping love grass, but with the fertilization as a single application of 30-50 pounds of nitrogen in May. Rotational grazing should be based on 30-45 day cycles with four to seven days grazing on each paddock.

PILAR AND ELODIA PESINA 2009 FAMILY REUNION

The AUCTION was FUN, FUN, FUN. Thanks to the large baskets and the "Dallas Cowboy" items, the bidding was going back and forth. It was loud and exciting. You might ask, well who won the DC items...the lucky winner was Randy Pesina.

B-I-N-G-O or in Spanish...**LOTERIA**. Either way, there were A LOT of participants. Especially because this year anyone wanting to play could buy an all-day Bingo wristband. IT WORKED! Once your name was written on the wristband and the wristband was on, there was no longer a need to buy anymore Bingo tickets and a player could walk away and come back later and it cost only \$5 per wristband FOR THE ENTIRE DAY. It was a lot easier and fewer tickets to collect for each Bingo game. The bingo wristbands are a definite for future reunions! There were a couple of ladies that hmmm...just kept WINNING even with a limit of 2 playing cards per person! WOW! It was their lucky day, that's for sure.

There were only a couple of **CHILDRENS' GAMES** this year as there were a few little ones. You would think that they had won a grand prize! Their little faces were so excited when they won, it just made you laugh.

DOOR PRIZE drawings were selected during the day. The winning ticket was taped to the prize and even if someone left the building, they could later check their door prize tickets to see if any matched.

RAFFLE tickets were being purchased up to the last minute for the Raffle/Auction which started promptly at 7 pm. This was very, very exciting! 13 baskets, including the handmade quilt, were raffled. Alexis Martinez was the lucky winner of the Reunion as she won four times. Sonya Rodriguez won twice.

THE QUILT...The lavender color on this quilt was Natalia's favorite color. Mother wanted the family names on this quilt. Due to her illness, she was not able to finish it and she passed on without having seen it completed. But she made sure that her daughters, Nora and Lydia and daughter-in-laws, Virgie, Sonya and Joyce, had some hand in the making of this quilt. Virgie donated the backing fabric, Lydia created and painted the names, Sonya, Nora, Joyce and mom stitched the outline on the names, and Joyce and Nora put the quilt together. Mom would be proud.

The winner of this very special quilt was Jesse Cedillo. He graciously accepted the quilt and let everyone know that it was being donated to his father-in-law, Daniel Pesina, so that it would stay in the family. On behalf Natalia's family, a sincere thank you to this gentleman.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
To all of you who brought game prizes, baskets, etc. Can't wait to see what you bring next Reunion!

The **SLIDE SHOW** was awesome! Leslie Perez and her boyfriend, Jerry, worked on and presented a powerpoint slideshow for all of us to see. It was great! I think next time, they might want to identify pics according to each family 'cause there were times we didn't recognize who was who...It's probably because some of those pics were "really old" (hahaha).

The next family reunion will be in 2012.

The Pilar and Elodia Pesina 2009 Family Reunion was a great success! Read on....

RED COLOR- The fun loving and down-to-earth socialite Teresa Pesina Mendoza Landeros and husband, Pete from Plainview represented the **Maria Pesina Mendoza (and Patricio)** family. Teresa and Pete recently held their 25th wedding anniversary and guess what...their theme was Dallas Cowboys. Congrats to them both and *Go Cowboys!*

BLUE COLOR - Families came from as far as Louisiana...Ginny Pesina Richard and her family made the trip to meet as many of the family as possible. Ginny's and Pete's family represented **Juan Inez Pesina (and Maria)**. Ginny's granddaughter even made an excellent effort in calling out the Loteria cards. Pete Pesina and his family also represented Juan Inez.

GREEN COLOR - Representing the **Delfino Pesina (and Elida)** family were Mary (Nena) Pesina Cervantes, Licha Pesina, Sylvia Pesina Vela, Daniel Pesina and their families. Also making an appearance was Mina Pesina and her daughters. The oldest grandson, Randy Pesina came from Hutto (outside of Austin).

TURQUOISE COLOR - Representing the **Feliciana Pesina Perez (and Prospero)** was Tia Chana herself, Margie Pesina Perez Silguero and Rosemary Pesina Perez. Tia Chana is the remaining eldest of the Pesina Family. Margie came from Refugio (near Corpus Christie).

LAVENDAR COLOR - This reunion was held to honor the memory of **Natalia Pesina Rodriguez**. Though she did not live long enough to attend this reunion in her honor, it was still held in her loving memory. She was represented by her husband, **Daniel Rodriguez, Sr.** along with children: Steve Pesina Rodriguez and wife, Virgie, Nora Pesina Rodriguez Gallardo and the late Serafin (Raymond) Gallardo, Jr., Lydia Pesina Rodriguez Torres and husband, David, Fredy Pesina Rodriguez, Sr. and wife, Sonya. Grandchildren who attended were Serafin (Raymond) Gallardo III and wife, Shawna and their children, Elijah Ray and Benjamin Daniel; Rebekah Marie Gallardo Torres and husband, Mario and their child, Elena; and Derek Torres and wife, Christina and their child, Emma. All came from the Austin and surrounding areas.

BABY BLUE COLOR - **Pauline Pesina Huerta** also attended and was represented by granddaughter, Janell Carpenter Baker and husband, Anthony who came from DeSoto (near Dallas). Tia Pauline is the youngest remaining of the Pesina family.

President Mary (Nena) Pesina Cervantes needs to give herself a BIG pat on the back. She and her family worked hard to make sure this reunion was fun and enjoyable for everyone who attended. Mary (Nena) did a great job in making sure this Reunion would happen and of course, her sisters and brother also volunteered. Special thanks go out to their significant others and their families for all their support to make this Reunion successful.

Registration and Ticket sales went off without a hitch. Sylvia Pesina Vela and Lydia Pesina Rodriguez Torres handled it from beginning to end. There were 91 total attendees. As family entered the Massie building, they signed and received their packet with a meal ticket, free tickets for games, raffle and door prizes. During the weekend other game tickets, wristbands, and raffle tickets were sold. Lydia's husband, David helped with punching every meal ticket when it was time to eat.

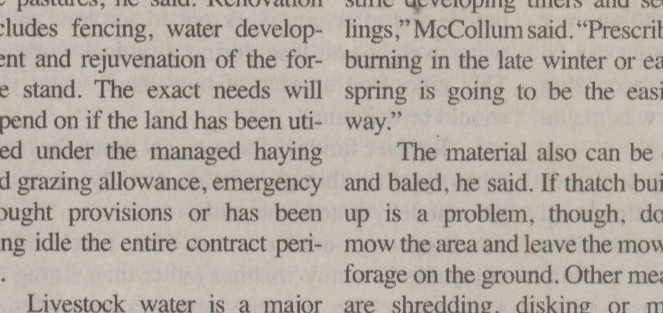
Good cooks and Volunteers were: Mary (Nena), Elizabeth (Licha), Alice, Jimmy, Daniel, Tia Elida, Danny and others. Tia Chana made a comment that she felt like we were constantly eating. It is true that everyone was eating quite well. There were no hungry bellies thanks to the delicious breakfast burritos, pancakes, BBQ, beans, rice, mashed potatoes, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and yes...**MORNING COFFEE**...Ahhhhhhhh.

TO EVERYONE...who came to share their love among our BIG family; to those who donated; to those who worked hard to make this successful; to those who came from afar; to the little ones who laughed, giggled and yes, even cried...it was a memorable weekend!

If you did not attend for whatever reason, you missed a fun-filled weekend of gathering, celebration of life, food and games, but more especially...**FAMILY!**

See YOU at the 2012 Pesina Family Reunion
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